# CS 305: Computer Networks Fall 2024

**Lecture 10: Network Layer – The Data Plane** 

Tianyue Zheng

Department of Computer Science and Engineering Southern University of Science and Technology (SUSTech)

# Chapter 4: outline

- 4.1 Overview of Network layer
  - data plane
  - control plane
- 4.2 What's inside a router
- 4.3 IP: Internet Protocol
  - datagram format
  - fragmentation
  - IPv4 addressing
  - network address translation
  - IPv6

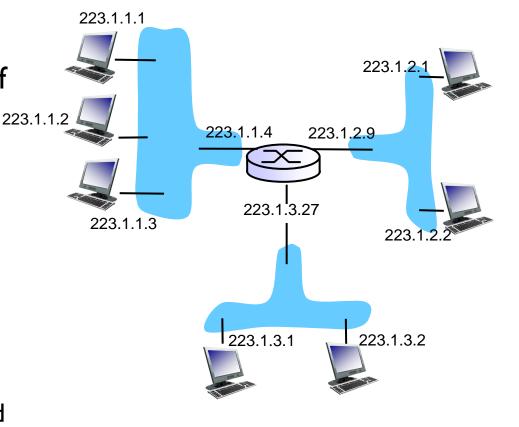
- 4.4 Generalized Forward and SDN
  - match
  - action
  - OpenFlow examples of match-plus-action in action

### Overview

- IP addressing
- Subnet
- How to assign/obtain IP address?

### IP addressing: introduction

- IP address: 32-bit identifier for <u>interface</u> 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



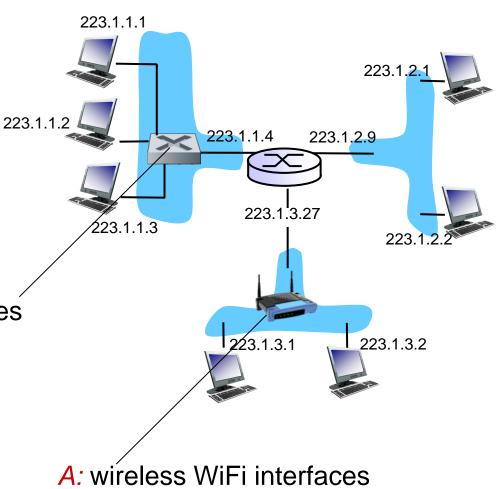
### IP addressing: introduction

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)



connected by WiFi base station

### Overview

- IP addressing
- Subnet
- How to assign/obtain IP address?

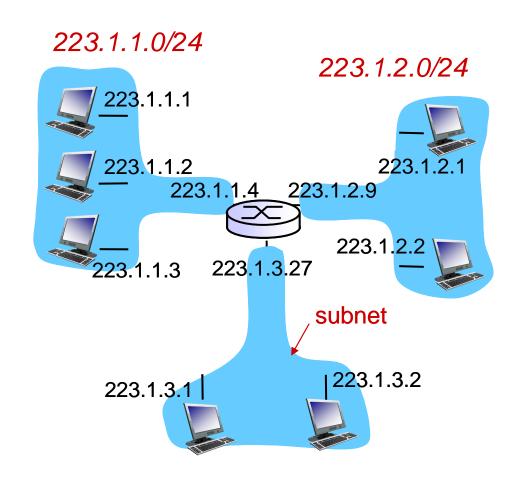
# Subnets

#### ■ 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



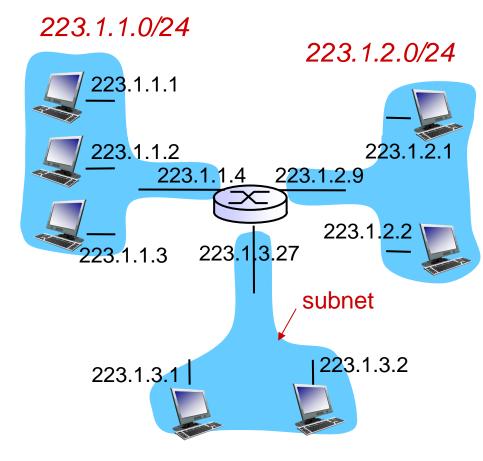
network consisting of 3 subnets

223.1.3.0/24 subnet mask: /24 255.255.255.0

# 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 <u>subnet</u>

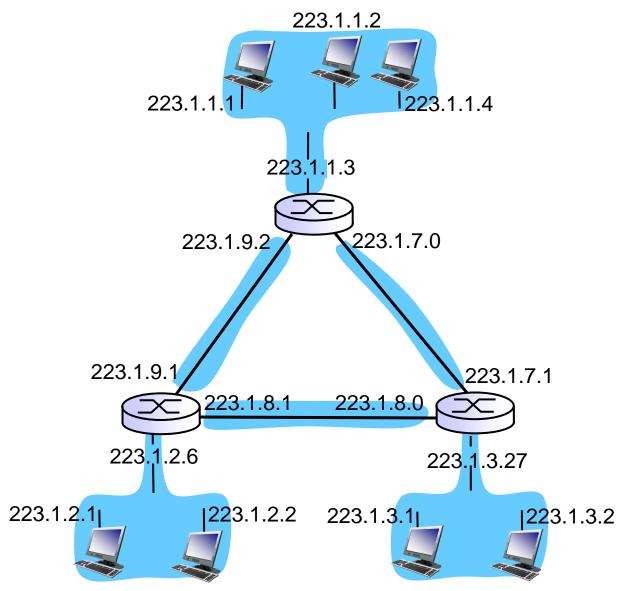


223.1.3.0/24

subnet mask: /24 255.255.255.0

### Subnets

how many?



subnet mask: /24 255.255.25.0

### Overview

- IP addressing
- Subnet
- How to assign/obtain IP address?

# Subnet addressing: CIDR

### CIDR: Classless InterDomain Routing

- A method to assign blocks of IP address
- subnet portion of address of arbitrary length
- Subnet address format: a.b.c.d/x, where x is number of bits in subnet portion of address



11001000 00010111 00010000 00000000

- Subnet mask: 255.255.254.0
- Subnet address/block of addresses: 200.23.16.0/23
- Available IP addresses in this subnet?

### Overview

- How does an ISP get a block of addresses?
- How does a subnet get a block of addresses?
- How does a host get an IP?

### How does an ISP get block of addresses?

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

### How does a subnet get block of addresses?

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	<u>0001</u> 0000	00000000	200.23.16.0/20
Organization 0	11001000	00010111	0001000	00000000	200.23.16.0/23
Organization 1					200.23.18.0/23
Organization 2	11001000	00010111	0001010	0000000	200.23.20.0/23
Organization 7	11001000	00010111	00011110	00000000	200.23.30.0/23

### How does a subnet get block of addresses?

Suppose all of the interfaces in each of these three subnets are required to have the prefix 166.4.20.128/25.

- Subnet 1 is required to support at least 62 interfaces
- Subnet 2 is required to support at least 30 interfaces
- Subnet 3 is required to support at least 28 interfaces

Provide three network addresses (of the form a.b.c.d/x) that satisfy these constraints.

### How does a subnet get block of addresses?

Block of addresses: 166.4.20.128/25. Subnet 1: at least 62 interfaces; Subnet 2: at least 30 interfaces; Subnet 3: at least 28 interfaces

This block of IP addresses can be written as 10100110 00000100 00010100 10000000

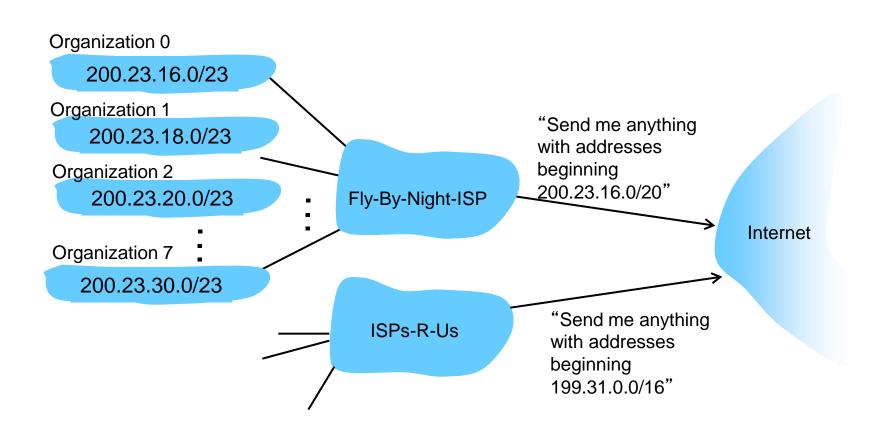
Subnet 1: since  $2^6 = 64 > 62$ , we can assign the following block  $10100110\ 00000100\ 00010100\ 10000000$  which can be represented as 166.4.20.128/26.

Subnet 2: since  $2^5 = 32 > 30$ , we can assign the following block  $10100110\ 00000100\ 00010100\ 11000000$  which can be represented as 166.4.20.192/27.

Subnet 3: since  $2^5 = 32 > 38$ , we can assign the following block  $10100110\ 00000100\ 00010100\ 11100000$  which can be represented as 166.4.20.224/27.

### Hierarchical addressing: route aggregation

hierarchical addressing allows efficient advertisement of routing information:

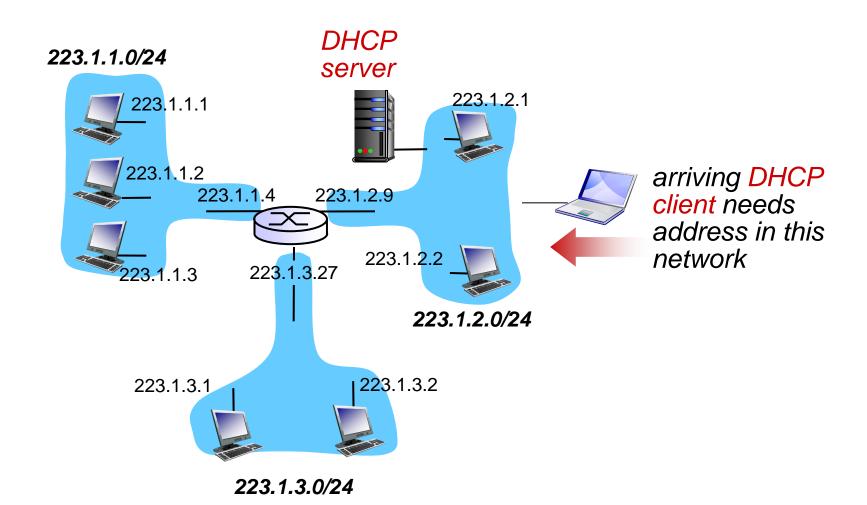


# How does a host get an IP?

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 client-server scenario



### DHCP: Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol

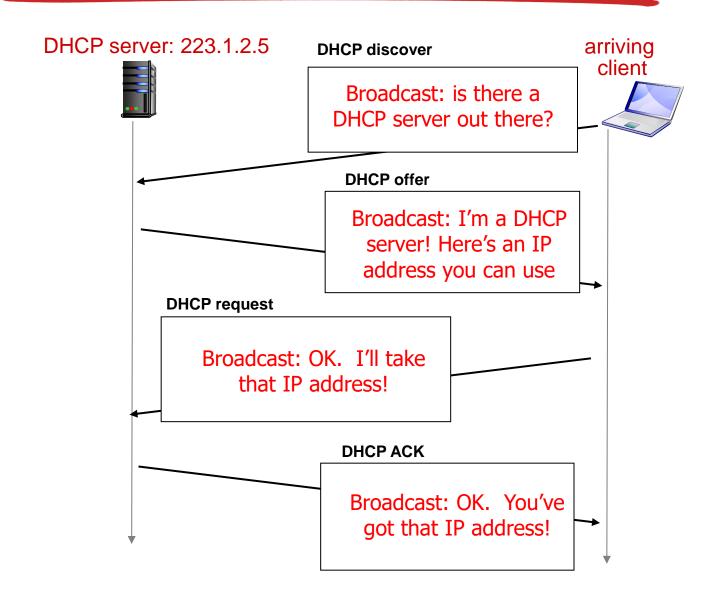
goal: allow host to dynamically obtain its IP address from network server when it joins network

- 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
- DHCP server responds with "DHCP offer" msg
- host requests IP address: "DHCP request" msg
- DHCP server sends address: "DHCP ack" msg

### DHCP client-server scenario

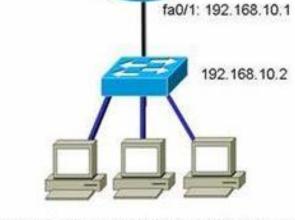


### DHCP: more than IP addresses

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

- address of first-hop router (gateway) for client
- name and IP address of local DNS sever

 network mask (indicating network versus host portion of address)



Both the hosts and the switch would use a default gateway address of 192.168.10.1

# Chapter 4: outline

- 4.1 Overview of Network layer
  - data plane
  - control plane
- 4.2 What's inside a router
- 4.3 IP: Internet Protocol
  - datagram format
  - fragmentation
  - IPv4 addressing
  - network address translation
  - IPv6
- 4.4 Generalized Forward and SDN
  - match
  - action
  - OpenFlow examples of match-plus-action in action

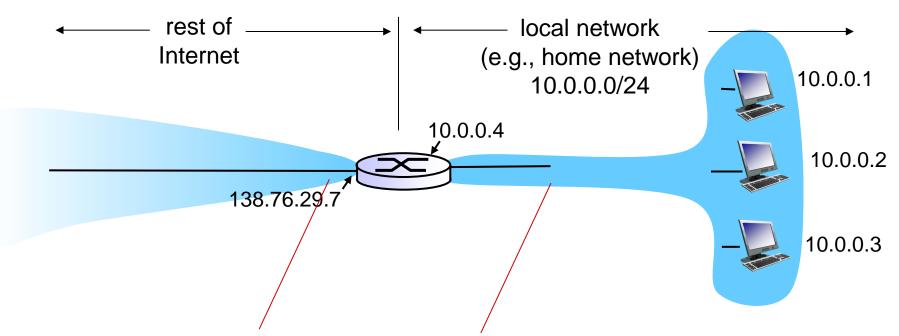
#### Local area networks (LANs):

- E.g., a residence, school, laboratory, university campus or office building
- a range of addresses would need to be allocated by the ISP to cover all of the LAN's IP devices
- If the subnet grew bigger, a larger block of addresses would have to be allocated.
- Huge number of LAN ...

NAT: reserve blocks of IP addresses for LANs

Private network; private IP address

RFC 1918 name	IP address range	Number of addresses	Largest CIDR block (subnet mask)	Host ID size	Mask bits	Classful description <sup>[Note 1]</sup>
24-bit block	10.0.0.0 - 10.255.255.255	16 777 216	10.0.0.0/8 (255.0.0.0)	24 bits	8 bits	single class A network
20-bit block	172.16.0.0 – 172.31.255.255	1 048 576	172.16.0.0/12 (255.240.0.0)	20 bits	12 bits	16 contiguous class B networks
16-bit block	192.168.0.0 – 192.168.255.255	65 536	192.168.0.0/16 (255.255.0.0)	16 bits	16 bits	256 contiguous class C networks



*all* datagrams *leaving* local network have *same* single source NAT IP address: 138.76.29.7,different source port numbers

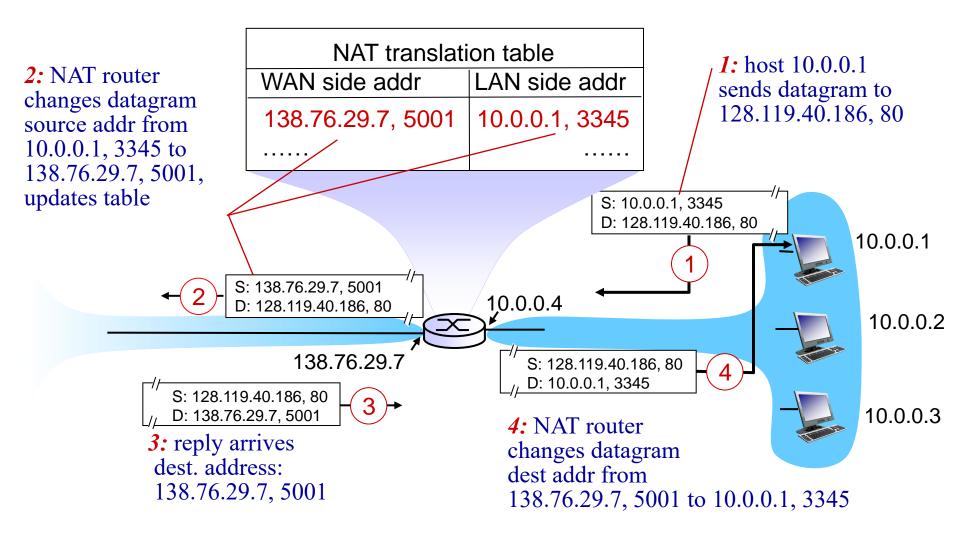
datagrams with source or destination in this network have 10.0.0/24 address for source, destination (as usual)

*motivation:* local network uses just one IP address (e.g., 138.76.29.7 in the example ) as far as outside world is concerned:

- just one IP address for all devices
- can change addresses of devices in local network without notifying outside world
- can change ISP without changing addresses of devices in local network
- devices inside local network not explicitly addressable, visible by outside world (a security plus)

#### implementation: NAT router must:

- outgoing datagrams: replace (source IP address, port #) of every outgoing datagram to (NAT IP address, new port #)
   ... remote clients/servers will respond using (NAT IP address, new port #) as destination addr
- remember (in NAT translation table) every (source IP address, port #) to (NAT IP address, new port #) translation pair
- *incoming datagrams: replace* (NAT IP address, new port #) in dest fields of every incoming datagram with corresponding (source IP address, port #) stored in NAT table



<sup>\*</sup> Check out the online interactive exercises for more examples: http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/kurose\_ross/interactive/

- 16-bit port-number field:
  - 60,000 simultaneous connections with a single LAN-side address!
- NAT is controversial:
  - routers should only process up to layer 3
  - violates end-to-end argument
    - NAT possibility must be taken into account by app designers, e.g., P2P applications, server processes
    - Well-known port number

# Chapter 4: outline

- 4.1 Overview of Network layer
  - data plane
  - control plane
- 4.2 What's inside a router
- 4.3 IP: Internet Protocol
  - datagram format
  - fragmentation
  - IPv4 addressing
  - network address translation
  - IPv6
- 4.4 Generalized Forward and SDN
  - match
  - action
  - OpenFlow examples of match-plus-action in action

# IPv6: motivation

- *initial motivation:* 32-bit address space soon to be completely allocated.
- additional motivation:
  - header format helps to speed up processing/forwarding

#### IPv6 datagram format:

- 128-bit address space: why?
- fixed-length 40 byte header; why?
- no fragmentation allowed; why?

# IPv6 datagram format

priority: identify priority among datagrams in flow

flow Label: identify datagrams in same "flow."

(concept of "flow" not well defined).

*next header:* identify upper layer protocol for data (for example, to TCP or UDP).

ver	pri	flow label			
payload len next he				hop limit -	
source address (128 bits)					
destination address (128 bits)					
data					

decremented by one by each router that forwards the Datagram; if reaches zero, the datagram is discarded.

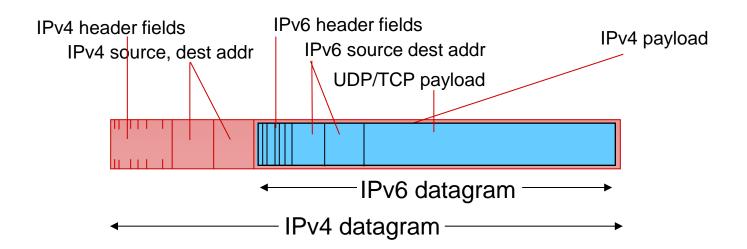
32 bits \_\_\_\_\_

# Other changes from IPv4

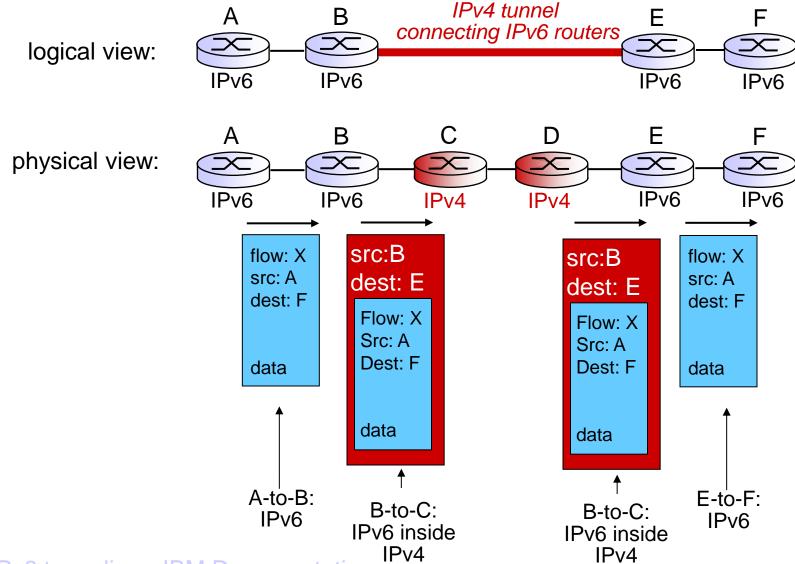
- *checksum*: removed entirely to reduce processing time at each hop; why?
- *options:* allowed, but outside of header, indicated by "Next Header" field
- no fragmentation:
  - too large to be forwarded over the outgoing link
  - the router simply drops the datagram and sends a "Packet Too Big" ICMP error message

# Transition from IPv4 to IPv6

- not all routers can be upgraded simultaneously
  - no "flag days"
  - how will network operate with mixed IPv4 and IPv6 routers?
- tunneling: IPv6 datagram carried as payload in IPv4 datagram among IPv4 routers



# **Tunneling**



IPv6 tunneling - IBM Documentation

# IPv6: adoption

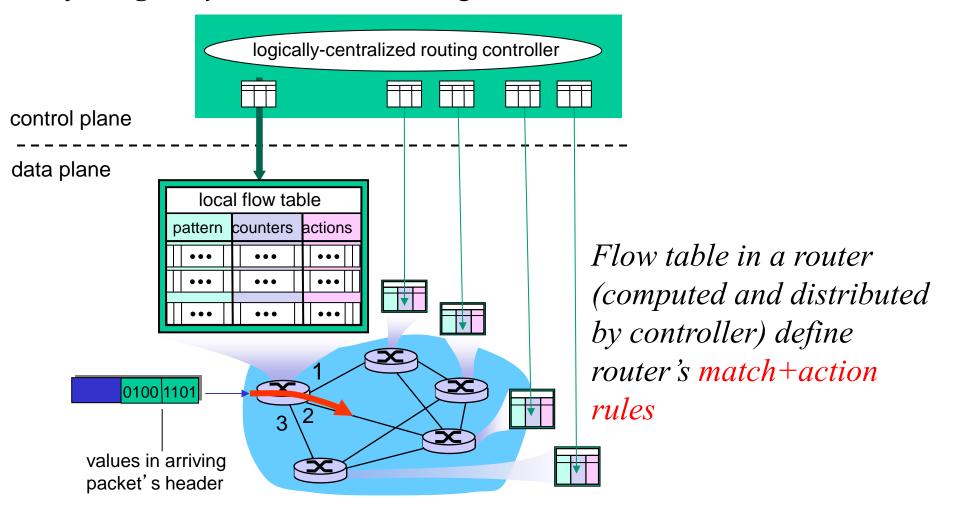
- Google: 8% of clients access services via IPv6
- NIST: 1/3 of all US government domains are IPv6 capable
- Long (long!) time for deployment, use
  - 20 years and counting!
  - think of application-level changes in last 20 years: WWW, Facebook, streaming media, Skype, ...
  - *Why?*

# Chapter 4: outline

- 4.1 Overview of Network layer
  - data plane
  - control plane
- 4.2 What's inside a router
- 4.3 IP: Internet Protocol
  - datagram format
  - fragmentation
  - IPv4 addressing
  - network address translation
  - IPv6
- 4.4 Generalized Forward and SDN
  - match
  - action
  - OpenFlow examples of match-plus-action in action

# Generalized Forwarding and SDN

Each router contains a *flow table* that is computed and distributed by a *logically centralized* routing controller



## OpenFlow data plane abstraction

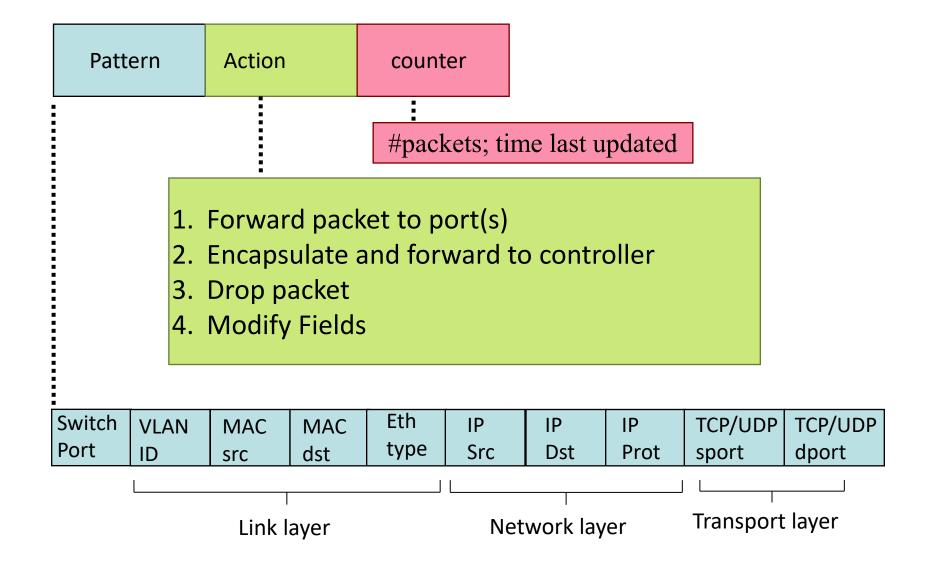
### Generalized forwarding: simple packet-handling rules

- *Pattern*: match values in packet header fields
- Actions: for matched packet: drop, forward, modify, matched packet or send matched packet to controller
- *Priority*: disambiguate overlapping patterns
- Counters: #packets; time last updated



- 1. src=1.2.\*.\*,  $dest=3.4.5.* \rightarrow drop$
- 2.  $src = *.*.*.*, dest=3.4.*.* \rightarrow forward(2)$
- 3. src=10.1.2.3,  $dest=*.*.*.* \rightarrow send to controller$

## OpenFlow: Flow Table Entries



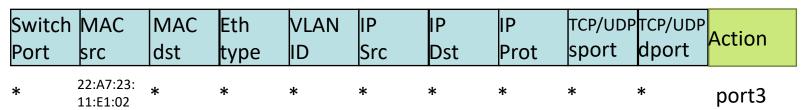
### Destination-based forwarding:

#### Destination-based forwarding:

Switch		2	MAC			IP Cro	IP Det	IP Drot	TCP/UDP sport	TCP/UDP	Action
Port	src		dst	type	ID	Src	Dst	Prot	sport	uport	
*	*	*		*	*	*	51.6.0.8	*	*	*	port6

IP datagrams destined to IP address 51.6.0.8 should be forwarded to router output port 6

#### Destination-based layer 2 (switch) forwarding:



layer 2 frames from MAC address 22:A7:23:11:E1:02 should be forwarded to output port 6

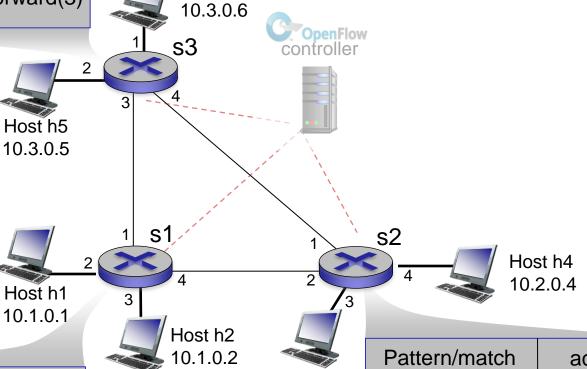
# OpenFlow example

Pattern/match action

IP Src = 10.3.\*.\* forward(3)

IP Dst = 10.2.\*.\* forward(3)

Example: datagrams from hosts h5 and h6 should be sent to h3 or h4, via s1 and from there to s2



Host h3 10.2.0.3

Pattern/match	action			
ingress port = 1 IP Src = 10.3.*.* IP Dst = 10.2.*.*	forward(4)			

Pattern/match	action
ingress port = 2 IP Dst = 10.2.0.3	forward(3)
ingress port = 2 IP Dst = 10.2.0.4	forward(4)

## **Firewall**

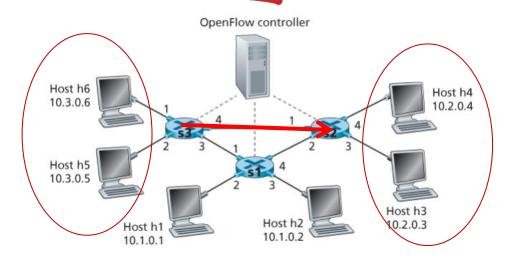
Switch Port	MAC src	2	MAC dst			IP Src		IP Prot	TCP/UDP <b>dport</b>	тср/UDP dport	Forward
*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	 22	drop

do not forward (block) all datagrams destined to TCP port 22

Switch Port	MA( src		MAC dst		VLAN ID	IP Src	IP Dst	IP Prot	TCP/UDP dport	тср/UDP dport	Forward
*	*	*		*	*	128.119.1.1	*	*	*	*	drop

do not forward (block) all datagrams sent by host 128.119.1.1

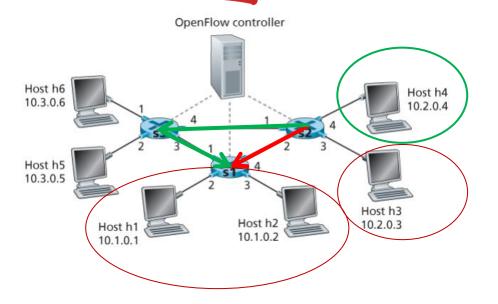
## **Firewall**



s2 Flow Table (Example 3)						
Match	Action					
IP Src = 10.3.*.* IP Dst = 10.2.0.3	Forward(3)					
IP Src = 10.3.*.* IP Dst = 10.2.0.4	Forward(4)					

there were no other entries in s2's flow table

# Load Balancing



s2 Flow Table (Example 2)						
Match	Action					
Ingress port = 3; IP Dst = 10.1.*.*	Forward(2)					
Ingress port = 4; IP Dst = 10.1.*.*	Forward(1)					

## OpenFlow abstraction

- *match+action:* unifies different kinds of devices
- Router
  - *match:* longest destination IP prefix
  - *action:* forward out a link
- Switch
  - *match*: destination MAC address
  - action: forward

- Firewall
  - match: IP addresses and TCP/UDP port numbers
  - action: permit or deny
- NAT
  - *match*: IP address and port
  - *action:* rewrite address and port

# Chapter 4: done!

- 4.1 Overview of Network layer: data plane and control plane
- 4.2 What's inside a router
- 4.3 IP: Internet Protocol
  - datagram format
  - fragmentation
  - IPv4 addressing
  - NAT
  - IPv6

- 4.4 Generalized Forward and SDN
  - match plus action
  - OpenFlow example

Question: how do forwarding tables (destination-based forwarding) or flow tables (generalized forwarding) computed?

Answer: by the control plane (next chapter)

## Chapter 5: network layer control plane

- chapter goals: understand principles behind network control plane
- traditional routing algorithms
- SDN controllers
- Internet Control Message Protocol
- network management

and their instantiation, implementation in the Internet:

OSPF, BGP, OpenFlow, ICMP, SNMP

# Chapter 5: outline

- 5.1 introduction
- 5.2 routing protocols
- link state
- distance vector
- 5.3 intra-AS routing in the Internet: OSPF
- 5.4 routing among the ISPs: BGP
- 5.5 The SDN control plane
- 5.6 ICMP: The Internet Control Message Protocol
- 5.7 Network management and SNMP

# Network-layer functions

#### Recall: two network-layer functions:

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

data plane

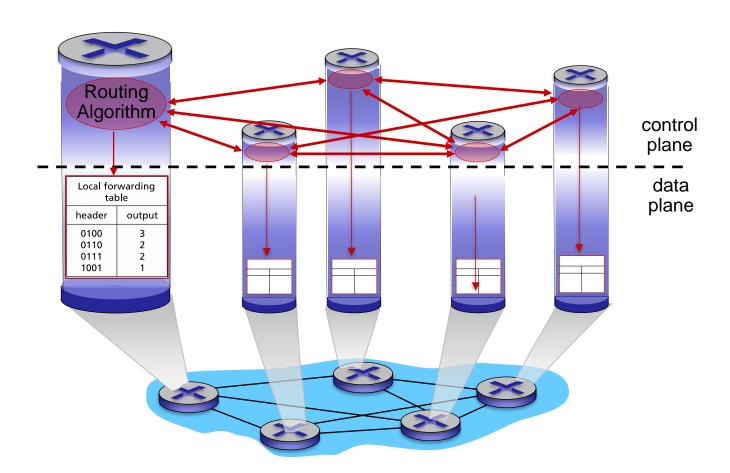
control plane

### Two approaches to structuring network control plane:

- per-router control (traditional)
- logically centralized control (software defined networking)

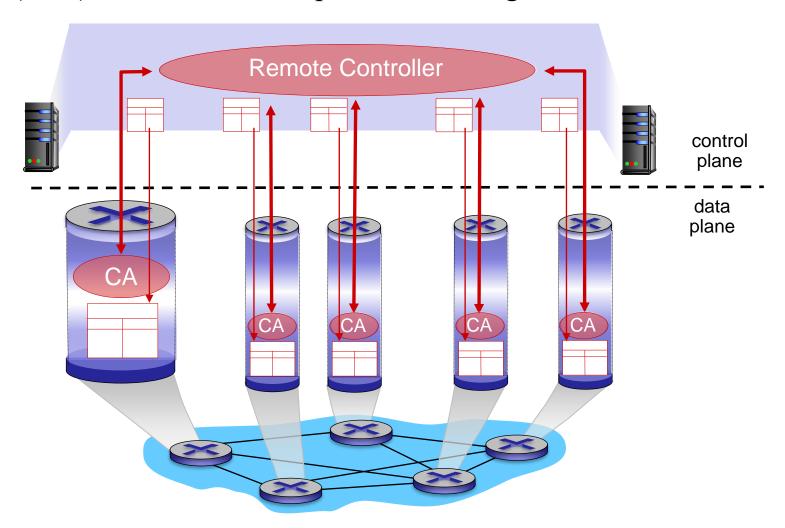
### Per-router control plane

Individual routing algorithm components *in each and every router* interact with each other in control plane to compute forwarding tables



### Logically centralized control plane

A distinct (typically remote) controller interacts with local control agents (CAs) in routers to compute forwarding tables



# Chapter 5: outline

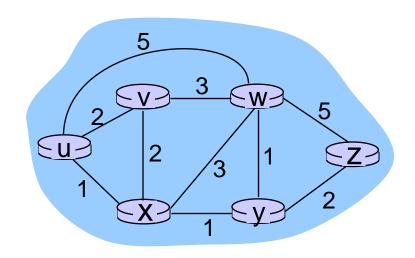
- 5.1 introduction
- 5.2 routing protocols
- link state
- distance vector
- 5.3 intra-AS routing in the Internet: OSPF
- 5.4 routing among the ISPs: BGP
- 5.5 The SDN control plane
- 5.6 ICMP: The Internet Control Message Protocol
- 5.7 Network management and SNMP

## Routing protocols

Routing protocol goal: determine "good" paths (equivalently, routes), from sending hosts to receiving host, through network of routers

- path: sequence of routers packets will traverse in going from given initial source host to given final destination host
- "good": least "cost", "fastest", "least congested"
- routing: a "top-10" networking challenge!

## Graph abstraction of the network

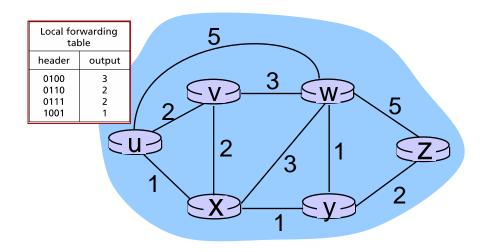


graph: G = (N,E)

 $N = set of routers = \{ u, v, w, x, y, z \}$ 

 $E = \text{set of links} = \{ (u,v), (u,x), (v,x), (v,w), (x,w), (x,y), (w,y), (w,z), (y,z) \}$ 

## Graph abstraction: costs



$$c(x,x') = cost of link (x,x')$$
  
e.g.,  $c(w,z) = 5$ 

cost could always be 1, or inversely related to bandwidth, or inversely related to congestion

cost of path 
$$(x_1, x_2, x_3, ..., x_p) = c(x_1, x_2) + c(x_2, x_3) + ... + c(x_{p-1}, x_p)$$

*key question:* what is the least-cost path between u and z? *routing algorithm:* algorithm that finds that least cost path

## Routing algorithm classification

# Q: global or decentralized information?

#### global:

- all routers have complete topology, link cost info
- "link state" algorithms

#### decentralized:

- router knows physicallyconnected neighbors, link costs to neighbors
- iterative process of computation, exchange of info with neighbors
- "distance vector" algorithms

### Q: static or dynamic?

#### static:

routes change slowly over time

#### dynamic:

- routes change more quickly
  - periodic update
  - in response to link cost changes

## Routing algorithm classification

#### Q: load-sensitive or load insensitive?

#### Load-sensitive:

Link costs vary dynamically to reflect the current level of congestion

#### Load-insensitive

 A link's cost does not explicitly reflect its current level of congestion

# Chapter 5: outline

- 5.1 introduction
- 5.2 routing protocols
- link state (global)
- distance vector (decentralized)
- 5.3 intra-AS routing in the Internet: OSPF
- 5.4 routing among the ISPs: BGP
- 5.5 The SDN control plane
- 5.6 ICMP: The Internet Control Message Protocol
- 5.7 Network management and SNMP