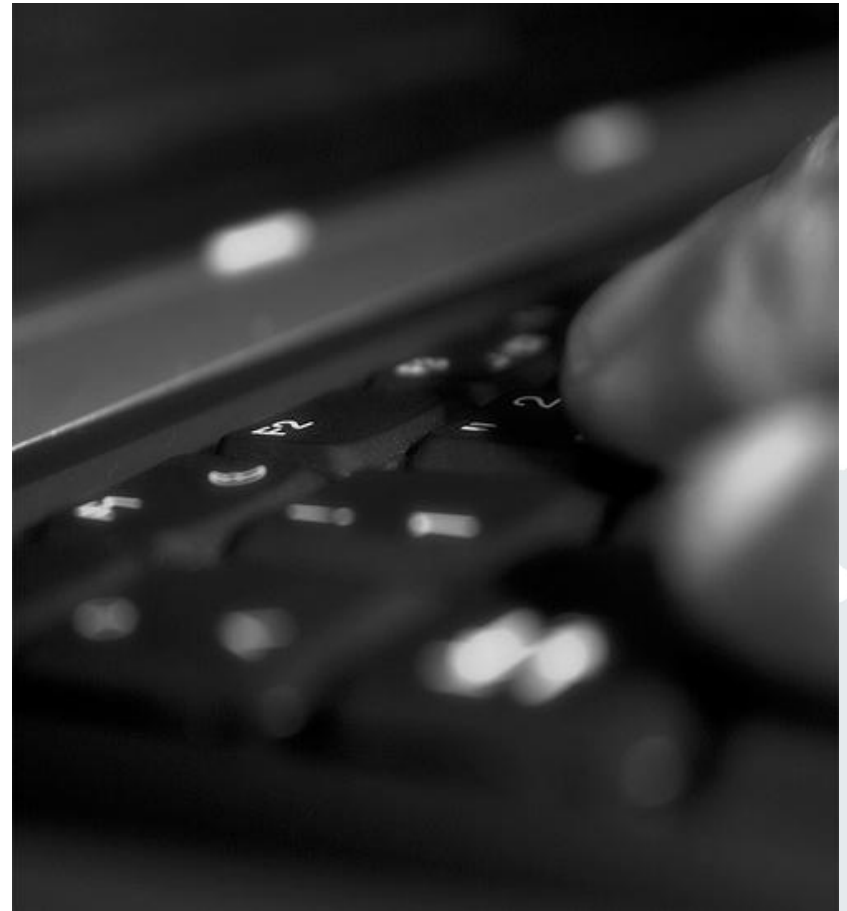


Lecture 6  
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Communication Systems II  
Wired & Wireless Communication

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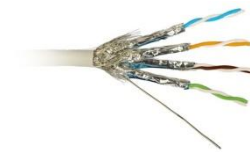


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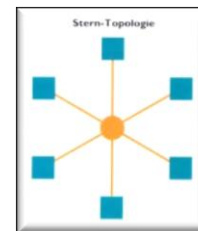
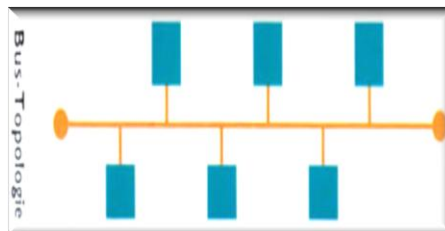
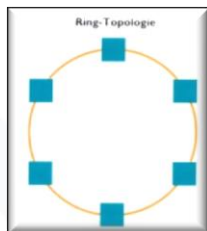
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- Wired Communication denotes data transmission using physical wires, e.g. for
  - Telephone networks
  - Cable television/Internet access
  - Fiber-optic networks.
- Main challenges in wired communication
  - Coping with the distance between two endpoints
  - Provision of the appropriate bandwidth

- Wired networks
  - Use different types of conductors to build a network
    - Coaxial cable, twisted pair wire, optical fibre, ...



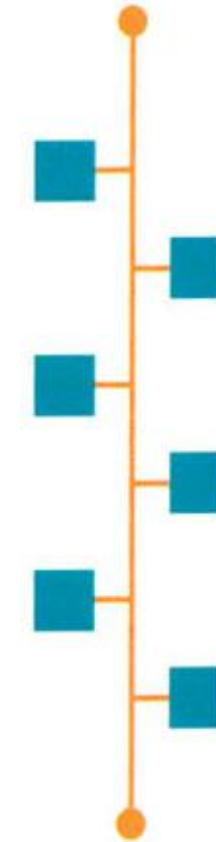
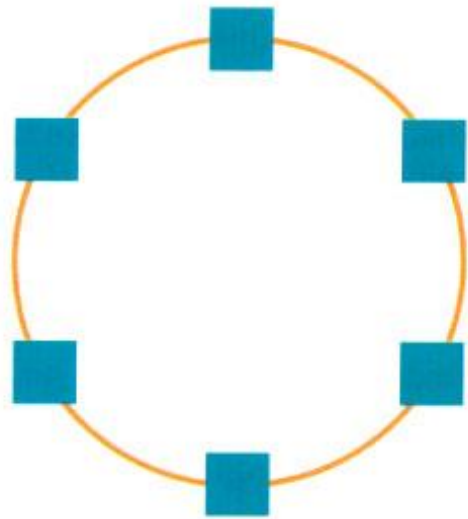
- Make use of different topologies
  - E.g. ring, bus, star topology



- Provide different transfer rates
  - 10 / 100 / 1000 Mbit / 1 Gbit / 10 Gbit and more...

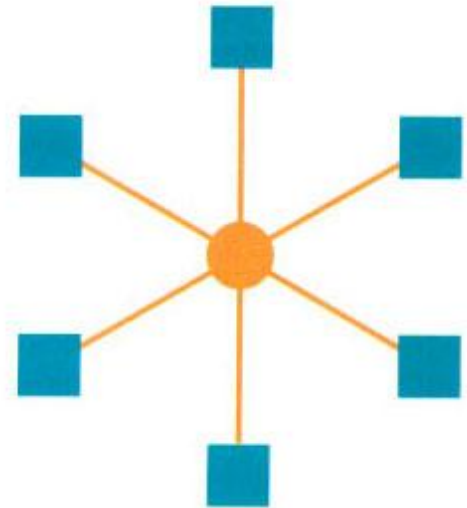
# Wired Network Topologies

Ring Topology



Bus Topology

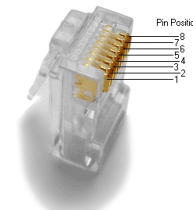
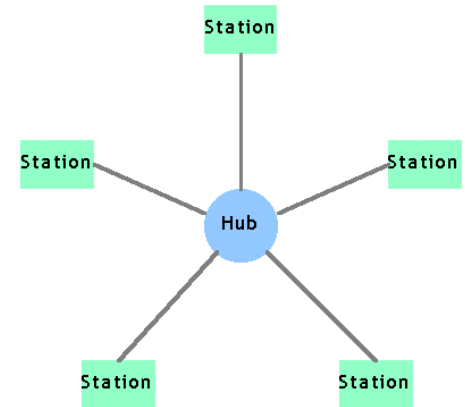
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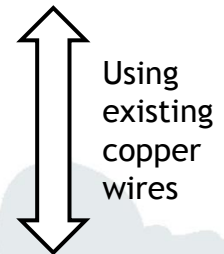
- Definition of wiring and signalling standards for local area networks (LAN)
- Developed in the beginning of the 1970s by Xerox and from 1980 continued by DEC, Intel and Xerox (DIX group)
- Implementation of an access method called CSMA/CD, an enhancement of the Aloha concept, which was previously developed at the University of Hawaii
- Thus, Ethernet is a product name by Xerox, DEC und Intel in which the product itself had not been compatible to the IEEE specification 802.3 for years.

- 10Base-T (10 MBit/s transfer rate)
  - This version of Ethernet was the first to permit **structured cabling** in buildings using copper cables (multiple twisted pairs).
  - Topology: Star
  - Uses **2 twisted pairs** in a Category 5 cable
- 100Base-TX (100 MBit/s transfer rate)
- 1000Base-T (1 GBit/s transfer rate)
  - **5 twisted pairs** in a **Category 5e** cable
- 10GBase-T (10 GBit/s transfer rate)
  - **Requires Category 6a** cable



# Digital Subscriber Line (xDSL)

- Digital Subscriber Lines (xDSL) use **existing copper wires** of a telephone network
- DSL communication is enabled by a connection between **DSL modem (User)** and a **Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexer (DSLAM) (Provider)**.
- DSL download bandwidth typically higher than upload (asymmetric DSL)
- Bandwidth also depends on distance between DSL modem and DSLAM
- Most widely used DSL types
  - Asymmetric DSL (ADSL/ADSL2)
    - ADSL max. Downstream 12 MBit/s ADSL, max. Upstream 1.8 MBit/s
    - ADSL2+ max. Downstream 24 MBit/s, max. Upstream 1.3 MBit/s
  - Very High Speed DSL 2 (VDSL2)
    - 50, 100 and 200 MBit/s bi-directional (Downstream, Upstream)
  - Symmetric DSL (SDSL/SHDSL)
    - 2.36 Mbit bi-directional (Downstream, Upstream)



- In telecommunications, “Fiber to the x“ denotes a generic term for any broadband network architecture that uses optical fiber for the so-called “last mile”.
- Optical fiber has significant advantages over existing copper wire in long distances and for high-demand applications.
- However, optical fiber systems are complex and expensive compared to their copper equivalent
- Reasonable solution is a combination of optical fiber and copper wires, e.g.
  - **FTTN - Fiber-to-the-node** - fiber is terminated in a street cabinet up to several kilometers away from the customer premises, final connection is typically established via copper.
  - **FTTB - Fiber-to-the-building** - fiber reaches the boundary of the building, final connection is typically established via copper.
  - **FTTH - Fiber-to-the-home** - fiber reaches the boundary of the living space



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## Connecting Computer Peripherals: Universal Serial Bus (USB)

- **Universal Serial Bus (USB)** specifies communication between devices and host controllers (e.g. PCs)
- Developed and invented by Ajay Bhatt at Intel
- Different types of connectors specified, e.g. Standard-A, Standard-B, Micro-B, Mini-B 8-pin, Mini-B 5-pin, etc.
- Supports transfer speeds up to 5 GBit/s (USB 3.0)



Different USB connectors, Source: Wikimedia Commons

- **Other Technologies:**
  - FireWire (0.8, 1.6, and 3.2 GBit/s)
  - Ethernet (see previous slides)
  - eSATA (PC Bus Interface for storage devices, max. 1.5, 3.0, 6.0 GBit/s)
  - Thunderbolt (Expansion Bus for devices including displays, max. 10 GBit/s)



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- Unlike wired networks, wireless networks use „air“ as transmission medium.
- Seven selected types of wireless communication types:
  - GSM
  - UMTS/HSPA
  - LTE
  - WiMax
  - Wireless LAN (Wi-Fi)
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- Abbreviation for **Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM)**



- Originally 1982 driven by “*Groupe Spéciale Mobile*” in order to create a cross national standard contrary to national analogue standards

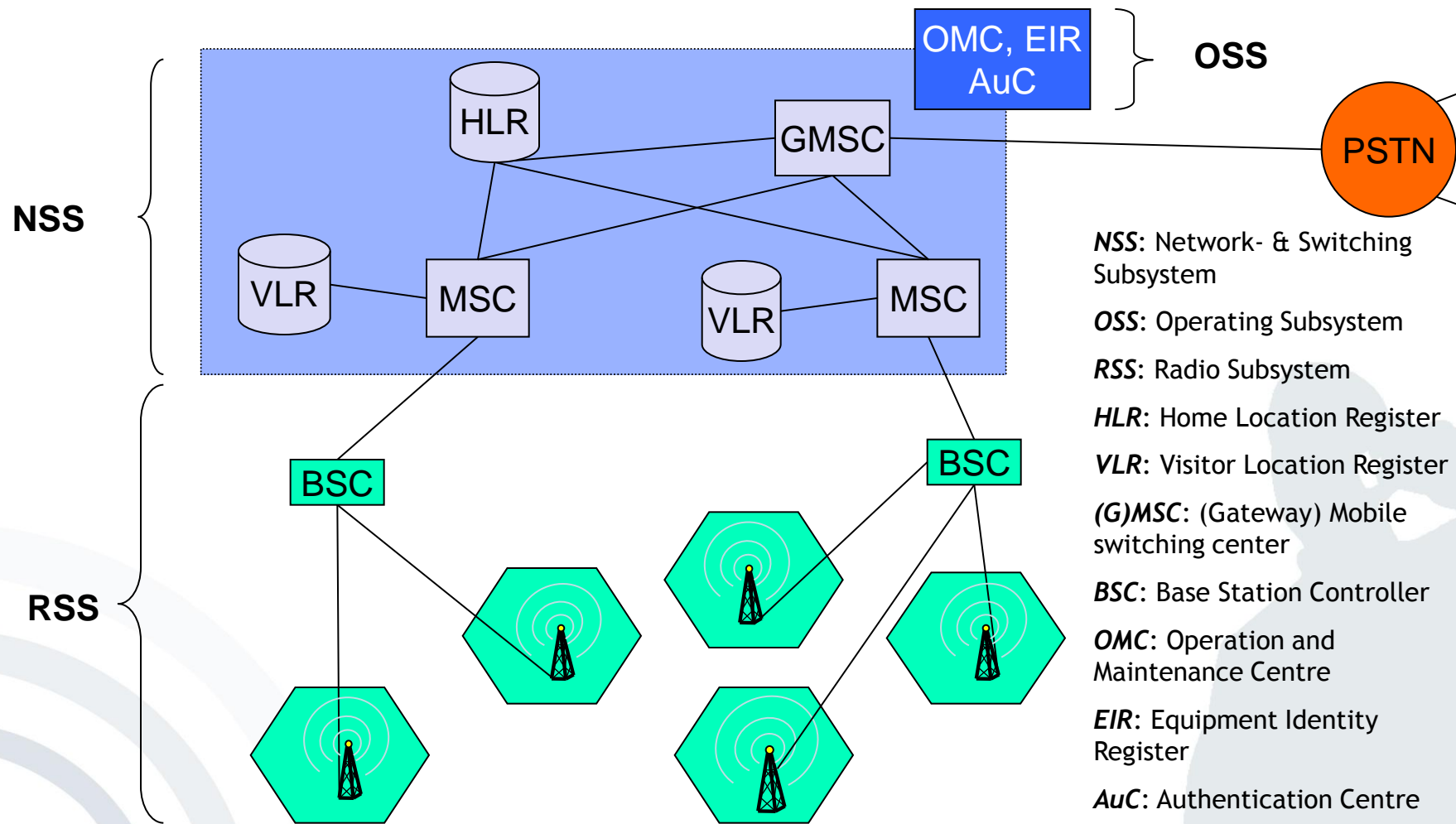
- European standard by *ETSI* (European Telecommunications Standardisation Institute)



- Worldwide adoption of the standard in more than *212 countries and territories* (most successful mobile radio system up to now)
- Thus, worldwide roaming among different mobile network operators became possible.

- Carrier services
  - Services to transfer signals over the GSM network
  - The focus of GSM standardisation was on voice services
- Telecommunications services
  - Telecommunication services (mainly voice) support the mobile communications among users
  - Telecommunication services play a central role in the GSM standard
- Supplementary services
  - GSM provides a number of supplementary services (specific to network operators), such as caller ID, call redirect, closed user groups (e.g. company-internal network or GSM-R), Teleconference (up to seven participants).

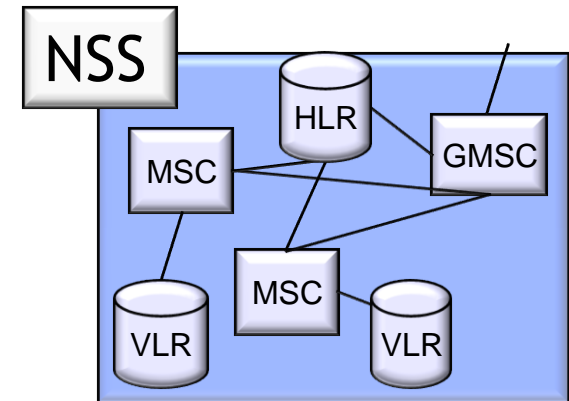
# GSM System Architecture



- NSS:** Network- & Switching Subsystem
- OSS:** Operating Subsystem
- RSS:** Radio Subsystem
- HLR:** Home Location Register
- VLR:** Visitor Location Register
- (G)MSC:** (Gateway) Mobile switching center
- BSC:** Base Station Controller
- OMC:** Operation and Maintenance Centre
- EIR:** Equipment Identity Register
- AuC:** Authentication Centre
- PSTN:** Public Switched Telephone Network

- **Network & Switching Subsystem (NSS)**

- Connects radio network with conventional networks
- Locates subscribers and monitors change of location

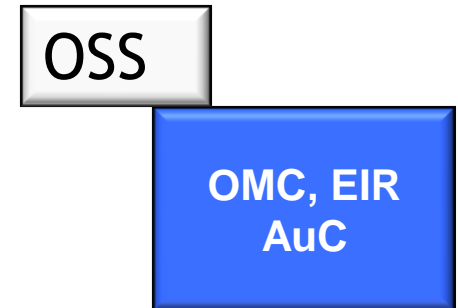


- **Components:**

- **Mobile Switching Centre (MSC):** Switching centre for initiation, termination and handover of connections
- **Home Location Register (HLR):** Central database with subscribers' data (telephone numbers, keys, locations)
- **Visitor Location Register (VLR):** Database assigned to every MSC with subscribers' data (HLR fraction copy) of active subscribers in the MSC's range
- **Gateway Mobile Switching Center (GMSC):** Terminates the PSTN (Public Switched Telephone Network) signaling and traffic formats and converts this to protocols employed in mobile networks

- **Operation Subsystem (OSS)**

- Supervises operation and maintenance of the whole GSM network

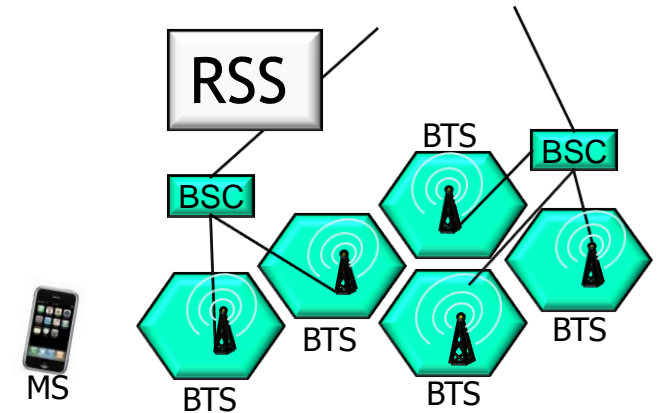


- **Components:**

- **Operation and Maintenance Centre (OMC):** Supervises each network component and creates status reports
- **Authentication Centre (AuC):** Protects identity of participants & data transmission, administrates keys
- **Equipment Identity Register (EIR):** Database with identification list for devices, e.g. stolen terminals (whitelist, greylist, blacklist)

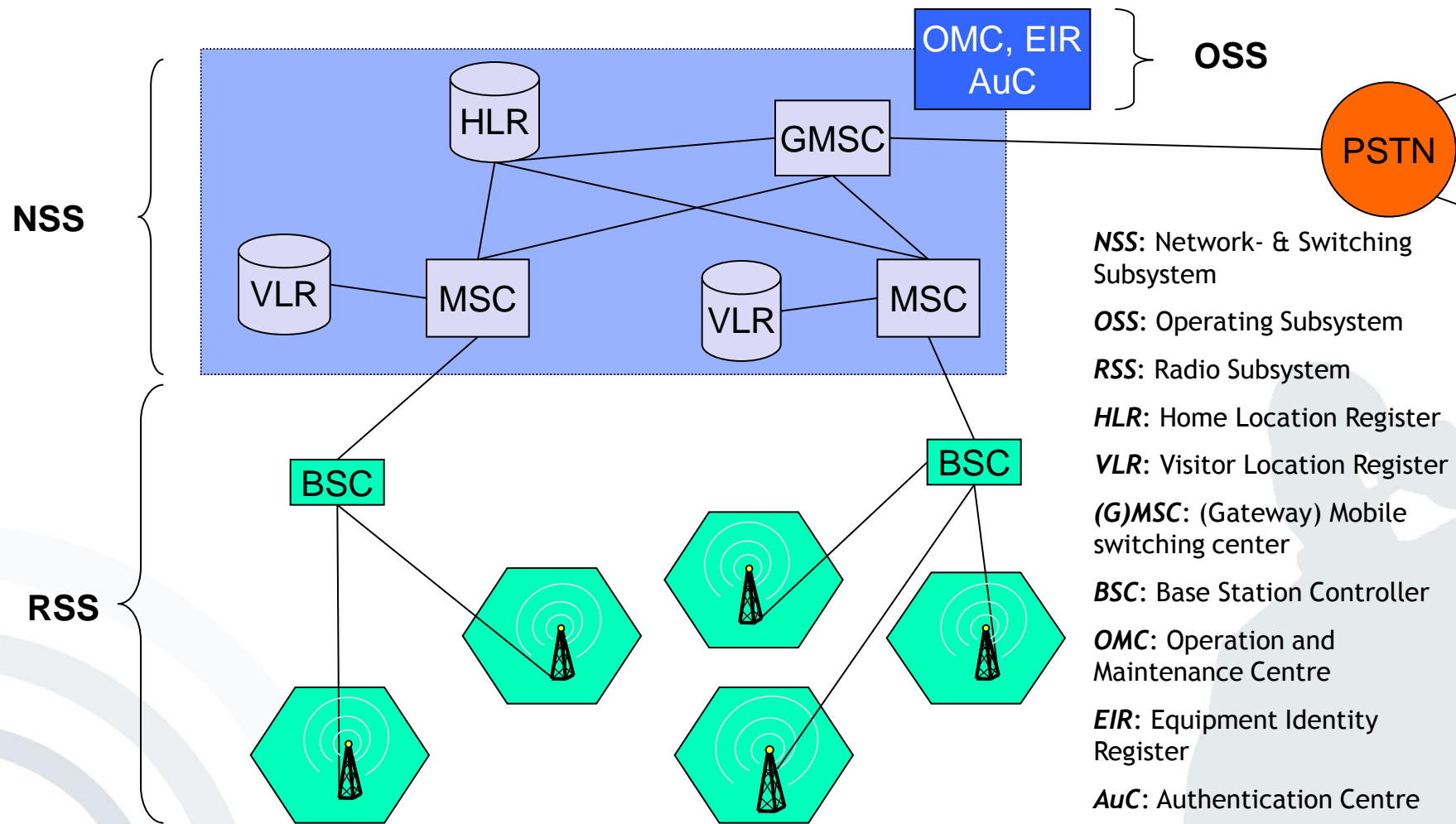
# GSM - Radio Subsystem (RSS)

- **Radio Subsystem (RSS)**
  - System consisting of radio
  - Specific components



- **Components:**
  - **Mobile Station (MS):** System of mobile terminal & SIM
  - **Base Transceiver Station (BTS):** Radio facility for signal transfer. A BTS serves one GSM cell (~100m to ~30km radius).
  - **Base Station Controller (BSC):** Administrates affiliated BTS and supervises e.g. frequency allocation and connection handover between cells.

# GSM (2G) System Architecture



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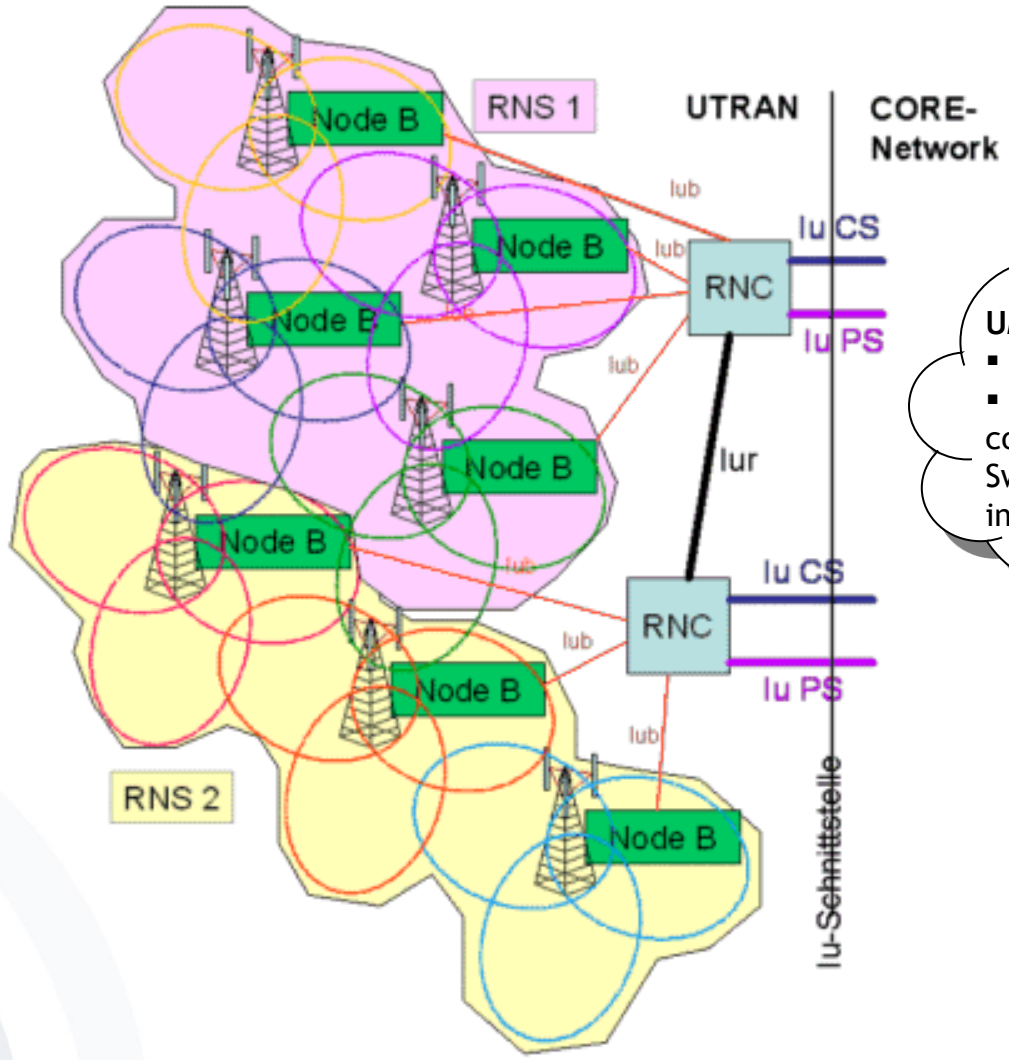
- Universal Mobile Telecommunications System (UMTS):
  - **Status of 2G-Networks:** Different standards in some different continents avoid worldwide roaming
  - **Demand for 3G-Networks:** Globally uniform standard

➔ Voting of regional & national regulation offices (e.g. ETSI, ARIB, ANSI) via the International Telecommunication Union (ITU)



# UMTS (3G) System Architecture

- **UTRAN:**  
UMTS Terrestrial Radio Access Network
- **RNS:** Radio Network Subsystem
- **RNC:** Radio Network Controller (controls the Node Bs)
- **Node B:** UMTS base stations (equivalent to base transceiver stations (BTS) in GSM)



**UMTS Core network**

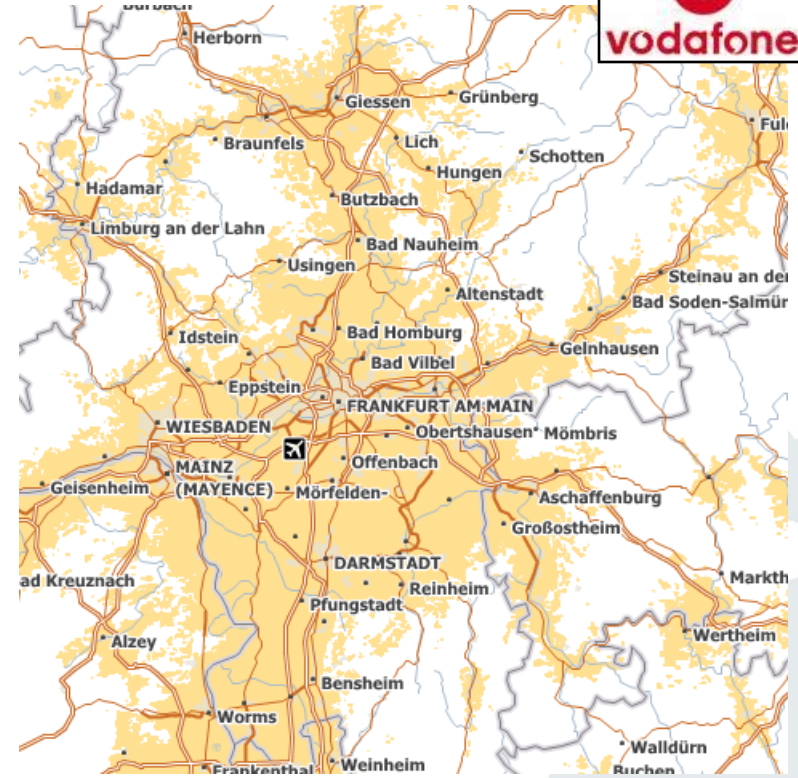
- is not shown here in detail
- UMTS Core network corresponds to Network- & Switching Subsystem (NSS) in GSM

Source: UMTSlink.at (2011)

- The UMTS standard includes the following features:
  - Quality of Service (QoS) for data services
  - Multilateral Security (with regard to authentication)
  - Virtual Home Environment (VHE)
  - High Speed Downlink Packet Access (HSDPA)
  - ...
- However, not **all** of these features that have been standardised are actually implemented in existing networks, as they are optional and can be added on demand.

- 3G UMTS/HSPA/HSPA+ bandwidths
  - UMTS: 384 kbit/s downlink/uplink
  - High Speed Packet Access (HSPA) provides higher data speeds for downlink and uplink, e.g.
    - 1.8, 3.6, 7.2, 10.2 and 14.2 MBit/s downlink speed (HSDPA)
    - 1.4 or 5.7 MBit/s uplink speed (HSUPA).
  - Evolved HSPA (HSPA+) using Multiple Input Multiple Output (MIMO) technology provides
    - downlink speeds of 21, 28 and 56 MBit/s and
    - a maximum uplink speed of 11.5 Mbit/s.
- But: Available bandwidth per user decreases if terminal is moving or if there are many participants in one radio cell.
- ➔ UMTS/HSPA bandwidths enable multimedia services

- UMTS complements the security mechanisms already known by GSM:
  - Enhanced participant authentication (EMSI)
  - Network authentication
  - Integrity protection of data traffic
  - Transferred security keys are also encrypted in the fixed network (e.g. HLR-VLR)
  - Increased key length
  - End-to-End encryption is possible.



Source: GSM Association (2010)

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### 4<sup>th</sup> Generation Networks

- Collection of ideas for the future design of wireless communication networks.
- 4G networks will integrate a wide range of different wireless technologies, including technologies from existing 3G networks
- Components that are also discussed for 4G include:
  - Multiple antennas for the mobile devices
  - Smart antennas and “Beamforming”
  - Adaptive modulation and coding of the sent data
  - Usage of IP version 6 for the transmission of data-packets
  - Mesh networks

- **Long Term Evolution (LTE)** - (100 Mbit/s downlink and 50 Mbit/s uplink speed possible) is a pre-4G technology (3.9G) as it **does not meet** the IMT-Advanced (4G) requirements  
➔ **LTE is not a 4G network**
  
- **LTE Advanced** is going to make use of the frequency spectrum more efficiently, resulting in higher data rates (above 100 Mbit/s, towards 1 Gbit/s for downlinks).  
➔ **LTE Advance is going to be a 4G network**



[www.3gpp.org/LTE](http://www.3gpp.org/LTE)



[www.3gpp.org/LTE-Advanced](http://www.3gpp.org/LTE-Advanced)

- **1<sup>st</sup> Generation (1G) - Analogue networks**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Generation (2G) - GSM networks**  
Global System for Mobile Communications
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Generation (3G/3.5G) - UMTS/HSPA/HSPA+**  
Universal Mobile Telecommunications System  
High Speed Packet Access / Evolved HSPA = HSPA+
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Generation (3.9G) - LTE**  
Long Term Evolution
- **4<sup>th</sup> Generation (4G) - LTE Advanced**

Evolution of mobile telecommunication infrastructures



2G – GSM

3.9G – LTE (2010)

1G

3G – UMTS

4G – LTE Advanced (2012)

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- **WiMAX**  
(Worldwide Interoperability for Microwave Access)
- IEEE standard 802.16
- Establishes mobile (broadband) Internet access of up to 40 MBit/s downlink.
- Services available in the USA, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Russia, Mexico, Middle East, Africa and other countries.
- In the long run, LTE is expected replace WiMAX in industrialised countries. But due to the simplicity and cost-effectiveness of WiMAX, it will most likely prevail in emerging countries.

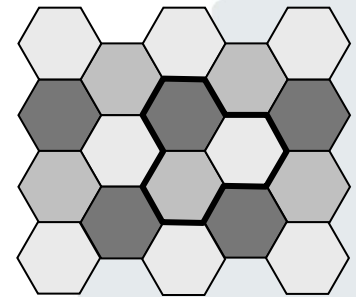


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- Short-range Wireless Communication for Local Area Networks
- Cell-based Architecture
- Possible extension to a **wired** Local Area Network (LAN)
- One Wi-Fi cell serves a circular area in which PCs, laptops, and other connected devices can move freely.



- The basic module of a Wireless LAN is a radio cell.
- A radio cell covers a circular area that PCs or laptops and other connected devices are able to use.



- Components (802.11b)
  - Access Point (AP)  
Sender and receiver station that allows the connecting of multiple receiving stations
- Stations  
End-systems that establish a wireless connection e.g. by using an Access Point (e.g. a notebook with built-in Wireless LAN)



- **Beacon Frame (SSID)**
  - The Access Point is transferring a periodical beacon. A beacon communicates the Service Set Identifier (SSID) and other important operational parameters (channel, ...)
  - A Wireless LAN client sends a probe request. The Access Point answers with a probe response. If there is an agreement, the Wireless LAN client starts the communication over the Access Point.
  - A more detailed description of beacon frames can be found in Sauter (2008).

- Standard IEEE 802.11

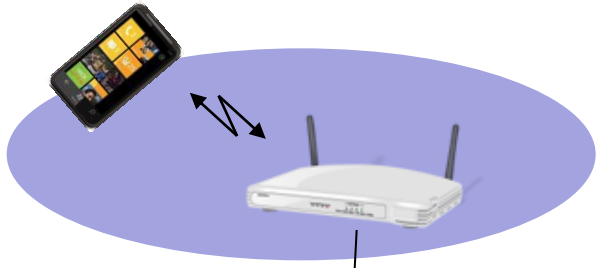
Some norms:

Standard	Description
802.11	Protocol for transmission methods for wireless networks, defined in 1997 for 2 MBit/s at 2.4 GHz
802.11a	Wireless LAN up to <b>54 MBit/s</b> at 5 GHz
802.11b	Wireless LAN up to <b>11 MBit/s</b> at 2.4 GHz
802.11f	Roaming between access points of different manufacturers (published in 2003 and withdrawn by IEEE in 2006) Source: IEEE2010
802.11g	Wireless LAN up to <b>54 MBit/s</b> at 2.4 GHz
802.11i	Extended security features: AES, 802.1x, TKIP
802.11n	Wireless LAN up to <b>600 MBit/s</b> using multiple antennas (Multiple Input Multiple Output = MIMO)
802.11r	Fast Roaming/Fast BSS Transition

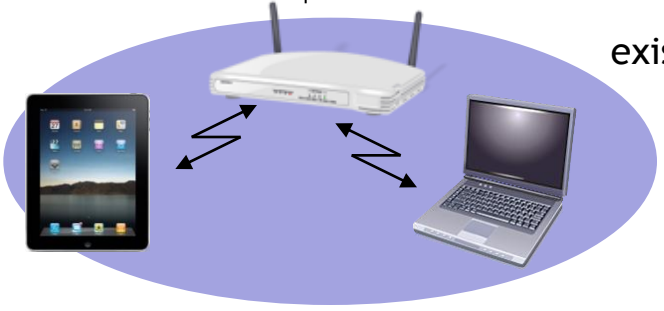
Source: Sauter (2008)



Infrastructure Network



existent cable based Network

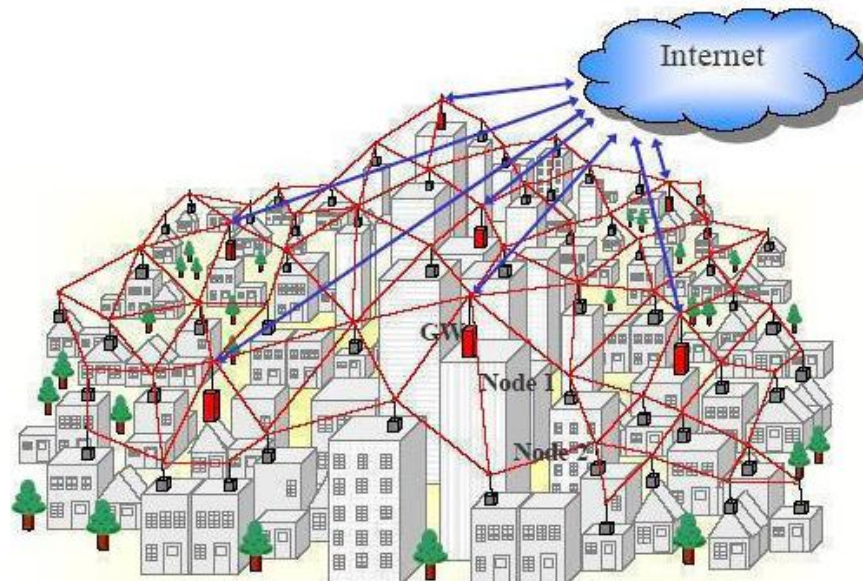


Ad hoc Networks



# Wireless LAN (Wi-Fi) Mesh Network Infrastructures

- Access Points
  - are no longer directly to the Internet.
  - constitute a mesh network, which is inhabited by only a few Gateways (GW) providing access to the Internet.



Source: wiredtown.com

- The grey area of the Internet is comparable with the usage of Wireless LAN. The border between legal and illegal is not clearly defined. Most cases the courts decide are precedents.
- What is important?
  - § 202a Strafgesetzbuch  
Spying on data (Ausspähen von Daten)
  - § 88 Telekommunikationsgesetz  
Secrecy of telecommunications (Fernmeldegeheimnis)
  - § 89 Telekommunikationsgesetz  
Ban on eavesdropping (Abhörverbot), receiver operator's confidentiality duty (Geheimhaltungspflicht der Betreiber von Empfangsanlagen)

# Wireless LAN (Wi-Fi) State-of-the Art Encryption

- There are numerous methods for Wireless LAN encryption.
- We are only looking at methods that use a pre-shared key (PSK).
- Most encryption methods are outdated and hence insecure:
  - Wired Equivalent Privacy (WEP) 64-bit
  - Wired Equivalent Privacy (WEP) 128-bit
- WEP 128-bit can be by-passed within minutes.



Source: Heise Online (2007)

- **Wi-Fi Protected Access** was developed by the Wi-Fi Alliance Source: Wi-Fi (2010)



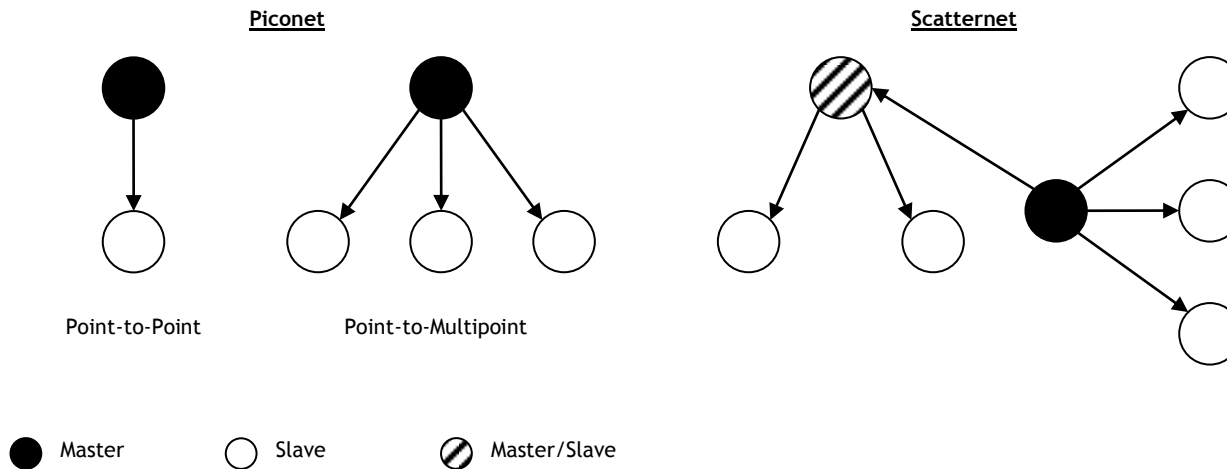
- There are two versions of **Wi-Fi Protected Access**, WPA and WPA2:
  - **WPA** includes most of the 802.11i standard.
  - **WPA2** includes **802.11i** to full extent and also the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES).

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- Bluetooth is a wireless technology standard for data exchange using small ad-hoc networks called “personal area networks” (PANs)
  - Devices such as laptops, mobile phones, printers and headsets can establish a connection
  - The range is usually up to 10 metres.
  - Technical specifications for Bluetooth were developed by the Bluetooth Special Interest Group (SIG).
  - Findings were added to the IEEE 802.15 standard.

- There are different types of Bluetooth networks



- A Piconet is a connection of one device with another device (Point-to-Point) or multiple devices (Point-to-Multipoint).
- A Scatternet is the combination (connection) of two or more Piconets.

# Bluetooth Popular Applications

Wireless connections between Devices  
(Bluetooth-Headset)

Data transmissions between Devices



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- NFC is a short-range (< 4cm) Wireless Technology
  - Communication mode of a device can be active or passive
  - Magnetic induction between two loop antennas
  - Potential Applications
    - Mobile Payment / Mobile Wallet
    - Mobile Marketing (e.g. redemption of digital coupons)
    - Mobile Ticketing
    - Access Control (e.g. e-Key)
    - Mobile Data User Exchange
    - ...



Source: techtickerblog.com (2011)

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