

## \* Mode of communication -

- The way in which data is transmitted from one device to another device is known as transmission mode.
- The transmission mode is also known as the communication mode.
- Each communication channel has a direction associated with it, and transmission media provide the direction.
- The transmission mode is also known as a directional mode.
- The transmission mode is defined in the physical layer.

### - Transmission mode -

- Simplex mode.
- Half-Duplex mode.
- Full-Duplex mode.

## Simplex mode -

- In simplex mode, the communication is unidirectional, i.e., the data flow is one direction.
- A device can only send the data but cannot receive it or it can receive the data but cannot send the data.
- The transmission mode is not very popular as mainly communications require the two-way exchange of data.
- The simplex mode is used in the business field as in trades that do not require any corresponding reply.
- The radio station is a simplex channel as it transmits the signal to the listeners but never allows them to transmit back.
- Advantage of simplex mode:

In simplex mode, the station can utilize the entire bandwidth of the communication.

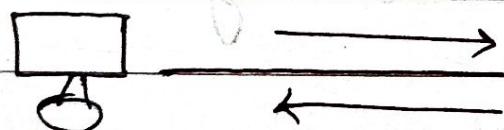
channel, so that more data can be transmitted at a time.

- Disadvantage of simplex mode -

Communication is unidirectional, so it has no inter-communication between devices.

- Half-Duplex mode -

- In a half-duplex channel, direction can be reversed, i.e., the station can transmit and receive the data as well.



- Transmission in either direction, but not simultaneously.
- Messages flow in both the directions, but not at the same time.
- The entire bandwidth of the communication channel is utilized in one direction at a time.

- A Walkie-talkie is an example of the Half-duplex mode. In walkie-talkie, one party speaks, and another party listens. After a pause, the other speaks and first party listens. Speaking simultaneously will create the distorted sound which cannot be understand.
- Advantages of Half-duplex mode-

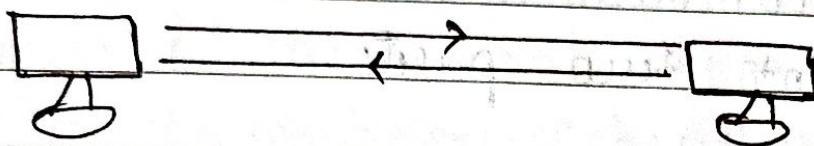
In half-duplex mode, both the devices can send and receive the data and also can utilize the entire bandwidth of the communication channel during the transmission of data.

- Disadvantages of Half-Duplex mode-

In half-duplex mode, when one device is sending the data, then another has to wait, this causes the delay in sending the data at the right time.

- Full-duplex mode -

- The communication is bi-directional, i.e., the data flow in both the directions.



Transmission in both the directions simultaneously

- Both the stations can send and receive the message simultaneously.
- The Full-duplex mode is the fastest mode of communication between devices.
- Full-duplex mode has two simplex channels. One channel has traffic moving in one direction, and another channel has traffic flowing in the opposite direction.
- Advantage of full-duplex mode -

Both the stations can send and receive the data at the same time.

## - Disadvantage of Full-duplex mode -

If there is no dedicated path exists between the devices, then the capacity of the communication channel is divided into two parts.

### → Bit Rate (BR) -

- Bit rate refers to the rate at which data is processed or transferred.
- It is usually measured in seconds, ranging from bps (for smaller values to kbps and mbps).
- Bit rate is also known as bit rate or data rate.
- In networking and digital telecommunications, bit rate refers to the per-second measurement of data that passes through communications network.

- In this context, bit rate is synonymous with data transfer rate (DTR).
- For multimedia encoding, bit rate refers to the number of bits used per unit of playback time, such as video or audio after compression (encoding).
- Multimedia size and output quality often depend on the bit rate used during encoding.

Therefore, in both cases:

$$BR = D \div T$$

where:

BR = Bit Rate

D = Amount of Data

T = Time (usually second).

- In telecommunications and computing, "bit rate" is the number of bits communicated or processed per unit of time.

- Bit rate is measured in bits per second (symbol: bit/s) and is commonly prefixed with a SI prefix like kilo, mega, giga, or tera.
- The non-standard term "bps" is sometimes used instead of the conventional sign "bit/s". Therefore, 1 Mbps stands for one million bits per second.
- One byte per second (1 B/s) equates to 8 bits per second in most computer and digital communication contexts.

### → Baud Rate -

- A baud is the number of signaling elements per second sent by a communications device such as a modem. In theory, a modem with a high baud rate means fast transmission.
- The baud rate is therefore equal to the bit rate only if each signal element represents one bit of information.

- A "baud" is a standard symbol rate measuring unit. It is one of the components that determine the speed of transmission across a data channel.
  - In pulses per second, symbols per second, it is the unit for symbol rate or modulation rate.
  - The term "baud" refers to the gross bit rate, which is measured in bits per second.

### → Network bandwidth

- Network bandwidth is a measurement indicating the max<sup>m</sup> capacity of a wired or wireless communications link to transmit data over a network connection in a given amount of time.
- Typically, bandwidth is represented in the number of bits, kilobits, megabits or gigabits that can be transmitted in 1 second.

- synonymous with capacity, bandwidth describes data transfer rate. Bandwidth is not a measure of network speed -- a common misconception.

→ How does bandwidth work?

- The more bandwidth a data connection has, the more data it can send and receive at one time.
- In <sup>this</sup> concept, bandwidth can be compared to the volume of water that can flow through a pipe.
- The wider the pipe's diameter, the more water can flow through it at one time.
- The higher the capacity of the communication link, the more data can flow through it per second.
- The cost of a network connection goes up as bandwidth increases.

## → Attenuation in networking -

- Attenuation in computer networking is the loss of communication signal strength that is measured in decibels (dB).
- As the rate of attenuation increases, the transmission, such as <sup>an</sup> email a user is trying to send or a phone call, become more distorted.
- Attenuation occurs on computer networks because of:
  - Range - Over longer distances both wired and wireless transmissions gradually dissipate in strength.
  - Interference - Radio interference or physical obstructions, such as walls, dampen communication signals on wireless networks.
  - Wire size - Thinner wires suffer from more attenuation than thicker wires on wired networks.

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### → Reference Models (Network Architecture)

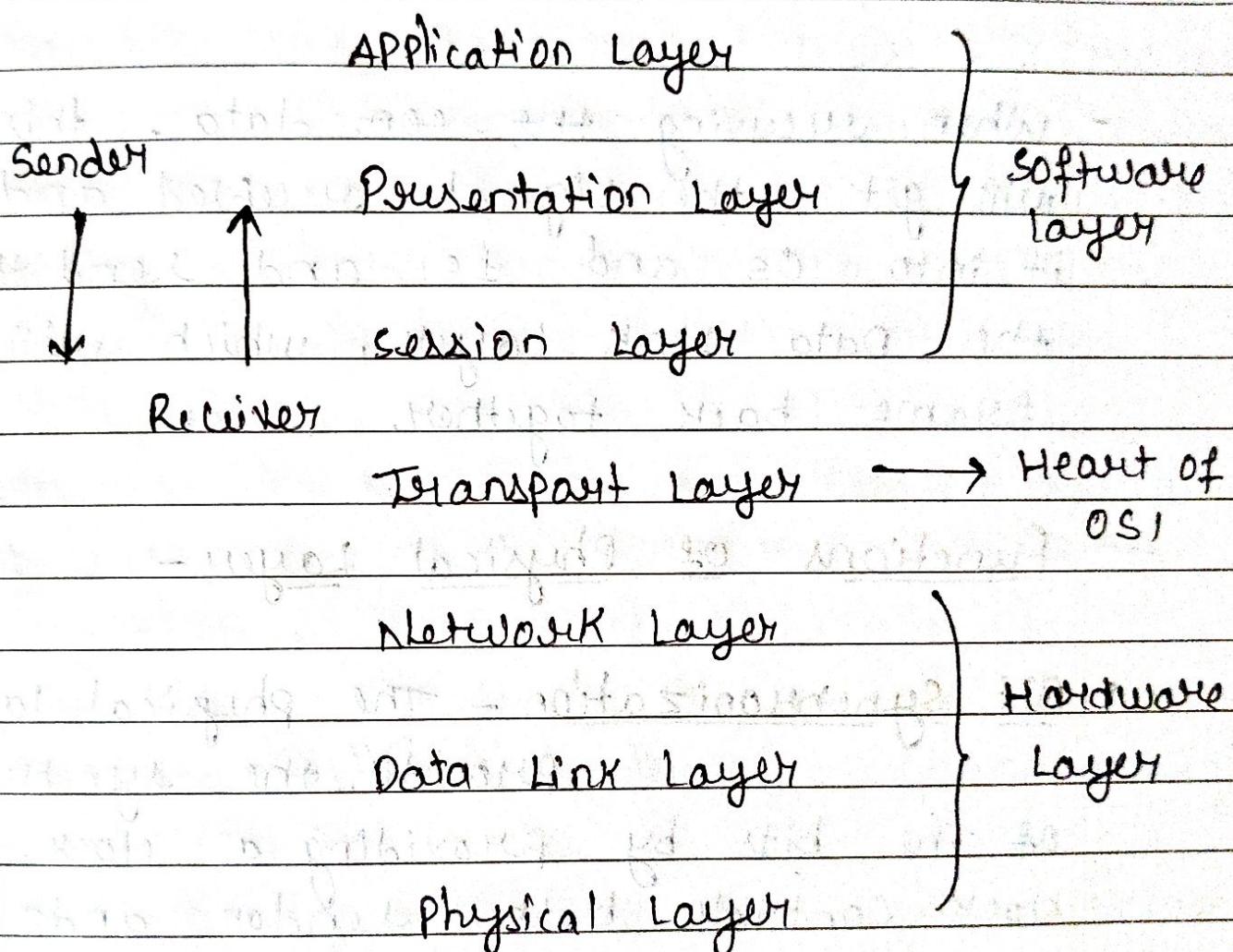
The two most important reference models are as follows -

- The OSI reference model
- The TCP/IP reference model.

#### • Introduction to OSI Model -

- The users of a computer network are located over a wide physical range i.e. all over the world.
- Therefore, to ensure that nationwide and worldwide data communication systems can be developed and are compatible to each other, an international group of standards has been developed.
- These standards will fit into a framework which has been developed by the International Organization of Standardization (ISO).

- This ~~fact~~ framework is called as Model for open system interconnection (OSI) and it is normally referred to as OSI reference model.



### 1. Physical Layer -

- The lowest layer of the OSI reference model
- It is responsible for the actual physical connection between the devices.

- The physical layer contains information in the form of bits.
- It is responsible for transmitting individual bits from one node to the next.
- When receiving the EOF data, this layer will get the signal succeeded and convert it into 0s and 1s and send them to the Data Link Layer, which will put the frame back together.

#### → Functions of Physical Layer -

- Bit synchronization - The physical layer provides the synchronization of the bits by providing a clock. This clock controls both sender and receiver thus providing synchronization at bit level.
- Bit rate control - The physical layer also defines the transmission state i.e. the number of bits send per second.

- Physical topologies - Physical layer specifies the way in which the different devices/nodes are arranged in a network i.e. bus, star, or mesh topology.
- Transmission mode - Physical layer also defines the way in which the data flows between the 2 connected devices. The various transmission modes possible are simplex, half-duplex and full-duplex.

## 2. Data Link Layer - **\* Packets in Data link layer is referred to as Frame.**

- The data link layer is responsible for the node-to-node delivery of the message.
- The main function of this layer is to make sure data transfer is error-free from one node to another, over the physical layer.
- When a packet arrives in a network, it is the responsibility of DDL to transmit it to the host using its MAC address.

- Data Link Layer is divided into 2 sublayers
  - i. Logical Link control (LLC)
  - ii. Media Access control (MAC)
- The packet received from the Network layer is further divided into frames depending on the frame size of NIC (Network Interface card).
- DLL also encapsulates sender and receiver MAC address in the header.

#### → Functions of Data Link Layer -

- Framing - Framing is a function of the data link layer. It provides a way for a sender to transmit a set of bits that are meaningful to the receiver. This can be accomplished by attaching special bit patterns to the beginning and end of the frame.
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- Physical addressing - After creating frames, the Data Link Layer adds physical address (MAC address) of the sender and receiver in the header of each frame.
- Error control - Data link layer provides the mechanism of error control in which it detects and retransmits damaged or lost frames.
- Flow control - The data rate must be constant on both sides else the data may get corrupted thus, flow control coordinates the amount of data that can be sent before receiving acknowledgement.
- Access control - When a single communication channel is shared by multiple devices, the MAC sub-layer of the data link layer helps to determine which device has control over the channel at a given time.

### 3. Network Layer -

- The network layer works for the transmission of data from one host to the other located in different networks.
- It also takes care of packet routing i.e. selection of the shortest path to transmit the packet, from number of routes available.
- The sender & receiver's IP address are placed in the header by the n/w layer.

#### → functions of Network Layer -

- Routing - The network layer protocols determine which route is suitable from source to destination. The function of the network layer is known as routing.
- Logical Addressing - In order to identify each device on internetwork uniquely, the n/w layer defines an addressing scheme. The sender & receiver's IP address

data in the transport layer is called as segments.  
Transport layer is operated by the OS.  
Transport layer is called as Heart of OSI model.  
It is a part of the OS & communicates with the application layer by making system calls.  
placed in the header by the network layer.  
such an address distinguishes each device uniquely and universally.

#### 4. Transport Layer-

- The transport layer provides services to the application layer and takes services from the network layer.
- The data in the transport layer is referred to as segments.
- It is responsible for the End to End delivery of the complete message.
- The transport layer also provides the acknowledgement of the successful data transmission and re-transmits the data if an error is found.
- At sender's side -
  - Transport layer receives the formatted data from the upper layers, performs

segmentation, and also implements flow control to ensure proper data transmission.

- It also adds source and destination port number in its header and forward the segmented data to the network layer.

Note- The sender needs to know the port number associated with the receiver's application.

- Generally, this destination port number is configured, either by default or manually.

- At receiver's side-

- Transport layer reads the port number from its header and forwards the data which it has received to the respective application.
- It also performs sequencing and reassembling of the segmented data.

## → Functions of transport layer-

- Segmentation and Reassembly- This layer accepts the message from the (session) layer, and breaks the message into smaller units. Each of the segments produced has a header associated with it. The transport layer at the destination station reassemble the message.
- Service Point Addressing- In order to deliver the message to the correct process, the transport layer header includes a type of address called service point address or port address. Thus by specifying this address, the transport layer makes sure that the message is delivered to the correct process.
- The services provided by the transport layer -
  - i) Connection-Oriented service - It is a three-phase process that includes

- Connection Establishment
- Data Transfer
- Termination / disconnection

In this type of transmission, the receiving device sends an acknowledgement back to the source after a packet or group of packets is received. This transmission is reliable and secure.

### ii) Connectionless Service -

- It is a one-phase process and includes Data Transfer.
- In this type of transmission, the receiver does not acknowledge receipt of a packet.
- This approach allows for much faster communication between devices.
- Connection-oriented service is more reliable than connectionless service.

## 5. Session Layer-

- This layer is responsible for the establishment of connection, maintenance of sessions, authentication, and also ensures security.

### → functions of session layer-

- Session establishment, maintenance, & termination- This layer allows the two processes to establish, use and terminate a connection.
- Synchronization- This layer allows a process to add checkpoints which are considered synchronization points into the data. These synchronization points help to identify the errors so that the data is re-synchronized properly, and ends of the messages are not cut prematurely and data loss is avoided.
- Dialog controller- The session layer allows two systems to start communication with each other in half-duplex or full duplex.

## 6. Presentation layer-

- The presentation layer is also called the Translation layer.
- The data from the application layer is extracted here and manipulated as per the required format to transmit over the n/w.

### → Functions of Presentation layer -

- Translation - for ex - ASCII to EBCDIC
- Encryption/Decryption - Data encryption translates the data into another form of code. The encrypted data is known as the cipher text and the decrypted data is known as plain text. A key value is used for encryption as well as decrypting data.
- Compression - Reduces the number of bits that need to be transmitted on the n/w

## 7. Application Layer-

- At the very top of the OSI reference Model stack of layers, we find application layer which is implemented by the network applications.
- These applications produce the data, which has to be transferred over the network.
- This layer also serves as a window for the application services to access the network and for displaying the received info to the user.

Ex- Browsers, Skype messenger, etc.

### → Functions of Application layer-

- Network Virtual Terminal.
- FTAM-File transfer access and management.
- Mail services.
- Directory services.

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## TCP/IP

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- TCP/IP reference model is a four-layered suite of communication protocols.
- It was developed by the DoD (Department of Defense) in the 1960s.
- It is named after the two main protocols that are used in the model, namely, TCP and IP.
- TCP stands for Transmission control protocol and IP stands for Internet protocol.
- The four layers in the TCP/IP protocol suite are-

### - Host-to-Network Layer -

It is the lowest layer that is connected with the physical transmission of data.

TCP/IP does not specifically define any protocol here but supports all the standard protocols.

## - Internet Layer -

It defines the protocols for logical transmission of data over the network.

The main protocol in this layer is internet protocol (IP) and it is supported by the protocols ICMP, IGMP, RARP, and ARP.

## - Transport Layer -

It is responsible for error-free end-to-end delivery of data.

The protocols defined here are Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) and User Datagram Protocol (UDP).

## - Application Layer -

This is the topmost layer and defines the interface of host programs with the transport layer services.

This layer includes all high-level protocols like Telnet, DNS, HTTP, FTP, SMTP, etc.

The following diagram shows the layers and the protocols in each of the layers -

Application Layer      TELNET      DNS      HTTP

Transport Layer      TCP      UDP      SCTP

Internet Layer      IP      ICMP      IGMP      RARP      ARP

Host-to-Network Layer      ETHERNET      FRAME RELAY      TOKEN RING      ATM