

# The Phone System

– Focus on the wires

- a call is a “circuit” not a “conversation”
- a phone number is a program to build the path not the callee address (**Revenue comes from path construction**)

**Single basic service:** two-way voice

- low end-to-end delay
- guarantee that an accepted call will run to completion

**Endpoints connected by a circuit**

- like an electrical circuit
- signals flow both ways (full duplex)
- associated with bandwidth and buffer resources

## Synchronous transmission Multiplexing (STM)

- Neither multiplexor nor demultiplexor needs addressing information (why?). requires however accurate timing information.

**ISSUE:**

- idle users consume bandwidth (STM is inefficient)
- Arbitrary schedules result in complicated operation
- STM service is inflexible

**Solution to ISSUE**

- use packets instead
    - meta-data (header) indicates src/dest
- **ATM and IP**

## The ATM network

- Focus on virtual circuits (VCs)

Uses IDENTIFIER pre-established, IDs must be switched in intermediate points (switches with translation table)

## **ISSUES**

- All packets must follow the same path
- Switches store per-VC state (entry in translation table)
- separation of data and control (control in software over slow time scale, data transfer in hardware)
- Virtual circuits do not automatically guarantee reliability (packet loss)
- Small Identifiers can be looked up quickly in hardware (cant do it with IP)

## **PROs**

- Simpler buffer hardware
  - Simpler line scheduling
  - Easier to build large parallel packet switches
- The smaller the packet, the larger the header overhead

### **CONs**

- If the chosen size < ADU  $\Rightarrow$  overhead
- segmentation and reassembly cost
- last unfilled cell after segmentation wastes bandwidth

## **How do ATM networks allow for integrated service (voice, video, and data traffic on separate networks)?**

- lots of (switching) capacity: hardware-oriented switching
- support for different traffic types
- signaling for call set-up
- admission control, Traffic descriptor, policing
- resource reservation
- requires intelligent link scheduling for voice/data integration (more flexible than telephone because of headers)

## **The Internet today**

- Focus on the endpoints

## **The future Internet**

- Focus on the data

Two global namespaces: DNS and IP addresses

## What holds the Internet together?

Addressing

– how to refer to a machine on the Internet

Routing

– how to get there

Internet Protocol (IP)

– what to speak to be under

## architectural problems

Hosts are tied to IP addresses

– Mobility and multi-homing pose problems

Services are tied to hosts

– A service is more than just one host: replication, migration, composition

## Datagrams

– Fairly share the path

## CONTS

– Using the wires differently from phone system

-- No set up phase

## TCP/IP

- Reliability increases exponentially with the system size
- No call setup

When TCP was invented there were a lot of users per machine Now there is a lot of machines per user with data to be synchronized and shared

## Content Centric Networking (CCN)

A **networking** paradigm that emphasizes **content** by making it directly addressable and routable.

There are two CCN packet types:

interest (similar to http “get”) and data (similar to http response). Both are encoded in an efficient binary XML.

## Software Defined Networking

- • SDN comes from the IT world:

- – Separate the data and control layers, while centralizing the control
- – Deliver the ability to program network behavior using welldefined interfaces

Death to the Control Plane!

- Simpler management – No need to invert control-plane operations
- Faster pace of innovation – Less dependence on vendors and standards
- Easier interoperability – Compatibility only in wire protocols
- Simpler, cheaper equipment – Minimal software

Extreme: What if software decides whether to accept each flow, and how to route it?

How many \$400 servers do we need for 35,000 users?

Answer: 15 less than one → If we can define network operation outside the datapath, then eventually we will. With replication for fault-tolerance and performance scaling.

With SDN it seems like we should be able to:

1. Formally verify that our networks are behaving correctly.
2. Identify bugs, then systematically track down their root cause.

Why debugging networks is hard Complex interaction

- Between multiple protocols on a switch/router.
- Between state on different switches/routers.

Multiple uncoordinated writers of state. Operators can't...

- Observe all state.
- Control all state.

Conclusion on SDN

- Open interfaces to the data plane
- Separation of control and data
- Leveraging techniques from distributed systems

## OpenFlow Networks

## NFV

A means to make the network more flexible and simple by minimising dependence on HW constraints

- implementing network functions in software
- allows use of a single physical platform for different applications
- Reduced equipment costs

- Improved operational efficiency
- Reduced (OPEX) operational costs: reduced power, reduced space, improved network monitoring

#### NFV challenges

- high performance virtualised network appliance
- Co-existence with bespoke HW based network platforms
- • Management and orchestration of virtual network appliances
- • Appropriate level of resilience to HW and SW failures

## **Service Functions Chaining (SFC)**

- Set of network services, such as firewalls or application delivery controllers interconnected through the network to support an application