

## Slides for Chapter 3: Networking and Internetworking



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### Networking Issues (1)

- ⌘ Performance:
  - ☒ *Latency* (time between send and start to receive)
  - ☒ *Data transfer rate* (bits per second) [max]
  - ☒ Transmission time = latency + length / transfer rate
  - ☒ System bandwidth, throughput [actual]: total volume of traffic in a given amount of time
  - ☒ Using different channels concurrently can make bandwidth > data transfer rate
  - ☒ traffic load can make bandwidth < data transfer rate
  - ☒ network speed < memory speed (about 1000 times)
  - ☒ Access to local disk is usually faster than remote disk
  - ☒ Fast (expensive) remote disk + fast network
    - ☒ can beat slow (cheap) local disks

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### Networking Issues (2)

- ⌘ scalability
- ⌘ reliability
  - ☒ corruption is rare
  - ☒ mechanisms in higher-layers to recover errors
  - ☒ errors are usually timing failures, the receiver doesn't have resources to handle the messages
- ⌘ security
  - ☒ firewall on gateways (entry point to org's intranet)
  - ☒ encryption is usually in higher-layers
- ⌘ mobility--communication is more challenging: locating, routing,...
- ⌘ quality of service--real-time services
- ⌘ multicasting--one-to-many communication

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### Types of Networks (1)

- ⌘ Local Area Networks (LAN)
  - ☒ floor/building-wide
  - ☒ single communication medium
  - ☒ no routing, broadcast
  - ☒ segments connected by switches or hubs
  - ☒ high bandwidth, low latency
  - ☒ Ethernet - 10Mbps, 100Mbps, 1Gbps
  - ☒ no latency guarantees (what could be the consequences?)
  - ☒ Personal area networks (PAN) [ad-hoc networks]:  
blue tooth, infra-red for PDAs, cell phones, ...

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### Types of Networks (2)

- ⌘ Metropolitan Area Networks (MAN)
  - ☒ city-wide, up to 50 km
  - ☒ Digital Subscriber Line (DSL): .25 - 8 Mbps, 5.5km from switch
    - ☒ BellSouth: .8 to 6 Mbps
  - ☒ Cable modem: 1.5 Mbps, longer range than DSL
    - ☒ Bright house w/ Road Runner: .5 to 10Mbps

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### Types of Networks (3)

- ⌘ Wide Area Networks (WAN)
  - ☒ world-wide
  - ☒ Different organizations
  - ☒ Large distances
  - ☒ routed, latency .1 - .5 seconds
  - ☒ 1-10 Mbps (upto 600 Mbps)

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## Types of Networks (4)

### ⌘ Wireless local area networks (WLAN)

- ☒ IEEE 802.11 (WiFi)
- ☒ 10-100 Mbps, 1.5km
  - ☒ 802.11 (1997): upto 2 Mbps, 2.4 GHz
  - ☒ 802.11a (1999): upto 54 Mbps, 5 GHz, ~75 feet outdoor
  - ☒ 802.11b (1999): upto 11 Mbps, 2.4 GHz, ~150 feet [most popular]
  - ☒ 802.11g (2003): upto 54 Mbps, 2.4 GHz, ~150 feet [backward compatible with 802.11b, becoming more popular]

### ⌘ Wireless metropolitan area networks (WMAN)

- ☒ IEEE 802.16 (WiMax)
- ☒ 1.5-20 Mbps, 5-50km

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## Types of Networks (5)

### ⌘ Wireless wide area networks (WWAN)

- ☒ worldwide
- ☒ GSM (Global System for Mobile communications)
- ☒ 9.6 – 33 kbps
- ☒ 3G ("third generation"): 128-384 kbps to 2Mbps

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## Types of Networks (6)

### ⌘ Internetworks

- ☒ connecting different kinds of networks
- ☒ routers, gateways

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## Network performance

|                  | Example              | Range       | Bandwidth (Mbps) | Latency (ms) |
|------------------|----------------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|
| <i>Wired:</i>    |                      |             |                  |              |
| LAN              | Ethernet             | 1-2 km      | 10-1000          | 1-10         |
| MAN              | ATM                  | 250 km      | 1-150            | 10           |
| WAN              | IP routing           | worldwide   | .01-600          | 100-500      |
| Internetwork     | Internet             | worldwide   | 0.5-600          | 100-500      |
| <i>Wireless:</i> |                      |             |                  |              |
| WPAN             | Bluetooth (802.15.1) | 10 - 30m    | 0.5-2            | 5-20         |
| WLAN             | WiFi (IEEE 802.11)   | 0.15-1.5 km | 2-54             | 5-20         |
| WMAN             | WiMAX (802.16)       | 550 km      | 1.5-20           | 5-20         |
| WWAN             | GSM, 3G phone nets   | worldwide   | 0.01-2           | 100-500      |

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## Network principles (1)

### ⌘ Packet transmission

- ☒ message: logical unit of informatio
- ☒ packet: transmission unit
- ☒ restricted length: sufficient buffer storage, reduce hogging

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## Network principles (2)

### ⌘ Data Streaming

- ☒ audio/video
- ☒ Need 120 Mbps (1.5 Mbps compressed)
- ☒ play time: the time when a frame need to be displayed
- ☒ for example, 24 frames per second, frame 48 must be display after two seconds
- ☒ IP protocol provides no guarantees IPv6 (new) includes features for real-time streams, stream data are treated separately
- ☒ Resource Reservation Protocol (RSVP), Real-time Transport Protocol (RTP)

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### Network principles (3)

#### ⌘ Switching schemes (transmission between arbitrary nodes)

- ☒ Broadcast: ethernet, token ring, wireless
- ☒ Circuit switching: wires are connected
- ☒ Packet switching:
  - ☒ store-and-forward
  - ☒ different routes
  - ☒ "store-and-forward" needs to buffer the entire packet before forwarding
- ☒ Frame relay
  - ☒ Small packets
  - ☒ Looks only at the first few bits
  - ☒ Don't buffer/store the entire frame

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### Network principles (4)

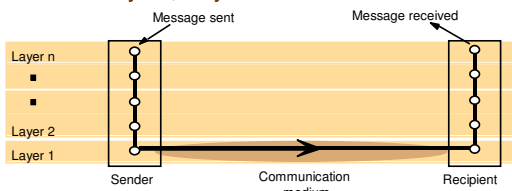
#### ⌘ Protocols

- ☒ Key components
  - ☒ Sequence of messages
  - ☒ Format of messages

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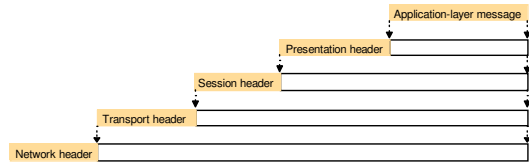
#### ⌘ Protocol layers, why?



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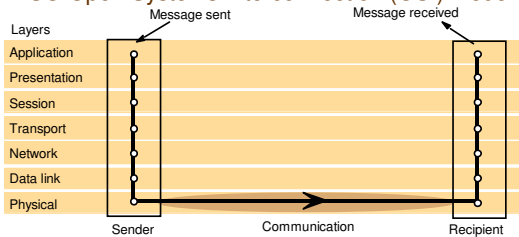
#### ⌘ Encapsulation in layered protocols



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### Network principles (7)

#### ⌘ ISO Open Systems Interconnection (OSI) model

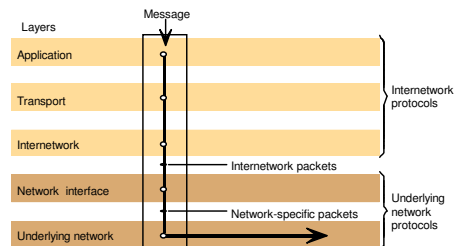


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### Network principles (8)

#### ☒ Internet layers

- ☒ Application = application + presentation
- ☒ Transport = transport + session



## Network principles (9)

- ⌘ Packet assembly
  - ☑ header and data
  - ☑ maximum transfer unit (MTU): 1500 for Ethernet
  - ☑ 64K for IP (8K is common because of node storage)
- ⌘ ports: destination abstraction (application/service protocol)
- ⌘ addressing: transport address = network address + port
  - ☑ Well-known ports (below 1023)
  - ☑ Registered ports (1024 - 49151)
  - ☑ Private (up to 65535)

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## Network principles (10)

- ⌘ Packet delivery (at the network layer)
  - ☑ Datagram packet
    - ☑ one-shot, no initial set up
    - ☑ different routes, out of order
    - ☑ Ethernet, IP
  - ☑ Virtual circuit packet
    - ☑ initial set up for resources
    - ☑ virtual circuit # for addressing
    - ☑ ATM
- ⌘ Similar but different pairs of protocols at the transport layer (connection-oriented and connectionless)

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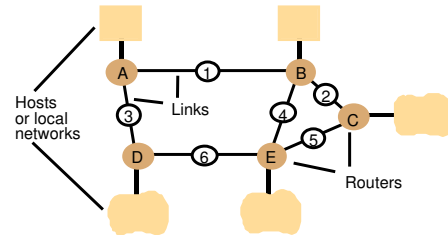
## Network principles (11)

- ⌘ Routing
  - ☑ LAN?
  - ☑ Routing Algorithm
    - ☑ decide which out-going link to forward the packet
      - for circuit switching, the route is determined during the circuit setup time
      - for packet switching, each packet is routed independently
    - ☑ update state of the out-going links
  - ☑ Routing Table
    - ☑ a record for each destination
    - ☑ fields: outgoing link, cost (e.g. hop count)

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## Network principles (12)

### ⌘ Router example



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## Network principles (13): Routing tables

| Routings from A |       |      | Routings from B |       |      | Routings from C |       |      |
|-----------------|-------|------|-----------------|-------|------|-----------------|-------|------|
| To              | Link  | Cost | To              | Link  | Cost | To              | Link  | Cost |
| A               | local | 0    | A               | 1     | 1    | A               | 2     | 2    |
| B               | 1     | 1    | B               | local | 0    | B               | 2     | 1    |
| C               | 1     | 2    | C               | 2     | 1    | C               | local | 0    |
| D               | 3     | 1    | D               | 1     | 2    | D               | 5     | 2    |
| E               | 1     | 2    | E               | 4     | 1    | E               | 5     | 1    |

| Routings from D |       |      | Routings from E |       |      |
|-----------------|-------|------|-----------------|-------|------|
| To              | Link  | Cost | To              | Link  | Cost |
| A               | 3     | 1    | A               | 4     | 2    |
| B               | 3     | 2    | B               | 4     | 1    |
| C               | 6     | 2    | C               | 5     | 1    |
| D               | local | 0    | D               | 6     | 1    |
| E               | 6     | 1    | E               | local | 0    |

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## Network principles (14)

- ⌘ Router information protocol (RIP)
  - ☑ "Bellman-Ford distance vector" algorithm
  - ☑ Sender: send table summary periodically (30s) or changes to neighbors
  - ☑ Receiver: Consider A receives a table from B, A updates
    1. A → B → ... → X: A updates--B has more up-to-date (authoritative) info
    2. A → not B → ... → X: Does routing via B have a lower cost?
    3. B → ... → X: A does not know X
    4. [B → A → ... → X]: A doesn't update--A has more up-to-date info
    5. Faulty link, cost is infinity
  - ☑ RIP-1 (RFC 1058)
  - ☑ More recent algorithms
    - ☑ more information, not just neighbors
    - ☑ link-state algorithms, each node responsible for finding the optimum routes

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## Network principles (15): Pseudocode for RIP routing algorithm

⌘  $Tl$  is the table local table;  $Tr$  is the received remote table

Send: Each  $t$  seconds or when  $Tl$  changes, send  $Tl$  on each non-faulty outgoing link.

Receive: Whenever a routing table  $Tr$  is received on link  $n$ :

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for all rows  $Rr$  in  $Tr$  {
  if ( $Rr.link \neq n$ ) { // destination not routed via the receiver
     $Rr.cost = Rr.cost + 1$ ;
     $Rr.link = n$ ;
    if ( $Rr.destination$  is not in  $Tl$ ) add  $Rr$  to  $Tl$ ;
    // add new destination to  $Tl$ 
  } else for all rows  $Rl$  in  $Tl$  {
    if ( $Rr.destination = Rl.destination$  and
        ( $Rr.cost < Rl.cost$  or  $Rl.link = n$ ))  $Rl = Rr$ ;
    //  $Rr.cost < Rl.cost$  : remote node has better route
    //  $Rl.link = n$  : remote node is more authoritative
  }
}

```

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## Network principles (16)

⌘ Congestion control

- ☒ high traffic load, packets dropped due to limited resources
- ☒ reducing transmission rate: "choke packets" from sender to receiver

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## Networking principles (17)

⌘ Network connecting devices

- ☒ Hubs: extending a segment of LAN (broadcast)
- ☒ Switches: switching traffic at data-link level (different segments of a LAN), making temporary hardware connections between two ports (or store and forward) [switches do not exchange info with each other]
- ☒ Routers: routing traffic at IP level
- ☒ Bridges: linking networks of different types, could be routers as well

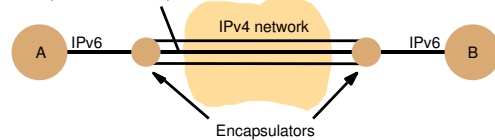
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## Networking principles (18)

⌘ Tunneling

- ☒ communicate through an "alien" protocol
- ☒ "Hide" in the payload
- ☒ IPv6 traffic using IPv4 protocols

IPv6 encapsulated in IPv4 packets



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## Internet protocols (1)

⌘ IP (Internet Protocol)

- ☒ "network" layer protocol
- ☒ IP addresses

⌘ TCP (Transmission Control Protocol)

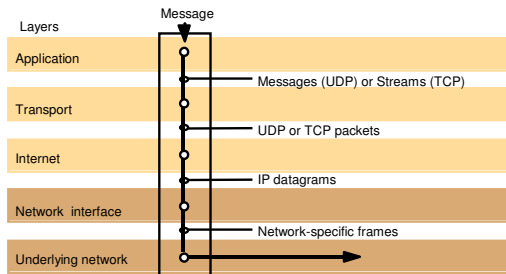
- ☒ transport layer
- ☒ connection-oriented

⌘ UDP (User Datagram Protocol)

- ☒ transport layer
- ☒ connection-less

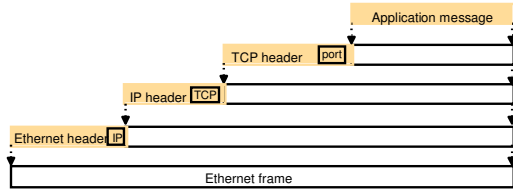
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## Internet protocols (2): TCP/IP layers



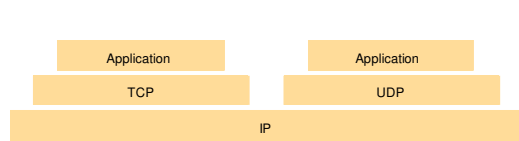
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### Internet protocols (3): layer encapsulation



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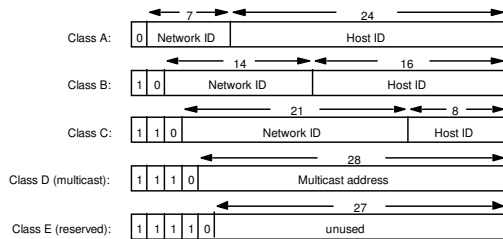
### Internet protocols (4): Programmer's view



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### Internet protocols (5): Internet address structure

⌘ 32-bit



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### Internet protocols (6): Decimal representation

⌘ 163.118.131.9 (www.fit.edu)

|                      | octet 1                  | octet 2             | octet 3             | Range of addresses           |
|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Class A:             | Network ID<br>1 to 127   | Host ID<br>0 to 255 | Host ID<br>0 to 255 | 1.0.0.0 to 127.255.255.255   |
| Class B:             | Network ID<br>128 to 191 | Host ID<br>0 to 255 | Host ID<br>0 to 255 | 128.0.0.0 to 191.255.255.255 |
| Class C:             | Network ID<br>192 to 223 | Host ID<br>0 to 255 | Host ID<br>0 to 255 | 192.0.0.0 to 223.255.255.255 |
| Class D (multicast): | Multicast address        |                     |                     | 224.0.0.0 to 239.255.255.255 |
| Class E (reserved):  | 240 to 255               | 0 to 255            | 0 to 255            | 240.0.0.0 to 255.255.255.255 |

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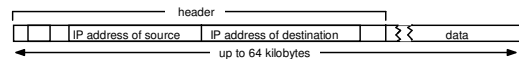
### Internet protocols (7)

⌘ Classless interdomain routing (CIDR)

- ☐ shortage of Class B networks
- ☐ add a mask field to indicate bits for network portion
- ☐ 138.73.59.32/22 [subnet: first 22 bits; host: 10 bits]

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### Internet protocols (8)



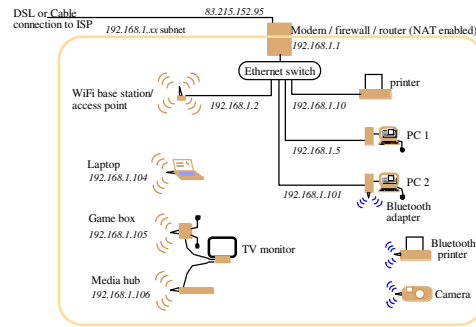
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## Internet protocols (9): Network Address Translation

- ⌘ Sharing one "global" IP address at home
- ⌘ Routers with NAT
  - ☑ Router has a "global" IP address from ISP
  - ☑ Each machine has a "local" IP address via DHCP
  - ☑ Machine -> router
    - ☑ Router stores the local IP addr and source port #
    - ☑ Table entry indexed by a virtual port #
  - ☑ Router -> outside
    - ☑ put the router IP addr and virtual port # in the packet
  - ☑ Outside -> router
    - ☑ Reply to the router IP addr and virtual port #
  - ☑ Router -> machine
    - ☑ Use the virtual port # to find table entry
    - ☑ Forward to the local IP address and port #
- ⌘ What happens if we want the device to be a server, not a client?

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## Internet protocols (10)



## Internet protocols (11)

- ⌘ Server with NAT
  - ☑ Fixed internal addr and port #
  - ☑ Fixed entry in the table
  - ☑ All packets to the port on the router are forwarded to the internal addr and port # in the entry
- ⌘ What if more than one internal machines want to offer the same service (port)?

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## Internet protocols (12)

- ⌘ IP Protocol
  - ☑ unreliable or best-effort
  - ☑ lost, duplicated, delayed, out of order
  - ☑ header checksum, no data checksum
  - ☑ IP packet longer than MTU of the underlying network, break into fragments
    - ☑ before sending and reassemble after receiving
  - ☑ Address resolution (on LANs)
    - ☑ mapping IP address to lower level address
    - ☑ ARP: address resolution protocol
    - ☑ ethernet: cache; not in cache, broadcast IP addr, receive Ethernet addr
  - ☑ IP spoofing: address can be stolen (not authenticated)

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## Internet protocols (13)

- ⌘ RIP-1: discussed previously
- ⌘ RIP-2: CIDR, better multicast routing, authentication of RIP packets
- ⌘ link-state algorithms: e.g., open shortest path first (OSPF)
- ⌘ Observed: average latency of IP packets peaks at 30-seconds intervals [RIP updates are processed before IP]
  - ☑ because 30-second RIP update intervals, locked steps
  - ☑ random interval between 15-45 seconds for RIP update
- ⌘ large table size
  - ☑ all destinations!!
  - ☑ map ip to geographical location
  - ☑ default route: store a subset, default to a single link for unlisted destinations

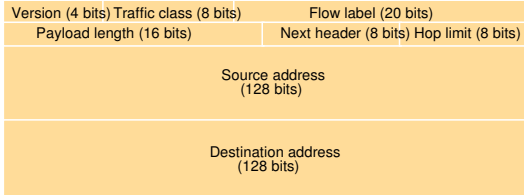
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## Internet Protocols (14): IPv6

- ⌘ IP addresses: 128 bits (16 bytes)
  - ☑  $3 \times 10^{38}$  addresses ( $7 \times 10^{23}$  addresses per square meter!)
- ⌘ routing speed
  - ☑ no data checksum as before
  - ☑ no fragmentation – need to know the smallest MTU in data-link layer
- ⌘ real-time and special services
  - ☑ traffic class: priority, time-dependent (expired data are useless)
  - ☑ flow label: timing requirements for streams (reserving resources in advance)
- ⌘ "next" header field
  - ☑ extension header types for IPv6
  - ☑ routing information, authentication, encryption ...
- ⌘ Anycast: at least one nodes gets it
- ⌘ security
  - ☑ currently handled above the IP layer
  - ☑ extension header types
- ⌘ Migration from IPv4
  - ☑ backward compatibility: IPv6 addresses include IPv4 addresses
  - ☑ Islands of IPv6 networks, traffic tunnels through other IPv4 networks

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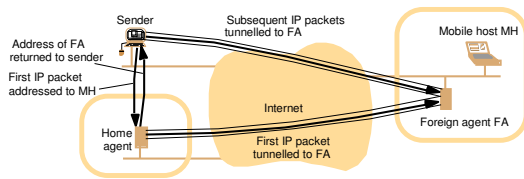
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## Internet Protocols (10): Mobile IP

- ⌘ Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP)
  - ☑ assign temporary IP address
  - ☑ provide addresses of local resources like DNS
- ⌘ Routing to maintain continuous access
  - ☑ IP routing is subnet-based, fixed relative locations
  - ☑ Home agent (HA) and Foreign agent (FA)
  - ☑ HA - current location (IP addr) of the mobile host
    - ☑ is informed by the mobile host when it moves
    - ☑ proxy for the host after it moves
    - ☑ inform local routers to remove cached records of the host
    - ☑ responds to ARP requests
  - ☑ FA - informed by the host when it arrives
    - ☑ new temp IP addr
    - ☑ contacts HA what the new IP address is
  - ☑ HA - receives the new IP address and may tell the sender the new IP addr

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## Internet protocols (11): MobileIP routing mechanism



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## Internet protocols (12)

- ⌘ Transport protocols: TCP and UDP
  - ☑ network protocol: host to host
  - ☑ transport protocol: process to process
  - ☑ Port #'s to indicate processes
- ⌘ UDP
  - ☑ no guarantee of delivery
  - ☑ checksum is optional
  - ☑ max of 64 bytes, same as IP
  - ☑ no setup costs, no segments

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## Internet protocols (13)

- ⌘ TCP
  - ☑ arbitrarily long sequence
  - ☑ connection-oriented
  - ☑ sequencing of segments
  - ☑ flow control: acknowledgement includes "window size" (amount of data) for sender to send before next ack
  - ☑ interactive service: higher frequency of buffer flush, send when deadline reached or buffer reaches MTU
  - ☑ retransmission of lost packets
  - ☑ buffering of incoming packets to preserve order and flow
  - ☑ checksum on header and data

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## Internet protocols (14)

- ⌘ Domain names
- ⌘ DNS
  - ☑ distributed data
  - ☑ each DNS server keeps track of part of the hierarchy
  - ☑ unresolved requests are sent to servers higher in the hierarchy

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## Internet protocols (15)

### ⌘ Firewalls

- ☑ monitor and filter communication
- ☑ controlling what services are available to the outside
- ☑ controlling the use of services
- ☑ controlling internal users access to the outside

### ⌘ Filtering at different protocol levels

- ☑ IP packet filtering: addresses, ports...
- ☑ TCP gateway: check for correctness in TCP connections
  - ☑ e.g., are they partially opened and never used (why?)
- ☑ Application-level gateway: proxy for applications
  - ☑ no direct communication between the inside and outside
  - ☑ e.g., smtp proxy can check addresses, content...

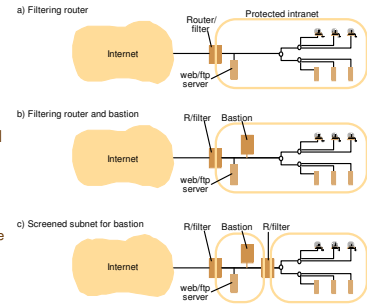
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## Internet protocols (16)

### ⌘ Bastion (tcp/application filter)

### ⌘ C: two router filters

- ☑ Access to web/ftp server, but not LAN
- ☑ Hide internal IP addresses
  - ☑ Bastion has the mapping
  - ☑ Second router is the second IP filter (invisible to the outside)



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## Internet protocols (17)

### ⌘ Virtual Private Network (VPN)

- ☑ extending a secured internal network to an external unsecured host
- ☑ e.g. IPSec tunneling through IP

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## Network Case Studies (1): Ethernet and WiFi

| IEEE No. | Name      | Title                               | Reference    |
|----------|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| 802.3    | Ethernet  | CSMA/CD Networks (Ethernet)         | [IEEE 1985a] |
| 802.4    |           | Token Bus Networks                  | [IEEE 1985b] |
| 802.5    |           | Token Ring Networks                 | [IEEE 1985c] |
| 802.6    |           | Metropolitan Area Networks          | [IEEE 1994]  |
| 802.11   | WiFi      | Wireless Local Area Networks        | [IEEE 1999]  |
| 802.15.1 | Bluetooth | Wireless Personal Area Networks     | [IEEE 2002]  |
| 802.15.4 | ZigBee    | Wireless Sensor Networks            | [IEEE 2003]  |
| 802.16   | WiMAX     | Wireless Metropolitan Area Networks | [IEEE 2004a] |

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## Network Case Studies (2): Ethernet

### ⌘ Ethernet, CSMA/CD, IEEE 802.3

- ☑ Xerox Palo Alto Research Center (PARC), 1973, 3Mbps
- ☑ 10,100,1000 Mbps
- ☑ extending a segment: hubs and repeaters
- ☑ connecting segments: switches and bridges
- ☑ Contention bus
- ☑ Packet/frame format
  - ☑ preamble (7 bytes): hardware timing
  - ☑ start frame delimiter (1)
  - ☑ dest addr (6)
  - ☑ src addr (6)
  - ☑ length (2)
  - ☑ data (46 - 1500): min total becomes 64 bytes, max total is 1518
  - ☑ checksum (4): dropped if incorrect

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## Network Case Studies (3)

### ⌘ Carrier Sensing Multiple Access / Collision Detection (CSMA/CD)

- ☑ CS: listen before transmitting, transmit only when no traffic
- ☑ MA: more than one can transmit
- ☑ CD: collision detected when *signals transmitted are not the same as those received* (listen to its own transmission)
  - ☑ After detection of a collision
    - send jamming signal
    - wait for a random period before retransmitting
- ⌘ T (Tau): time to reach the farthest station
- ⌘ When is the collision detected?
  - ☑ A and B send at the same time
  - ☑ A sends, B sends within T seconds
  - ☑ A sends, B sends between T and 2T seconds
  - ☑ A sends, B sends after 2T seconds
- ⌘ Minimum length of packet for collision detection:
  - ☑ packet length > 2T, between T and 2T, and < T ?

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## Network Case Studies (4)

### ⌘ Physical implementation:

- ☒ <R><B><L>
- ☒ R: data rate in Mbps
- ☒ B: medium signaling type: baseband [one channel] or broadband [multiple channels]
- ☒ L: max segment length in 100meters or T (twisted pair cable, hierarchy of hubs)

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## Network Case Studies (5): Ranges and speeds

|                              | 10Base5 | 10BaseT | 100BaseT | 1000BaseT |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|-----------|
| Data rate                    | 10 Mbps | 10 Mbps | 100 Mbps | 1000 Mbps |
| <i>Max. segment lengths:</i> |         |         |          |           |
| Twisted wire (UTP)           | 100 m   | 100 m   | 100 m    | 25 m      |
| Coaxial cable (STP)          | 500 m   | 500 m   | 500 m    | 25 m      |
| Multi-mode fibre             | 2000 m  | 2000 m  | 500 m    | 500 m     |
| Mono-mode fibre              | 25000 m | 25000 m | 20000 m  | 2000 m    |

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## Network Case Studies (6): WiFi

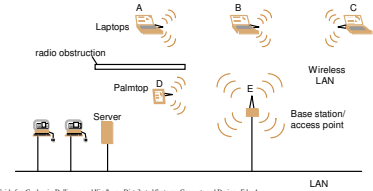
### ⌘ IEEE 802.11 wireless LAN

- ☒ up to 150m and 54Mbps
- ☒ access point (base station) to land wires
- ☒ Ad hoc network--no specific access points, "on the fly" network among machines in the neighborhood
- ☒ Radio Frequency (2.4, 5GHz band) or infra-red

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## Network Case Studies (7): Problems with wireless CSMA/CD

- ☒ Hidden station: not able to detect another station is transmitting
  - ☒ A can't see D, or vice versa
- ☒ Fading: signals weaken, out of range
  - ☒ A and C are out of range from each other
- ☒ Collision masking: stronger signals could hide others
  - ☒ A and C are out of range from each other, both transmits, collide, can't detect collision, Access point gets garbage



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## Network Case Studies (8)

### ⌘ Carrier sensing multiple access with collision avoidance (CSMA/CA)

- ☒ reserving slots to transmit
- ☒ if no carrier signal
  - ☒ medium is available,
  - ☒ out-of-range station requesting a slot, or
  - ☒ out-of-range station using a slot

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## Network Case Studies (9)

### ⌘ Steps

1. Request to send (RTS) from sender to receiver, specify duration
2. Clear to send (CTS) in reply
3. in-range stations see the RTS and/or CTS and its duration
4. in-range stations stop transmitting
5. acknowledgement from the receiver

### ⌘ Hidden station & Fading: CTS, need permission to transmit

- ⌘ RTS and CTS are short, don't usually collide; random back off if collision detected
- ⌘ Should have no collisions, send only when a slot is reserved

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