

Ring topology

(e.g. Toke ring)





Bridge: same network type. Router:

- Different network type.
- Special-purposes computer.
- Two or more networks.
- PSE: packet-switch exchange. Gateways
 - General-purpose computers.
 - Connecting two networks.
 - Host.

Wide Area Networks (WAN) Host PSE PSE

The links may be:

- Leased telephone lines
- Optical fibers
- Coaxial cable
- Satellite links
- Microwave links

Purpose: Share links and resources.



Each communication link is "broken" into smaller pieces and each piece is assigned exclusively to a session.

- Blocking may occur
- inefficiency due to idleness of communication links

(particularly with bursty sources)



Store-and-forward switching

Message switching



- Sessions share the communication resources (links and buffers) dynamically.
- Variable delay in crossing a link
- Messages may be lost due to buffer overflow

Packet switching

A message is split into packets.









HERE IS A TENDENCY TOWARDS INTEGRATING		
DIFFERENT TYPES OF TRAFFIC ON THE SAME		
NETWORK.		
Interactive traffic	· messages are short	
	message arrival rate is small	
	fast response needed.	
	high reliability required.	
File transfer	messages are long	
	traffic is bursty	
	high reliability required.	
	large delays can be tolerated.	
Packetized voice : packets are short.		
	traffic is smooth.	
	small delay required.	
	reliability not important.	
Graphics & video: messages are long.		
•	delay may or may not be important.	
	variability of the delay must be	
	small (for video).	
	traffic may be smooth or bursty.	
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Layered Network Architecture

ISO (international standards organization) proposed the OSI standard (open systems interconnection)

Network is organized as a modular, hierarchical and distributed system.

Modular: should consist of simpler components with agreed upon interfaces

e.g:



Advantages: interchangeability, standardization



AP = Application Process

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Peer processes communicate through a lower-layer black box communication system.

Hierarchical:

- Service (that the layer provides above)
- Functions (implementation of service)
- Interfaces (common language for provision of service)



Distributed: The various layers are in fact distributed





	Layer	Internet protocols
	Application	Ftp, telnet, etc.
	Session	_
	Transport	TCP,UDP
	Internetwork	IP
TCP/IP layers		
	N	lessage
La App	lyers olication	\$
		Messages (UDP) or Streams(TCP)
Tra	nsport	¢
_		UDP or TCP packets
Inte	ernet	¢
		• IP datagrams
Net	work interface	•
		Network-specific frames
Unc	derlying network	
UDP = User Datagrams protocol . TCP = Transport Control Protocol. IP = Internet Protocol. 16		