

INTERNET OF THINGS (IOT)

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INTRODUCTION TO IOT & BASICS OF NETWORKING

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This lecture will talk about:

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- IoT Concept
- IoT Definition
- IoT Characteristic
- Introduction to Basics of Networking
- Network Types
- Layered Network Models
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- TCP/IP Transport layer
- The building blocks of IoT

IoT Background

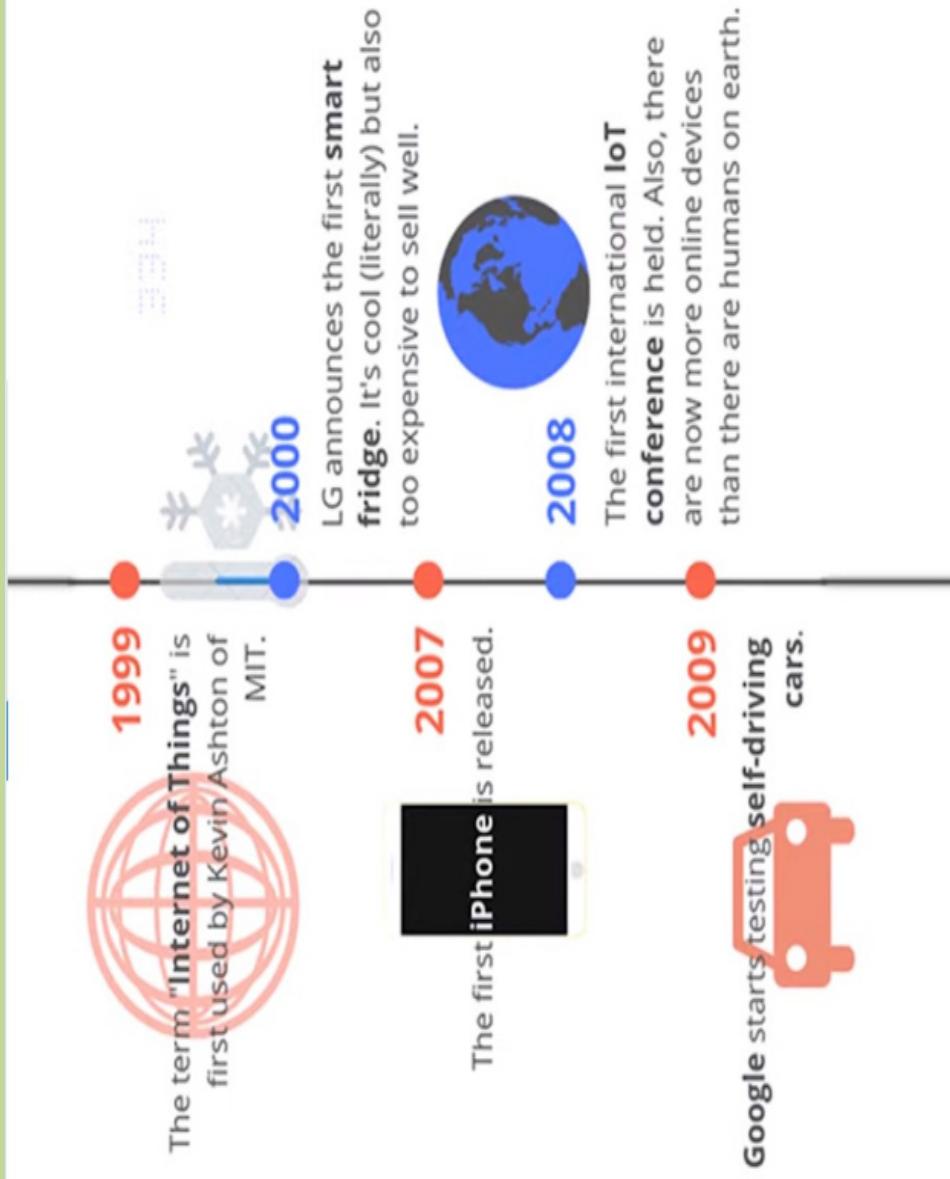
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The Internet of Things (IoT) has come a long way, going from one or two machines in the 1980s to billions in 2019.



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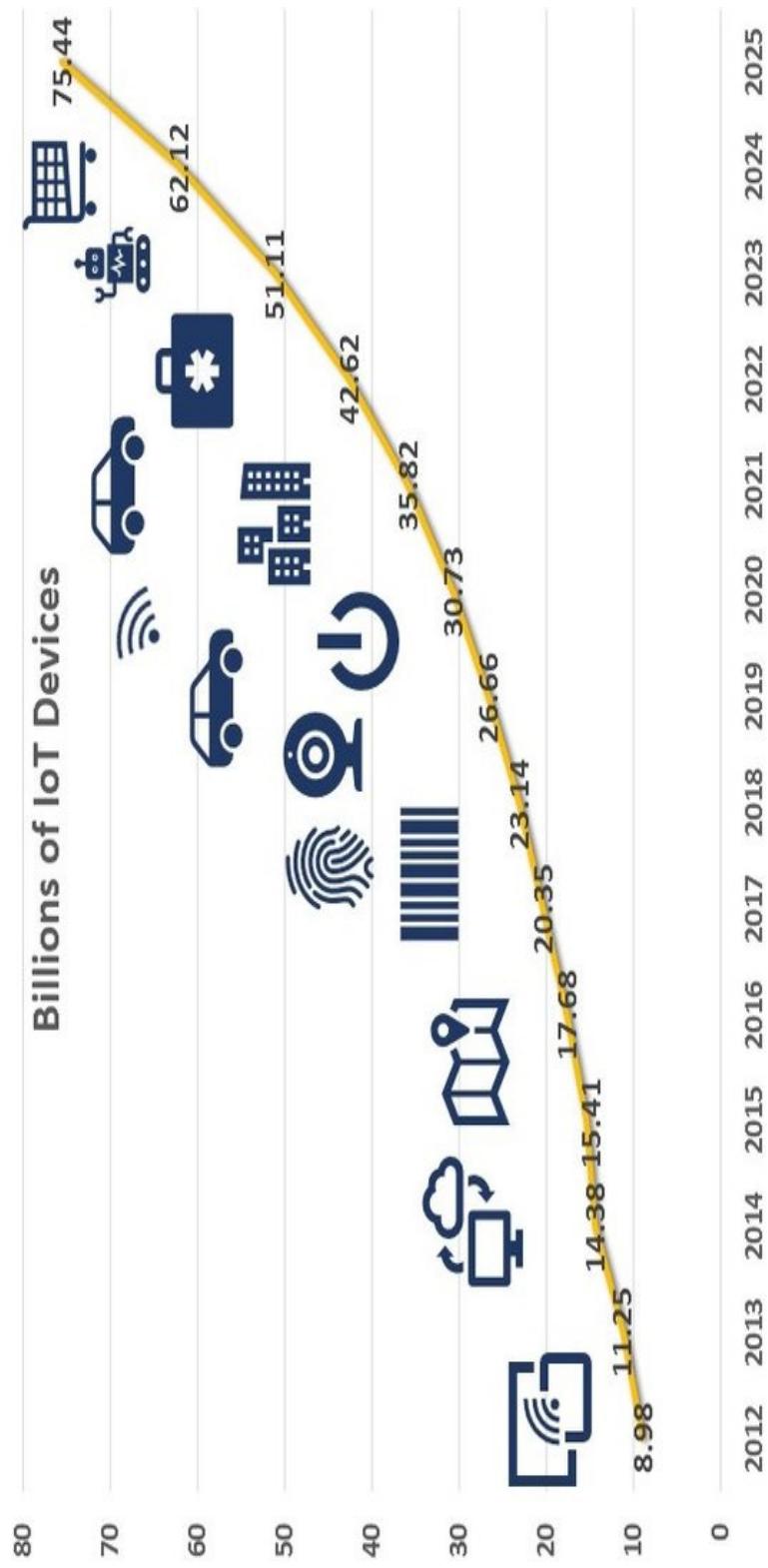


IoT Background

- **2013** Google Glass is released. Too soon, apparently. VR and AR are still in early stages.
- **2014** Amazon releases the Echo, which sets off a scramble to enter the smart home hub market.
- **2016** GM, Lyft, Uber, and Tesla are all testing self-driving cars now. Mirai, the first large-scale IoT attack, also takes place.
- **2017-2019** IoT continues to grow as Internet penetration, AI, blockchain, edge computing, and cheap devices and sensors proliferate.

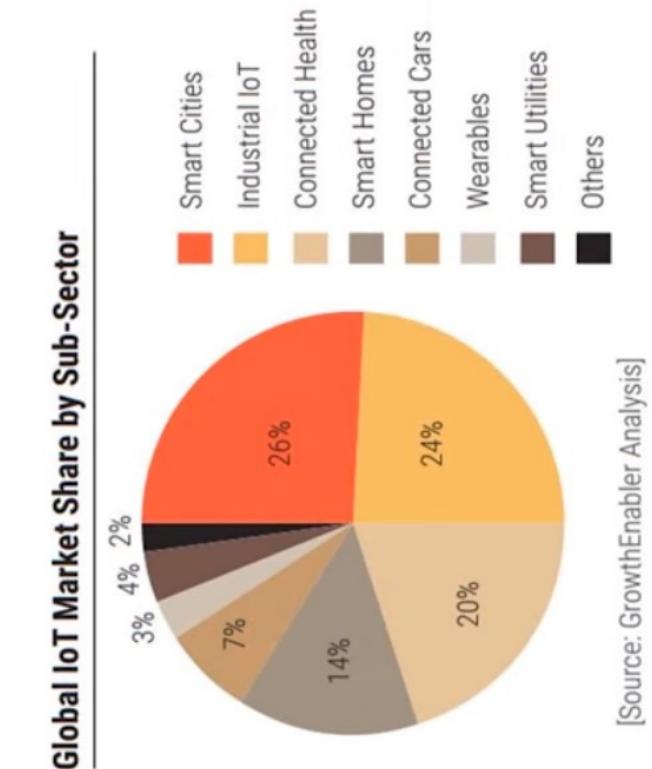


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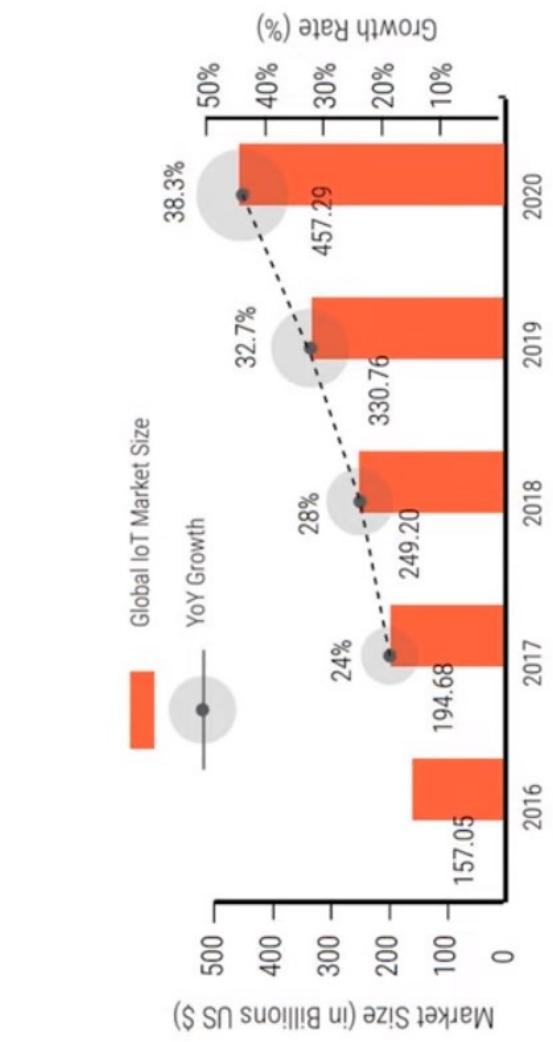


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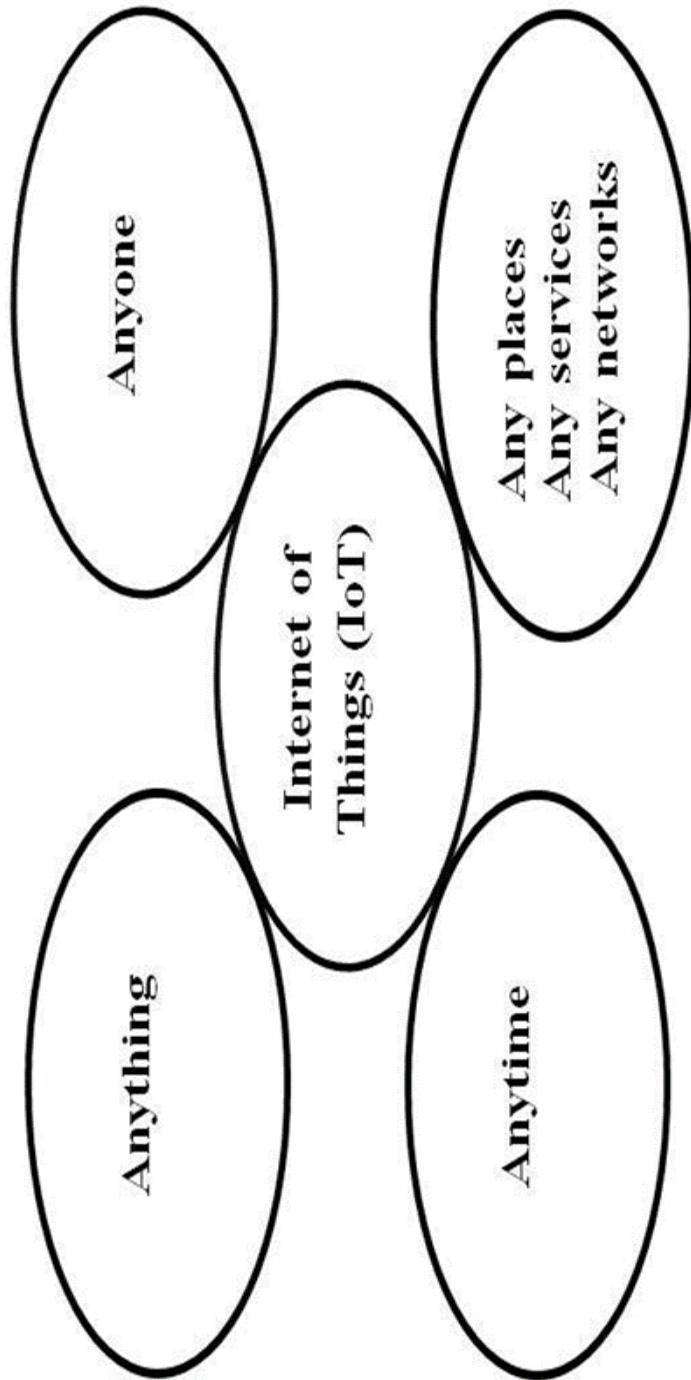
IoT Concept

- The **Ubiquitous Computing** vision of *Mark Weiser* implies that computers, as we currently know them, “disappear,” or, more precisely, move into the **background**. Everyday objects and our immediate environment then assume the tasks and abilities of computers (Weiser and Brown, 1996).

IoT Concept

- In another highly regarded article, *Weiser* together with *Brown* introduced the notion of “**Calm Computing**.” They also refer to a connected world full of computers. However, only in cases of service provision or when a need exists for interaction do those computers or their respective services become “visible”; at other times, those capabilities are “calm” in the **background**, and not intrusive or even visible to the users (*Weiser and Brown, 1996*).

IoT Concept



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IoT Concept

Core Concepts: *Smart Objects* and *Smart Environments*

- all physical objects can be turned into smart objects, for example, conventional everyday objects such as pens, wristwatches, cars „, etc.
- smart environment is the context information gathered by sensors in order to provide adapted applications and services.

IoT Concept

Related Concepts:

Machine-to-Machine Communications, Industrial Internet of Things.

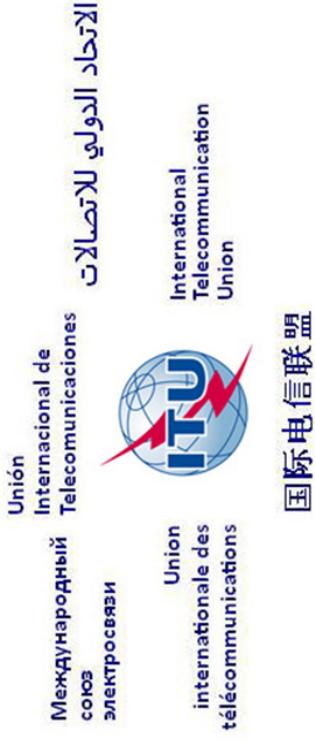
M2M can be viewed as the **forerunner** of IoT.

- ❑ M2M communications refers to direct wired or wireless communication between devices using any communications channel that does **not necessarily require direct human intervention**.
- ❑ M2M communication can **include** industrial production facilities, enabling a sensor or meter **to communicate the data** that it records (e.g., temperature, throughput, and inventory level) **to application software** that can further process them (e.g., adjusting an industrial process based on technical parameters, such as temperature or triggering new processes, such as placing orders to replenish inventory).

IoT Definition

❑ Definition 1

A global infrastructure for the information society, enabling advanced services by interconnecting (physical and virtual) *things* based on, existing and evolving, information and communication technologies.



IoT Definition

❑ **Defintion 2**

Internet Engineering Task Force



<http://ietf.org>

IoT is a worldwide network of interconnected objects uniquely addressable, based on standard communication protocols.

IoT Definition

Defintion 3

A network of items each embedded with sensors which are connected to the Internet.



IoT Characteristic

- ❑ Dynamic and Self Adapting.
- ❑ Self-Configuring.
- ❑ Interoperable and Communication Protocols.
- ❑ Unique Identity.
- ❑ Integrated into Information Network.

IoT Characteristic

- ❑ **Dynamic and Self-Adapting:** IoT devices and systems may have the capability to dynamically adapt to the **changing contexts** and **take actions based on their operating condition**, user's context, or sensed environment. such as **surveillance cameras** day and night.
- ❑ **Self-Configuring:** IoT devices may have the self-configuring capability, allowing a large number of devices to **work together** to provide **certain functionality**. such as **weather monitoring**.
- ❑ **Interoperable and Communication Protocols:** IoT devices may support a number of **interoperable communication protocols** and can communicate with other devices.
- ❑ **Unique Identity:** each IoT device has a unique identity and a unique identifier. Such as **IP** and **Uniform Resource Identifier URI**.
- ❑ **Integrated into Information Network:** it does collaborate with other infrastructure networks. For example data from a large number of connected weather monitoring, IoT nodes can be aggregated and analyzed to predict the weather.

Basics of Networking / [Introduction](#)

- Before diving into the details of IoT communication and networking technologies, we need an **overview** of the **current networking environment** and the challenges it brings.
- Understanding IoT communication requires **understanding its origins** and **progression** throughout the years.

Basics of Networking / Introduction

- Typically, networking refers to the **linking of computers and communication network devices** (also referred to as **hosts**), which interconnect through a **network** (Internet or Intranet) and are separated by unique device identifiers.
- These **hosts** may be **connected** by a **single path** or through **multiple paths** for **sending** and **receiving** data.
- The **data transferred between** the **hosts** may be **text, images, or videos**, which are typically in the **form** of binary bit streams.

Basics of Networking / Network Types

- Computer networks are **classified** according to various parameters:
 - 1) Type of connection.
 - 2) physical topology.
 - 3) Network reachability (reach of the network).
- These classifications are helpful in deciding the requirements of a network setup and provide insights into the appropriate selection of a network type for the setup.

Basics of Networking / Network Types

1) Based on connection types,

- Depending on the way a host communicates with other hosts, computer networks are of two types.

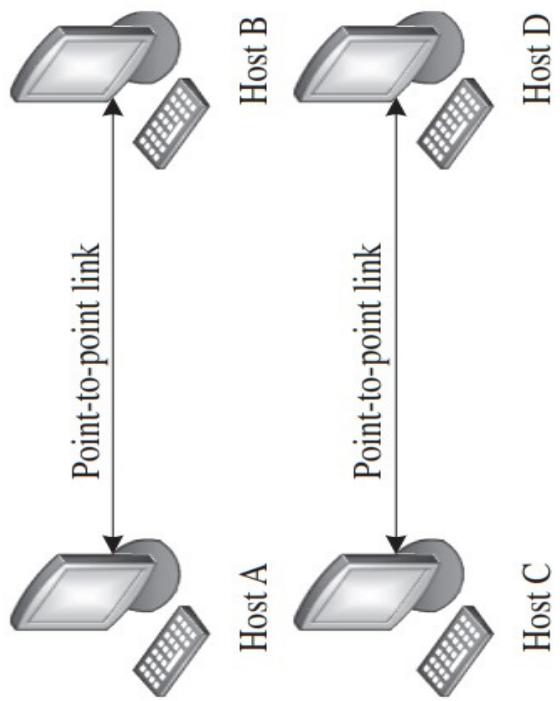
I. **Point-to-point:**

II. **Point-to-multipoint:**

Basics of Networking / Network Types

I. Point-to-point:

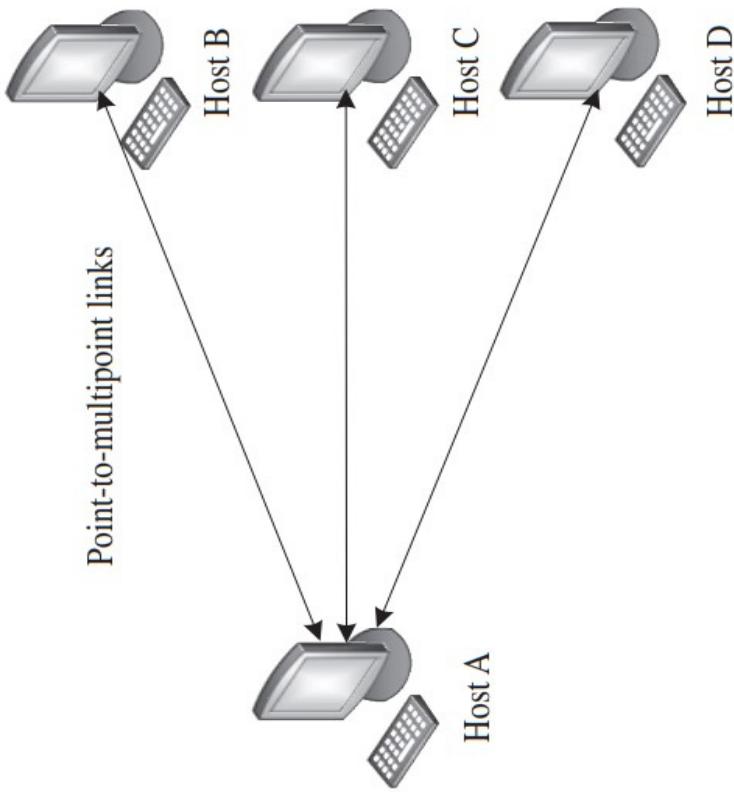
- Point-to-point connections are used to **establish direct connections** between two hosts.
- remote control for an air conditioner or television is a point-to-point connection.
- Regarding **computer networks**, point-to-point connections find usage for **specific purposes**.



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II. Point-to-multipoint:

- In a point-to-multipoint connection, **more than two hosts share the same link.**
- Point-to-multipoint connections find popular use in **wireless networks** and **IP telephony**.
- The channel is shared between the various hosts, either **spatially** or **temporally**.
- Frequency Division Multiple Access (FDMA)
& Time Division Multiple Access (TDMA) are the techniques used to deploy.



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2) Based on physical topology

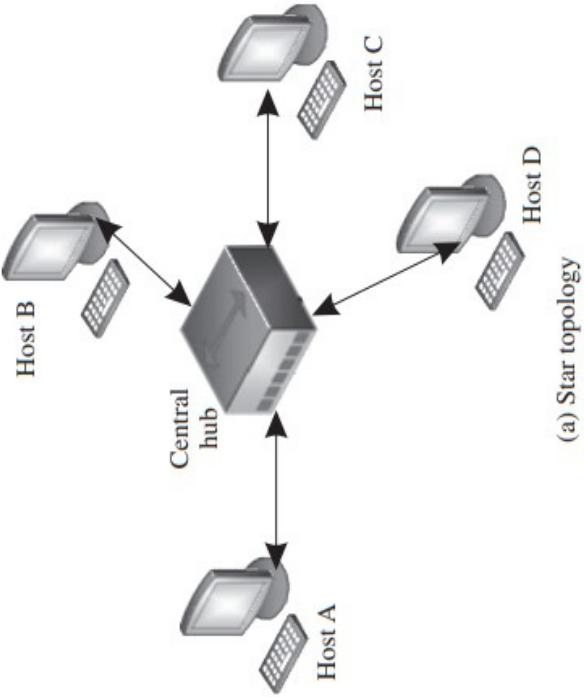
- Depending on the physical manner in which communication paths between the hosts are **connected**, computer networks can have the following four broad topologies:
 - I. Star.
 - II. Mesh.
 - III. Bus.
 - IV. Ring.

Basics of Networking / Network Types

2) Based on physical topology

I. Star:

In a star topology, **every host has a point-to-point link to a central controller or hub.**



(a) Star topology

- ❖ The hub acts as the **network traffic exchange**.
- ❖ This topology is **cheaper and easier to set up**.
- ❖ Main **disadvantage** of this topology is the **danger of a single point of failure**. If the hub fails, the whole network fails.

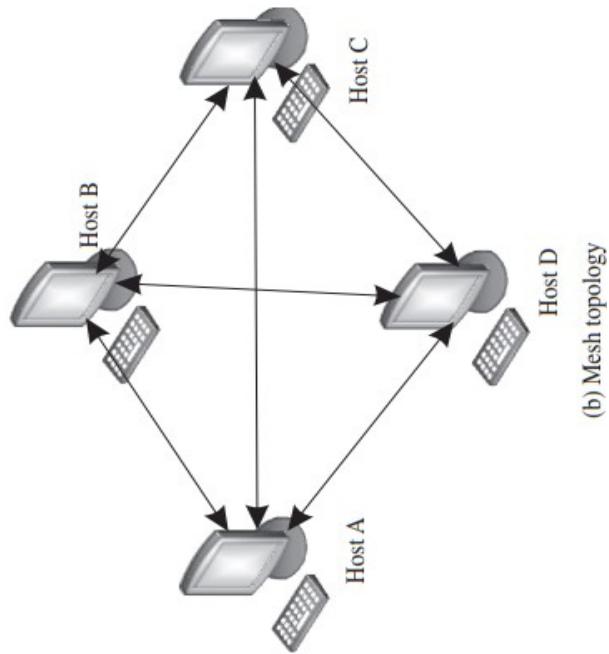
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2) Based on physical topology

II. Mesh:

In a mesh topology, **every host is connected to every other host using a dedicated link (in a **point-to-point** manner)**.

- ❖ There are a total of $n(n-1)/2$ dedicated full duplex links between the hosts.
- ❖ This massive number of links makes the **mesh topology expensive**.
- ❖ **First significant advantage:** robustness and resilience of the system.
- ❖ **Second advantage:** security and privacy of the traffic as the data.
- ❖ **Third advantage:** reduced data load.



(b) Mesh topology

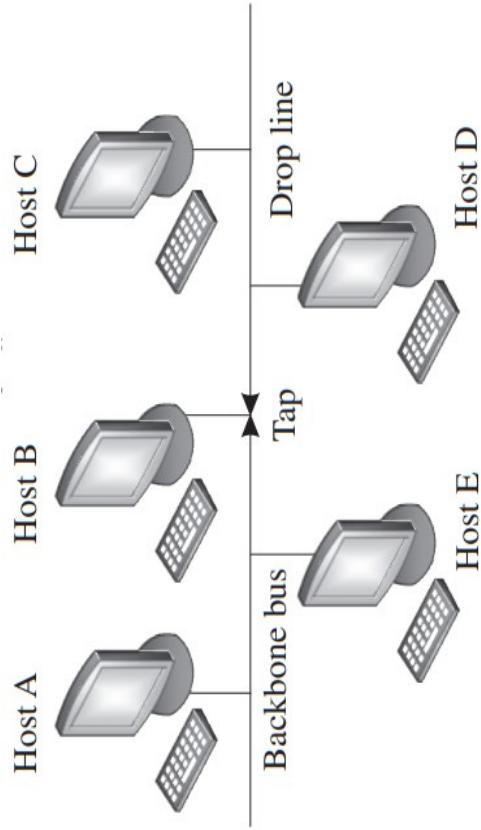
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2) Based on physical topology

III. Bus:

A bus topology follows the **point-to-multipoint** connection.

- ❖ **Backbone cable or bus serves as the primary traffic pathway between the hosts.**
- ❖ **Restriction** on the **length** of the bus and the **number** of hosts that can be simultaneously connected.
- ❖ **Advantage:** ease of installation and cheap
- ❖ **Disadvantage:** difficulty in fault localization within the network.



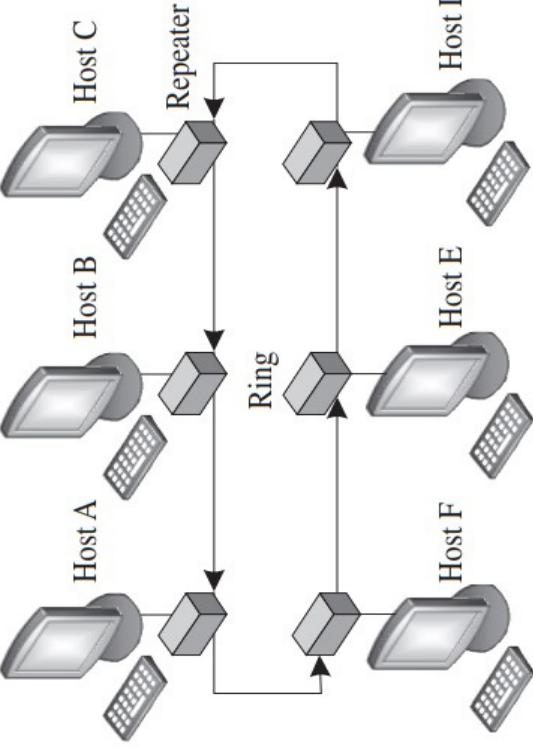
(c) Bus topology

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2) Based on physical topology

IV. Ring:

works on the principle of a connection.



- ❖ Repeaters will be used on either side of the hosts.
- ❖ The repetition of this system forms a **ring**.
- ❖ repeater captures, regenerate and passes to the next one.
- ❖ **Advantage:** Fault identification and setup of the ring topology is **quite simple** and straightforward.
- ❖ **Disadvantage:** high probability of a **single point** of failure.

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In Summary: Network topologies

Table 1.1 Network topology comparison

Topology	Feature	Advantage	Disadvantage
Star	Point-to-point	Cheap; ease of installation; ease of fault identification	Single point of failure; traffic visible to network entities
Mesh	Point-to-point	Resilient against single point of failures; scalable; traffic privacy and security ensured	Costly; complex connections
Bus	Point-to-multipoint	Ease of installation; cheap	Length of backbone cable limited; number of hosts limited; hard to localize faults
Ring	Point-to-point	Ease of installation; cheap; ease of fault identification	Prone to single point of failure

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- 3) Based on Network reachability.
 - Computer networks are divided into four broad categories based on network reachability:
 - I. personal area networks (PAN).
 - II. local area networks (LAN).
 - III. metropolitan area networks (MAN).
 - IV. wide area networks (WAN).

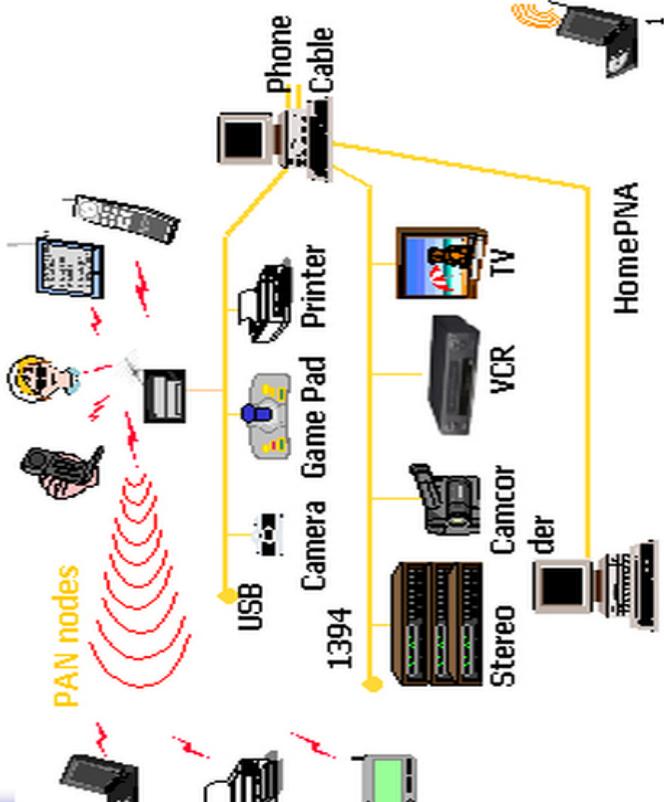
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I. **personal area networks (PAN).**



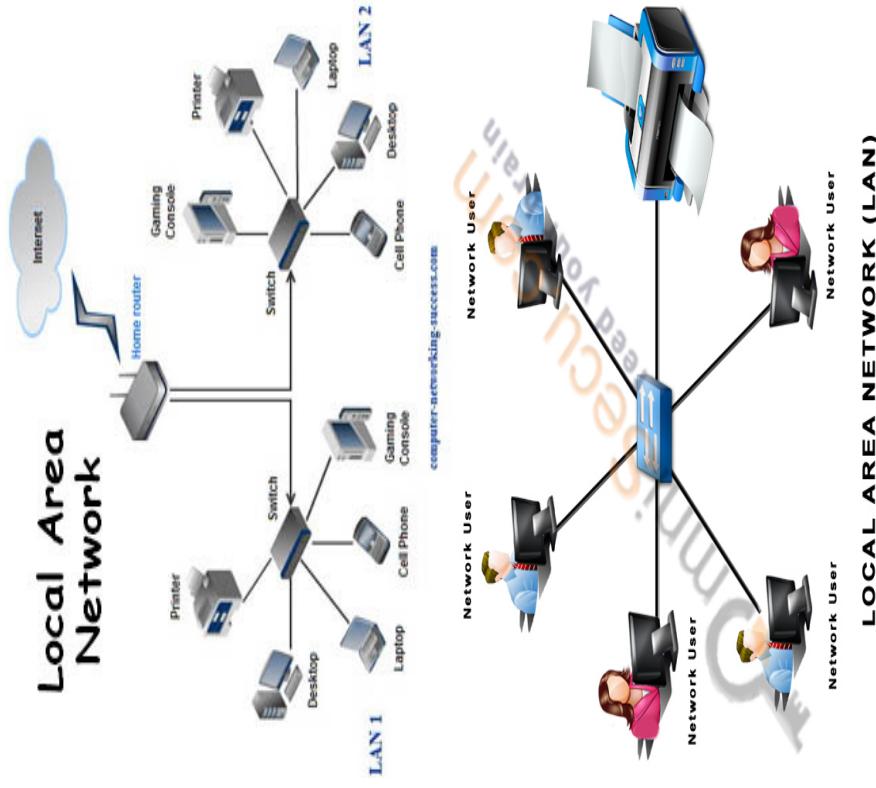
- ❖ Mostly restricted to individual usage.
- ❖ A good example of PANs may be connected wireless headphones, wireless speakers, laptops, smartphones, wireless keyboards, wireless mouse, and printers within a house.
- ❖ make use of **low-range and low-power** technologies such as Bluetooth, zigBEE, XBEE & Wi-fi.
- ❖ reachability of PANs lies in the range of a few centimeters to a few meters.



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3) Based on Network reachability. II. **local area networks (LAN)**.

- ❖ A LAN is a collection of hosts linked to a single network through wired or wireless connections.
- ❖ LANs are restricted to buildings, organizations, or campuses.
- ❖ The lines are further redistributed to multiple hosts within the LAN-enabling hosts.
- ❖ LANs range from 100 Mbps to 1000 Mbps, with very high fault-tolerance levels.
- ❖ Commonly used network components in a LAN are **servers, hubs, routers, switches, terminals, and computers.**

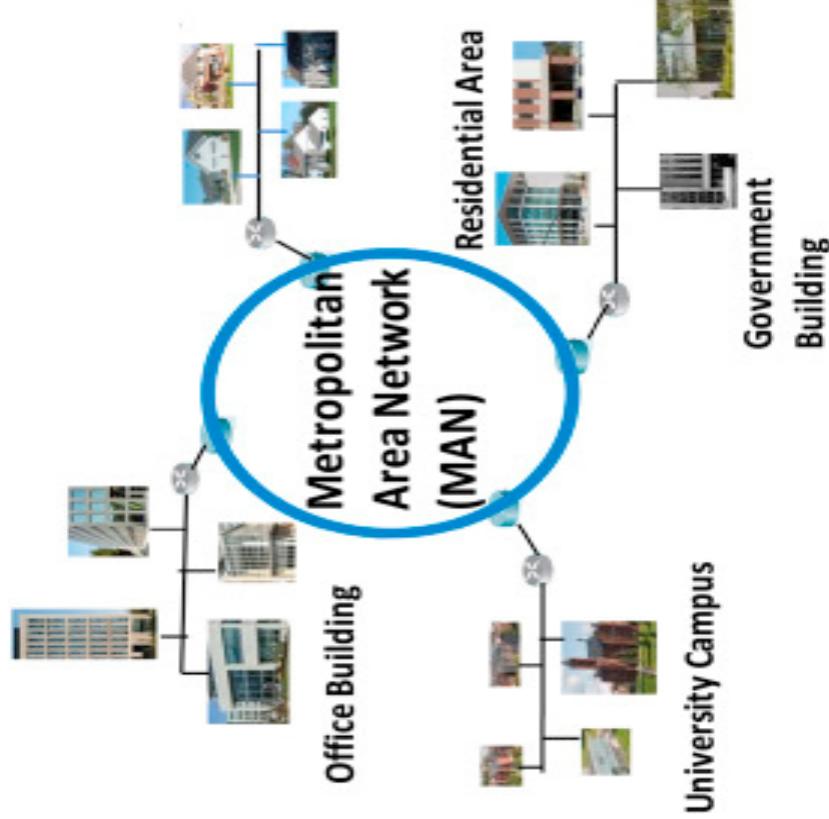


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3) Based on Network reachability.

III. metropolitan area networks (MAN).

- ❖ The reachability of a MAN lies between that of a LAN and a WAN.
- ❖ Typically, MANs connect various organizations or buildings within a given geographic location or city.
- ❖ An excellent example of a MAN is an Internet service provider (ISP).



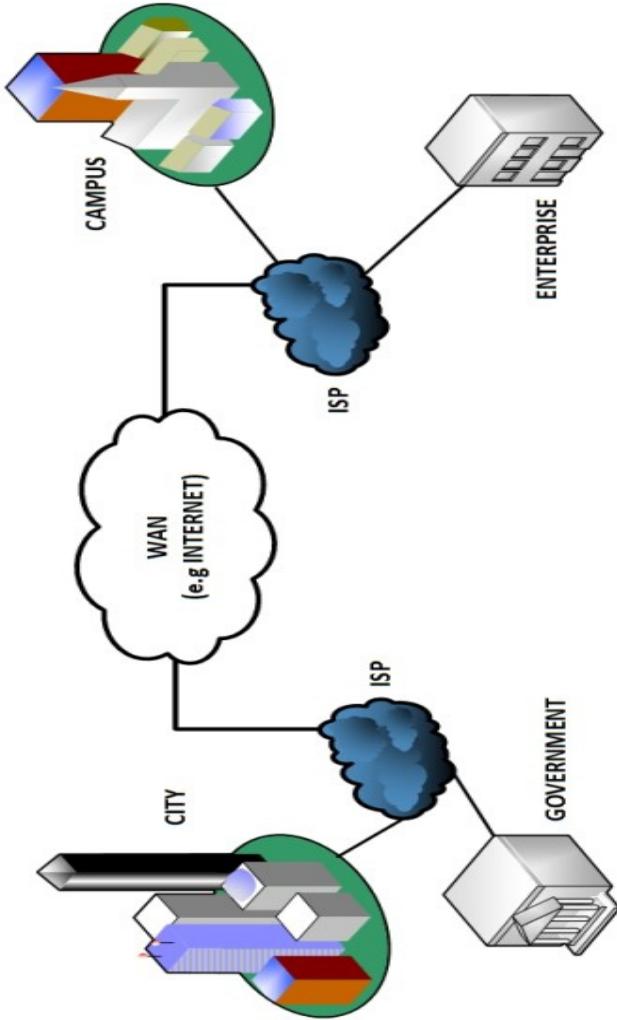
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3) Based on Network reachability.

IV. wide area networks (WAN).

- ❖ WANs typically connect diverse geographic locations.
- ❖ restricted within the boundaries of a state or country.
- ❖ Public switched telephone networks (PSTNs) or satellite-based links.
- ❖ Due to the **long transmission ranges**, WANs tend to have **more errors and noise** during transmission and are **very costly to maintain**.

WIDE AREA NETWORK (WAN)

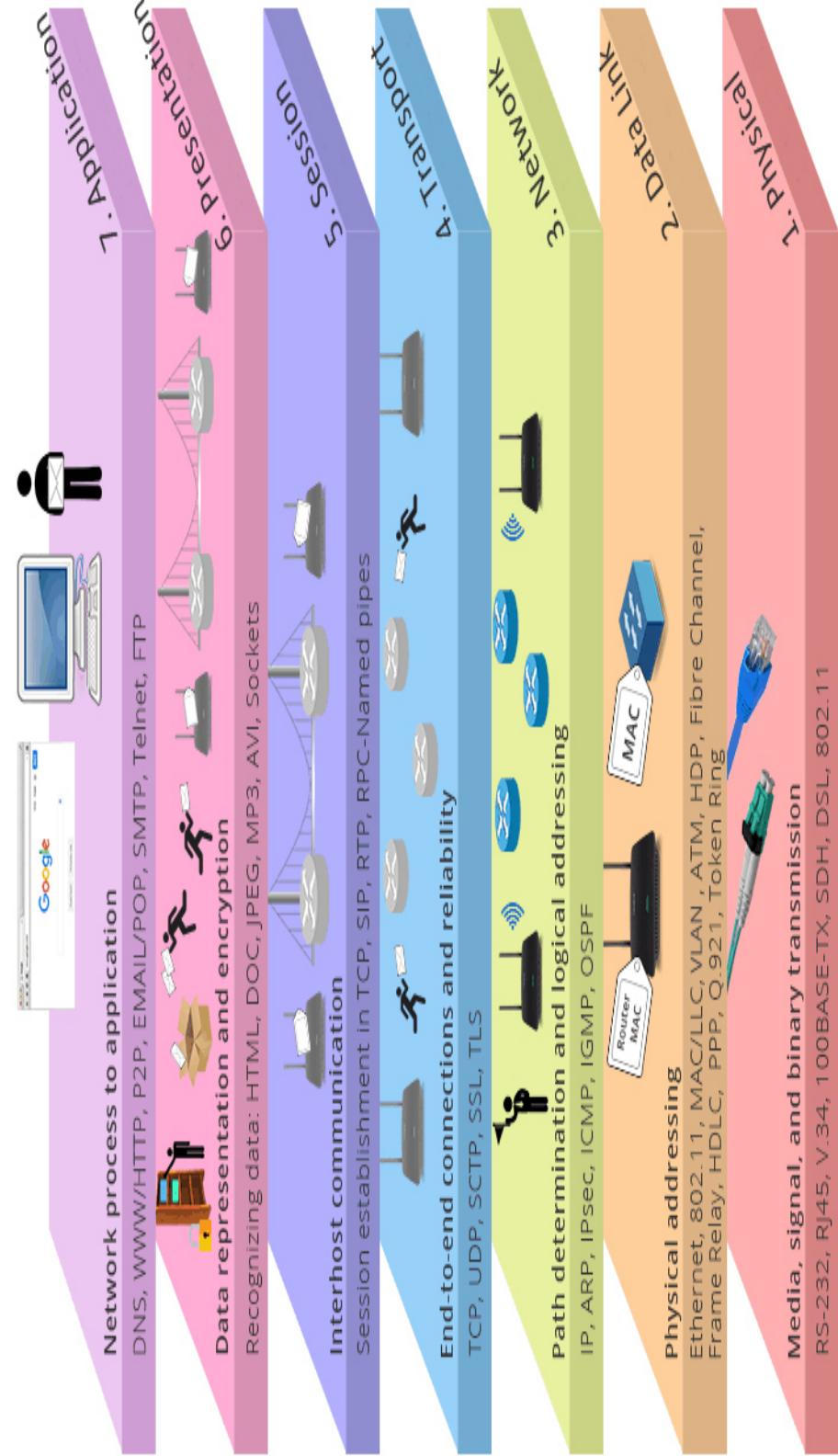


Basics of Networking / Layered Network Models

- The intercommunication between hosts in any computer network, be it a large-scale or a small-scale one is **built upon the premise of various task-specific layers.**
- Most **commonly accepted and used traditional layered network models.**
 - open systems interconnection (OSI) 7-layer model developed by the International Organization of Standardization (ISO).
 - Internet protocol suite (TCP/IP) 4-layer model.

open systems interconnection (OSI)

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Basics of Networking / Layered Network Models

- Internet protocol suite, transmission control protocol (TCP) and Internet protocol (IP), (TCP/IP).



Basics of Networking / Layered Network Models

- **(ISO-OSI) reference model:**

It is a conceptual framework that divides **any networked communication system** into **seven layers**, each performing **specific tasks toward communicating with other systems**

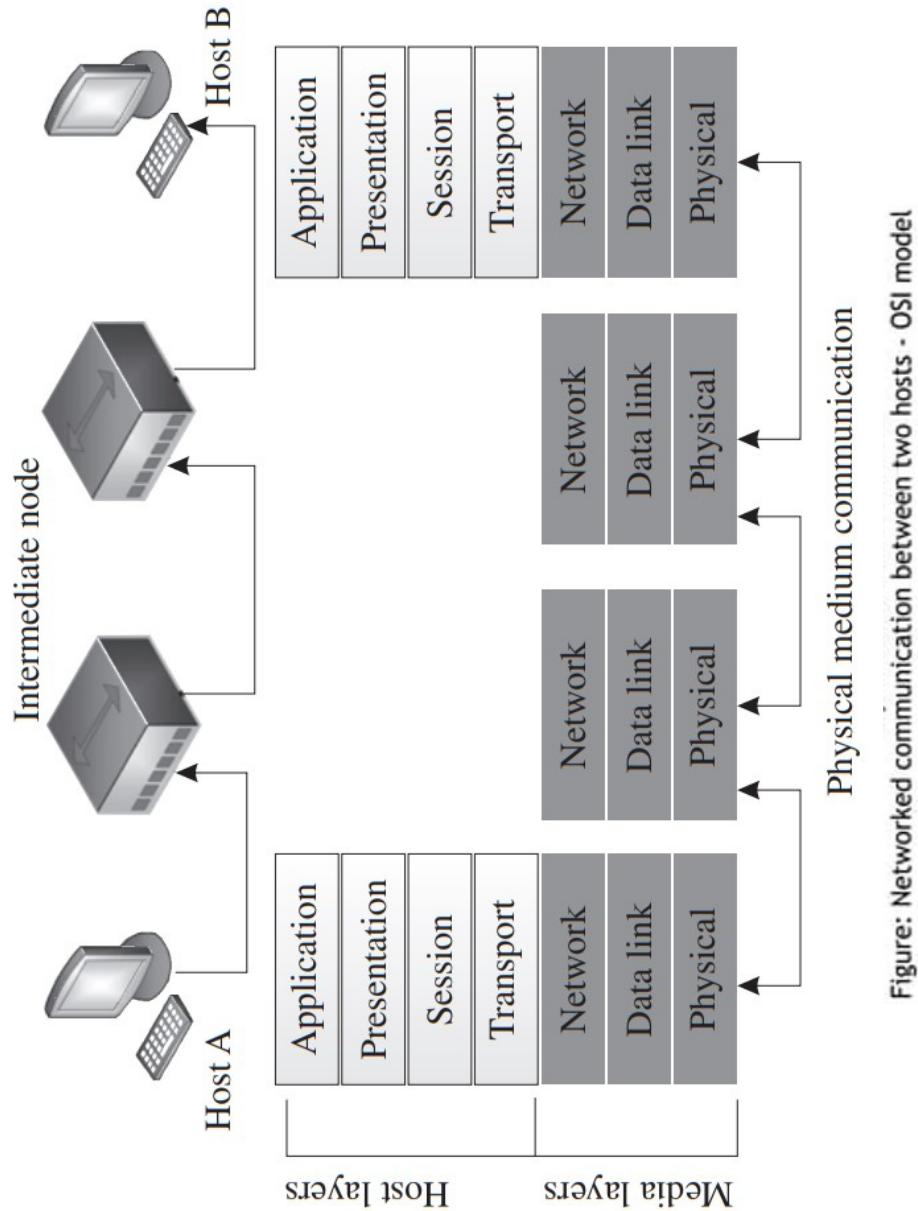
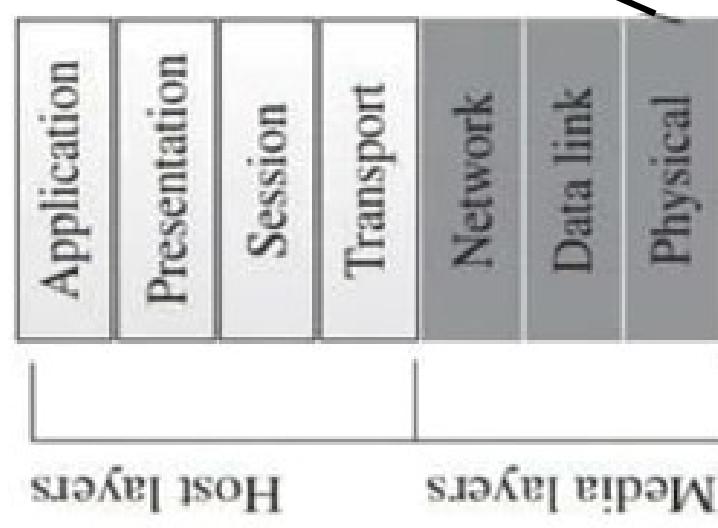


Figure: Networked communication between two hosts - OSI model

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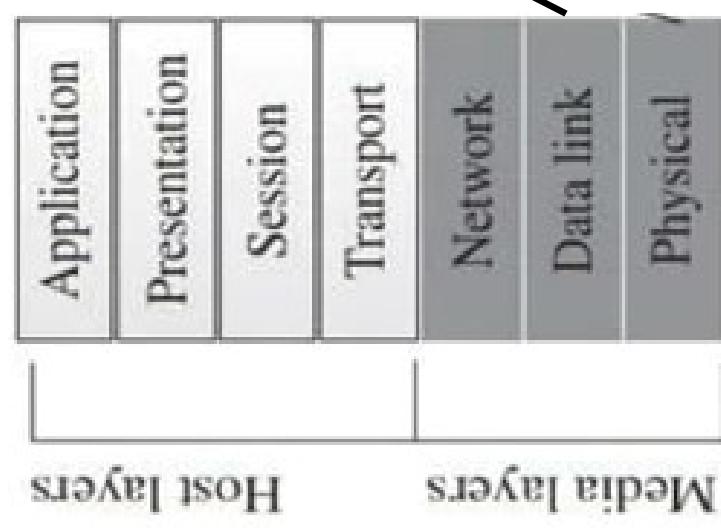


- **Physical Layer:**

- This is a media layer and is also referred to as layer 1 of the OSI model.
- responsible for taking care of the electrical and mechanical operations.
- deal with issues relating to **signal generation, signal transfer, voltages, the layout of cables, physical port layout, and signal loss.**
- responsible for the **topological layout** of the network (**star, mesh, bus, or ring**), **communication mode** (**simplex, duplex, full duplex**), and bit rate control operations.
- The protocol data unit associated with this layer is referred to as a **symbol**.

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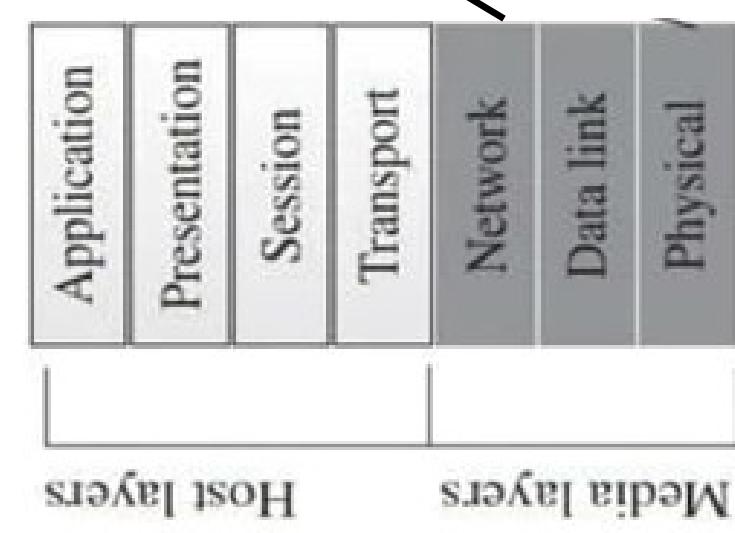


- Data Link Layer:

- This is a media layer and is also referred to as **layer 2** of the OSI model.
- mainly concerned with the **establishment** and **termination** of the connection between two hosts.
- **detection** and **correction** of errors during communication between two or more connected hosts.
- IEEE 802 divides into two sub-layers: Medium access control (**MAC**) and logical link control (**LLC**).
- **MAC** is responsible for access control and permissions.
- **LLC** is mainly tasked with error checking, flow control, and frame synchronization.
- protocol data unit - frame.

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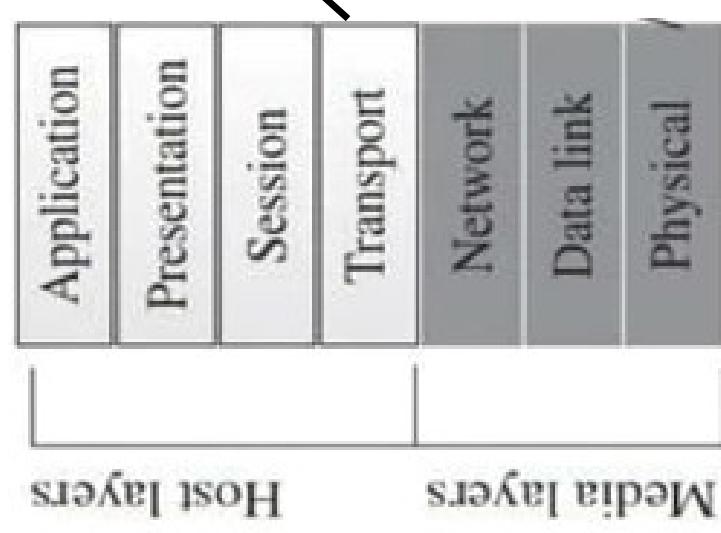


- **Network Layer:**

- This is a media layer and is also referred to as **layer 3** of the OSI model.
- **routing data** to various hosts connected to different networks through **logical paths** called **virtual circuits**.
- These logical paths may **pass** through **other intermediate hosts (nodes)** before reaching the actual destination host.
- The primary tasks of this layer include **addressing**, **sequencing of packets**, congestion control, and error handling.
- protocol data unit - **Packets**.

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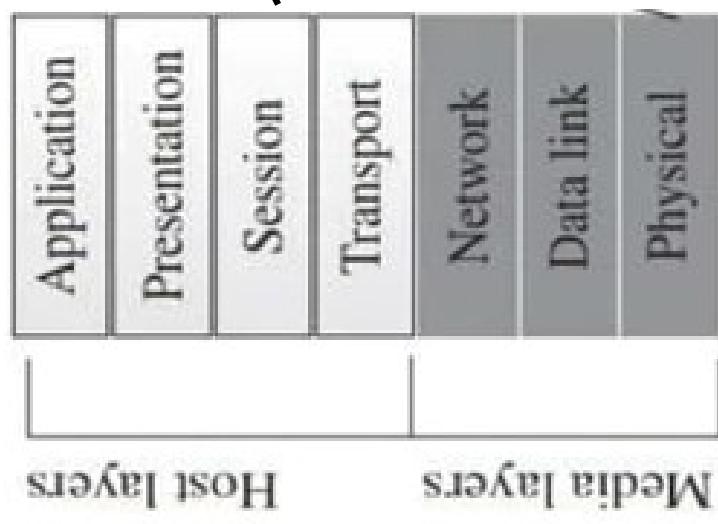
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- **Transport Layer:**
 - This is a **host layer** and is also referred to as **layer 4** of the OSI model.
 - The transport layer is tasked with **end-to-end error recovery and flow control**
 - achieve **transparent transfer** of data between hosts.
 - keeping track of **acknowledgments** during variable-length data transfer.
 - transport layer **ensures** that the particular **erroneous data segment** is re-sent to the receiving host.
 - protocol data unit – **Segment**.

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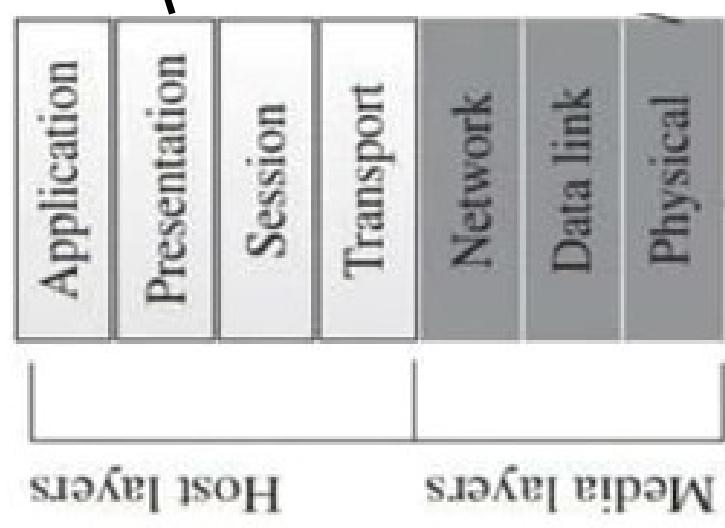


- **Session Layer:**

- layer 5 of the OSI model & is a **host** layer.
- Responsible for **establishing**, **controlling**, and **terminating** of communication.
- The session layer sees **full utilization** **during operations** such as remote procedure calls and remote sessions.
- protocol data unit –**Data**.

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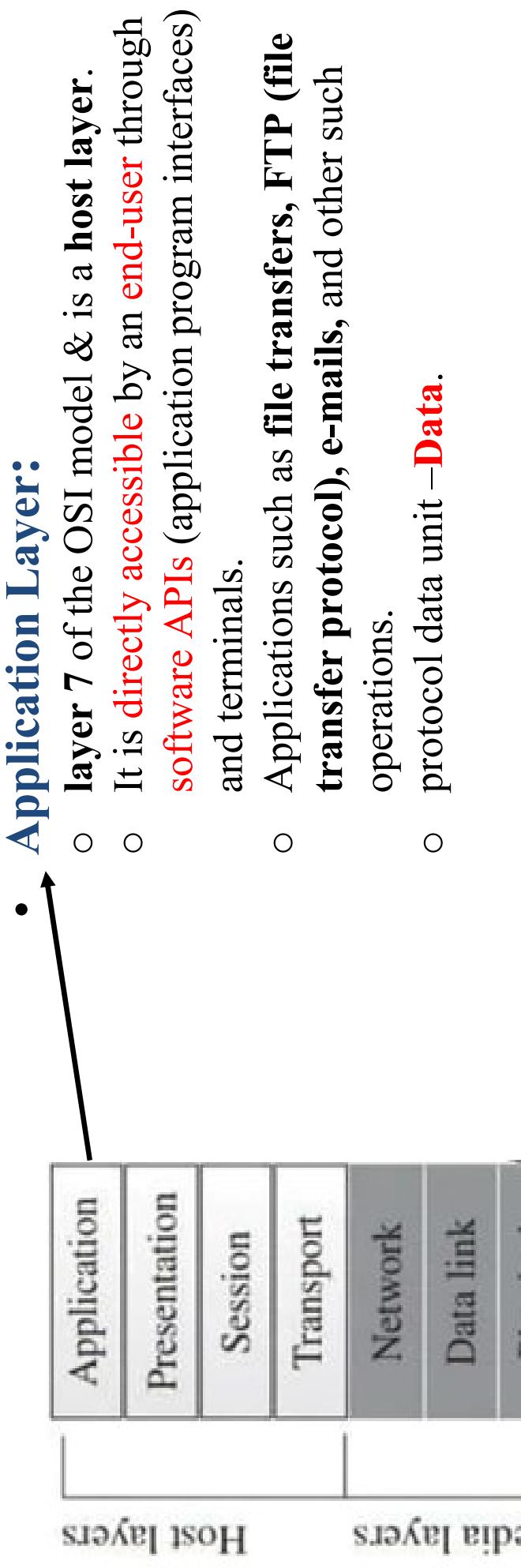
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- **Presentation Layer:**
 - layer 6 of the OSI model & is a host layer.
 - Responsible for **data format conversions and encryption tasks.**
 - **Syntactic compatibility** of the - also referred to as the **syntax layer**.
 - protocol data unit –**Data**.

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- (ISO-OSI) reference model:



Basics of Networking / Layered Network Models

▪ Internet protocol suite (TCP/IP)

1) Link layer.

- The **first** and base **layer**.
- This layer is **equivalent** to the collective **physical and data link** layer of the OSI model.
- It enables the **transmission of TCP/IP packets** over the physical medium.
- Link layer is independent of the medium in **use, frame format, and network access**.
- Ethernet, wireless LAN, and the asynchronous transfer mode (ATM).



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▪ Internet protocol suite (TCP/IP)

2) Internet layer:

- Layer 2 of the TCP/IP protocol suite is somewhat **equivalent** to the **network layer** of the OSI model.
- It is responsible for **addressing**, **address translation**, **data packaging**, **routing**, and **packet delivery** tracking operations.
- Address resolution protocol (**ARP**), Internet protocol (**IP**), Internet control message protocol (**ICMP**), and Internet group management protocol (**IGMP**).



Basics of Networking / Layered Network Models

▪ Internet protocol suite (TCP/IP)

3) Transport layer:

- Layer 3 of the TCP/IP protocol suite is functionally equivalent with the **transport layer** of the OSI model.
- Tasked with the functions of **error control, flow control, congestion control, segmentation, and addressing** in an **end-to-end** manner.
- Transmission control protocol (**TCP**) and user datagram protocol (**UDP**) are the core protocols.
- providing **connection-oriented** or **connectionless services** between two or more hosts or networked devices.



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- Internet protocol suite (TCP/IP)

4) Application layer:

- layer 4, of the TCP/IP protocol suite equivalent with the collective functionalities of the OSI model's session, presentation, and application layers.
- This layer enables an end-user to access the services.
- Hypertext transfer protocol (**HTTP**), file transfer protocol (**FTP**), simple mail transfer protocol (**SMTP**), domain name system (**DNS**), routing information protocol (**RIP**)



Basics of Networking / Addressing

- Addressing in networked devices plays a critical role in ensuring the **delivery of packets to the designated/intended receivers.**
- Addressing mechanisms can be divided into two parts:
 - I. one focusing on **data link layer** address.
 - II. other focuses on **network layer** addressing.

Basics of Networking / Addressing

I. Data link layer addressing:

- ❖ These physical addresses are also known as **media access control (MAC)** addresses.
- ❖ MAC addresses are unique **48-bit** hardware addresses provided by the device manufacturers.
- ❖ the first **24** bits are **organizational identifiers**.
- ❖ the last **24** bits are **network interface controller identifiers**.

■ These addresses are unique globally. Data link layer addressing is broadly divided into **three types**:

- 1) **Unicast**: one-to-one communication.
- 2) **Multicast**: one-to-many communication within a single link.
- 3) **Broadcast**: one-to-all communication within a link.

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II. Network layer addressing:

- Network layer addressing is also termed as **IP-based addressing** or **logical addressing**.
- **IPv4** addressing uses **32-bits** long addresses, whereas **IPv6** uses addresses that are **128 bits** long.
- The **mapping** of a device/host's logical address to its hardware address is done through a mechanism called address resolution protocol (**ARP**).

Basics of Networking / Addressing

II. Network layer addressing: **IPv4**

VER: 4 bits long and represents the version of IP

HLEN: 4 bits long & length of the IPv4 packet header.

ToS: It is 8 bits long. The first six bits represent the differentiated services code point (DSCP) & last 2 bits give information about the congestion witnessed in the network.

TOTAL LENGTH: It is 16 bits long and identifies the length of the entire IPv4 packet.

IDENTIFIER: It is 16 bits long

FLAGS: It is a 3-bit field, fragment

FRAGMENT OFFSET: identifies the exact offset or fragment position of the original IP packet and is 13 bits long.

TTL: It is 8 bits long

PROTOCOL: It is 8 bits long.

HEADER CHECKSUM: It is 16 bits long and used for identifying whether a packet is error-free or not.

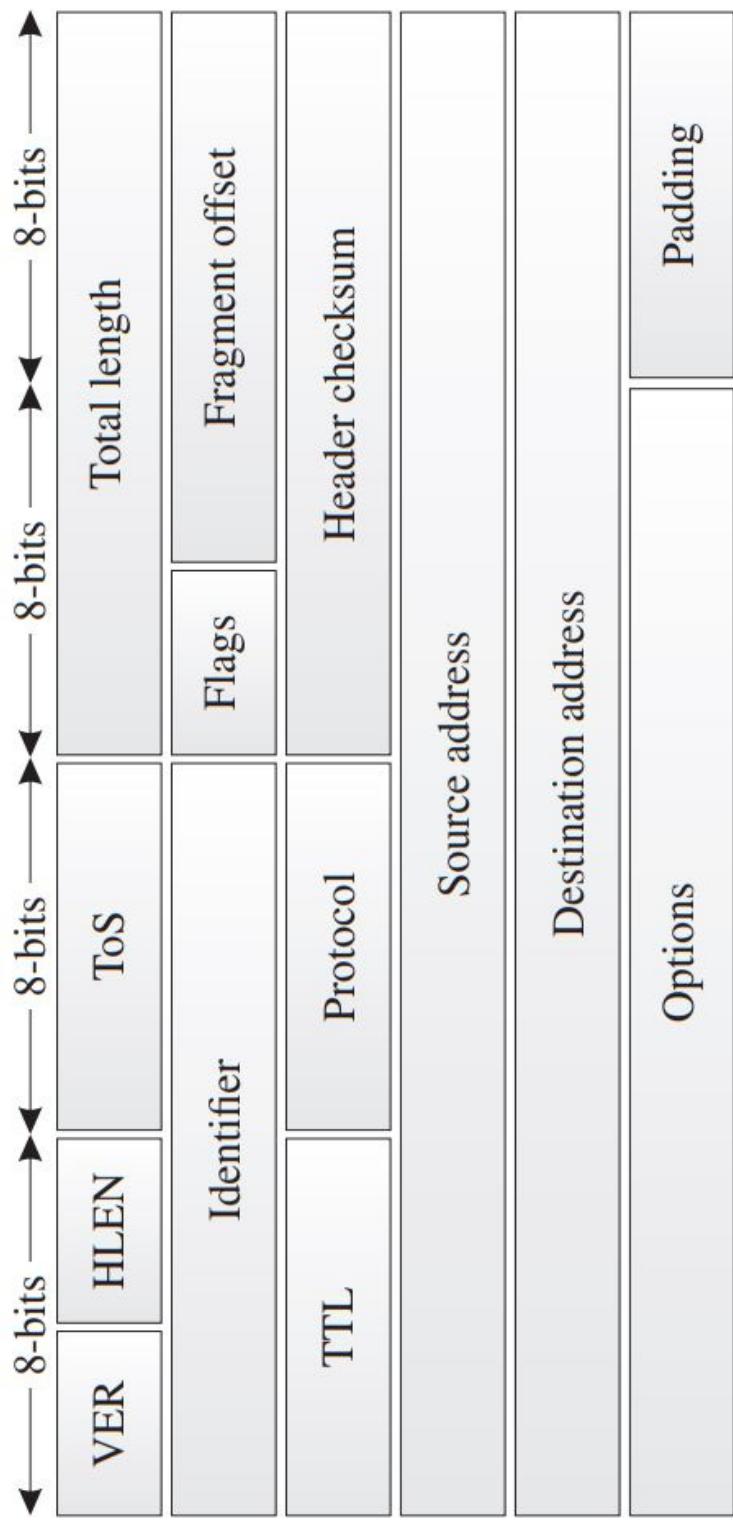
SOURCE ADDRESS: It indicates the origin address of the packet and is 32 bits long.

DESTINATION ADDRESS: It indicates the destination address of the packet and is 32 bits long.

OPTIONS and Padding: It is an optional field, which may carry values for security, time stamps, route records, and others.

Basics of Networking / Addressing

II. Network layer addressing: IPv4



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II. Network layer addressing: IPv6

VER: It is 4 bits long and represents the version of IP.

TRAFFIC CLASS: It is 8 bits long. The first six most significant bits represent the type of service to be provided to this packet (by the routers); explicit congestion notification (ECN) is handled by the last 2 bits.

FLOW LABEL: It is 20 bits long and designed for streaming media or real-time data. The FLOW LABEL allows for information flow ordering; it also avoids packet resequencing.

PAYLOAD LENGTH: It is 16 bits long and provides a router with information about a packet's payload length or the amount of data contained in the packet's payload.

NEXT HEADER: It is 8 bits long and informs the router about the type of extension header the packet is carrying. Some of the extension headers and their corresponding values are as follows: Hop-by-hop options header (0), routing header (43), fragment header (44), destination options header (60), authentication header (51), and encapsulating security payload header (50). In case an extension header is absent, it represents the upper layer protocol data units (PDUs).

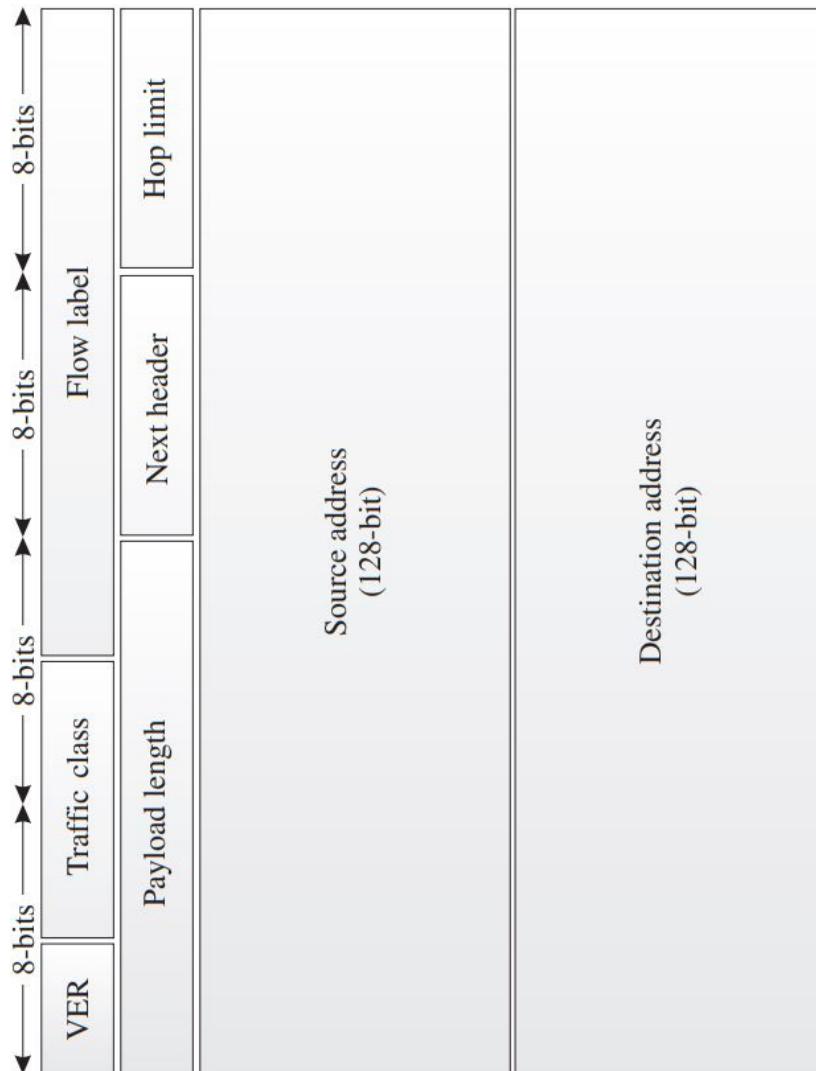
HOP LIMIT: It is 8 bits long and prevents a packet from looping infinitely in the network. As it completes a link, the limit's value is decremented by one.

SOURCE ADDRESS: It is 128 bits long and indicates the origin address of the packet.

DESTINATION ADDRESS: It is 128 bits long and indicates the destination address of the packet.

Basics of Networking / Addressing

II. Network layer addressing: IPv6



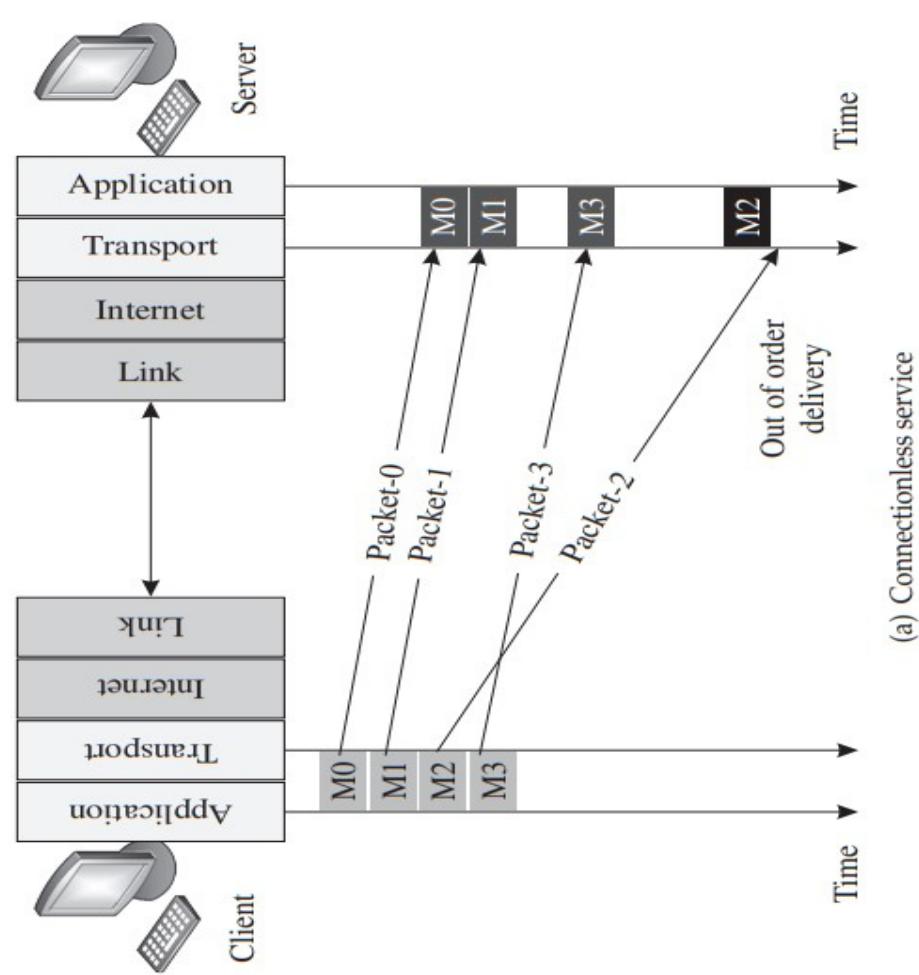
Basics of Networking / TCP/IP Transport layer

- ❑ As mentioned in the previous sections, the transport layer engages in networking functionalities such as process-to-process communication, encapsulation, and decapsulation of data, multiplexing and demultiplexing of virtual pathways, flow control, error control, and congestion control.
- ❑ From a broader perspective, the transport layer provides two types of services:
 - 1) connectionless
 - 2) connection-oriented.

Basics of Networking / TCP/IP Transport layer

1) Connectionless:

- ❑ the connectionless service at the transport layer treats each incoming chunk from the application layer as independent units.
After these chunks have been packetized, the packets are transmitted over the network with basic information of the source and destination addresses and ports. Even if the packets at the receiving end arrive out of order, they are submitted to the receiving host's application layer as it is, without any sequence maintenance.

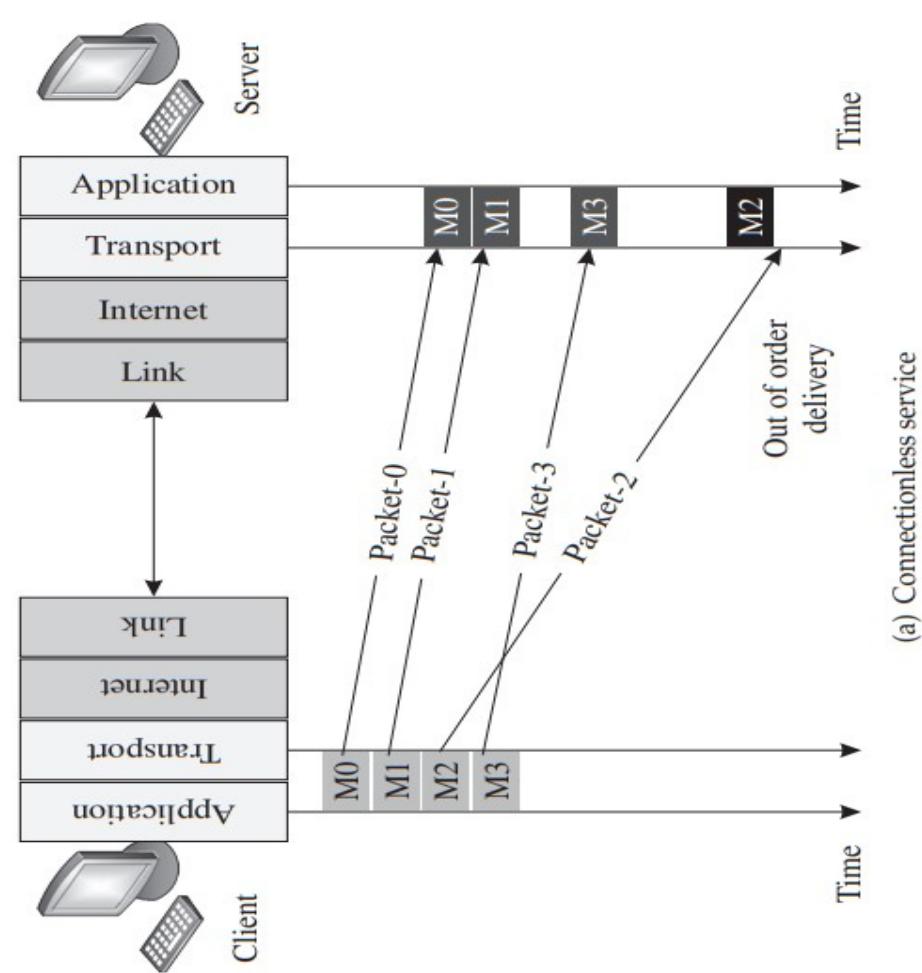


(a) Connectionless service

Basics of Networking / TCP/IP Transport layer

1) Connectionless:

- ❑ The client transport layer has four message chunks M₀, M₁, M₂, and M₃, which are transmitted in that sequence. However, M₂ arrives at the server at a time much later than its subsequent packet M₃. As this is a connectionless service, the sequence is not maintained, and the packets are forwarded to the server's application layer as it is (out of sequence). Voice-over-IP (VoIP) is a popular usage of this service type. The most famous protocol associated with this service type is the user datagram protocol (UDP).

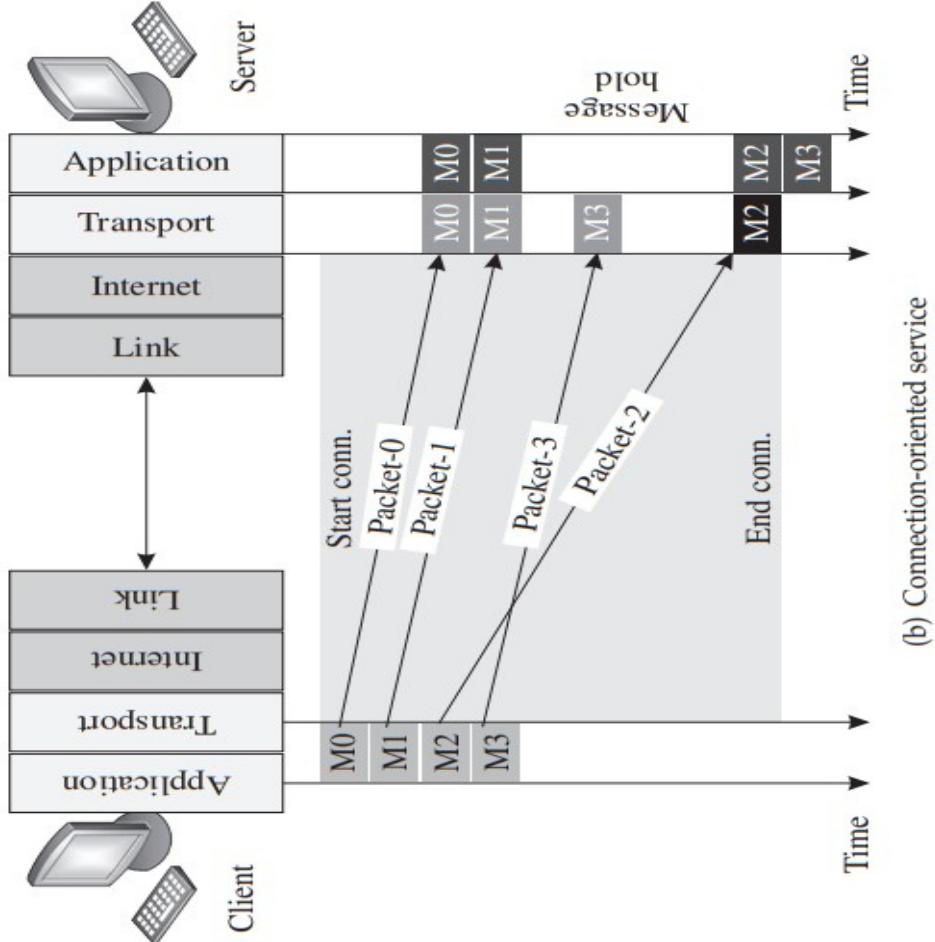


(a) Connectionless service

Basics of Networking / TCP/IP Transport layer

2) connection-oriented:

- The connection-oriented service, in contrast to the connectionless service, has a high dependency on the sequence of packets. Before the transmission of data to the server from the client, the client and server establish a connection employing handshaking using SYN and ACK frames. Once the data transmission is complete, the connection is terminated. In case another message has to be transmitted, the connection establishment process is again followed. This service type ensures that the packets arriving at the client's transport layer from its application layer are delivered in the exact sequence as in the server's application layer, in turn ensuring the quality of service (QoS) for the connection. However, ensuring QoS makes this type of service quite slow in comparison to connectionless services.

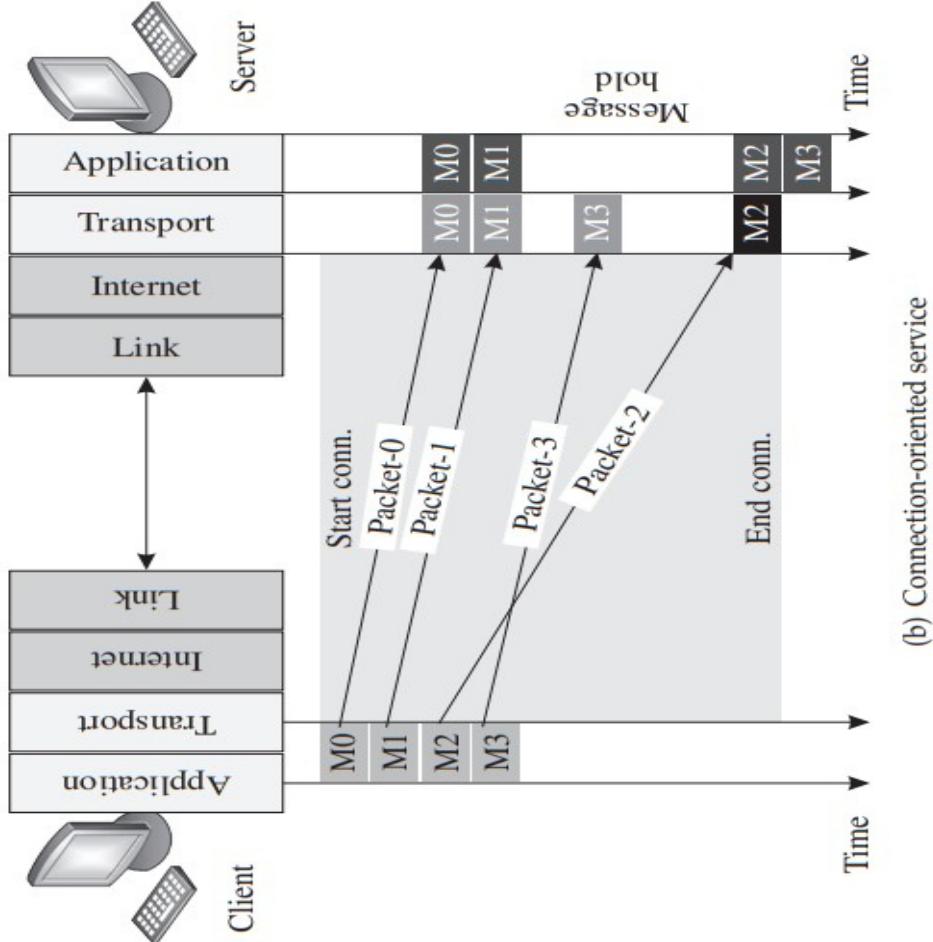


(b) Connection-oriented service

Basics of Networking / TCP/IP Transport layer

2) connection-oriented:

- the client transport layer has four message chunks M0, M1, M2, and M3 (from the client's application layer), which are packetized and transmitted in that sequence once a connection is established between the client and the server. Even if the M2 packet arrives out of sequence at the server's transport layer, the subsequent packets are held back until M2 is received. Upon receiving M2, M2, and the held-back M3 packet are forwarded to the server's application layer in the same sequence that it was transmitted from the client's transport layer. Application layer protocols such as HTTP (hypertext transfer protocol) and HTTPS (hypertext transfer protocol secure) rely on connection-oriented services for their operation. The popular transport layer protocol, transmission control protocol (TCP), is a means of achieving connection-oriented service.



Basics of Networking / TCP/IP Transport layer

Feature	UDP	TCP
Name	User datagram protocol	Transmission control protocol
Type of service	Connectionless	Connection-oriented
Reliability	Low	High
Time-criticality	High	Low
Packet sequencing	No sequencing required	High level of sequencing involved
Speed of transfer	High	Relatively low
Error checking	Present, but it simply discards erroneous packets	Present; Erroneous packets are re-transmitted from the source
Error recovery	Absent	Present
Acknowledgment	Absent	Done by SYN, SYN-ACK, ACK frames
Handshake	None	Done by SYN, SYN-ACK, ACK frames
Weight Usage	Lightweight protocol SNMP, TFTP, RIP, VoIP, DNS, DHCP	Heavyweight protocol HTTP, HTTPS, FTP, SMTP, Telnet

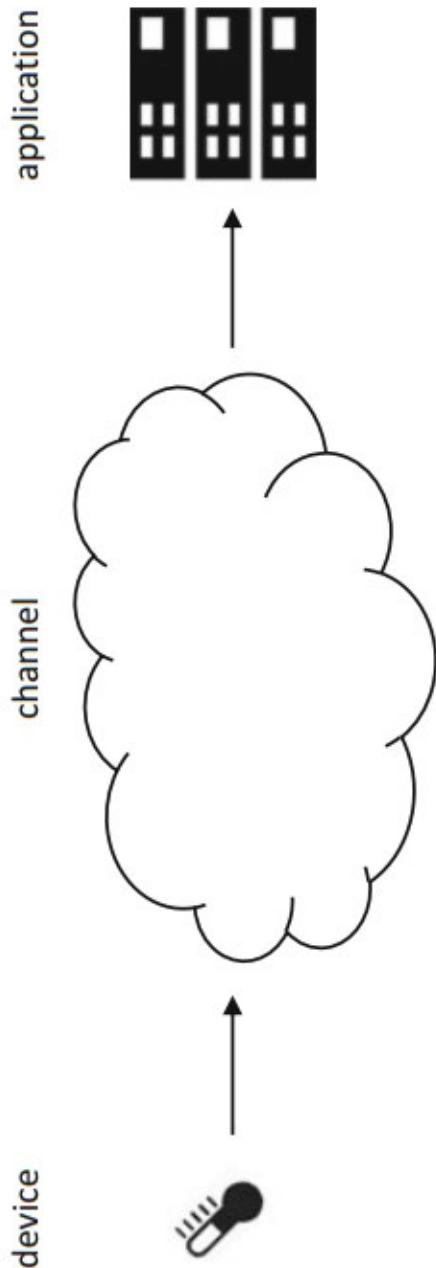
The system components & building blocks of IoT

- The **internet of things** provides fascinating **solutions** to most **problems** that the **workforce** is facing.
- The approach of attaining a solution is based on how the **information technology components** were **integrated** with **communication devices** with the **best hardware** and **software convergence**.
- Managing millions of **heterogeneous** connected **devices** via the Internet requires a **flexible, layered architecture**.
- Basically, there is not such a **unique** or **universally define** standard concurrence of **IoT Architecture Building Blocks**.
- **IoT Architecture Building Blocks** differ on the basis of their **functionality** and depending upon their **solutions**.

The building blocks of IoT

The basic IoT block:

- Two additional and very important components are needed for IoT communication to work, a **device** and an **application**.
- IoT scenario typically involves three main fundamental components: (1) **devices**, (2) a **communication channel**, and (3) an **application** performing analytics.



The building blocks of IoT

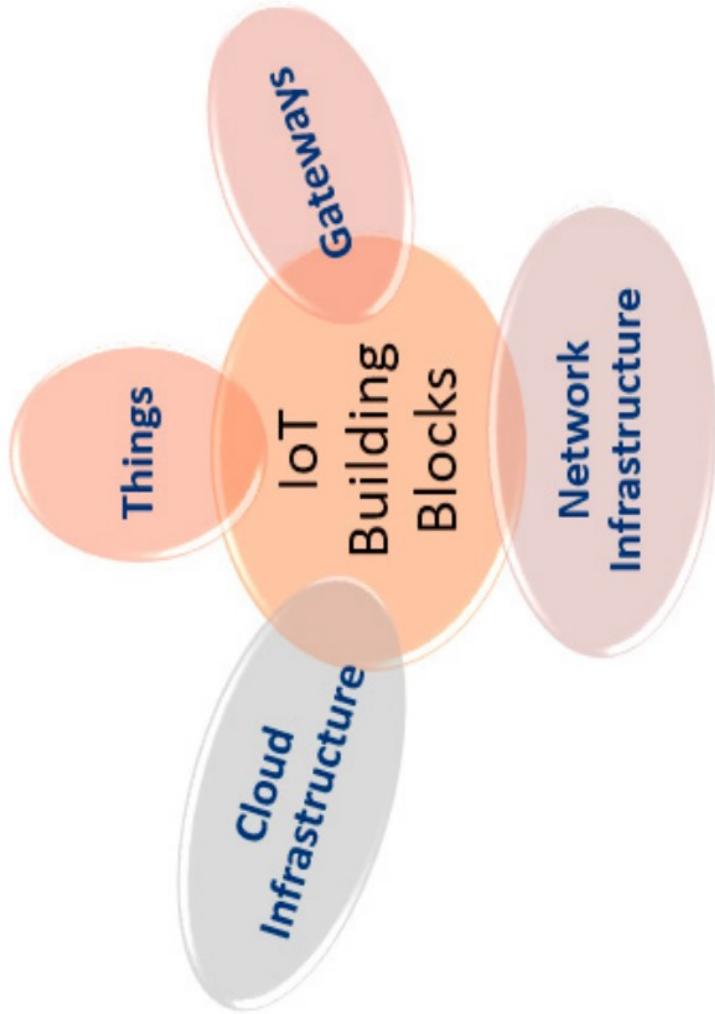
- **Devices** are **sensors**, **controllers**, and **actuators** typically running on small constrained **embedded systems/computers** based on system-on-chip (**SoC**) and system-on-module (**SoM**) hardware.
- A **SoC** is a **chip** that provides a central processing unit (**CPU**), **memory**, **storage**, **input/output** digital and analog **interfaces**, and radio-frequency (**RF**) signal processing.
- **SoM** is a circuit board that includes an **SoC** in addition to some other **separate chips** that provide additional functionality.

The building blocks of IoT

- **communication channel** is the medium that enables the **transmission of signals between devices and applications.**
- **Applications** typically perform **operational analytics** to **extract knowledge** from the **data generated by devices**. This knowledge is used, to make **automated actuation decisions** and to provide visualization for human interaction.

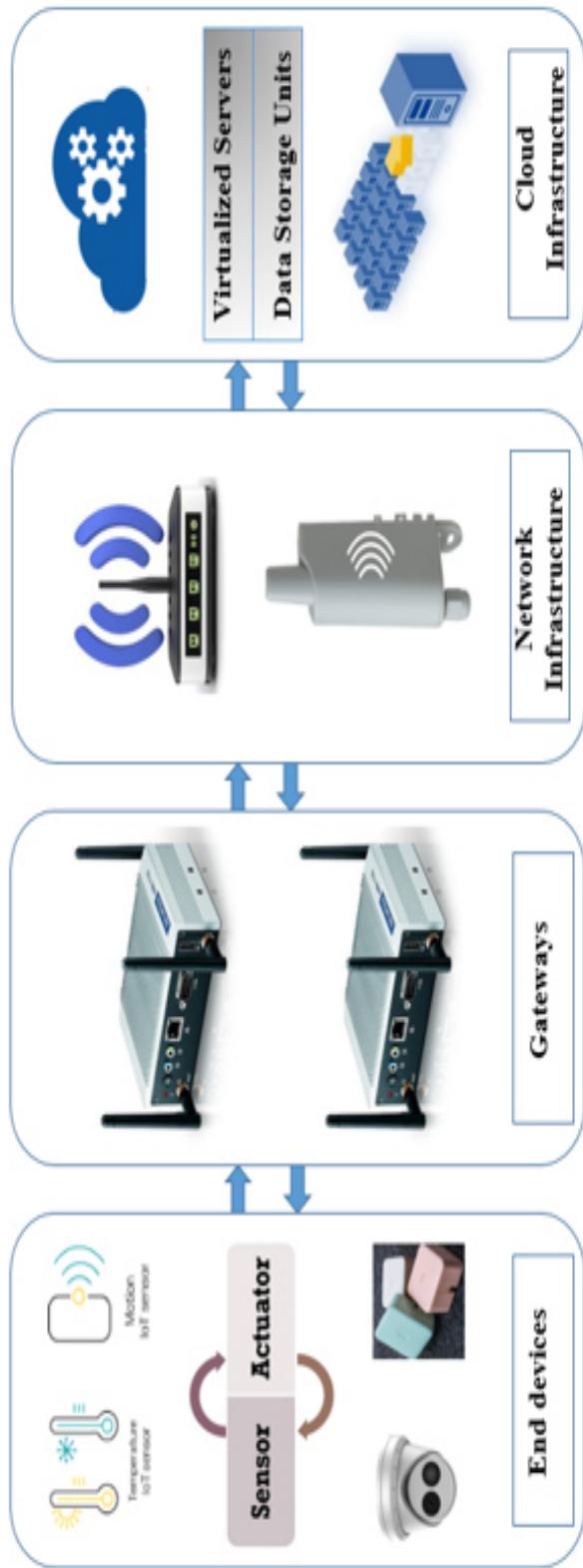
The building blocks of IoT

The four main building blocks:



The building blocks of IoT

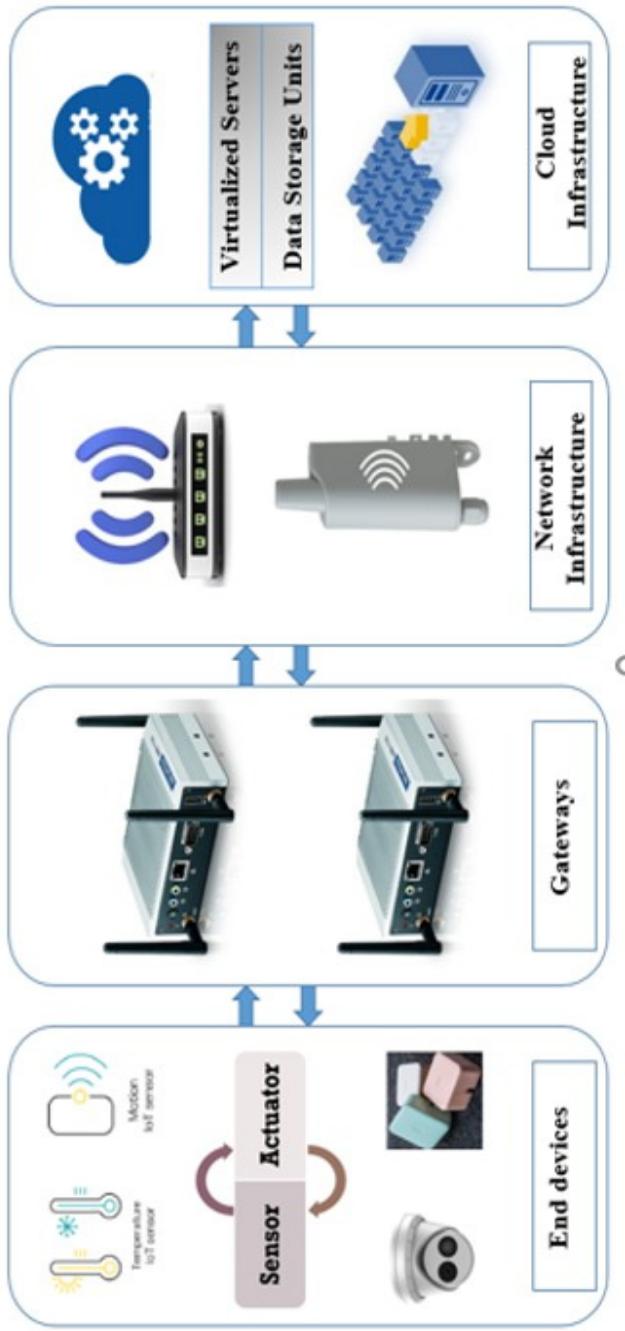
IoT Building Blocks



The building blocks of IoT

- **Things \ Sensors & Processors**

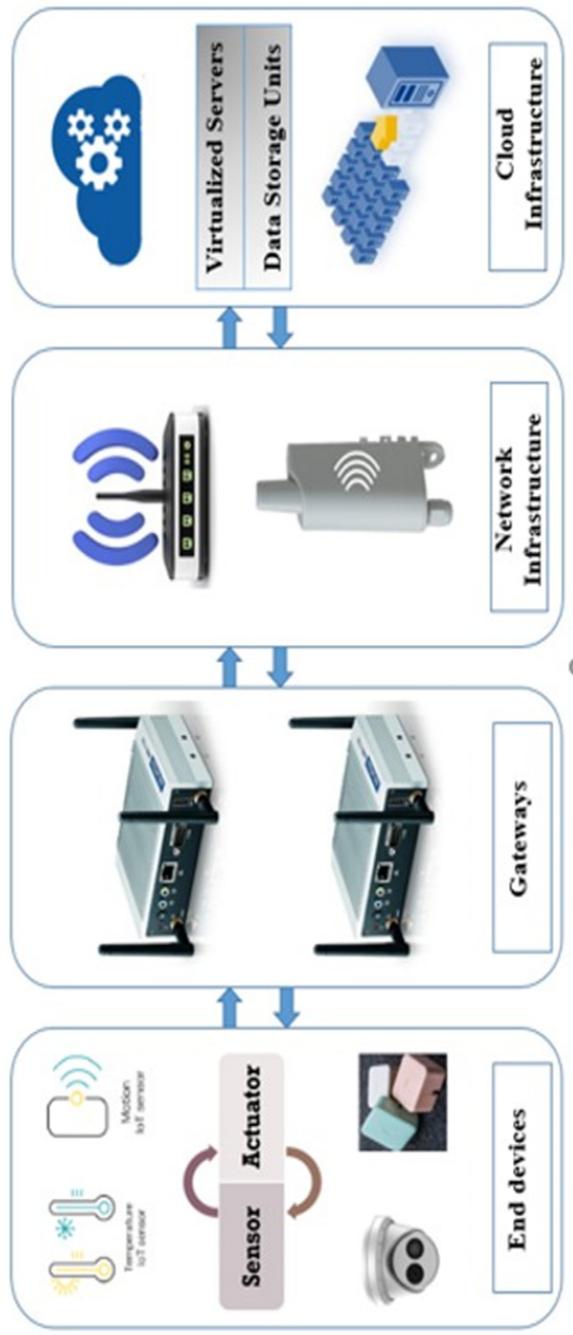
the ‘Things’ are the **sensors** and **actuators**. its front end of the IoT architecture building block, **Sensors** take data from the environment and **actuators** give data to the surroundings, without any human interaction, using different connectivity methods.



The building blocks of IoT

☐ Gateways

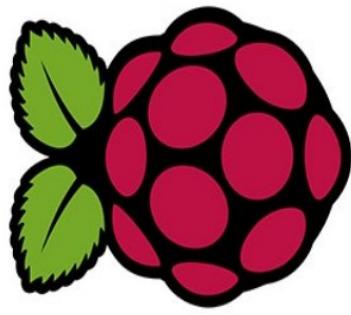
- An IoT gateway is a device (combination of hardware and software) that's used for the basic analysis of data coming from connected sensors.
- Gateways are responsible for bridging sensor nodes with the external Internet or World Wide Web.



The building blocks of IoT

□ Gateways

- In some cases, when data analysis requires a small number of computing resources, IoT gateways can serve as **decision points**, sending certain control commands to actuators that perform appropriate actions.
- If more complex data processing is needed or information is to be stored for further analysis, gateways send it to a server located either **on-premises** or in the **cloud**.
- Both **microcomputers** and **microprocessors** can be used as gateways for IoT applications with the most widely used being open-source platforms such as Raspberry Pi and Arduino.
 - LAN, WAN, PAN, etc are also can be an example of network gateways.



The building blocks of IoT

□ Network infrastructure

- This is comprised of **routers**, **aggregators**, **gateways**, **repeaters**, and other devices that **control** and **secure** data flow.
- It allows the control over the data flow from **things** to the **cloud** infrastructure.

□ Cloud infrastructure \ Applications

- **Cloud infrastructure** contains large pools of **virtualized servers** and **storage** that are networked together with **computing** and **analytical** capabilities.
- **Applications** are another end of an IoT system. Applications do proper **utilization** of all the data collected and provide an interface to users to interact with that data.

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