

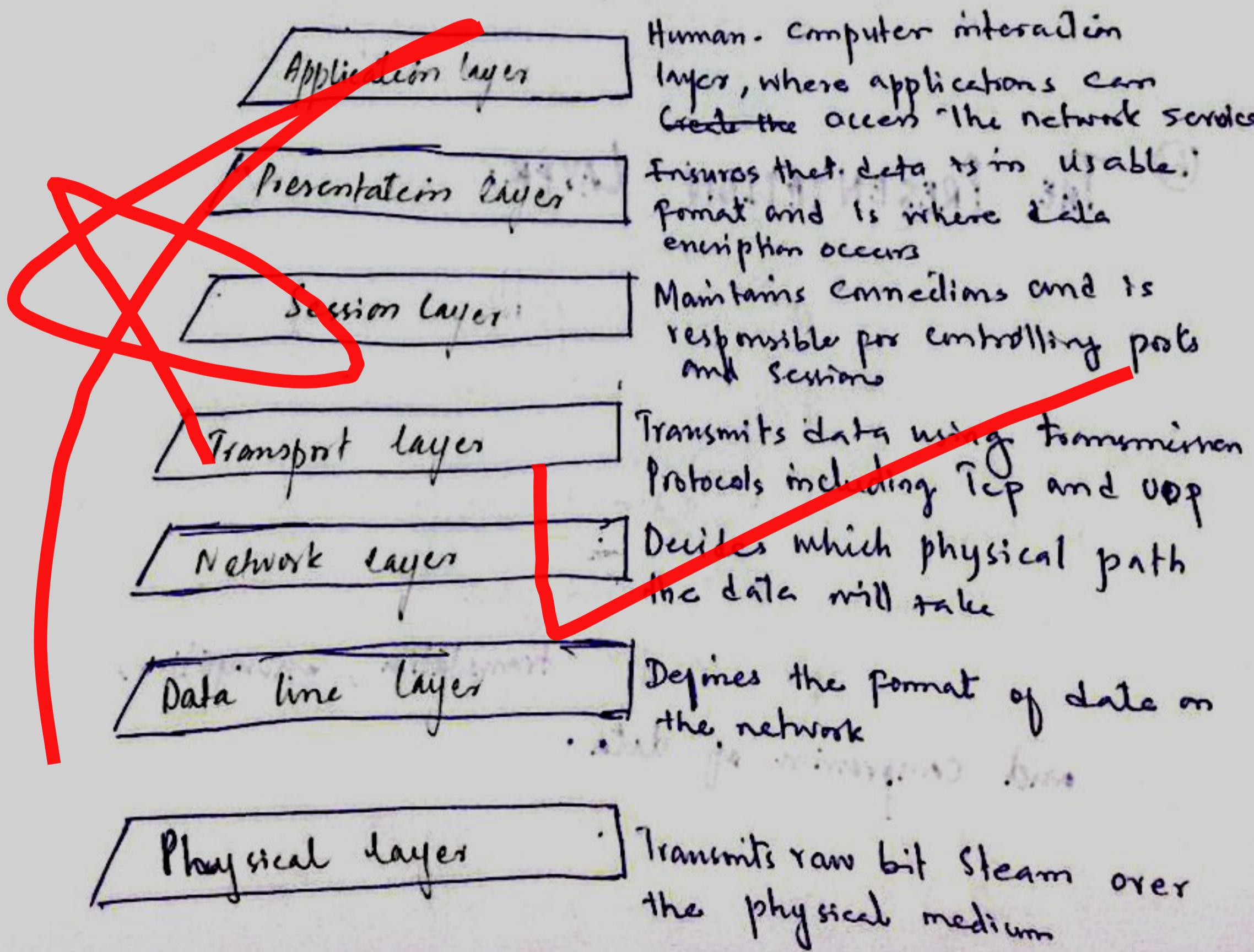
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What is Open System Interconnections (OSI) and describe its layers.

### Open System Interconnections:

The open systems interconnections (OSI) model is a conceptual model created by the international organization for standardization which enables diverse communication systems to communicate using standard protocols. In simple terms, the OSI provides a standard for different computer systems to be able to communicate each other.

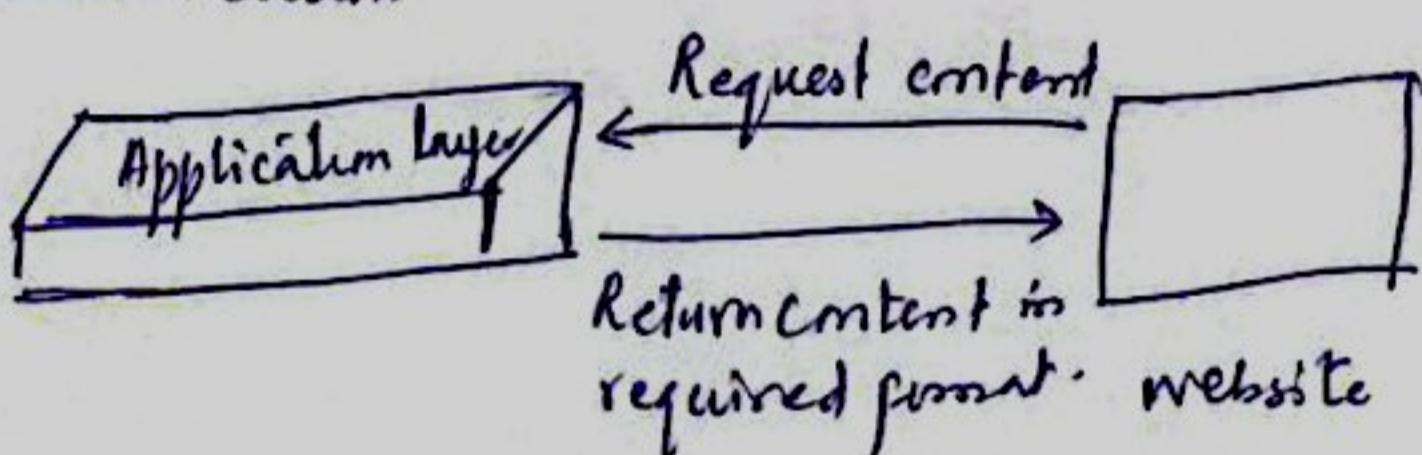
The OSI model can be seen as a universal language for computer networking. It is based on the concept of splitting up a communication system into seven abstract layers, each one stacked upon the last.



Seven layers of the OSI model can be defined as follows from Top to bottom:

## ⑤ THE APPLICATION LAYER:

The only layer that directly interacts with data from the user. Software applications like web browsers and email client rely on the application layer to initiate communications. But it should be clear that client software applications are not part of the application layer; rather application layer is responsible for the protocols and data manipulation. Application protocols **HTTP** as well as **SMTP** (simple mail transfer protocol) enables emails communication.



## ⑥ THE PRESENTATION LAYER:

Encryption

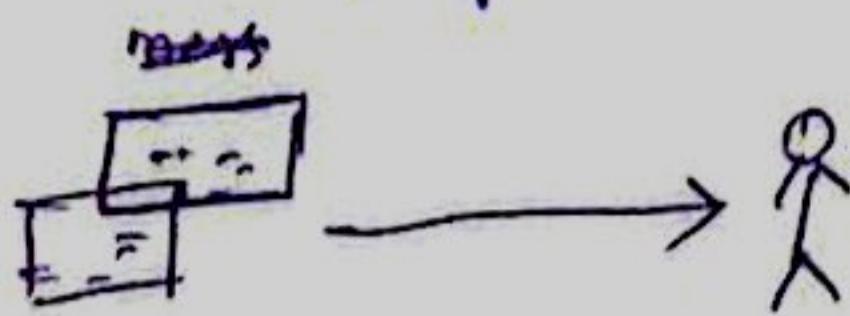
compression

Translation

It ensures that data is in a usable format and is where data encryption occurs. This layer is responsible for translation, encryption, and compression of data.

## ⑤ The Session layer:

This layer maintains connections and is responsible for controlling ports and sessions.



## ⑥ The Transport layer:

This layer is responsible for end-to-end communication between the two devices. It transmits data using transmission protocols including TCP and UDP.

## ③ Network layer:

This layer is responsible for facilitating data transfer between different networks. It decides which physical path the data will take.

**Network layer protocols:** include IP, the internet control message protocol (ICMP), the internet group message protocol (IGMP), and the IPsec.

## ② The Data link layer:

This layer takes packets from network layer and break them into smaller pieces called frames. It defines data formats of data on the network. It is also responsible for flow-control and error-control in the intra-network communication.

**① Physical layer:** This layer includes the physical equipment involvement in the data-transfer, such as cables and switches. It also transmits raw data over the physical medium.