

Lightboard Lessons: What is a Proxy?



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The term 'Proxy' is a contraction that comes from the middle English word [procuracy](#), a legal term meaning to act on behalf of another.

In networking and web traffic, a proxy is a [device or server](#) that acts on behalf of other devices. It sits between two entities and performs a service. Proxies are hardware or software solutions that sit between the client and the server and do something to requests and sometimes responses.

In this [Lightboard Lesson](#), I light up the various types of proxies.

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