Overview of Lecture

- The Social Effects of Online Networks
- Communications Types
- The Client/ Server Architecture
- IP Addressing
- Domains

Networked Computers, Life Changes

- Single computers are useful, connected ones are even more so
  - Nowhere is remote
  - People are interconnected
  - Social relationships are changing
  - Freedom of speech and assembly have expanded
  - Compare to 5 years ago

People Are More Interconnected

- Thesis: Family and friends stay in closer, more frequent contact via Internet than via telephone or "snail mail"
  - is this true?
  - are we really more in touch – what does 'connected' really mean?

- Thesis: WWW lets us meet people passively
  - People with similar interests find each other through search engines
  - Linkedin.com
  - Associations can form rapidly