

IP addresses: how to get one?

Q: How does a *host* get IP address?

- ❑ hard-coded by system admin in a file
 - Windows: control-panel->network->configuration->tcp/ip->properties
 - UNIX: /etc/rc.config
- ❑ **DHCP**: **D**ynamic **H**ost **C**onfiguration **P**rotocol:
dynamically get address from as server
 - “plug-and-play”

DHCP: Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol

Goal: allow host to *dynamically* obtain its IP address from network server when it joins network

Can renew its lease on address in use

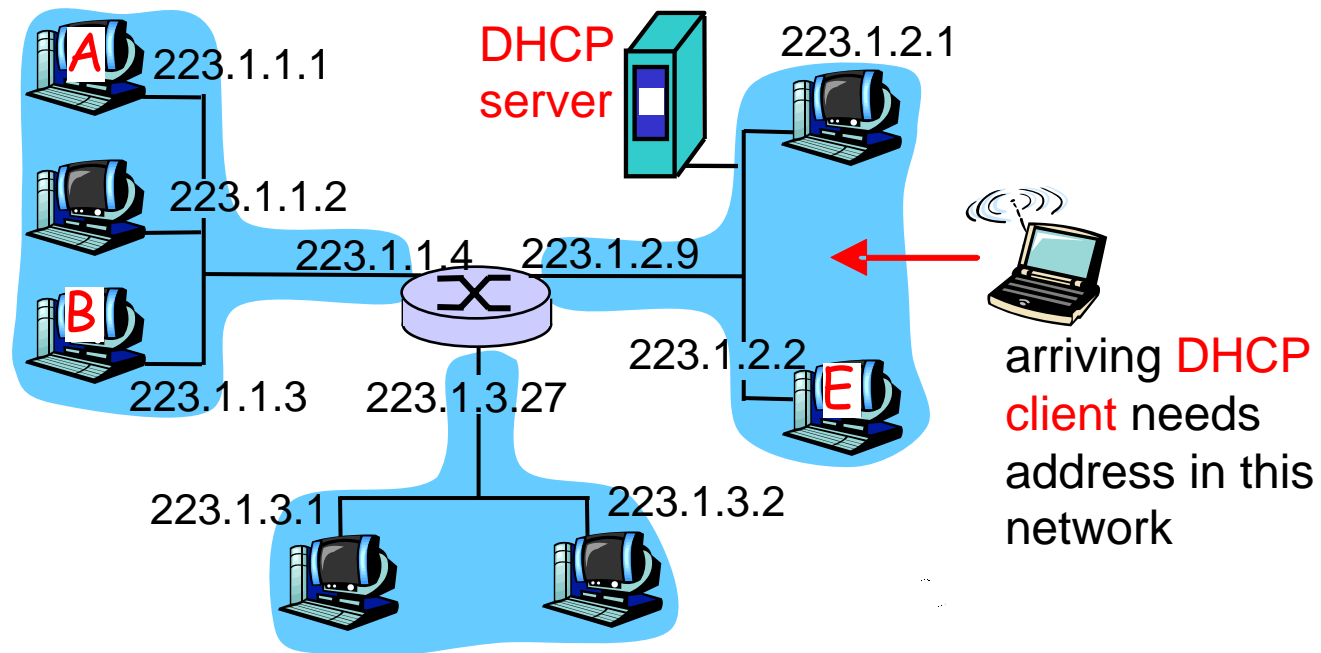
Allows reuse of addresses (only hold address while connected an "on")

Support for mobile users who want to join network (more shortly)

DHCP overview:

- host broadcasts "DHCP discover" msg
- DHCP server responds with "DHCP offer" msg
- host requests IP address: "DHCP request" msg
- DHCP server sends address: "DHCP ack" msg

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DHCP server: 223.1.2.5

DHCP discover

src : 0.0.0.0, 68
dest.: 255.255.255.255, 67
yiaddr: 0.0.0.0
transaction ID: 654

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client



DHCP offer

src: 223.1.2.5, 67
dest: 255.255.255.255, 68
yiaddr: 223.1.2.4
transaction ID: 654
Lifetime: 3600 secs

DHCP request

src: 0.0.0.0, 68
dest.: 255.255.255.255, 67
yiaddr: 223.1.2.4
transaction ID: 655
Lifetime: 3600 secs

DHCP ACK

src: 223.1.2.5, 67
dest: 255.255.255.255, 68
yiaddr: 223.1.2.4
transaction ID: 655
Lifetime: 3600 secs

time