The reduction of a signal, sometimes gradual and self created, sometimes intentionally created. An example would be a network of two computers that is ten feet in length and a network of two hundred computers that is two thousand feet in length. As a signal starts and moves from one location on each network to another, that signal is attenuated. The largest attenuation is on the longer run of network cable. A device to intentionally reduce a signal strength is called an attenuator. Devices like this are often used by cable TV companies to keep from over powering a particular TV with signal.

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