

# Chapter 5

## Link Layer

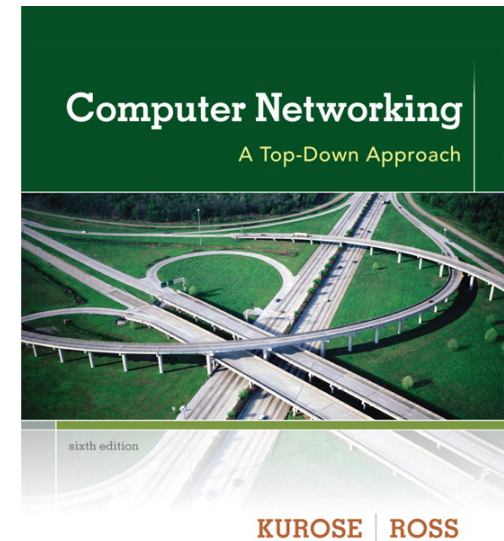
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## *our goals:*

- ❖ understand principles behind link layer services:
  - error detection, correction
  - sharing a broadcast channel: multiple access
  - link layer addressing
  - local area networks: Ethernet, VLANs
- ❖ instantiation, implementation of various link layer technologies

# Link layer services

## ❖ *framing:*

Almost all link-layer protocols encapsulate each network-layer datagram within a link-layer frame before transmission over the link. A frame consists of a data field, in which the network-layer datagram is inserted, and a number of header fields.

## ❖ *reliable delivery between adjacent nodes*

When a link-layer protocol provides reliable delivery service, it guarantees to move each network-layer datagram across the link without error.

# Link layer services (more)

## ❖ *flow control:*

- pacing between adjacent sending and receiving nodes

## ❖ *error detection:*

- errors caused by signal attenuation, noise.
- receiver detects presence of errors:
  - signals sender for retransmission or drops frame

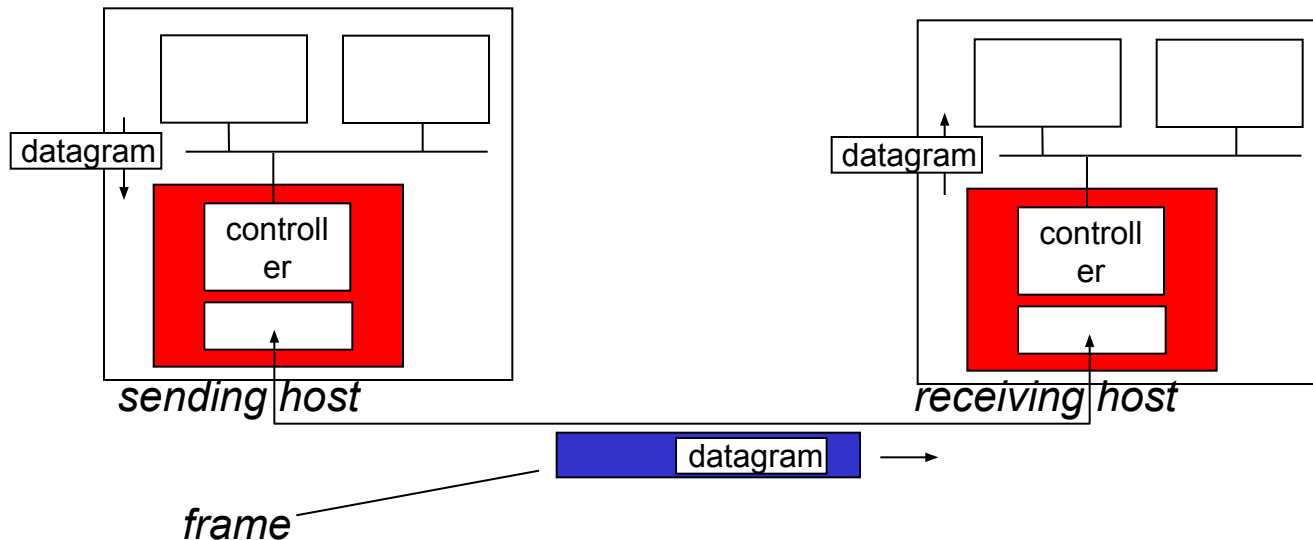
## ❖ *error correction:*

- receiver identifies *and corrects* bit error(s) without resorting to retransmission

## ❖ *half-duplex and full-duplex*

- with half duplex, nodes at both ends of link can transmit, but not at same time

# Adaptors communicating



- ❖ sending side:
  - encapsulates datagram in frame
  - adds error checking bits, rdt, flow control, etc.
- ❖ receiving side
  - looks for errors, rdt, flow control, etc
  - extracts datagram, passes to upper layer at receiving side

# Link layer, LANs: outline

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5.2 error detection,  
correction

5.3 multiple access  
protocols

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- addressing, ARP
- Ethernet
- switches
- VLANs

5.5 link virtualization:  
MPLS

5.6 data center  
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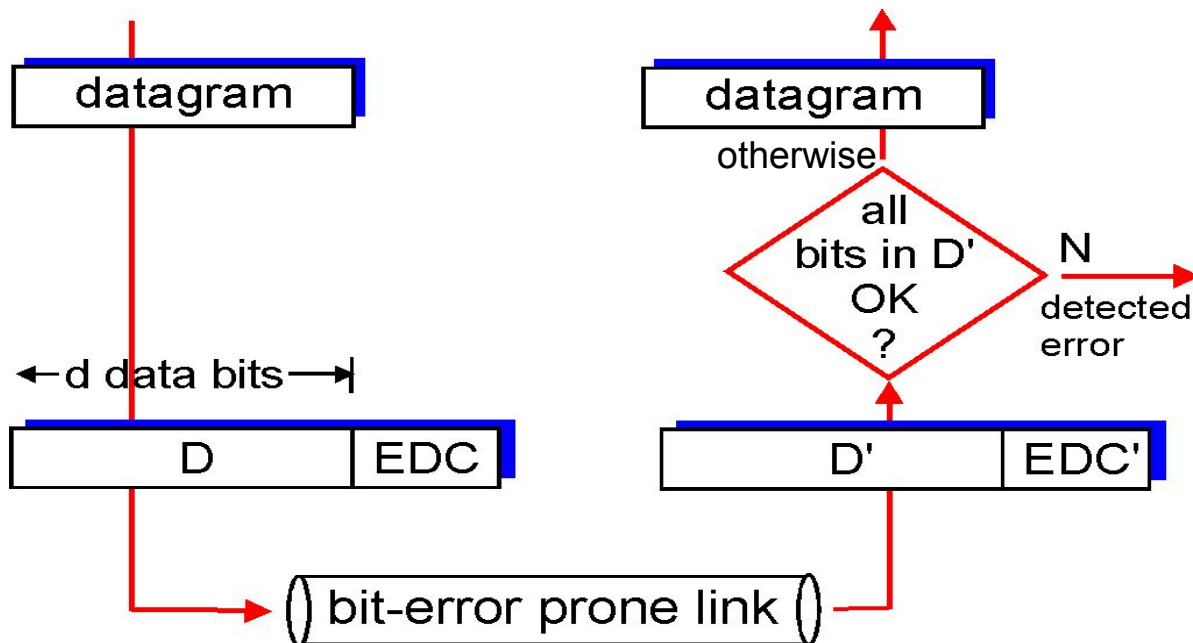
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# Error detection

EDC= Error Detection and Correction bits (redundancy)

D = Data protected by error checking, may include header fields

- Error detection not 100% reliable!
  - protocol may miss some errors, but rarely
  - larger EDC field yields better detection and correction



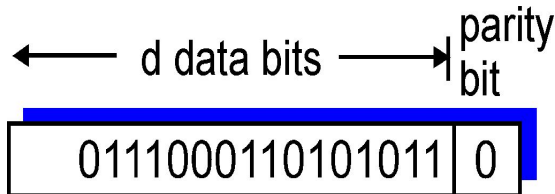
# Parity checking

## *single bit parity:*

- ❖ detect single bit errors

## *two-dimensional bit parity:*

- ❖ detect and correct single bit errors





# Internet checksum (review)

*goal:* detect “errors” (e.g., flipped bits) in transmitted packet  
(note: used at transport layer *only*)

## *sender:*

- ❖ treat segment contents as sequence of 16-bit integers
- ❖ checksum: addition (1’s complement sum) of segment contents
- ❖ sender puts checksum value into UDP checksum field

## *receiver:*

- ❖ compute checksum of received segment
- ❖ check if computed checksum equals checksum field value:
  - NO - error detected
  - YES - no error detected.  
*But maybe errors nonetheless?*

# Cyclic redundancy check

Q: Given  $G(x) = 10110111$  &  $P(x) = 110011$   
 Determine CRC.

Ans: Here, Data  $G(x) = x^7 + x^5 + x^4 + x^2 + x^1 + x^0$   
 $P(x) = x^5 + x^4 + x^1 + x^0$

Now, while multiplying  $G(x)$  with  $P(x)$ , we shall consider  $x^5$  of  $P(x)$ .

$$x^5(x^7 + x^5 + x^4 + x^2 + x^1 + x^0) = x^{12} + x^{10} + x^9 + x^7 + x^6 + x^5$$

$$= 1011011100000$$

Now,

$$\begin{array}{r}
 110011 \overline{) 1011011100000} \quad (11010111 \\
 \underline{110011} \phantom{00000} \\
 111101 \phantom{0000} \\
 \underline{110011} \phantom{000} \\
 111010 \phantom{00} \\
 \underline{110011} \phantom{0} \\
 100100 \phantom{0} \\
 \underline{110011} \phantom{0} \\
 101110 \phantom{0} \\
 \underline{110011} \phantom{0} \\
 111010 \phantom{0} \\
 \underline{110011} \phantom{0} \\
 01001 \phantom{0} = \text{CRC}
 \end{array}$$

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Now, CRC will be appended to the data.

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{G(x)} \quad \text{CRC} \\ \hline 10110111 \quad 01001 \end{array}$$

Again we divide it by  $P(x)$ .

$$\begin{array}{r} 110011 \overline{) 1011011101001 (11010111} \\ \underline{110011} \phantom{000000000000} \\ 111101 \phantom{000000000000} \\ \underline{110011} \phantom{000000000000} \\ 1101010 \phantom{000000000000} \\ \underline{110011} \phantom{000000000000} \\ 100110 \phantom{000000000000} \\ \underline{110011} \phantom{000000000000} \\ 101010 \phantom{000000000000} \\ \underline{110011} \phantom{000000000000} \\ 110011 \phantom{000000000000} \\ \underline{110011} \phantom{000000000000} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

No remainder. (means no transmission errors)

Q: A message 10011 is given. where

$$G_1(x) = (1, 1, 1)$$

$$G_2(x) = (1, 0, 1)$$

Determine codeword, design the convolution encoder.

A:  $G_1(x)$ ,  $G_2(x)$  and message are converted into

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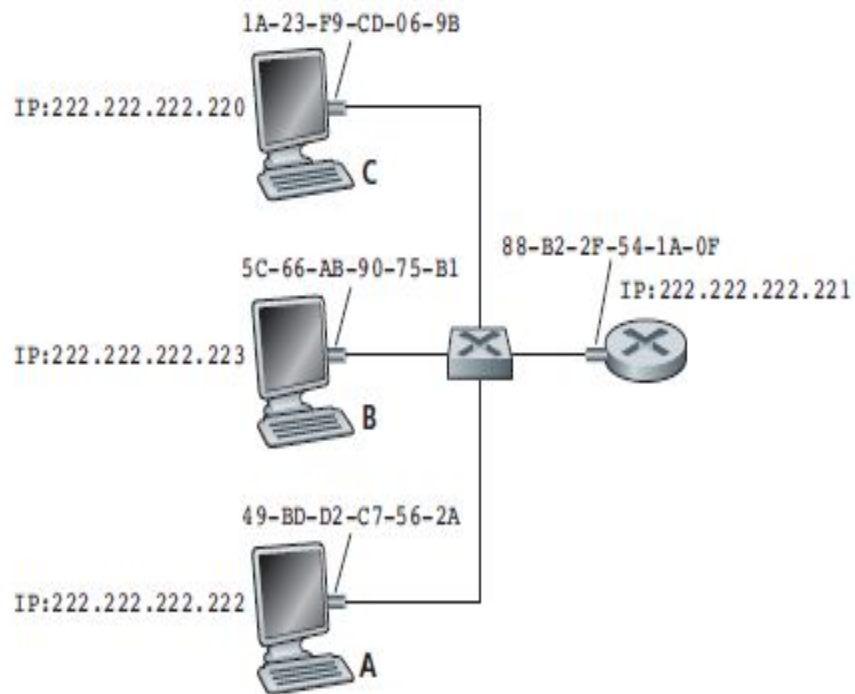
# MAC Address

- ❖ A link-layer address is variously called a **LAN address**, a **physical address**, or a **MAC address**

# Address Resolution Protocol

## (ARP)

- ❖ Because there are both network-layer addresses (for example, Internet IP addresses) and link-layer addresses (that is, MAC addresses), there is a need to translate between them
- ❖ Now suppose that the host with IP address 222.222.222.220 wants to send an IP datagram to host 222.222.222.222. To send a datagram, the source must give its adapter not only the IP datagram but also the MAC address for destination 222.222.222.222. The sending adapter will then construct a linklayer frame containing the destination's MAC address and send the frame into the LAN.



IP Address	MAC Address	TTL
222.222.222.221	88-B2-2F-54-1A-0F	13:45:00
222.222.222.223	5C-66-AB-90-75-B1	13:52:00

# Switches vs. routers

both are store-and-forward:

- **routers:** network-layer devices (examine network-layer headers)
- **switches:** link-layer devices (examine link-layer headers)

both have forwarding tables:

- **routers:** compute tables using routing algorithms, IP addresses
- **switches:** learn forwarding table using flooding, learning, MAC addresses

