

# IPv4 Header

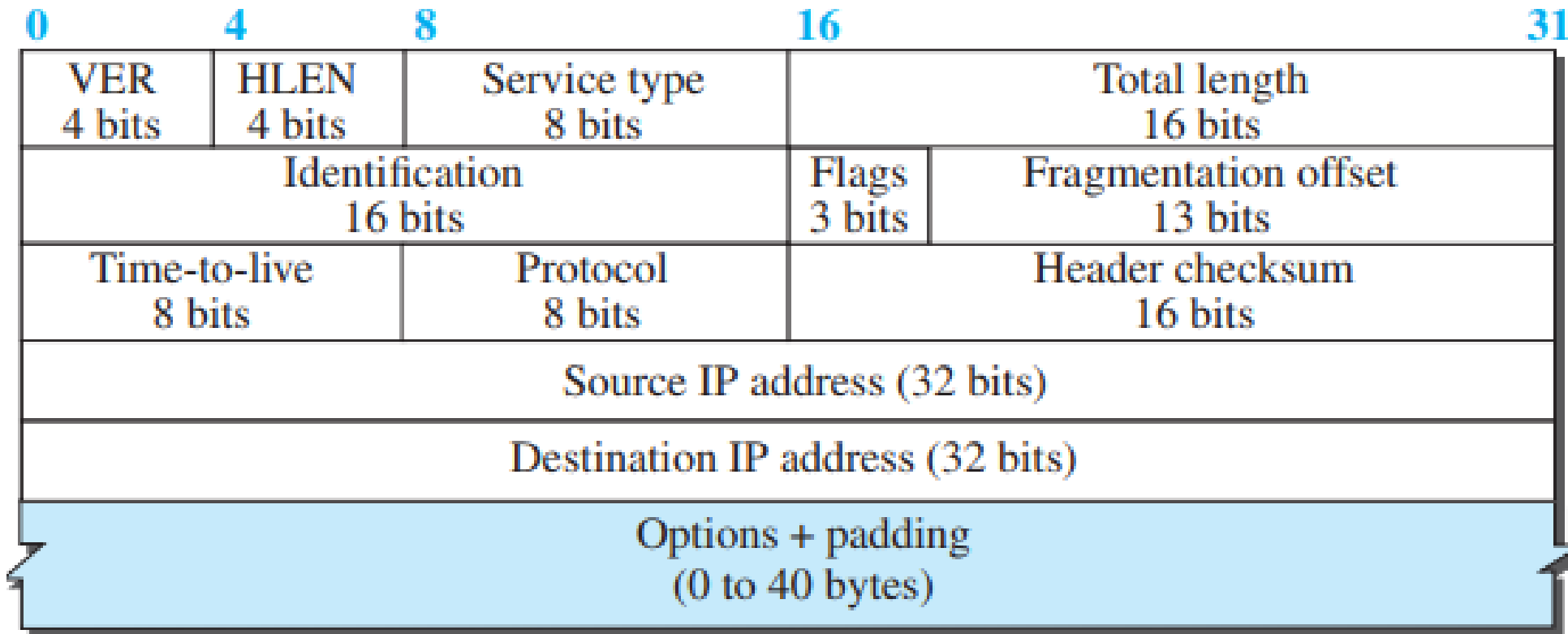


Fig 1(a). IPv4 Header

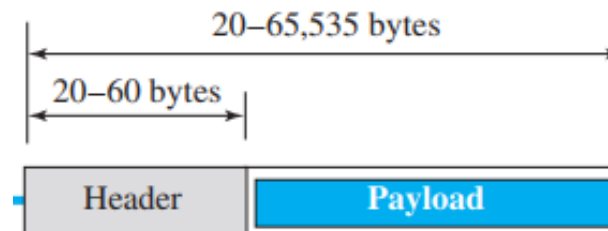


Fig 1(b). IPv4 Datagram

# IPv4 Header

- **Version Number (4 bits)**

- Defines version of IP protocol

- **Header Length (4 bits)**

- Defines total length of datagram header
- Multiply by 4 to get the length in bytes
- Device needs to know when the header stops, and actual data started

- **Service Type (8 bits)**

- Defines type of service
- How datagram should be handled
- Also called *Differentiated Services Code Point (DSCP)*

- **Total Length (16 bits)**

- Defines total length (header + data) of IP datagram
- Receiving device knows when the packet arrived completely
- Length of data = Total length – ( Header length \* 4 )

- **Identification, Flags, and Fragmentation Offset (16 bits +3 bits +13 bits)**

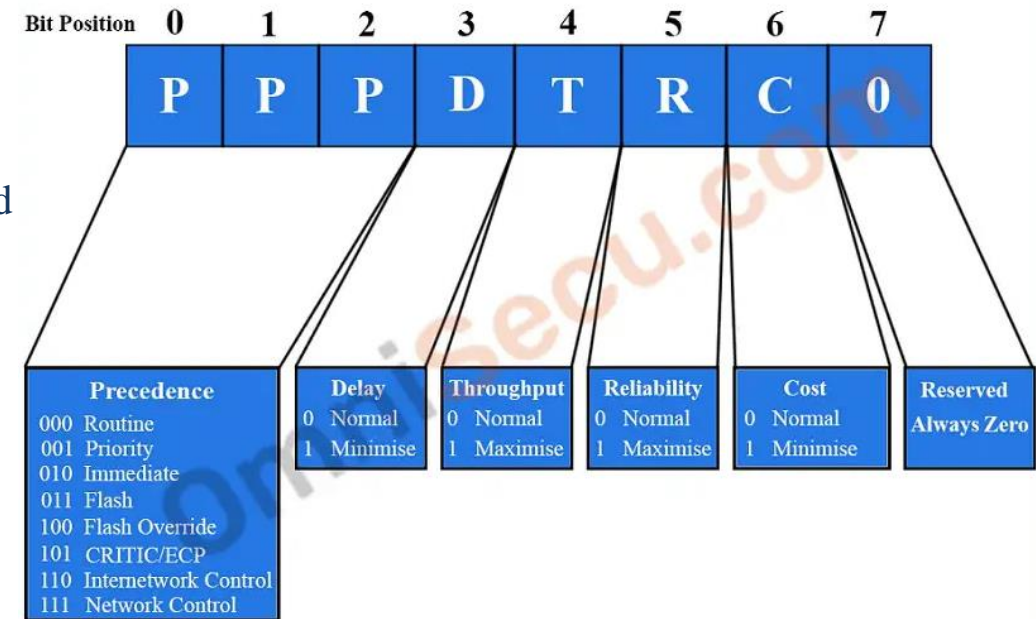


Fig 2. Service Type

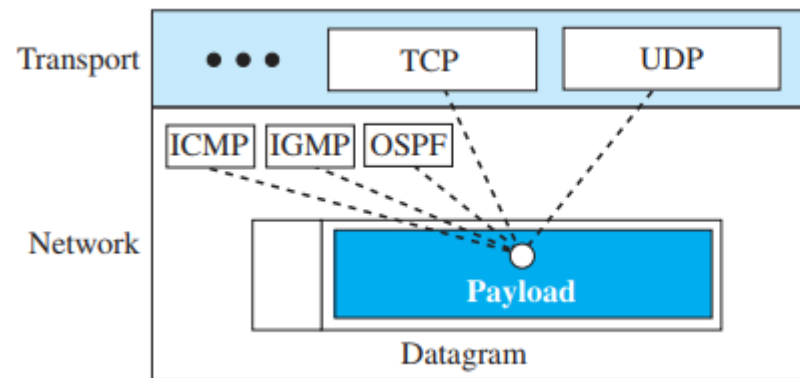
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## ■ Time-to-live (8 bits)

- Datagram may be circulating from one node to another
- Create extra traffic on the internet
- Use to control maximum number of hops to be travelled
- Each router decrements this number by 1
- When the value reaches 0, router discards the datagram

## ■ Protocol (8 bits)

- A packet (payload) from upper layer belongs to different protocol (TCP/UDP)
- A packet can be from IP layer
- Destination knows which protocol packet belongs to
- Multiplexing at source, demultiplexing at destination



Some protocol values

ICMP	01
IGMP	02
TCP	06
UDP	17
OSPF	89

Fig 3. Protocol

# IPv4 Header

- **Header checksum (16 bits)**
  - Error checking of payload is done by Transport layer
  - Datagram header added by IP
  - Any error in the header is disastrous
  - Needs to be recalculated and checked at each router
- **Source IP address (32 bits)**
- **Destination IP address (32 bits)**
- **Options (40 bytes)**
  - Used for network testing, management, and debugging purpose
  - Optional field
  - Generally used by network administrator
- **Padding**
  - IP header length should be multiple of 32-bits
  - 0 bits are padded

# Fragmentation

## ■ Maximum Transfer Unit (MTU)

- Maximum size of IP datagram that can be encapsulated in a Frame
- Size of frame payload  $\leq$  MTU

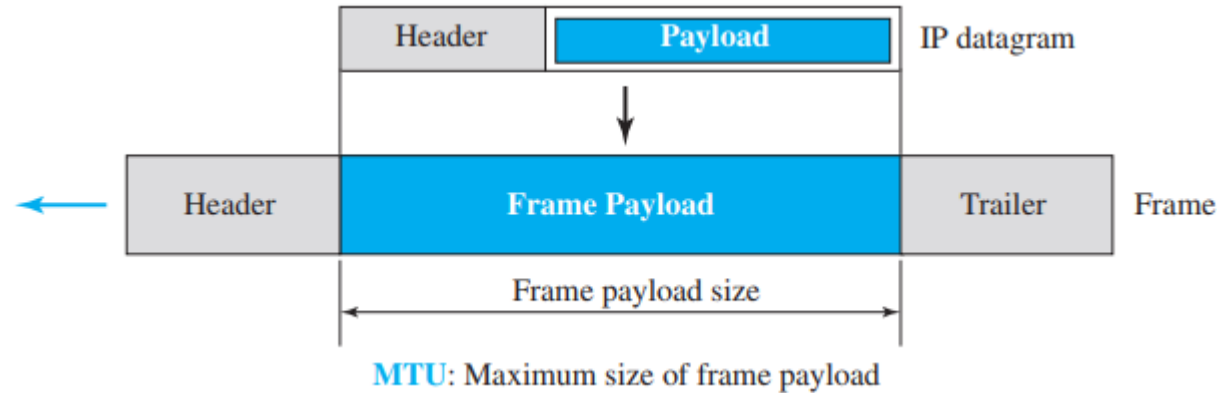


Fig 4. Maximum Transfer Unit

## ■ Fragmentation

- Payload of IP datagram is fragmented
- When payload of IP datagram is fragmented, each fragment has its own header
- Fragmented datagram can be further fragmented if it encounters a network with smaller MTU
- Datagram may be fragmented several times before it reaches the destination

## ■ Reassembly

- Done at the Destination
- Each fragment is an independent entity

# Fragmentation Fields

## ■ Identification (16 bits)

- Provide uniqueness to each datagram
- Positive number called counter is used
- Fragmented datagram uses the same identification field
- It helps the destination for reassembly of the datagram

## ■ Flags (3 bits)

- Leftmost bit is reserved
- Second bit (D bit) is *do not fragment* bit ( 0: fragment, 1: don't fragment )
- Third bit (M bit) is *more fragment* bit ( 0: no more fragments, 1: more fragments to come )

## ■ Fragmentation Offset (13 bits)

- Relative position of the fragment w.r.t the datagram
- Measured in unit of 8 bytes

# Fragmentation Example

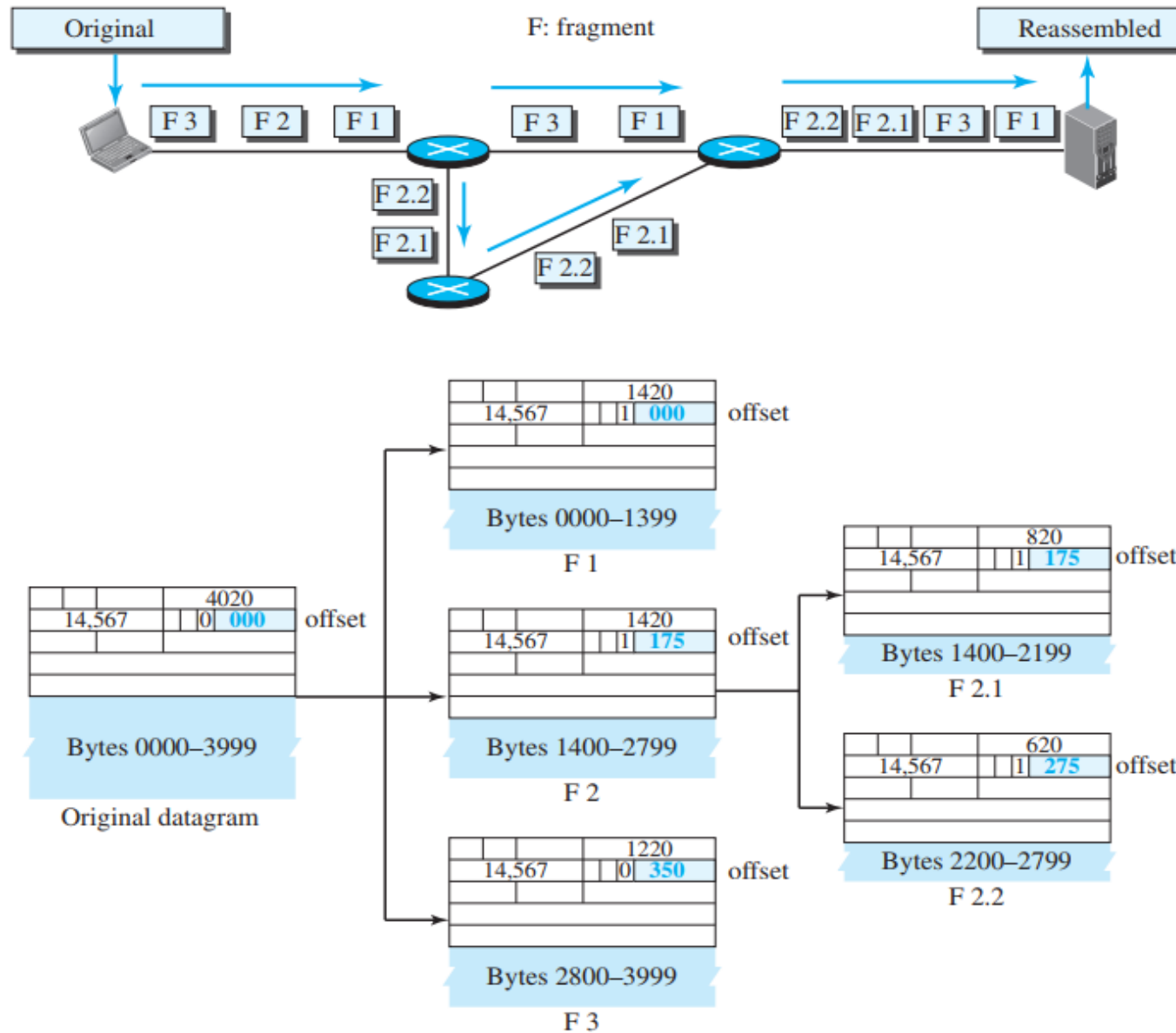


Fig 5. Example

# IPv6 Addressing

- IPv6 address is 128 bits ( 16 bytes ) long
- Representation

Binary (128 bits)	1111111011110110 ... 1111111100000000
Colon Hexadecimal	FEF6:BA98:7654:3210:ADEF:BBFF:2922:FF00

Fig 6(a). IPv6 Representation

FDEC:0:0:0:0:BBFF:0:FFFF → FDEC::BBFF:0:FFFF

Fig 6(b). IPv6 Representation

- Transition from IPv4 to IPv6?



# Transition from IPv4 to IPv6

## ■ Dual Stack

- Source queries the DNS
- DNS reply with IPv4/IPv6 address

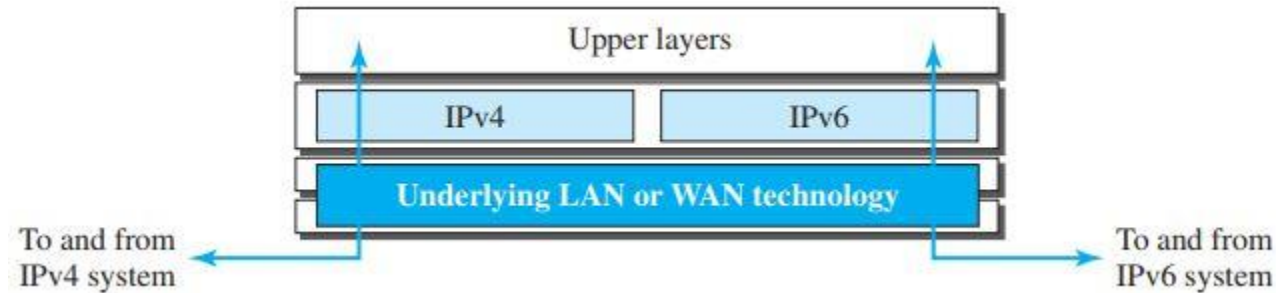


Fig 7. Dual Stack

## ■ Tunneling

- Source and Destination uses IPv6
- Packet pass through a route which uses IPv4
- IPv6 address encapsulated in IPv4 address
- IPv4 packet carries IPv6 packet as data
- Protocol value as 41

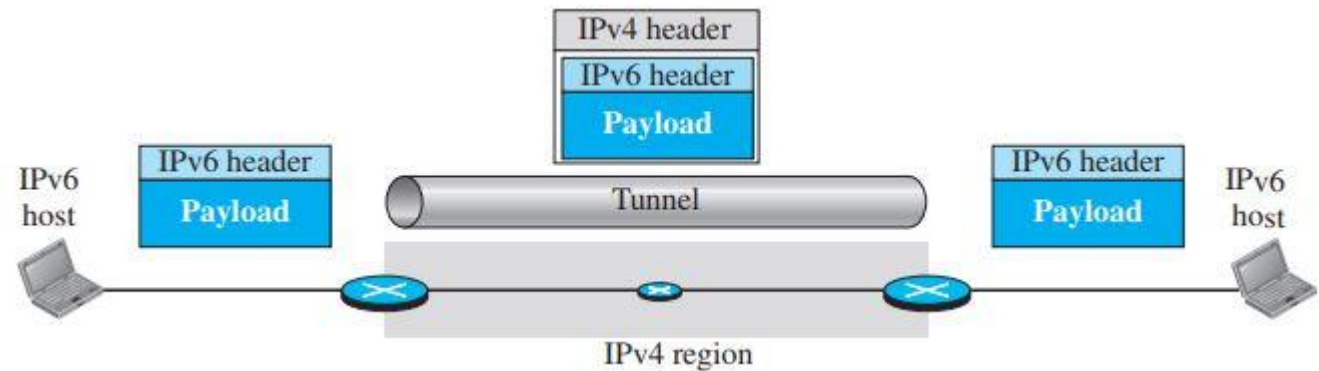


Fig 8. Tunneling

# Transition from IPv4 to IPv6

## ■ Header Translation

- Source uses IPv6, but destination doesn't
- Header of IPv6 packet gets converted to IPv4



Fig 9. Header Translation