

# Computer Networks

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### Lecture 1: Introduction to Computer Networks (+ a tiny bit of Chapter 2)

Welcome! Lecture starts at 09:00



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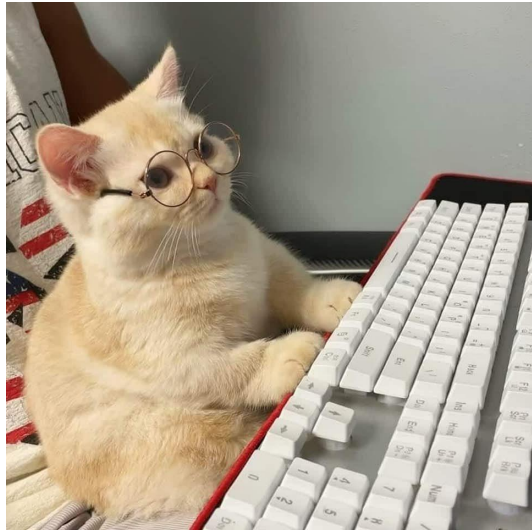
WAN Types	Dynamic IP	NAT Forwarding	Port Forwarding
	Static IP		Port Triggering
	PPPoE		DMZ
	PPTP		UPnP
	L2TP		Virtual Server
			IGMP Proxy

# 1. After this course, you understand router specifications

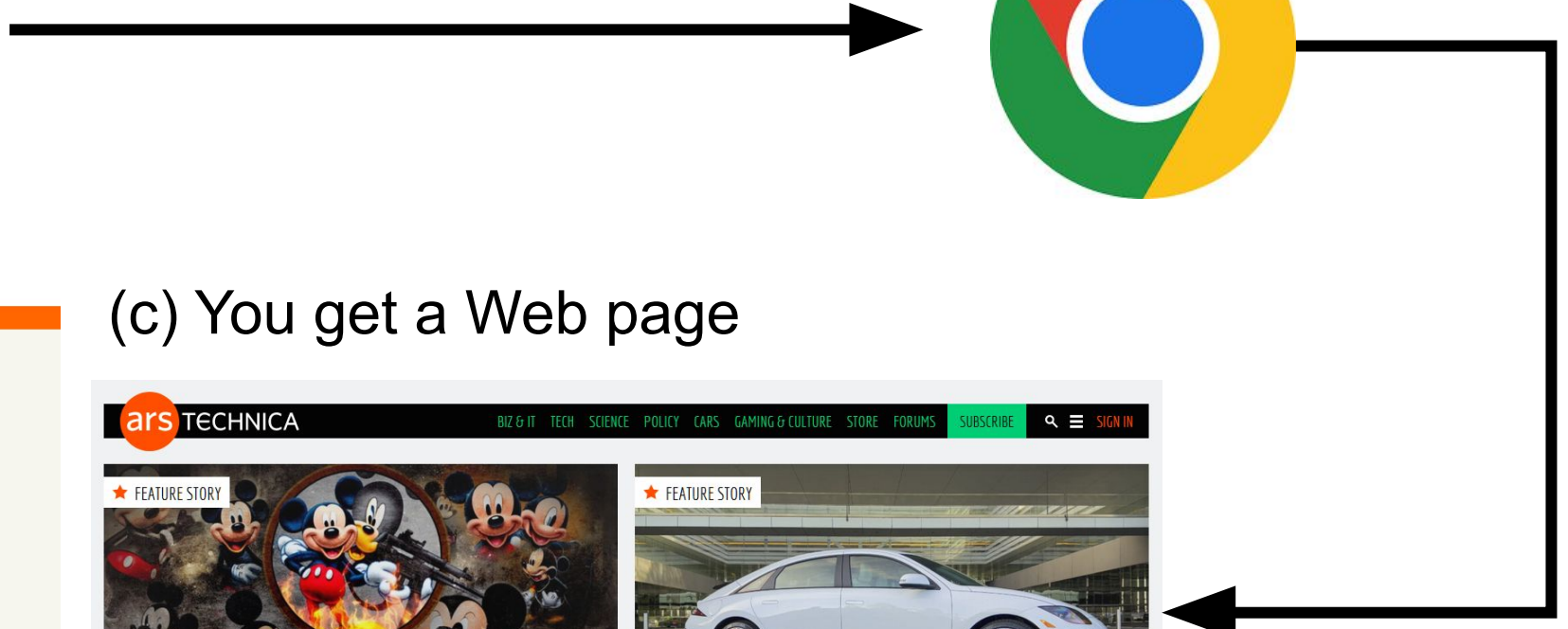
WIRELESS			tag VLAN
Standards	IEEE 802.11ax 6 GHz, IEEE 802.11ax/ac/n/a 5 GHz, IEEE 802.11ax/n/b/g 2.4 GHz	DHCP	Address Reservation DHCP Client List Server
WiFi Speeds	<b>AXE5400</b> 6 GHz: 2402 Mbps (802.11ax) 5 GHz: 2402 Mbps (802.11ax) 2.4 GHz: 574 Mbps (802.11ax)	DDNS	TP-Link NO-IP DynDNS
Working Modes	Router Mode Access Point Mode	WiFi Capacity	OFDMA Simultaneously communicates with multiple Wi-Fi 6 clients  Airtime Fairness Improves network efficiency by limiting excessive occupation



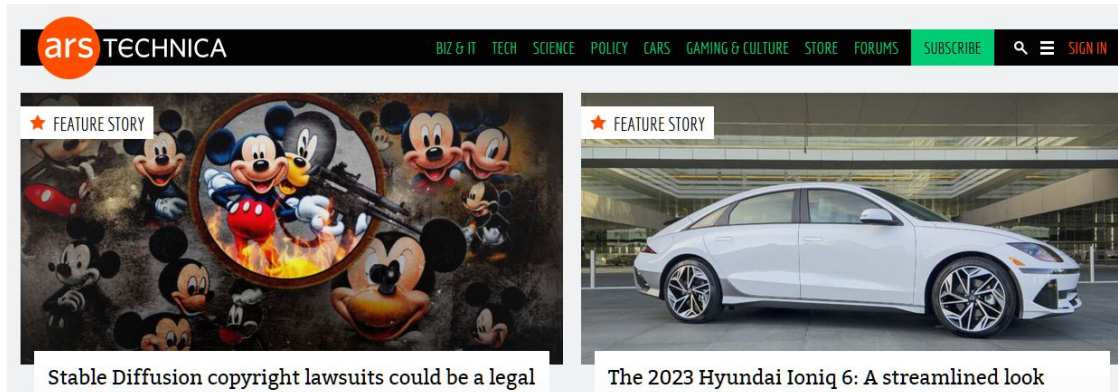
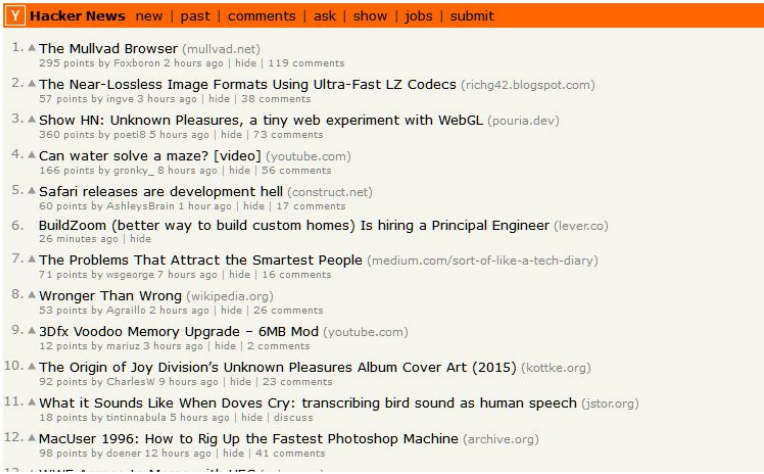
# (a) Type address in browser



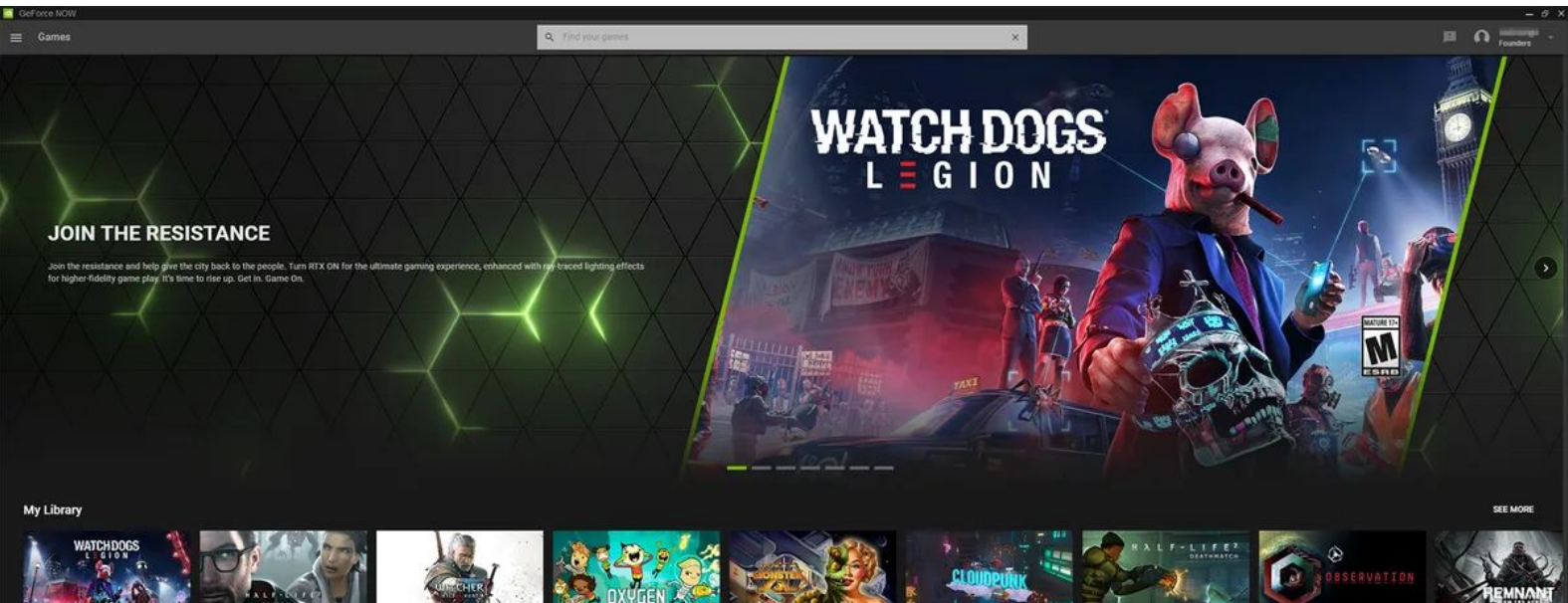
# (b) Browser does magic



# (c) You get a Web page



2. After this course, you understand browser magic

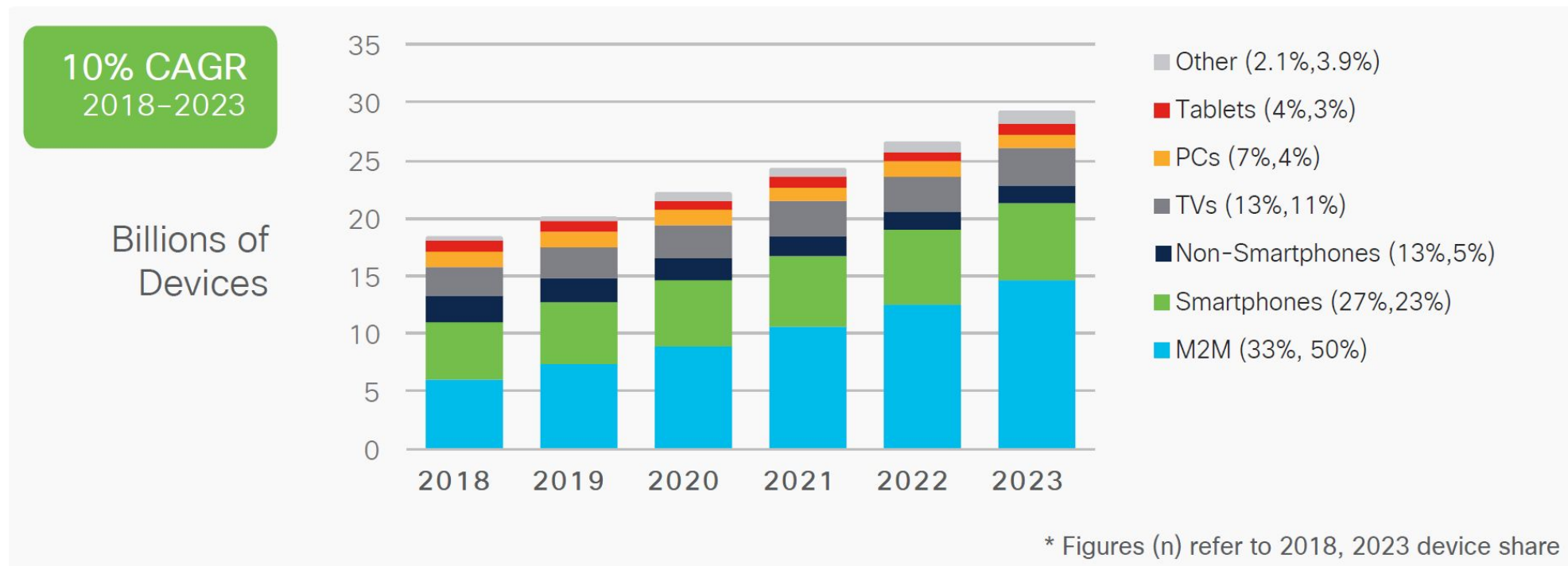


3. After this course, you understand how networks enable new applications

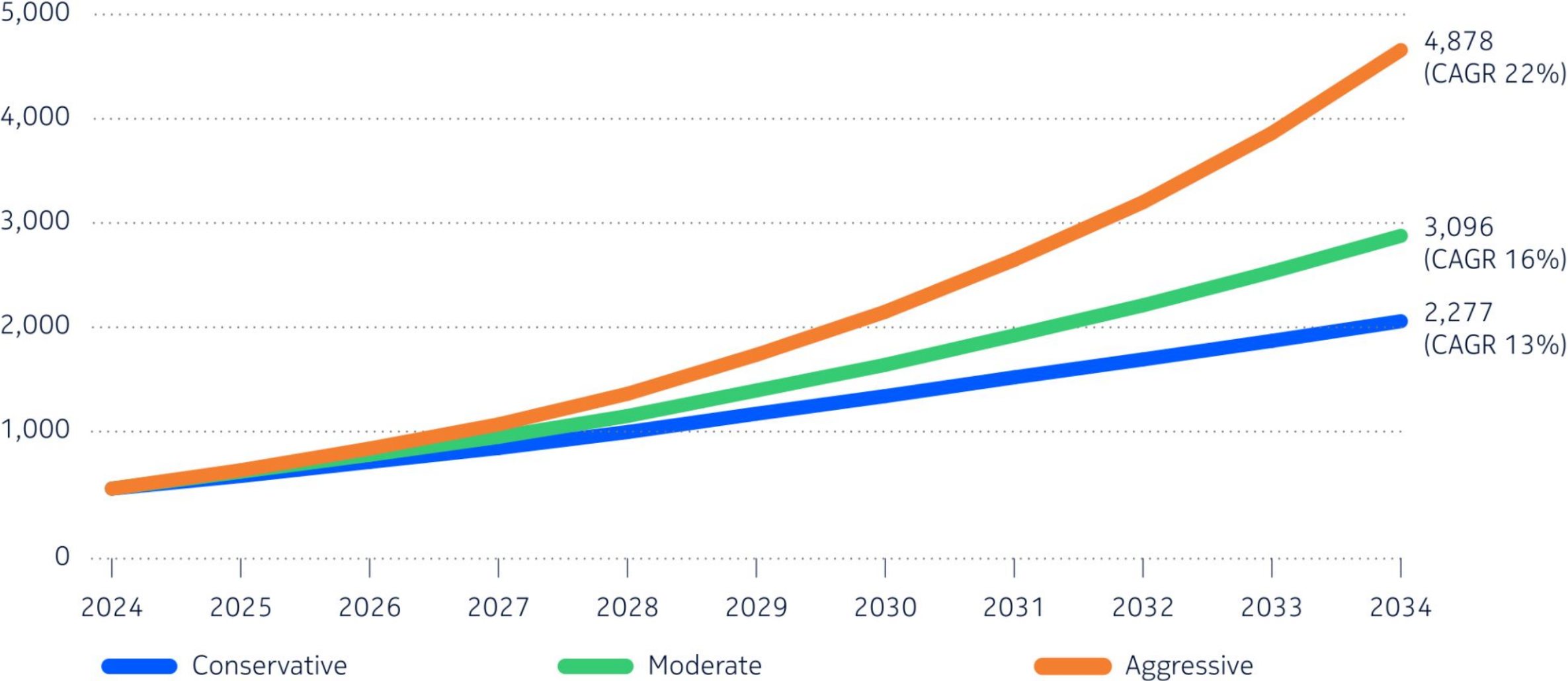
# Number of devices connected to the Internet

Q: How much traffic is generated by these users?

- Likely exceeds 20 billion connected devices
- Yearly increase of 10%



# Global WAN traffic, EB/month





## Google Services Go Down in Some Parts of U.S.

People experienced outages of services like Gmail, YouTube and Google Meet.

## Facebook's outage likely cost the company over \$60 million

Configuration change cascaded down the data centers, bringing systems to a halt.

AX SHARMA - 10/5/2021, 2:33 PM

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## An Amazon server outage caused problems for Alexa, Ring, Disney Plus, and deliveries

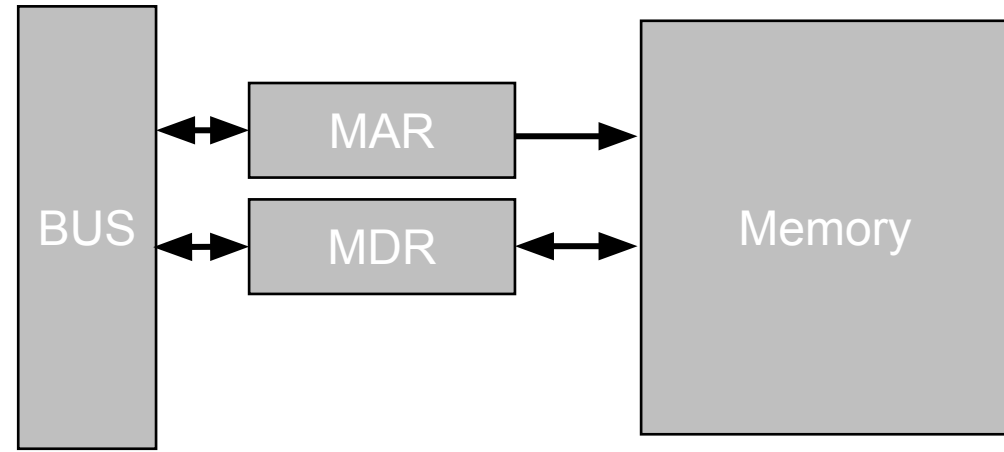
Amazon says "many services have already recovered"

By Richard Lawler | @rjcc | Updated Dec 7, 2021, 7:25pm EST

Created by: eDiscovery Today & LTMG

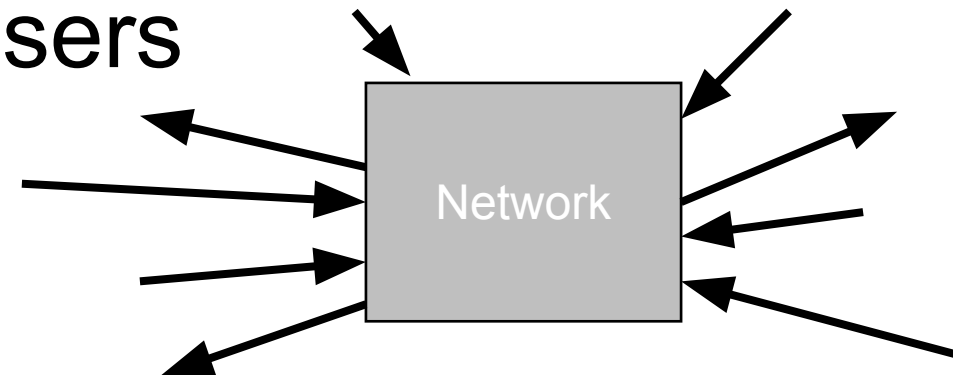
- Further reading on Facebook outage:
- <https://blog.cloudflare.com/october-2021-facebook-outage/>
  - <https://engineering.fb.com/2021/10/05/networking-traffic/outage-details/>

# What makes networks different from connected components in a single machine?



Examples of challenges:

1. Latency is unknown and/or unbounded
2. Data channels are unreliable
3. Sharing resources with multiple users
4. ...



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2. **Computer Networking History**
3. From Waves to Bits
4. Course Structure and Logistics

# The ARPANET

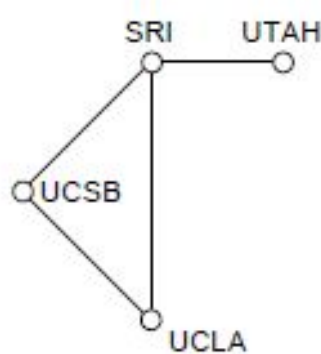
## Growth over time

Growth of the ARPANET.

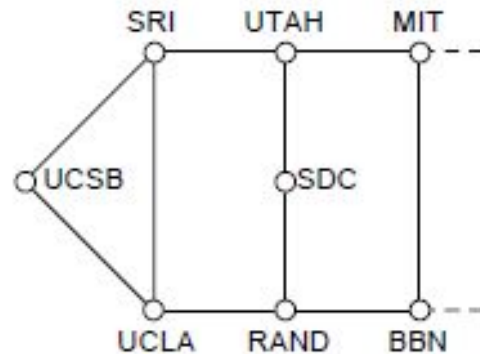
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(b) July 1970.

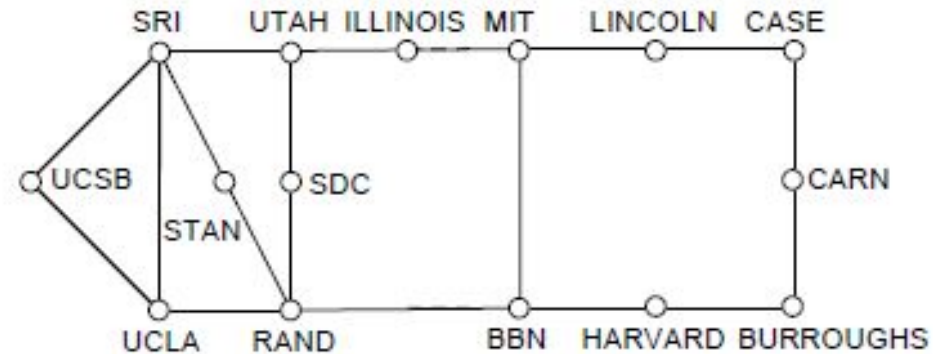
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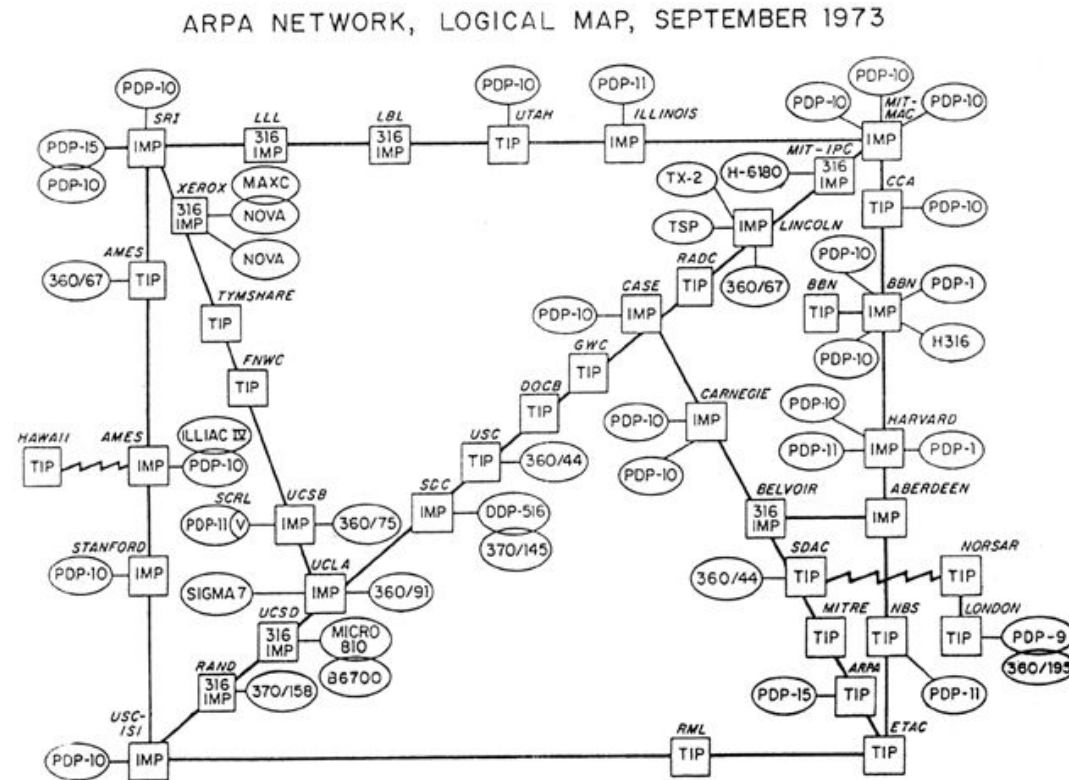


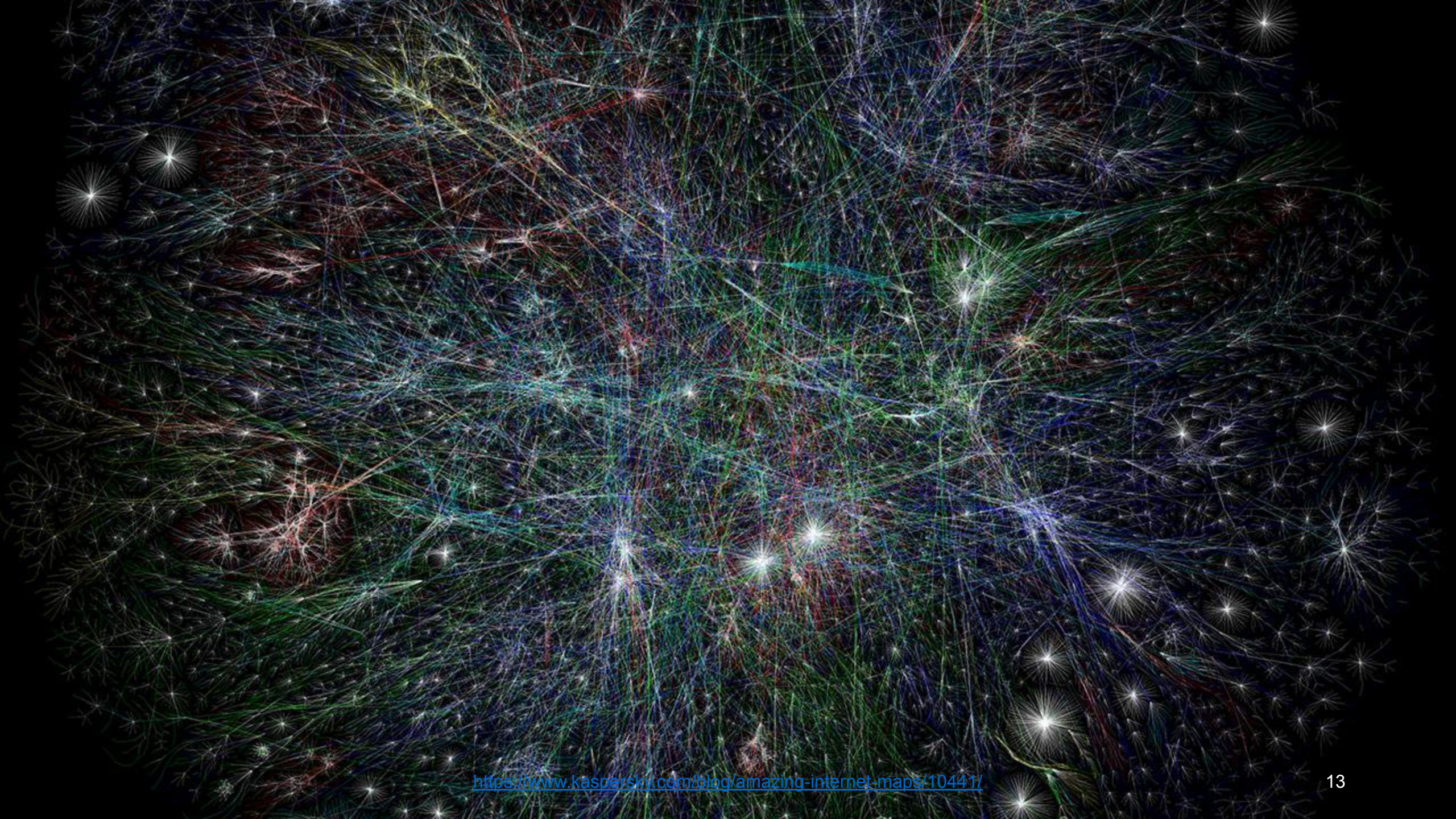
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# The ARPANET Network state in 1973





# How scale affects networks design

## Personal Area Network (PAN)

- Example: Bluetooth

## Local Area Network (LAN)

- Examples: WiFi (802.11)

## Metropolitan Area Network (MAN)

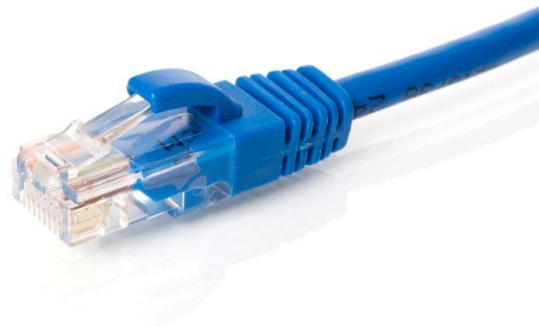
## Wide Area Network (WAN)

## The Internet

Interprocessor distance	Processors located in same	Example
1 m	Square meter	Personal area network
10 m	Room	
100 m	Building	
1 km	Campus	Local area network
10 km	City	
100 km	Country	Metropolitan area network
1000 km	Continent	
10,000 km	Planet	Wide area network
		The Internet

# How the medium affects network design

Different frequencies have different physical properties!

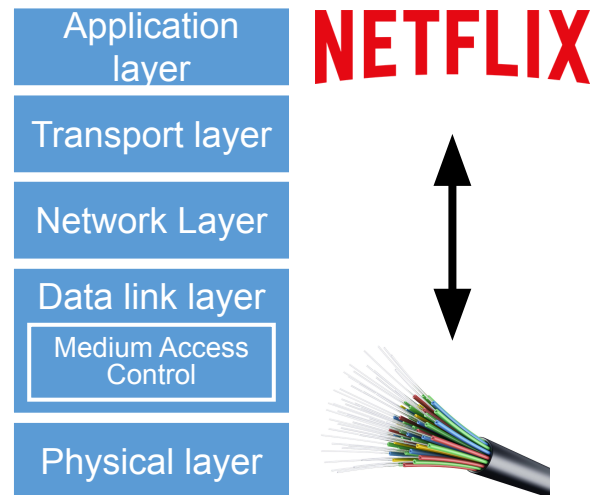


# Layered architecture

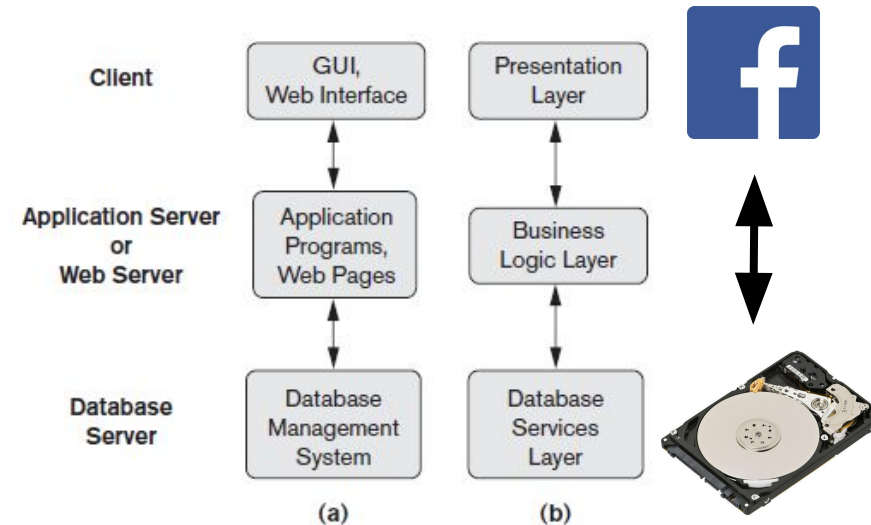
Q: Discuss the concept of a (layered) architecture; Give one advantage and one disadvantage

Can be found in...

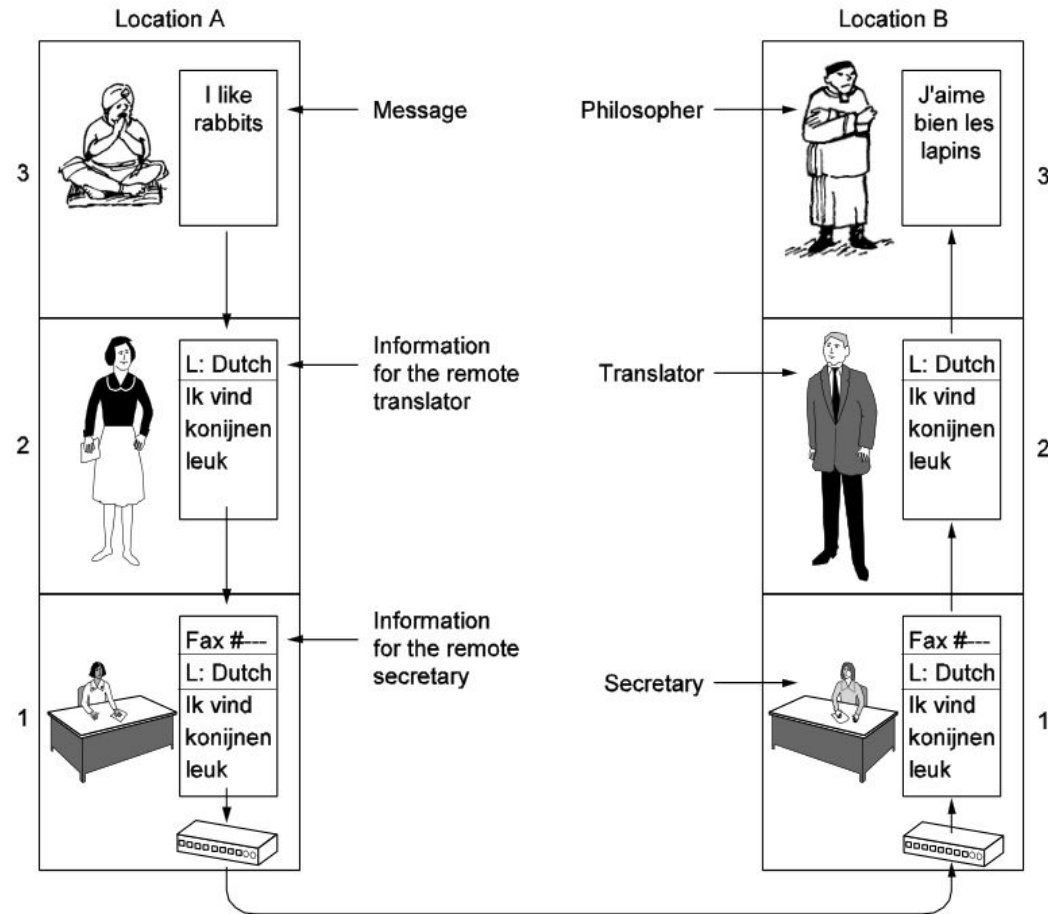
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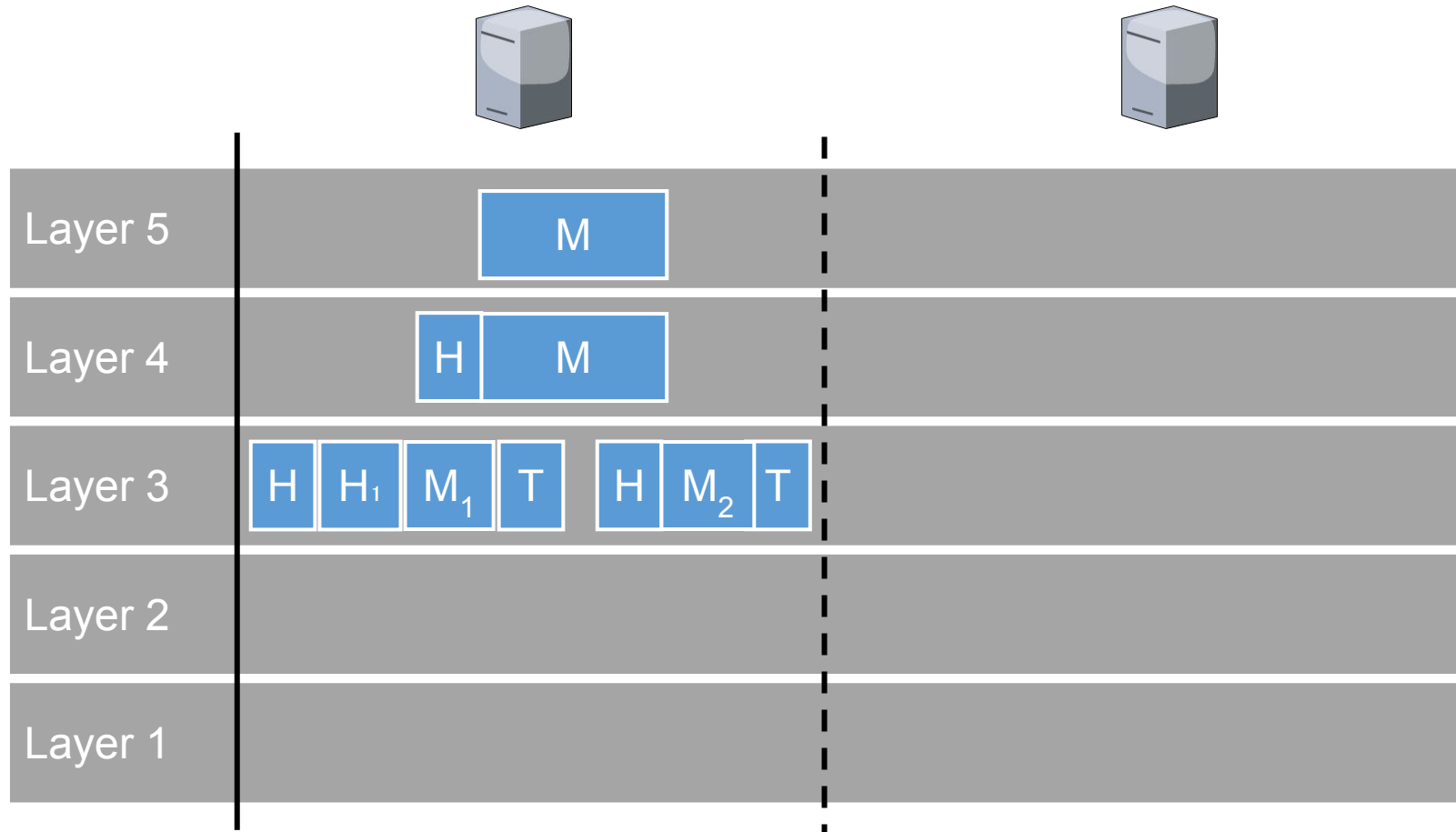
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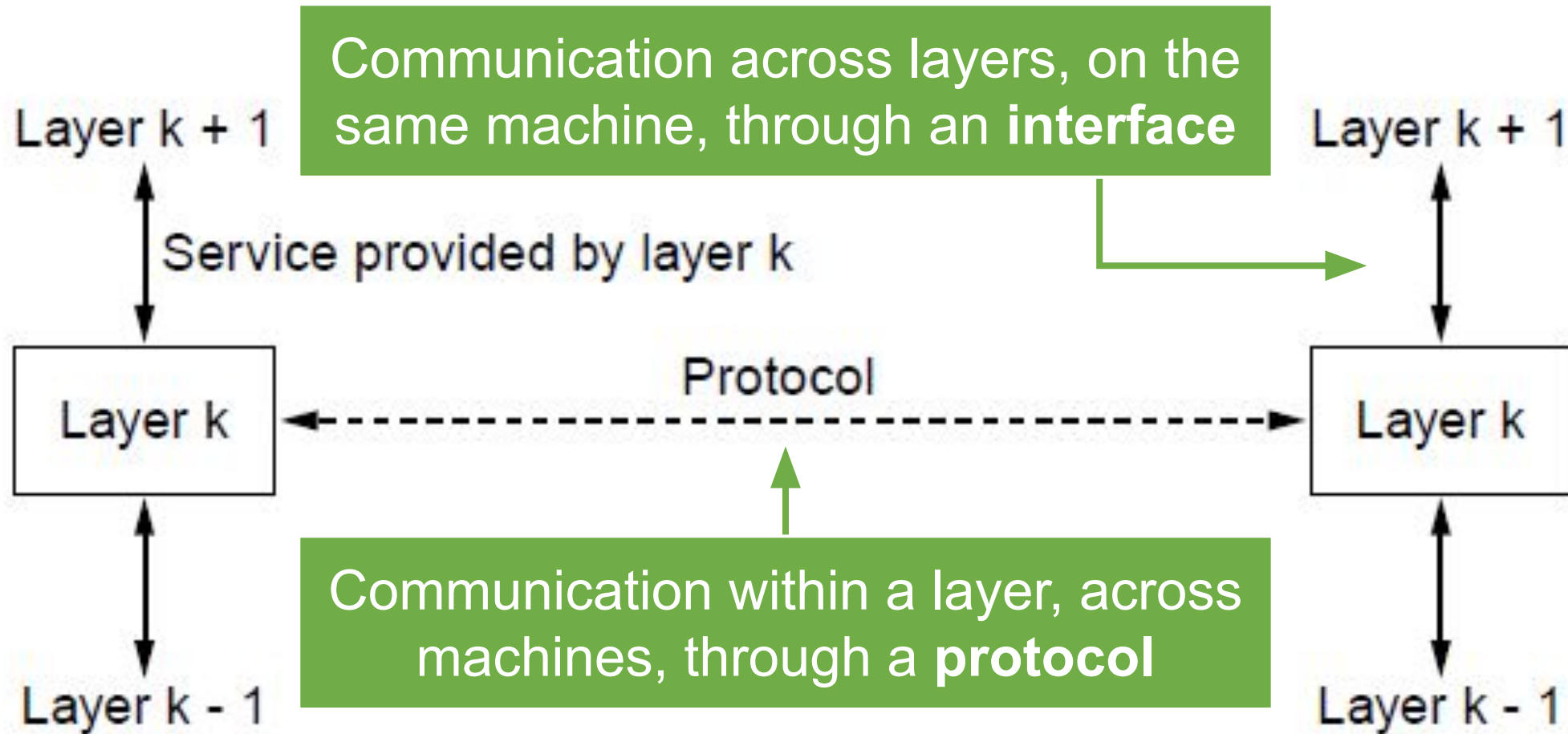
# Layered architecture in computer networks: an analogy



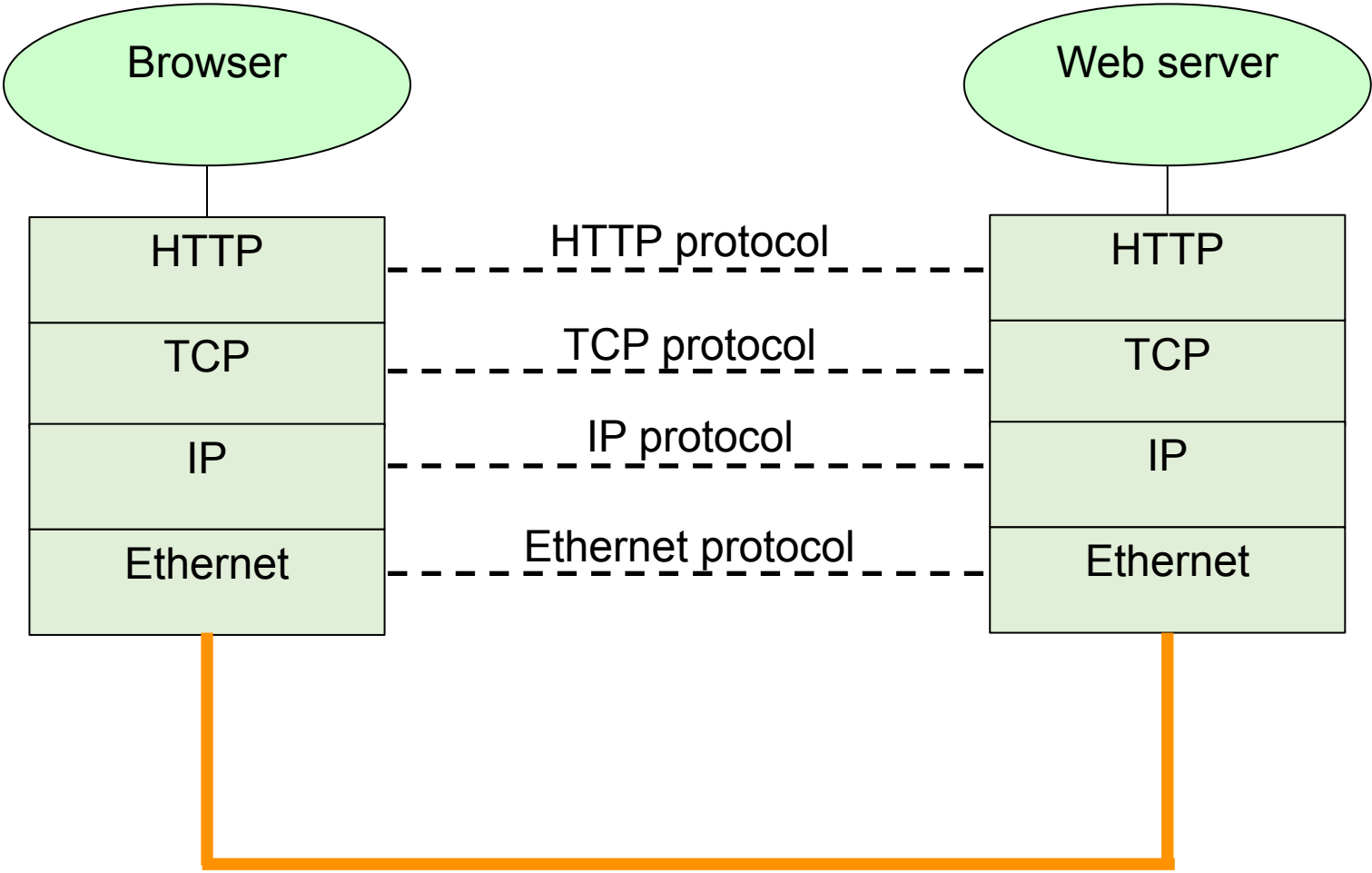
# Layered architecture in computer networks: an overview



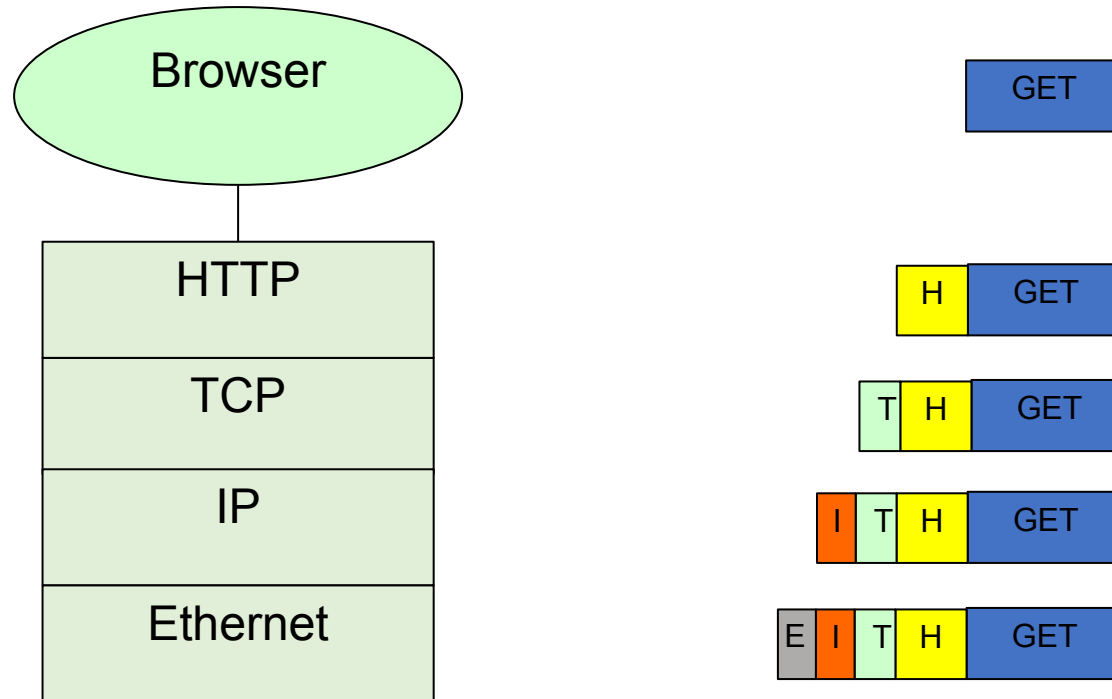
# Illusion of direct communication



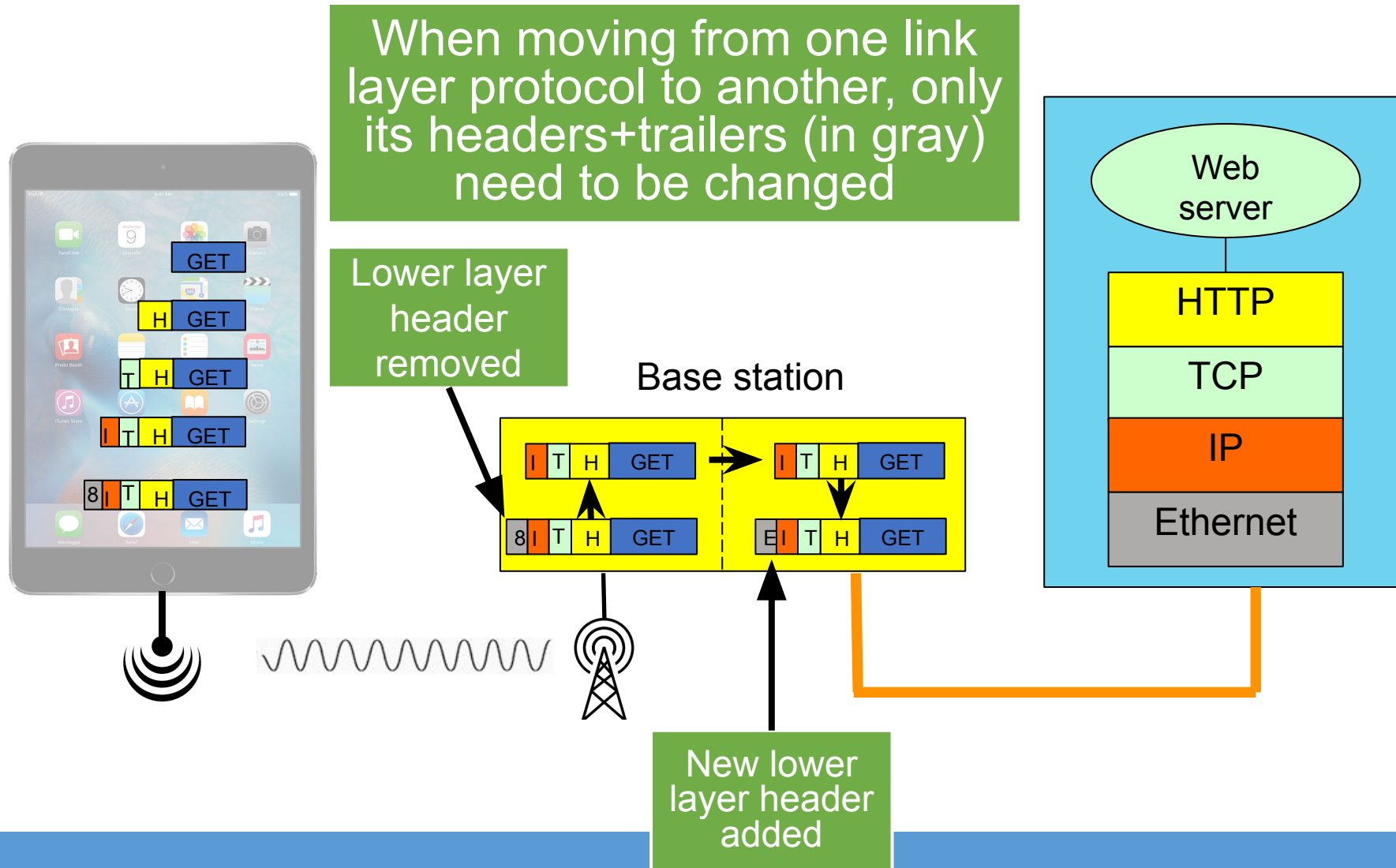
# An example protocol



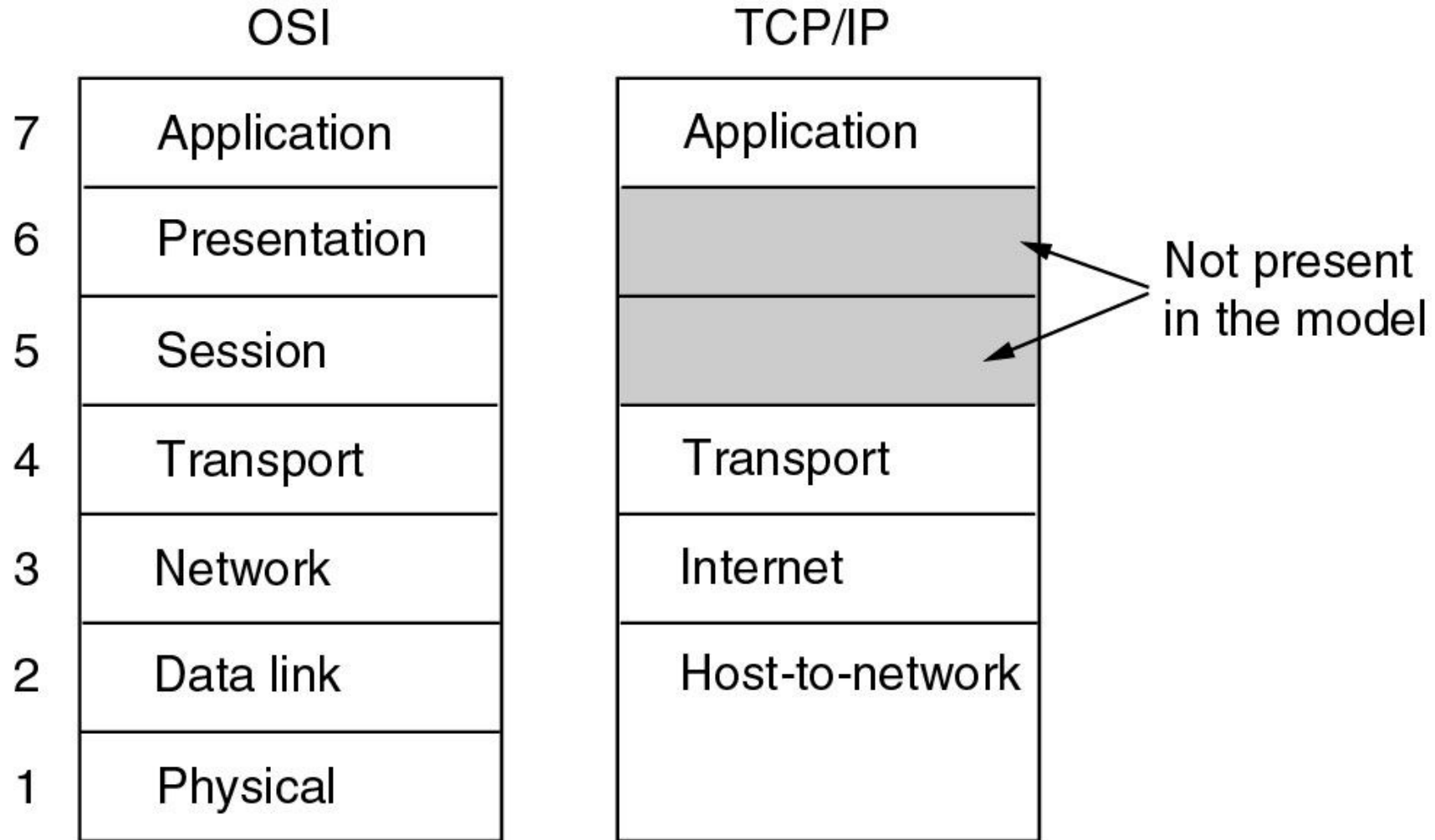
# Encapsulation in a protocol stack



# The power of a layered design



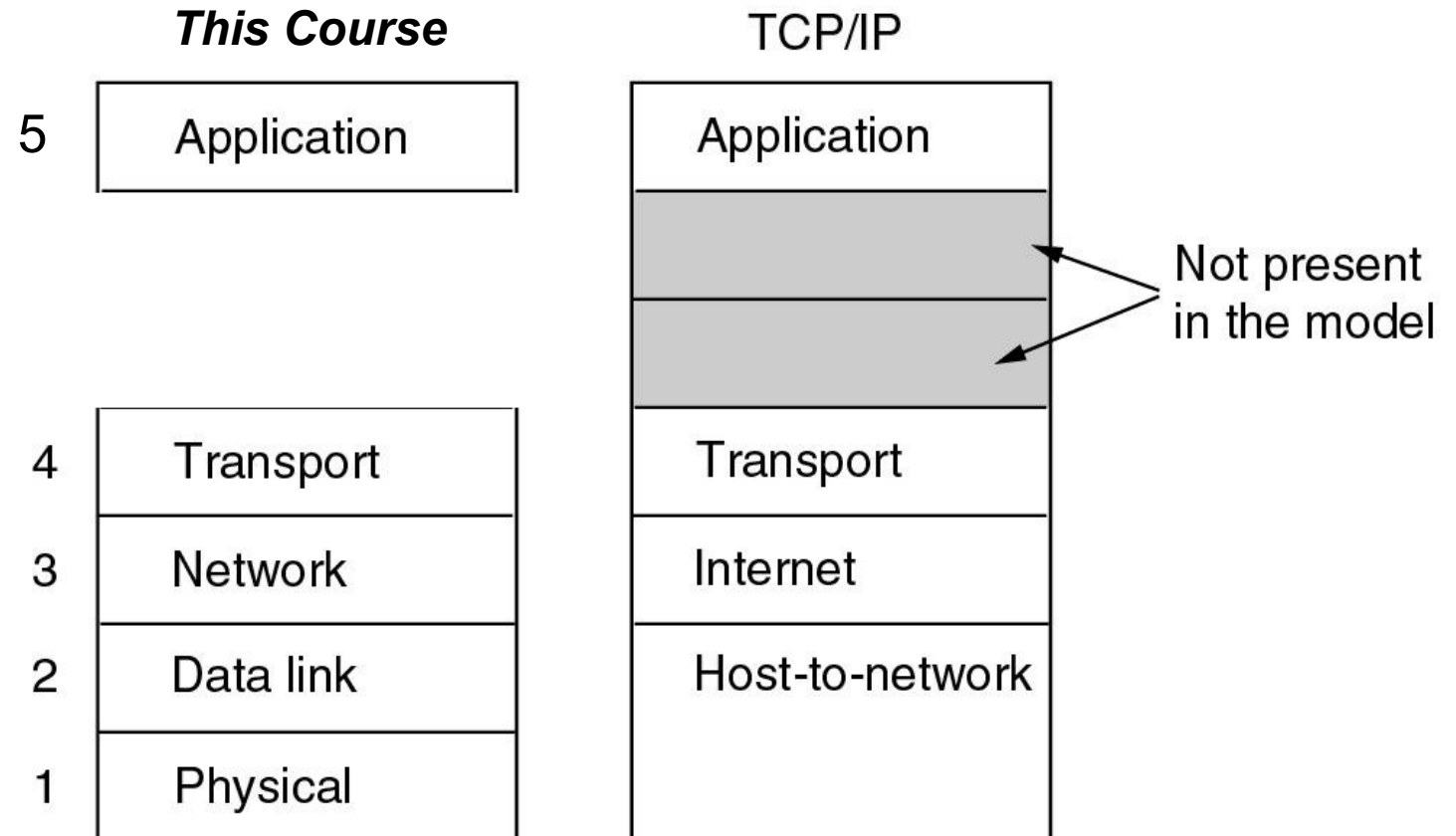
# OSI versus TCP/IP



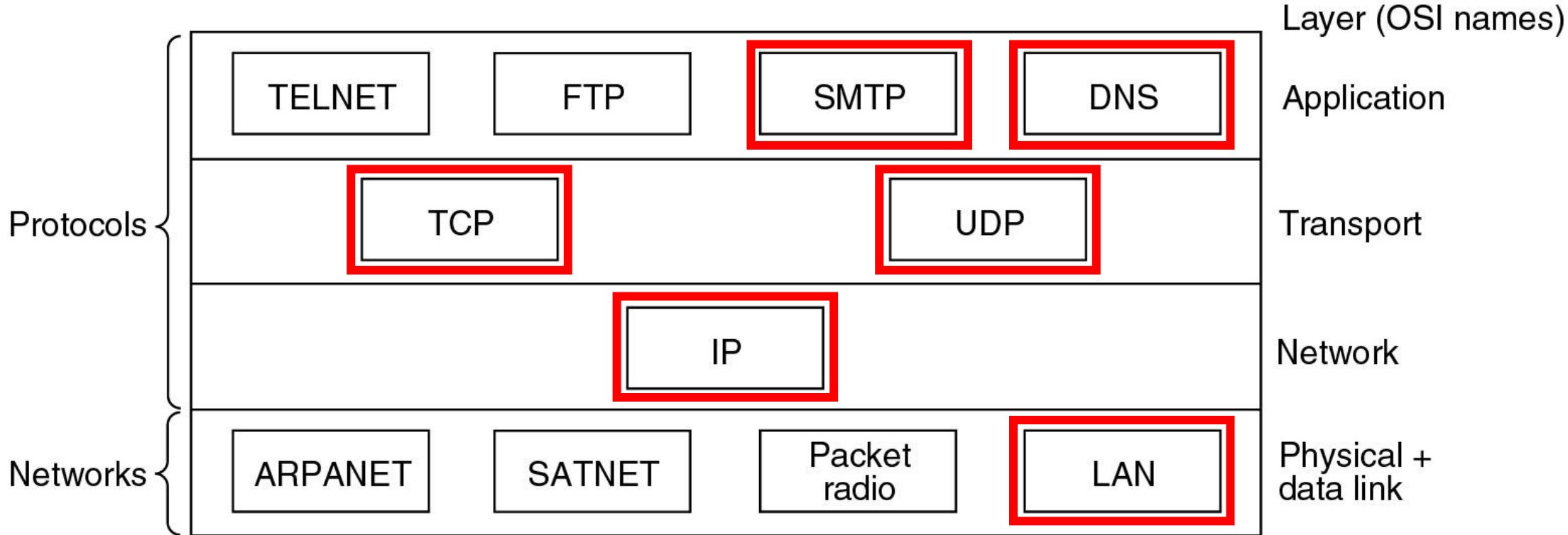
# The model used in this course

The OSI model is well-designed, but, in practice,\* layer 5 and 6 are almost empty

So we skip them!



# Protocols and Networks from the TCP/IP model

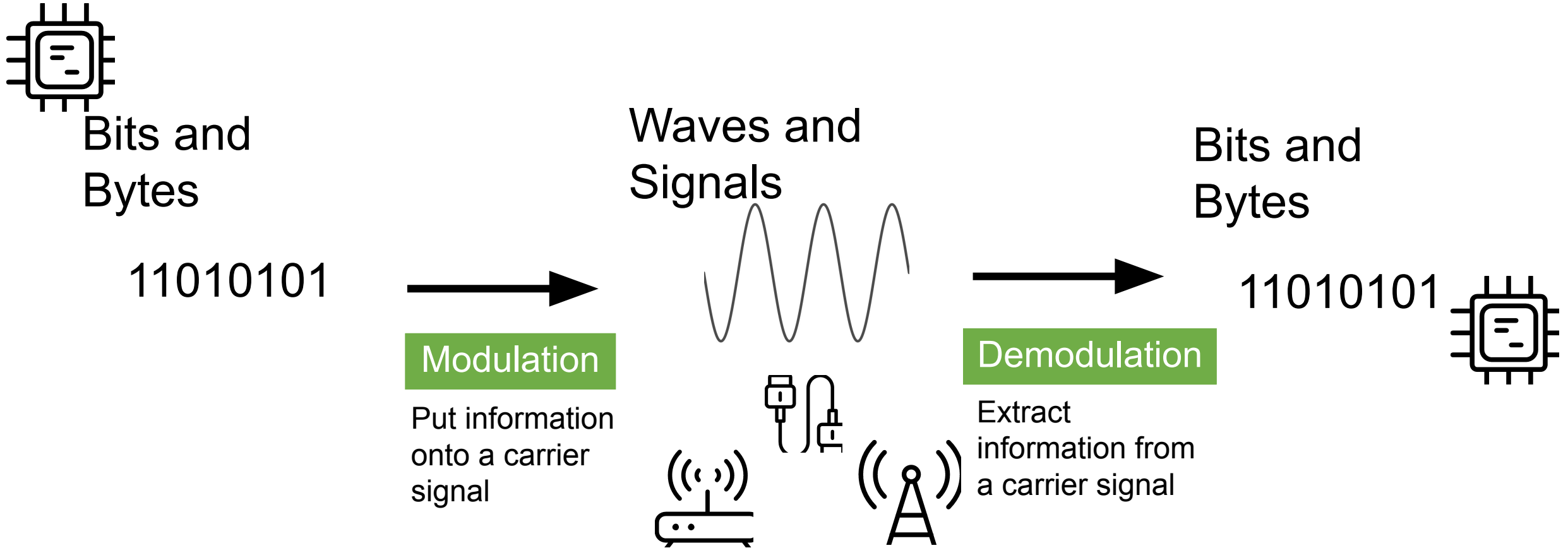


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# Digital Modulation

Q: How to communicate bit strings (e.g., 101011101) between computer systems?

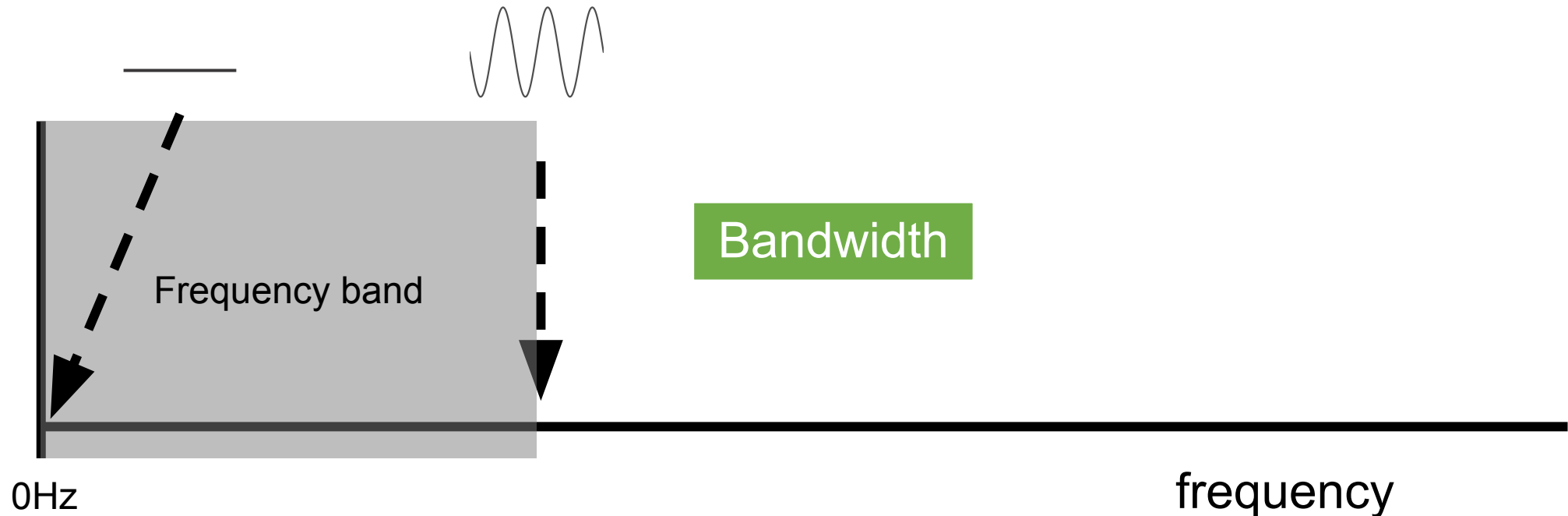


# Bandwidth (analog, in Hz)

This implies: higher frequency  $\rightarrow$  higher bitrate

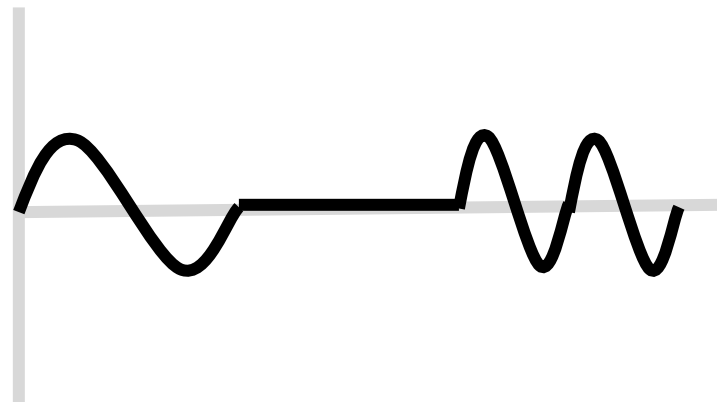
Assumption: frequency starts from 0

Consequence: higher frequency  $\rightarrow$  larger frequency band (i.e., bandwidth)

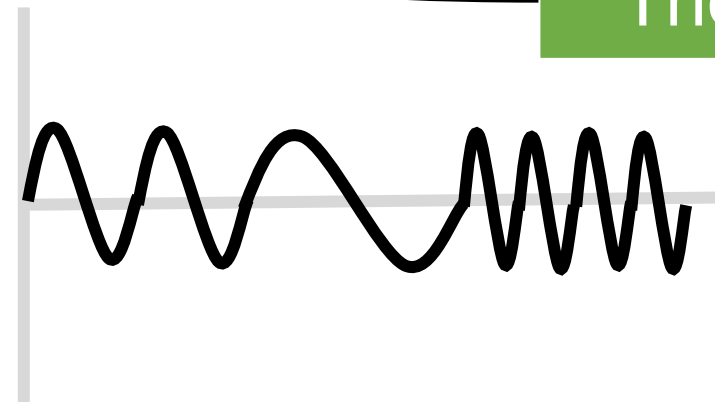


# Passband transmission

Wireless signals cannot start from 0Hz (why not?)  
Solution: move from  $[0, B]$  Hz to  $[S, S+B]$  Hz.



Frequency can be 0 Hz

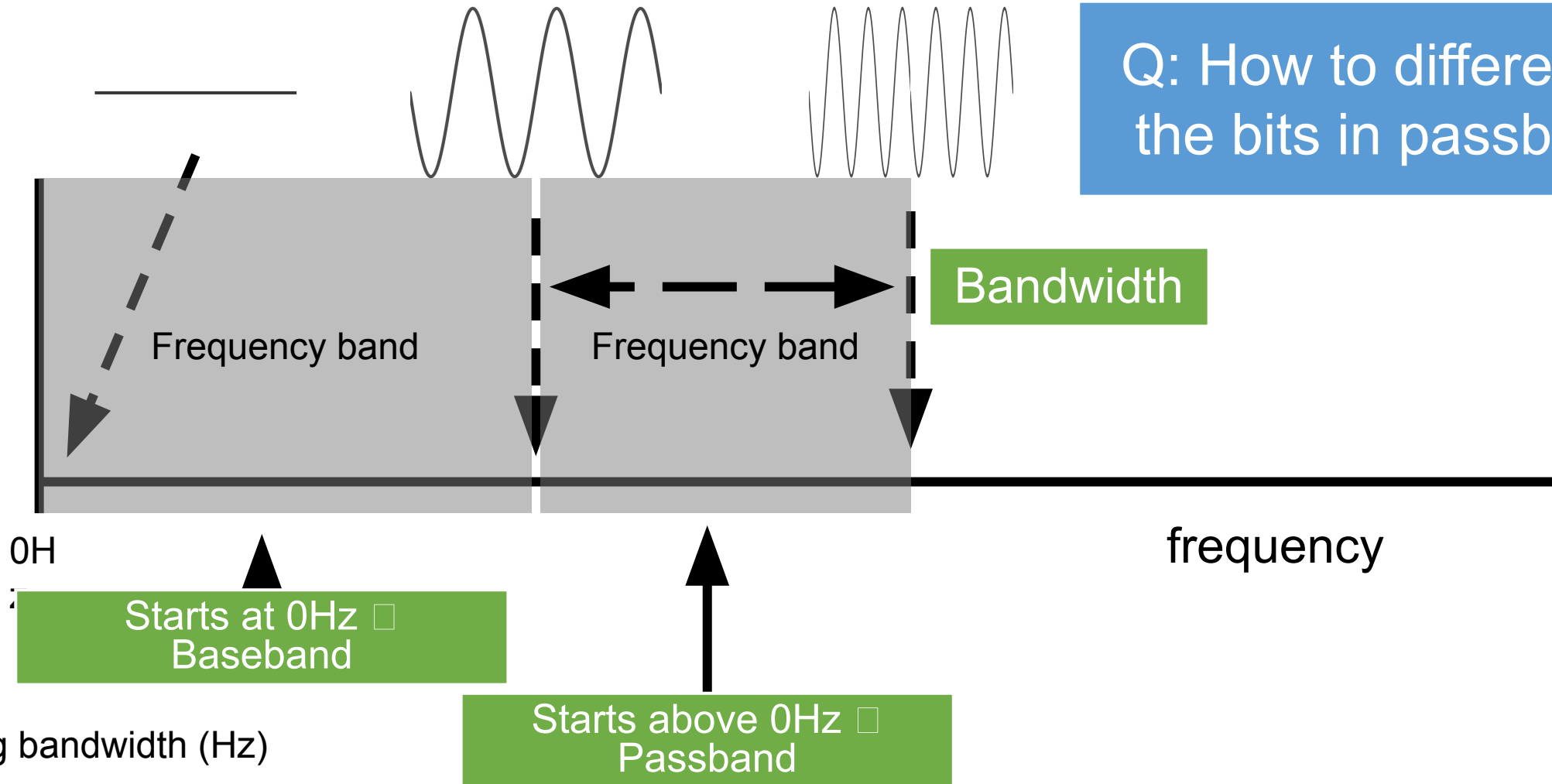


Minimum frequency of  $S$  Hz

The *passband*

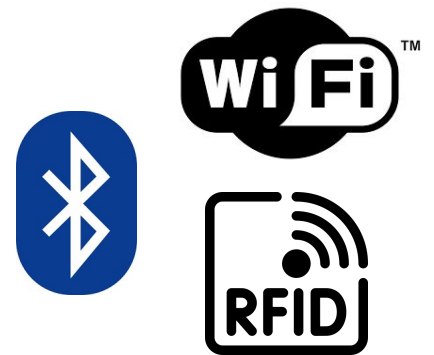
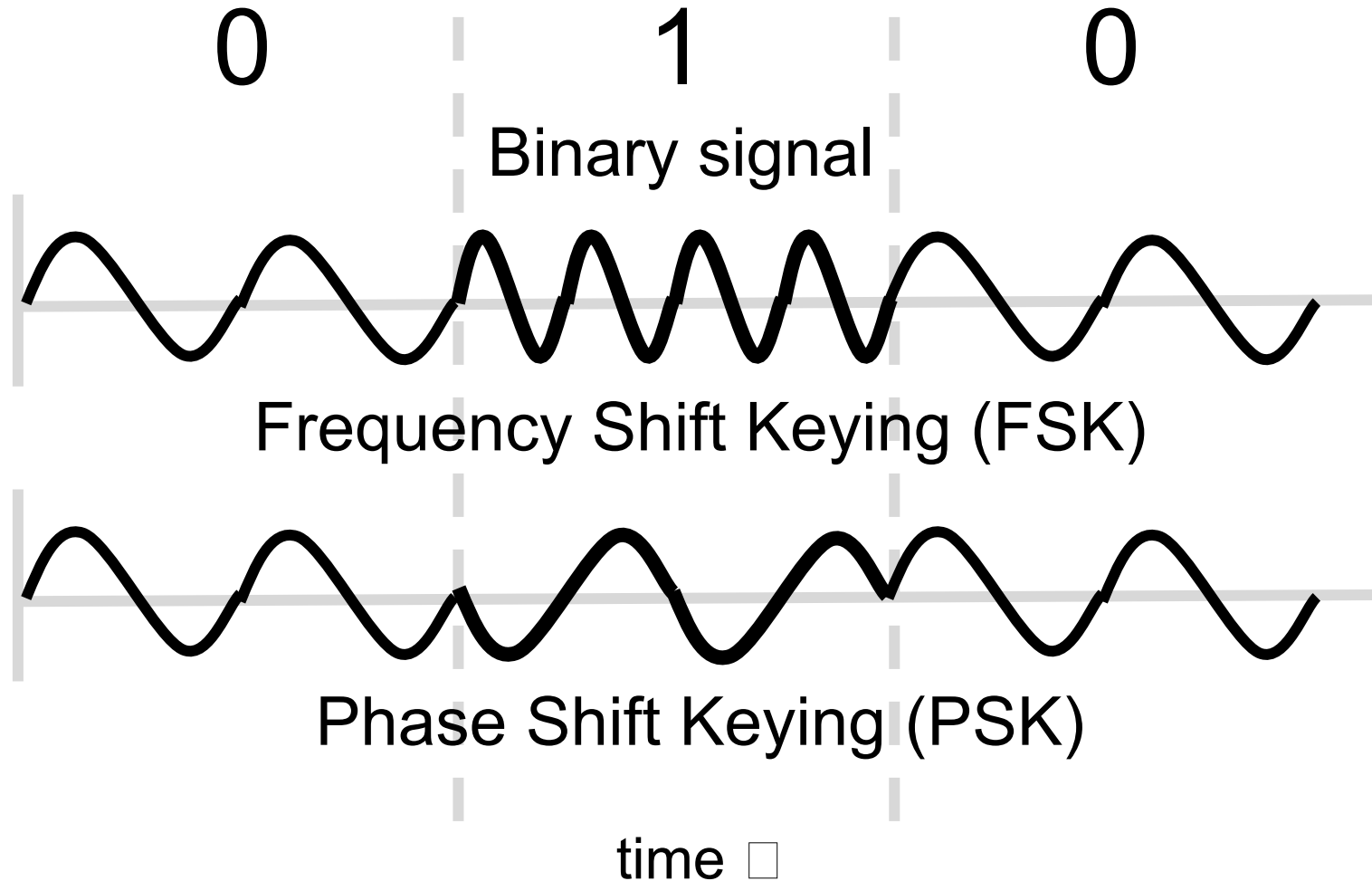
# Baseband, Passband, and Bandwidth\*

Q: How to differentiate the bits in passband?



\*Analog bandwidth (Hz)

# Digital Modulation



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# Nyquist's Theorem

Computing the maximum data rate for a noiseless channel

$$R = 2B \log_2(V)$$

$R$  = maximum data rate (in bits per second)

$B$  = bandwidth (in Hz)

$V$  = number of discrete signal levels

# Nyquist's Theorem Example

A signal that uses 4 signal levels over a wired channel with 500kHz bandwidth

$$R = 2B \times \log_2(V)$$

$$B = 500,000 \quad V = 4$$

$$R = 2 \times 500,000 \times \log_2(4)$$

$$R = 2,000,000$$

$$R = 2\text{Mbps}$$

Q: Can we exceed the maximum Nyquist data rate?  
Under what assumptions does this model hold?

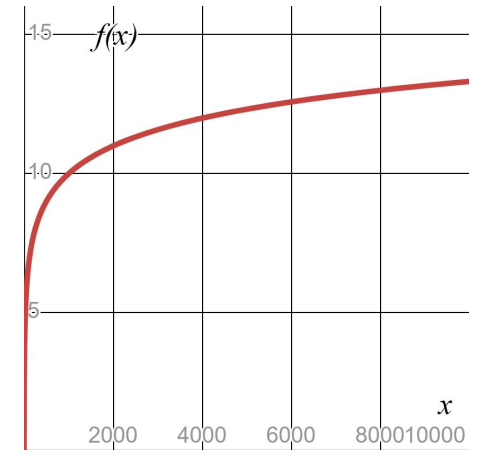
# Shannon's Theorem

Q: Should we reduce noise or increase bandwidth?

Shannon's Theorem + signal attenuation  limited cable length

In practice, *noise* reduces the maximum data rate.

$$R = B \times \log_2 \left( 1 + \frac{S}{N} \right)$$



The signal to noise ratio ( $S/N$  or SNR) is expressed in decibel.

SNR of 40 dB means  $S/N = 10^4$

Q: Why use decibels?

I.e., Signal power is 10,000 times stronger than Noise power

# Shannon's Theorem Example

Signal level not used!



Consider the signal and channel from before (4 signal levels, 500kHz bandwidth). What happens if the SNR is 40dB?

$$R = B \log_2 \left( 1 + \frac{S}{N} \right)$$

$$B = 500,000$$

$$\frac{S}{N} = 40\text{dB} = 10^{\frac{40}{10}} = 10,000$$

$$R = 500,000 \log_2 (1 + 10,000)$$

$$R \approx 500,000 \times 13 = 6,500,000\text{bps} = 6.5\text{Mbps}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \log_2 10001 &\approx 13.29 \approx 13 \\ 2^{10} &= 1024, 2^3 = 8, 2^4 = 16 \\ 2^{13} &= 8192, 2^{14} = 16384 \end{aligned}$$

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# Roadmap of the Computer Networks Course

Lets distributed applications communicate

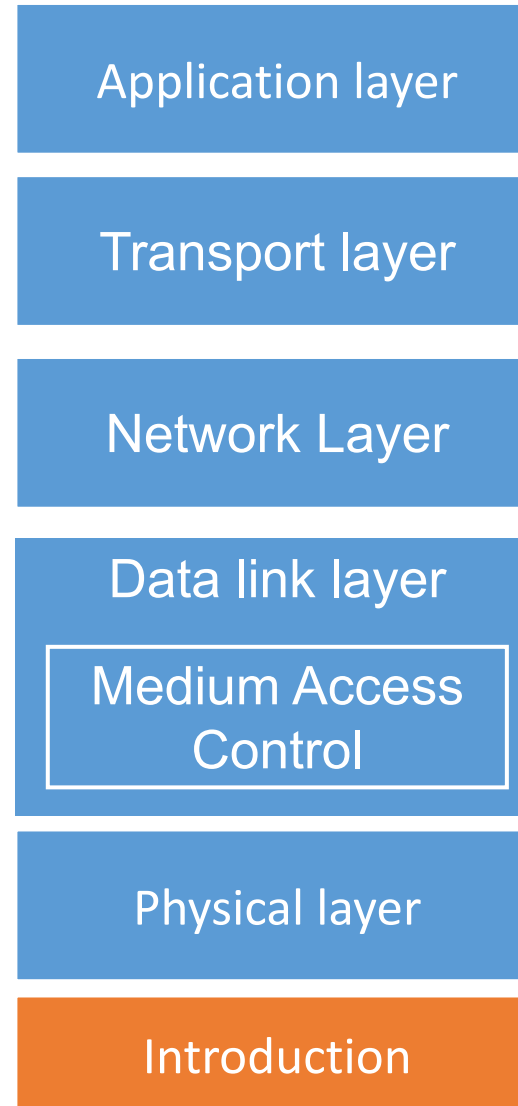
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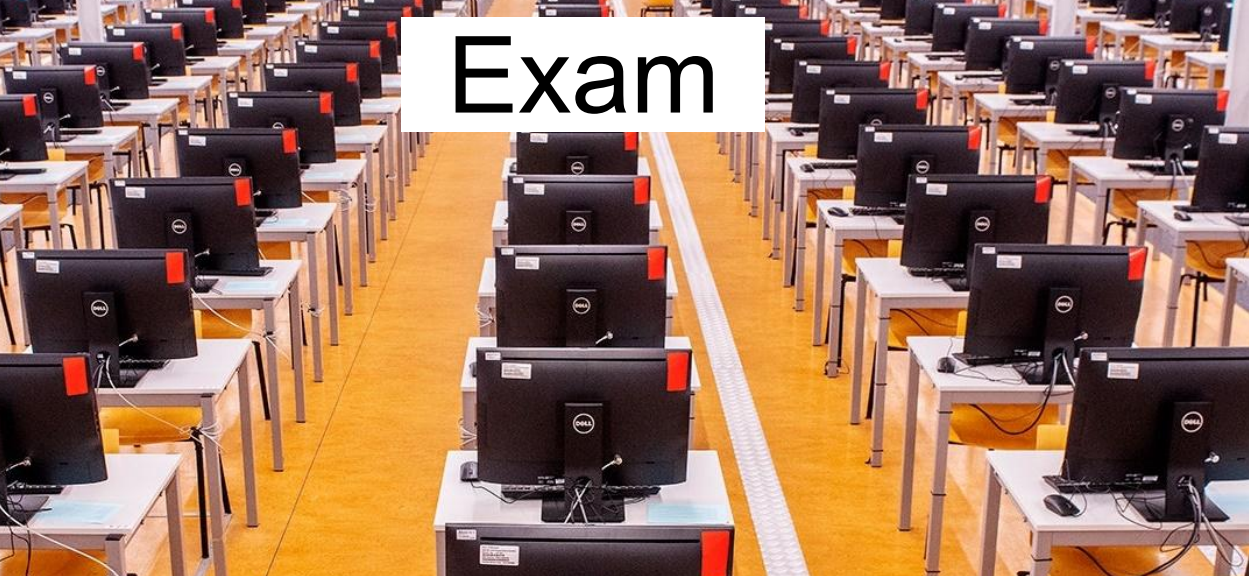
Sends bits over a physical medium

Basic principles and course overview



You are here

Exam



Lab

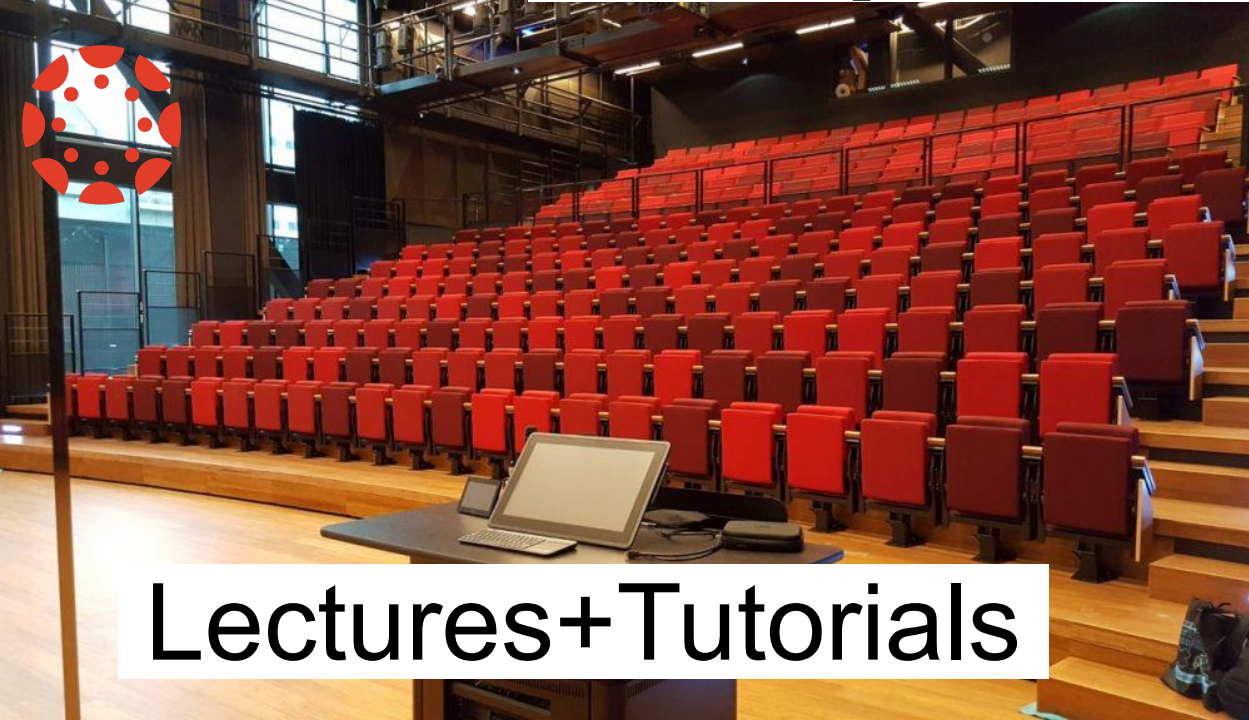


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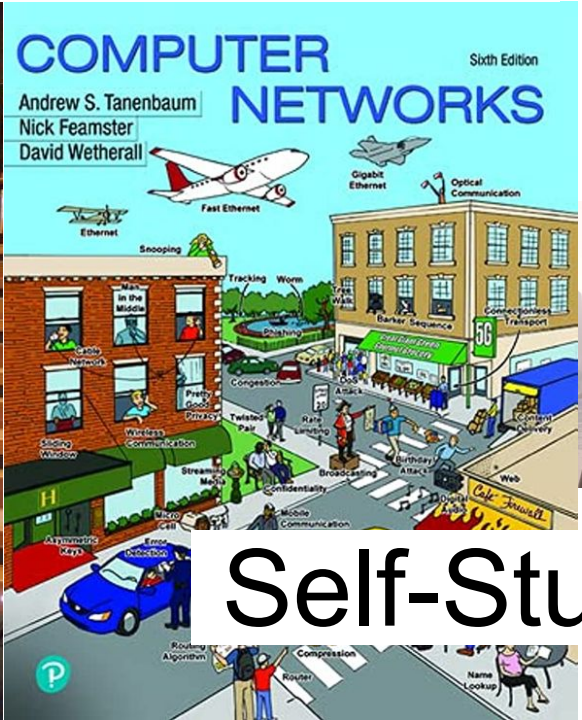
1 import socket
2 sock = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_STREAM)
3
4 host_port = ("127.0.0.1", 4321)
5 sock.connect(host_port)
6
7 string_bytes = "Sockets are great!".encode("utf-8")
8 bytes_len = len(string_bytes)
9 num_bytes_to_send = bytes_len
10 while num_bytes_to_send > 0:
11     b = string_bytes[bytes_len-num_bytes_to_send:bytes_len]
12     num_bytes_to_send -= sock.send(b)

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# Computer Networks

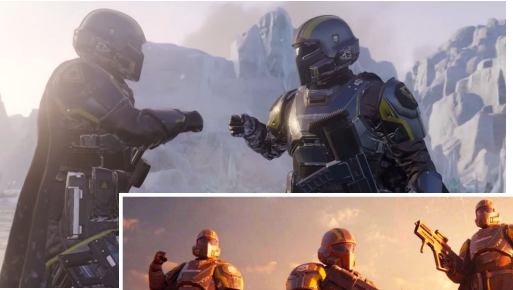


Lectures+Tutorials



Self-Study

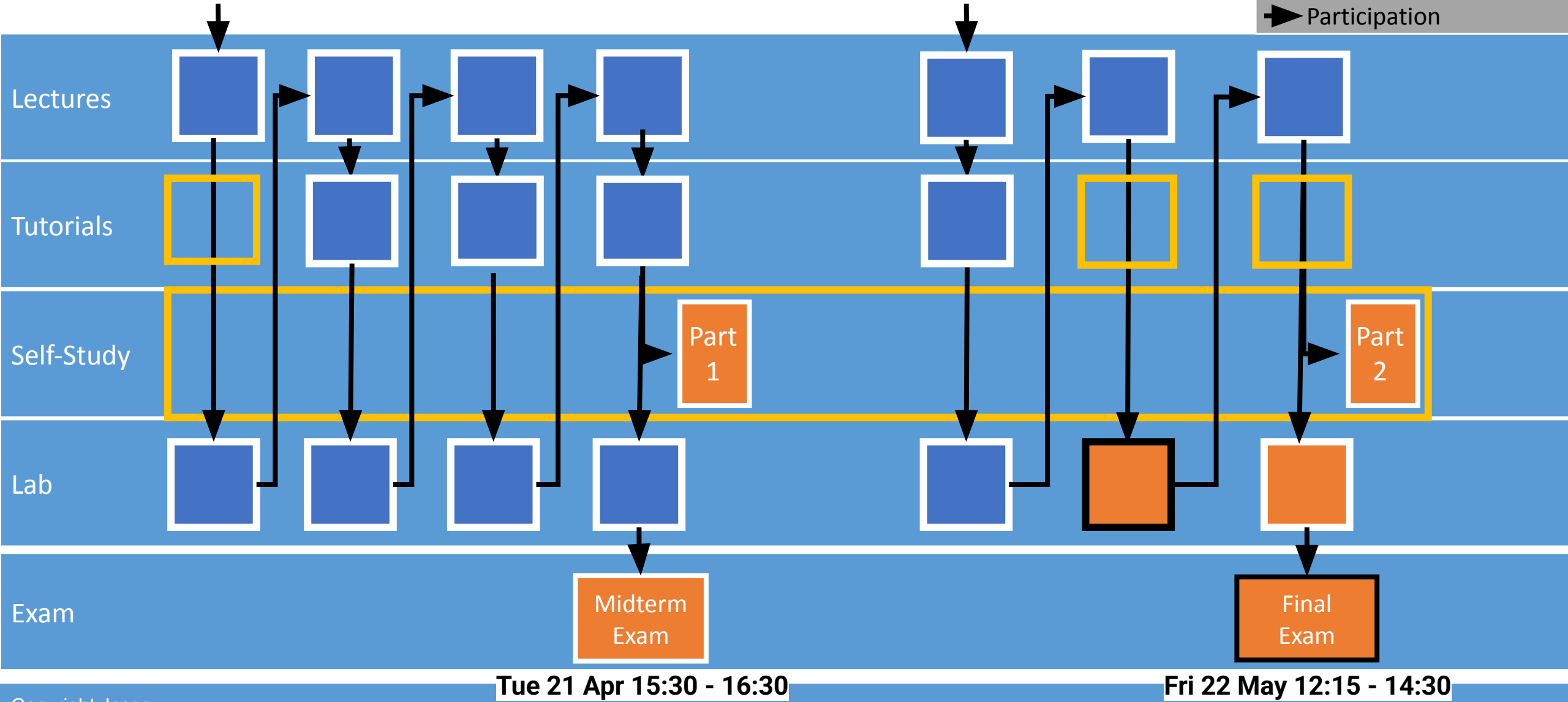
- 28. Suppose there is a change in the service (set of services) at layer k. Does this impact services at layers k-1 and k+1?
- 29. Provide a list of reasons for why the response time in the best-case delay.



CO-OP WORKS

# Course Activity Overview

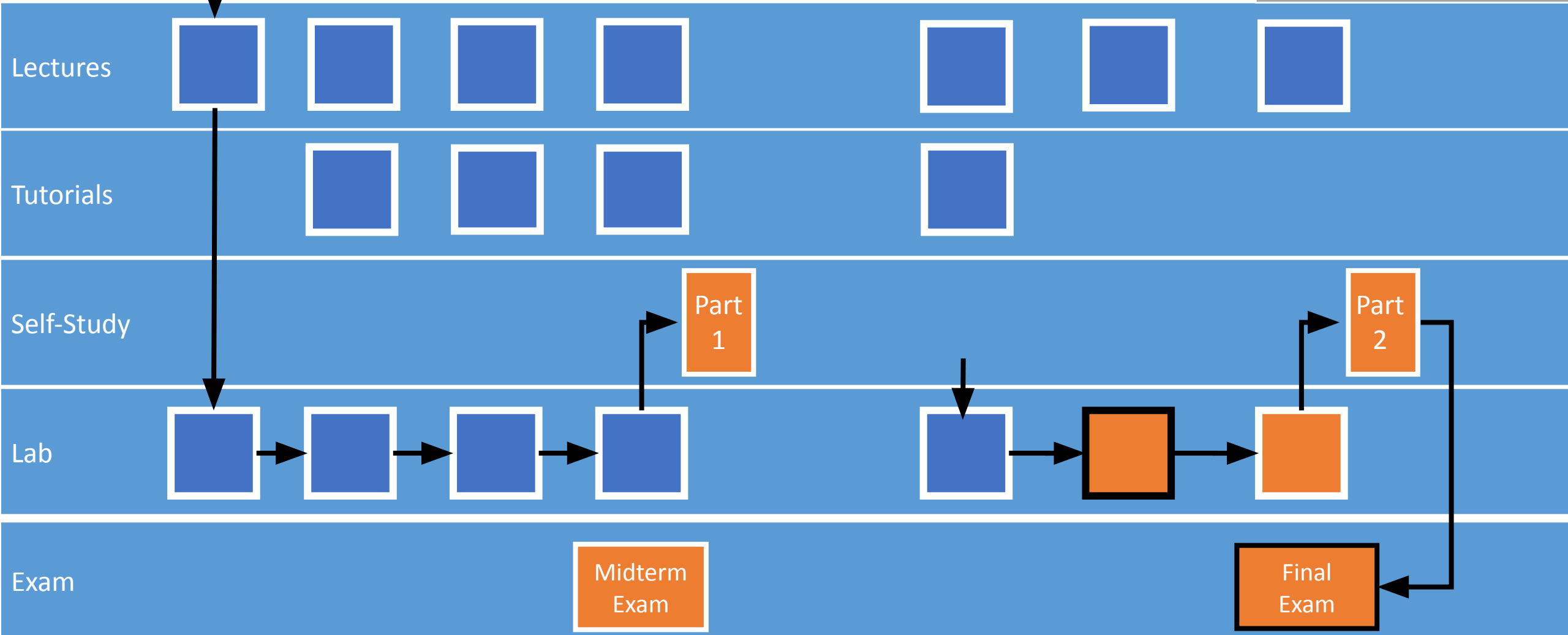
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# How Am I Graded?

$$\text{grade} = \frac{\text{exam} + \text{lab} + \text{in class} + \text{self study}}{1000}$$

\*Additional conditions apply, such as passing the mandatory lab assignments (A1+A2) and the final exam. For details, see the [course grading page](#).

# Lectures

Collect points by:

- Giving good answers to questions
- Answering correctly questions from the *in-lecture quizzes*

First quiz is today!

Progress indicator: 11 boxes, 10th is filled. +1/1/60+

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First and last name:  
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**Question 1** ⚡

Select *all true* (0-4) statements:

**Question 2**

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Question  Consider the following

What is the name of this course?

Select *all true* (0-4) statements:

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# Tutorials: Plenary Practice Sessions

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- Paper

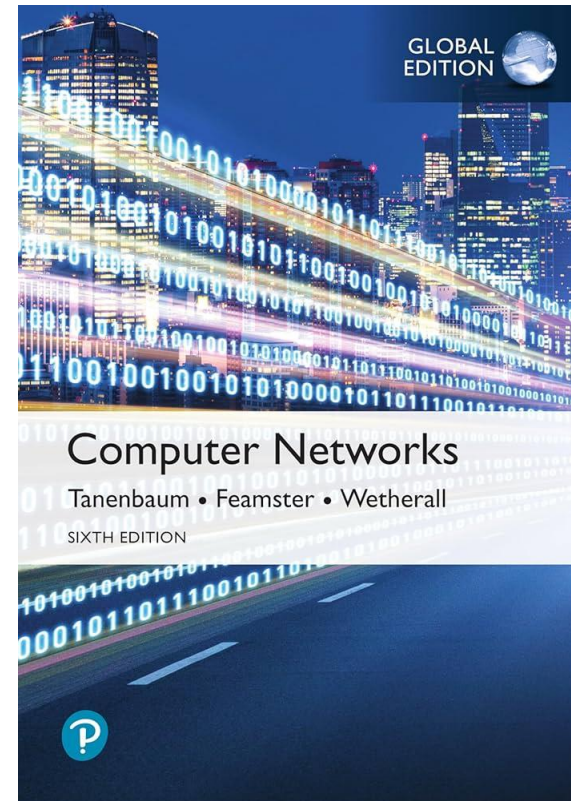
Do not use:

- Calculators
- AI Chatbots
- Other external tools

# Self-Study: Completing Book Exercises

Complete exercises from the book in a group.

Earn more points by completing more chapters.



# Self-Study Checkpoints

Graded at two “checkpoints.”

Part 1 – 600 points

- Chapters 3 and 4

Part 2 – 900 points

- Chapters 5, 6, and 7

# Exams

- Midterm (April 21) and Final (May 22)
- Computer-based (TestVision)
- Multiple-choice questions
- Every correctly answered question earns you 300 points

Getting 60% on the exam is not sufficient to pass the course!

Register for the exam on VUnet

# Exam Content and Grades

	Chapter 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Midterm	✓	~	✓	✓			
Final	✓	~	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Resit	✓	~	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Final Exam Grade:  $\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{max}} + \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{max}}$

# Lab

Logistics

# Lab

Labs on Tuesdays and Fridays [Starting Next week], 09:00 – 12:45.  
**This week (tomorrow)**: Lab setup session, 09:00 – 12:45.

Use the Canvas groups page to enroll for the one of the sessions.  
**Deadline for registration**: Friday, April 3rd, 23:59

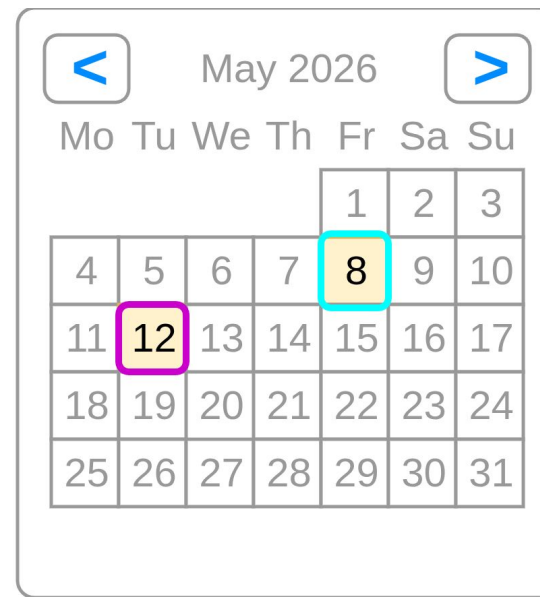
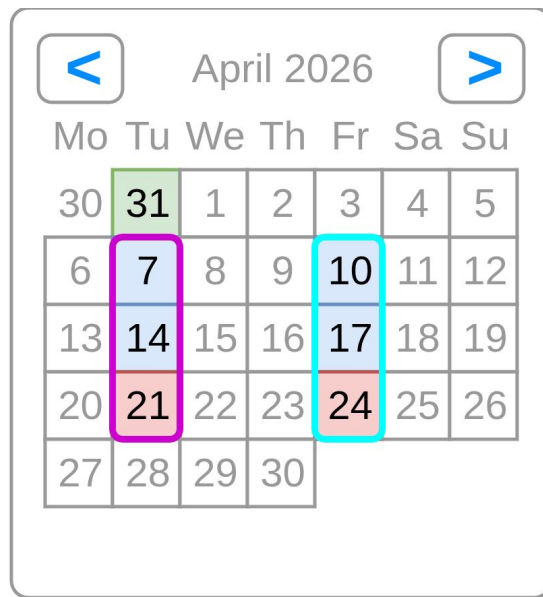
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


# Lab — passing the course


Lab Manual specifies several optional assignments.

*Assignment 1 and 2 are **mandatory** to pass the course*

For assignment descriptions, see the **Lab Manual** on the course website.



-  Lab setup session
-  Regular lab session
-  Mandatory lab assignments deadline
-  Extra lab assignments deadline

 Your lab deadline depends on the session (Tuesday/Friday) that you registered for. You may not exceed the deadline for your registered session.

 = Tuesday session     = Friday session



# Lab

Collect points by completing Lab assignments.

- Small reward for the mandatory assignments [500 points]
- Larger rewards for the optional assignments [up to 4000 points]
- Many potential small rewards for active participation during the labs

# How to Hand in Lab Assignments

## Submission System:

1. Complete assignment.
2. Upload to CodeGrade, pass all the tests
3. Enter Queue ➡
4. Interview with TA [limited number of attempts]
5.  Assignment approved.  
-Or-  
 Go to step 1.

## Computer Networks - Lab Queue

Fill in this form to get in the queue for asking questions or submitting an assignment.

### IMPORTANT:

- Please upload your source code files to Canvas before entering this queue (one person per group is sufficient).

View the live queue at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EXUH0oeqMpMRXUXqyGFQxyBXZDPQx2LWfJptVilS6Zs>

\* Required

Your Canvas Group Number \*

Your answer \_\_\_\_\_

# How to Hand in Lab Assignments

We use a *queue*, which means First-Come, First-Serve (FCFS)

Important:

1. Queue closes **before** the end of the lab session.
2. Closed queue not a valid excuse for not completing assignments.

Enqueue on time

Do not wait until last session before the deadline

# Lab Assignments

Getting Started

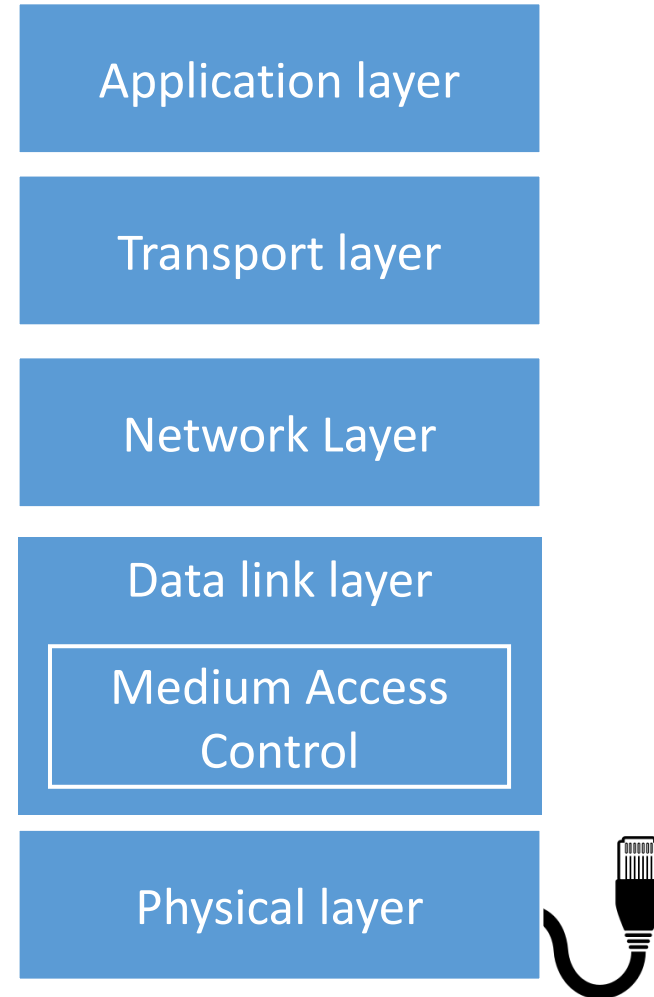
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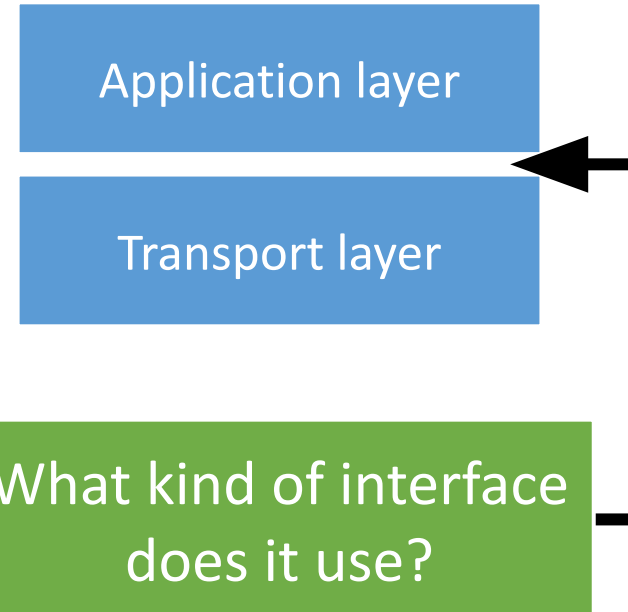
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Sends segments from one **process** to another (over a network)



This is the service used by your application

What kind of interface does it use?

# Socket Primitives in TCP

**Socket** – create a new communication *endpoint*.

**Connect** – connect to a remote *listening* socket.

Q: Are we missing something?

**Send** – send data to the other application.

**Receive** – receive data from the other application.

**Close** – close the connection.

Used to allow incoming connections

**Bind** – assign a *local address* to the socket.

**Listen** – wait for a connection.

**Accept** – passively accept an incoming *connection request*.

# TCP Sockets in Python

```
# Import the socket library.  
import socket  
# Create a new socket.  
s = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_STREAM)  
# Connect to another application.  
s.connect(("hostname", port_number))  
# Send bytes.  
num_bytes_sent = s.send(buffer)  
s.sendall(buffer)  
# Receive bytes.  
buffer = s.recv(2048)  
# Close connection.  
s.close()
```

Network layer protocol

Transport layer protocol

Max number of bytes to receive

Application layer

Transport layer

Network Layer

Data link layer

Medium  
Access Control

Physical layer



# TCP provides a reliable byte-stream

Q: What does this mean for your application?

1. The program waits until data is available
2. It may return an arbitrary number of bytes

```
s.recv(2048)
```

```
H E L L O - F R O M J E S
```

```
s.recv(2048)
```

```
S E \n W H O \n
```

```
s.recv(2048)
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S E N D E C H O B O T H
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s.recv(2048)
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E L L O W O R L D \n
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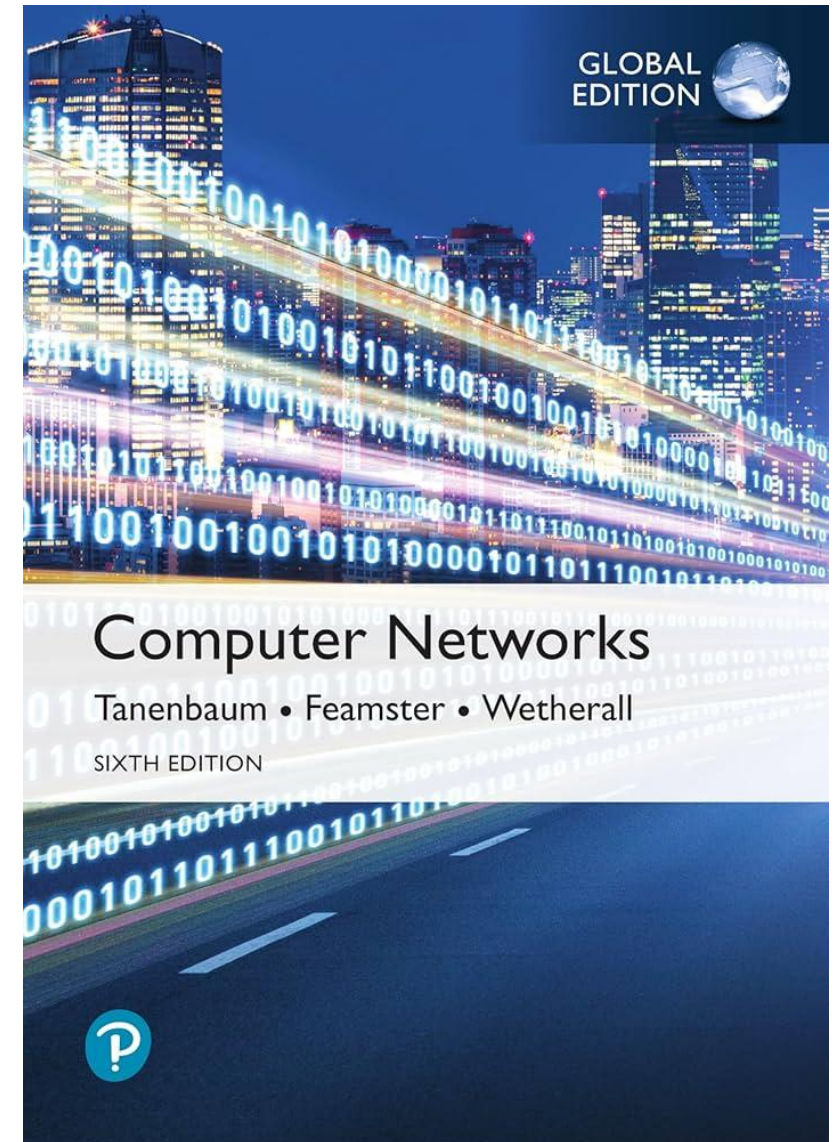
# Threading Python

```
# Import threading library.
import threading
# A regular call to print.
print("Hello", "World")
# A threaded call to print.
t = threading.Thread(target=print, args=("Hello", "World"))
# Run target in new thread.
t.start()
# Wait 100ms for thread to finish.
t.join(0.1)
```

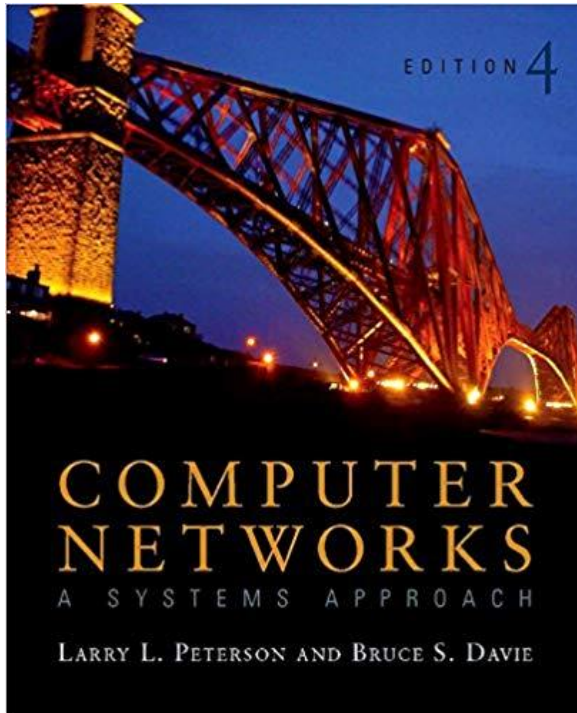
# Course Material

## Course Material:

1. Course Slides
2. Book:  
Computer Networks,  
**6th** edition,  
Andrew S. Tanenbaum, Nick Feamster,  
and David J. Wetherall

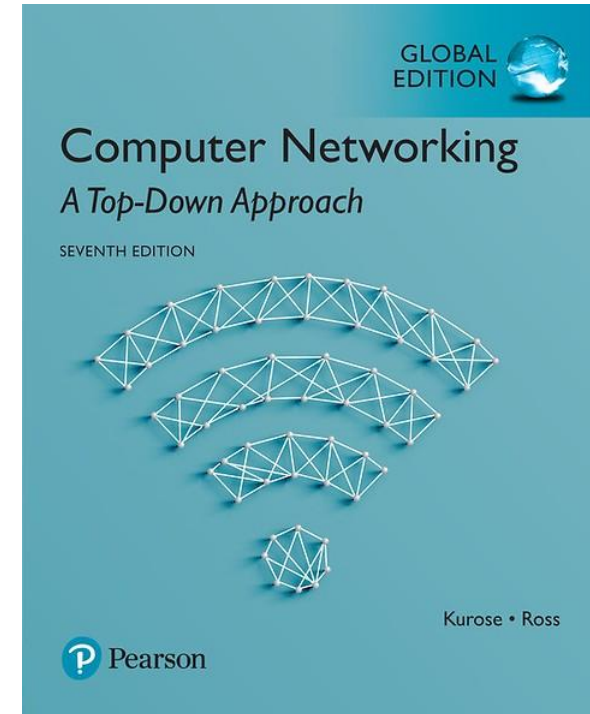


# Other Computer Networks Books



Peterson and Davie

Available for free at  
<https://book.systemsapproach.org>



Kurose and Ross

# Meet the Team!



# Next steps

1. Participate in the Entry Quiz! Earn your first points!
2. Read the course Website
3. Obtain a copy of the book
4. Find a lab partner.  
The lab is done in teams of **2** students.
  1. Register your group on Canvas
  2. Can't find a partner? Look for one on the Canvas discussion board
  3. Contact the Computer Networks team
5. Start looking for a self-study team

# Computer Networks

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### Lecture 1: Introduction to Computer Networks (+ a tiny bit of Chapter 2)



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# Extra Slides

Figure 13. Significant demand for bandwidth and video in the connected home of the future



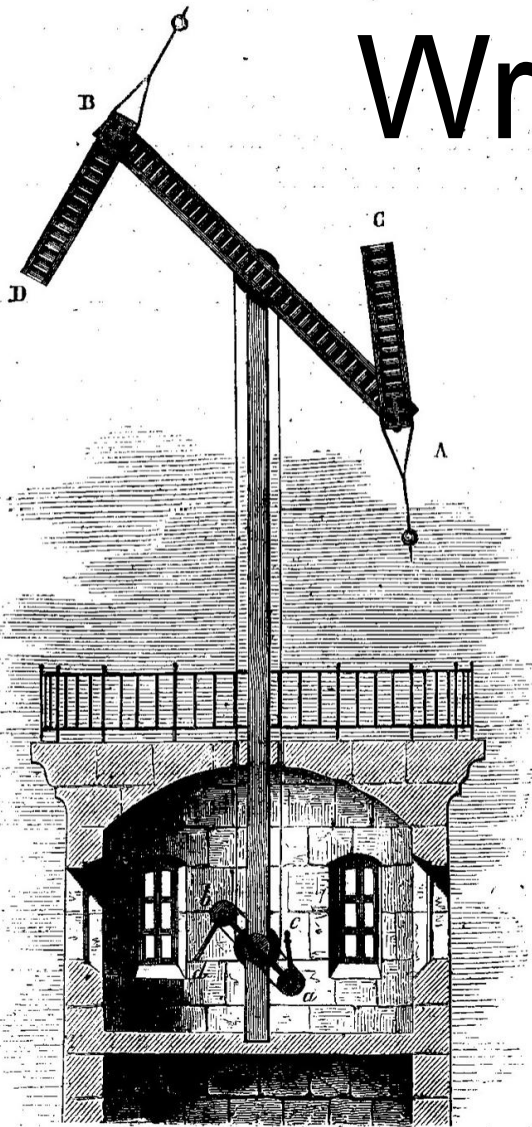
Source: Cisco Annual Internet Report, 2018-2023

# Eve Online is getting crushed by its own success

In [a blog post on Jan. 4](#), just hours after the fateful battle, CCP Games essentially threw its hands in the air, saying that it can no longer “predict the server performance in these kinds of situations.”

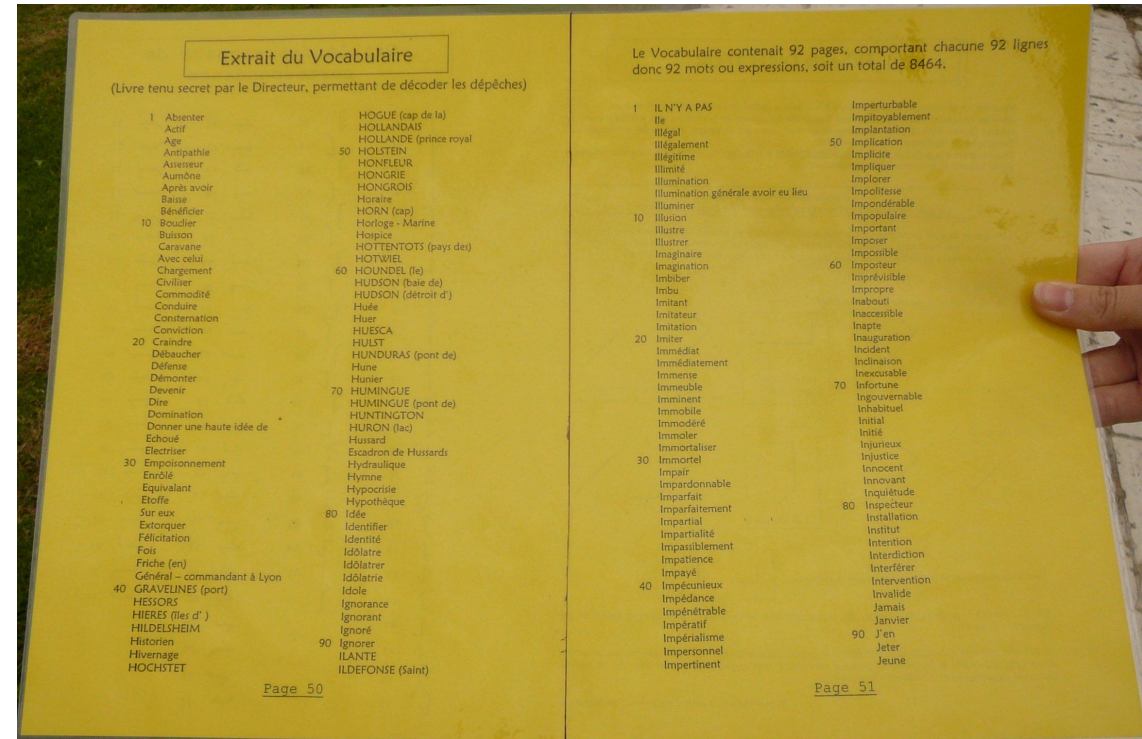
“Both during and after the fight, players experienced things that don’t happen under normal circumstances,” CCP said in its blog post. “Things like ships disappearing, ships reappearing, ships not appearing in the right systems — even after going through the jump tunnel.”

# Writing at a distance (telegraph)



Grille des signaux de correspondance

1	↖	26	↖↖	47	↖↖↖	72	↖↖↖↖
2	↗	27	↗↗	48	↗↗↗	73	↗↗↗↗
3	↘	28	↘↘	49	↘↘↘	74	↘↘↘↘
4	↙	29	↙↙	50	↙↙↙	75	↙↙↙↙
5	↖↗	30	↖↗↖↗	51	↖↗↖↗↖↗	76	↖↗↖↗↖↗↖↗
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Optical telegraph in use until 1850

# Electrical Telegraph

Make possible through scientific and engineering advances in electricity

- Used to control train traffic, disseminating news
- International Morse Code was adopted in 1851
- Sounder replaced register by 1856
- Duplex transmission system completed in 1871

**Telephone patented by Alexander Graham Bell in 1876**



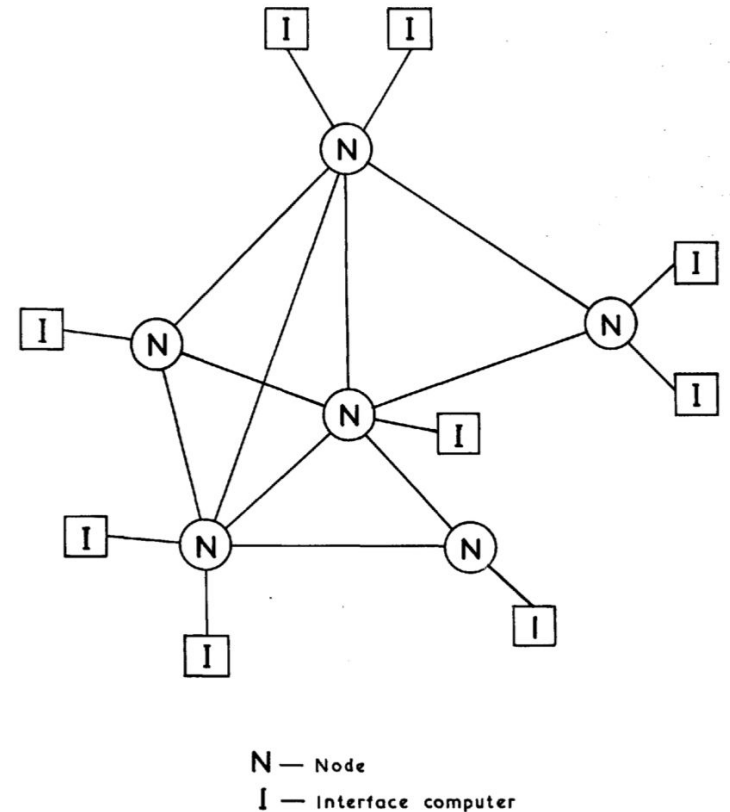
Morse key

# Early telephone system



# Network designed by the National Physical Laboratory

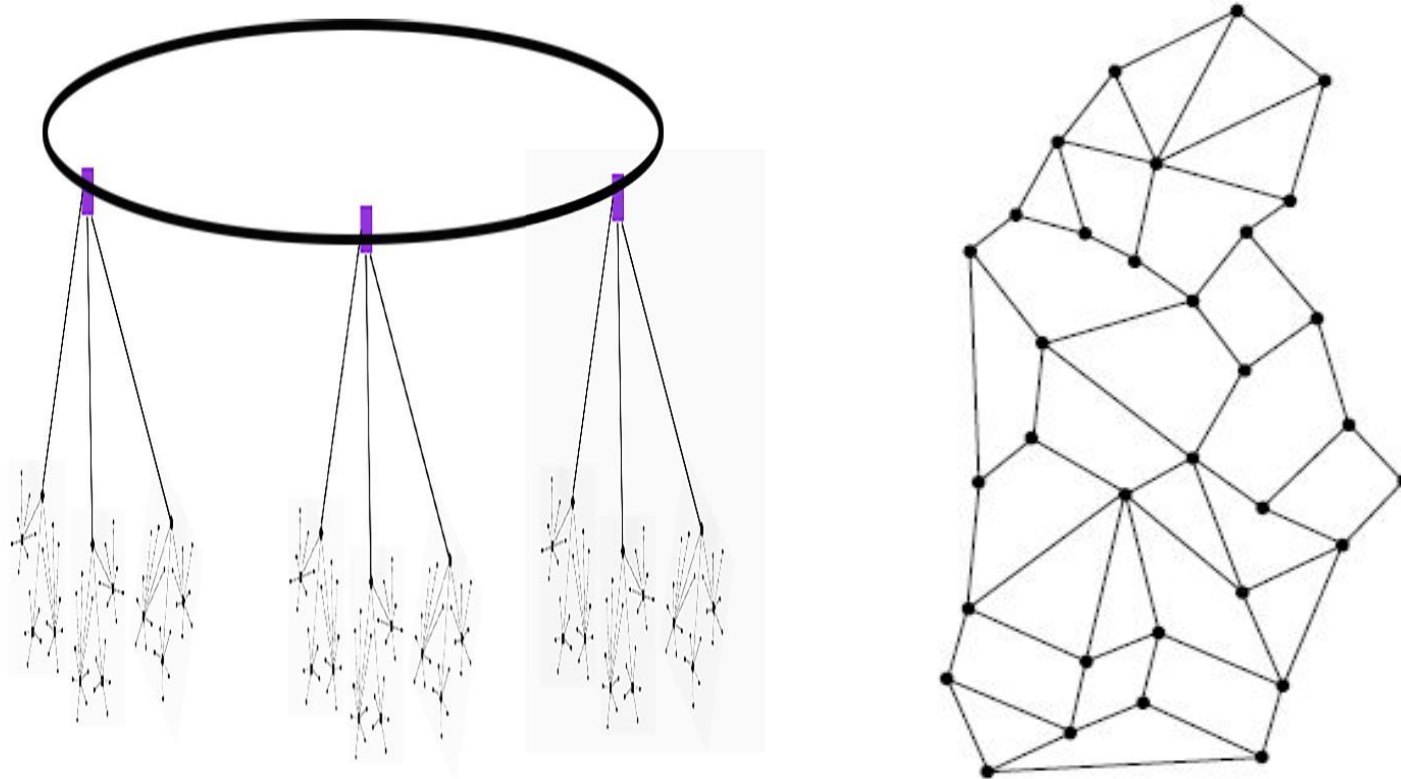
- NPL paper cited Baran but went further
- **Divided files into chunks called packets**
- **Store-and-forward packet switching network**



They did not build a prototype, but described its design.

# The ARPANET

## A mesh-structured network



# The ARPANET Fault tolerance

