

What is a Communication Model/ Theory of Communication?

A model can be defined as a visual presentation that identifies, classifies and describes various parts of a process. In the communication process, sender, message, media and receiver are associated. Communication process starts with the transmission of message by communicator and end with receiver's feedback. When this communication process is represented through a line or picture, it is called communication model. In other words, pictorial presentation of communication process is known as communication model.



Types of Communication Model:

- 1. Aristotle's model
- 2. New Combs Model
- 3. Thayer's Organizational Model
- 4. Circular Model
- 5. Shannon Weaver Model
- 6. Modern Communication Model

i. Transactional Model

ii. International Model

iii. Linear Model

iv. Berlo's Model

v. Exchange theory Model

1. Aristotle's model:

According to this model the existence of sender, message and receiver are essential for establishing communication. In this model no focus as given on the responses from the receiver ,so this models is called as one way communication. Aristotle's model defines three agents of Communication-

- a. Speaker/ Sender,
- b. Speech/ Channel,
- c. Audience/ Receiver



2. New Combs Model/ Social Model

The New Comb's model of communication was introduced by Theodore M Newcomb of the University of Michigan in 1953. He gives different approach to the communication process. The main purpose of this theory is to introduce the role of communication in a social relationship (society) and to maintain social equilibrium within the social system. He does not include the message as a separate entity in his diagram, implying it only by use of directional arrows. He concentrates on the social purpose of communication, showing all communication as a means of sustaining relationships between people. Sometimes it's called as an "ABX" model of communication.



The Newcomb's Model

3. Thayer's Organizational Model

The main slogan of this model is to concept the individual communication process with the organization structure. In this model Thayer's has shown that the attend to a accomplish any task through personal communication greatly influences the process of organizational communication.



Thayer's Organization Communication Model

Thayer's Model of Mood:



4. Circular Model

This model highlights two way communication. Here the response of the receiver is given importance. So, sender always anticipates feedback from receiver. As a result communication is completed.



5. Shannon Weaver Model (information Model)

This model shows that communication originated in the sender brain. The sender initiates communication based on thought's and transmits information through selected media to the receiver. Such model gives importance on two way flow of communication and therefore helps to measure the effectiveness of communication.



SHANNON-WEAVER'S MODEL OF COMMUNICATION

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1. Linear Model of Communication

<u>Linear model of communication</u> is a simple one way communication model. The message flows in a straight line from sender to the receiver. There is no concept of feedback. The only task that a receiver does here is to receive the message. Different models that follow linear model of communication are:

<u>Lasswell's Model</u> <u>Aristotle's Model</u> <u>Shannon Weaver Model</u> <u>Berlo's S-M-C-R Model</u>

2. Transactional Model of Communication

In <u>transactional model</u>, senders and receivers both are known as communicators and both play equally important role in communication. Transactional model relates communication with social reality, cultural up-bringing and relational context (relationships). Non-verbal feedback like gestures, body language, is also considered as feedback in this model. Different models that follow transactional model of communication are:

Barnlund's Transactional Model

Helical Model

Becker's Mosaic Model

3. Interactive Model of Communication:

Interactive model or convergence model is similar to transactional model as they are both two way communication model. But, interactive model is mostly used for new media like internet. Here, people can respond to any mass communications like videos, news, etc. People can exchange their views and ideas. Different models that follow interactive model of communication are:

Schramm's Interactive Model