

## Assignment ⇒ 2 ⇒ Data Communications ⇒

Q1. What are the different types of networks?

Ans. A network is a set of devices often referred to as nodes connected by communication links to share the computing resources.

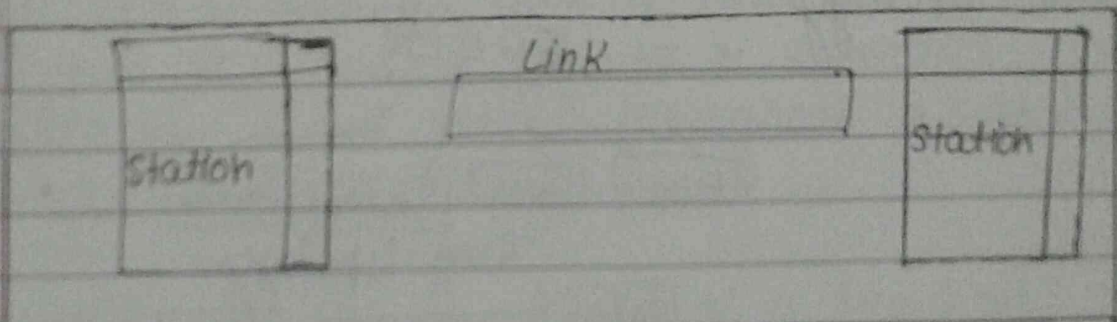
A node can be a computer, terminal, smart phone, refrigerator, car or any other device capable of sending and/or receiving data generated by other nodes on the network.

Types of connection:

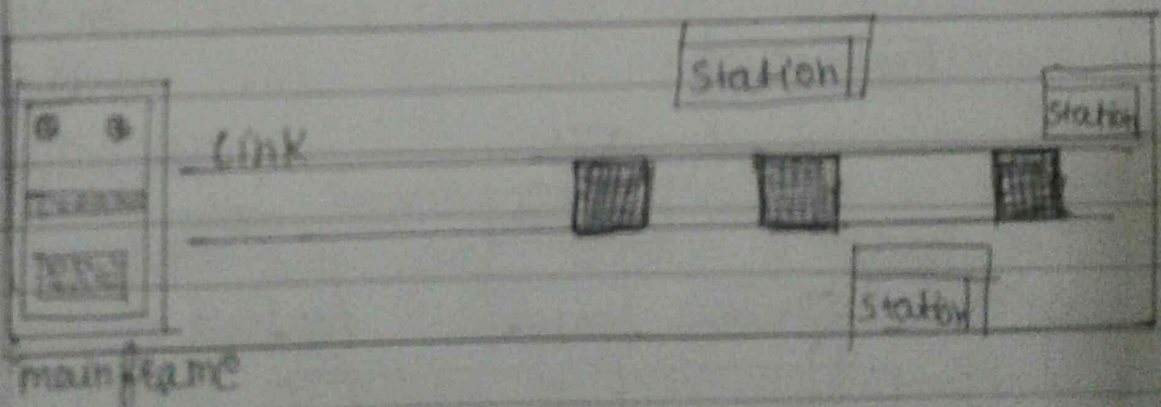
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Point-to-multipoint

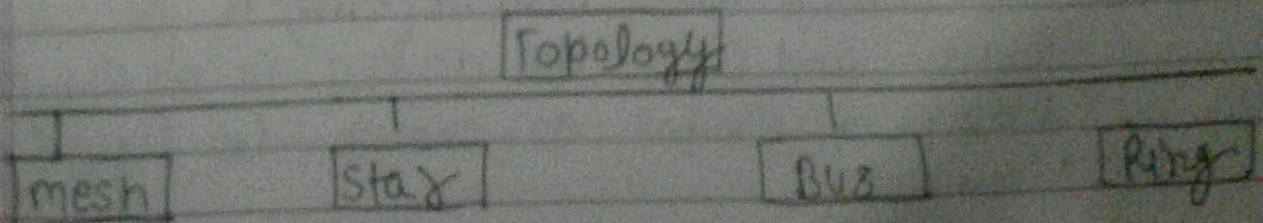
Point-to-point vs point-to-multipoint



a. Point-to-Point

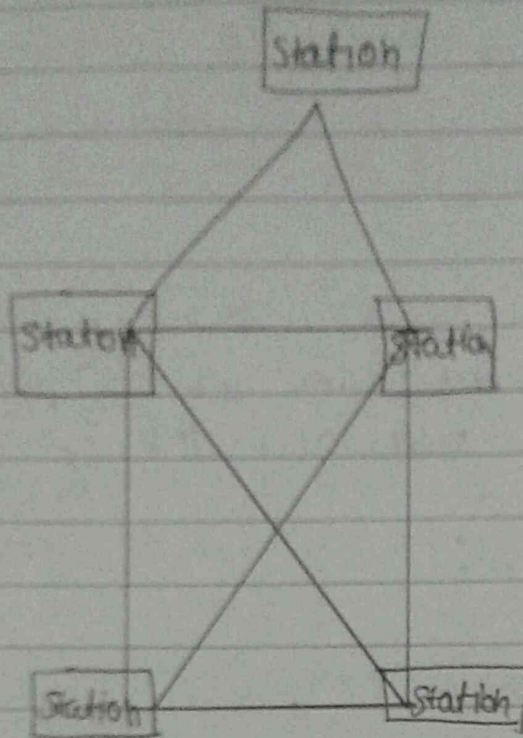


### Types of topologies

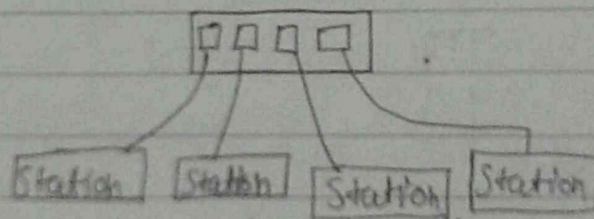




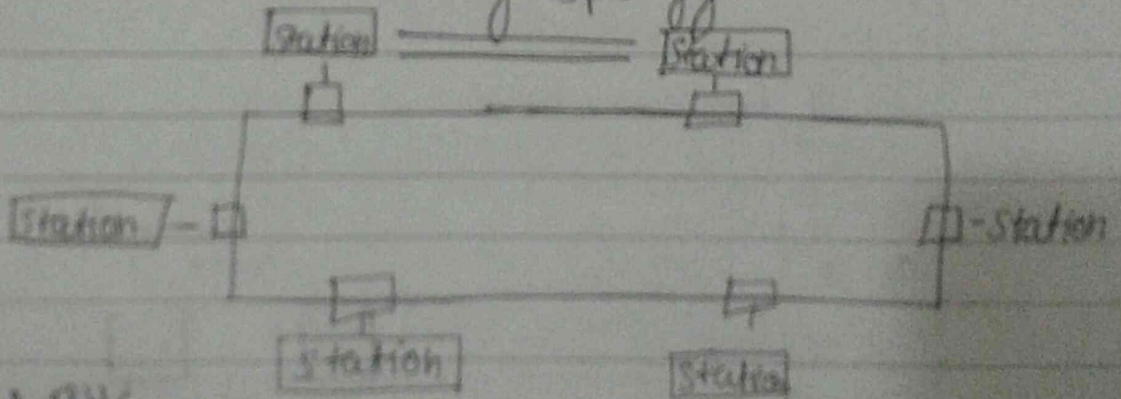
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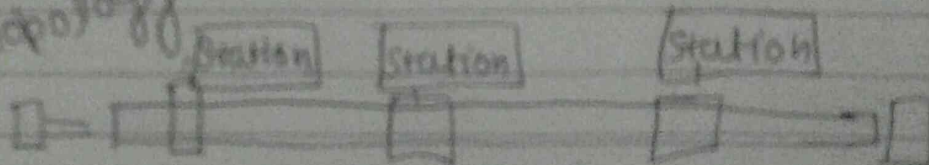
Star Topology



Ring Topology

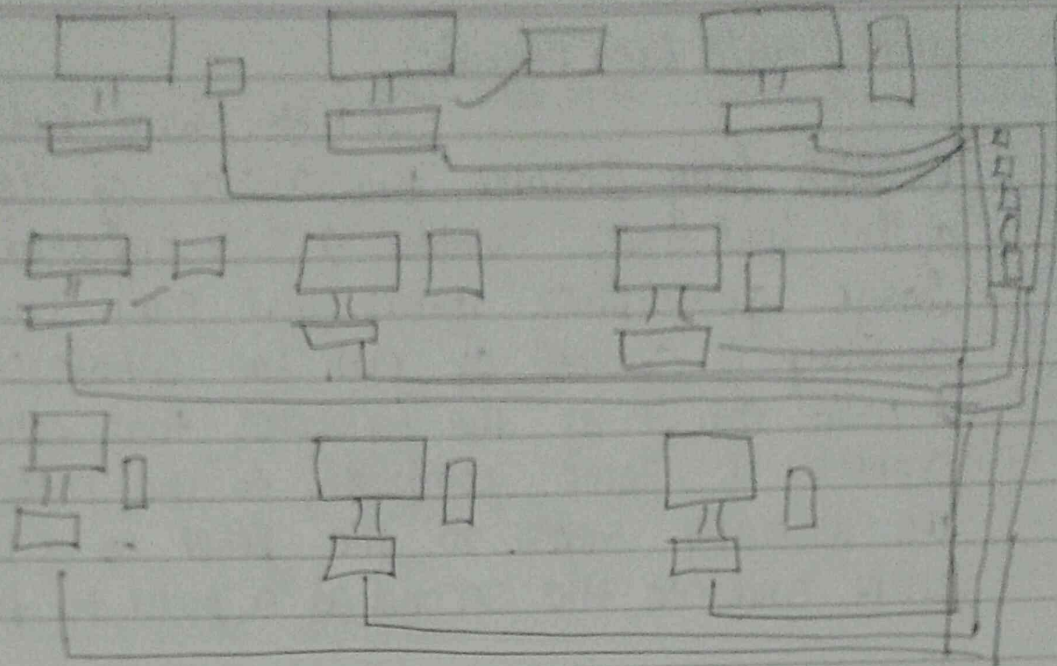


Bus Topology



LAN  $\Rightarrow$  A Local area network (LAN) is usually privately owned and links the devices in a single office building or campus as shown in figure given below.





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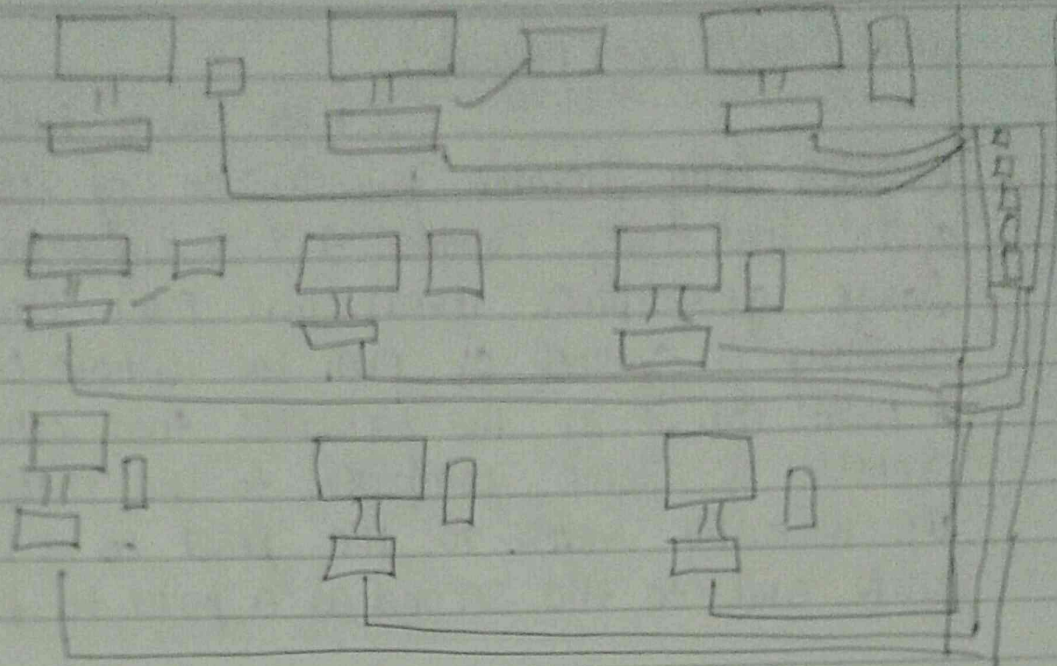
Depending on the needs of an organization and the type of technology used a LAN can be as simple as two PCs and a printer in someone's home office or it can extend throughout a company and include audio video peripherals.

Currently LAN size is limited to a few kms. LANs are designed to allow resources to be shared between personal computers or workstations e.g. printer, software, (cpu), (log), and application program or data.

One of the computers may be given a large capacity disk drive and may become a server to clients. Software can be stored on this central server and used as needed by the whole group. In addition to size LANs are distinguished from other types of networks their transmission media and topology.







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shielded by a layer of wires wrapped again for double protection. Unshielded twisted pair cable (UTP) has each pair of wires twisted together. These wires are then ~~pair~~ wrapped in tubing without any other protection. UTP cables are less expensive and a more popular type of cabling. Knowing when cable to use for a specific application depends on the protection needed from power frequency (EMF). This is where shielded vs unshielded cable becomes important.

Preventing Electromagnetic Interference (EMI)  
Electromagnetic interference (EMI) or radio frequency interference (RFI) as it's also referred to is an electronic disturbance generated by external electronic or electrical sources such as electrical circuit noise. The truth is EMI / RFI is all around us. Just like the static you may hear during a phone call the same is true for networking. If the EMI noise is strong enough it may interfere with the actual data traffic and prevent computers from hearing each other. When this happens, data is lost and the network has to resend the information a second time. The more often the network slows down. Thus EMI disturbances can lower performance of a circuit and be interrupted loss ranging from an increase in error rate to a complete loss of information.

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Q3 What are the difference between baseband and broad-band transmission?

Ans. In a baseband transmission the bandwidth of the cable is consumed by a single signal. In broad band transmission signals are sent on multiple frequencies allowing multiple signals to be sent simultaneously also.

- 1) uses digital signaling
- 2) no frequency division multiplexing
- 3) bi-directional transmission
- 4) signal travels over short distance.

Q4 Broadband signaling  $\Rightarrow$

- 1) uses analog signaling
- 2) unidirectional transmission
- 3) frequency division multiplexing is possible
- 4) signal can travel over long distance before being used.

Q5 What are the difference a hub, modem, router and a switch?

Ans. In an ethernet network there are some networking devices that play their roles at various levels such as hubs, switches and routers the functions of these three devices are all quite different from one another even if. Sometimes they are all integrated into a single device due to that many people feel confused about the difference between the hub, switch and router. The following part will focus on the topic hub vs switch router, coming to clarify the difference among them.



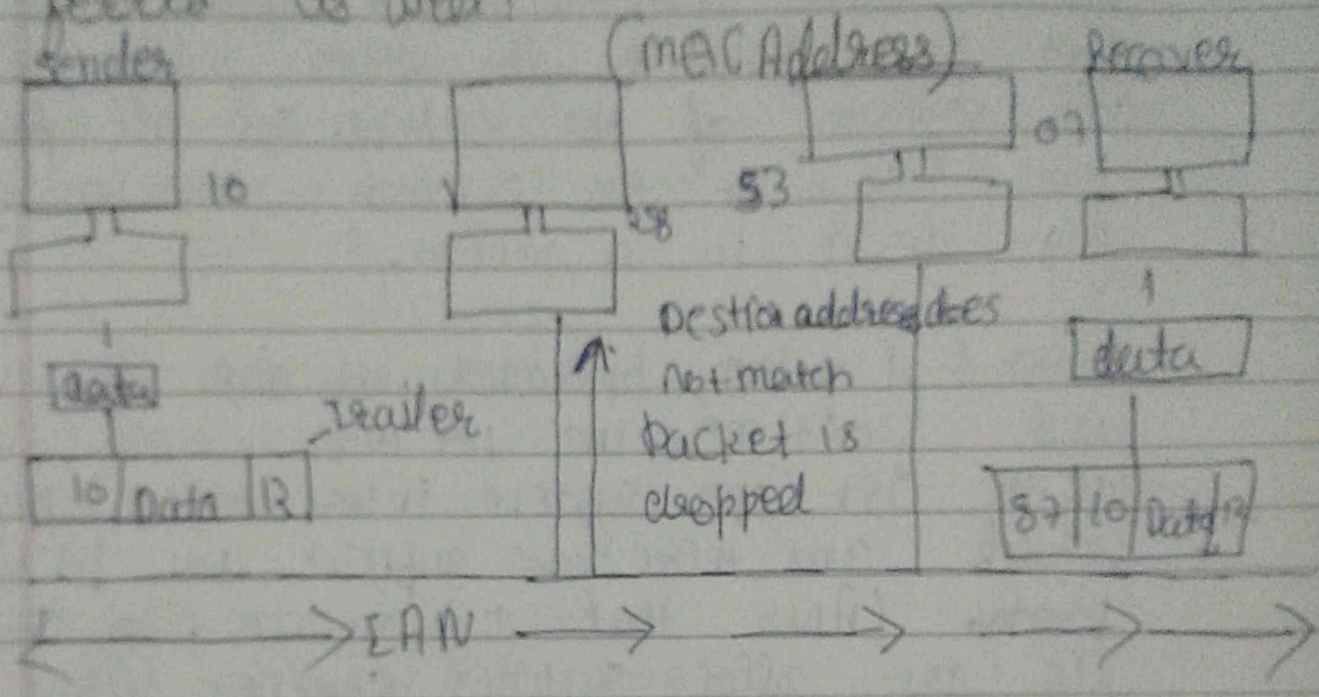
**Hub** ⇒ Hub is commonly used to connect segments of a LAN (Local Area Network). A hub contains multiple ports when a packet arrives at one port it is copied to the other ports so that all segments of the LAN can see all packets. A hub acts as the common connection point for devices in a network.

**Switch** ⇒ A switch operates at data link (layer 2) and sometimes the network layer (layer 3) of the OSI (Open System Interconnection) Reference Model and therefore supports any packet protocol. LANs that use switches to join segments are called switched ethernet LANs. In a network, a switch is the device that receives and forwards packets between LAN segments.

**Router** ⇒ A router is connected to at least two networks. Commonly two LANs and WANs (wide area networking) or LAN and its V.S.I.S (Virtual Switching Instance) network. The places where two or more networks connect are called gateways and for making routing tables. Routers never miss the best path to forward the packets. In addition, routers use protocols to communicate with each other and configure the best route between any two hosts in a network. Routers forward data packets among networks.



Q5 When you move the NIC cards from one PC to another PC does the MAC address transfer as well?



Q6 When troubles shooting computer network problems, what common hardware-related problems can occur?

Ans: A large percentage of a network is made up of hardware problems in these areas can range from malfunctioning hard drives, broken NICs and even hard drive startup. Incorrectly hardware configuration is also one of those culprits to look into.

Q7 In a network that contains two servers and twenty workstations, where is the best to install an antivirus program?

Ans: The best solution is to install anti-virus on all the computers in the network. This will protect each device from the other. In case some malicious user tries to insert a virus into



Q10 What is a web browser (browser)? Give some example of browser?

Ans. A web browser or simply browser is an application used to access and view websites. Common web browsers include Microsoft Edge, Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox and Apple Safari. The primary function of a web browser is to render HTML the code used to design or markup web pages.

Q11 What is search engine? Give example?

Ans. A search engine is a web-based tool that enables users to locate information on the world wide web popular example of search engines are Google, Yahoo! and MSN. Search engines utilize automated software application (referred to as robots, bots or spiders) that travel along the web following links from page to page, site to site. The information gathered by the spiders is used to create a searchable index of the web.

Q12 What is the Internet & WWW? What are the uses of Internet in our daily life?

Ans. The Internet is a global network of networks connecting millions of users worldwide via many computer networks using a simple standard common addressing system and basic communication protocol called TCP/IP. This allows messages sent over the Internet to



the servers are legitimate users

Q3 Define static IP and Dynamic IP? Discuss the difference between IPv4 and IPv6

Ans: When a device is assigned a static IP address the address does not change most devices use dynamic IP addresses which are assigned by the network when they connect and change over time.

Static IP addresses  $\Rightarrow$  most users or websites don't need static IP addresses. Static IP addresses devices or websites need to remember your IP address. One example is VPN or other remote access solutions that must (persist) retain IPs for security purpose. A static IP address is not required if you are hosting a server although it can simplify the setup process. Google Fiber provides two options.

Dynamic IP addresses  $\Rightarrow$  use advanced settings for your network to configure dynamic DNS when your IP address changes the DNS entry for your server is automatically updated with its new IP address so outside users can use the same domain name. You can choose the dynamic DNS provider and don't have to install additional software on your computer.

Discuss the difference between IPv4 and IPv6

Difference	IPv4	IPv6
1. Security	Security is dependent on applications. IPv4 was not designed with security in mind	IPsec internet Protocol security is built into the IP protocol suite with a public key infrastructure.



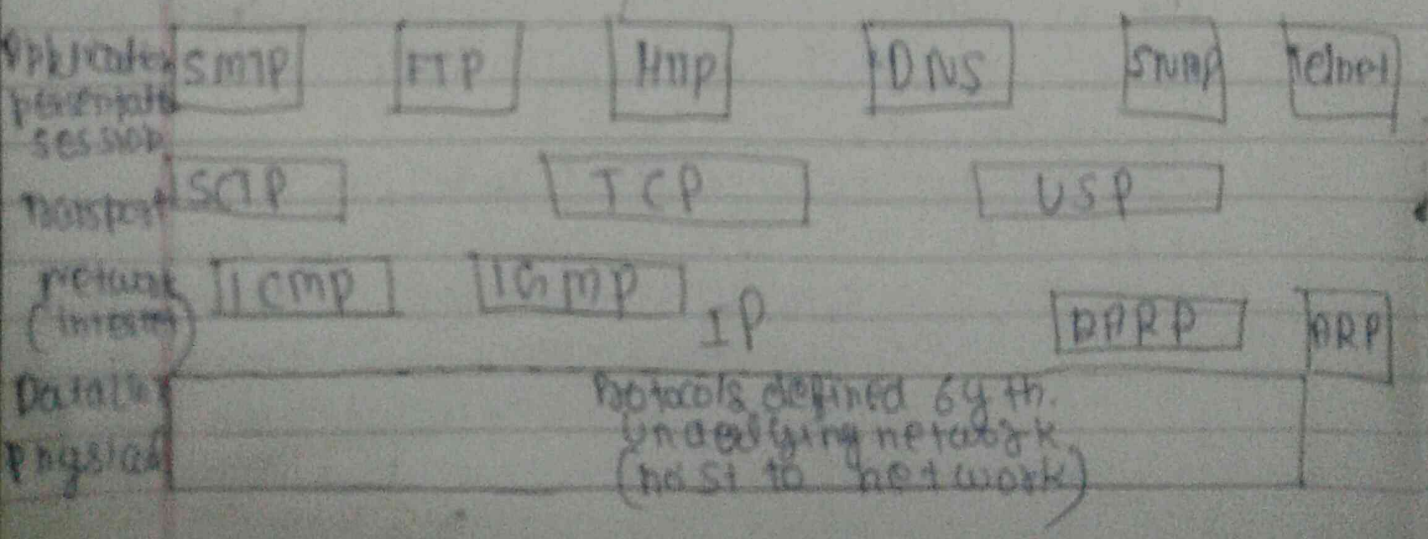
2. Packet header Does not identify packet flow for OS handling which includes checksum & available field that specifies packet flow for OS handling. packet header contains

3. DNS records Address (A) records maps hostnames to IP addresses. Address (AAAA) records maps hostnames to IPv6 addresses.

4. Compatibility with mobile device IPv4 address uses the dot-decimal notation. IPv6 address uses hexadecimal notation. IPv6 is better suited to mobile network. That's why it is not suitable for mobile network. IPv6 is better suited to mobile network.

5. Mapping (Uses ARP (Address Resolution Protocol) to map to MAC address. Uses NDP (Neighbor Discovery Protocol) to map to MAC address. mobile network uses NDP (Neighbor Discovery Protocol) to map to MAC address.

Q9 Discuss TCP/IP model in detail →  
Ans. The figure given below shows the comparison of TCP/IP





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broken in to small pieces called packets which travel over many different routes between source and destination computer.

WWW (world wide web)  $\Rightarrow$  www stand for (world wide web)