

Lecture 2

The Internet

The Internet as a Mythical Animal: The Neural Hydra

- **Appearance:**

- A massive, shimmering creature with countless serpentine heads, each representing a node or server.
- Its body is a translucent mesh of fiber-optic nerves pulsing with light, resembling a neural network.
- Wings made of satellite arrays and cloud vapor, constantly shifting and expanding.
- Eyes on each head glow with data streams, scanning and communicating in real time.

- **Behavior:**

- Constantly growing and regenerating—cut off one head (a server or site), and two more appear.
- It feeds on information, thrives in chaos, and adapts instantly to new environments.
- **It's both omnipresent and elusive—visible everywhere yet impossible to fully grasp.**

- **Habitat:**

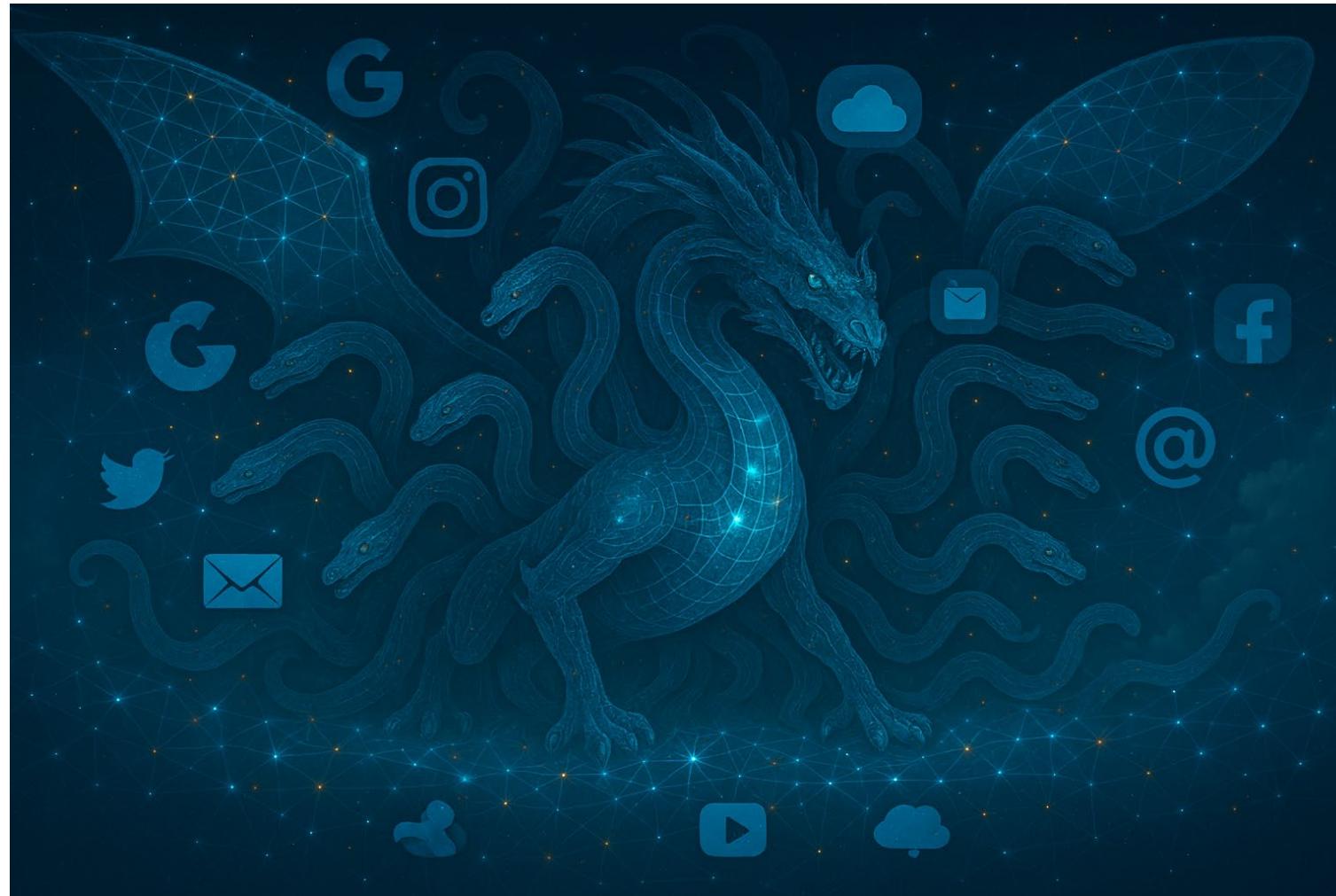
- Exists in the digital ether, nesting in data centers, roaming through cables, satellites, and wireless signals.

- **Temperament:**

- **Neutral but reactive. It mirrors the intentions of those who interact with it – benevolent to some, dangerous to others.**

From MS copilot prompt: "How would you vizualize the internet as an animal"

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The Internet: a “nuts and bolts” view



Billions of connected computing *devices*:

- *hosts* = end systems
- running *network apps* at Internet's "edge"

Packet switches: forward packets (chunks of data)

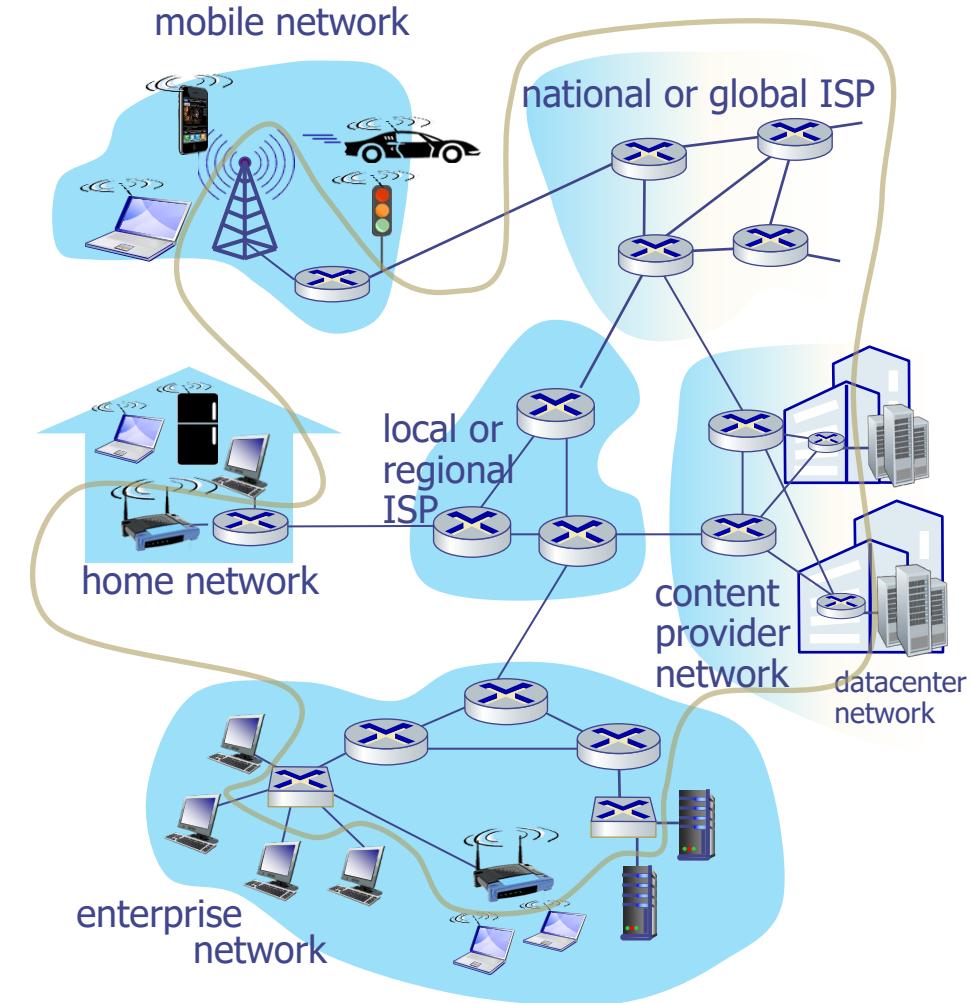
- routers, switches

Communication links

- fiber, copper, radio, satellite
- transmission rate: *bandwidth*

Networks

- collection of devices, routers, links: managed by an organization



“Fun” Internet-connected devices



Amazon Echo



Internet refrigerator



Security Camera



Internet phones



IP picture frame



Slingbox: remote control cable TV



Pacemaker & Monitor



Web-enabled toaster + weather forecaster



sensorized bed mattress



Gaming devices



Tweet-a-watt:
monitor energy use

bikes



cars



scooters



AR devices



Fitbit

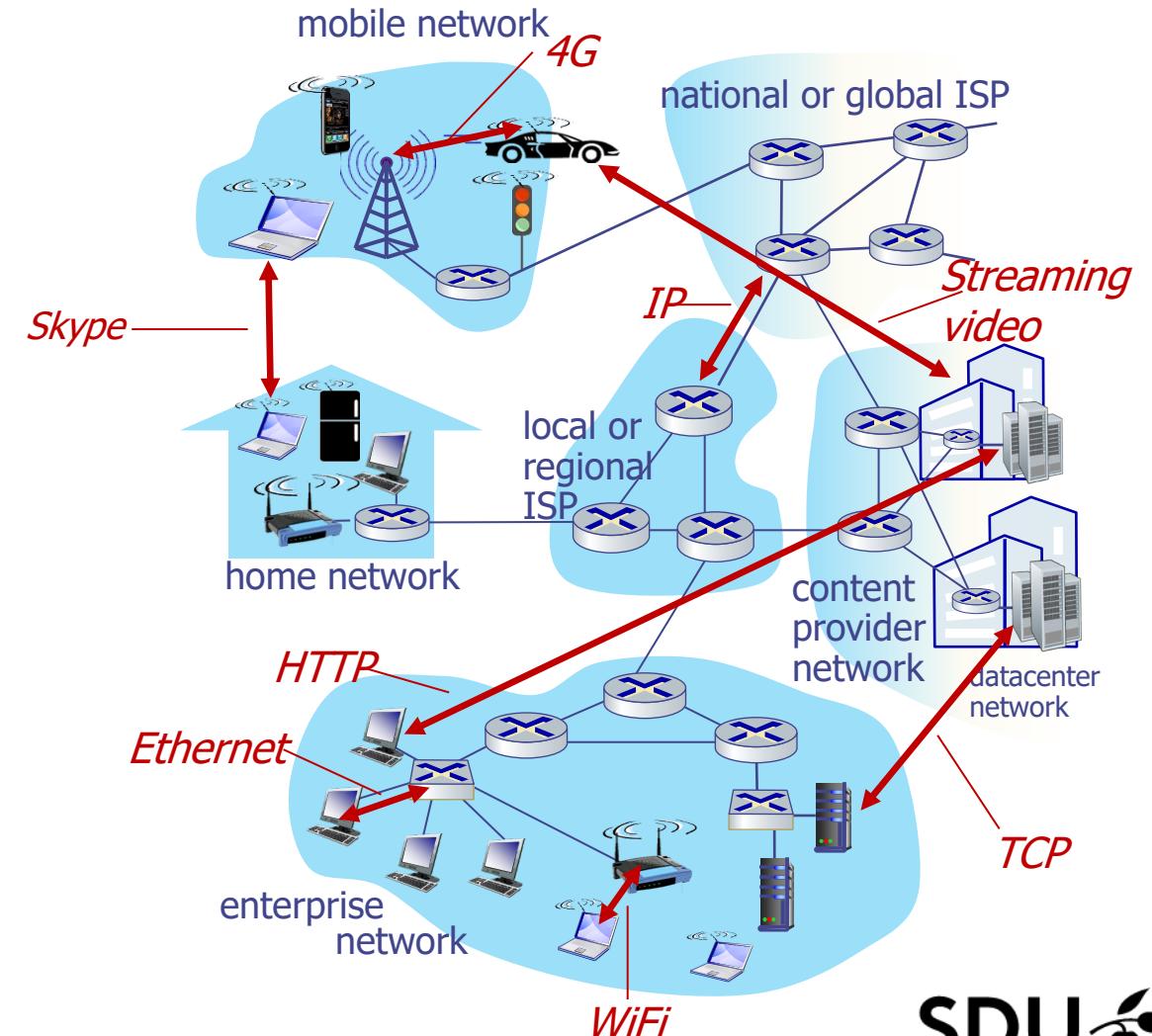


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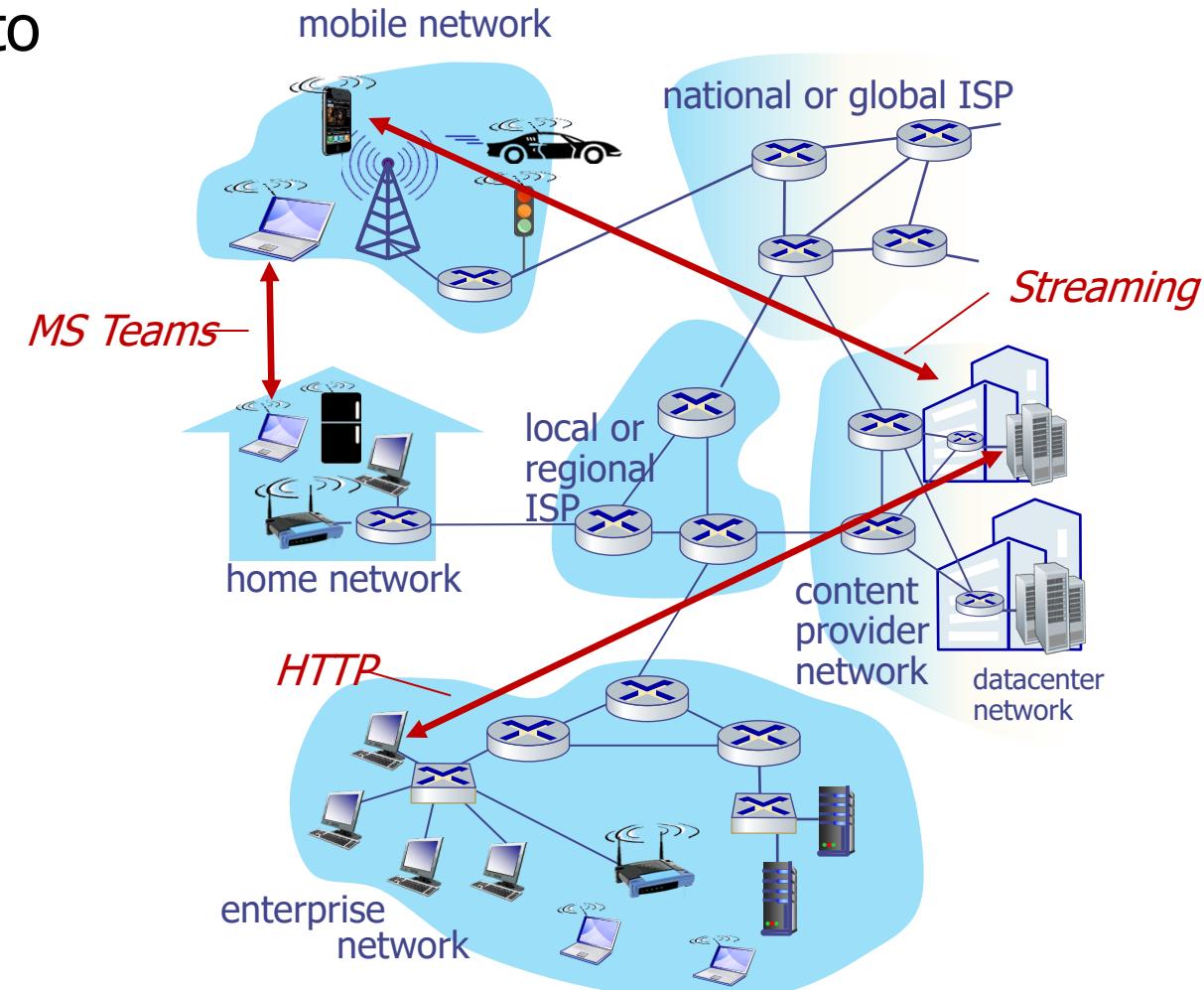
The Internet: a “nuts and bolts” view

- *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



The Internet: a “services” view

- *Infrastructure* that provides services to applications
- Provides *programming interface* to distributed applications
- The internet core **transfers messages** from one end system to another end system



Protocols, a reminder

Human protocols:

- “what’s the time?”
- “I have a question”
- introductions

Rules for:

- ... specific messages sent
- ... specific actions taken when message received, or other events

Network protocols:

- computers (devices) rather than humans
- all communication activity in Internet governed by protocols

Protocols define the format, order of messages sent and received among network entities, and actions taken on message transmission, receipt

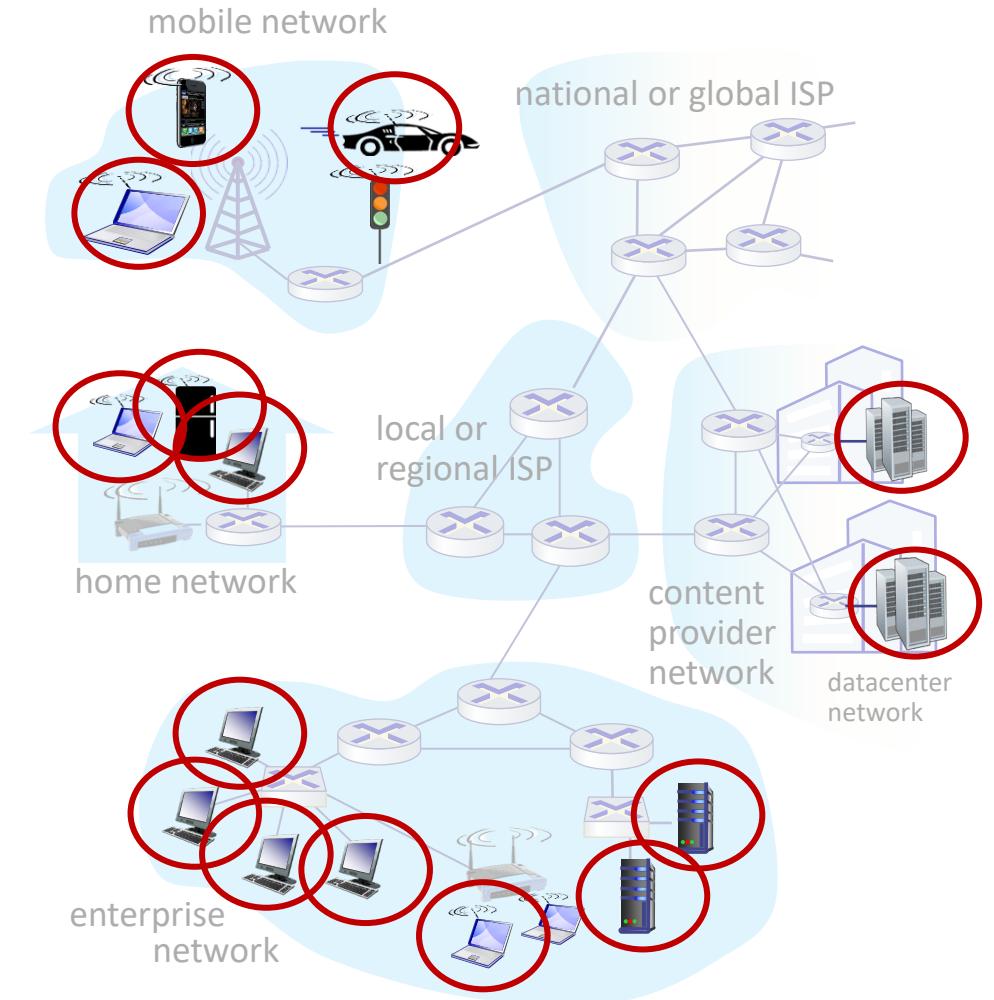
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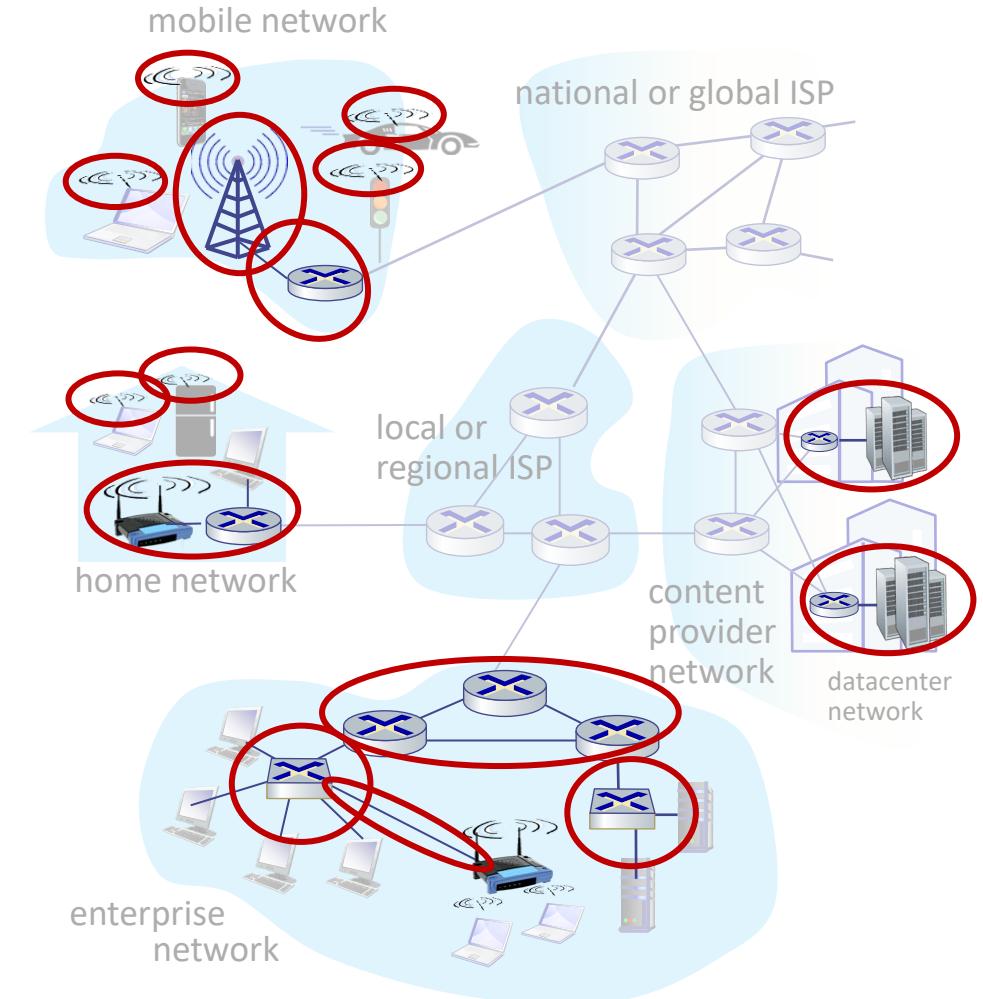
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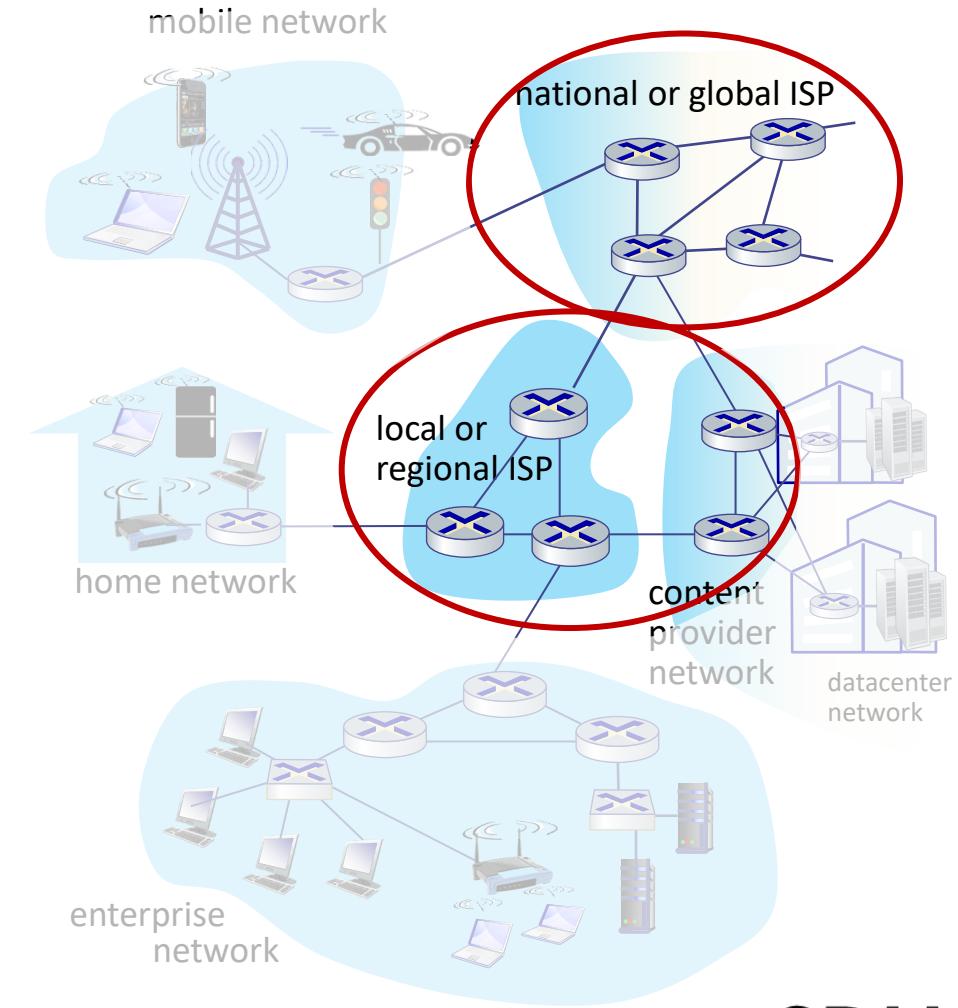
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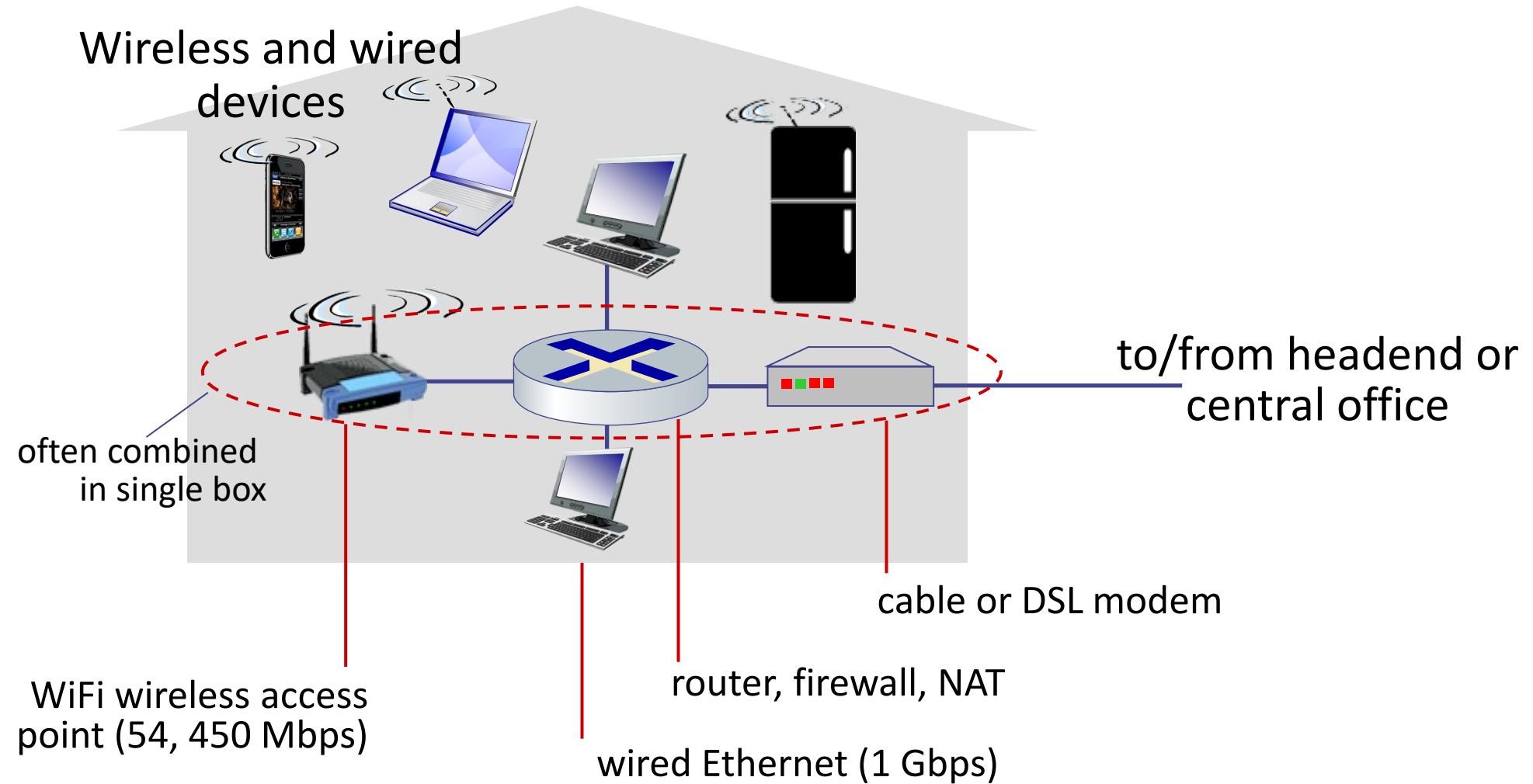
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Network core:

- interconnected routers
- network of networks



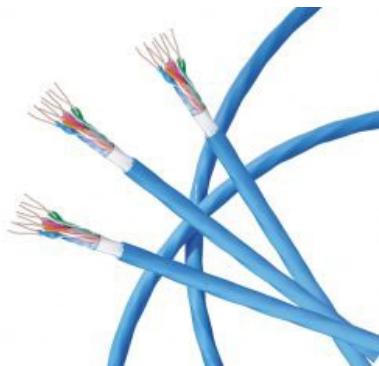
Access networks: home networks



Links: physical media

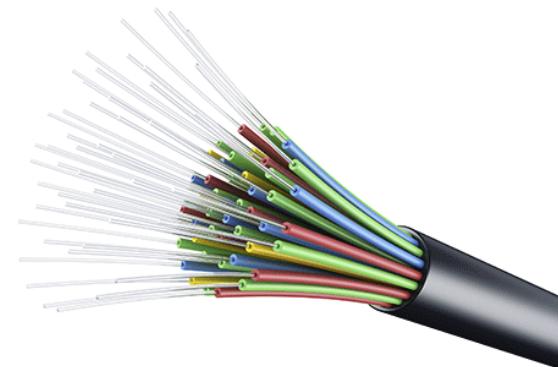
Twisted pair (TP)

- two insulated copper wires
 - Category 5: 100 Mbps, 1 Gbps Ethernet
 - Category 6: 10Gbps Ethernet



Fiber optic cable:

- glass fiber carrying light pulses, each pulse a bit
- high-speed operation:
 - high-speed point-to-point transmission (10's-100's Gbps)
- low error rate:
 - repeaters spaced far apart
 - immune to electromagnetic noise

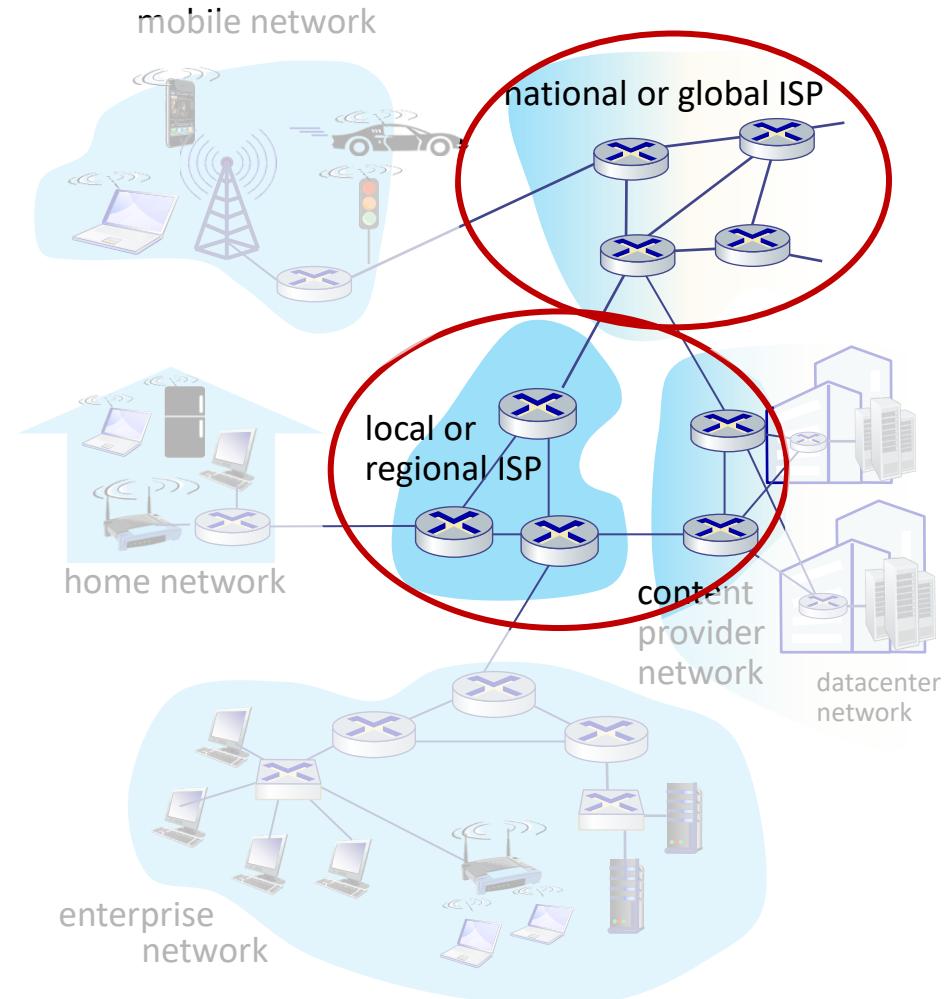


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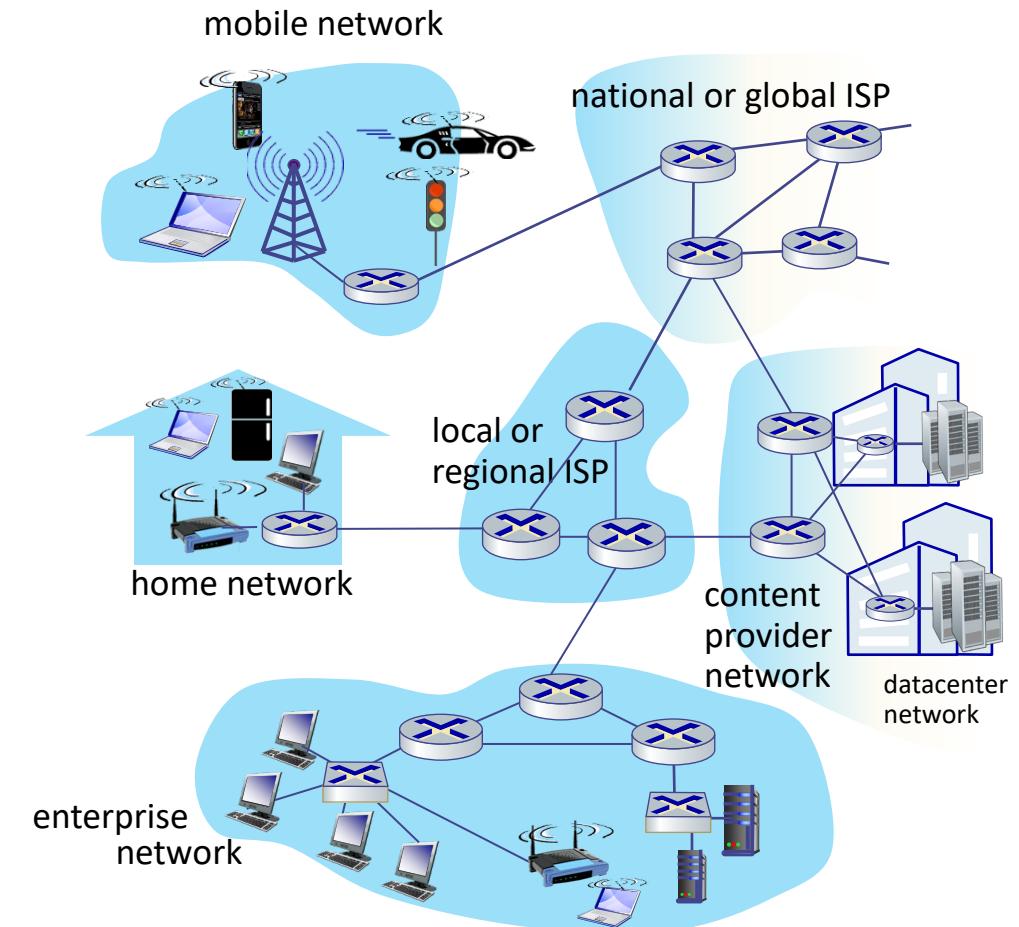
The network core

- mesh of interconnected routers
- **packet-switching:** hosts break application-layer messages into *packets*
 - network **forwards** packets from one router to the next, across links on path from source to destination



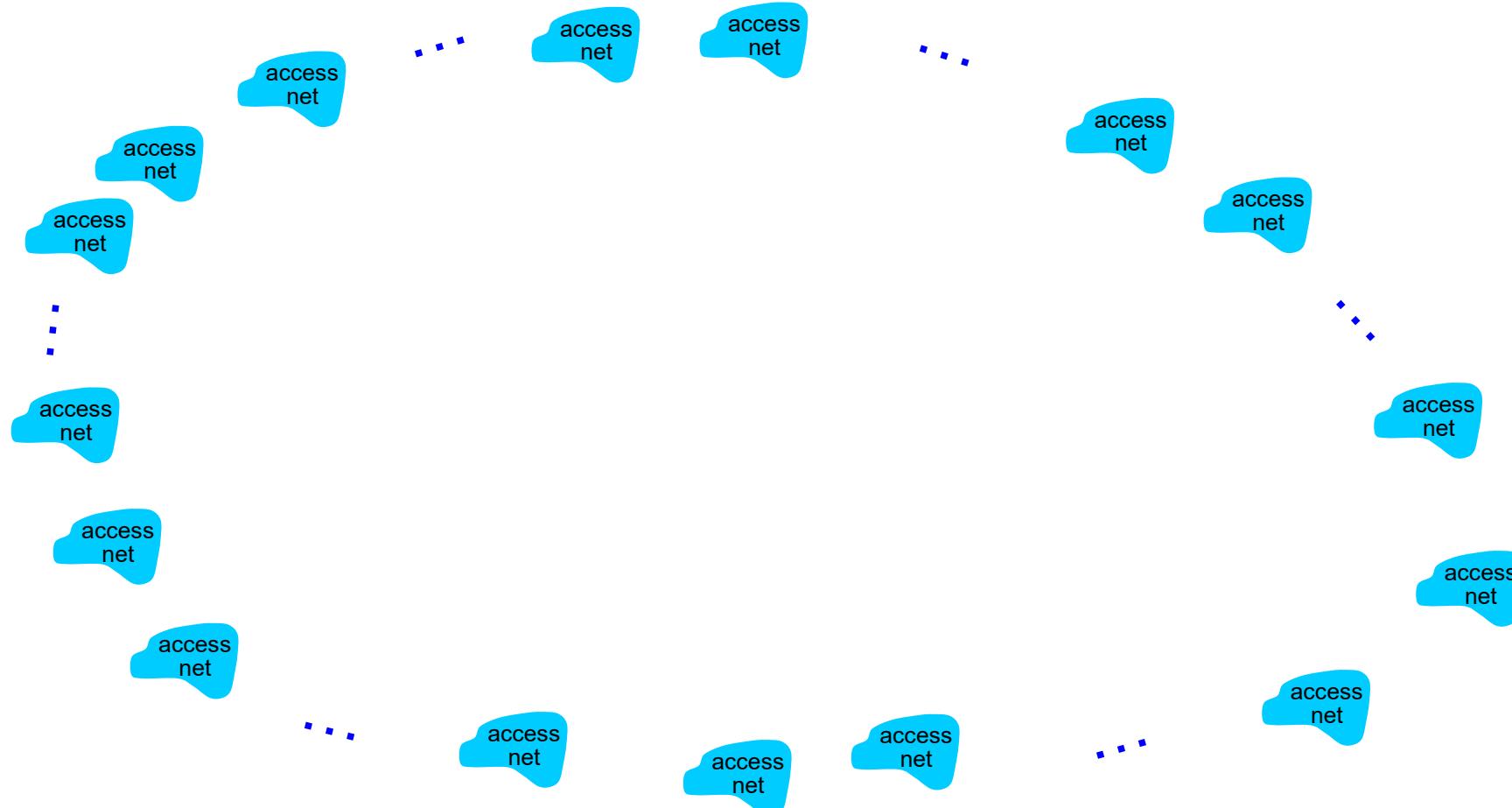
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- hosts connect to Internet via **access** Internet Service Providers (ISPs)
- access ISPs in turn must be interconnected



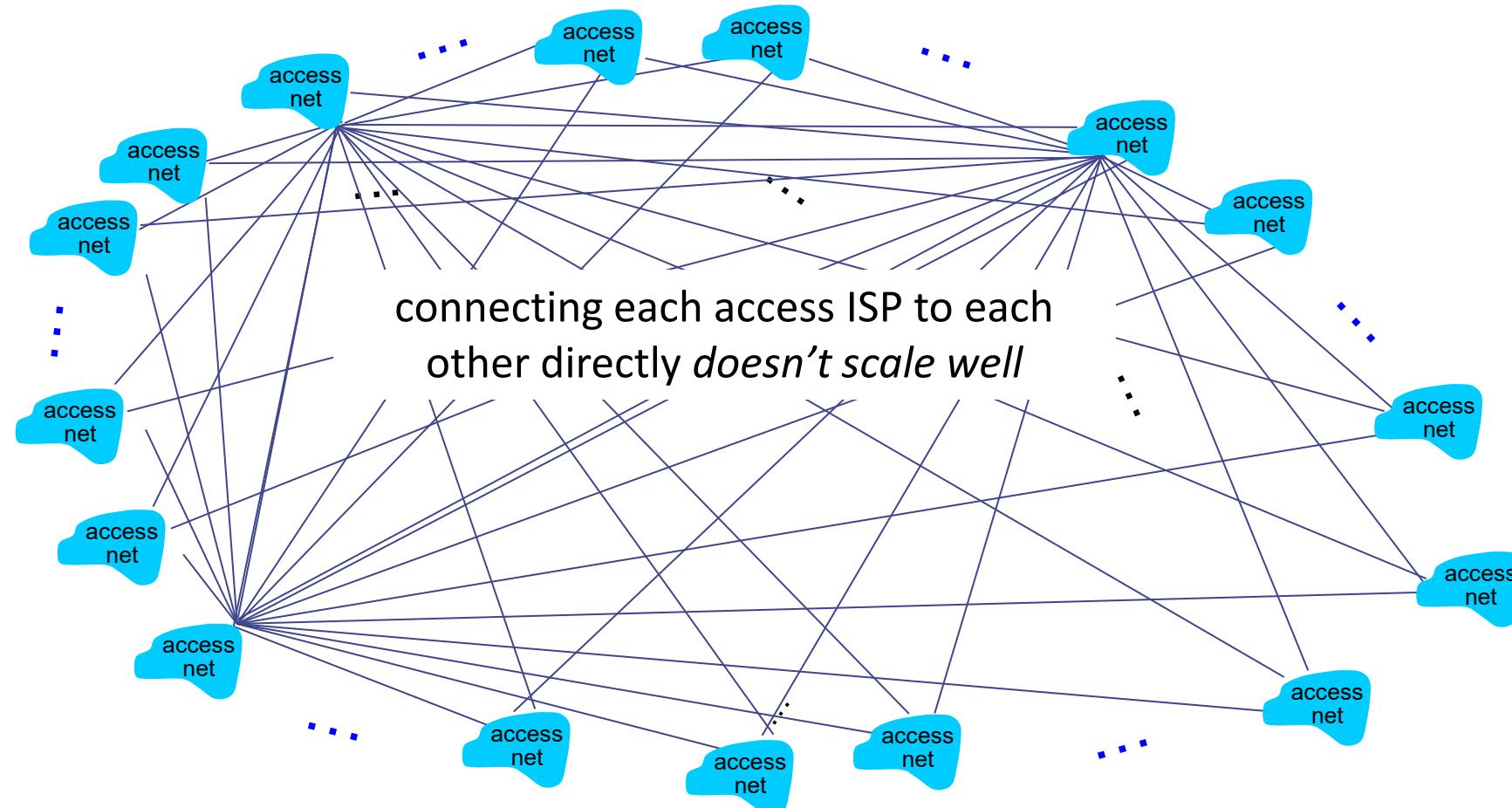
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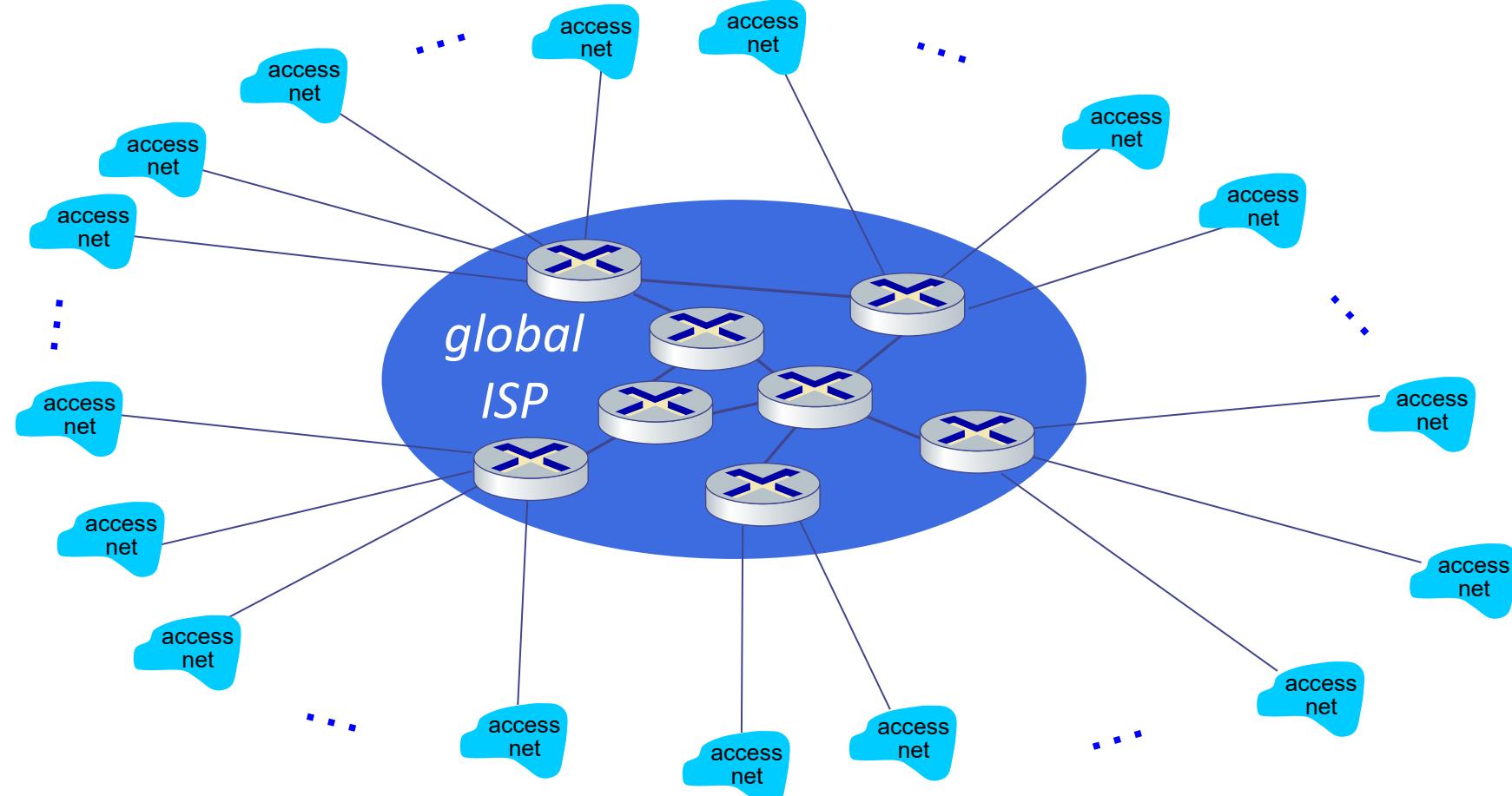
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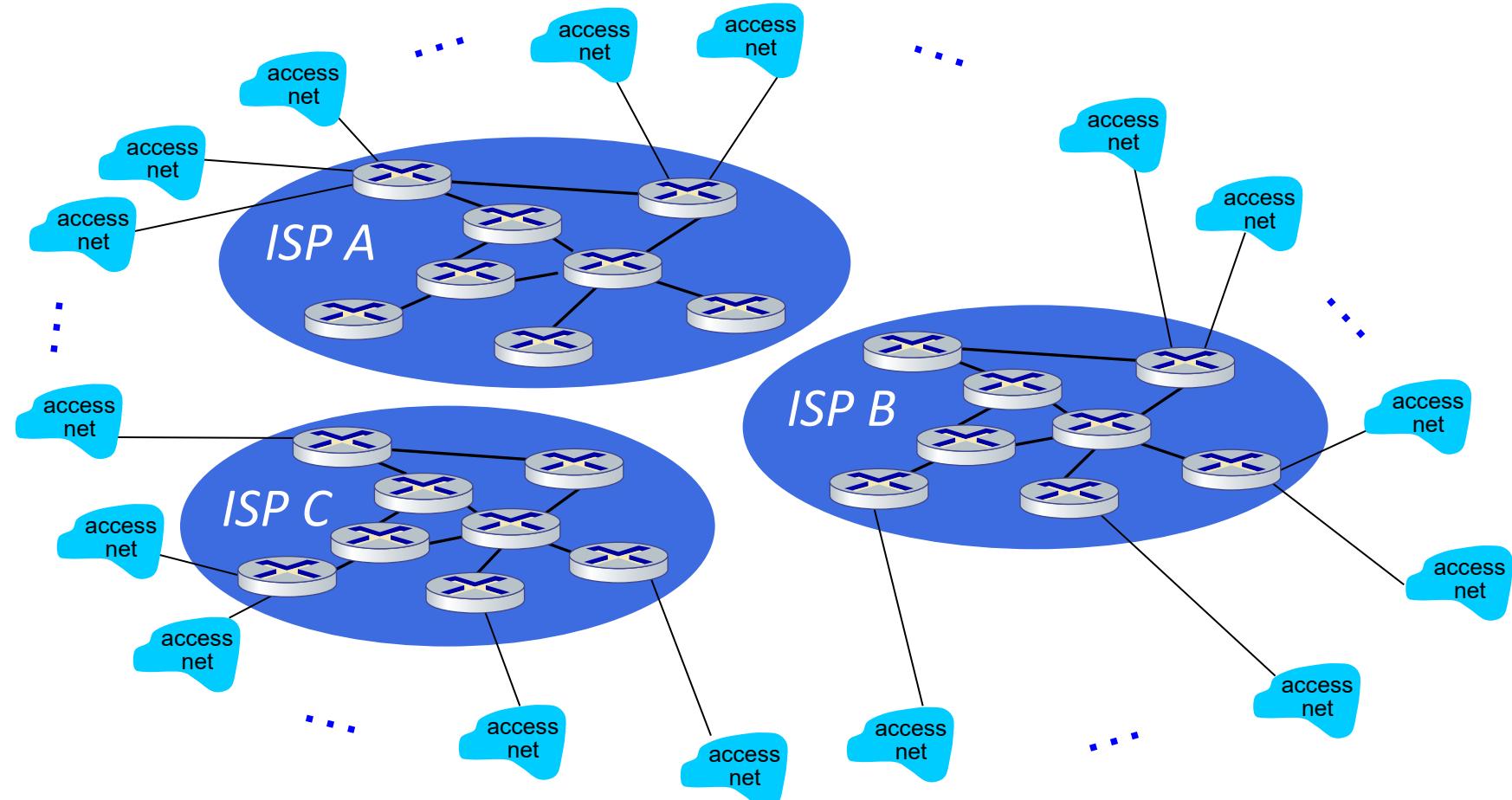
Option: connect each access ISP to one global transit ISP?

Customer and provider ISPs have economic agreement.



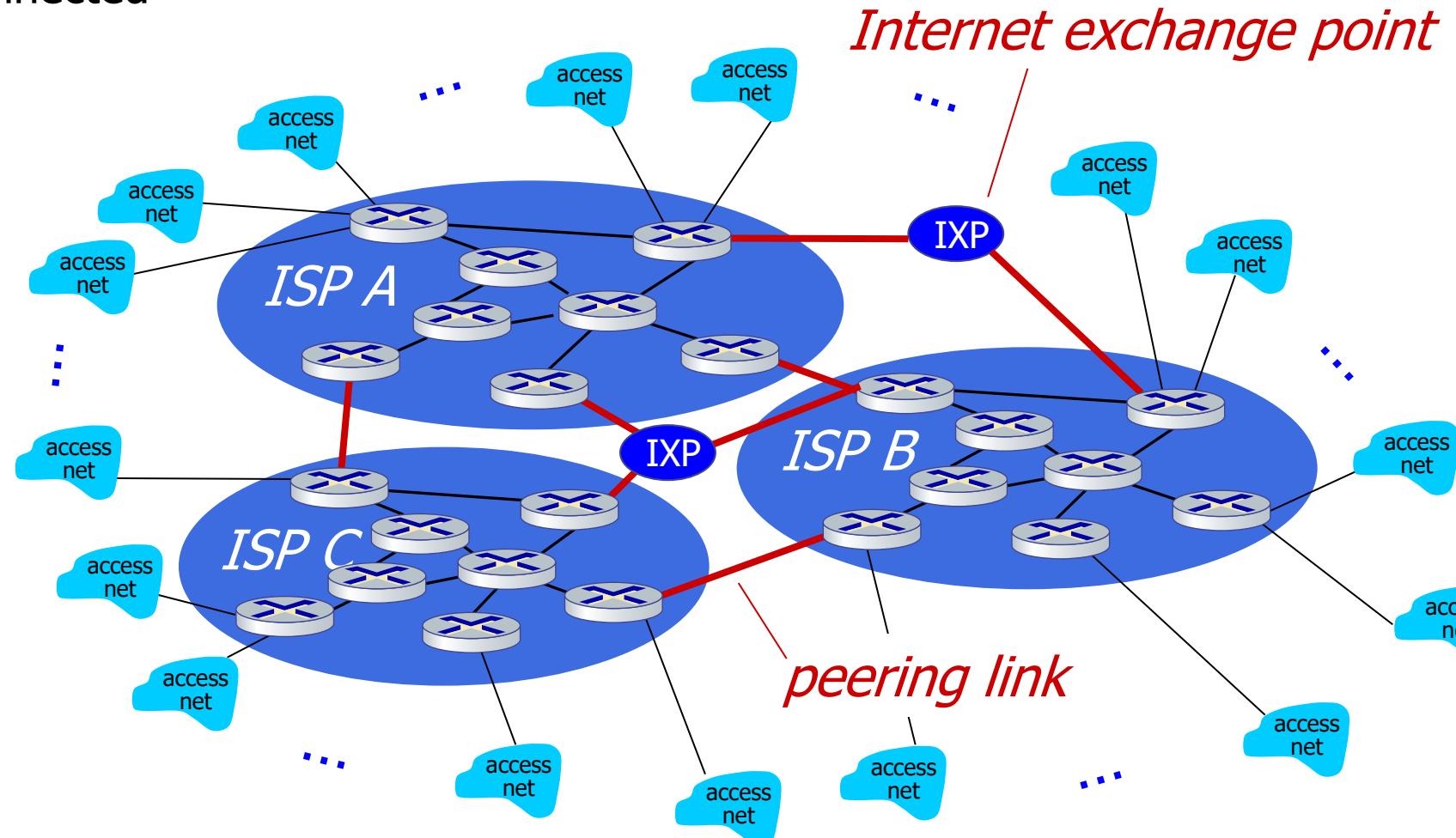
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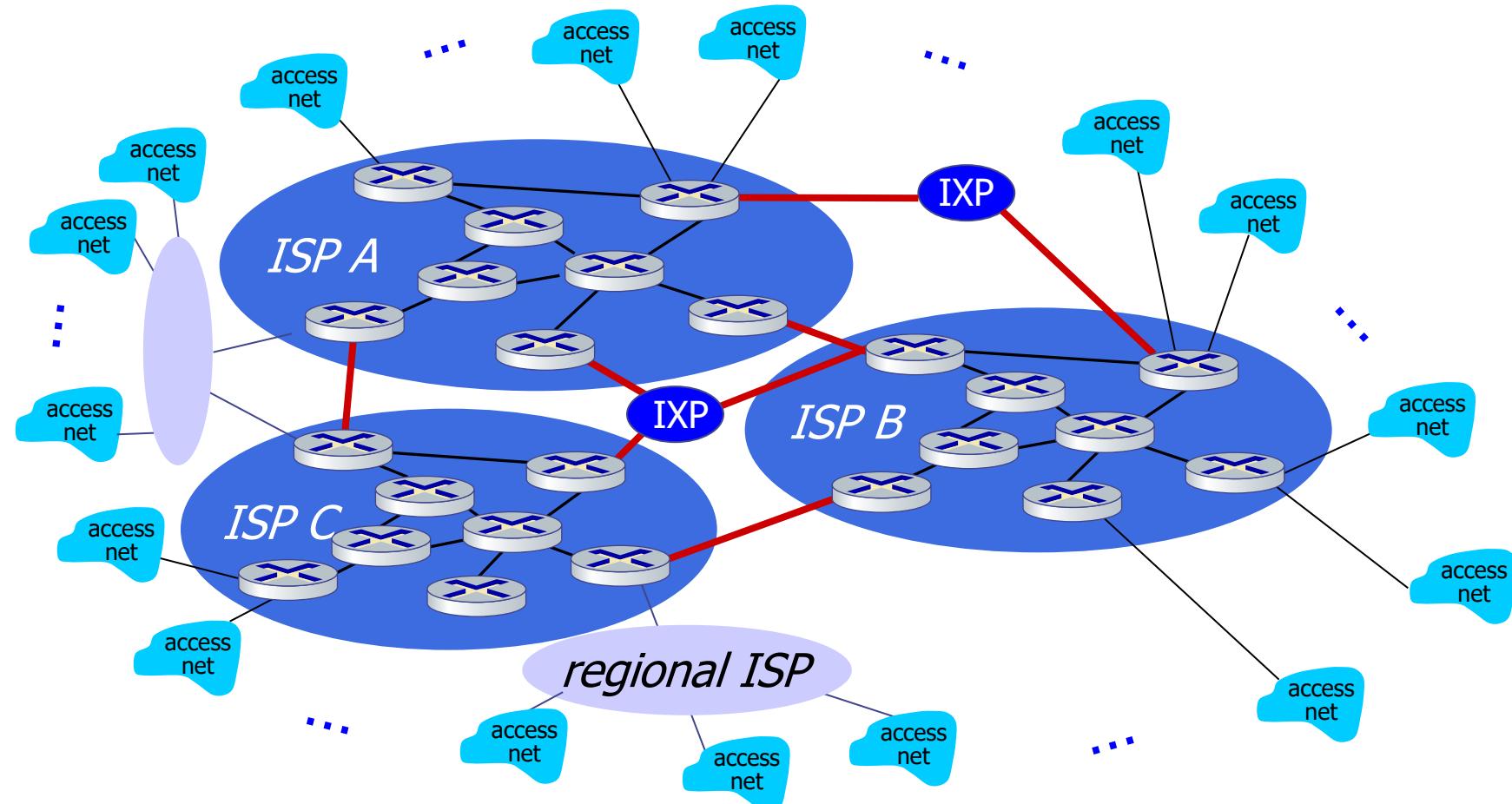
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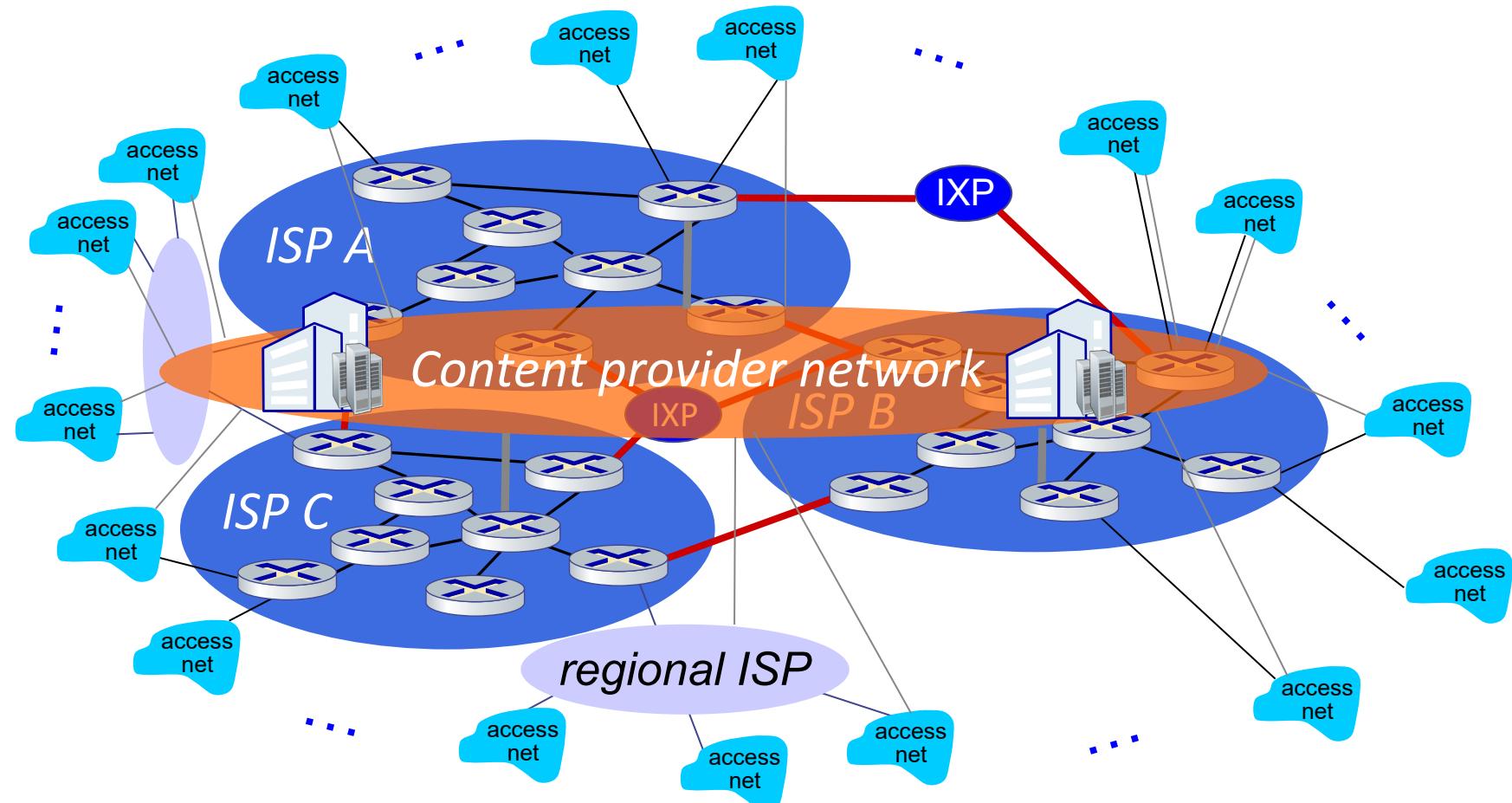
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... and regional networks may arise to connect access nets to ISPs

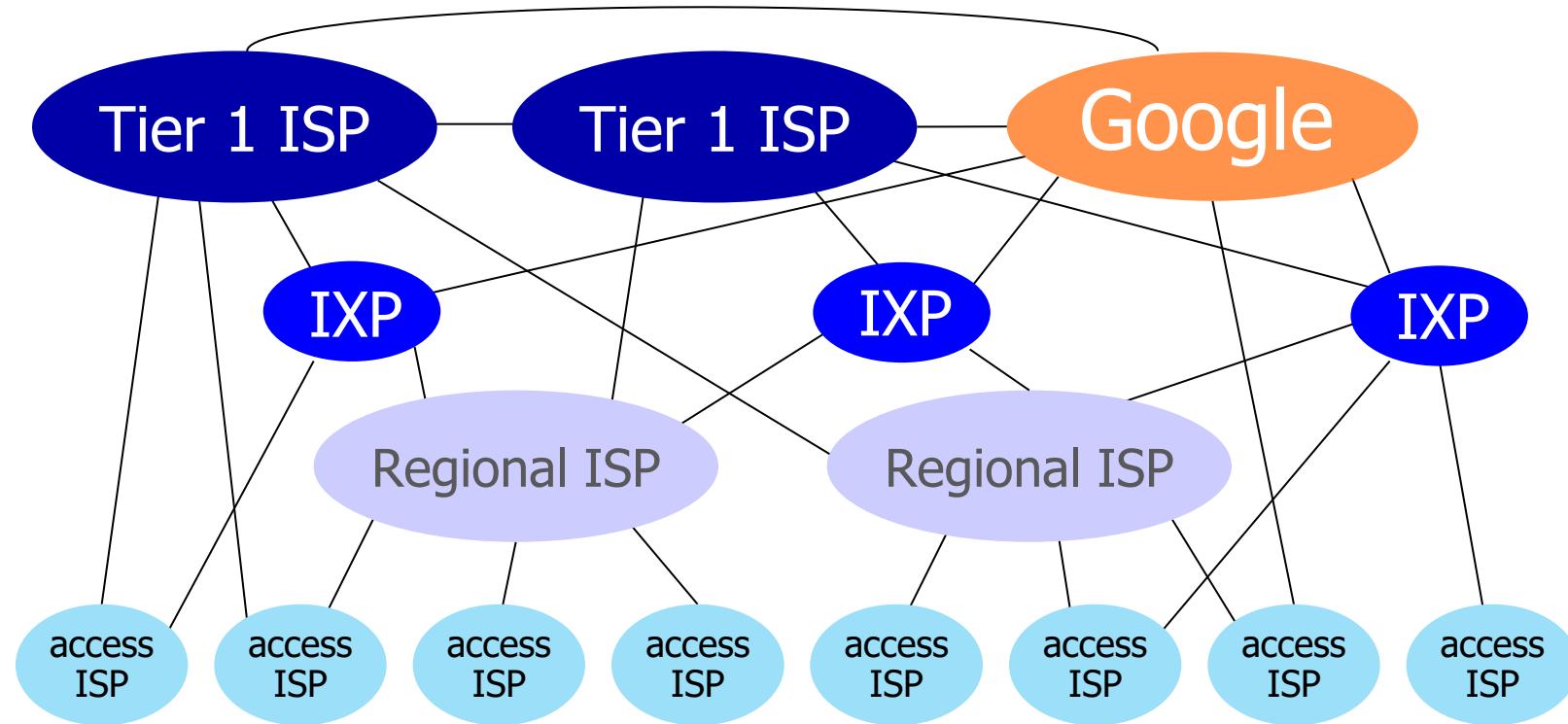


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... and content provider networks (e.g., Google, Microsoft, Akamai) may run their own network, to bring services, content close to end users



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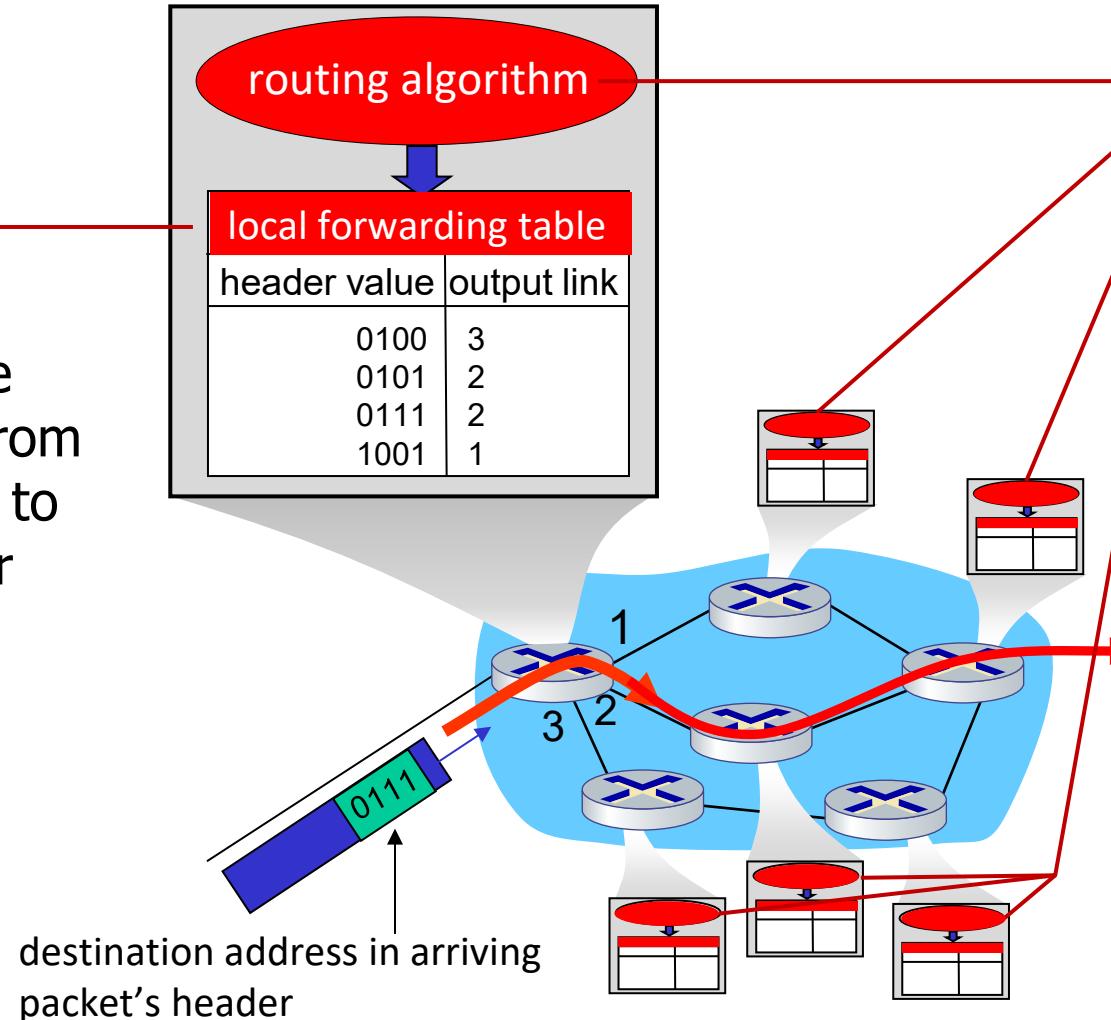
At “center”: small # of well-connected large networks

- “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

Two key network-core functions

Forwarding:

- aka “switching”
- *local* action: move arriving packets from router's input link to appropriate router output link



Routing:

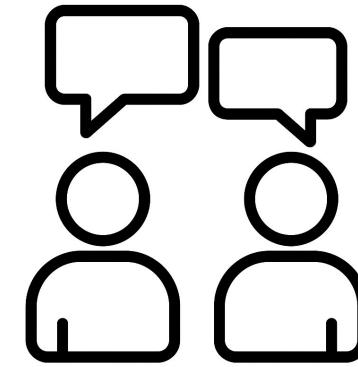
- *global* action: determine source-destination paths taken by packets
- routing algorithms





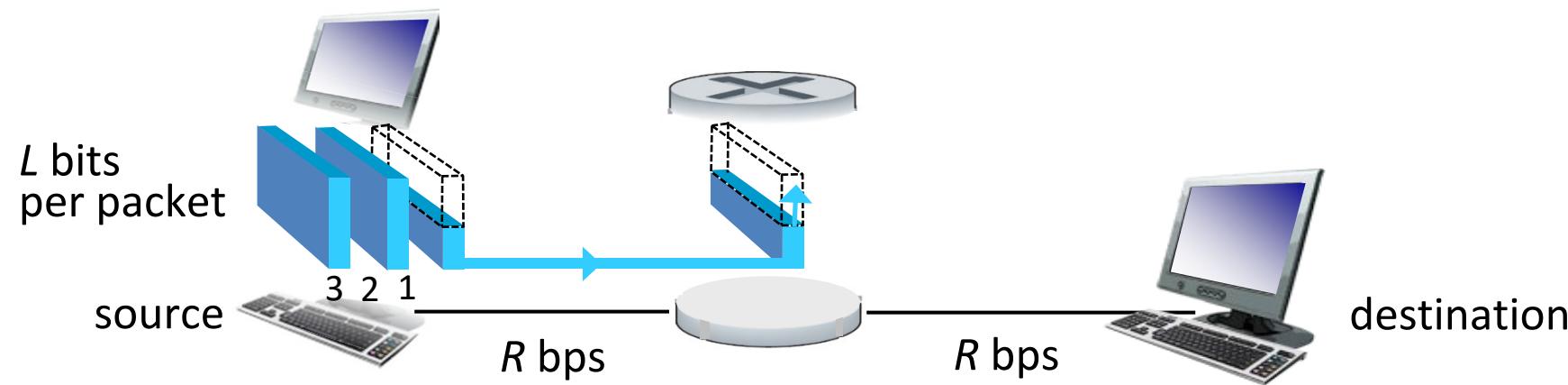
IP-adresses

- 32 bits → 4 billion possible addresses
- Addressing:
 - Binary: xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx
 - E.g.: 11000000 10101000 00000001 00001100
 - Decimal: ddd.ddd.ddd.ddd
 - E.g.: 192.168.1.12
- Interpreted left to right



Do you see
any problems
with this?

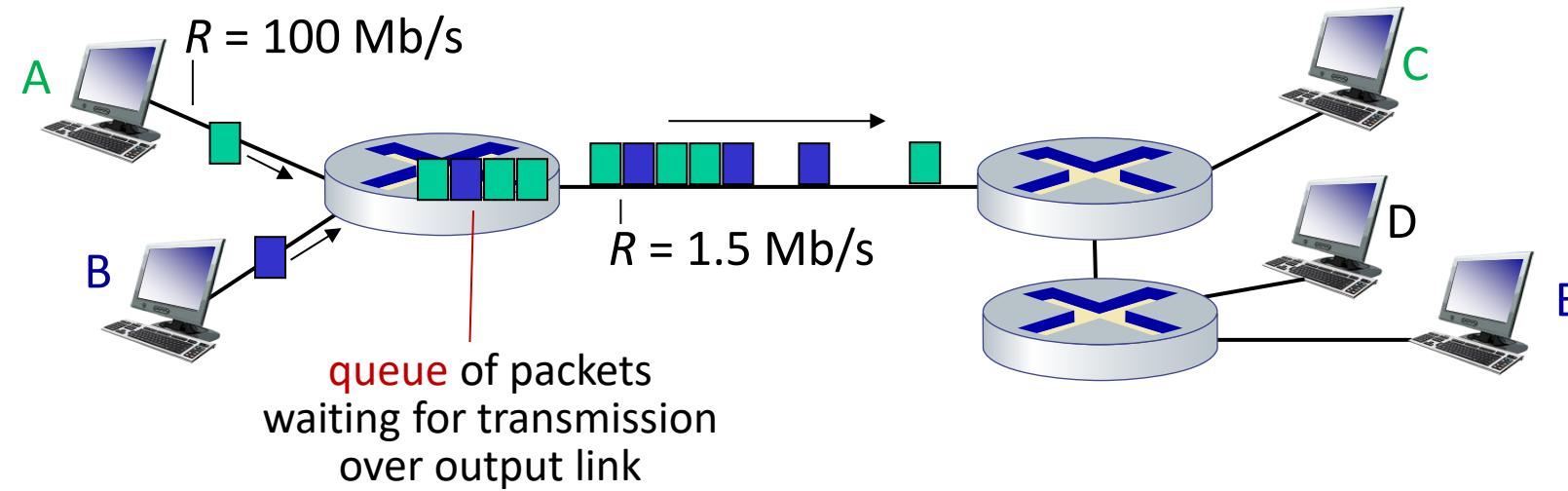
Packet-switching: store-and-forward



- **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



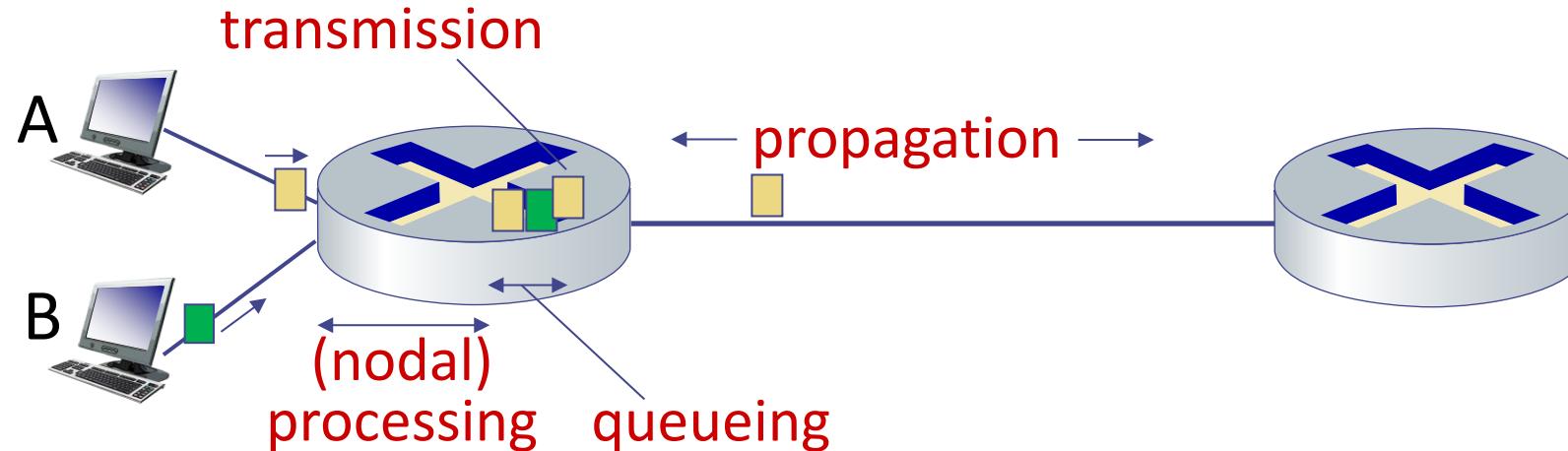
Packet queuing and loss: if arrival rate (in bps) to link exceeds transmission rate (bps) of link for some period of time:

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

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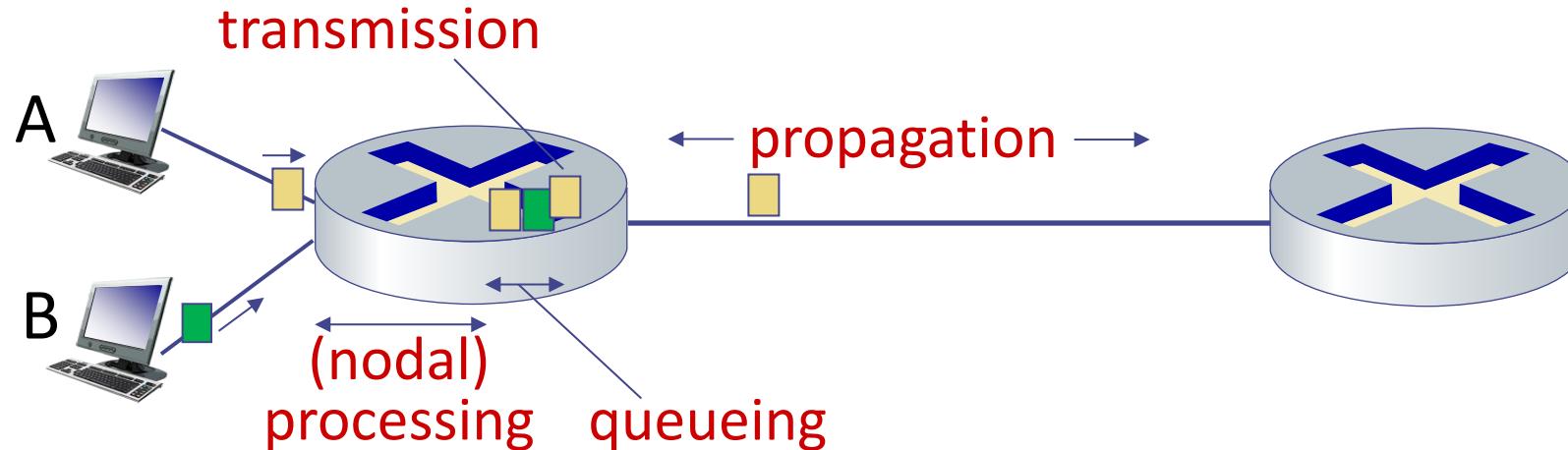
d_{proc} : processing delay

- 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

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d_{trans} : transmission delay:

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

$$\boxed{d_{\text{trans}} = L/R}$$

$$d_{\text{trans}} \neq d_{\text{prop}}$$

d_{prop} : propagation delay:

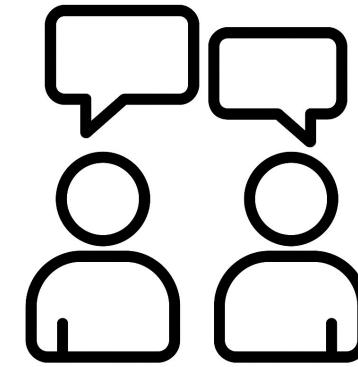
- d : length of physical link
- s : propagation speed ($\sim 2 \times 10^8$ m/sec)

$$\boxed{d_{\text{prop}} = d/s}$$

Caravan analogy

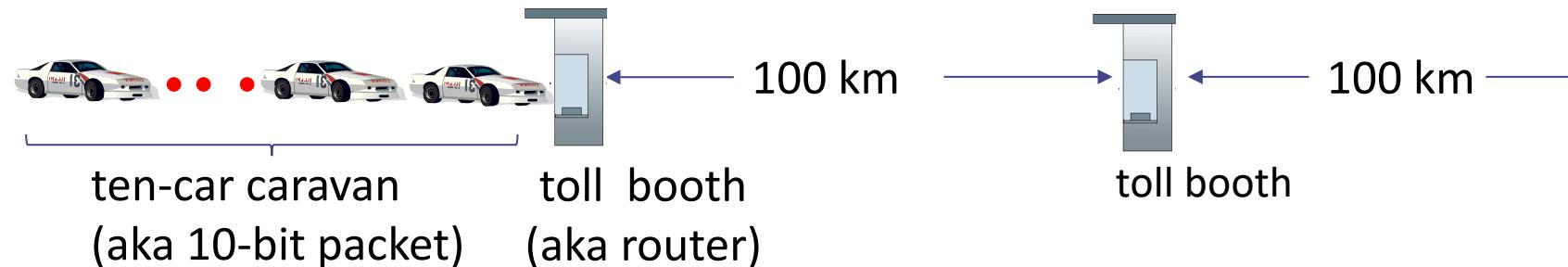


- car ~ bit; caravan ~ packet; toll service ~ link transmission
- toll booth takes 12 sec to service a car (bit transmission time)
- Cars “propagate” at 100 km/hr
- ***Q: How long until caravan is lined up before 2nd toll booth?***



What could be analogous to processing and queuing delay?

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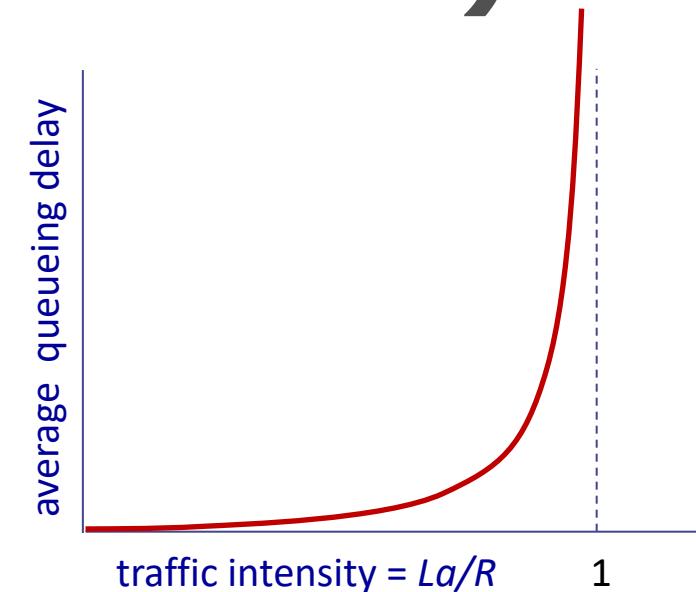
- suppose cars now “propagate” at 1000 km/hr
 - and suppose toll booth now takes one min to service a car
 - ***Q: Will cars arrive to 2nd booth before all cars serviced at first booth?***
- A: Yes!** after 7 min, first car arrives at second booth; three cars still at first booth

Packet queueing delay (revisited)

- a : average packet arrival rate [amount]
- L : packet length [bits]
- R : link bandwidth (bit transmission rate)

$$\frac{L \cdot a}{R} : \frac{\text{arrival rate of bits}}{\text{service rate of bits}}$$

“traffic intensity”



- $La/R \sim 0$: avg. queueing delay small
- $La/R \rightarrow 1$: avg. queueing delay large
- $La/R > 1$: more “work” arriving is more than can be serviced - average delay infinite!

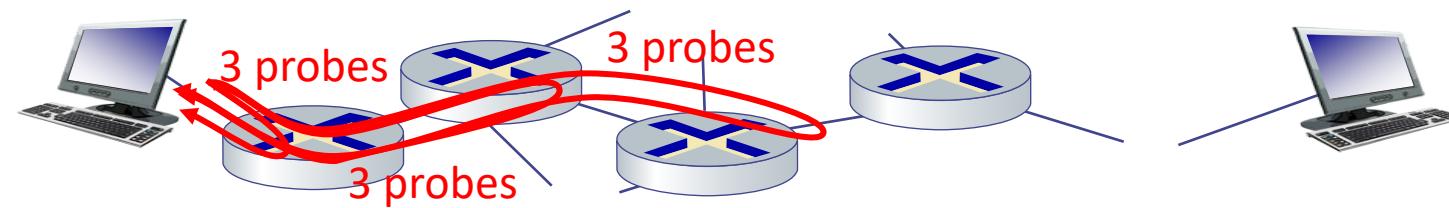


“Real” Internet delays and routes

- what do “real” Internet delay & loss look like?
- **traceroute** program: provides delay measurement from source to router along end-end Internet path towards destination.

For all i :

- sends three packets that will reach router i on path towards destination (with time-to-live field value of i)
- router i will return packets to sender
- sender measures time interval between transmission and reply



Try it out

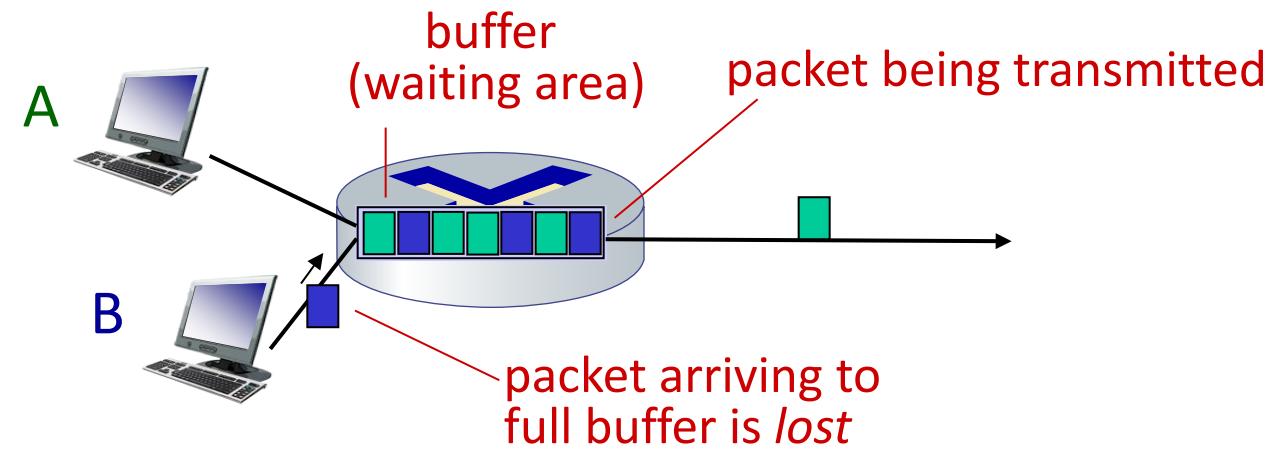
- Open your command-line interpreter application
 - Windows: Command Prompt or Powershell
 - Run: *tracert gaia.cs.umass.edu*
 - MacOS: Terminal
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 - Linux... you must know
 - sudo apt install tracert
 - Run: *tracert gaia.cs.umass.edu*
- You can also try to visualize it:
 - <https://geotraceroute.com>

Real Internet delays and routes

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Trace complete.  
PS C:\Users\simat> tracert gaia.cs.umass.edu  
  
Tracing route to gaia.cs.umass.edu [128.119.245.12]  
over a maximum of 30 hops:  
  
 1  3 ms    3 ms    4 ms  10.94.64.1  
 2  3 ms    3 ms    3 ms  130.226.84.233  
 3  *        *        * Request timed out.  
 4  6 ms    3 ms    15 ms netrumsydedge.sdu.dk [130.225.244.230]  
 5  5 ms    6 ms    5 ms  dk-ore3.nordu.net [109.105.102.160]  
 6  6 ms    7 ms    7 ms  dk-bal3.nordu.net [109.105.97.249]  
 7  12 ms   11 ms   11 ms dk-esbj.nordu.net [109.105.97.3]  
 8  17 ms   17 ms   17 ms nl-ams.nordu.net [109.105.97.75]  
 9  96 ms   96 ms   98 ms us-man2.nordu.net [109.105.97.64]  
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12  103 ms  106 ms  102 ms fourhundredge-0-0-0-2.4079.core1.bost2.net.internet2.edu [163.253.2.168]  
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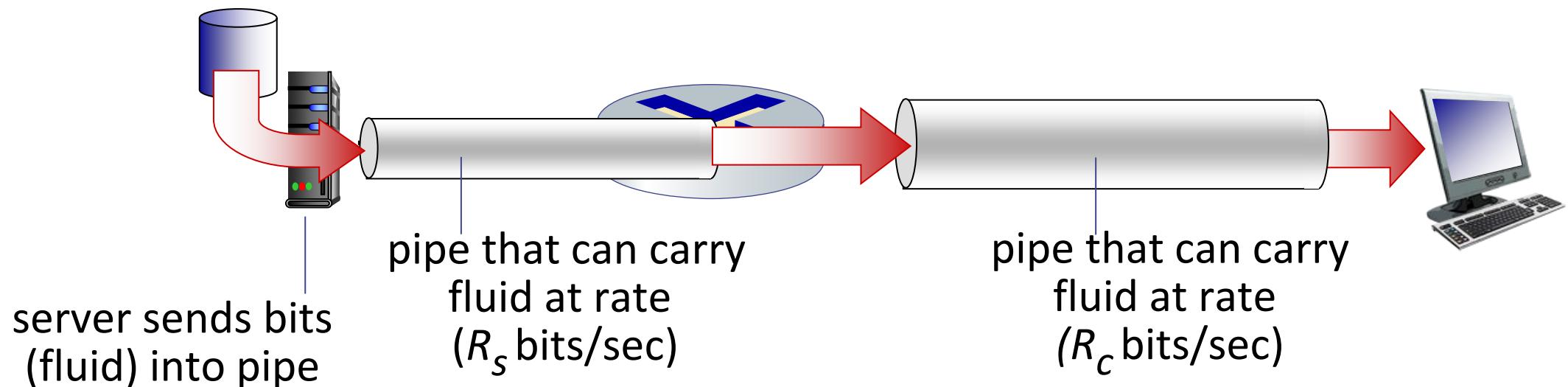
- queue (aka buffer) preceding link in buffer has finite capacity
- packet arriving to full queue dropped (aka lost)
- lost packet may be retransmitted by previous node, by source end system, or not at all



* Check out the Java applet for an interactive animation (on publisher's website) of queuing and loss

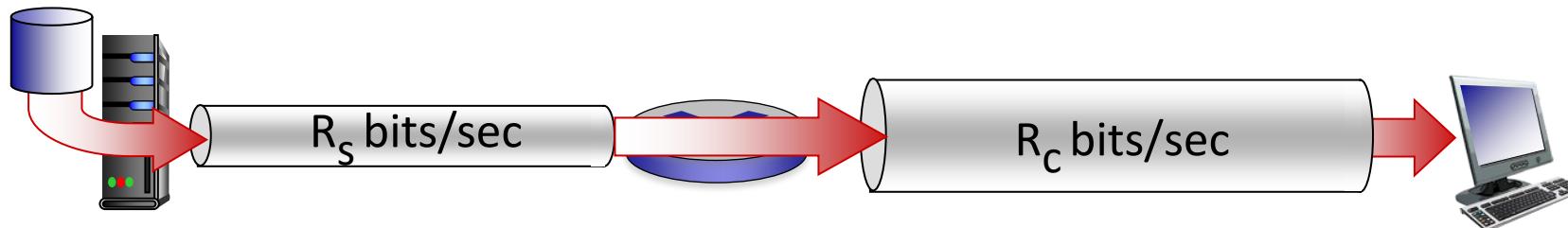
Throughput

- **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

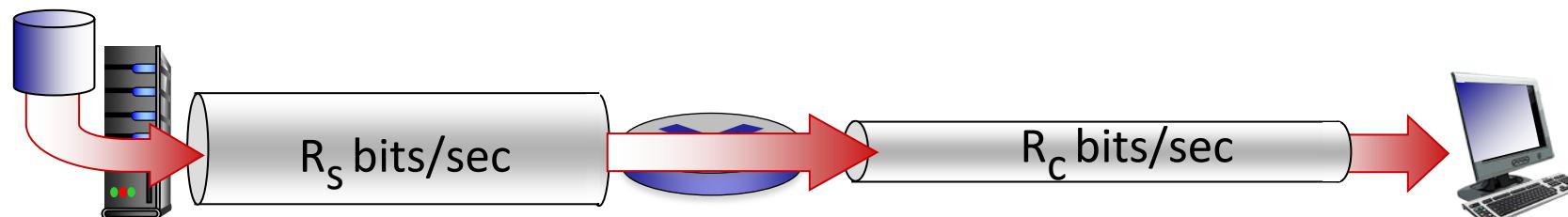


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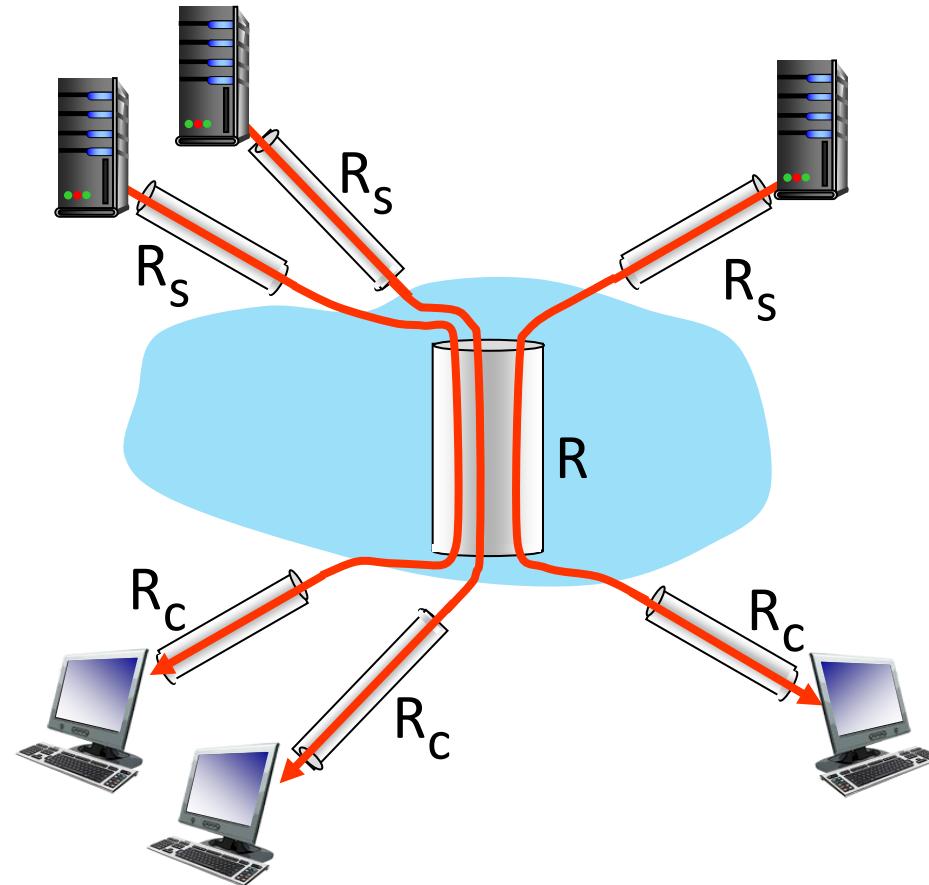
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bottleneck link

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

Throughput: network scenario



- per-connection end-end throughput:
 $\min(R_c, R_s, R/10)$
- in practice: R_c or R_s is often bottleneck

* Check out the online interactive exercises for more examples: http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/kurose_ross/

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Protocol “layers” and reference models

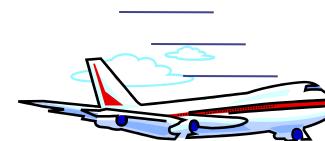
Networks are complex,
with many “pieces”:

- hosts
- routers
- links of various media
- applications
- protocols
- hardware, software

Question: is there any hope
of *organizing* structure of
network?

- and/or our *discussion* of
networks?

Example: organization of air travel



end-to-end transfer of person plus baggage

ticket (purchase)
baggage (check)
gates (load)
runway takeoff
airplane routing

ticket (complain)
baggage (claim)
gates (unload)
runway landing
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layers: each layer implements a service

- via its own internal-layer actions
- relying on services provided by layer below

Why layering?

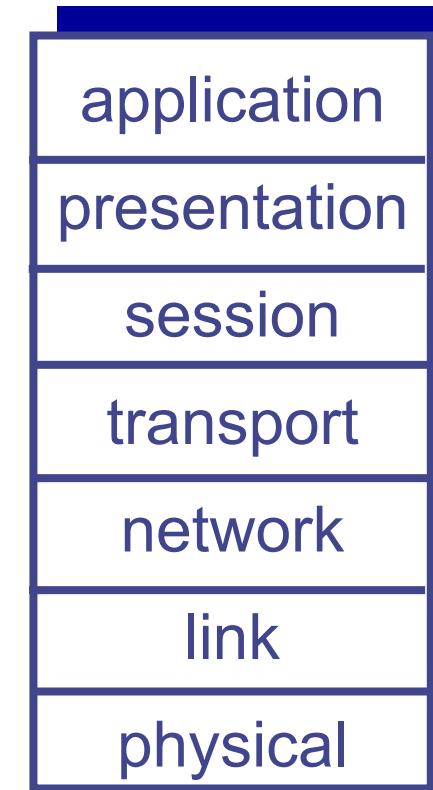
Approach to designing/discussing complex systems:

- explicit structure allows identification, relationship of system's pieces
- modularization eases maintenance, updating of system
 - change in layer's service *implementation*: transparent to rest of system
 - e.g., change in gate procedure doesn't affect rest of system

ISO/OSI reference model (revisited)

Two layers not found in the Internet protocol stack!

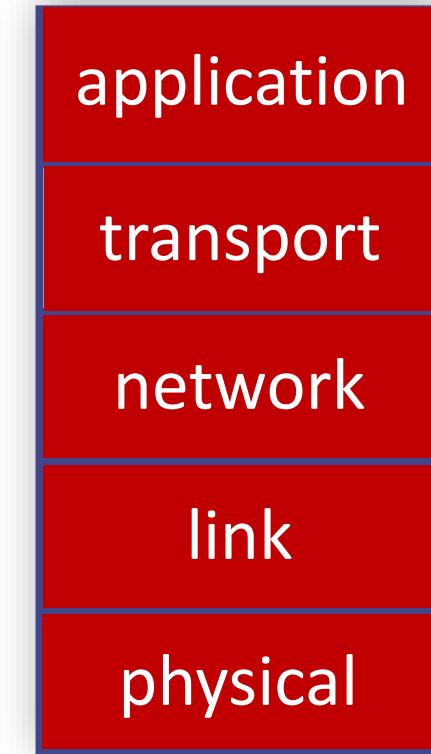
- *presentation*: allow applications to interpret meaning of data, e.g., encryption, compression, machine-specific conventions
- *session*: synchronization, checkpointing, recovery of data exchange
- Internet stack “missing” these layers!
 - these services, *if needed*, must be implemented in application
 - needed?



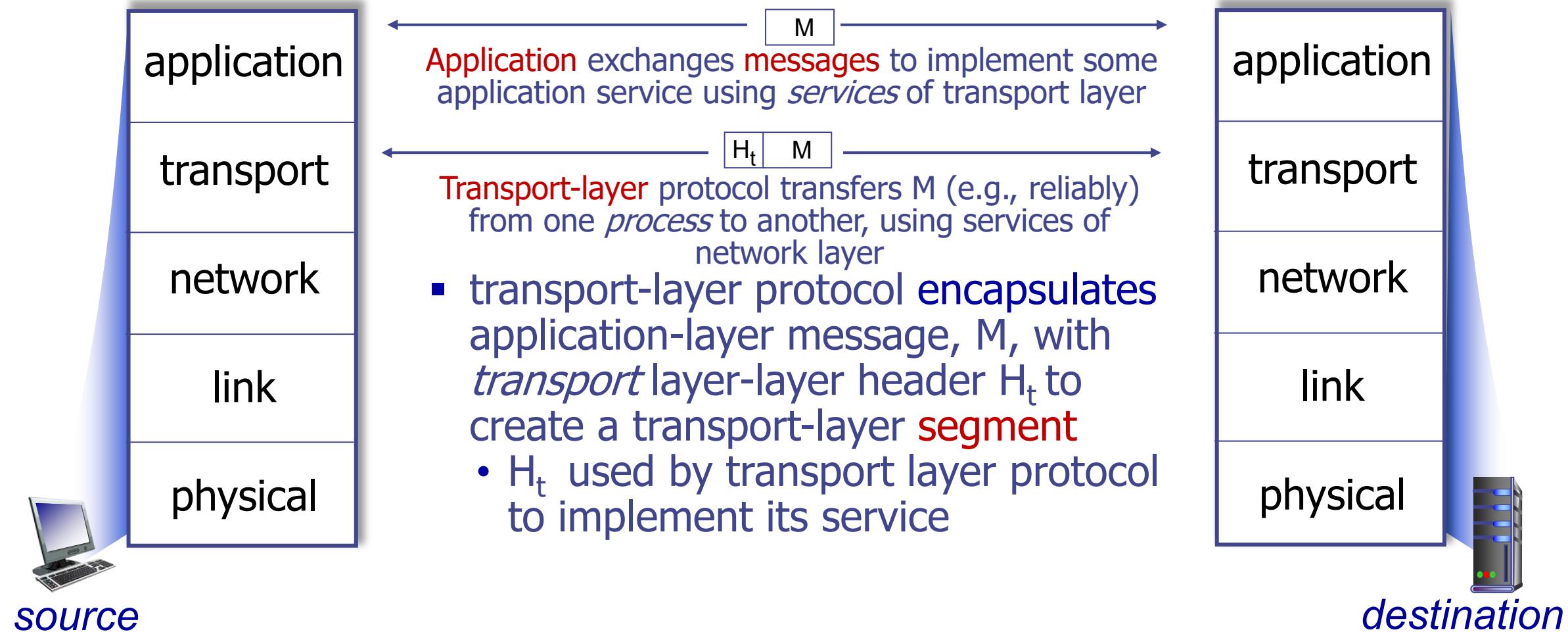
The seven layer OSI/ISO reference model

Layered Internet protocol stack

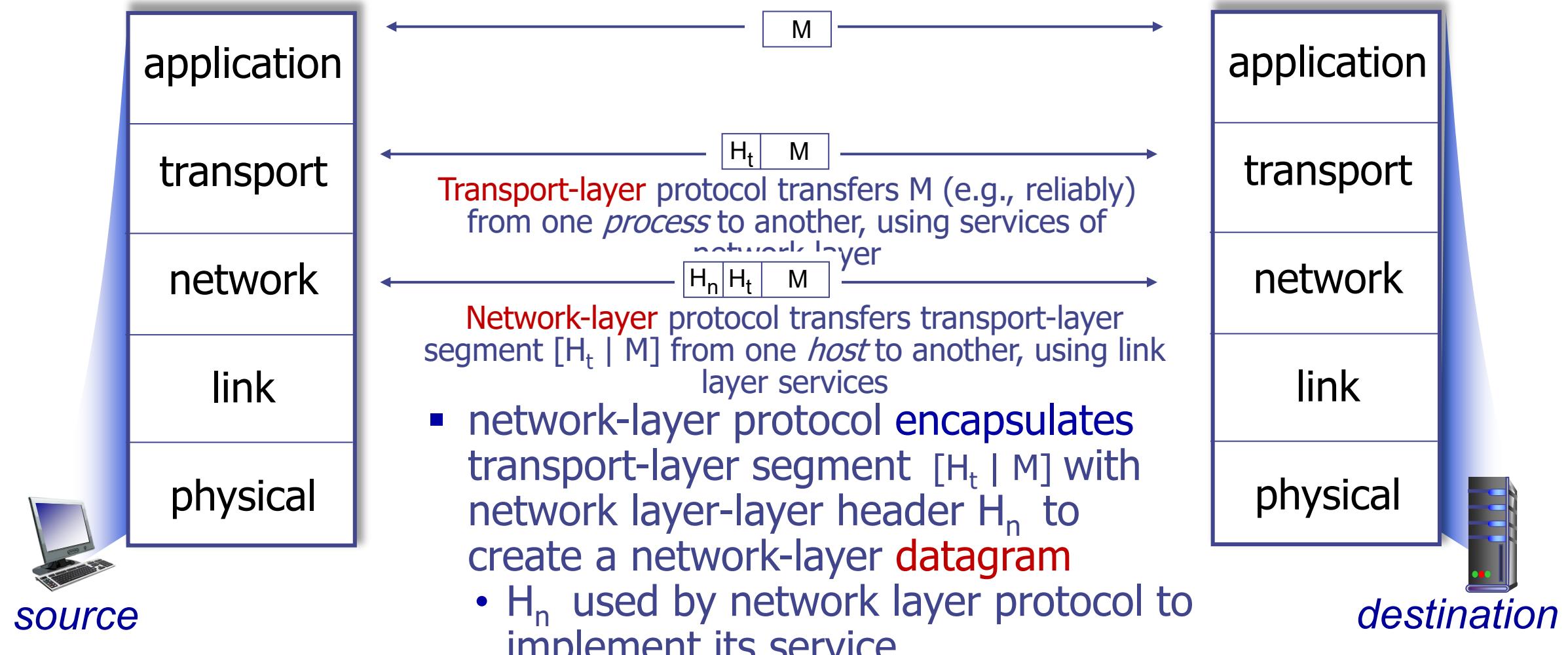
- *application*: supporting network applications
 - HTTP, IMAP, SMTP, DNS
- *transport*: process-process data transfer
 - TCP, UDP
- *network*: routing of datagrams from source to destination
 - IP, routing protocols
- *link*: data transfer between neighboring network elements
 - Ethernet, 802.11 (WiFi), PPP
- *physical*: bits “on the wire”



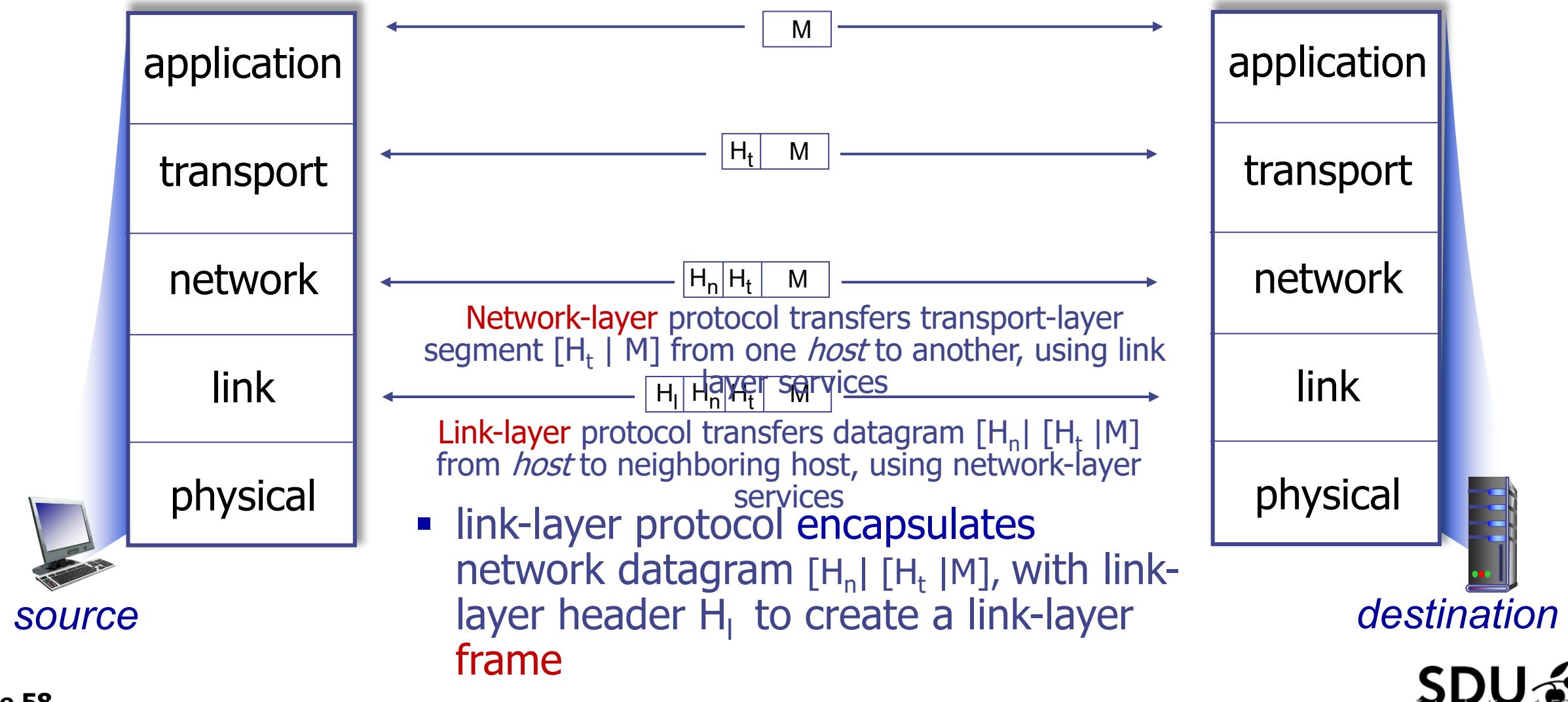
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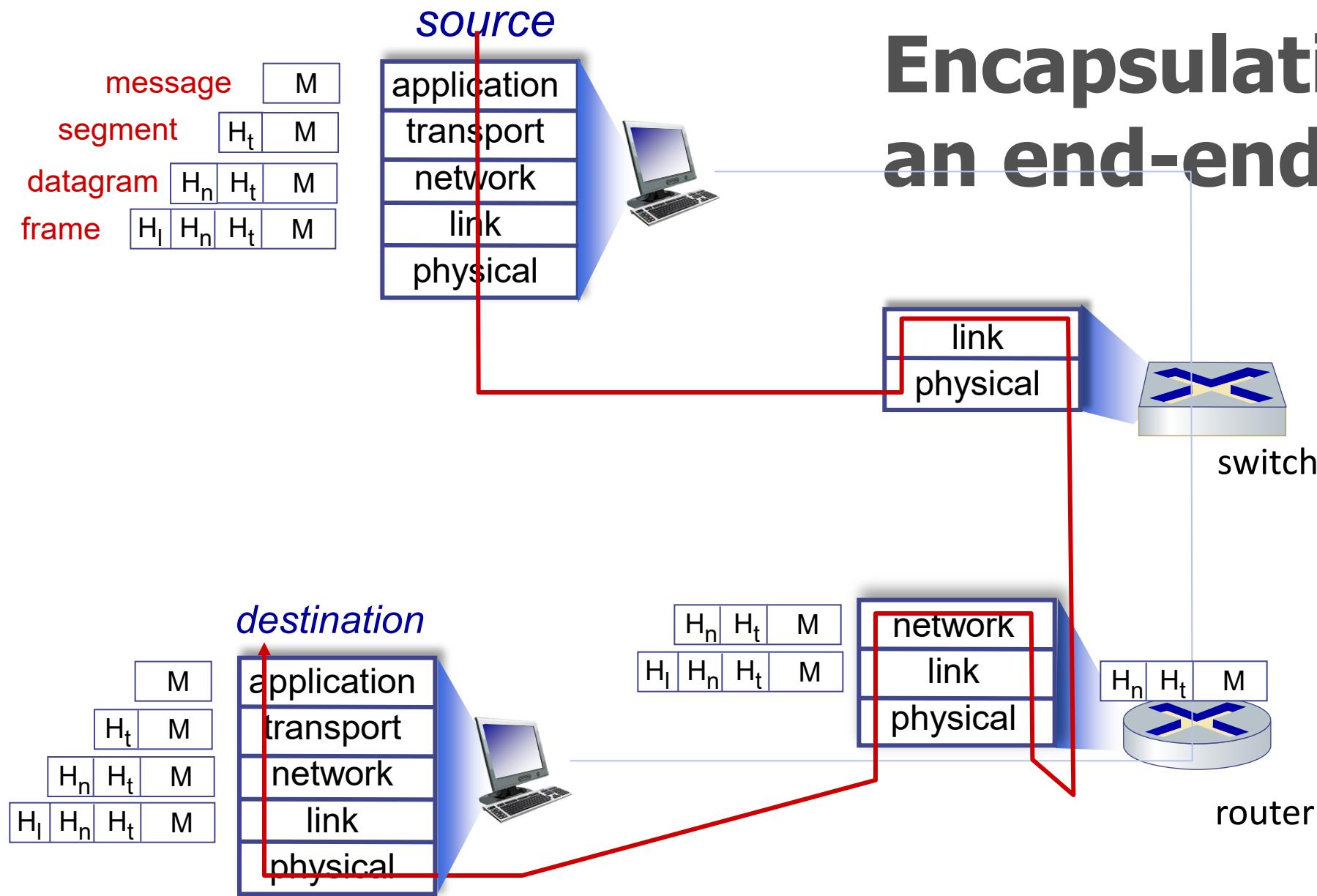
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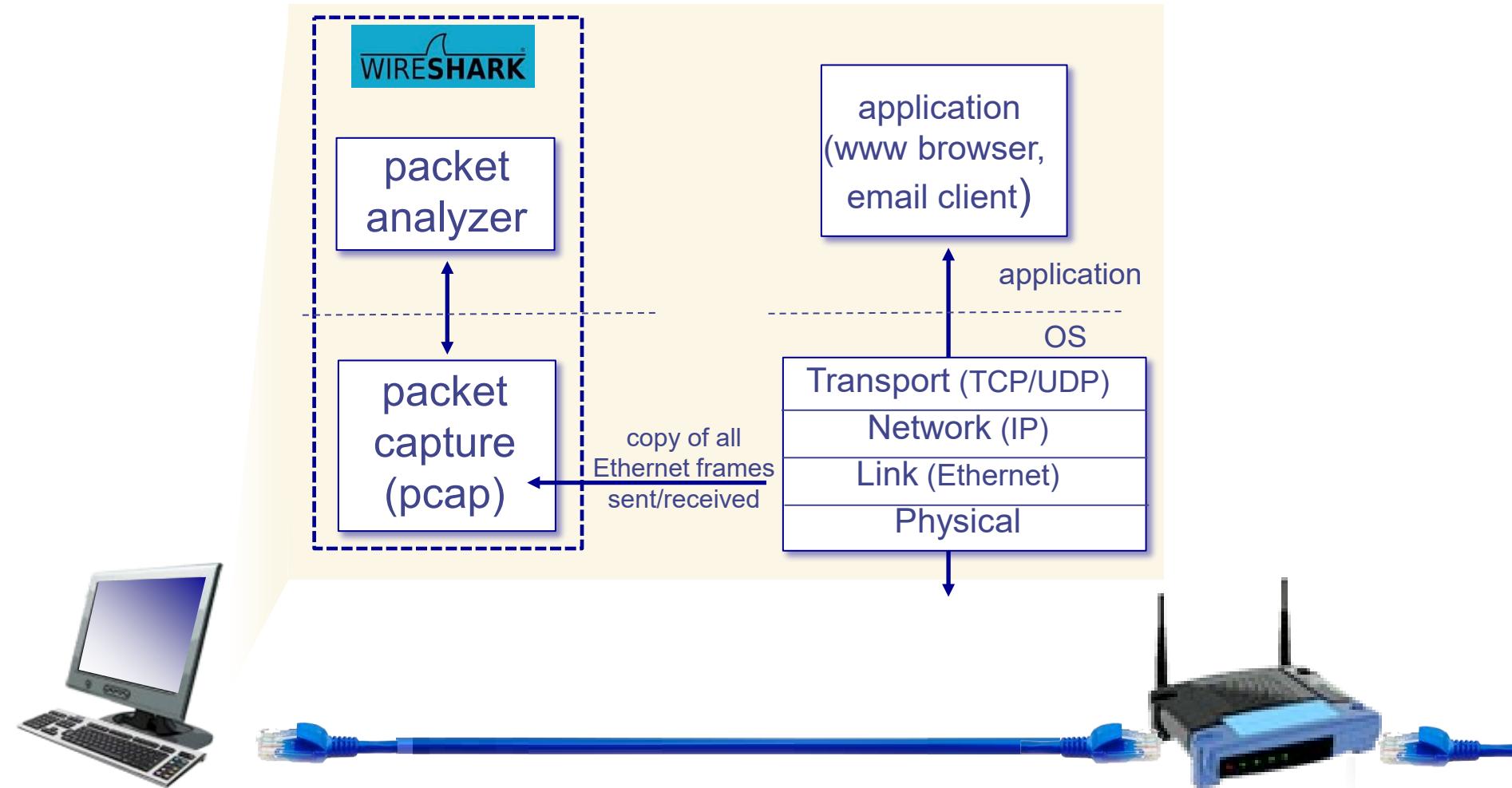
Encapsulation: an end-end view



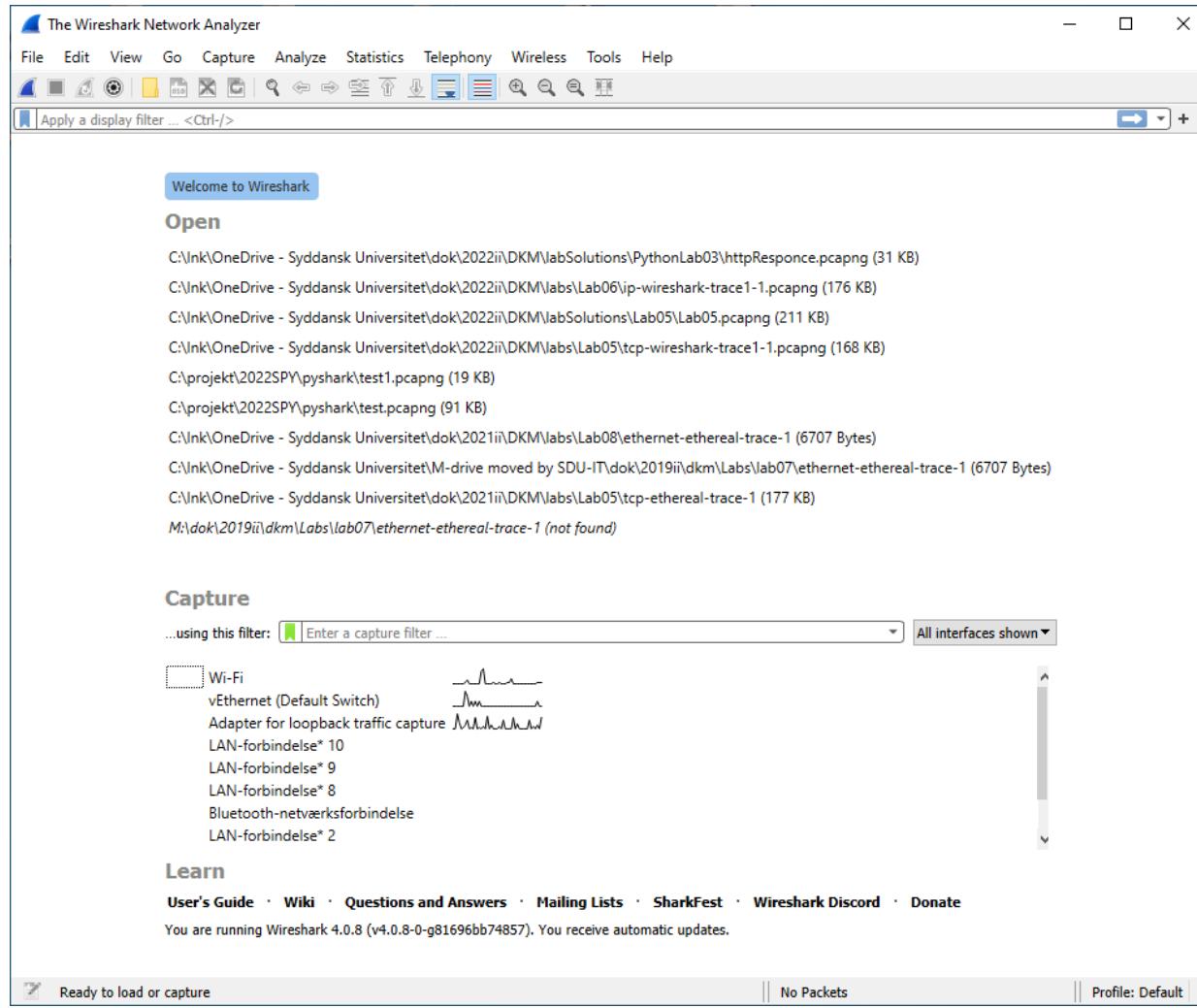
Subjects of today:

- The Internet
- The Network edge
- The Network core
- Performance
- The Protocol layers of the Internet
- **Lab exercise**

Wireshark



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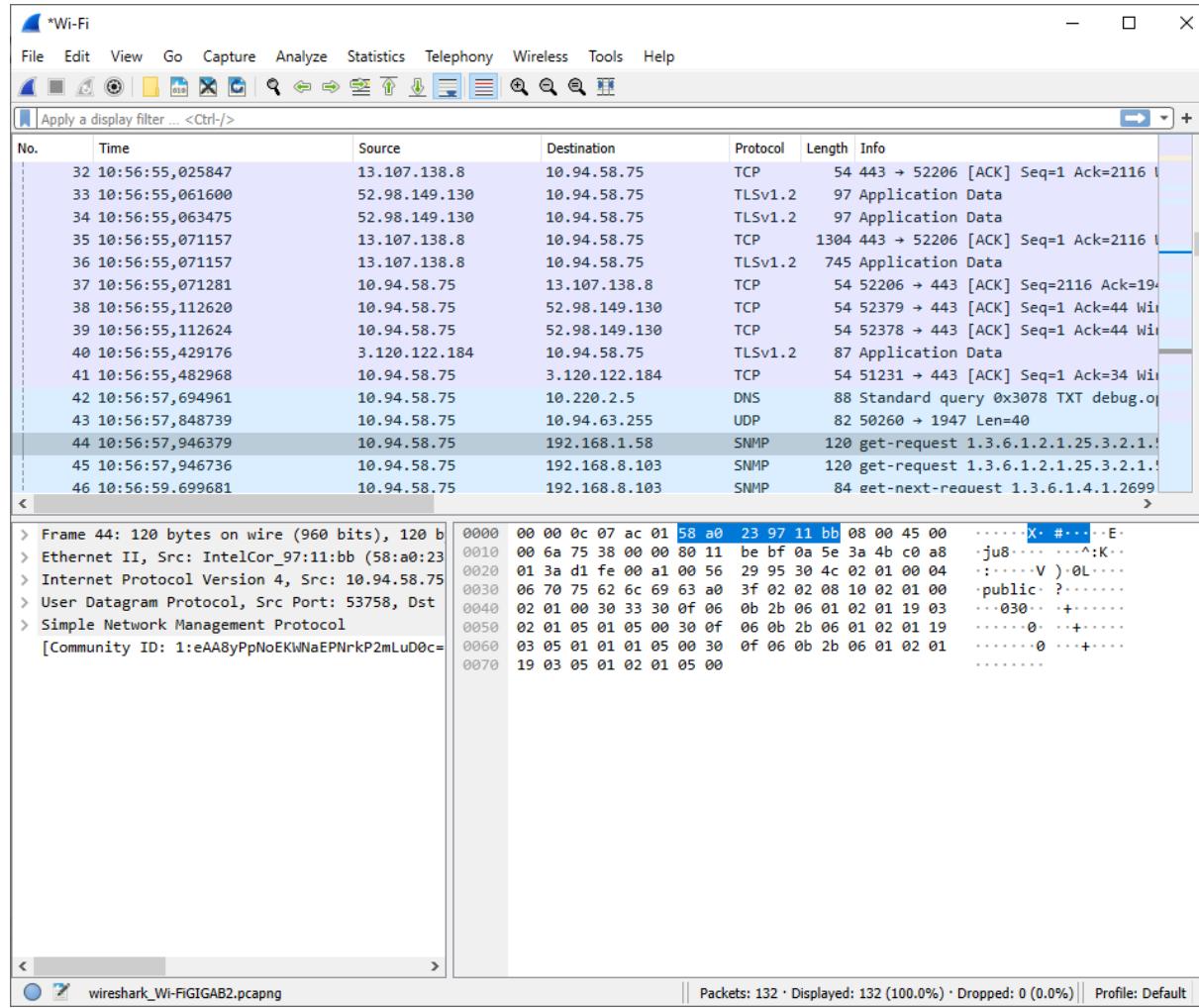
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Wireshark

- **Today: Lab 1 - Wireshark Intro**
- There are no demands for hand-ins of the Labs, but make **journals** documenting your work to the extend you find it relevant. They are useful for discussions at the class and with your classmates.
- The journal should consist of printouts and/or screenshots from Wireshark and other tools used in the lab.
- Answer the questions from the lab with references (e.g. using highlights or arrows) to the printouts/screenshots.