

Fundamentals of Communication Engineering

Communication Systems

- Basic components:
 - Transmitter
 - Channel or medium
 - Receiver
- **Noise** degrades or interferes with transmitted information.

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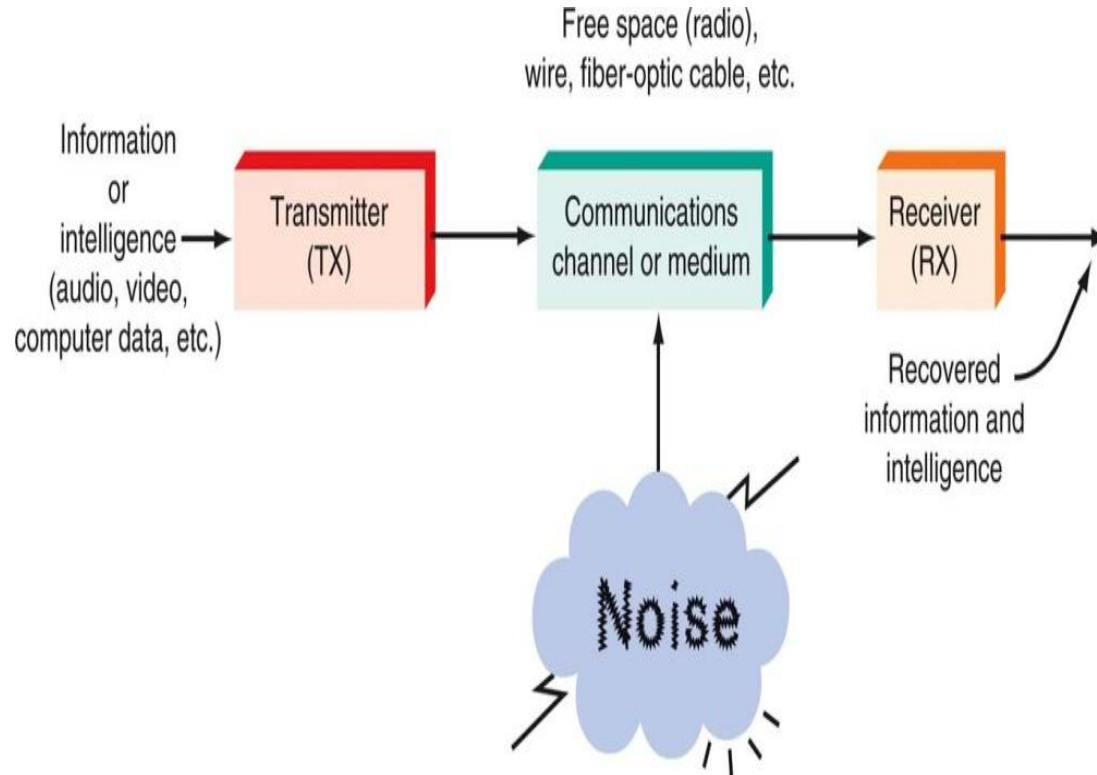


Figure 1: A general model of all communication systems.

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Transmitter

- The **transmitter** is a collection of electronic components and circuits that converts the electrical signal into a signal suitable for transmission over a given medium.
- Transmitters are made up of oscillators, amplifiers, tuned circuits and filters, modulators, frequency mixers, frequency synthesizers, and other circuits.

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Communication Channel

- The **communication channel** is the medium by which the electronic signal is sent from one place to another.
- Types of media include
 - Electrical conductors
 - Optical media
 - Free space
 - System-specific media (e.g., water is the medium for sonar).