

# Research Notes - Introduction to Network Architecture

Sven van der Meer

# Table of Contents

|  |    |
|--|----|
| Cybernetics.....                             | 1  |
| Patterns.....                                | 2  |
| Philosophy and Science.....                  | 3  |
| Architecture Principles (invariants) .....   | 7  |
| Baseline .....                               | 7  |
| Layers (1968).....                           | 8  |
| Separating Mechanism and Policy (1970) ..... | 9  |
| Networking is IPC (1972) .....               | 10 |
| Theory of Reliable Transport (1976) .....    | 10 |
| Naming and Addressing (1978).....            | 11 |
| History.....                                 | 12 |
| General ICT History.....                     | 12 |
| Communication Networks, Internet .....       | 13 |
| Packet-switched Networks and CATENET .....   | 14 |
| Virtual Circuit (VC) and Datagram (DG) ..... | 15 |
| Literature .....                             | 16 |
| Quotes .....                                 | 18 |

Provide a list of papers, articles, books and the like important to understand network architecture:

- items in the list should be fundamental to network architecture, not RINA (with the exception of the RINA heading).
- provide primary references only, no secondary references if possible
- provide links to get the item in public domain, if possible (papers should have a link, books might have a link)
- at least more more link to a description (e.g. Wikipedia, Goodreads, etc.) is preferable
- links should be labeled, since this document is intended as an online document
- each item should have at least one co-author or contributor who has read it, no point in using "potentially" interesting items
- each item should start with Author(s), Title, Year
- always use full author names, i.e. not abbreviated first names

## Cybernetics

**W. Ross Ashby:** *An Introduction to Cybernetics*, 1956

- Author: W. Ross Ashby
- Reasons to read: cybernetics intro, Law of Requisite Variety
- Publisher: John Wiley & Sons
- Links: [Goodreads](#), [pdf: original typeset](#), [pdf: new typeset](#), [discussion on requisite variety](#), [WikiQuotes](#)    [skb: yaml src](#)

**Norbert Wiener:** *Cybernetic OR Control and Communication in the Animal and the Machine*, 1965

- Author: Norbert Wiener
- Reasons to read: the standard work on cybernetics (with definition) and control
- Publisher: MIT Press, Cambridge, Massachusetts
- Links: [Wikipedia](#), [Goodreads](#), [PDF: original typeset](#)    [skb: yaml src](#)

**Humberto R. Maturana:** *Biology of Cognition*, 1970

- Author: Humberto R. Maturana
- Reasons to read: tbd
- Published: Biological Computer Laboratory Research Report BCL 9.0. Urbana IL: University of Illinois, 1970
- Links: [PDF](#), [Online](#)    [skb: yaml src](#)

---

**Humberto R. Maturana** et al.: *The Tree of Knowledge*, 1987

- Authors: Humberto R. Maturana, Francisco J. Valera
- Reasons to read: tbd
- Publisher: Shambhala, Boston & London
- Links: [Goodreads](#), [PDF](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

**Hugh Dubberly** et al.: *How Cybernetics connects Computing, Counterculture, and Design*, 2015

- Authors: Hugh Dubberly, Paul Pangaro
- Reasons to read: historyc context for cybernetics, interactive graph with links and link annotations
- Publisher: Hippie Modernism: The Struggle for Utopia, Exhibit Catalog, October 2015
- Links: [Paper: html with pdf links](#), [Interactive Graph](#), [Article Text](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

## Patterns

**Christopher Alexander**: *A Pattern Language*, 1977

- Author: Christopher Alexander
- Reasons to read: (most) influential book on patterns, laid foundation for software patterns
- Publisher: Oxford University Press
- Links: [Wikipedia](#), [Goodreads](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

**Christopher Alexander**: *The Timeless Way of Building*, 1979

- Author: Christopher Alexander
- Reasons to read: "how to think about X", a new theory of architecture (and design in general) that relies on the understanding and configuration of design patterns
- Is actually the introduction to *A Pattern Language* by the same author, though published later
- Publisher: Oxford University Press
- Links: [Wikipedia](#), [Goodreads](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

---

**John Day:** *Patterns in Network Architecture - A Return to Fundamentals*, 2007

- Author: John Day
- Reasons to read: fundamental patterns for network architecture, historic context, anecdotal context
- Publisher: Pearson Education
- Links: [Goodreads](#)    skb: [yaml src](#), [BiBTeX](#), [Biblatex](#)

**Jason McColm Smith:** *Elemental Design Patterns*, 2012

- Author: Jason McColm Smith
- Reasons to read: scientific approach to software pattern (not OO-software-patterns), comprehensive graphical language
- Publisher: Addison-Wesley Professional
- First published December 24<sup>th</sup> 2011
- Links: [Goodreads](#), [PDF: technical report](#), [PDF: paper](#), [PPTX](#)    skb: [yaml src](#), [BiBTeX](#), [Biblatex](#)

## Philosophy and Science

**Isaac Newton:** *Regulae Philosophandi or Philosophiæ Naturalis Principia Mathematica*, 1687

- Author: Isaac Newton
- Reasons to read: scientific principles only work within a given set of bounds, nature is essentially simple, similar effects must be assigned to the same cause
- Links: [Wikipedia](#), [Project Gutenberg: Latin](#), [English by Ian Bruce: online](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

**Gottfried Leibniz:** *Monadology* or *Lehrsätze über die Monadologie*, 1714

- Author: Gottfried Leibniz
- Published: 1714 (French), 1720 (German)
- Reasons to read: the first (that we know of) and grandest attempt to conceive of the world as a system, in particular as a system of "reflections" in which the state of every element recursively mirrors the state of the whole
- Links: [Wikipedia](#), [Goodreads](#), [English: by Robert Latta](#), [German: Gutenberg Projekt](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

---

**Gottlieb Frege:** *On Sense and Reference*, 1892

- Author: Gottlieb Frege
- Published as *On Sense and Reference*, later as *On Sense and Meaning*, German original: *Über Sinn und Bedeutung*
- Reasons to read: philosophical definition for a name
- Publisher: Seeley & Co. of London
- Links: [Wikipedia: en](#), [Wikipedia: de](#), [Goodreads](#), [PDF:en & de](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

**Gottlieb Frege:** *Grundgesetze der Arithmetik or Basic Laws of Arithmetic*, 1893

- Author: Gottlieb Frege
- Reasons to read: the world limited by dimensions, also a social critic
- Publisher: Seeley & Co. of London, 1893 (Volume I), 1903 (Volume II)
- Links: [Goodreads: en](#), [Goodreads: de](#), [PDF: de](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

**Bertrand Russell:** *Introduction to Mathematical Philosophy*, 1919

- Author: Bertrand Russell
- Reasons to read: introduction to mathematics and the more fundamental "Principia Mathematica"
- Publisher: George Allen & Unwin, Ltd, London
- Links: [Wikipedia](#), [Goodreads](#), [PDF: old typeset](#), [Online at UMass](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

**Ludwig Wittgenstein:** *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*, 1922

- Author: Ludwig Wittgenstein
- Published: 1921 (German, *Logisch-Philosophische Abhandlung*), 1922 (English)
- Reasons to read: picture theory, logical atomism, distinction between saying and showing, Wittgenstein's ladder, proposition 7
- Publisher: Kegan Paul, Trench, Trubner & CO
- Links: [Wikipedia](#), [Goodreads](#), [eBooks at Gutenberg Project](#), [eBooks at UMass](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

**Joseph Needham:** *Science and Civilisation in China*, 1954

- Author: Joseph Needham
  - Reasons to read: the West was only one to make the leap from artisan to science
  - Publisher: Cambridge University Press
  - Links: [Wikipedia](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)
-

---

**Karl Popper:** *The Logic of Scientific Discovery*, 1959

- Author: Karl Popper
- Published: 1934 (German, *Logik der Forschung*), 1959 (English)
- Publisher: Hutchinson & Co
- Reasons to read: "The first step is to state a hypothesis. To state a hypothesis, one must start with a theory to be invalidated", shows: you can never prove a theory correct; you can only invalidate it
- Links: [Wikipedia](#), [Goodreads](#), [Online: English](#), [PDF: English](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

**Robert MacArthur:** *Geographical Ecology: Patterns in the Distribution of Species*, 1972

- Author: Robert MacArthur
- Reasons to read: island of biogeography, "A field cannot consider itself a science until it can progress beyond natural history"
- Publisher: Vintage
- Links: [Goodreads](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

**Imre Lakatos:** *Proofs and Refutations*, 1976

- Author: Imre Lakatos
- Reasons to read: the way of thinking, "listen to the problem"
- Publisher: Cambridge University Press
- Links: [Wikipedia](#), [Goodreads](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

**Samuel C. Florman:** *The Existential Pleasures of Engineering*, 1976

- Author: Samuel C. Florman
- Reasons to read: to understand engineering, how engineers think and feel about their profession
- Links: [Goodreads](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

**Oliver Sacks:** *Seeing Voices - A Journey into the World of the Deaf*, 1989

- Author: Oliver Sacks
  - Reasons to read: aberrations of the human mind, contribute to Maturana's view
  - Publisher: University of California Press
  - Links: [Goodreads](#)    skb: [yaml src](#), [BiBTeX](#), [Biblatex](#)
-

---

**Gerald Edelman:** *Bright Air Brilliant Fire*, 1992

- Author: Gerald Edelman
- Reasons to read: theory of Neural Darwinism feeds into Maturana quite nicely, the application of Edelman in Sacks' Seeing Voices
- Publisher: Basic Books
- Links: [Goodreads](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

**Stuart Kaufmann:** *The Origins of Order*, 1993

- Author: Stuart Kaufmann
- Reasons to read: works out the math and science in detail and shows that life is virtually inevitable, scientific version of "At home in the universe"
- Publisher: Oxford University Press, USA
- Links: [Goodreads](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

**Dale Miller:** *A Proposal for Modules in  $\lambda$ Prolog*, 1993

- Author: Dale Miller
- Reasons to read: introduces the turing machine syndrome
- Related: Alberto Momigliano and Mario Ornaghi, Proof-Theoretic and Higher-Order Extensions of Logic Programming, LNCS 6125, 2010
  - Links: [springer](#)
  - Quote: "This outcome [...] has been named 'recreating the Turing Machine' syndrome [Miller]: starting from a computationally clean and semantically motivated language, one tends to add external mechanisms in order to make it suitable for programming-in-the-large. This inevitably tends to clutter the formal definition of the language (if any), making trusting the language itself and thus reasoning about it problematic."
- Published: International Workshop on Extensions of Logic Programming, ELP 1993: Extensions of Logic Programming, pp 206-221
- Links: [DOI](#), [ELP93](#), [PDF: elp](#), [Draft text](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

**Stuart Kaufmann:** *At Home in the Universe*, 1996

- Author: Stuart Kaufmann
- Reasons to read: works out the math and science in detail and shows that life is virtually inevitable, Scientific American (popular science magazine) version of "The origins of order"
- Publisher: Oxford University Press, USA
- Links: [Goodreads](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)



---

**Oliver Sacks:** *The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat*, 1998

- Author: Oliver Sacks
- Reasons to read: aberrations of the human mind, contribute to Maturana's view
- Publisher: Touchstone
- Links: [Goodreads](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

**Lee Smolin:** *The Trouble with Physics*, 2006

- Author: Lee Smolin
- Reasons to read: "groupthink" anti pattern, role of controversy and disagreement in the progress of science, professionalization has lead to selecting for "master craftsmen" to the almost complete exclusion of "seers."
- Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
- Links: [Wikipedia](#), [online](#)    skb: [yaml src](#), [BiBTeX](#), [Biblatex](#)

**Stephen Jay Gould:** *The Richness of Life - The Essential Stephen Jay Gould*, 2006

- Author: Stephen Jay Gould
- Reasons to read: wrote a monthly article for Natural History on evolution, the collections of his articles are a good primer in how stochastic processes work in the large
- Publisher: Jonathan Cape
- Links: [Goodreads](#)    skb: [yaml src](#), [BiBTeX](#), [Biblatex](#)

**David Deutsch:** *The Beginning of Infinity*, 2011

- Author: David Deutsch
- Reasons to read: error is the normal state of our knowledge, good and bad philosophy
- Publisher: Viking
- First published March 1st 2011
- Links: [Wikipedia](#), [Goodreads](#)    skb: [yaml src](#), [BiBTeX](#), [Biblatex](#)

# Architecture Principles (invariants)

## Baseline

**Ludwig Fleck:** *Gensis and Development of a Scientific Fact*, 1935

- Author: Ludwig Fleck
- Published: 1935 (German, *Entstehung und Entwicklung einer wissenschaftlichen Tatsache*), 1979 (English)
- Reasons to read: philosophy of science, social process of science
- Links: [Wikipedia](#), [Goodreads](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

**Thomas Kuhn:** *Structure of Scientific Revolutions*, 1962

- Author: Thomas Kuhn
- Reasons to read: philosophy of science
- Publisher: University of Chicago Press
- Links: [Wikipedia](#), [Goodreads](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

## Layers (1968)

**Edsger W. Dijkstra:** *The Structure of the “THE” Multiprogramming System*, 1968

- Author: Edsger W. Dijkstra
- Reasons to read: introduces concept of layers
- Published: Communications of the ACM CACM, Volume 11 Issue 5, May 1968, Pages 341-346
- Links: [DOI](#), [PDF](#), [Text](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

**Edsger W. Dijkstra:** *Hierarchical ordering of sequential Processes*, 1971

- Author: Edsger W. Dijkstra
- Reasons to read: a more formal discussion on layers
- Published: Acta Informatica, June 1971, Volume 1, Issue 2, pp 115–138
- Links: [DOI](#), [PDF](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

**Charles W. Bachman et al.:** *Toward a more complete Reference Model of Computer-based Information Systems*, 1982

- Authors: Charles W. Bachman, Ronald G. Ross
- Reasons to read: original contribution of what became then the OSI Reference Model / 7 Layer Model
- Published: Computers and Standards, Volume 1, Issue 1, January 1982, Pages 35-48
- Links: [DOI](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

---

**Charles W. Bachman** et al.: *Toward a more Complete Reference Model of Computer-based Information Systems*, 1982

- Authors: Charles W. Bachman, Ronald G. Ross
- Reasons to read: original contribution of what became then the OSI Reference Model / 7 Layer Model
- Published: Computer Networks, Volume 6, Issue 5, November 1982, Pages 331-343
- Links: [DOI](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

## Separating Mechanism and Policy (1970)

**P. Brinch Hansen**: *The nucleus of a multiprogramming system*, 1970

- Author: P. Brinch Hansen
- Reasons to read: first principle of separation of strategy from process
- Published: Communications of the ACM CACM, Volume 13 Issue 4, April 1970, Pages 238-241
- Links: [DOI](#), [PDF](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

**W. Wulf** et al.: *HYDRA: the Kernel of a Multiprocessor Operating System*, 1974

- Authors: W. Wulf, E. Cohen, W. Corwin, A. Jones, R. Levin, C. Pierson, F. Pollack
- Reasons to read: first principle of separation of mechanism and policy, policy is artifact of *control* for mechanisms, separates kernel level decision making from user level decision declaration
- Published: Communications of the ACM CACM, Volume 17 Issue 6, June 1974
- Links: [DOI](#), [PDF](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

**R. Levin** et al.: *Policy/Mechanism Separation in Hydra*, 1975

- Authors: R. Levin, E. Cohen, W. Corwin, F. Pollack, W. Wulf
- Reasons to read: first principle of separation of mechanism and policy, policy is artifact of *control* for mechanisms, separates kernel level decision making from user level decision declaration
- Published: SOSP '75 Proceedings of the fifth ACM Symposium on Operating Systems Principles, pages 132-140
- Also: ACM SIGOPS Operating Systems Review 9(5):132-140 · November 1975
- Links: [DOI](#), [ResearchGate](#), [PDF](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

# Networking is IPC (1972)

**Robert M. Metcalf:** *Strategies for Operating Systems in Computer Networks*, 1972

- Author: Robert M. Metcalf
- Reasons to read: states that networking is Inter Process Communication (IPC)
- Published: ACM'72. Proceedings of the ACM Annual Conference - Volume 1, Pages 278-281
- See also slide/page 8 [here](#) (for computer networks)
- Links: [DOI](#), [PDF: online](#)    skb: [yaml src](#), [BiBTeX](#), [Biblatex](#)

# Theory of Reliable Transport (1976)

**Richard W. Watson:** *An Architecture for Support of Network Operating System Services*, 1976

- Author: Richard W. Watson
- Reasons to read: tbd
- Published: Computer Networks (1976), Volume 4, Issue 1, February 1980, Pages 33-49
- Links: [DOI](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

**John G. Fletcher et al.:** *Mechanisms for a reliable timer-based Protocol*, 1978

- Authors: John G. Fletcher, Richard W. Watson
- Reasons to read: original work on timer mechanisms for Delta-T (3 timers required without synchronizd clocks)
- Published: Volume 2, Issues 4–5, September–October 1978, Pages 271-290
  - Note: date in the DOI seems to be wrong in title
- Links: [DOI](#), [PDF](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

**Richard W. Watson et al.:** *An Architecture for Support of Network Operating System Services*, 1979

- Authors: Richard W. Watson, John G. Fletcher
- Published: Conference: 4. Berkeley workshop on distributed data management and computer networks, Berkeley, CA, USA, 28 Aug 1979
- Links: [OSTI](#), [Online](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

---

**Richard W. Watson:** *Timer-based Mechanisms in reliable Transport Protocol Connection Management: a Comparison of the TCP and Delta-t Protocol Approaches*, 1980

- Author: Richard W. Watson
- Reasons to read: only 3 timers are needed, in the protocol, no local clocks and no clock synchronization required
- Published: Conference: Trends and applications symposium, Gaithersburg, MD, USA, 29 May 1980
- Links: [OSTI](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

---

**Richard W. Watson:** *Timer-based Mechanisms in reliable Transport Protocol Connection Management*, 1981

- Author: Richard W. Watson
- Reasons to read: only 3 timers are needed, in the protocol, no local clocks and no clock synchronization required
- Original break-through happened in 1978, first paper "Mechanisms for a reliable timer-based protocol"
- Also published as IEN193
- Published: Computer Networks (1976), Volume 5, Issue 1, February 1981, Pages 47-56
- Links: [DOI](#), [PDF](#): [IEN193](#)    skb: [yaml src](#), [Biblatex](#)

---

**Richard W. Watson:** *Delta-T Protocol Specification*, 1981

- Author: Richard W. Watson
- Reasons to read: only 3 timers are needed, in the protocol, no local clocks and no clock synchronization required
- Published: Lawrence Livermore National Lab., CA (USA), UCID-19293
- Links: [OSTI](#), [PDF](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

---

**Richard W. Watson:** *Delta-t Transport Protocol: Features and Experience*, 1989

- Author: Richard W. Watson
- Reasons to read: Delta-T experience report
- Published: 1989 Proceedings. 14th Conference on Local Computer Networks (LCN)
- Links: [DOI](#), [OSTI](#), [PDF](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

## Naming and Addressing (1978)

**John Shoch:** *Inter-Network Naming, Addressing, and Routing*, 1978

- Author: John Shoch
- Reasons to read: names, addresses, routing
- Published: Compcon Fall 78 (17th : 1978 : Washington, D.C.), September 5-8, Washington DC, pp. 72-79
- Also published as IETF IEN 19
- Also published in: Also in Thurber, K. (ed.), Tutorial: Distributed Processor Communication Architecture, IEEE Publ. #EHO 152-9, 1979, pp. 280-287
- Links: [IEN19: txt](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

**Jerome H. Saltzer:** *Naming and Binding of Objects*, 1978

- Author: Jerome H. Saltzer
- Reasons to read: defines name, defines name binding
- Published: chapter 3 In: Bayer R., Graham R.M., Seegmüller G. (eds) Operating Systems. Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol 60. Springer, Berlin, Heidelberg
- Preprint from 1977, so some reference date it to 1977
- See also slide/page 8 [here](#) (for computer networks)
- Links: [DOI](#), [PDF \(scanned\)](#), [online](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

**Jerome H. Saltzer:** *On the Naming and Binding of Network Destinations*, 1982

- Author: Jerome H. Saltzer
- Reasons to read: further thoughts in name and name binding
- Published: FIP TC 6 International In-Depth Symposium on Local Networks, LCN, P. Ravasio (Eds.), pp 311-317, 1982
- Also published as IETF RFC 1498 (1983)
- Preprint from 1977, so some reference date it to 1977
- Links: [runoff manuscript](#), [PDF: slides](#), [LNN draft](#), [DOI: RFC1498](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

## History

It is usually not easy to understand scientific breakthroughs without their historic context. This context is also important to understand not only when, but also how (and often why) ideas developed in a certain way.

## General ICT History

**James L. Pelkey:** *Entrepreneurial Capitalism and Innovation: A History of Computer Communications, 1968-1988*, 2007

- Author: James L. Pelkey
- Reasons to read: many links to historic background, including people and important topics
- Publisher: online hypertext book, printed version expected in 2019
- Links: [Online](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

## Communication Networks, Internet

**Alex McKenzie:** *Collection of Computer Networking Development Records*, 1972

- Author: Alex McKenzie
- written between 1972-1979
- see Charles Babbage Institute (CBI) collections
- Links: [CBI \(with identifier 123\)](#), [McKenzie Collection](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

**Richard Bennett:** *Designed for Change: End-to-End Arguments, Internet Innovation, and the Net Neutrality Debate*, 2009

- Author: Richard Bennett
- Reasons to read: technical history of the Internet (including CYCLADES), reference for 1986 Internet crash, discussions on current Internet affairs (including RINA)
- Publisher: Information Technology & Innovation Foundation, ITIF, Washington DC
- Links: [ITIF](#), [PDF: talk](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

**Alex McKenzie:** *INWG and the Conception of the Internet: An Eyewitness Account*, 2011

- Author: Alex McKenzie
- Reasons to read: INWG history
- Publisher: IEEE Annals of the History of Computing (Volume: 33, Issue: 1, Jan. 2011)
- Links: [DOI](#), [Online](#), [PDF](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

**Andrew L. Russell:** *OSI: The Internet That Wasn't*, 2013

- Author: Andrew L. Russell
- Reasons to read: OSI standardization history
- Publisher: IEEE Spectrum (Volume: 50, Issue: 8, August 2013)
- Links: [DOI](#), [Online](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

---

**Andrew L. Russell:** *Open Standards and the Digital Age - History, Ideology, and Networks*, 2014

- Author: Andrew L. Russell
- Reasons to read: history of networks and network standards
- Publisher: Cambridge University Press
- Links: [Goodread](#), [Google Books](#)    skb: [yaml src](#), [BiBTeX](#), [Biblatex](#)

---

**Andrew L. Russell et al.:** *In the Shadow of the ARPANET and Internet: Louis Pouzin and the Cyclades Network in the 1970s*, 2014

- Authors: Andrew L. Russell, Valérie Schafer
- Reasons to read: Pouzin and CYCLADES in the historic context of ARPANET and Internet
- Publisher: Technology and Culture, Johns Hopkins University Press, Volume 55, Number 4, October 2014
- Links: [DOI](#), [PDF](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

---

**John Day:** *The Clamor Outside as INWG Debated: Economic War Comes to Networking*, 2016

- Author: John Day
- Reasons to read: INWG history
- Publisher: IEEE Annals of the History of Computing (Volume: 38, Issue: 3, July-Sept. 2016)
- Links: [DOI](#), [PDF](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

## Packet-switched Networks and CATENET

CATENET - concatenated networks, probably from Latin *catena* (chain) - the first description of a packet-switched network architecture with an actual deployed network (CYCLADES). Documents are listed in historic order.

- Links: CATENET transition [Free/Libre Catenet](#) | also see [catenet.org](#)

---

**Paul Baran:** *On Distributed Communications: I. Introduction to a Distributed Communications Network*, 1964

- Author: Paul Baran
  - Reasons to read: radical new approach to telecommunications, basis for packet-switched networks, including hot-potato routing of data blocks, parallel work to (Daies 72)
  - Published: Rand Corporation, Memorandum RM-3420-PR, August 1964
  - Links: [PDF](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)
-



---

**Donald Davies:** *The Control of Congestion in Packet-Switching Networks*, 1972

- Author: Donald Davies
- Reasons to read: parallel work to (Baran 64), packet-switched networks
- Published: IEEE Transactions on Communications (Volume: 20, Issue: 3, Jun 1972)
- Links: [DOI](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

**Louis Pouzin:** *Interconnection of Packet Switched Networks*, 1973

- Author: Louis Pouzin
- Reasons to read: first description of a CATENET, including gateway, as packet-switched network
- Published: October 1973, INWG #42, also as SCH 513.1
- Links: [IUWG page](#), [PDF](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

**Louis Pouzin:** *A proposal for Interconnecting of Packet Switching Networks*, 1974

- Author: Louis Pouzin
- Reasons to read: next description of a CATENET, including gateway, as packet-switched network
- Published: March 1973, INWG #60, also as SCH 527
- Also published in: EuroCOMP 1974, The Auerbach Annual 1975
- Links: [PDF: IIASA 1975 Discussion](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

**Vint Cerf:** *The CATENET Model for Internetworking*, 1978

- Author: Vint Cerf
- Reasons to read: IETF/IEN version of CATENET
- Published: IETF IEN (Internet Experiment Note Index) #48, July 1978
- IETF RFC 2775 states on page 4 "[...] the catenet concept (a network of networks) was first described by Cerf in 1978 [IEN 48] following an earlier suggestion by Pouzin in 1974 [CATENET] [...]"
  - see [RFC 2775](#),
- Links: [TXT](#), [PDF](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

## Virtual Circuit (VC) and Datagram (DG)

Technological and political dimensions of circuit switching and introduction to datagrams

**Louis Pouzin:** *Virtual circuits vs. datagrams: technical and political problems*, 1976

- Author: Louis Pouzin
- Reasons to read: Technological and political dimensions of circuit switching and introduction to datagrams
- Published: AFIPS '76 Proceedings of the National Computer Conference and Exposition, June 7-10, 1976, pages 483-494
- See also slide/page 8 [here](#) (for computer networks)
- Links: [DOI](#), [PDF: computer.org](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

## Literature

**Johan Wolfgang von Goethe:** *Der Zauberlehrling (The Sorcerer's Apprentice)*\_, 1797

- Author: Johan Wolfgang von Goethe
- Reasons to read: metaphor using "Die ich rief, die Geister werd ich nun nicht los." ("The spirits that I called", or "Spirits I have conjured, no longer pay me heed.")
- Published: Friedrich Schiller's *Musen-Almanach*, 1798
- Links: [Wikipedia: English](#), [Wikipedia: Deutsch with text](#), [Fantasia Cartoon](#), [a translation](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

**Washington Irving:** *Rip Van Winkle*, 1819

- Author: Washington Irving
- Reasons to read: metaphor for long sleep and consequences
- Part of "The Sketch Book of Geoffrey Crayon, Gent"
- Publisher: Cornelius S. Van Winkle (book)
- Links: [Wikipedia](#), [Wikisource: full text](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

**Edwin A. Abbott:** *Flatland: A Romance of Many Dimensions*, 1884

- Author: Edwin A. Abbott
- Reasons to read: the world limited by dimensions, also a social critic
- Publisher: Seeley & Co. of London
- Links: [Wikipedia](#), [Goodreads](#), [LaTeX by Ivesvdf](#), [Internet Archive](#), [Gutenberg](#), [a movie](#), [The Film: youtube](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

---

**Theodor Seuss Geisel:** *The Sneetches and Other Stories*, 1953

- Author: Theodor Seuss Geisel
- also known as Dr. Seuss
- Publisher: Redbook (magazines), Random House (book)
- Reasons to read: Ms McCave "too many Daves" as metaphor for too many things with the same name
- Links: [Wikipedia](#), [Goodreads](#), [Wikipedia: Too Many Dave's](#), [Poem](#), [Animation: youtube](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

**Marie Neurath:** *How Machines Work*, 1954

- Author: Marie Neurath
- Reasons to read: the most simple, yet expressive, introduction on machines :)
- Publisher: Max Parrsich, London
- Links: [gallery with 3 pages](#), [all pages](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

Movies (Films)

*Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead*, 1991

- Film by Tom Stoppard, based on the play by Tom Stoppard from 1966
- Reasons to watch:
  - scientific principles only work within a given set of bounds and Newtonian principles, e.g. in [Gravity Tennis Court scene](#) and [Newtonian Physics scene](#)
  - the problem with reductio ad absurdum is knowing when to stop, see also discussion on [WikiQuote](#)
- Links: [Wikipedia](#), [TMDb](#), [IMDB](#), [Full movie](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

*Animal House*, 1978

- Reasons to watch: the metaphor "turning the Faber Marching Band down that dead end alley", see this clip [Youtube](#)
- Links: [Wikipedia](#), [TMDb](#), [IMDB](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

*Monty Python and the Holy Grail*, 1975

- Reasons to watch: deductive reasoning, experimental physics, for instance in this scene [youtube](#)
- Links: [Wikipedia](#), [TMDb](#), [IMDB](#)    skb: [yaml src](#)

# Quotes

**We have Met the Enemy and He is Us!**, Walt Kelly, *Pogo*, 1970

- Links [Wikipedia](#),

**The electric light did not come from the continuous improvement of candles**, Oren\_Harari

- Links: [attributed to Oren Harari](#), [twitter](#)

**You can fix it now on the drafting board with an eraser, or you can fix it later with a sledgehammer**, probably Frank Lloyd Wright

- Links: [Twitter](#), [quote-investigator](#)

**It is the theory that determines the data**, Albert Einstein

- Without theory, you don't know what questions to ask, and you don't know what data is relevant or how to measure it.

**A Problem well-stated is a Problem half-solved**, Charles Kettering

- Links: [Quotes.net](#)

**Something is rotten in Denmark**, William Shakespeare (Hamlett)

- Links [shakespeare-online](#)