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Introduction to Operating Systems and Data Communication

Data Communication:

# Network structures

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# Programming the network

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import urllib.request

contents = urllib.request.urlopen(
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        "http://heim.ifi.uio.no/griff/index.html")
    ).read()

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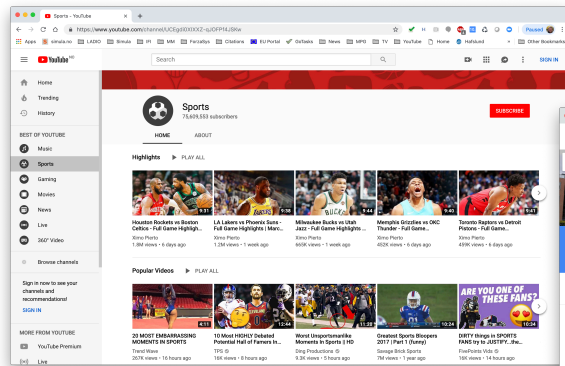
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<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.0
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<html>
<head>
    <title>    Griff's Homepage    </title>
    <meta http-equiv="Content-Type"
content="text/html; charset=UTF-8" />
    <meta http-equiv="X-UA-Compatible"
content="IE=edge,chrome=1" />

<style type="text/css">
.boxy {
    width:45%;
    background-color:#CCCCCC;
    margin-top:10px;
    margin-bottom:10px;
    margin-right:1%;
    margin-left:1%;
    padding:3px;
    -moz-border-radius: 5px;
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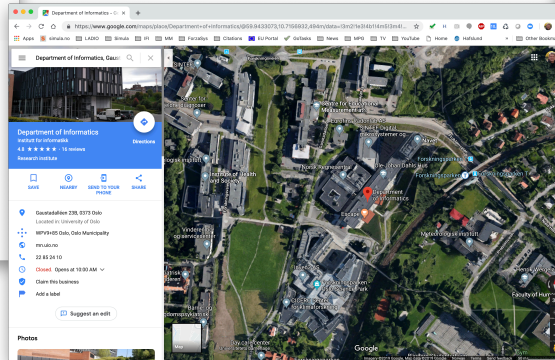
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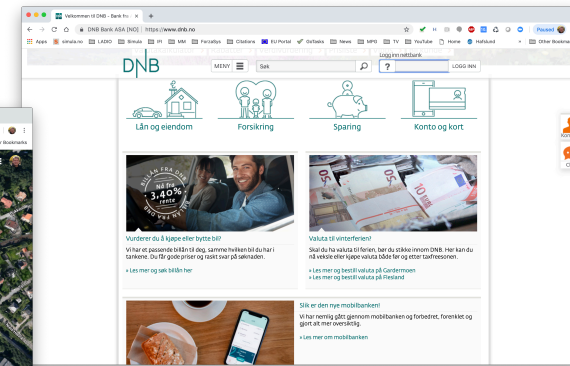
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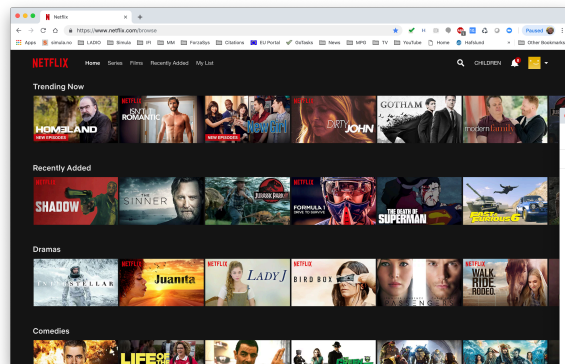
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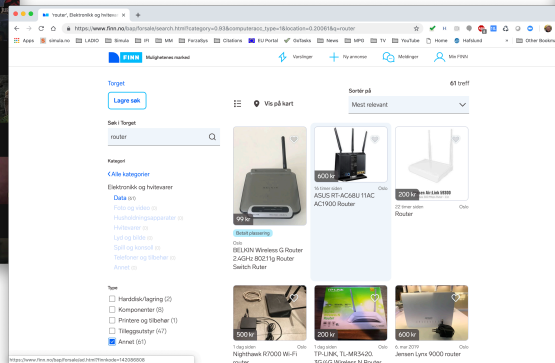
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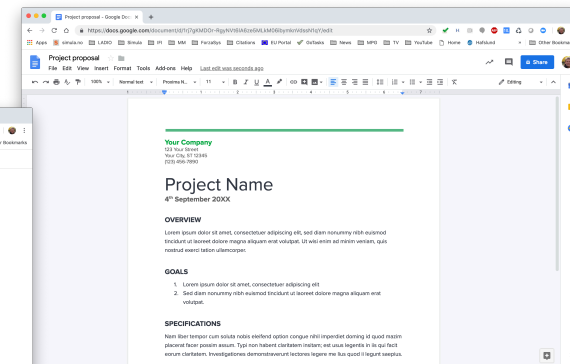
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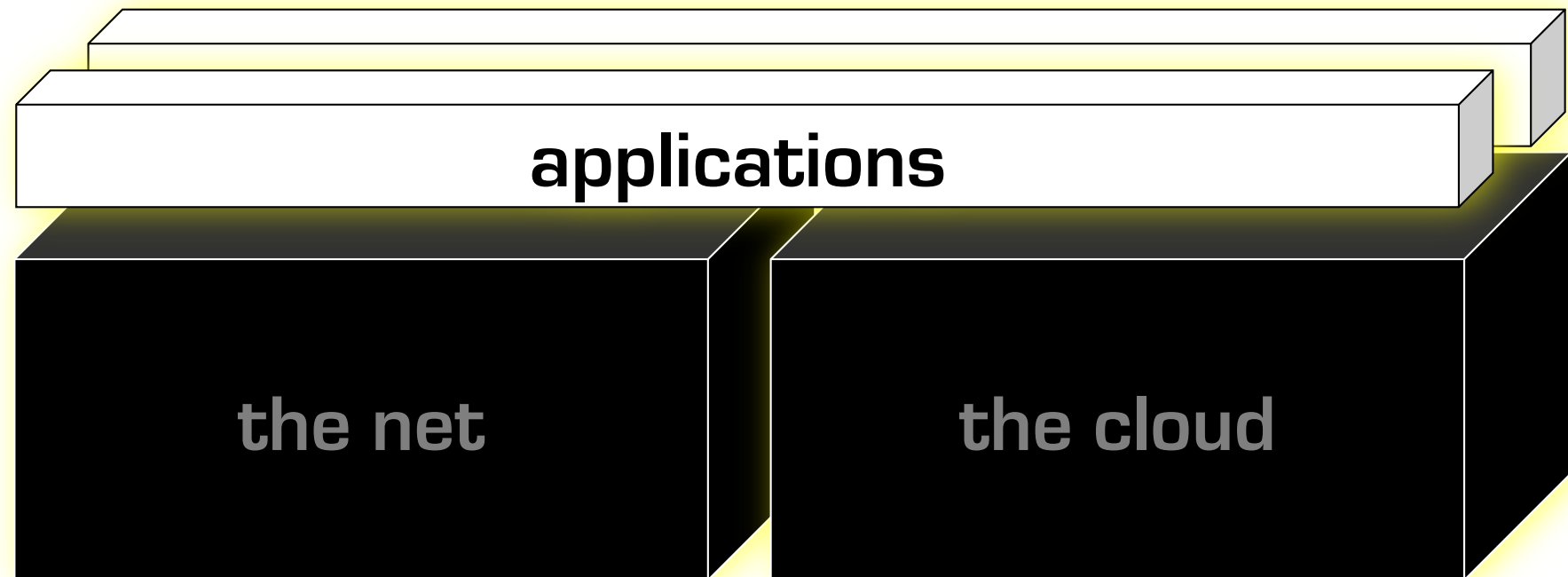


Office tools



# Isn't this enough?

In everyday life,  
the network and network functions are black boxes,  
language is very inaccurate ... and that is only fair



But we – as software designers, architects, developers or  
researchers – must understand more

# Is this the whole story?



How do you get from a cable in the ground to a virtual home assistant?



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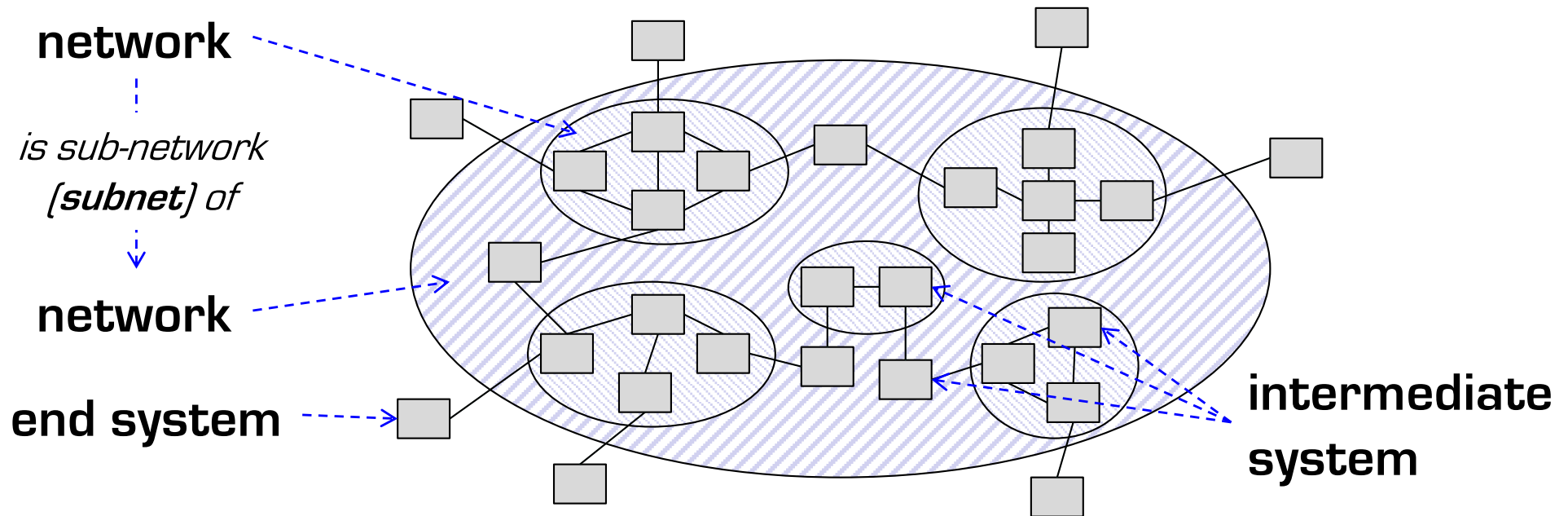
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# Structures

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# Network Components



## ES - End system

- end systems are “at the edge” of a network
- examples: computer, mobile phone, tablet, smart watch, printer, TV, smoke detector, weather station, lamp, door opener, fridge, traffic light ...

## IS - Intermediate system

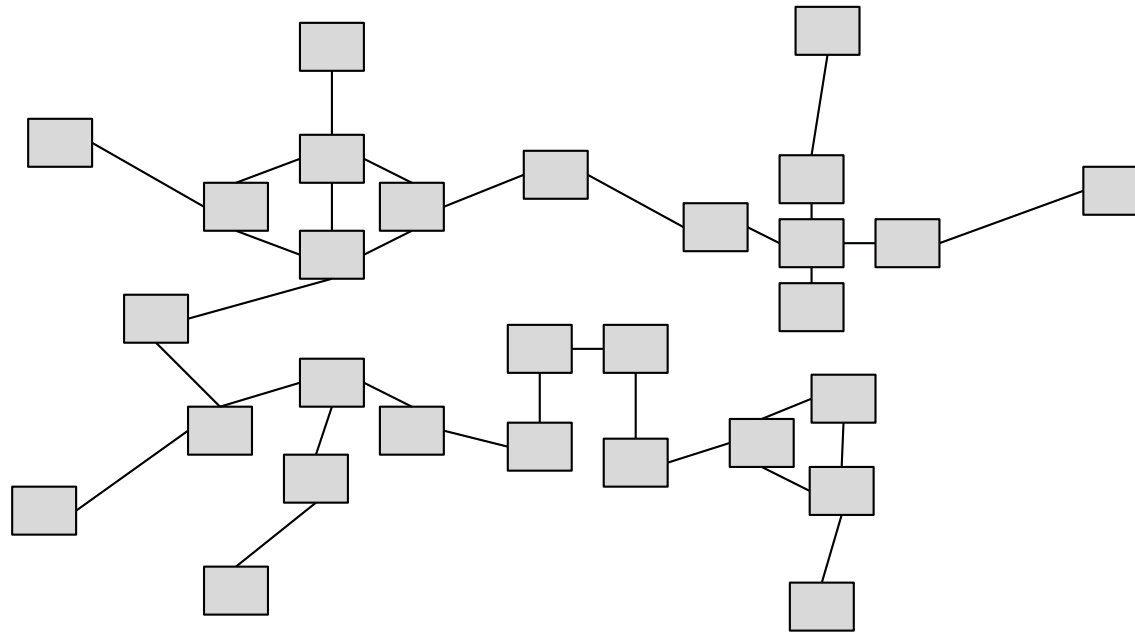
- examples:
  - router, switch
  - base station, modem
  - gateway: web proxy, firewall, NAT gateway

— repeater, bridge

**node**



# Network Structures



without the lines showing network boundaries,  
this looks like a typical graph

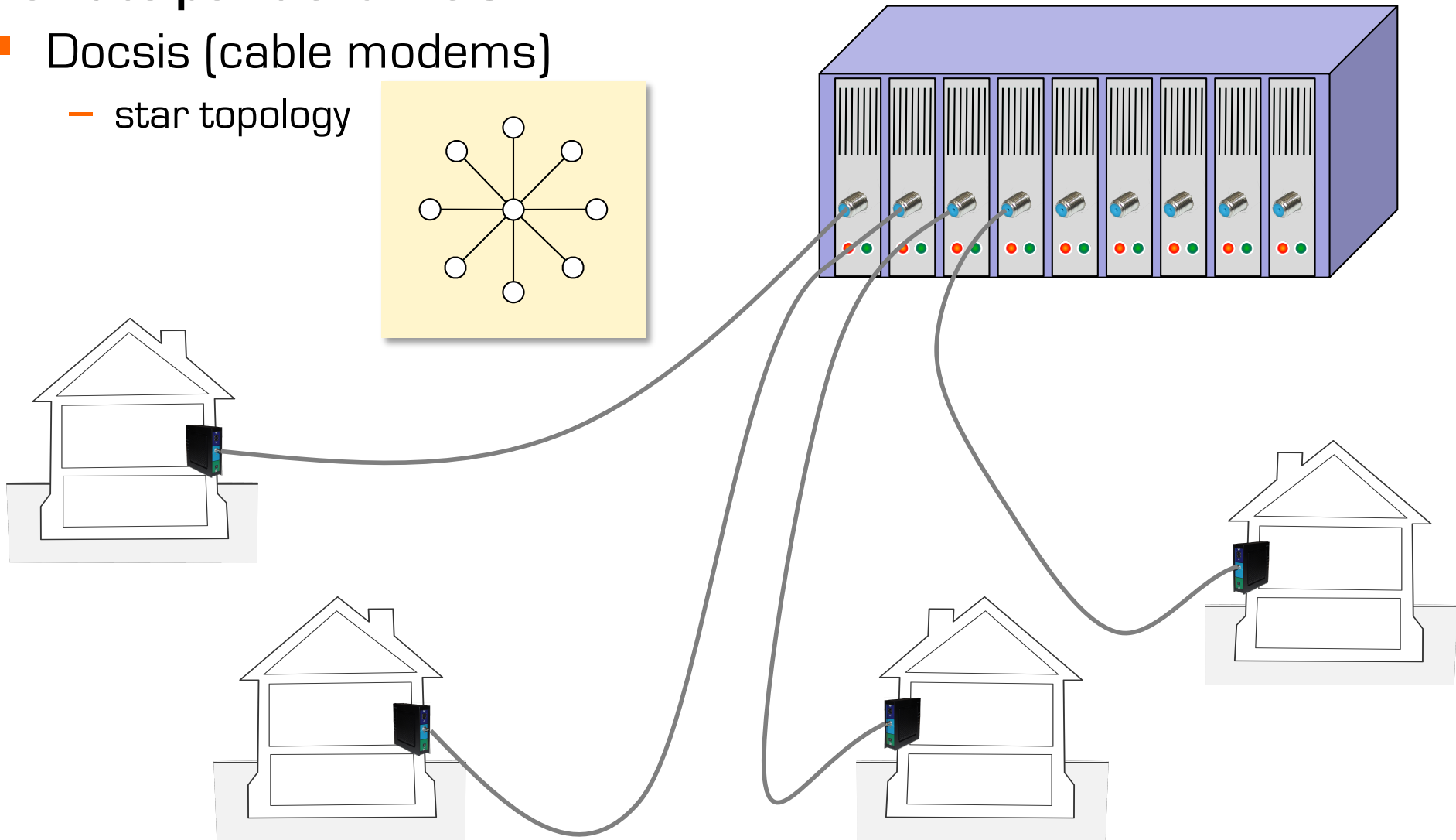
there are **nodes**, and **edges** connecting pairs of nodes to each other  
a specific arrangement of nodes and edges is called a **topology**

the terminology implies that edges are network connections

# Network Structures

## Point-to-point channels

- Docsis (cable modems)
  - star topology

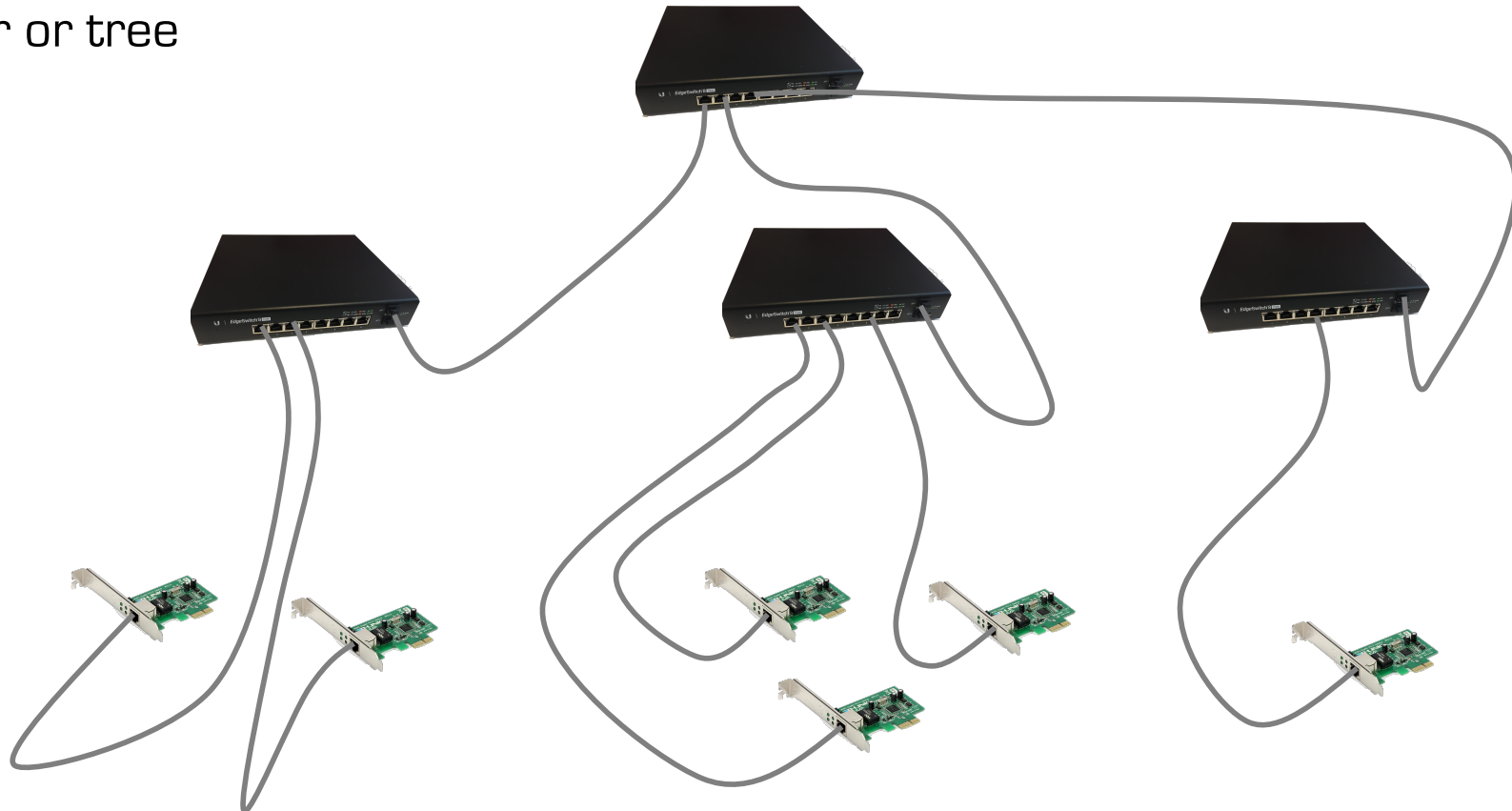
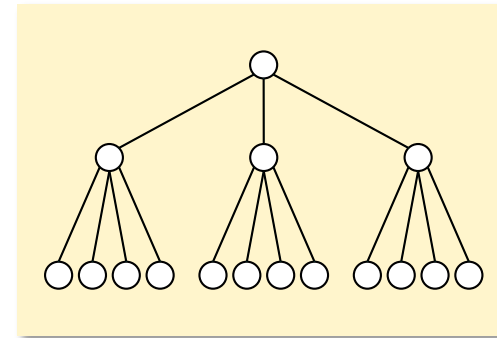




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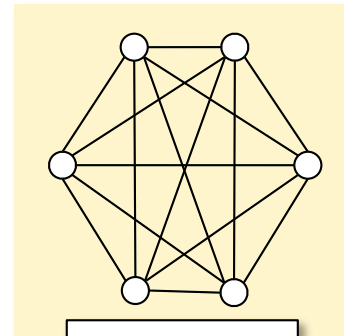
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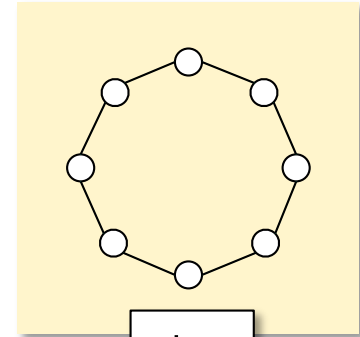
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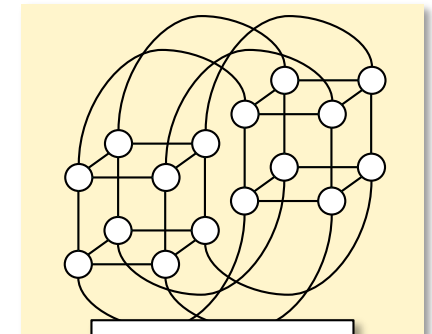
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- IEEE 802.5 “TokenRing” (outdated)
  - ring
- Some supercomputers use
  - full mesh
  - hypercube
  - torus
  - fat tree



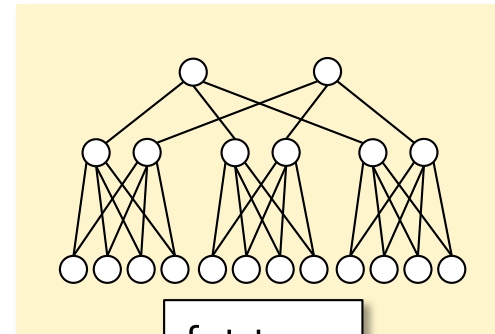
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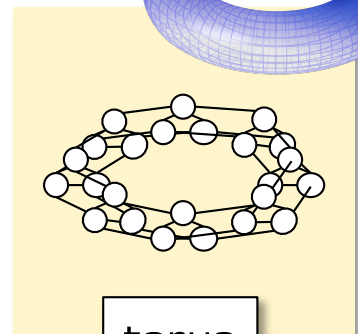
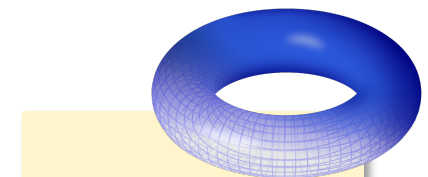
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# Network Structures

## Broadcasting channels

### ■ Cable

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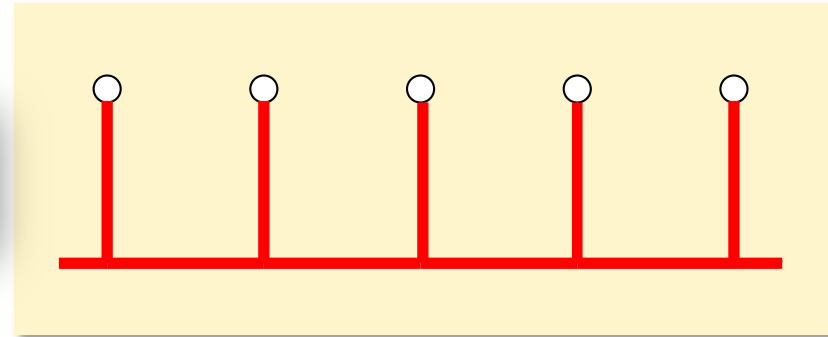
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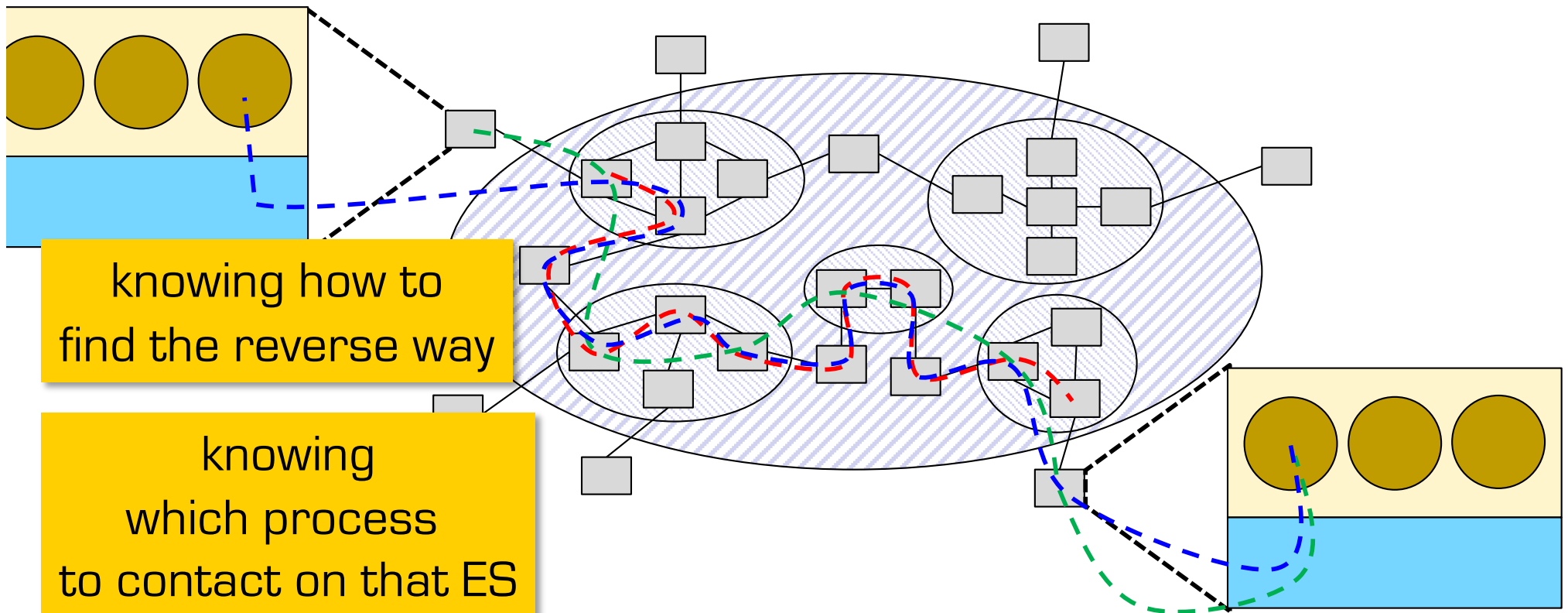
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# **Network's tasks**

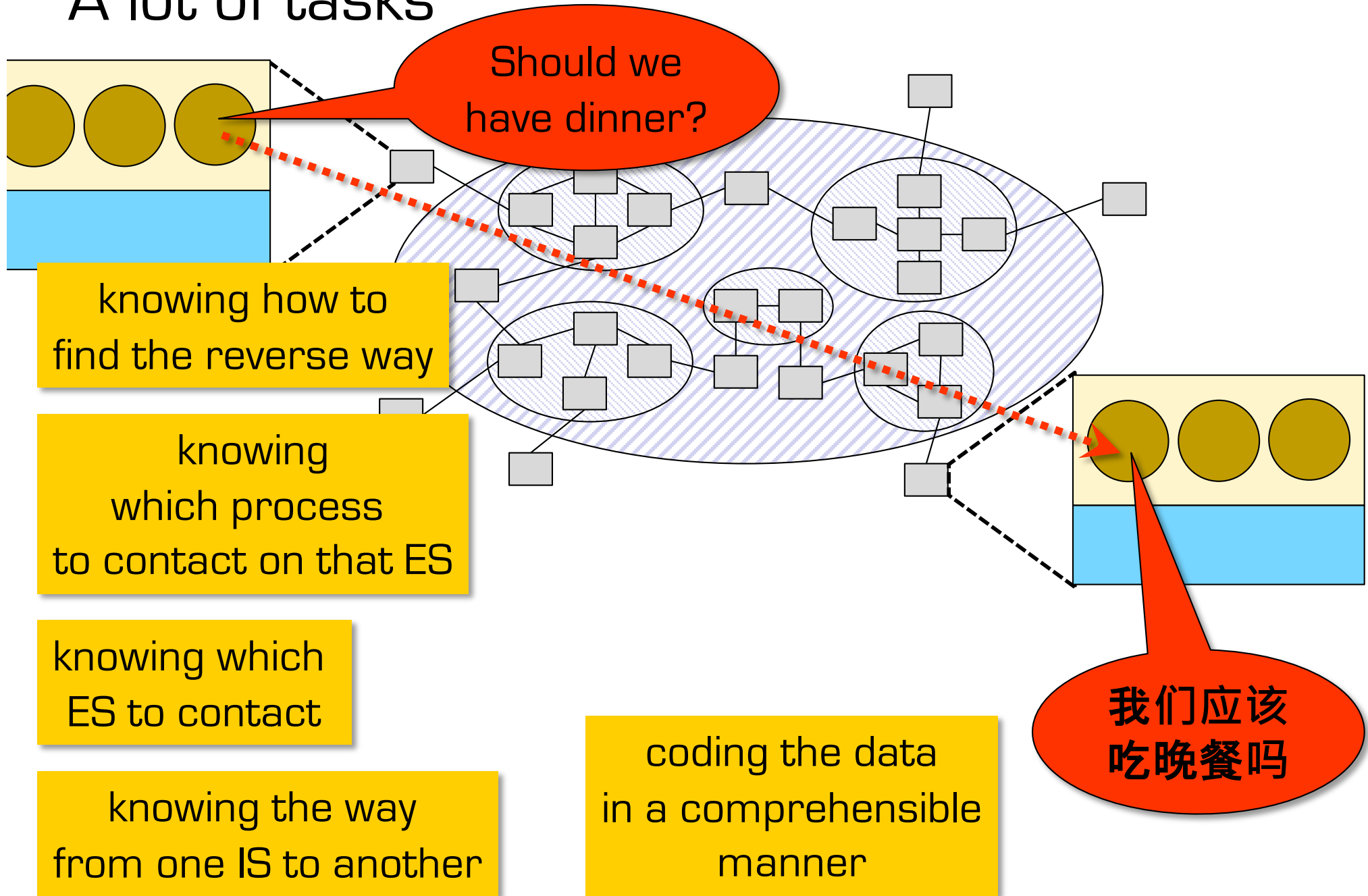
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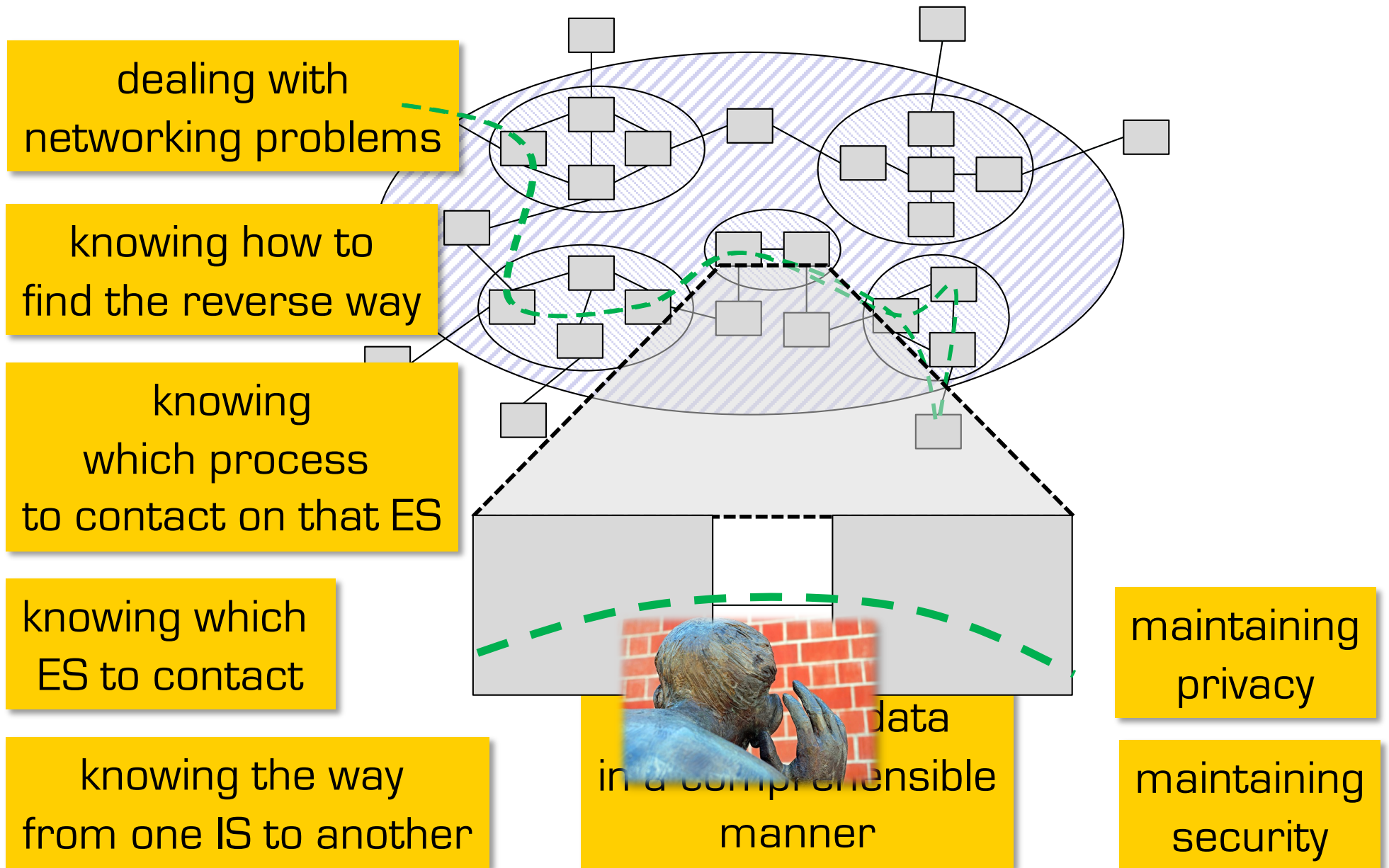
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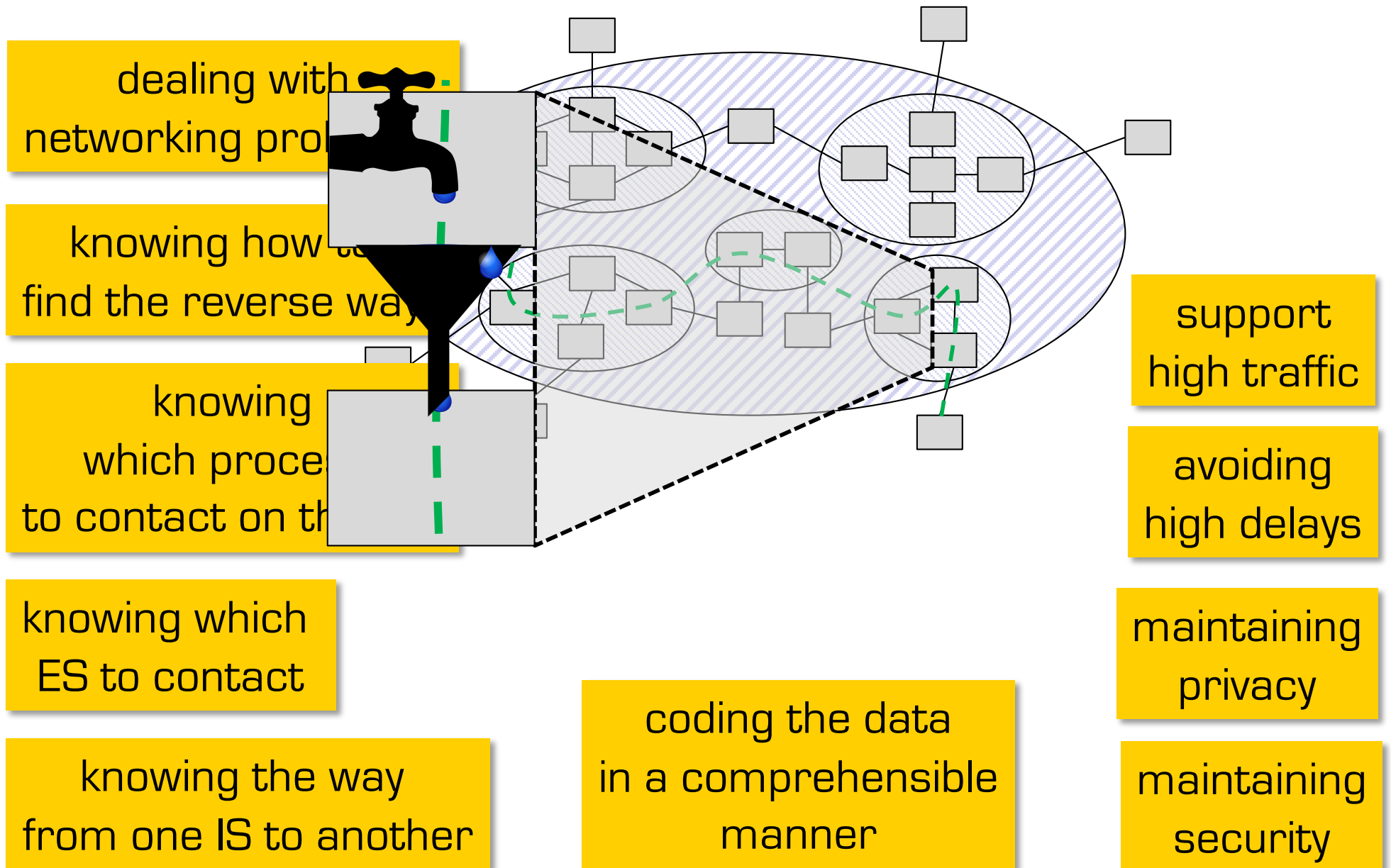
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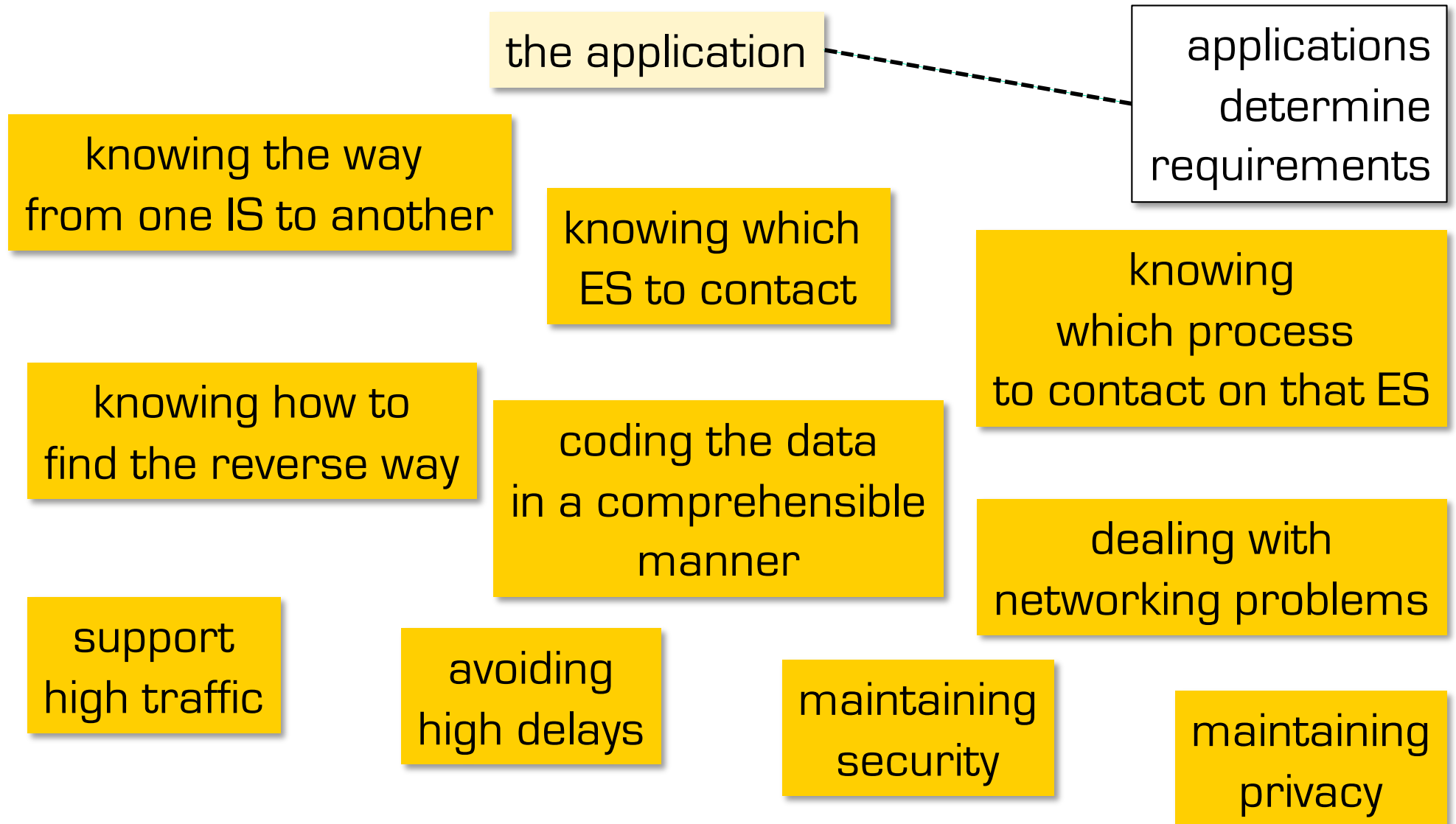
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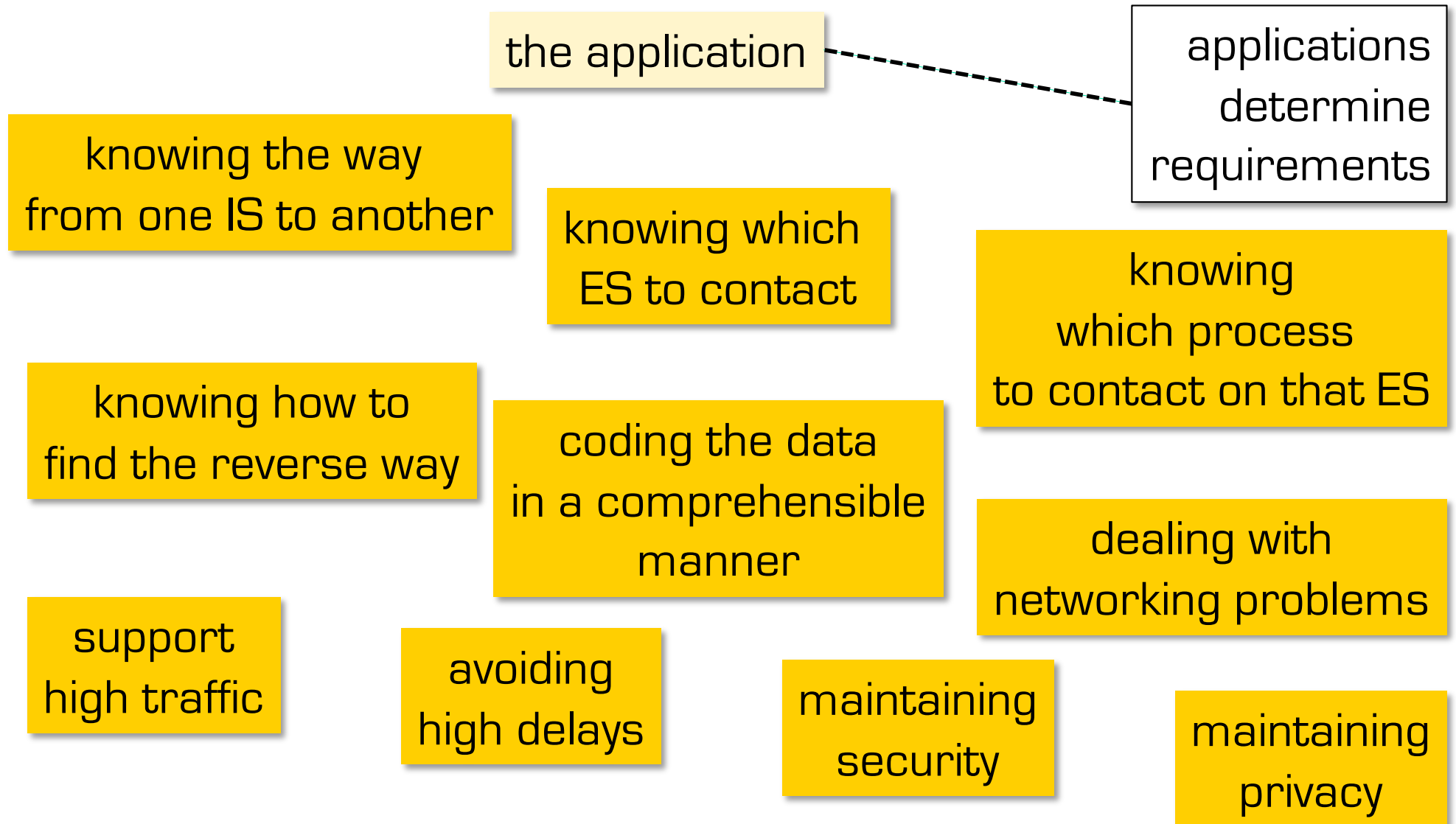
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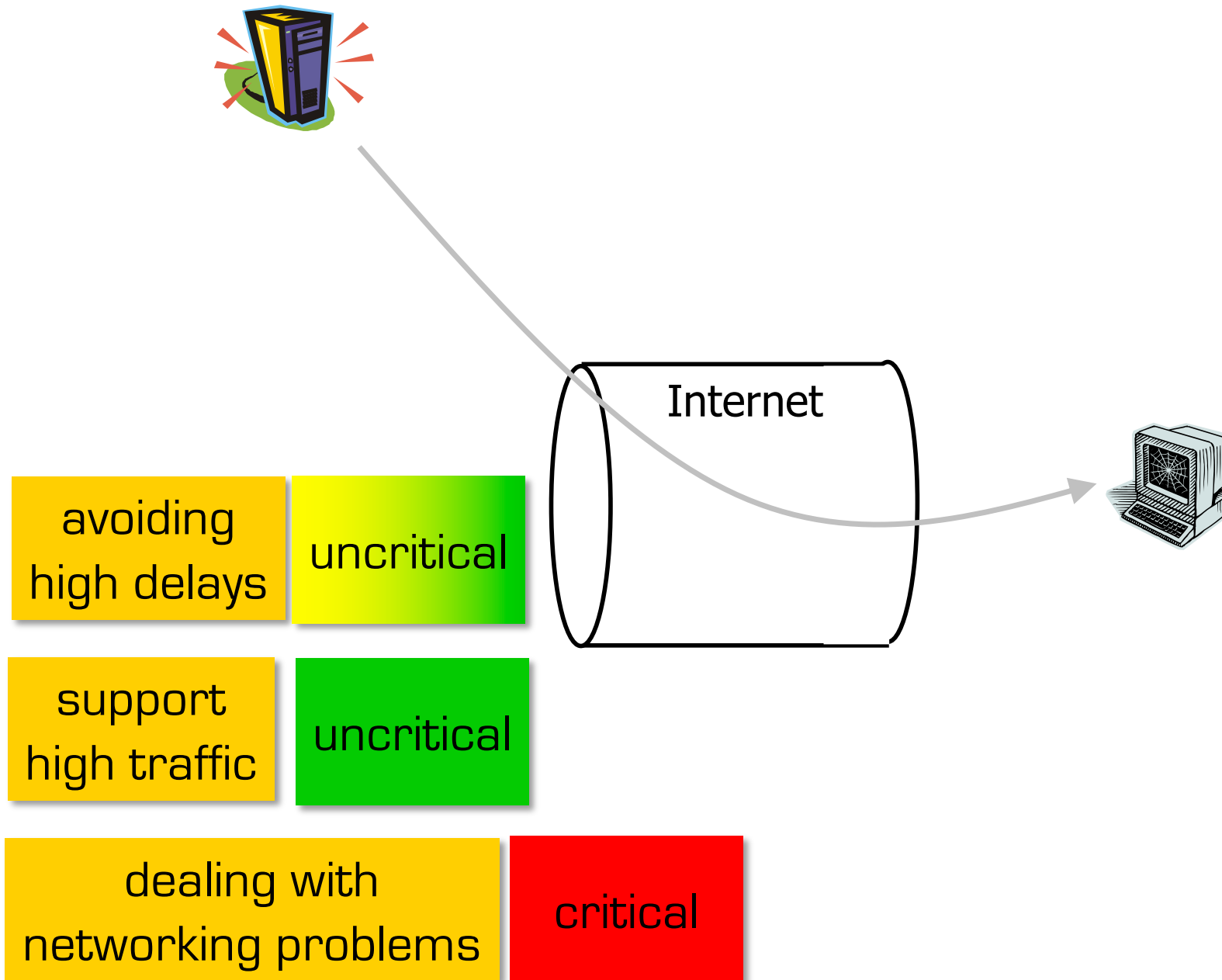
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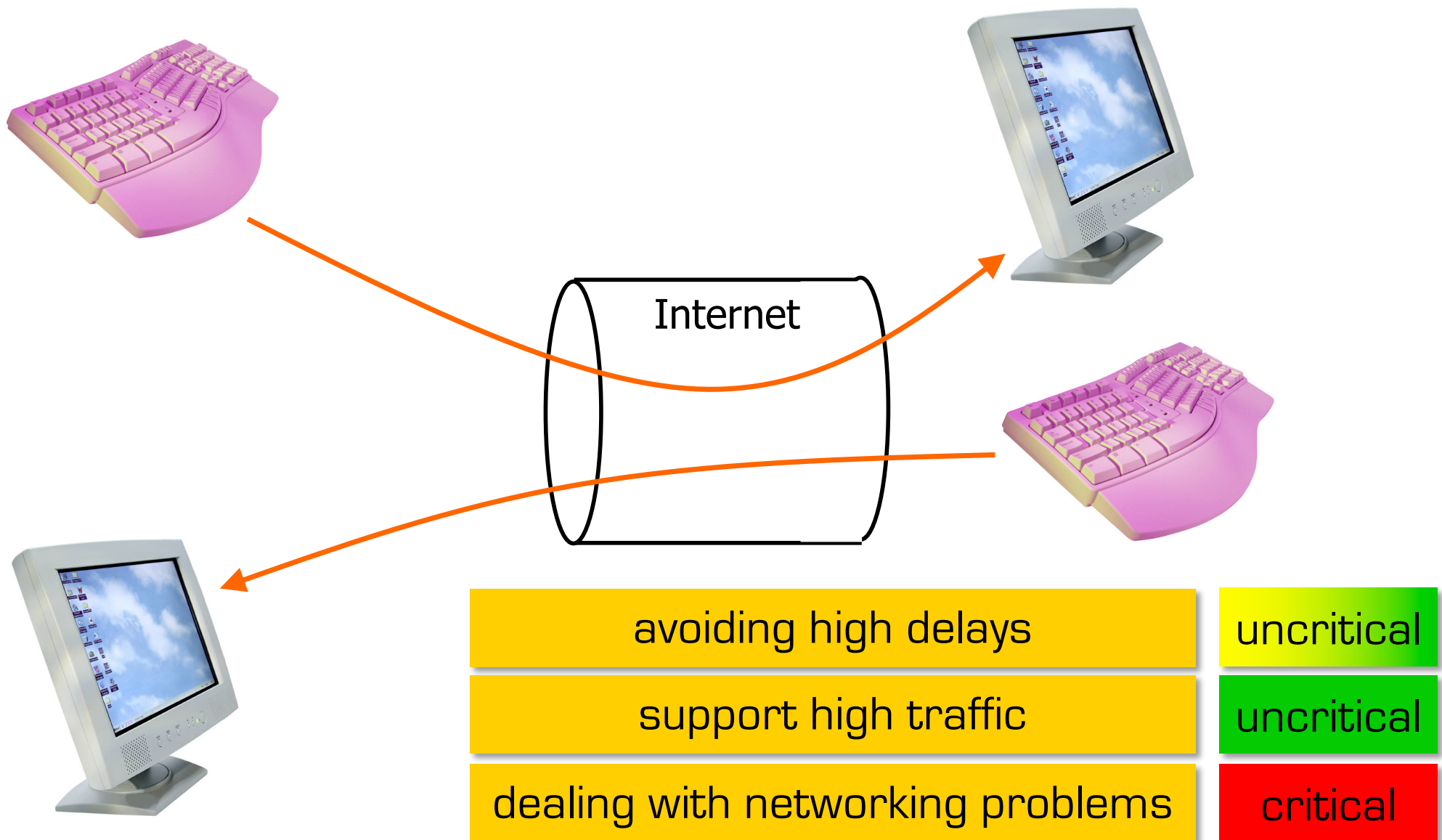
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# The application and Web browsing

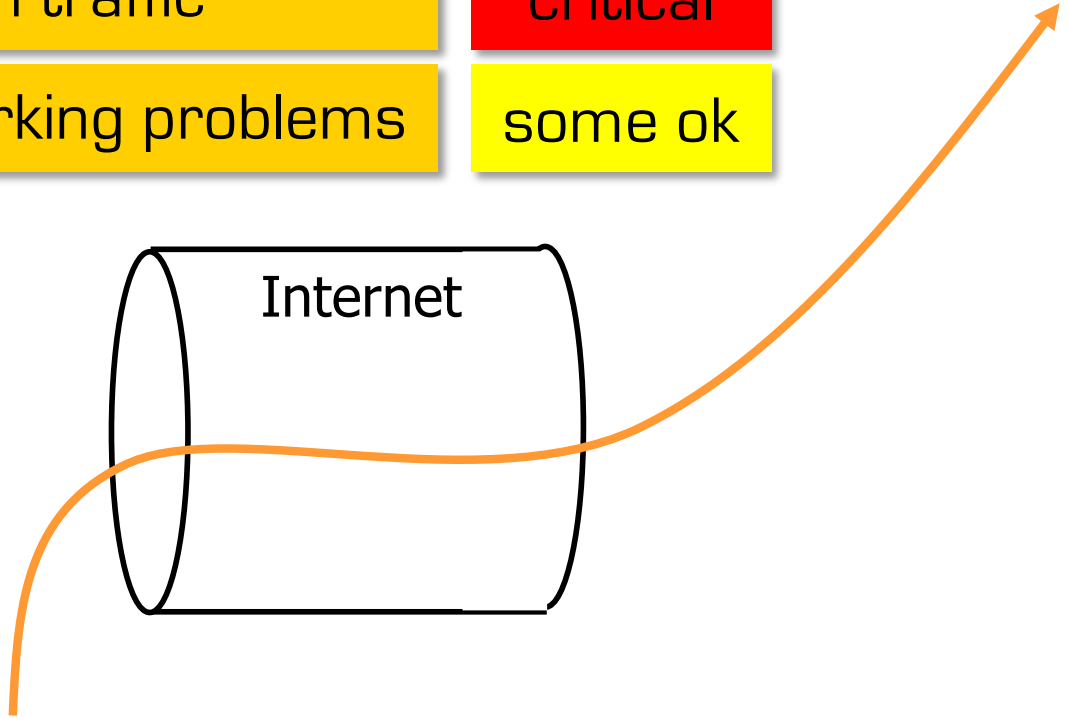
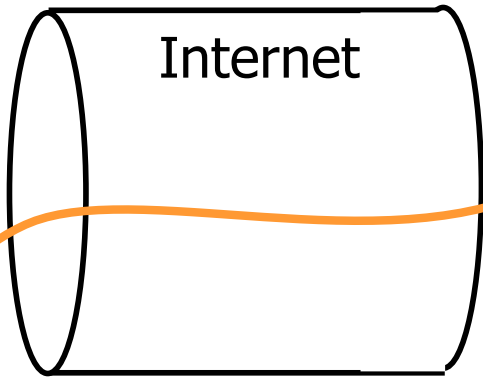
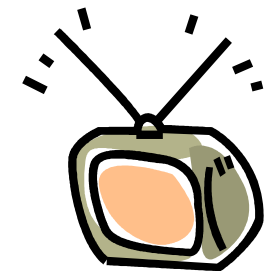


# Textual commands and textual chat



# Live and on-Demand Streaming

avoiding high delays	some ok
support high traffic	critical
dealing with networking problems	some ok



# AV chat and AV conferencing

avoiding high delays

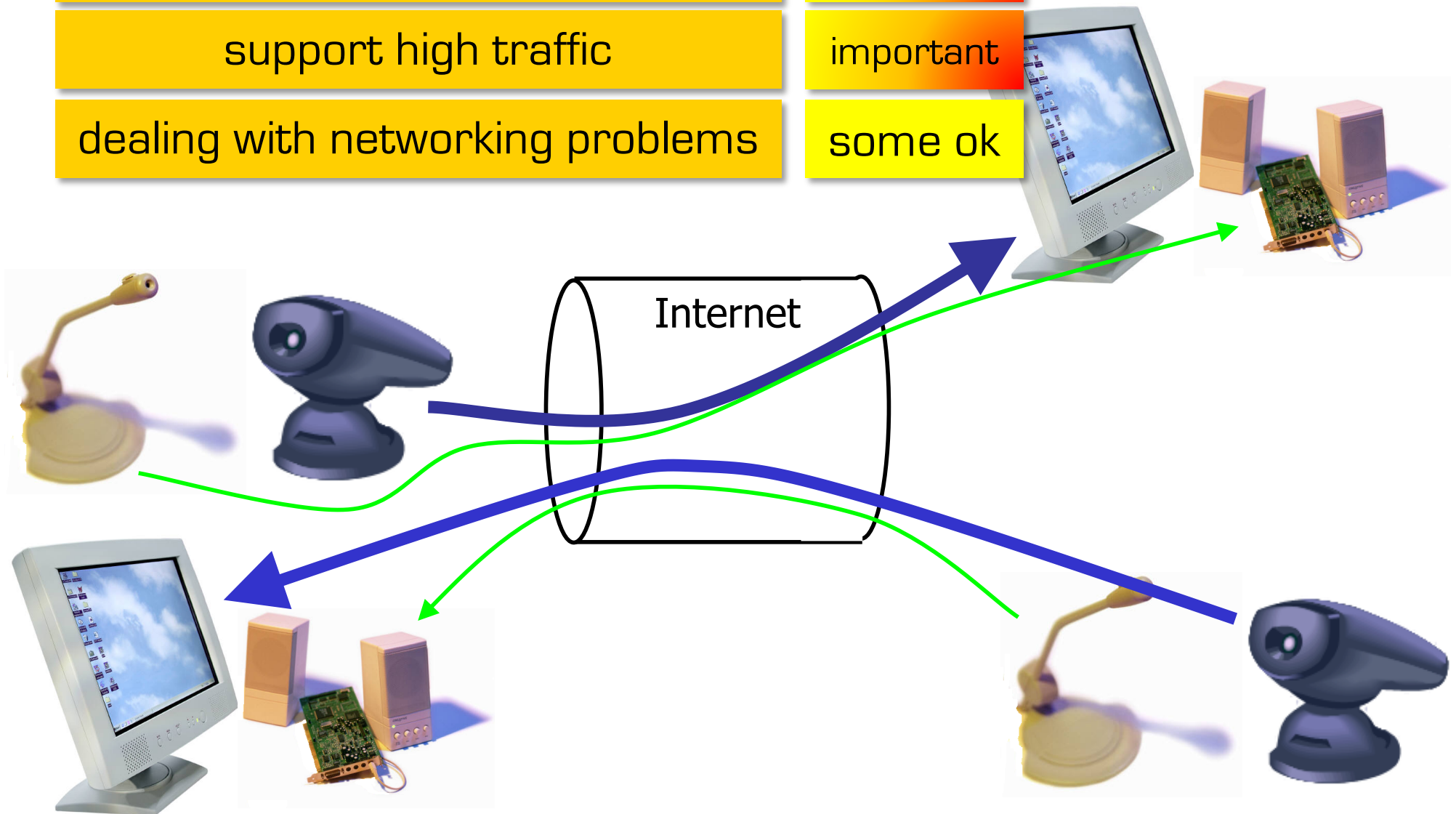
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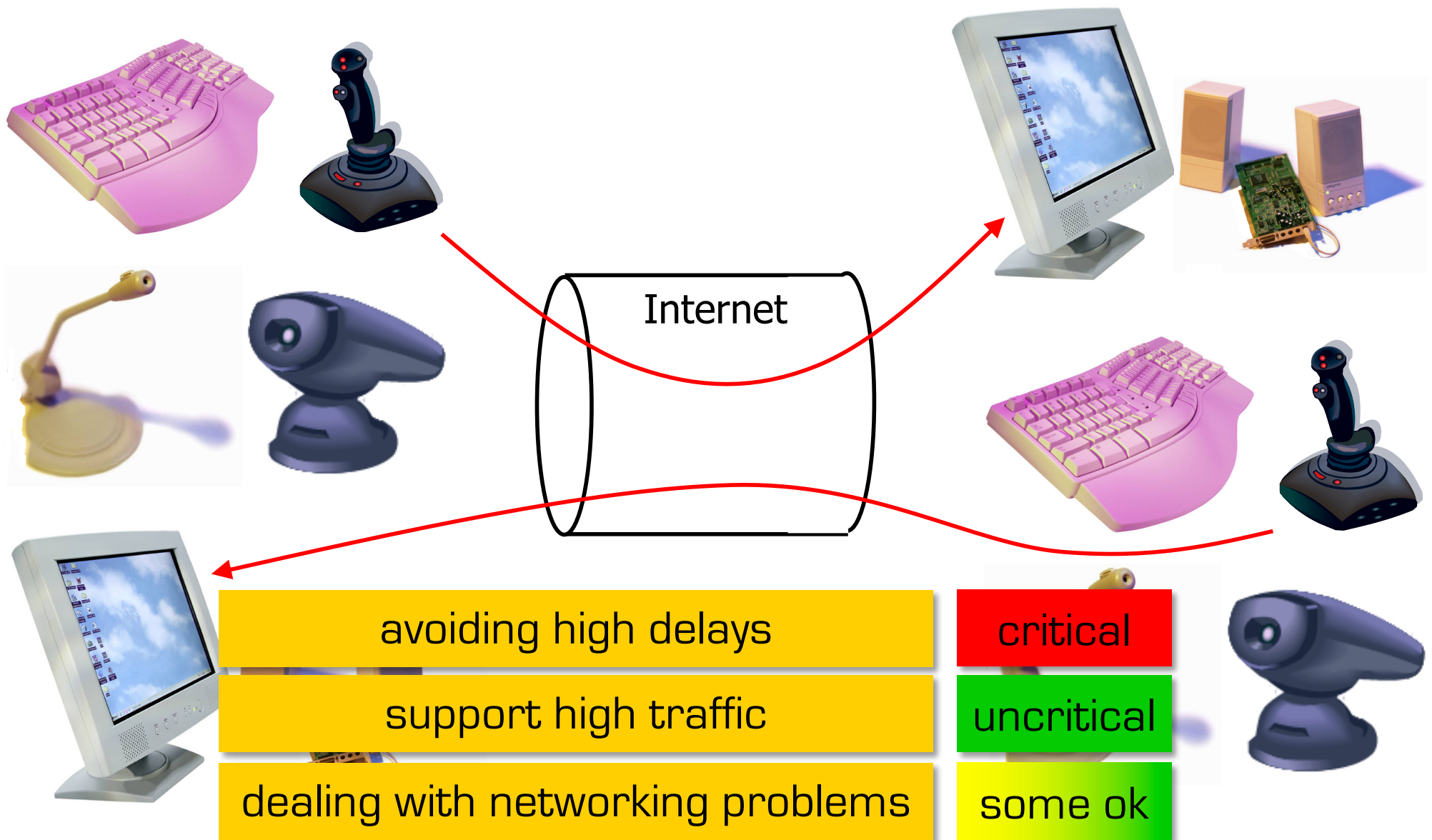
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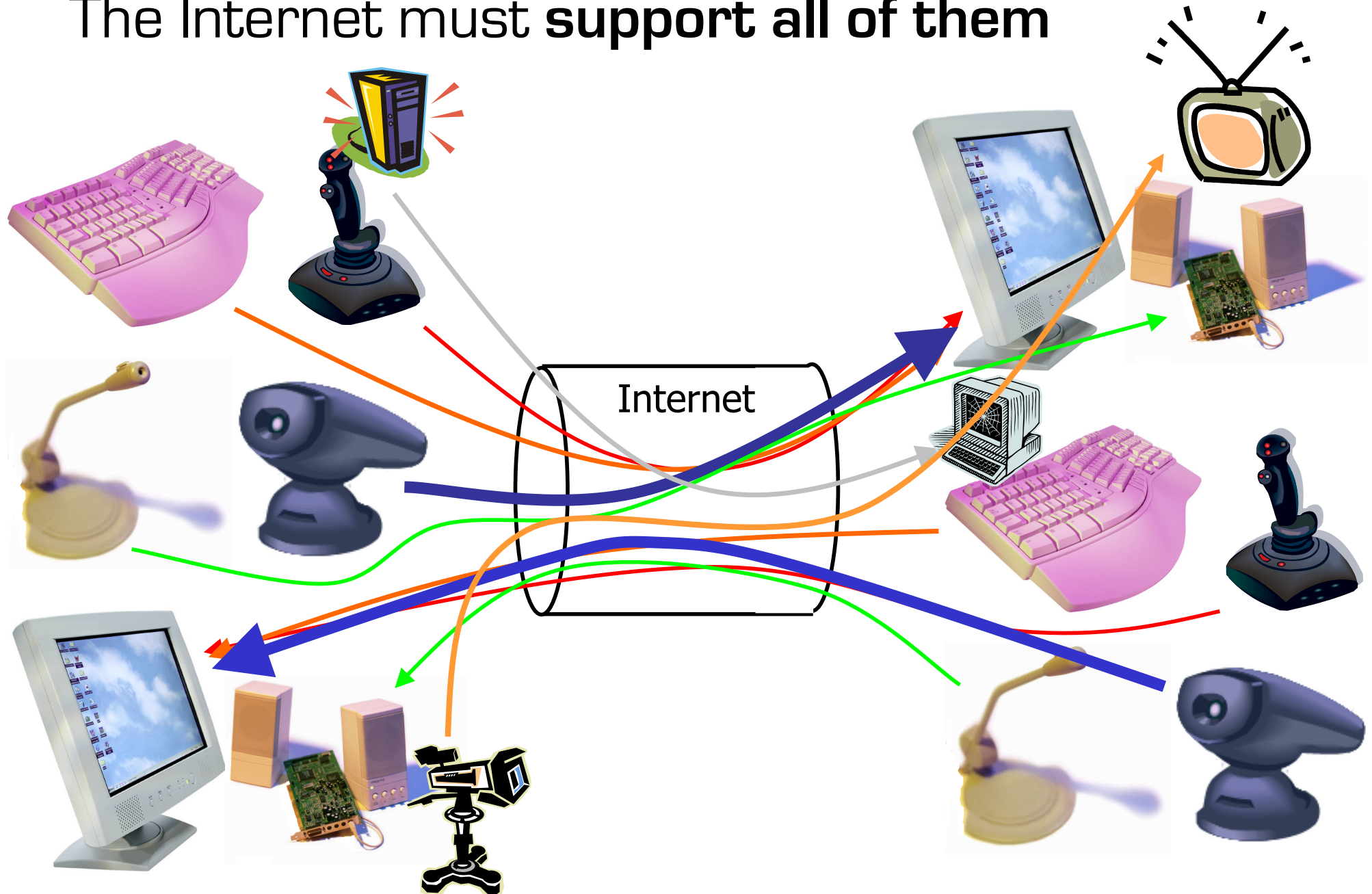


# Haptic Interaction





# The Internet must support all of them



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## Broadcasting channels

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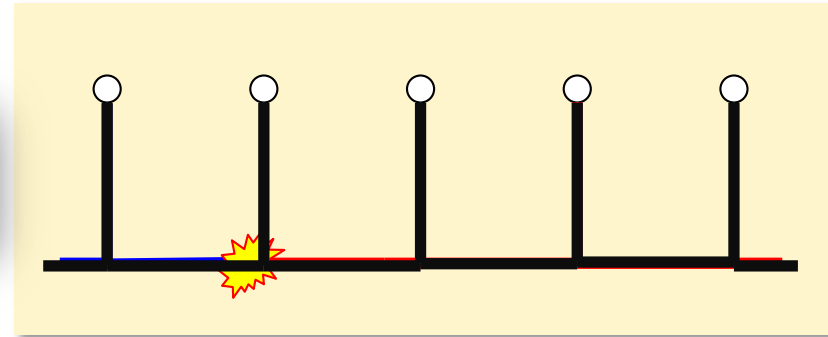
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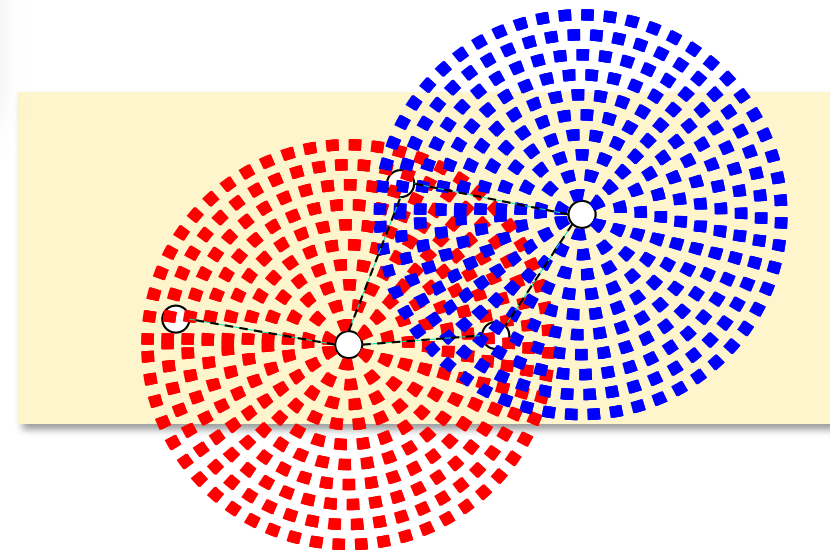
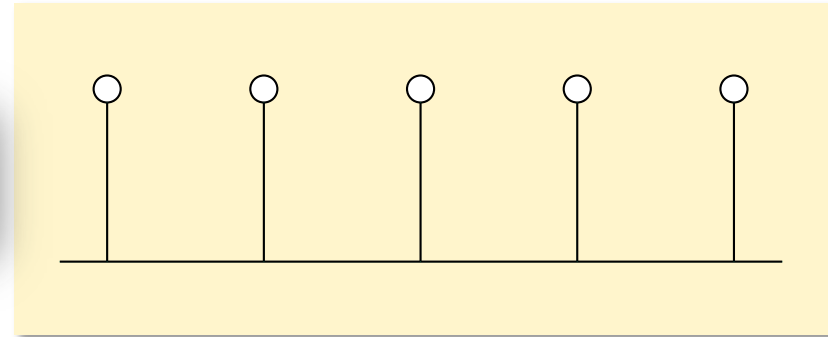
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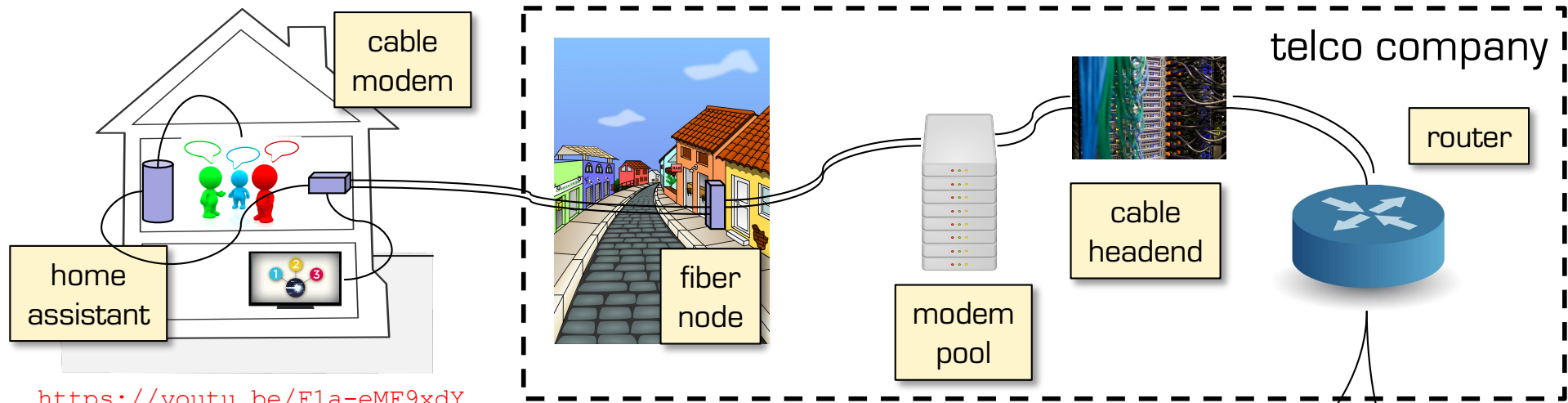


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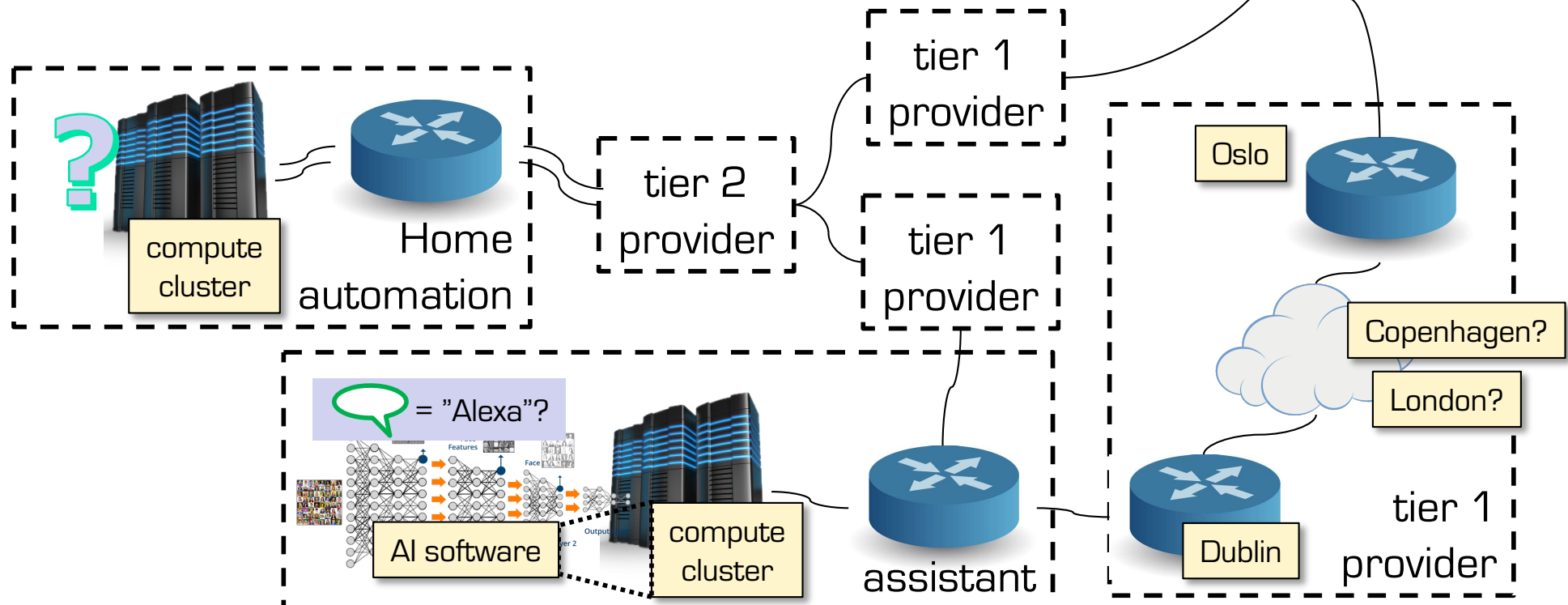
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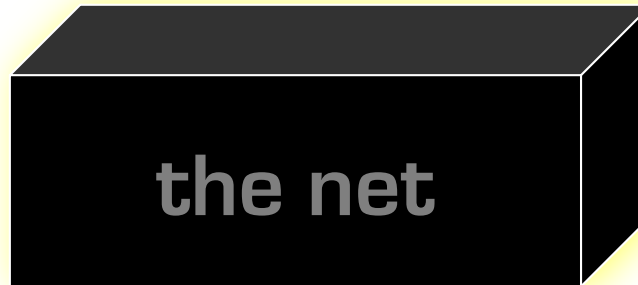


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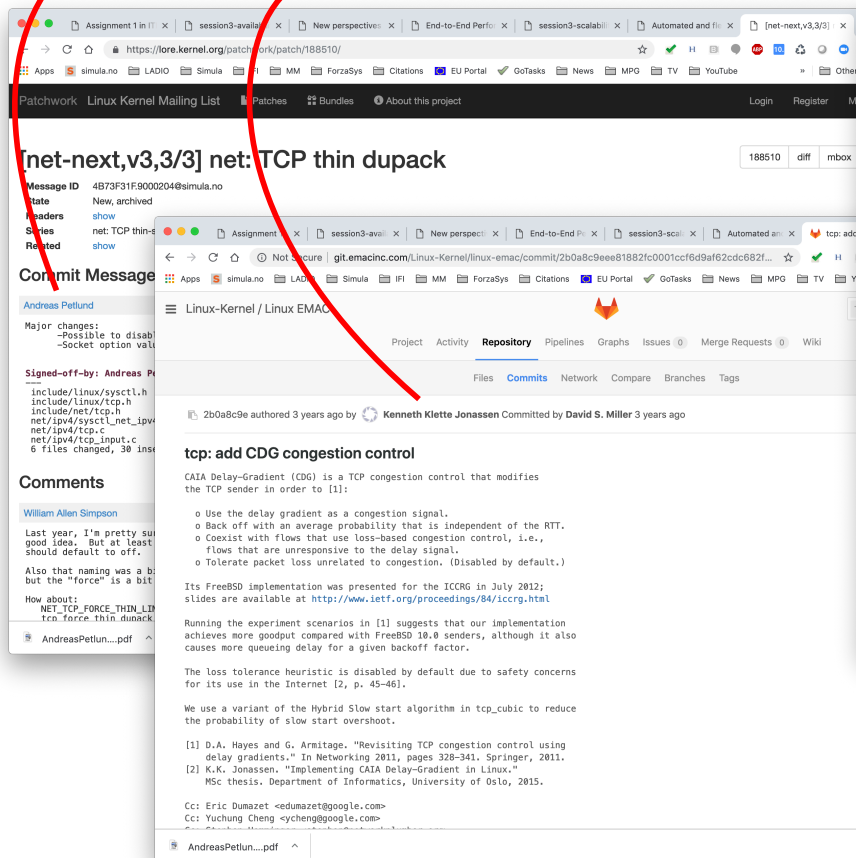


# But does it matter if *we* understand it?

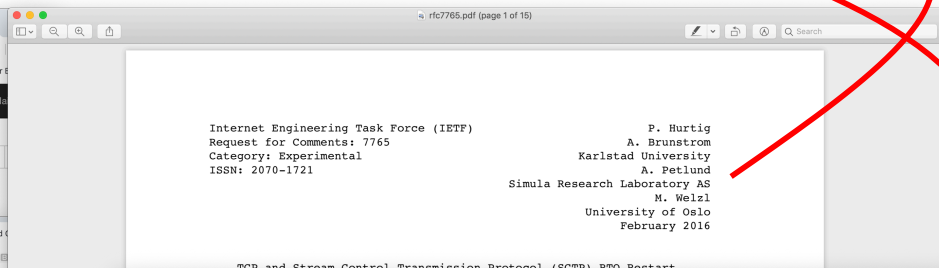
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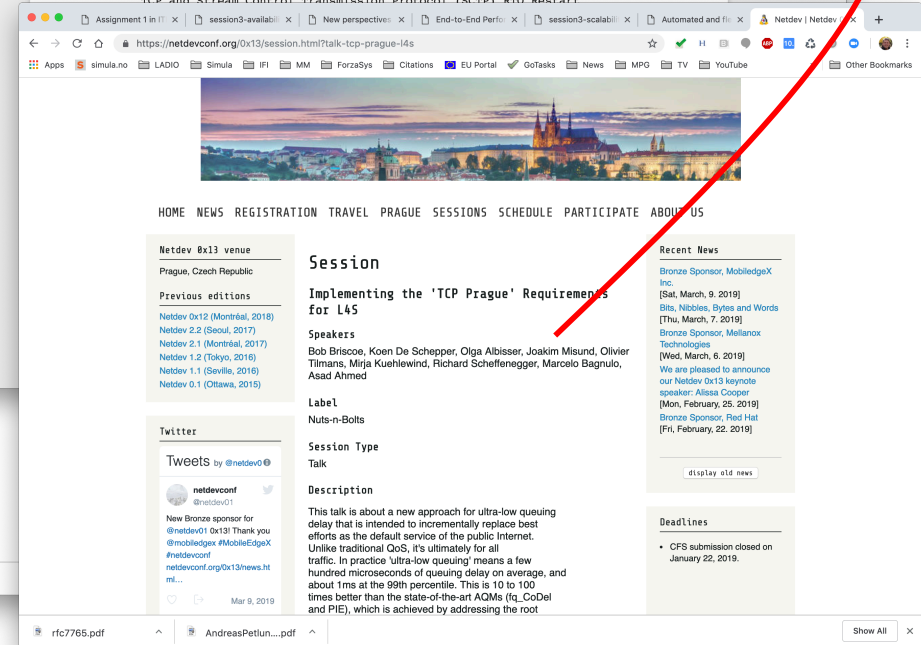
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The screenshot shows two overlapping web pages. The top page is an LKML email titled "[net-next,v3,3/3] net: TCP thin dupack" with message ID 4B73F31F9000204@simula.no. The bottom page is a GitHub commit for "tcp: add CDG congestion control" by Kenneth Klette Jonassen, committed by David S. Miller. The commit message describes CAIA Delay-Gradient (CDG) as a TCP congestion control that modifies the TCP sender in order to [1].



The screenshot shows the title page of RFC 7765, "TCP and Stream Control Transmission Protocol (SCTP) RTO Restart". It is a Request for Comments from the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF), category Experimental, with ISSN 2070-1721. The authors listed are P. Hurtig, A. Brunstrom, Karlstad University, A. Petlund, Simula Research Laboratory AS, H. Welzl, and University of Oslo, dated February 2016.



The screenshot shows a session page for "Implementing the 'TCP Prague' Requirements for L4S" at the Netdev 0x13 conference in Prague, Czech Republic. The session is a talk by speakers Bob Briscoe, Koen De Schepper, Olga Albisser, Joakim Misund, Olivier Tilmans, Mirja Kuehlewind, Richard Scheffenecker, Marcelo Bagnulo, and Asad Ahmed. The description states: "This talk is about a new approach for ultra-low queuing delay that is intended to incrementally replace best efforts as the default service of the public Internet. Unlike traditional CoS, it's ultimately for all traffic. In practice 'ultra-low queuing' means a few hundred microseconds of queuing delay on average, and about 1ms at the 99th percentile. This is 10 to 100 times better than the state-of-the-art AQMs (e.g. CoDel and PIE), which is achieved by addressing the root".



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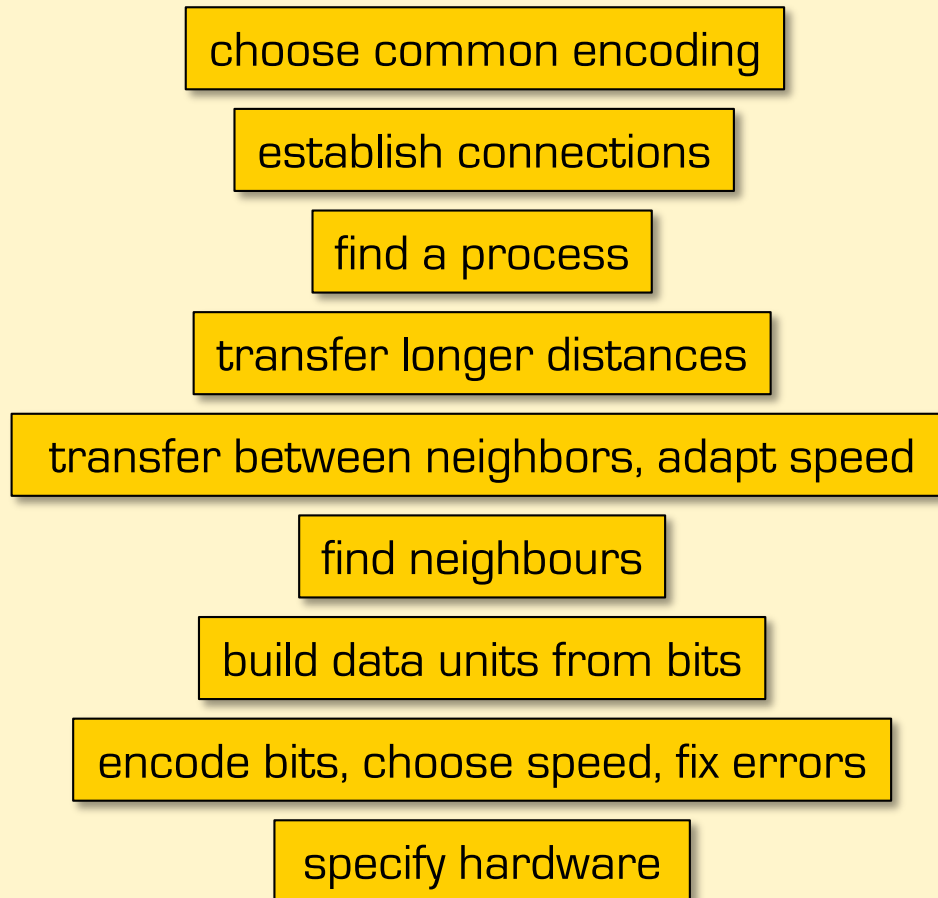
# Structuring the tasks

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# Approaches to structure the tasks

## layered approach: arrange tasks in layers



### advantages:

- clear interfaces
- clear assignment of responsibilities
- develop layers independently

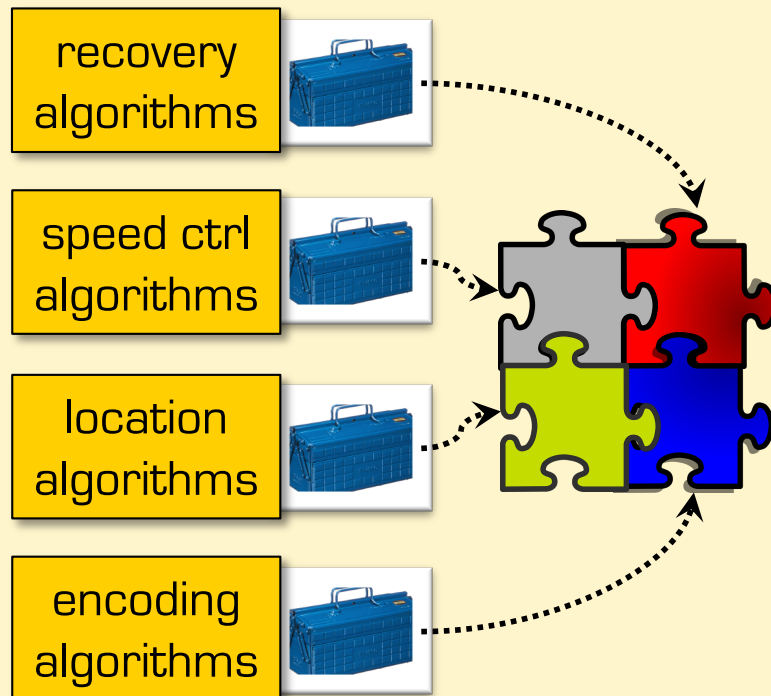
### disadvantages:

- not perfectly suited for all jobs
- similar problems are solved several times



# Approaches to structure the tasks

## component approach: interacting components



### advantages:

- possible to avoid duplicated functions
- possible to choose perfect network behaviour for every application

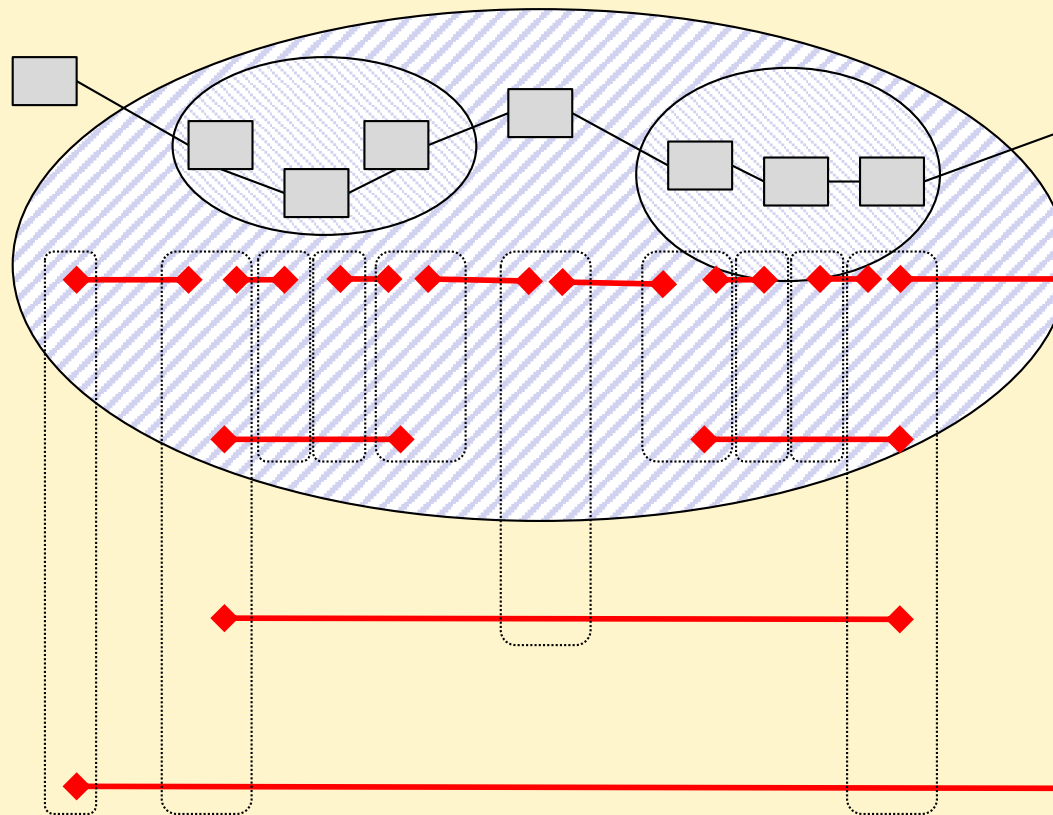
### disadvantages:

- must negotiate choice of every piece with all nodes
- toolbox must be complete on all nodes
- needs flexible interfaces



# Approaches to structure the tasks

recursive approach: handle challenges locally



advantages:

- reuse the concept of inter-process communication on all levels
- concepts are repeated at every level
- all challenges can be solved as local as possible

disadvantages:

- more negotiations and setup than layered
- unclear how to best share resources

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# Layering model

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# Approaches to structure the tasks

Right now, the layered models dominate

## **ISO OSI (Open Systems Interconnection) Reference Model**

and

## **TCP/IP Reference Model Internet Architecture**

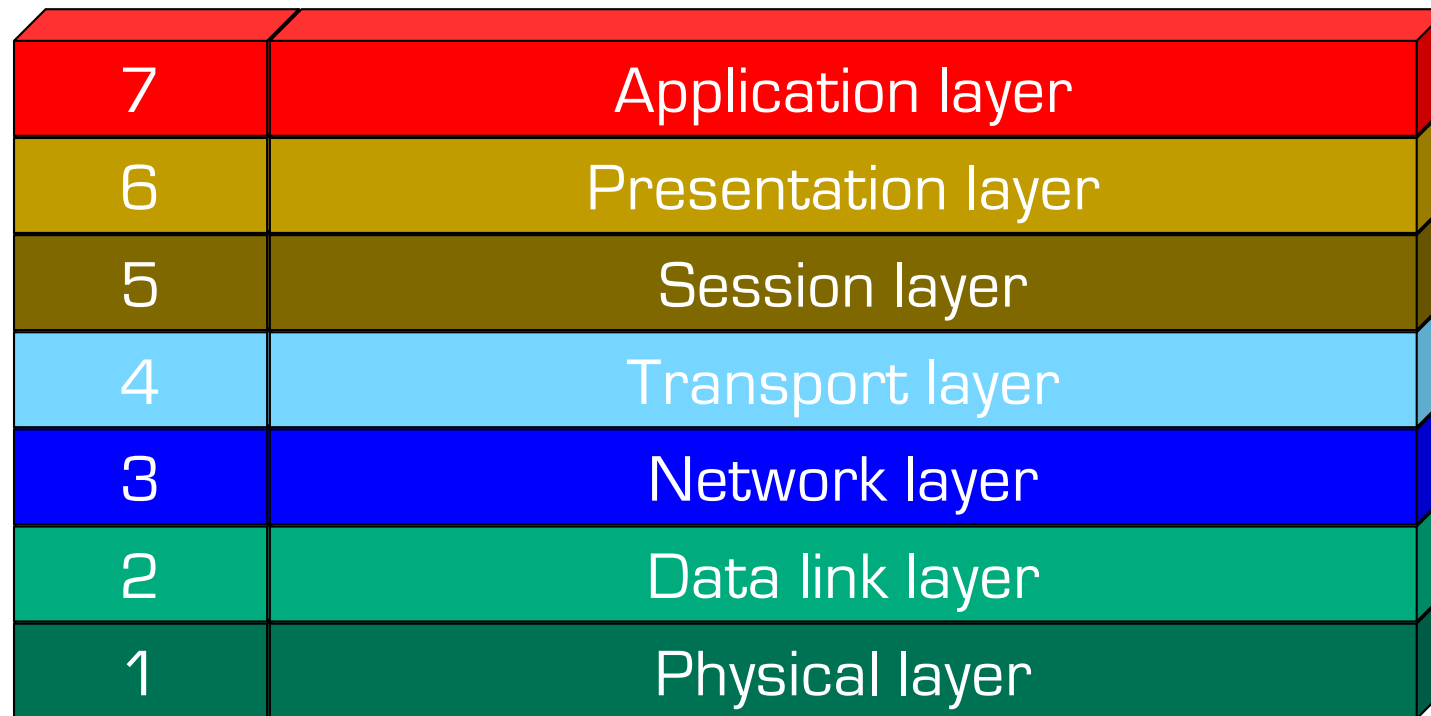
- layers are easy to understand
- interfaces are clearly defined
- not every node must implement every layer
- ...



# Reference Model for Open Systems Interconnection

## ISO OSI (Open Systems Interconnection) Reference Model

- model for layered communication systems
- defines fundamental concepts and terminology
- defines 7 layers and their functionalities

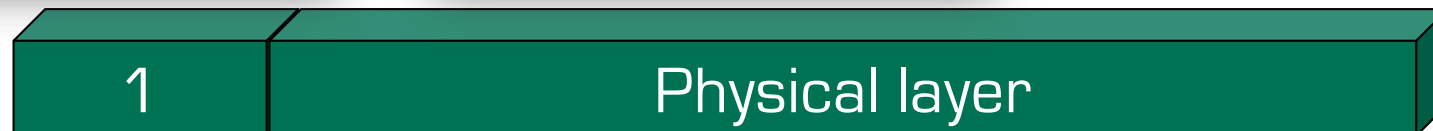
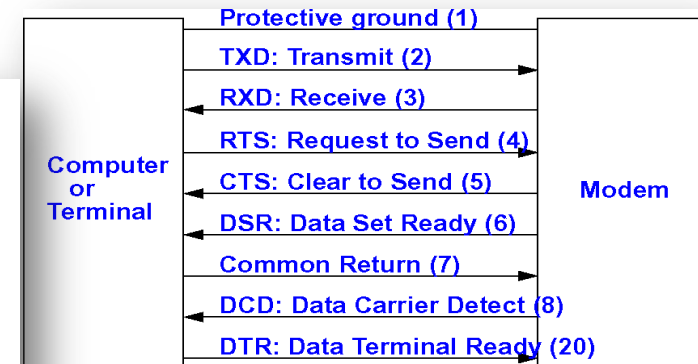
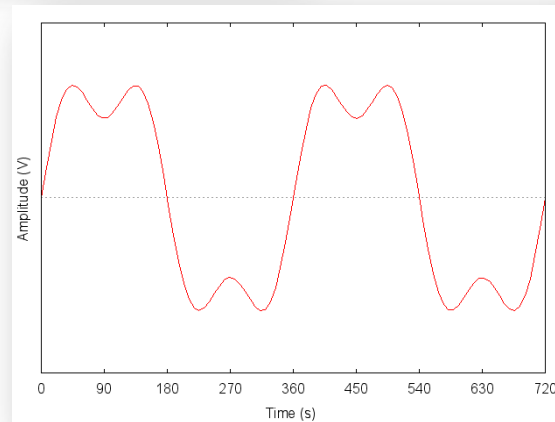
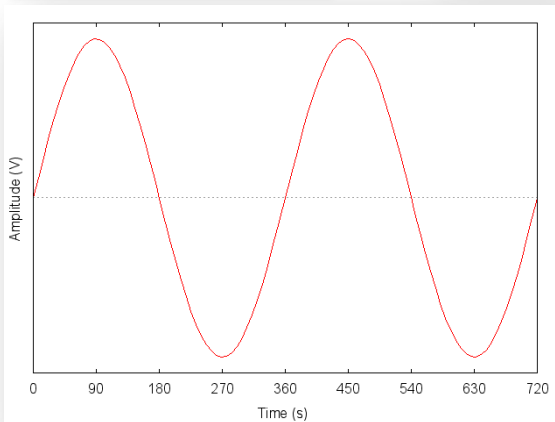
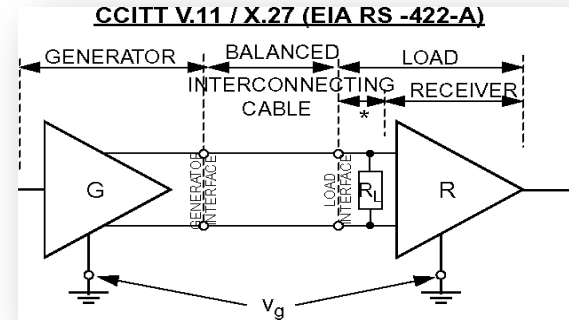
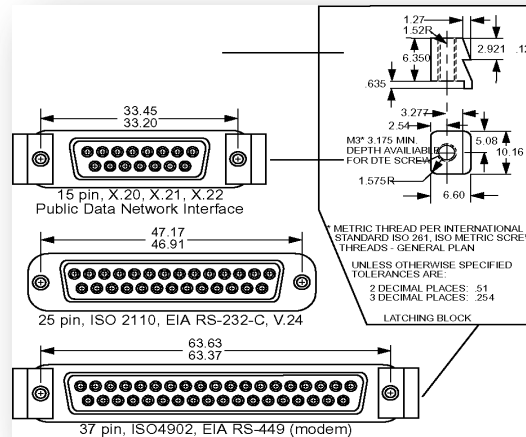


# Layer functions: physical layer

**Responsibility:** insecure bitstream between adjacent systems

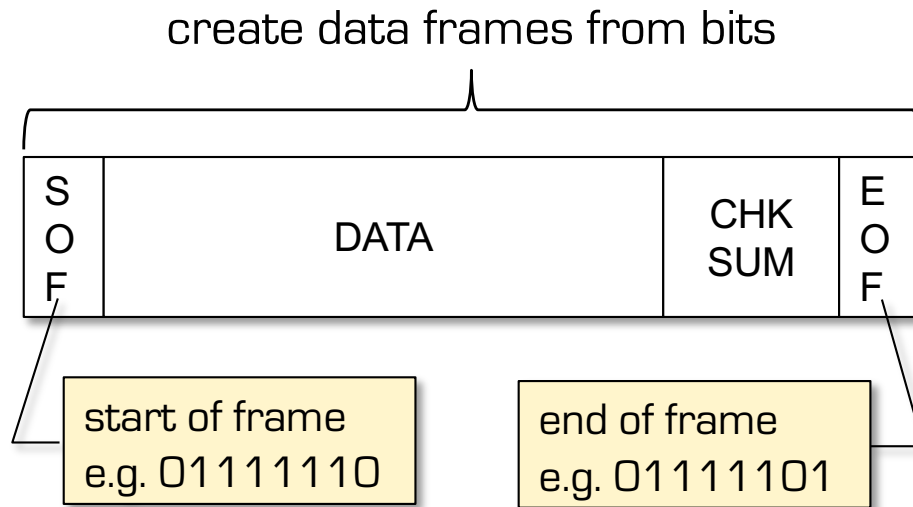
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encoding and decoding of bits

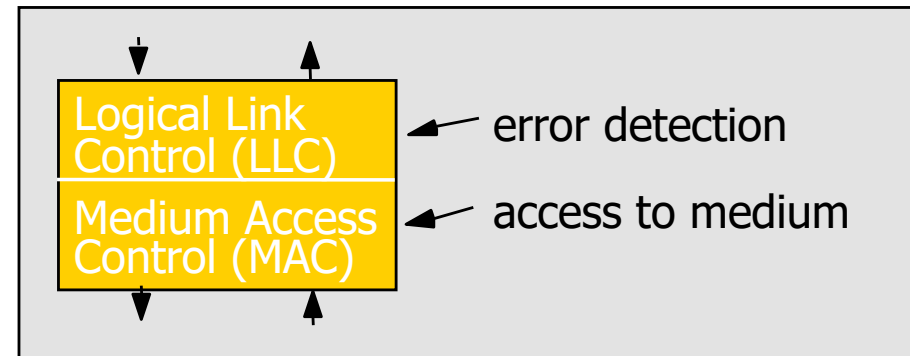


# Layer functions: data link layer

**Responsibility:** error-recovering frame stream, adjacent systems  
**Reliable data transfer between adjacent stations with frames**



handle speed differences between nodes  
handle several L3 protocols  
translate between different MAC layers

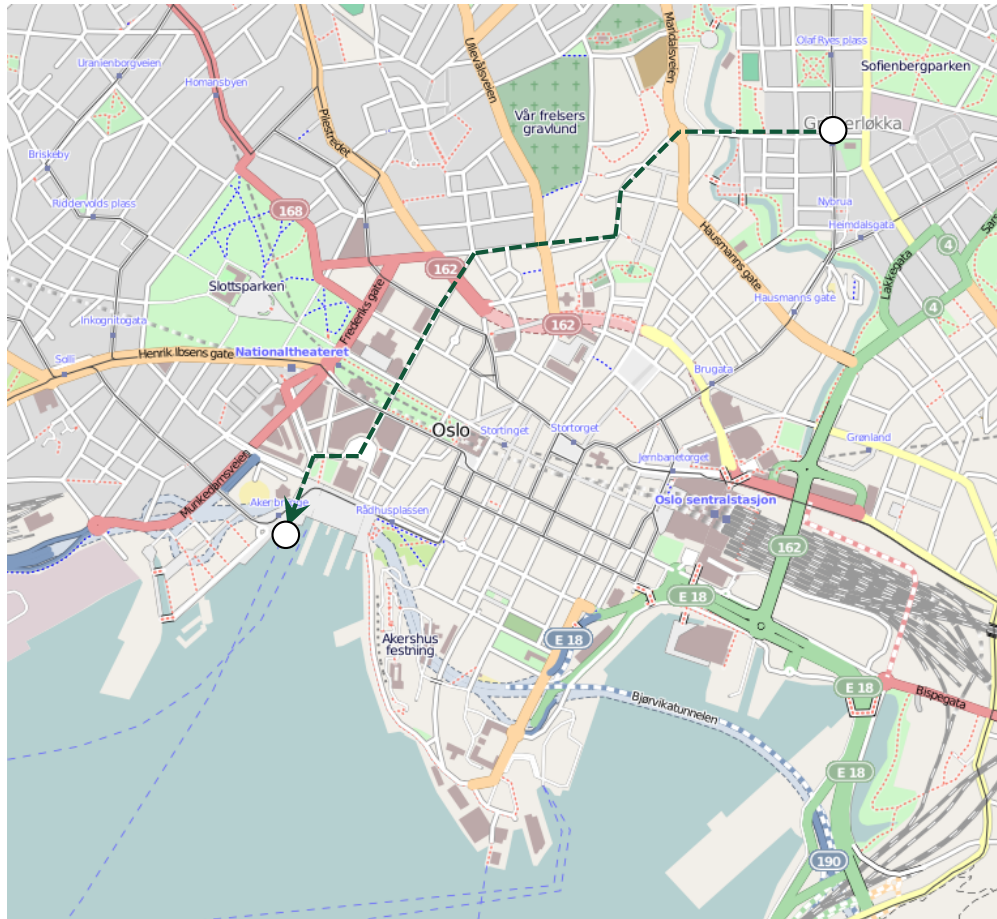


where to send? → MAC address  
when to send? → wait for silence, wait for token  
correct frame? → check for bit errors and repair



# Layer functions: network layer

**Responsibility:** packet stream between end systems



end-to-end transport of packets

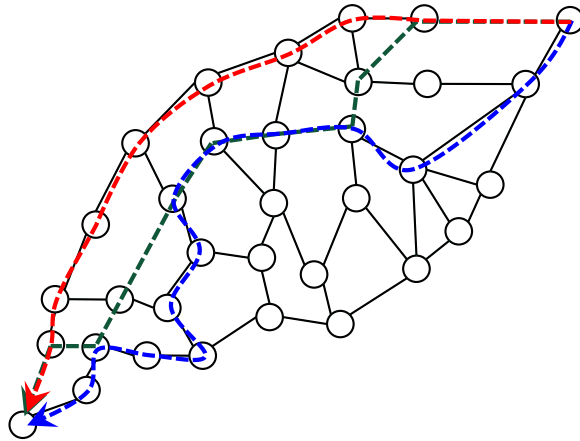
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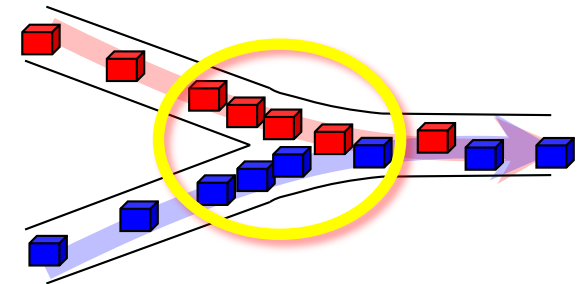


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routing from source node to target node

- find routes
- choose between alternative routes
- determine best packet size for a route
- translate addresses
- prevent or handle congestion
- multiplexing of L4 packets



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Network layer



# Layer functions: transport layer

**Responsibility:** end-to-end message stream between processes

wide range of services offered to L5:

connection  
establishment

no connection

hide L3 packet  
size limitations

limit L4 packet  
size to L3 packet's

error correction

no error  
correction

ensure order of  
received packets

deliver packets as  
they arrive

adapt sending  
speed to receiver

send as fast as  
possible

end-to-end transport of packets

ability to address source and target  
processes

- establish process-to-process relation
- multiplex traffic
- end-to-end flow control (handles speed differences)
- end-to-end error correction



# Layer functions: session layer

**Responsibility:** structured dialogue  
support a “session” over a longer period

session management

- establishing identities
- assigning writes
- tracking identities (cookies)

checkpointing

- make program snapshots to disk
- restart after crash

synchronization

- lip synchronization of speech and video in tele-conferencing
- show live football concurrently on all devices

token management

- passing permission to speak in a (large) tele-conference
- write-locking of networked files
- transaction management in databases

Google OT (operation transformation)  
allows Google Docs to work

- user identify when multiple devices are used
- several inputs on the same document at the same time
- conflict resolution when writing to the same location

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Session layer



# Layer function: presentation layer

**Responsibility:** exchange of data (semantics!)

## encoding of int

- big endian
- little endian
- XML (as string)
- ASN.1 (shortest possible big endian bit sequence)
- XDR (4-byte big endian)

## encoding of strings

- ASCII
- UTF-8
- Unicode
- EBCDIC

## encoding of structs (“serialization”)

- ASN.1
- XDR
- XML
- JSON
- Java serialization
- Google protocol buffers

## encoding of date

- seconds since 1.1.1970
- nanoseconds since 1.1.1601
- string “12 March 2019 13:32:54 UTC”

## file name representation

- /mnt/user/n.txt
- m:\user\n.txt

## image formats

- JPG, PNG

## compression

- zip, gzip, bzip2

## encryption methods

- PGP, S/MIME

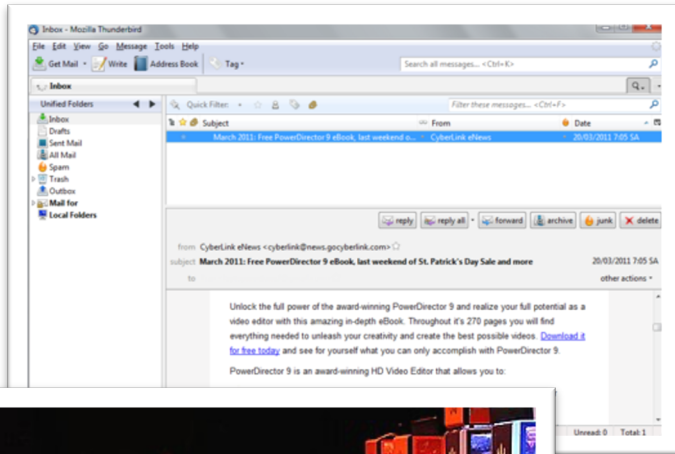
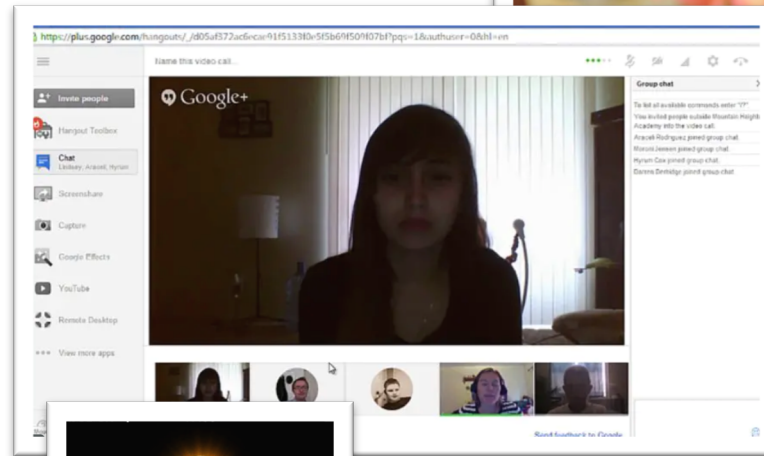
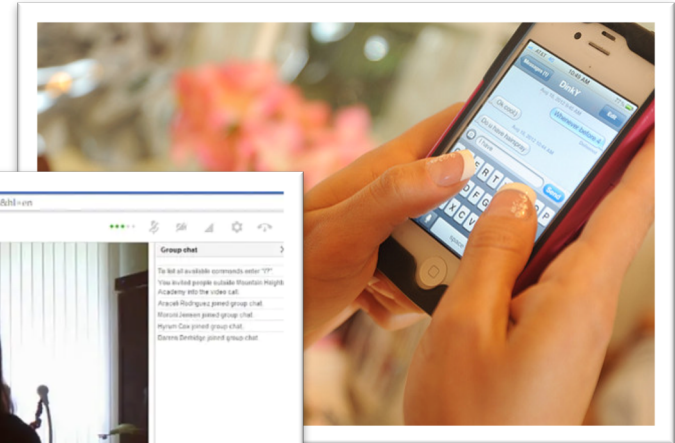
## semantics

- NOK, EUR, USD



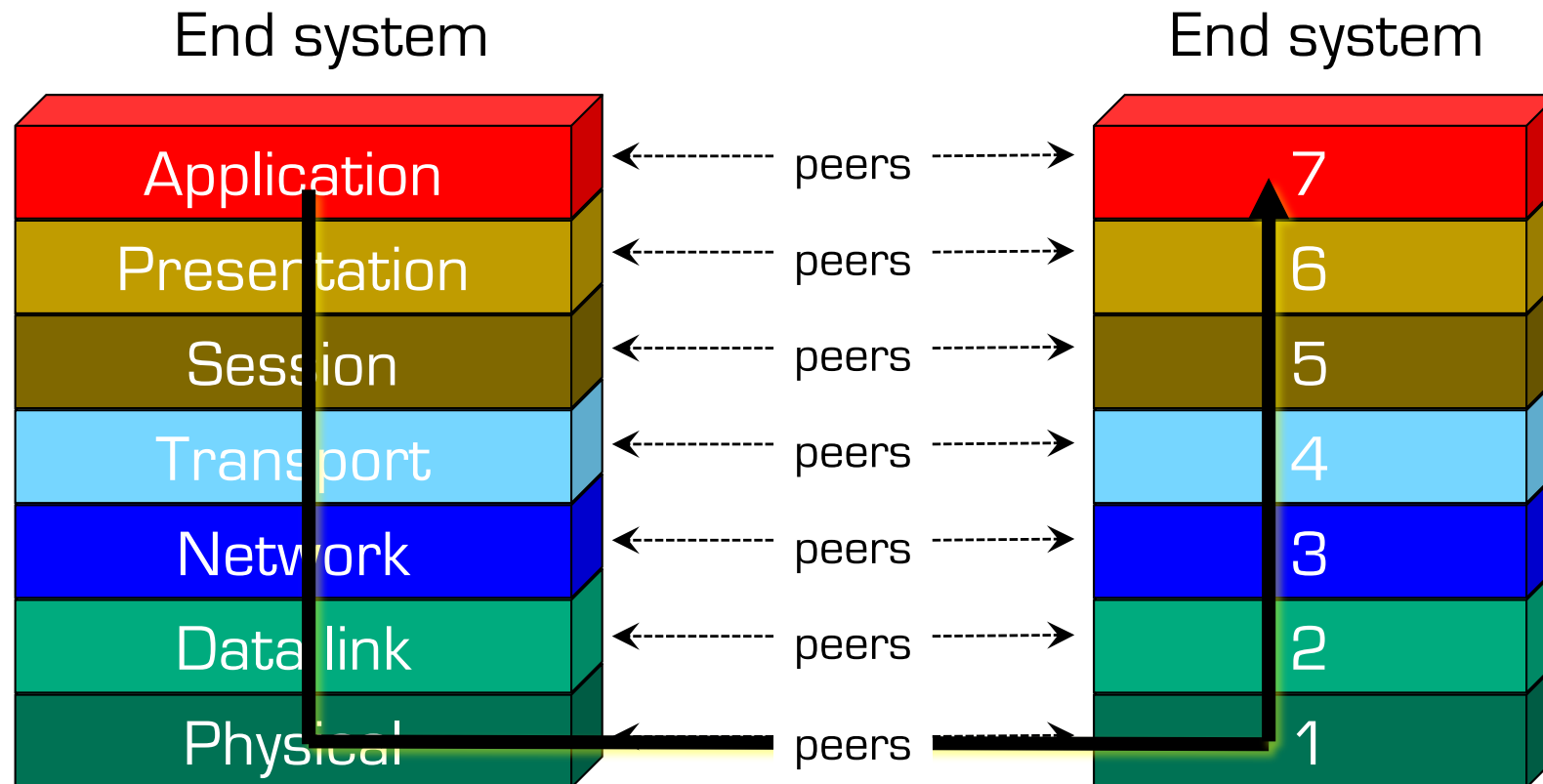
# Layer functions: application layer

Responsibility: cooperating entities



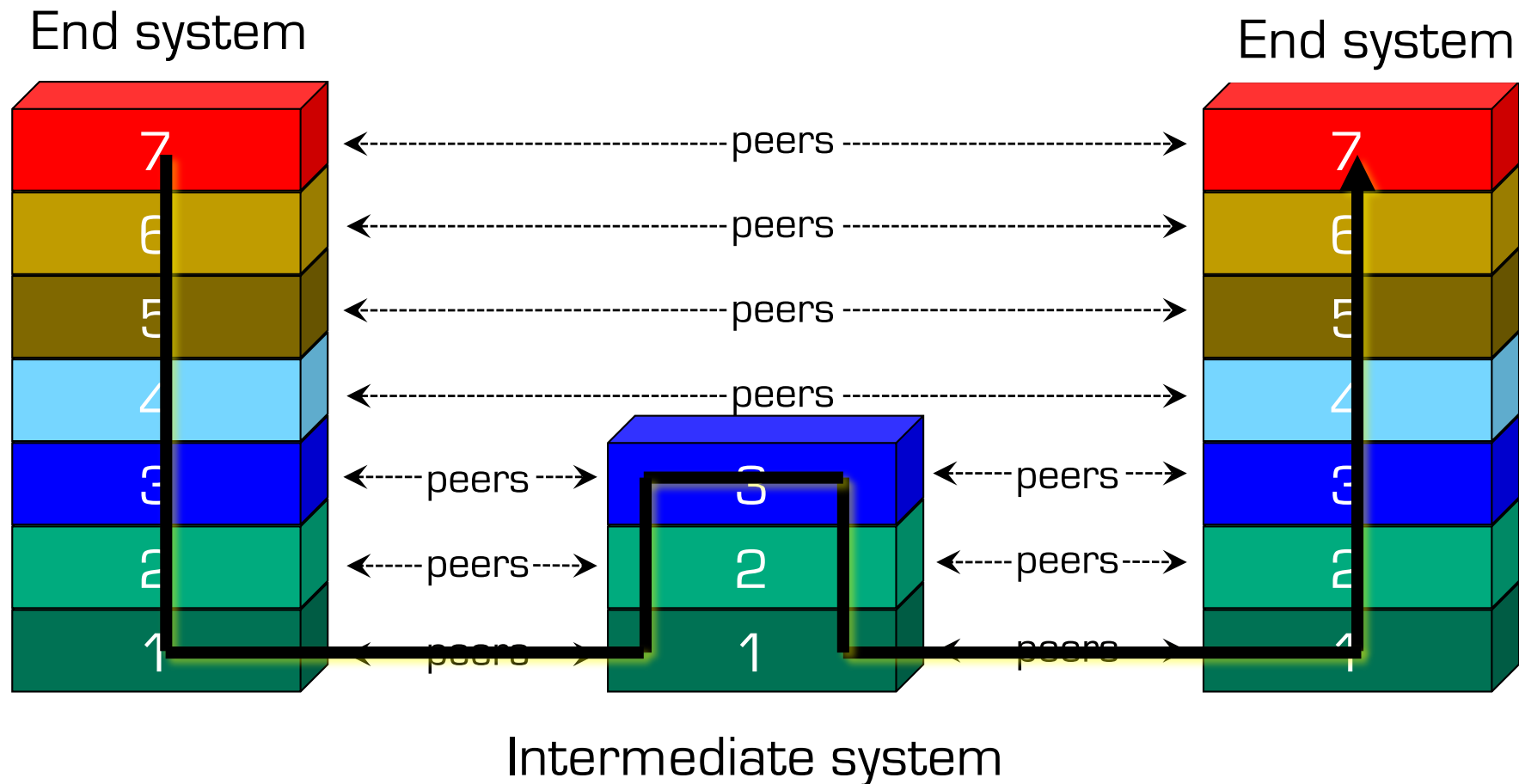
# Architecture

Data flow between two adjacent systems



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Data flow between two non-adjacent systems



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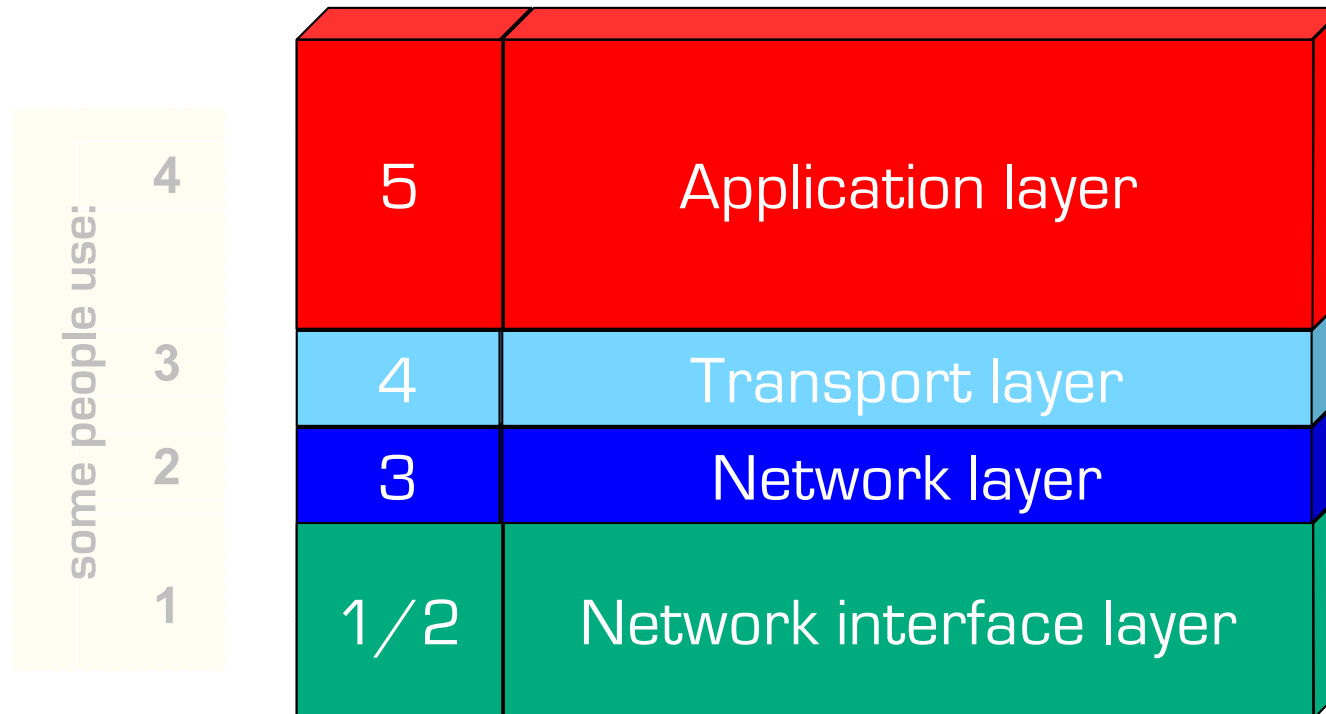
# TCP/IP model

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# Five Layer Reference, Internet Reference Model and a Comparison

## OSI Reference Model



## TCP/IP Reference Model Internet Architecture

- ISO-OSI presentation, session and application layer merged
- ISO-OSI data link layer and physical layer merged to form Network Interface



# TCP/IP Layering considerations

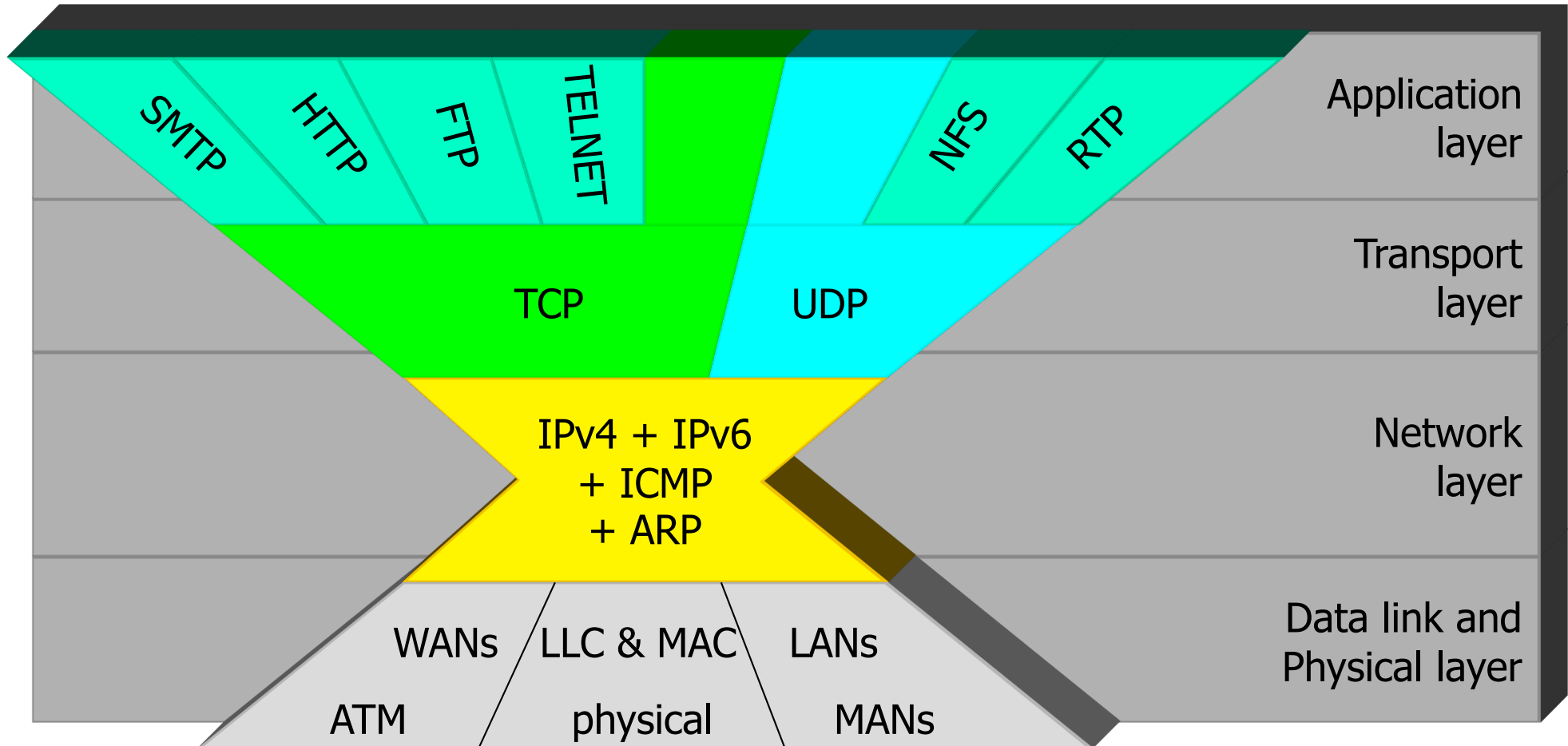
Why no clear separation of upper layers?

- layers 1-4 are essential for co-existence on the Internet
  - e.g. different congestion control mechanisms on different hosts can lead to strong congestion
- session and presentation layer functions provide mostly application support

Layers 3 and 4 are not clearly separated

- transport protocol (TCP, UDP, others) and network protocol IP
- sometimes hard to draw a clear line where TCP ends and IP begins
- example:
  - Explicit Congestion Notification (ECN) capability is indicated on layer 3 and congestion is indicated on layer 3
  - sender is told about receiver's reception of congestion signal on layer 4

# Internet Protocol Stack



Nickname: “Hourglass Model”