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Circuit Switching



- Example application: telephone networks (real-time works communications, constant bit rate)
- Circuit switching: dedicated communications path established for the duration of the conversation
- Connection-oriented:
 - Requires a session connection be established before any data can be sent (the capacity is occupied for the lifetime of the connection)
 - Uses the same route for all data units
 - Guarantees data will arrive in the same order
- Not efficient for data communications in general (why?)



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Packet Switching



- Network should support multiple applications
 - Transfer arbitrary message size
 - Low delay for interactive applications
 - But in store-and-forward operation, long messages induce high delay on interactive messages
- Packet switching introduced
 - Network transfers packets using store-and-forward
 - Packets have maximum length
 - Break long messages into multiple packets









Connectionless & Connection-Oriented Services

- Connection-Oriented
 - Three-phases:
 - Connection setup between two SAPs to initialize state information
 - 2. Data unit transfer
 - 3. Connection release
 - E.g. TCP, ATM

- Connectionless
 - Immediate data unit transfer
 - No connection setup
 - E.g. UDP, IP
- Layered services need not be of same type
 - TCP operates over IP
 - IP operates over ATM



Connectionless:

- Does not requires a session connection be established before sending data
- Sender simply starts sending packets (datagrams) to the receiver
- Different packets may take different routes
- Data packets may arrive out-of-order.
- · Less reliable than connection-oriented services



- Internet:
 - One big connectionless packet switching network in which all packet deliveries are handled by IP (unreliable)
 - TCP adds connection-oriented services on top of IP (for reliable delivery)
 - UDP provides connectionless services on top of IP
- ATM: connection-oriented packet switching networks
- LANs:
 - Connectionless systems
 - TCP can be used to provide connection-oriented (reliable) services
- Reference: www.linktionary.com/c/connections.html

























- A protocol is a set of rules that governs how two or more communicating entities in a layer are to interact
- Messages that can be sent and received
- Actions that are to be taken when a certain event occurs, e.g. sending or receiving messages, expiry of timers
- The purpose of a protocol is to provide a service to the layer above







































































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Reading

- Chapters 1 and 2 from Stallings
- Reference:

Chapters 1 and 2 from "Communication Networks: Fundamentals Concepts and Key Architectures," 2nd edition by Alberto Leon-Garcia and Indra Widjaja, McGraw-Hill, 2004

