

# Wireprotocol

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**Wire Protocol** refers to a way of getting data from point to point: A Wire [protocol](#) is needed if more than one application has to interoperate. It generally refers to protocols higher than the physical layer. In contrast to transport protocols at the transport level (like [tcp](#) or [udp](#)), the term “wire protocol” is used to describe a common way to represent information at the Application Level of the [osi](#). It refers only to a common application layer protocol and not to a common object semantic[clarification needed] of the applications. Such a representation at application level needs a common [xml\\_info](#) and a data binding (using e.g. a common encoding scheme like [xsd](#)).

The Wire Protocol may be either text-based or a binary protocol. Although an important architectural decision, this is a separate matter from the distinction between Wire Protocols and programmatic [Application Programming Interfaces \(APIs\)](#).

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