

What internetworking device can be used to filter traffic on the network?

- ▣ One way to solve the problems of too much traffic on a network and too many collisions is to use an internetworking device called a bridge.
- ▣ A bridge eliminates unnecessary traffic and minimizes the chances of collisions occurring on a network by dividing it into segments

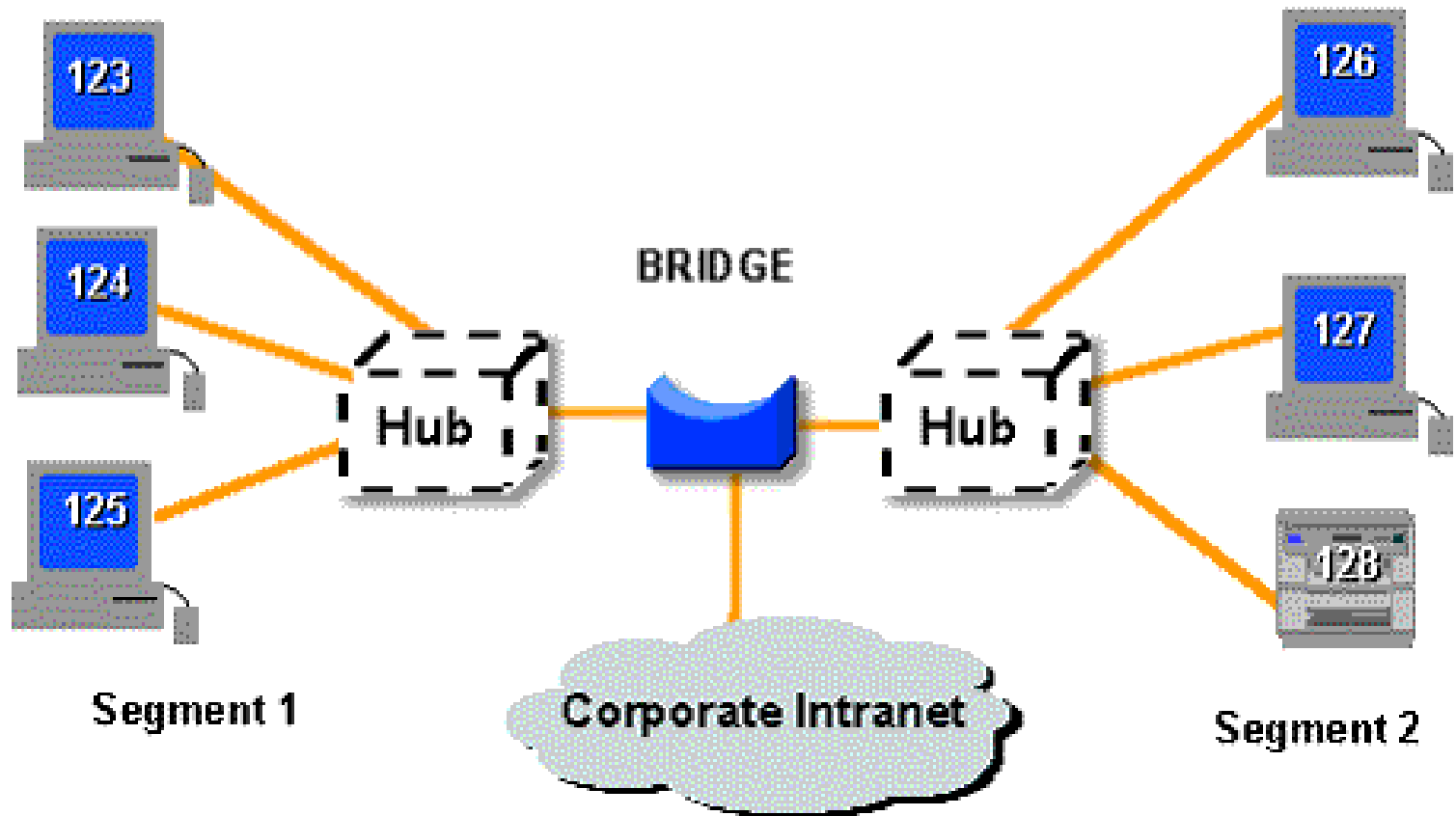
Bridge

Device that connects and passes packets between two network segments;

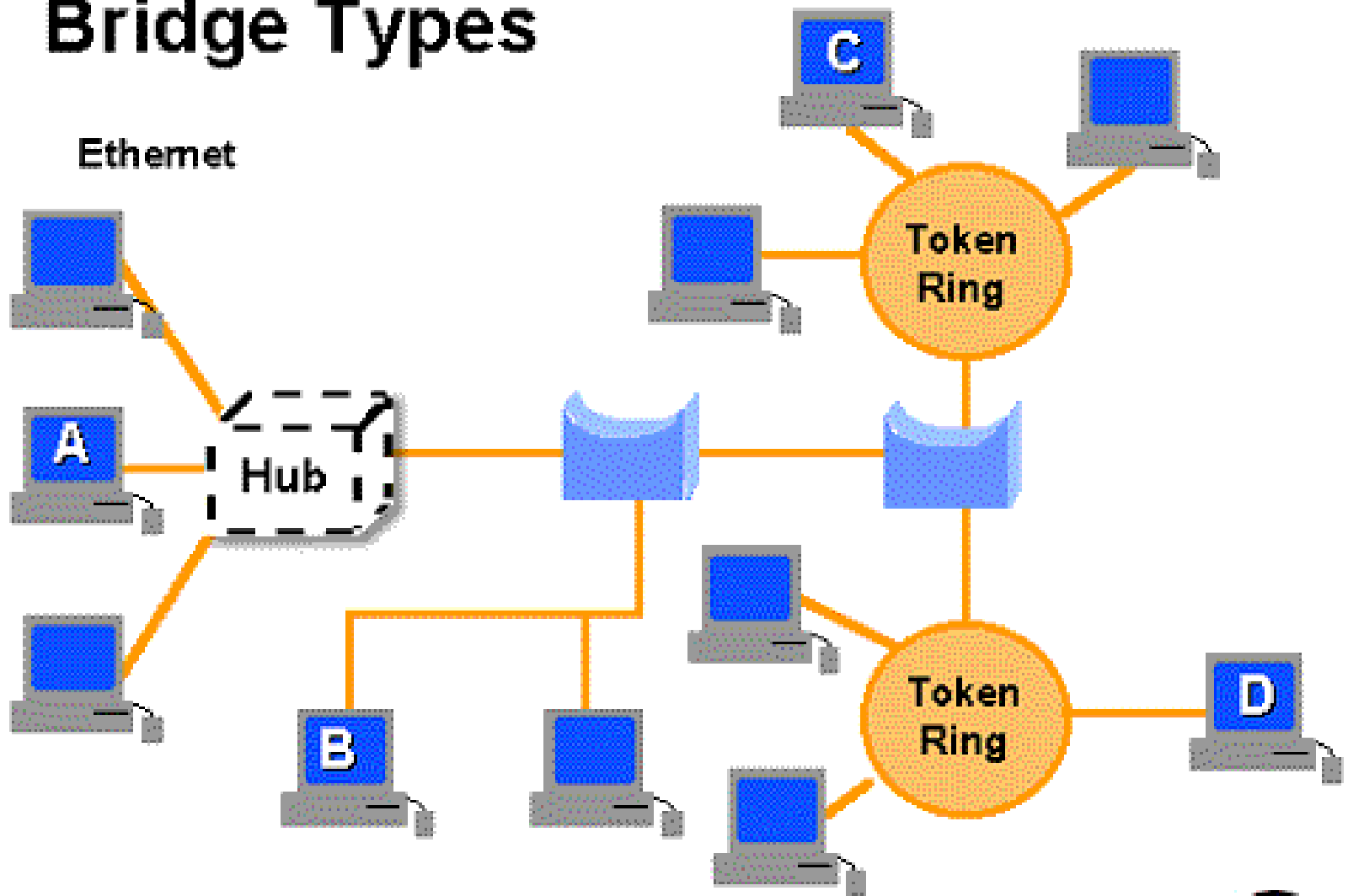
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Bridge Example

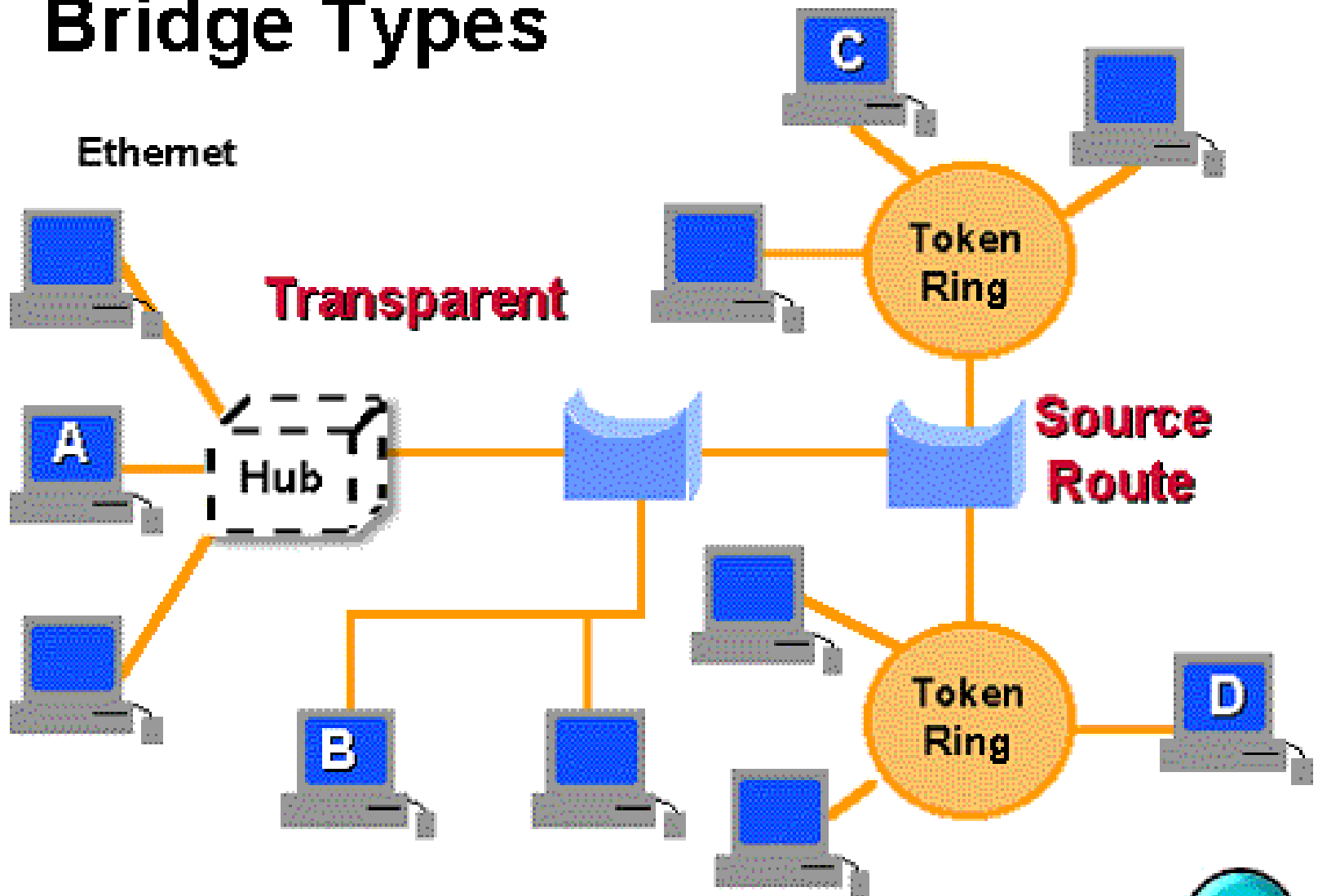


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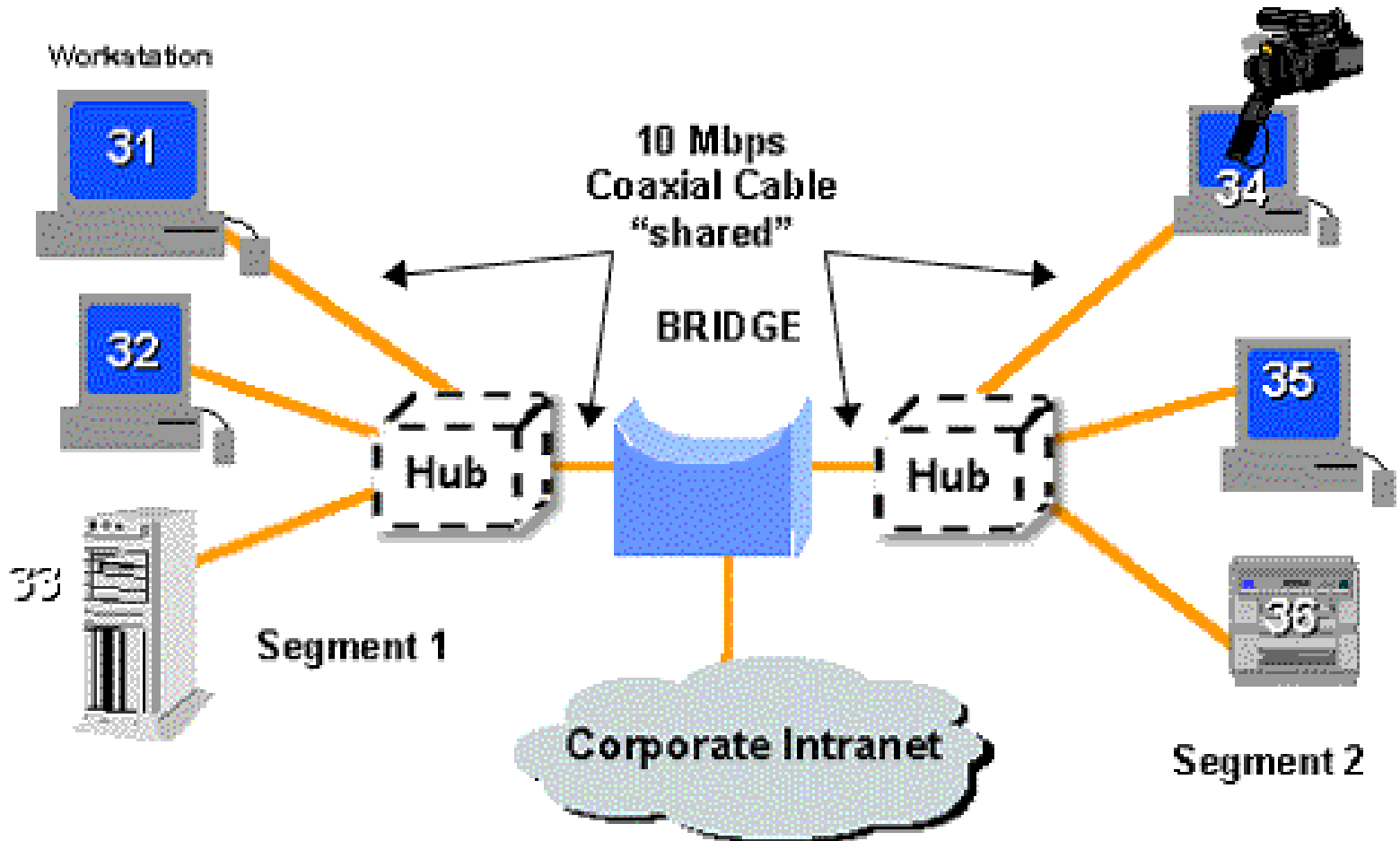
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Bridge Summary

- **More intelligent than a hub--can analyze incoming packets and forward (or drop) based on addressing information**
- **Collect and pass packets between two network segments**
- **Control broadcasts to the network**
- **Maintains address tables**
- **Different types of bridges--**
 - Transparent
 - Source Route (used primarily in Token Ring LANs)



Bridging – Shared Media

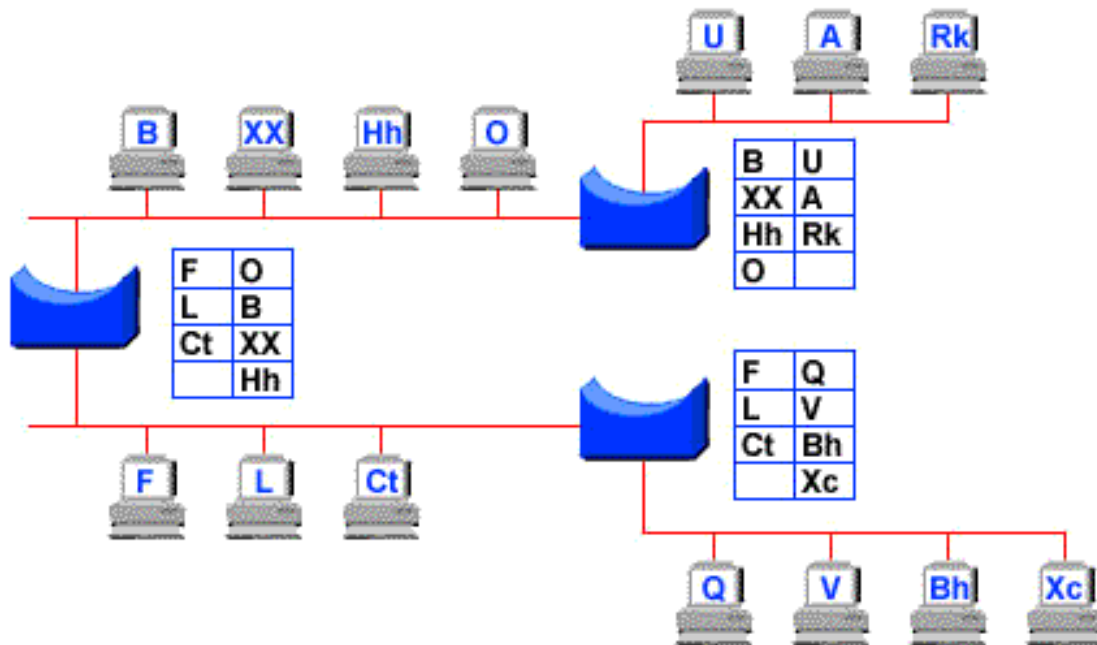


At what layer of the OSI model do bridges operate?

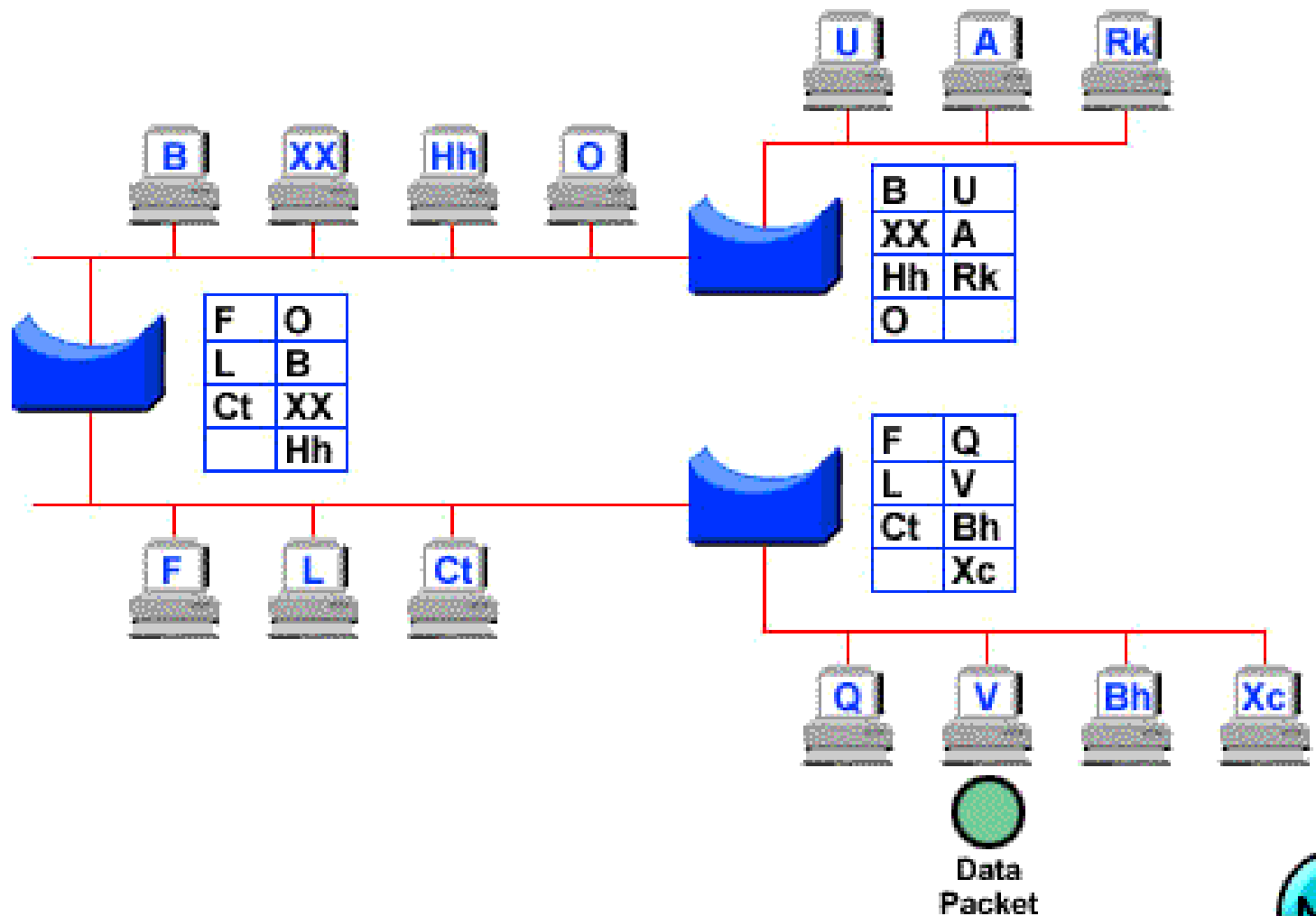
- Because bridges operate at the data link layer, layer 2, they are not required to examine upper-layer information.



How do bridges filter network traffic?

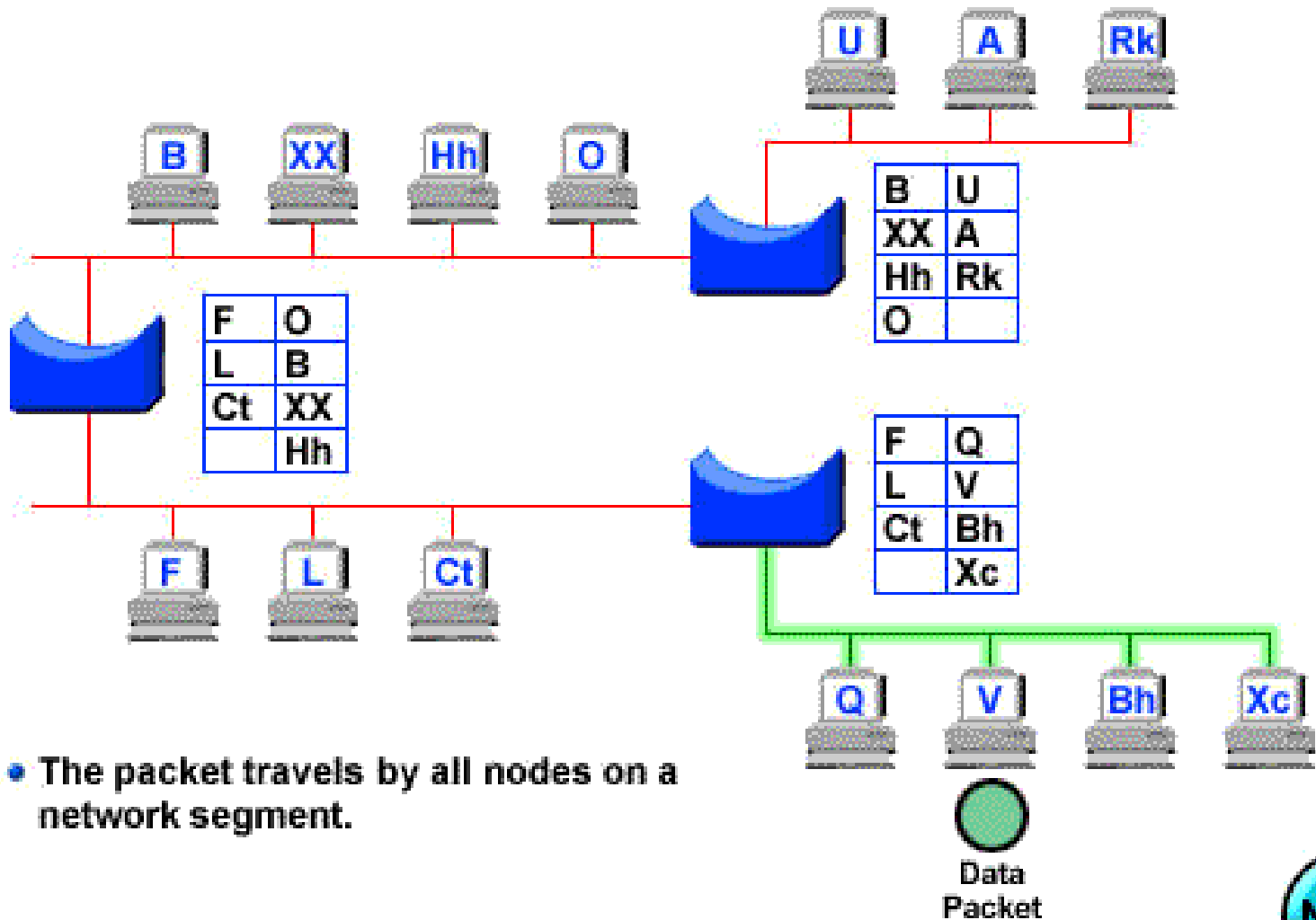


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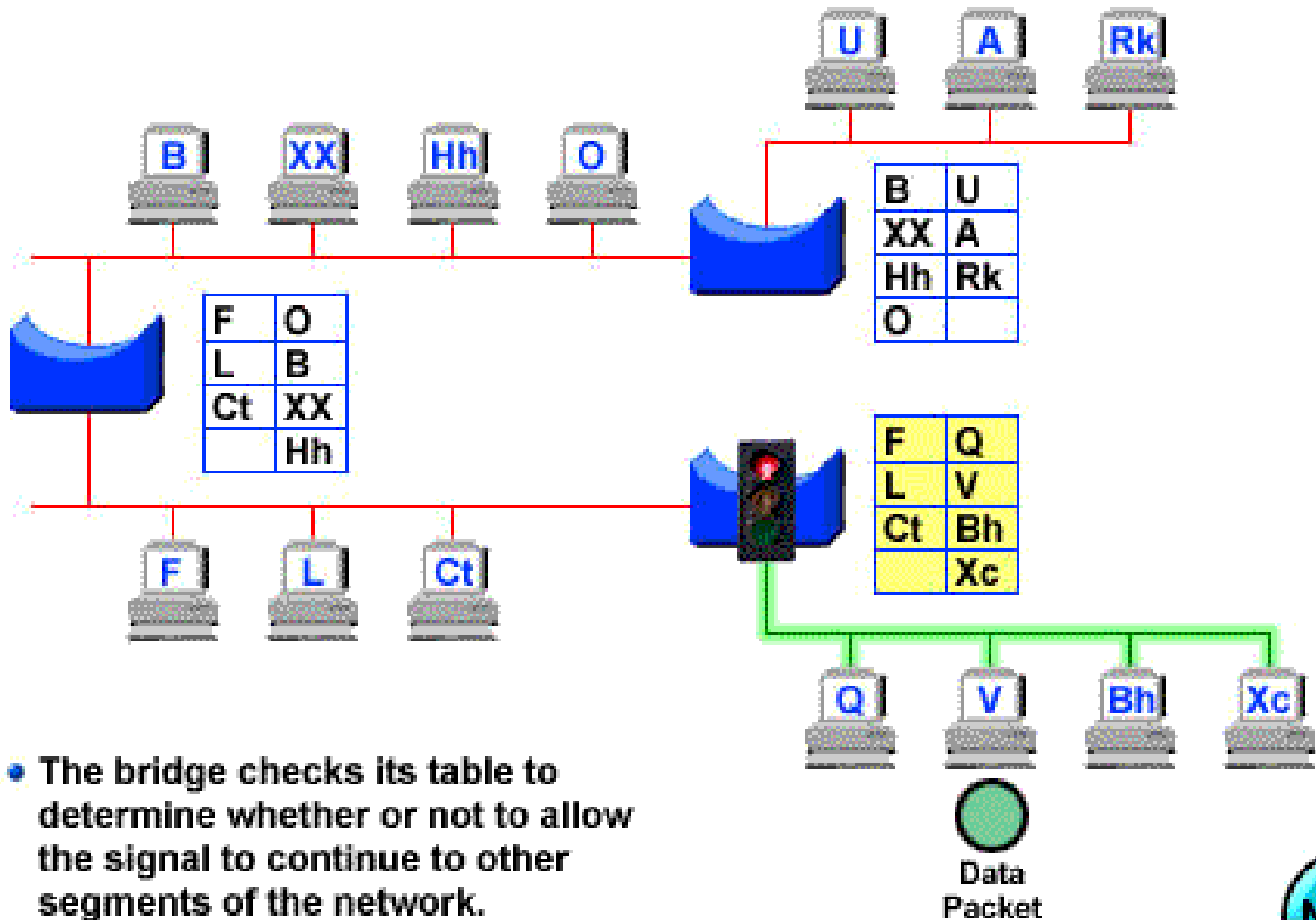
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- The packet travels by all nodes on a network segment.

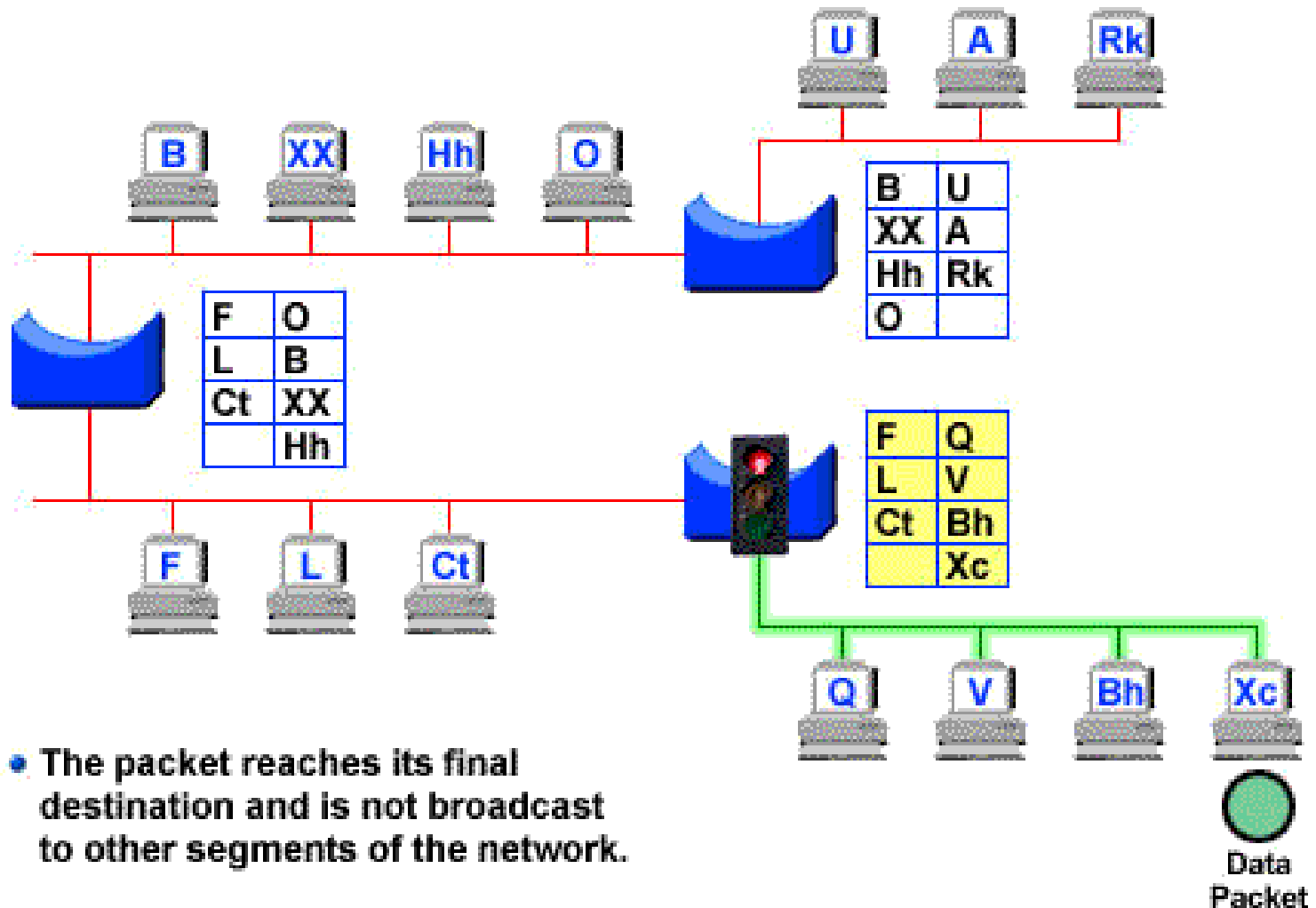
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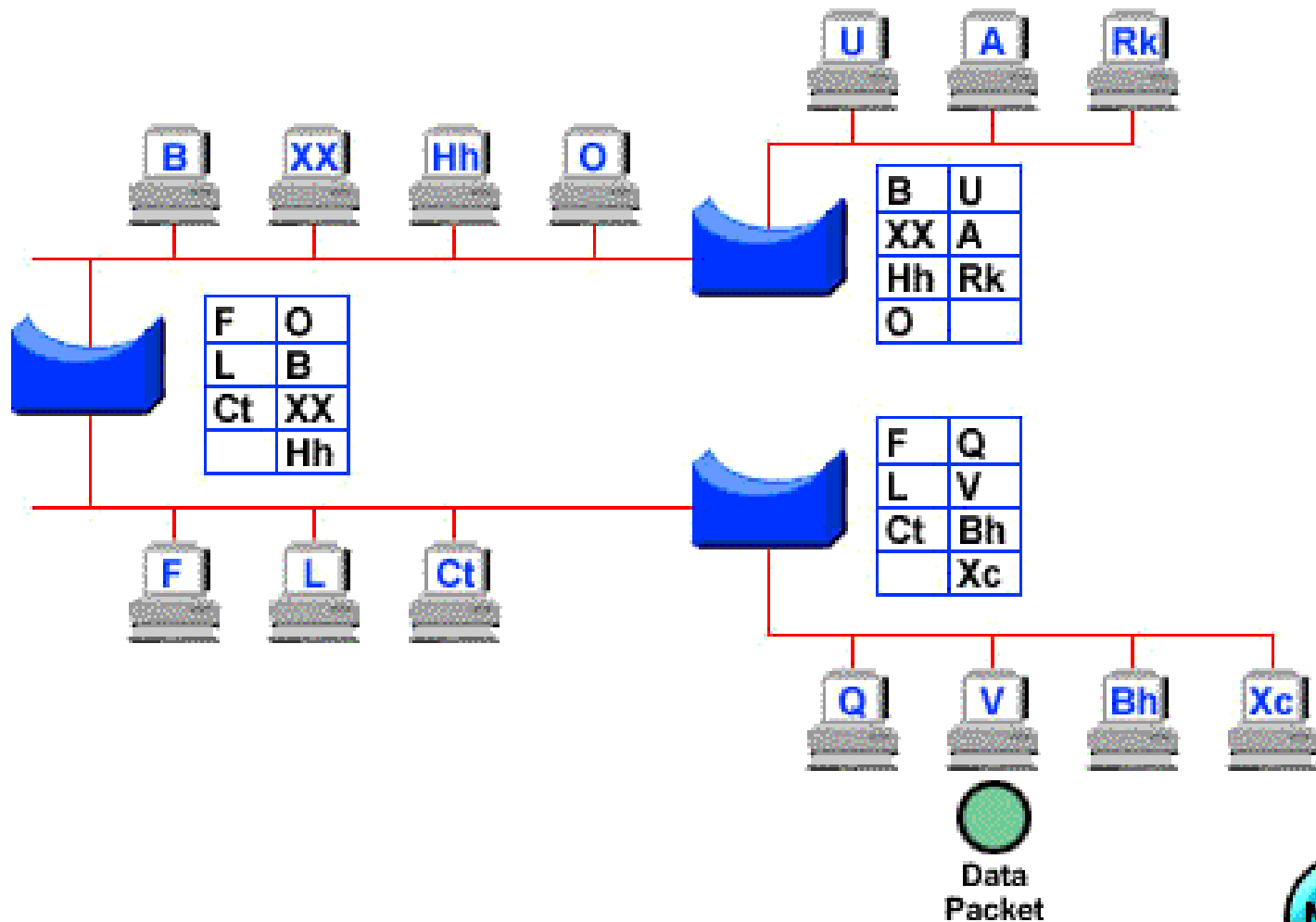
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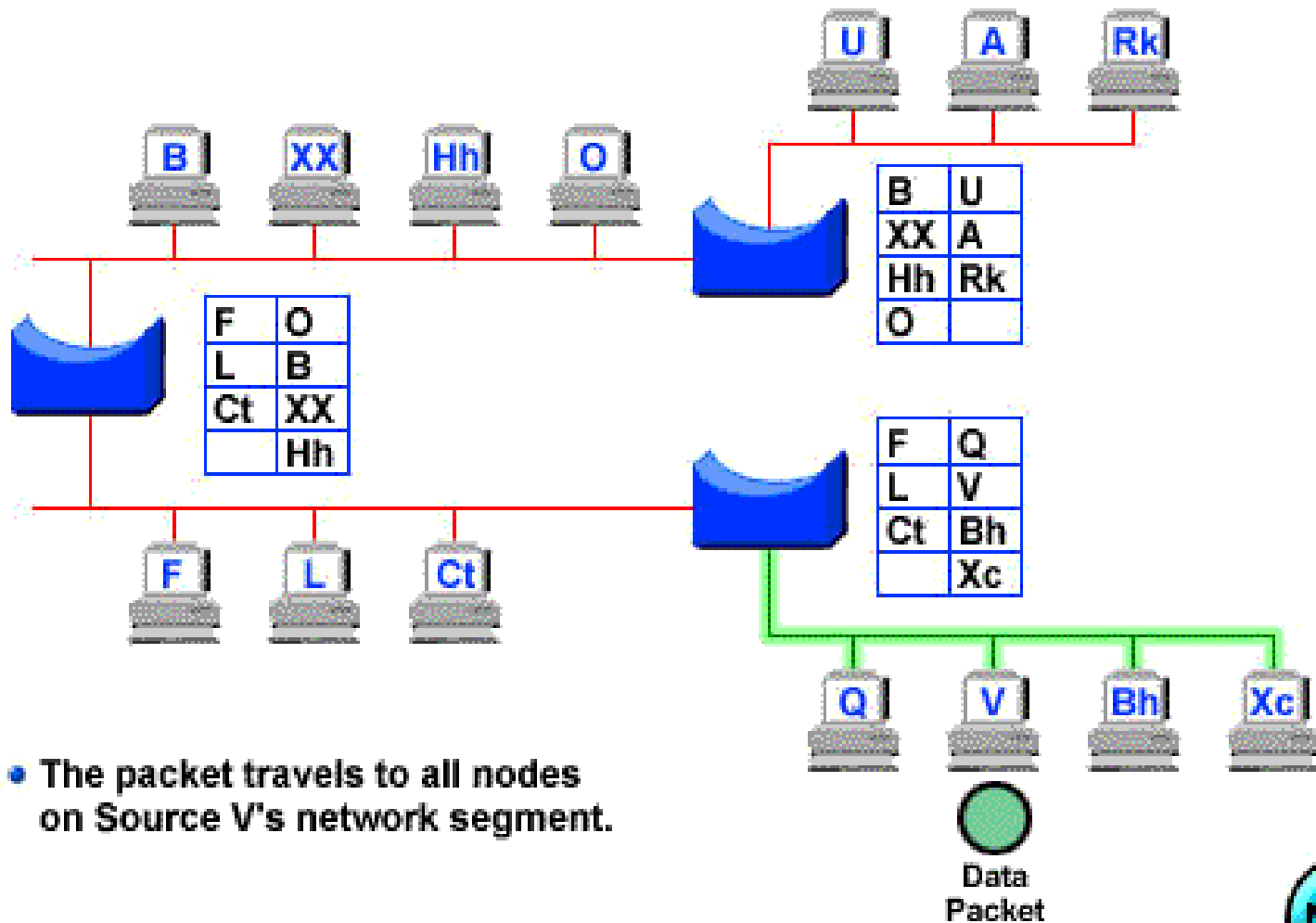


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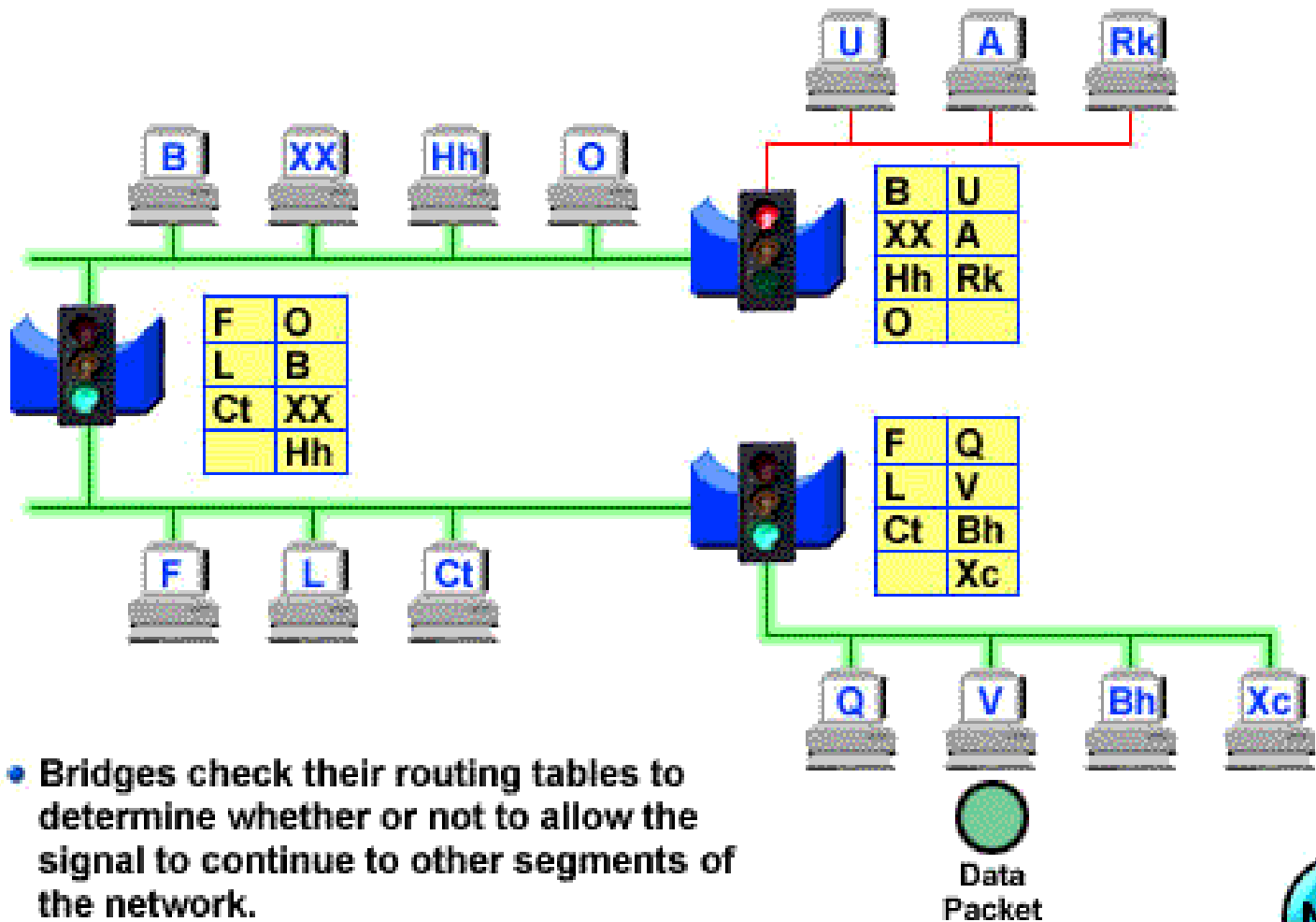
In this example, a data packet originates from Computer V and its destination is Computer Hh.



- The packet travels to all nodes on Source V's network segment.

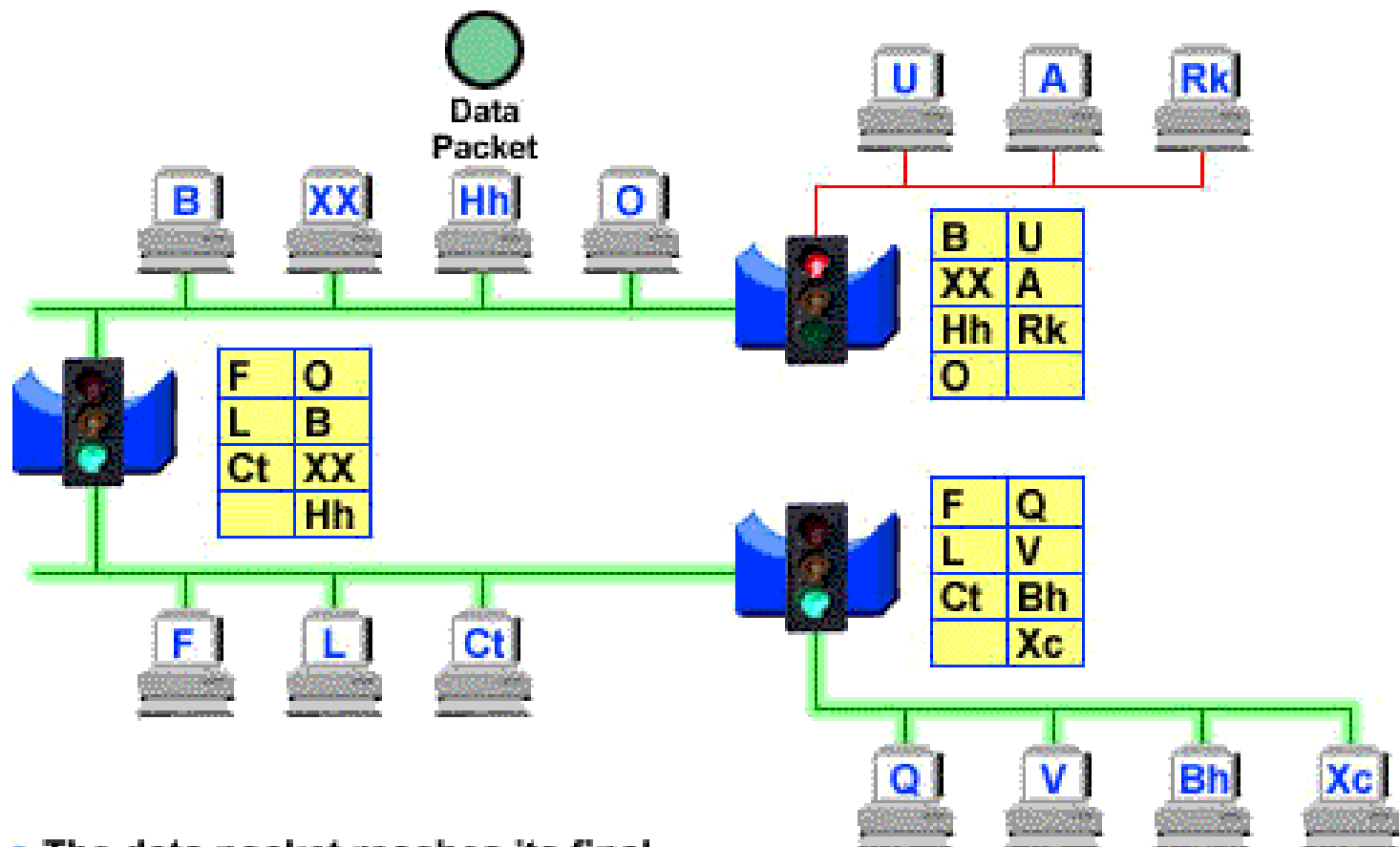
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- Bridges check their routing tables to determine whether or not to allow the signal to continue to other segments of the network.

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- The data packet reaches its final destination.