

Welcome to

CS 3516:
Computer Networks

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Chapter 1: roadmap

1.1 what is the Internet?

“nuts and bolts” view

service view

1.2 network edge

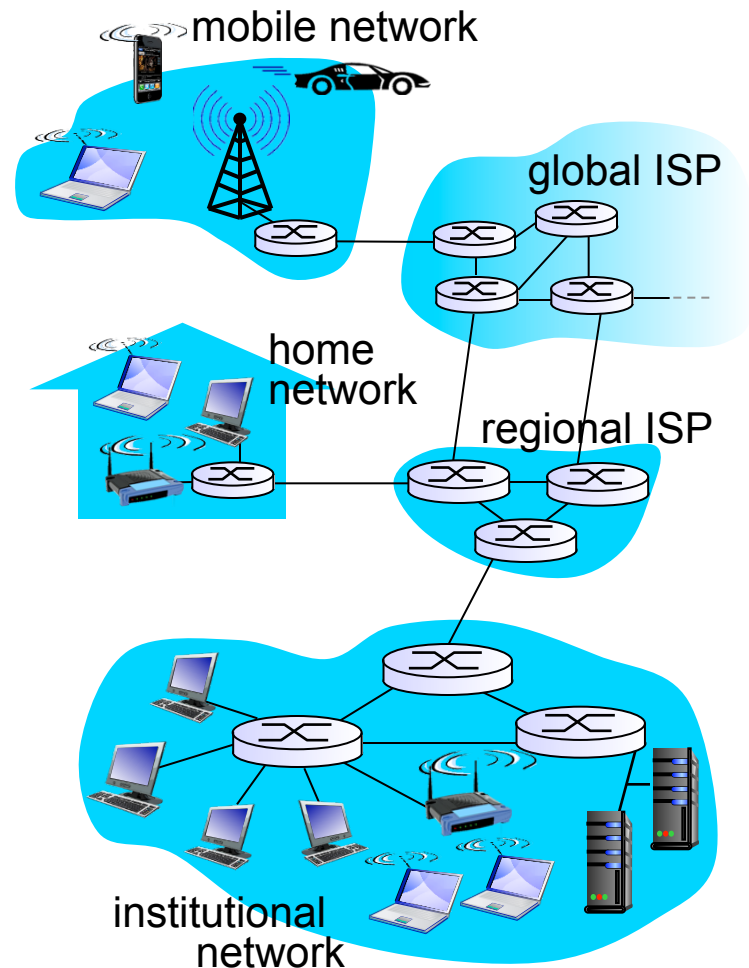
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1.3 network core

- packet switching, circuit switching, network structure

A closer look at network structure:

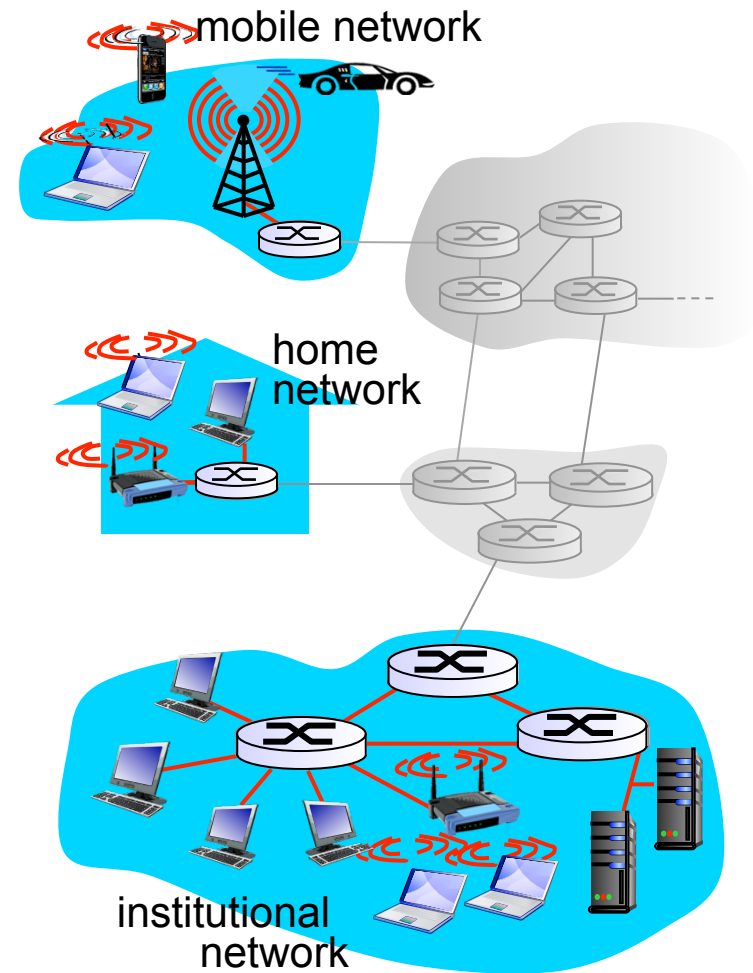
- *network edge:*
 - hosts: clients and servers
 - servers often in data centers
- ❖ *access networks, physical media:* wired, wireless communication links
- ❖ *network core:*
 - interconnected routers
 - network of networks



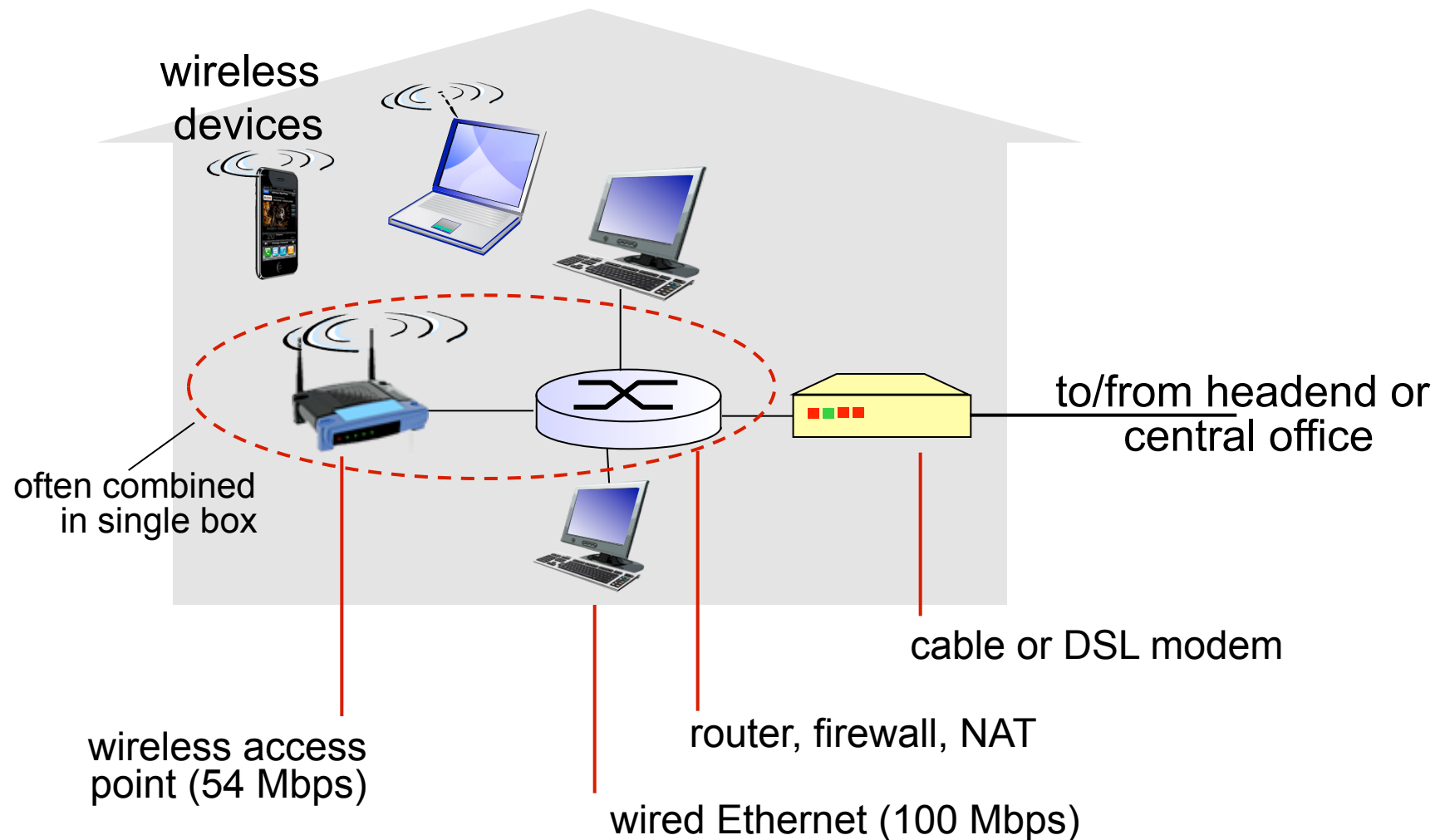
Access networks and physical media

Q: How to connect end systems to edge router?

- residential access nets
- institutional access networks (school, company)
- mobile access networks



Access net: home network



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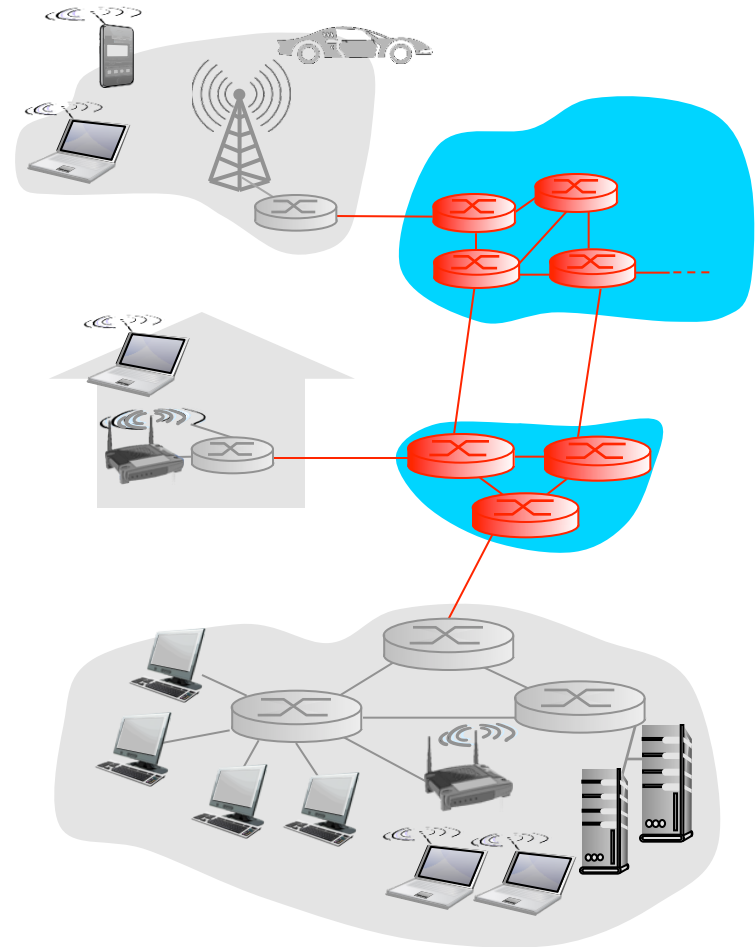
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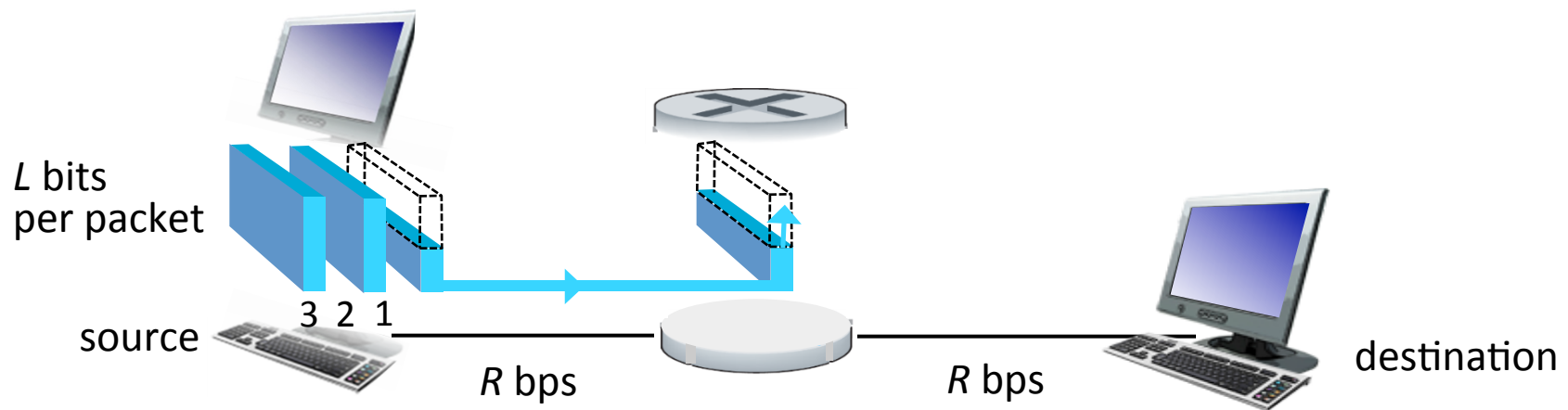
The network core

mesh of interconnected routers with three key aspects in network core

- **Link:** Switching, Resource allocation (chp 1.3)
- **Node:** Routing & Forwarding (to be discussed in Network layer chp 4)
- **Network:** Network Core Structure / Management / Coordination (chp 1.3)



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:

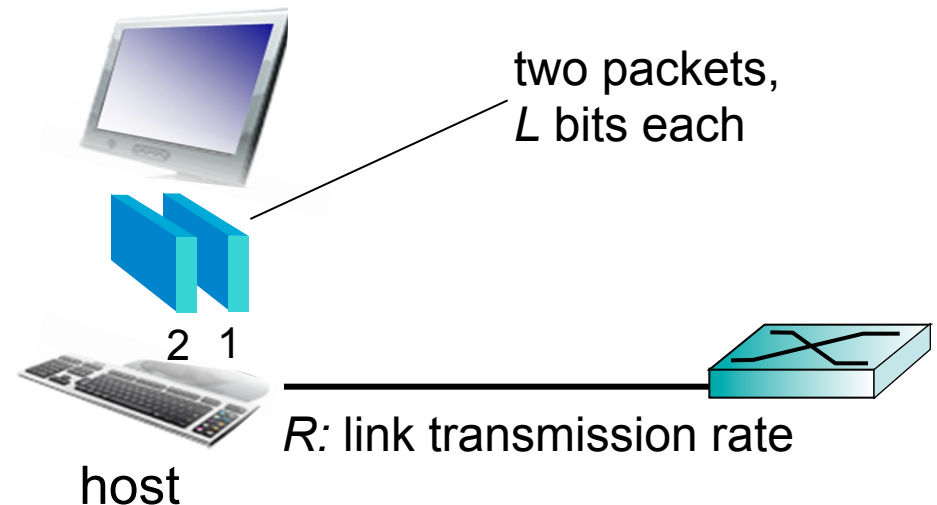
- $L = 7.5$ Mbits
- $R = 1.5$ Mbps
- one-hop transmission delay = 5 sec

} more on delay shortly ...

Host: sends *packets* of data

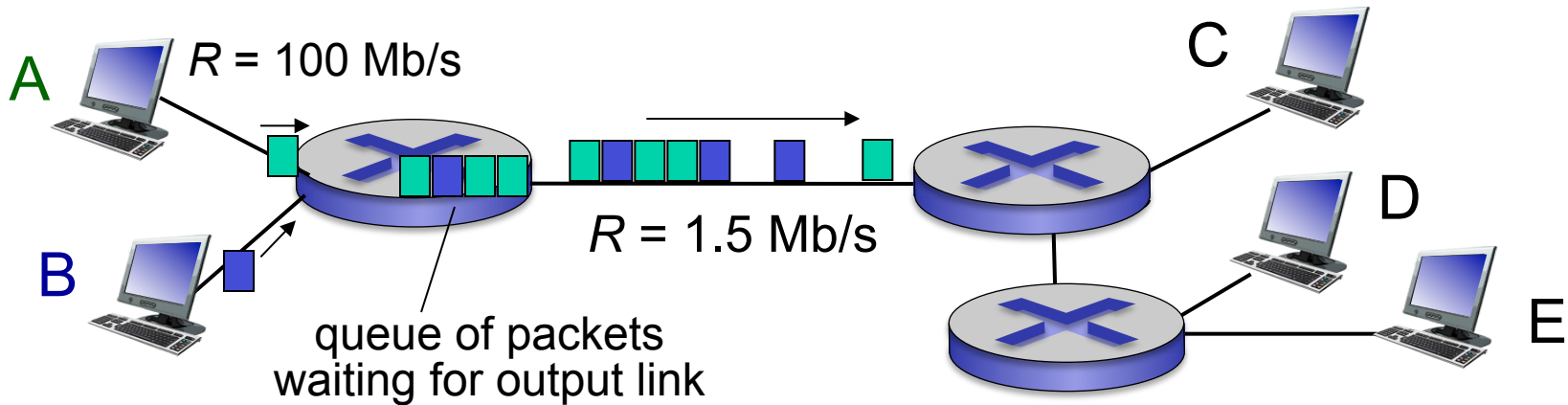
host sending function:

- 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*



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

Packet Switching: queueing delay, loss



queueing and loss:

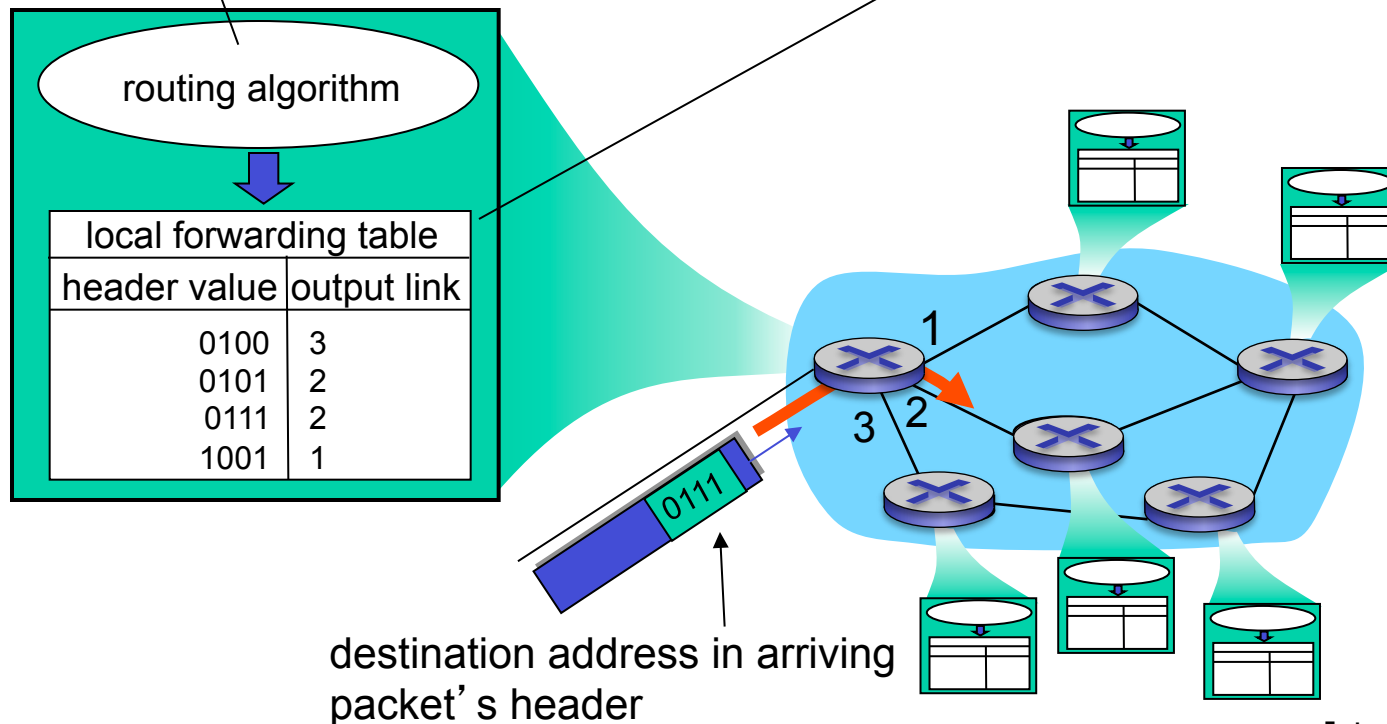
- if arrival rate (in bits) to link exceeds transmission rate of link for a period of time:
 - packets will queue, wait to be transmitted on link
 - packets can be dropped (lost) if memory (buffer) fills up

Two key network-core functions

routing: determines source-destination route taken by packets

- *routing algorithms*

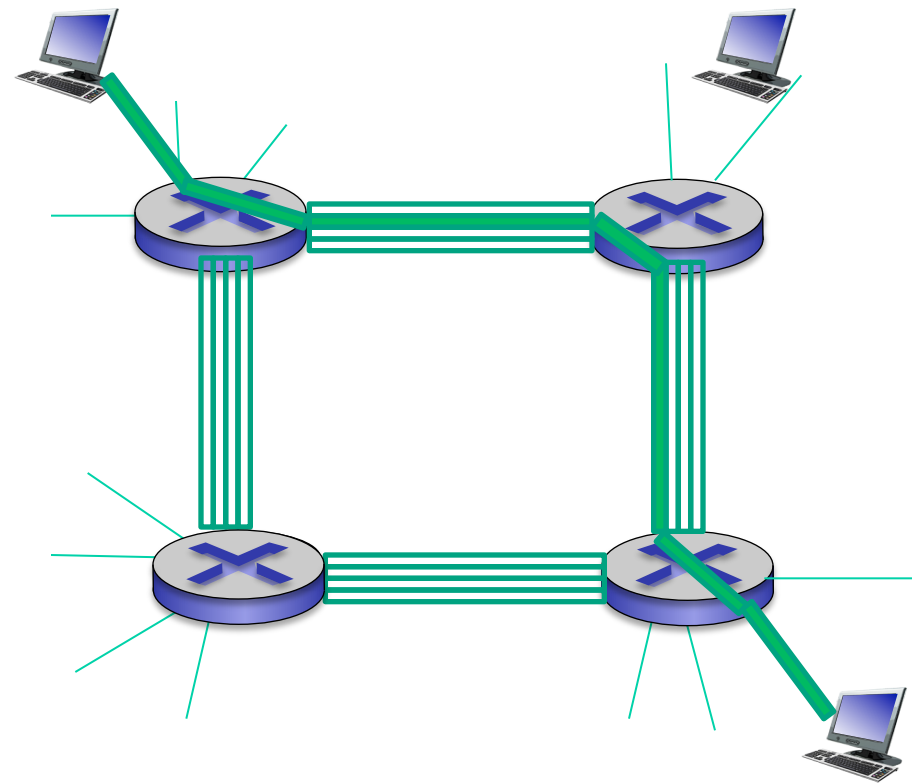
forwarding: move packets from router's input to appropriate router output



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



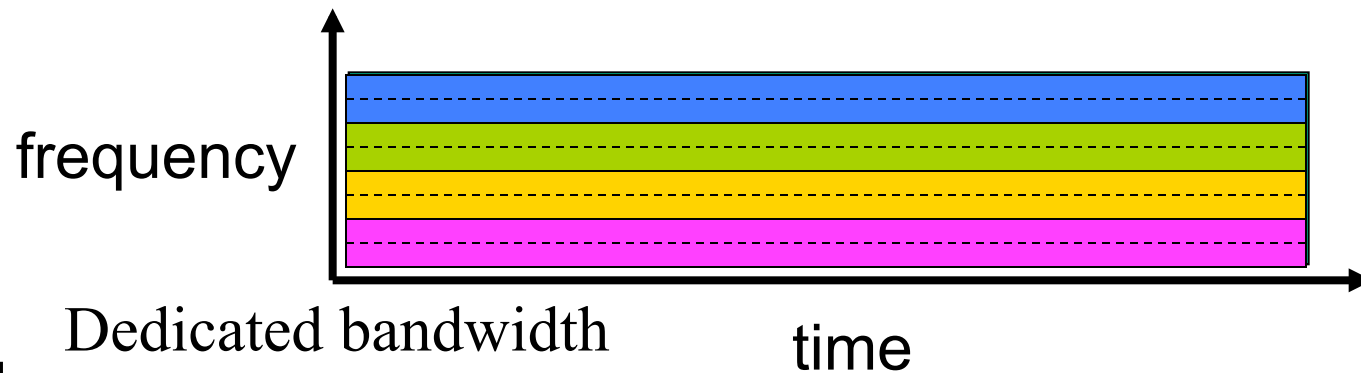
Circuit switching: FDM versus TDM



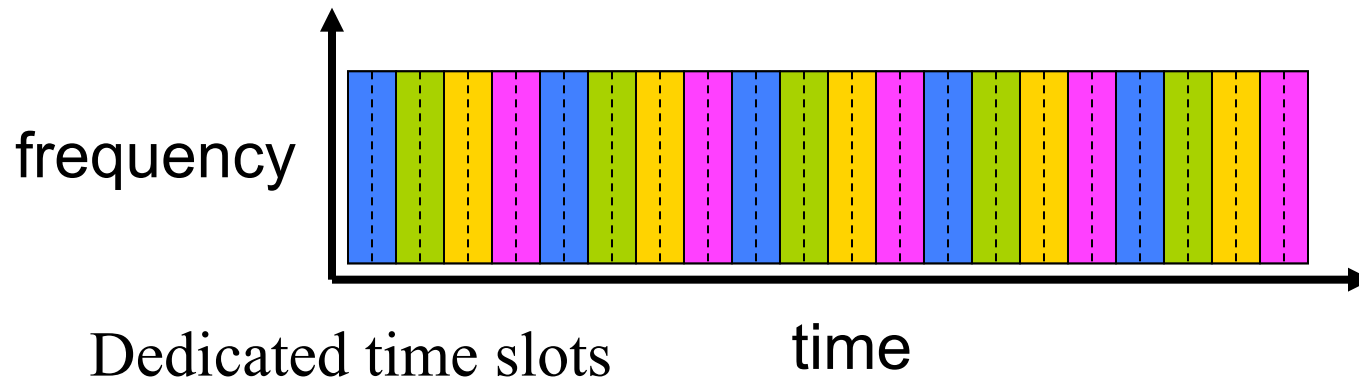
FDM

Example:

4 users



TDM



Analogy to Road Networks

End systems=buildings

Packet switches=intersections

Links=road segments



Packet switching versus circuit switching



is packet switching a “slam dunk winner?”

- **Pros:** great for bursty data (advantages)
 - resource sharing
 - simpler, no call setup
- **Cons:** excessive congestion possible:
 - packet delay and loss
 - protocols needed for reliable data transfer, congestion control

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

Like parking lots.

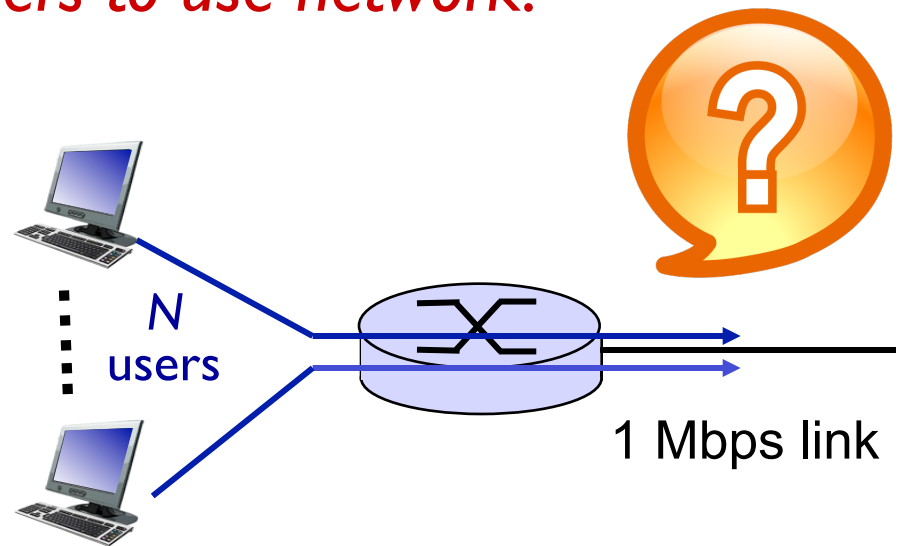


Packet switching versus circuit switching

packet switching allows more users to use network!

example:

- 1 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 small



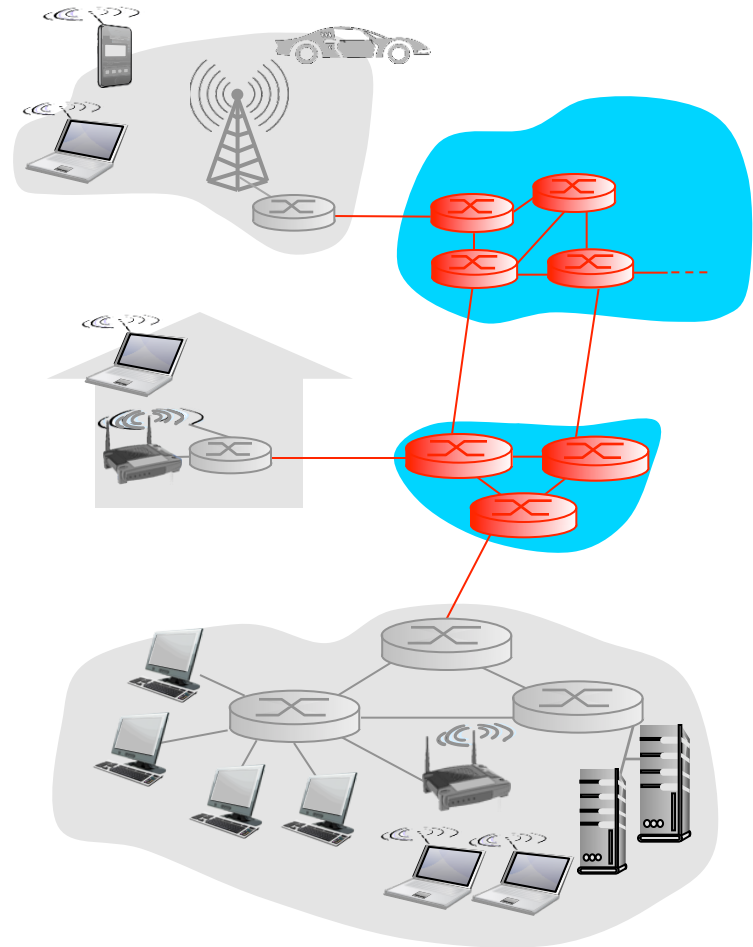
Q: probability of u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{10} are active, and $u_{11}-u_{35}$ inactive?

$$(1/10)^{10} * (9/10)^{25}$$

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Lab-assignment I

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