CS100: CPADS

Wired Network Devices

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Network Interface / Ethernet Controller

- Allows a computer to connect to a network
- Can be connected to computer in a variety of ways
 - Built directly into most modern motherboards
 - Network Interface Cards (NICs)
 - External USB Device







Switches & Hubs

- A hub/switch is a device for connecting multiple computers together on the same Local Area Network (LAN)
 - A hub broadcasts (or relays) packets to ALL computers on a LAN
 - A switch is a 'smart' hub that directs packets only to the appropriate output port



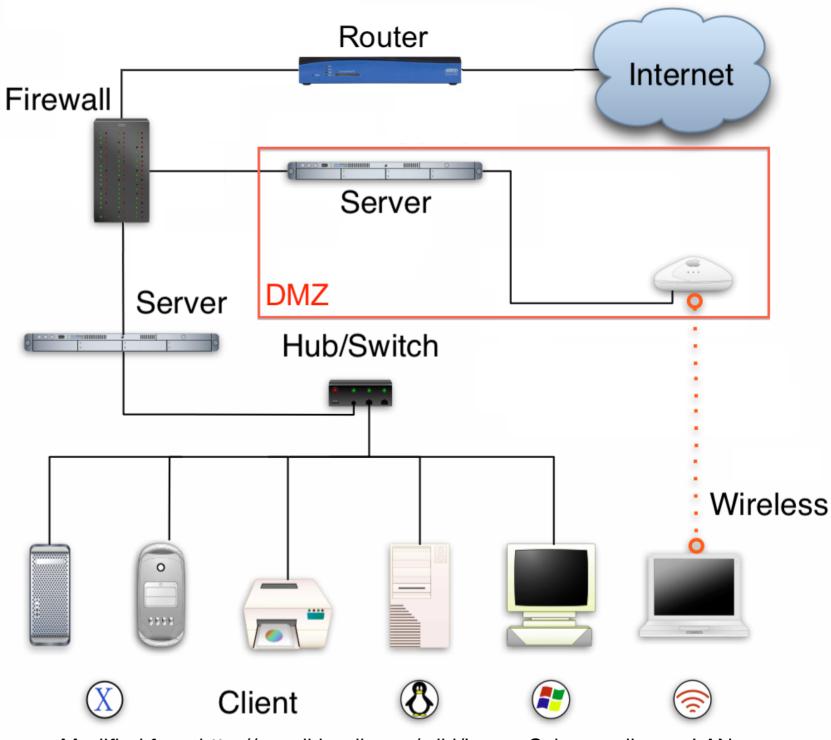
Oftentimes, network switches and a network hubs have similar appearances.

Routers

- A router is a device for connecting *multiple networks* together (i.e. machines on different subnets, e.g. Internet).
 - Often integrated with a switch
 - Commonly employs NAT (Network Address Translation) to "hide" machines from outside
 - Translates a local network IP address to an external IP address
 - Allows multiple computers to easily share a single external IP address
 - Home routers often include a firewall built in as well
 - Open or block ports to allow/deny access to particular services

General Networking Layout

- Router directs traffic into and out of the network
- Firewall protects devices on local area network from the evils of the Internet
- DMZ is a portion of the network that is exposed to the outside world but cannot access clients on the internal network
 - Clients, however, can access machines in the DMZ
- Hubs/Switches distribute the traffic throughout the local area network (LAN)

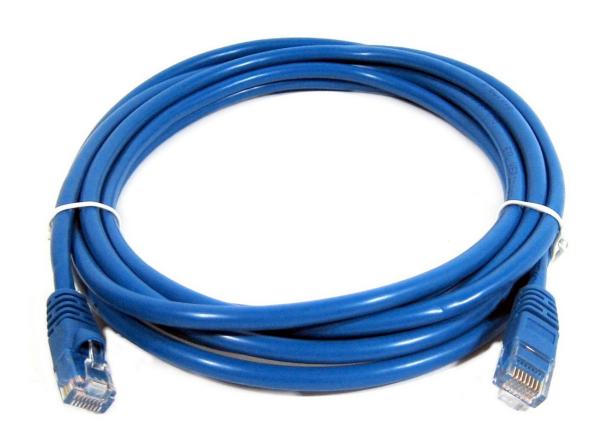


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Different Classes of Ethernet

There are several different Ethernet standards

- 10Base-T Ethernet
 - 10 Mbits/s theoretical throughput
 - Cat 3 cable rated for 16MHz
- 100Base-TX Fast Ethernet
 - 100 Mbits/s theoretical throughput
 - Cat 5 cable rated for 100MHz
 - 100 m cable length limit
- 1000-Base-TX Gigabit Ethernet
 - 1000 Mbits/s theoretical throughput
 - Cat 5e cable rated for 125MHz
 - Cat 6 cable rated for 250MHz

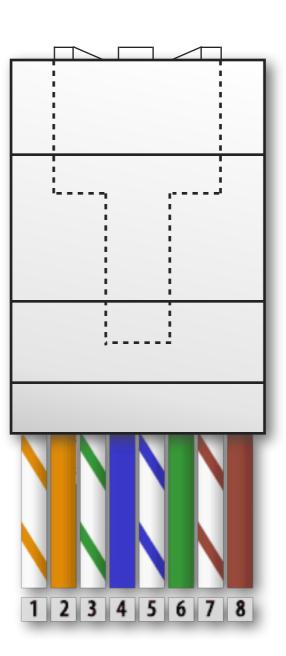


Ethernet Cable (Cont.)

Wiring diagram for Ethernet (RJ-45) cables (8 conductor twisted pair)

Pin	Pair	Wire	Color
1	2	1	white/orange
2	2	2	orange
3	3	1	white/green
4	1	2	1 blue
5	1	1	white/blue
6	3	2	green
7	4	1	white/brown
8	4	2	1 brown





Note, dashed line indicates the tab is on the UNDERSIDE of the connector