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Chapter 1 Introduction

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1–1 DATA COMMUNICATIONS

The term telecommunication means communication at a distance. The word data refers to information presented in whatever form is agreed upon by the parties creating and using the data. Data communications are the exchange of data between two devices via some form of transmission medium such as a wire cable.

Topics discussed in this section:

Components of a data communications systemData Flow

Figure 1.1 Components of a data communication system



Figure 1.2 Data flow (simplex, half-duplex, and full-duplex)



a. Simplex





Figure 1.3 Types of connections: point-to-point and multipoint



a. Point-to-point



b. Multipoint

Figure 1.4 *Categories of topology*



Categories of Networks

- Local Area Networks (LANs)
 - Short distances
 - Designed to provide local interconnectivity
- Wide Area Networks (WANs)
 - Long distances
 - Provide connectivity over large areas
- Metropolitan Area Networks (MANs)
 - Provide connectivity over areas such as a city, a campus

Figure 1.10 An isolated LAN connecting 12 computers to a hub in a closet



Figure 1.11 WANs: a switched WAN and a point-to-point WAN



a. Switched WAN



Figure 1.12 A heterogeneous network made of four WANs and two LANs



Elements of a Protocol

- Syntax
 - Structure or format of the data
 - Indicates how to read the bits field delineation
- Semantics
 - Interprets the meaning of the bits
 - Knows which fields define what action
- Timing
 - When data should be sent and what
 - Speed at which data should be sent or speed at which it is being received.



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Chapter 2 Network Models

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Figure 2.1 Tasks involved in sending a letter



the source to the destination.

2-2 THE OSI MODEL

Established in 1947, the International Standards Organization (ISO) is a multinational body dedicated to worldwide agreement on international standards. An ISO standard that covers all aspects of network communications is the Open Systems Interconnection (OSI) model. It was first introduced in the late 1970s.

Topics discussed in this section:

Layered Architecture Peer-to-Peer Processes Encapsulation



ISO is the organization. OSI is the model.

Figure 2.2 Seven layers of the OSI model



Figure 2.3 The interaction between layers in the OSI model



Figure 2.4 An exchange using the OSI model



2-3 LAYERS IN THE OSI MODEL

In this section we briefly describe the functions of each layer in the OSI model.

Topics discussed in this section:

Physical Layer Data Link Layer Network Layer Transport Layer Session Layer Presentation Layer Application Layer



The physical layer is responsible for movements of individual bits from one hop (node) to the next.



The data link layer is responsible for moving frames from one hop (node) to the next.



The network layer is responsible for the delivery of individual packets from the source host to the destination host.

Figure 2.9 *Source-to-destination delivery*





The transport layer is responsible for the delivery of a message from one process to another.



The session layer is responsible for dialog control and synchronization.

Figure 2.13 Presentation layer





The presentation layer is responsible for translation, compression, and encryption.

Figure 2.14 Application layer





The application layer is responsible for providing services to the user.



2-4 TCP/IP PROTOCOL SUITE

The layers in the TCP/IP protocol suite do not exactly match those in the OSI model. The original TCP/IP protocol suite was defined as having four layers: host-to-network, internet, transport, and application. However, when TCP/IP is compared to OSI, we can say that the TCP/IP protocol suite is made of five layers: physical, data link, network, transport, and application.

opics discussed in this section:

Physical and Data Link Layers Network Layer Transport Layer Application Layer

Figure 2.16 TCP/IP and OSI model



2-5 ADDRESSING

Four levels of addresses are used in an internet employing the TCP/IP protocols: physical, logical, port, and specific.

Topics discussed in this section:

- Physical Addresses
- Logical Addresses
- **Port Addresses**
- **Specific Addresses**

Figure 2.17 Addresses in TCP/IP

