

## Join or Divide Networks

Bridges can be used to connect a small number of individual networks to make them work together as one large network. A network made up of smaller networks is called an internetwork. Bridges are also used to split a busy network into smaller segments. Splitting a busy network helps to reduce excess network traffic. For example, if the computers in one department generate a lot of network traffic, a bridge can separate that department from the rest of the network.

