

# How has networking changed in 30 years?

Application

Physical

90s

wiring,  
copper

20s

fiberoptic ←  
diverse wireless

↳ WIFI  
4G

Bluetooth...

lasers?

higher  
error

lower error

28.8 Kbps

↳ my 1st modem

1Gbps

↳ my house now

Link  
Layer

~~Best~~  
Simple encoding

Better encoding,  
better  
checksums

NO security

has security!  
eg - encrypted  
WIFI

Heterogenous,  
Proprietary  
standards

FDDI, token ring  
ATM...

Broadly  
→ Standardized  
(IEEE 802.  
foo?)

90s

20s

50s

Network

IPv4



IPv6??



→ Please?

STILL!!!

Routing  
fully distributed

SDN,  
Centralized control

Transport

1987

↓  
Internet  
Collapse  
TCP  
invented

Reno

SACK,  
Cubic  
BBR  
Fast TCP ...  
Reno  
TCP Chicago  
TCP Potato

~~TCP~~  
TCP/UDP



QUIC

Mostly  
unencrypted

TLS is  
Standard!

90s

Application Layer

Everything is slow

Less secure

Centralized,  
Single zone

Static documents  
& files are majority

20s

Latency sensitive

More secure

Distributed  
Geo-replicated,  
CDNS

Video is majority