## 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)


Modified from http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Image:Schema_di_una_LAN.png

## Different Classes of Ethernet

- There are several different Ethernet standards
- 10Base-T - Ethernet
- $10 \mathrm{Mbits} / \mathrm{s}$ theoretical throughput
- Cat 3 cable - rated for 16 MHz
- 100Base-TX - Fast Ethernet
- $100 \mathrm{Mbits} / \mathrm{s}$ theoretical throughput
- Cat 5 cable - rated for 100 MHz
- 100 m cable length limit
- 1000-Base-TX - Gigabit Ethernet

- $1000 \mathrm{Mbits} / \mathrm{s}$ theoretical throughput
- Cat 5e cable - rated for 125 MHz
- Cat 6 cable - rated for 250 MHz


## 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 |  | blue |
| 5 | 1 | 1 |  | white/blue |
| 6 | 3 | 2 |  | green |
| 7 | 4 | 1 |  | white/brown |
| 8 | 4 | 2 |  | brown |

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category_5_cable

