Internetworking

Introduction to Computer Systems
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Outline

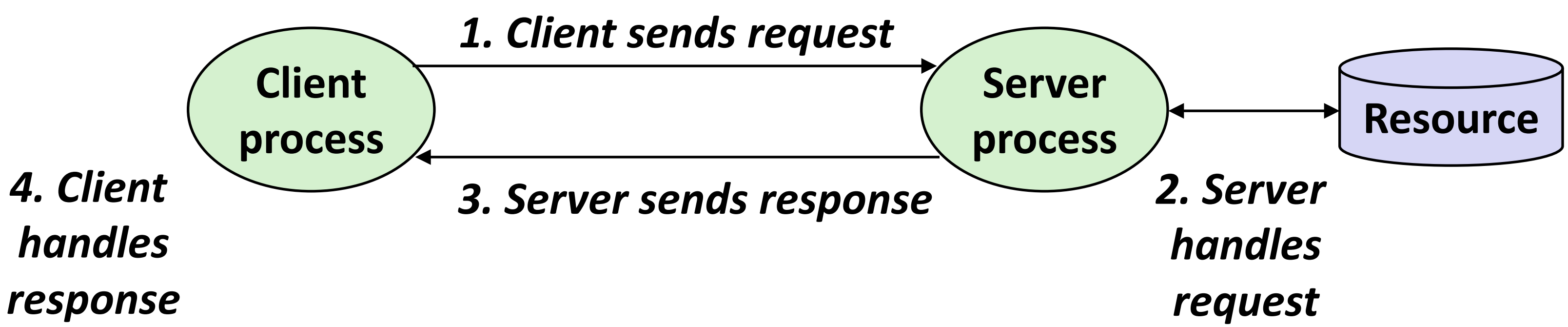
- Computer networking
- Network protocols
- Global IP Internet
- Programmer's view of Internet
- Evolution of Internet

Know how, and know why

- **Using Internet?**
  - Web surfing
  - IM (Instant Message)
  - Online Games
- **Troubleshooting and Network programming?**
  - What is computer network?
  - Socket interface
  - Web server

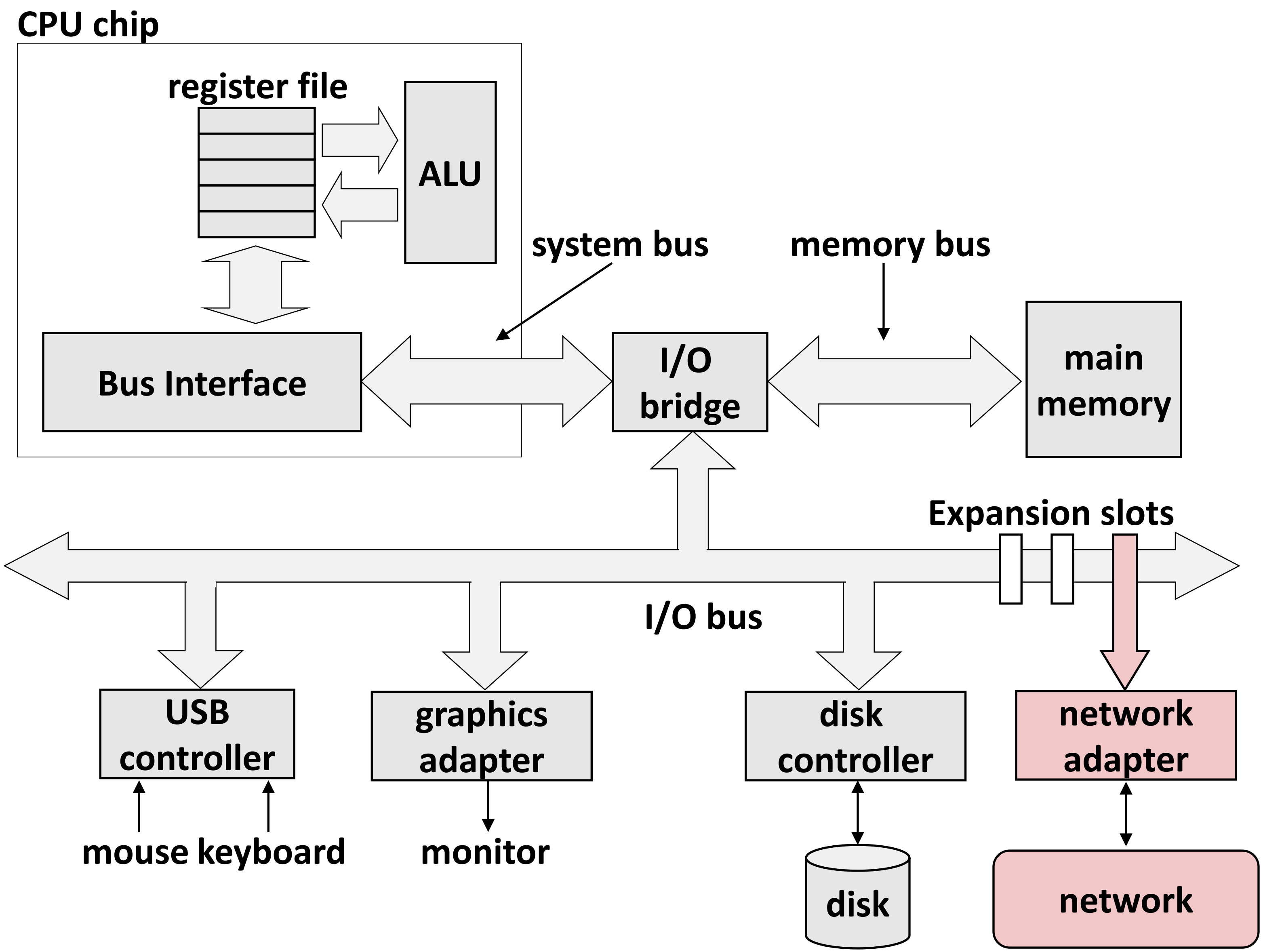
A Client-Server Transaction

- **Most network applications are based on the client-server model:**
  - A ***server*** process and one or more ***client*** processes
  - Server manages some ***resource***
  - Server provides ***service*** by manipulating resource for clients
  - Server activated by request from client (vending machine analogy)



Note: clients and servers are processes running on hosts (can be the same or different hosts)

Hardware Organization of a Network Host

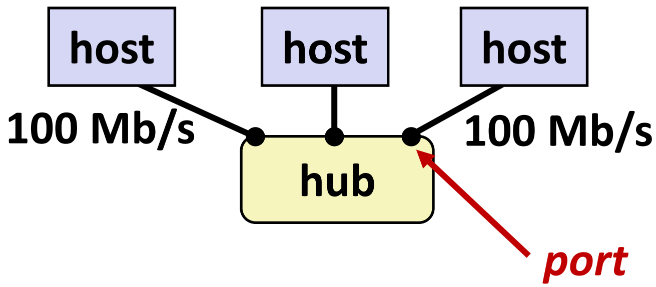


Computer Networks

- A ***network*** **is a hierarchical system of boxes and wires organized by geographical proximity**
  - SAN* (System Area Network) spans cluster or machine room
    - Switched Ethernet, Quadrics QSW, …
  - LAN (Local Area Network) spans a building or campus
    - Ethernet is most prominent example
  - WAN (Wide Area Network) spans country or world
    - Typically high-speed point-to-point phone lines
- **An *internetwork (internet)* is an interconnected set of networks**
  - The Global IP Internet (uppercase "I") is the most famous example of an internet (lowercase "i")
- **Let's see how an internet is built from the ground up**

* Not to be confused with a Storage Area Network

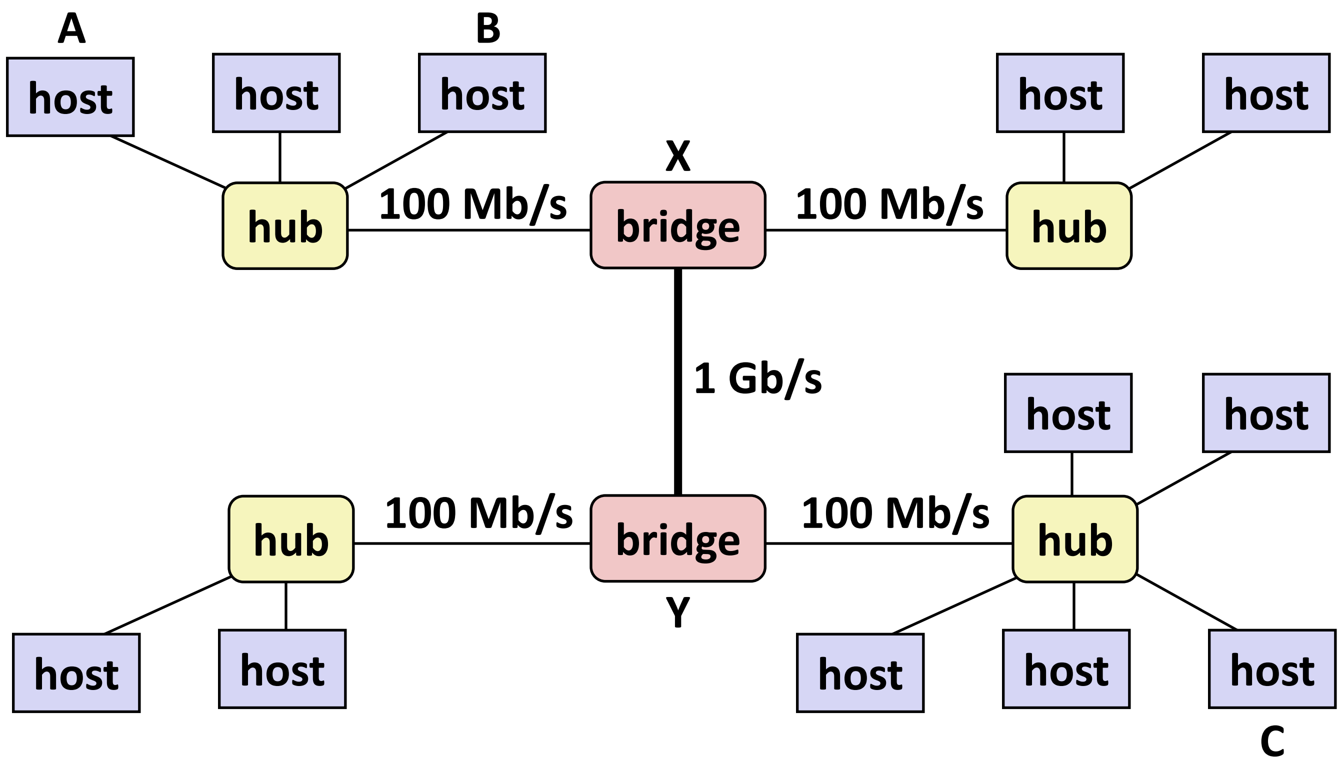
Lowest Level: Ethernet Segment



- **Ethernet segment consists of a collection of *hosts* connected by wires (twisted pairs) to a *hub***
- **Spans room or floor in a building**
- **Operation**
  - Each Ethernet adapter has a unique 48-bit address (MAC address)
    - E.g., 00:16:ea:e3:54:e6
  - Hosts send bits to any other host in chunks called ***frames***
  - Hub slavishly copies each bit from each port to every other port
    - Every host sees every bit

(Note: Hubs are obsolete. Bridges (switches, routers) became cheap enough to replace them)

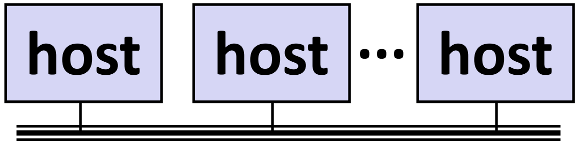
Next Level: Bridged Ethernet Segment



- Spans building or campus
- Bridges cleverly learn which hosts are reachable from which ports and then selectively copy frames from port to port

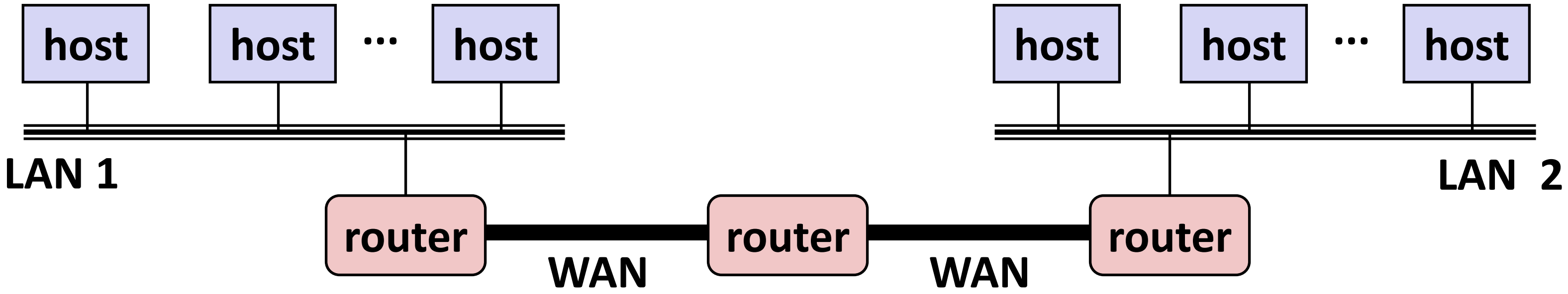
Conceptual View of LANs

- For simplicity, hubs, bridges, and wires are often shown as a collection of hosts attached to a single wire:



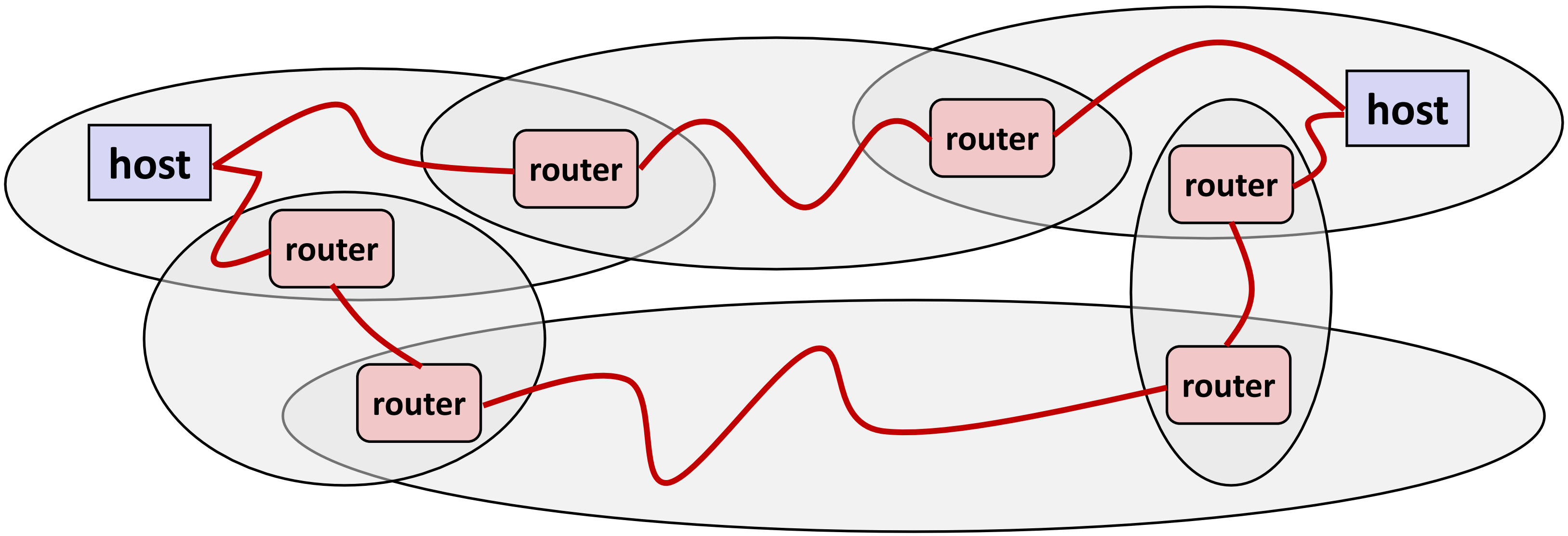
Next Level: internets

- **Multiple incompatible LANs can be physically connected by specialized computers called *routers***
- **The connected networks are called an *internet* (lower case)**



LAN 1 and LAN 2 might be completely different, totally incompatible (e.g., Ethernet, Fibre Channel, 802.11, T1-links, DSL, …)*

Logical Structure of an internet



- **Ad hoc interconnection of networks**
  - No particular topology
  - Vastly different router & link capacities
- **Send packets from source to destination by hopping through networks**
  - Router forms bridge from one network to another
  - Different packets may take different routes

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What is a protocol?

- **Protocol = Pre-agreed rules**
  - Smile = Happiness
  - Cry = Sadness
  - Nod one's head = YES
  - Shake one's head = NO

- **Human protocols:**
  - What's the time?
  - Specific msgs sent
  - Specific actions taken when msgs received, or other events

The Notion of an internet Protocol

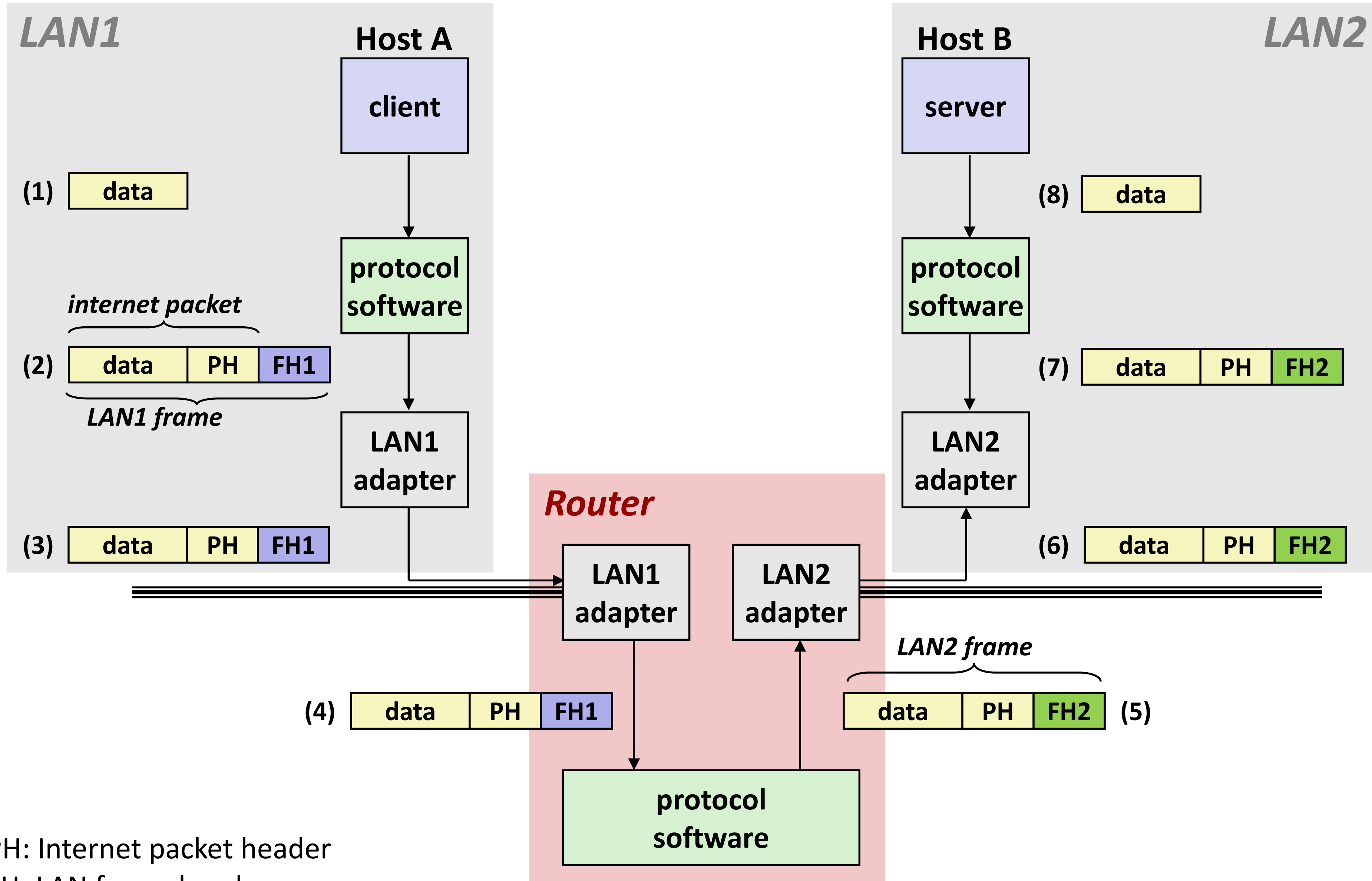
- **How is it possible to send bits across incompatible LANs and WANs?**
- **Solution: *protocol* software running on each host and router**
  - Protocol is a set of rules that governs how hosts and routers should cooperate when they transfer data from network to network.
  - Smooths out the differences between the different networks

What Does an internet Protocol Do?

- **Provides a *naming scheme***
  - An internet protocol defines a uniform format for ***host addresses***
  - Each host (and router) is assigned at least one of these internet addresses that uniquely identifies it

- **Provides a *delivery mechanism***
  - An internet protocol defines a standard transfer unit (***packet***)
  - Packet consists of ***header*** and ***payload***
    - Header: contains info such as packet size, source and destination addresses
    - Payload: contains data bits sent from source host

Transferring internet Data Via Encapsulation



PH: Internet packet header

FH: LAN frame header

Other Issues

- **We are glossing over a number of important questions:**
  - What if different networks have different maximum frame sizes? (segmentation)
  - How do routers know where to forward frames?
  - How are routers informed when the network topology changes?
  - What if packets get lost?

- **These (and other) questions are addressed by the area of systems known as *computer networking***

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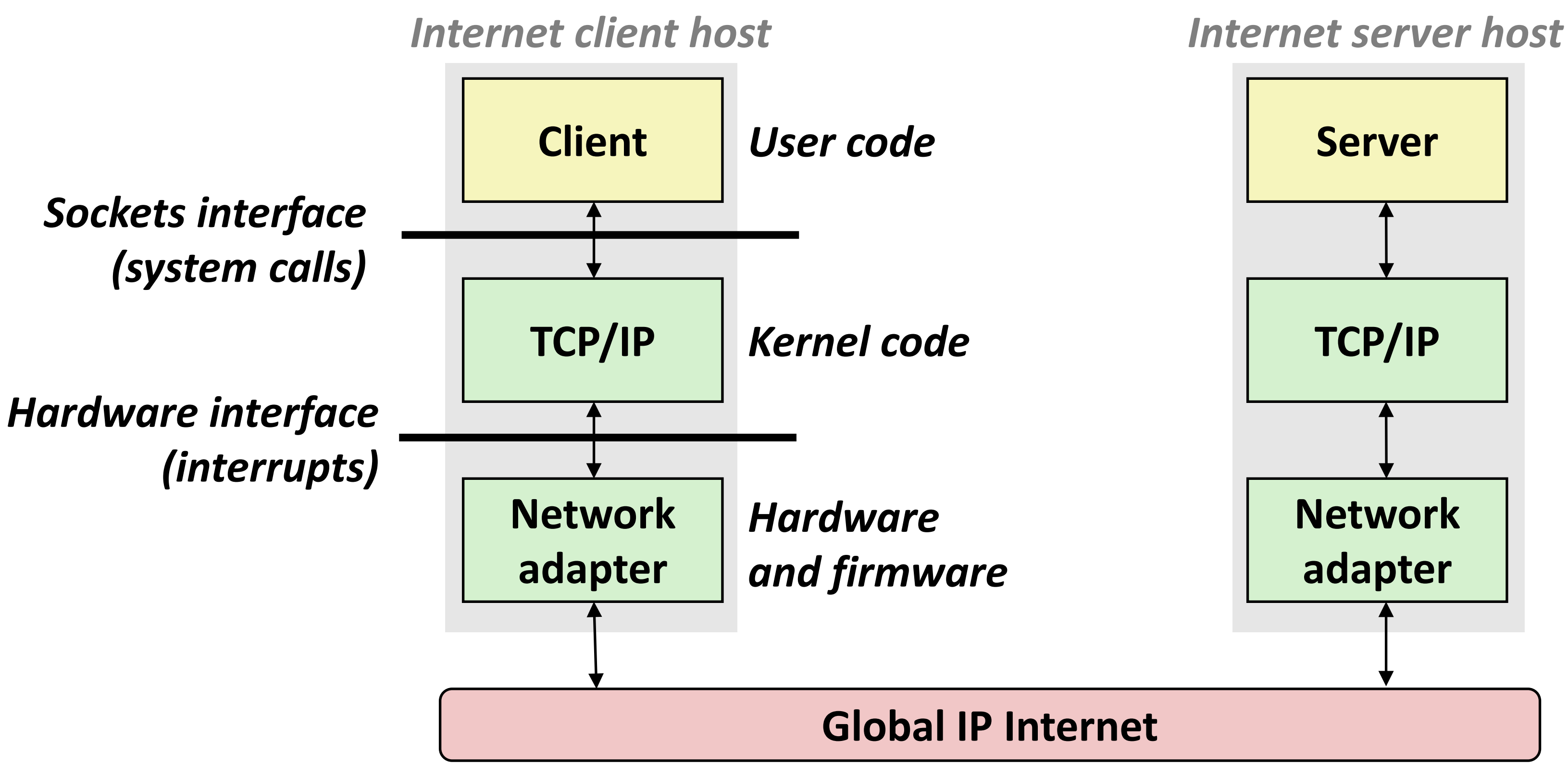
Global IP Internet (upper case)

- **Most famous example of an internet**

- **Based on the TCP/IP protocol family**
  - IP (Internet Protocol) :
    - Provides *basic naming scheme* and unreliable *delivery capability* of packets (datagrams) from *host-to-host*
  - UDP (Unreliable Datagram Protocol)
    - Uses IP to provide *unreliable* datagram delivery from *process-to-process*
  - TCP (Transmission Control Protocol)
    - Uses IP to provide *reliable* byte streams from *process-to-process* over *connections*

- **Accessed via a mix of Unix file I/O and functions from the *sockets interface***

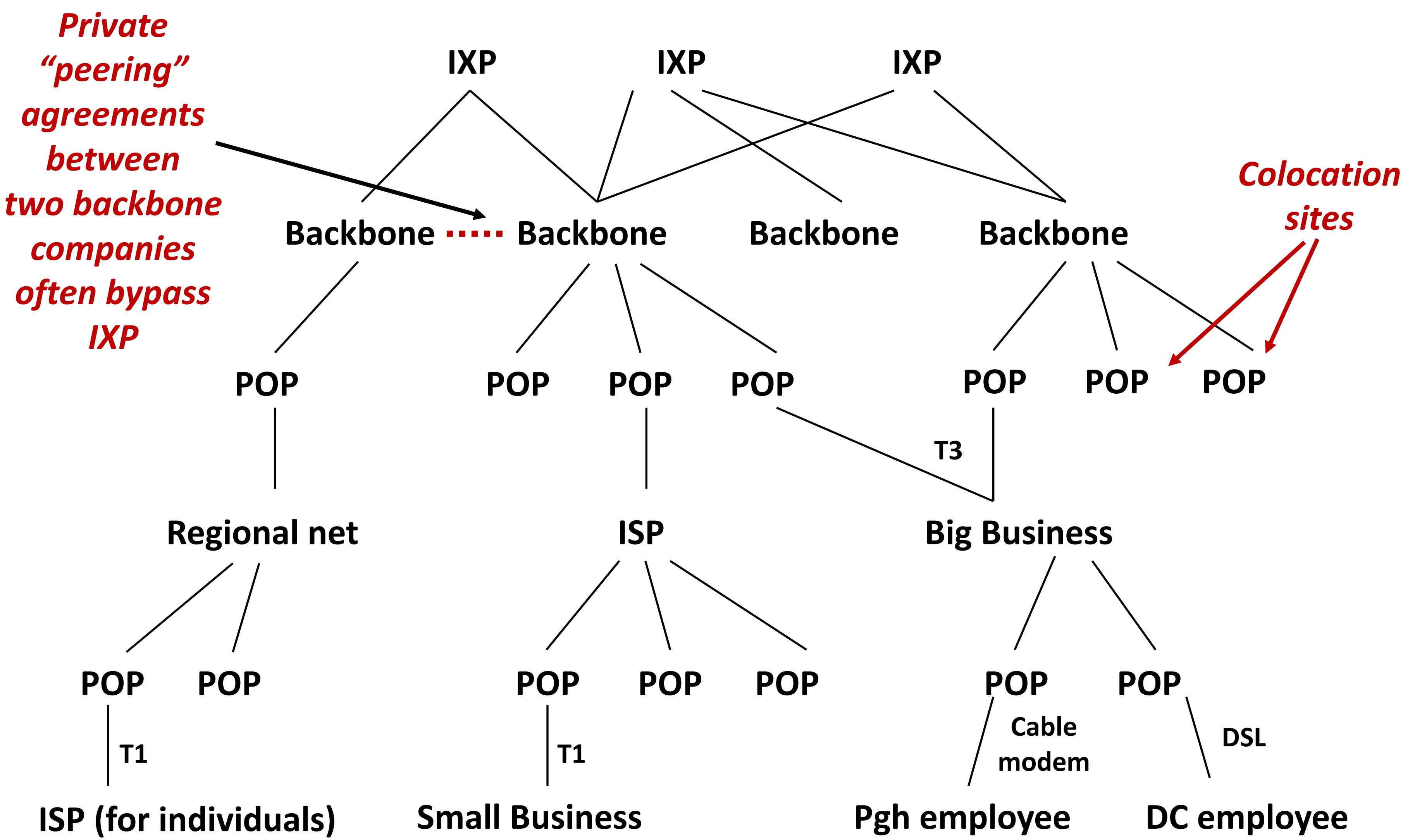
Hardware and Software Organization of an Internet Application



Basic Internet Components

- **Internet backbone:**
  - collection of routers (nationwide or worldwide) connected by high-speed point-to-point networks
- **Internet Exchange Points (IXP):**
  - router that connects multiple backbones (often referred to as peers)
  - Also called Network Access Points (NAP)
- **Regional networks:**
  - smaller backbones that cover smaller geographical areas (e.g., cities or states)
- **Point of presence (POP):**
  - machine that is connected to the Internet
- **Internet Service Providers (ISPs):**
  - provide dial-up or direct access to POPs

Internet Connection Hierarchy



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A Programmer's View of the Internet

1. Hosts are mapped to a set of 32-bit *IP addresses*

- 128.2.203.179
- 127.0.0.1 (always *localhost*)

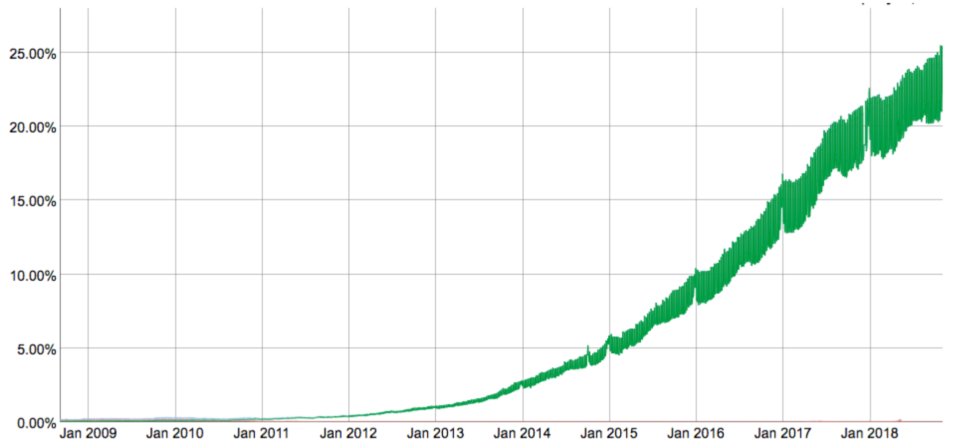
2. The set of IP addresses is mapped to a set of identifiers called Internet *domain names*

- 128.2.217.3 is mapped to www.cs.cmu.edu

3. A process on one Internet host can communicate with a process on another Internet host over a *connection*

Aside: IPv4 and IPv6

- **The original Internet Protocol, with its 32-bit addresses, is known as *Internet Protocol Version 4* (IPv4)**
- **1996: Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) introduced *Internet Protocol Version 6* (IPv6) with 128-bit addresses**
  - Intended as the successor to IPv4
- **Majority of Internet traffic still carried by IPv4**



IPv6 traffic at Google

- **We will focus on IPv4, but will show you how to write networking code that is protocol-independent.**

(1) IP Addresses

- **32-bit IP addresses are stored in an *IP address struct***
  - IP addresses are always stored in memory in *network byte order* (big-endian byte order)
  - True in general for any integer transferred in a packet header from one machine to another.
    - E.g., the port number used to identify an Internet connection.

```
/* Internet address structure */
struct in_addr {
    uint32_t  s_addr; /* network byte order (big-endian) */
};
```

Useful network byte-order conversion functions ("l" = 32 bits, "s" = 16 bits)

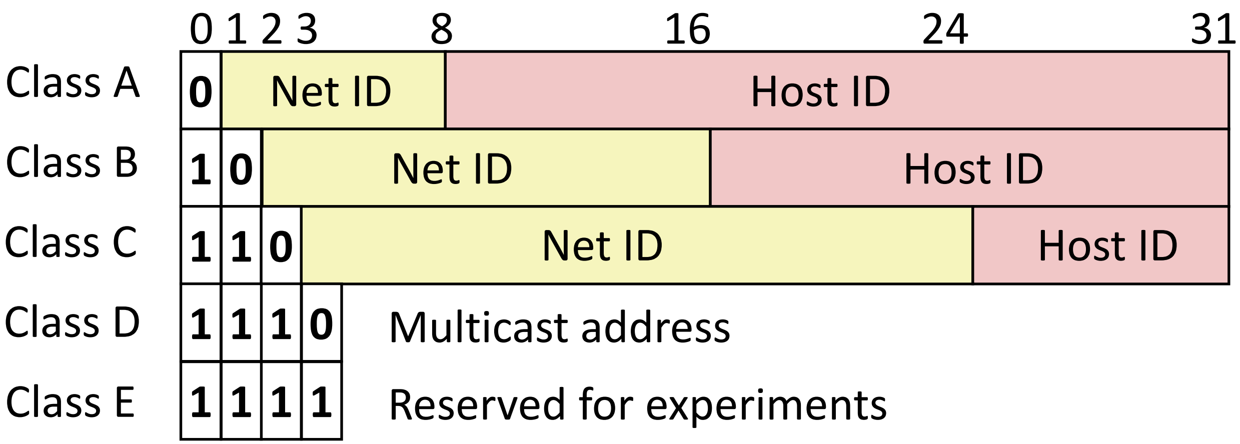
`htonl`: convert uint32_t from host to network byte order
`htons`: convert uint16_t from host to network byte order
`ntohl`: convert uint32_t from network to host byte order
`ntohs`: convert uint16_t from network to host byte order

Dotted Decimal Notation

- By convention, each byte in a 32-bit IP address is represented by its decimal value and separated by a period
  - IP address: `0x8002C2F2 = 128.2.194.242`
- Use `getaddrinfo` and `getnameinfo` functions (described later) to convert between IP addresses and dotted decimal format.
- Functions for converting between binary IP addresses and dotted decimal strings:
  - `inet_pton`: dotted decimal string → IP address in network byte order
  - `inet_ntop`: IP address in network byte order → dotted decimal string
  - "n" denotes network, "p" denotes presentation
  - Out-of-date : `inet_aton & inet_ntoa`

IP Address Structure

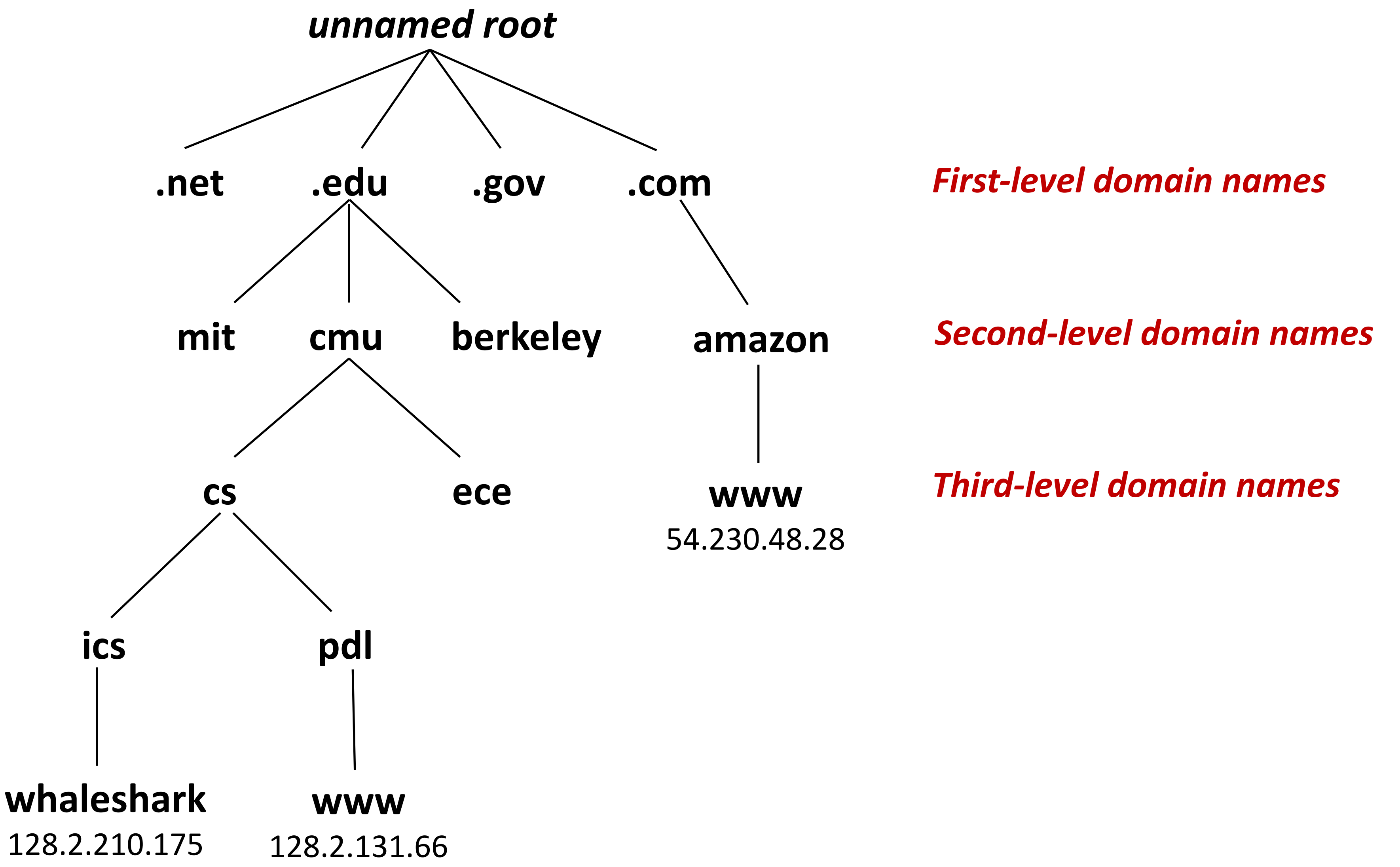
- **IP (V4) Address space divided into classes:**



- **Network ID Written in form w.x.y.z/n**
  - n = number of bits in host address
  - E.g., CMU written as 128.2.0.0/16, PKU written as 162.105.0.0/16
    - Class B address
- **Un-routed (private) IP addresses:**

  10.0.0.0/8   172.16.0.0/12   192.168.0.0/16

(2) Internet Domain Names



Domain Naming System (DNS)

- **The Internet maintains a mapping between IP addresses and domain names in a huge worldwide distributed database called *DNS***

- **Conceptually, programmers can view the DNS database as a collection of millions of *host entries.***
  - Each host entry defines the mapping between a set of domain names and IP addresses.
  - In a mathematical sense, a host entry is an equivalence class of domain names and IP addresses.

Properties of DNS Mappings

- **Can explore properties of DNS mappings using `nslookup`**
  - (Output edited for brevity)

- **Each host has a locally defined domain name `localhost` which always maps to the *loopback address* `127.0.0.1`**

```
linux> nslookup localhost
Address: 127.0.0.1
```

- **Use `hostname` to determine real domain name of local host:**

```
linux> hostname
whaleshark.ics.cs.cmu.edu
```

Properties of DNS Mappings (cont)

- Simple case: one-to-one mapping between domain name and IP address:

```
linux> nslookup whaleshark.ics.cs.cmu.edu
Address: 128.2.210.175
```

- Multiple domain names mapped to the same IP address:

```
linux> nslookup cs.mit.edu
Address: 18.62.1.6
linux> nslookup eecs.mit.edu
Address: 18.62.1.6
```

Properties of DNS Mappings (cont)

- **Multiple domain names mapped to multiple IP addresses:**

```
linux> nslookup www.twitter.com
Address: 104.244.42.65
Address: 104.244.42.129
Address: 104.244.42.193
Address: 104.244.42.1

linux> nslookup twitter.com
Address: 104.244.42.129
Address: 104.244.42.65
Address: 104.244.42.193
Address: 104.244.42.1
```

- **Some valid domain names don't map to any IP address:**

```
linux> nslookup ics.cs.cmu.edu
(No Address given)
```

Properties of DNS Host Entries (obsolete)

- **Each host entry is an equivalence class of domain names and IP addresses**
- **Conceptually, programmers can view the DNS database as a collection of millions of *host entry structures*:**

```
/* DNS host entry structure */
struct hostent {
    char   *h_name;      /* official domain name of host */
    char   **h_aliases;/* null-terminated array of domain names */
    int    h_addrtype;   /* host address type (AF_INET) */
    int    h_length;     /* length of an address, in bytes */
    char   **h_addr_list;/* null-terminated array of in_addr structs */
};
```

- **Functions for retrieving host entries from DNS:**
  - **`gethostbyname`**: query key is a DNS domain name.
  - **`gethostbyaddr`**: query key is an IP address.

A Program That Queries DNS (obsolete)

```
int main(int argc, char **argv) { /* argv[1] is a domain name */
    char **pp;                    /* or dotted decimal IP addr */
    struct in_addr addr;
    struct hostent *hostp;/* pointer to a DNS host entry structure */

    if (inet_aton(argv[1], &addr) != 0)
        hostp = Gethostbyaddr((const char *)&addr, sizeof(addr),
                AF_INET);
    else
        hostp = Gethostbyname(argv[1]);
    printf("official hostname: %s\n", hostp->h_name);
                                        // print host name
    for (pp = hostp->h_aliases; *pp != NULL; pp++)
        printf("alias: %s\n", *pp); // print all alias names

    for (pp = hostp->h_addr_list; *pp != NULL; pp++) {
        addr.s_addr = ((struct in_addr *)*pp)->s_addr;
        printf("address: %s\n", inet_ntoa(addr));
    } // print all addresses
}
```

128.2.194.242 to 0x8002C2F2

Using DNS Program (obsolete)

```
linux> ./dns greatwhite.ics.cs.cmu.edu
official hostname: greatwhite.ics.cs.cmu.edu
address 128.2.220.10

linux> ./dns 128.2.220.11
official hostname: ANGELSHARK.ICS.CS.CMU.EDU
address: 128.2.220.11

linux> ./dns www.google.com
official hostname: www.l.google.com
alias: www.google.com
address: 72.14.204.99
address: 72.14.204.103
address: 72.14.204.104
address: 72.14.204.147
```

Querying DIG

- **Domain Information Groper (`dig`) provides a scriptable command line interface to DNS**

```
linux> dig +short greatwhite.ics.cs.cmu.edu
128.2.220.10
linux> dig +short -x 128.2.220.11
ANGELSHARK.ICS.CS.CMU.EDU.
linux> dig +short google.com
72.14.204.104
72.14.204.147
72.14.204.99
72.14.204.103
```

(3) Internet Connections

- **Clients and servers communicate by sending streams of bytes over *connections*. Each connection is:**
  - *Point-to-point*: connects a pair of processes.
  - *Full-duplex*: data can flow in both directions at the same time,
  - *Reliable*: stream of bytes sent by the source is eventually received by the destination in the same order it was sent.

- ***A socket* is an endpoint of a connection**
  - *Socket address* is an `IPaddress:port` pair

- **A *port* is a 16-bit integer that identifies a process:**
  - ***Ephemeral port*:** Assigned automatically by client kernel when client makes a connection request.
  - ***Well-known port:*** Associated with some *service* provided by a server (e.g., port 80 is associated with Web servers)

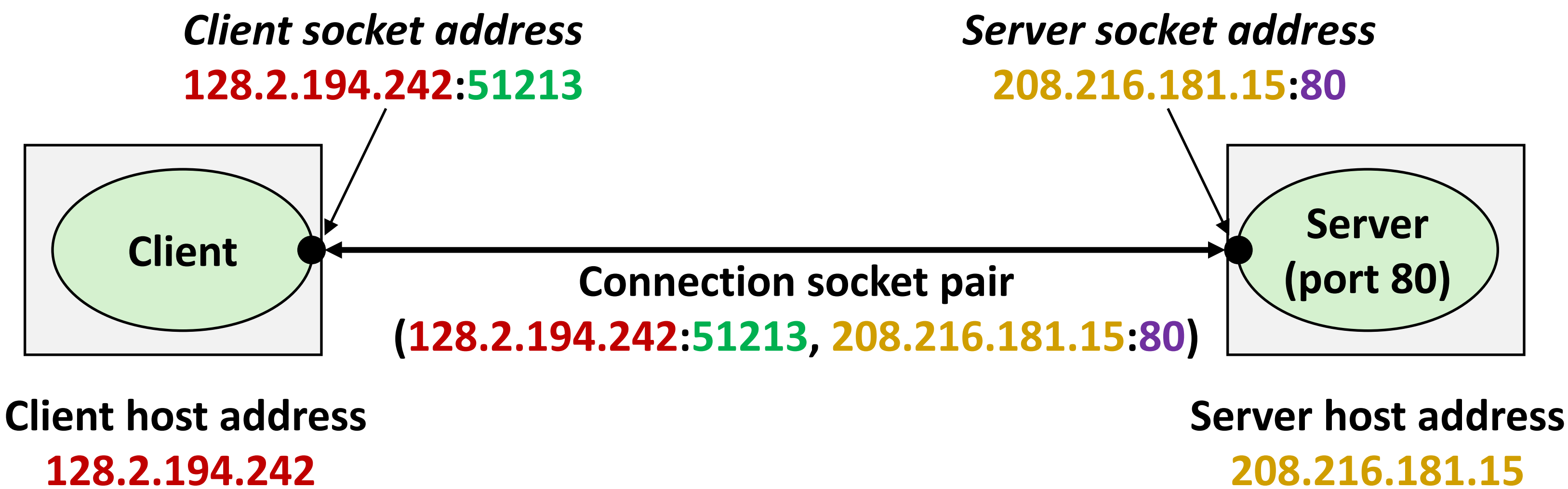
Well-known Service Names and Ports

- **Popular services have permanently assigned *well-known ports and* corresponding *well-known service names*:**
  - echo servers: echo 7
  - ftp servers: ftp 21
  - ssh servers: ssh 22
  - email servers: smtp 25
  - Web servers: http 80

- **Mappings between well-known ports and service names is contained in the file `/etc/services` on each Linux machine.**

Anatomy of a Connection

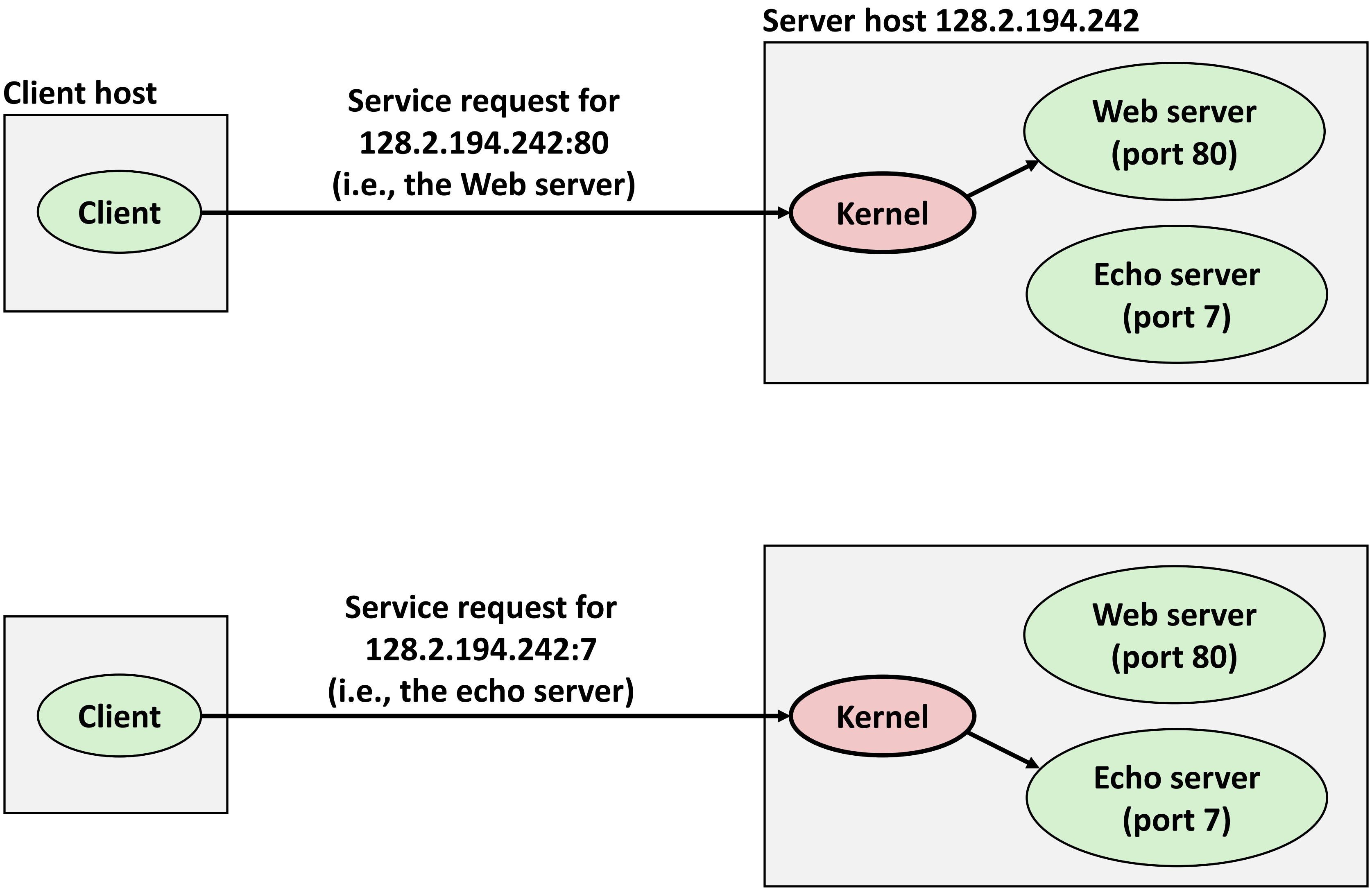
- A connection is uniquely identified by the socket addresses of its endpoints (*socket pair*)
  - `(cliaddr:cliport, servaddr:servport)`



51213 is an ephemeral port allocated by the kernel

80 is a well-known port associated with Web servers

Using Ports to Identify Services

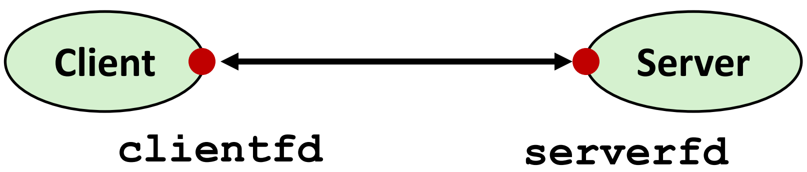


Sockets Interface

- **Set of system-level functions used in conjunction with Unix I/O to build network applications.**
- **Created in the early 80's as part of the original Berkeley distribution of Unix that contained an early version of the Internet protocols.**
- **Available on all modern systems**
  - Unix variants, Windows, OS X, IOS, Android, ARM

Sockets

- **What is a socket?**
  - To the kernel, a socket is an endpoint of communication
  - To an application, a socket is a file descriptor that lets the application read/write from/to the network
    - ***Remember:*** All Unix I/O devices, including networks, are modeled as files
- **Clients and servers communicate with each other by reading from and writing to socket descriptors**



- **The main distinction between regular file I/O and socket I/O is how the application "opens" the socket descriptors**

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- **Original Idea**
  - Every node on Internet would have unique IP address
    - Everyone would be able to talk directly to everyone
  - No secrecy or authentication
    - Messages visible to routers and hosts on same LAN
    - Possible to forge source field in packet header

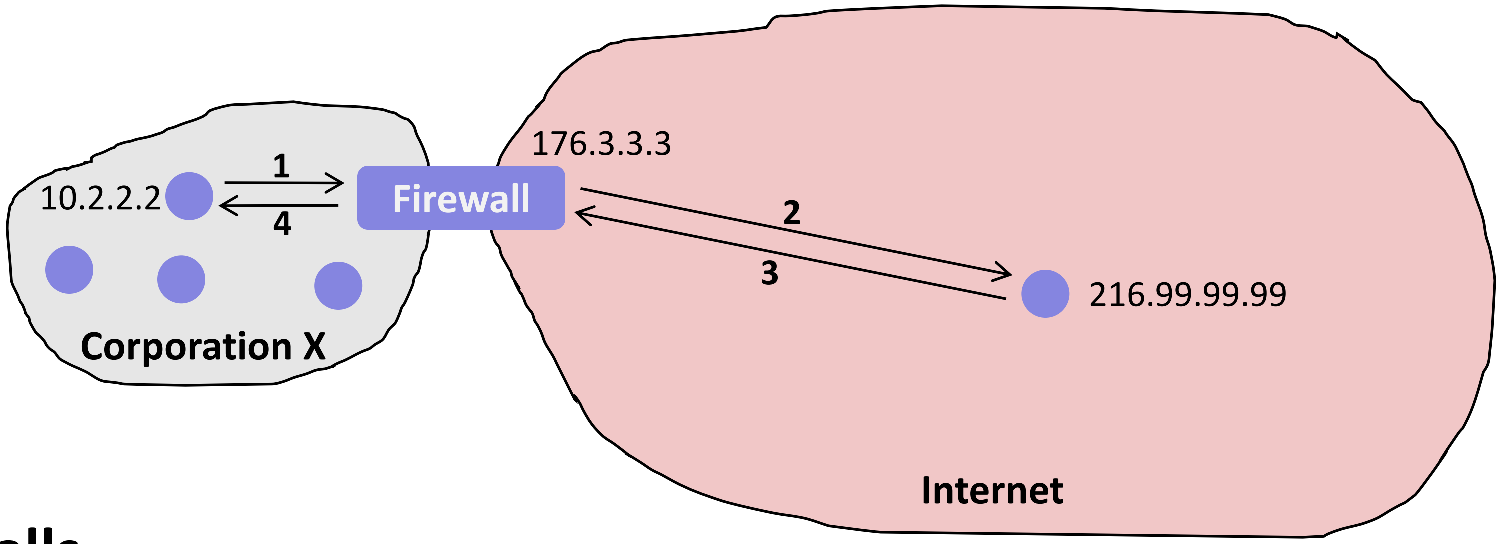
- **Shortcomings**
  - There aren't enough IP addresses available
  - Don't want everyone to have access or knowledge of all other hosts
  - Security issues mandate secrecy & authentication

Evolution of Internet: Naming

- **Dynamic address assignment**
  - Most hosts don't need to have known address
    - Only those functioning as servers
  - DHCP (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol)
    - Local ISP assigns address for temporary use

- **Example:**
  - Laptop at CMU (wired connection)
    - IP address 128.2.213.29 (**`bryant-tp4.cs.cmu.edu`**)
    - Assigned statically
  - Laptop at home
    - IP address 192.168.1.5
    - Only valid within home network

Evolution of Internet: Firewalls



- **Firewalls**
  - Hides organizations nodes from rest of Internet
  - Use local IP addresses within organization
  - For external service, provides proxy service
    1. Client request: src=10.2.2.2, dest=216.99.99.99
    2. Firewall forwards: src=176.3.3.3, dest=216.99.99.99
    3. Server responds: src=216.99.99.99, dest=176.3.3.3
    4. Firewall forwards response: src=216.99.99.99, dest=10.2.2.2

Next Lecture

- How to use the sockets interface to ***establish Internet connections*** between clients and servers
- How to use Unix I/O to ***copy data*** from one host to another over an established Internet connection