

# CompTIA NET+ Cert, Part 01 of 17: Theory and Communications[replaced]

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**Prerequisites:** This course assumes the user has some experience with computer hardware, software, and understands the concept of a computer network.

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**Course description:** \*\* this course is updated for current certification N10-008 with parts 1 through 7 starting at <https://www.learnnowonline.com/course/npe> \*\*

In this session we look at the fundamentals of networking to get you introduced to a number of important concepts. We begin with terminology so that you aren't blindsided by the various acronyms that you are likely to hear in this field. We discuss network models such as peer-to-peer and client/server and the functionality provided by them as well as the typical networks in which you would find them. Finally you will see the topology of the network, both in the physical and logical sense. Next we'll look at the actual signals and data transmission methods that are used on the network. This information can be very helpful if you find yourself analyzing network devices and technologies to give you a better understanding of their functionality. It can also be helpful when diagnosing network problems.

## Course outline:

### Network Terminology

- Introduction
- Computer Networks
- Network Component
- Nodes
- The Network Backbone
- Types of Network Backbones
- Server
- Client
- Peer Computers
- Host Computers
- Terminals
- LANs
- WANs
- Network Coverage Areas
- The Internet
- Intranet
- Extranet
- Enterprise Network
- Summary

### Network Models

- Introduction
- Network Models
- Segments
- Centralized Networks

- Client/Server Networks
- Peer-to-Peer Networks
- Mixed Mode Networks
- Summary

### Topologies

- Introduction
- Topology
- Point-to-Point Connections
- Multipoint Connection
- Radiated Connections
- The Physical Bus Topology
- The Physical Star Topology
- The Physical Ring Topology
- The Physical Mesh Topology
- The Physical Tree Topology
- Hybrid Topologies
- Types of Hybrid Topologies
- The Logical Bus Topology
- Data Transmission on a Bus
- The Logical Ring Topology
- The Logical Star Topology
- Summary

### Data Transmission Methods

- Introduction
- Data Transmission
- Digital Data Transmission

- Unicast Transmission
- Broadcast Transmission
- Multicast Transmission
- Serial Data Transmission
- Parallel Data Transmission
- Baseband Transmission
- Broadband Transmission
- Summary

### Media Access Methods

- Introduction
- Types of Media Access
- Multiplexing
- Polling
- CSMA/CD
- CSMA/CA
- Contention Domains
- Summary

### Signaling Methods

- Introduction
- Analog Signals
- Analog Signal Characteristics
- Digital Signals
- Analog Signal Mod/Demod
- Digital Signal Mod/Demod
- Digital Signal Ref Methods
- Summary