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Glossary

MTU Maximum Transmission Unit

- Calculated as the smallest MTU of all links in the path.
- If a packet is larger than the MTU, it is fragmented.

ECN Explicit Congestion Notification

- A bit in the IP header that is set by the router to indicate congestion.
- Related to TCP’s congestion control.

Subnetting Dividing a network into smaller networks.

- Done by borrowing bits from the host portion of the address.
- Done to reduce broadcast traffic and improve security.

Supernetting Combining multiple networks into a single network.

- Done by borrowing bits from the network portion of the address.
- Done to reduce routing table size.

Physical

CAT Category (twisted pair) cable for Ethernet.

Coax Coaxial cable for Ethernet.

Link

MAC Media Access Control

- Unique identifier for a network interface.
- 48 bits, often represented as 6 groups of 2 hexadecimal digits.
- First 24 bits are the OUI (Organizationally Unique Identifier).
- Example: 00:1A:2B:3C:4D:5E

ARP Address Resolution Protocol

- Who has IP_B ? Tell IP_A at MAC_A .
 1. Any listening devices may receive this request and update their local cache of IP_A ’s MAC_A .
 2. If the receiving machine is not IP_B , it will stop processing the request.
 3. Otherwise, it will send an ARP reply to MAC_A .
Since this reply is *not* broadcasted, no other machines can update their cache.
- Typical cache timeout of 20 minutes.
- Gratuitous ARP is used to update caches.
 1. A machine sends an ARP request for its own IP.
 2. All machines update their cache with the new MAC.
 3. This is useful for updating caches after a machine has changed its MAC.

Switch A device that forwards packets based on MAC addresses. (Layer 2)

Hub A device that broadcasts packets to all connected devices. (Layer 1)

Link

Transmission

Direct and Indirect Deliver Direct is on the same network, indirect is on a different network.

Unicast, Broadcast, Multicast Unicast is one-to-one, broadcast is one-to-all, multicast is one-to-many.

Switching Forwarding packets based on MAC addresses.

Spanning Tree Protocol Prevents loops in a network.

Internetwork

IP Datagrams

Fragmentation

- Done by routers when the packet is too large for the next hop.
- **DF** (Don’t Fragment) bit in the IP header can be set to prevent fragmentation.
- **MF** (More Fragments) bit is set on all fragments except the last.
- **Fragment Offset** field is used to reassemble the fragments.
- **Identification** field is used to identify the original packet.
- **Total Length** field is the size of the fragment.
- **Header Checksum** is recalculated for each fragment.

UDP

- Connectionless, unreliable.
- Includes psuedo-header in checksum calculation.

Schemas

Ethernet Frame

Preamble	Destination Address	Source Address	Frame Type	Frame Data	CRC
8 octets	6 octets	6 octets	2	46 - 1500 octets	4 octets

IPv4 Datagram

0	8	16	31
VERS	HLEN	SERVICE TYPE	TOTAL LENGTH
IDENTIFICATION		FLAGS	FRAGMENT OFFSET
TTL		PROTOCOL	HEADER CHECKSUM
SOURCE IP			
DESTINATION IP			
IP OPTIONS (IF ANY)			PADDING
DATA ...			

UDP Header

0	16	31
SOURCE PORT		DESTINATION PORT
LENGTH		CHECKSUM (or 0)
DATA ...		

TCP

- Stream Orientation.
- Virtual Circuit.
- Buffered, unstructured stream.
- Full duplex.

UDP Psuedo Header

0	8	16	31
SOURCE IP			
DESTINATION IP			
Zero	PROTOCOL	UDP LENGTH	

Addressing

Classful Addressing

Class A	0XXXXXXX	/8
Class B	10XXXXXX	/16
Class C	110XXXXX	/24
Class D	1110XXXX	/31
Class E	1111XXXX	/32

‘This’ network’ has host bits set to 0.
Broadcast has host bits set to 1.

ARP

all 0s		This host
all 0s	host	Host on this network
all 1s		Limited broadcast (local net)
net	all 1s	Directed broadcast for net
127	anything (often 1)	Loopback