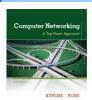
COMP 4621 Computer Communications and Networks

Spring 2015



Lectures and Tutorials

- - Instructor: Qian Zhang, http://www.cse.ust.hk/~qianz
 Lectures: Tuesday and Thursday 3:00 pm 4:20 pm

 - Venue: G009A, CYT Bldg
- Web site: http://course.cs.ust.hk/comp4621/

Lectures and Tutorials

- · Lecture notes and tutorial materials
 - Download course materials before class
 - Homework and programming assignment will be put online
- Tutorial and Lab will start in week #5 (March 2, 2015)

 Lab I Monday 9:30 am - 10:20 am Room 4214 Lab 2 Monday 12:00 pm - 12:50 pm Room 4214

Textbook

Computer Networking: A Top-Down Approach James Kurose and Keith Ross, Pearson (6th Ed.)



Link

Physical

- Bottom Up: Start with physical (e.g., wires) layer and move up to applications (e.g., mail, web browsers) layer explaining how functions are implemented
- Top Down : Start with Application layer and move down to Physical layer, explaining what expectations from applications, and how such services are implemented

Grading Scheme

- · Grading is based on
 - Four Written Assignments 20% (5% each)
 - One Programming Assignment 15%
 - Midterm Examination 25%
 - Final Examination 40%

Conduct in the Classroom

- Please try to be on time to class
- Please do not talk while in class except to raise questions
- No eating/drinking
- Phone Silent mode







Plagiarism Policy

- There are differences between collaborations or discussions and copy!
- ♦ Ist Time: all involved get ZERO marks, and reported to ARR
- 2nd Time: need to terminate (Fail grade)
- · Midterm or Final exam: an automatic FAIL

Course Prerequisite

- * COMP 3511 (COMP 252) OS or equivalent
 - Process and thread, DMA and interrupt, inter-process communications
- Programming
 - UNIX environment
 - C/C++ programming

Lecture Format

- Lectures:
 - Lecture notes are available before class
 - It is important to attend the lectures (because not all materials and concepts are covered in slides)
 - Learn from textbook
- Tutorials
 - Supplement the lectures with more examples
 - Socket programming and project
- · Reading the corresponding materials in the textbook
 - Slides do not cover everything
- Chapter or sub-chapter summary
 - These will be put online at the end of each chapter

Assignments

- Written assignments
 - Due by time specified
 - Re-grade requests will only be entertained within one week after the homework are handed back
 - Late policy: 15% reduction, only one day delay is allowed.
- Programming assignment
 - Individual projects
 - Due by time specified
 - Run on Unix and submit it using CASS
 - Re-grade policy will be announced
 - Late policy: 15% reduction, only one day delay is allowed.

Examination Schedules

- Midterm Exam
 - March 17, 2015 7:00-9:00pm
 - Room: 3007
- Final Exam
 - To be determined (TBD)
- All exams are closed-book
- No make-up exams will be given except
 - under very special circumstances, e.g., sickness, with letters of proof.
 - Instructors MUST BE informed beforehand

Tips for Learning

- Attend lectures
 - Download lecture notes prior to lectures
 - Important concepts are explained
- Complete homework alone
 - This is an exercise to test your knowledge
- Spend 30 minutes each week to review the content
 - Chapter summary can help to review
 - \blacksquare You can not expect to learn everything two days before exams no matter how smart you are \boxdot
 - Knowledge is accumulated incrementally
- Start your project earlier
 - Have a plan for the project
- Raise questions!
 - Do not delay your questions until prior to exams

Course Outline

- Introduction (1.5 weeks)
 - Internet, network edge and core, performance, history
- · Application Layer (3 weeks)
 - Web, HTTP, E-mail and SMTP
 - DNS, Peer-to-Peer applications, socket programming
- Transport Layer (3 weeks)
 - UDP and TCP
 - Principles of congestion control, TCP congestion control
- Network Layer (3 weeks)
 - · Virtual circuit, datagram, router, IP
 - Routing protocols
- Link Layer and Local Area Network (2 weeks)
 - MAC, addressing
 - · Ethernet and link-layer switch

Chapter I: introduction

our goal:

- get "feel" and terminology
- more depth, detail later in course
- approach:
 - use Internet as example

overview:

- what's the Internet?
- * what's a protocol?
- network edge; hosts, access net, physical media
- network core: packet/circuit switching, Internet structure
- performance: loss, delay, throughput
- security
- protocol layers, service models
- history

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What's the Internet: "nuts and bolts" view



 millions of connected computing devices:





❖ communication links

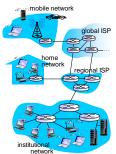


 transmission rate: bandwidth



Packet switches: forward packets (chunks of data)

routers and switches



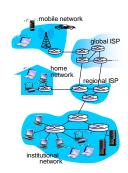
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"Fun" internet appliances



What's the Internet: "nuts and bolts" view

- Internet: "network of networks"
 - Interconnected ISPs
- protocols control sending, receiving of msgs
- e.g., TCP, IP, HTTP, Skype, 802.11
- Internet standards
 - RFC: Request for comments
 - IETF: Internet Engineering Task Force



What's the Internet: a service view

- Infrastructure that provides services to applications:
 - Web, VoIP, email, games, ecommerce, social nets, ...
- provides programming interface to apps
 - hooks that allow sending and receiving app programs to "connect" to Internet
 - provides service options, analogous to postal service



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What's a protocol?

human protocols:

- "what's the time?"
- "I have a question"
- introductions
- ... specific msgs sent
- ... specific actions taken when msgs received, or other events

network protocols:

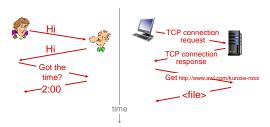
- machines rather than humans
- all communication activity in Internet governed by protocols

protocols define format, order of msgs sent and received among network entities, and actions taken on msg transmission, receipt

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What's a protocol?

a human protocol and a computer network protocol:



Q: other human protocols?

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A closer look at network structure:

- network edge:
 - hosts: clients and servers
 - servers often in data centers
- access networks, physical media: wired, wireless communication links
- · network core:
 - interconnected routers
 - network of networks



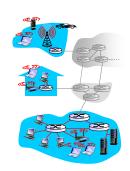
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Access networks and physical media

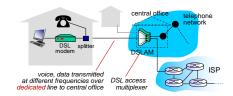
- Q: How to connect end systems to edge router?
- residential access nets
- institutional access networks (school, company)
- * mobile access networks

keep in mind:

- bandwidth (bits per second) of access network?
- shared or dedicated?

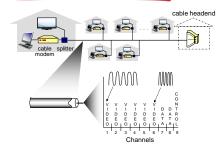


Access net: digital subscriber line (DSL)



- use existing telephone line to central office DSLAM
 - data over DSL phone line goes to Internet
 - voice over DSL phone line goes to telephone net
- < 2.5 Mbps upstream transmission rate (typically < 1 Mbps)</p> < 24 Mbps downstream transmission rate (typically < 10 Mbps)</p>

Access net: cable network



frequency division multiplexing: different channels transmitted in different frequency bands

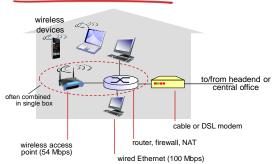
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Access net: cable network



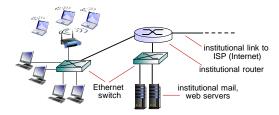
- * HFC: hybrid fiber coax
 - asymmetric:up to 30Mbps downstream transmission rate, 2 Mbps upstream transmission rate
- network of cable, fiber attaches homes to ISP router
 - homes share access network to cable headend
 - unlike DSL, which has dedicated access to central office

Access net: home network



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Enterprise access networks (Ethernet)



- typically used in companies, universities, etc
- * 10 Mbps, 100Mbps, 1Gbps, 10Gbps transmission rates
- * today, end systems typically connect into Ethernet switch

Wireless access networks

- shared wireless access network connects end system to router
 - via base station aka "access point"

wireless LANs:

- within building (100 ft)
- 802.11b/g (WiFi): 11,54 Mbps



wide-area wireless access

- provided by telco (cellular) operator, 10's km
- between I and I0 Mbps
- 3G, 4G: LTE



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Host: sends packets of data

host sending function:

- * takes application message
- breaks into smaller chunks, known as packets, of length L bits
- transmits packet into access network at transmission rate R
 - link transmission rate, aka link capacity, aka link bandwidth



packet transmission delay time needed to transmit *L*-bit packet into link $\frac{L \text{ (bits)}}{R \text{ (bits/sec)}}$

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Physical media

- bit: propagates between transmitter/receiver pairs
- physical link: what lies between transmitter & receiver
- · guided media:
 - signals propagate in solid media: copper, fiber, coax
- unguided media:
 - signals propagate freely, e.g., radio

twisted pair (TP)

- two insulated copper wires
 - Category 5: 100 Mbps, I Gpbs Ethernet
 - Category 6: 10Gbps



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Physical media: coax, fiber

coaxial cable:

- two concentric copper conductors
- bidirectional
- broadband:
 - multiple channels on cable
 - HFC



fiber optic cable:

- glass fiber carrying light pulses, each pulse a bit
- high-speed operation:
 - high-speed point-to-point transmission (e.g., 10' s-100' s Gpbs transmission rate)
- · low error rate:
 - repeaters spaced far apart
 - immune to electromagnetic



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Physical media: radio

- signal carried in electromagnetic spectrum
- * no physical "wire"
- bidirectional
- propagation environment effects:
 - reflection
 - obstruction by objects
 - interference

radio link types:

- * terrestrial microwave
 - e.g. up to 45 Mbps channels
- LAN (e.g.,WiFi)
 - I I Mbps, 54 Mbps
- wide-area (e.g., cellular)
 - 3G cellular: ~ few Mbps
- satellite
 - Kbps to 45Mbps channel (or multiple smaller channels)
 - 270 msec end-end delay
 - geosynchronous versus low altitude

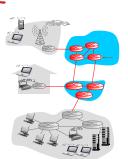
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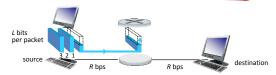
The network core

- mesh of interconnected routers
- packet-switching: hosts break application-layer messages into packets
 - forward packets from one router to the next, across links on path from source to destination
 - each packet transmitted at full link capacity



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Packet-switching: store-and-forward



- takes L/R seconds to transmit (push out) L-bit packet into link at R bps
- store and forward: entire packet must arrive at router before it can be transmitted on next link
- end-end delay = 2L/R (assuming zero propagation delay)

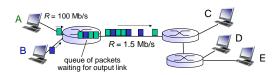
one-hop numerical example:

- L = 7.5 Mbits
- R = 1.5 Mbps
- one-hop transmission delay = 5 sec

more on delay shortly ...

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Packet Switching: queueing delay, loss

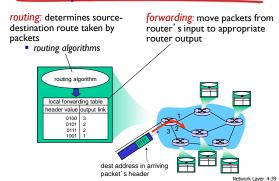


queuing and loss:

- If arrival rate (in bits) to link exceeds transmission rate of link for a period of time:
 - packets will queue, wait to be transmitted on link
 - packets can be dropped (lost) if memory (buffer) fills up

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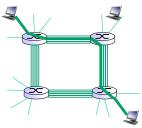
Two key network-core functions



Alternative core: circuit switching

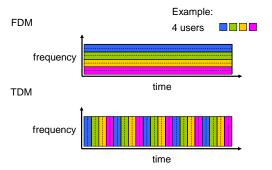
end-end resources allocated to, reserved for "call" between source & dest:

- In diagram, each link has four circuits.
 - call gets 2nd circuit in top link and 1st circuit in right link.
- dedicated resources: no sharing
 - circuit-like (guaranteed) performance
- circuit segment idle if not used by call (no sharing)
- Commonly used in traditional telephone networks



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Circuit switching: FDM versus TDM



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Packet switching versus circuit switching

packet switching allows more users to use network!

example:

- I Mb/s link
- each user:
 - 100 kb/s when "active
 - active 10% of time

circuit-switching:

- 10 users
- packet switching:
 - with 35 users, probability > 10 active at same time is less than .0004 *
- users 1 Mbps link
- Q: how did we get value 0.0004?
- Q: what happens if > 35 users?

^{*} Check out the online interactive exercises for more examples

Packet switching versus circuit switching

is packet switching a "slam dunk winner?"

- · great for bursty data
 - resource sharing
 - simpler, no call setup
- * excessive congestion possible: packet delay and loss
 - protocols needed for reliable data transfer, congestion control
- Q: How to provide circuit-like behavior?
 - bandwidth guarantees needed for audio/video apps
 - still an unsolved problem (chapter 7)

Q: human analogies of reserved resources (circuit switching) versus on-demand allocation (packet-switching)?

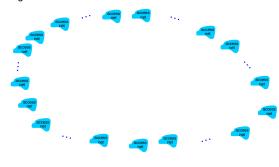
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Internet structure: network of networks

- End systems connect to Internet via access ISPs (Internet Service Providers)
 - Residential, company and university ISPs
- Access ISPs in turn must be interconnected.
- So that any two hosts can send packets to each other
- Resulting network of networks is very complex
 - * Evolution was driven by economics and national policies
- Let's take a stepwise approach to describe current Internet structure

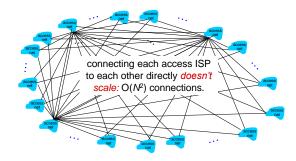
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Question: given millions of access ISPs, how to connect them together?



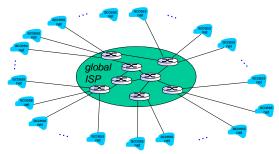
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Option: connect each access ISP to every other access ISP?



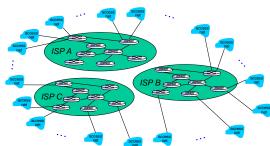
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Option: connect each access ISP to a global transit ISP? Customer and provider ISPs have economic agreement.



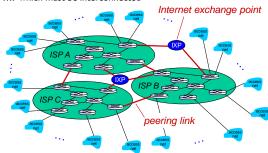
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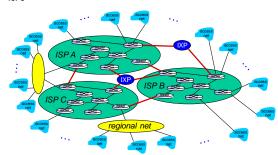
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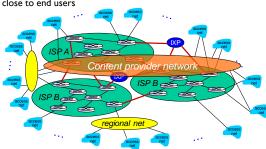
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... and regional networks may arise to connect access nets to ISPS

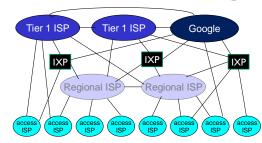


Internet structure: network of networks

... and content provider networks (e.g., Google, Microsoft, Akamai) may run their own network, to bring services, content close to end users

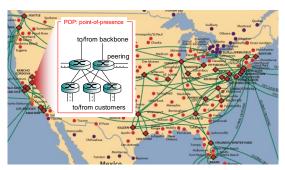


Internet structure: network of networks



- at center: small # of well-connected large networks
 - "tier-1" commercial ISPs (e.g., Level 3, Sprint, AT&T, NTT), national & international coverage
 - content provider network (e.g., Google): private network that connects it data centers to Internet, often bypassing tier-1, regional ISPs Introduction 1-52

Tier-I ISP: e.g., Sprint



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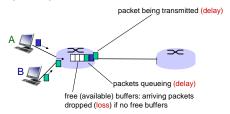
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How do loss and delay occur?

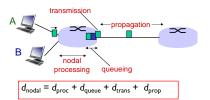
packets queue in router buffers

- packet arrival rate to link (temporarily) exceeds output link capacity
- · packets queue, wait for turn



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Four sources of packet delay



d_{proc} : nodal processing

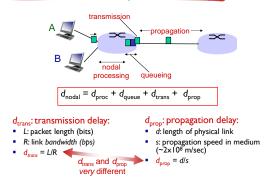
- check bit errors
- determine output link
- typically < msec

d_{queue} : queueing delay

- time waiting at output link for transmission
- depends on congestion level of router

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Four sources of packet delay



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Caravan analogy



- cars "propagate" at 100 km/hr
- toll booth takes 12 sec to service car (bit transmission time)
- car~bit; caravan ~ packet
- Q: How long until caravan is lined up before 2nd toll booth?
- time to "push" entire caravan through toll booth onto highway = 12*10 = 120 sec
- time for last car to propagate from 1st to 2nd toll both: 100km/(100km/hr)= 1 hr
- A: 62 minutes

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Caravan analogy (more)



- * suppose cars now "propagate" at 1000 km/hr
- and suppose toll booth now takes one min to service a car
- Q: Will cars arrive to 2nd booth before all cars serviced at first booth?
 - A: Yes! after 7 min, 1st car arrives at second booth; three cars still at 1st booth.

Queueing delay (revisited)

- * R: link bandwidth (bps)
- L: packet length (bits)
- a: average packet arrival rate



- ❖ La/R ~ 0: avg. queueing delay small
- La/R -> 1: avg. queueing delay large
- La/R > 1: more "work" arriving than can be serviced, average delay infinite!



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"Real" Internet delays and routes

- * what do "real" Internet delay & loss look like?
- traceroute program: provides delay measurement from source to router along endend Internet path towards destination. For all i:
 - sends three packets that will reach router i on path towards destination
 - router i will return packets to sender
 - sender times interval between transmission and reply.



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"Real" Internet delays, routes

traceroute: gaia.cs.umass.edu to www.eurecom.fr

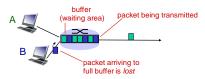
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* Do some traceroutes from exotic countries at www.traceroute.org

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Packet loss

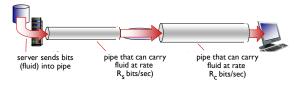
- queue (aka buffer) preceding link in buffer has finite capacity
- packet arriving to full queue dropped (aka lost)
- lost packet may be retransmitted by previous node, by source end system, or not at all



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Throughput

- throughput: rate (bits/time unit) at which bits transferred between sender/receiver
 - instantaneous: rate at given point in time
 - average: rate over longer period of time



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Throughput (more)

 $R_s < R_c$ What is average end-end throughput?



 $R_s > R_c$ What is average end-end throughput?



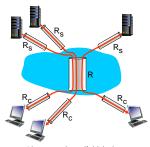
bottleneck link

link on end-end path that constrains end-end throughput

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Throughput: Internet scenario

- per-connection endend throughput: min(R_c,R_s,R/10)
- in practice: R_c or R_s is often bottleneck



10 connections (fairly) share backbone bottleneck link R bits/sec

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Protocol "layers"

Networks are complex, with many "pieces":

- hosts
- routers
- links of various media
- applications
- protocols
- hardware, software

Question:

is there any hope of organizing structure of network?

.... or at least our discussion of networks?

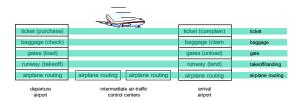
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Organization of air travel

ticket (purchase) ticket (complain)
baggage (check) baggage (claim)
gates (load) gates (unload)
runway takeoff runway landing
airplane routing
airplane routing

a series of steps

Layering of airline functionality



layers: each layer implements a service

- via its own internal-layer actions
- relying on services provided by layer below

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Why layering?

dealing with complex systems:

- explicit structure allows identification, relationship of complex system's pieces
 - layered reference model for discussion
- modularization eases maintenance, updating of system
 - change of implementation of layer's service transparent to rest of system
 - e.g., change in gate procedure doesn't affect rest of system
- layering considered harmful?

Internet protocol stack

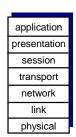
- application: supporting network applications
 - FTP, SMTP, HTTP
- transport: process-process data transfer
 - TCP, UDP
- network: routing of datagrams from source to destination
 - IP, routing protocols
- link: data transfer between neighboring network elements
- Ethernet, 802.11 (WiFi), PPP
- physical: bits "on the wire"

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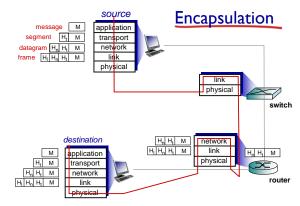
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ISO/OSI reference model

- presentation: allow applications to interpret meaning of data, e.g., encryption, compression, machine-specific conventions
- session: synchronization, checkpointing, recovery of data exchange
- Internet stack "missing" these layers!
 - these services, if needed, must be implemented in application
 - needed?



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Network security

- field of network security:
 - how bad guys can attack computer networks
 - how we can defend networks against attacks
 - how to design architectures that are immune to attacks
- Internet not originally designed with (much) security in mind
 - original vision: "a group of mutually trusting users attached to a transparent network" ☺
 - Internet protocol designers playing "catch-up"
 - security considerations in all layers!

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Bad guys: put malware into hosts via Internet

- * malware can get in host from:
 - virus: self-replicating infection by receiving/executing object (e.g., e-mail attachment)
 - worm: self-replicating infection by passively receiving object that gets itself executed
- spyware malware can record keystrokes, web sites visited, upload info to collection site
- infected host can be enrolled in botnet, used for spam. DDoS attacks

Bad guys: attack server, network infrastructure

Denial of Service (DoS): attackers make resources (server, bandwidth) unavailable to legitimate traffic by overwhelming resource with bogus traffic

- I. select target
- 2. break into hosts around the network (see botnet)
- send packets to target from compromised hosts

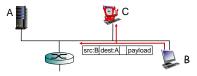


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Bad guys can sniff packets

packet "sniffing":

- broadcast media (shared ethernet, wireless)
- promiscuous network interface reads/records all packets (e.g., including passwords!) passing by

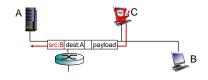


 wireshark software used for end-of-chapter labs is a (free) packet-sniffer

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Bad guys can use fake addresses

IP spoofing: send packet with false source address



... lots more on security (throughout, Chapter 8)

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Chapter I: roadmap

- I.I what is the Internet?
- 1.2 network edge
 - end systems, access networks, links
- 1.3 network core
 - packet switching, circuit switching, network structure
- 1.4 delay, loss, throughput in networks
- 1.5 protocol layers, service models
- 1.6 networks under attack: security
- 1.7 history

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Internet history

1961-1972: Early packet-switching principles

- 1961: Kleinrock queueing theory shows effectiveness of packetswitching
- 1964: Baran packetswitching in military nets
- 1967: ARPAnet conceived by Advanced Research Projects Agency
- 1969: first ARPAnet node operational
- ***** 1972:
 - ARPAnet public demo
 - NCP (Network Control Protocol) first host-host protocol
 - first e-mail program
 - ARPAnet has 15 nodes



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Internet history

1972-1980: Internetworking, new and proprietary nets

- 1970: ALOHAnet satellite network in Hawaii
- 1974: Cerf and Kahn architecture for interconnecting networks
- * 1976: Ethernet at Xerox PARC
- late70's: proprietary architectures: DECnet, SNA, XNA
- late 70's: switching fixed length packets (ATM precursor)
- 1979: ARPAnet has 200 nodes

Cerf and Kahn's internetworking principles:

- minimalism, autonomy no internal changes required to interconnect networks
- best effort service model
- stateless routers
- decentralized control

define today's Internet architecture

Internet history

1980-1990: new protocols, a proliferation of networks

- 1983: deployment of TCP/IP
- 1982: smtp e-mail protocol defined
- 1983: DNS defined for name-to-IP-address translation
- 1985: ftp protocol defined
- 1988: TCP congestion control
- new national networks: Csnet, BITnet, NSFnet, Minitel
- 100,000 hosts connected to confederation of networks

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Internet history

1990, 2000 's: commercialization, the Web, new apps

- *early 1990's: ARPAnet decommissioned
- 1991: NSF lifts restrictions on commercial use of NSFnet (decommissioned, 1995)
- early 1990s: Web
 - hypertext [Bush 1945, Nelson 1960's]
 - HTML, HTTP: Berners-Lee1994: Mosaic, later Netscape
 - late 1990's: commercialization of the Web

- late 1990's 2000's:
- more killer apps: instant messaging, P2P file sharing
- network security to forefront
- est. 50 million host, 100 million+ users
- backbone links running at Gbps

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Internet history

2005-present

- ❖ ~750 million hosts
 - · Smartphones and tablets
- Aggressive deployment of broadband access
- Increasing ubiquity of high-speed wireless access
- * Emergence of online social networks:
 - Facebook: soon one billion users
- Service providers (Google, Microsoft) create their own networks
 - Bypass Internet, providing "instantaneous" access to search, emai, etc.
- E-commerce, universities, enterprises running their services in "cloud" (eg, Amazon EC2)

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Introduction: summary

covered a "ton" of material!

- Internet overview
- what's a protocol?
- network edge, core, access network
 - packet-switching versus circuit-switching
 - Internet structure
- performance: loss, delay, throughput
- layering, service models
- security
- history

you now have:

- context, overview, "feel" of networking
- more depth, detail to follow!