Network Topology BLIS4008

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Network Topology

- Topology means the way in which the network of computers is connected.
- Topology is a geometrically interconnection pattern and this pattern the computers are connected using suitable transmission media.

Types of Topology

Different types of topology are as follows:-

- 1. MESH TOPOLOGY
- 2. BUS TOPOLOGY
- 3. STAR TOPOLOGY
- 4. RING TOPOLOGY
- 5. TREE TOPOLOGY
- 6. UNCONSTRAINED TOPOLOGY

1. Mesh Topology

In mesh topology each node is connected to every other node.

- Fully connected
- Not flexible
- Highly reliable
- Poor expandability
- Point to point dedicated link
- Media used for connection- twisted pair, co-axial cable or optical fiber
- Transfer of data in parallel mode

2. Bus Topology

- In Bus Topology all stations connected through tap(hardware interfacing).
- This topology supports linear transmission medium
- It supports full duplex operation between the station and the tap.
- At each end of the Bus there is a terminator, which absorbs any signal, preventing reflection of signal from the endpoints.

Bus Topology

- It is flexible
- Medium reliability
- It is expandable
- Its performance is medium
- It is a cost-effective (because shared link is used between different stations)

3. Star Topology

- In Star Topology each node is connected directly to a common central node.
- In this topology each node connect to a central node called as the star coupler
- A star coupler is a two point to point links one for transmission and one for reception.

- Star topology has a high speed of data transfer
- It is a flexible
- It is a high reliable
- It is a easy maintainable

4. Ring Topology

- In ring topology data circulates around the ring in one direction
- In this topology links are unidirectional

- It is not very reliable
- It works on in three modes
 - Listen Mode
 - Transmit Mode
 - By-Pass Mode

5. Tree Topology

Tree topology is a extension of Bus topology.

When need to add more station, we can used repeater in a tree format (Hierarchical format).

- It is a flexible
- It is a Scalable

6. Unconstrained Topology

- Unconstrained topology has no any symmetric and constrained by well – defined interconnection pattern.
- In this nodes are connected arbitrary manner.

- Unconstrained topology is a flexibility with a lot of configuration
- Complex routing- due to this delay of data transfer

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