

# Open Systems Interconnection

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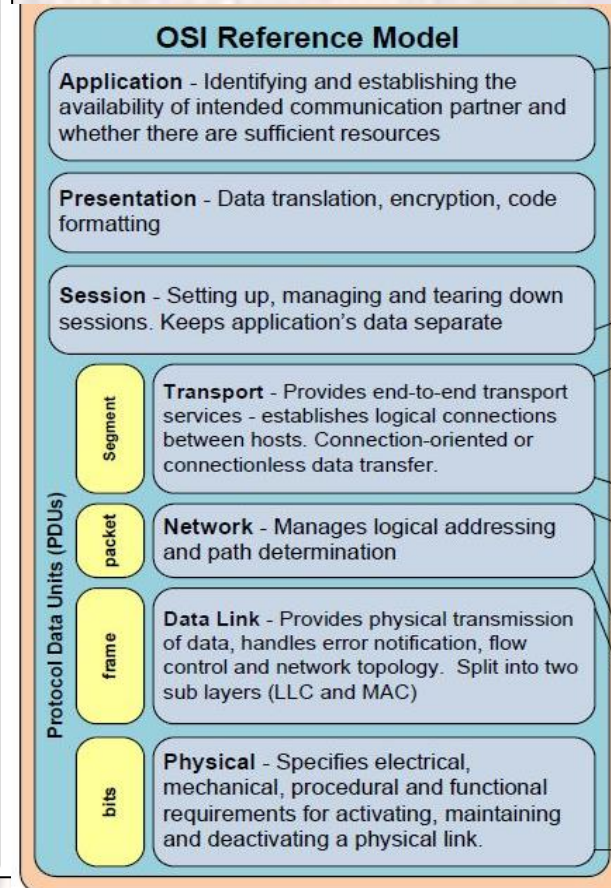
- Open Systems Interconnect (OSI)
  - Conceptual framework that standardizes the functions of a telecommunication or computing systems
  - 7 distinct layers
  - Each layer is responsible for specific tasks
  - Work together to facilitate communication between devices in a network.
- Developed by the [International Organization for Standardization](#) (ISO)

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OSI (Open Source Interconnection) 7 Layer Model

Layer	Application/Example	Central Device/ Protocols	DOD4 Model
<b>Application (7)</b> Serves as the window for users and application processes to access the network services.	<b>End User layer</b> Program that opens what was sent or creates what is to be sent Resource sharing • Remote file access • Remote printer access • Directory services • Network management	<b>User Applications</b> SMTP	<b>Process</b>
<b>Presentation (6)</b> Formats the data to be presented to the Application layer. It can be viewed as the "Translator" for the network.	<b>Syntax layer</b> encrypt & decrypt (if needed) Character code translation • Data conversion • Data compression • Data encryption • <b>Character Set Translation</b>	JPEG/ASCII EBDIC/TIFF/GIF PICT	
<b>Session (5)</b> Allows session establishment between processes running on different stations.	<b>Synch &amp; send to ports</b> (logical ports) Session establishment, maintenance and termination • Session support - perform security, name recognition, logging, etc.	<b>Logical Ports</b> RPC/SQL/NFS NetBIOS names	
<b>Transport (4)</b> Ensures that messages are delivered error-free, in sequence, and with no losses or duplications.	<b>TCP</b> Host to Host, Flow Control Message segmentation • Message acknowledgement • Message traffic control • Session multiplexing	<b>PACKET FILTERING</b>  TCP/SPX/UDP	<b>Host to Host</b>
<b>Network (3)</b> Controls the operations of the subnet, deciding which physical path the data takes.	<b>Packets</b> ("letter", contains IP address) Routing • Subnet traffic control • Frame fragmentation • Logical-physical address mapping • Subnet usage accounting		<b>Routers</b> IP/IPX/ICMP
<b>Data Link (2)</b> Provides error-free transfer of data frames from one node to another over the Physical layer.	<b>Frames</b> ("envelopes", contains MAC address) [NIC card — Switch — NIC card] (end to end) Establishes & terminates the logical link between nodes • Frame traffic control • Frame sequencing • Frame acknowledgment • Frame delimiting • Frame error checking • Media access control	<b>Switch Bridge WAP PPP/SLIP</b>	<b>Network</b>
<b>Physical (1)</b> Concerned with the transmission and reception of the unstructured raw bit stream over the physical medium.	<b>Physical structure</b> Cables, hubs, etc. Data Encoding • Physical medium attachment • Transmission technique - Baseband or Broadband • Physical medium transmission Bits & Volts	<b>Hub</b>	

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- Example – send an email via Gmail
  - Application Layer:
    - You interact with the email service through a user interface (e.g., web browser or email client).
    - Compose the email, attach files if necessary, and hit the send button.
    - The email application (in this case, Gmail) uses application-layer protocols like SMTP (Simple Mail Transfer Protocol) to transmit your email data to the email server.
  - Presentation Layer:
    - Data encryption (e.g., using SSL/TLS to secure the connection between your device and the email server)
    - Data compression (if applicable).
  - Session Layer:
    - Manage the establishment, maintenance, and termination of the session between your device and the email server.
    - Manage authentication

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  - Transport Layer:
    - This layer ensures reliable data transfer and error checking for your email.
    - Gmail's server might use TCP (Transmission Control Protocol) to break down the email into smaller packets and manage their flow
      - Ensures all packets arrive in the correct order and that any missing packets are resent
  - Network Layer:
    - At the network layer, IP (Internet Protocol) handles routing the email data from your device through multiple networks to Gmail's server.
    - IP addresses are used for routing.
    - Email packets travel across multiple networks
    - Using routers and switches, until they reach the destination server.
    - Ensures the correct addressing and routing of the packets.
  - Data Link Layer:
    - Data is organized into frames
    - Ethernet addresses (MAC addresses) are used for communication between your device and the local network infrastructure (e.g., router, switch).
    - The frames containing your email data are sent over the local network to reach the network layer.

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  - Physical Layer:
    - The email data is transmitted as electrical or optical signals over physical mediums such as Ethernet cables, Wi-Fi signals, or cellular networks.
    - The physical layer deals with the hardware and infrastructure, such as cables, network interface cards, and wireless access points, that enable data transmission