



TNE10006/TNE60006: Networks and Switching



IPv4 Subnetting

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Outline

- The Subnet Mask
- What is Subnetting
- Slash Notation
- Things to Remember



IPv4 Addresses

The Subnet Mask

- IP Addresses divided in two
 - Network Portion
 - Host Portion
- Network Portion
 - Most significant (left-most) bits of IP Address
 - Defines the network to which the IP Address belongs
 - All IP Addresses with an equal Network Portion are in the same subnet
- Host Portion
 - Least significant (right-most) bits of IP Address
 - Defines a host within a subnet

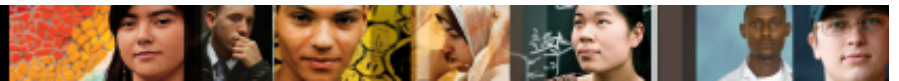
Network Portion bits + Host Portion bits = 32



IPv4 Addresses

The Subnet Mask

- The subnet mask is used to define which bits of an IP Address make the network portion and which bits make the host portion
- Subnet Mask = 32 bits
 - 1-bit specifies that this bit in the IP Address is part of the Network Address
 - 0-bit specifies that this bit in the IP Address is part of the Host Identifier
- Since network = left-most **AND** host = right-most
 - Subnet Mask **MUST** consist of a string of '1' bits followed by a string of '0' bits **ONLY**



IPv4 Addresses

Subnet Mask Restrictions

- The Subnet Mask

Left-most bits form the network address

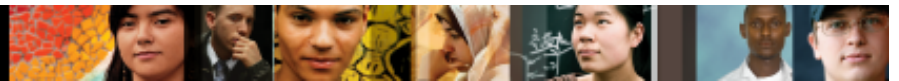
Right-most bits form the host ID

Subnet mask **ALWAYS** consists of a string of '1' bits followed by a string of '0' bits

- Real restrictions

Need at least eight '1' bits (since the Internet respects Class A addresses)

Need at least two '0' bits (this equates to four host IDs of which two are unusable – '00' and '11')



Subnetting Definition

- We are allocated a Network

Eg. We are given a Class B network (65536 hosts)

Subnet mask – 255.255.0.0

- We can break this into smaller subnets

Borrow bits from the host ID and allocate them to the network portion

Internet still considers our original subnet as an entire network

Within our network we break this up into multiple smaller subnets

Achieve better usage of network addresses

Can logically (and physically) separate different groups of users



Subnetting Example – Swinburne

- Swinburne network 136.186.0.0 – Class B
- Default Subnet Mask – 255.255.0.0

Network Address:	10001000	10111010	00000000	00000000
Subnet Mask:	11111111	11111111	11111111	00000000

- Originally

Network = 136.186.0.0 – 136.186.255.255

- Now

Subnet 0 = 136.186.0.0 – 136.186.0.255

Subnet 1 = 136.186.1.0 – 136.186.1.255

Subnet 2 = 136.186.2.0 – 136.186.2.255



Subnet Masks

Slash Notation

- Traditional to write IP address and subnet mask

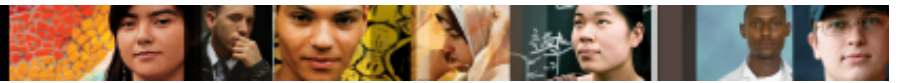
eg. – 192.168.0.27 255.255.255.192

- Shorter and more convenient notation

eg. – 192.168.0.27/26

Sometimes called slash notation

Shows IP address and that the first 26 bits defines the network portion
(remaining 6 bits define host ID)



Subnetting Facts

Things to Remember

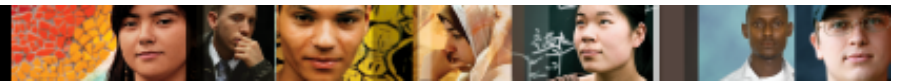
- All subnet masks string of '1' bits followed by string of '0' bits
- Number of host IDs in subnet is defined by number of '0' bits in subnet mask
- Number of '0' bits = h
- Number of host IDs
 2^h
- Number of usable host IDs
 $2^h - 2$



Subnetting Facts

Things to Remember

- Host IDs no longer range
 - 0 – 255
 - 0.0 – 255.255
 - 0.0.0 – 255.255.255
- Example – 64 hosts ($h = 6$)
- Host ranges:
 - 0 – 63, 64 – 127, 128 – 191, 192 – 255
- This means that if IP address = 192.168.0.200
 - Host ID = 8



IPv4 Subnetting Summary

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