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**Ethernet** is a family of computer networking technologies commonly used in [Local Area Network \(LAN\)](#), metropolitan area networks (MAN) and [Wide Area Network \(WAN\)](#).<sup>[1]</sup> It was commercially introduced in 1980 and first standardized in 1983 as [IEEE 802.3](#). Ethernet has since retained a good deal of backward compatibility and has been refined to support higher bit rates, a greater number of nodes, and longer link distances.

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