

Hub

A device with multiple ports, that accepts ethernet connection.

- *Purpose:* connect devices into a network.
- Knows only when the device is connected to one of its ports.
- It doesn't filter any data. When data packet arrives to one of the ports, it is copied to all other ports.
- No security, unnecessary traffic.

Switch

A device with multiple ports, that accepts ethernet connection. **Knows physical (MAC) addresses of devices connected to it.**

- Data is directed only to intended port.

Router

Routes data from one network to another based on their IP addresses.