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# Computer Networks

## Lecture note 1

## Introduction



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# *Introduction to the course*

# Learning objectives

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- Network design and analysis
  - Communication channels and data link control
  - Delay models in computer networks
  - Multi-access communications
  - Routing in computer networks
  - Flow and congestion control
- Technologies
  - Ethernet, WLAN, Internet, TCP/IP stack
- Implementation
  - Protocol development, Linux
  - Computer network communication
  - Planning of a simple network

# Syllabus: the communications stack

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- Physical layer
- Data link layer
- Delay models
- Medium access control
- Network layer
- Transport layer
- Application layer

# T+L Classes

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- Ricardo Morla (T)
  - Fundamentals of Computer Networks
  - Additional reading required at home
  - Weekly homework (Moodle)
  - Wednesdays 9:30-11:30
- Teresa Andrade (L)
  - 2 lab projects
  - Protocol development (Linux, C, file transfer)
  - Computer network configuration (switches, routers)

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# Moodle

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- Link through SiFEUP
- Preferred medium of communication
  - Slides, assignments, homework, etc.

# Language

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- Classes in Portuguese / English
- Slides and books in English
- Suitable for English-speaking students

# Evaluation

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- The grading scale is from 0 to 20.
  - L1 - grade of 1st lab work
  - L2 - grade of 2nd lab work
  - H - grade of the homework
  - E - grade of the final exam
- FQ - GRADE OF FREQUÊNCIA
  - $FQ = 0,4*L1 + 0,4*L2 + 0,2*H$
  - if (  $FQ < 8,0$  ) FQ = "No Admission to Exams"
- CF - FINAL GRADE
  - $CF = 0,4*FQ + 0,6*E$
  - if (  $E < 8,0$  or  $CF < 10,0$  ) CF = "Not approved"

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# *Introduction to Computer Networks*

# TO THINK

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- What are computer networks?
- What do we need computer networks for?
- Why do we need computer networks?



# Applications

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- Video streaming
- Social networking
- Web
- E-mail
- IM
- VoIP
- Video conferencing
- MMOG
- User-generated content distribution
- P2P file sharing
- Remote login
- Industrial control applications
- Mobile: sensor networks, personal devices
- ...

# Application architectures

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- Client-server



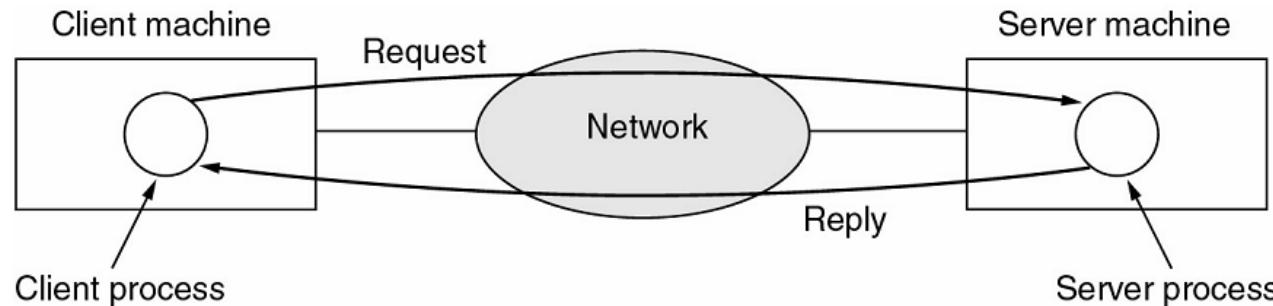
- Peer-to-peer



- Hybrid

# Client-server architecture

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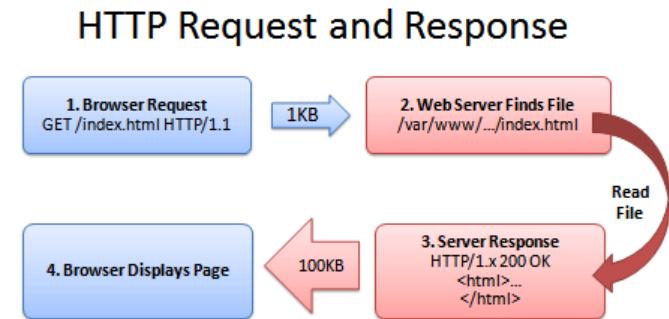


- Client
  - Issues request to server
  - Server replies back
  - Doesn't contact other clients
  - Doesn't need to be
- always on
  - Address may change
- Server
  - Always on
  - Well-known address

# *Example – HTTP and the Web*

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- Client - Firefox 6.0
- Server - Apache 2.2.20
- Server - on at address [www.fe.up.pt](http://www.fe.up.pt)
- Client - on/off on user laptop
  - Requests <https://www.fe.up.pt/si/imagens/BotaoAutentica>
  - Replies back with picture



(Untitled) - Wireshark

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Filter: Expression... Clear Apply

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Info
366	11.767290	192.168.0.31	192.168.0.28	SNMP	get-response SNMPv2-SMI::enterprises.11.2.3.9.4.2.1.4.1.5.7.1
367	11.768865	192.168.0.28	192.168.0.31	SNMP	get-request SNMPv2-SMI::enterprises.11.2.3.9.4.2.1.4.1.5.8.1
369	11.775952	192.168.0.31	192.168.0.28	SNMP	get-response SNMPv2-SMI::enterprises.11.2.3.9.4.2.1.4.1.5.8.1
381	12.286091	192.168.0.28	192.168.0.1	DNS	Standard query A www.cnn.com
384	12.311862	192.168.0.1	192.168.0.28	DNS	Standard query response A 64.236.91.21 A 64.236.91.23 A 64.236.91.24 A 64.236.91.25
385	12.312727	192.168.0.28	64.236.91.21	TCP	56606 > http [SYN] Seq=0 Win=8192 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=2
386	12.361495	64.236.91.21	192.168.0.28	TCP	http > 56606 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=8192 Len=0 MSS=1460
387	12.361583	192.168.0.28	64.236.91.21	TCP	56606 > http [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=17520 Len=0
388	12.361805	192.168.0.28	64.236.91.21	HTTP	GET / HTTP/1.1
389	12.413166	64.236.91.21	192.168.0.28	TCP	http > 56606 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=845 Win=6960 Len=0
390	12.413611	64.236.91.21	192.168.0.28	TCP	[TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
391	12.414386	64.236.91.21	192.168.0.28	TCP	[TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]

Frame 384 (167 bytes on wire, 167 bytes captured)

Ethernet II, Src: Sparklan\_04:d0:9e (00:0e:8e:04:d0:9e), Dst: HonHaiPr\_26:66:a2 (00:1c:26:26:66:a2)

Internet Protocol, Src: 192.168.0.1 (192.168.0.1), Dst: 192.168.0.28 (192.168.0.28)

User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: domain (53), Dst Port: 62872 (62872)

Domain Name System (response)

Request In: 381

[Time: 0.025771000 seconds]

Transaction ID: 0xfc1f

Flags: 0x8180 (Standard query response, No error)

Questions: 1

Answer RRs: 6

Authority RRs: 0

Additional RRs: 0

Queries

www.cnn.com: type A, class IN

Name: www.cnn.com

Type: A (Host address)

Class: IN (0x0001)

Answers

www.cnn.com: type A, class IN, addr 64.236.91.21

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0000 00 1c 26 26 66 a2 00 0e 8e 04 d0 9e 08 00 45 00 ..&&f... . ....E.
0010 00 99 00 00 40 00 40 11 b8 e6 c0 a8 00 01 c0 a8 .....@. @. .....
0020 00 1c 00 35 f5 98 00 85 98 5a cf 1f 81 80 00 01 ..5.... Z.....
0030 00 06 00 00 00 00 03 77 77 77 03 63 6e 6e 03 63 .....w ww.cnn.c
0040 6f 6d 00 00 01 00 01 c0 0c 00 01 00 01 00 00 00 om....
0050 b7 00 04 40 ec 5b 15 c0 0c 00 01 00 01 00 00 00 ...@. [.. .
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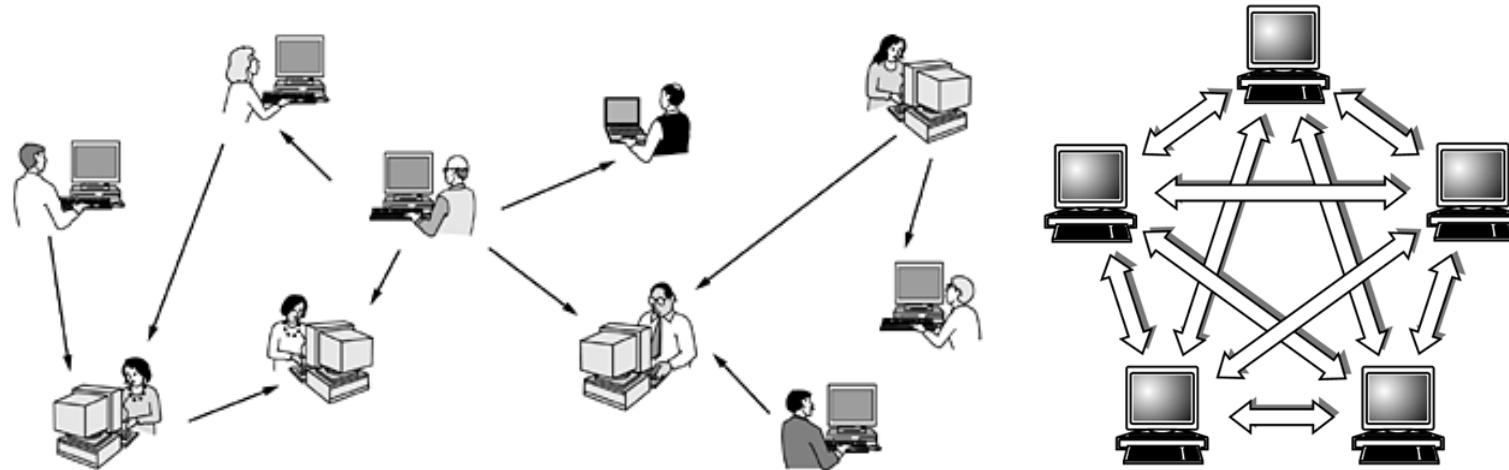
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This is a response to the DNS query in this frame. Packets: 1273 Displayed: 909 Marked: 0 Dropped: 0

Profile: Default

# Peer-to-peer

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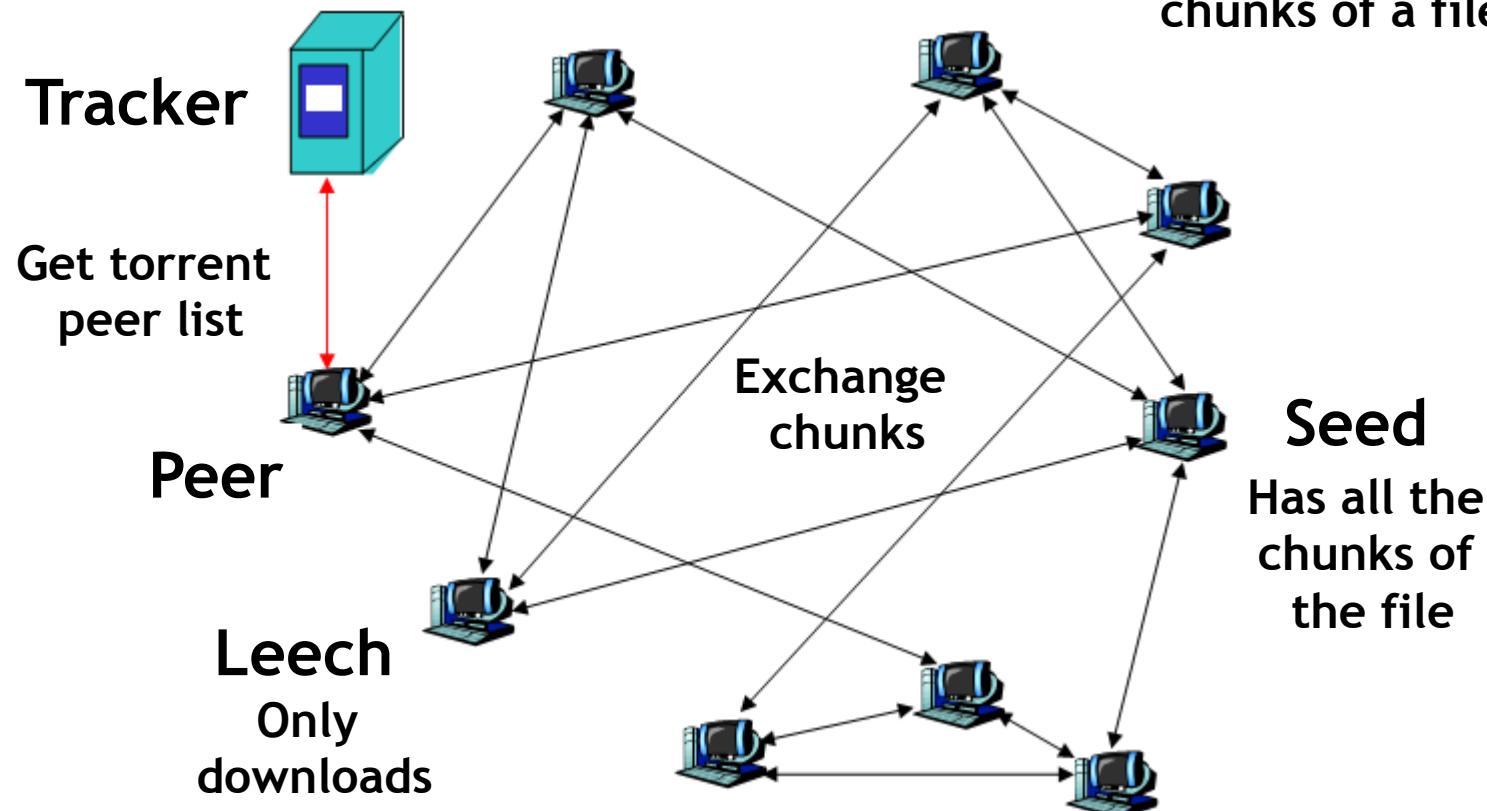


- No server
- Nodes don't need to:
  - be always on
  - have well-known address
- Nodes can:
  - request/reply
  - contact any other node

# *Example: BitTorrent*

Torrent: metadata about file to download  
(file names, sizes, and chunk checksums)

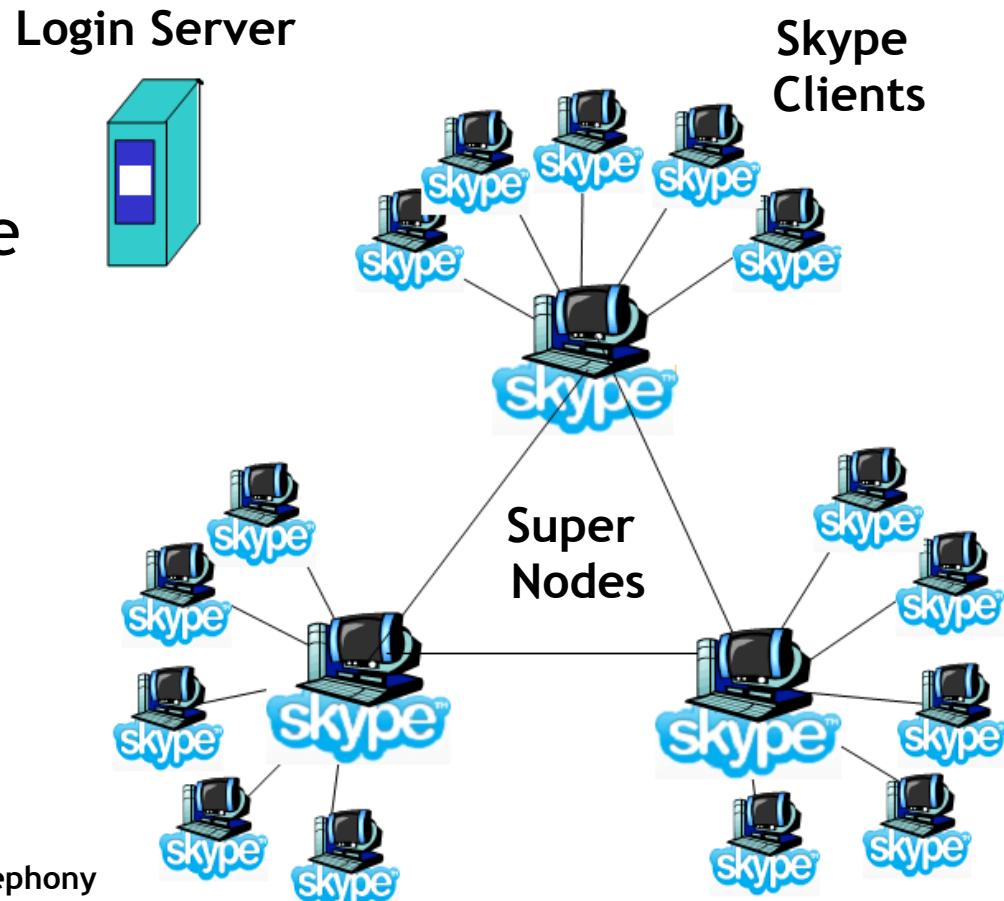
Swarm: group of peers exchanging chunks of a file



# *Example: Skype architecture*

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- Login server
  - Centralized
- Hybrid architecture
- Client-Server
  - between Clients and Super Nodes
- P2P
  - between Super Nodes
- Distributed Skype user search

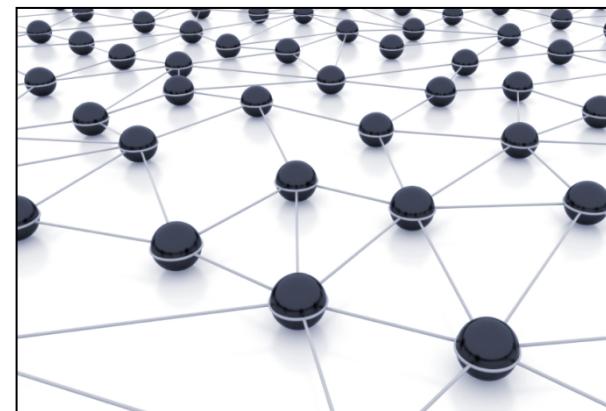
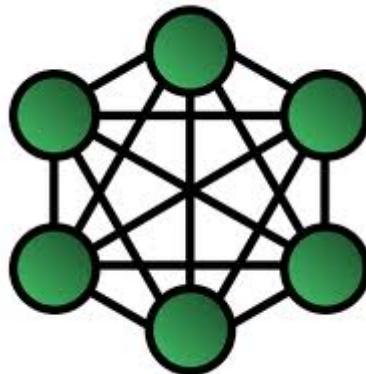


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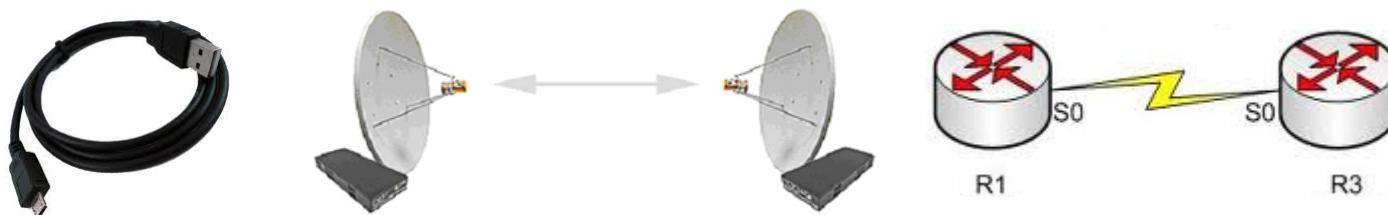
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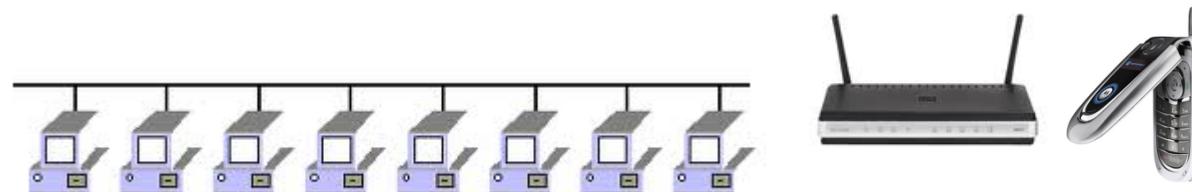
# Types of Computer Networks

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- By transmission technology
  - Point-to-point link



- Broadcast / Shared link



# Types of Computer Networks

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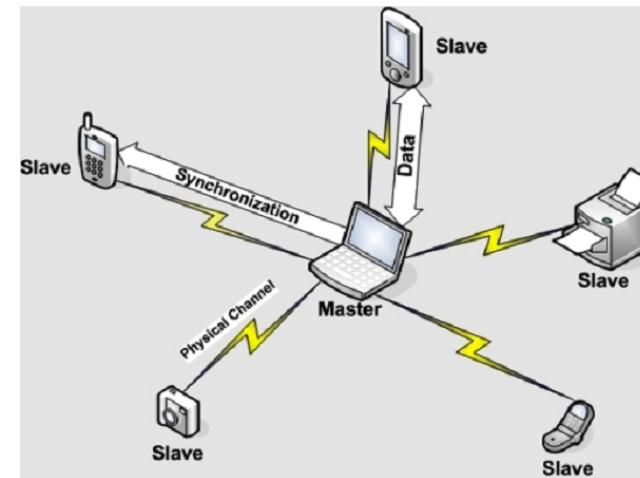
- By scale
  - PAN - Personal Area
  - LAN - Local Area
  - MAN - Metropolitan Area
  - WAN - Wide Area
  - The Internet

Interprocessor distance	Processors located in same	Example
1 m	Square meter	Personal area network
10 m	Room	
100 m	Building	Local area network
1 km	Campus	
10 km	City	Metropolitan area network
100 km	Country	
1000 km	Continent	Wide area network
10,000 km	Planet	The Internet

# Personal Area Networks

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- Bluetooth



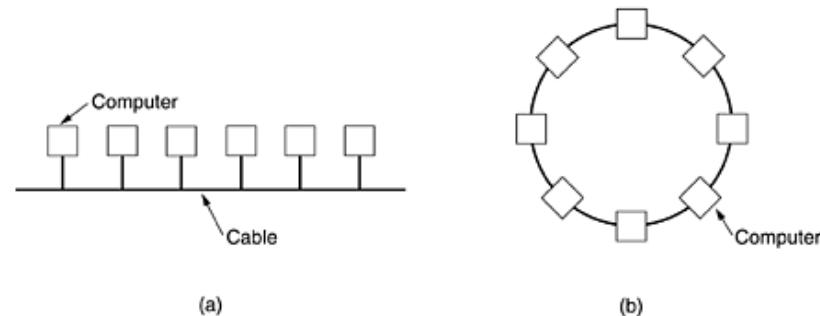
- Other personal devices



# Local Area Networks

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- Broadcast LANs
  - Bus/Ring



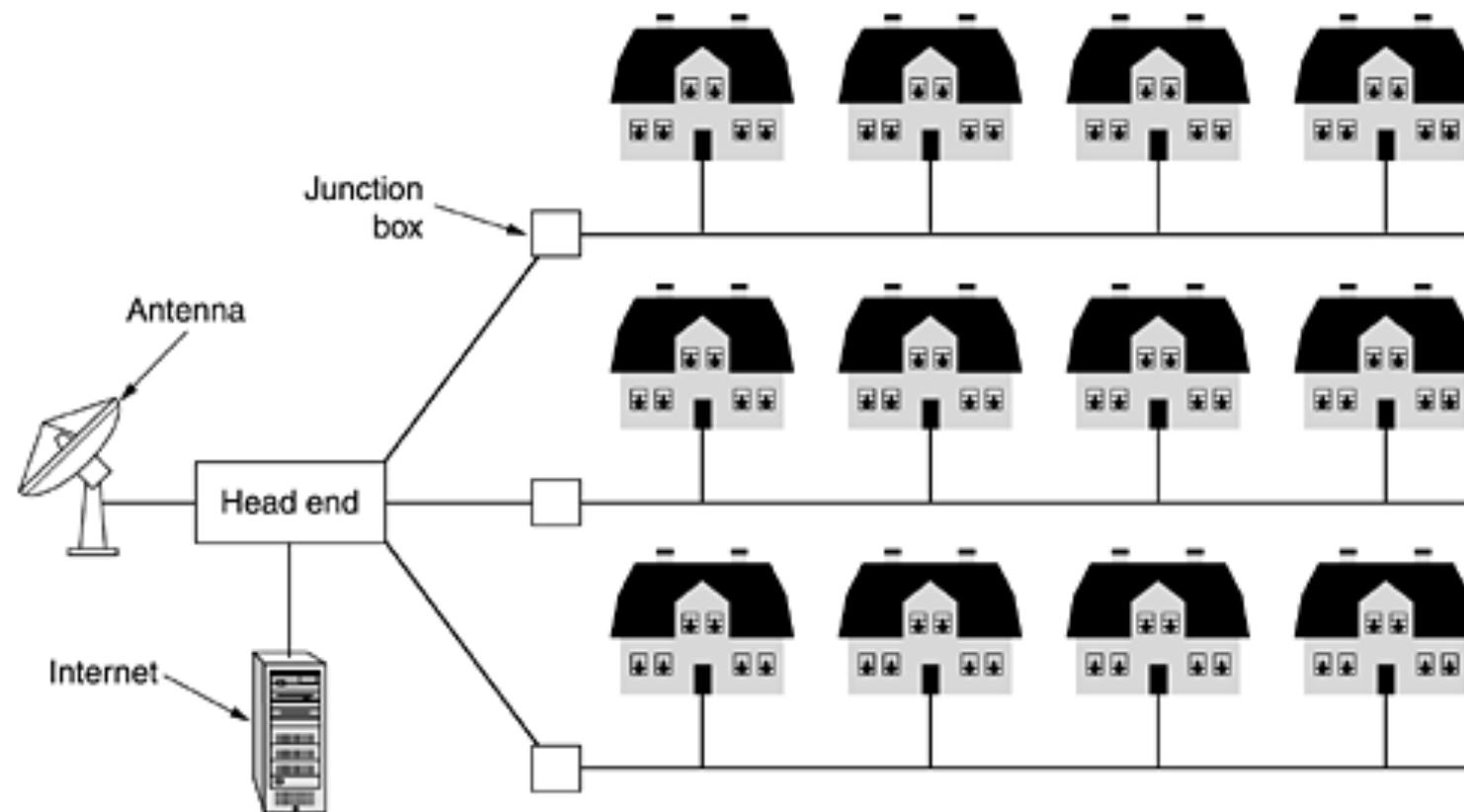
- More common LANs



# Metropolitan Area Networks

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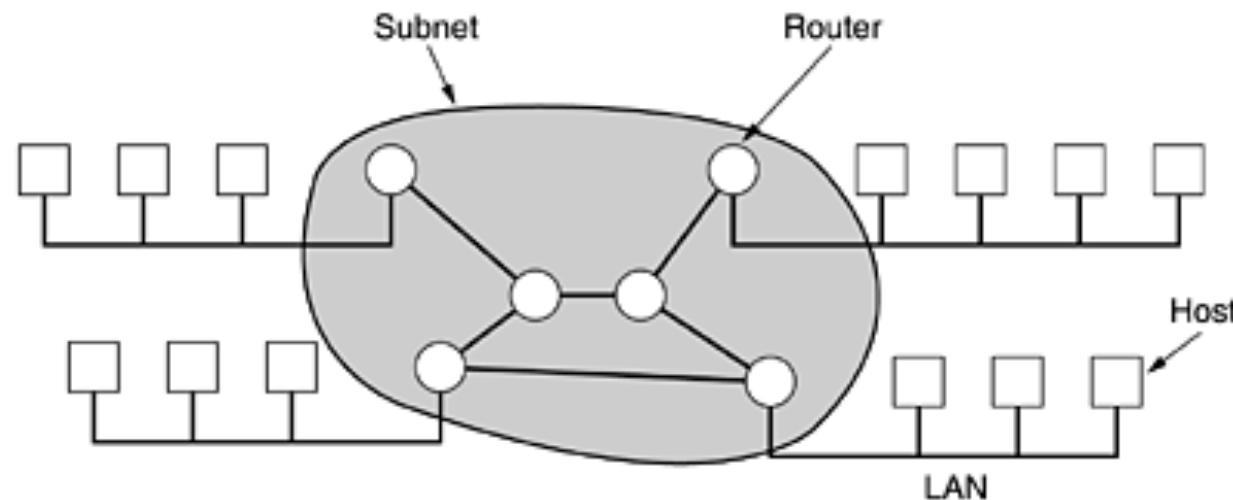
A metropolitan area network based on cable TV



# Wide Area Networks

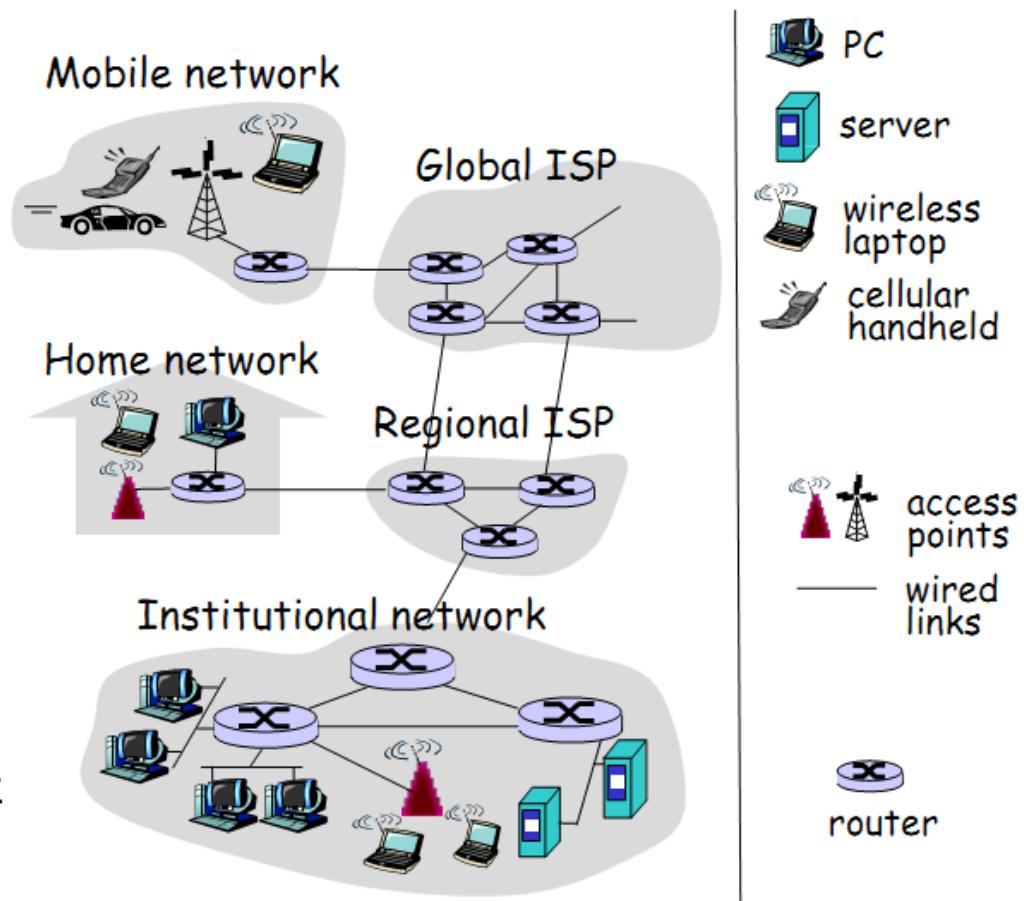
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- Subnet connects different LANs



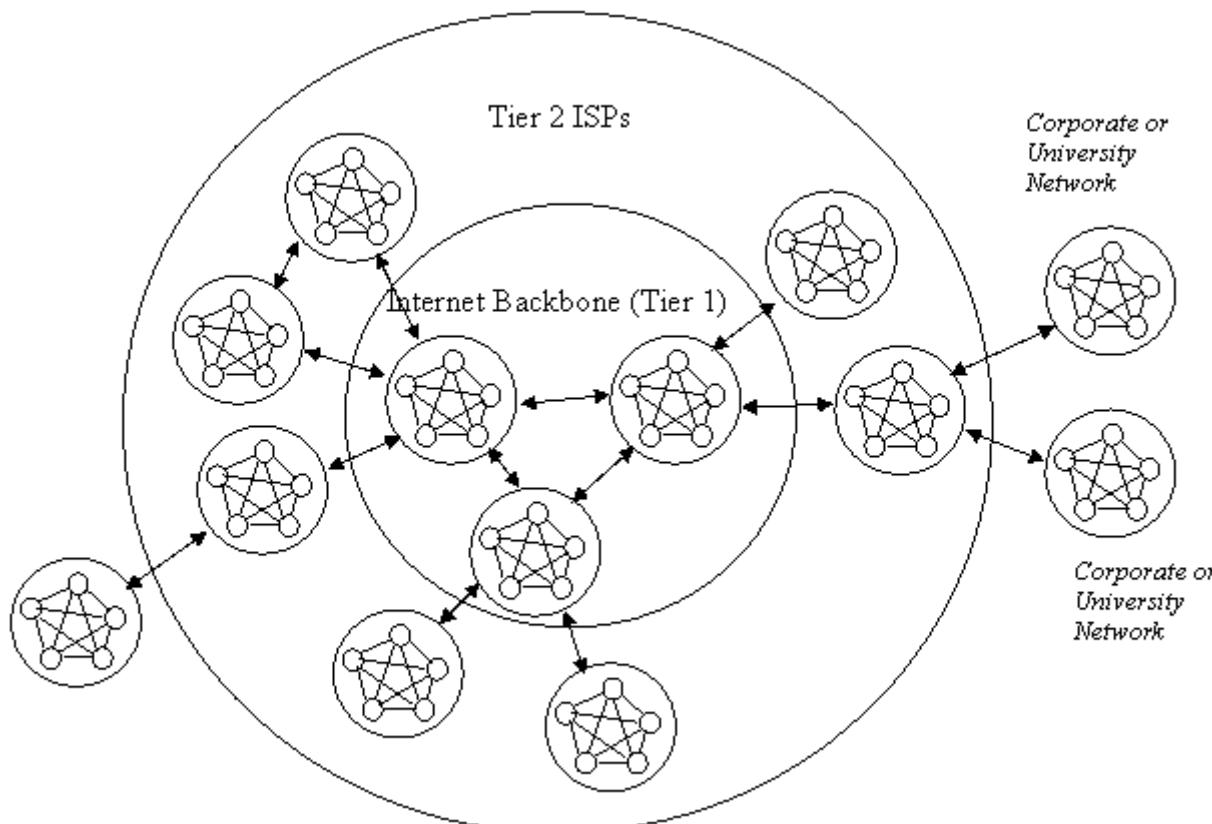
# The Internet

- Network interconnection
- Access Network
  - LANs, MANs
- Core Network
  - WANs
  - Interconnected routers
  - Network of networks
  - Realm of the Internet Service Providers



# The Internet - ISP Tier model

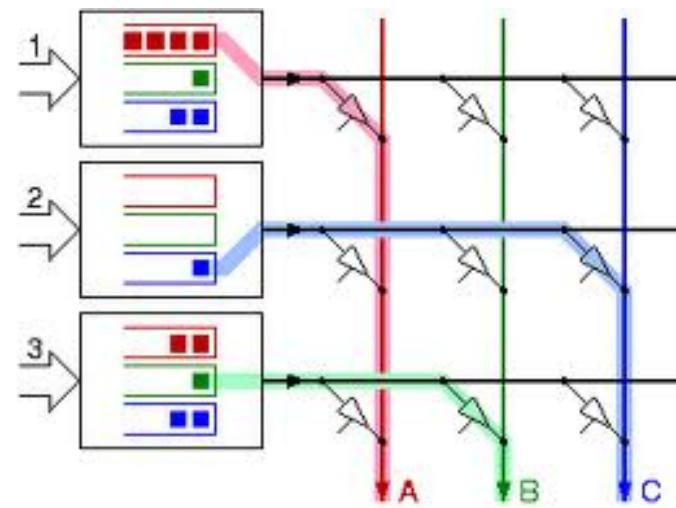
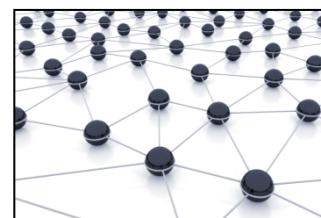
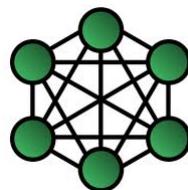
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- How do you transmit information through a computer network?



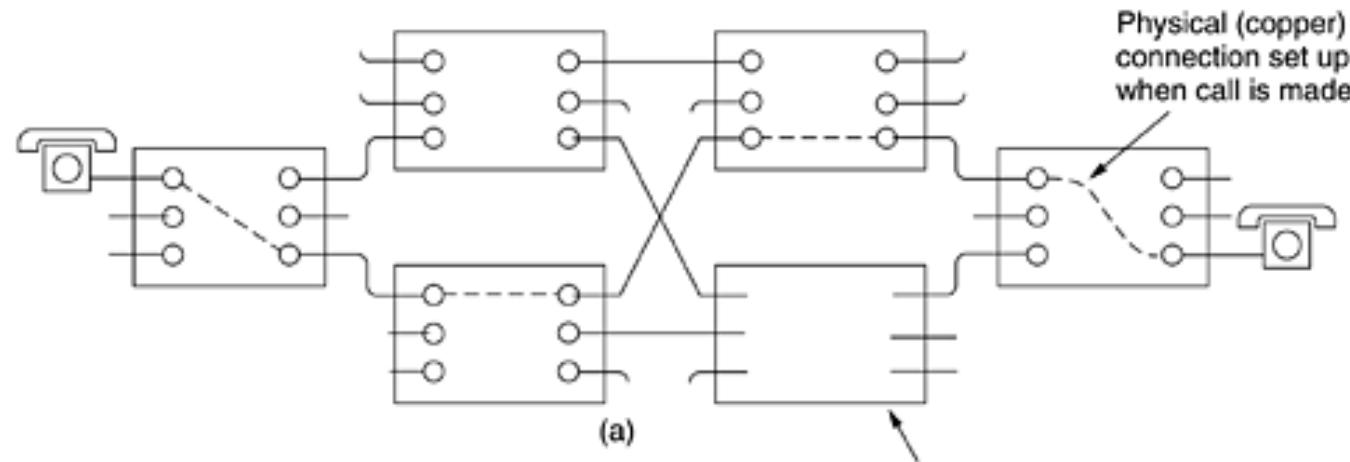
# Information

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- Many definitions
  - Information theory
- In our case
  - Digital representation of information
  - Aka data, 001001b, 0xF423A
  - Images, voice, application-specific data
  - 1 byte = 1 octet = 8 bits
  - 1 kbit =  $10^3$  bit, 1 Mbit= $10^6$  bit, 1Gbit= $10^9$  bit
  - 1 KB =  $2^{10}$  bytes (1024!), 1 MB =  $2^{20}$  bytes, 1 GB =  $2^{30}$  bytes
- Link capacity, information flow
  - byte/s, bit/s

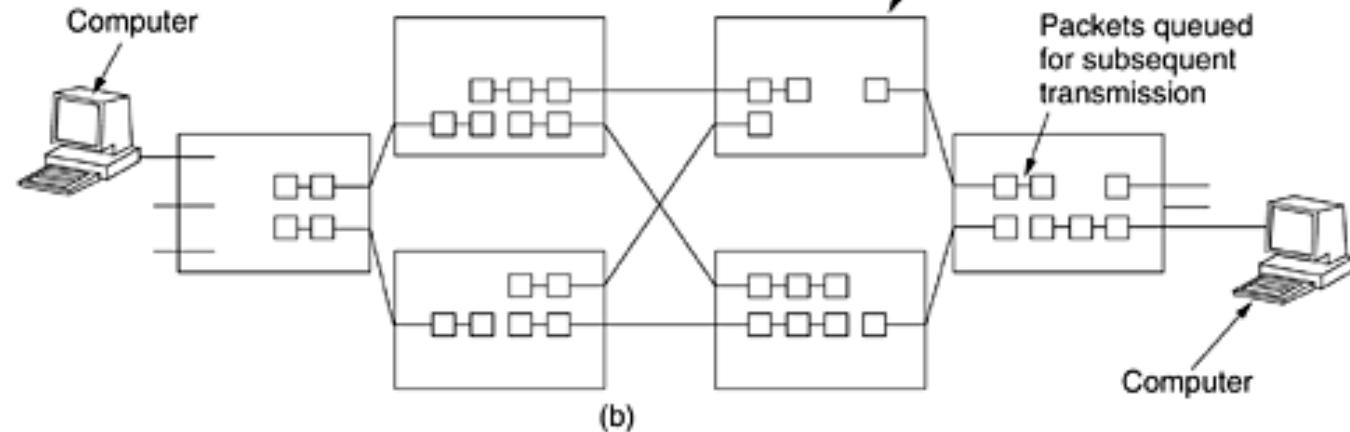
# Circuit switching vs. packet switching

**Circuit  
switching**



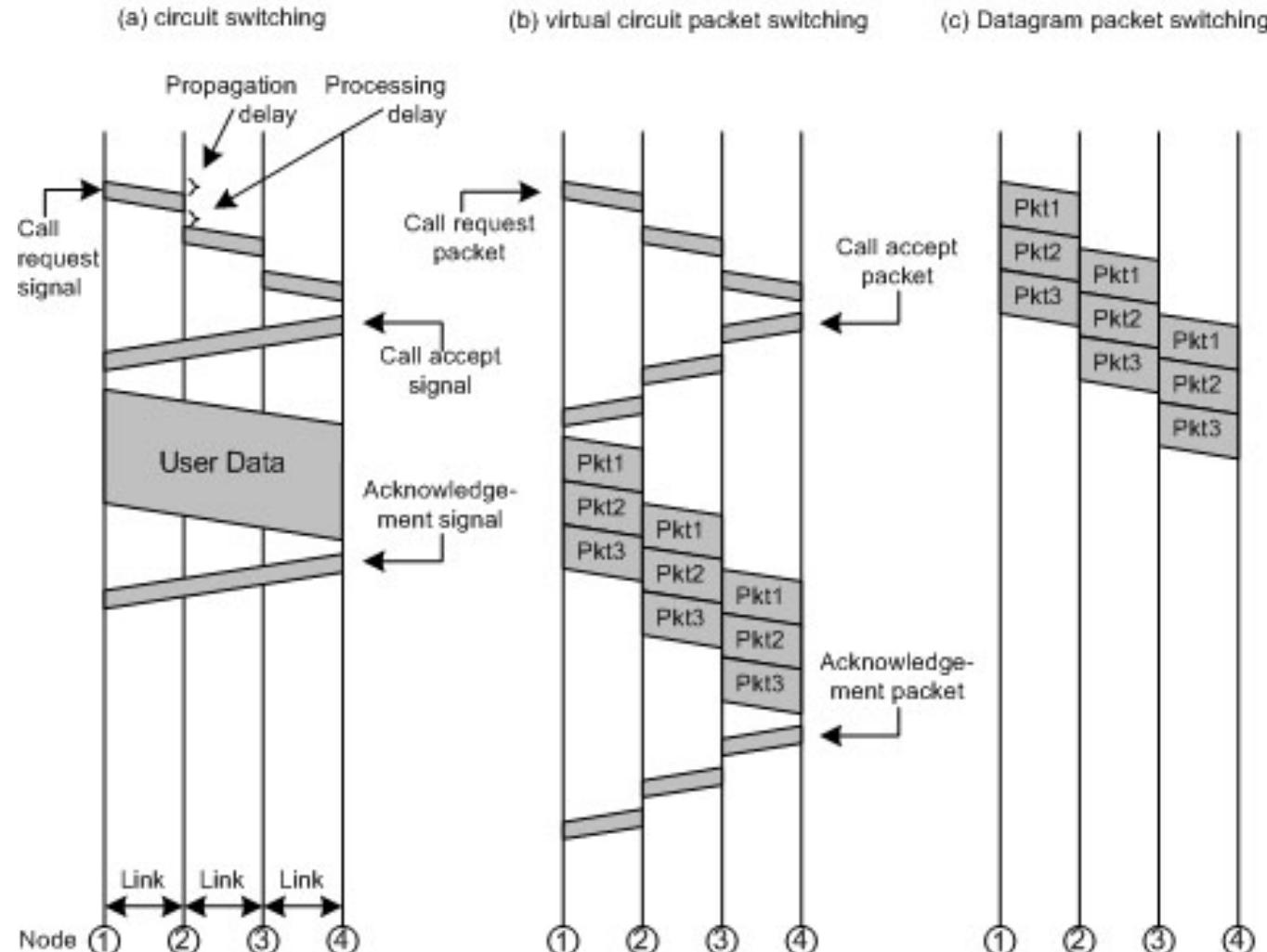
(a)

**Packet  
switching**



(b)

# Switching: circuit, virtual circuit, and datagram



# Circuit switching vs. packet switching

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Item	Circuit switched	Packet switched
Call setup	Required	Not needed
Dedicated physical path	Yes	No
Each packet follows the same route	Yes	No
Packets arrive in order	Yes	No
Is a switch crash fatal	Yes	No
Bandwidth available	Fixed	Dynamic
Time of possible congestion	At setup time	On every packet
Potentially wasted bandwidth	Yes	No
Store-and-forward transmission	No	Yes
Transparency	Yes	No
Charging	Per minute	Per packet

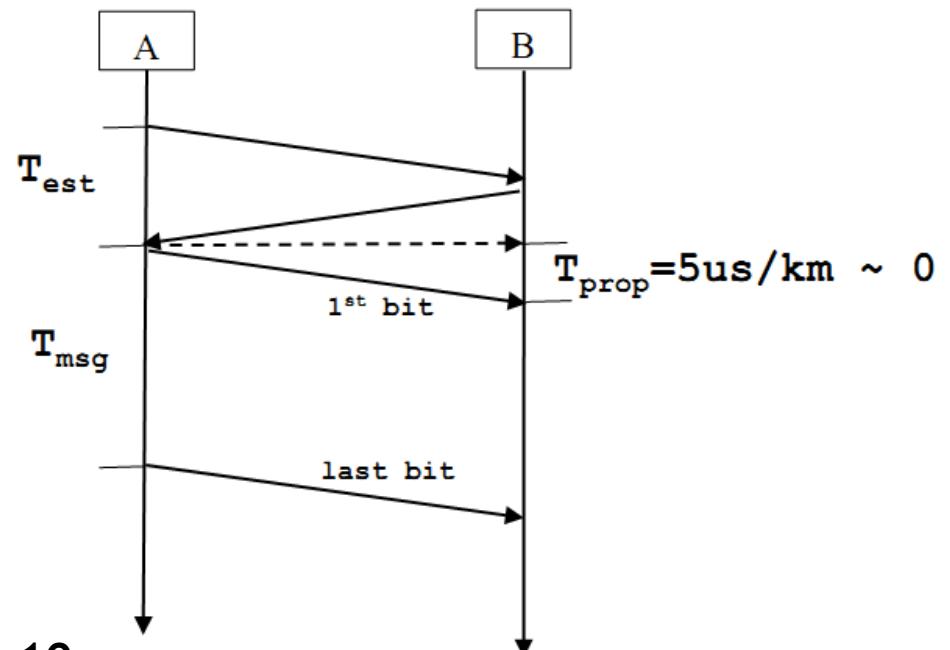
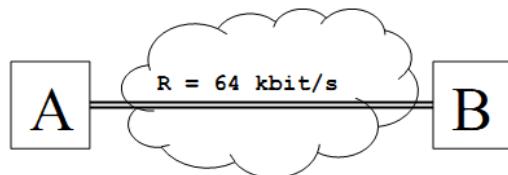
# Types of delay in switching

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- Processing delay
  - Queuing delay
  - Transmission delay
  - Propagation delay
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- Connection establishment delay
  - End-to-end delay

# Delay - circuit switching example

How long does it take for an application to send an  $L=640$  kbit file through an  $R=64$  kbit/s bitrate circuit with connection establishment delay  $T_{est}=500$  ms?

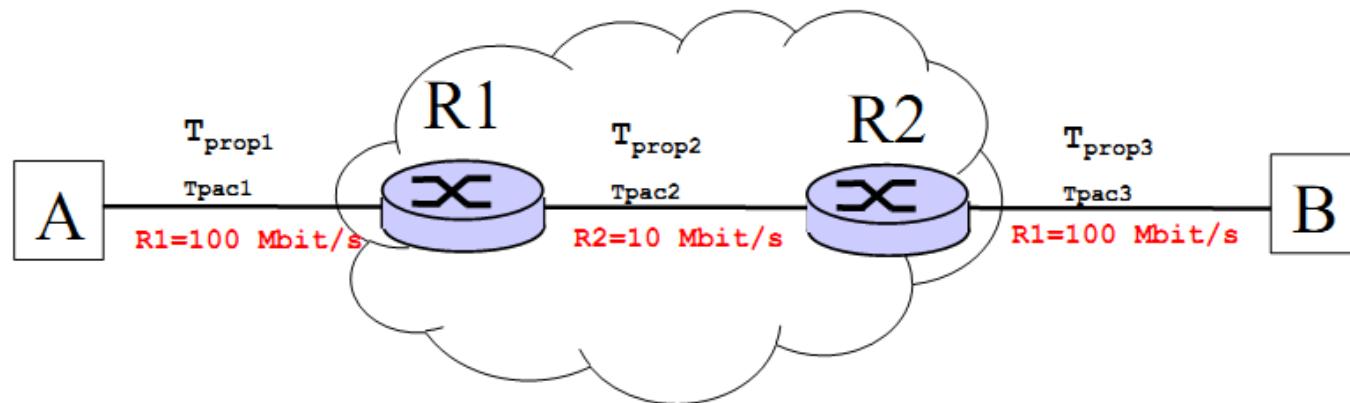


$$T_{trans} = T_{msg} = L/R = 640 \text{ kbit} / 64 \text{ kbit/s} = 10 \text{ s}$$

$$T_{file} = T_{est} + T_{prop} + T_{trans} = 10.5 \text{ s}$$

# Delay - packet switching example

How long does it take for application A to send an  $L=10$  kbit packet to B in the 2 router network below?



$$T_{\text{total}} = T_{\text{prop1}} + T_{\text{trans1}} + T_{\text{prop2}} + T_{\text{trans2}} + T_{\text{prop3}} + T_{\text{trans3}}$$

Assume all  $T_{\text{prop}} = 0$ ,  $T_{\text{queue}} = 0$

$$T_{\text{trans1}} = T_{\text{trans3}} = L/R1 = 10 \text{ kbit} / 100 \text{ Mbit/s} = 0.1 \text{ ms}$$

$$T_{\text{trans2}} = L/R2 = 10 \text{ kbit} / 10 \text{ Mbit/s} = 1 \text{ ms}$$

$$T_{\text{total}} = 1.2 \text{ ms}$$

# Other performance metrics

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- Throughput
  - Instantaneous
  - Average
- Fairness
  - Among all nodes in the network

# TO THINK

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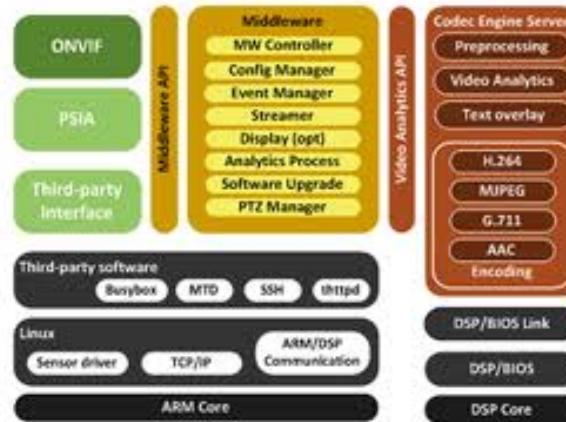
- What are some of the key issues in computer networks?



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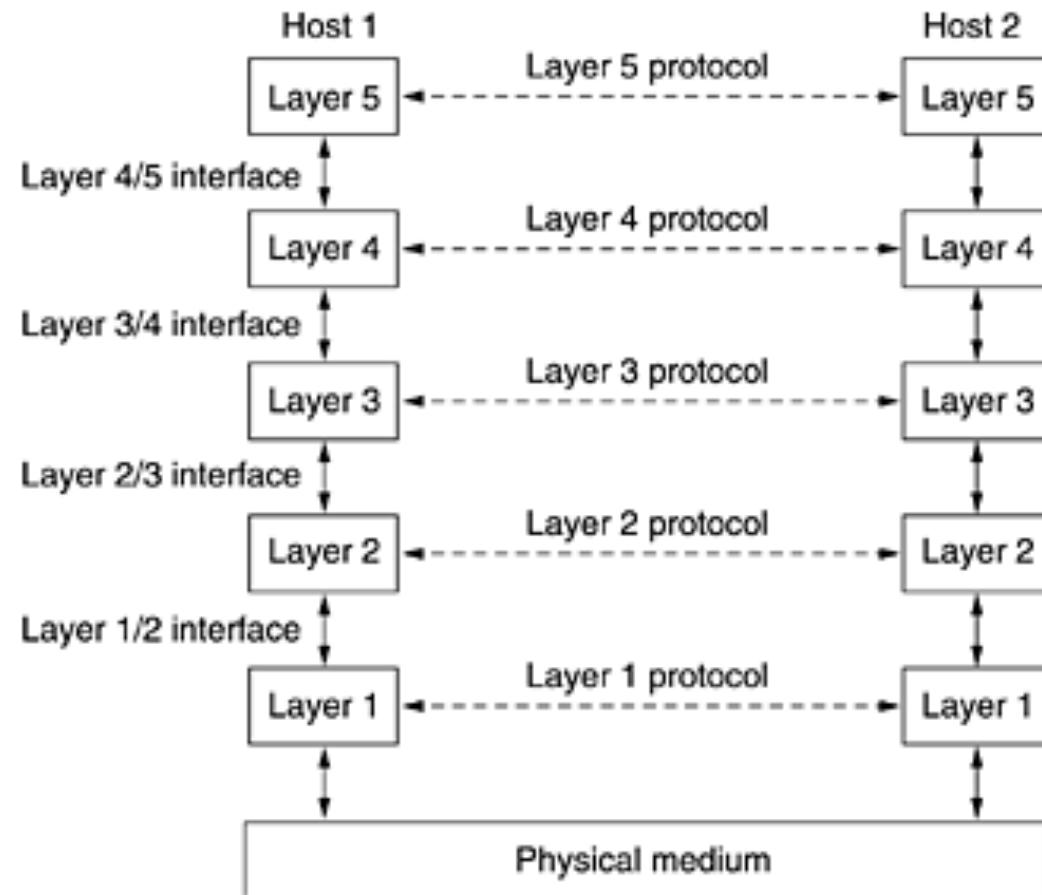
- How do you write large complex software?



# Protocol hierarchies

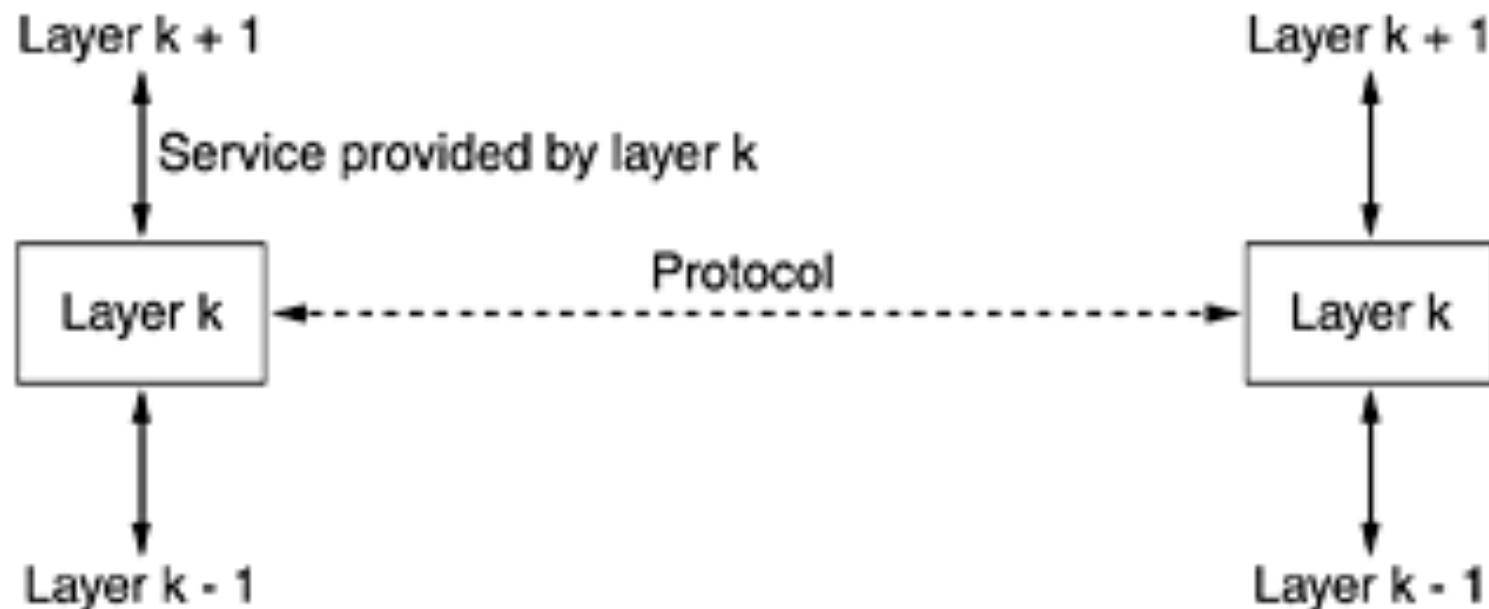
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## Layers, Protocols, and Service Interfaces

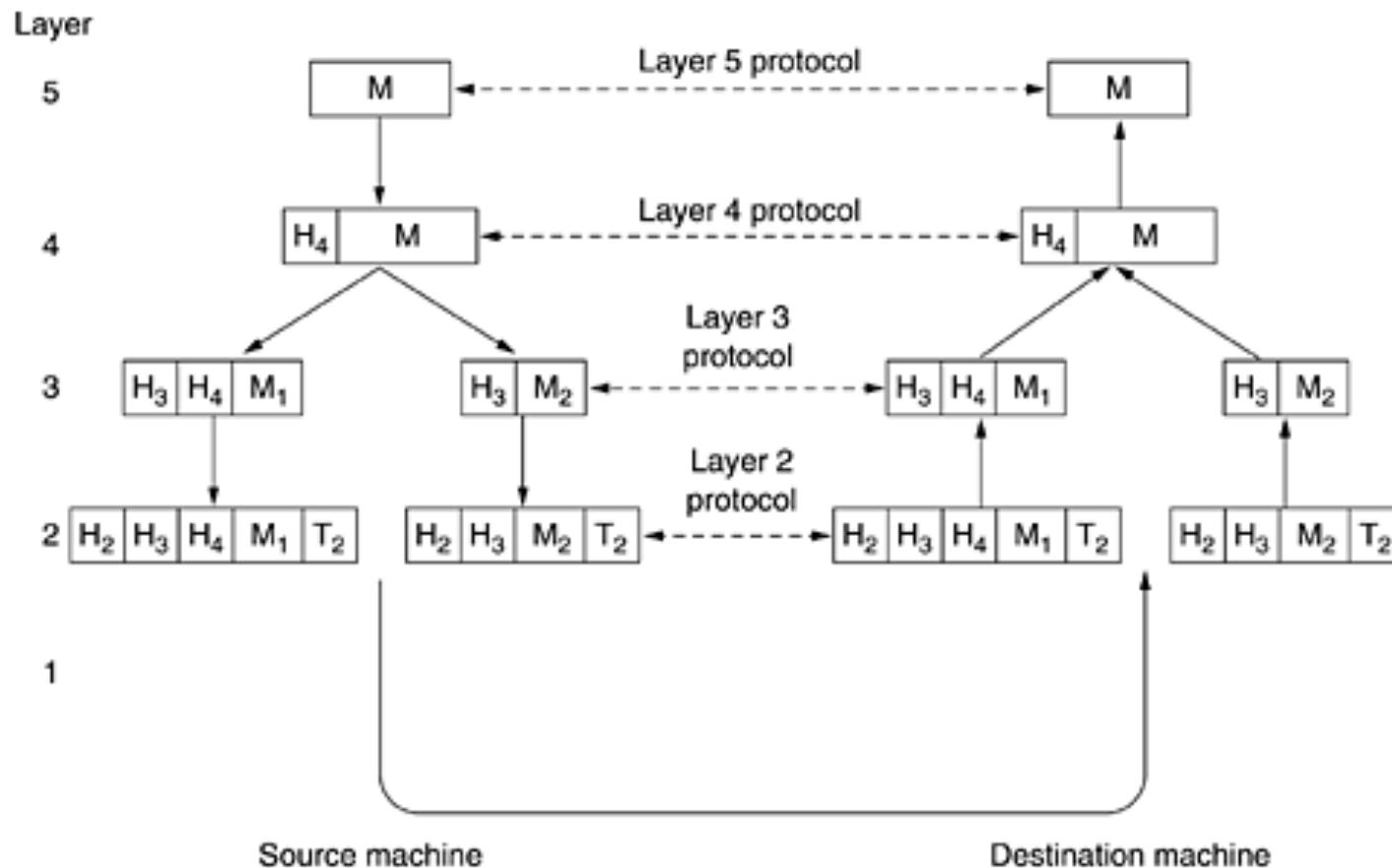


# Service vs. Protocol

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# Application message sending example



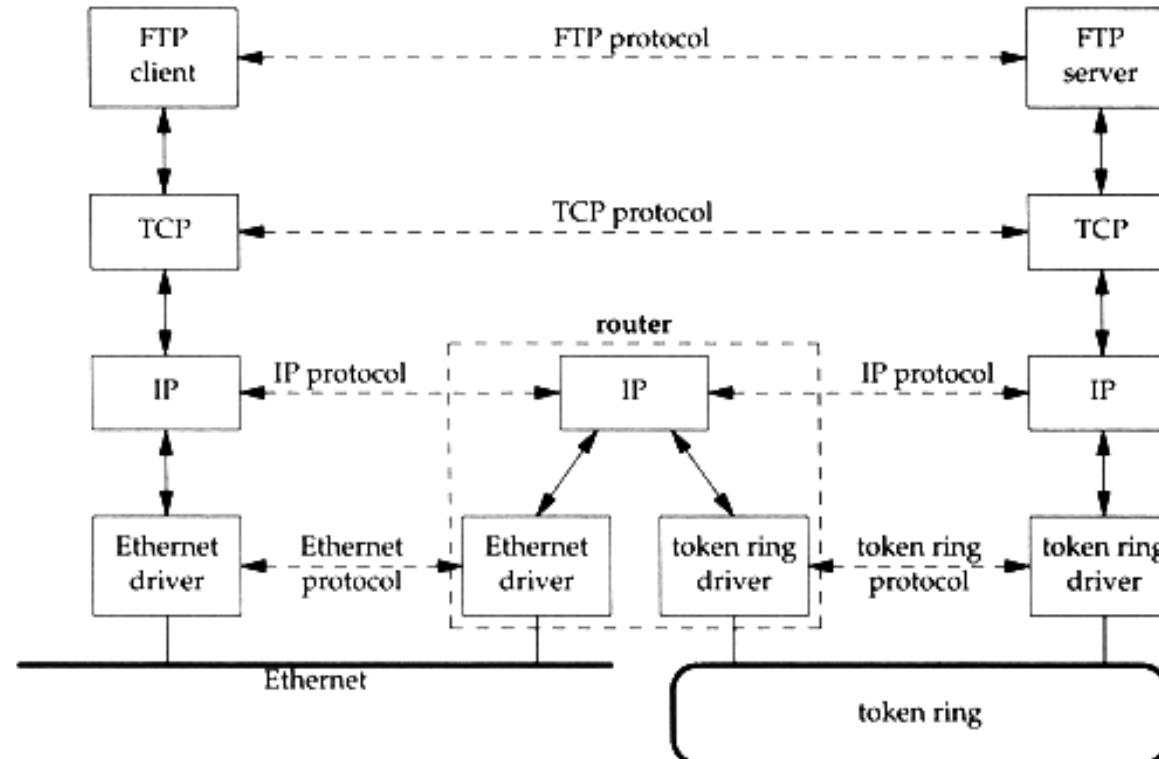
# TCP/IP (Internet) reference layer model

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- Application layer
    - The network application
    - FTP, HTTP, SMTP
  - Transport layer
    - End-to-end data transfer
    - TCP, UDP
  - Network
    - Routing of data packets
    - IP, routing protocols
  - Link
    - Data transfer between neighbor network nodes
    - PPP, Ethernet, WLAN
  - Physical
    - Transmission over physical medium, modulation, bits to symbols
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- The diagram consists of five light gray rectangular boxes stacked vertically. From top to bottom, the text inside the boxes reads: Application, Transport, Network, Link, and Physical.

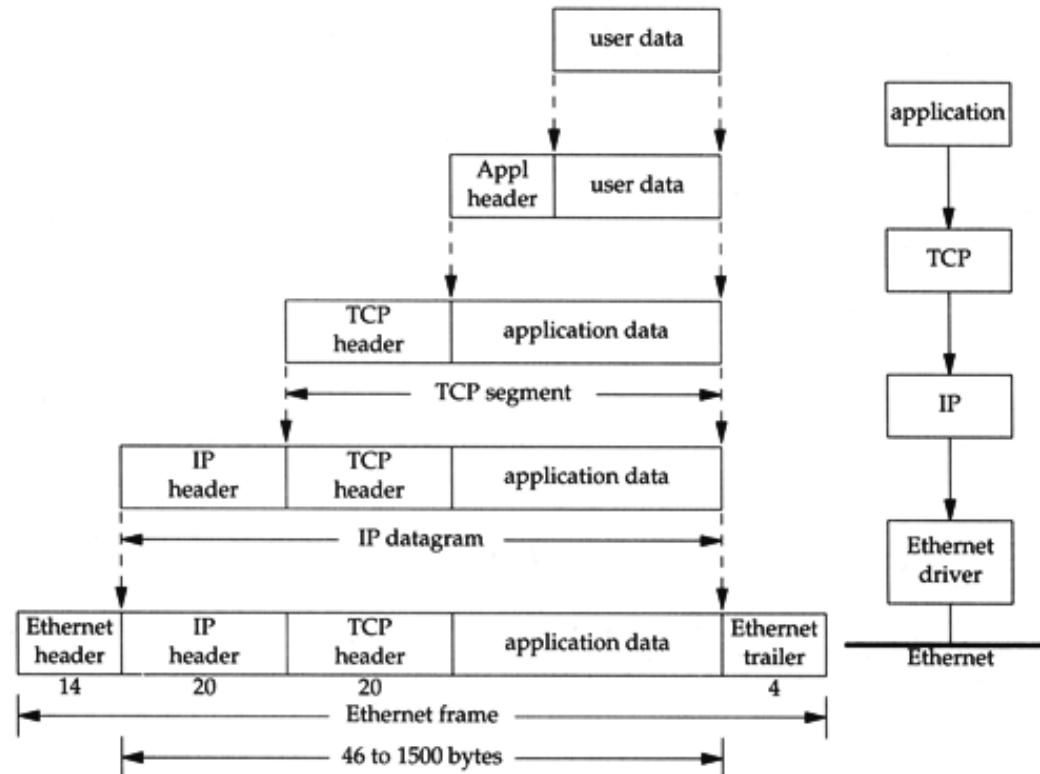
# TCP/IP Internetworking

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# TCP/IP Encapsulation

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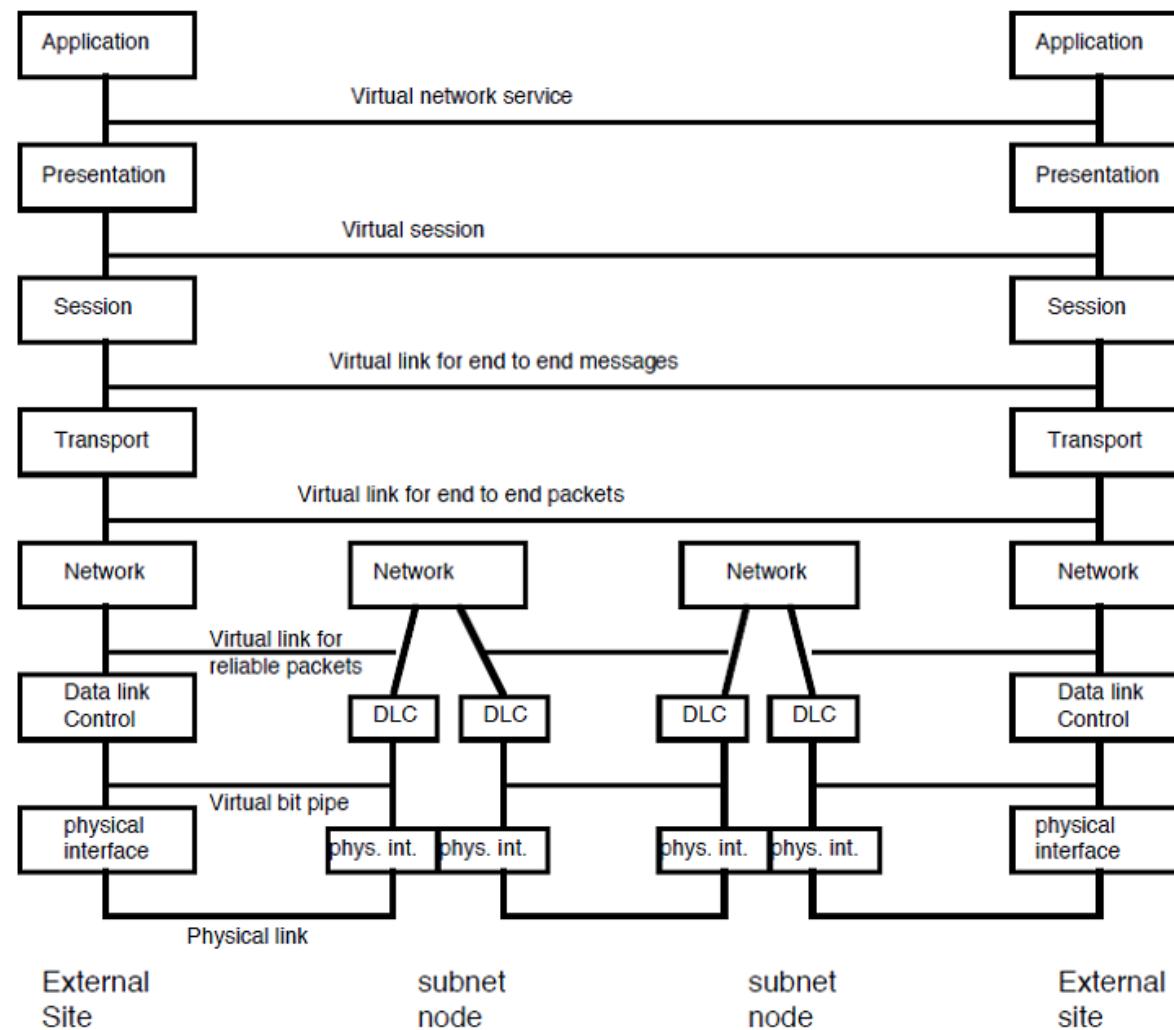
# OSI 7 layer model

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- Presentation
  - Meaning of data
  - Format, compression
- Session
  - Synchronization
  - Check-pointing
  - Data recovery
- In TCP/IP these functions have to be implemented by the application

OSI	TCP/IP
Application	
Presentation	Application
Session	
Transport	Transport
Network	Network
Link	Link
Physical	Physical

# OSI layer services and links



# Reference model in RCOM

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5	Application
4	Transport
3	Network
2	Link
1	Physical

# Issues at each level

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- Connection/connectionless
  - Packet drop, reorder
- Flow control
  - Sender is faster than receiver
  - Prevent receiver buffer overflow
- Congestion control
  - More data than the network can handle
  - Pace down sources

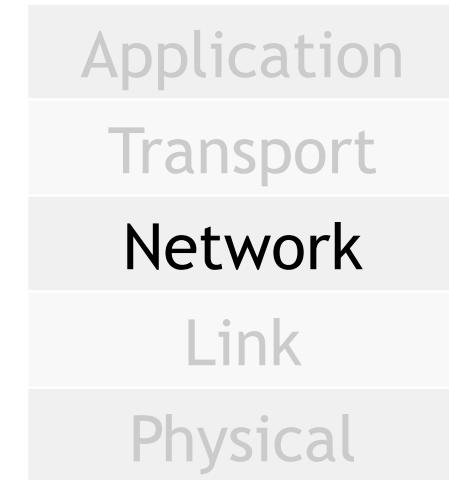
Application  
Transport  
Network  
Link  
Physical



# Issues at each level

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- Router architecture
  - Switching: bus, crossbar, memory
- IP Packet, Addressing, ARP, ...
- Routing algorithms
  - Distributed route computation
  - Link state, Dijkstra's
  - Distance/path vector, Bellman-ford



# Issues at each level

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- Data link
  - Bit framing
  - Error detection, checksum
  - Automatic Repeat Request (ARQ)
- Medium access control
  - Decentralized access
  - Random access, collisions
  - Ethernet, origin and switching

Application  
Transport  
Network  
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Physical



# Issues at each level

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- Transmission through a channel
  - Guided, broadcast
- Encode bit sequences
  - Into signals for propagation
  - Noise, bit and baud rate
- Nyquist, Shannon

Application  
Transport  
Network  
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Physical



# HOMEWORK

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- Review slides
- Read - Tanenbaum
  - Introduction - 1.
  - Switching - 2.5.5
- Do your Moodle homework