

Network Programming in Python

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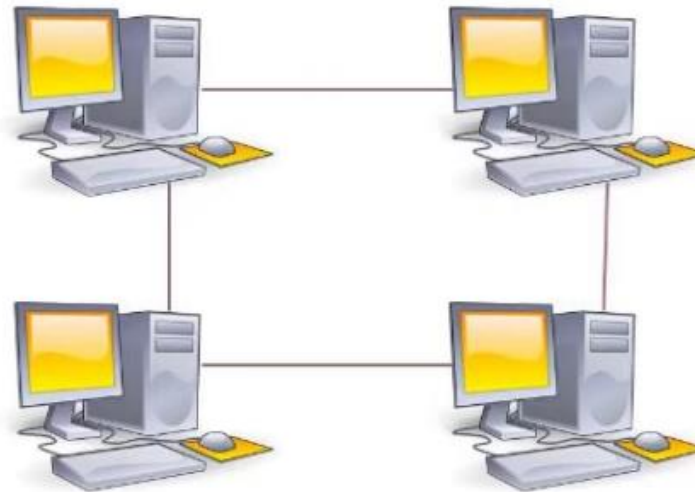
LECTURE MAIN POINTS

- Network definition.
- Importance of networks.
- Networking components and types.
- Network programming and programming levels.
- Dealing with virtual environments.



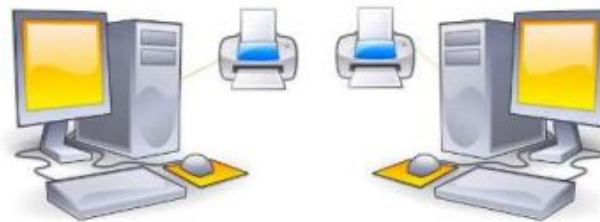
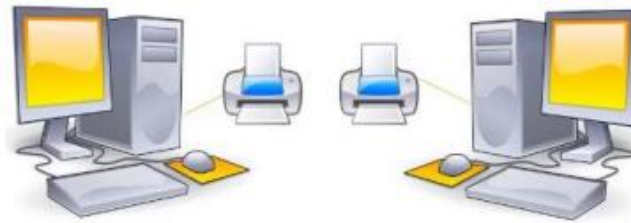
NETWORK DEFINITION

- A collection of devices connected to one another allowing for data to be shared and used.
 - Devices count.
 - At least 2 devices.
 - Device type:
 - Any device.
 - Connection type:
 - Wired.
 - Wireless.



IMPORTANCE OF NETWORKS

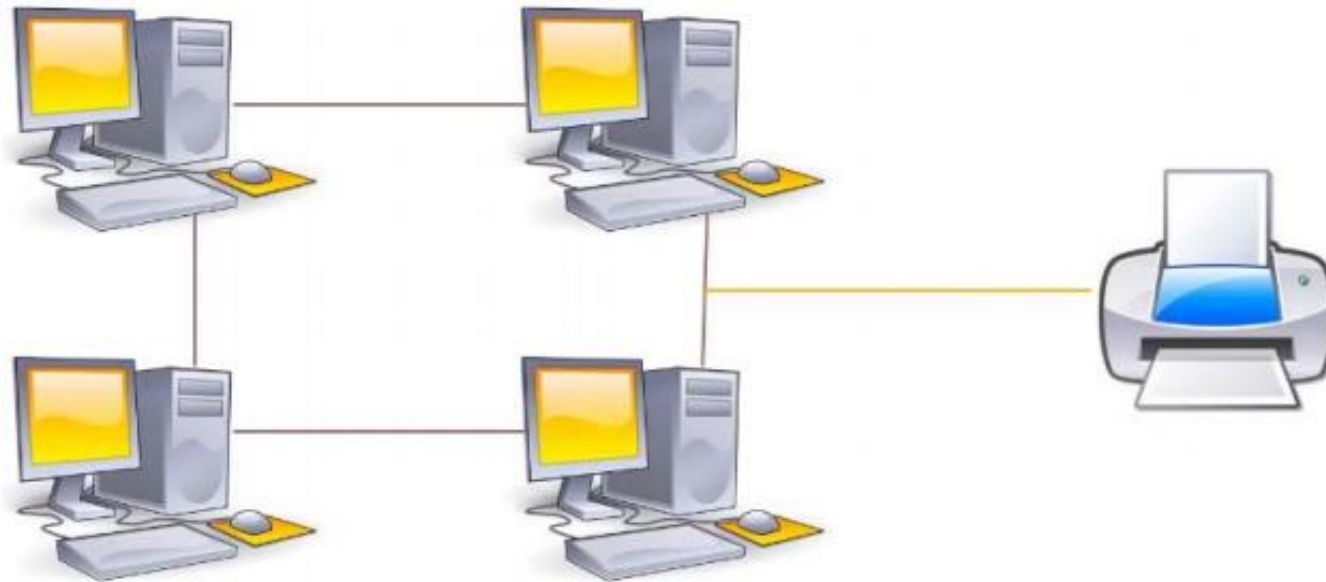
- Scenario 1: without networks
 - Violating efficient use of resources.



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- Scenario 1: with networks
 - Efficient use of resources.



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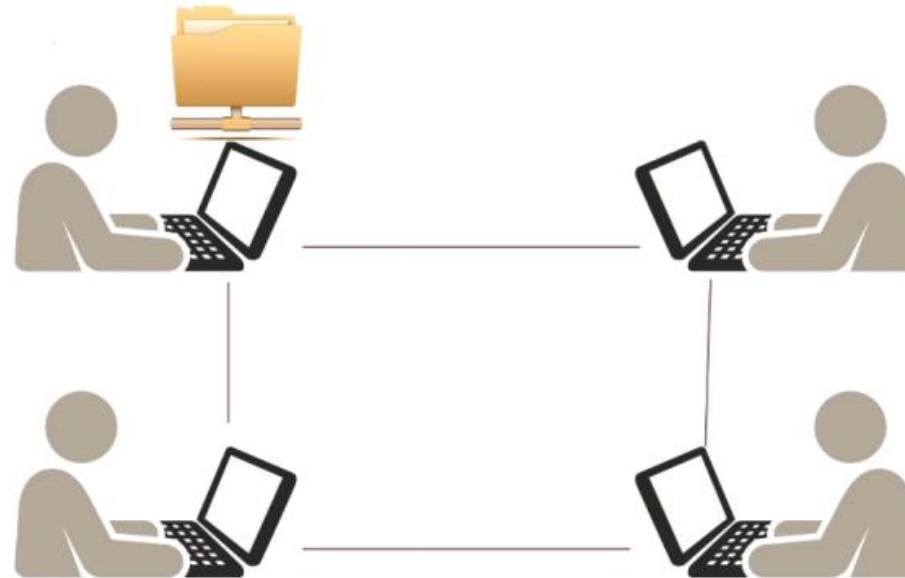
- Scenario 2: without networks
 - Reducing teamwork collaboration and data synchronization.



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- Scenario 2: with networks
 - Increasing teamwork collaboration and data synchronization.



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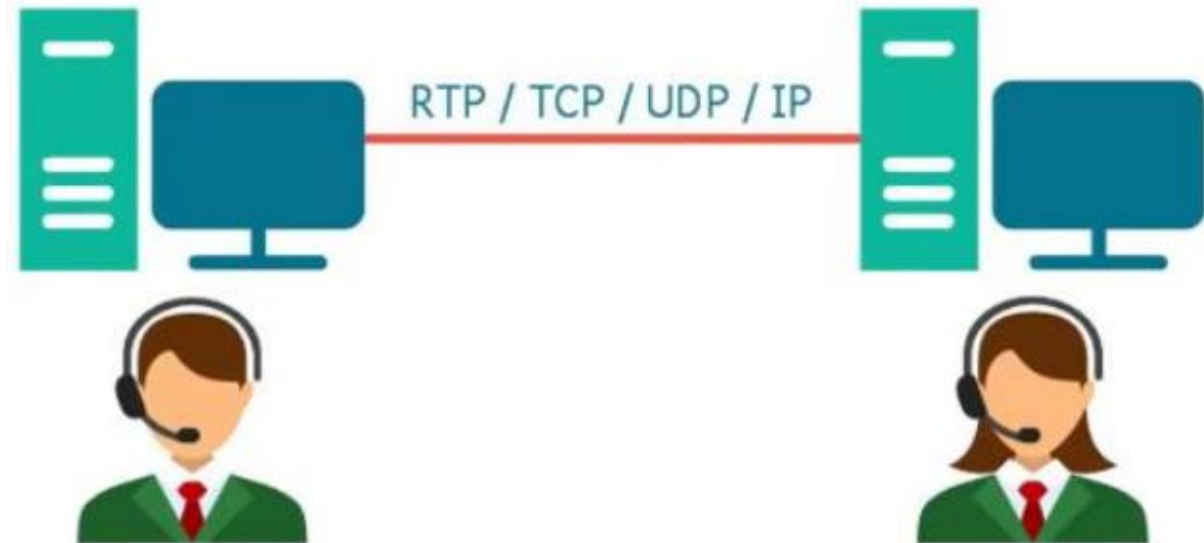
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- Share resources such as Data and Hardware.
- Save a lot of money.
- Increase workgroups collaborations.
- Increase productivity.
- Protect company data.



NETWORK COMPONENTS

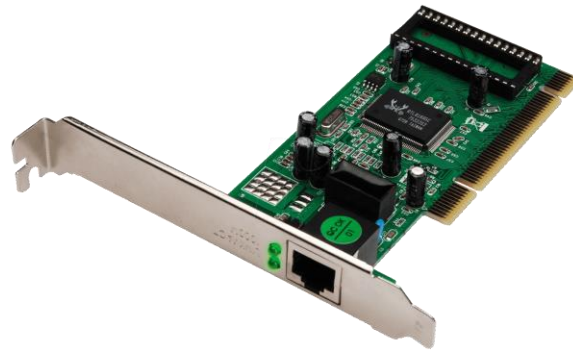
- Any network must have:
 - Computer systems.
 - Network media.
 - Cables:
 - Electrical signals.
 - Pulses of light.
 - Wireless:
 - Radio frequencies.



NETWORK COMPONENTS

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- Any network must have:
 - Network interface.
 - A point of interconnection between a computer and a network.
 - Physical form or implemented in software.
 - Convert data to suitable formats for media used.



NETWORK COMPONENTS

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- Any network must have:
 - Network protocol.
 - **A protocol** is a standard rules for how the connected devices are communicate and exchange information.
 - IP: a set of standards for addressing and routing data on the Internet.

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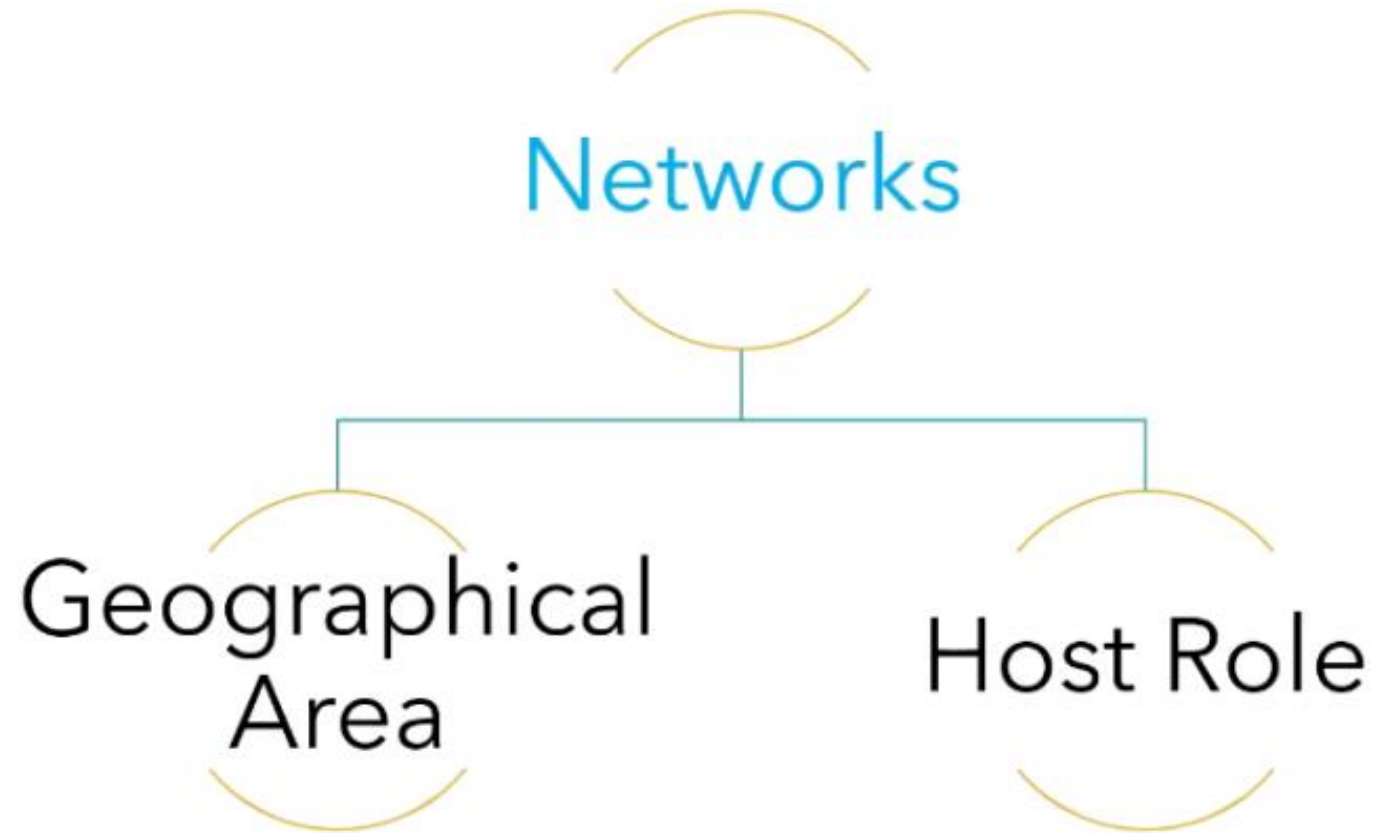
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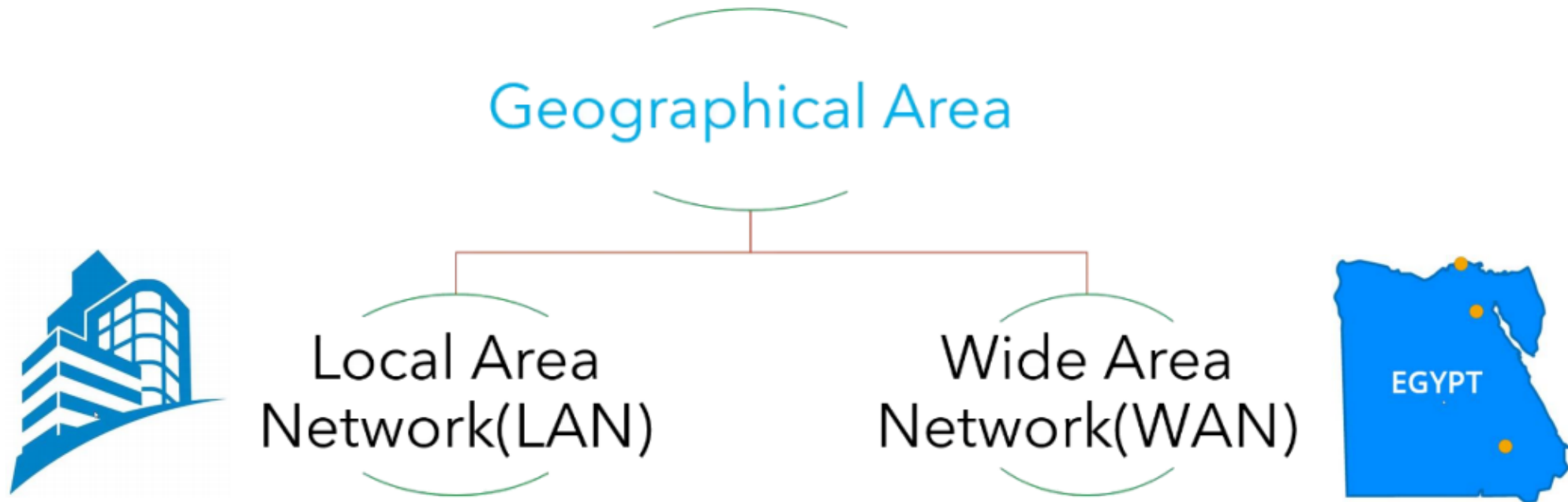


NETWORK TYPES



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- The LAN network features:
 - Short for Local Area Network.
 - Connects a group of computers within a limited geographic area such as school, university, or hospital.
 - High bandwidth for data transfer.
 - Owned by private companies or individuals.
 - Limited to 100 to 1000 meters.
 - Lower setup cost due to inexpensive devices.



NETWORK TYPES

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- The WAN network features:
 - Short for Wide Area Network.
 - Covers a large geographic area such as state, or country.
 - Low bandwidth for data transfer.
 - Established under distributed ownership.
 - Spans a huge area of 100000 kilometers.
 - Higher setup cost than LAN.

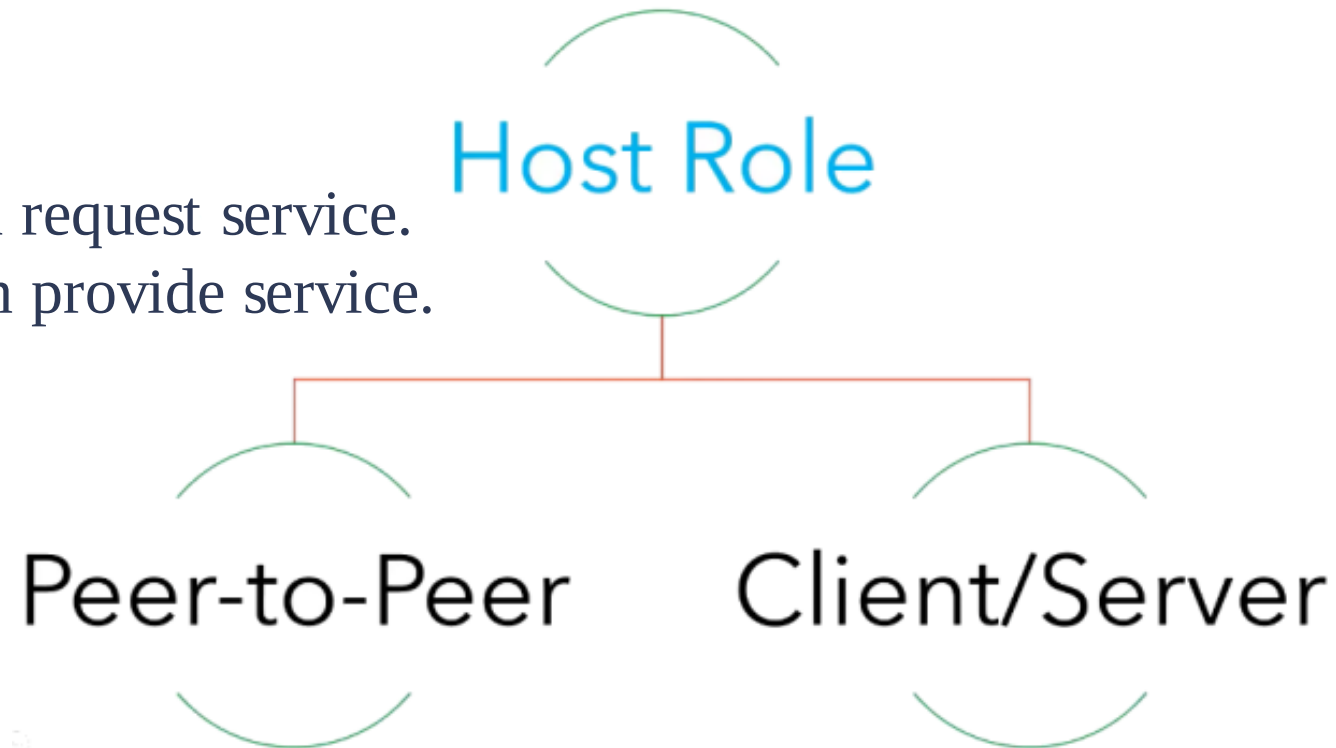


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Host Roles:

- 1- Client which request service.
- 2- Server which provide service.



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Peer-to-Peer



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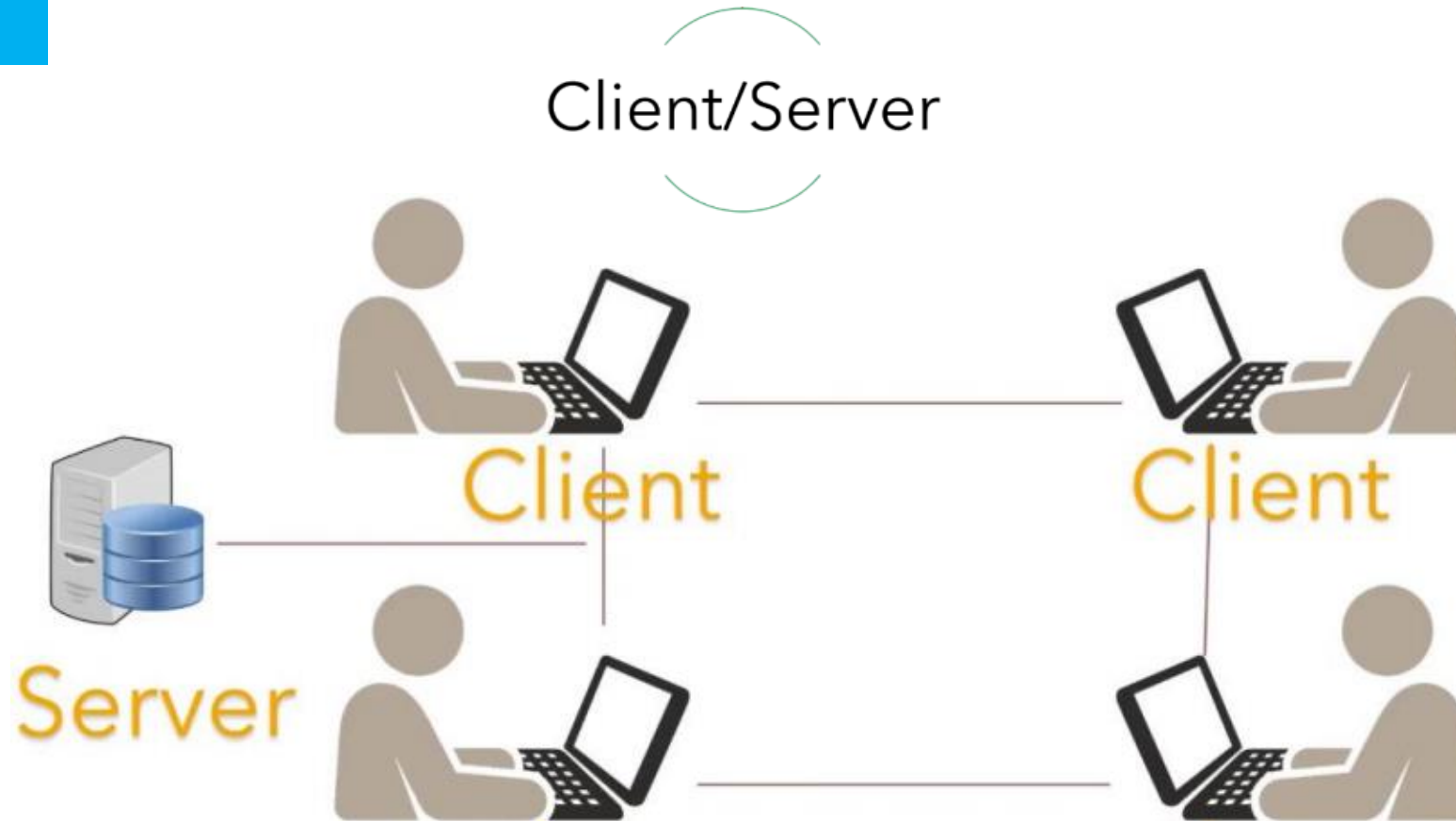
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- The peer-to-peer network features:
 - Simple network forms.
 - Less costs to forming.
 - Roles could be switched.
 - No centralized administration.
 - Security is its main problem.



NETWORK TYPES

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NETWORK TYPES

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- The client/server network features:
 - Scalable network forms.
 - The server costs is high and requires experience to manage.
 - Roles do not switch.
 - The server considers the centralized administration.
 - Security maintained by the server.



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NETWORK PROGRAMMING

- A network allows arbitrary applications to communicate.
- Network programming is the act of using **computer code** to write **programs** that can **communicate** with other programs across a **network**.
- A **"programmable" network** has programs in its infrastructure that the developers can use to program applications and other components to interact directly with the network.



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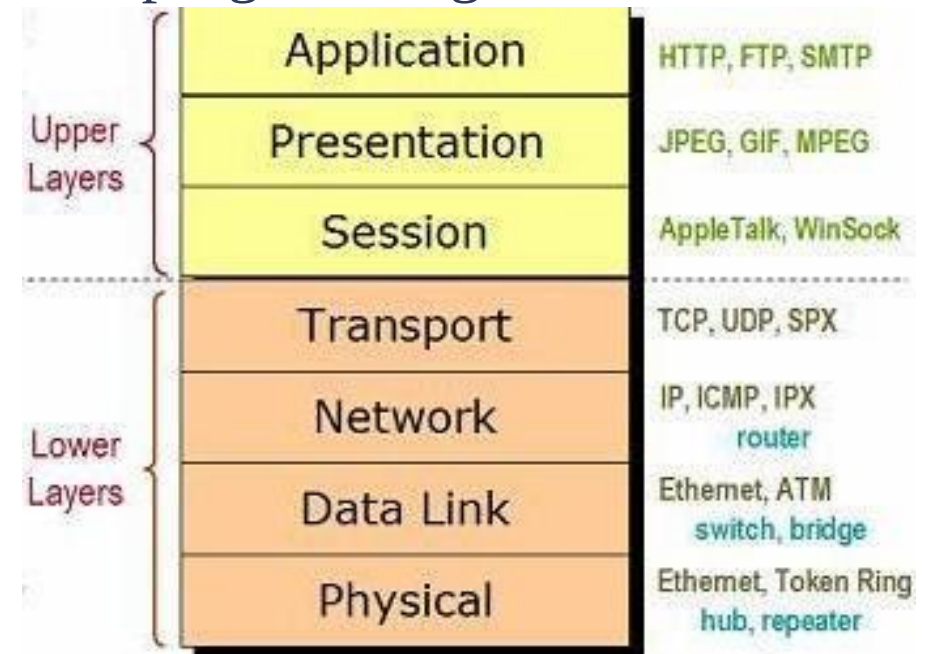
REASONS FOR USING PYTHON ON NETWORK PROGRAMMING

- The simplicity and high readability.
- The most powerful language.
- Helpful libraries for network engineers.
- Python increases network reliability.



NETWORK PROGRAMMING LEVELS

- Python provides two levels of access to network programming:
 - **Low-level access.**
 - **High-level access.**



NETWORK PROGRAMMING LEVELS

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- Python provides two levels of access to network programming:
 - **Low-level access:**
 - Access the basic `socket` support for the operating system using Python's libraries.
 - Implement client and server for both connection-oriented and connectionless protocols.
 - **High-level access:**
 - Implement protocols like HTTP, FTP, etc. using Python's libraries.



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REQUIREMENTS FOR PYTHON NETWORK PROGRAMMING

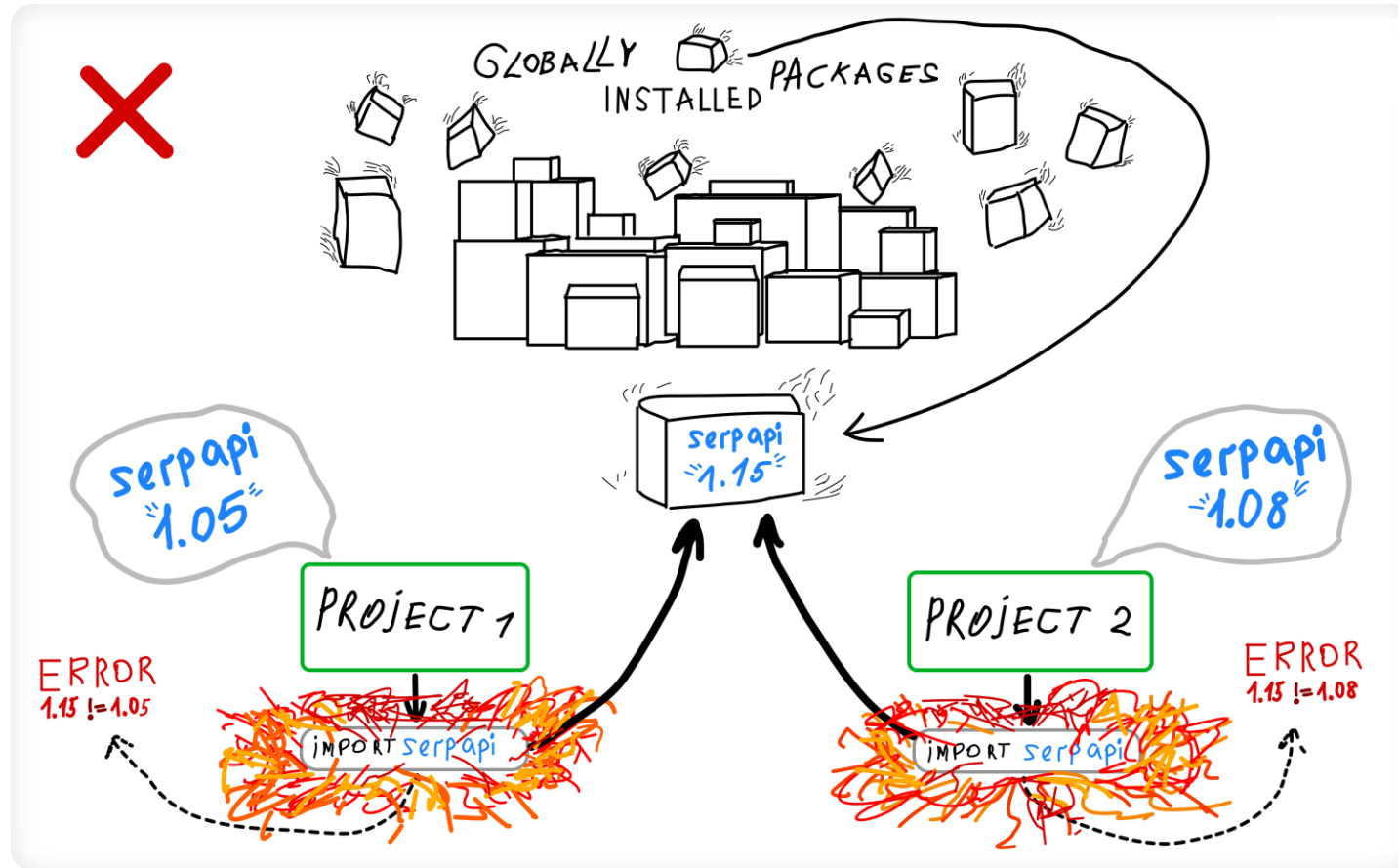
- Python basics and OOP.
- PyPi [website](#) to find, install Python packages.
- Python package installer (pip).
 - Linux OS:
`sudo apt install python3-pip`
 - Windows OS: can be installed from the pip official [website](#).
- Integrated Development Environment such as [VScode](#) or [Pycharm](#).



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VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENTS



VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENTS

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- Python considers a package-based language.
- When a package is installed globally, it's made **available to all users**. Typically, that means Python and all packages will get installed to a directory under:
 - On Linux:
`/usr/local/bin/`
 - On Windows:
`\Program Files\`



VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENTS

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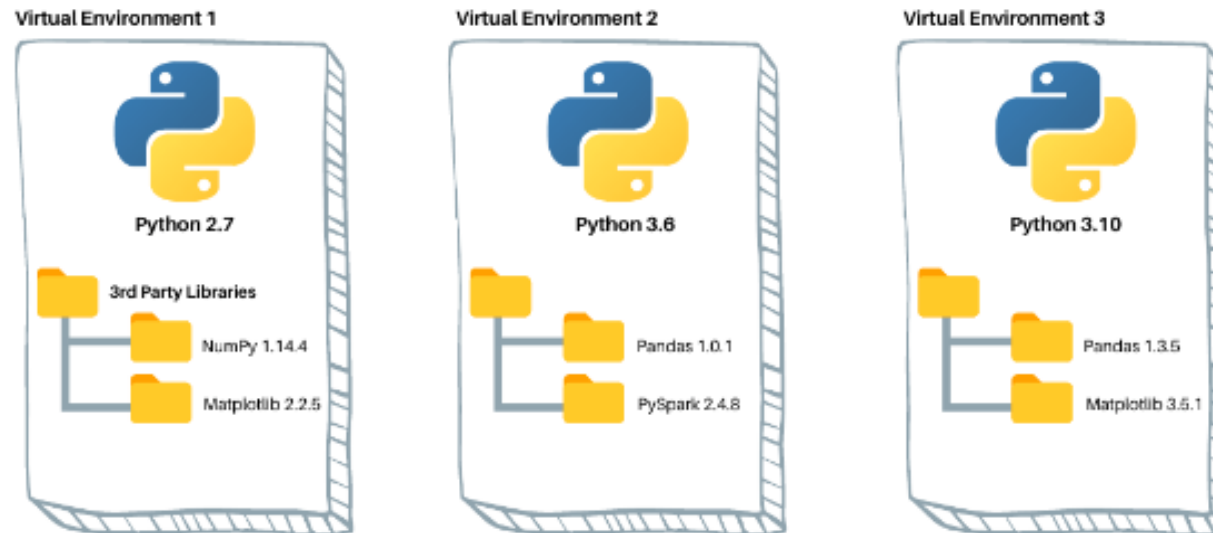
- **Virtual environment (Venv)** is a tool that helps to keep dependencies required by different projects separate by creating **isolated** python virtual environments for them.
- **Isolation** means any changes on dependencies installed in a virtual environment don't affect the dependencies of the other virtual environments or the system-wide (default python) libraries.
- We can create **multiple** virtual environments with different/same Python versions and different/same libraries versions on the same machine.



VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENTS

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- Any virtual environment consists of **two components**:
 - The python interpreter.
 - A folder contains the third-party libraries installed in the venv.



VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENTS

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- Venv **does not** related to your created codes, it just for **handling packages** needed to run/use in your codes.
- Program codes **must not** be inside the Venv folder.



VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENTS

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- Using a module named `virtualenv` to create isolated python environments.
- Install virtualenv:
`pip install virtualenv`
`sudo apt install python3-virtualenv (3.10)`
`virtualenv --version`



CREATING VIRTUAL ENVIRONEMNT

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- Create the location for venvs on your machine.

```
mkdir Myenvs && cd Myenvs
```

- Create your venvs as your projects required.

- On Windows:

```
python -m venv Your_venv_Name
```

- On Linux and Mac:

```
python3 -m venv Your_venv_Name (3.10)
```



ACTIVATING/DEACTIVATING VIRTUAL ENVIRONEMNT

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- To activate the required venv.
 - On Windows:
`source Your_venv_Name/Scripts/activate`
 - On Linux and Mac:
`source Your_venv_Name/bin/activate`
- To deactivate your venv.
`deactivate`



PACKAGE ISOLATION IN VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENTS

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- Run the below command to see the list of installed packages.
 - On default python path.
`pip list`

```
C:\>pip list
Package                                Version
-----
absl-py                                0.9.0
alabaster                              0.7.12
anaconda-client                        1.7.2
anaconda-navigator                    1.9.7
anaconda-project                      0.8.3
asn1crypto                            1.0.1
astor                                  0.7.1
astroid                                2.3.1
astropy                               3.2.1
atomicwrites                          1.3.0
attrs                                  19.2.0
Babel                                  2.7.0
backcall                              0.1.0
backports.functools-lru-cache         1.5
```

..... and more



PACKAGE ISOLATION IN VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENTS

Cont'd

- Run the below command to see the list of installed packages.
 - On virtual environment.

`pip list`

```
(alpha-venv) ~ % pip list
```

```
Package      Version
```

```
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```

```
pip          21.3.1
```

```
setuptools  58.1.0
```



PACKAGE ISOLATION IN VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENTS

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- Install a package in your venv.

```
pip install ascii-train
```

- Make a python code file and write the following code.

```
import ascii_train  
print(ascii_train.train("Midocean University"))
```

- Run the code. If you got an error, then make sure you **activate the correct venv.**

```
Your_venv_Name/bin/python3 "/path/to/code file/test.py"
```



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QUESTIONS FOR ONLINE DISCUSSION

- Suggest a scenario for using networks which highlights its importance.
- Is there is any other types of networks?
- Give an example for the low-level and high-level network programming?
- Give a real-world example which can be solving using virtual environments in your work?





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