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المحاضرة الثالثة

**Wireless Local Area Networks** 

المادة: Wireless Body Sensor Networks

المرحلة: الثالثة

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## Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN)

- A wireless local area network (WLAN) is a wireless computer network that links two or more devices using wireless communication within a limited area such as a home, school, computer laboratory, or office building.
- This gives users the ability to move around within a local coverage area and yet still be connected to the network.
- Through a gateway, a WLAN can also provide a connection to the wider Internet.
- Most modern WLANs are based on IEEE 802.11 standards and are marketed under the Wi-Fi brand name.

## Wireless LAN Applications

Four application areas for Wireless LAN's:

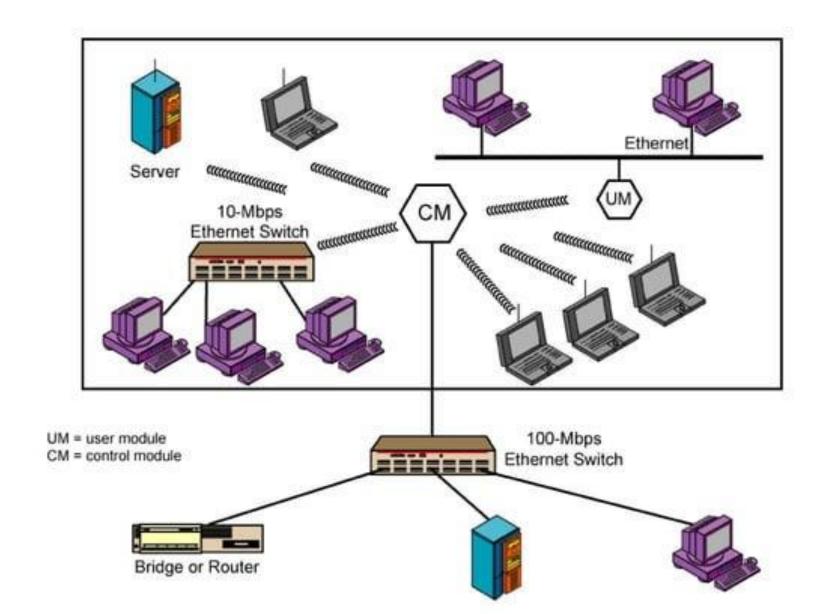
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- Cross Building interconnect
- Nomadic access
- Ad hoc networks

#### LAN extension

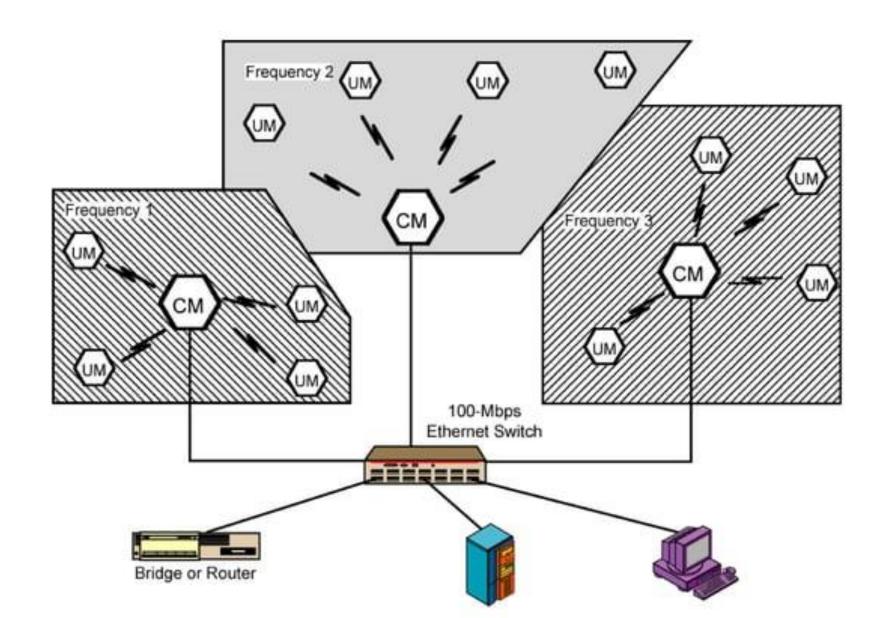
Wireless LAN linked to a Wired LAN on same premises

- ➤ Wired LAN
  - Backbone
  - Supports servers and Stationary Workstations
- ➤ Wireless LAN
  - Stations in large areas such as offices, warehouses etc.
  - Historical buildings
  - Small offices

# Single-Cell Wireless LAN Configuration



# Multi-Cell Wireless LAN Configuration



### Cross-Building Interconnect

- Connecting LANs in nearby buildings
  - Wired LAN or Wireless LAN
- ➤ Point-to-point wireless link is used
- Devices connected are typically Bridges or Routers
- ➤ Signal point-to-point link is not a LAN

#### Nomadic access

- Wireless link between LAN hub and mobile data terminal equipped with an antenna
  - Laptop or Notepad
- ➤ Uses:
  - Transfer of data from portable computer to office server
  - Extended environments such as acces

### Ad hoc networking

➤ Temporary peer-to-peer network set-up for immediate network access without any use of centralized server

Eg: Connecting laptops temporarily to a network for a limited amount of time