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(1) A place from which data is taken. Many computer commands involve moving data. The place from which the data is moved is called the *source*, whereas the place it is moved to is called the destination or *target*. If you copy a file from one directory to another, for example, you copy it from the *source directory* to the destination *directory.* The source and destination can be files, directories, or devices (that is, printers or storage devices).

(2) The node on a network from which data is sent to its destination.

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