# IT (Information Technology)

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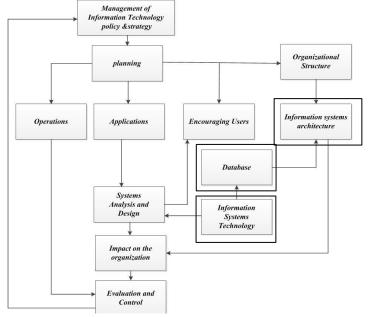
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### The role of managers in Information Technology (IT)



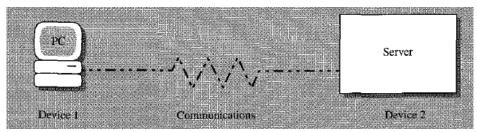
#### Information Technology

- Communications
  - Communications technology makes it possible to share data within the company and with external organizations.
  - Communication removes constraints on the time and place for work and makes possible the creation of new structures that cut across traditional lines on the organization chart
  - Several applications that depend on telecommunications, such as e-mail and electric data interchange (EDI), illustrate how this technology contributes to the organization.

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#### Communications

- Communications between computers
- The most familiar type of communications is probably the case in which device 1 is a PC and device 2 is a server of some type.
- The transmission line may be nothing more complex than a pair of twisted wires from the terminal leading to a central computer that offers time-sharing services.



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#### Communications

- Communications between computers
- The data sent over the line are represented as some type of code; that is, the sending and receiving ends of the communications lines have to agree on how to represent symbols
- The most frequent code for interchanging data is called ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange), which is a 7-bit code (there is an eighth bit for error checking) and thus has 128 symbols
- All codes, then, use sequences of O's and 1 's to represent different symbols. As an example, the ASCII code for H is 1 00 1 000

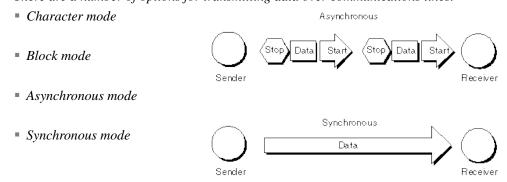
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  - Transmission Modes
  - There are a number of options for transmitting data over communications lines.



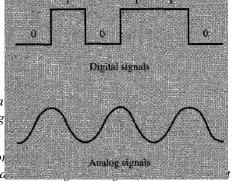
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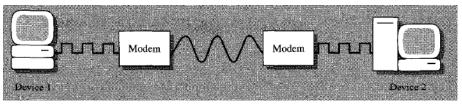
- Communications
  - Direction of Transmission
    - In simplex transmission, the data are sent in one direction only, but this approach is rare.
    - Using half duplex transmission, data travel in two directions but not at the same time.
    - With full duplex transmission, data are transmitted simultaneously in both directions.

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- Signal representation
  - There are two basic ways to represent signals:
  - Analog Signals which are used because the first data telephone lines, originally developed to carry analog
  - Because computer devices communicate in digital for to an analog signal (modulated) for transmission and the receiving end.





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- Communications
  - Signal representation
    - Your personal computer probably has a modem that operates at up to 56 Kbits per second over a dial-up phone line.
    - Using this modem, you can connect to a variety of computers, though it is unlikely you will actually communicate at the modem's maximum speed due to the limitations of the local line to your telephone.

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- Communications
  - Signal representation
    - Speed of Transmission
    - The communications specialist uses a measure of speed called a baud, which is the number of times per second that the signal changes.

TRANSMISSION SPEEDS										
F	or home	For a network								
PC Modem	56 Kbps	Voice grade	56 Kbps							
ISDN	64 or 128 Kbps	T1 line	1.544 Mbps							
ADSL	44 Kbps to 8 Mbps	T3 line	45 Mbps							
Cable modem	384 Kbps to 4 Mbps	DS3 line	45 Mbps							
DirecPC Satellite	400 Kbps	OC3 connection	155 Mbps							
Wireless	Up to 4 Mbps home, 1,555 Mbps business	OC12 connection	622 Mbps							
		OC48 connection	2.45 Gbps							

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#### Communications

- Protocol
  - Transmission involves protocols, which are sets of rules and procedures to control the flow of data between points.
  - Both the sending and receiving stations need to follow the same procedures.
  - A protocol can also increase the efficiency of transmission by reducing the amount of data that must be sent for control purposes like:
    - *Setting up a session,*
    - Establishing a path from nodes 1 to n,
    - Linking devices together
    - The hardware sending and interpreting the data,
    - Detection and correction of errors
    - Formatting, Line control, Message sequencing

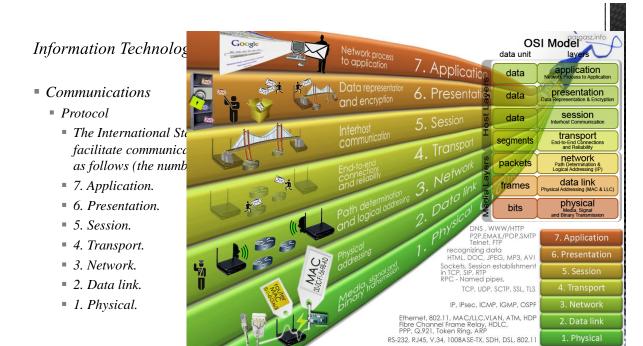
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#### Communications

- Protocol
  - The International Standards Organization (ISO) has suggested a layered architecture to facilitate communications among different types of equipment. The seven logical layers are as follows (the numbering follows the ISO designation of levels);
  - 7. Application.
  - 6. Presentation.
  - 5. Session.
  - 4. Transport.
  - 3. Network.
  - 2. Data link.
  - 1. Physical.

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