

# Second Chapter Lesson-3: Data transmission mode.

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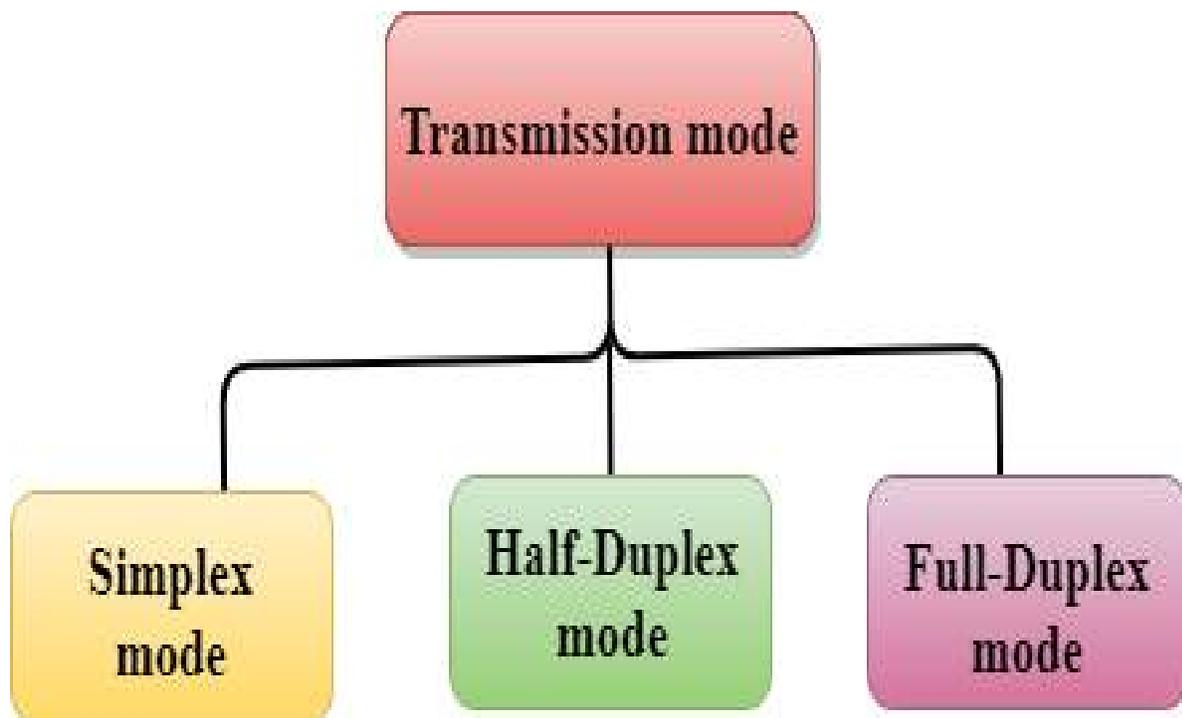
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1. You will be able to explain the concept of data transmission mode.
2. You will be able to classify the data transmission mode.

## **Transmission mode:**

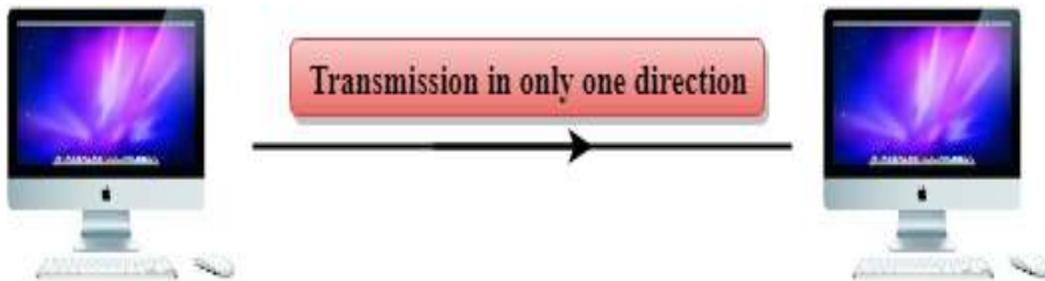
The direction of transmitting data from source to one or more destination is called data transmission mode. or The way in which data is transmitted from one device to another device is known as transmission mode. The transmission mode is also known as the communication mode. Each communication channel has a direction associated with it, and transmission media provide the direction. Therefore, the transmission mode is also known as a directional mode. The transmission mode is defined in the physical layer.

The Transmission mode is divided into three categories based on the direction of data flow:



## Simplex mode:

In Simplex mode, the communication is unidirectional, i.e., the data flow in one direction. A device can only send the data but cannot receive it or it can receive the data but cannot send the data.



The radio station is a simplex channel as it transmits the signal to the listeners but never allows them to transmit back. Keyboard and Monitor are the examples of the simplex mode as a keyboard can only accept the data from the user and monitor can only be used to display the data on the screen.

### Advantage of Simplex mode:

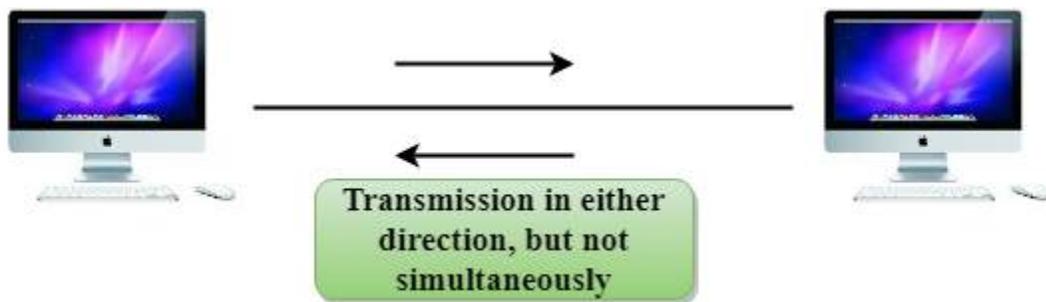
- In simplex mode, the station can utilize the entire bandwidth of the communication channel, so that more data can be transmitted at a time.

### Disadvantage of Simplex mode:

- Communication is unidirectional, so it has no inter-communication between devices.

## Half-Duplex mode:

In a Half-duplex channel, direction can be reversed, i.e., the station can transmit and receive the data as well. Messages flow in both the directions, but not at the same time. The entire bandwidth of the communication channel is utilized in one direction at a time. In half-duplex mode, it is possible to perform the error detection, and if any error occurs, then the receiver requests the sender to retransmit the data.



A **Walkie-talkie** is an example of the Half-duplex mode. In Walkie-talkie, one party speaks, and another party listens. After a pause, the other speaks and the first party listens. Speaking simultaneously will create the distorted sound which cannot be understood.

### Advantage of Half-duplex mode:

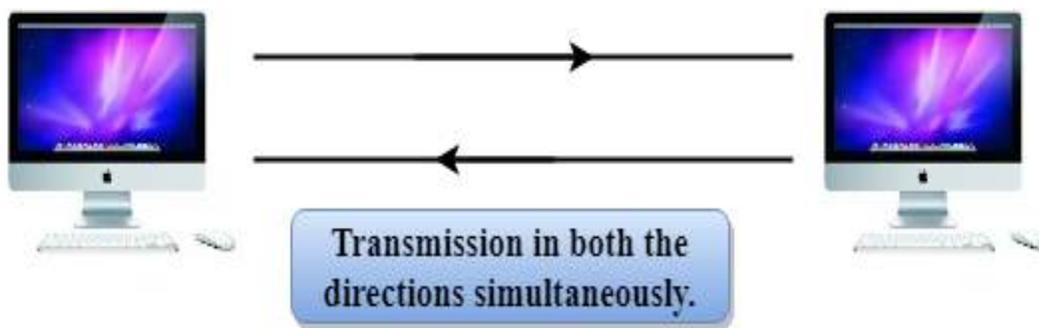
- In half-duplex mode, both the devices can send and receive the data and also can utilize the entire bandwidth of the communication channel during the transmission of data.

### Disadvantage of Half-Duplex mode:

- In half-duplex mode, when one device is sending the data, then another has to wait, this causes the delay in sending the data at the right time.

## Full-duplex mode:

In Full duplex mode, the communication is bi-directional, i.e., the data flow in both the directions. Both the stations can send and receive the message simultaneously. Full-duplex mode has two simplex channels. One channel has traffic moving in one direction, and another channel has traffic flowing in the opposite direction.



The most common example of the full-duplex mode is a telephone network. When two people are communicating with each other by a telephone line, both can talk and listen at the same time.

### Advantage of Full-duplex mode:

- Both the stations can send and receive the data at the same time.
- The Full-duplex mode is the fastest mode of communication between devices.

### Disadvantage of Full-duplex mode:

- If no dedicated path exists between the devices, then the capacity of the communication channel is divided into two parts.
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## Differences b/w Simplex, Half-duplex and Full-duplex mode:

| <b>Simplex mode</b>   | <b>Half-duplex mode</b>  | <b>Full-duplex mode</b>  |
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| The communication is unidirectional.  | The communication is bidirectional, but one at a time.             | The communication is bidirectional.                            |
| A device can only send data but cannot receive it or it can only receive data but cannot send it. | Both the devices can send and receive the data, but one at a time. | Both the devices can send and receive the data simultaneously. |
| The lowest performance among the mods.  | The performance is better than simplex but less than full duplex.  | The highest performance among the mods.                        |
| Examples are radio, keyboard, and monitor.  | Example is Walkie-Talkies.   | Example is a telephone or mobile network.                      |

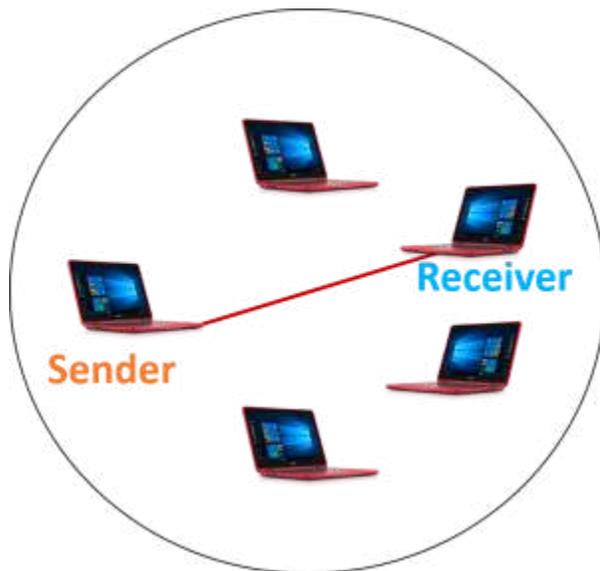
When a sender sends data to any data communication system, it can be easily accepted by one or more recipients at the same time. But when more than one sender sends and one or more recipients receive data at the same time, there is a data collision to receive.

So based on the number of recipients and the right to receive data, the data transmission mode can be further divided into three parts.

1. Unicast
2. Broadcast
3. Multicast

## Unicast:

Unicast is a point-to-point or one-to-one transmission mode. Data is transmitted from one sender node to only one receiver node in simplex, half duplex or full duplex. This type of information transfer is useful when there is a participation of single sender and single recipient.



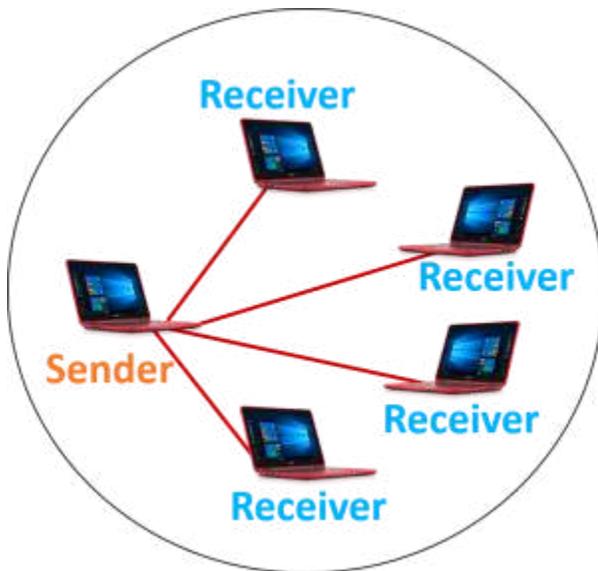
For example, a device having IP address 10.1.2.0 in a network wants to send the traffic stream(data packets) to the device with IP address 20.12.4.2 in the other network,then unicast comes into picture. This is the most common form of data transfer over the networks. The devices such as switches use unicast mode of transmission.

Example:

- Browsing a website. (Webserver is the sender and your computer is the receiver.)
- Downloading a file from a FTP Server. (FTP Server is the sender and your computer is the receiver.)

## Broadcast:

Broadcast is a point to multipoint or one-to-all transmission mode. Data is transmitted from one node to all other nodes in the network in simplex.

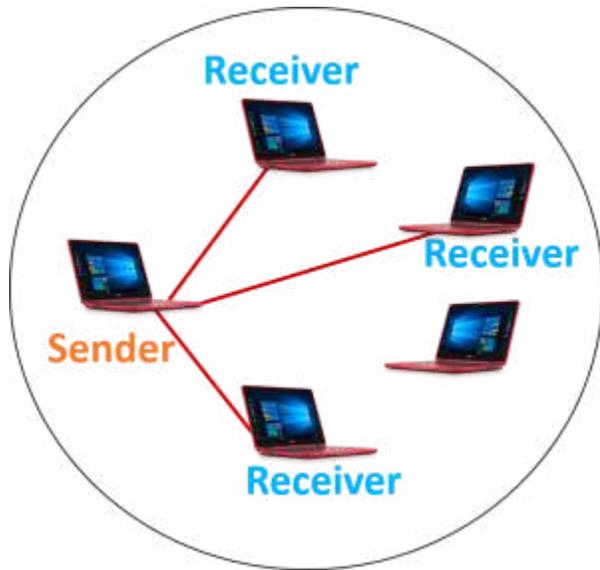


This is useful when a device in one network wants to transfer packet stream to all the devices over the other network.

This mode is mainly utilized by radio or television networks for video and audio distribution. The devices such as hub, bridge uses this mode.

## Multicast:

Multicast is a point to selected multipoint or one to selected group of members transmission mode. Data is transmitted from one node to Selected or authorized nodes in the network in simplex.



This is useful when a device in one network wants to transfer packet stream to the selected devices over the other network.

Such as: mobile conference, audio, video conference etc. Moreover the protocols such as IGMP, MPLS (uses labels instead of addresses) uses multicast transmission concept.

## Lesson Evaluation-

### **Knowledge Based Questions:**

- a) What is data transmission mode?
- a) What is simplex/half-duplex/full-duplex mode?
- a) What is unicast/ broadcast/multicast mode?

### **Comprehension Based Questions:**

- b) Explain data transmission mode of mobile phone.
- b) Explain data transmission mode of keyboard.
- b) Explain data transmission mode of radio/television.
- b) Explain data transmission mode of walkie-talkie.
- b) Explain point-to-point data transmission mode.
- b) Explain point-to-multipoint data transmission mode.
- b) Explain point-to-selected multipoint data transmission mode.
- b) "Data exchange is possible at the same time" – Explain.
- b) Which transmission mode can be compared to teaching in the classroom? Explain.
- b) Why is it not possible to speak and listen simultaneously in walkie-talkie? Explain.
- b) Why is multipoint-to-point data not transmitted? Explain.
- b) Why is multipoint-to-multipoint data not transmitted? Explain.
- b) Explain the data transmission mode of browsing a website.
- b) Write the difference between broadcast and multicast modes.
- b) "Broadcasts are always simplex"-explained.

## **Creative Questions:**

**Read the following stem and answer the questions:**

Rafiq and Shafiq, two friends, were walking towards the police station. They noticed a policeman standing in front of them talking through a device and signaling the other party to talk when he finished talking. A little further on, Shafiq speaks and listens through the device with him. Rafiq said, "Let's go home. I heard the weather message on the radio that it might rain today. "

**c)** Explain the type of data transmission mode of the device used by the police.

**d)** Which of the two devices used by Rafiq and Shafiq is more convenient in data transmission mode? Give analytical feedback.

**Read the following stem and answer the questions:**

Mr. 'X' sits with the computer, opens a browser, first writes an address in its address bar and presses Enter. As a result, a mail service was opened. He then downloaded an attachment file from the mail service.

**d)** Analyze the types of data transmission modes and methods used in the work of Mr. 'X'.

## **Multiple Choice Questions:**

**1.** What is the mode of transferring data with both at the same time?

a) Simplex      b) Half-duplex      c) Multicast      d) Full-duplex

**2.** Which is the data transfer mode between computer and multimedia projector?

a) Simplex      b) Half-duplex      c) Multicast      d) Full-duplex

**3.** Example of broadcast mode is-

a) TV broadcasting      b) Video conferencing      c) Telephone conversation      d) Sending SMS

4. How many types of data transmission mode?

- a) 2    b) 3    c) 4    d) 5

5. Which mode works in case of two people talking on mobile?

- a) Simplex    b) Half-duplex    c) Multicast    d) Full-duplex

6. Data transmission mode of Television is-

i. Simplex

ii. Multicast

iii. Broadcast

Which one is correct?

- a) i & ii    b) i & iii    c) ii & iii    d) i, ii & iii

**Read the following stem and answer the questions no. 7 & 8:**

Two security guards from a company communicate with each other but they can't talk at the same time.

7. Which data transmission mode do they use?

- a) Simplex    b) Half-duplex    c) Full-duplex    d) Multiplex

8. The device they need to communicate at the same time-

i. Mobile phone

ii. Walkie-talkie

iii. Telephone

Which one is correct?

- a) i & ii    b) i & iii    c) ii & iii    d) i, ii & iii

**Read the following stem and answer the questions no. 9 & 10:**

One of the experts on MTV's talk show is from his home in Baridhara, Dhaka, one from Lalkhan Bazar in Chittagong and another from Barisal University. Although Ali Riaz was supposed to be involved in the talks, he could not be involved due to a mechanical fault.

**9.** What kind of transmission mode has been created for the stem?

- a) Simplex   b) Full-duplex   c) Multicast   d) Unicast

**10.** What is the need to ensure that such a discussion is to be organized?

- a) Intranet   b) Internet   c) WiFi   d) Radio web

**Read the following stem and answer the questions no.11:**

Russell uses a 4G mobile phone to send a message to certain friends.

**11.** What is the mode of the stem?

- a) Simplex   b) Full-duplex   c) Multicast   d) Broadcast