



# Communication Networks II

## Introduction and Overview

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# Scope

<b>KN III (Mobile Networking), Distributed Multimedia Systems (MM I and MM II), Telecooperation II,III. ...; Embedded Systems</b>								
<b>L5</b>	<b>Applications</b>	<b>Terminal access</b>	<b>File access</b>	<b>E-mail</b>	<b>Web</b>	<b>Peer-to-Peer</b>	<b>Inst.-Msg.</b>	<b>IP-Tel.</b>
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# Overview

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- 1. Communication Networks and Computer Networks: Objectives**
- 2. ISO Reference Model for Open Systems**
- 3. Layer Concepts**
- 4. 5-Layer-Model Used Here**



# 1. Communication Networks and Computer Networks: Objectives

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## Shared usage of resources

- (resource sharing: programs, data, devices)
- share data
- share load
- share operation

## High reliability

## Cost reduction

- e.g. shared usage of a data server (a.o. with X-terminal)

## Extensibility

## High-performance communication media

- person to person (e.g. E-mail, interactively)
- person to machine (e.g. data bases, WWW, video server)
- machine to machine (e.g. often Peer-to-Peer)



## 2. ISO Reference Model for Open Systems

**Problem: engineering communication means**

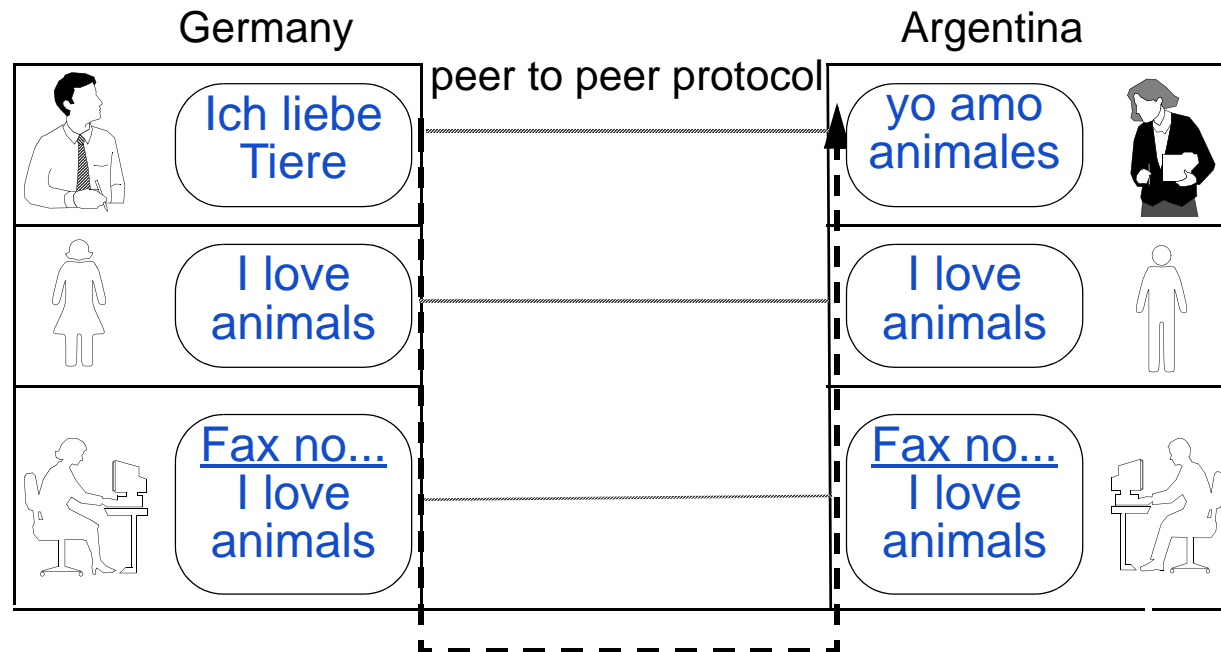
- multitude of partially very complex tasks
- interaction of differing systems and components

**Simplification:**

- to introduce abstraction levels of varying functionalities
- general module, preferable: layer, level

**Example (here using OSI-OSI reference model, later 5 layers**

- **biologists with translator and FAX-office**





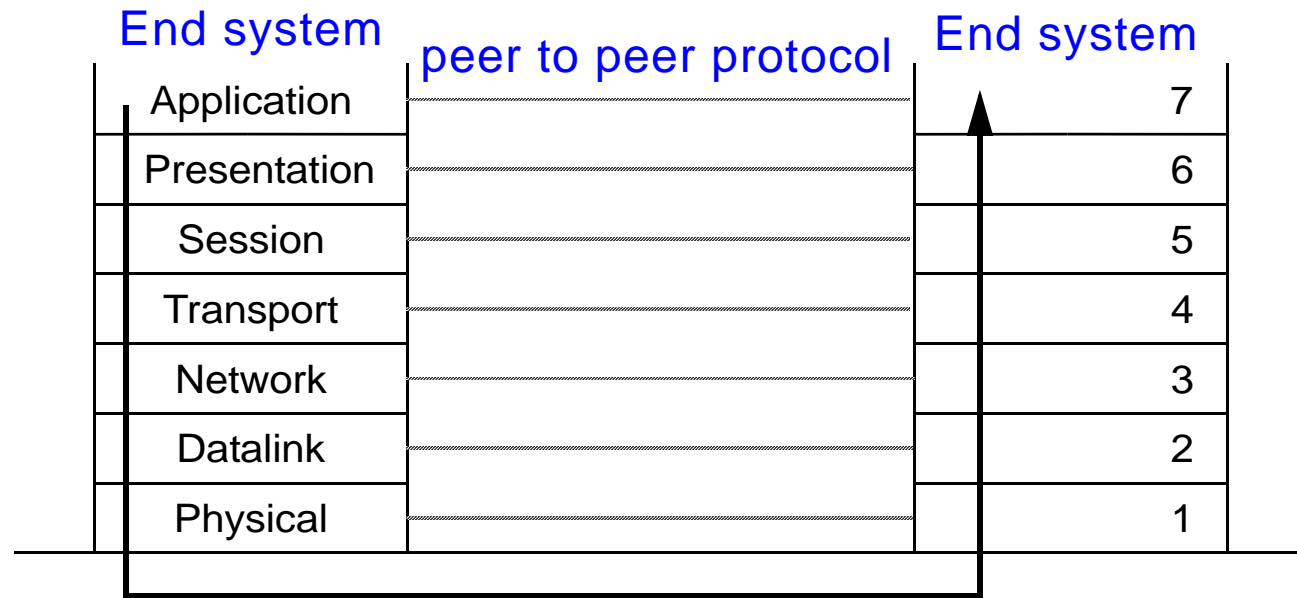
# OSI (Open Systems Interconnection) Reference Model

- model for layered communication systems
- defines fundamental concepts and terminology
- defines 7 layers and their functionalities

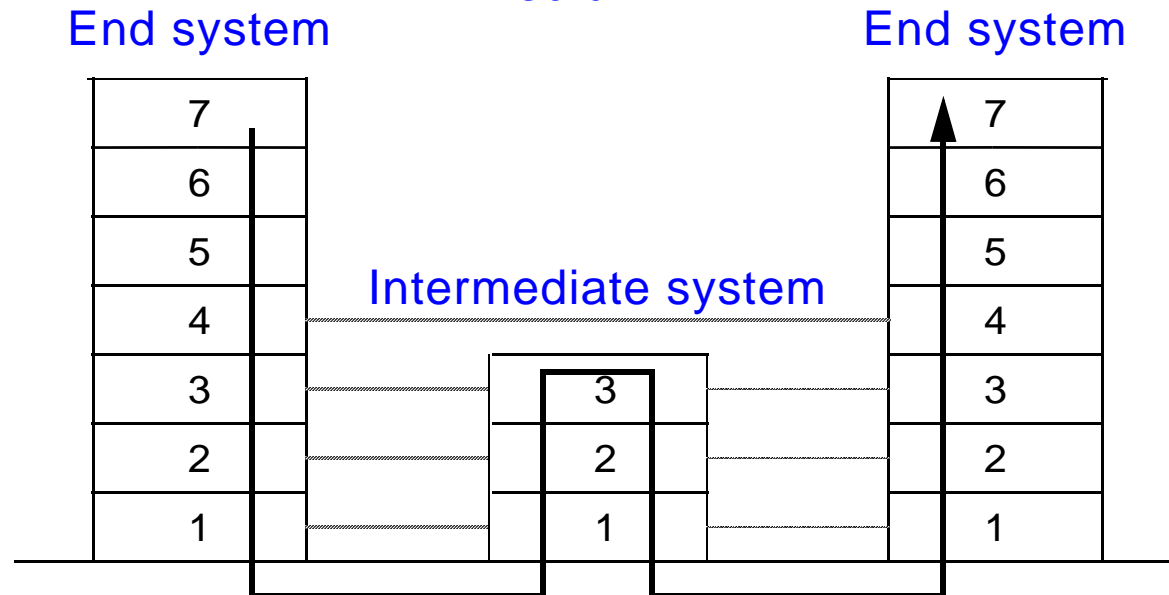
<b>7</b>	Application Layer
<b>6</b>	Presentation Layer
<b>5</b>	Session Layer
<b>4</b>	Transport Layer
<b>3</b>	Network Layer
<b>2</b>	Data Link Layer
<b>1</b>	Physical Layer



# OSI Architecture



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# OSI Layers: Functions

Layer	Function
<b>1</b> <i>Physical</i>	<p>sending bit 1 is also received as bit 1 (and not as bit 0):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>mechanics: connector type, cable/medium,..</b></li><li>• <b>electronics: voltage, bit length,..</b></li><li>• <b>procedural:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• unidirectional or simultaneously bidirectional</li><li>• initiating and terminating connections</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>2</b> <i>Data Link</i>	<p>reliable data transfer between neighbouring stations with frames</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>introducing data frames and acknowledgement frames</b></li><li>• <b>error recognition and correction within the frame: manipulation, loss, duplication</b></li><li>• <b>fast sender, slow receiver: flow control</b></li><li>• <b>distribution network requires access control: Medium Access Control (MAC)</b></li></ul>





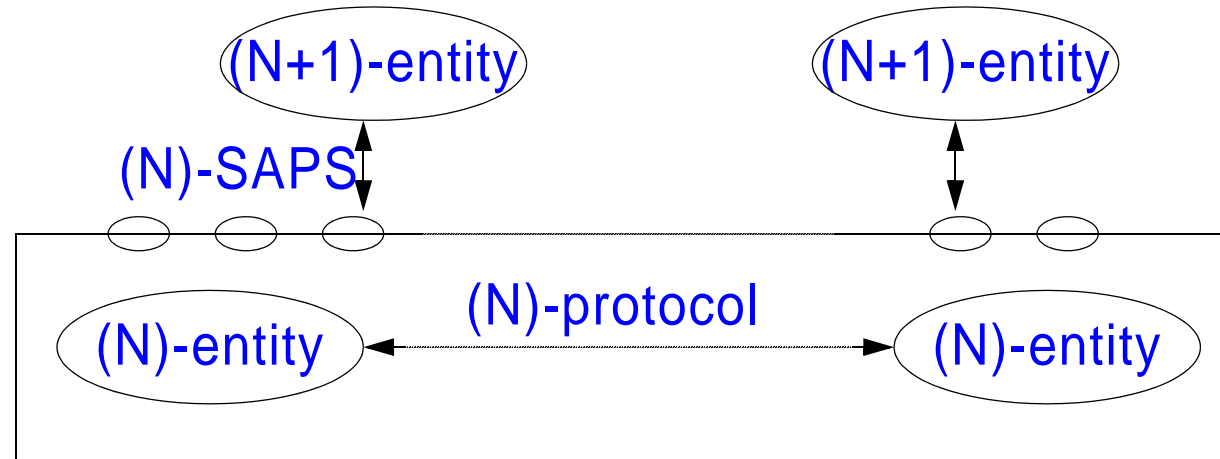
Layer	Function
<p data-bbox="501 432 696 533" style="text-align: center;"><b>3</b> <i>Network</i></p>	<p data-bbox="1028 172 1854 268" style="text-align: center;">connection endsystem with endsystem (subnets) with packets</p> <ul data-bbox="763 268 2107 799" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="763 268 1391 320">• <b>routing, i.e. among others</b><ul data-bbox="837 328 1951 501" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="837 328 1697 381">• fixed, defined during connect, dynamic</li><li data-bbox="837 389 1951 442">• congestion control (too many packets on one path)</li><li data-bbox="837 450 1476 502">• quality of service dependent</li></ul></li><li data-bbox="763 510 1980 563">• <b>varying subnets, Internetworking, i.e. among others</b><ul data-bbox="837 571 1458 624" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="837 571 1458 624">• addressing and packet size</li></ul></li><li data-bbox="763 633 2107 734">• <b>comment distribution network: routing often simplified or non-existent, i.e. this layer often does not exist here</b></li><li data-bbox="763 743 1070 796">• <b>example: IP</b></li></ul>
<p data-bbox="486 1050 712 1150" style="text-align: center;"><b>4</b> <i>Transport</i></p>	<p data-bbox="837 826 2047 922" style="text-align: center;">connection end/source (application/process) to end/drain (application/process)</p> <ul data-bbox="763 922 2101 1374" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="763 922 1843 975">• <b>optimize required quality of service and costs</b><ul data-bbox="837 983 2101 1251" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="837 983 1899 1035">• 1 L4 connection corresponds to 1 L3 connection</li><li data-bbox="837 1043 1991 1144">• increase througput: 1 L4 connection uses several L3 connections (splitting)</li><li data-bbox="837 1152 2101 1251">• minimize costs: several L4 connections multiplexed onto 1 L3 connection</li></ul></li><li data-bbox="763 1267 1850 1319">• <b>process addressing, connection management</b></li><li data-bbox="763 1329 1688 1382">• <b>fast sender, slow receiver: flow control</b></li></ul>



Layer	Function
<p data-bbox="506 272 689 376"><b>5</b> <b>Session</b></p>	<p data-bbox="1037 172 1845 220">support "session" over a longer period</p> <ul data-bbox="763 225 1917 483" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="763 225 1518 320">• <b>synchronization (during interrupted connection)</b></li><li data-bbox="763 331 1917 483">• <b>token management (coordinate simultaneous processing of different applications)</b></li></ul>
<p data-bbox="488 592 712 751"><b>6</b> <b>Presenta- tion</b></p>	<p data-bbox="898 512 1989 560">data presentation independent from the end system</p> <ul data-bbox="763 564 1686 839" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="763 564 1686 660">• <b>negotiating the data structure, conversion into a global data structure</b></li><li data-bbox="763 671 1608 839">• <b>examples:</b><ul data-bbox="837 730 1608 839" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="837 730 1608 778">• data types: date, integer, currency,</li><li data-bbox="837 790 1238 839">• ASCII, unicode,..</li></ul></li></ul>
<p data-bbox="465 927 734 1023"><b>7</b> <b>Application</b></p>	<p data-bbox="1151 868 1731 916">application related services</p> <ul data-bbox="763 920 1559 1086" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="763 920 1559 1023">• <b>example:</b><ul data-bbox="837 979 1559 1086" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="837 979 1559 1027">• electronic mail, directory service</li><li data-bbox="837 1038 1323 1086">• file transfer, WWW, ..</li></ul></li></ul>



## 3. Layer Concepts



### N-Layer

- **abstraction layer with defined tasks**

### N-Entity

- **active elements in a layer**
- **process or intelligent I/O module**
- **peer entities: corresponding entities on different systems**

### N-Service Access Point, N-SAP

- **service identification**

### N-Protocol:

- **amount of rules for transferring data between N-entities**



## Service

- **amount of primitives/operations/functions which one layer offers to the next superior one**
- **characterized by the "interface"**
- **does not reveal anything about the implementation**
- **analogy: programming, service corresponds to**
  - abstract data type
  - object

## Protocol

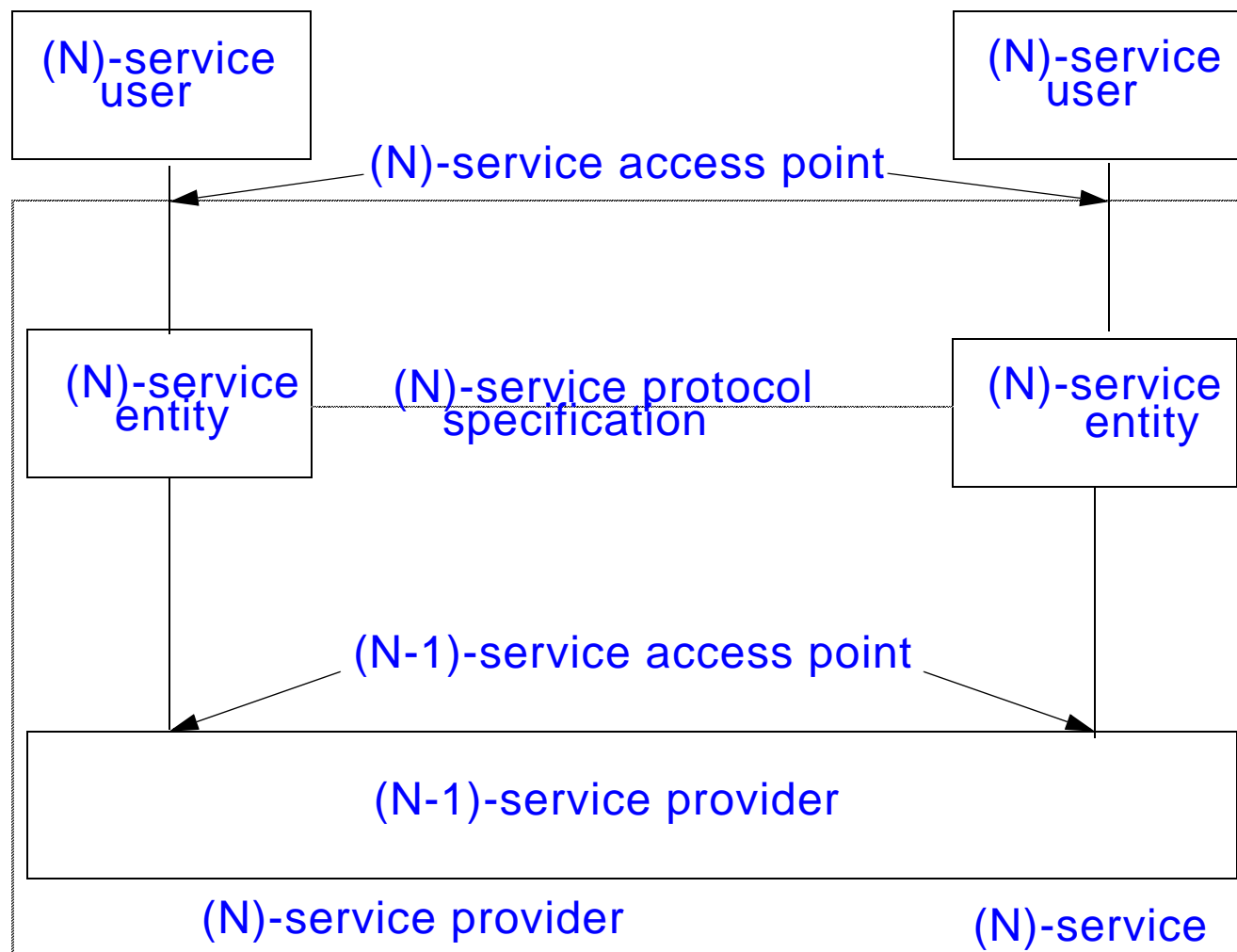
- **rules for the syntax (format) and the semantics (contents) of the data transfer (frames, packet, message) occurring between the peer entities**
- **analogy: programming, protocol corresponds to**
  - realizing the data type (procedures, etc.)
  - the "interior" of the object



# Layer Concepts: Service and Protocol

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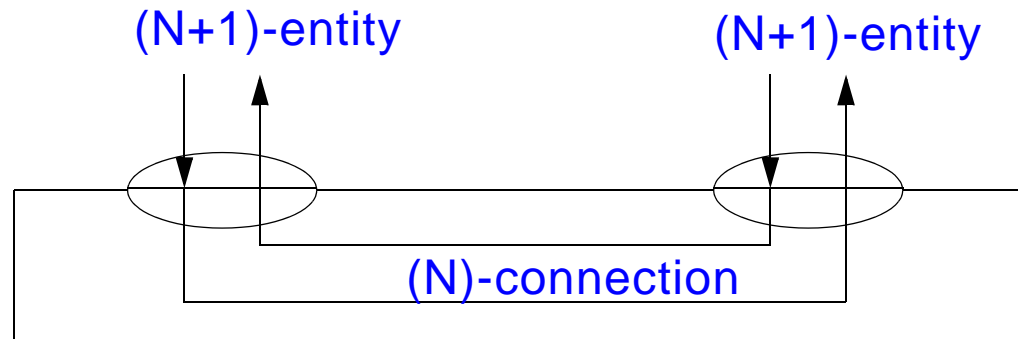
**Service Provider**

**Service User**



## 3.1 Connection Oriented Service

Connection oriented:



3 phases:

1. connect
2. data transfer
3. disconnect

Analog: telephone service

- applications (preferentially):
  1. regularly recurring data units
  2. longer period
  3. quality of service guarantees (time, bandwidth)



## 3.2 Connectionless Service

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### Connectionless (Datagram Service)

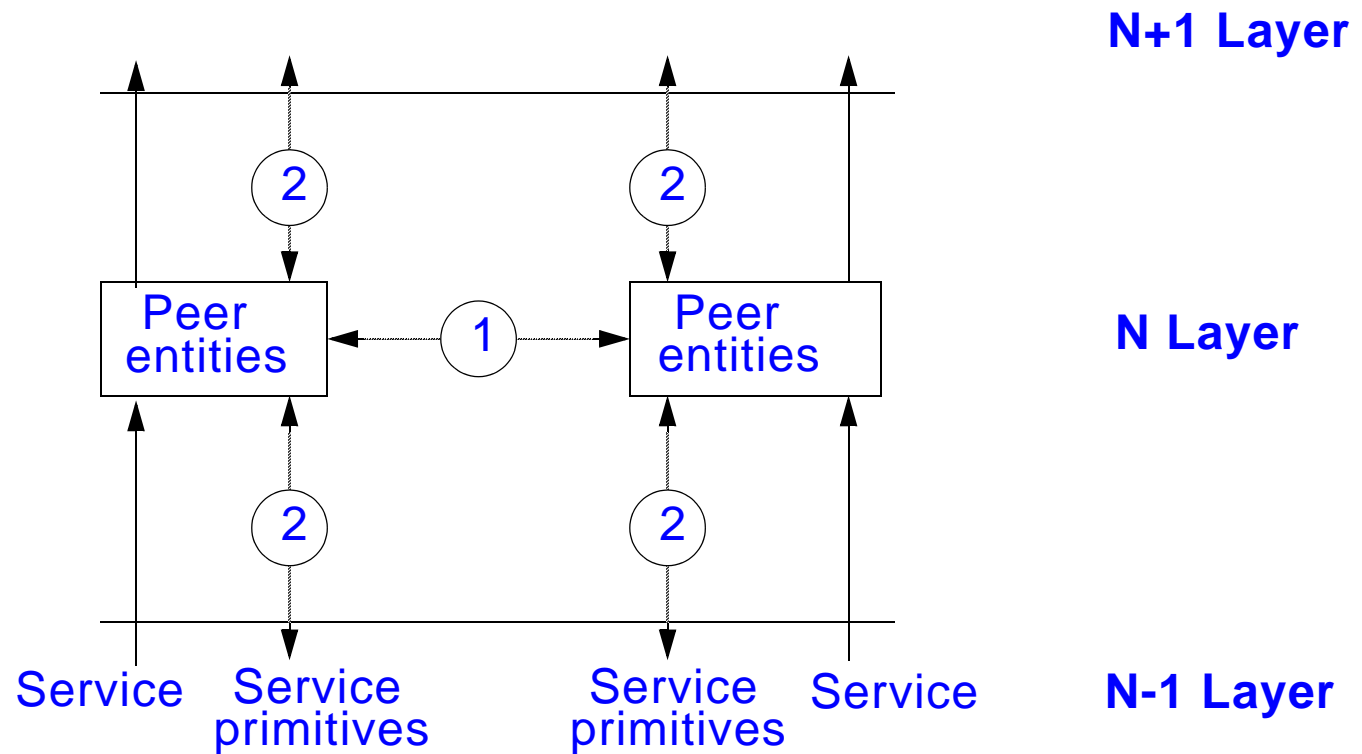
- transfer of isolated unit data

### Analog: letter delivery

- applications (preferentially):
  - one-time data transfer
  - short duration



## 3.3 Communication between Layers



① = Logical Peer-Peer communication

② = Physical Adjacent Layer Communication

Between peers: **PROTOCOL**

Between layers: **SERVICE PRIMITIVES**





# Service Primitives

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## Service primitives

- **define a service in an abstract manner**
- **are usually parametrized**

## Types:

- ***service.* REQUEST**
- ***service.* INDICATION**
- ***service.* RESPONSE**
- ***service.* CONFIRMATION**

## Example:

**Connect. REQUEST**

**Connect. INDICATION**

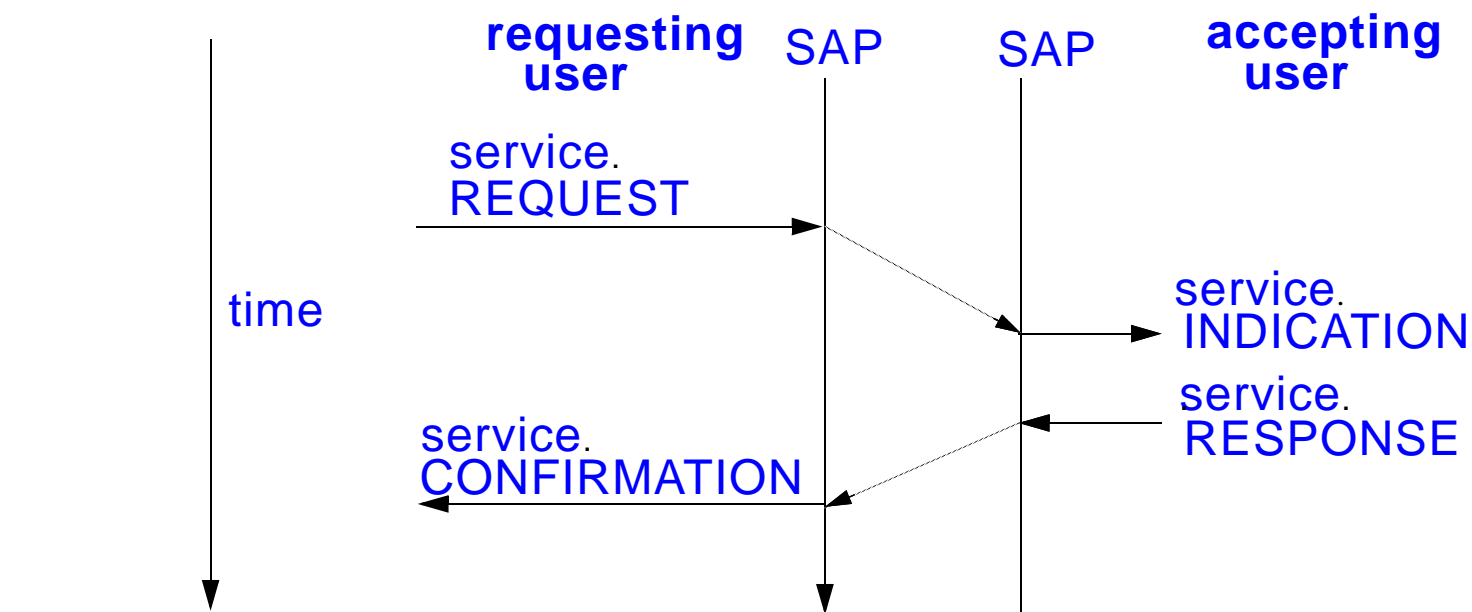
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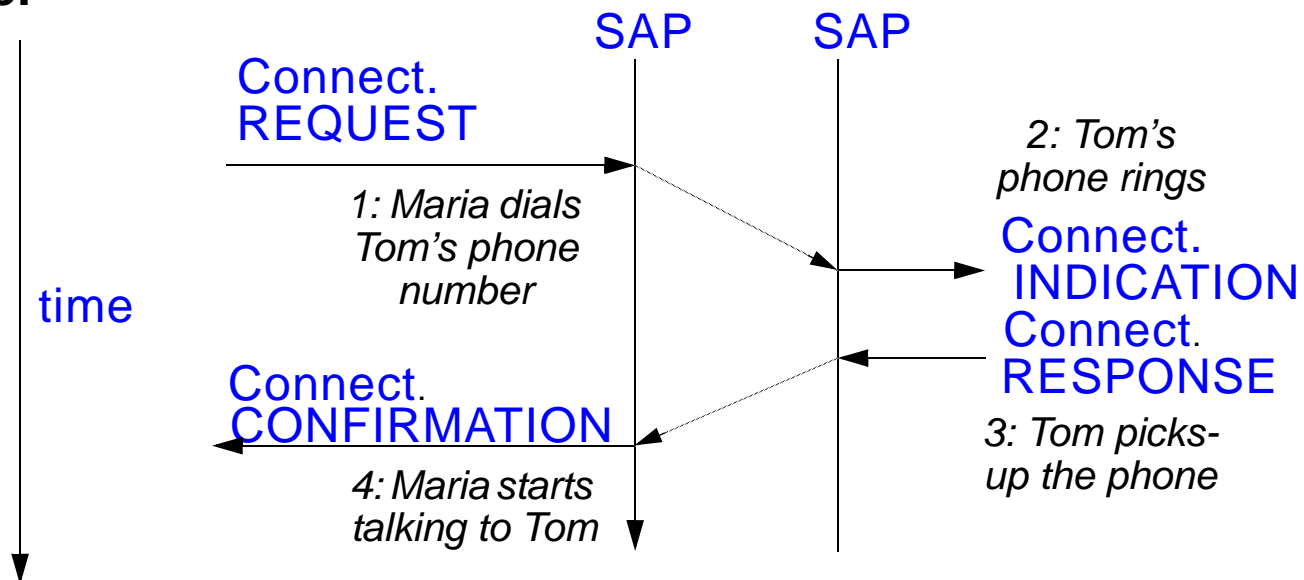


# 3.4 Confirmed Service

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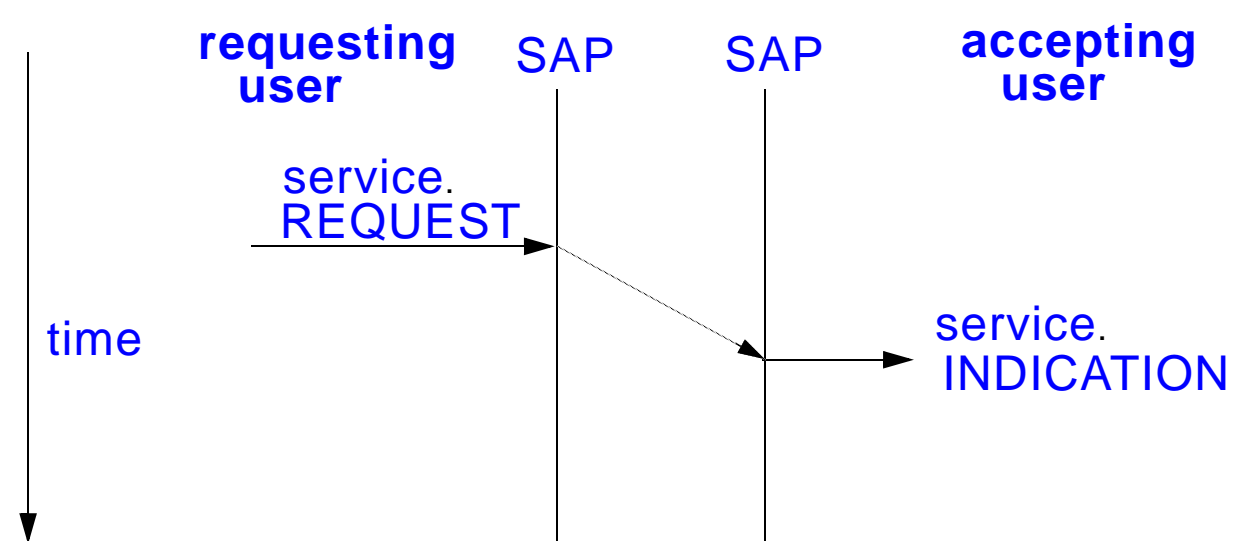
Example:



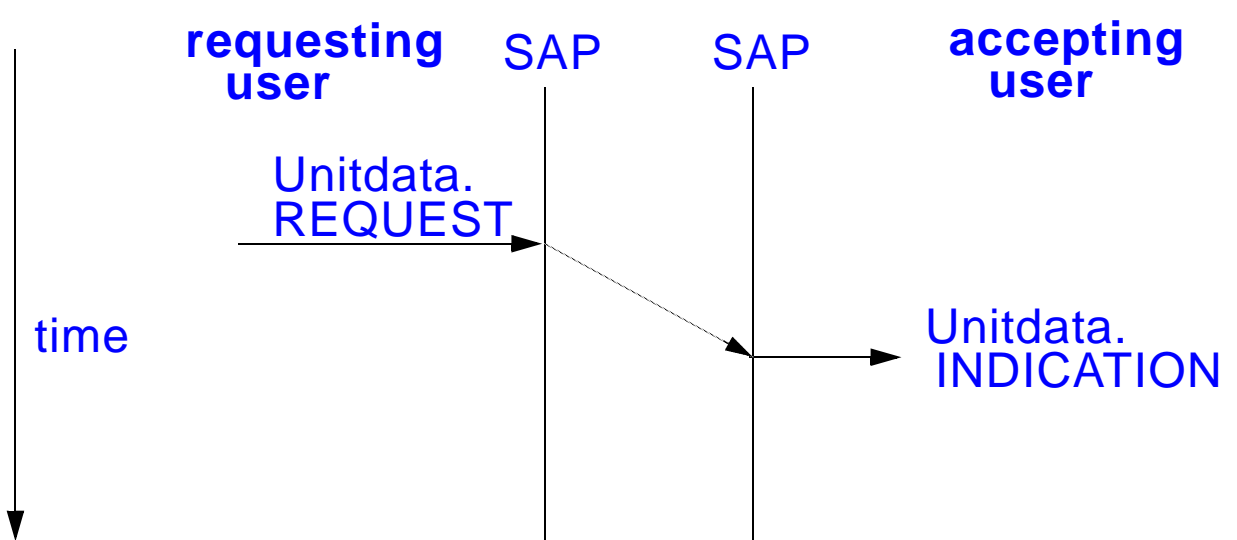


# 3.5 Unconfirmed Service

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**Example:**





## 4. 5-Layer-Model Used Here

### ISO-OSI

- standardized too late
- implementations usually worse than those of Internet protocols
- in general, however, mainly good concepts

### TCP/IP (Internet)

- TCP/IP already prevalent, SMTP also, now e.g. WWW
- integrated into UNIX

To be considered herein:

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3	<i>Network</i>	connection end-system to end-system
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1	<i>Physical</i>	sending bit 1 is also received as bit 1



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# Layers: Conception vs. Implementation

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## Concept

- **each layer has its own process or a multitude of processes (entities, because of multiplexing/splitting)**
- **buffers between layers (incl. buffer management)**

## Experiences with communication systems

- **changing the context of processes takes a lot of time**
- **most of the processing time is used up for copying (despite e.g. DMA)**
  - adapter -> main memory
  - within the main memory (layer to layer)
  - main memory -> adapter
- **difficult to review for correctness**
  - parallelism, many potential states

## Implementation

- **pooling several layers to one process**
- **using dedicated buffer management**
  - copying is logical copying (pointer operations)
- **specification methods with conformance testing**