Telematics
Chapter 2: Introduction

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Data Communication

Data communication is the **processing** and the **transport** of digital data over connections between computers and/or other devices.

Data communication comprises two topical areas.

1. **Computer Networks**
   - How to connect several computers?
   - Which media can be used for data transport?
   - How to represent digital data on the medium?
   - How to coordinate the access of several computers to the medium?

2. **Communication Protocols**
   - Design of uniform data units for transfer
   - How to achieve a reliable and efficient transfer?
Data Communication
Signals, Data, and Information
The Term of Data

Data (universal)
- Representation of facts, concepts, and statements in a formal way which is suitable for communication, interpretation, and processing by human beings or technical means.

Examples for data representation
- Spoken language
- Sign language
- Written language

Objects of thought
Facts, Concepts, Ideas, Models, etc.

Conventions for the representation of objects of thought.

Representation in a formal way
The Term of Information

- **Information**
  - Generally, information is whatever is capable of causing a **human mind** to change its opinion about the current state of the real world. Formally, and especially in science and engineering, information is whatever **contributes to a reduction in the uncertainty of the state of a system**; in this case, uncertainty is usually expressed in an **objectively measurable** form.

  
  (Oxford Reference Online)

- The communication or reception of knowledge or intelligence
- Attention: The notion of “Information” is defined for humans
- Information has to be distinguished from any **medium** that is capable of **carrying** it
- Humans and machines can handle **data**, however only humans can handle **information**
The Term of Signal

- Signal
  - A signal is the physical representation of data by **spatial** or **timely variation** of physical characteristics
    - The variable parameter that contains information and by which information is transmitted in an electronic system or circuit.
    - The signal is often a **voltage source** in which the **amplitude**, **frequency**, and **waveform** can be varied.
  - Signal is the real physical representation of an abstract representation

Objects of thought

- Facts, Concepts, …

Data in formal representation

- physical World
- Conventions for the representation of data

Signals as real representation of data

- abstract World
- Conventions for the representation of objects of thought
Data vs. Signals

● The border between Data and Signal
  ● The terms “Data” and “Signal” are often used interchangeably or as synonyms, since storing, transmission, processing of data is done in physical representation as “Signals”.
  ● Every specific representation of data is bound to a particular representation of signals.
  ● Thus, the conceptual difference between both terms is often not evident.

![Data Signals](image)

● Examples:
  ● Sounds of a language (Data) during speaking are acoustic waves (Signals)
  ● Printed letters on paper are optical signals of abstract characters (Data)
Communications Engineering vs. Telematics

- **Communications Engineering**
  - Deals primarily with physical-technological issues of ICT
  - Term of “Signal” is important
  - Term of “Information” is correlated with the term of “Signal”

- **Telematics**
  - The term of “Data” is in focus
  - The term of “Signal” is restricted on transmission of communication systems
  - Model with 2-steps of abstraction from “Signals” to “Information”
Why Data Communication?
Evolution of Data Communication

- Sharing resources saves costs:
  - By communication, one can access resources of other parties
    - this reduces the costs (compared to buying own resources)
  - Several institutions can share expensive resources which cannot be completely utilized by a single institution
- Requirements:
  - Efficient mechanisms for data exchange between components of a distributed system
  - Mechanisms for efficient interaction
- The “driving power” for the enormous increase of data communication:
  - Decreasing costs for hardware...
    ...
    ... while the computing power increases.

How do several communication partners interact?
Networking Principles
Communication Peers

- **Unicast:** Two communication peers communicate over a Point-to-Point connection.

- **Multicast:** One sender communicates to several receivers, which are known.

- **Broadcast:** One sender transmits to all other peers.
  - Typically the other peers are (partially) unknown.

- **Others:** Anycast, Geocast, etc.
Transmission Principles

● Serial Transmission

![Serial Transmission Diagram]

1 bit per time unit, 1 line

● Parallel Transmission

![Parallel Transmission Diagram]

8 bit per time unit, 8 lines
Transmission Principles

● Asynchronous Transmission: Transmission in which each block (character) is individually synchronized
  ● No long streams of bits
  ● Data transmitted as one character at a time ➔ Character set ➔ ASCII
  ● Synchronization must only be maintained for each character

● Synchronous Transmission: Transmission in which the time of occurrence of each signal representing a bit is related to a fixed time frame
  ● Blocks of bit-streams (frame)
Transmission Principles: ASCII Table

- American Standard Code for Information Interchange (ASCII)
- Character encoding based on English
- Printable, non-printable, and control characters

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Connection Properties

**Simplex**
- Fire detector
- Sensors
- Pager

**Duplex**
- Telephone

**Half-duplex**
- Walkie-Talkie
- partly GSM-Voice connections
Multiplexing Basics

- **Multiplexing**
  - Combining multiple data channels into a single data channel at the source

- **Demultiplexing**
  - Separating multiplexed data channels at the destination

- Multiplexing can be implemented on different levels in a communication, i.e., on any of the OSI layers!
Besides the functional aspects and usability, the following quality requirements are important:

- **Technical Performance**
  - Required transmission performance, delay, jitter, throughput, data rate, etc.

- **Costs**
  - Investment costs, cost of operation, etc.

- **Reliability**
  - Fault tolerance, system stability, immunity, availability, etc.

- **Security and Protection**
  - Eavesdropping, authentication, denial of service, etc.
Quality: Technical Performance

- **Delay**
  - Measured in seconds [s]
  \[ d_1 = t'_1 - t_1 \]

- **Round-trip-time (RTT)**
  - Measured in seconds [s]
  \[ r_1 = t_2 - t_1 \]
Quality: Technical Performance

- Jitter is the fluctuation between successive arrivals
  - Measured in seconds [s]
  - First calculate delay as
    \[ d_1 = t'_1 - t_1 \]
    \[ d_2 = t'_2 - t_2 \]
    \[ d_i = t'_i - t_i \]

- Afterwards derive the jitter
  \[ j_1 = d_2 - d_1 \]
  \[ j_2 = d_3 - d_2 \]
  \[ j_i = d_{i+1} - d_i \]
Quality: Technical Performance

- **Throughput**
  - Measured in bits per second [bps]

\[ T = \sum \frac{data_i}{\Delta t} \]
Quality: Technical Performance

Attention:

Delay-Bandwidth-Product = Store capacity of the line

Throughput ("bandwidth", data rate) = Number of transmitted bits per second [bps, bit/s]

Example: Store capacity of the transmission line

- DSL connection: 1 Mbps, 200 ms delay: 1 Mbps \times 0.2 \text{ s} = 200 \text{ kBit}
- Ethernet 100 Mbps: 100 Mbps, 100 ms: 100 Mbps \times 0.1 \text{ s} = 10 \text{ Mbit}
Quality: Security and Protection

- Safety measures
  - Encryption (cryptographic codes)
  - Trustworthy systems (Authentication, Authorization)

Normal Data Flow

Data Source \(\rightarrow\) Data Destination

Passive:

Eavesdropping

Active:

- Modifying
- Masquerade
- Interruption
Delivery Principles

- The delivery principle describes how sent data is received by the receiver
  - In sequence, i.e., same order as the data was sent by the sender (FIFO)
  - FIFO + prioritized
  - Random
Advantages of the Client/Server principle

- Cost reduction
- Better usage of resources
- Modular extensions
- Reliability by redundancy
The Client/Server Principle

● **Server**
  - Program (process) which offers a service over a network. Servers receive requests and return a result to the inquiring party. The services offered include simple operations (e.g. name server) or a complex set of operations (e.g. web server).

● **Client**
  - Program (process) which uses a service offered by a server.

### Examples for Client/Server Systems

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<td>Domain Name System (DNS)</td>
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<td>FTP Client</td>
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Peer-to-Peer Principle

- The P2P Principle
  - Equal partners, no fixed client and server roles
  - Connections between any pair of computers
  - Establishment of a network of connections
  - Example: File Sharing, e.g., Napster, Gnutella
Non-technical Aspects of Networking
**Computer Networks**

- Communication networks enable a fast and cheap exchange/distribution of information. There is however a large number of social, ethical, cultural, juridical ... side effects.

**Side effects ...**

- Eventually dubious or forbidden contents
- Responsibility
- Juridical aspects (legislation)
- Potential censorship?
- Control over the productivity of employees, of the whereabouts of people
- Annoyance through anonymous or unwanted messages (SPAM)
- ...
Communication Protocols
What is a Protocol?

- **Human protocols:**
  - “What’s the time?”
  - “I have a question”
  - Introductions

- **Network protocols:**
  - Machines rather than humans
  - All communication activities in the Internet is governed by protocols

- **In General**
  - ... specific messages sent
  - ... specific actions taken when messages received or other events happen

- **In General**
  - Protocols define format, order of messages sent and received among network entities, and actions taken on message transmission and receipt
What is a Protocol?

Hi

Hi

Time?

11:00

connection request

connection response

get page X

page X
Why Protocols?

To enable understanding in communication, all communication partners have to speak the same “language”.

- Data formats and their semantics
- Control over media access
- Priorities
- Handling of transmission errors
- Sequence control
- Flow control mechanisms
- Segmentation and composition of long messages
- Multiplexing
- Routing

**Protocol**

A protocol is defined as the set of agreements between (application) processes with the purpose of a communication.
Implementation of Protocols

**Solution 1**

- Write one large “Communication Program” which fulfills all requirements needed to establish a communication process.
- Advantage: efficient data exchange for a given application.
- Disadvantage: No flexibility! Adoptions require large efforts.

**Solution 2**

- Write a set of small programs specialized to special tasks of the communication process. For each application, the needed programs can be combined.
- Advantage: Very flexible, since single components can be exchanged.
- Disadvantage: Fixed structures of program interworking; adds more complexity and overhead.

**Accepted today: Solution 2**

- The implementation takes place in *layer models.*
Example: Exchange of Ideas between Philosophers

Philosopher A
Language: Chinese

Philosopher B
Language: Spanish

Interpreter A
Language: Chinese
additional: English

Interpreter B
Language: Spanish
additional: English

Technical Expert A
Recognizes single characters and sends them in Morse code

Technical Expert B
Recognizes single characters and sends them in Morse code

Uninterpreted sentences, i.e. no knowledge about politics

Uninterpreted characters in correct order

Electrical signals

Network

Thoughts about world politics

service

protocols
Services and Protocols

● Peer of a Layer
  ● use one service (except the bottom)
  ● offer a service (except the top)
  ● do not need to know other than the next lower one
  ● talk according to the rules
    ● Telephone: dial/ring/busy
    ● With humans often context sensitive

● Communications architectures are based on
  ● Service = Communication Service
  ● Rules = Communication Protocol
Services and Protocols: Example Telephone System

User A

Take off

Dial tone

Dial

Ringing signal

End

Ringing signal

Ring off

Time (t)

User B

Dial tone

Dial

Ringing signal

End

Ringing signal

Ring off

Ring

Take off

Busy tone

Ring off

Message Exchange
Services and Protocols: Example Telephone System

User A → Telephone Service → User B

- Take off
- Dial tone
- Dial
- Ringing signal
- End
- Ringing signal
- Ring
- Take off
- Message Exchange
- Busy tone
- Ring off
- Time (t)

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Signaling protocol in the plain old telephone service (POTS)
The Notion of Service

● Functionality of a layer is offered as a **set of services**
● The service in a layer is realized by data exchange between peers. The exchange of these data is according to **rules and formats**, which is denoted as **protocol**.
● A service is offered from a **service provider** at a **service interface** to **service users**
● The **service definition** specifies the available services and rules for its usage
● Types of services are:
  ● Request
  ● Indication
  ● Response
  ● Confirmation
The Notion of Service

Abstract Medium $M_i$

Service Interface $S_i$

Communication Instance $I^1_{i+1}$

Communication Instance $I^2_{i+1}$

Communication Instance $I^{n-1}_{i+1}$

Communication Instance $I^n_{i+1}$

Service Access Point

Interface events
Service of Layer N

● Layer-(N) Service
  ● Set of functions, which Layer-(N) provides to the (N+1)-Instances at the interface between Layer-(N) and Layer-(N+1)
    ○ Vertical communication
  ● The (N)-Instances provide the functions of Layer-(N) by exchanging of particular data
    ○ Horizontal communication
    ○ For this, they use the services of Layer-(N-1)
  ● The implementation of the service on Layer-(N) is hidden from Layer-(N+1)
Relationship of Services to Protocols

Layer N+1

Service provided by layer N

Layer N

Protocol

Layer N

Layer N-1

Layer N+1

Layer N-1
Types of Services

- **Unacknowledged Service**
  - Modeled after the postal service
  - Initiated by the service user

- **Acknowledged Service**
  - Transaction
  - Initiated by the service user

- Initiated by the service provider
Types of Services

● Connection-oriented Service
  ● Modeled after the telephone system
  ● Before the instances on Layer-(N) can exchange data, a connection on Layer-(N-1) has to be established
    ● Request of such a connection is done by the services provided by Layer-(N-1)
  ● Negotiation of protocol parameters
    ● Buffer size,
    ● Quality of Service (QoS),
    ● Routes, etc.
  ● Exchange of data happens in respect to these parameters
    ● Communication context

● Connectionless Service
  ● Modeled after the postal service
  ● No establishment of connection on a lower layer required
  ● Each data exchange is independent from others
    ● No communication context
Connection-oriented Service

3 Phase Principles

1. Connection establishment
   - Context creation
     - End systems
     - Network

2. Data exchange (simplex)
   - Data transmission is done within the context

3. Connection termination
   - Context release
   - Resource release
Connectionless Service

- Connectionless Service is also called **Datagram Service**
  - Does not provide relationship between transmissions
  - Does not guarantee the sequence of send data
  - Does not provide reliability
    - No acks!

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UnitData.Req(
  Source address, Dest address,
  Parameter, Data
)
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UnitData.Ind(
  Source address, Dest address,
  Parameter, Data
)
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Addressing of the Service User

- Datagram Service
  - Request: Address of the destination
  - Indication: Address of the source

- Connection-oriented Service
  - The context of the connection contains also address information
Types of Services: Example Services

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Connection-oriented

Connection-less
Service Primitives

- Five service primitives for implementing a simple connection-oriented service.

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Service Primitives

Client

Connect
Send
Receive
Disconnect
Receive

Server

Listen
Receive
Send
Receive
Disconnect

Connection-Req.
Connection-Accepted
Data
Data
Disconnection-Req.
Disconnection-Accepted
Service Primitives

Diagram showing the interaction between client and server machines with system calls and kernel operations.
The ISO/OSI Reference Model
The ISO/OSI Reference Model

Reduce the complexity of a communication process (all details to be considered) through layers.

The 7 ISO/OSI layers:

- **Application (Layer 7)**: Common services for the end user
- **Presentation (Layer 6)**: Network-independent end-to-end data transfer
- **Session (Layer 5)**
- **Transport (Layer 4)**: Addressing and routing of “packets”
- **Network (Layer 3)**: Securing of “frames”, Flow Control
- **Data Link (Layer 2)**: Signal representation, character transmission
- **Physical (Layer 1)**: Transmission medium ("Layer 0")

Criticism of the model:
- Layer 5 and 6 are rarely being implemented
- Generally too much overhead – some details are unnecessary, some are overloaded
Layer Tasks

1. Physical layer

- This layer is responsible for transmitting **single bits** over the medium.
- **Signal representation** is defined to ensure that a sent “1” is understood by the receiver as “1”. For example it defines which voltage represents a “1” resp. a “0” and how long the voltage has to be for one bit.
- Moreover, definition of details like the **type of cables**, **meaning of pins** of network connectors, **transmission direction** (uni-/bidirectional), ...

2. Data Link Layer

- Ensures an **error-free** data transmission between two connected hosts.
- Incoming data are segmented into **frames** which are transmitted separately. The receiver checks if the transmission has been **correct** (use of a checksum).
- Additionally, **flow control** is used to control the re-transmission of corrupt frames and protect the receiver from overload.
- In broadcast networks the control of the **medium access** is defined.
Layer Tasks

3. Network Layer

- This layer is responsible for the data transmission over large distances and between heterogeneous networks.
- One main task is (worldwide) uniform addressing of hosts.
  - A necessary pre-requisite is a common address range
- Other main task is routing, i.e., choosing a path through the network.
  - Intermediate stations (routers) manage routing information and use the uniform addresses to decide about the best path to the receiver.
- Quality of Service (QoS) issues, i.e., if too many packets are present at the same time in the network, they may form bottlenecks.
  - Forming of congestion.
  - An agreement about a maximum size of the transmission data unit (MTU).
  - Control of delay, jitter, transit time, etc.
Layer Tasks

4. Transport Layer (ISO/OSI)

- Layer 4 manages end-to-end communication between two processes.
- Ensures that the data are transmitted complete and in correct order.
  - For this, again flow control is used (sequence numbers, acknowledgements) to detect missing or wrong ordered data units.
- Beneath this, the current network state is considered to adapt to the receiver and to the network capacity.
- Addressing is a topic here as well. On the transport layer, a single communication process on the receiver side is addressed.

5. Session Layer

- This layer (like the transport layer) manages reliable data transport between two hosts (End-2-End). However, additional services are being offered, like
  - Dialogue control
  - Token Management
  - Synchronization points
6. Presentation Layer

- Represent the data in a way, that a lot of different systems can handle.
  - Some computers code a string with ASCII others use Unicode, some use for integers the 1-complement, others the 2-complement.
  - Instead of defining a new transmission syntax and –semantics for every application, it is tried to provide a universally valid solution.
- Data are **encoded** in an **abstract** (and commonly recognized) **data format** before the transmission and are coded back by the receiver into its own data format.

7. Application Layer (ISO/OSI)

- In this layer (standard-) protocols are being provided which can be used from a set of applications and computer systems, e.g., file transfer.
- On the application layer a universally valid protocol including an interface to file transfer is provided. For systems from different manufacturers only the link-up into the local file system has to be realized. Other examples are e-mail, remote operations, etc.
**Interplay between the Layers**

- Layer (N-1) offers its functionality to the above lying layer N as a communication service.
- Layer N enhances the data to be sent with control information (Header) and sends the data together with the header as Protocol Data Units (PDU).
- Two communication partners on layer N exchange PDUs by using the communication service of the lower lying layer (N-1).
- For layer (N-1), these PDUs are the data to be transmitted.

![Diagram of interplay between layers](image)
The whole Communication Process

1. Application process
2. Application Layer
3. Presentation Layer
4. Session Layer
5. Transport Layer
6. Network Layer
7. Data Link Layer
8. Physical Layer

Data → H → A-PDU → H → P-PDU → H → S-PDU → H → T-PDU → H → N-PDU → T

Bit stream (100110010110...010101101)

Transmission medium

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The Communication Process

- Not necessarily a one-to-one mapping between layers
- Depending on the protocol, N-PDUs can be segmented into several (N-1)-PDUs before transmission:
The OSI Reference Model in the Network

Application process

Application Layer

Presentation Layer

Session Layer

Transport Layer

Network Layer

Data Link Layer

Physical Layer

Application Protocol

Presentation Protocol

Session Protocol

Transport Protocol

Network Layer

Data Link Layer

Physical Layer

Host A

Router A

Host B

Router B

Internal Protocols
The TCP/IP Reference Model
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ISO/OSI

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

TCP/IP

- Application Layer
  - Don’t exist
- Transport Layer
- Internet Layer
- Host-to-Network Layer
The Tasks of the TCP/IP Layers

● **Host-to-Network Layer** *(corresponds to ISO/OSI 1-2)*
  - **Not defined exactly.** The design does not matter, it is only required that a host must be connected to the network via a protocol in a way that it is able to send and receive IP datagrams. The protocol design is left over to other standards to cover heterogeneous networks of all kinds.

● **Internet Layer** *(corresponds to ISO/OSI 3)*
  - The term *Internet* refers here to the interworking of different networks, therefore not on the Internet itself.
  - The protocol enables communication between **hosts** over the own network borders.
    - In the Internet, the transmission is **connectionless**, i.e., data are segmented into packets which are addressed and sent independently into the network.
    - At each network border, a router takes over the forwarding of the packets. The choice of path can be dynamic, depending on the current network load.
    - As a result, single packets can get lost by overload situations or received in wrong order. Such faults are not handled, this task is left over to the transport layer (best effort).
  - In contrast to ISO, only one packet format is defined, together with a connectionless protocol, the **Internet Protocol (IP)**.
The Layers of TCP/IP

● **Transport Layer (corresponds to ISO/ OSI 4)**
  - This layer covers the communication between the end systems. To adapt to different applications, two protocols are defined.
  - **TCP (Transmission Control Protocol)** is a **reliable, connection-oriented** protocol to protect the transmission of a **byte stream** between two hosts.
    - The byte stream is **segmented** to fit into **IP packets**.
    - On the receiving side the packets are re-assembled in the original order with the purpose of restoring the original data (byte) stream.
    - It also includes flow control to adapt to the capabilities of the receiver and to overcome the faults caused by the connectionless IP.
  - **UDP (User Datagram Protocol)** is an **unreliable and connectionless** protocol (best effort). No error correction is integrated, thus the transmission is used when the speed of the data transmission is more important than the reliability (speech, video).

● **Application Layer (corresponds to ISO/ OSI 7)**
  - This layer defines common communication services. This comprises TELNET (remote work on another computer), FTP (file transfer), SMTP (electronic mail), DNS (“phonebook” for the Internet), HTTP (used for World Wide Web), etc.
The TCP/IP Reference Model

- **Application Layer**
  - HTTP
  - FTP
  - Telnet
  - SMTP
  - DNS
  - SNMP

- **Transport Layer**
  - TCP
  - UDP

- **Network Layer**
  - IP

- **Physical and Data Link Layers**
  - Ethernet
  - Token Ring
  - Token Bus
  - Wireless LAN

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OSI vs. TCP/IP
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- **Time**
  - The TCP/IP protocols were already widely used before OSI had finished the standardization activities.

- **Freedom from obligation**
  - A “reference model” like OSI is free from obligation. It only defines what is to be done, but not how to do it.
    - incompatibility of products.

- **Complicatedness**
  - Very high and partly unneeded expense in the OSI specification (thousands of pages of specification descriptions).
  - By the wish to consider all special cases, lots of options were included, making the products lavish, unhandy, and far too expensive
    - “The option is the enemy of the standard”!

OSI vs. TCP/IP

- Political reasons
  - OSI was dominated too much by Europe – especially from the national telecommunication companies which had lucrative monopolies. The real market power was in the USA – nobody was interested in OSI over there.

- Hurriedly product implementation
  - The first OSI products were implemented too fast (driven by the success of TCP/IP protocols), were covered with faults, and had an overall low performance.
  - In contrast, the “theoretically far more unmodern” TCP/IP protocols were continuously modified and improved. They were of high quality level and successfully tested before deployment and cheap to buy due to high production numbers.
Standardization
Standardization

• Standardization is indispensable for the area-wide practical use of communication systems
  • On the national as well as the international level!

• Successful standardization is quite difficult due to:
  • Complex technical problems have to be solved
  • The involved parties, e.g., companies are often working against each other
  • Confidentially restrictions slow down/hinder the information flow

• Consequence
  • Standardization processes are very slow (due to many, often non-technical reasons).

• Two types of standards
  • De facto standards
  • De jure standards
Standardization: The Global Players

- **ITU**  [www.itu.int](http://www.itu.int)
  International Telecommunication Union
  United Nations agency for information and communication technologies
  - Radiocommunication (ITU-R)
  - Standardization (ITU-T)
  - Development (ITU-D)

- **ISO**  [www.iso.org](http://www.iso.org)
  International Organization for Standardization (ISO Greek “uniform”)  
  - ISO coordinates the standardization except from PTT

- **W3C**  [http://www.w3.org](http://www.w3.org)

- **DIN**  [www.din.de](http://www.din.de)
  (Deutsches Institut für Normung)
  - German partner of the ISO
Standardization: ISO

- **International Standards Organization (ISO)**
  - Official name: International Organization for Standardization
  - Organization, which is working on a volunteer basis (since 1946).
  - Members: standards organizations of approx. 90 countries
  - Deals with a **very** broad range of standards
  - 200 Technical Committees (TC) for specific tasks (e.g. TC97 for computer and information processing)
  - TCs consist of subcommittees comprising in turn several working groups
  - Interworking with ITU-T regarding telecommunication standards, (ISO is a member of ITU-T).

- **Pioneering work of ISO regarding data communication: the ISO/OSI reference model**
  - Open Systems Interconnection (OSI)
  - Notice: only the concept is pioneering, not the products developed from those concepts!
Standardization: ISO

- **WG-Meetings:**
  - Every 6-9 months to give the national organizations time to check the proposals.
  - The process of standardization:
    - DP: Draft Proposal
    - DIS: Draft International Standard
    - IS: International Standard
  - A proposal gets higher in the hierarchy after an international vote and the incorporation of critics.

- A very slow process!!!
Standardization: IETF

**Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF)**

- Forum for the technical coordination of the work regarding ARPANET, the precursor of the Internet (since 1986).
- Evolution to a large, open, and international community of administrators, vendors, and researchers.
- Works on evolution of the Internet architecture and the smooth operation of the Internet.
- Several working groups on Internet protocols, applications, routing, security, ...
- Standard draft proposals can become a full standard only if an implementation of the proposal is successfully tested at **two independent** locations for at **least four month**.
- Result of such a standardization process: the resounding success of the Internet protocols TCP/IP
Standardization: Internet

- Standardization in the Internet is organized by the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF)
  - The Internet Engineering Steering Group (IESG) steers the discussion

- Two possible outcomes:
  - RFC: Request for Comments = Standard
  - FYI: For Your Information = informal / experimental

- Proposed Standard: The idea must be completely explained in an RFC
- Draft Standard: Working implementation must have been rigorously tested by at least two independent sites for at least four months.

- **RFC 2026:**
  - The Internet Standards Process – Revision 3
Standardization: Internet

- Well known and important RFCs
  - RFC 768  User Datagram Protocol (UDP), August 1980
  - RFC 791  Internet Protocol (IP), September 1981
  - RFC 792  Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP), September 1981
  - RFC 793  Transmission Control Protocol (TCP), September 1981
  - RFC 959  File Transfer Protocol (FTP), October 1985
  - RFC 997  Internet Numbers, March 1987
  - RFC 1034  Domain Names - Concepts and Facilities, November 1987
  - RFC 1035  Domain Names - Implementation and Specification, Nov. 1987

- Further information
  - There are ~4900 RFCs (2007), ~7000 (2009)
  - The Internet Engineering Task Force: [www.ietf.org](http://www.ietf.org)
  - Homepage of RFC Editor: [www.rfc-editor.org](http://www.rfc-editor.org)
Standardization: Internet

Relationship of all RFC 10/2010

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### Standardization: IEEE

- **Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE)**
  - Standardization e.g. of the IEEE 802.X-Standards for Local Area Networks ([www.ieee802.org](http://www.ieee802.org), [grouper.ieee.org/groups/802/dots.html](http://grouper.ieee.org/groups/802/dots.html))

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Evolution of Computer Networks
First Generation Computer Networks

Computing Center

Operator

Mainframe

Terminals

Telephones lines

Rest of the world

Demultiplexer

Multiplexer

Terminals

Peripherals

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Introduction of Local Area Networks

- Building A
- Building B
- Building C

Computing Center
- Operator
- Mainframe
- Router
- Terminals
- Peripherals

Rest of the world

Fixed lines
Global Networking

Building A
- Local Server
- Switch
- Router
- Clients

Building B
- Local Server
- Switch
- Router
- Clients

Backbone

Computing Center
- Router
- Server
- Network and system administrator
- Router
- Mainframe
- Peripherals

Rest of the world (Internet)
- Fixed lines, ISDN, Provider ...

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Classification of Computer Networks
Classification of Networks

Classification of networks by **distance:**

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- Personal Area Network (PAN)
- Local Area Network (LAN)
- Metropolitan Area Network (MAN)
- Wide Area Network (WAN)
- Internet
Local Area Networks

- Local Area Networks
  - Communication infrastructure for a restricted geographical area (10 m up to some km)
  - Usually maintained by one local organization
  - Used to link PCs/Workstations/... for exchanging information and sharing peripherals and resources
  - Transmission capacity up to 1000 Mbps
  - Transmission delay of a message in the range of milliseconds (~10 ms)
  - Simple connection structures (“Simple is beautiful”)

- Topologies
  - Bus
  - Star
  - Ring
  - Tree
  - Meshed network
Metropolitan Area Network (MAN)

- Designed for larger distances than a LAN
  - Usage e.g. in a whole town
- Similar technologies as in a LAN
- In general, only 1 or 2 cables without additional components
- Main difference to LANs: Time slots
Wide Area Network (WAN)

- Bridging of any distance
- Connects LANs and MANs over large distances
- Irregular topology, based on current needs
- Consists out of stations (routers) which are connected through point-to-point links with each other
- Mostly complex interconnection of subnetworks, which are owned by independent organizations
Important Terms

● Switch
  ● A switch has several connectors. From each connector a cable can be drawn to a computer. These computers are linked to a (small) network. The switch knows which computer is plugged in at which connector (address of the network interface card) and forwards data to a destination computer.

● Router
  ● A switch only knows directly connected computers. To send data to a distant computer, some other instance is needed that knows the way to the destination over several other computers or switches. Routers are used to manage global address information and forward data through networks.

● Backbone
  ● A backbone is a set of computers (usually routers) which are connected by point-to-point links over large distances. A backbone serves for covering a large region with a communication network which can interconnect (small) local networks of single institutions.
Classification of Networks

- Point-to-Point Network
  - A pair of computers is directly connected by one cable

- Broadcast Network
  - One-to-all (e.g.: radio, television)
  - All connected stations share one transmission channel
  - To ensure that the data are received by the destination, they are marked with the address of the destination computer
  - Data are being packed into packets with the unicast address of the destination
  - Every computer checks each received packet for its address. Only the destination computer processes the data, all others simply delete them
  - To address all connected stations at once, so-called broadcast addresses are used
Networks

Connection to a WAN

Switch

Router

Metropolitan Area Network (MAN),
Backbone for a town or a region

Local Area Network (LAN)
Networks

Backbone in Germany (till end of 2005)

- **27 nodes**
- **10 Gbps**
- **2,4 Gbps**

**Point-to-Point connections**

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Networks

- Backbone in Germany
  - Since 2006 X-WIN
  - Connected to the European Backbone GÉANT
  - More than 50 nodes
- Capacities
  - 100Mbps
  - 200Mbps
  - 1Gbps
  - 10Gbps
Networks

Central node Frankfurt – connection to the European research network Géant.

Also in Frankfurt and Hamburg: intercontinental connections.
Summary

- Computer networks have many applications
  - Sharing of resources
  - Exchange of information
- Computer networks are complex and consists of two parts
  - Software
  - Hardware
- Model of layers is applied to simplify the complexity
  - ISO/OSI
  - TCP/IP
- There are many global players in computer networking
  - Standardization
- Computer networks
  - Different kinds of computer networks exist
  - Classification based on distance
  - Classification based on communication principle