

What are network systems?

Network system = any system consisting of a large number of **communicating computers**.

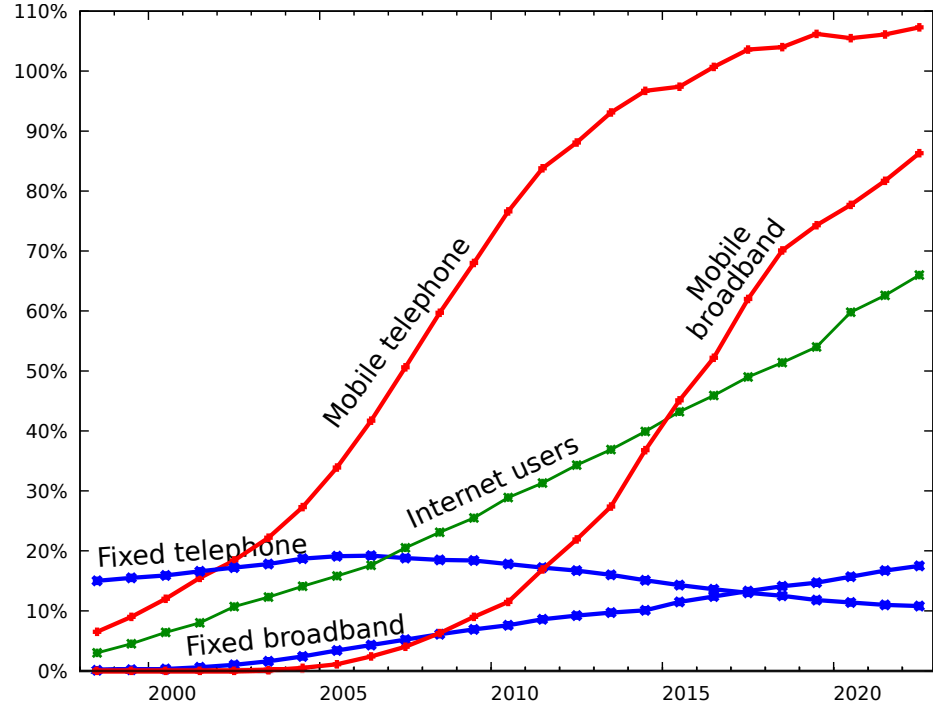
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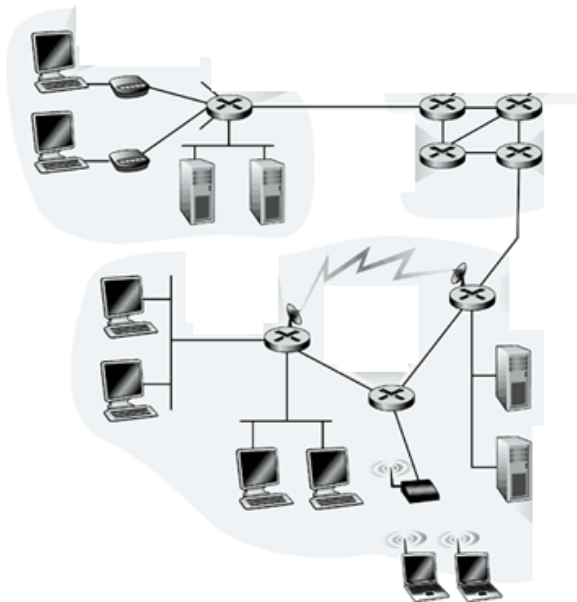
- ▶ The Internet
- ▶ Any of the Internet's sub-networks
- ▶ The mobile telephone network
- ▶ Sensor networks
- ▶ Networks connecting cars to improve traffic (near future)
- ▶ Internet-of-Things
- ▶ ...

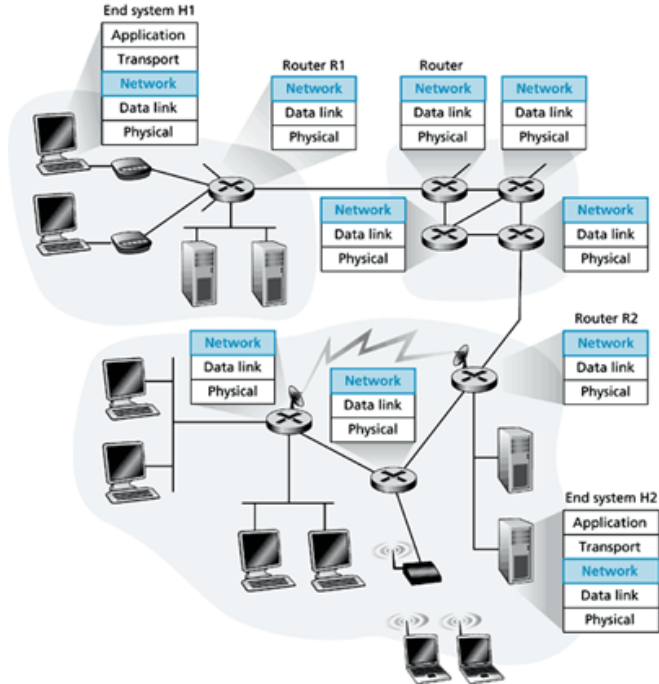
Shared module

Network systems are at the boundary between EE and CS.

⇒ This module is shared with CS (1st year).

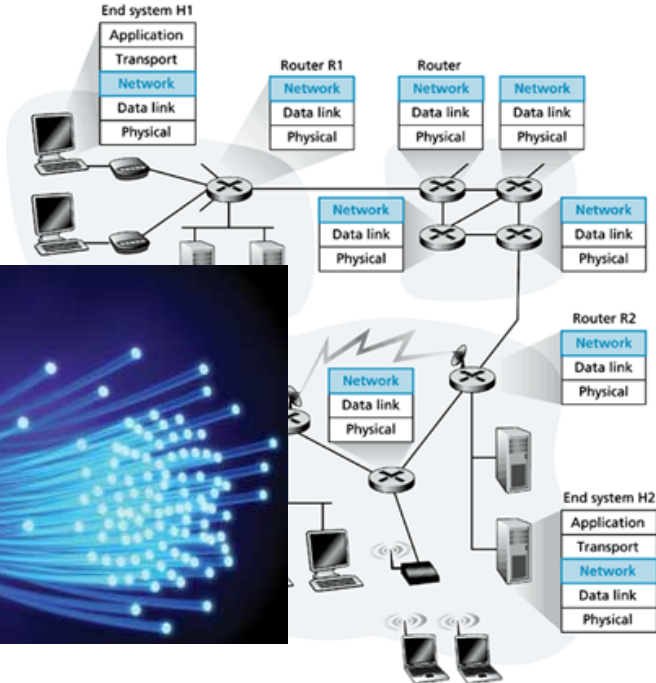
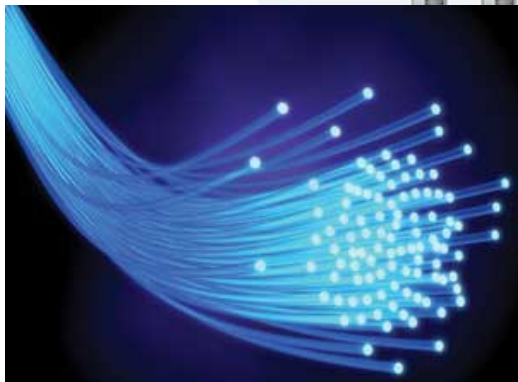






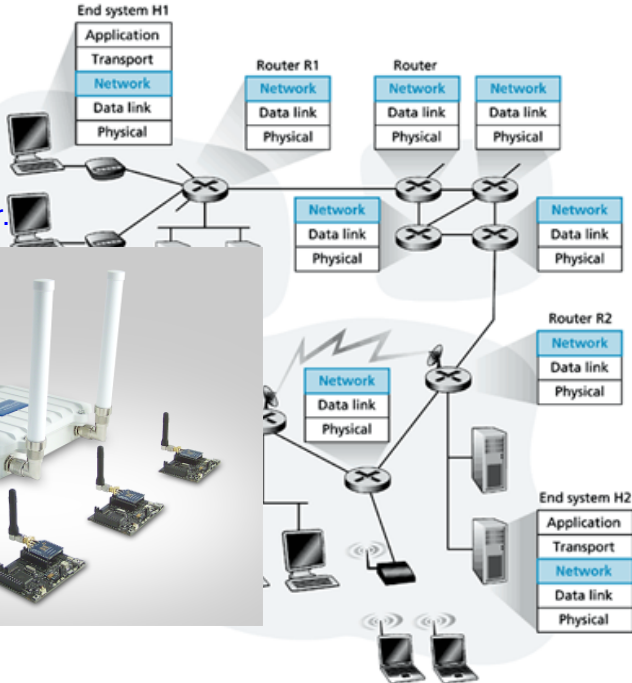
Physical layer:

signals
bit error correction
propagation



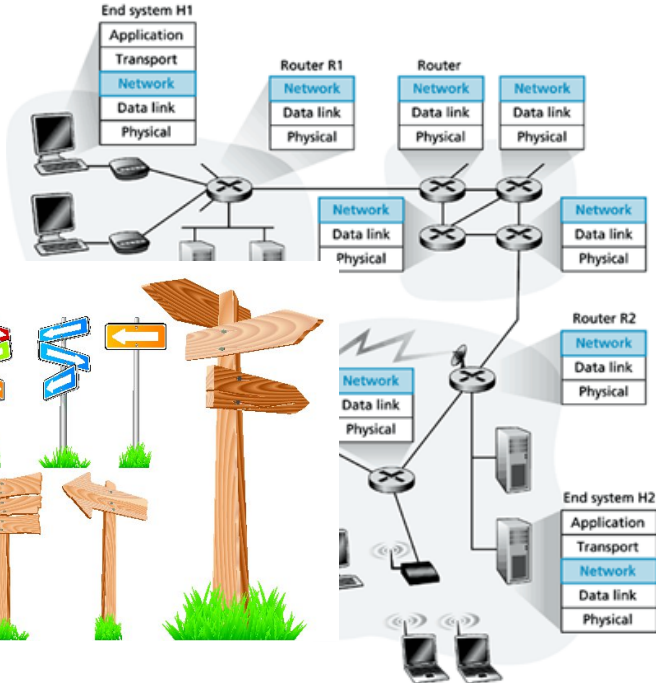
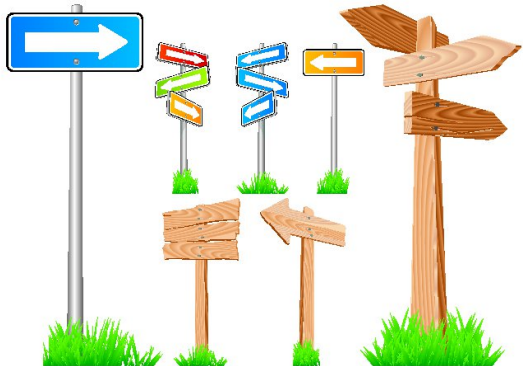
Link layer:

sharing a medium
retransmission algor.



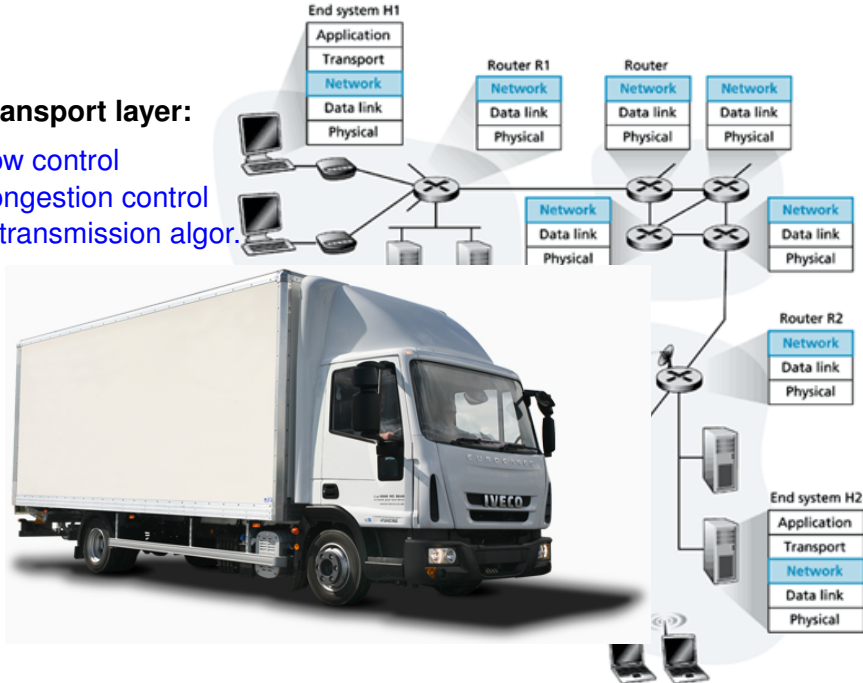
Network layer:

addressing
routing



Transport layer:

flow control
congestion control
retransmission algor.



Application layer:

email

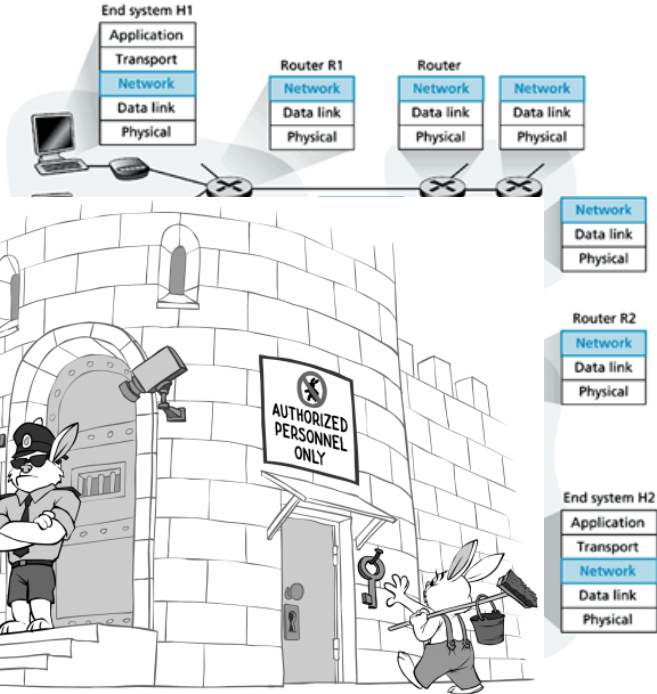
web

peer2peer

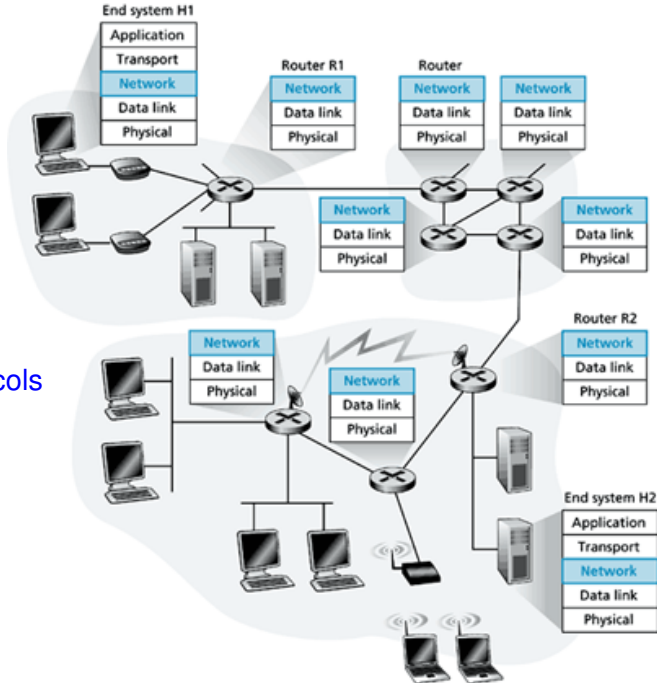
real-time audio/video



protocol design
monitoring
performance
security



basic principles
and
key internet protocols



Programming in C++

Only for EE students: (CS students do math)

- ▶ object-oriented programming
- ▶ algorithms
- ▶ datastructures

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