Chapter 1 A: Exploring the Network

What is a Computer Network?

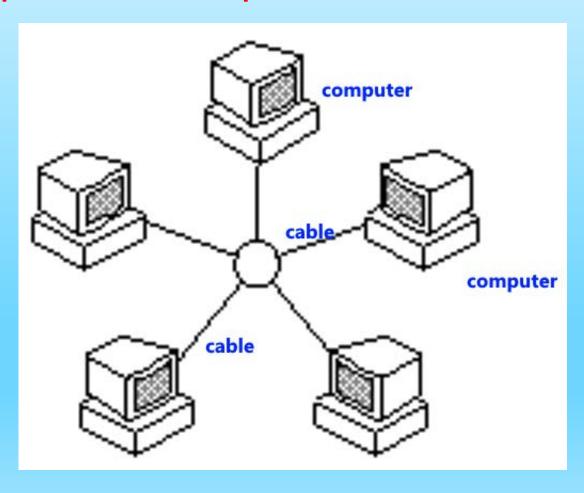
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Computer Networking Impacts in Our Daily Lives

Networks support the way we

- learn.
- communicate.
- work.
- play.

Example of a Computer Network



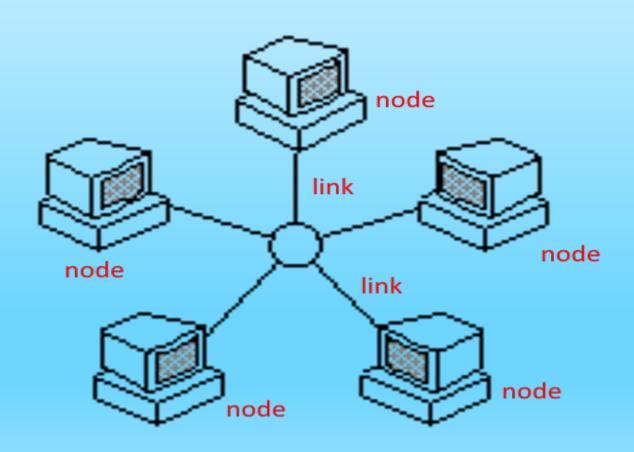
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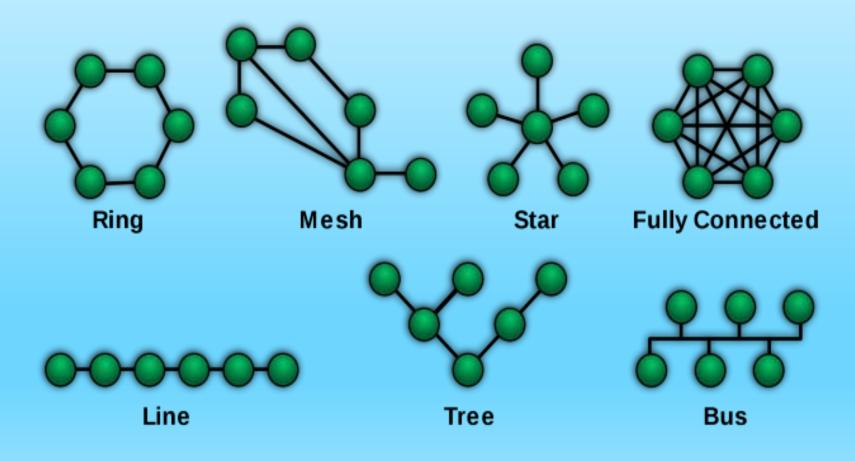
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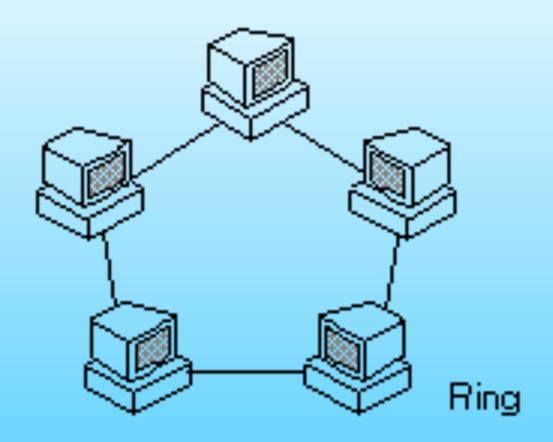
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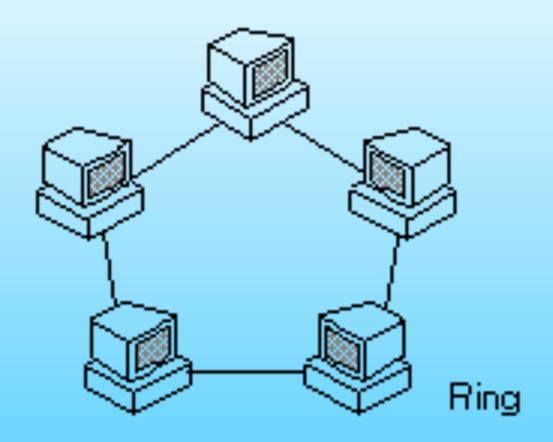
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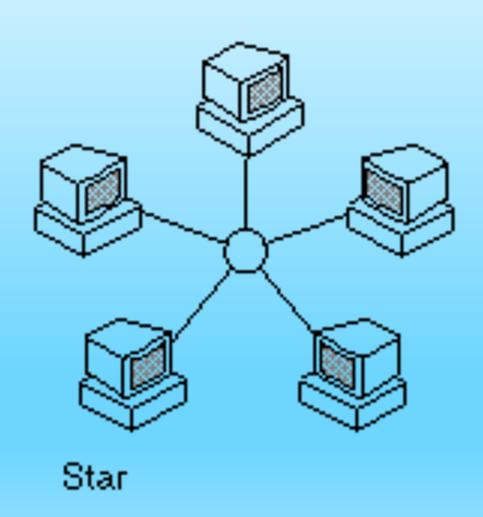


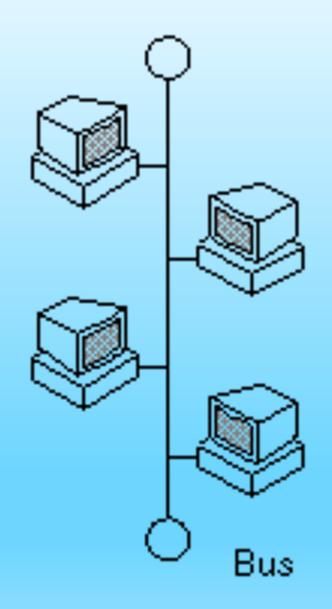
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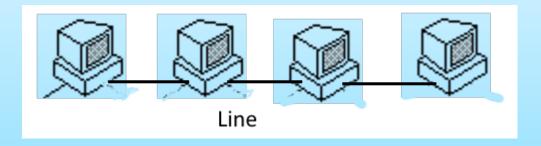


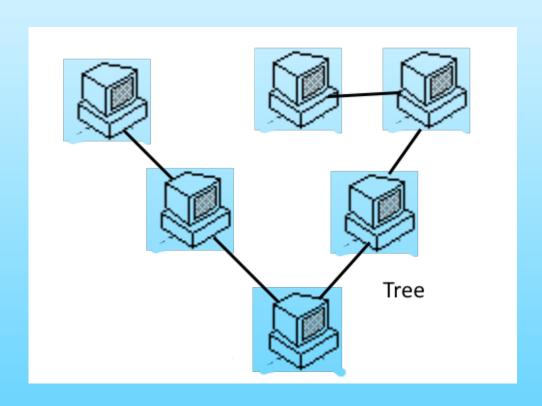


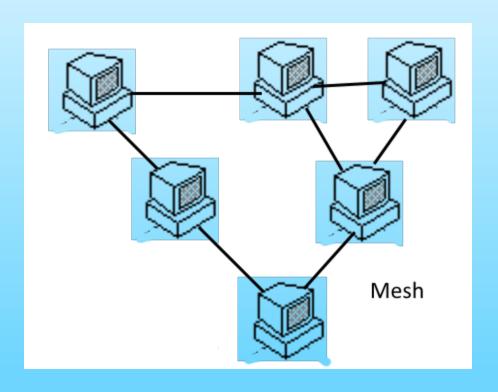


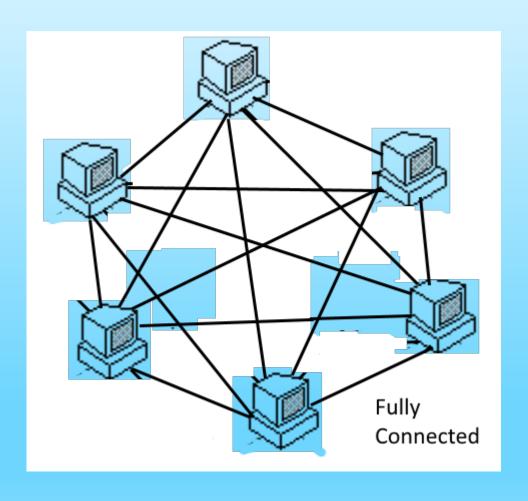












Networks of Different Sizes



Small Home Networks



Medium to Large Networks



Small Office/Home Office Networks

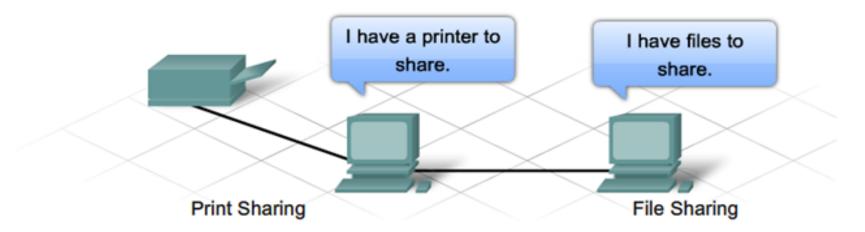


World Wide Networks

Types of Network

- Peer-to-Peer Network
- Client/Server Network
- Local Area Network (LAN)
- Wide Area Network (WAN)
- Metropolitan Area Network (MAN)
- Wireless LAN (WLAN)
- Storage Area Network (SAN)

Peer-to-Peer Network



Computers are connected directly using cables.

The advantages of peer-to-peer networking:

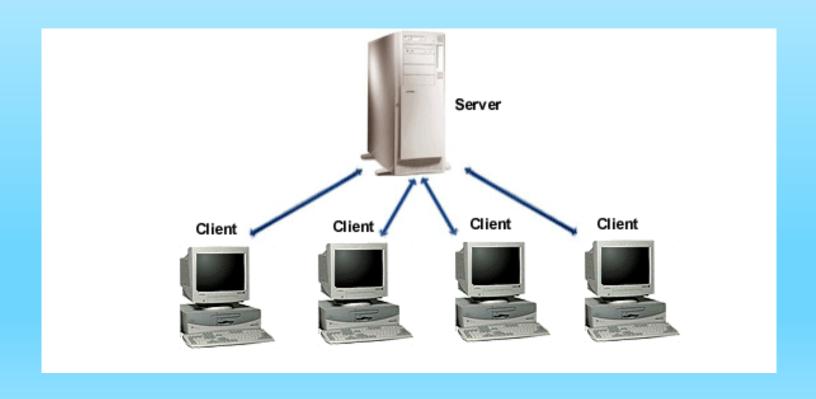
- · Easy to set up
- · Less complexity
- Lower cost since network devices and dedicated servers may not be required
- · Can be used for simple tasks such as transferring files and sharing printers

The disadvantages of peer-to-peer networking:

- No centralized administration
- Not as secure
- Not scalable
- · All devices may act as both clients and servers which can slow their performance

Client /Server Network

A Client/Server Network is a system where standalone (client) PCs are connected to a Server (PC with Server OS)



Clients and Server Network

 In a client/server environment, each computer still holds resources and files. Other computers can access the resources stored in a computer, as in a peer-to-peer scenario.

 Files and resources are centralized. The server has the resources and other computers can access them.

Clients and Server Network

- The server is always ON, the client machines can access the files and resources without caring whether a certain computer is ON.
- Should the server be turned OFF, all resources will not be available. A standby server can be used for emergency.

Clients and Server Network

Security is created, managed, and can get enforced.

To access the network, a person, called a user must provide some credentials, such as a username and a password.

If the credentials are not valid, the user is prevented from accessing the network.

There are three categories of network components:

- Devices
- Media
- Services

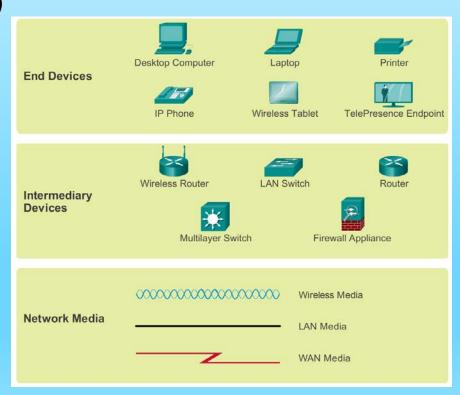
Example of devices

- Computers (work stations, laptops, file servers, web servers)
- Network printers
- VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) phones
- TelePresence endpoint
- Security cameras
- Mobile handheld devices (such as smart phones, tablets, PDAs, and wireless debit / credit card readers and barcode scanners)

Network Infrastructure Devices

Examples of intermediary network devices are:

- Network Access Devices (switches, and wireless access points)
- Internetworking Devices (routers)
- Security Devices (firewalls)



Network Media

The things that connect the devices







Fiber Optic



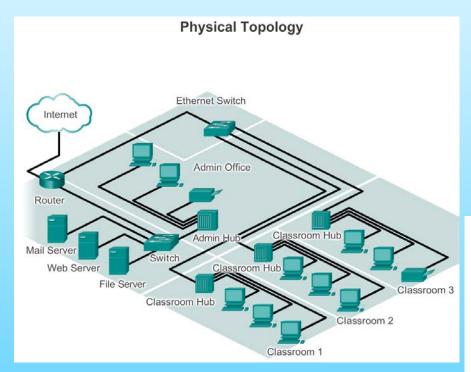


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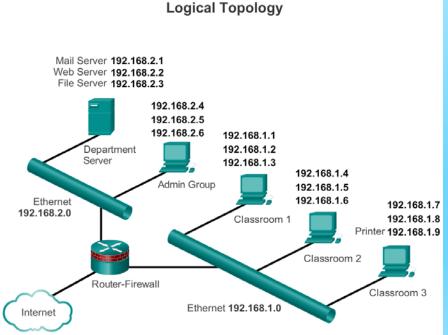


Topology Diagrams



Actual physical layout

Layout according to IP addresses



END OF CHAPTER 1A

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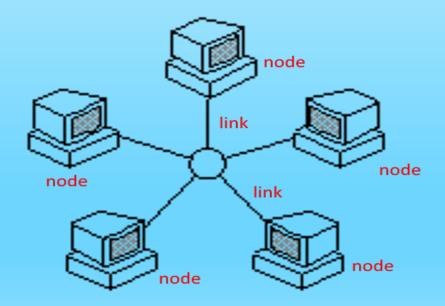
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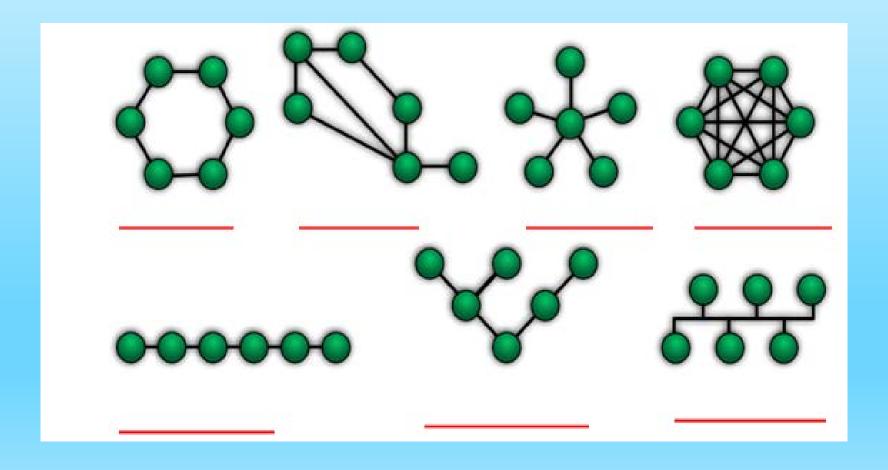
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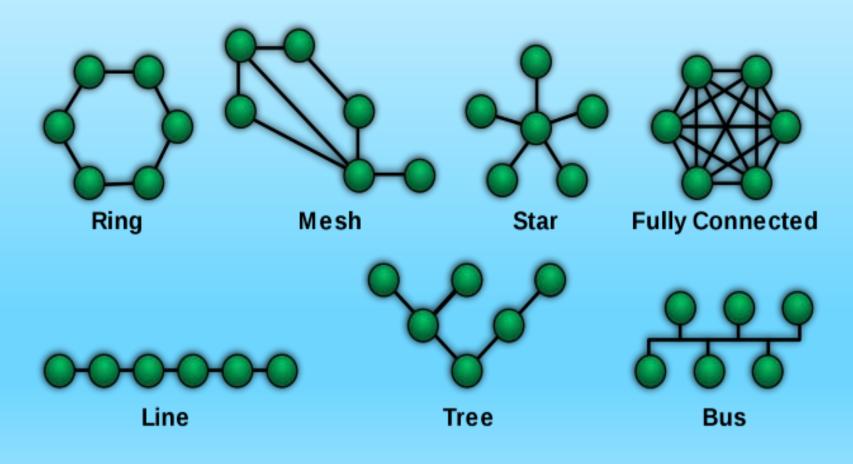


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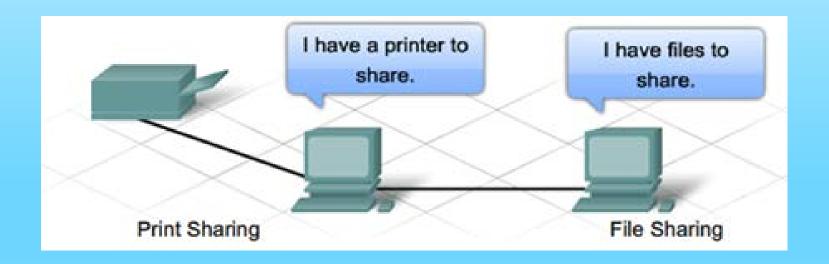


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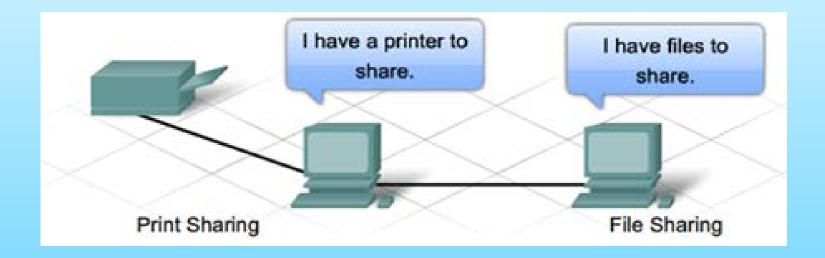
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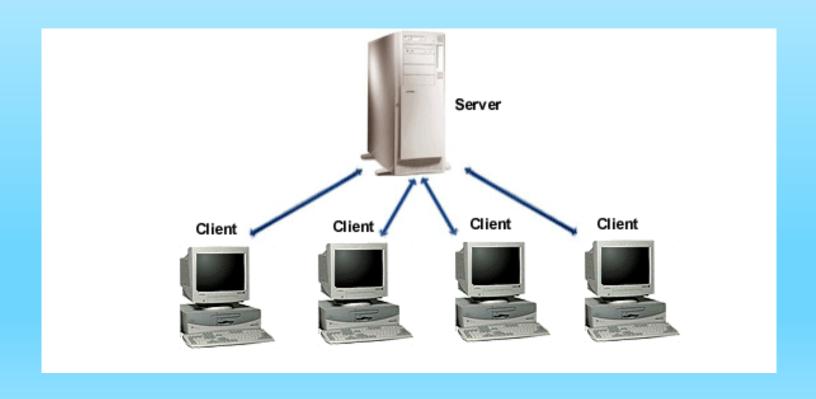
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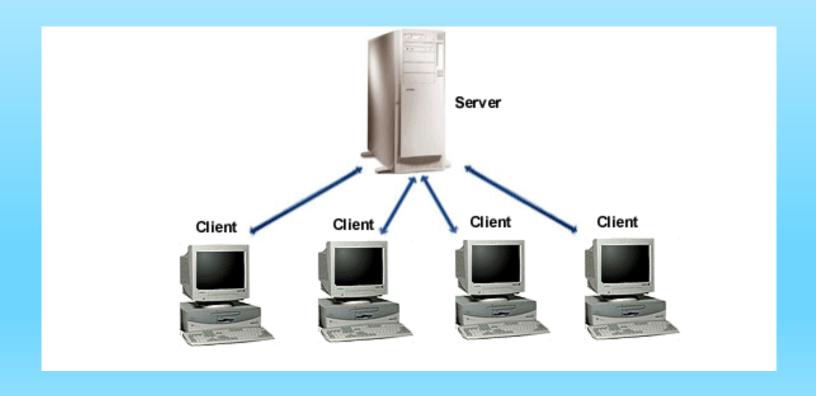
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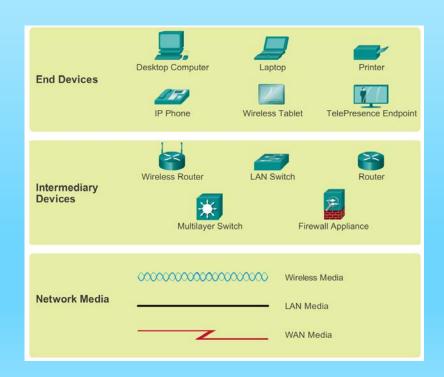
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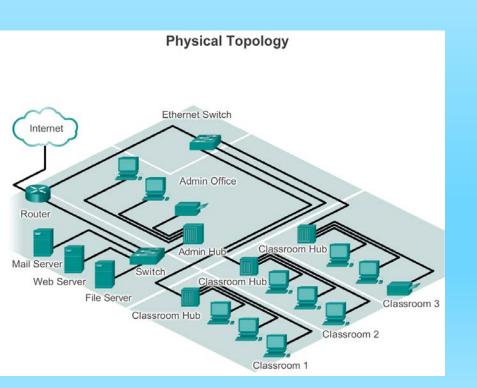
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- Fiber optic
- wireless

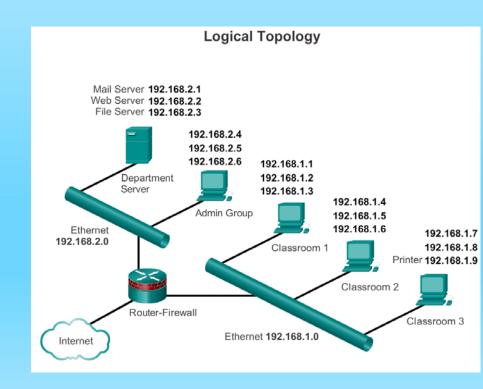


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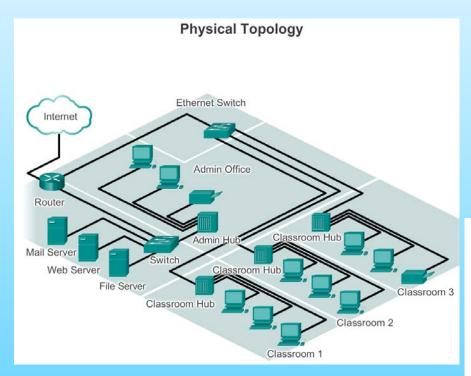
- Physical
- logical

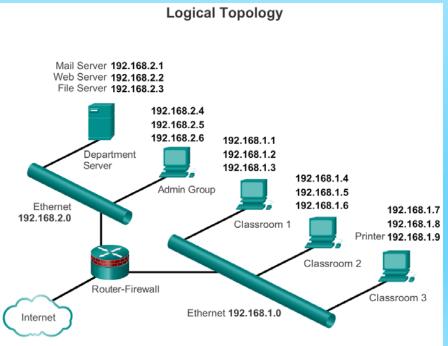




Components of a Network

Topology Diagrams





How many questions did you answer

correctly?