

Technology Options

- **Ethernet**
- Fast Ethernet
- Gigabit Ethernet
- 10 Gig Ethernet
- 🔍 WLAN



Media Access

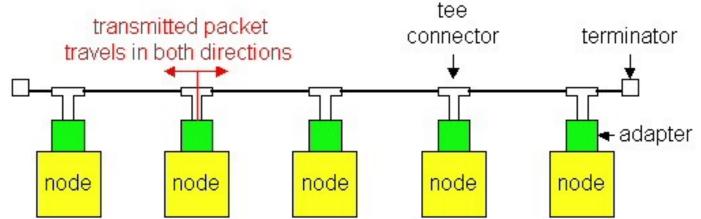
Ethernet and Wi-Fi are both "multi-access" technologies

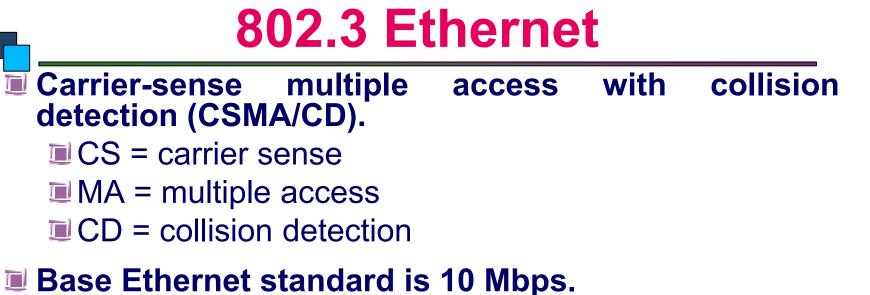
Broadcast medium, shared by many hosts

Simultaneous transmissions will result in collisions

Media Access Control (MAC) protocol required Rules on how to share medium

The Data Link Layer is divided into two Part MAC Media Access Control) Sublayer and LLC (Logic Link Control) Sublayer





100Mbps, 1Gbps, 10Gbps standards came later

Ethernet CSMA/CD

- CSMA/CD (carrier sense multiple access with collision detection) media access protocol is used.
 - Data is transmitted in the form of packets.
 - Sense channel prior to actual packet transmission.
 - Transmit packet only if channel is sensed idle; else, defer the transmission until channel becomes idle.
 - After packet transmission is started, the node monitors its own transmission to see if the packet has experienced a collision.
 - If the packet is observed to be undergoing a collision, the transmission is aborted and the packet is retransmitted after a random interval of time using Binary Exponential Backoff algorithm.

Ethernet Address

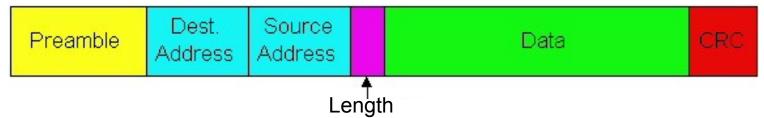
End nodes are identified by their Ethernet Addresses (MAC Address or Hardware Address) which is a unique 6 Byte address.

- MAC Address is represented in Hexa Decimal format e.g 00:05:5D:FE:10:0A
- The first 3 bytes identify a vendor (also called prefix) and the last 3 bytes are unique for every host or device

Ethernet Frame Structure

Preamble:

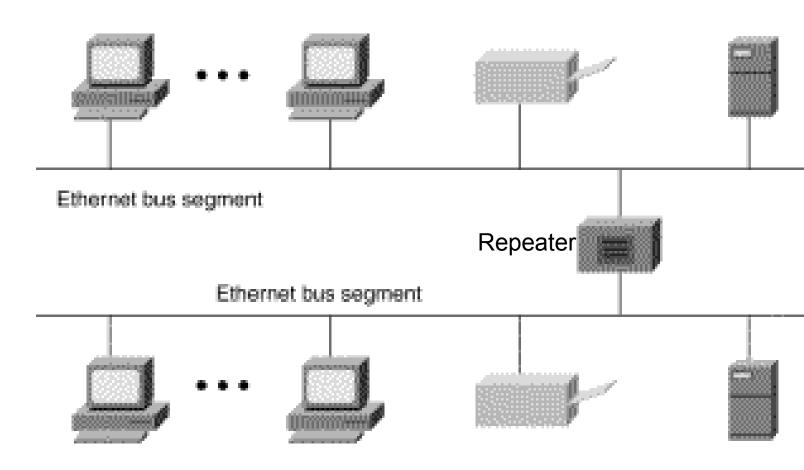
- 7 bytes with pattern 10101010 followed by one byte with pattern 10101011
- Used to synchronize receiver, sender clock rates
- Addresses: 6 bytes, frame is received by all adapters on a LAN and dropped if address does not match
- Length: 2 bytes, length of Data field
- CRC: 4 bytes generated using CR-32, checked at receiver, if error is detected, the frame is simply dropped
- Data Payload: Maximum 1500 bytes, minimum 46 bytes
 If data is less than 46 bytes, pad with zeros to 46 bytes



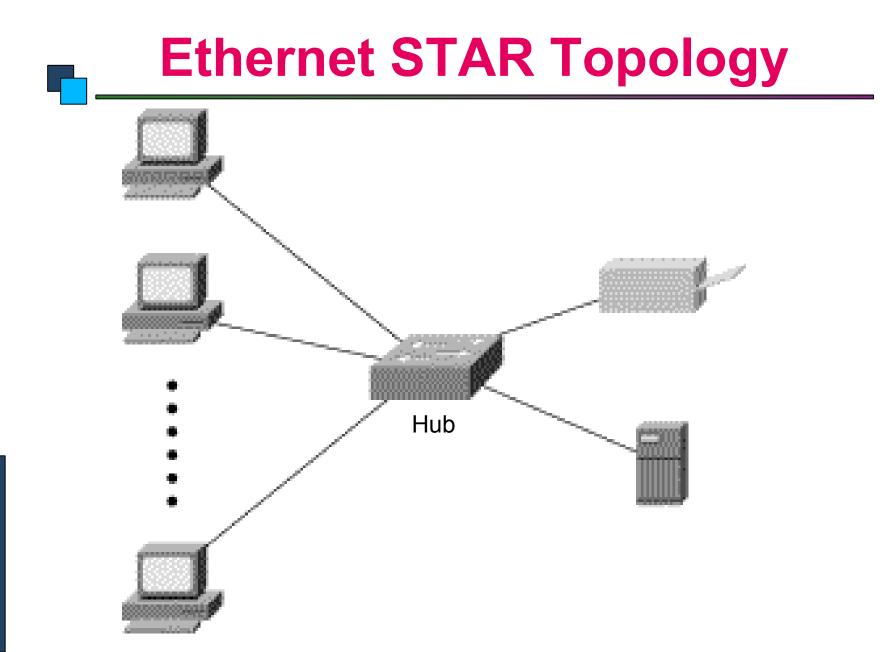
Ethernet

- 10 Base 5 (Thicknet) (Bus Topology)
- 10 Base 2 (Thinnet) (Bus Topology)
- 10 Base T (UTP) (Star/Tree Topology)
- 10 Base FL (Fiber) (Star/Tree Topology)

Ethernet BUS Topology



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Ethernet

Physical Media :-

- 10 Base5 Thick Co-axial Cable with Bus Topology
 - 10 Base2 Thin Co-axial Cable with Bus Topology
 - 10 BaseT UTP Cat 3/5 with Tree Topology
 - 10 BaseFL Multimode/Singlemode Fiber with Tree Topology

Maximum Segment Length

- 10 Base5 500 m with at most 4 repeaters (Use Bridge to extend the network)
- 10 Base2 185 m with at most 4 repeaters (Use Bridge to extend the network)
- 10 BaseT 100 m with at most 4 hubs (Use Switch to extend the network)

Fast Ethernet

100 Mbps bandwidth

- Uses same CSMA/CD media access protocol and packet format as in Ethernet.
- 100BaseTX (UTP) and 100BaseFX (Fiber) standards
- Physical media :-
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 - 100 BaseFX Multimode / Singlemode Fiber
- Full Duplex/Half Duplex operations.

Fast Ethernet

Provision for Auto-Negotiation of media speed: 10 Mbps or 100Mbps (popularly available for copper media only).

Maximum Segment Length
 100 Base TX - 100 m
 100 Base FX - 2 Km (Multimode Fiber)
 100 Base FX - 20 km (Singlemode Fiber)

Gigabit Ethernet

I Gbps bandwidth.

- Uses same CSMA/CD media access protocol as in Ethernet and is backward compatible (10/100/100 modules are available).
- 1000BaseT (UTP), 1000BaseSX (Multimode Fiber) and 1000BaseLX (Multimode/Singlemode Fiber) standards.

Maximum Segment Length

1000 Base T
 1000 Base SX
 1000 Base LX
 1000 Base LX
 1000 Base LX
 1000 Base LH

- 100m (Cat 5e/6)
- 275 m (Multimode Fiber)
- 512 m (Multimode Fiber)
- 20 Km (Singlemode Fiber)
- 80 Km (Singlemode Fiber)

10 Gig Ethernet

10 Gbps bandwidth.

- Uses same CSMA/CD media access protocol as in Ethernet.
- Propositioned for Metro-Ethernet
- Maximum Segment Length
 - ■1000 Base-T
 - 10GBase-LR
 - 10GBase-ER
- Not available
 - 10 Km (Singlemode Fiber)
- 40 Km (Singlemode Fiber)