Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN)

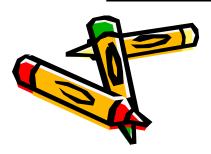
Evolution of ISDN (1)

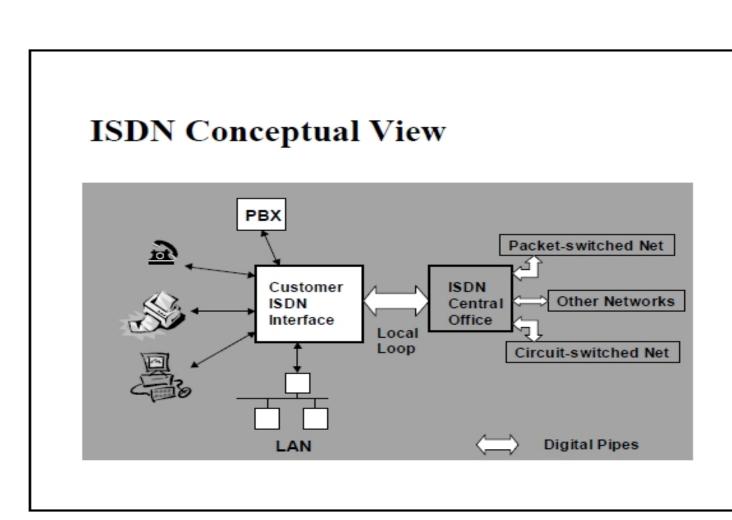
- Integration
 - Before WWII, integration of telegraph/telex and voice
 - More recently, integration of fax and voice
 - ISDN objective: integrate digital voice, 64kbps data, telex, fax, slow-scan video
 - Broadband ISDN (BISDN): all of the above plus video, multimedia, ...



Principles of ISDN (1)

- <u>Support of voice and non-voice applications in</u> <u>the same network</u>
 - interfaces and data transmission facilities standardized by ITU-T
- <u>Switched and non-switched connections</u>
 - packet & circuit switching, leased lines
- <u>64-kbps channel</u>
 - chosen because at the time was the standard rate for digitized voice







Benefits of ISDN (1)

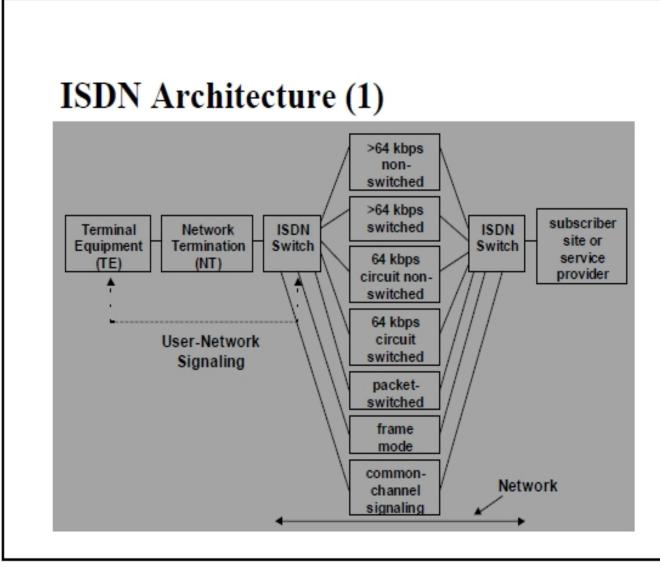
- To the <u>user</u> : cost savings and flexibility
 - integration of voice/data means users do not have to buy multiple services to meet multiple needs
 - single access line to all services
 - services tailored to diverse requirements (information volume, traffic pattern, response time, interface types)

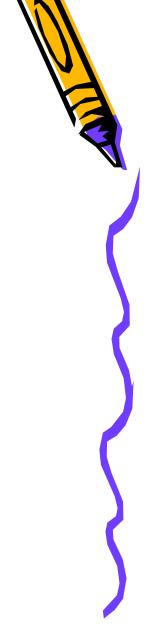


Benefits of ISDN (2)

- To <u>network providers</u>
 - standards support universality and larger potential market for services, drive down equipment costs
- To <u>manufacturers</u>
 - larger potential market, economies of scales
 - standards decrease risk of obsolescence
- To <u>enhanced service providers</u>
 - simplified user access



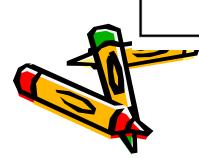






ISDN Channels (1)

- Standard bit rates:
 - B-channel : 64 kbps
 - D-channel : 16 or 64 kbps
 - H-channel : 384 (H0), 1536 (H11), 1920 (H12) kbps
- B-channel is the basic user channel
 - can carry digital data, PCM-encoded digital voice, or a mixture of lower-rate traffic
 - with mixed traffic, all traffic must be destined for the same end-point (carried over the same circuit)



ISDN Channels (2)

- B-channel (continued)
 - supports circuit-switched, packet-switched (exchange of data via X.25) and semipermanent connections
 - in the case of circuit-switched connections, commonchannel signaling is used
- · D-channel is dual-purpose
 - carries signaling information to control circuitswitched calls on B-channel
 - may be used to carry low-speed data applications (e.g., videotex, telemetry)



ISDN Channels (3)

- H-channel is a high-speed channel
 - can be used as a single trunk or subdivided by the user
 - fast fax, video, high-speed data, high-quality audio and multiplexed information streams at lower data rates
- These channel types are grouped into <u>transmission</u> <u>structures</u> that are offered as a package to the user

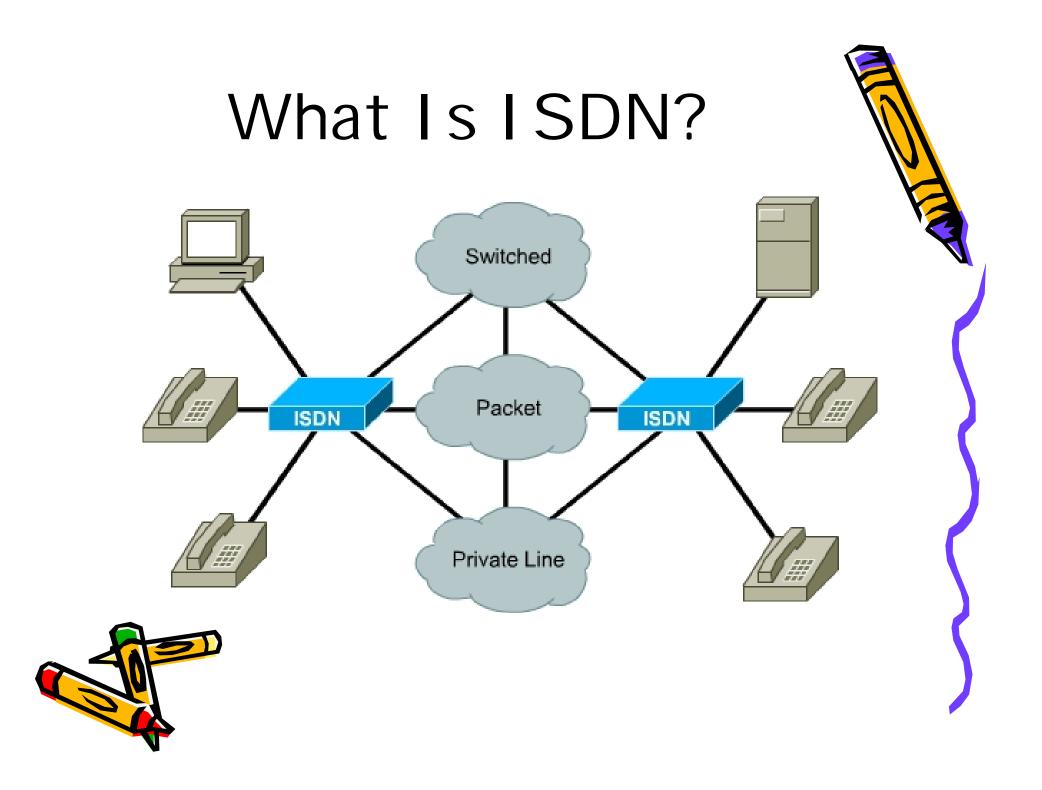




ISDN

- Carries a variety of user traffic, such as digital video, data, and telephone network services, using the normal phone circuitswitched network
- Offers much faster call setup than modems by using out-of-band signaling (D channel)
 - Often less than one second
- Provides a faster data transfer rate than modems by using the 64-kbps bearer channel (B channel)
 - Can combine multiple B channels to bandwidth of 128 kbps
 - Can negotiate PPP links



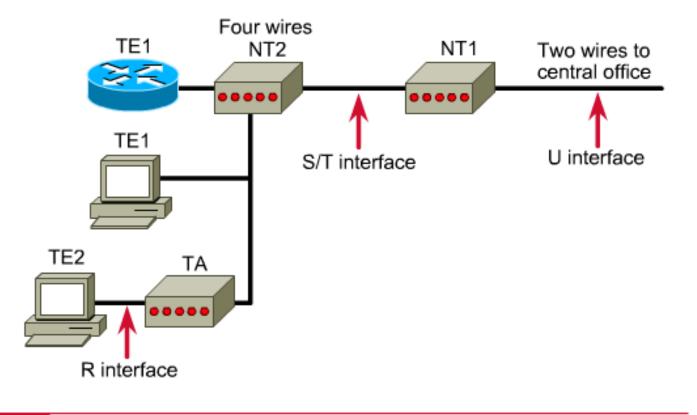


ISDN Devices

- Terminal Adapter (TA) Converter device that converts standard electrical signals into the form used by ISDN allows non-ISDN devices to operate on an ISDN network.
- Terminal Equipment Type 1 (TE1) Compatible with the ISDN network. Example: Telephones, personal computers, fax machine or videoconferencing machine.
- Terminal Equipment Type 2 (TE2) Not compatible with the ISDN network. Example: Analog phone or modem, requires a TA (TE2 connects to TA).
- Network termination type 1 & 2 (NT1 and NT2) A small connection box that physically connects the customer site to the telco local loop, provides a four-wire connection to the customer site and a two-wire connection to the network .



I SDN Components and Reference Points



End-to-end digital network for data, fax, voice, and video

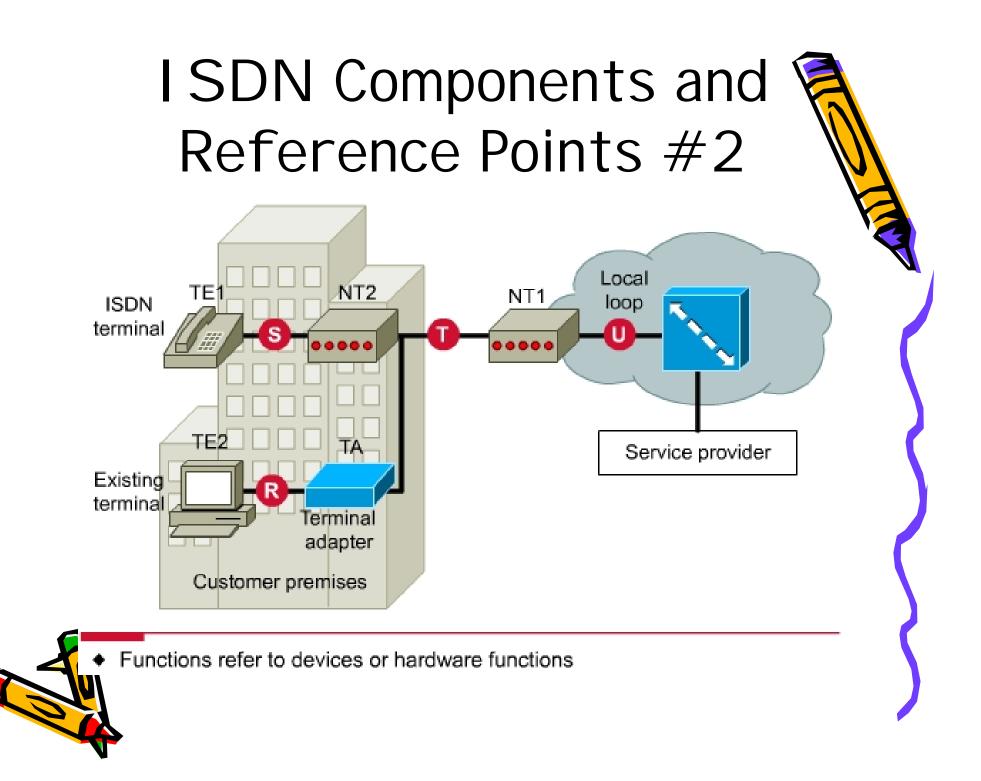
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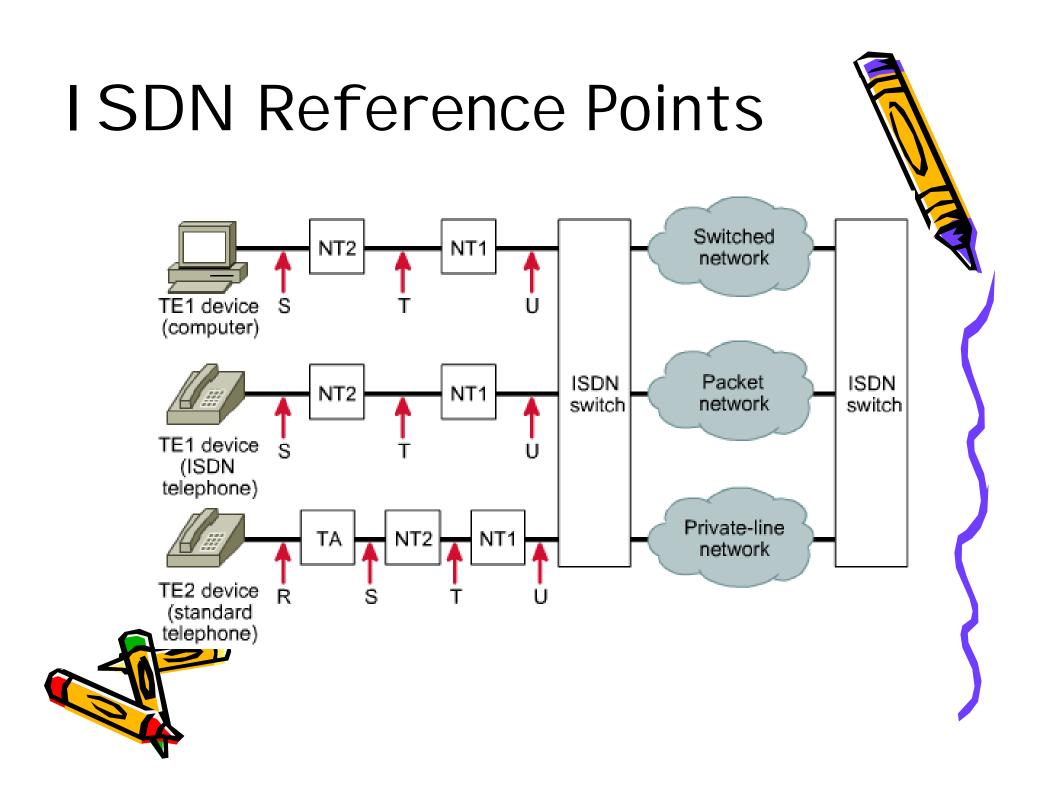
- U Two wire cable that connects the customer's equipment to the telecommunications provider
- R Point between non-ISDN equipment (TE2) and the TA
- S Four-wire cable from TE1 or TA to the NT1 or NT2
- T Point between NT1 and NT2



Analogies

- NT-1 (Network Terminator-1)
 - An NT-1 is an interface box that converts
 I SDN data into something a PC can understand (and vice versa). It works a little like a cable TV descrambler for I SDN signals, and is often built into I SDN adapters.
- TA (Terminal Adapter)
 - This chunk of hardware converts the data it receives over I SDN to a form your computer can understand. Sometimes mistakenly called an I SDN modem or a digital modem, a terminal adapter handles data digitally and does not need to modulate or demodulate an analog
 signal. Terminal adapters can be an internal board or an external board that connects to the computer through the serial port.





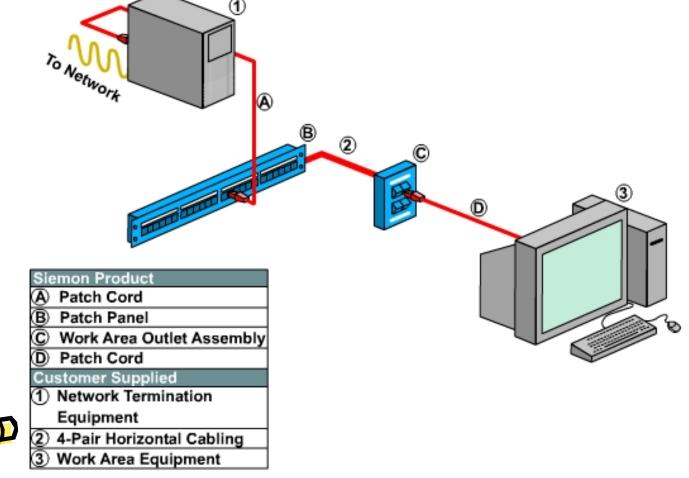
I SDN and the OSI Reference Model

- The ISDN Physical Layer
- The ISDN Data Link Layer
- The ISDN Network Layer





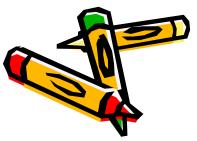
ITU-T Standards of the First Three Layers of ISDN





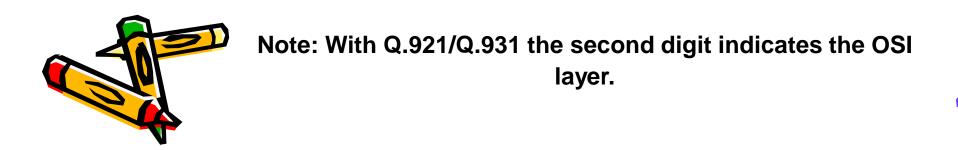
ISDN Protocols

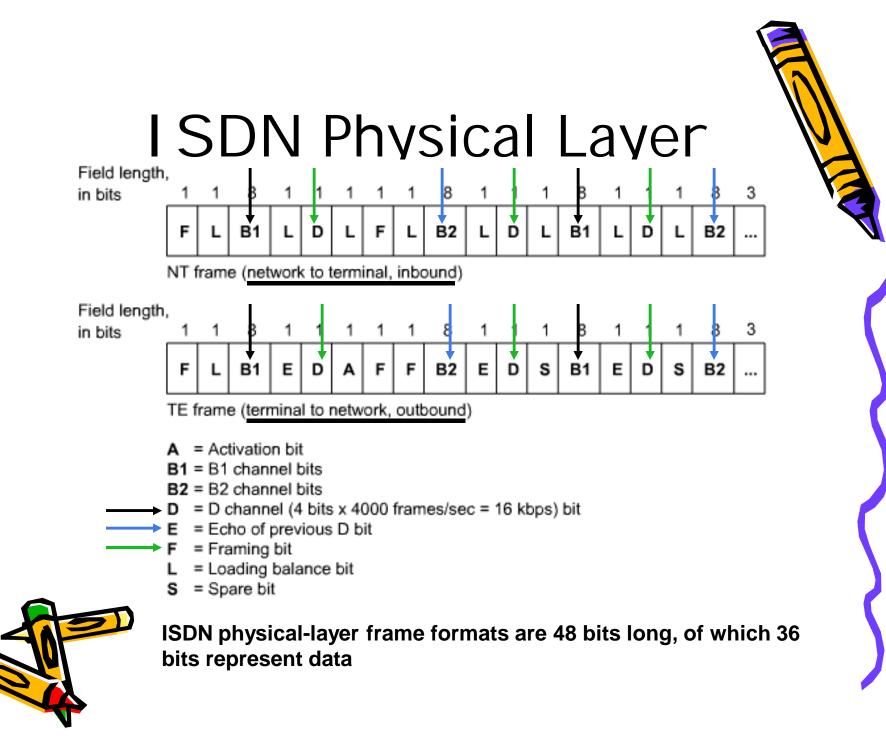
- E-series protocols—Telephone network standards for I SDN.
- I -series protocols—Specify I SDN concepts and interfaces.
- Q-series protocols—Standards for ISDN switching and signaling.
- Operate at the physical, data link, and network layers of the OSI reference model



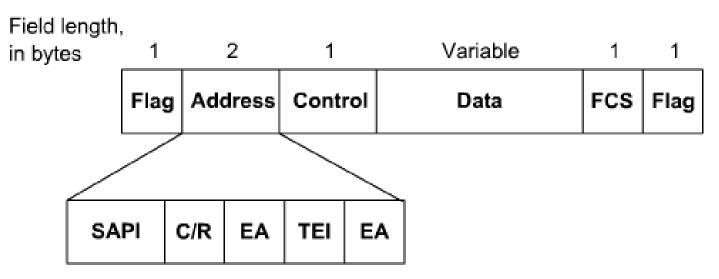
I SDN Protocol Operating OSI Layers 1 Through 3

- Physical layer I SDN protocols
 - BRI (ITU-T I.430) / PRI (ITU-T I.431)
 - Defines two I SDN physical layer frame formats
 - I nbound (local exchange to I SDN customer)
 - Outbound (I SDN customer to local exchange)
- Data link layer I SDN protocols
 - LAPD signaling protocol (ITU-T Q.920 for BRI and Q.921 for PRI) for transmitting control and signaling information over the D channel
 - LAPD frame format similar to ISO HDLC frame format
- Network layer I SDN protocols
 - ITU-T I.930 and ITU-T Q.931 defines switching and signaling methods using the D channel.





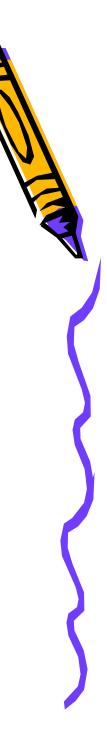
ISDN Data Link Layer



SAPI = Service access point identifier bits (6 bits)

- C/R = Command/response bit
- EA = Extended addressing bits
- TEI = Terminal endpoint identifier

Frame format is very similar to that of HDLC



ISDN Network Layer

- Two Layer 3 specifications are used for I SDN signaling:
 - ITU-T I.450 (also known as ITU-T Q.930)
 - ITU-T I.451 (also known as ITU-T Q.931)
 - Together, these protocols support:
 - User-to-user circuit-switched connections
 - User-to-user packet-switched connections
 - A variety of standards for:
 - Call establishment
 - Call termination

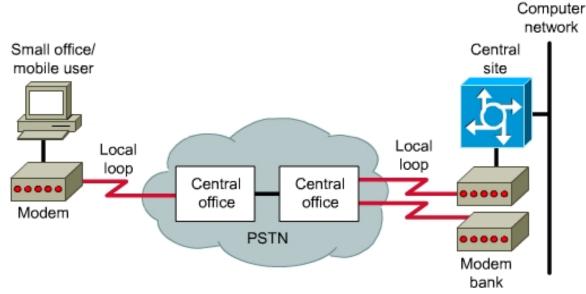


ISDN Encapsulation

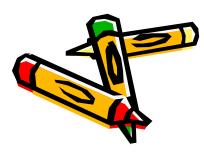
- The two most common encapsulations:
 PPP
 - HDLC
- I SDN defaults to HDLC.
- PPP is much more robust.
 - Open standard specified by RFC 1661
 - Supported by most vendors

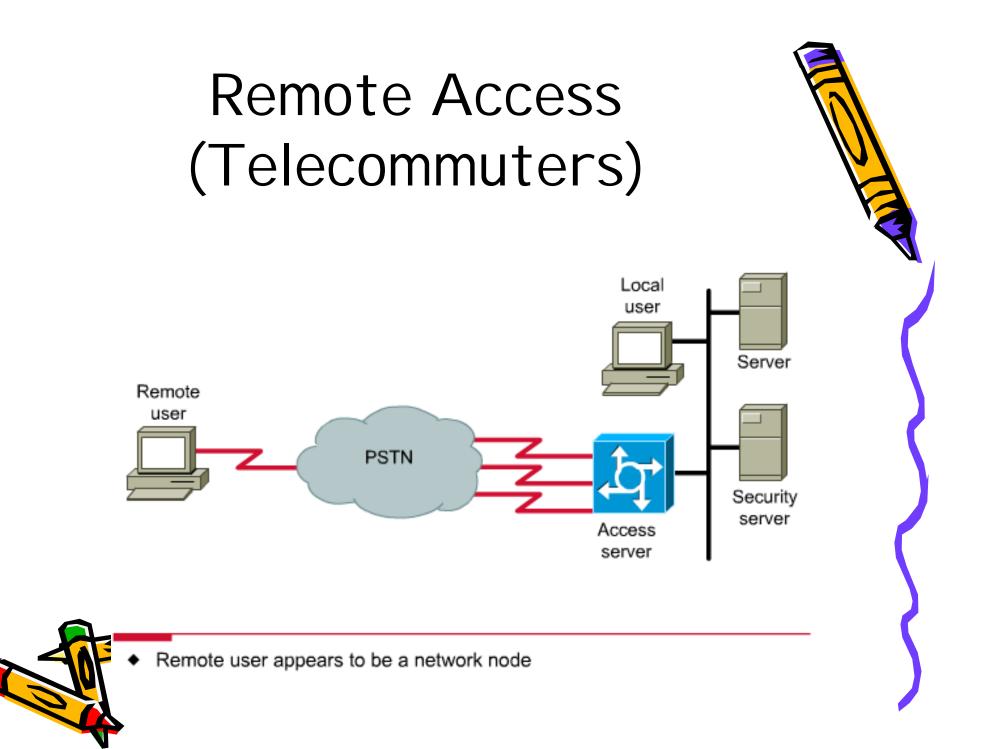


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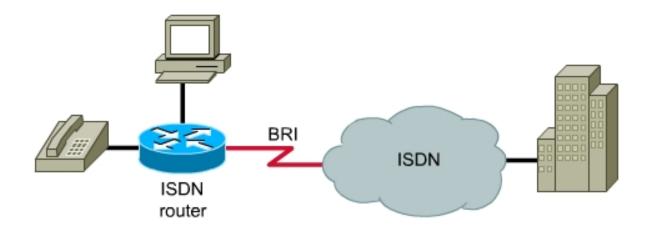


- Remote Access (Telecommuters)
- Remote Nodes (Voice and Data)
- SOHO Connectivity (Small Branches)





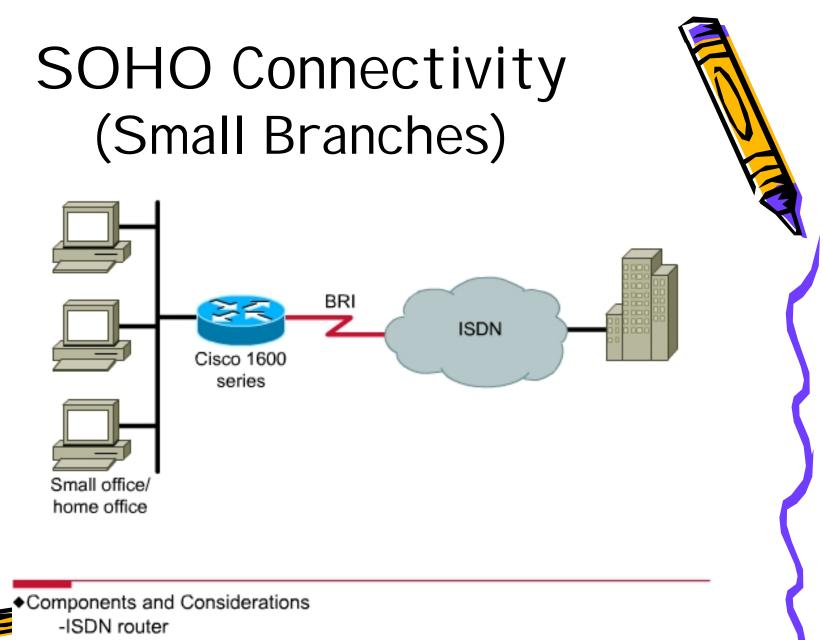
Remote Nodes (Voice and Data)



Components

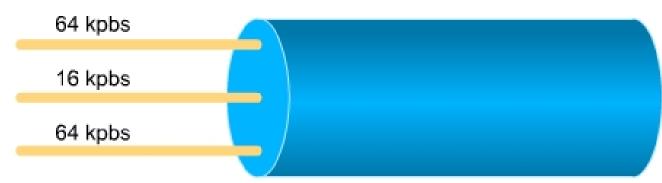
 -ISDN Router
 -Remote client software

 Single user



-Multiple remote users at the same location

ISDN BRI



Three channels:

- Two 64 kbps bearer (B) channels
- One 16 kbps signaling (D) channel

ISDN Services – BRI

Basic Rate Interface (BRI)

- Two 64 Kbps B channels, one 16 Kbps D channel, and 48 Kbps worth of framing and synchronization.
- Available data bandwidth: 128 Kbps (2 x 64 Kbps)
- User bandwidth: 144 Kbps (128 Kbps + a 16 Kbps D channel)
- Total line capacity: 192 Kbps (144 Kbps + 48 Kbps framing)
- Each B channel can be used for separate applications
 - Such as Internet and Voice
- Allows individual B channels to be aggregated together into a Multilink channel



ISDN Services – PRI

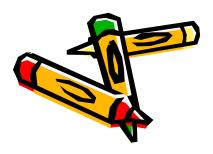
• Primary Rate Interface (PRI)

- A PRI connection can assign various 64 Kbps channels to both I SDN and analog modem connections
- North America and Japan PRI service has 23 64 Kbps B channels, one 64 Kbps D channel, and 8 Kbps of synchronization and framing for a total bit rate of up to 1.544 Mbps (same as T1)
- Europe, Australia, and other parts of the world PRI service has 30 64 Kbps B channels, one 64 Kbps D channel, and 64 Kbps of framing and synchronization for a total bit rate of up to 2.048 Mbps (same as E1)
- Each B channel to be used for separate applications including voice, data and Internet
- Multiple B channels can be Multilinked together



I SDN BRI Configuration Three Basic Steps

- 1. Set the ISDN Switch Type.
- 2. Set the SPIDs (If Required).
- 3. Set the Encapsulation Protocol.





I SDN Global and Interface Configuration Tasks



Global Configuration

· Select switch type, Specify traffic to trigger DDR call

Interface Configuration

Select interface specifications, Configure ISDN addressing

Optional Feature Configuration