

# Lecture 1 – Introduction to Networks

COMP1002 (Cybersecurity and Networks)



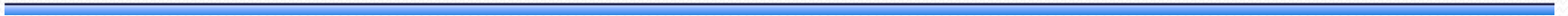
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# **Part 1**

## **Brief Introduction of the Module (Networks Part)**



# What will be covered?

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- Introduction to Computer Networks
  - Application Layer (HTTP/DNS)
  - Transport Layer (TCP/UDP)
  - Network Layer (IP)
  - Link Layer (Ethernet)
  - IP Addressing/Subnetting
  - Routing (static/dynamic routing)
  - Enterprise switching and VLANs
  - Access Control Lists (ACLs)
- (Network activity practice - Cisco Packet Tracer)

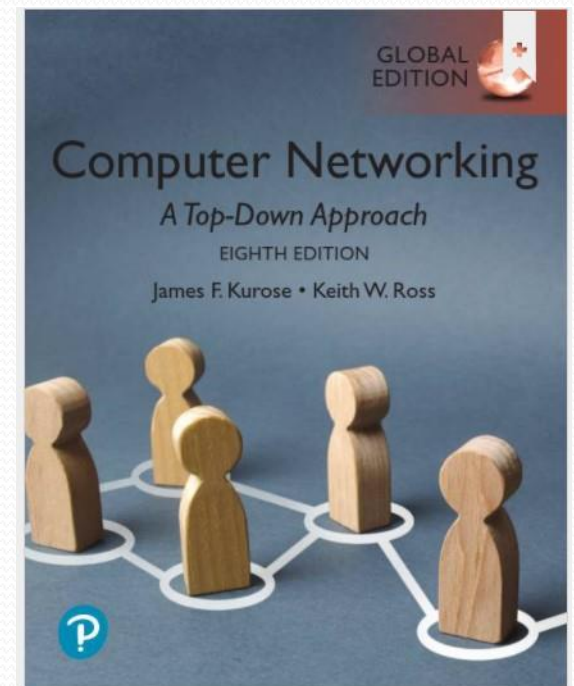
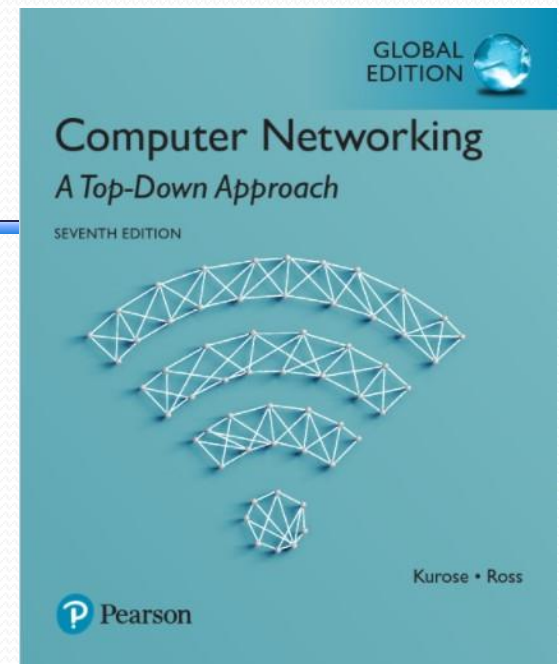
# The Assessment

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- 100% coursework
  - Cyber Security (50%)
  - Networks (50%)
- Set exercises (30%)
- Report (70%)

# Text Book



- James Kurose and Keith Ross, “Computer Networking: A Top-Down Approach” by Pearson.
- E-version available via library primo (limited concurrent users for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Editions)
- <http://primo.plymouth.ac.uk>
- Some lecture slides: adapted from the book slides.



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# Textbook Authors' website

- Interactive exercises for questions and solutions
  - [http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/kurose\\_ross/interactive](http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/kurose_ross/interactive)

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## INTERACTIVE END-OF-CHAPTER EXERCISES

The links below will take you to end-of-chapter exercises where you'll be presented with an exercise whose solution can then be displayed (hopefully after you've solved the exercise yourself!). Each of the exercises below is similar to an end-of-chapter problem in the text. Most importantly, you can keep generating new instances of each exercise (and hopefully solving each one!) until you've mastered the material.

You may be interested in other supplemental material (online lectures, powerpoint slides, review questions, Wireshark labs) for our book, available [here](#).

This page replaces the earlier interactive problems page, and includes a number of new problems. We're actively adding new problems here. If you've got any comments or suggestions - let us know at [kurose@cs.umass.edu](mailto:kurose@cs.umass.edu)

### CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

- Circuit Switching
- Quantitative Comparison of Packet Switching and Circuit Switching (similar to Chapter 1, P8, P9)
- Car - Caravan Analogy



# Online resources from Cisco

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- Course using Cisco online resources from Cisco Networking Academy
- All materials available on [www.netacad.com](http://www.netacad.com)
- Practical based on Network Simulator – PacketTracer
  - <https://www.netacad.com/portal/resources/packet-tracer>
- Each student is provided with an account to access the website (you should have received an email from Cisco NetAcad on how to login/access to NetAcad)

# Cisco Networking Academy (NetAcad)

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- Cisco Networking Academy ([www.netacad.com](http://www.netacad.com))
- Two Courses Created:
- COMP1002A – CCNA1 – 2022/23 (CCNAv7: Introduction to Networks)
- COMP1002B – CCNA2 – 2022/23 (CCNAv7: Switching, Routing, and Wireless Essentials)

# Packet Tracer

Download and install Packet Tracer for networking activities practice.

contenthub.netacad.com/itn-dl/1.0.3

Introduction to Networks v7.02

1 Networking Today ^

1.0 Introduction ^

1.0.1 Why should I take this module?

1.0.2 What will I learn to do in this module?

1.0.3 Video - Download and Install Packet Tracer

1.0.4 Video - Getting Started in Cisco Packet Tracer


1.0.5 Packet Tracer - Logical and Physical Mode Exploration

1.1 Networks Affect our Lives v

1.2 Network Components v

1.3 Network Representations and Topologies v

Click Play in the video for a detailed walk-through of the Packet Tracer download and installation process.



# Part 2

## Introduction to Networks



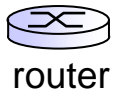
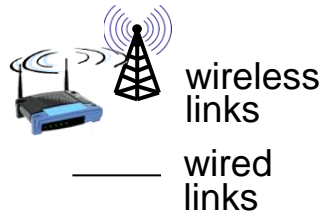
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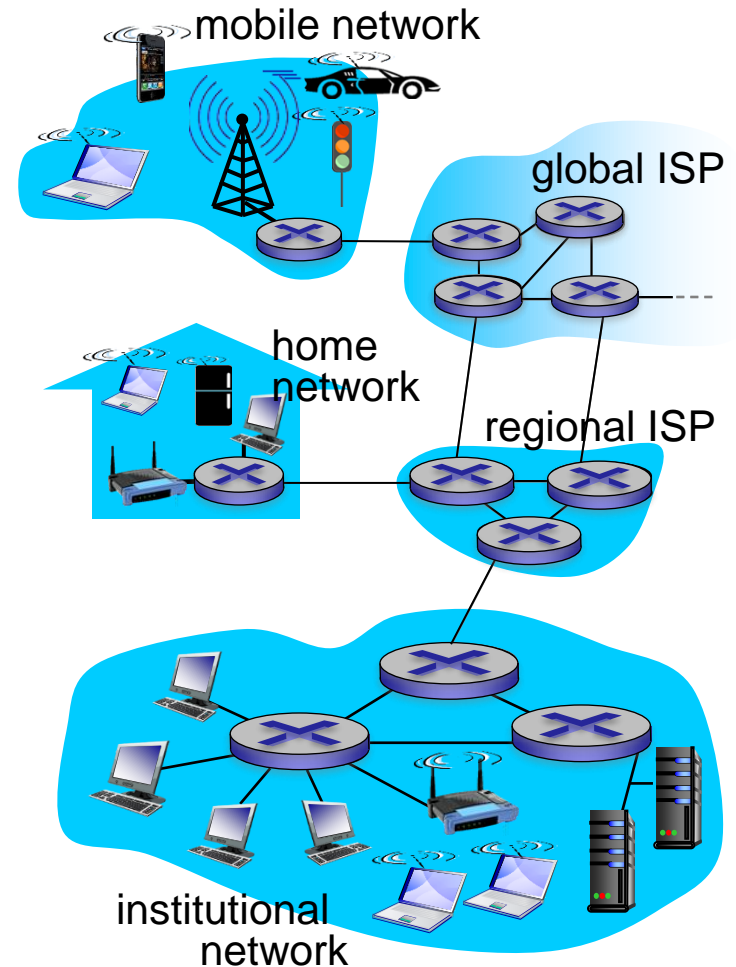
- What is the Internet?
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Note: the contents are in Chapter 1 of the textbook.

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



- billions of connected computing devices:
  - *hosts* = *end systems*
  - running *network apps*
- *communication links*
  - fiber, copper, radio, satellite
  - transmission rate: *bandwidth*
- *packet switches*: forward packets (chunks of data)
  - *routers* and *switches*



# “Fun” Internet-connected devices

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IP picture frame  
<http://www.ceiva.com/>



Web-enabled toaster +  
weather forecaster



Tweet-a-watt:  
monitor energy use



Internet  
refrigerator



Slingbox: watch,  
control cable TV remotely



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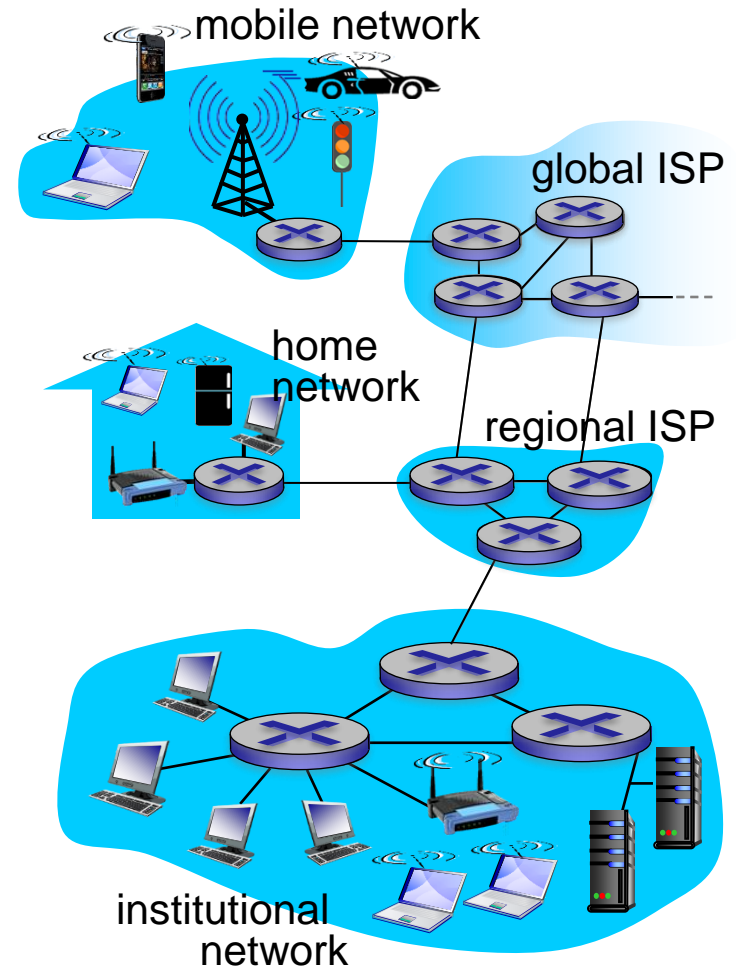


Internet phones



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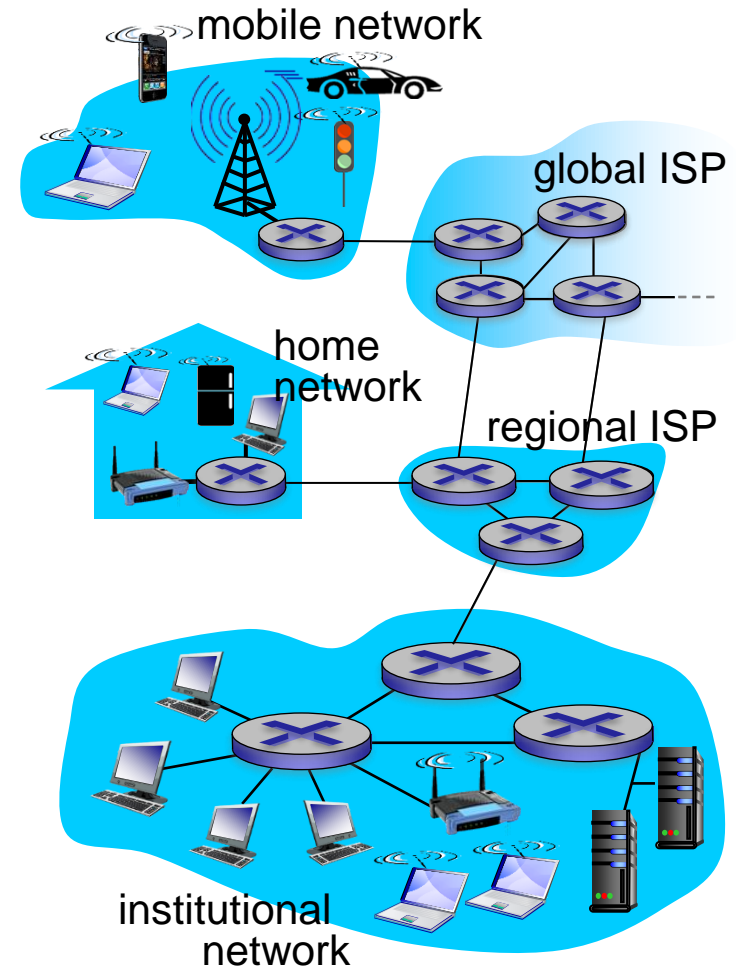
- *Internet: “network of networks”*
  - Interconnected ISPs
- *protocols* control sending, receiving of messages
  - e.g., TCP, IP, HTTP, Skype, 802.11
- *Internet standards*
  - RFC: Request for comments
  - IETF: Internet Engineering Task Force





# What's the Internet: a service view

- *infrastructure that provides services to applications:*
  - Web, VoIP, email, games, e-commerce, 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



# What's a protocol?

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## *human protocols:*

- “what's the time?”
- “I have a question”
- introductions

... specific messages sent

... specific actions taken  
when messages  
received, or other  
events

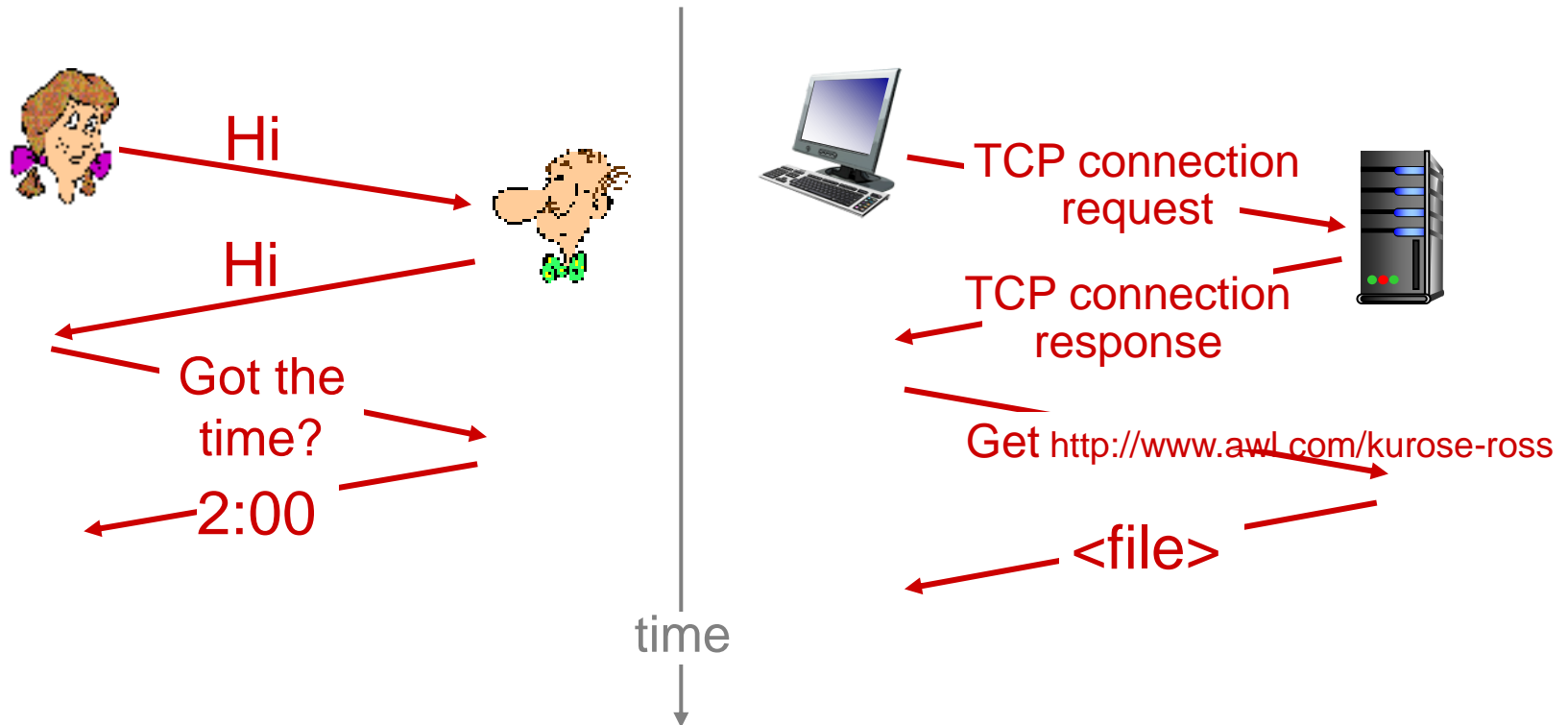
## *network protocols:*

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

*protocols define format, order of messages sent and received among network entities, and actions taken on message transmission, receipt*

# What's a protocol?

a human protocol and a computer network protocol:



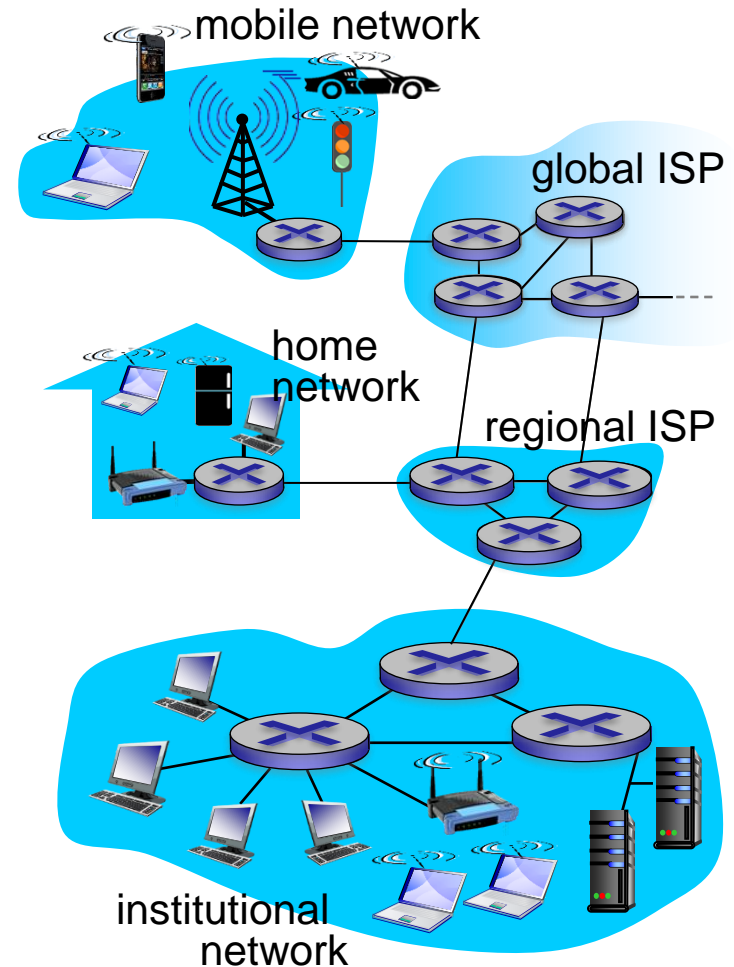
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# A closer look at network structure:

- *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



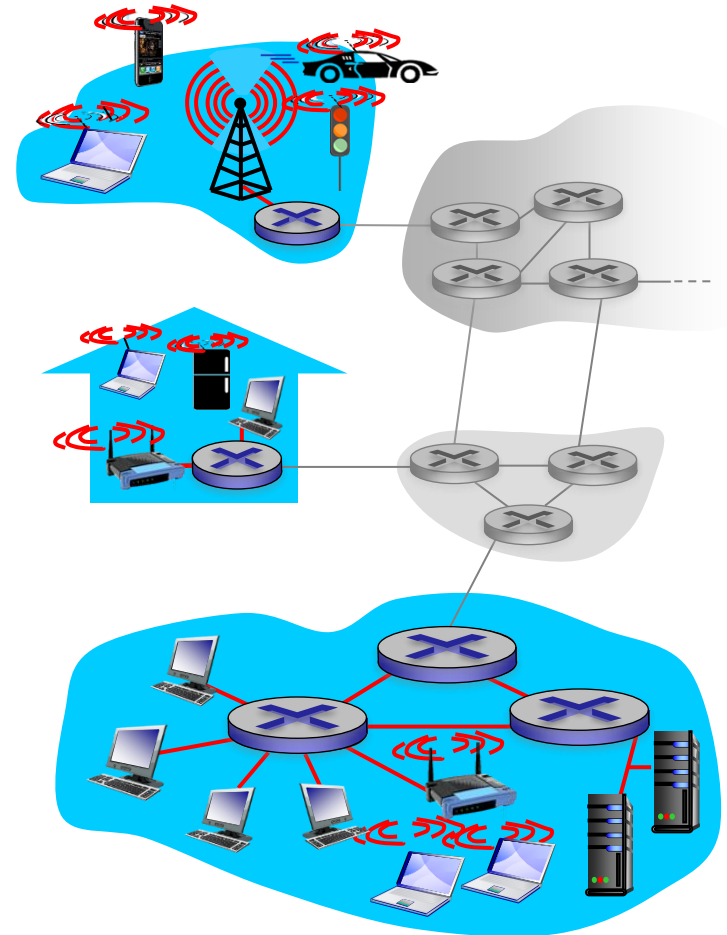
# Access networks and physical media

*Q: How to connect end systems to edge router?*

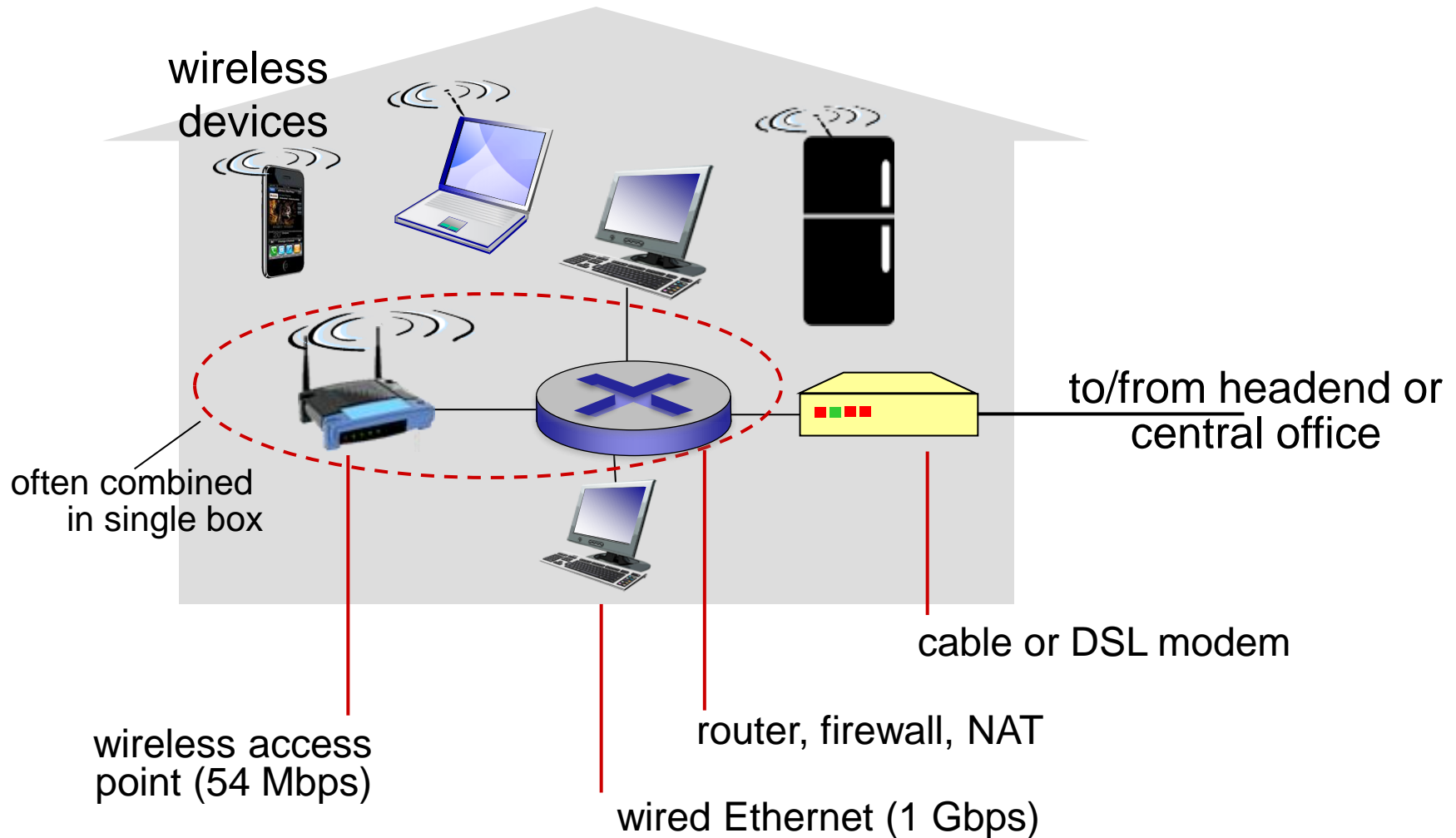
- residential access nets
- institutional access networks (school, company)
- mobile access networks

*keep in mind:*

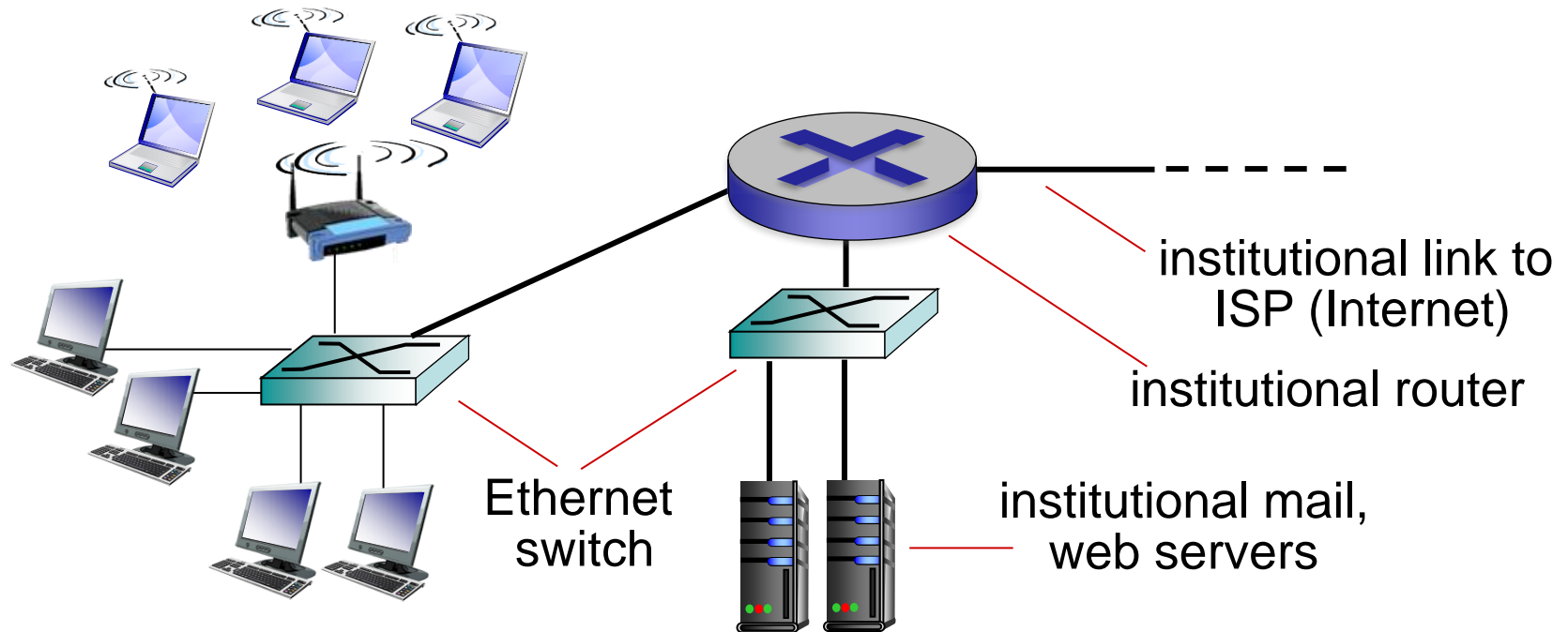
- bandwidth (bits per second) of access network?



# Access network: home network



# 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

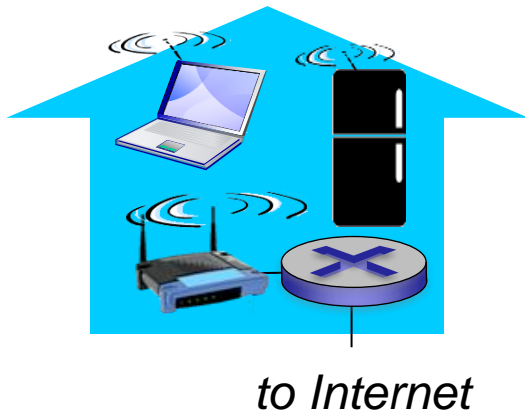


# Wireless access networks

- shared *wireless* access network connects end system to router
  - via base station aka “access point”

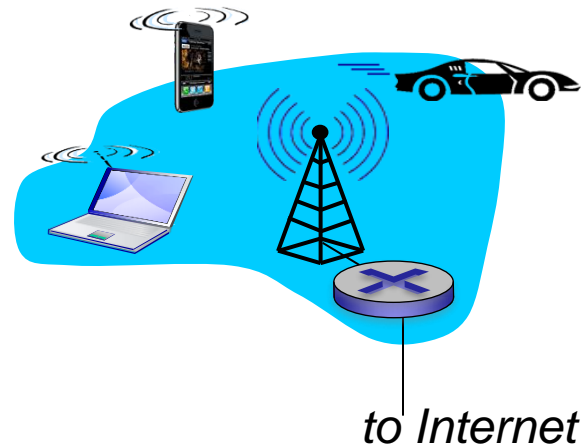
## *wireless LANs:*

- within building (100 ft.)
- 802.11b/g/n (WiFi): 11, 54, 450 Mbps transmission rate



## *wide-area wireless access*

- provided by telco (cellular) operator, 10's km
- between 1 and 10 Mbps
- 3G, 4G: LTE



# Physical media

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- **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, 1 Gbps Ethernet
  - Category 6: 10Gbps

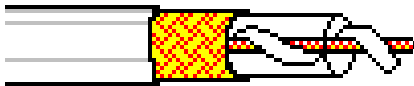


# Physical media: coax, fiber

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## *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 Gbps transmission rate)
- low error rate



# Physical media: radio

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- 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)
  - 54 Mbps
- **wide-area** (e.g., cellular)
  - 4G cellular: ~ 10 Mbps
- **satellite**

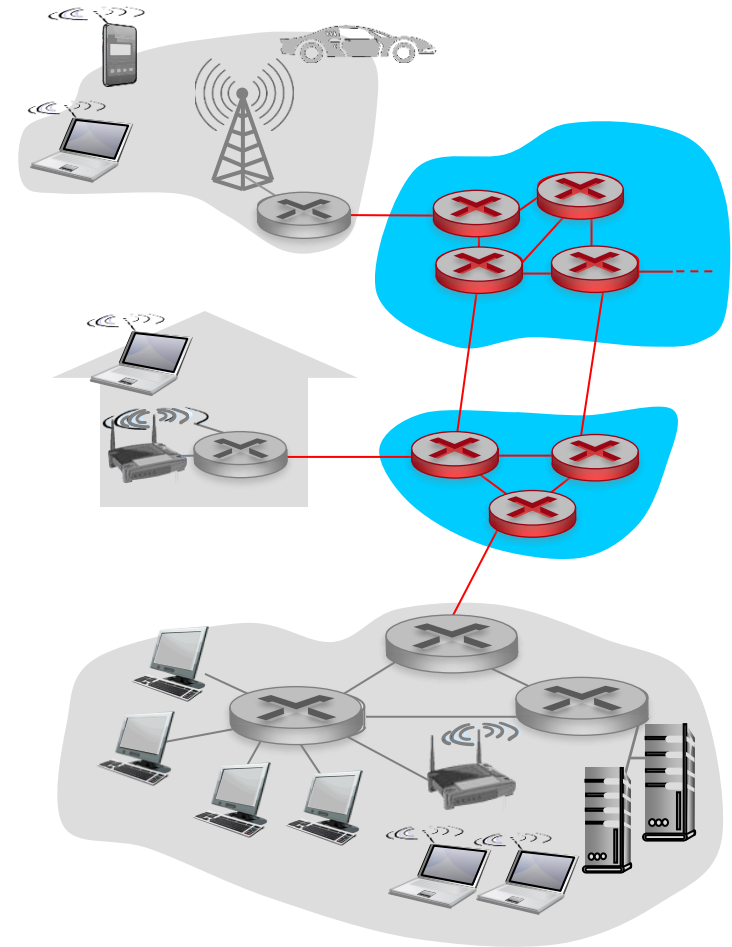
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- Protocol layers, service models

# 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

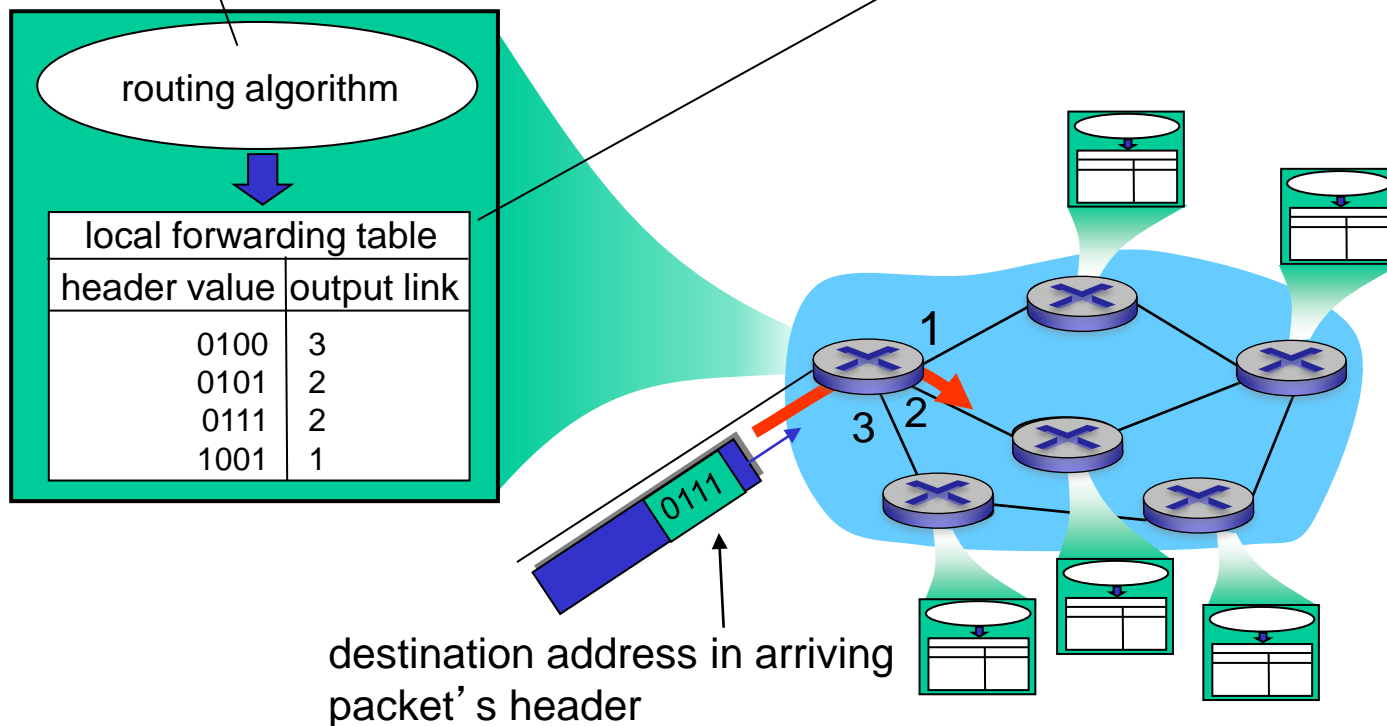


# Two key network-core functions

**routing:** determines source-destination route taken by packets

- *routing algorithms*

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



# Internet structure: network of networks

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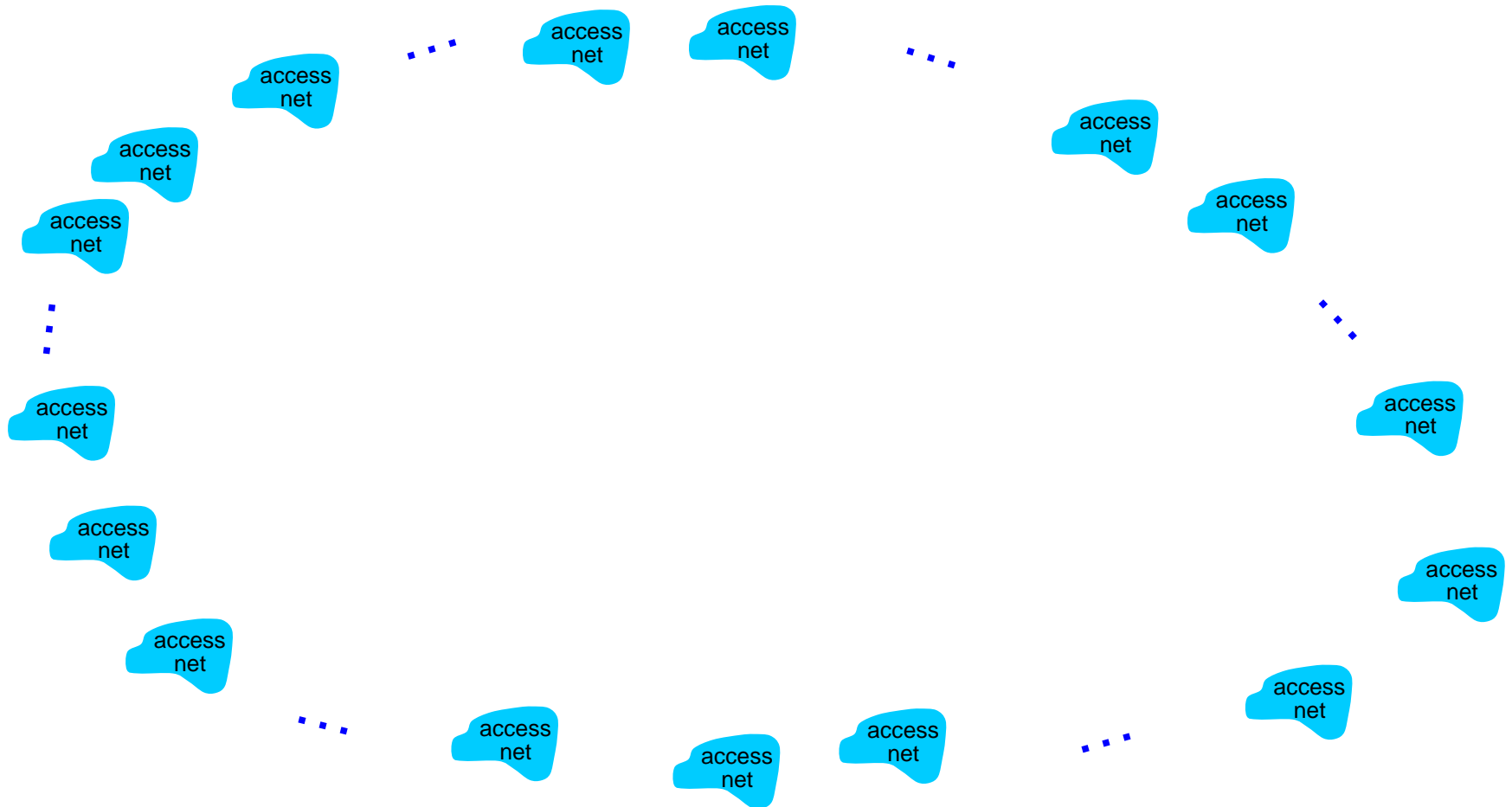
- End systems connect to Internet via **access ISPs** (Internet Service Providers)
  - residential, company and university ISPs
- Access ISPs in turn must be interconnected.
  - so that any two hosts can send packets to each other
- Resulting network of networks is very complex
- Let's take a stepwise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



# Internet structure: network of networks

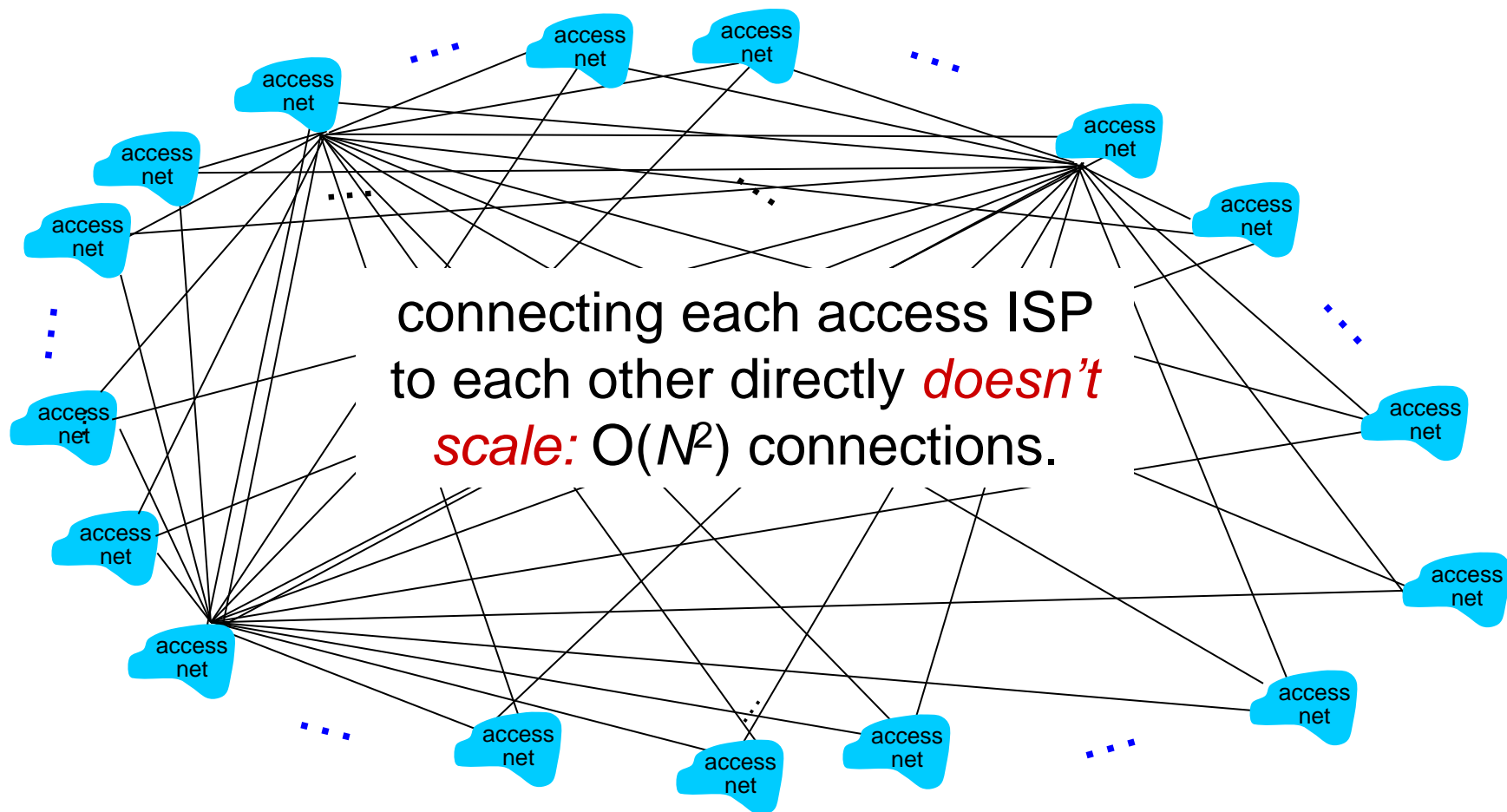
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**Question:** given *millions* of access ISPs, how to connect them together?



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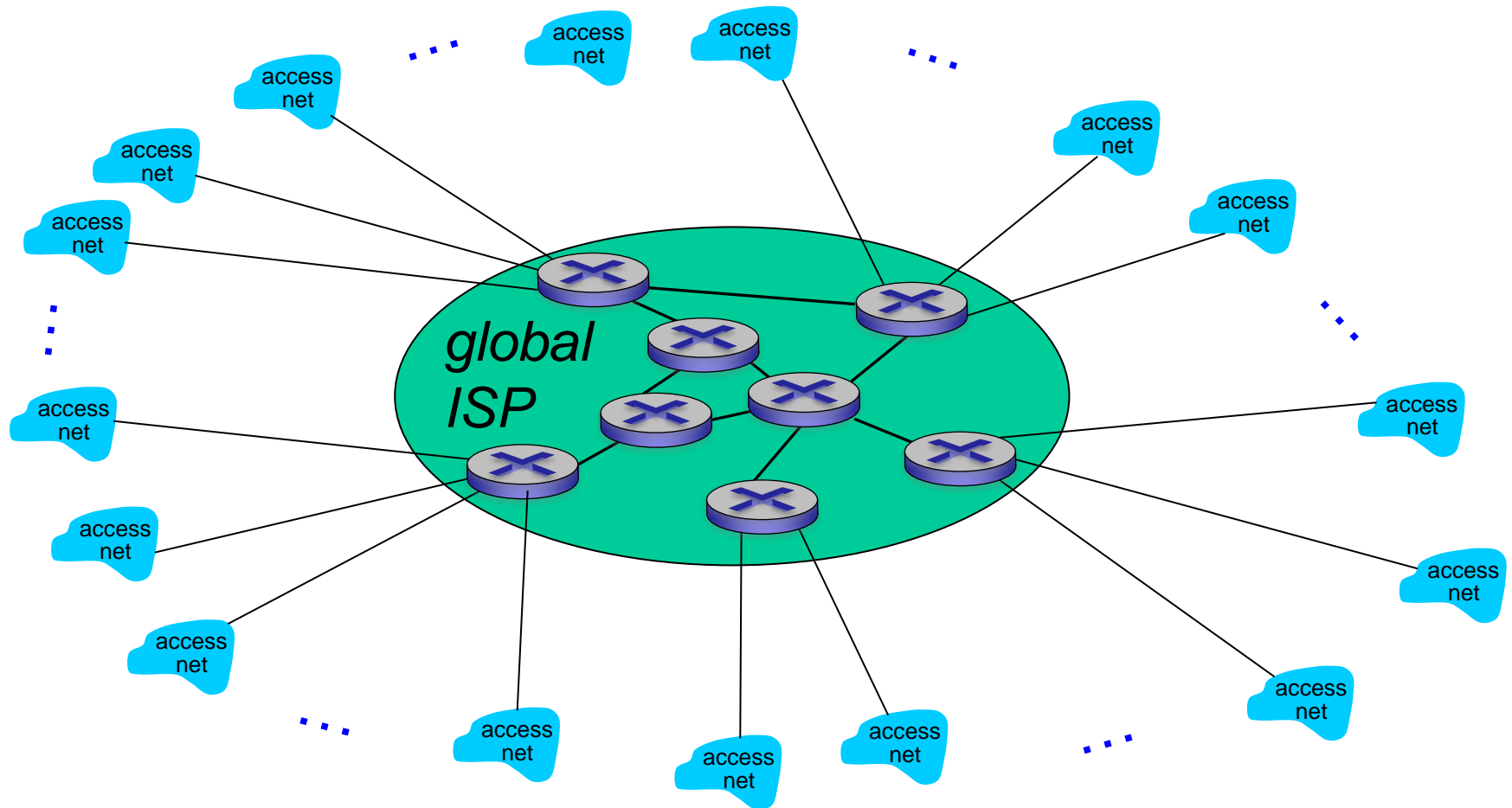
*Option:* connect each access ISP to every other access ISP?



# Internet structure: network of networks

*Option:* connect each access ISP to one global transit ISP?

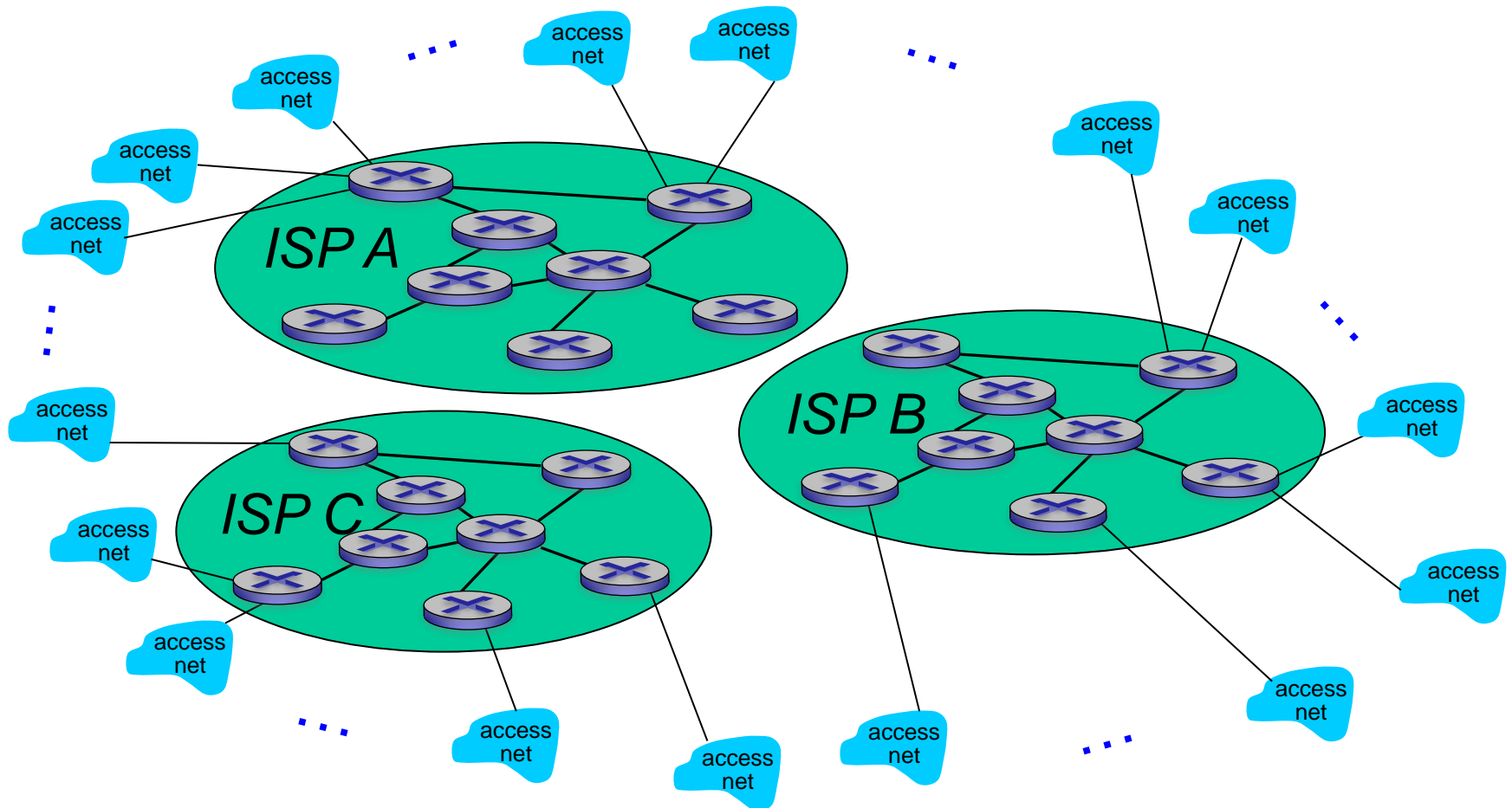
*Customer* and *provider* ISPs have economic agreement.



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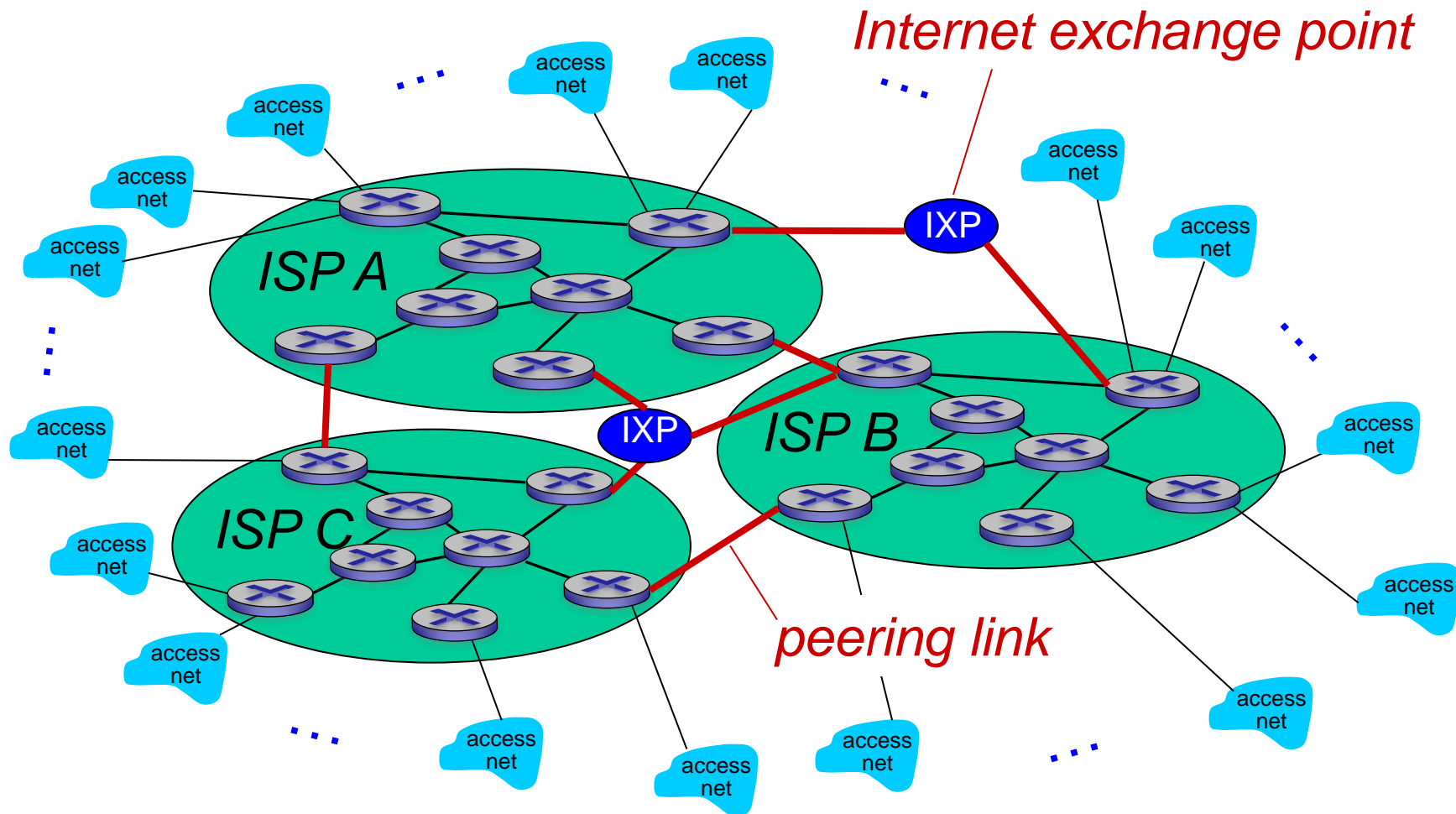
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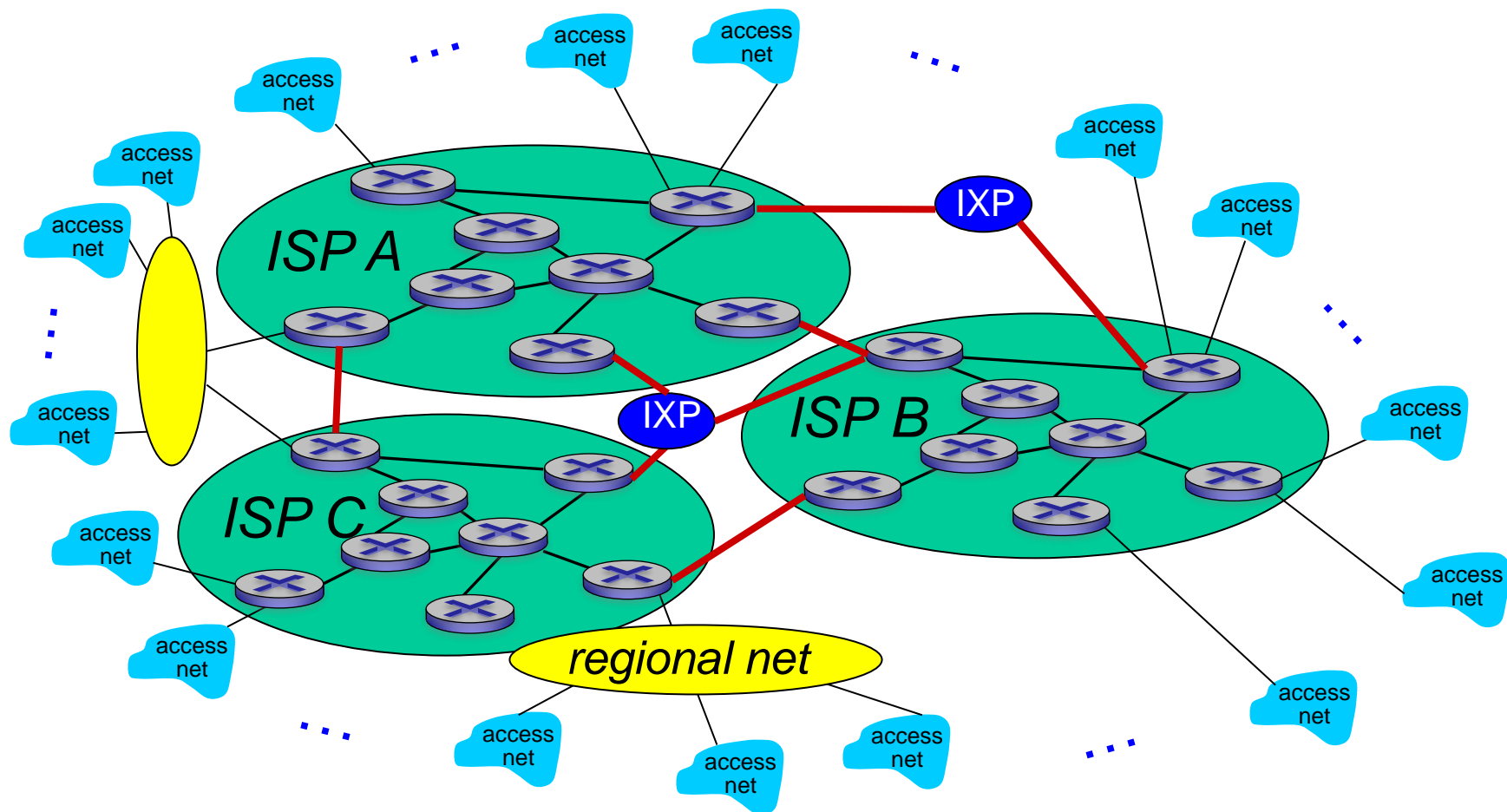
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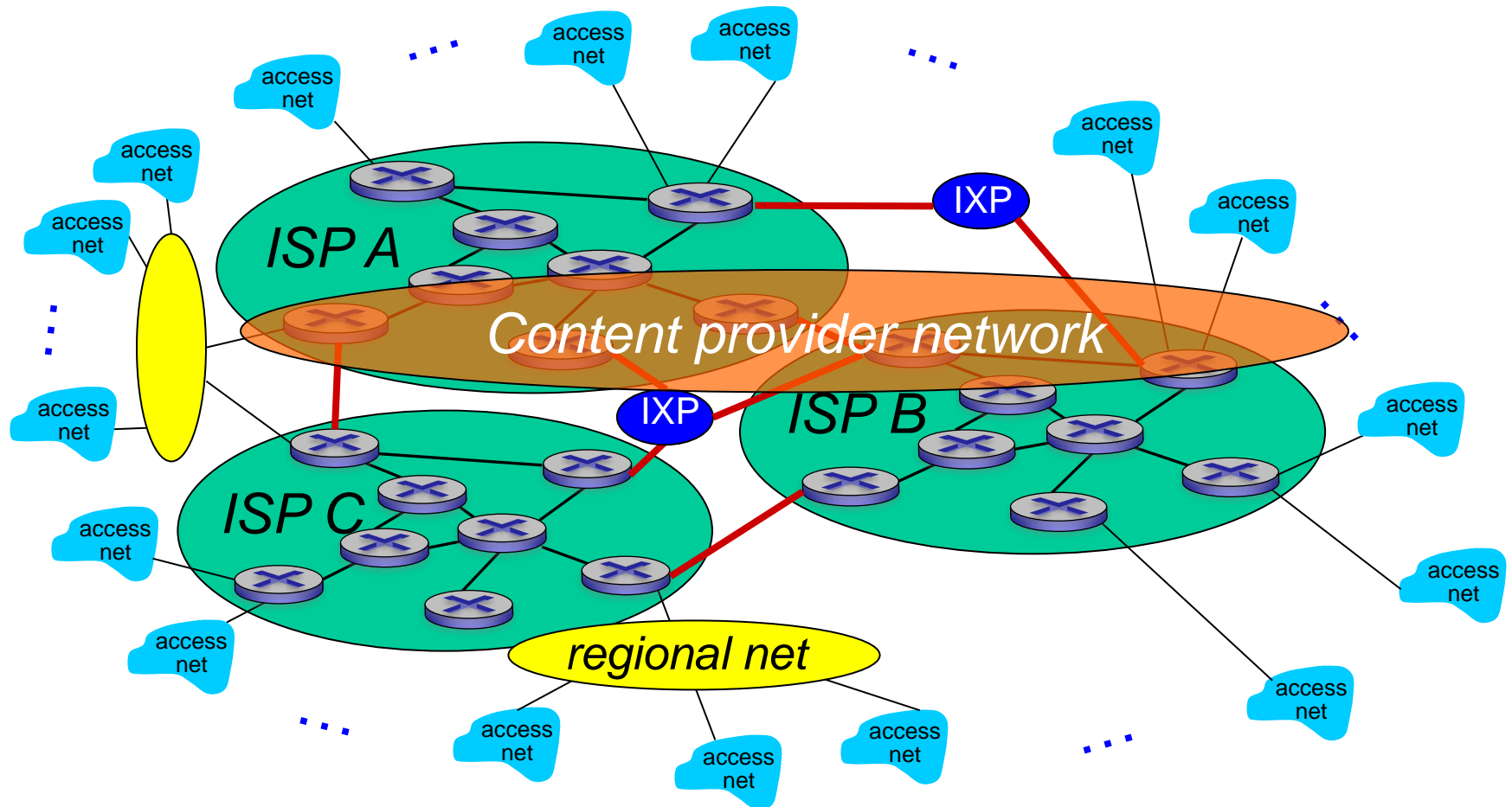
# Internet structure: network of networks

... 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



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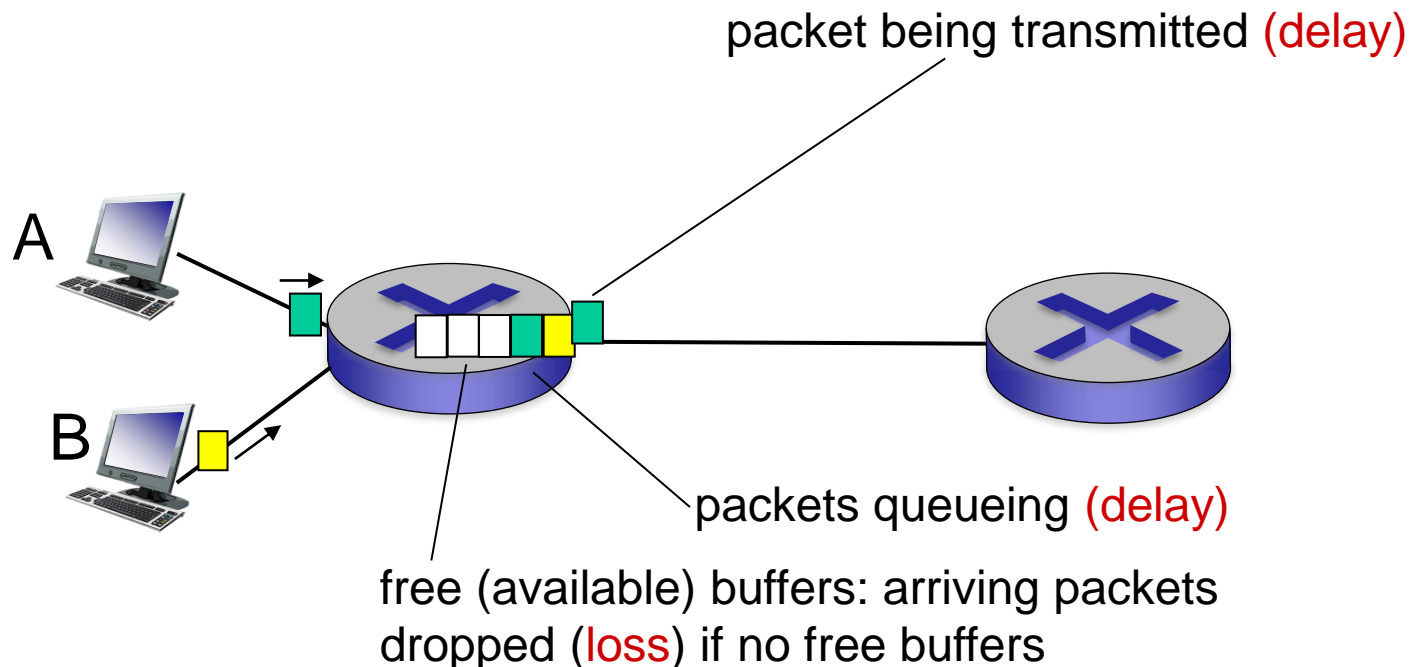
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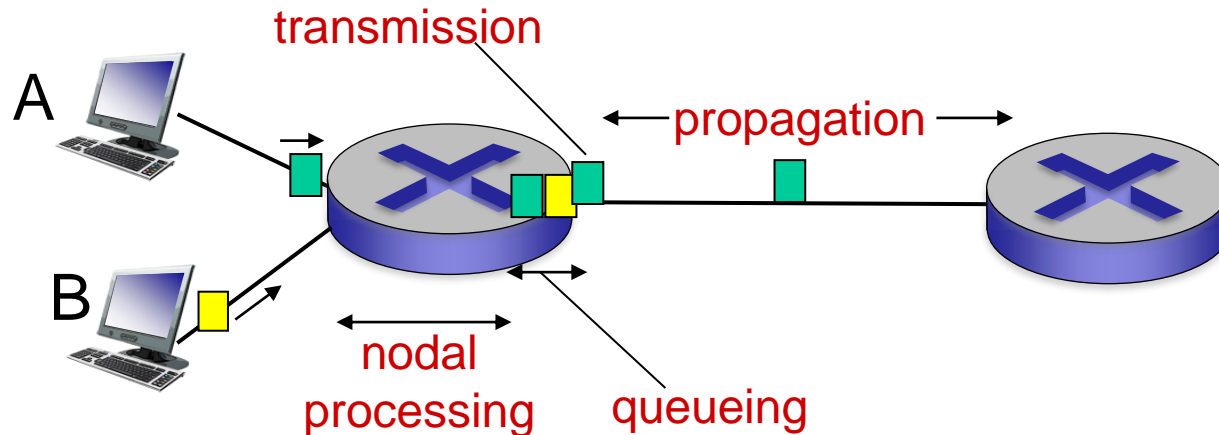
# How do loss and delay occur?

packets *queue* in router buffers

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



# Four sources of packet delay



$$d_{\text{nodal}} = d_{\text{proc}} + d_{\text{queue}} + d_{\text{trans}} + d_{\text{prop}}$$

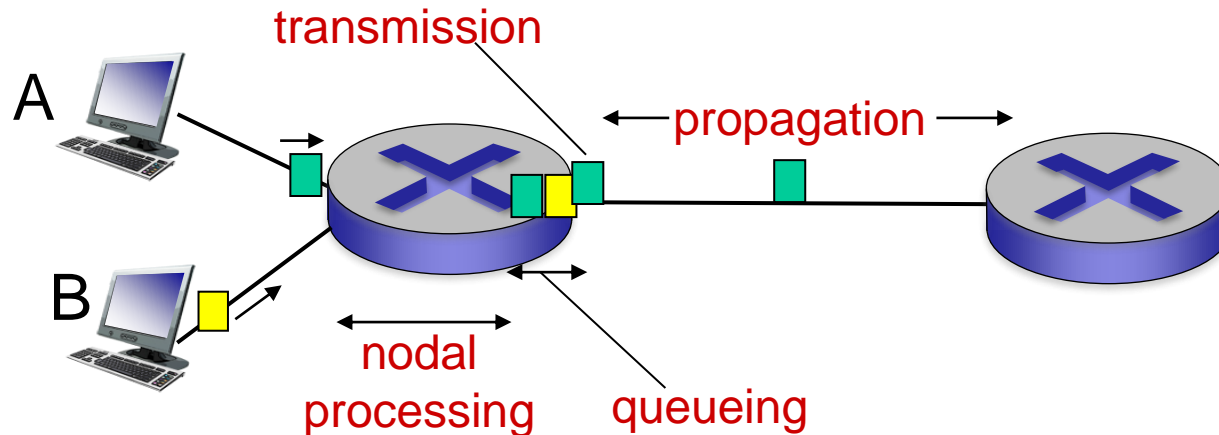
## $d_{\text{proc}}$ : nodal processing

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

## $d_{\text{queue}}$ : queueing delay

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

# Four sources of packet delay



$$d_{\text{nodal}} = d_{\text{proc}} + d_{\text{queue}} + d_{\text{trans}} + d_{\text{prop}}$$

$d_{\text{trans}}$ : transmission delay:

- $L$ : packet length (bits)
- $R$ : link bandwidth (bps)
- $d_{\text{trans}} = L/R$

$d_{\text{prop}}$ : propagation delay:

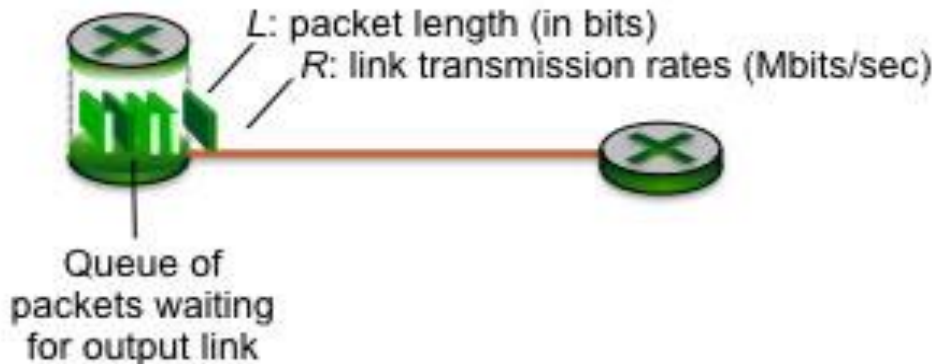
- $d$ : length of physical link
- $s$ : propagation speed
- $d_{\text{prop}} = d/s$

←  $d_{\text{trans}}$  and  $d_{\text{prop}}$  →  
very different

\* Check out the online interactive exercises for more examples: [http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/kurose\\_ross/interactive/](http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/kurose_ross/interactive/)

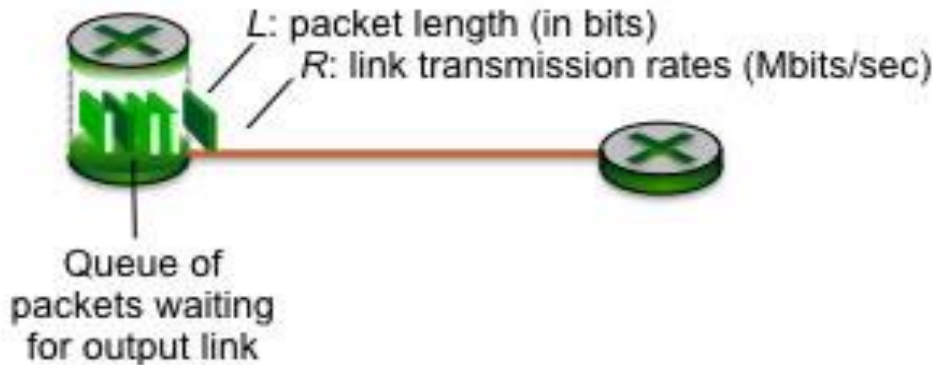
\* Check out the Java applet for an interactive animation on trans vs. prop delay

# Transmission delay - example



- As shown in the figure above, a single router is transmitting packets, each of length  $L$  bits, over a link with transmission rate  $R$  Mbps.
- Suppose that the packet length is  $L = 8000$  bits, and the link transmission rate  $R = 100$  Mbps.
- What is the transmission delay?

# Transmission delay – example (cont.)



- $L = 8000$  bits, and  $R = 100$  Mbps.
- What is the transmission delay?

$$\begin{aligned}\text{trans delay} &= L/R = 8000 \text{ (bits)} / 100 \times 10^6 \text{ (bps)} \\ &= 0.08 \times 10^{-3} \text{ (sec)} = 0.08 \text{ (msec)}.\end{aligned}$$

Some online practice:

[http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/kurose\\_ross/interactive/one-hop-delay.php](http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/kurose_ross/interactive/one-hop-delay.php)

# Propagation Delay

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- The time it takes a bit to propagate on the physical distance of the communications path.

$d_{\text{prop}}$ : propagation delay:

- $d$ : length of physical link
- $s$ : propagation speed ( $2 - 3 \times 10^8$  m/sec)
- $d_{\text{prop}} = d/s$

Example: for a packet transmitted over a 1000 km of fibre (speed of  $3 \times 10^8$  m/sec), the propagation delay is  $1000 \times 10^3 / (3 \times 10^8) = 3.33$  (ms)

# “Real” Internet delays and routes

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- What do “real” Internet delay & loss look like?
- **Ping program**
  - a simplest method to verify reachability
  - using ICMP (Internet Control Message Protocol)
  - measure Response Time or Round Trip Time (RTT), Packet loss percentage ...

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C:\>ping www.yahoo.com

Pinging www.yahoo.akadns.net [68.142.226.32] with 32 bytes of data:

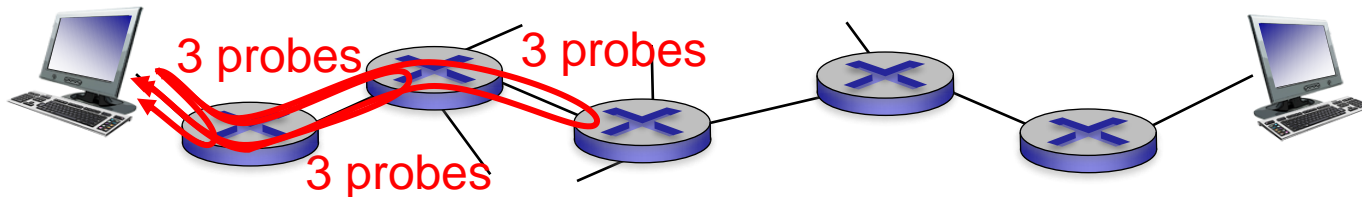
Reply from 68.142.226.32: bytes=32 time=79ms TTL=46
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Reply from 68.142.226.32: bytes=32 time=79ms TTL=46

Ping statistics for 68.142.226.32:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
    Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
        Minimum = 79ms, Maximum = 80ms, Average = 79ms
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# “Real” Internet delays and routes

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- what do “real” Internet delay & loss look like?
- **traceroute** program: provides delay measurement from source to router along end-end 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.






# “Real” Internet delays, routes

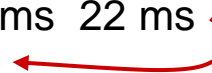
**traceroute:** gaia.cs.umass.edu to www.eurecom.fr

3 delay measurements from  
gaia.cs.umass.edu to cs-gw.cs.umass.edu



1 cs-gw (128.119.240.254) 1 ms 1 ms 2 ms  
2 border1-rt-fa5-1-0.gw.umass.edu (128.119.3.145) 1 ms 1 ms 2 ms  
3 cht-vbns.gw.umass.edu (128.119.3.130) 6 ms 5 ms 5 ms  
4 jn1-at1-0-0-19.wor.vbns.net (204.147.132.129) 16 ms 11 ms 13 ms  
5 jn1-so7-0-0-0.wae.vbns.net (204.147.136.136) 21 ms 18 ms 18 ms  
6 abilene-vbns.abilene.ucaid.edu (198.32.11.9) 22 ms 18 ms 22 ms  
7 nycm-wash.abilene.ucaid.edu (198.32.8.46) 22 ms 22 ms 22 ms  
8 62.40.103.253 (62.40.103.253) 104 ms 109 ms 106 ms  
9 de2-1.de1.de.geant.net (62.40.96.129) 109 ms 102 ms 104 ms  
10 de.fr1.fr.geant.net (62.40.96.50) 113 ms 121 ms 114 ms  
11 renater-gw.fr1.fr.geant.net (62.40.103.54) 112 ms 114 ms 112 ms  
12 nio-n2.cssi.renater.fr (193.51.206.13) 111 ms 114 ms 116 ms  
13 nice.cssi.renater.fr (195.220.98.102) 123 ms 125 ms 124 ms  
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trans-oceanic link

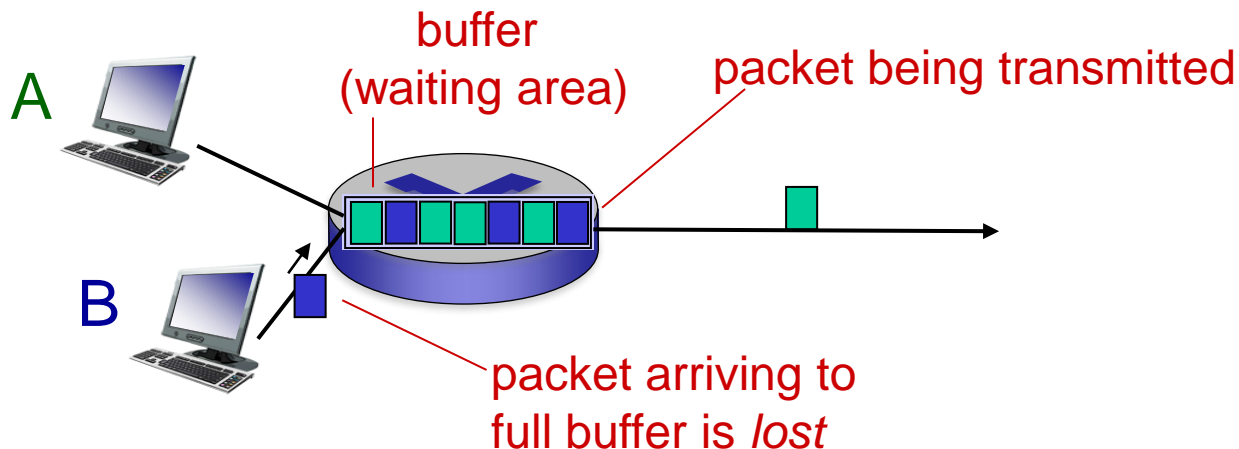


\* means no response (probe lost, router not replying)

# Packet loss

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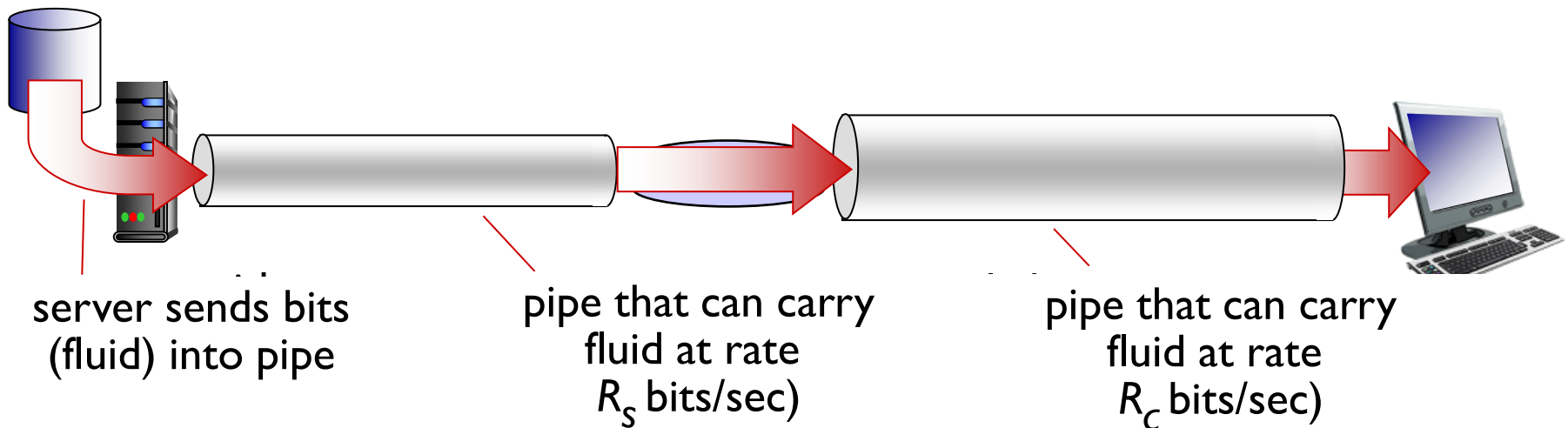
- queue (aka buffer) preceding link in buffer has finite capacity
- packet arriving to full queue dropped (aka lost)
- lost packet may be retransmitted by previous node, by source end system, or not at all



# Throughput

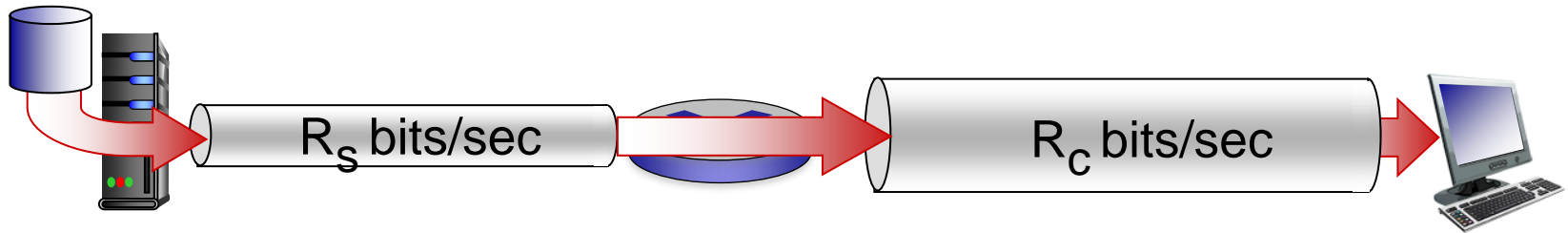
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- **throughput**: rate (bits/time unit) at which bits transferred between sender/receiver
  - **instantaneous**: rate at given point in time
  - **average**: rate over longer period of time

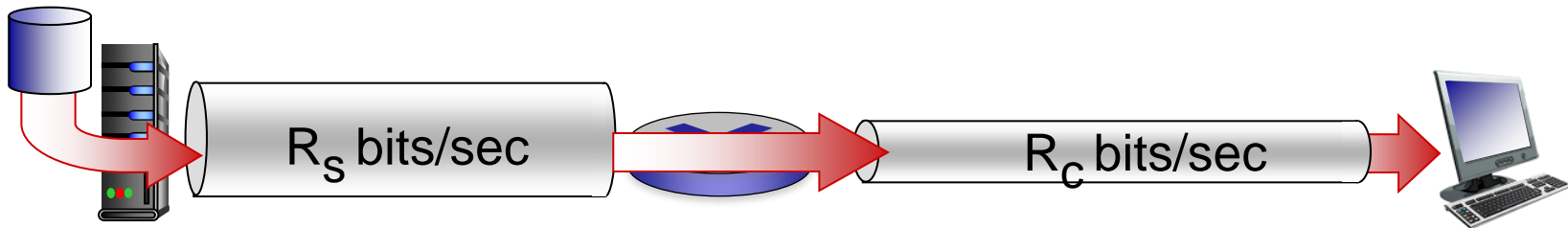


# Throughput (more)

- $R_s < R_c$  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

# Summary

- Internet overview
- what's a protocol?
- network edge, core, access network
- performance: loss, delay, throughput