



Unit: 6.6 Networks

Key Learning

- To learn about what the Internet consists of.
- To find out what a LAN and a WAN are.
- To find out how the Internet is accessed in school.
- To research and find out about the age of the Internet.
- To think about what the future might hold.

Key Resources

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Tim Berners- Lee
Profile



Communication
Questionnaire

Key Vocabulary

Hub\Switch

The connection point for networks where data packets from many locations converge and are then sent out to different devices.

Internet

A global computer network providing a variety of information and communication facilities consisting of interconnected networks using standardized communication protocols.

Local area network (LAN)

A computer network that links devices within a building or group of adjacent buildings, especially one with a radius of less than 1 km.

Network

Several interconnected computers, machines, or operations.

Router

A device which forwards data packets to the appropriate parts of a computer network.

Wide area network (WAN)

A collection of local-area networks (LANs) or other networks that communicate with one another over a large physical area or even globally.

World Wide Web

An information system on the Internet which allows documents to be connected to other documents by hypertext links, enabling the user to search for information by moving from one document to another.

Wi-Fi

A facility allowing computers, smartphones, or other devices to connect to the Internet or communicate with one another wirelessly within a particular area.



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Key Questions

What is the difference between the Internet and the World Wide Web?

The Internet is a global network of networks while the Web, also referred formally as the World Wide Web (www) is collection of information which is accessed via the Internet.

What is the difference between a LAN and a WAN?

Both are networks that connect computers together. A LAN (Local Area Network) is normally for computers connected less than 1KM distance, whilst a WAN (Wide Area Network) extends over a large geographical area.

Who is Tim Berners-Lee?

Tim Berners-Lee is the inventor of the World Wide Web. The WWW is the system that delivers webpages over the internet.