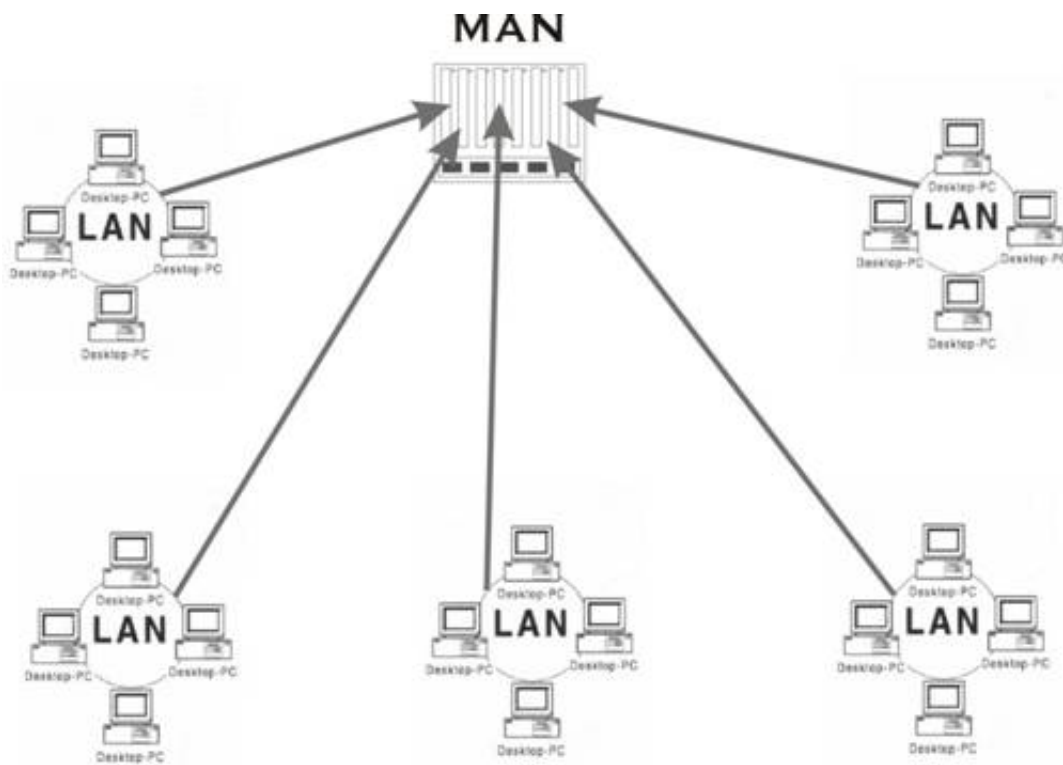


MAN (Metropolitan Area Networks)

MAN is a network that interconnect users with computer resources in a geographic area or region larger than that covered by a local area network (LAN) but smaller than the area covered by wide area network (WAN). A MAN is made from switches or routers connected to one another with high-speed links (usually fibre optic cables). Using high-speed (1.544 Mbps to 155 Mbps) transmission, MANs connect smaller networks within a campus, a city, and/or neighboring suburbs.



MANs (Metropolitan Area Networks) connect multiple geographically nearby LANs to one another (over an area of up to a few dozen kilometres) at high speeds. Thus, a MAN lets two remote nodes communicate as if they were part of the same local area network.

Metropolitan Area Networks are not commonly used these days, they are used to create communication between systems in an entire city. Hence a Metropolitan Area Network area falls between the sizes Local Area Networks, and Wide Area Networks.

