CS-102:
Networks \& Connections
Connecting Systems

Network Topologies
How computers connect to each other.

Network

## A group or system of interconnected people or things.

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- Google Dictionary
}


## Topology

The way in which constituent parts are interrelated or arranged.

- Google Dictionary



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- One major difference:
- Students pass paper.
- Computers repeat information.

Network Topologies

Network structure is important.

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Exercise

## Direct Electrical Connections

- Original telephone system
- Direct electrical connection between phones.


Victory Switchboard - Potsdam Conference
https://www.nationalww2museum.org/war/articles/potsdam-womens-army-corps

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PFC Gladys Bellon - Tests lines in frame room
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- This was the job of switchboard operators.

S. Sgt. Lorraine Robitaille - Switchboard supervisor https://www.nationalww2museum.org/war/articles/potsdam-womens-army-corps


## Connecting Computers

- First long-distance connections used US telephone system.
- Long distance phone call.
- Computers talked to each other through a "MODEM".
- Both systems had to remain "on the line" to stay connected.

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## Connecting Computers

| Computers | Phone Lines | Connections |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
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| 4 | 3 | 6 |
| 5 | 4 |  |


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## Internet Baby Picture - 1973

## Computers connected to create a network





## Submarine Cables Today



- No direct connections.
- Depends on the goodwill of the network.


## TCP/IP \& Packets

## How the Internet works.

## What is TCP/IP?

## A foundational set of rules that governs the connection of computer systems to the internet.

TCP/IP specifies how data should be packaged, addressed, transmitted, routed, and received.


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## TC/IP is like human speech

- Spoken human language:
- Vocal chords vibrate air.
- Ears hear vibrations.
- Supports many different:
- Languages

- Dialects
- Uses


## Data goes in packets

## All data is broken up and put into packets of data that are intended to be routed to a final destination.



Application

Transport

## Internet

Link

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## Shipping

- Stevedores would load boats by hand.
- Slow turn around time.
- Many hands needed.
- Some items might go missing.
- Difficult to find efficiencies and thus lower costs.


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## Containerization

- Standardized containers for
- Ship
- Rail
- Truck
- Very fast loading/unloading.
- Dramatically reduced shipping costs.
- Enabled modern connected world.


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## Data goes in packets

## Each packet is a limited size.

## A single data load might be broken into many packets.



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TCP/IP defines how these packets are routed between systems.

## TCP/IP is like the US Mail

- How is grandma doing?
- Write a letter on paper
- Put in envelope with stamp
- Place in mailbox
- Routed through USPS network
- Truck, Vans, Planes, Trains, Boats
- Delivered to grandma
- Envelope discarded; letter read


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## TCP/IP is like the US Mail

| Letter | HL7 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Write a paper on paper | Create an HL7 message |
| Put in envelope | Create data packet |
| Place in mailbox | Send across Internet |
| Routed through USPS <br> network (truck, vans, <br> planes, trains, boats) | Routed through Internet <br> (fiber, copper, satellite, <br> microwave) |
| Delivered to grandma | Received by state registry |
| Envelope discarded; letter <br> read | HL7 message read from <br> packet; data saved in IIS |



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## Layers of Connection

## At each layer information is wrapped/unwrapped.

## Each layer focus on a different level of the problem.



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This rigorous division of tasks allows for a robust global network of computers.

## A Connection is an Illusion

How to know when you really are connected, and when you are not.

## What is an illusion?

An illusion is a distortion of the senses, which can reveal how the human brain normally organizes and interprets sensory stimulation.

"I am Oz, the great and powerful!"
Wizard of Oz (1939) - Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer

Although illusions distort our perception of reality, they are generally shared by most people.

- Wikipedia


## Connected?

- Laptop connected to wi-fi
- Logged into a research database.

- Is she connected directly to that research database?


## Examples of Illusions

- Yellow on computer screen
- Only red and green



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- The letter A says "ahh"
- People make the sound


Leapfrog: Letter Factory
https://www.amazon.com/Leapfrog-Factory-Roy-Allen-Smith/dp/B018NOJXGU

## A Connection is an Illusion

- The Internet is virtual
- No physical connection
- Information is being copied
- Many systems in the middle
- Invisible to end users
- Receiving the right packets at the right time supports the illusion of connectivity
- Different degrees and qualities of "being connected"



## Is Grandma okay?

- Write grandma a letter every week.
- How is your health?
- Grandma writes back when she can.
- Are you connected? Is she okay?
- Last letter received:
- 3 years ago.
- 3 weeks ago.
- 3 days ago.
- Today.


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## Is Grandma okay?

- When it works it feels like you are connected.
- When it stops working you have many more questions than answers.
- Is my mail not making it?
- Is her mail not making it back?
- Is she not feeling well?
- Has she decided to disown me?
- Maybe she's in trouble?


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## A Connection is an Illusion

- When connections work, it feels seamless.
- When they don't you can feel very lost.
- Knowing that it is an illusion can help you better understand what is going on.

"Pay no attention to the man behind the curtain" Wizard of Oz (1939) - Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer

