

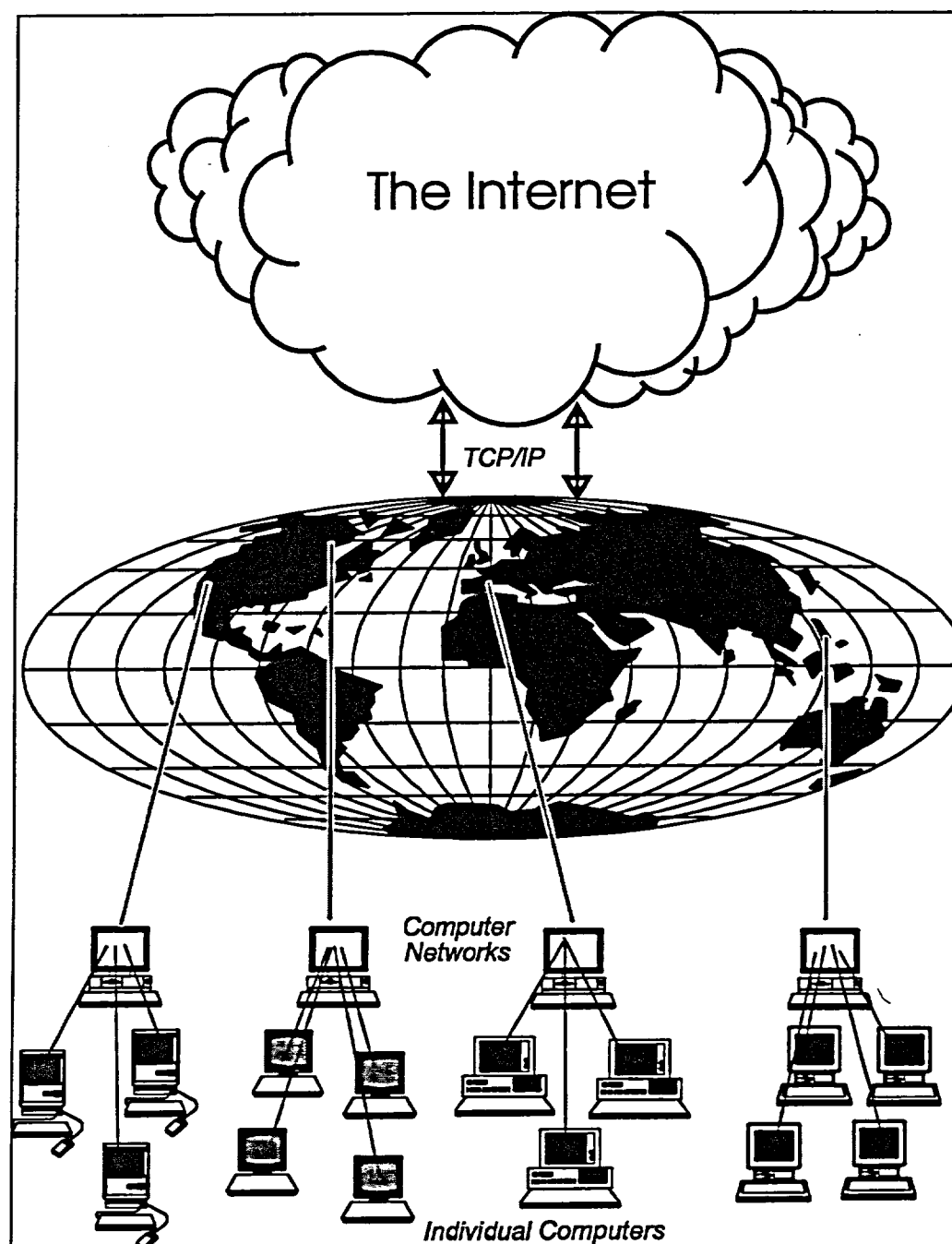


Figure 1-1: *The Internet*

Today, millions of computers are connected to thousands of networks, spanning every continent. Each user connected to the Internet can access the vast resources available. Virtually every college, university, and major corporation and, in many countries, some elementary and secondary schools, are connected to the Internet. Most businesses, and today, many individuals, are connected to the Net.