CT 1502 Planning and Design of Communication Networks

Network Topologies Chapter 8

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Objectives

- Describe the basic and hybrid LAN physical topologies, and their uses, advantages and disadvantages
- Describe the backbone structures that form the foundation for most LANs

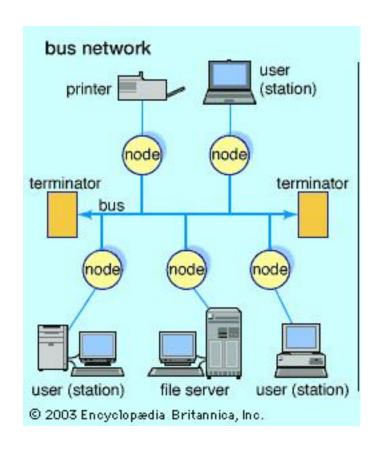
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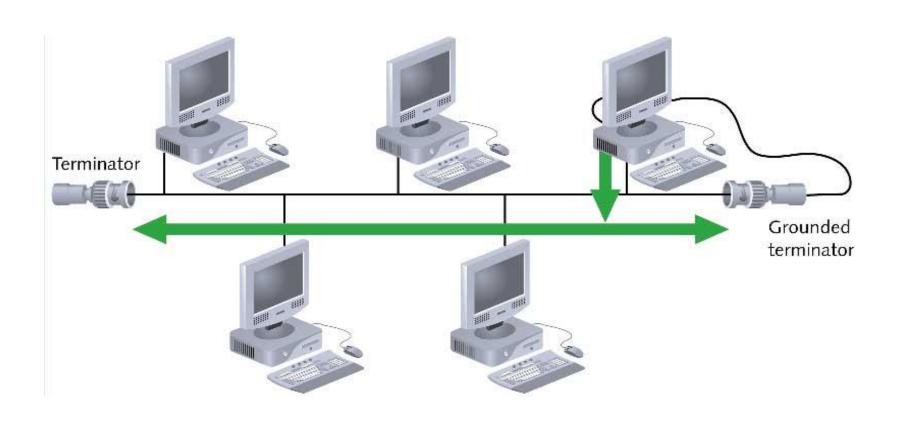
- <u>Physical topology</u>: physical layout(التصميم الشك*لي*) of nodes on a network
- Three fundamental shapes:
 - Bus
 - Ring
 - Star
- May create hybrid(هجين) topologies
- Topology integral to type of network, cabling infrastructure, and transmission media used

Bus

- Single cable connects all network nodes without intervening(تدخل) connectivity devices (switches, routers, etc)
- Devices share responsibility for getting data from one point to another
- <u>Terminators</u> stop signals after reaching end of wire
 - Prevent signal bounce
- Inexpensive, not very scalable



Bus (continued)



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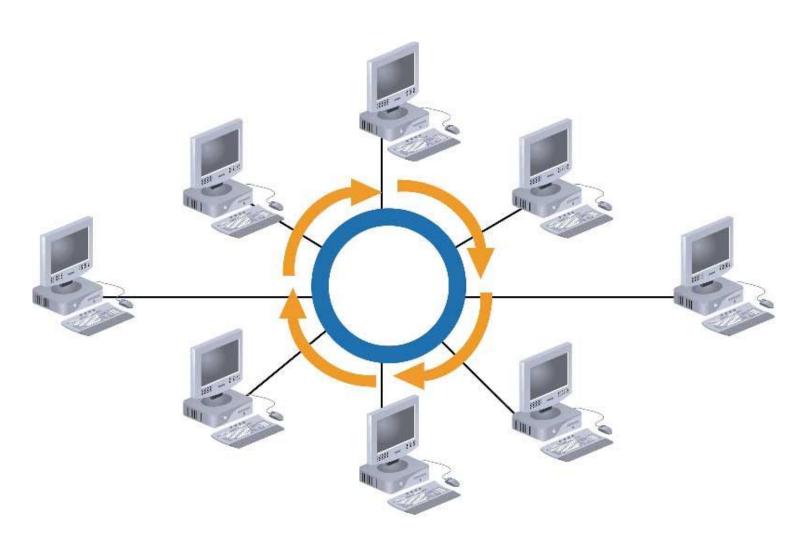
Advantages of Bus Topology

- Works well for small networks
- Relatively inexpensive to implement
- Easy to add to it

Disadvantages of Bus Topology

- Management costs can be high
- Difficult to troubleshoot(اصلاح الأخطاء), not fault-tolerant(لا يقبل الأخطاء)
- Potential(یتحمل) for congestion with network traffic

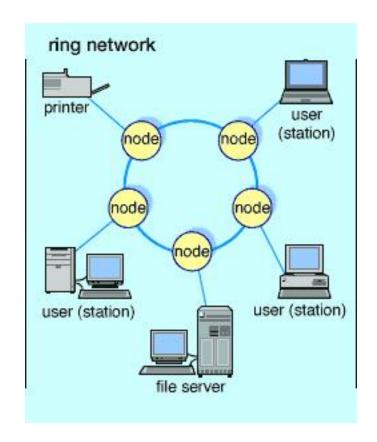
Ring



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Ring topology

- Each node is connected to the two nearest nodes so the entire network forms a circle
- One method for passing data on ring networks is token passing
- Active topology
 - Each workstation transmits data



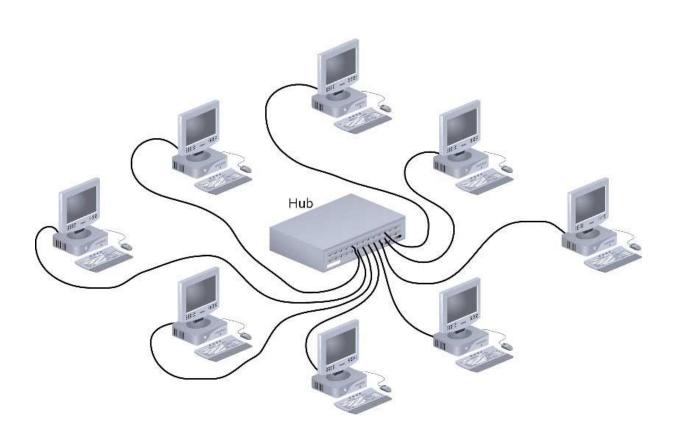
Advantages of Ring Topology

- Easier to manage; easier to locate a defective node or cable problem
- Well-suited for transmitting signals over long distances on a LAN
- Handles high-volume network traffic
- Enables reliable communication

Disadvantages of Ring Topology

- Expensive
- Requires more cable and network equipment at the start
- Not used as widely as bus topology
 - Fewer equipment options
 - Fewer options for expansion(توسيع) to high-speed communication

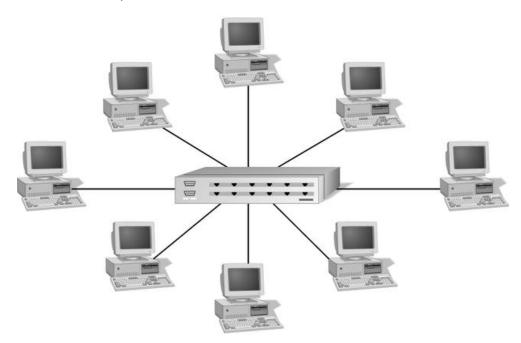
Star



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Star topology

 Every node on the network is connected through a <u>central</u>(مركزي) device



Star (continued)

- Any single cable connects only two devices
 - Cabling problems affect two nodes at most
- Requires more cabling than ring or bus networks
 - More fault-tolerant(أكثر تسامح مع الأخطاء)
- Easily moved, <u>isolated</u>, or interconnected with other networks
 - Scalable
- Supports max of 1024 addressable nodes on logical network

Advantages of Star Topology

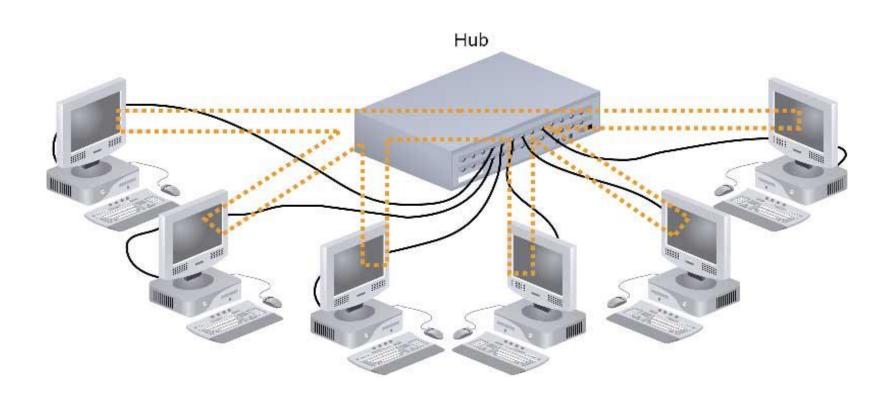
- Good option for modern networks
- Low startup costs (تكاليف بدء التشغيل منخفضة)
- Easy to manage
- Offers opportunities for expansion (فرص اكبر اللتوسعة
- Most popular topology in use; wide variety of equipment available

Disadvantages of Star Topology

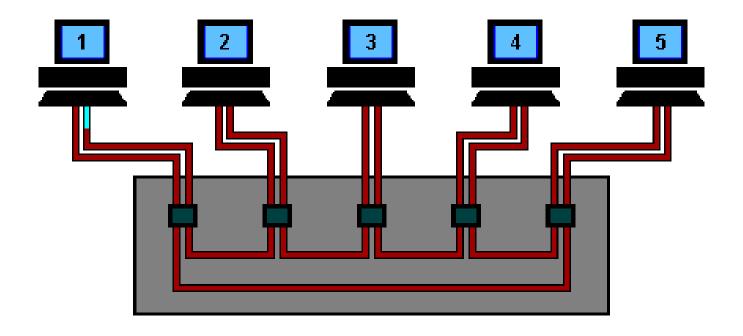
- Hub is a single point of failure
- Requires more cable than the bus

Hybrid Physical Topologies

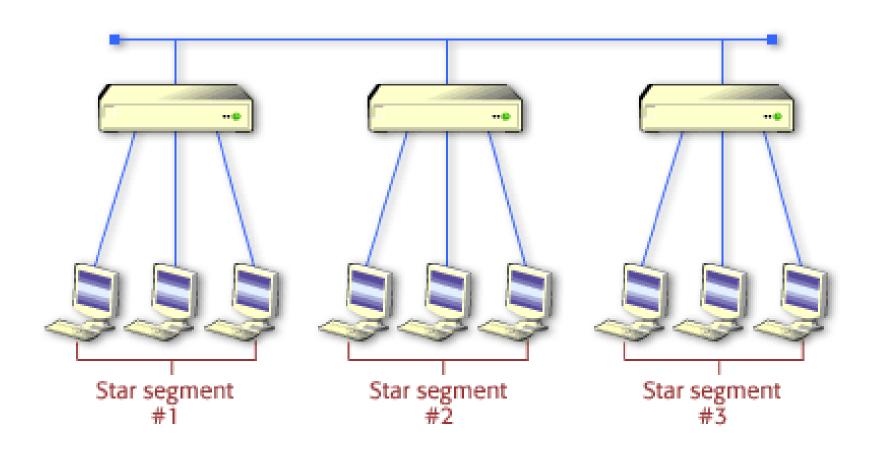
Hybrid Physical Topologies: Star-Wired Ring



Star-Wired Ring



Star-Wired Bus

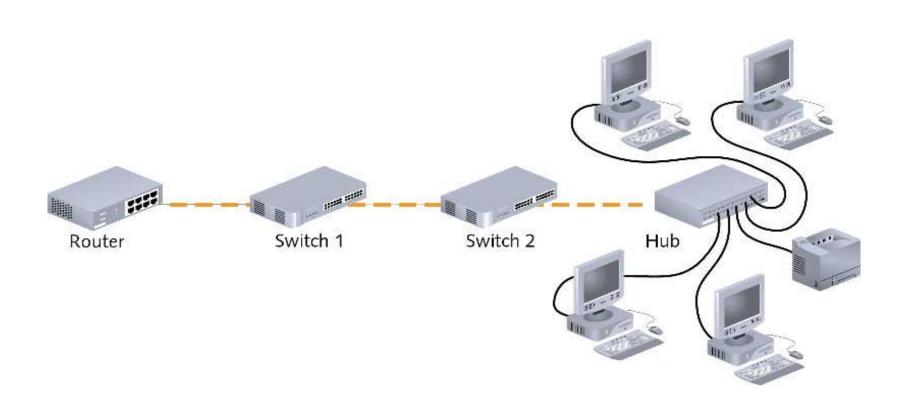


Backbone Networks

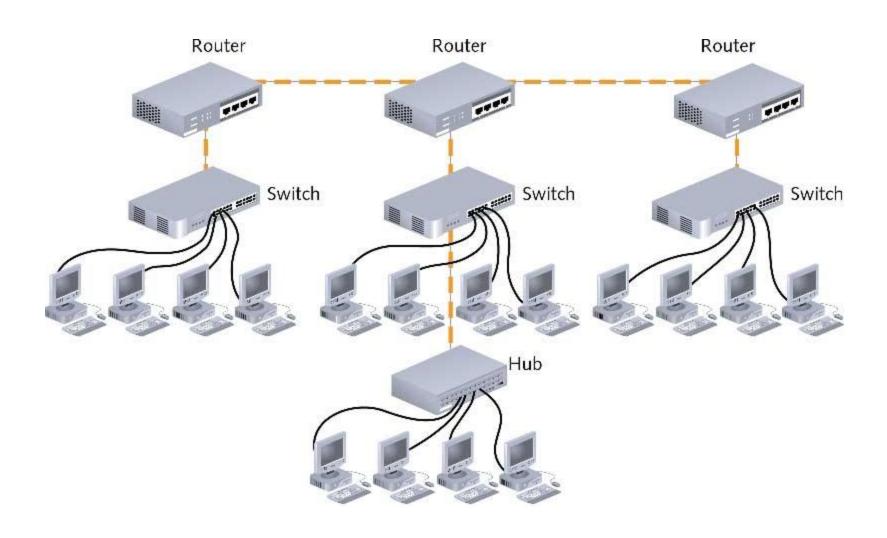
Backbone Networks: Serial Backbone

- Daisy chain: linked series of devices
 - Hubs and switches often connected in daisy chain to extend a network
- Hubs, gateways, routers, switches, and bridges can form part of backbone
- Extent to which hubs can be connected is limited

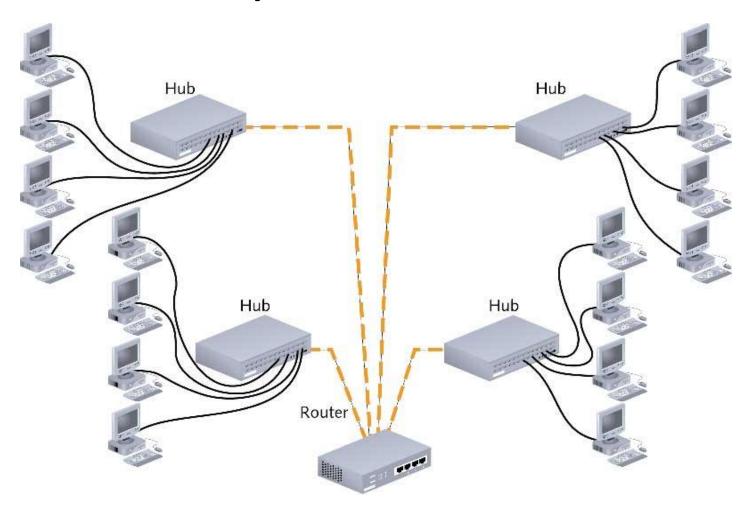
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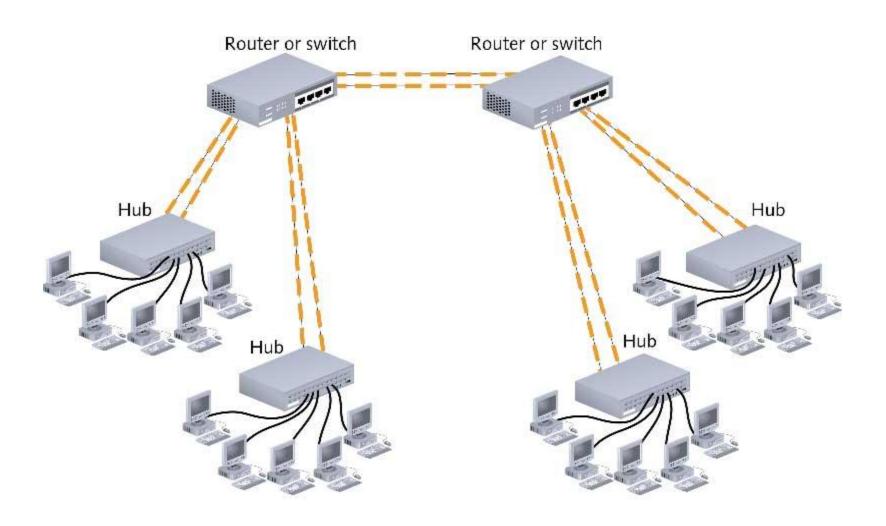
Distributed Backbone



Collapsed Backbone



Parallel Backbone



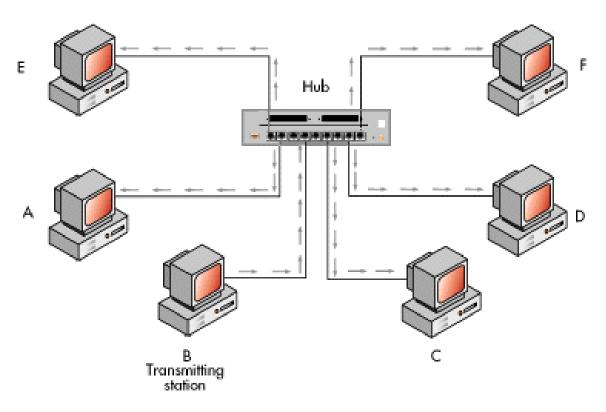
Logical Topologies

- Logical topology: how data is transmitted between nodes
 - May not match physical topology

Bus logical topology

- Bus logical topology: signals travel from one network device to all other devices on network
 - Required by bus, star, star-wired physical topologies

Bus logical topology

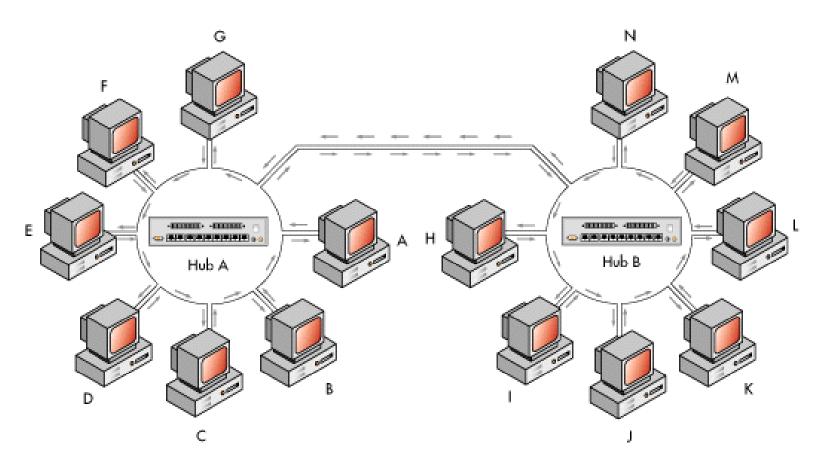


Arrows (---) show path of signal

physical star, logical bus

Ring logical topology

- Ring logical topology: signals follow circular path between sender and receiver
 - Required by ring, star-wired ring topologies



Logical ring topology

