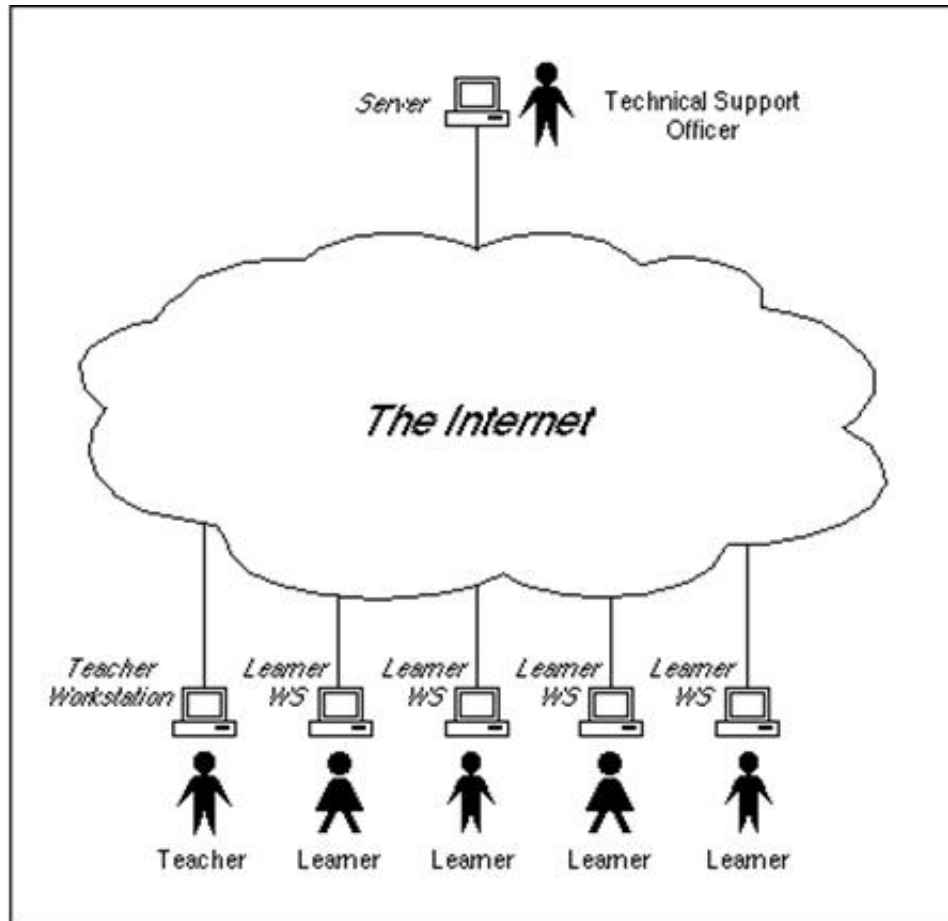


Components of Internet

The Internet components most Internet users are familiar with are e-mail, the web, and web access. But if you are considering setting up a web site for your business and/or becoming your own web master there are other Internet components to consider. What follows is a list of all of the most common components of the Internet.



Access - To interact directly with the Internet requires some form of access or connectivity to the Internet.

Chat - IRC (Internet Relay Chat) is used for live discussions on the Internet.

Ecommerce - Taking orders for products and services on the Internet.

E-mail - Exchanging electronic letters, messages, and small files.

FTP - File Transfer Protocol is the most common method of transferring files between computers via the Internet.

Hosting - Making information available to others on the Internet.

Mailing Lists - E-mail messages forwarded to everyone on a special interest list.

Search Engines - These tools are really a part of the World Wide Web and are often used when looking

for information because the Web has grown so large and is without any inherent organizational structure.

Telnet - Creation of a dumb terminal session to a host computer in order to run software applications on the host system.

Usenet - Newsgroups for receiving news and sending out announcements.

World Wide Web - This is largest, fastest growing, part of the Internet, the part for which Internet browsers like Netscape's Navigator and Microsoft's Explorer were designed. Business is the leading factor fueling the rapid growth of the Web making information, advertising, and product ordering readily available to everyone with Web access.