## Network Components

## Networks are Composed of Three Basic Components



## End Systems (Hosts) Send and Receive Data



## End Systems (Hosts) Can be Many Things



## Switches and Routers Forward Data Towards the Destination



## Wide Variety of Switches/Routers



## Links Connect Hosts to Switches and Switches to Each Other



## Links Also Vary Greatly



Copper
ADSL, RJ-45,


Optical fibers


Wireless link

## Huge Number of Access Technologies

| Ethernet | most common, symmetric |
| :--- | :--- |
| DSL | over phone lines, asymmetric |
| CATV | via cable TV, shared |
| Cellular | smart phones |
| Satellite | remote areas |
| FTTH | household |
| Fibers | Internet backbone |
| Infiniband | High performance computing |

Networking Tools

