

Computer Communications and Networks



Part 1: Introduction

Summary

- Contact information
- Course objective and topics
- Course workload
- Internet overview
- The layering principle of network protocols
- Reference models
- Connection-oriented and connectionless services
- Service primitives
- Performance measures

(1) Contact Information

- Course web page: <https://bright.uvic.ca>
- After you log in Brightspace, you should be able to see the course tab of CSC 361. If not, please send me an email and I will add you manually into the system.

Instructor: Jaya Prakash Champati

Email: jpchampati@uvic.ca

(2.1) Course Objectives

- 1) To help you gain a general understanding of the principles and concepts governing the operations of computer networks
- 2) To provide you with the opportunity to become skillful in the implementation and use of communication protocols
- 3) To help you grasp the basic research methodologies in the field of computer networks.



(2.2) Topics

- Introduction
 - Internet overview;
 - Access network technologies: basics;
 - Backbone network technologies and structures: basics;
 - Network architectures, services and protocols
- Application layer
 - Client-server model;
 - World-Wide Web (WWW);
 - Hyper-Text Transfer Protocol (HTTP);
 - Domain Name System (DNS);
 - Socket Application Programming Interface
- Transport layer
 - Transport layer services;
 - User Datagram Protocol (UDP);
 - Transmission Control Protocol (TCP);
 - TCP connection management techniques;
 - TCP flow, error and congestion control basics
- Network layer
 - Network layer services;
 - Internet Protocol (IP);
 - Basic routing algorithms: distance vector and link state;
 - Internet routing protocols: basics
- Link layer
 - Link layer services;
 - Link layer error and flow control techniques;
 - Medium Access Control (MAC) techniques;
 - Link layer interworking techniques;
 - IEEE 802.3 and 802.11 basics

(3.1) Course Workload & Logistics

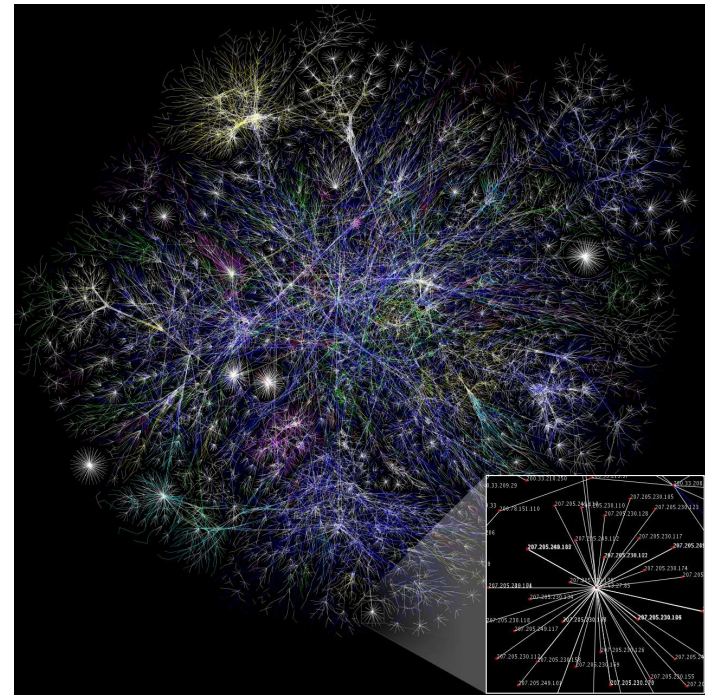
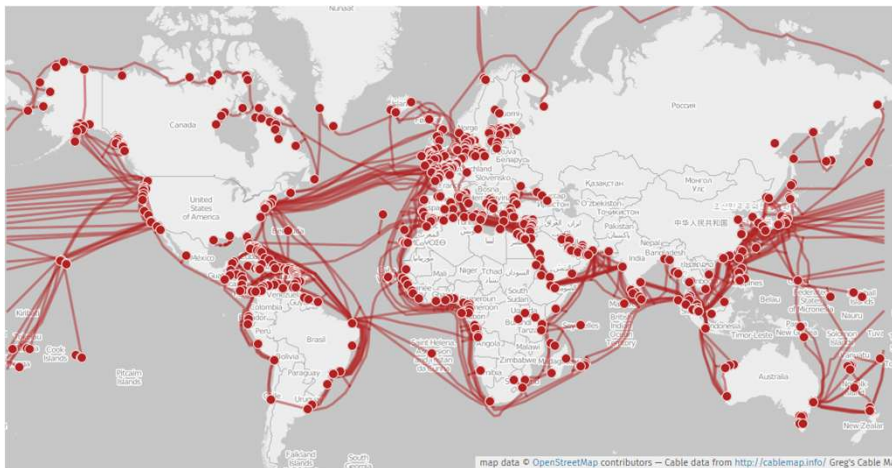
- **Textbook:** **Computer Networking: A Top-Down Approach** (edition VI and above)
- **Lectures:** learning the concepts
- **Labs:** learn through implementation
- **Programming assignments:** design your own solutions (some questions are open ended)

Assignment/Exams	Weight
Programming Assignment 1	13%
Midterm 1	15%
Programming Assignment 2	16%
Midterm 2	15%
Programming Assignment 3	16%
Midterm 3	15%
Attend lab & submit report	10%

(3.2) Suggested Approach

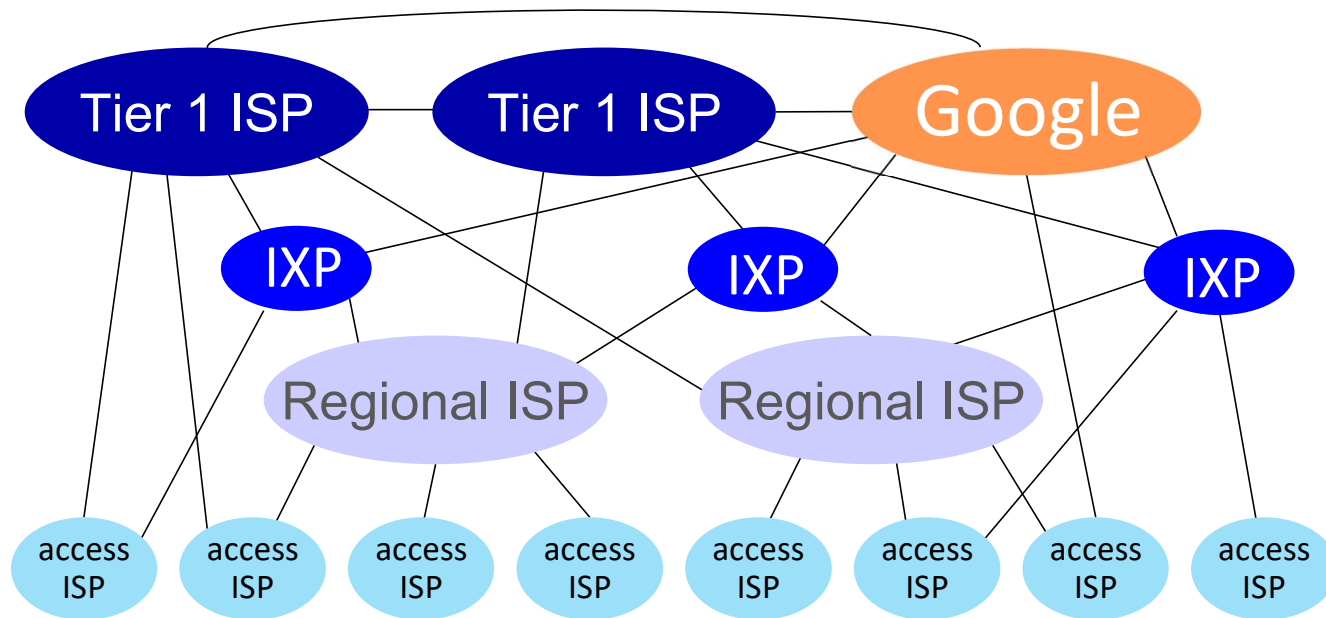
- Before lectures
 - read required sections in textbook; preview reference video
 - write down your questions
- Attend lectures
 - take notes, ask questions, and interact
- After lectures
 - explore further, get help and help others
 - attend labs and tutorials
 - start assignments early according to weekly schedule!

(4) What is Internet?



Source: Wikipedia

Internet structure: a “network of networks”

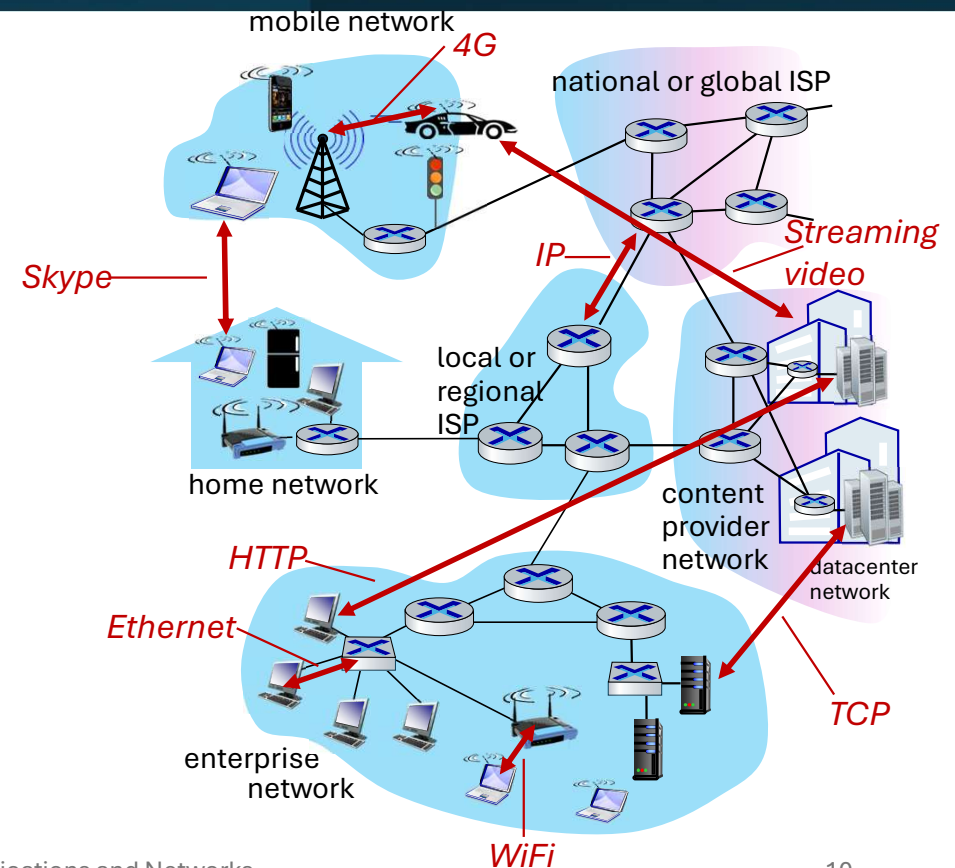


At “center”: small # of well-connected large networks

- **“tier-1” commercial ISPs** (e.g., Level 3, Sprint, AT&T, NTT), national & international coverage
- **content provider networks** (e.g., Google, Facebook): private network that connects its data centers to Internet, often bypassing tier-1, regional ISPs

The Internet: a “nuts and bolts” view

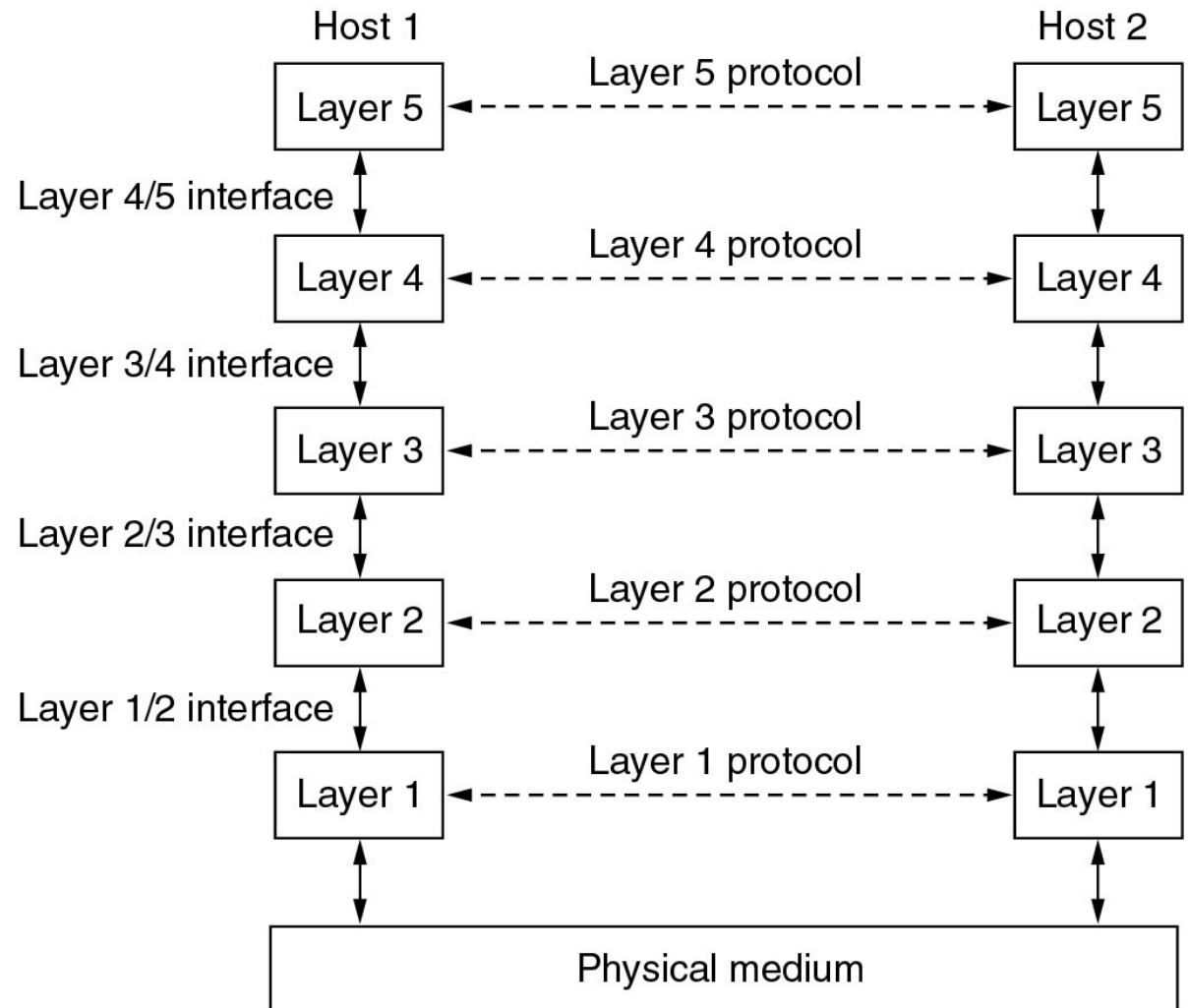
- *Internet: “network of networks”*
 - Interconnected ISPs
- *protocols* are everywhere
 - control sending, receiving of messages
 - e.g., HTTP (Web), streaming video, Skype, TCP, IP, WiFi, 4/5G, Ethernet
- *Internet standards*
 - RFC: Request for Comments
 - IETF: Internet Engineering Task Force



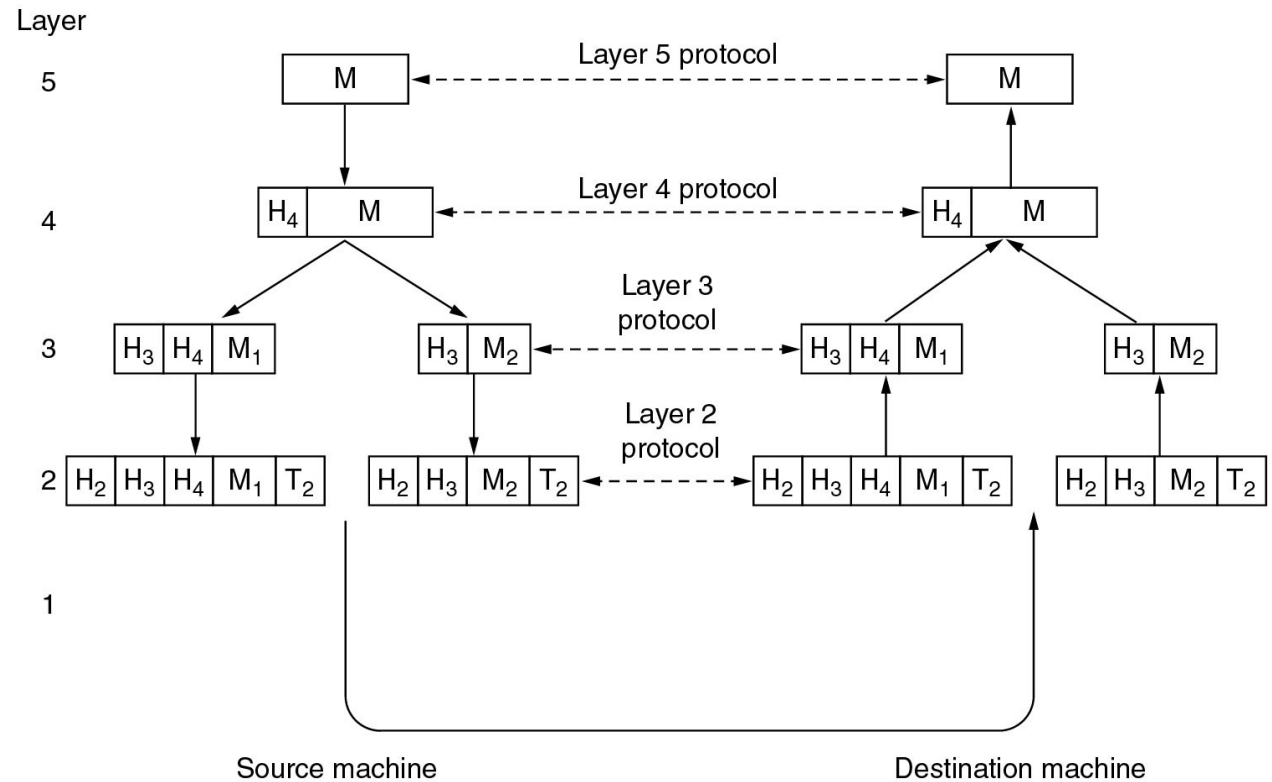
(4.1) Protocols

Basically, a protocol is an **agreement** between the communicating **peers** on how communication is to proceed.

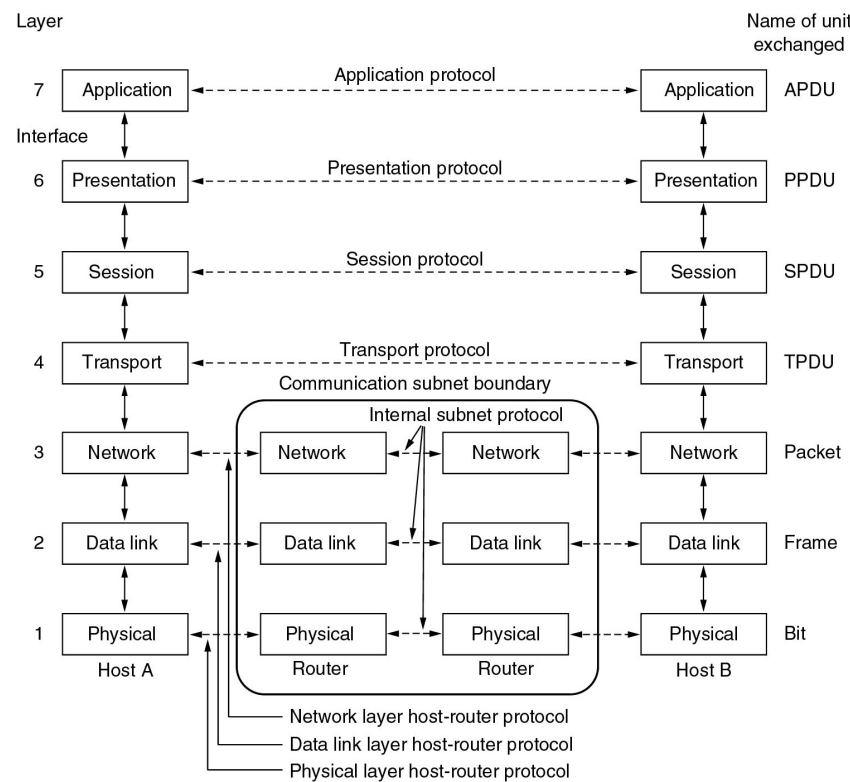
(4.2) The layering Principle (1)



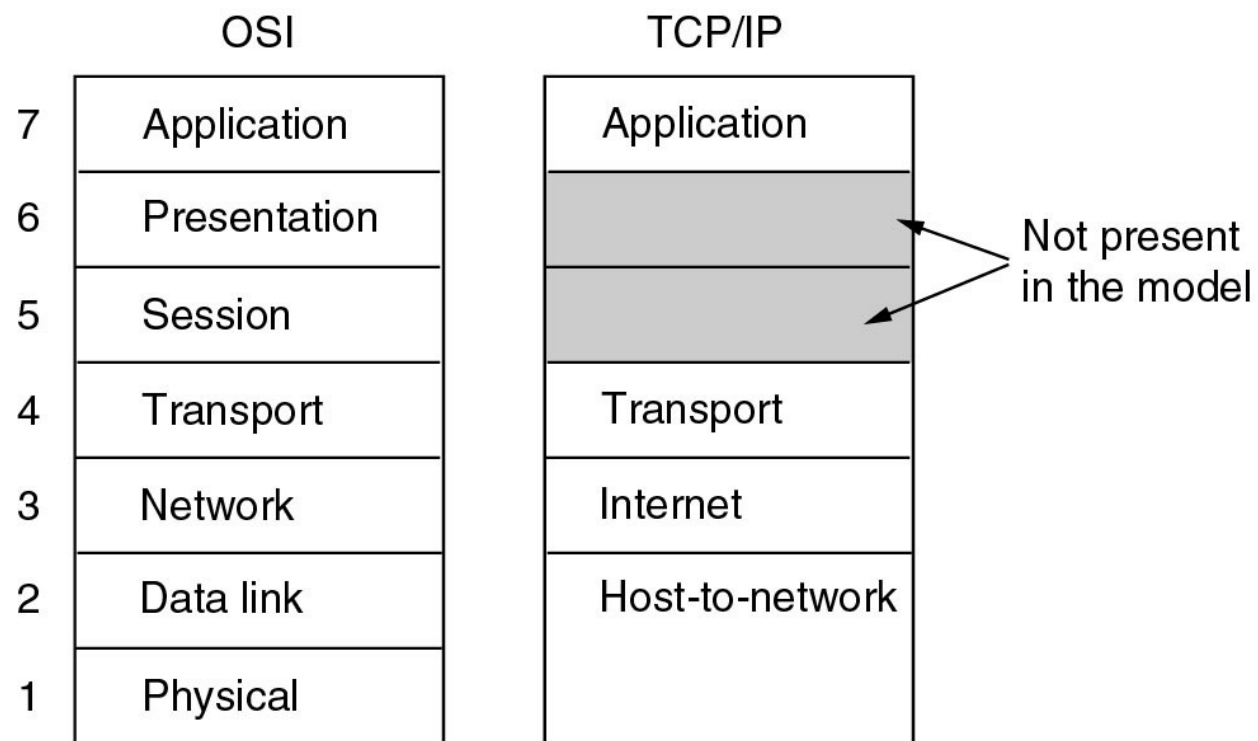
(4.2) The layering Principle (2)



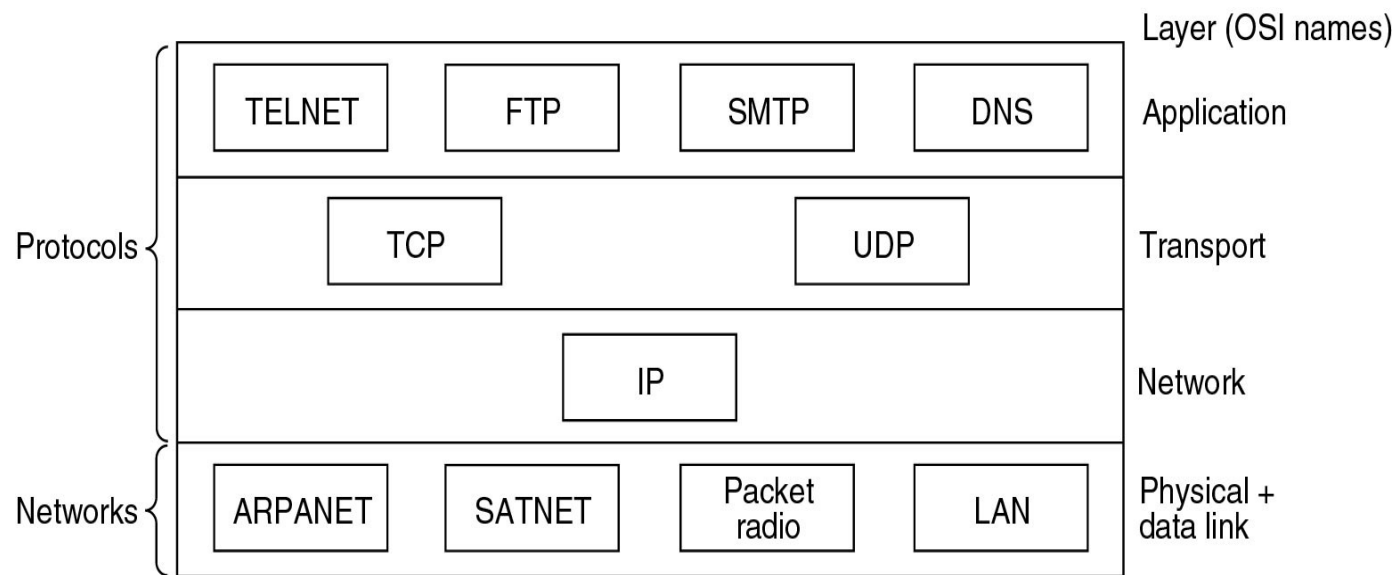
(5.1) The OSI Reference Model



(5.2) The TCP/IP Reference Model (1)



(5.2) The TCP/IP Reference Model (2)



Protocols and networks in the TCP/IP model initially

(6) Connection-Oriented vs. Connectionless

		Service	Example
Connection-oriented	{	Reliable message stream	Sequence of pages
		Reliable byte stream	Remote login
		Unreliable connection	Digitized voice
Connection-less	{	Unreliable datagram	Electronic junk mail
		Acknowledged datagram	Registered mail
		Request-reply	Database query

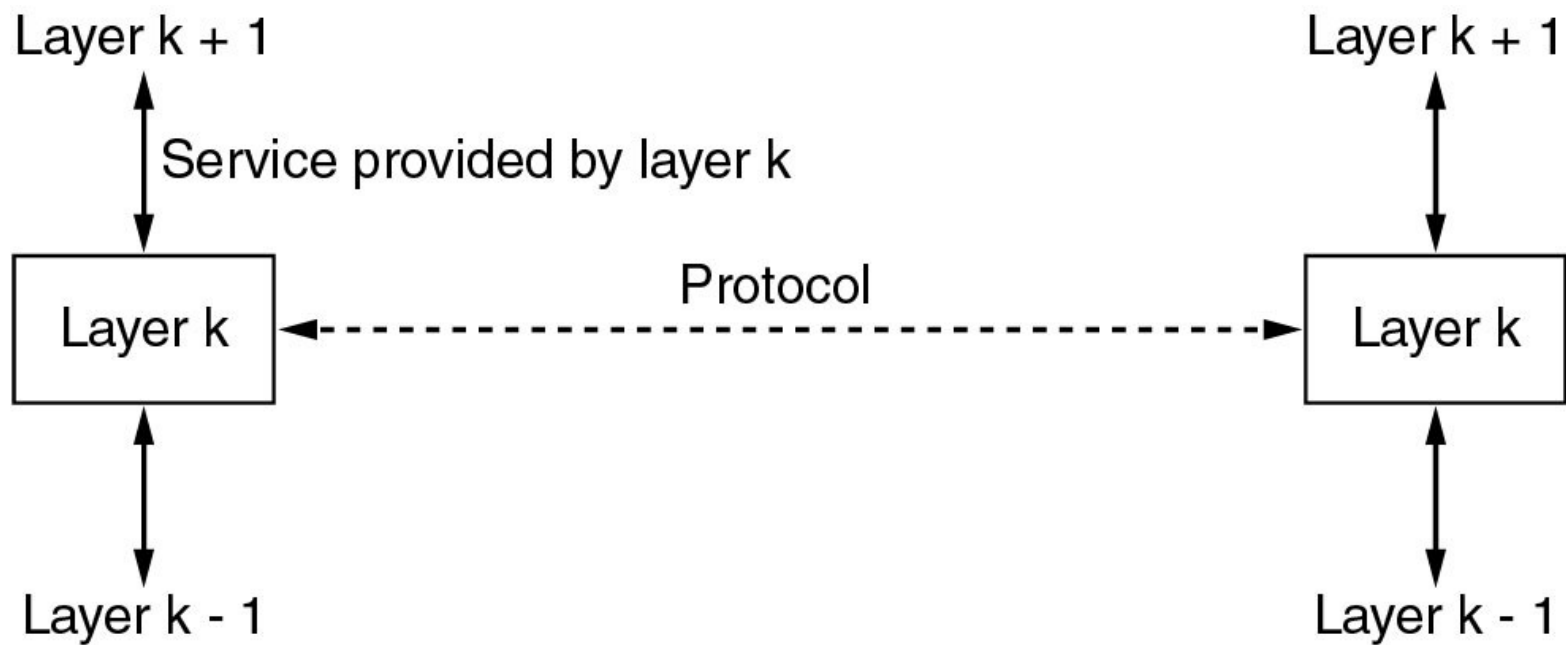
(7) Service Primitives

A service is formally specified by a set of primitives (basic operations) available to a user or other entity to access the service.

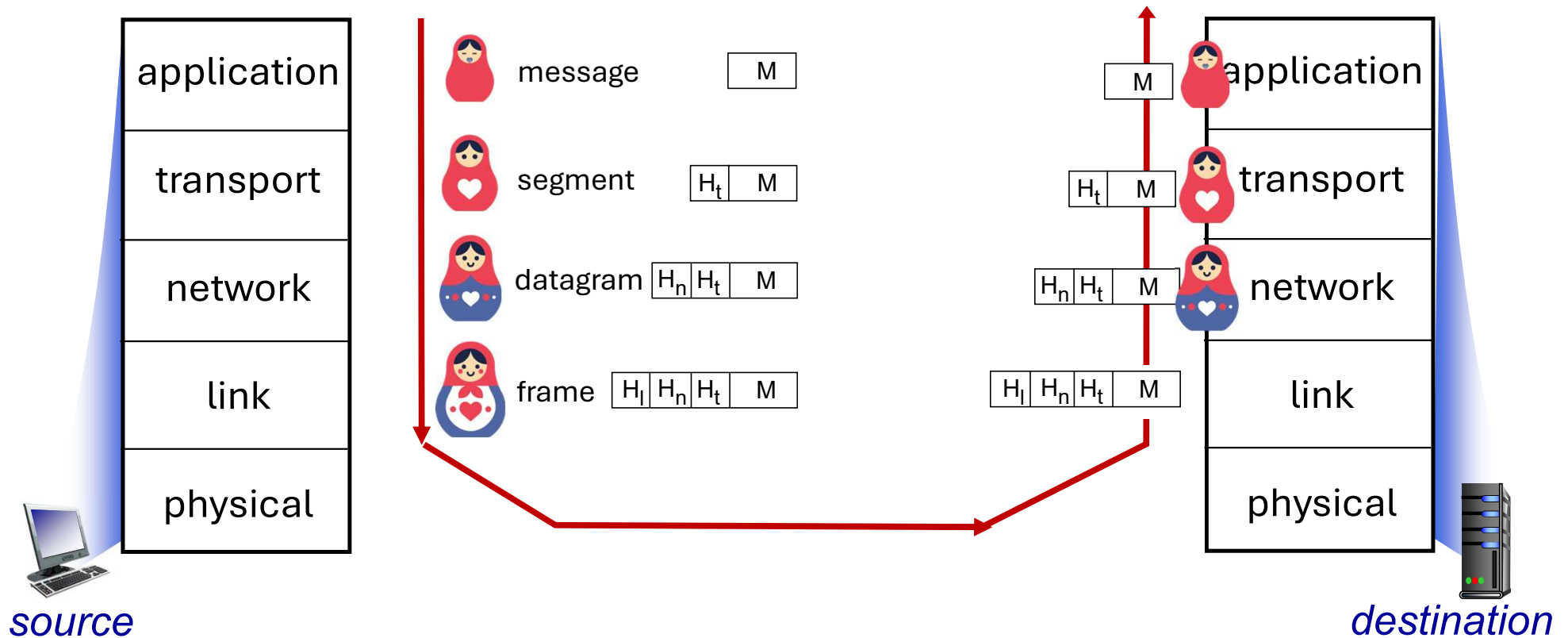
Primitive	Meaning
LISTEN	Block waiting for an incoming connection
CONNECT	Establish a connection with a waiting peer
RECEIVE	Block waiting for an incoming message
SEND	Send a message to the peer
DISCONNECT	Terminate a connection

Example: five service primitives for implementing a simple connection-oriented service.

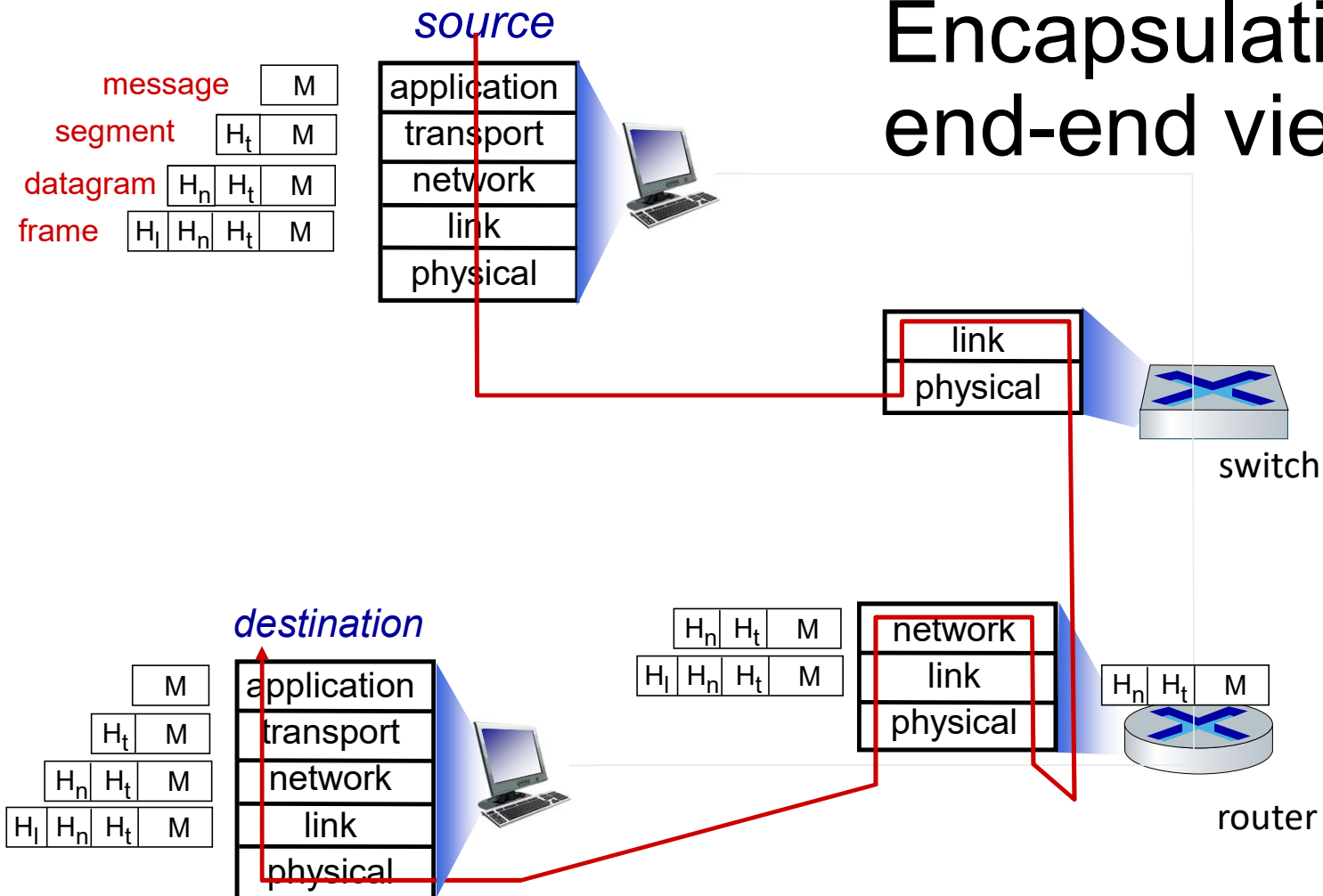
(8) The Relationship of Service



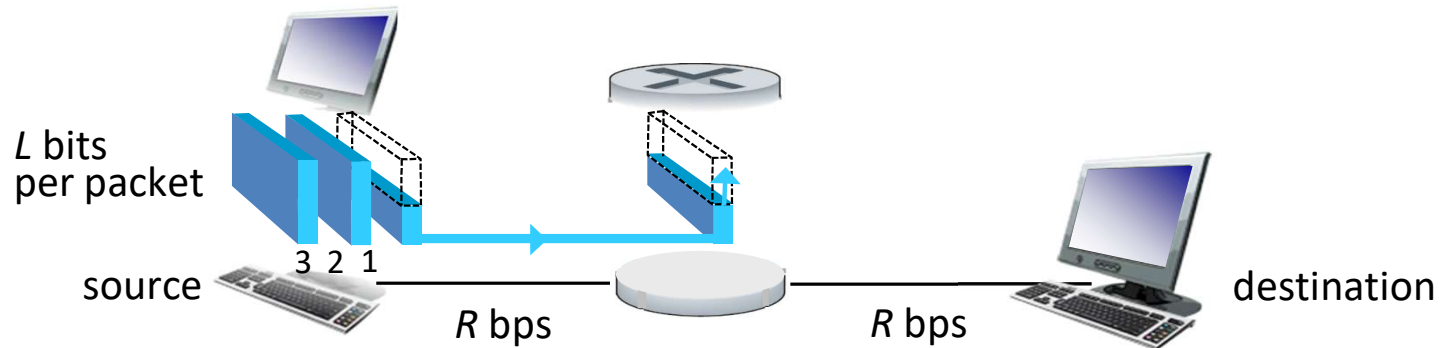
(8) Services, Layering and Encapsulation



Encapsulation: an end-end view



(9.1) Packet-switching: store-and-forward

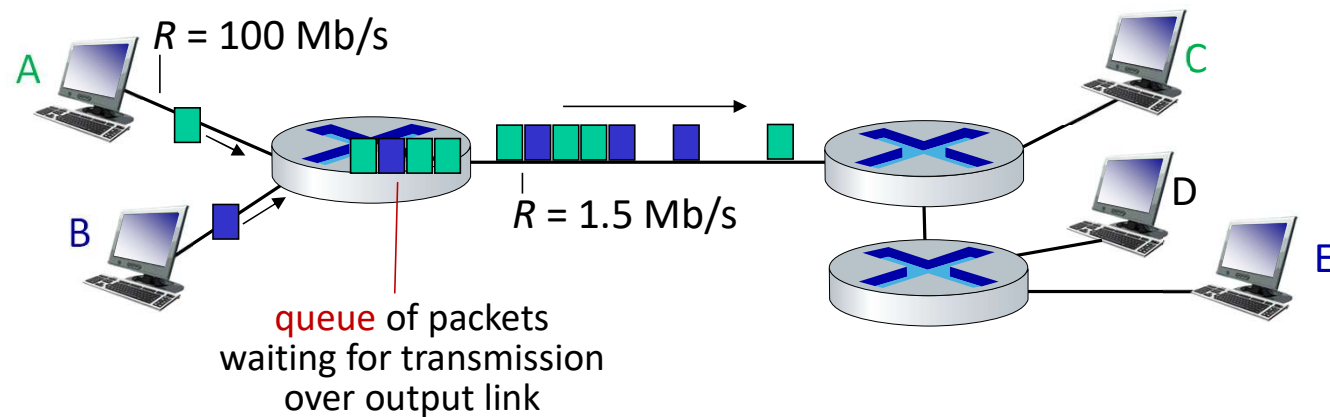


- **packet transmission delay:** takes L/R seconds to transmit (push out) L -bit packet into link at R bps
- **store and forward:** entire packet must arrive at router before it can be transmitted on next link

One-hop numerical example:

- $L = 10$ Kbits
- $R = 100$ Mbps
- one-hop transmission delay = 0.1 msec

Packet-switching: queueing



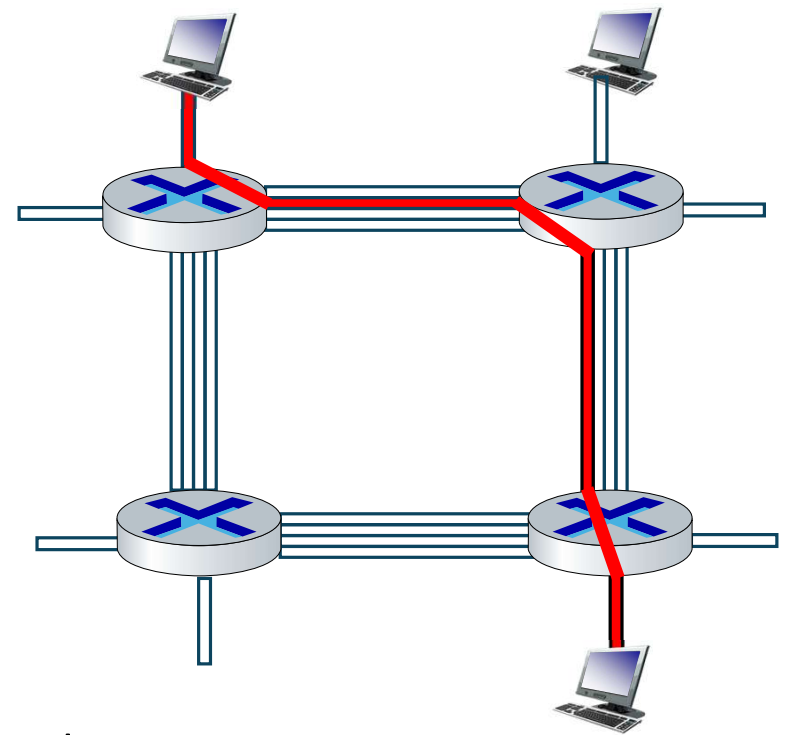
Queueing occurs when work arrives faster than it can be serviced:



(9.2) Alternative to packet switching: circuit switching

end-end resources allocated to, reserved for “call” between source and destination

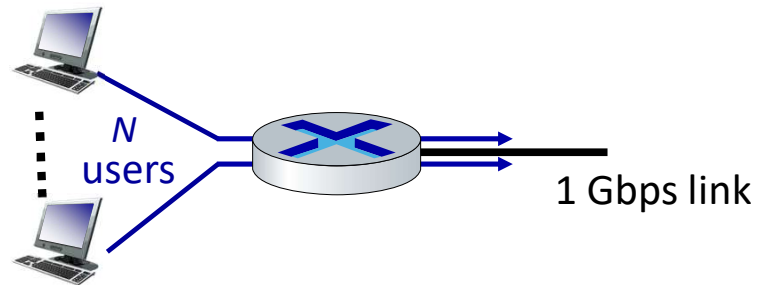
- in diagram, each link has four circuits.
 - call gets 2nd circuit in top link and 1st circuit in right link.
- dedicated resources: no sharing
 - circuit-like (guaranteed) performance
- circuit segment idle if not used by call (no sharing)
 - commonly used in traditional telephone networks



Packet switching versus circuit switching

example:

- 1 Gb/s link
- each user:
 - 100 Mb/s when “active”
 - active 10% of time



Q: how many users can use this network under circuit-switching and packet switching?

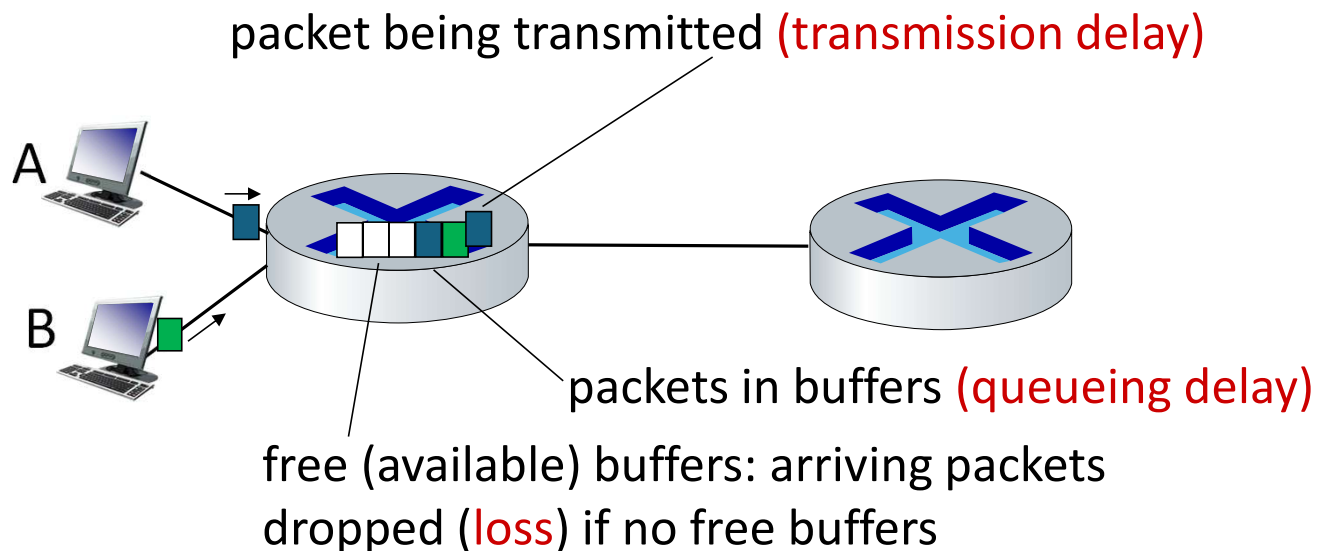
- **circuit-switching:** 10 users
- **packet switching:** with 35 users, probability > 10 active at same time is less than .0004 *

Q: how did we get value 0.0004?

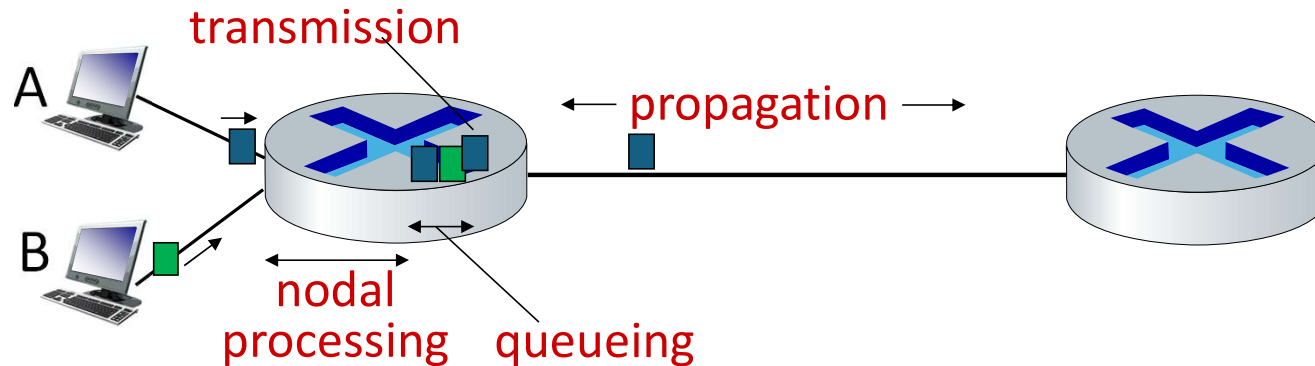
A:

(10) Packet Delay and Loss

- packets **queue** in router buffers, waiting for turn for transmission
 - queue length grows when arrival rate to link (temporarily) exceeds output link capacity
- packet **loss** occurs when memory to hold queued packets fills up



Packet delay: four sources



$$d_{\text{nodal}} = d_{\text{proc}} + d_{\text{queue}} + d_{\text{trans}} + d_{\text{prop}}$$

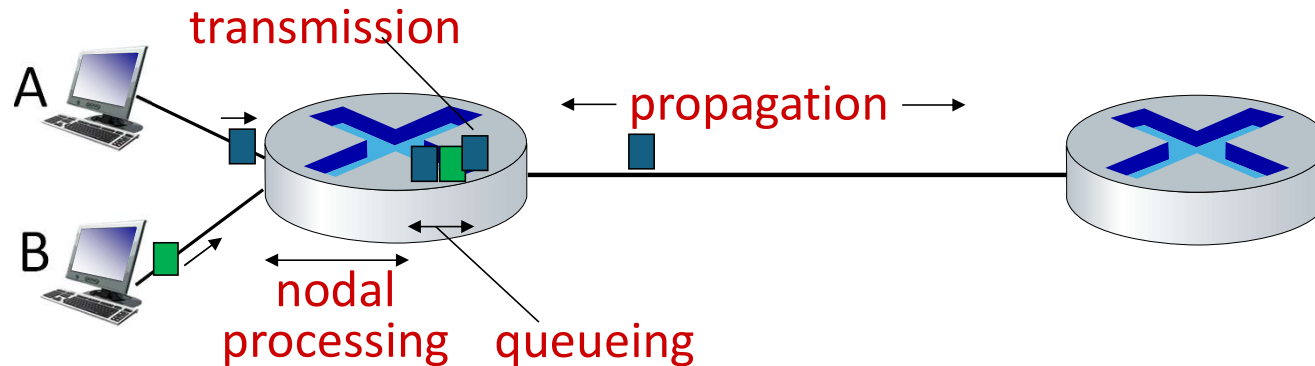
d_{proc} : nodal processing

- check bit errors
- determine output link
- typically < microsecs

d_{queue} : queueing delay

- time waiting at output link for transmission
- depends on congestion level of router

Packet delay: four sources



$$d_{\text{nodal}} = d_{\text{proc}} + d_{\text{queue}} + d_{\text{trans}} + d_{\text{prop}}$$

d_{trans} : transmission delay:

- L : packet length (bits)
- R : link transmission rate (bps)

▪ $d_{\text{trans}} = L/R$

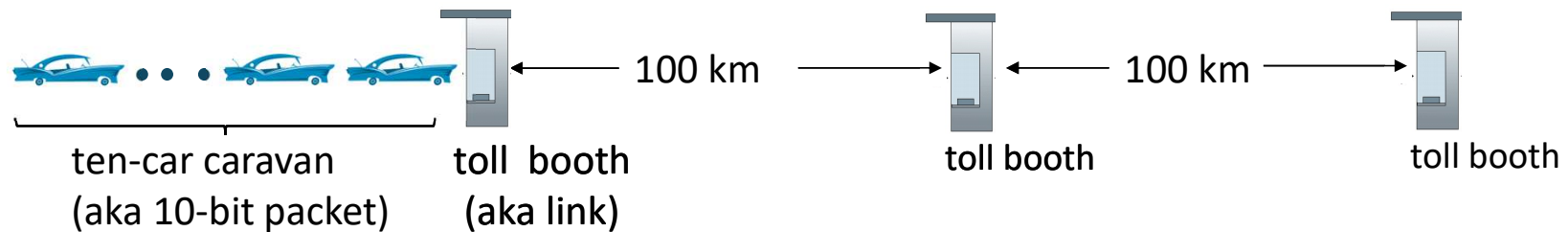
d_{prop} : propagation delay:

- d : length of physical link
- s : propagation speed ($\sim 2 \times 10^8$ m/sec)

▪ $d_{\text{prop}} = d/s$

d_{trans} and d_{prop}
very different

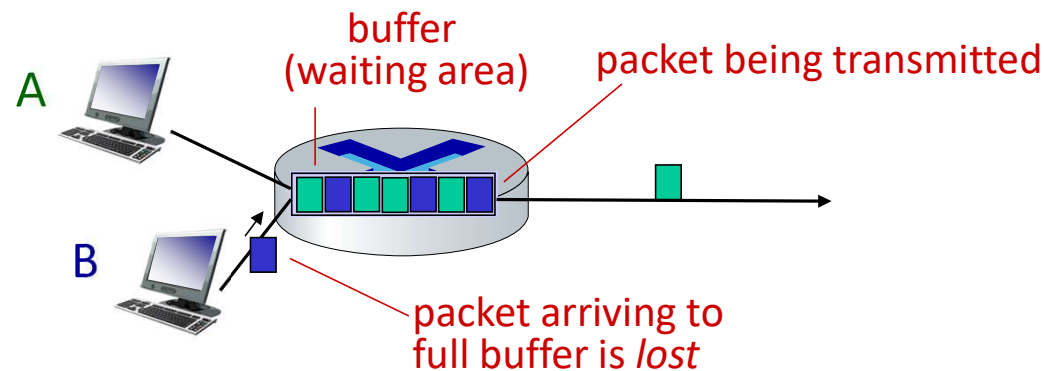
Caravan analogy



- car \sim bit; caravan \sim packet; toll service \sim link transmission
- toll booth takes 12 sec to service car (bit transmission time)
- “propagate” at 100 km/hr
- **Q: How long until caravan is lined up before 2nd toll booth?**
- time to “push” entire caravan through toll booth onto highway = $12 \times 10 = 120$ sec
- time for last car to propagate from 1st to 2nd toll booth: $100\text{km}/(100\text{km/hr}) = 1$ hr
- **A: 62 minutes**

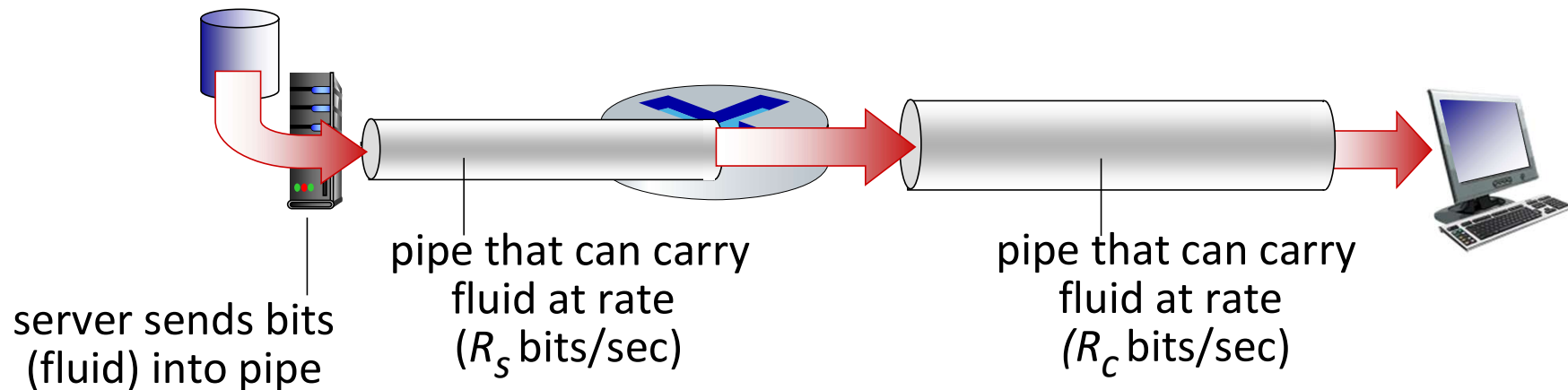
Packet loss

- queue (aka buffer) preceding link in buffer has finite capacity
- packet arriving to full queue dropped (aka lost)
- lost packet may be retransmitted by previous node, by source end system, or not at all



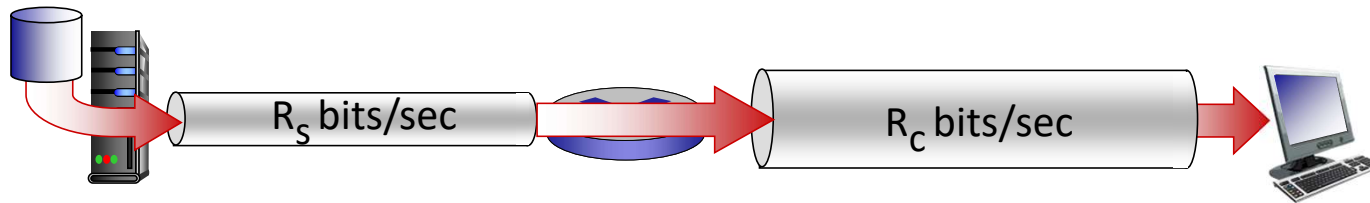
Throughput

- *throughput*: rate (bits/time unit) at which bits are being sent from sender to receiver
 - *instantaneous*: rate at given point in time
 - *average*: rate over longer period of time

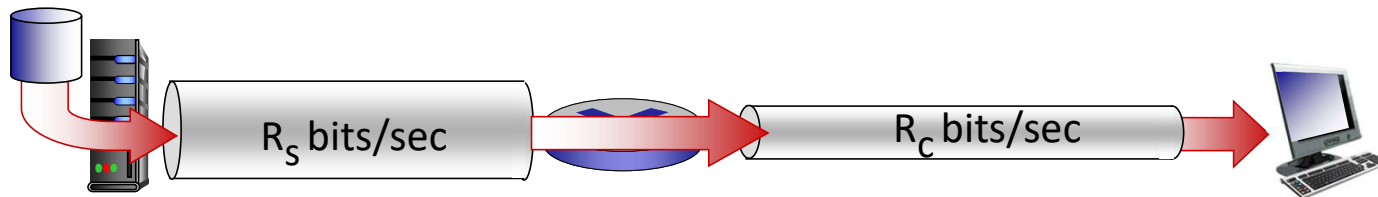


Throughput

$R_s < R_c$ What is average end-end throughput?



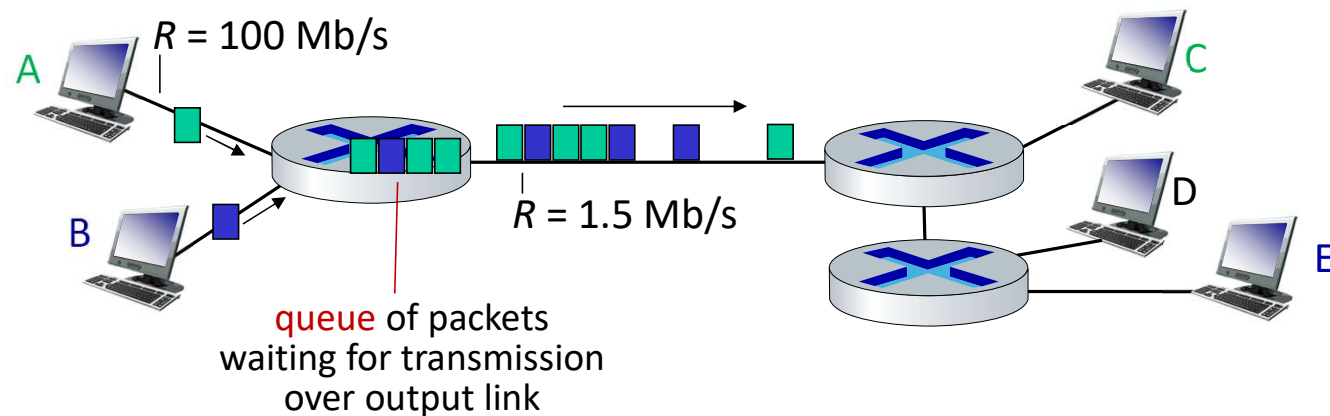
$R_s > R_c$ What is average end-end throughput?



bottleneck link

link on end-end path that constrains end-end throughput

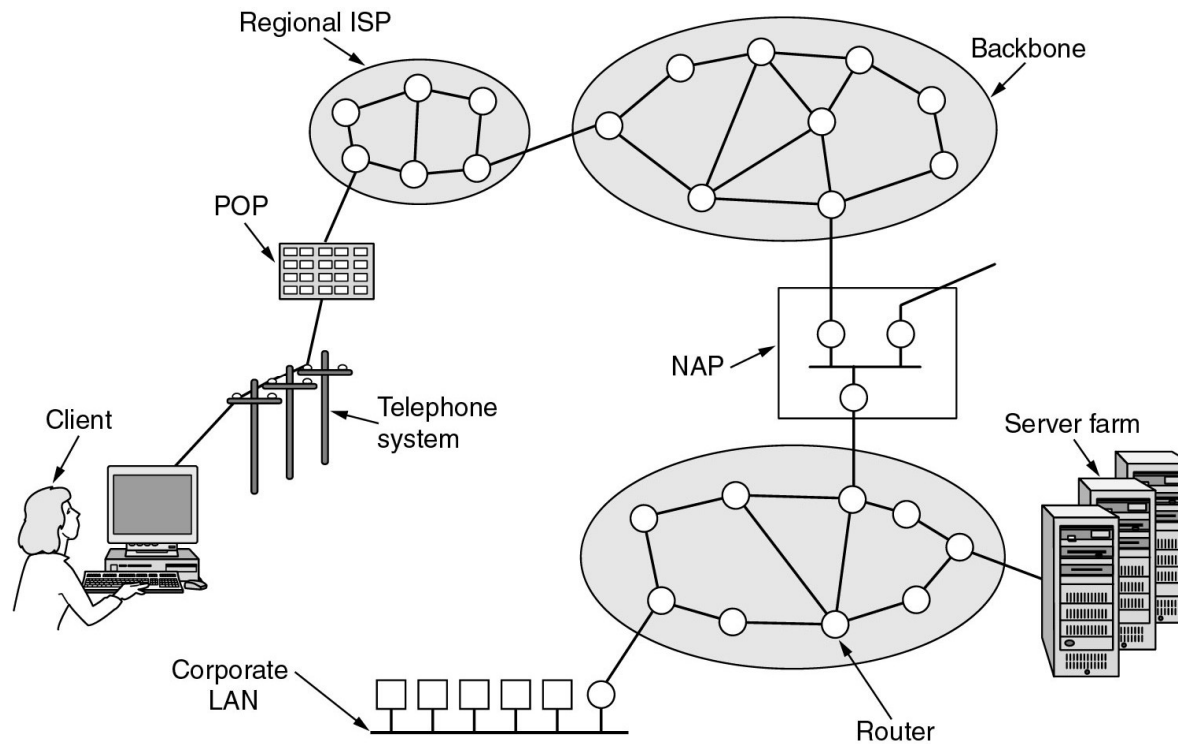
Packet-switching: queueing



Packet queuing and loss: if arrival rate (in bps) to link exceeds transmission rate (bps) of link for some period of time:

- packets will queue, waiting to be transmitted on output link
- packets can be dropped (lost) if memory (buffer) in router fills up

(8.1) The TCP/IP Reference Model (3)



Overview of the Internet