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We give a definition of Q-Net; a generalization of Petri nets based on a Lawvere theory  $Q$  for which many existing variants of Petri nets are a special case. This definition is functorial with respect to change in Lawvere theory and we exploit this to explore the relationships between different kinds of Q-nets. To justify our definition of Q-net, we construct a family of adjunctions for each Lawvere theory explicating the way in which Q-nets present free models of  $Q$  in  $\text{Cat}$ . This gives a functorial description of the operational semantics for an arbitrary category of Q-nets. We show how this can be used to construct the semantics for Petri nets, pre-nets, integer nets, and elementary net systems. (Received February 22, 2020)