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We give a definition of \mathbf{Q} -net, a generalization of Petri nets based on a Lawvere theory \mathbf{Q} for which many existing variants of Petri nets are a special case. We show how \mathbf{Q} -nets can be upgraded from closed systems to open systems; \mathbf{Q} -nets where tokens can flow in and out of specified boundary sets. The definition of \mathbf{Q} -net is functorial with respect to change in Lawvere theory and we exploit this to explore the relationships between different kinds of \mathbf{Q} -nets as both closed and open systems. To justify our definition of \mathbf{Q} -net, we construct a family of adjunctions for each Lawvere theory \mathbf{Q} explicating the way in which \mathbf{Q} -nets present free models of \mathbf{Q} in \mathbf{Cat} . This gives a functorial description of the operational semantics for an arbitrary category of \mathbf{Q} -nets. We show how this construction can be used to give a functorial operational semantics for Petri nets, pre-nets, integer nets, and elementary net systems. When applied to open \mathbf{Q} -nets, these adjunctions give an operational semantics which can be built in a compositional way. (Received August 28, 2019)