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THE OSI MODEL

Established in 1947, the International Standards Organization (ISO) is a multinational body dedicated to worldwide agreement on international standards. An ISO standard that covers all aspects of network communications is the Open Systems Interconnection (OSI) model. It was first introduced in the late 1970s.

Topics discussed in this section:

Layered Architecture Peer-to-Peer Processes Encapsulation



ISO is the organization. OSI is the model.

Seven layers of the OSI model



The interaction between layers in the OSI model



An exchange using the OSI model



LAYERS IN THE OSI MODEL

In this section we briefly describe the functions of each layer in the OSI model.

Topics discussed in this section:

Physical Layer Data Link Layer Network Layer Transport Layer Session Layer Presentation Layer Application Layer

Physical layer





The physical layer is responsible for movements of individual bits from one hop (node) to the next.

Data link layer





The data link layer is responsible for moving frames from one hop (node) to the next.

Hop-to-hop delivery



Network layer





The network layer is responsible for the delivery of individual packets from the source host to the destination host.

Source-to-destination delivery





Transport layer





The transport layer is responsible for the delivery of a message from one process to another.

Reliable process-to-process delivery of a message



Process-to-process delivery

Session layer





The session layer is responsible for dialog control and synchronization.

Figure 2.13 Presentation layer





The presentation layer is responsible for translation, compression, and encryption.

Figure 2.14 Application layer





The application layer is responsible for providing services to the user.

