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How a LAN Works is a full color illustrated guide to the world of local area networks.

This book is designed for students who want to know the basics of how networks work.

How a LAN Works explores the underlying concepts of how networks function.

Combines excellent full color graphics that brings the inside of a network to life.

Introduces the three main network types, star networks, bus networks and ring networks.

Describes the differences between local area networks (LAN) and wide area networks (WAN).

Covers network security with user names and passwords.

Access rights are described.

The network firewall is covered.

Describes data packets and ports.

The TCP/IP protocols are detailed.

Client Server is described.

This full-color, fully illustrated guide to the world of local area networks is Ideal for computer science.

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Chapter 1

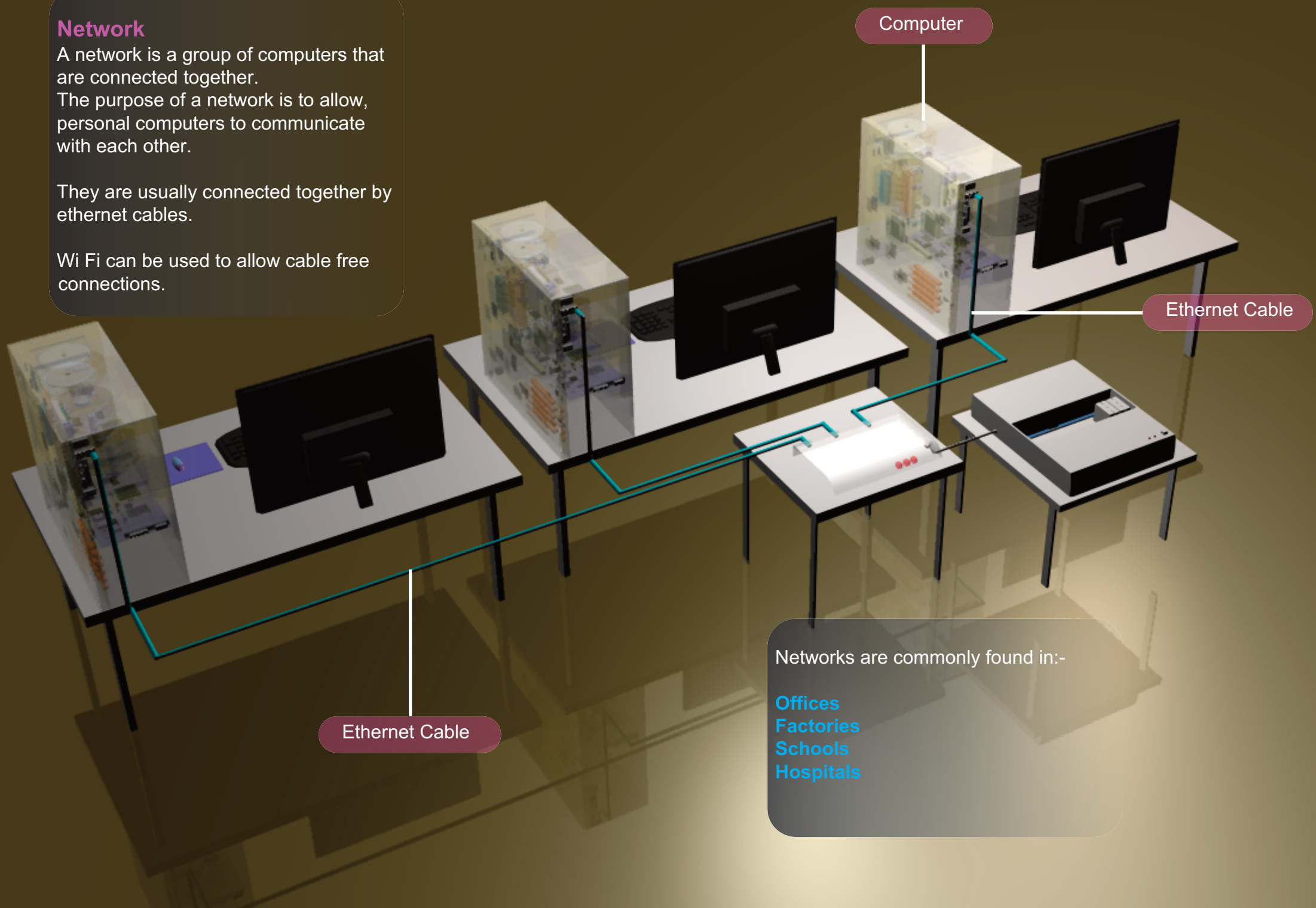
Introduction.

Network

A network is a group of computers that are connected together.
The purpose of a network is to allow, personal computers to communicate with each other.

They are usually connected together by ethernet cables.

Wi Fi can be used to allow cable free connections.



Networks are commonly found in:-

Offices
Factories
Schools
Hospitals

LAN

A Local area network (LAN) is one that is contained on site, i.e. in an office building or in a school.

A LAN is considered to a network of computers that are connected together on one site, i.e in the same building.

The diagram illustrates a Local Area Network (LAN) setup in an office environment. Three desktop computers are shown on white desks, each with a monitor displaying a blue Windows desktop background, a black keyboard, and a purple mouse. The computers are connected by red Ethernet cables. A callout box labeled 'Ethernet Cable' points to one of the cables. The background is a solid blue color.

Ethernet Cable

All the personal computers are connected together, using flexible ethernet cables.

