

# Computer Communications and Networks



Part 1: Introduction

# Summary

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- Reference models
- Connection-oriented and connectionless services
- Service primitives
- Performance measures

# (1) Contact Information

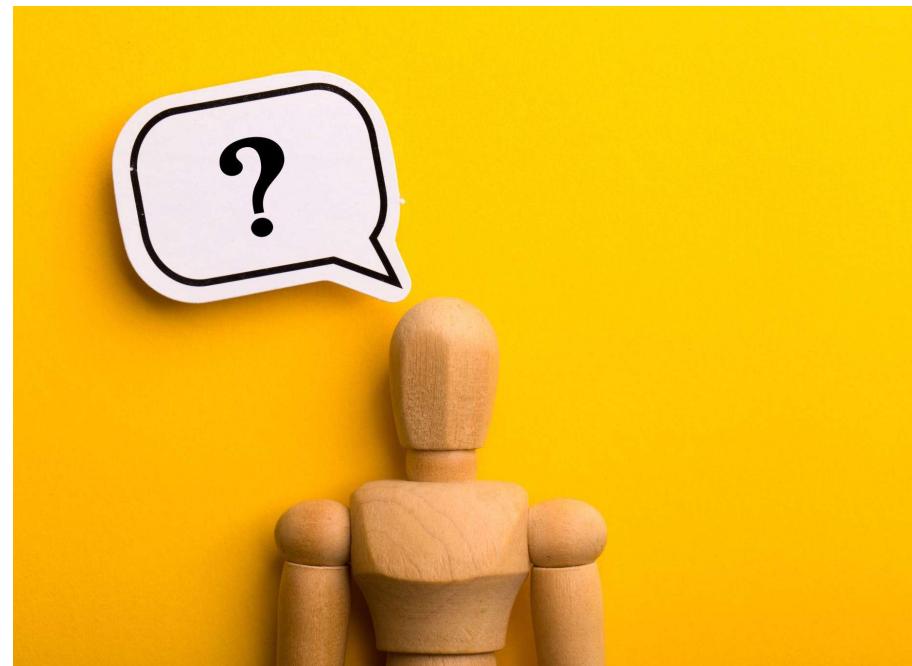
- Course web page: <https://bright.uvic.ca>
- After you log in Brightspace, you should be able to see the course tab of CSC 361. If not, please send me an email and I will add you manually into the system.

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## (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

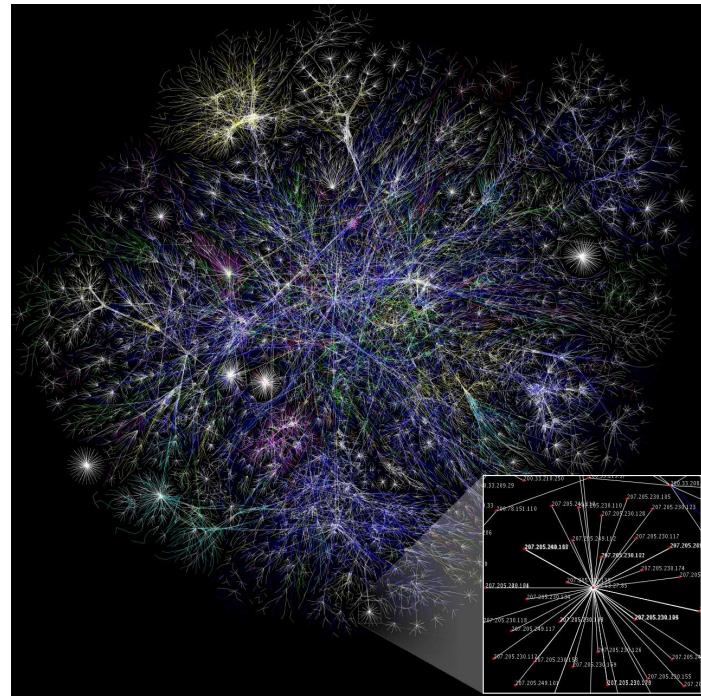
- **Textbook: Computer Networking: A Top-Down Approach (edition VI and above)**
- **Lectures:** learning the concepts
- **Labs:** learn through implementation
- **Programming assignments:** design your own solutions (some questions are open ended)

<b>Assignment/Exams</b>	<b>Weight</b>
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!

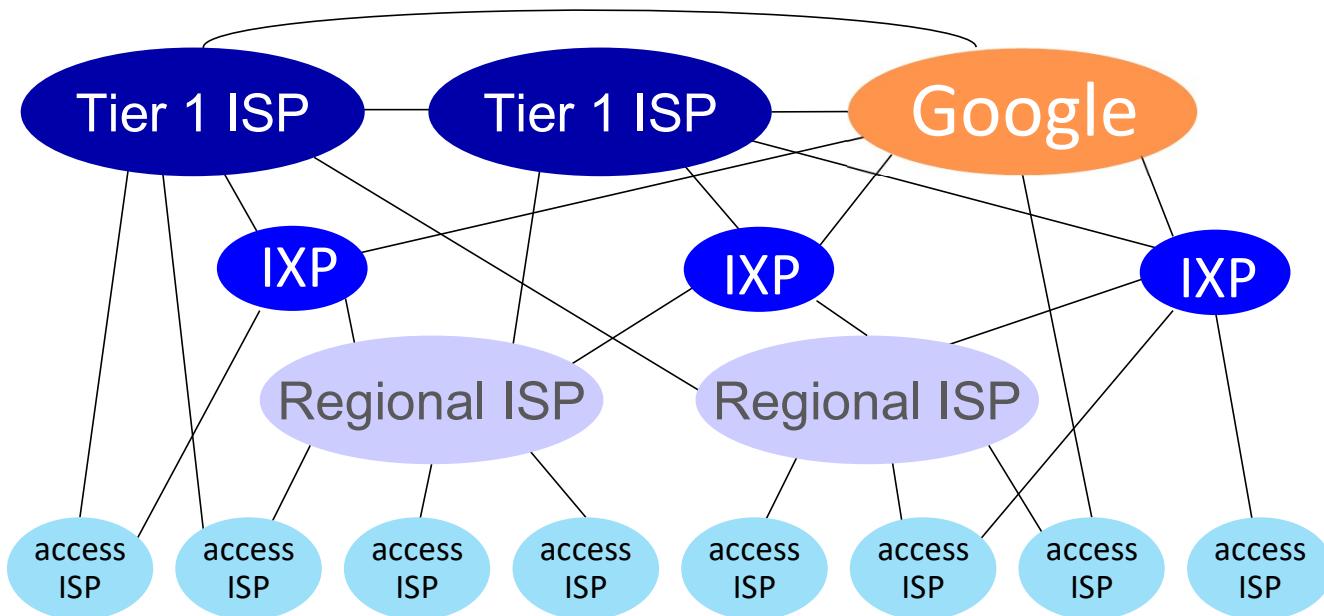
# (4) What is Internet?



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# Internet structure: a “network of networks”



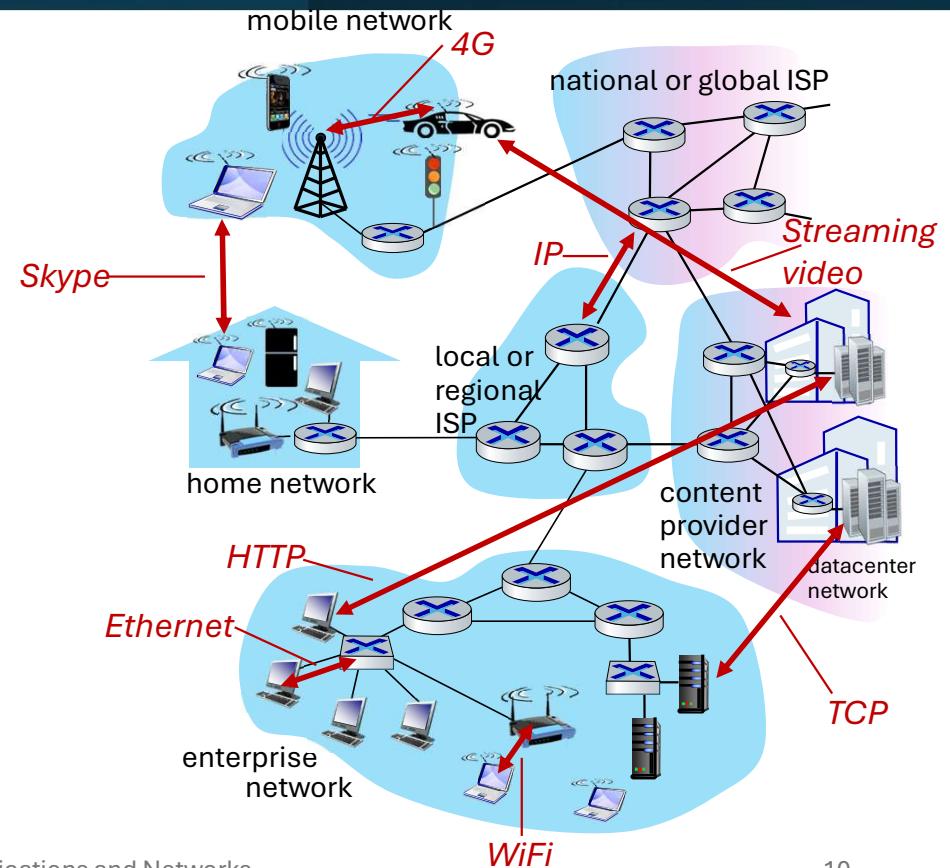
At “center”: small # of well-connected large networks

- **“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

Source: Kurose & Ross

# 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



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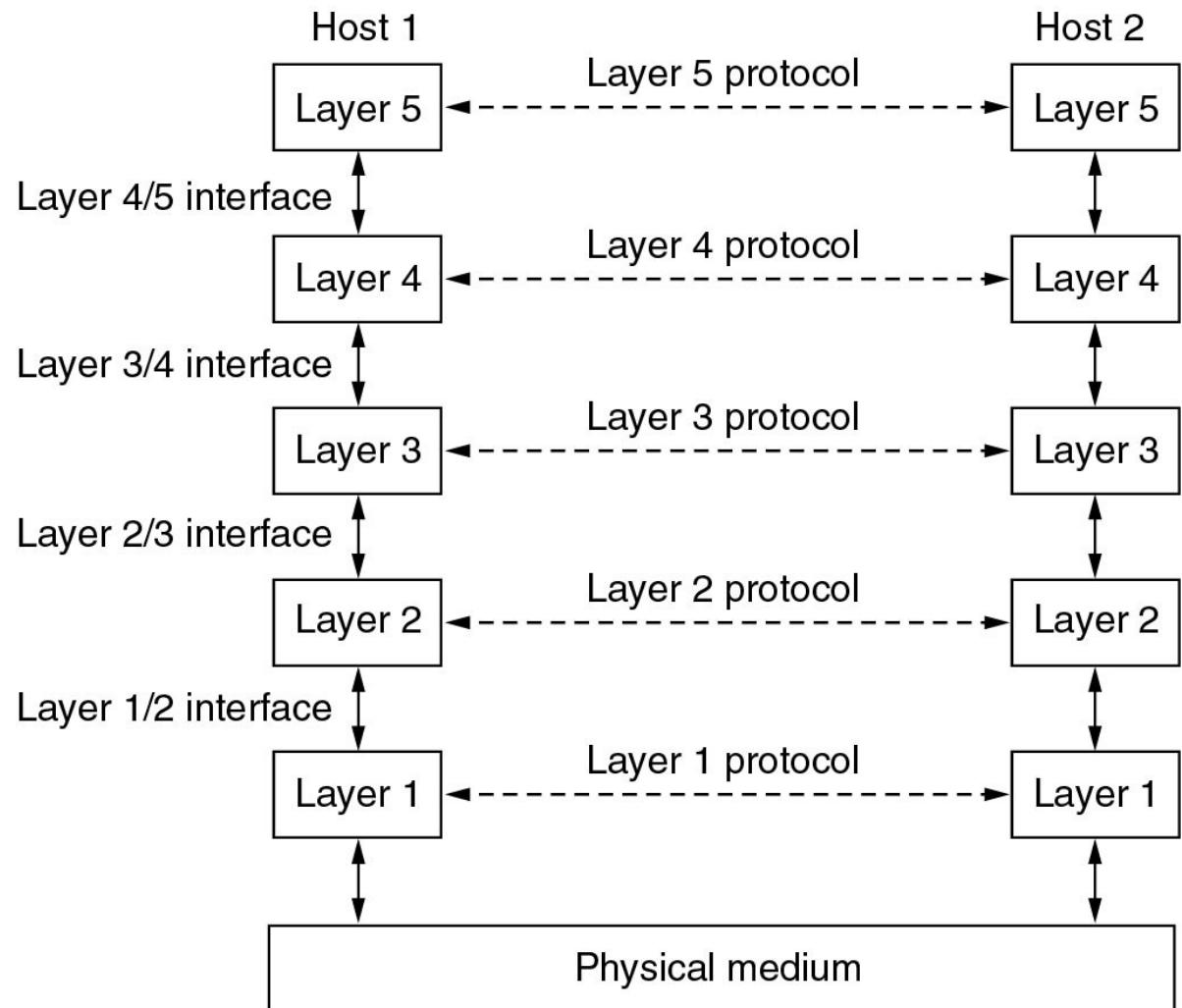
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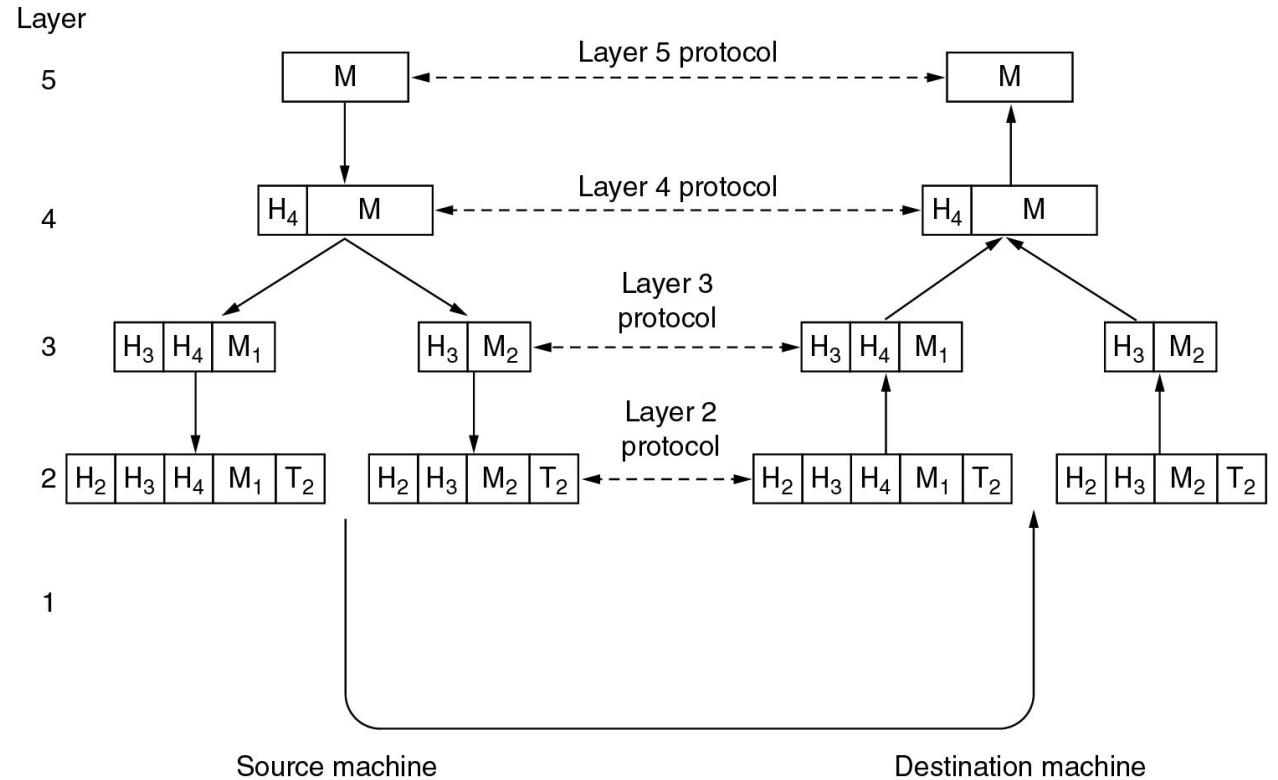
## (4.1) Protocols

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

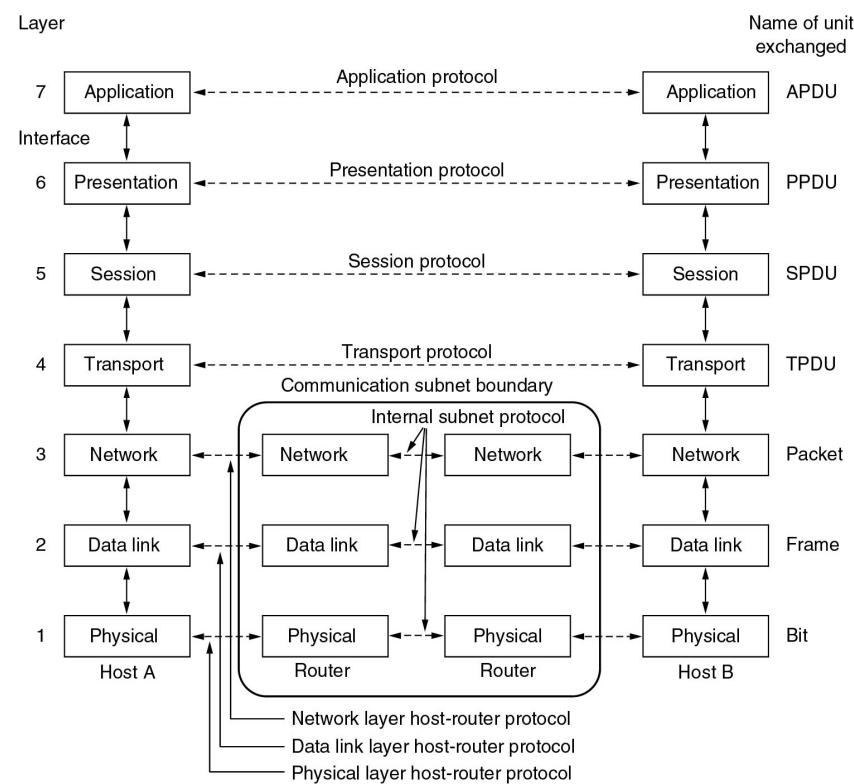
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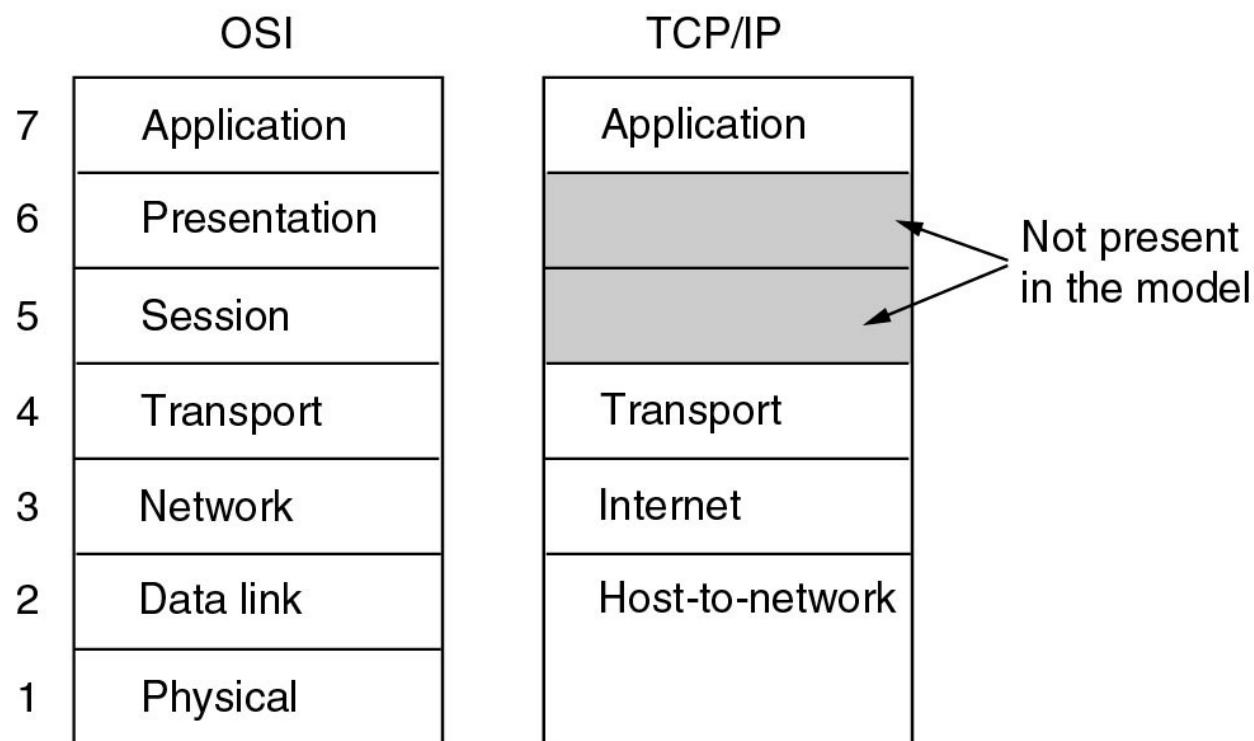
## (4.2) The layering Principle (2)



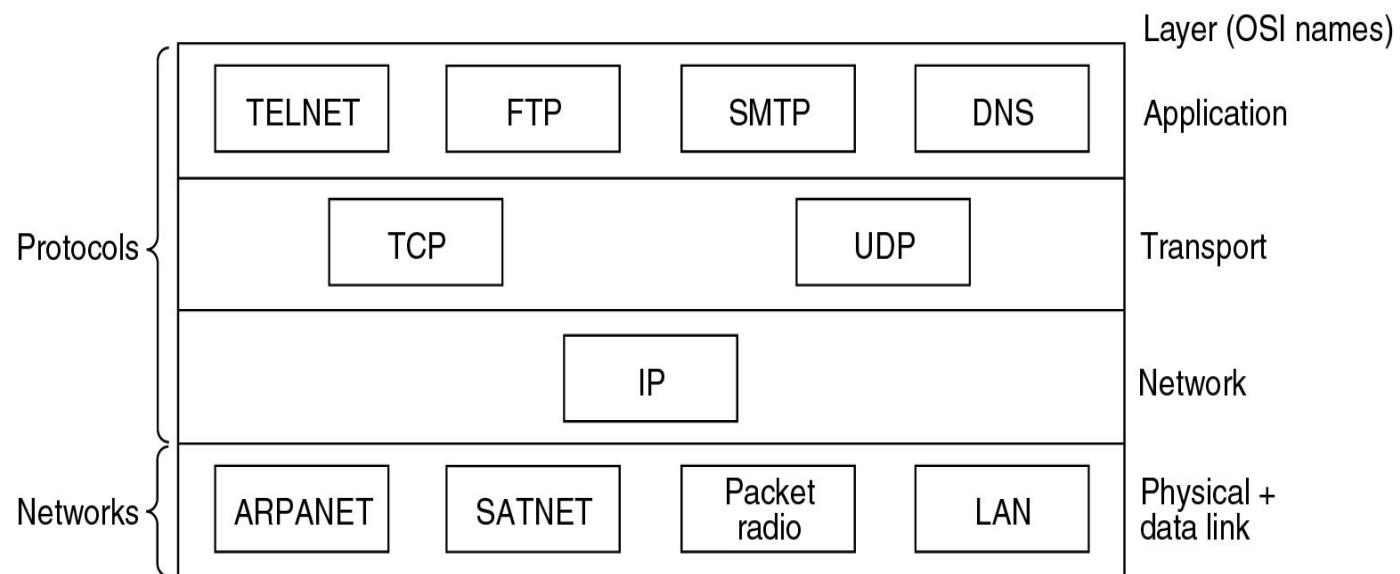
# (5.1) The OSI Reference Model



## (5.2) The TPC/IP Reference Model (1)



## (5.2) The TPC/IP Reference Model (2)



*Protocols and networks in the TCP/IP model initially*

## (6) Connection-Oriented vs.Connectionless

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

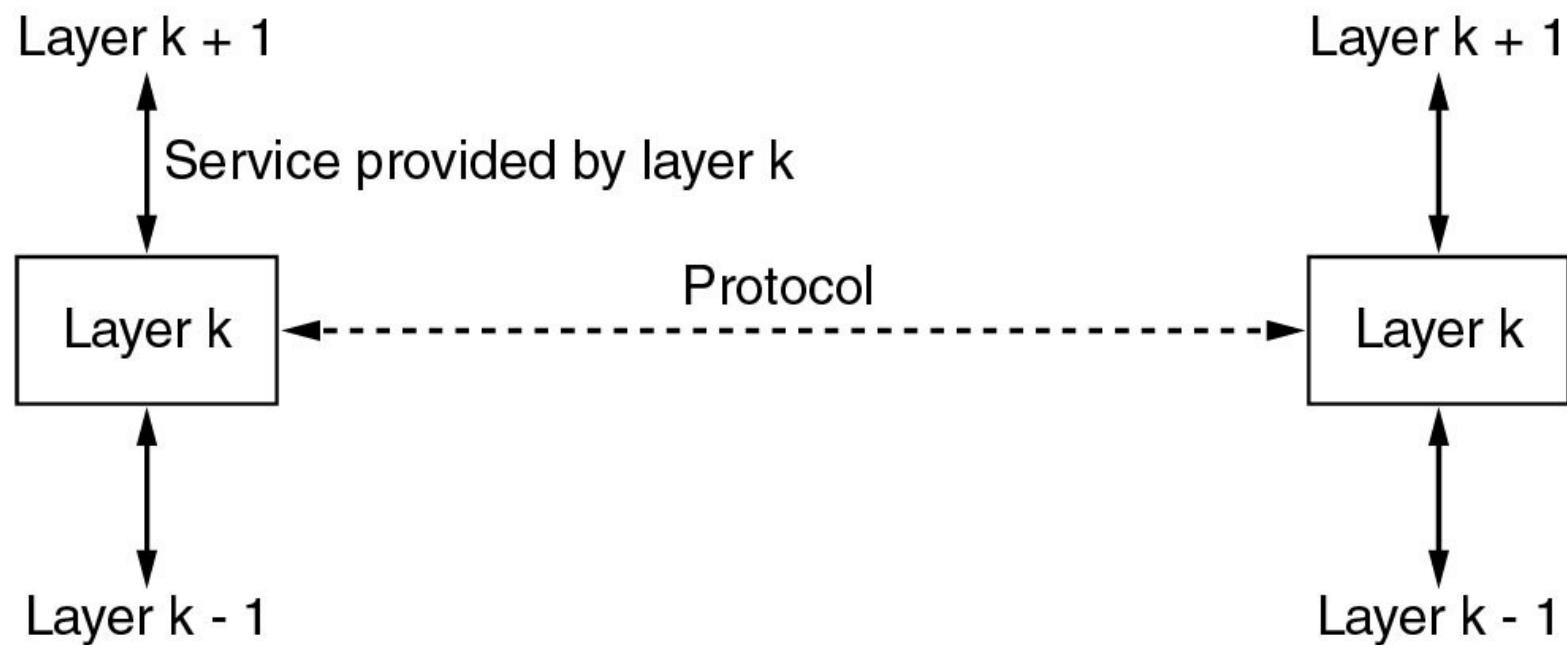
# (7) Service Primitives

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

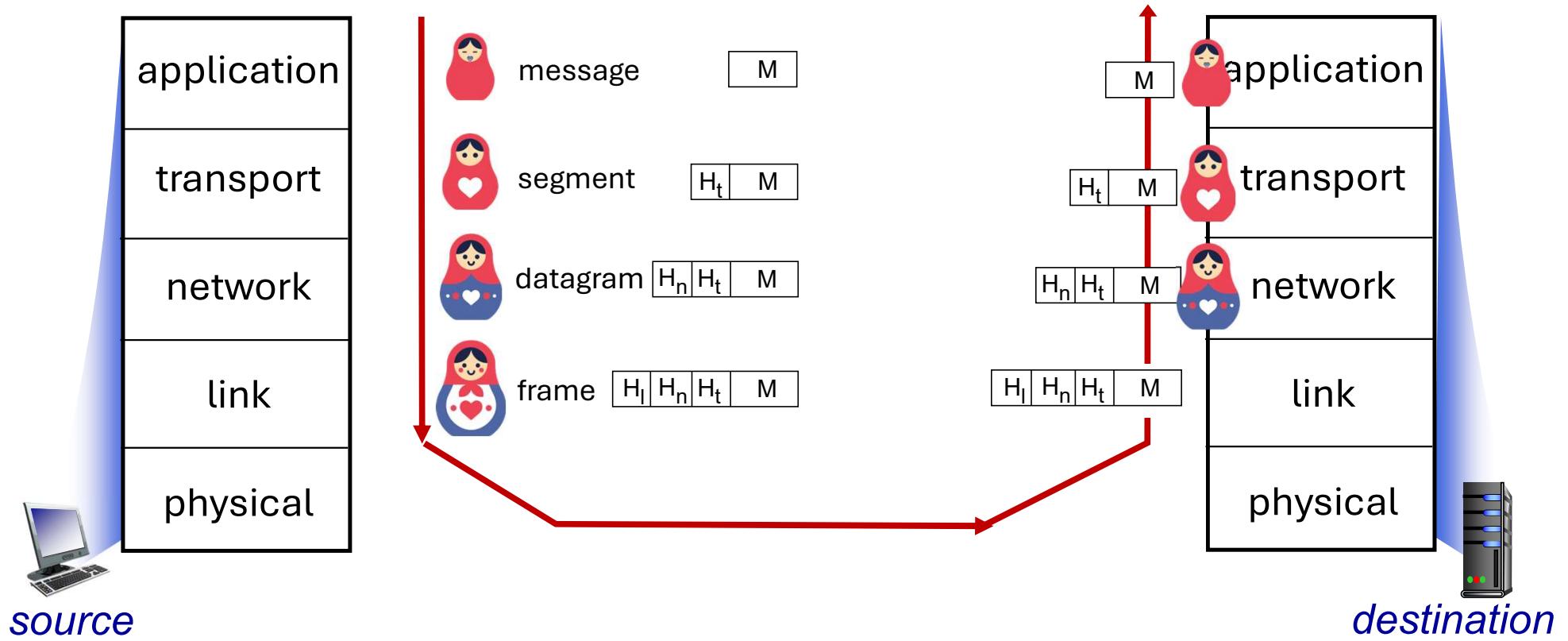
Primitive	Meaning
LISTEN	Block waiting for an incoming connection
CONNECT	Establish a connection with a waiting peer
RECEIVE	Block waiting for an incoming message
SEND	Send a message to the peer
DISCONNECT	Terminate a connection

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

## (8) The Relationship of Service

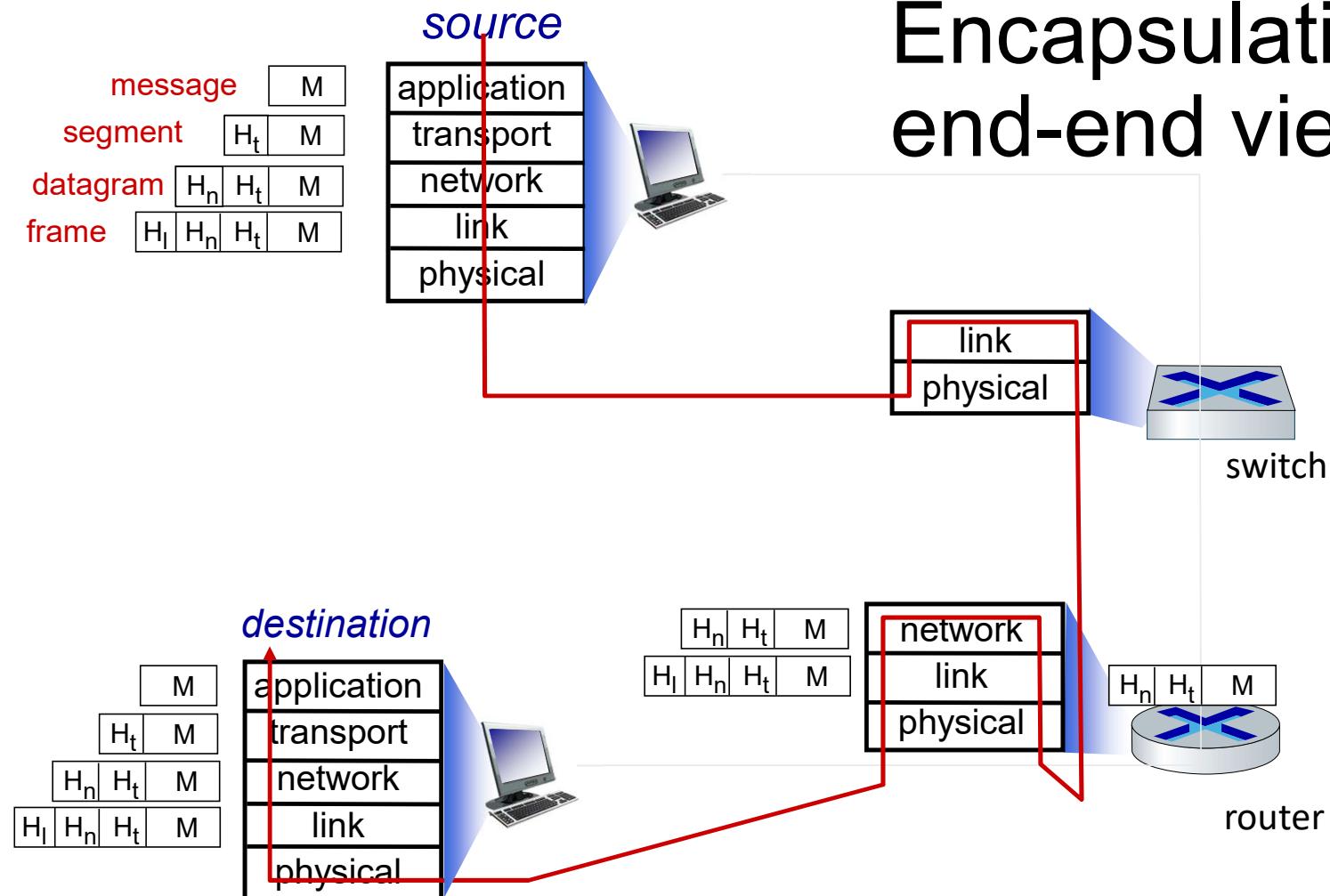


# (8) Services, Layering and Encapsulation



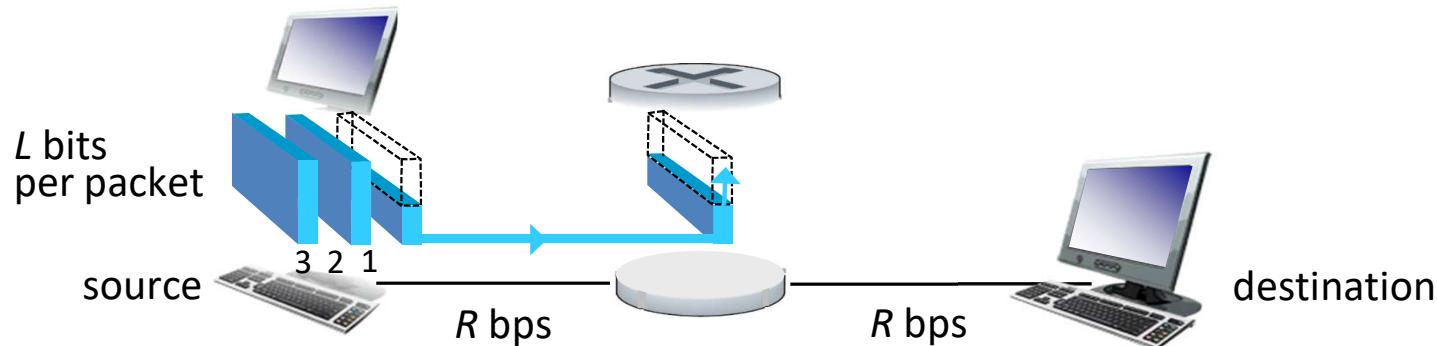
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# Encapsulation: an end-end view



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

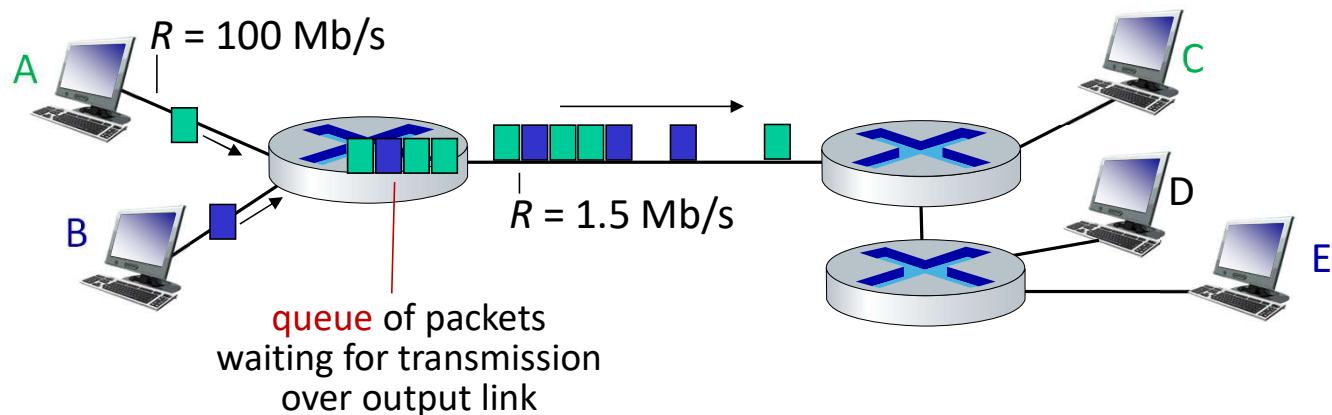


- **packet transmission delay:** takes  $L/R$  seconds to transmit (push out)  $L$ -bit packet into link at  $R$  bps
- **store and forward:** entire packet must arrive at router before it can be transmitted on next link

*One-hop numerical example:*

- $L = 10 \text{ Kbits}$
- $R = 100 \text{ Mbps}$
- one-hop transmission delay = 0.1 msec

# Packet-switching: queueing



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

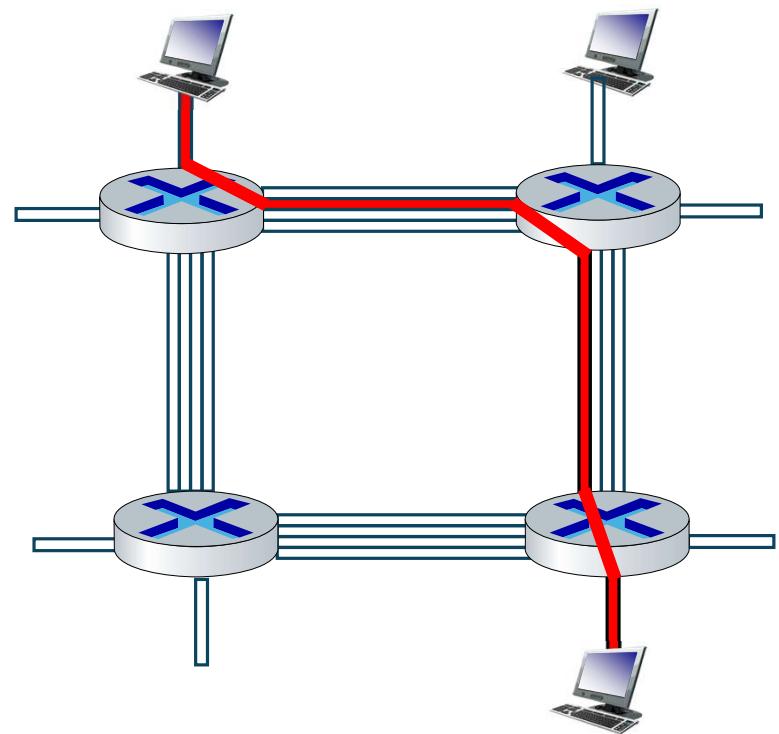


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## (9.2) Alternative to packet switching: circuit switching

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

- in diagram, each link has four circuits.
  - call gets 2<sup>nd</sup> circuit in top link and 1<sup>st</sup> 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

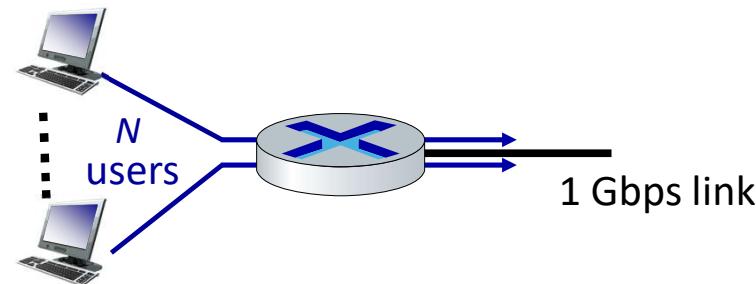


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# Packet switching versus circuit switching

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?

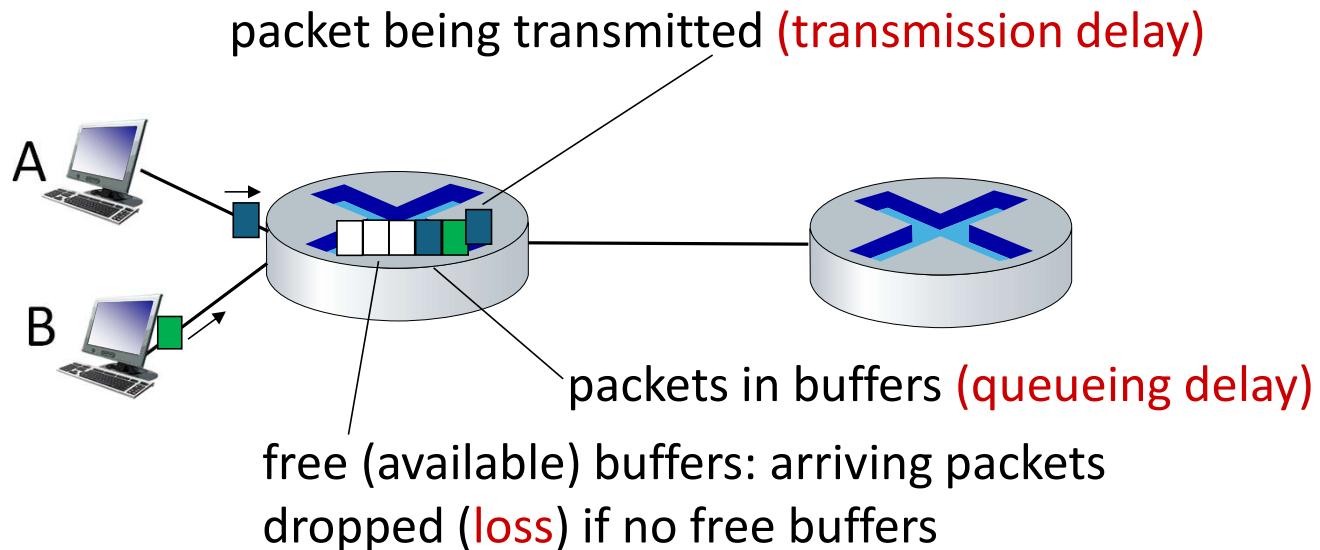
- *circuit-switching:* 10 users
- *packet switching:* with 35 users,  
probability > 10 active at same time  
is less than .0004 \*

*Q:* how did we get value 0.0004?

*A:*

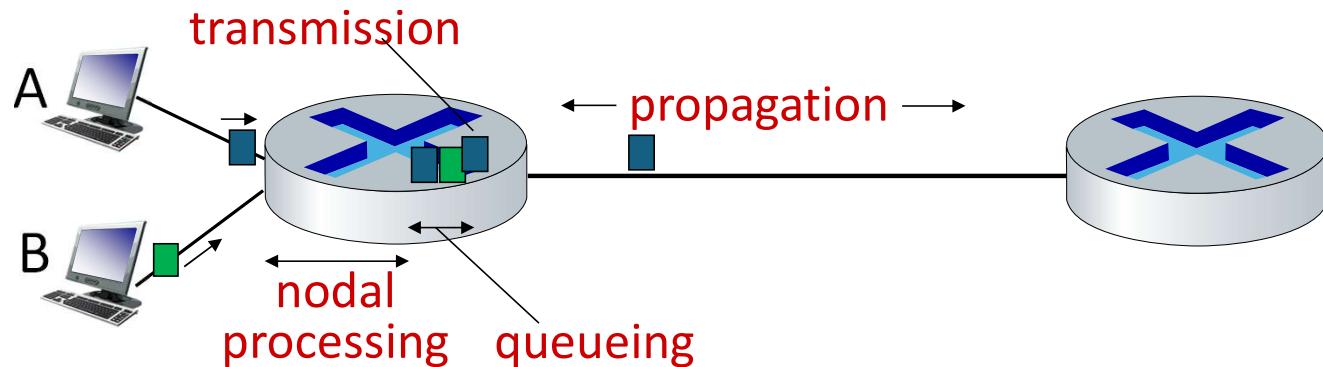
# (10) Packet Delay and Loss

- 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



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# Packet delay: four sources



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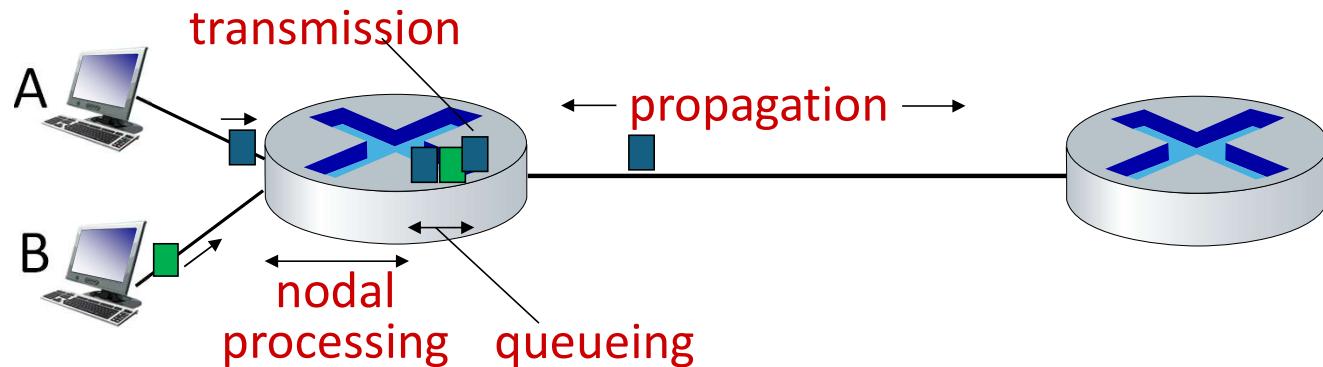
*d<sub>proc</sub>*: nodal processing

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

*d<sub>queue</sub>*: queueing delay

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

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$d_{\text{trans}}$ : transmission delay:

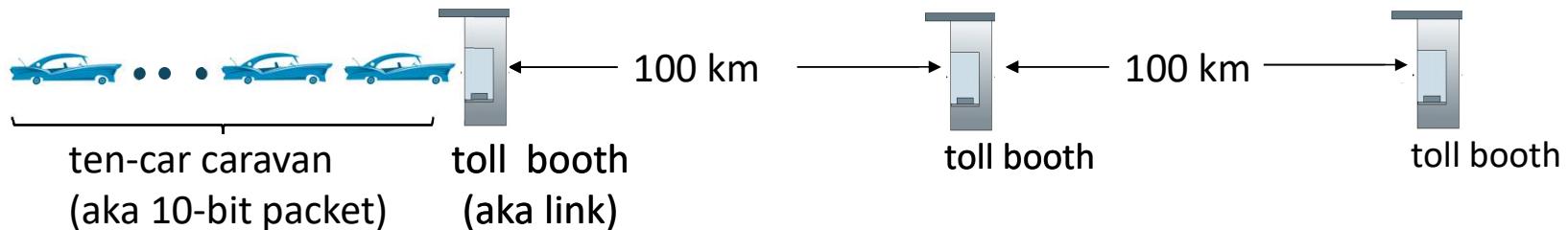
- $L$ : packet length (bits)
- $R$ : link *transmission rate (bps)*
- $d_{\text{trans}} = L/R$

$d_{\text{prop}}$ : propagation delay:

- $d$ : length of physical link
- $s$ : propagation speed ( $\sim 2 \times 10^8$  m/sec)
- $d_{\text{prop}} = d/s$

$d_{\text{trans}}$  and  $d_{\text{prop}}$   
very different

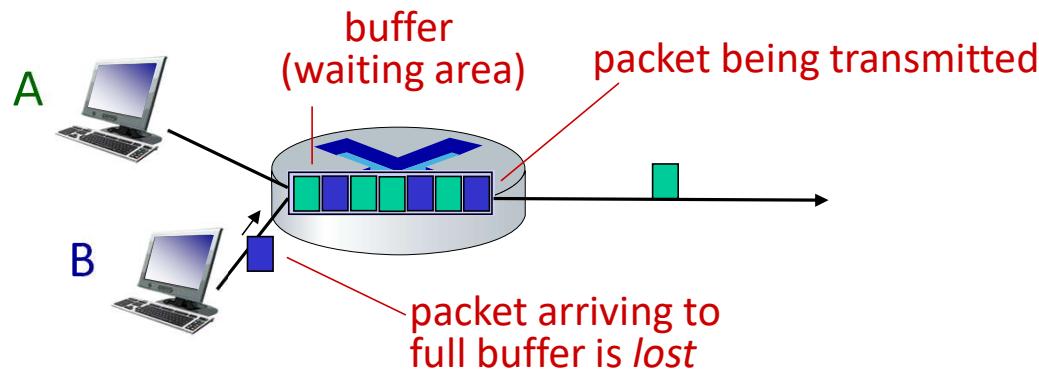
# Caravan analogy



- car ~ bit; caravan ~ packet; toll service ~ 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 =  $12 * 10 = 120$  sec
- time for last car to propagate from 1st to 2nd toll both:  $100\text{km}/(100\text{km/hr}) = 1$  hr
- **A: 62 minutes**

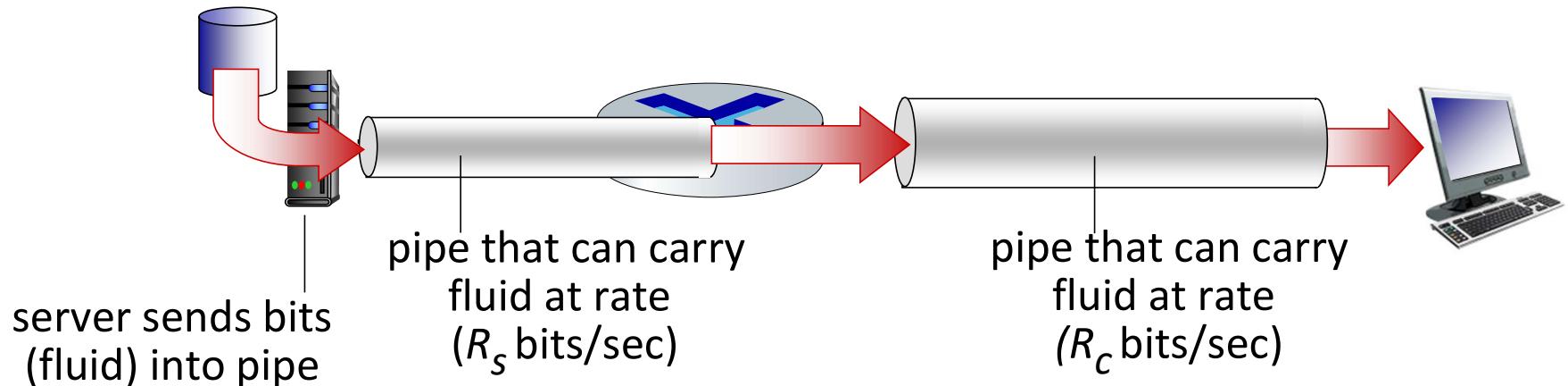
# Packet loss

- 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



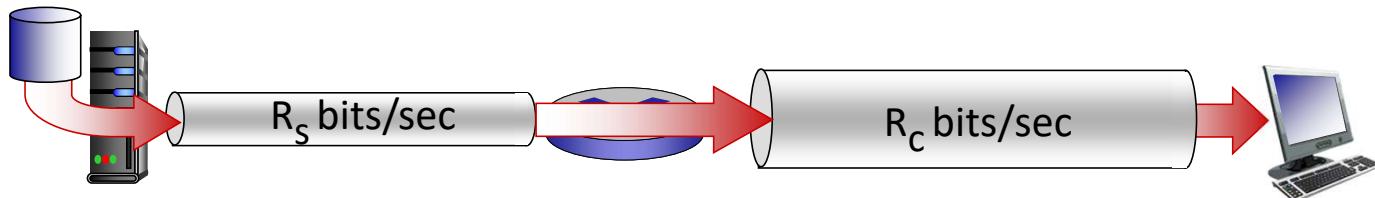
# Throughput

- **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

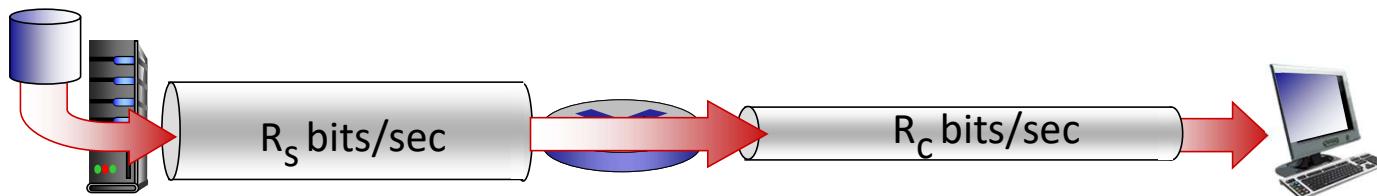


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$R_s < R_c$  What is average end-end throughput?



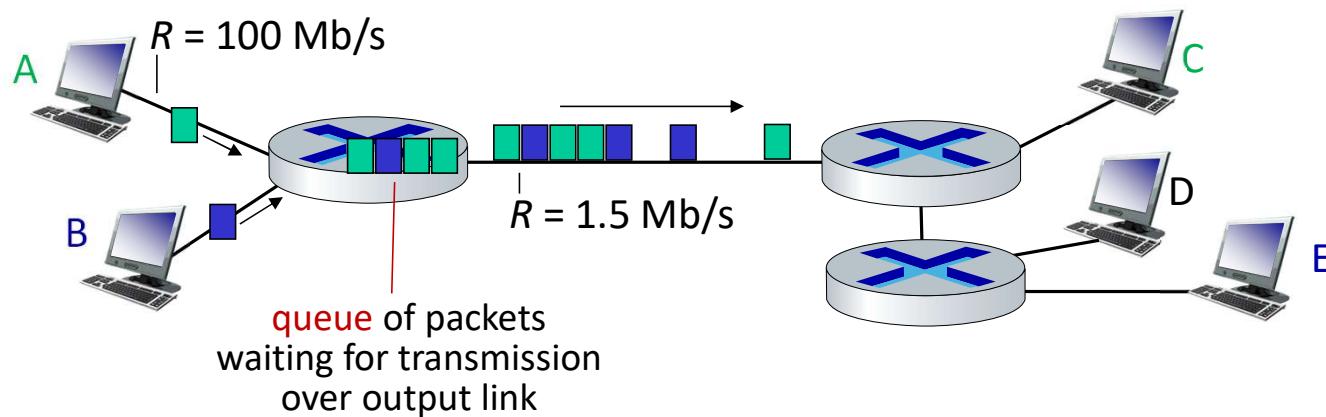
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*bottleneck link*

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

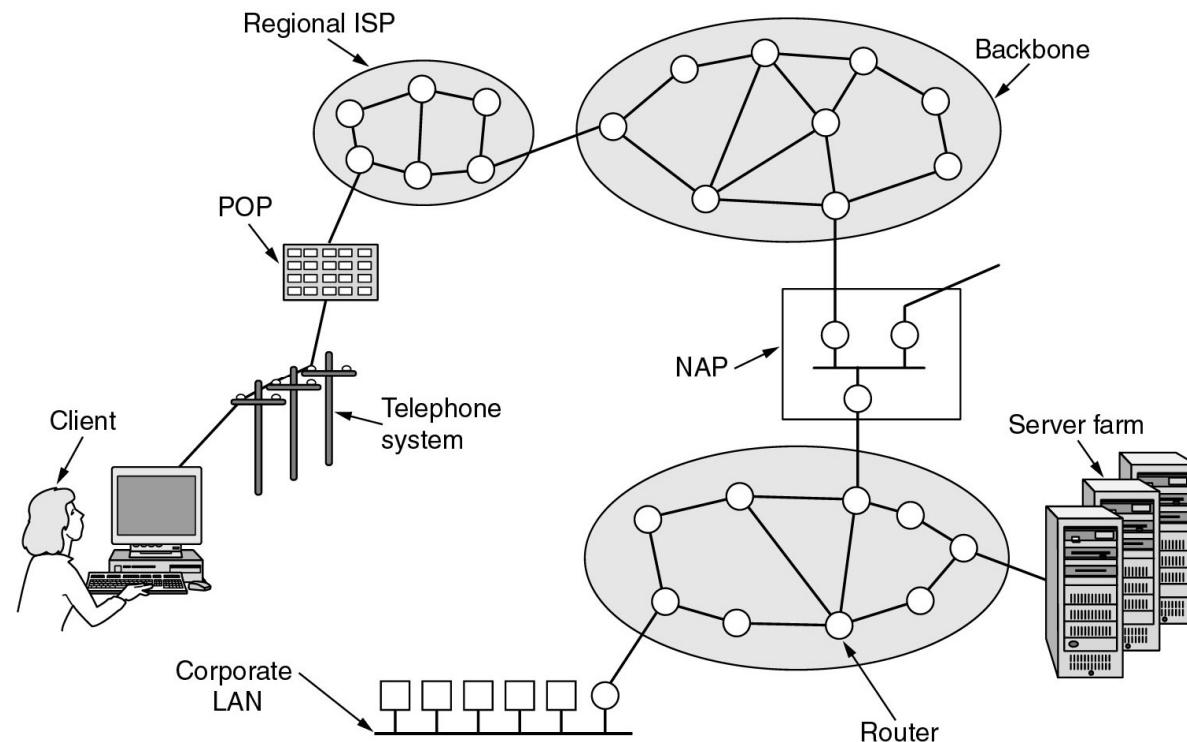
# Packet-switching: queueing



**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*