# LE 517 Data Communications and Networks

Week 3:- Communication Media and Codes

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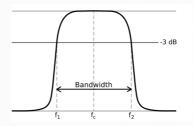
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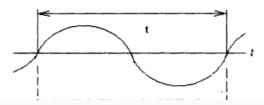
# **Communications Media**

- **Data Rate** :- the number of bits that can be transmitted per unit of time.
- **Bandwidth**:- the difference between the highest and lowest frequencies that may be transmitted.



# **Communications Media**

• **Period:**- the time that is required for signal to complete 1 cycle.



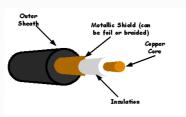
• **Frequency:**- the number of cycles through which the signal can oscillate in a second. The unit is Hertz (Hz) or cycles per second.

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# **Conductive Metal**

- Coaxial Cable:- Consisting with
  - Inner: made of copper or aluminum
  - Insulation layer: prevention
  - Wire mesh shield: protection from electrical signal
  - Outer cover or Outside Insulation

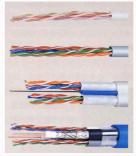




# **Conductive Metal**

• **Twisted Pair:**- Traditional is copper wire with electricity flows though. Copper is electrical conductive and low resistance and resistant to corrosion.





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# **Optical Fiber**

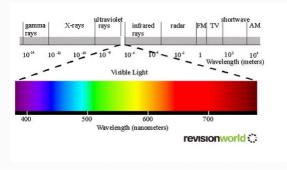
• Optical Fiber:- Using light instead of electricity to transmit information and to avoid interference.



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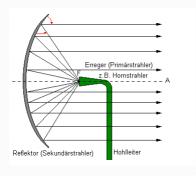
- Wireless Transmission involve electromagnetic waves.
  - VHF (very high frequency) for TV: 30 MHz to 300 MHz
  - UHF (ultra high frequency) for TV: 300 MHz to 3 GHz



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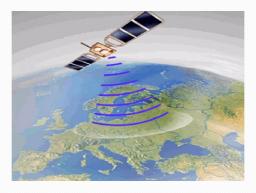
 Microwave Transmission: microwaves travel in a straight line. And normally require parabolic dish reflector.





# **Wireless Communication**

• Satellite Transmission: generally is microwave transmission where satellite orbiting the earth.



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# Codes

- Symbols to represent text, number and other information.
- Purpose: to suit the transmission via medium and peripherals.
- It has been developed as standard for communicate between each parties.

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# **ASCII Code**

- ASCII Code American Standard Code for Information Interchange (ASCII).
- 7 bit code by mapping a unique combination to every keyboard character with some special function.

#### Sample of Special key

- ACK Acknowledgement for previous transmission.
- BEL Bell signal or sound "beep" in computer.
- VT Vertical Tab, shift cursor to the next pre-assign print line

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# **EBCDIC Code**

- EBCDIC Extended Binary Coded Decimal Interchange Code.
- 8 bit code or up to 256 different characters.

# | Dec | Hr. Oct Char | Dec | H

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# Baudot, Morse and BCD Codes

- **Baudot:** 5 bits for each character, original designed for French telegraph.
- **Morse:** one of the oldest code since 1838 used for telegraph communication by combining between dashes and dot.
- **BCD**: Binary coded decimal using in early IBM mainframe. However, it similarly with 6 bits format.



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