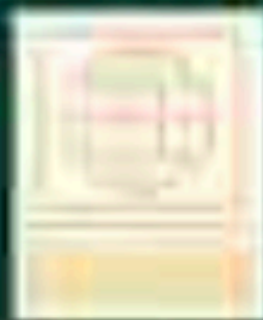




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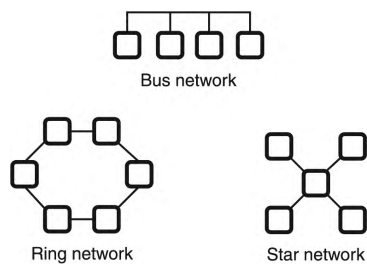


FIGURE 269. Topologies of computer networks

**touchpad** a substitute for a MOUSE on a laptop or notebook computer (Figure 270). The user uses a finger to make strokes on a rectangular touch sensor. Just as with a mouse, the direction and length of the strokes is significant, but not their absolute position.



FIGURE 270. Touchpad (on a laptop computer).

**touchscreen** a computer screen that is sensitive to touch, so that the user can point to things on it by touching the screen itself, without using a mouse.

#### trace

1. to execute a program step by step, observing the results of each step.
2. (in a draw program) to create a path or outline around the contours of a bitmapped shape. It is necessary to trace bitmaps to convert them into VECTOR GRAPHICS. Tracing can be done by a separate utility program or from within the drawing program.

#### track

1. one of the concentric circles in which data is recorded on a disk (Figure 271), or one of the parallel strips in which data is recorded on tape.
2. a music selection on a CD-ROM.
3. a video selection on a DVD.
4. a portion of a MIDI file that specifies the performance details of a single instrument.