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Lectures On: **Computer Network Models**

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What is a Computer Network Model?

- **Definition:** A conceptual blueprint or "map" that defines how different computer systems and software communicate over a network.
- **Purpose:** It breaks down the complex process of data transmission into smaller, manageable tasks called **Layers**.
- **Modular Design:** Each layer performs a specific function and communicates with the layers directly above and below it.

Advantages of layered architecture

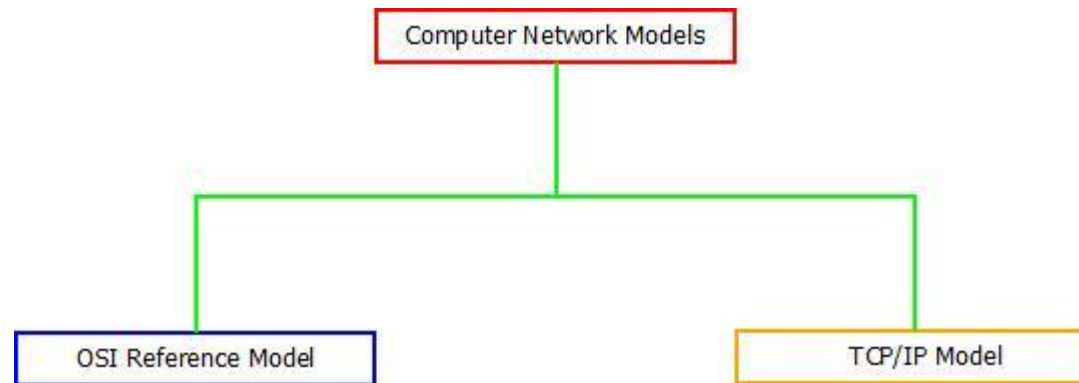
- **Modularity:** As the tasks are divided into different sections, it makes understanding and maintenance of the system more simplified.
- **Interoperability:** Layers follow standard protocols and enable devices from different organizations to communicate efficiently.
- **Scalability:** New technologies or protocols can be integrated without affecting the entire system.
- **Troubleshooting:** Problems can be isolated to specific layers and each layer can be analyzed and tested individually.

Types of Network Models

The Two Primary Network Models

The tech industry generally uses two main models to understand networking:

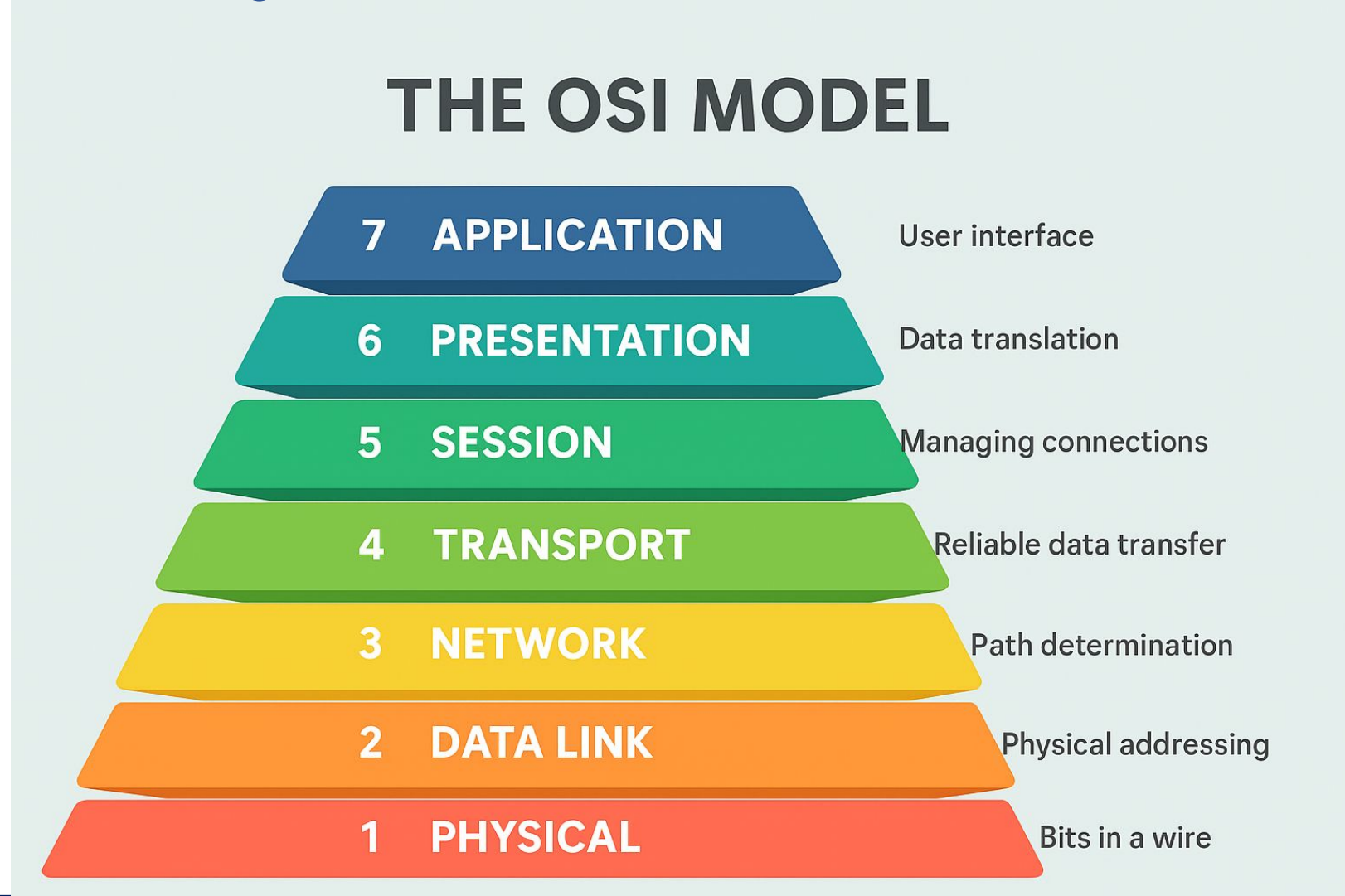
1. The OSI Model (Open Systems Interconnection)
2. The TCP/IP Model (Transmission Control Protocol)



What a OSI Model is?

- **The OSI Model** is a system that breaks network communication into **7 layers**, each with a specific role.
- It ensures that data moves smoothly from one device to another.

The 7 Layers of the OSI Model



OSI Model (7 Layers)

- **Application:** Apps like browsers, email (e.g., Protocol, HTTP, FTP).
- **Presentation:** Formats data for understanding (e.g., encryption, Compression).
- **Session:** Manages connections between devices. (Checkpoint)
- **Transport:** Ensures data is sent/received properly (e.g., Segments, Error Control, Flow Control).
- **Network:** Decides the route (e.g., IP, Packet Routing).
- **Data Link:** Rules for sending data (e.g., Ethernet).
- **Physical:** Wires, cables, signals, Bit Stream (0,1).

The 7 Layers of the OSI Model

- **Physical Layer:** Transmits raw signals (like electrical pulses or light) over cables or wireless.
- **Data Link Layer:** Makes sure data travels without errors on a local network.
- **Network Layer:** Decides the best path to send data between devices using IP addresses.
- **Transport Layer:** Splits data into smaller pieces and ensures they arrive correctly.
- **Session Layer:** Keeps track of the connection between two devices during communication.
- **Presentation Layer:** Prepares the data for the application, handling encryption and formatting.
- **Application Layer:** Directly interacts with users through software (like email or web browsers).

Example: Sending an Email (Alice to Bob)

On Alice's Side (Sender):

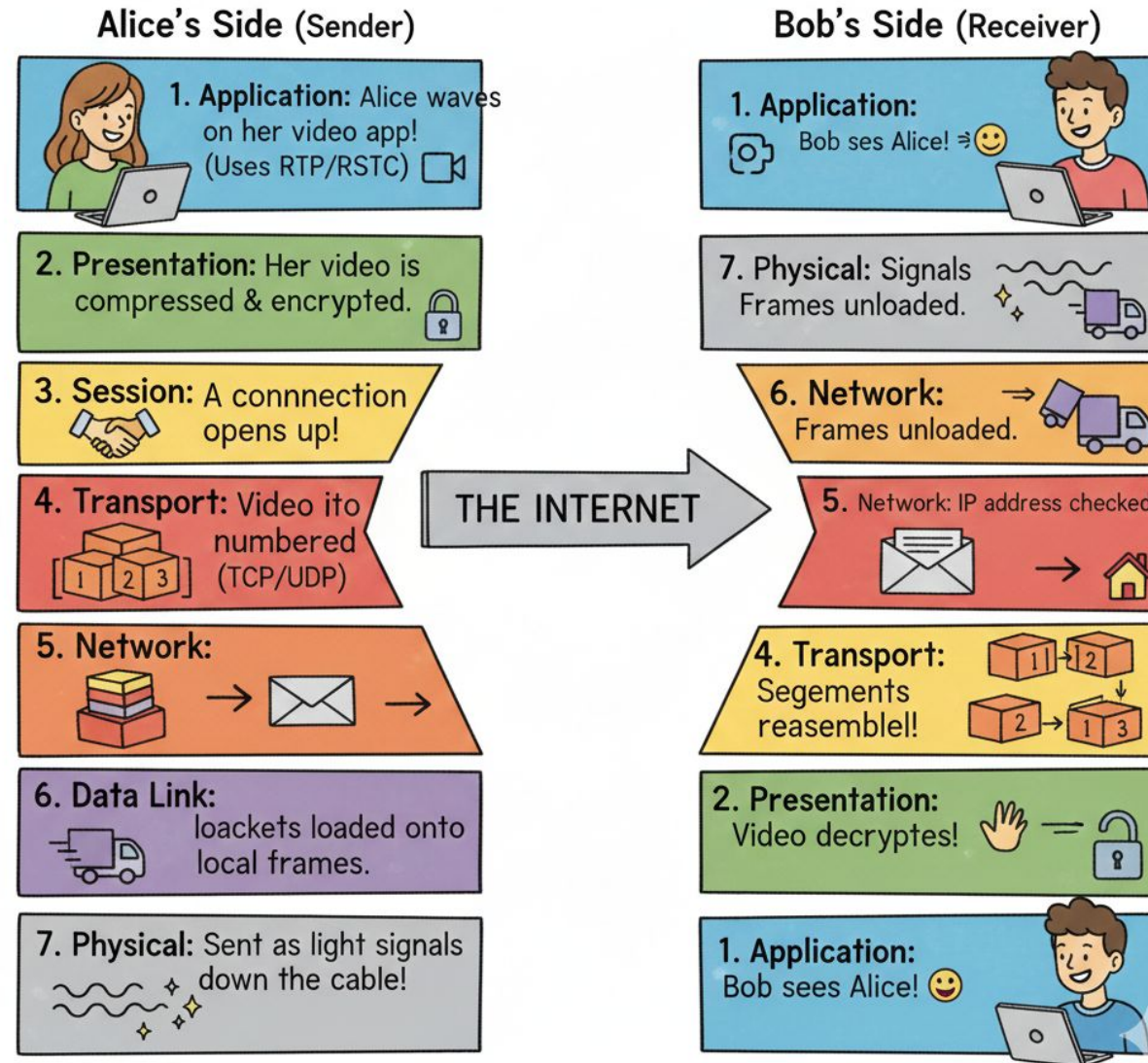
- **Application Layer:** Alice writes an email in her email app; the app uses the SMTP protocol to prepare the email.
- **Presentation Layer:** The email is converted into a format that can be sent over the network and encrypted for security.
- **Session Layer:** A connection is created between Alice's device and her email server.
- **Transport Layer:** The email is broken into smaller pieces (called segments); TCP ensures they are numbered correctly for reassembly.
- **Network Layer:** Each segment is packed into a packet with Alice's and Bob's IP addresses to route it across networks.
- **Data Link Layer:** The packet is added to a frame with hardware addresses (MAC addresses) for local delivery.
- **Physical Layer:** The frame is converted into signals (electricity, light, or radio waves) and sent over the network.



On Bob's Side (Receiver):

- **Physical Layer:** Bob's device receives the signals and passes them to the next layer.
- **Data Link Layer:** Frames are checked for errors and unpacked to extract packets.
- **Network Layer:** Bob's device confirms the packet is for him (via the IP address) and forwards it.
- **Transport Layer:** Segments are reassembled into the original email.
- **Session Layer:** The connection between Alice's and Bob's devices remains open until the email is fully received.
- **Presentation Layer:** The email is decrypted and formatted so it's readable.
- **Application Layer:** Bob's email app (Gmail, Outlook) displays the email for him to read.

OSI Model: The Video Call Adventure



What Are the OSI and TCP/IP Models?

- **Both are frameworks to understand how computers communicate in a network.**
- **They break down communication into layers, where each layer has a specific job.**

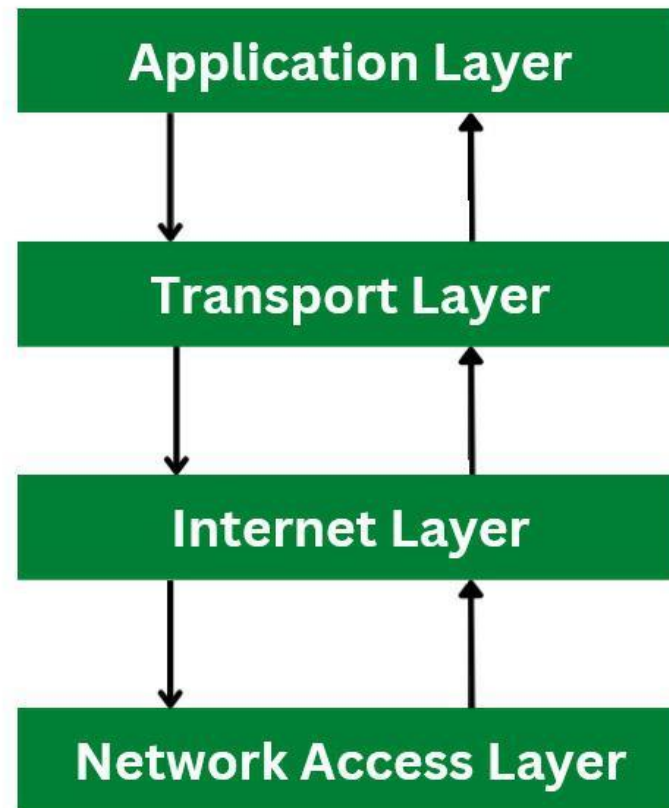
Why Two Models?

- **OSI Model:** For learning and designing networks.
- **TCP/IP Model:** For building and running the Internet.

Key Differences

Feature	OSI Model	TCP/IP Model
Purpose	A guide to design new networks.	Focuses on how the Internet works.
Number of Layers	7 layers (more detailed).	4 layers (simpler).
Use	Mostly for learning and reference.	Used in real-world networks.
Development	Made to explain networks clearly.	Developed for the Internet.

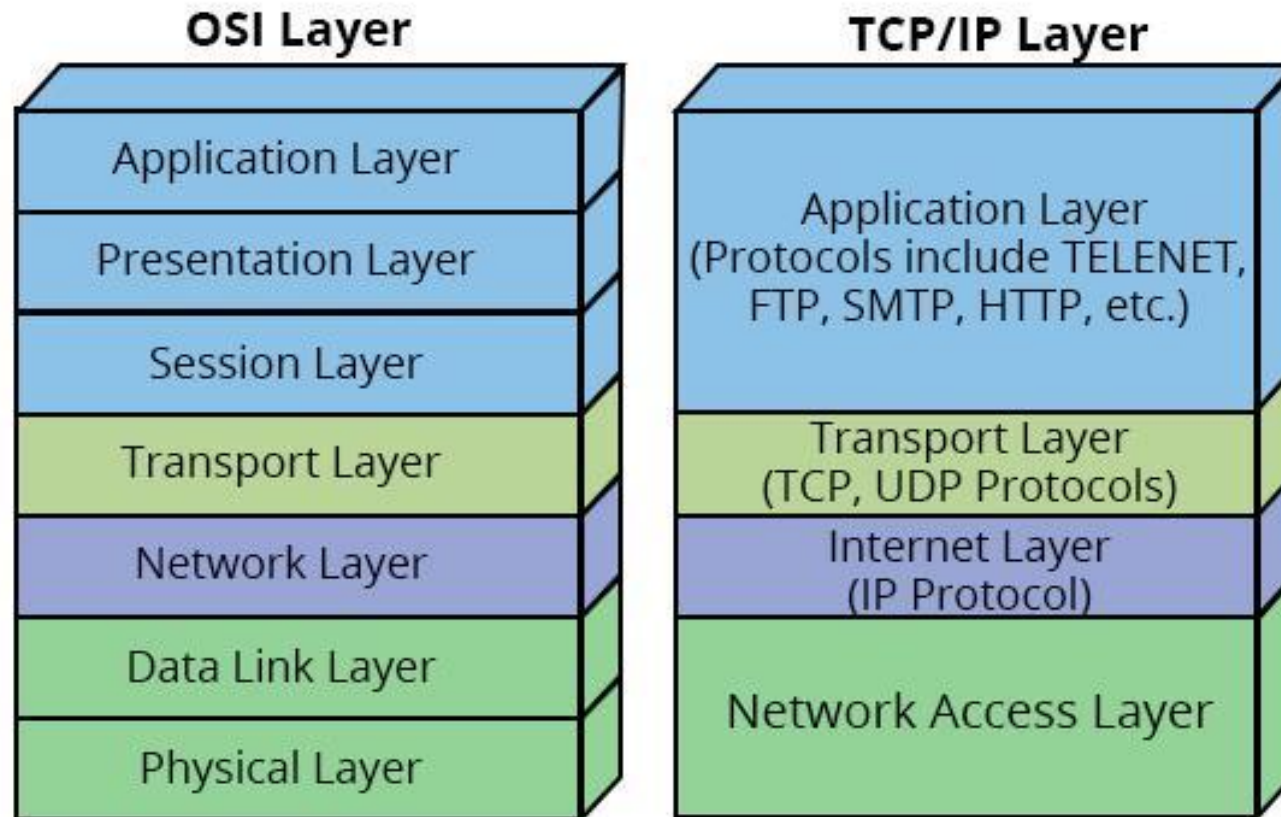
TCP/IP Model (4 Layers)



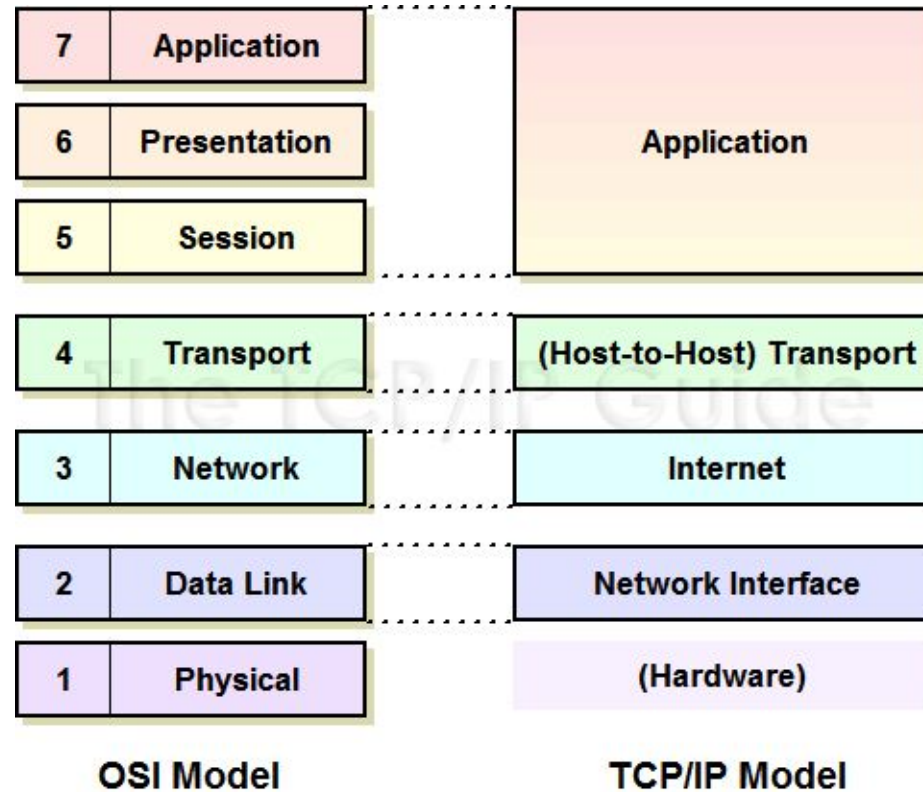
TCP/IP Model (4 Layers)

- **Network Interface:** Combines OSI's Physical and Data Link layers.
- **Internet:** Decides the route (same as OSI's Network layer).
- **Transport:** Ensures reliable data transfer (same as OSI's Transport layer).
- **Application:** Combines OSI's Session, Presentation, and Application layers.

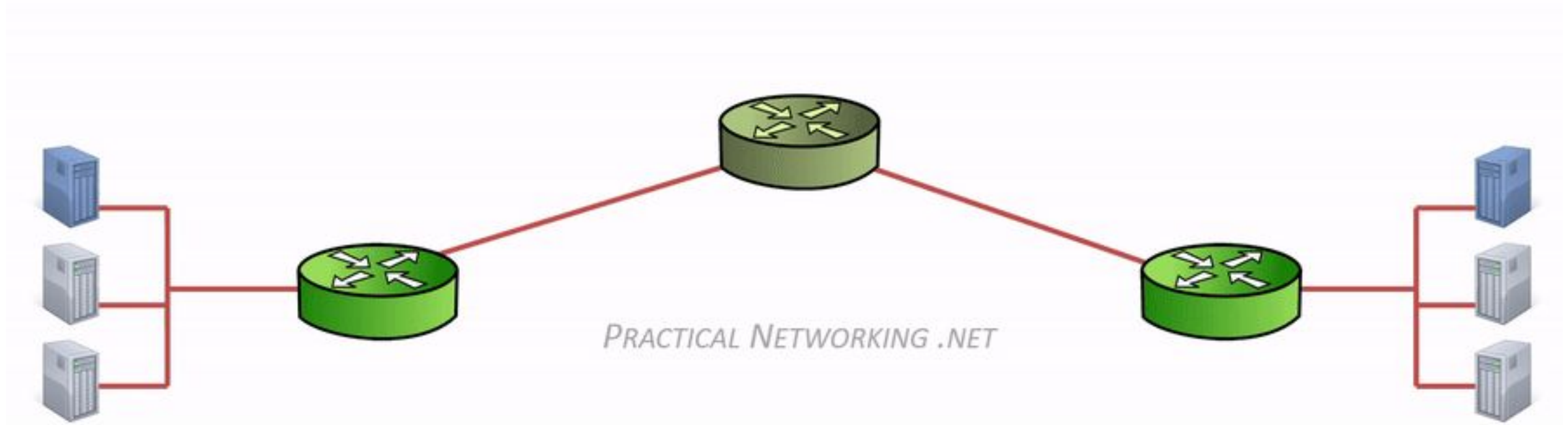
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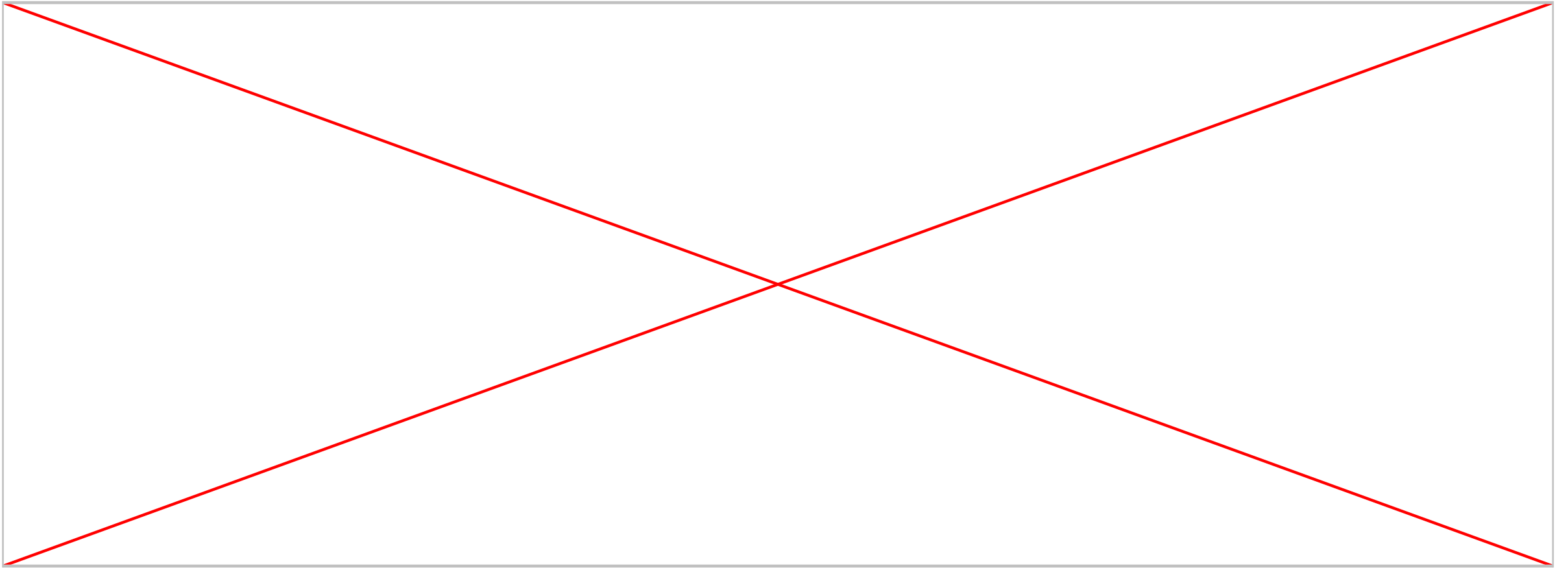


OSI Model – Layer 2 vs. Layer 3



Encapsulation and Decapsulation :

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