

# MAC Addresses

## Media Access Control (MAC)

- Physical address of the network adapter card
- **OSI Layer 2** (Data Link) Layer Address
- **TCP/IP Layer 1** (Network Interface) Layer Address



Six bytes (48 bits), Usually Represented Hexadecimal

- First three bytes (24 bits) are assigned by the IEEE to the manufacturer
  - **Organizationally Unique Identifier (OUI)** assigned by IEEE (ex: Dell or HP)
- **Last three bytes (24 bits) are usually assigned sequentially:**
  - Unique Numbers

**00:21:70:6f:06:f2**

**00-21-70-6F-06-F2**

**$2^{24} = \sim 16.7$  Million Unique Addresses**

