Computer Networks

IP Address

What is an IP (Internet Protocol) Address?

• A number which identifies a device on a network.

• Configured in software "IP Host", and can be changed

• MAC Address "burned" onto the hardware and cannot be changed

What is the purpose of an IP Address?

• Enables hosts to communicate across networks

• IP Address is required to use TCP/IP

IPv4 & IPv6

• IPv4

- Internet protocol
- Approximately 4.3 billion IP addresses
- Nearly exhausted

• IPv6

- Newer version of IP to succeed version 4
- How many? 2^128
- 2^128 = 340,282,366,920,938,463,463,374,607,431,768,211,456 Addresses

IP Address basics – bits & bytes

• Bit is either a 1 or a 0 (zero)

• Byte = 8 bits "Octet"

• IP Address is made up of 32 bits = 4 bytes "Octets"

Decimal & Binary

- Can write an IP address in two ways
- Binary
- 00001010000010100000101000000001
- Decimal
- 10.10.10.1

- Use dotted-decimal notation
- Octet value range: 0 255

IP Addresses & Network Classes

- 172.16.0.0
- Not all network are the same size
- Three classes of networks were created

Class A BIG

Class B Medium

Class C Small

Class A Network

Very large networks

Network portion is just the first octet

• Host portion is octets 2, 3, and 4

• 10.0.0.0

Class B Network

Medium sized networks

• Network portion = first 2 octets

• Host portion = octets 3 and 4

• 172.16.0.0

Class C Network

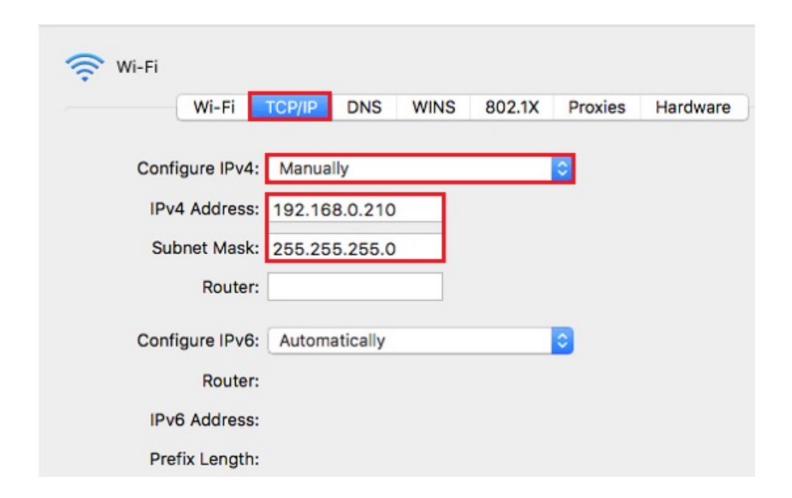
Small networks

• Network portion = octets 1,2, and 3

• Host portion = 4th octet

• 192.168.1.0

Network Setting



Values of First Octet in IP Addresses of Different Classes

- Class B: 10000000. 00000000. 00000000. 00000000
- Class C: 11000000. 00000000. 00000000. 00000000
- Class D: 11100000. 00000000. 00000000. 00000000
- Class E: 11110000. 00000000. 00000000. 00000000

Total Range

- Class A: 0 (00000000) 127 (011111111)
- Class B: 128 (10000000) 191 (10111111)
- Class C: 192 (11000000) 223 (11011111)

Loopback address

- Loopback address: 127.0.0.0
- The loopback address allows for a reliable method of testing the functionality of **an Ethernet card** and its **drivers** and **software** without a physical network.

• It also allows information technology professionals to test **IP software** without worrying about broken or corrupted drivers or hardware.

Range of Address Classes

Address Class	RANGE	Default Subnet Mask
Α	1.0.0.0 to 126.255.255.255	255.0.0.0
В	128.0.0.0 to 191.255.255.255	255.255.0.0
С	192.0.0.0 to 223.255.255.255	255.255.255.0
D	224.0.0.0 to 239.255.255.255	Reserved for Multicasting
E	240.0.0.0 to 254.255.255.255	Experimental

Note: Class A addresses 127.0.0.0 to 127.255.255.255 cannot be used and is reserved for loopback testing.

Network classes Range

Classes	1st Octet Range	Network Numbers
Class A	1 to 126	1.0.0.0 to 126.0.0.0
Class B	128 to 191	128.0.0.0 to 191.255.0.0
Class C	192 to 223	192.0.0.0 to 223.255.255.0

Network classes Range

Classes	Total # of Networks	Total # of Hosts per Network
Class A	$2^7 - 2 = 126$	$2^{24} - 2 = 16,777,214$
Class B	$2^{14} = 16,384$	$2^{16} - 2 = 65,534$
Class C	$2^{21} = 2,097,152$	$2^8 - 2 = 254$

Private & Public IP Addresses

Public IPs

- Assigned by ICANN (The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers)
- Routable over the Internet

Private IPs

- Not assigned by ICANN
- Not routable over the Internet
- Used on private networks

Private IP Network

- Class A 10.0.0.0
- 10.0.0.0 through 10.255.255.255
- Class B 172.16.0.0
- 172.16.0.0 through 172.16.31.255
- Class C 192.168.0.0
- 192.168.0.0 through 192.168.255.255

Network Address Translation

• The use of private IPs helps to conserve the public IPs

• IP Address and NAT (Network Address Translation)

- NAT helps for communication between:
- Public IP Address and Private IP Address

Network & Broadcast Address

Network address:

is **first address** in the network and it is used for **identification network segment**.

Broadcast address:

is the **last address** in the network, and it is used for **addressing all the nodes in the network** at the same time.

IP Address Example

Addresses	Values
IP Address	192.186.64.7
Mask Address	255 . 255 . 2
Network Address	192.186.64. 0
First Host Address	192.186.64. 1
Last Host Address	192 . 186 . 64 . 254
Broadcast Address	192 . 186 . 64 . 255

Network & Broadcast Address (CLASS C)

Addresses	Values
IPv4 address	192.168.10.117
Class C subnet mask	255.255.255.0
Network Address	192.168.10.0
First Host Address	192.168.10.1
Last Host Address	192.168.10.254
Broadcast Address	192.168.10.255

Network & Broadcast Address (CLASS B)

Addresses	Values
IPv4 address	172.22.18.201
Class B subnet mask	255.255.0.0
Network Address	172.22.0.0
First Host Address	172.22.0.1
Last Host Address	172.22.255.254
Broadcast Address	172.22.255.255

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Network & Broadcast Address (CLASS A)

Addresses	Values
IPv4 address	10.2.122.17
Class A subnet mask	255.0.0.0
Network Address	10.0.0.0
First Host Address	10.0.0.1
Last Host Address	10.255.255.254
Broadcast Address	10.255.255.255