CS 305 Computer Networks

Chapter 4 Network Layer – The Data Plane (1)

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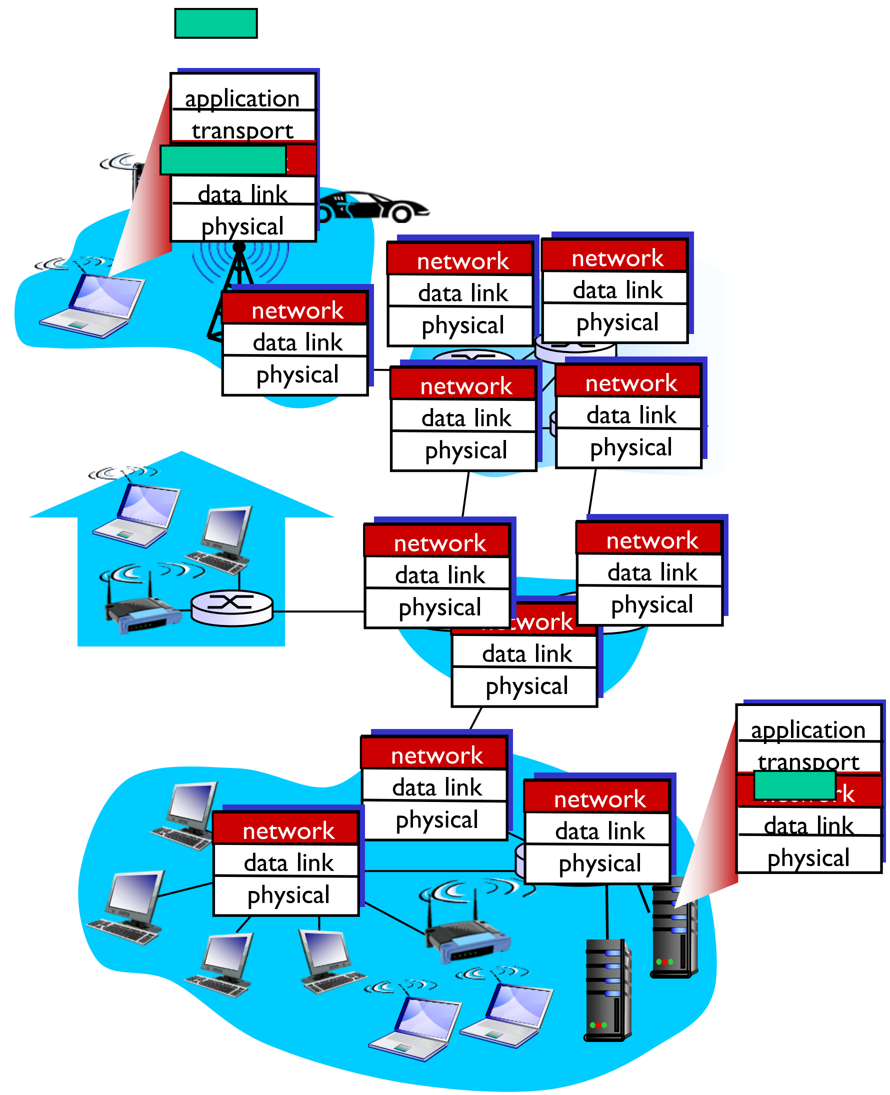
Chapter 4: network layer

chapter goals:

- understand principles behind network layer services, focusing on data plane:
  - network layer service models
  - forwarding versus routing
  - how a router works
  - generalized forwarding
- instantiation, implementation in the Internet

Network layer

- transport segment from sending to receiving host
- on sending side encapsulates segments into datagrams
- on receiving side, delivers segments to transport layer
- network layer protocols in *every* host, router
- router examines header fields in all IP datagrams passing through it



Two key network-layer functions

network-layer functions:

- *forwarding:* move packets from router's input to appropriate router output
- *routing:* determine route taken by packets from source to destination
  - *routing algorithms*

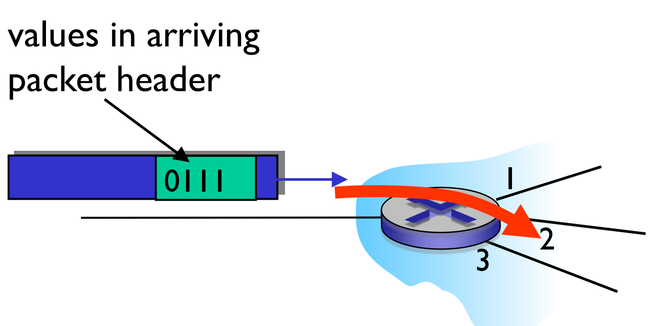
analogy: taking a trip

- *forwarding:* process of getting through single interchange
- *routing:* process of planning trip from source to destination

Network layer: data plane, control plane

Data plane

- local, per-router function
- determines how datagram arriving on router input port is forwarded to router output port
- forwarding function

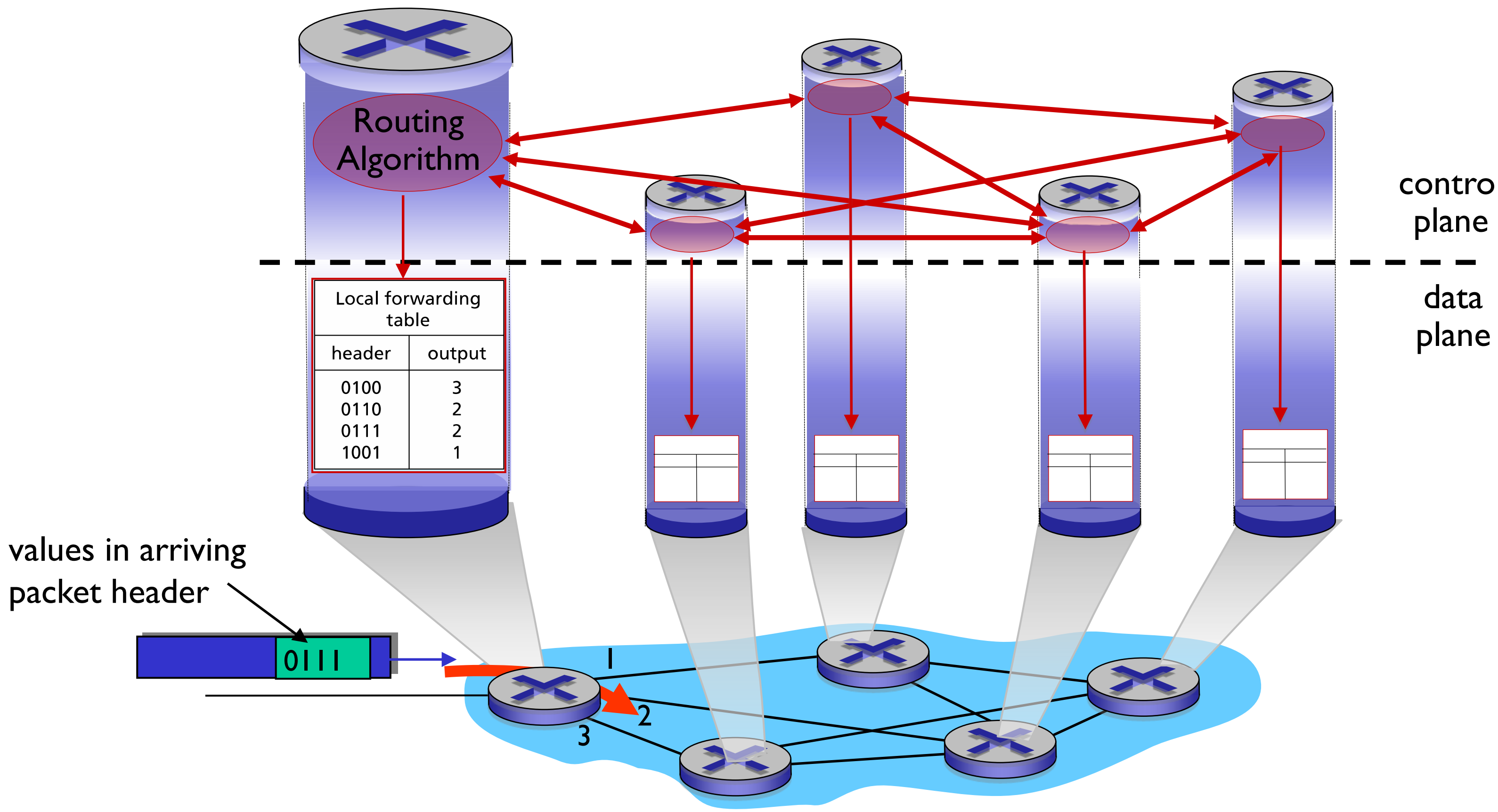


Control plane

- network-wide logic
- determines how datagram is routed among routers along end-end path from source host to destination host
- two control-plane approaches:
  - *traditional routing algorithms:* implemented in routers
  - *software-defined networking (SDN)*: implemented in (remote) servers

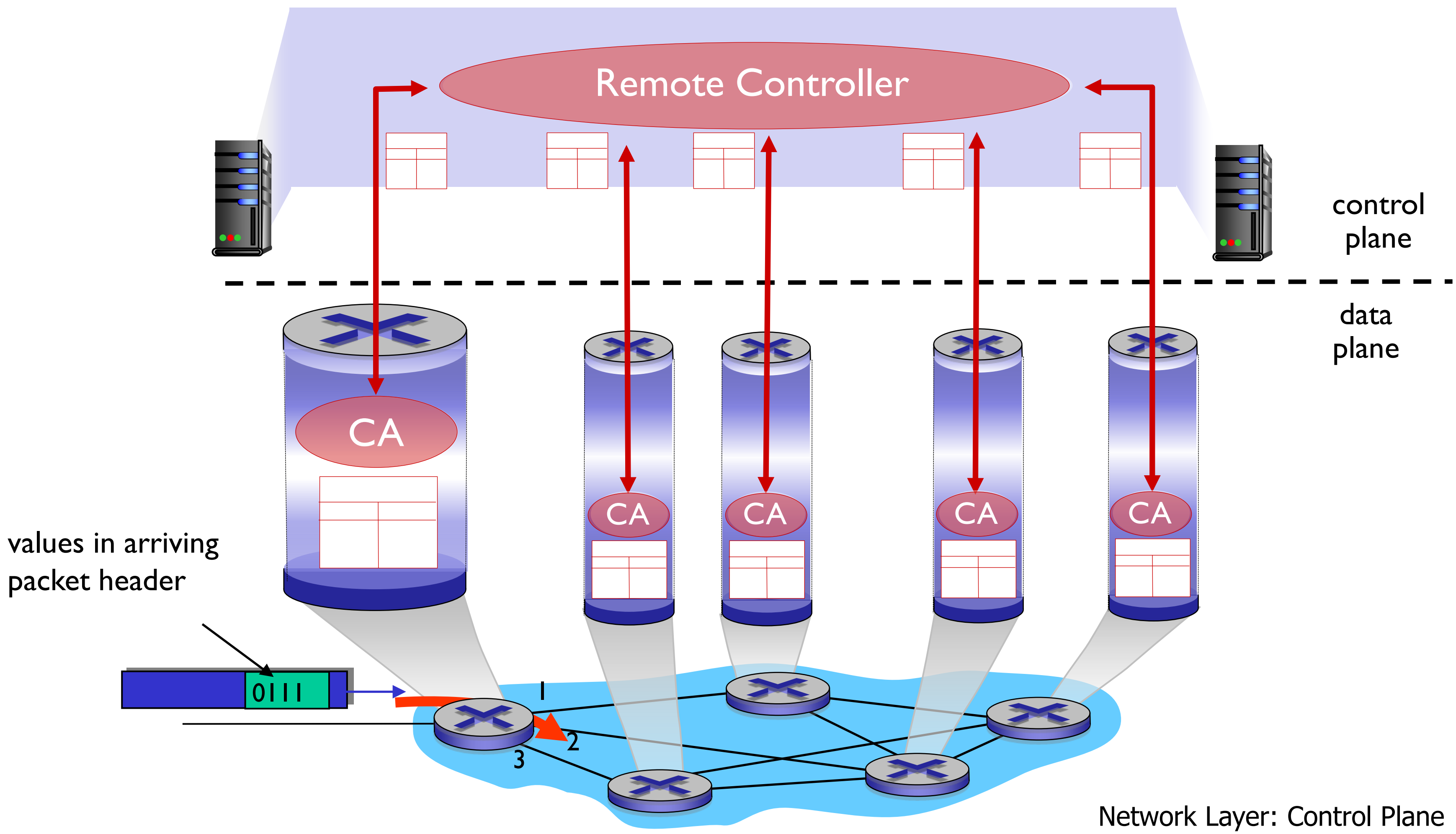
Per-router control plane

Individual routing algorithm components *in each and every router* interact in the control plane



Logically centralized control plane

A distinct (typically remote) controller interacts with local control agents (CAs)



Network service model

Q: What *service model* for "channel" transporting datagrams from sender to receiver?

example services for individual datagrams:

- guaranteed delivery
- guaranteed delivery with less than 40 msec delay

example services for a flow of datagrams:

- in-order datagram delivery
- guaranteed minimum bandwidth to flow
- restrictions on changes in inter-packet spacing

Internet service model provide "best effort" service, no guarantee on bandwidth, loss, order or timing.

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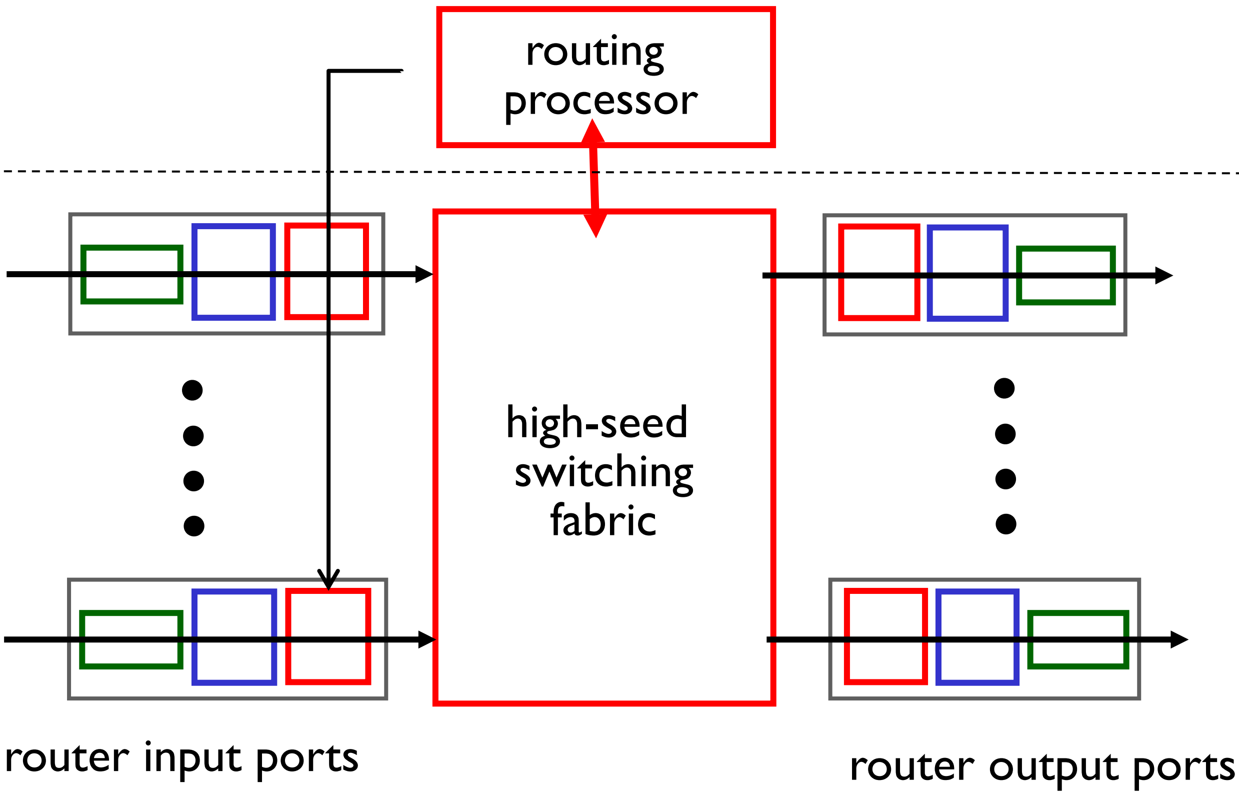
Router architecture overview

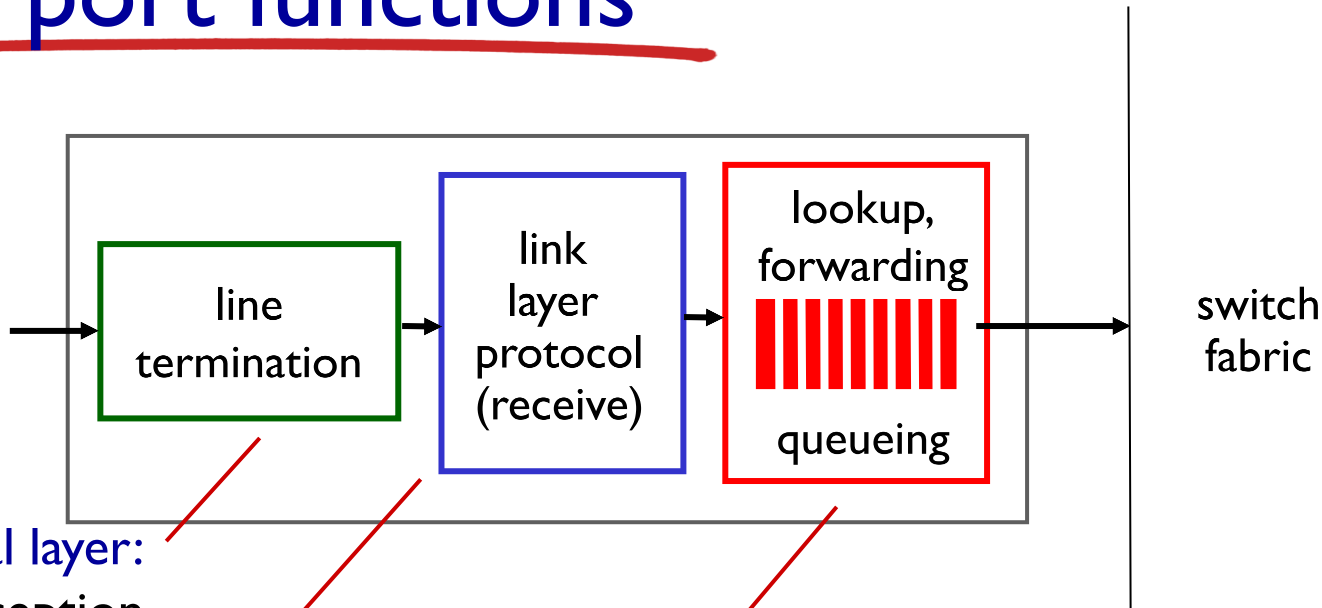
- high-level view of generic router architecture:



routing, management
control plane (software)
operates in millisecond
time frame

forwarding data plane
(hardware) operttes in
nanosecond timeframe

Input port functions



physical layer:
bit-level reception

data link layer:
e.g., Ethernet
see chapter 5

decentralized switching:

- using header field values, lookup output port using forwarding table in input port memory *("match plus action")*
- goal: complete input port processing at 'line speed'
- queuing: if datagrams arrive faster than forwarding rate into switch fabric

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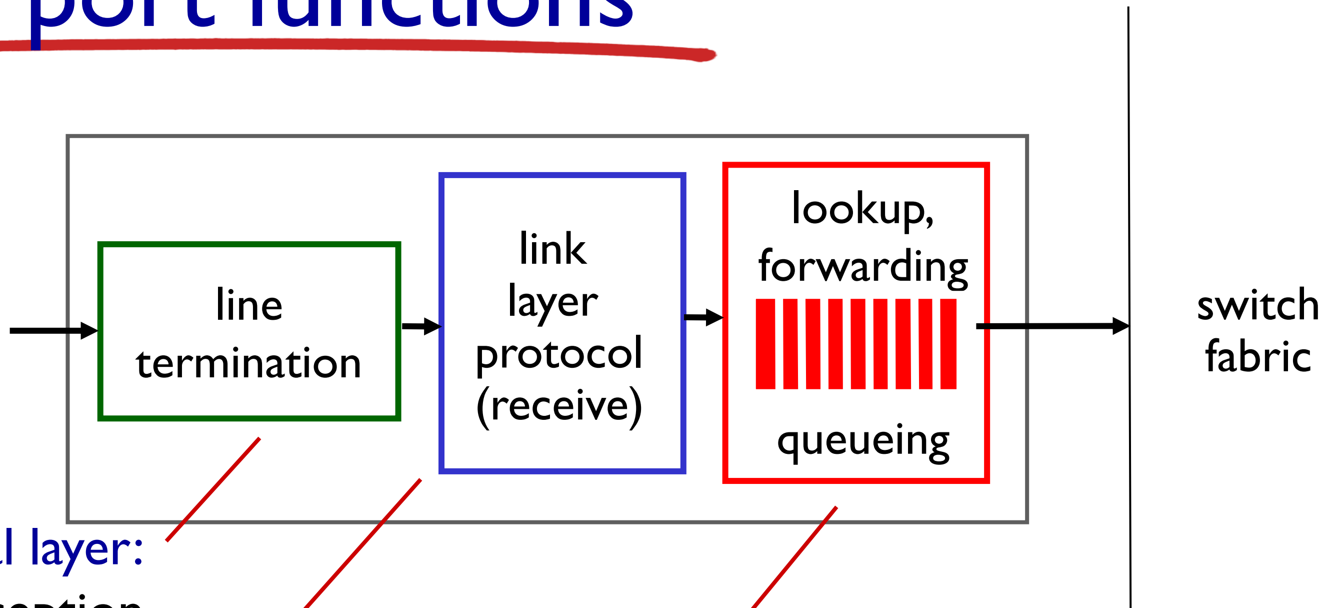

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decentralized switching:

- using header field values, lookup output port using forwarding table in input port memory *("match plus action")*
- *destination-based forwarding:* forward based only on destination IP address (traditional)
- *generalized forwarding:* forward based on any set of header field values

Destination-based forwarding

forwarding table

Destination Address Range	Link Interface
11001000 00010111 00010000 00000000 through 11001000 00010111 00010111 11111111	0
11001000 00010111 00011000 00000000 through 11001000 00010111 00011000 11111111	1
11001000 00010111 00011001 00000000 through 11001000 00010111 00011111 11111111	2
otherwise	3

Q: but what happens if ranges don't divide up so nicely?

Longest prefix matching

longest prefix matching

when looking for forwarding table entry for given destination address, use *longest* address prefix that matches destination address.

Destination Address Range	Link interface
11001000 00010111 00010*** *********	0
11001000 00010111 00011000 *********	1
11001000 00010111 00011*** *********	2
otherwise	3

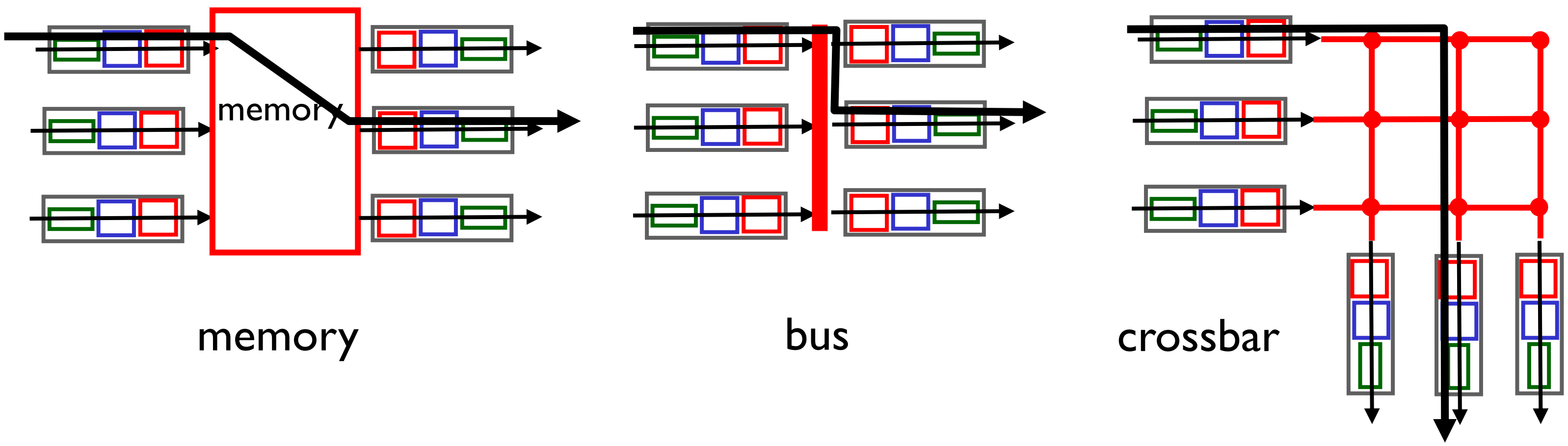
examples:

DA: 11001000 00010111 00010110 10100001 which interface?

DA: 11001000 00010111 00011000 10101010 which interface?

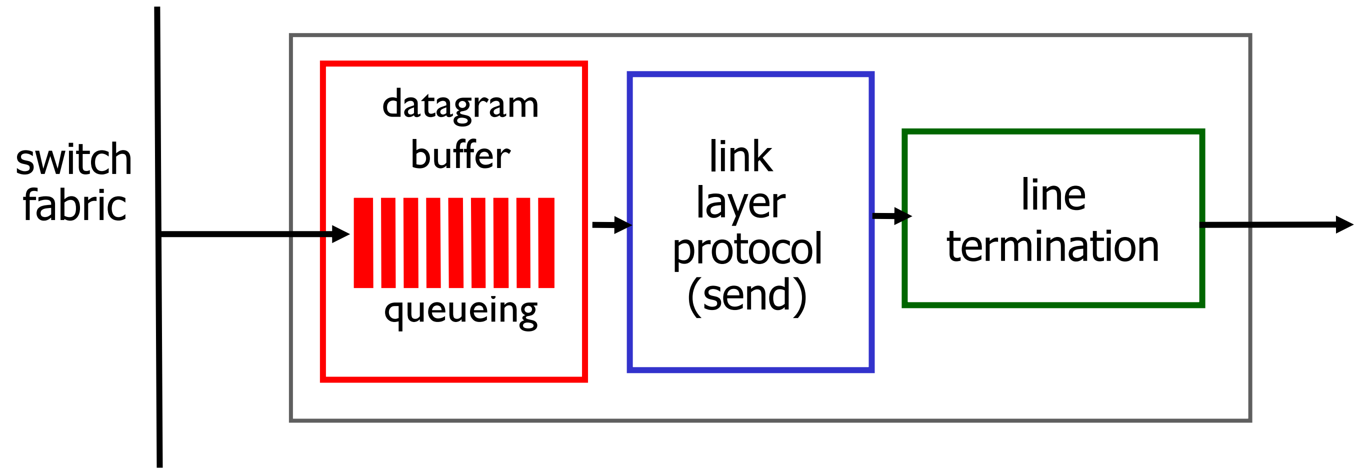
Switching fabrics

- transfer packet from input buffer to appropriate output buffer
- switching rate: rate at which packets can be transferred from inputs to outputs
  - often measured as multiple of input/output line rate
  - N inputs: switching rate N times line rate desirable
- three types of switching fabrics



Output ports

This slide in HUGELY important!



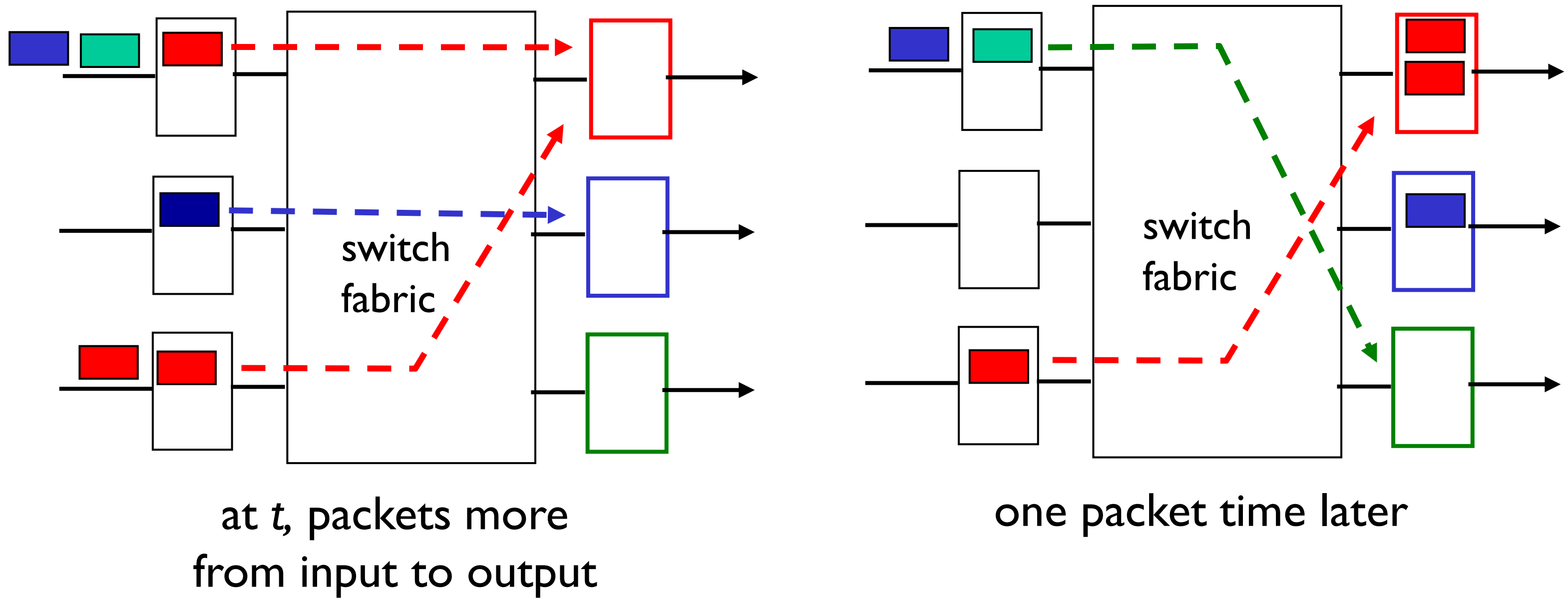
- *buffering* required
  from fabric faster
  rate

Datagram (packets) can be lost due to congestion, lack of buffers

- *scheduling*
  datagrams

Priority scheduling – who gets best performance, network neutrality

Output port queueing



- buffering when arrival rate via switch exceeds output line speed
- *queueing (delay) and loss due to output port buffer overflow!*

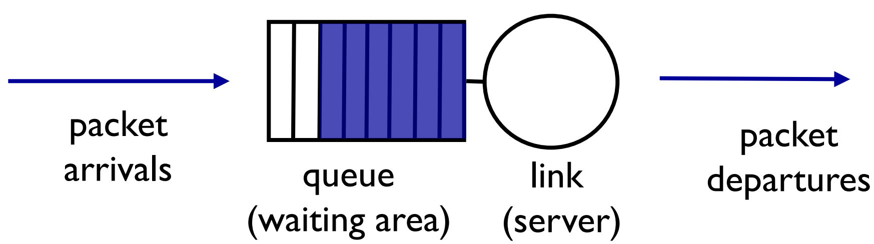
How much buffering?

- RFC 3439 rule of thumb: average buffering equal to "typical" RTT (say 250 msec) times link capacity C
  - e.g., C = 10 Gpbs link: 2.5 Gbit buffer
- recent recommendation: with *N* flows, buffering equal to

$$\frac{RTT \cdot C}{\sqrt{N}}$$

Scheduling mechanisms

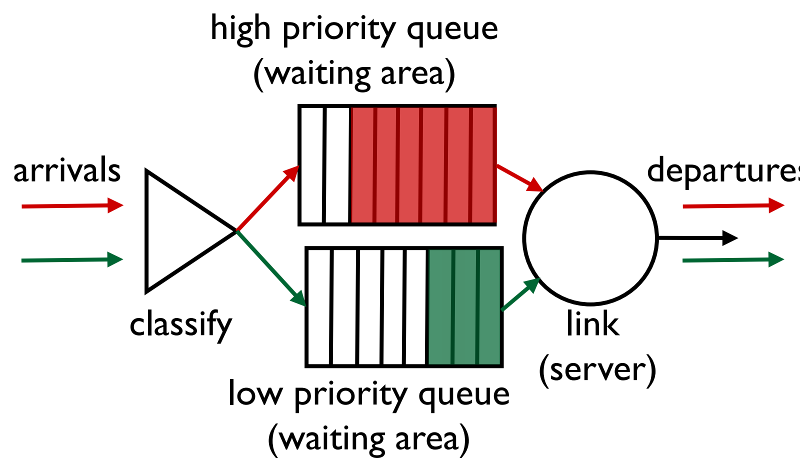
- *scheduling:* choose next packet to send on link
- *FIFO (first in first out) scheduling:* send in order of arrival to queue
  - *discard policy:* if packet arrives to full queue: who to discard?
    - *tail drop:* drop arriving packet
    - *priority:* drop/remove on priority basis
    - *random:* drop/remove randomly

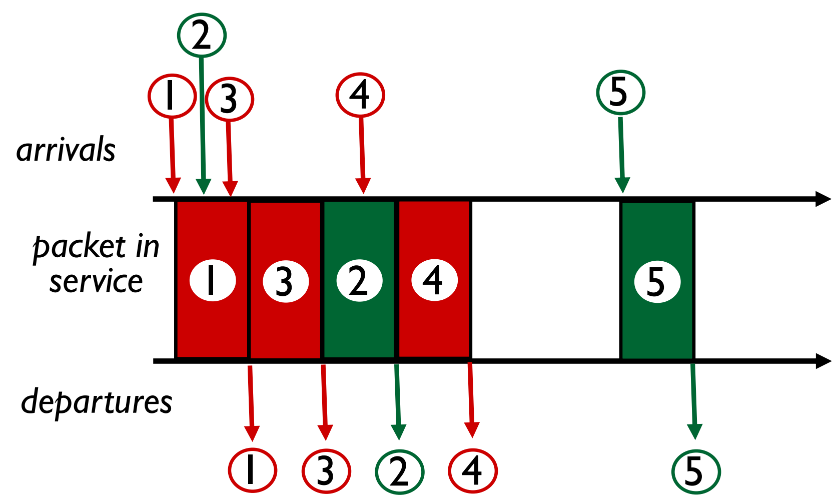


Scheduling policies: priority

priority scheduling: send highest priority queued packet

- multiple *classes*, with different priorities
  - class may depend on marking or other header info, e.g. IP source/dest, port numbers, etc.

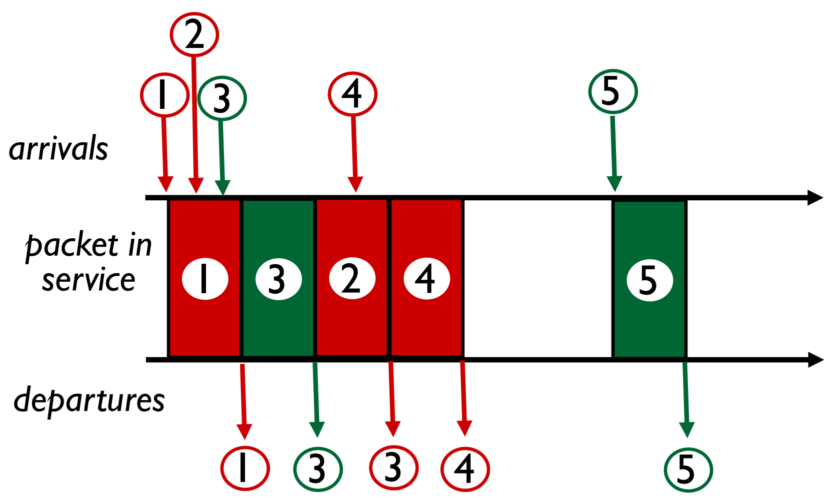




Scheduling policies: still more

Round Robin (RR) scheduling:

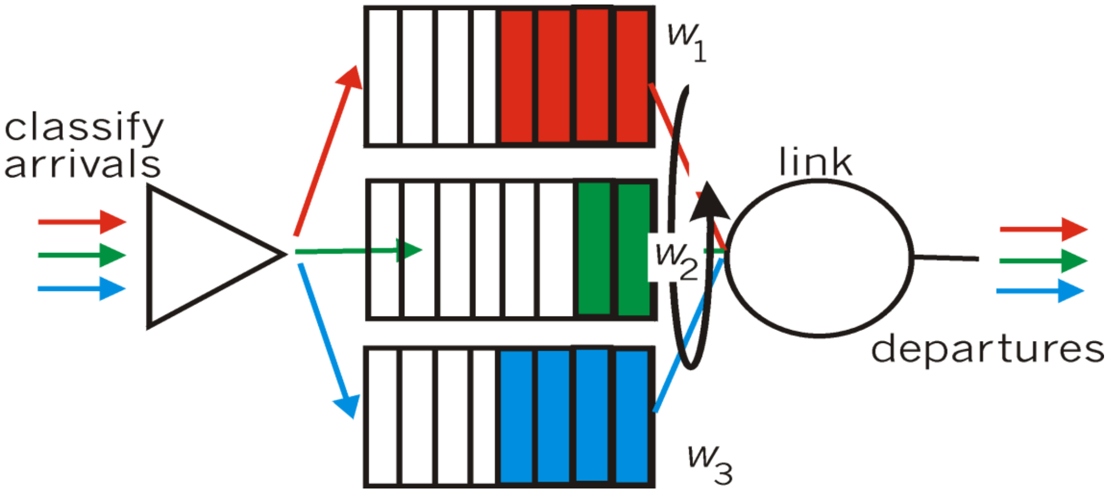
- multiple classes
- cyclically scan class queues, sending one complete packet from each class (if available)



Scheduling policies: still more

Weighted Fair Queuing (WFQ):

- generalized Round Robin
- each class gets weighted amount of service in each cycle



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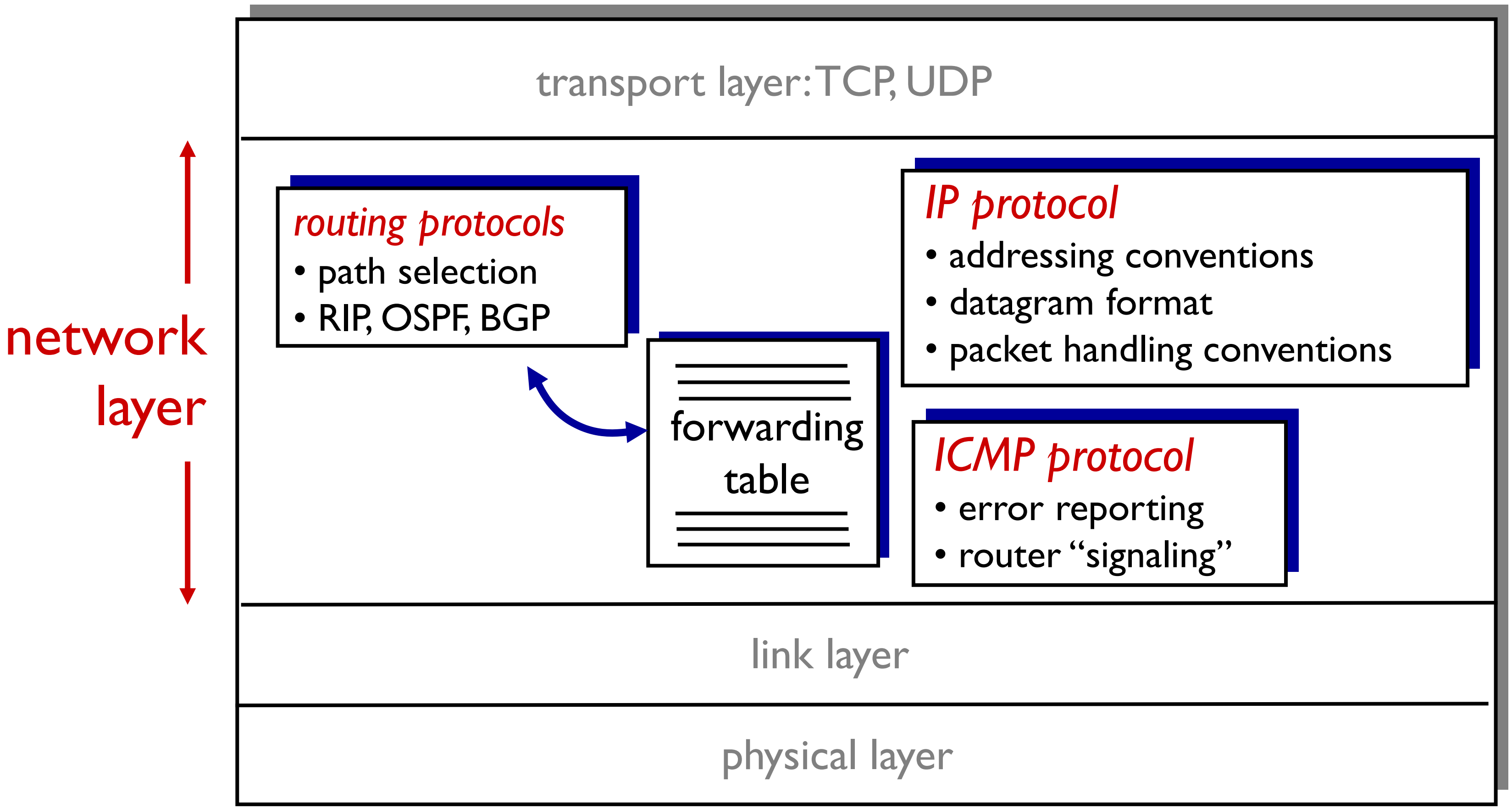
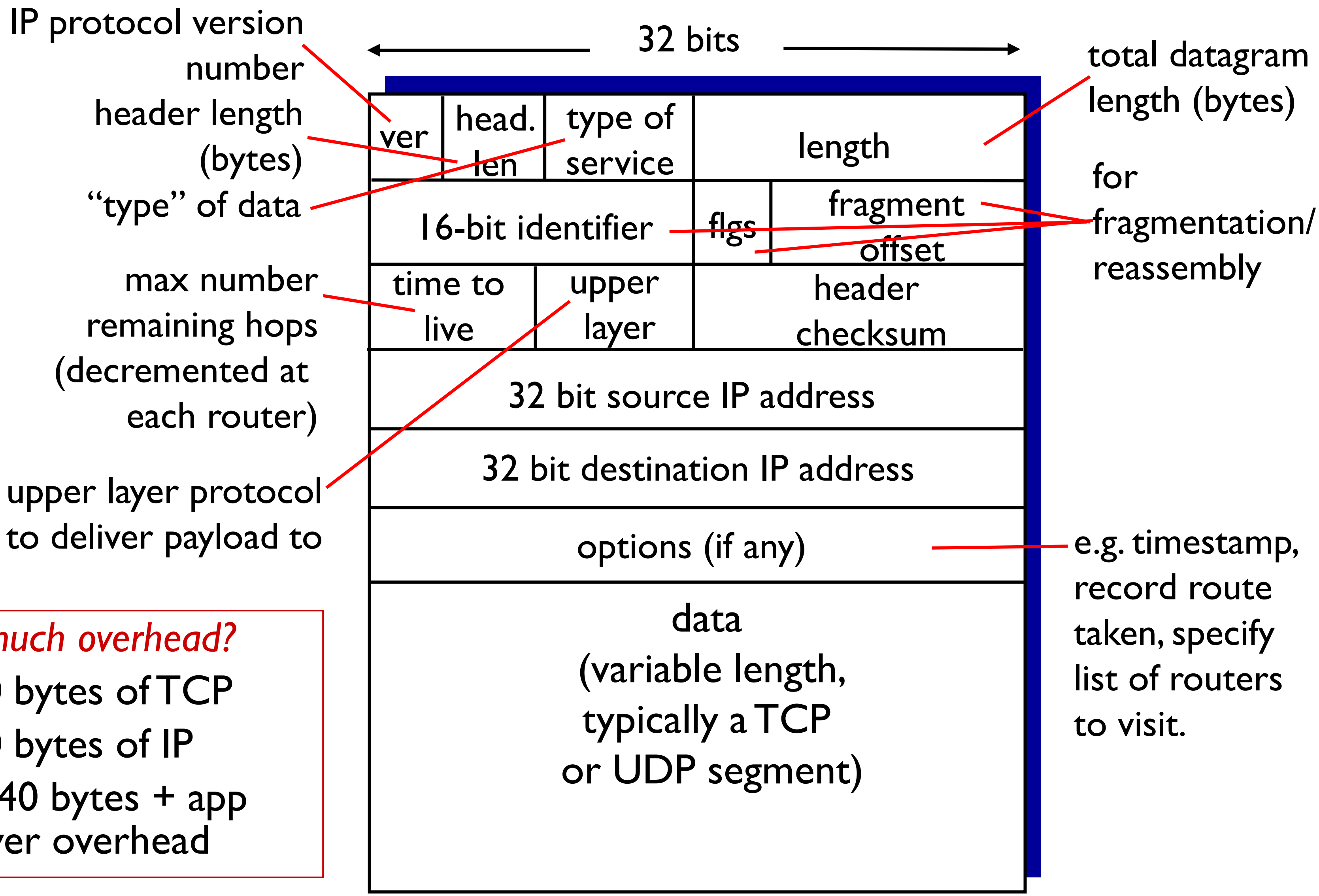
The Internet network layer

host, router network layer functions:



IP datagram format

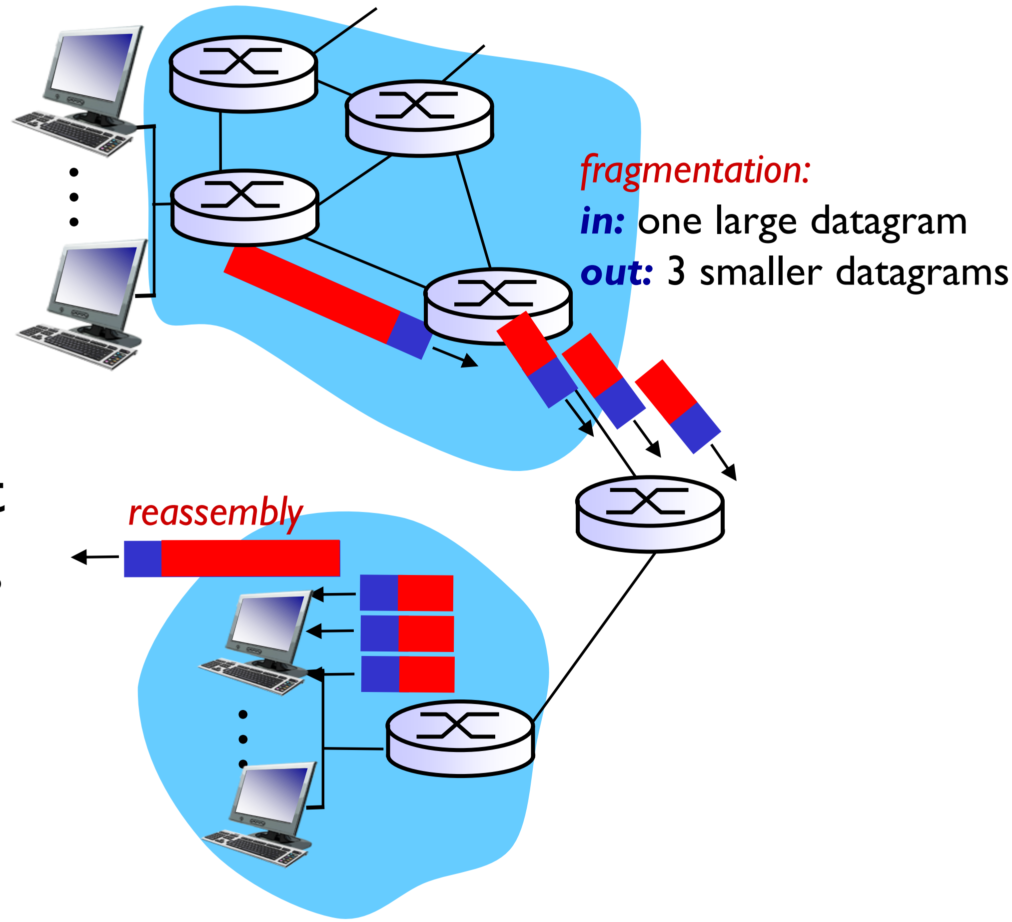


how much overhead?

- 20 bytes of TCP
- 20 bytes of IP
- = 40 bytes + app layer overhead

IP fragmentation, reassembly

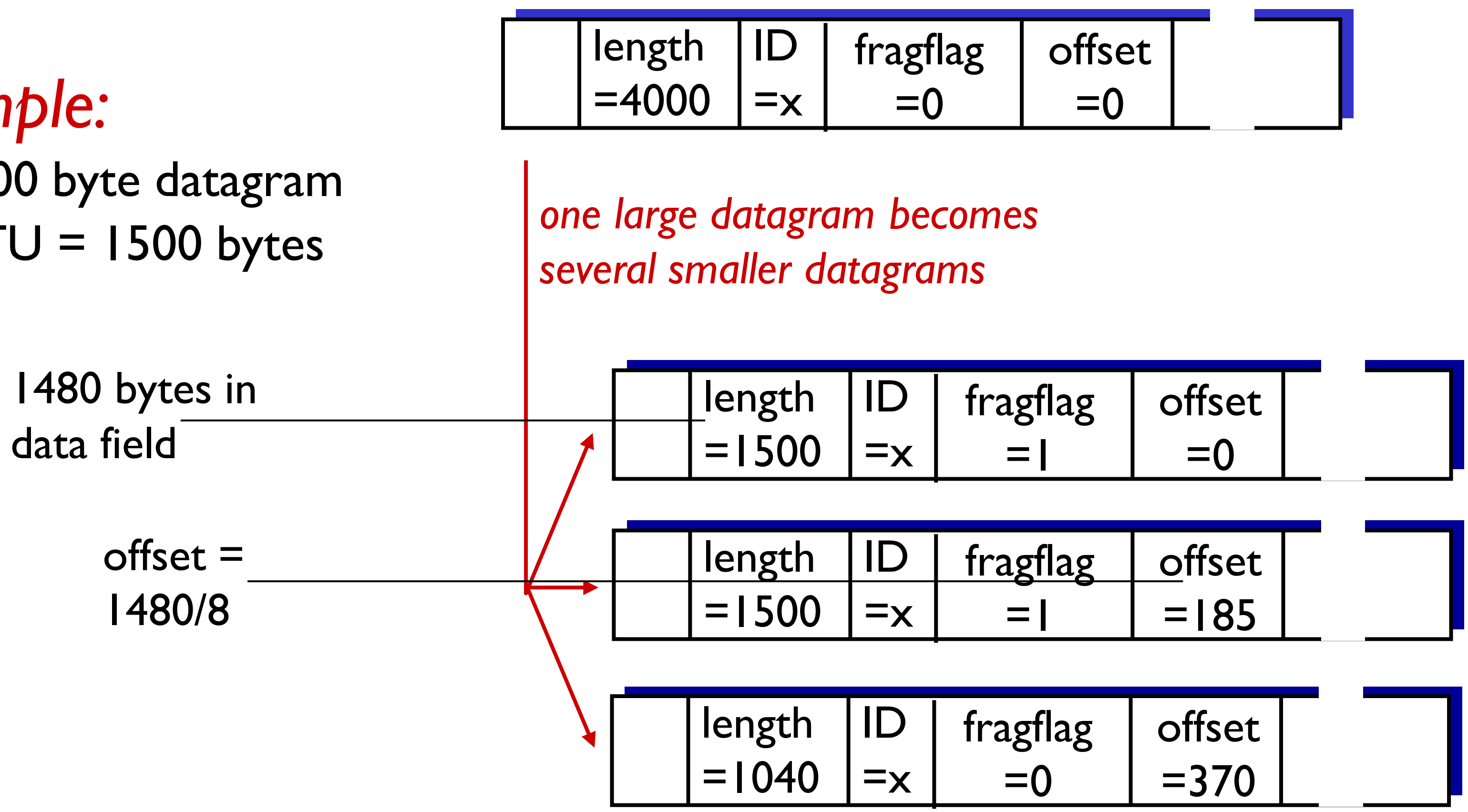
- network links have MTU (max.transfer size) - largest possible link-level frame
  - different link types, different MTUs
- large IP datagram divided ("fragmented") within net
  - one datagram becomes several datagrams
  - "reassembled" only at final destination
  - IP header bits used to identify, order related fragments



IP fragmentation, reassembly

example:

- 4000 byte datagram
- MTU = 1500 bytes



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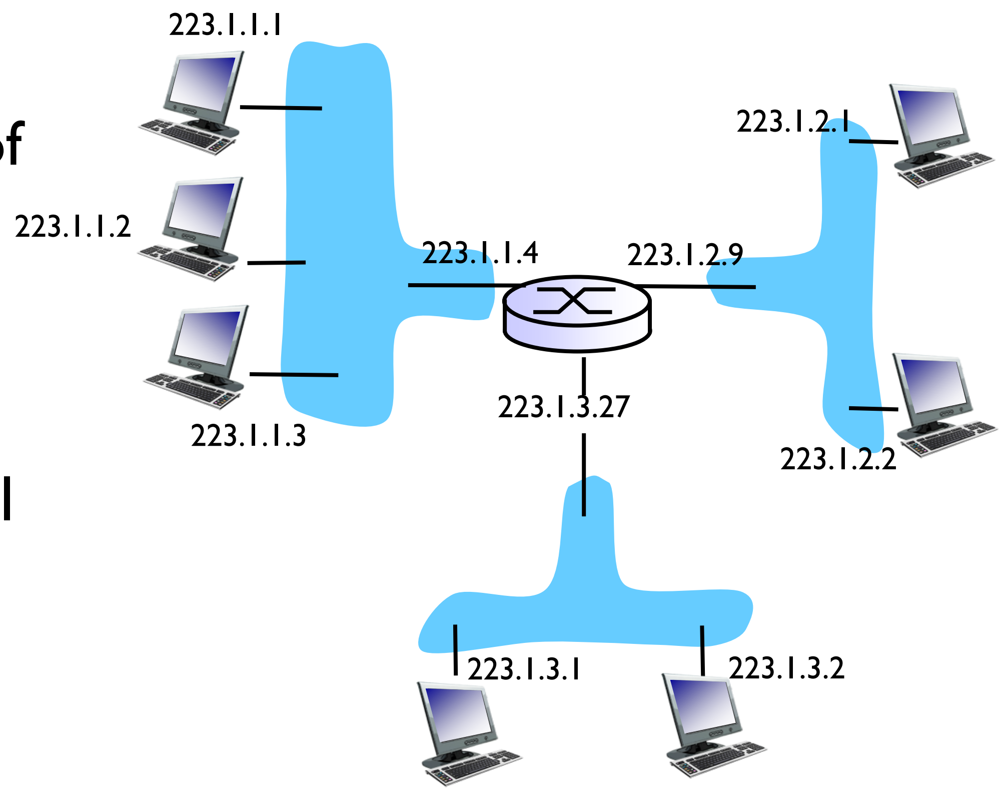
IP addressing: introduction

- *IP address:* 32-bit identifier for interface of hosts and routers
- *interface:* (network interface card) connection between host/router and physical link
  - router's typically have multiple interfaces
  - host typically has one or two interfaces (e.g., wired Ethernet, wireless 802.11)
- *IP addresses associated with each interface*

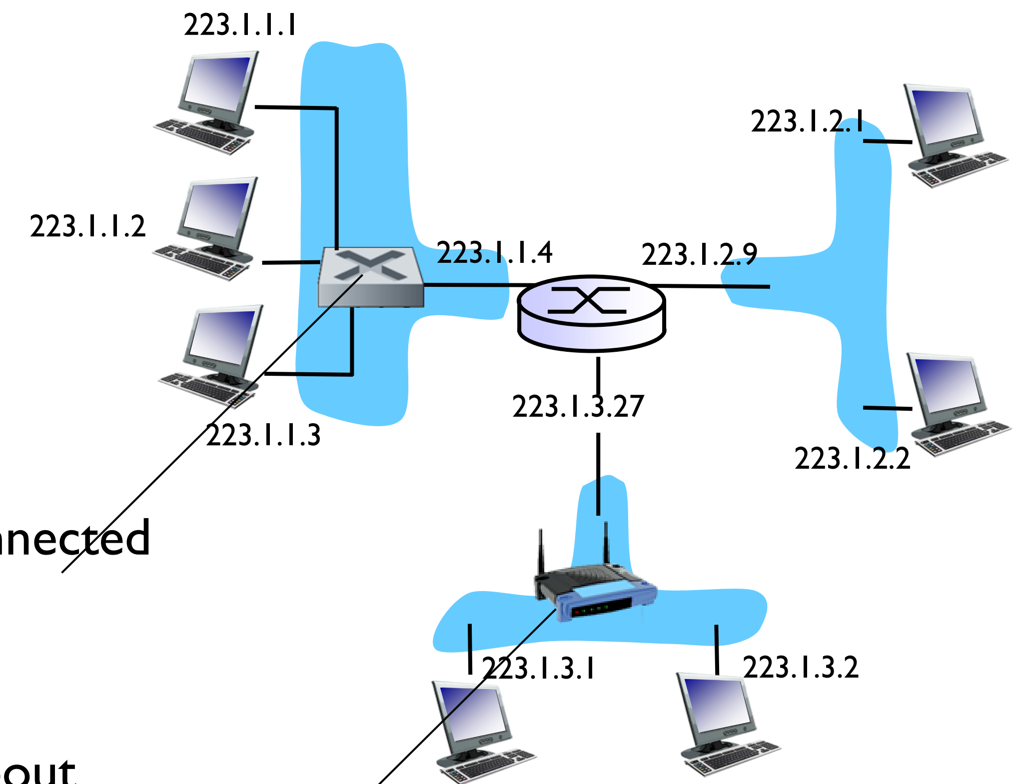


$$223.1.1.1 = \underbrace{11011111}_{223}\ \underbrace{00000001}_{1}\ \underbrace{00000001}_{1}\ \underbrace{00000001}_{1}$$

IP addressing: introduction

Q: how are interfaces actually connected?

A: we'll learn about that in chapter 5, 6.



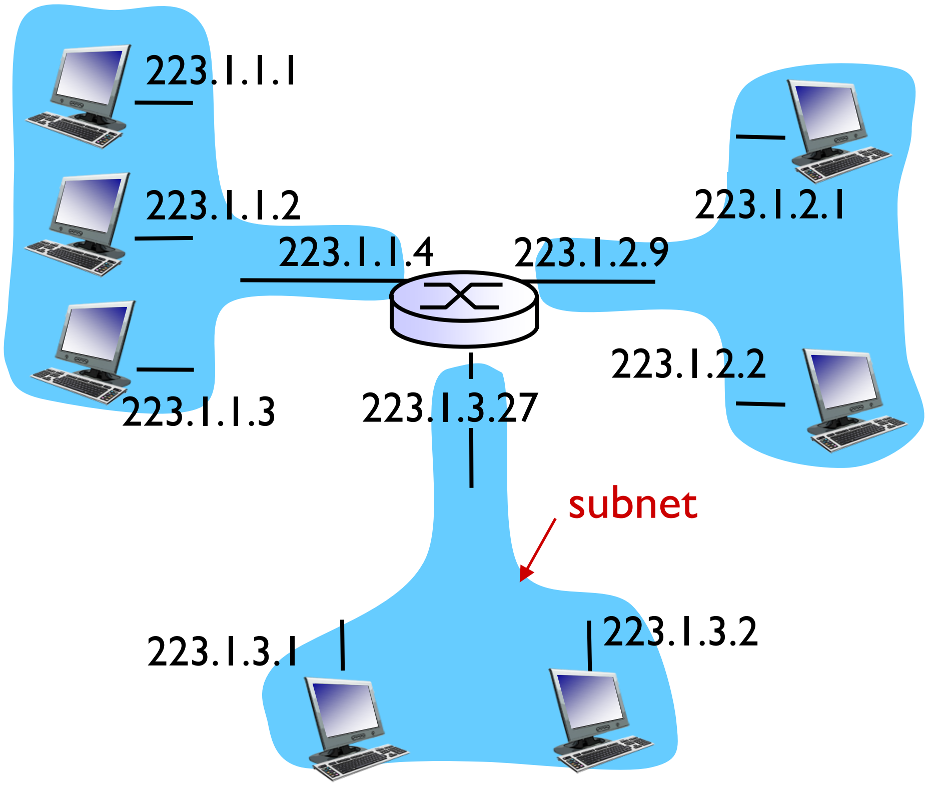
A: wired Ethernet interfaces connected by Ethernet switches

For now: don't need to worry about how one interface is connected to another (with no intervening router)

A: wireless WiFi interfaces connected by WiFi base station

Subnets

- IP address:
  - subnet part - high order bits
  - host part - low order bits
- *what ’s a subnet ?*
  - device interfaces with same subnet part of IP address
  - can physically reach each other *without intervening router*

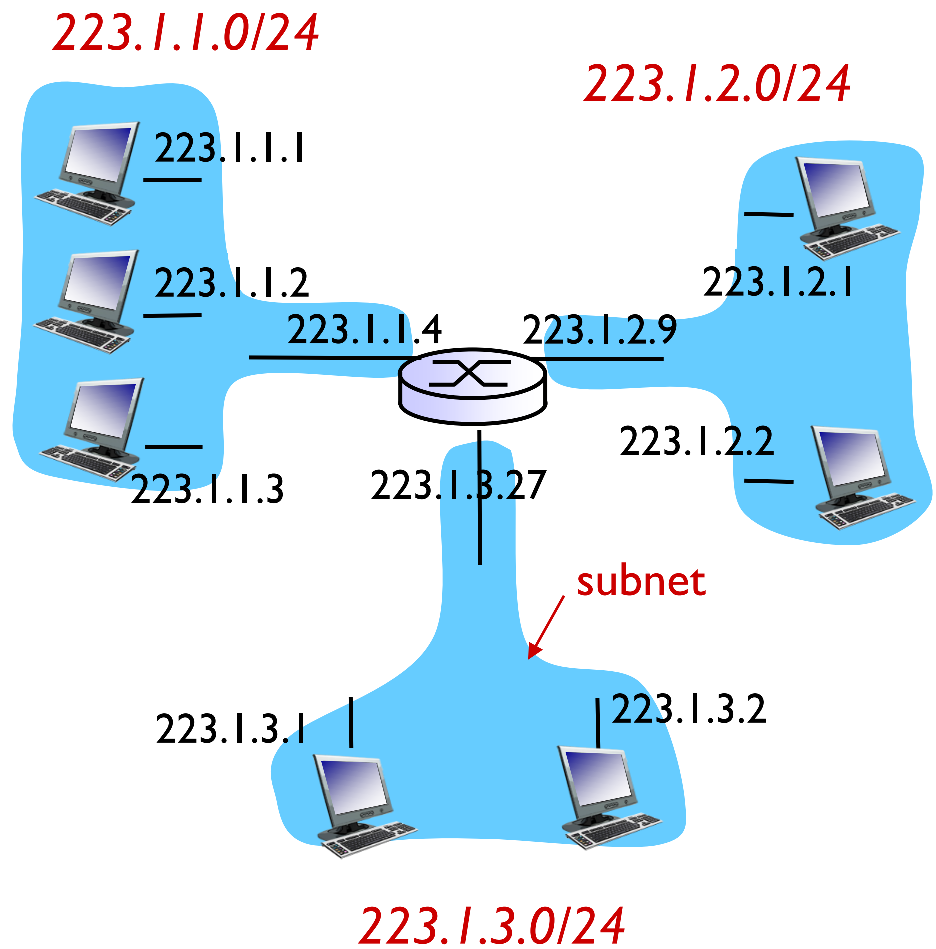


network consisting of 3 subnets

Subnets

recipe

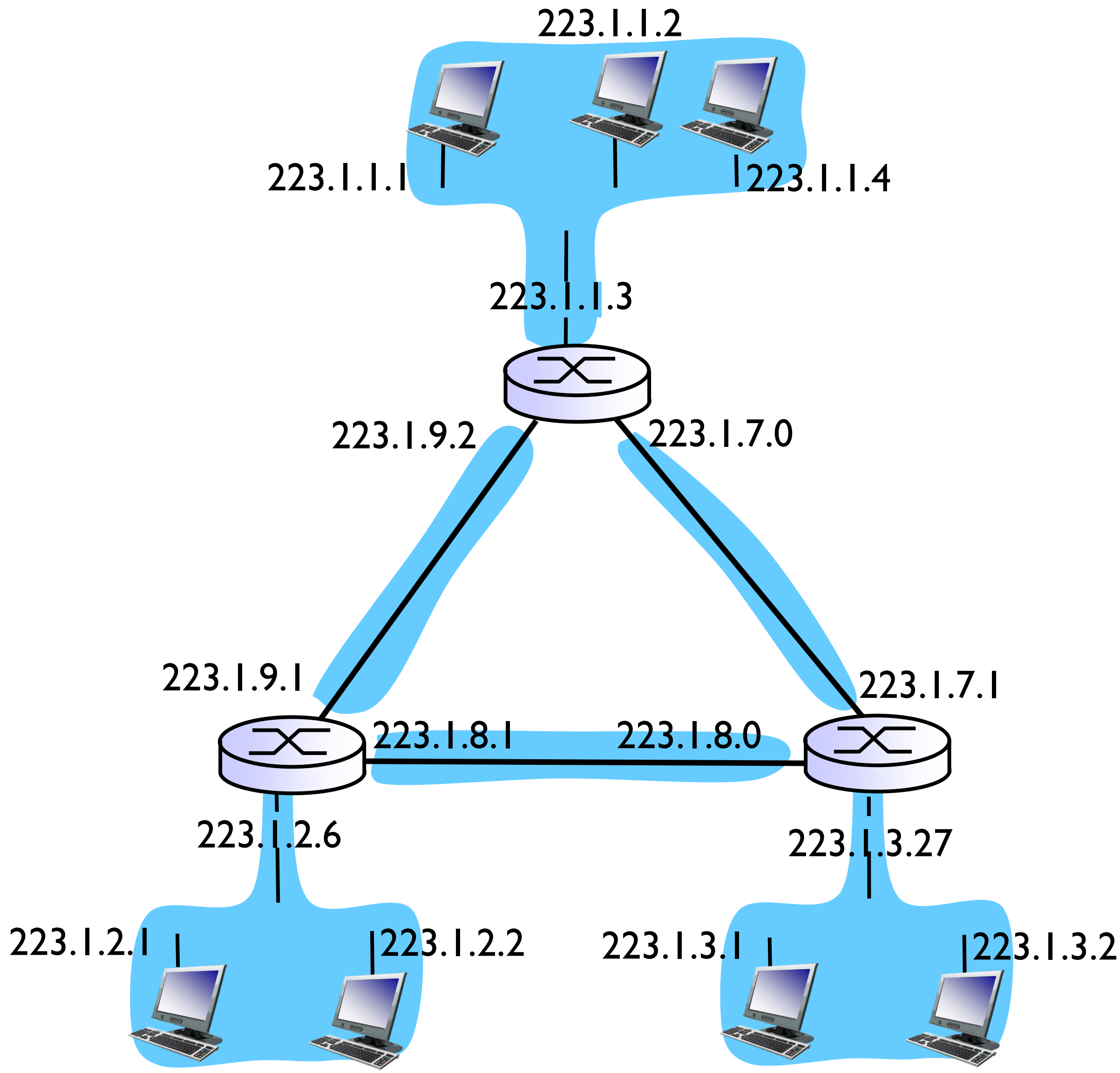
- to determine the subnets, detach each interface from its host or router, creating islands of isolated networks
- each isolated network is called a *subnet*



subnet mask: /24
255.255.255.0

Subnets

how many?



IP addressing: CIDR

CIDR: Classless InterDomain Routing

- subnet portion of address of arbitrary length
- address format: a.b.c.d/x, where x is # bits in subnet portion of address

subnet part | host part

11001000 00010111 00010000 00000000

200.23.16.0/23

Subnet mask: 255.255.254.0

IP addresses: how to get one?

Q: How does a *host* get IP address?

- hard-coded by system admin in a file
  - Windows: control-panel->network->configuration->tcp/ip->properties
  - UNIX: /etc/rc.config
- DHCP: Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol: dynamically get address from as server
  - "plug-and-play"

DHCP: Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol

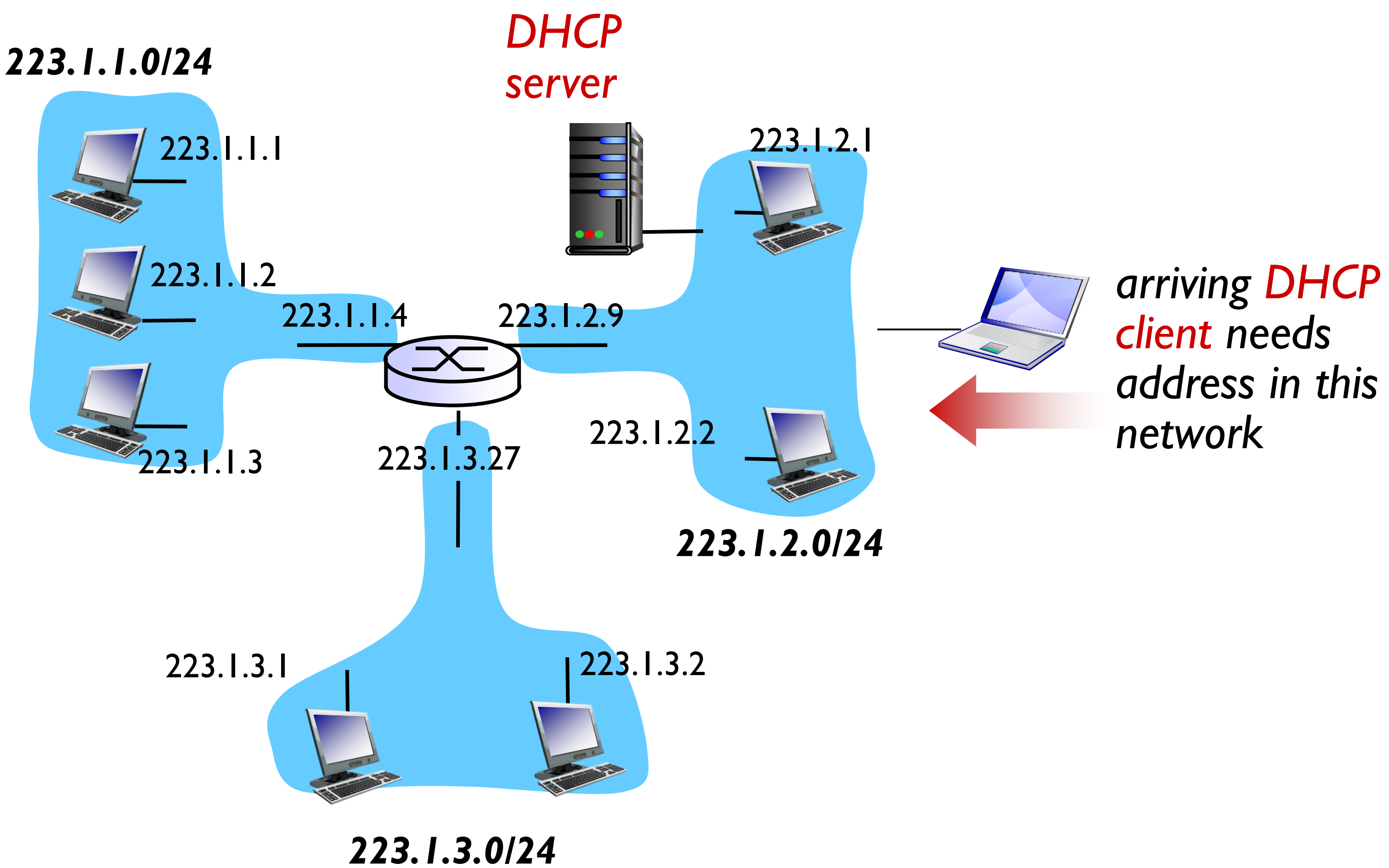
goal: allow host to *dynamically* obtain its IP address from network server when it joins network

- can renew its lease on address in use
- allows reuse of addresses (only hold address while connected/"on")
- support for mobile users who want to join network (more shortly)

DHCP overview:

- host broadcasts "DHCP discover" msg [optional]
- DHCP server responds with "DHCP offer" msg [optional]
- host requests IP address: "DHCP request" msg
- DHCP server sends address: "DHCP ack" msg

DHCP client-server scenario



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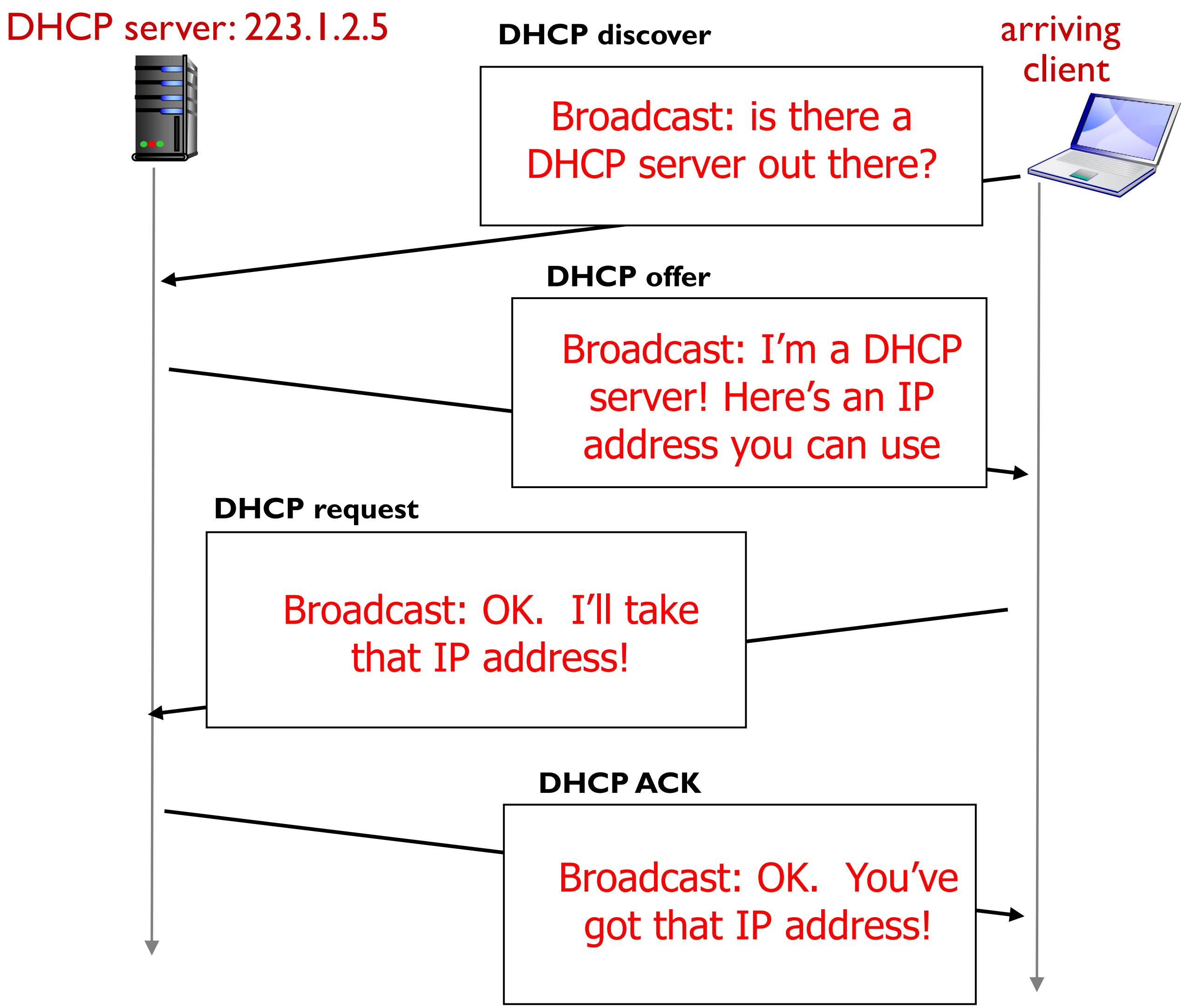
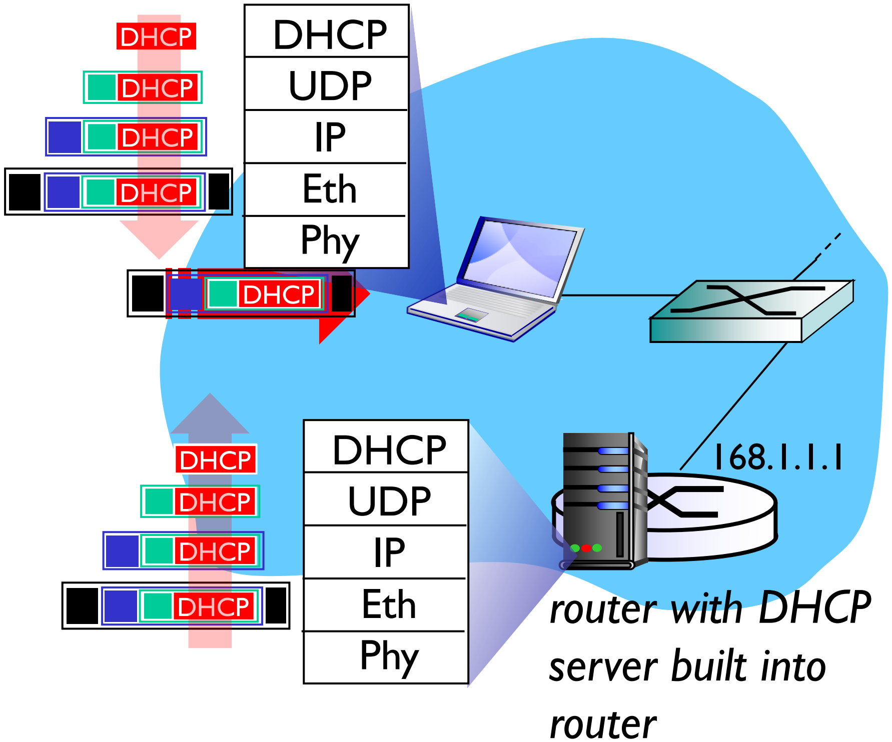


DHCP: more than IP addresses

DHCP can return more than just allocated IP address on subnet:

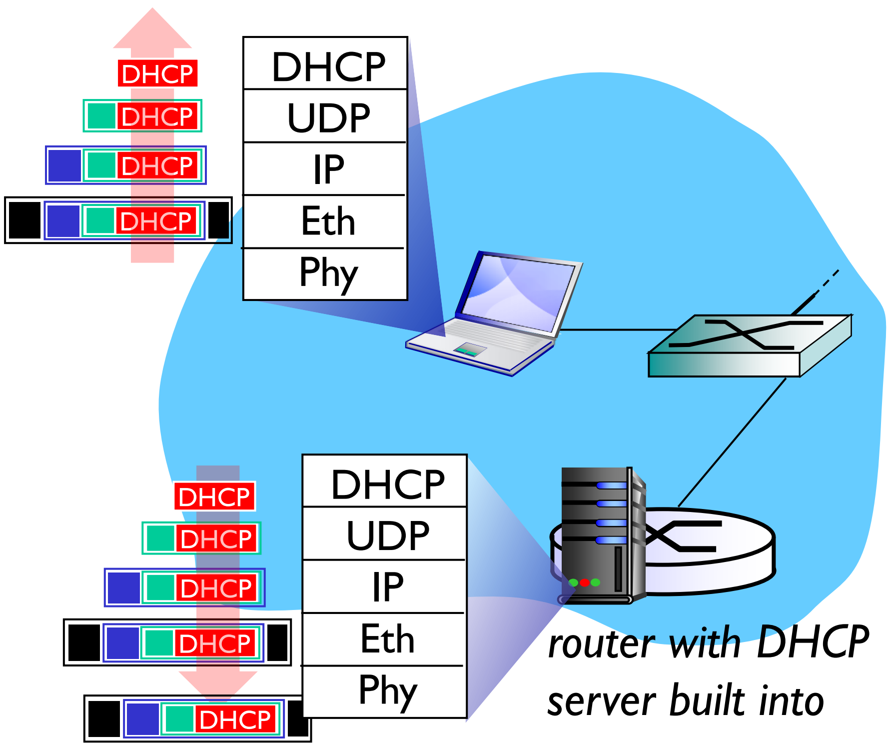
- address of first-hop router for client
- name and IP address of DNS sever
- network mask (indicating network versus host portion of address)

DHCP: example



- connecting laptop needs its IP address, addr of first-hop router, addr of DNS server: use DHCP
- DHCP request encapsulated in UDP, encapsulated in IP, encapsulated in 802.1 Ethernet
- Ethernet frame broadcast (dest: FFFFFFFFFFFF) on LAN, received at router running DHCP server
- Ethernet demuxed to IP demuxed, UDP demuxed to DHCP

DHCP: example



router with DHCP server built into router

- DCP server formulates DHCP ACK containing client's IP address, IP address of first-hop router for client, name & IP address of DNS server
- encapsulation of DHCP server, frame forwarded to client, demuxing up to DHCP at client
- client now knows its IP address, name and IP address of DSN server, IP address of its first-hop router

IP addresses: how to get one?

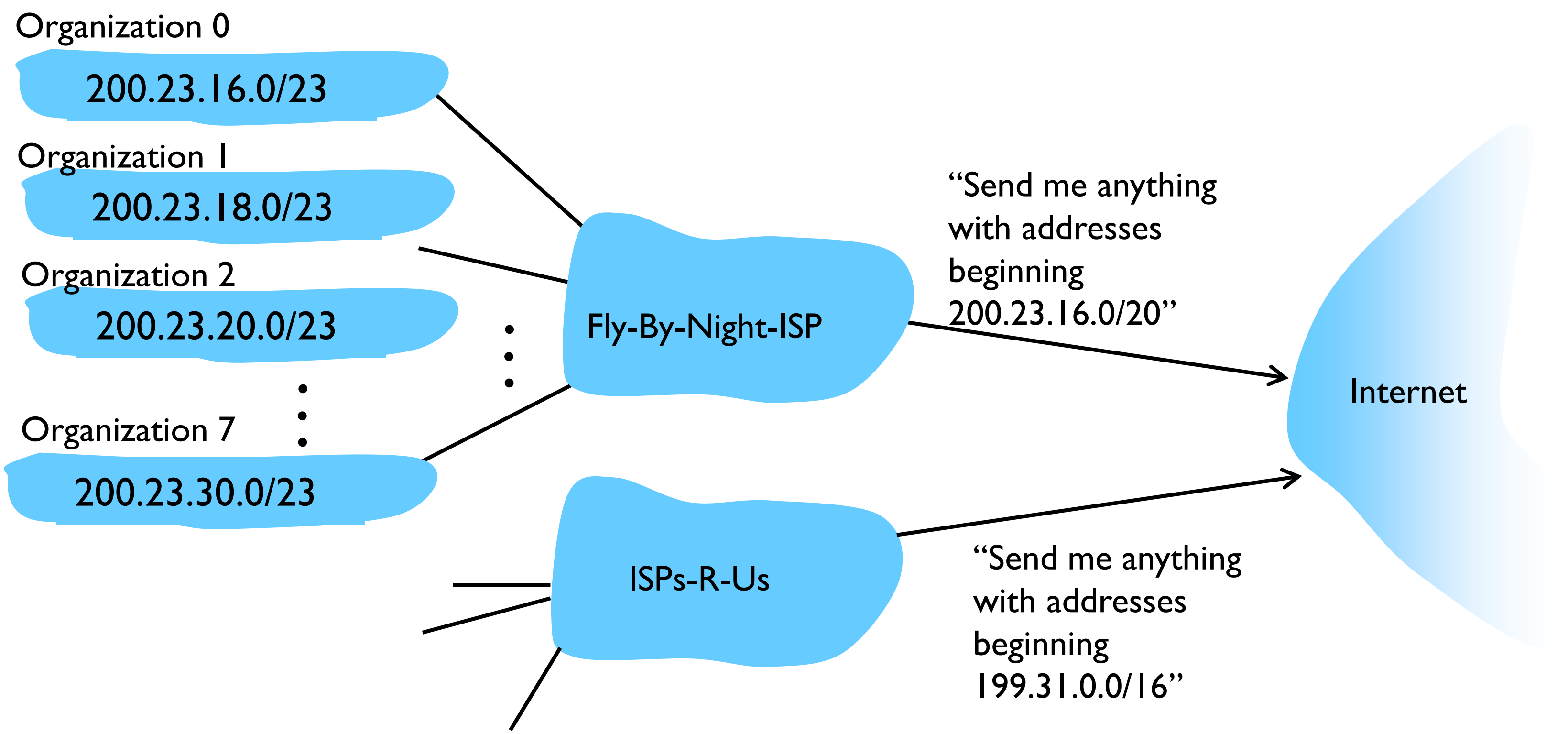
Q: how does *network* get subnet part of IP addr?

A: gets allocated portion of its provider ISP' s address space

ISP's block	11001000 00010111 00010000 00000000	200.23.16.0/20
Organization 0	11001000 00010111 00010000 00000000	200.23.16.0/23
Organization 1	11001000 00010111 00010010 00000000	200.23.18.0/23
Organization 2	11001000 00010111 00010100 00000000	200.23.20.0/23
...	….. ….	….
Organization 7	11001000 00010111 00011110 00000000	200.23.30.0/23

Hierarchical addressing: route aggregation

hierarchical addressing allows efficient advertisement of routing information:



IP addressing: the last word...

Q: how does an ISP get block of addresses?

A: ICANN: Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers http://www.icann.org/

- allocates addresses
- manages DNS
- assigns domain names, resolves disputes