## Network Basics

## Network Definition

- Set of technologies that connects computers
- Allows communication and collaboration between users



Figure : The definition of a computer network: a set of transmission paths, interconnected at nodes

## Components of a computer network

A computer network is composed of: -Hosts (PCs, laptops, handhelds)

- Routers \& switches (IP router, Ethernet switch)
- Links (wired, wireless)
-Protocols (IP, TCP, CSMA/CD, CSMA/CA)
- Applications (network services)
- Humans and service agents


## The Uses of a Network

Simultaneous access to data

- Data files are shared
- Access can be limited
- Shared files stored on a server
- Software can be shared
- Site licenses
- Network versions
- Application servers


## The Uses of a Network

Shared peripheral device

- Printers and faxes are common shares
- Reduces the cost per user
- Devices can be connected to the network
- Print servers control network printing
- Manage the print queue


## Sharing Data



## The Uses of a Network

## Personal communication

- Email
- Instantaneous communication
- Conferencing
- Tele conferencing
- Videoconferencing
- Audio-conferencing
- Data-conferencing
- Voice over IP
- Phone communication over network wires


## Voice Over IP



## The Uses of a Network

Easier data backup

- Backup copies data to removable media
- Server data backed up in one step


## Common Network Types

## Local Area Network

 (LAN)- Contains printers, servers and computers
- Systems are close to each other
- Contained in one office or building
- Organizations often have several LANS


## Common Network Types

## Wide Area Networks

 (WAN)- Two or more LANs connected
- Over a large geographic area
- Typically use public or leased lines
- Phone lines
- Satellite
- The Internet is a WAN


## Hybrid Network Types

Campus Area Networks (CAN)

- A LAN in one large geographic area
- Resources related to the same organization
- Each department shares the LAN


## Hybrid Network Types

## Metropolitan Area Network (MAN)

- Large network that connects different organizations
- Shares regional resources
- A network provider sells time



## Hybrid Network Types

## Home Area Network (HAN)

- Small scale network
- Connects computers and entertainment appliances
- Found mainly in the home


## Hybrid Network Types

## Personal Area Network (PAN)

- Very small scale network
- Range is less than 2 meters
- Cell phones, PDAs, MP3 players


## Network Architecture

* The design of computers, devices, and media on a network is sometimes called the network architecture.

Can be categorized as:
$>$ Client/server network
$>$ Peer-to-peer network
$>$ Internet Peer-to-peer network

## How Networks Are Structured

Server based network

- Node is any network device
- Servers control what the node accesses
- Users gain access by logging in
- Server is the most important computer


## How Networks Are Structured

## Client/Server network

- Nodes and servers share data roles
- Nodes are called clients
- Servers are used to control access
- Database software
- Access to data controlled by server
- Server is the most important computer



## How Networks Are Structured

Peer -to- peer network
> Simple network that connects fewer than 10 computers
$>$ Each computer, or peer, has equal capabilities


## How Networks Are Structured

Internet Peer - to -
peer networks
(P2PN)

- All nodes are equal
- Nodes access resources on other nodes
- Each node controls its own resources
- Most modern OS allow P2PN
- Distributing
 computing is a form


## Network Topologies

*A Network topology refers to the layout of the computers and devices in a communication network.
> Star Network
> Bus Network
$>$ Ring Network
> Mesh Network
> Tree Network

## Network Topologies

## Topology

- Choice affects
- Network performance
- Network size
- Network collision detection
- Several different types


## Network Topologies

## Packets

- Pieces of data transmitted over a network
- Packets are created by sending node
- Data is reassembled by receiving node
- Packet header
- Sending and receiving address
- Packet payload
- Number and size of data
- Actual data
- Packet error control


## Network Topologies

Bus topology

- Also called linear bus
- One wire connects all nodes
- Terminator ends the wires
- Advantages
- Easy to setup
- Small amount of wire
- Disadvantages
- Slow
- Easy to crash



## Network Topologies

Star topology

- All nodes connect to a hub
- Packets sent to hub
- Hub sends packet to destination
- Advantages
- Easy to setup
- One cable can not crash network
- Disadvantages
- One hub crashing downs entire network
- Uses lots of cable
- Most common topology


## Star Topology



## Network Topologies

## Ring topology

- Nodes connected in a circle
- Tokens used to transmit data
- Nodes must wait for token to send
- Advantages
- Time to send data is known
- No data collisions
- Disadvantages

- Slow
- Lots of cable


## Network Topologies

Mesh topology

- All computers connected together
- Internet is a mesh network
- Advantage
- Data will always be delivered
- Disadvantages
- Lots of cable
- Hard to setup


## Mesh Topology



## Network Media

Links that connect nodes

- Choice impacts
- Speed
- Security
- Size


## Wire Based Media

Twisted-pair cabling

- Most common LAN cable
- Called Cat5 or 100BaseT
- Four pairs of copper cable twisted
- May be shielded from interference
- Speeds range from



## Wire Based Media

Coaxial cable

- Similar to cable TV wire
- One wire runs through cable
- Shielded from interference
- Speeds up to 10 Mbps
- Nearly obsolete


## Wire Based Media

Fiber-optic cable

- Data is transmitted with light pulses
- Glass strand instead of cable
- Immune to interference
- Very secure
- Hard to work with
- Speeds up to 100 Gbps


## Wireless Media

Data transmitted through the air

- LANs use radio waves
- WANs use microwave signals
- Easy to setup
- Difficult to secure



## Network Hardware

Network interface cards

- Network adapter
- Connects node to the media
- Unique Machine Access Code (MAC)


## Network Hardware

Network linking devices

- Connect nodes in the network
- Cable runs from node to device
- Crossover cable connects two computers


## Network Hardware

Hubs

- Center of a star network
- All nodes receive transmitted packets
- Slow and insecure


## Network Hardware

Switches

- Replacement for hubs
- Only intended node receives transmission
- Fast and secure


## Network Hardware

## Bridge

- Connects two or more LANs together
- Packets sent to remote LAN cross
- Other packets do not cross
- Segments the network on MAC addresses


## Network Hardware

Router

- Connects two or more LANs together
- Packets sent to remote LAN cross
- Network is segmented by IP address
- Connect internal networks to the Internet
- Need configured before installation


## Network Hardware

## Gateway

- Connects two dissimilar networks
- Connects coax to twisted pair
- Most gateways contained in other devices


## Network Cabling

## Cabling specifications

- Bandwidth measures cable speed
- Typically measured in Mbps
- Maximum cable length
- Connector describes the type of plug


## Network Cabling

Ethernet

- Very popular cabling technology
- 10 Base T, 10Base2, 10Base5
- Maximum bandwidth 10 Mbps
- Maximum distances 100 to 500 meters


## Network Cabling

Fast Ethernet

- Newer version of Ethernet
- Bandwidth is 100 Mbps
- Uses Cat5 or greater cable
- Sometimes called 100Base T
- Requires a switch


## Network Cabling

Gigabit Ethernet

- High bandwidth version of Ethernet
- 1 to 10 Gbps
- Cat 5 or fiber optic cable
- Video applications


## Network Cabling

Token ring

- Uses shielded twisted pair cabling
- Bandwidth between 10 and 25 Mbps
- Uses a multiple access unit (MAU)
- Popular in manufacturing and finance


## Network Protocols

Language of the network

- Rules of communication
- Error resolution
- Defines collision and collision recovery
- Size of packet
- Naming rules for computers


## Network Protocols

## TCP/IP

- Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol
- Most popular protocol
- Machines assigned a name of 4 numbers
- IP address
- 209.8.166.179 is the White House's web site
- Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol
- Simplifies assignment of IP addresses
- Required for Internet access


## Network Protocols

IPX/SPX

- Internet Packet Exchange/Sequenced Packet Exchange
- Older protocol
- Associated with Novell Netware
- Replaced by TCP/IP


## Network Protocols

NetBEUI

- Network BIOS Extended User Interface
- Used by Windows to name computers
- Transmission details handled by TCP/IP


## Network Protocols

Token ring

- Popular in manufacturing and finance
- Nodes communicate when they have the token


## End of Presentation

