



Computer Networks

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Chapter 4. Internetworking

- The Internet Protocol
- IP Address
- ARP and DHCP
- ICMP
- IPv6
- Mobile IP
- Internet Routing
- BGP and OSPF
- IP Multicasting
- Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS)



IP Multicasting

■ Multicast

- Act of sending datagram to multiple receivers (hosts) with single transmit operation

■ Multicast address (class D in IPv4)

- Addresses that refer to group of hosts on one or **more** networks

■ Applications

- Multimedia (TV) broadcast
- Teleconferencing
- Database replication
- Distributed computing, ...



The diagram illustrates a network topology for a multicast application. It features five routers (A, B, C, D, E) and a central cloud (N4). The routers are connected in a mesh topology: Router A is at the top, connected to Router D (left) and Router B (right) via links L1 and L2. Router D is connected to Router B via link L3. Router D is also connected to Router C (bottom) via link L4. Router B is connected to Router C via link L5. The routers are connected to external networks: Router A to N2, Router D to N1, Router B to N3, Router C to N4, Router E to N5, and Router F to N6. A 'Multicast server' is connected to N1, and three 'Group member' computers are connected to N3, N5, and N6. The diagram shows the network structure for a multicast application.

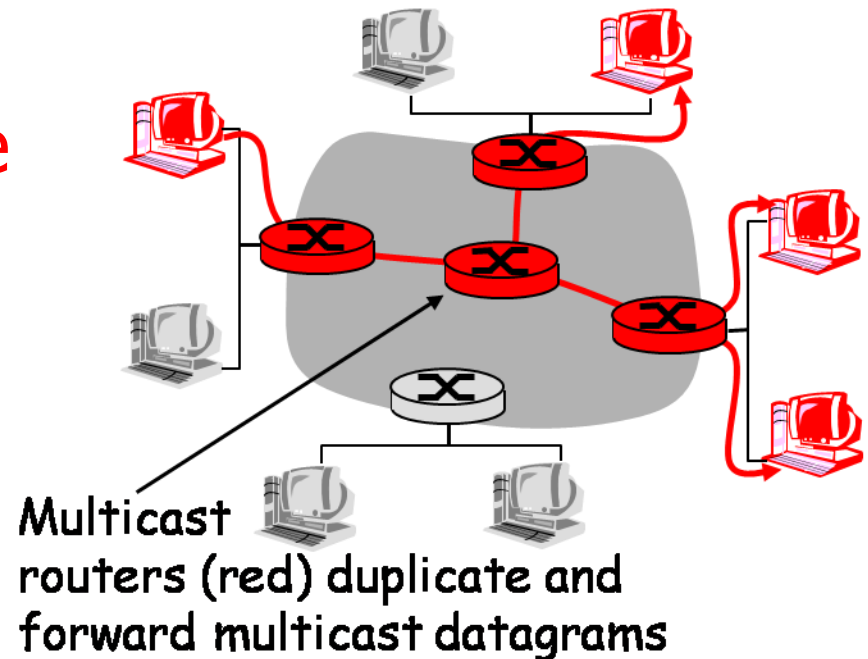


Handling IP Multicast

■ Multicast (Spanning) Tree

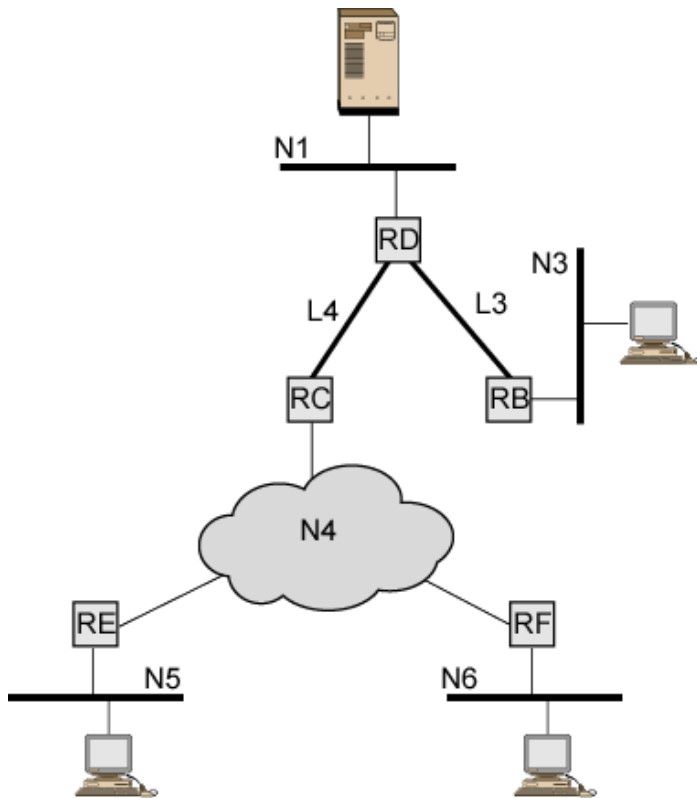
- Build a (**least cost**) tree connecting routers having local mcast group members
- Nodes (routers) forward copies only along spanning tree

■ Sender only **sends once**

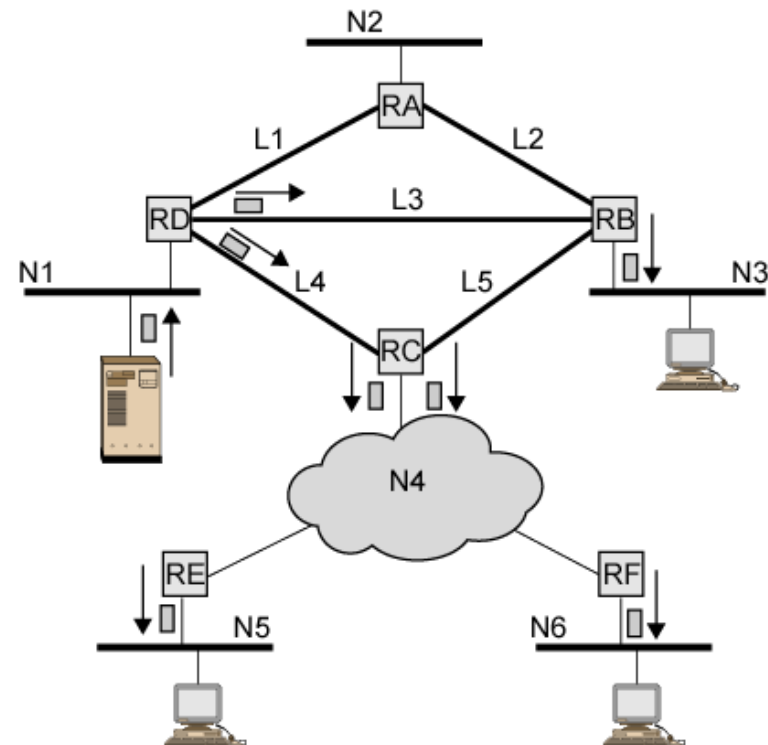




Multicast Example



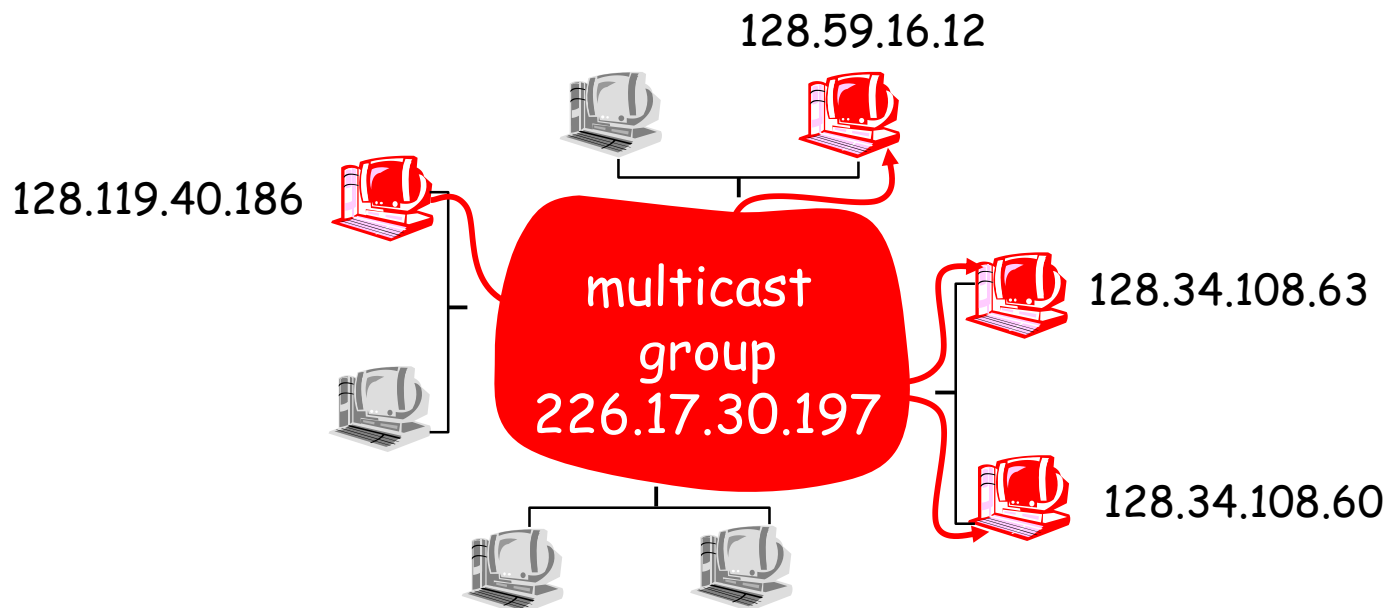
(a) Spanning tree from source to multicast group



(b) Packets generated for multicast transmission

IP Multicast Service Model

- **Multicast group** concept: use of indirection
 - Hosts address IP datagram to a multicast group
 - Routers forward multicast datagrams to hosts that have **joined** that multicast group





Multicast Address

- Convention needed to **identify multicast addresses**

- IPv4: Class D, start with 1110



← 28 bits →

- IPv6: 8 bit prefix, 4 bit flags, 4 bit scope, 112 bit group identifier



- Address translation

- IP: translate between IP multicast addresses and **lists of networks** containing group members
- MAC: translate between IP multicast address and **network multicast address**

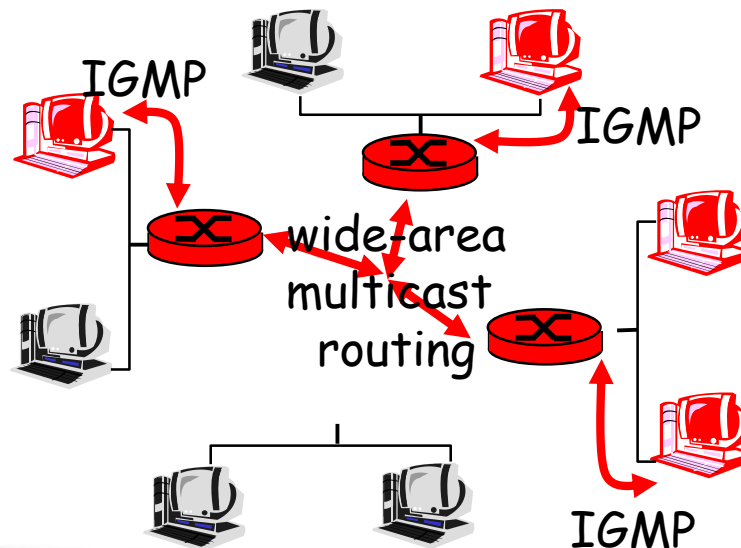
Maintain a Multicast Group

■ Local network

- Host informs local mcast router of desire to join a group
- IGMP (Internet Group Management Protocol) used

■ Wide area

- Mcast routers interact with each other to build spanning tree, and interchange mcast datagrams
- Many protocols (e.g. DVMRP, MOSPF, PIM)





IGMP

- RFC 3376
- Host and router exchange of multicast group info on local net
- Can use broadcast LAN to transfer info among multiple hosts and routers



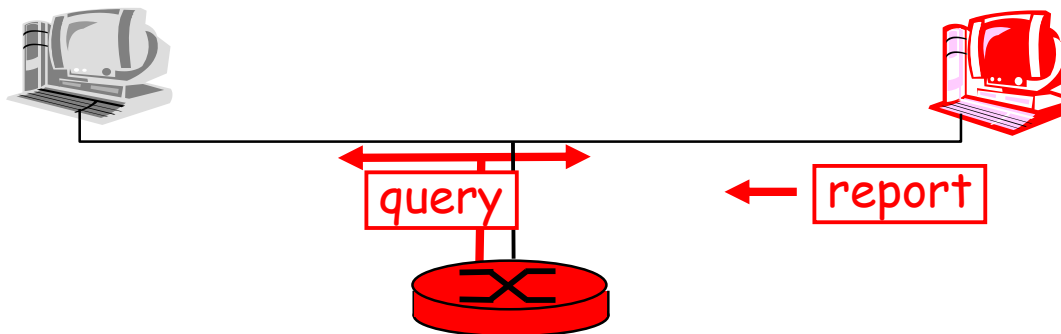
Principle Operations

■ Hosts

- Send **reports** to routers to subscribe to (join) and unsubscribe from (unjoin) multicast group
- Host need not explicitly unjoin group when leaving

■ Routers

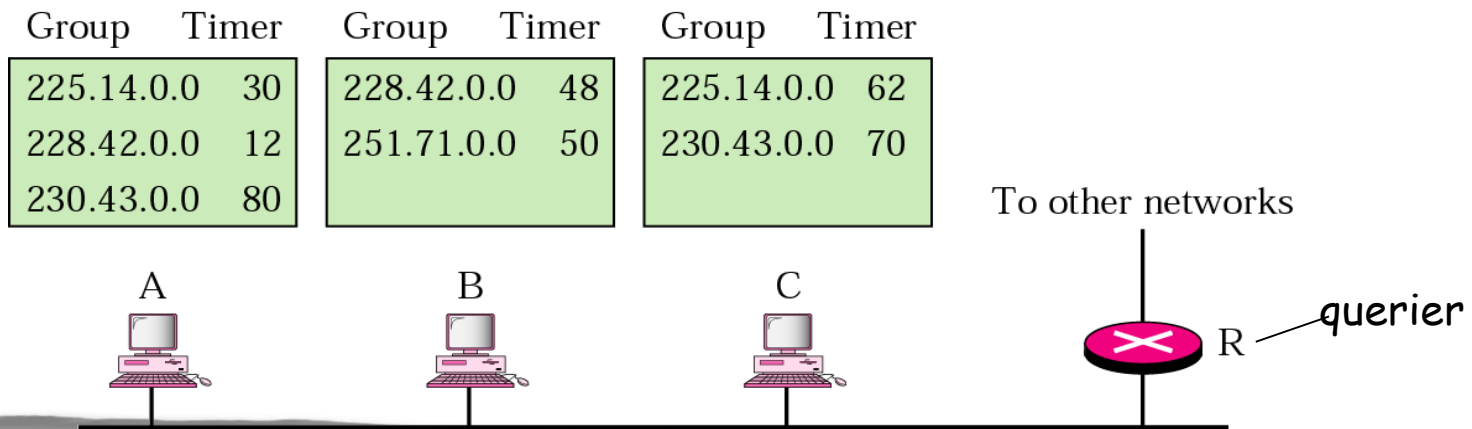
- Sends **query info** at regular intervals
- Host belonging to a mcast group must reply to query





IGMP Operations (1)

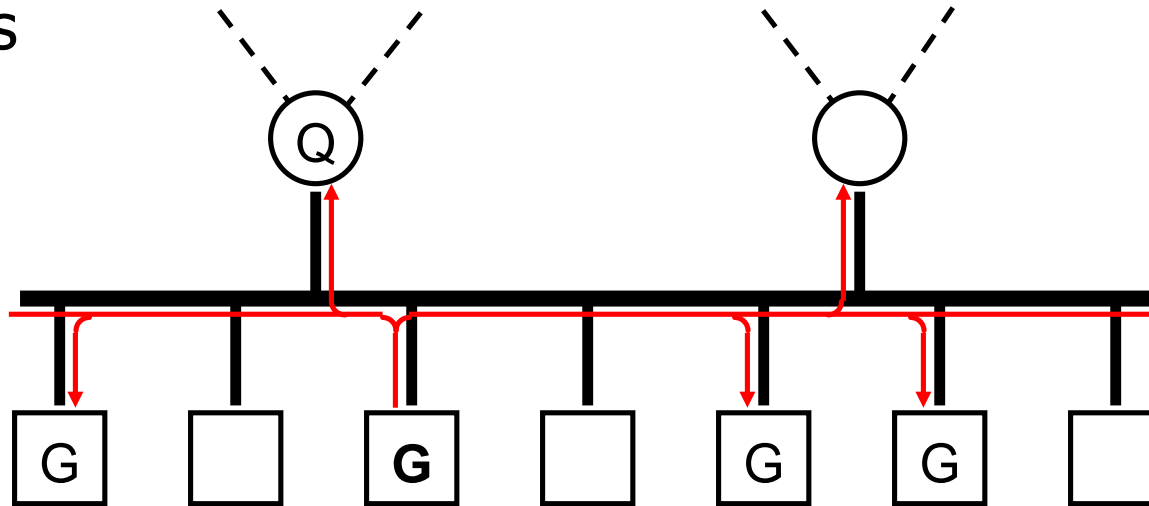
- 2 special multicast address
 - 224.0.0.1: all multicast groups on subnet
 - 224.0.0.2: all routers on subnet
- On each LAN, one router is elected as the **querier**
 - Querier periodically sends a Membership Query message to 224.0.0.1 with TTL = 1
- On receipt, hosts start **random timers** (0~10s) for each multicast group to which they belong





IGMP Operations (2)

- When a host's timer for group G expires, it sends a Membership Report to group G , with TTL = 1
- Other members of G hear the report and stop their timers
- Routers hear **all reports**, and time out non-responding groups





IGMP Versions

■ IGMP v1

- **Routers:** "Host Membership Query" broadcast on LAN to all hosts
- Use timer to unsubscribe members
- **Hosts:** explicitly issues "Host Membership Report" to indicate group membership (join a group)
- Implicit leave via no reply to Query

■ IGMP v2

- Routers can use **group-specific Query**
- Host replying to Query can send explicit "Leave Group" message



IGMP v1 & v2

■ Operations

- Sources do not have to subscribe to groups
- Any host can send traffic to any multicast group

■ Problems

- Location of sources is not known
- Establishment of distribution trees is problematic (not optimistic)
- Spamming of multicast groups consume valuable resources
- Finding globally unique multicast addresses difficult



IGMP v3

- Allows hosts to **specify source list** from which they want to receive traffic
 - Traffic from other hosts blocked at routers
- Allows hosts to **block packets** from sources that send unwanted traffic

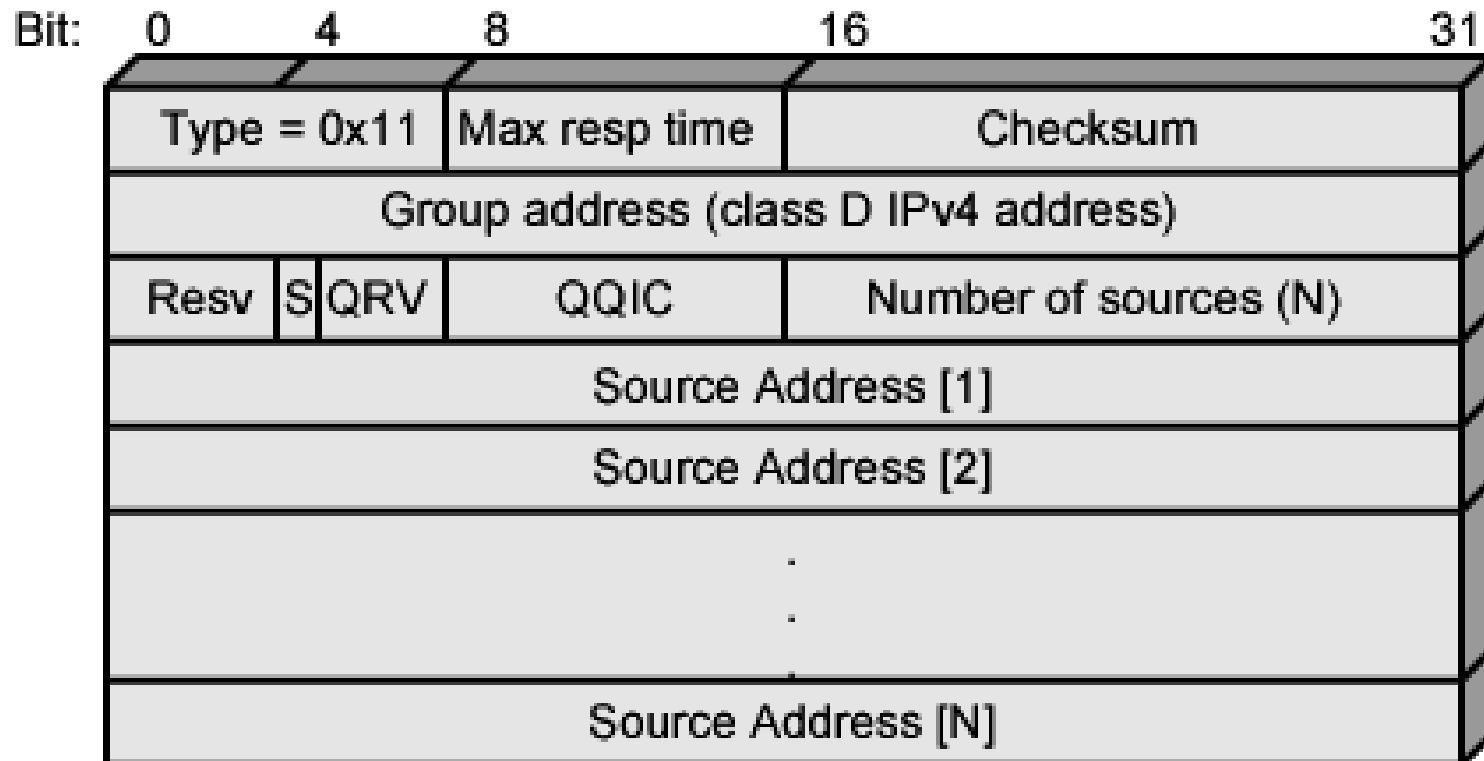


Membership Query

- Sent by **multicast router**
- General query
 - Which groups have members on attached network
- Group-specific query
 - Does specified group have members on attached network
- Group-and-source specific query
 - Do attached hosts want packets sent to specified multicast address from any of specified list of sources



IGMP Message – Membership Query



(a) Membership query message



Membership Query Fields (1)

- **Type** (8 bits): 0x11, means Query
- **Max Response Time** (8 bits)
 - Max time before host sending report in units of 1/10 second
- **Checksum** (16 bits): Same algorithm as IPv4
- **Group Address** (32 bits)
 - Zero for general query message
 - Multicast group address for group-specific or group-and-source
- **S Flag** (1 bit)
 - 1 indicates that receiving routers should suppress normal timer updates done on hearing query

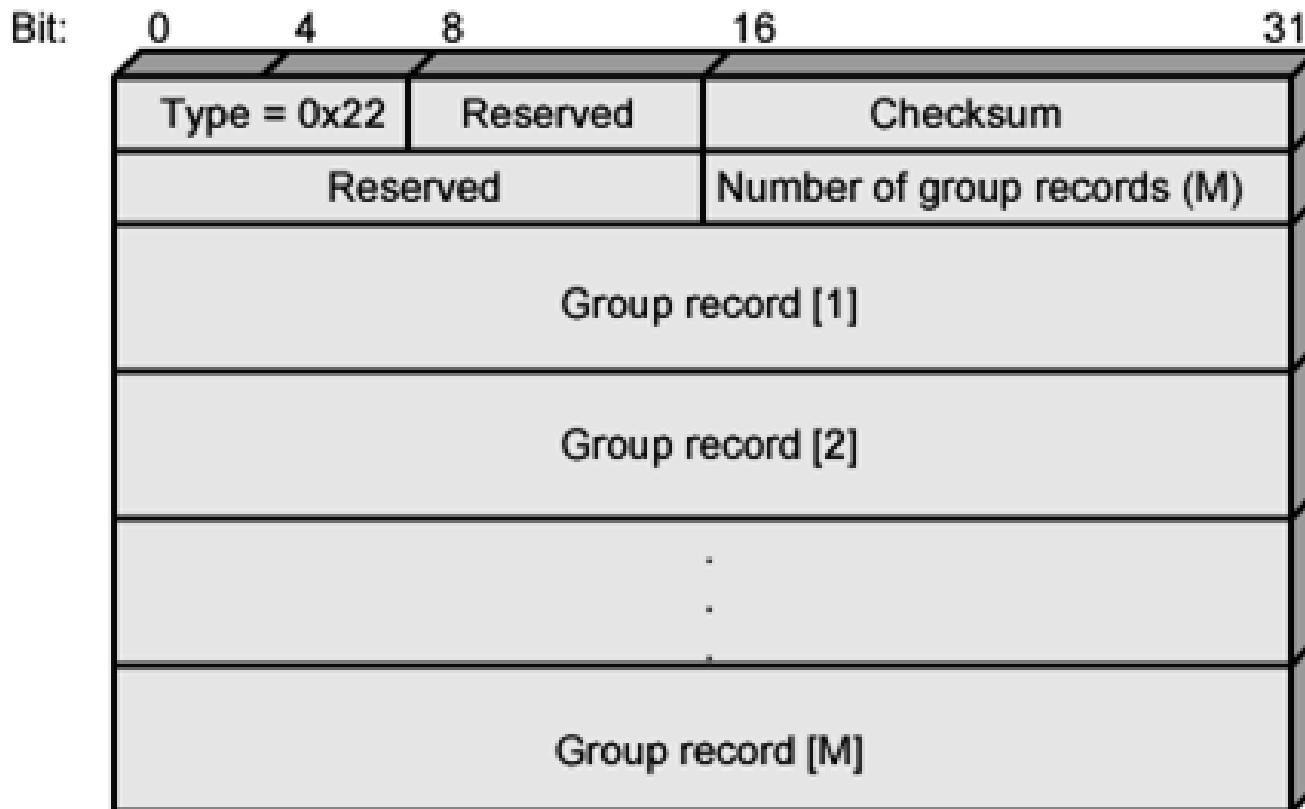


Membership Query Fields (2)

- **QRV** (querier's robustness variable) (3 bits)
 - RV dictates number of retransmissions to assure report not missed
 - Other routers can adopt value from most recently received query
- **QQIC** (querier's querier interval code) (8 bits)
 - QI dictates timer for sending multiple queries
 - Routers not current querier adopt most recently received QI
- Number of Sources (16 bits)
- **Source addresses**
 - One 32 bit unicast address for each source



IGMP Message – Membership Report



(b) Membership report message

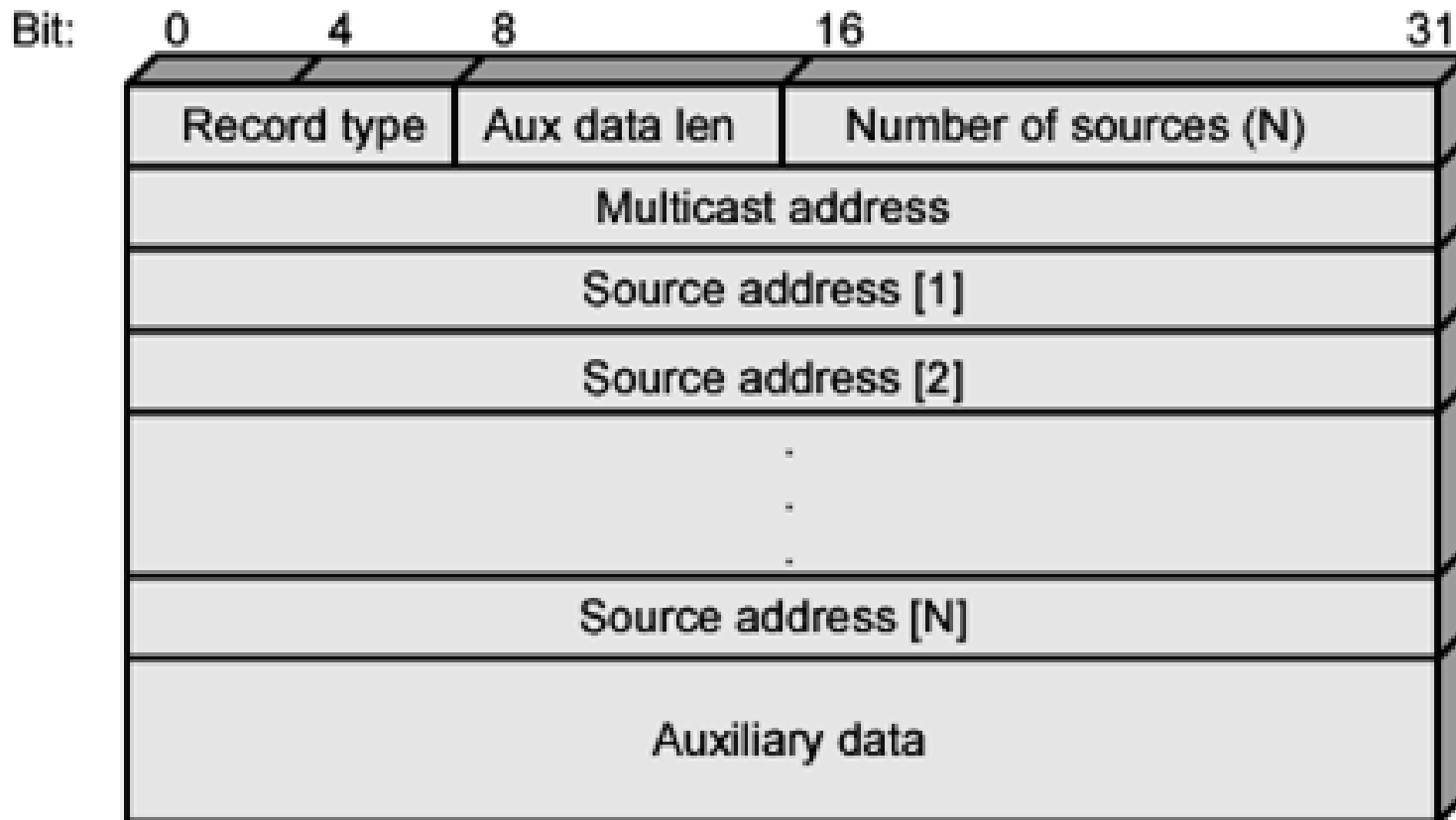


Membership Reports Fields

- Type (8 bits)
 - 0x22, means Report
- Checksum (16 bits)
 - Same algorithm as IPv4
- Number of Group Records
- Group Records
 - One record for each group attended



IGMP Message – Group Record



(c) Group record



Group Record

- **Multicast Address (32 bits)**
 - Identify the group attended
- **Record Type (8 bits)**
 - **EXCLUDE** or **INCLUDE** mode (6 modes defined)
- **Number of Sources (16 bits)**
- **Source Addresses**
- **Aux Data Length (8 bits)**
 - Length of **Auxiliary Data**, in 32-bit words
- **Auxiliary Data**
 - Currently, no auxiliary data values defined

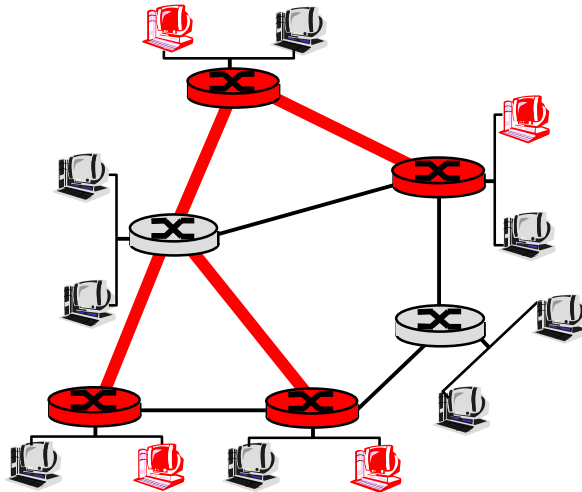


Group Membership with IPv6

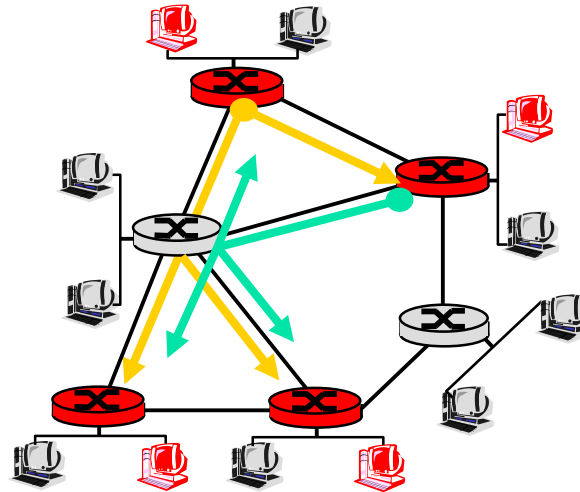
- IPv6 internets need same functionality
- IGMP functions incorporated into **Internet Control Message Protocol version 6 (ICMP v6)**
 - ICMPv6 includes all of functionalities of ICMPv4 and IGMP
- ICMPv6 includes Group-membership Query and Group-membership Report message
 - Used in the **same fashion** as in IGMP v3

Multicast Routing

- Find a **spanning tree** (or trees) connecting routers having local mcast group members
- **Shared-tree**
 - Same tree used by all group members
- **Source-based**
 - Different tree from each sender to receivers



Shared tree



Source-based trees



Approaches for Multicast Trees

- **Source-based tree**: one tree per source
 - Shortest path trees
 - Reverse path forwarding
- **Group-shared tree**: group uses one tree
 - Minimal spanning (Steiner)
 - Center-based trees



- Multicast forwarding tree
 - Tree of **shortest path routes** from source to all receivers
 - Use Dijkstra's algorithm, used with OSPF





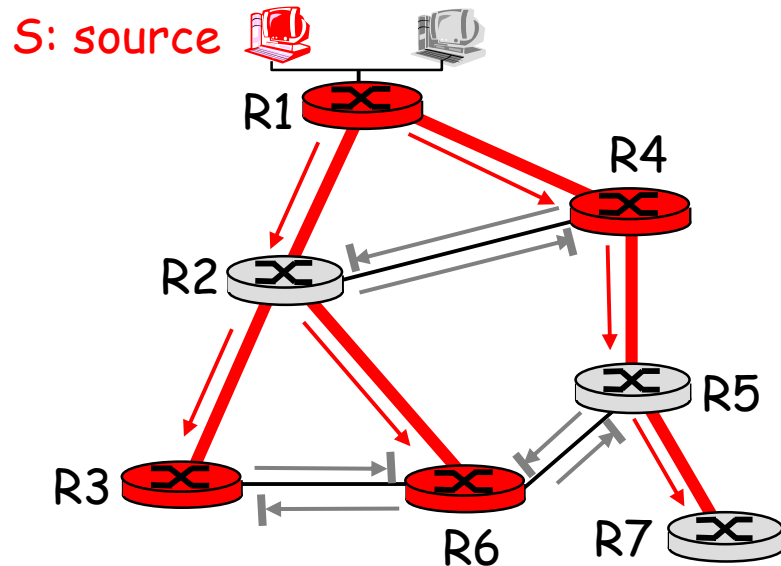
Reverse Path Forwarding

- Rely on router's knowledge of unicast **shortest path from it to sender**
- Each router has simple forwarding behavior:
- Used with RIP





*if (mcast datagram received on incoming link
on shortest path back to sender)
 then flood datagram onto all outgoing links
 else ignore datagram*



Reverse Path Forwarding: Example



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-  router with attached group member
-  router with no attached group member
-  datagram will be forwarded
-  datagram will not be forwarded

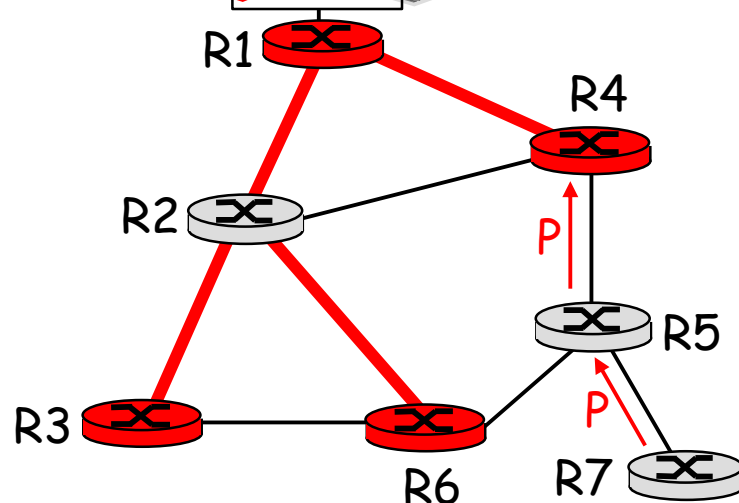
- The result is a **source-specific reverse SPT**
 - May be a bad choice with **asymmetric** links







Reverse Path Forwarding: Pruning

- Forwarding tree contains **subtrees with no mcast group members**
 - No need to forward datagrams down subtree
 - "Prune" msgs** sent upstream by router with no downstream group members

S: source  



LEGEND

-  router with attached group member
-  router with no attached group member
-  prune message
-  links with multicast forwarding



Shared-Tree: Steiner Tree

■ Steiner Tree

- Minimum cost tree connecting all routers with attached group members
- Problem is **NP-complete**, but excellent heuristics exists

■ Not used in practice

- Computational complexity
- Information about entire network needed
- Monolithic: rerun whenever a router needs to join/leave



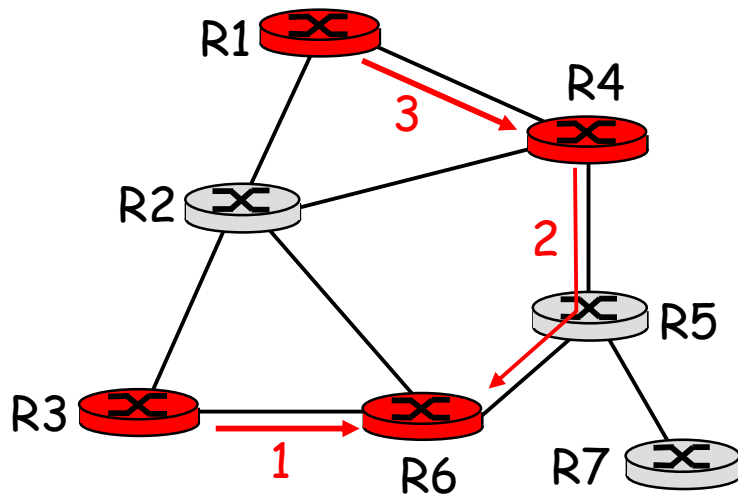
Center-based Trees

- Single delivery tree shared by all
 - One router identified as **center** of tree
- Other routers to join:
 - Edge router sends unicast **join-msg** addressed to center router
 - **join-msg** processed by intermediate routers and forwarded towards center
 - **join-msg** either hits existing tree branch for this center, or arrives at center
 - Path taken by **join-msg** becomes **new branch of tree** for this router






Center-based Trees: Example

Suppose R6 chosen as center:



LEGEND

-  router with attached group member
-  router with no attached group member
-  path order in which join messages generated



Multicasting Routing Protocols

- DVMRP
 - Distance Vector Multicast Routing Protocol, RFC1075
 - **Flood and prune**: source-based tree, reverse path forwarding
- **Soft state**
 - DVMRP router **periodically (1 min) "forgets"** branches are pruned
 - Mcast data again flows down unpruned branch
 - Downstream router: **reprune** or else continue to receive data



Multicasting Routing Protocols

- **PIM**: Protocol Independent Multicast
 - 2 different multicast distribution scenarios
 - **Sparse**: group members widely dispersed, bandwidth not plentiful
 - **Dense**: group members densely packed, bandwidth more plentiful
- **Sparse mode**
 - Group-shared tree, use center-based approach
- **Dense mode**
 - Nearly same as DVMRP

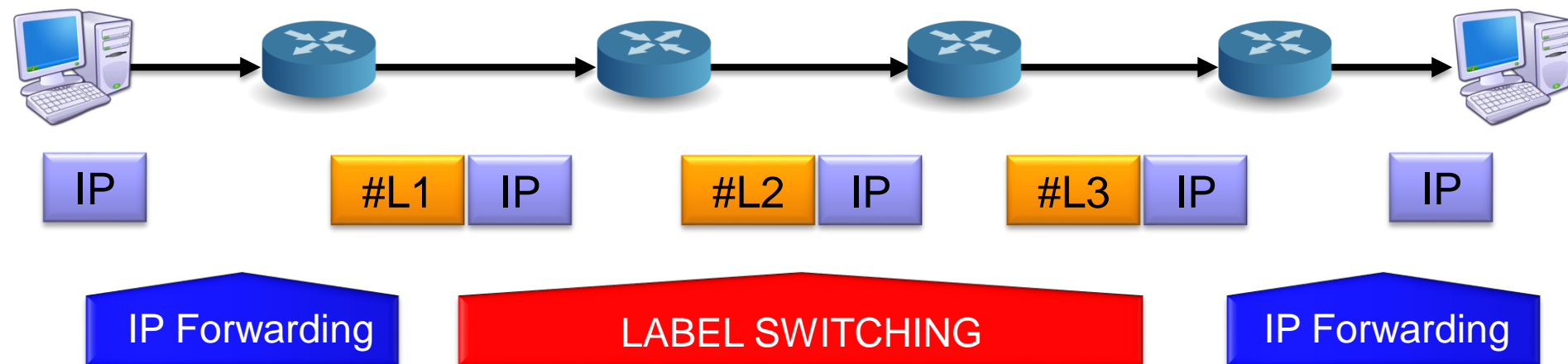


MPLS



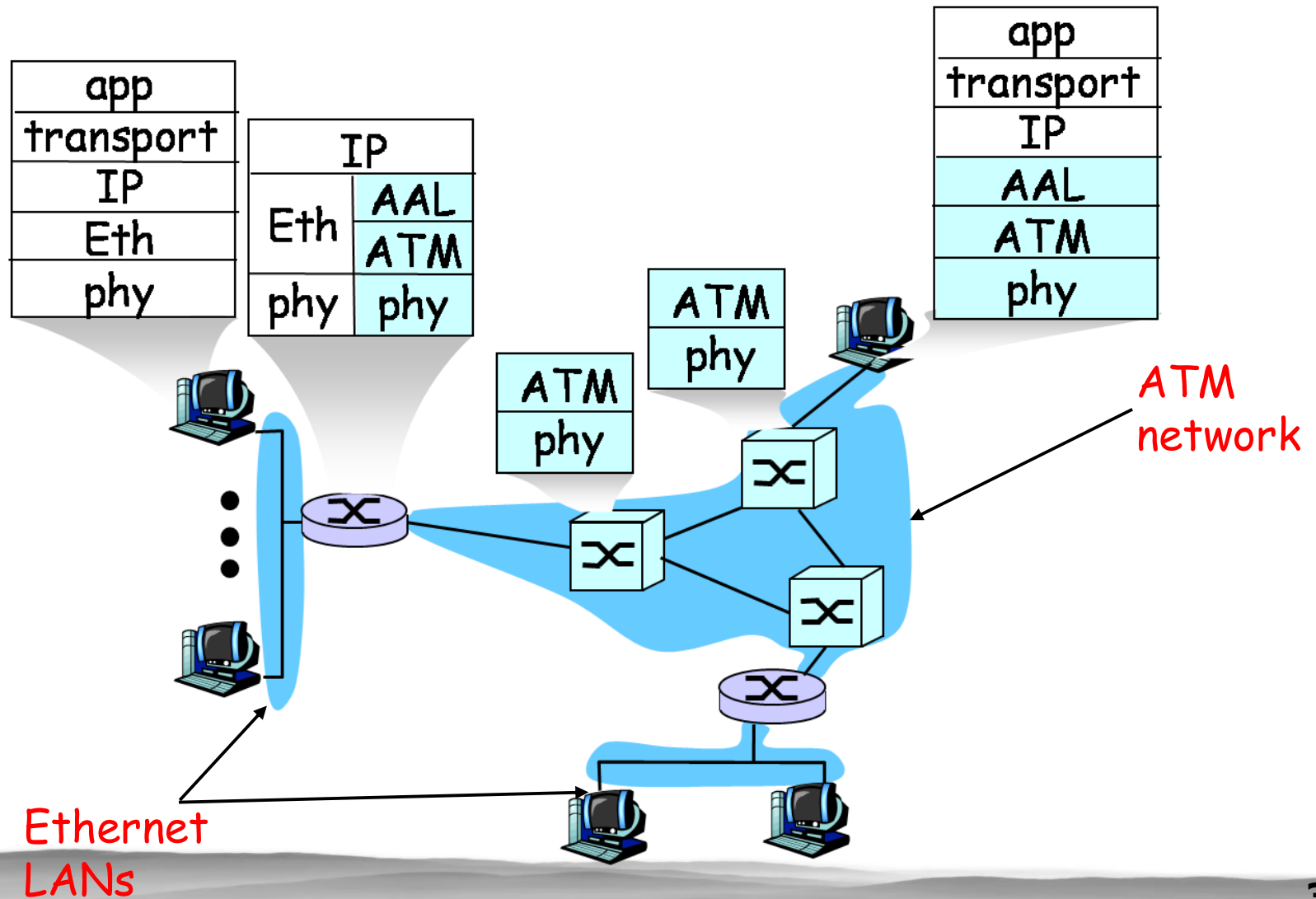
Multiprotocol Label Switching

- Speed up IP forwarding by using **fixed length label** to do **VC-like routing**
 - Called **IP traffic engineering**
 - Leverage existing ATM hardware
- Better supporting Virtual Private Networks
- **QoS support** – for Voice/Video on IP





IP-Over-ATM



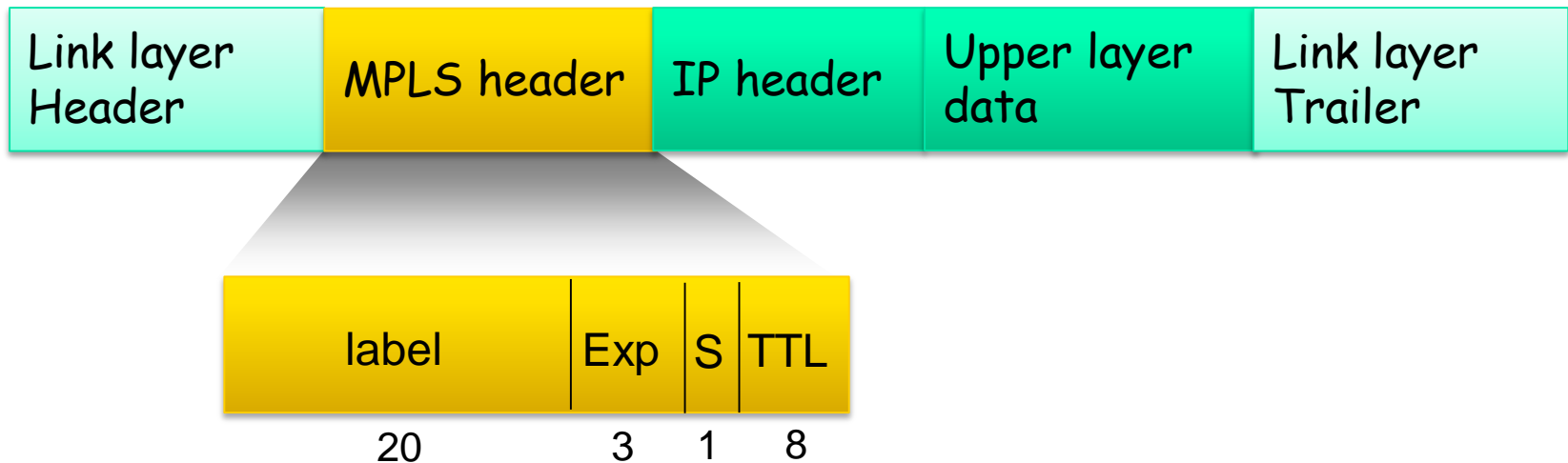


IP-Over-ATM

- **Boundary router at source LAN**
 - IP layer maps between IP, ATM dest address
 - Passes datagram to AAL5
 - AAL5 encapsulates data, segments cells, passes to ATM layer
- **ATM network:** moves cell along VC to destination LAN
- **Boundary router at dest LAN**
 - AAL5 reassembles cells into original datagram
 - If CRC OK, datagram is passed to IP



- Capable of providing a **connection oriented Inter-networks**
 - Makes full use of VC networks such as ATM or Frame Relay





MPLS Header

- Contains one or more “labels”, called a **label stack**

Each label contains 4 fields

- **Label value**, 20-bit VC number
- **Experimental traffic class**, 3 bit, for priority and Explicit Congestion Notification
- **Bottom of stack**, 1 bit, means the last “label”
- **Time to Live**, 8 bit, same as IP TTL

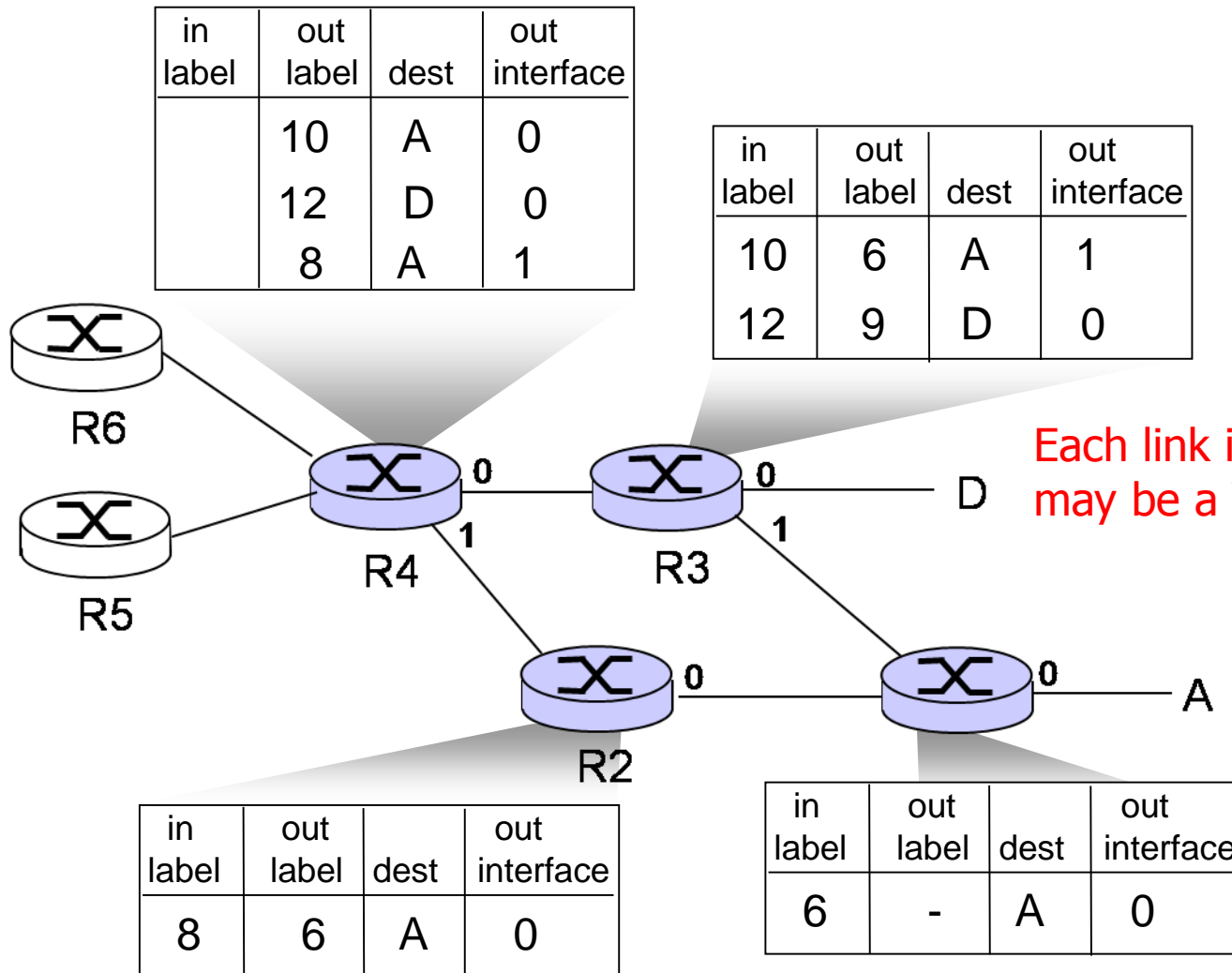


MPLS Forwarding

- By **MPLS capable routers**, must co-exist with IP-only routers
- Forwards packets to outgoing interface **based only on label value**
 - MPLS forwarding table distinct from IP forwarding tables
- Signaling protocol needed to set up forwarding table
 - Support hop-by-hop and source routing
 - **RSVP-TE**, an extension of the Resource Reservation Protocol (RSVP) for traffic engineering

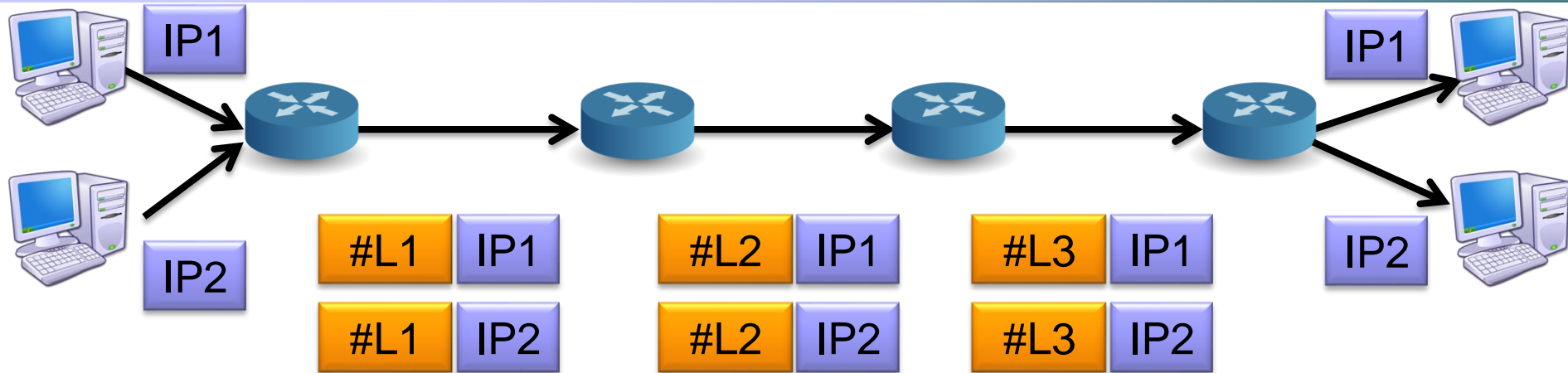


MPLS Forwarding Tables





More than VC

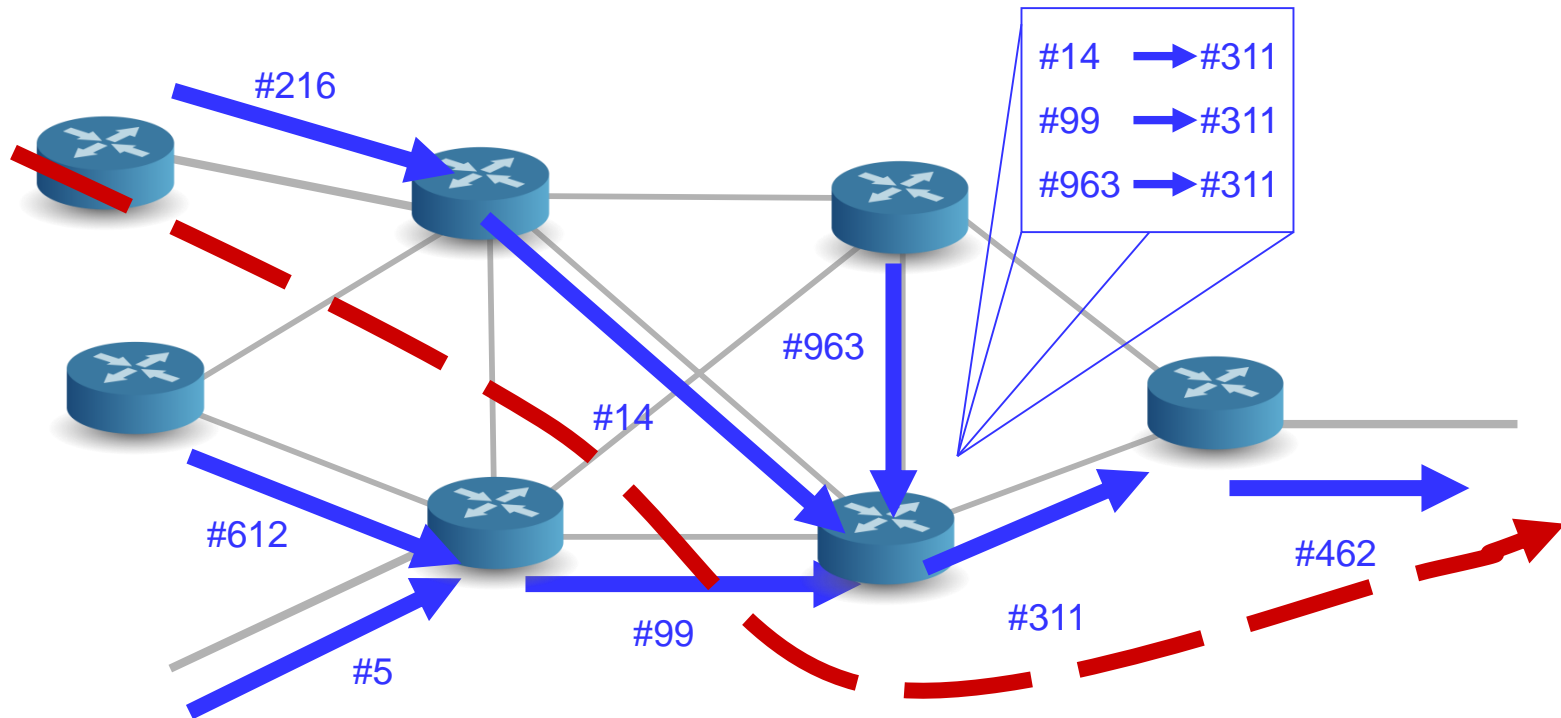


■ Forwarding Equivalence Class

- A subset of packets or flows that are all treated the same way by a MPLS router
- Provides for a great deal of flexibility and scalability



Traffic Engineering



- IP multicast can be supported in likely way