

Operating Systems CS 571

	Range	Bandwidth (Mbps)	Latency (ms)
LAN	1-2 kms	10-1000	1-10
WAN	worldwide	0.010-600	100-500
MAN	2-50 kms	1-150	10
Wireless LAN	0.15-1.5 km	2-11	5-20
Wireless WAN	worldwide	0.010-2	100-500
Internet	worldwide	0.010-2	100-500







Layer	Description	Examples	
Application	Protocols that are designed to meet the communication requirements of specific applications, often defining the interface to a service.	HTTP,FTP, SMTP, CORBA IIOP	
Presentation	Protocols at this level transmit data in a network representation that is independent of the representations used in individual computers, which may differ. Encryption is also performed in this layer, if required.	Secure Sockets (SSL),CORBA Data Rep.	
Session	At this level reliability and adaptation are performed, such as detection of failures and automatic recovery.		
Transport	This is the lowest level at which messages (rather than packets) are handled. Messages are addressed to communication ports attached to processes, Protocols in this layer may be connection-oriented or connectionless.	TCP, UDP	
Network	Transfers data packets between computers in a specific network. In a WAN or an internetwork this involves the generation of a route passing through routers. In a single LAN no routing is required.	IP, ATM virtual circuits	
Data link	Responsible for transmission of packets between nodes that are directly connected by a physical link. In a WAN transmission is between pairs of routers or between routers and hosts. In a LAN it is between any pair of hosts.	Ethernet MAC, ATM cell transfer, PPP	
Physical	The circuits and hardware that drive the network. It transmits sequences of binary data by analogue signalling, using amplitude or frequency modulation of electrical signals (on cable circuits), light signals (on fibre optic circuits) or other electromagnetic signals (on radio and microwave circuits).	Ethernet base- band signalling, ISDN	

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