UNIT-III
NETWORK LAYER

Routing Protocols, IP Addressing and Routing, Quality of Service and Traffic Engineering, Network Performance Analysis and Optimization, Overlay and Peer-to-Peer Networks, IPv6 Adoption and Transition Strategies, Content Delivery Networks and Edge Computing, Collaboration and Networking Opportunities

Guided Self Study Topics

- ✓ **IP Fragmentation and Reassembly**
- ✓ **Networking Standards and Protocols**
- ✓ **Mobile and Wireless Networking**

ROUTING PROTOCOLS

1.Definition:

- Routing protocols are algorithms or rules used to determine the most efficient path for data packets to travel across a network.
- They are essential for dynamic communication and ensure data reaches the correct destination reliably.

Purpose:

- To dynamically adapt to network changes, minimize latency, and optimize data flow

Types of Routing Protocols:

a)Static vs. Dynamic Routing

b) Interior vs. Exterior Routing Protocols

c) Distance Vector, Link-State and Hybrid

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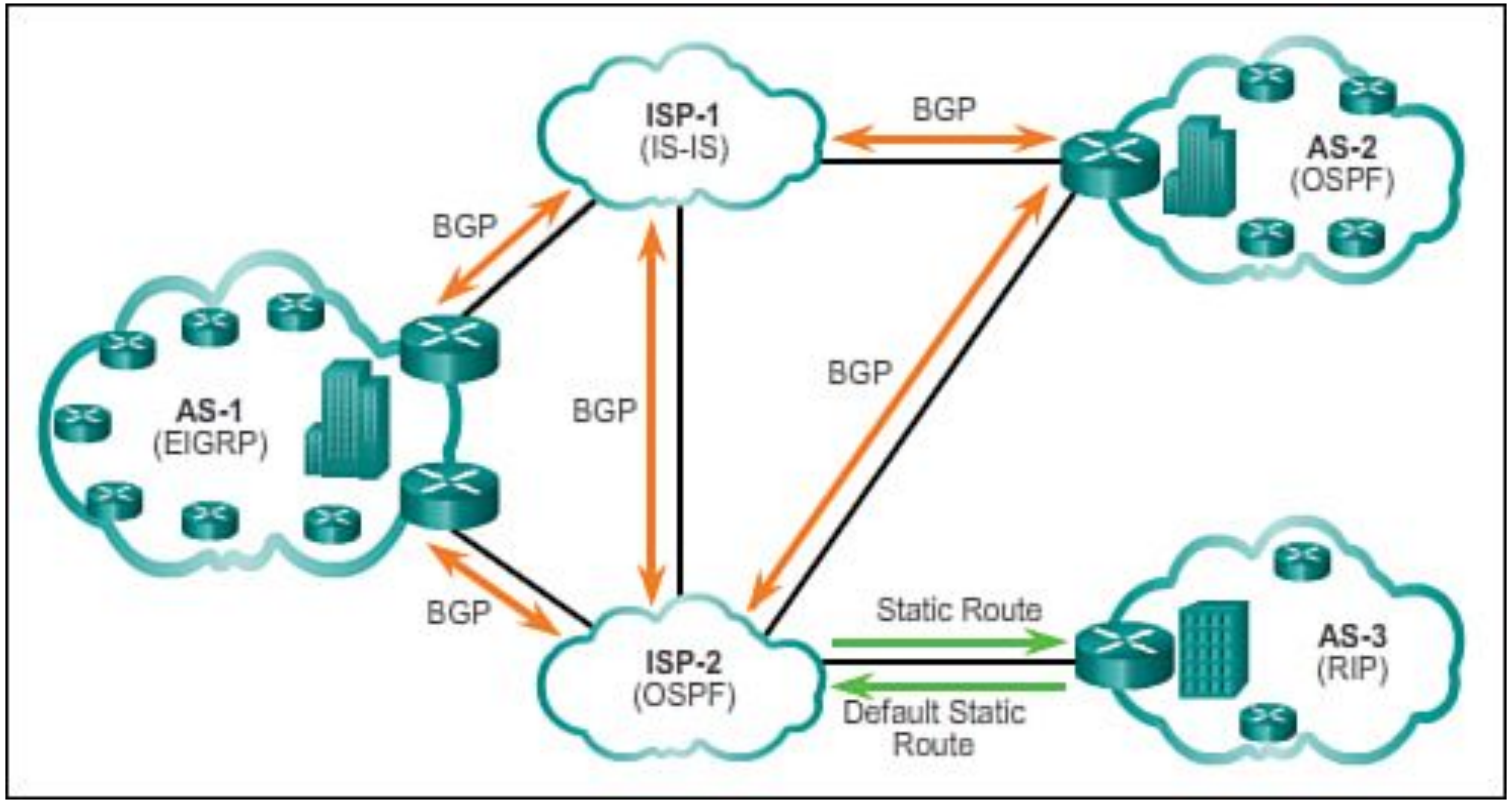

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(1)Static Routing Vs Dynamic Routing:

Static Routing:

Definition:

- A type of routing where the routes are manually configured by the network administrator.

Key Features:

- Predefined routes do not change unless manually updated.
- Best suited for small, stable networks.

Advantages:

- Simple to configure and maintain for small networks.
- No additional CPU or memory overhead.
- High security as routes cannot be dynamically altered

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Static Routing:

Disadvantages:

- Not scalable for large or frequently changing networks.
- Manual updates are required for any topology change.

Example Scenario:

- A small office network with fixed connections to the internet.

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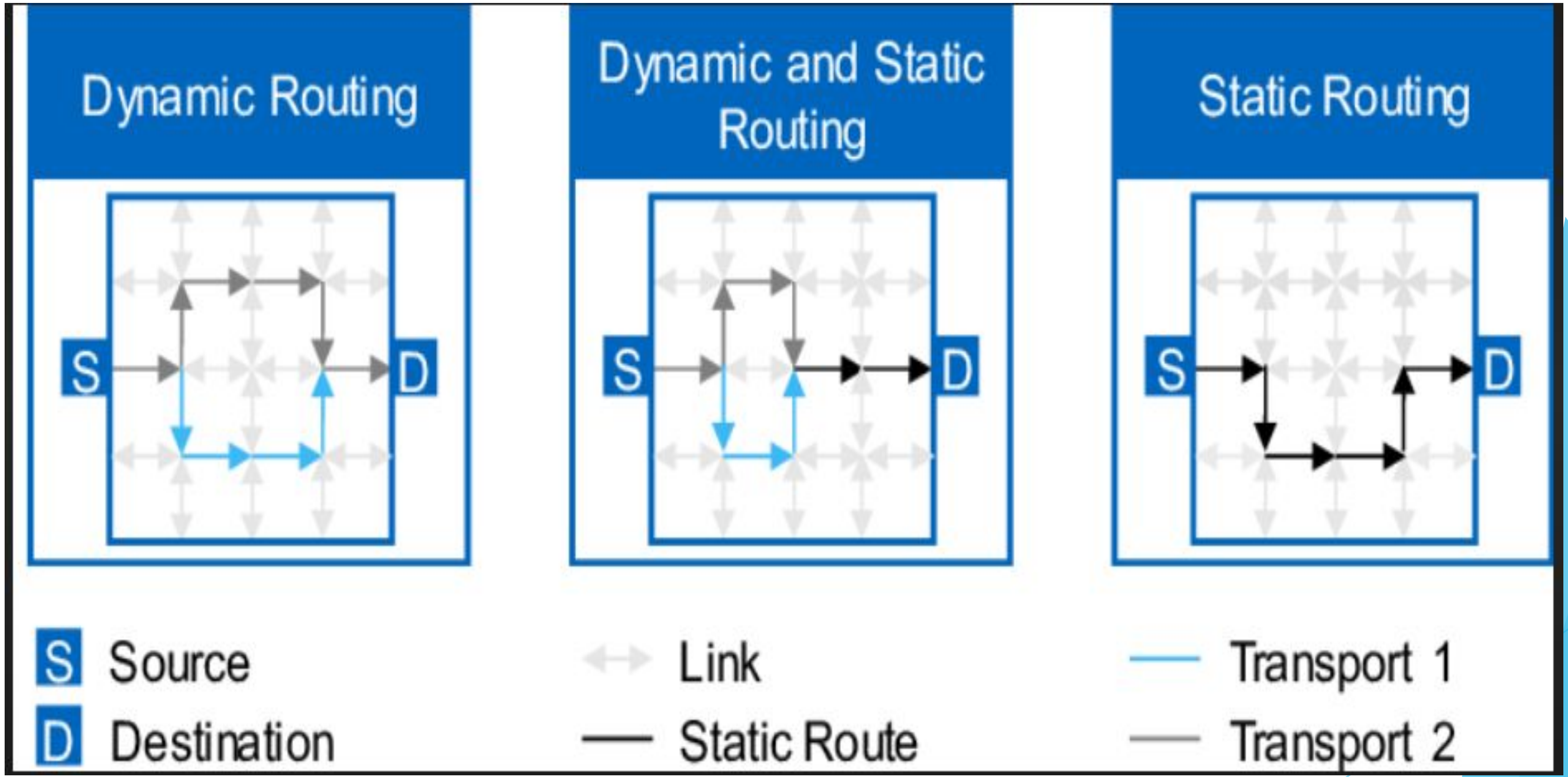

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Dynamic Routing:

Definition:

- Routing where routes are automatically updated based on network conditions using routing protocols.

Key Features:

- Protocols like OSPF, RIP, and EIGRP are commonly used.
- Dynamically adapts to changes like link failures or congestion.

Advantages:

- Reduces manual effort in maintaining routing tables.
- Scalable for large and complex networks.
- Reacts quickly to network topology changes.

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Dynamic Routing:

Disadvantages:

- Consumes more bandwidth for routing updates.
- Higher CPU and memory usage.

Example Protocols:

- OSPF (Open Shortest Path First): A link-state protocol with faster convergence.
- RIP (Routing Information Protocol): A distance vector protocol using hop counts.

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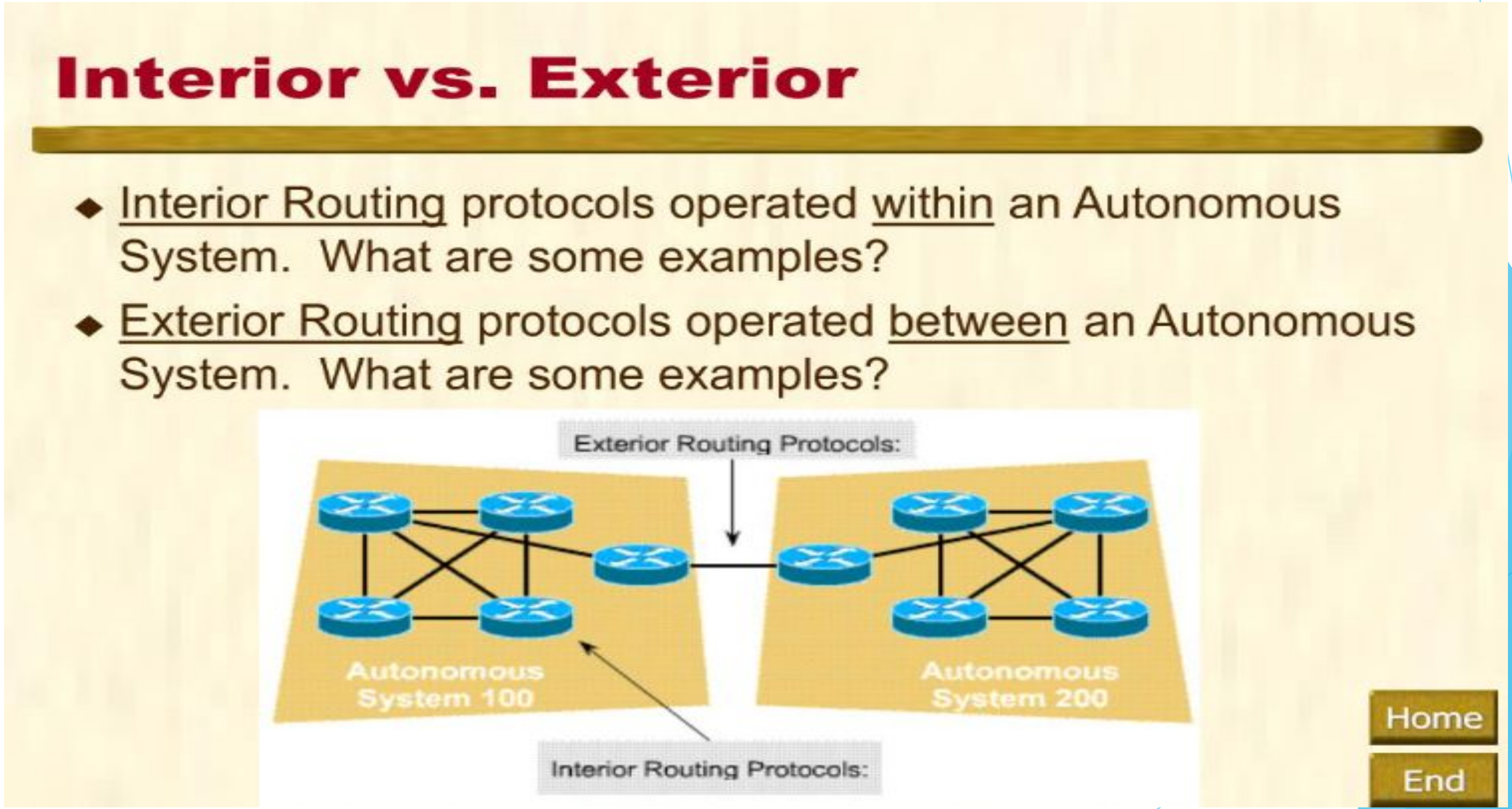
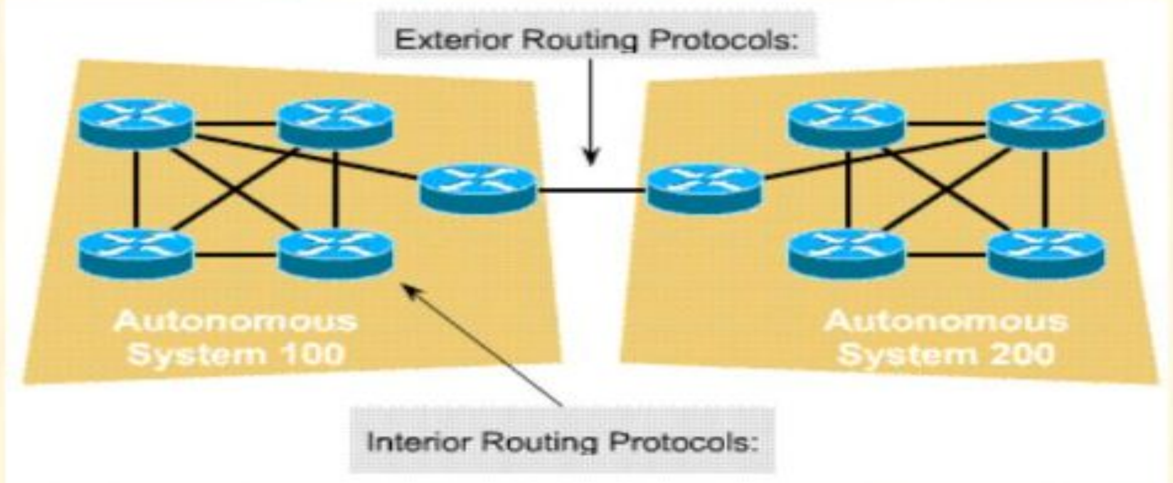
(2)Interior Routing vs Exterior Routing:



Interior vs. Exterior

- Interior Routing protocols operated within an Autonomous System. What are some examples?
- Exterior Routing protocols operated between an Autonomous System. What are some examples?



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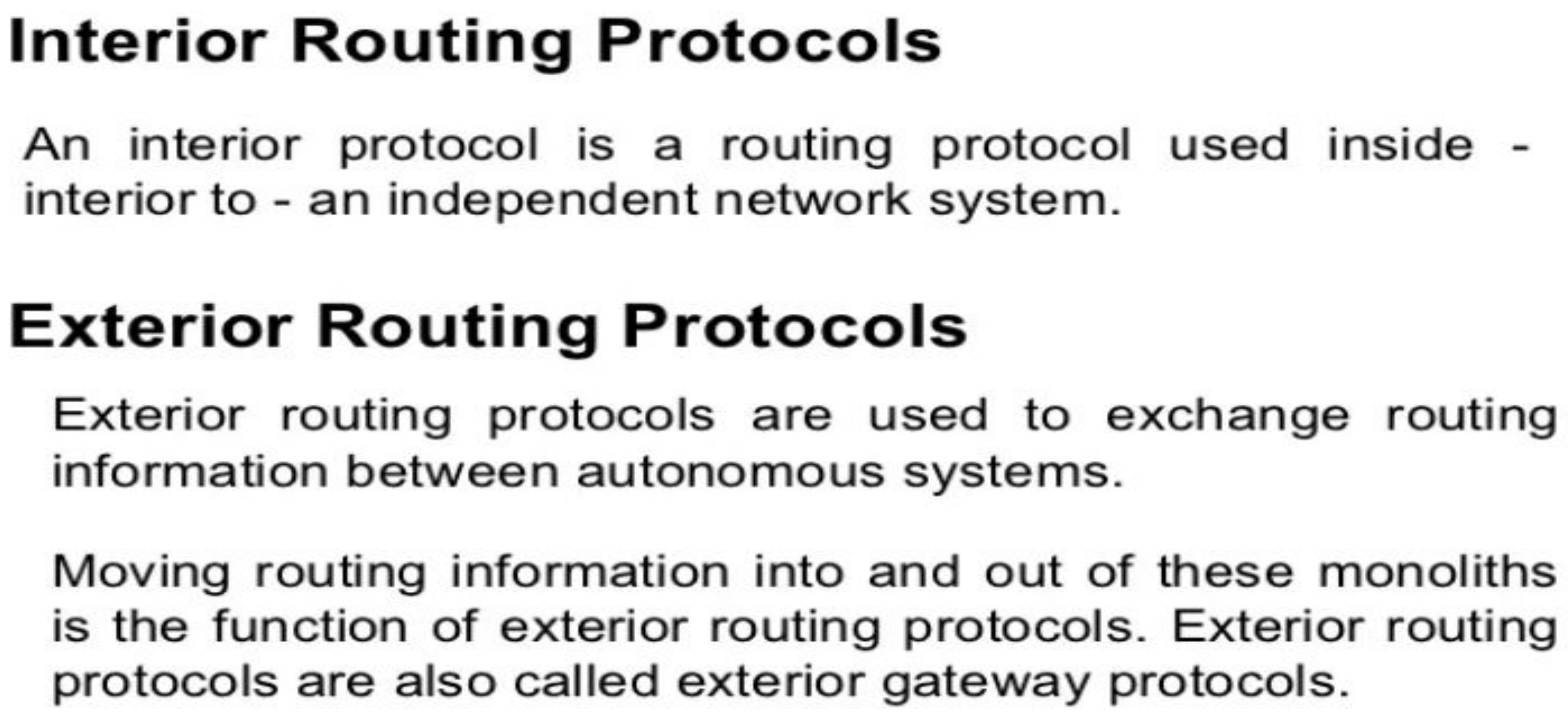
Interior Routing vs Exterior Routing:



Interior Routing Protocols

An interior protocol is a routing protocol used inside - interior to - an independent network system.

Exterior Routing Protocols

Exterior routing protocols are used to exchange routing information between autonomous systems.

Moving routing information into and out of these monoliths is the function of exterior routing protocols. Exterior routing protocols are also called exterior gateway protocols.

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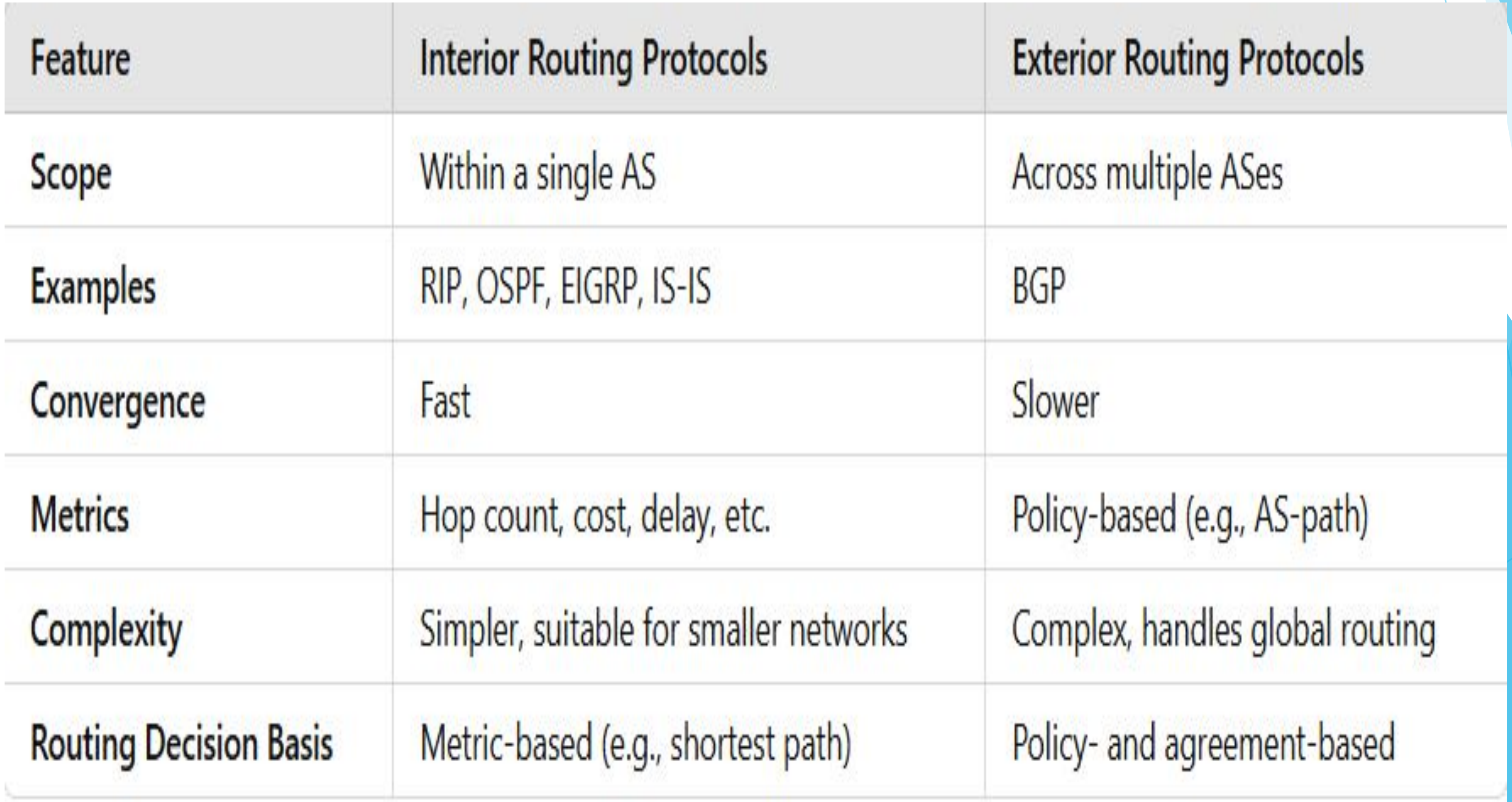

Feature	Interior Routing Protocols	Exterior Routing Protocols
Scope	Within a single AS	Across multiple ASes
Examples	RIP, OSPF, EIGRP, IS-IS	BGP
Convergence	Fast	Slower
Metrics	Hop count, cost, delay, etc.	Policy-based (e.g., AS-path)
Complexity	Simpler, suitable for smaller networks	Complex, handles global routing
Routing Decision Basis	Metric-based (e.g., shortest path)	Policy- and agreement-based

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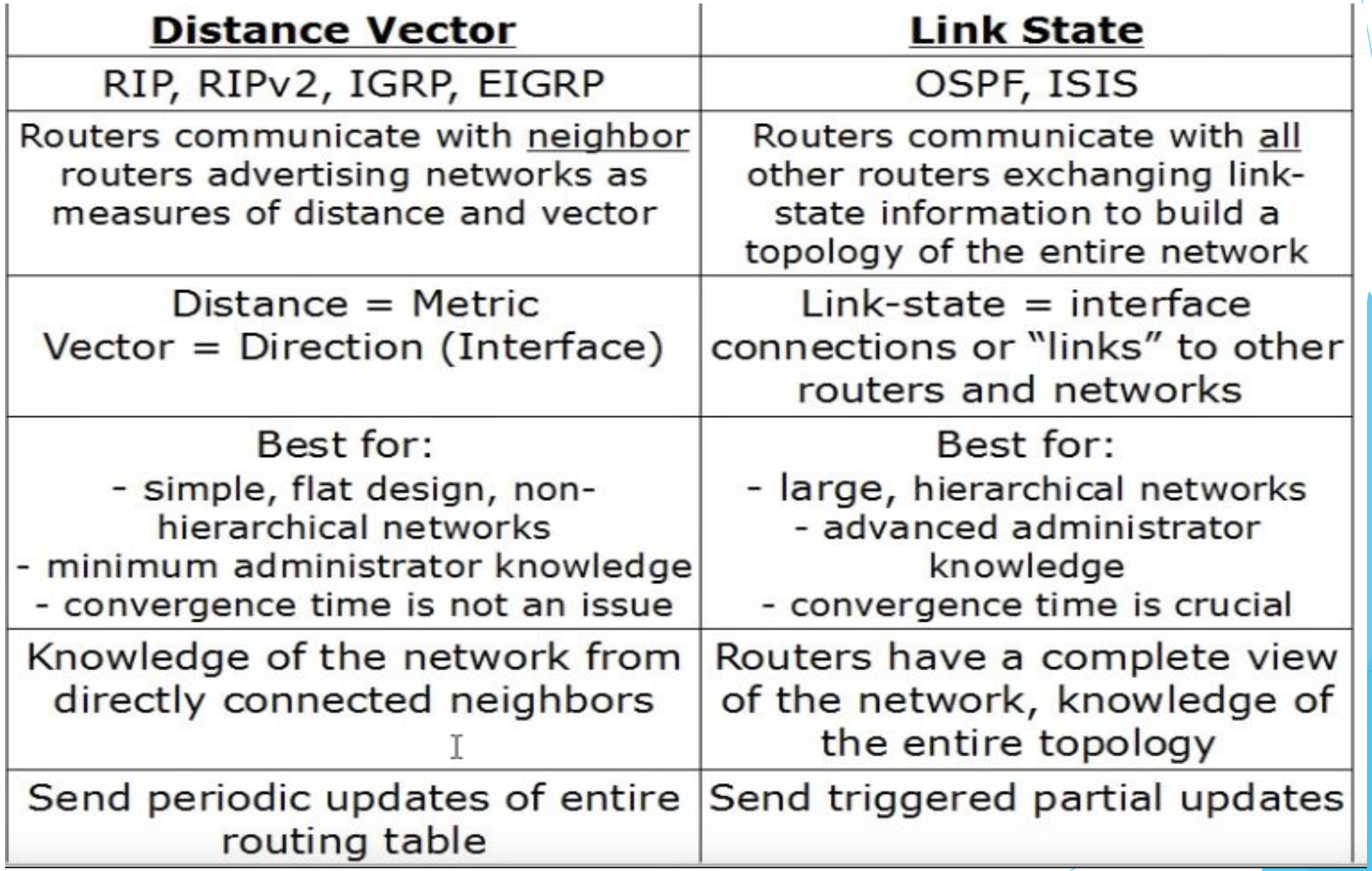
(3)Distance Vector vs Link State Protocols:



Distance Vector	**Link State**
RIP, RIPv2, IGRP, EIGRP	OSPF, ISIS
Routers communicate with neighbor routers advertising networks as measures of distance and vector	Routers communicate with all other routers exchanging link-state information to build a topology of the entire network

Distance = Metric
Vector = Direction (Interface)
	Link-state = interface connections or "links" to other routers and networks

Best for: - simple, flat design, non-hierarchical networks - minimum administrator knowledge - convergence time is not an issue	Best for: - large, hierarchical networks - advanced administrator knowledge - convergence time is crucial
Knowledge of the network from directly connected neighbors	Routers have a complete view of the network, knowledge of the entire topology
Send periodic updates of entire routing table	Send triggered partial updates

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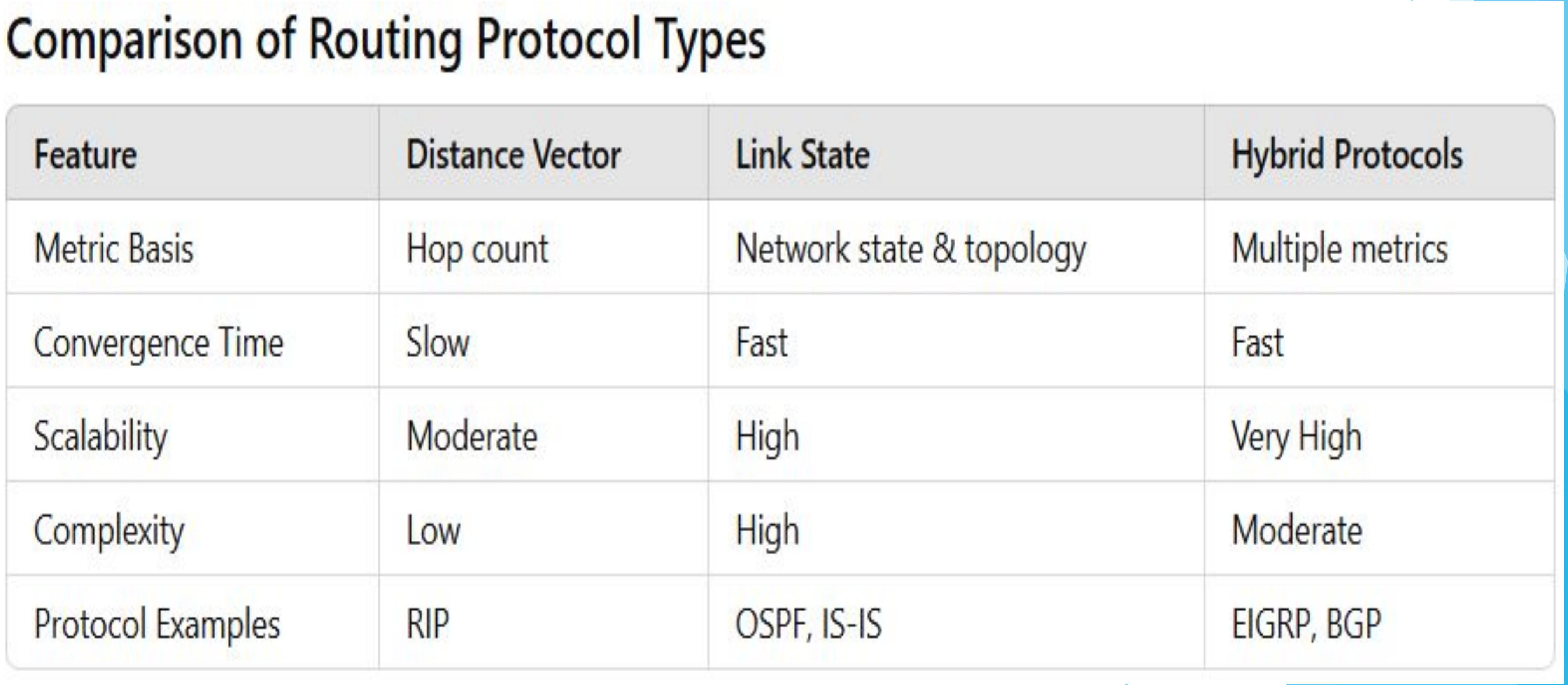
- **Hybrid Routing Protocols** are a combination of both **distance vector** and **link-state** routing protocol features, designed to maximize the benefits of each while minimizing their drawbacks.
- Hybrid protocols optimize routing decisions, scalability, and network efficiency by blending features from both methods.



Comparison of Routing Protocol Types

Feature	Distance Vector	Link State	Hybrid Protocols
Metric Basis	Hop count	Network state & topology	Multiple metrics
Convergence Time	Slow	Fast	Fast
Scalability	Moderate	High	Very High
Complexity	Low	High	Moderate
Protocol Examples	RIP	OSPF, IS-IS	EIGRP, BGP

IP ADDRESSING

(1)Introduction to IP Addressing:

Definition:

IP (Internet Protocol) addressing is a numerical labeling system used to uniquely identify devices on a network.

Purpose:

Facilitates communication by providing a unique address for every device.

Divides the address into two parts:

Network ID: Identifies the specific network.

Host ID: Identifies the device within the network

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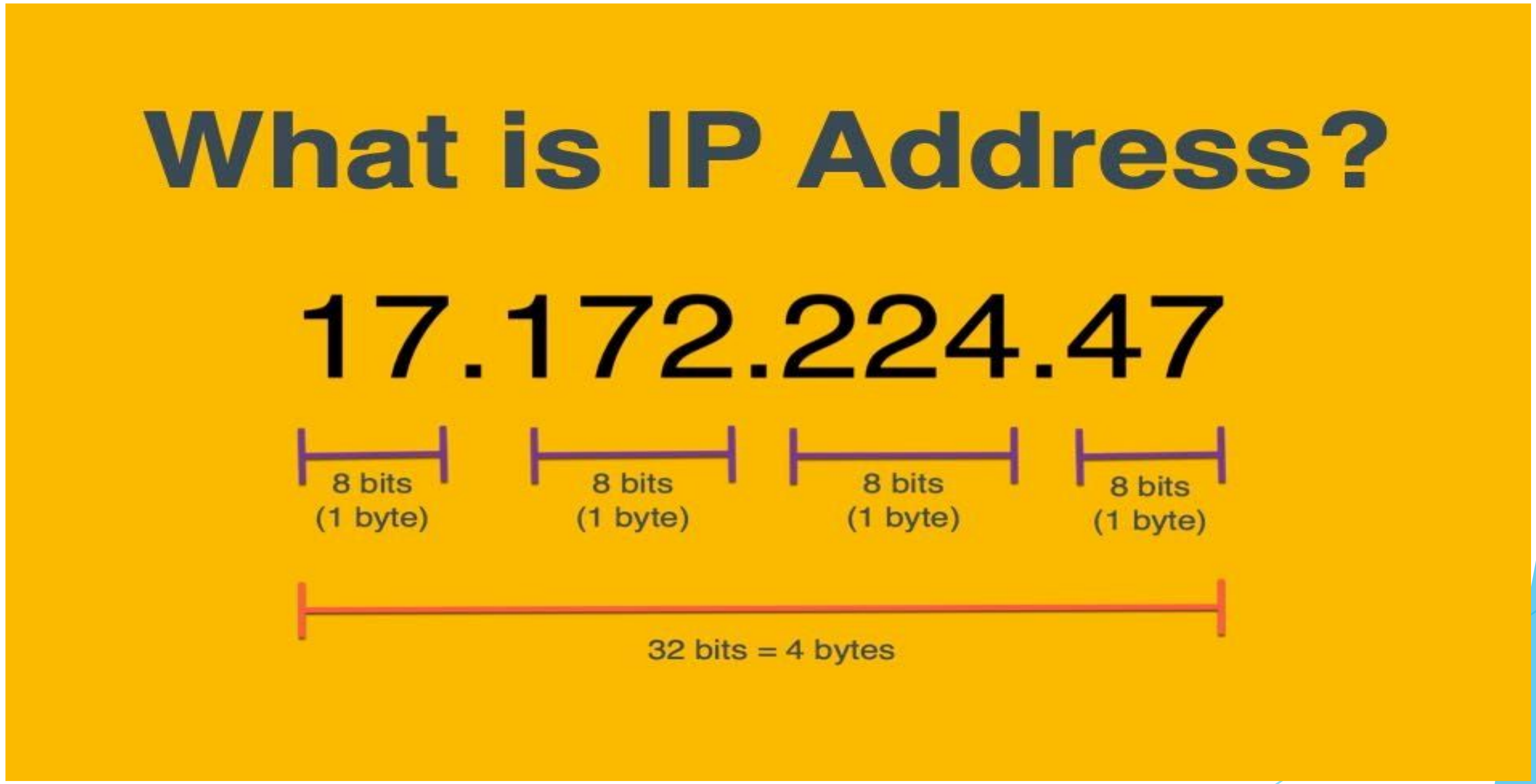

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(2)Types of IP addressing:

IPv4:

- A 32-bit address represented in dotted decimal format (e.g., 192.168.1.1).
- Supports approximately 4.3 billion unique addresses.
- Simple and shorter in format, widely used in most networks.
- Lacks built-in security features, requiring external measures.

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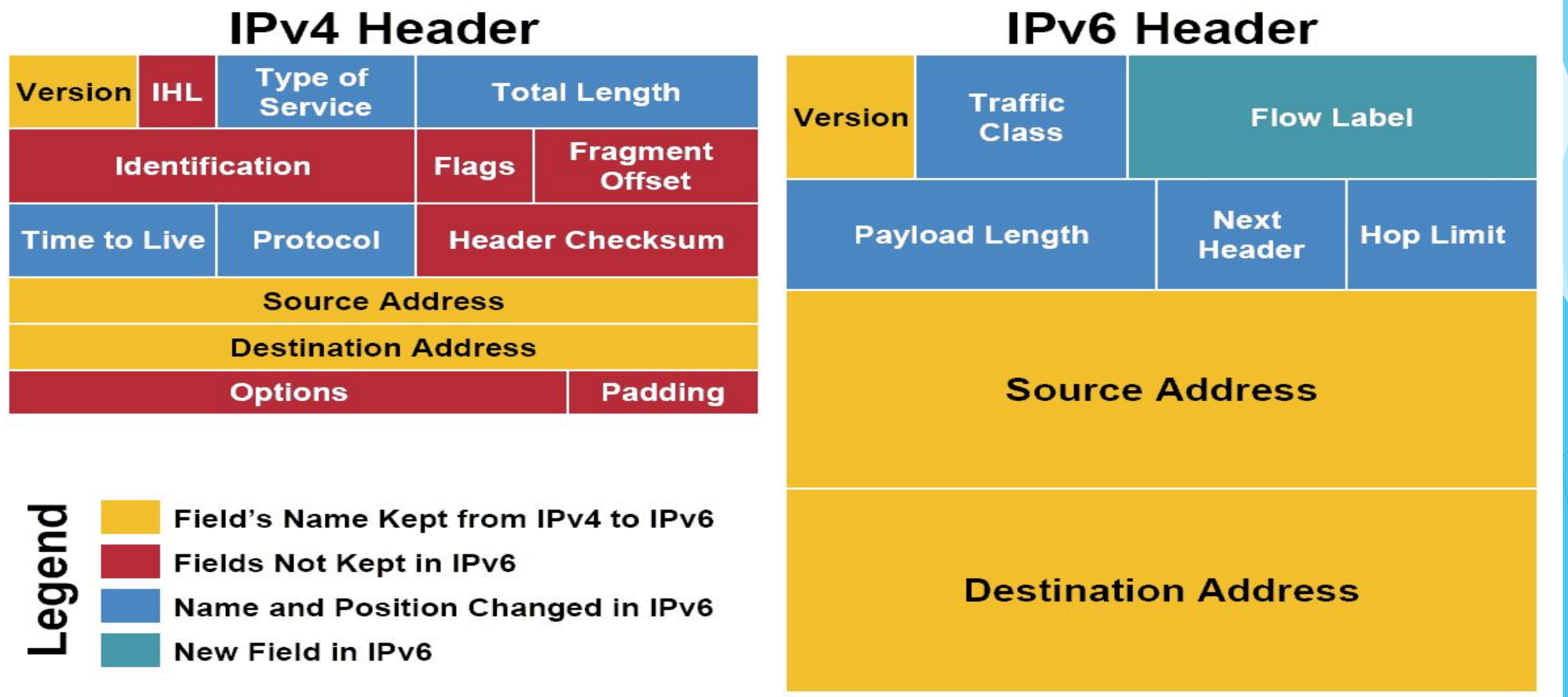

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Types of IP addressing:

IPv6:

- A 128-bit address represented in hexadecimal format (e.g., 2001:0db8:85a3::8a2e:0370:7334).
- Offers an enormous address space to support future growth.
- Includes built-in security (e.g., IPsec for encryption and authentication).
- More complex and longer in format, gradually replacing IPv4.

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(3)Address Types:

Public IP Addresses:

Routable on the internet and assigned by ISPs.

Required for devices to communicate directly over the internet.

Examples: 8.8.8.8, 192.0.2.1.

Private IP Addresses:

Used within private networks, not routable on the internet.

Requires Network Address Translation (NAT) for internet access.

Examples: 192.168.x.x, 10.x.x.x, 172.16.x.x.

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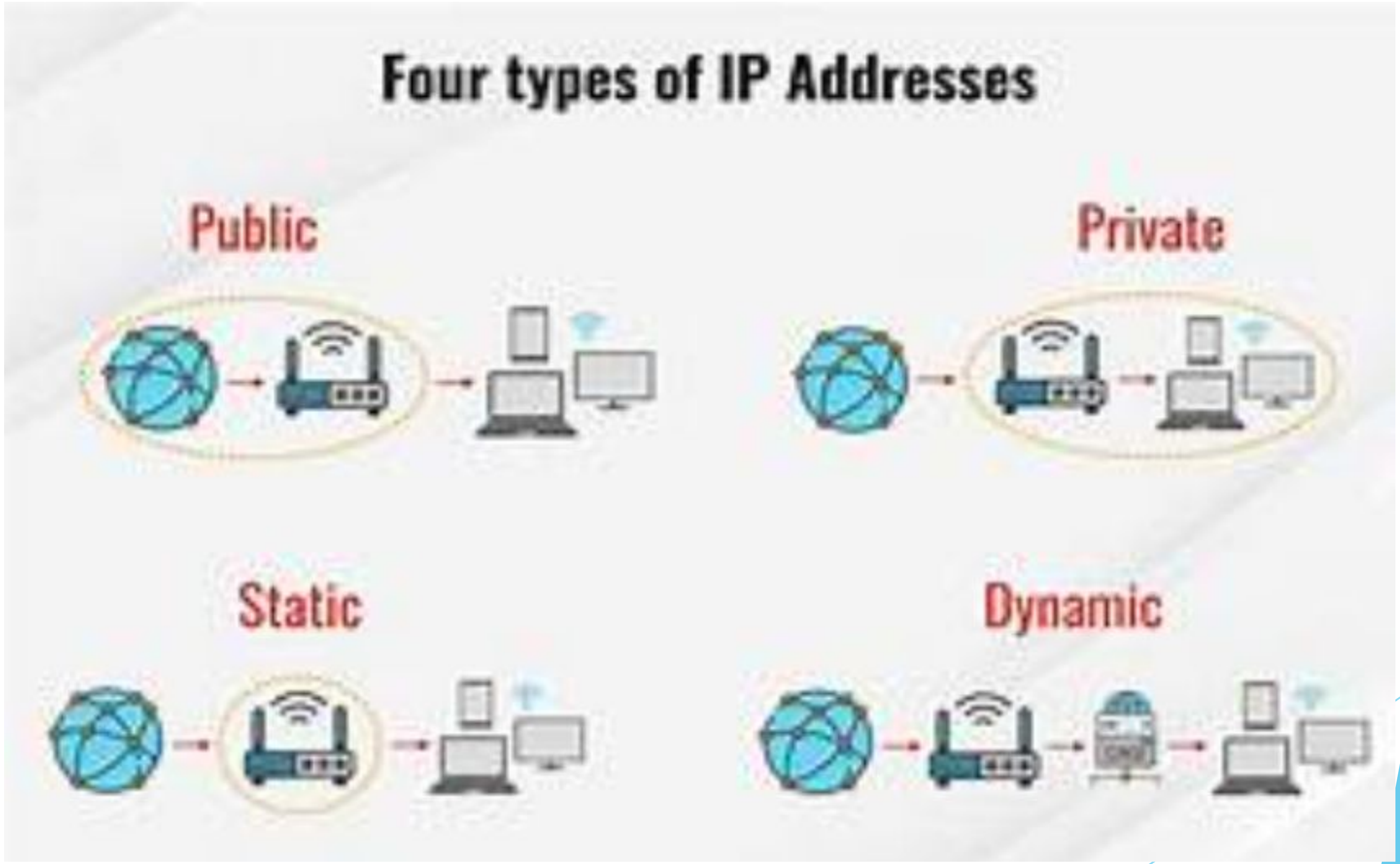

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Static IP Addresses:

- Manually assigned and remains fixed.
- Best for servers and devices requiring consistent addresses.
- Reliable but more expensive to manage.

Dynamic IP Addresses:

- Assigned automatically by DHCP and can change over time.
- Suitable for client devices like laptops and phones.
- Cost-effective and easier to manage in large networks

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(4)Subnetting:

Definition:

- Subnetting is a process of dividing a large network into smaller, more manageable sub-networks (subnets).

Purpose:

- Reduces network congestion by limiting the scope of broadcast traffic.
- Enhances security by isolating different parts of the network.

Key Concepts:

Subnet Mask:

- Determines which part of an IP address is the network ID and which is the host ID (e.g., 255.255.255.0).

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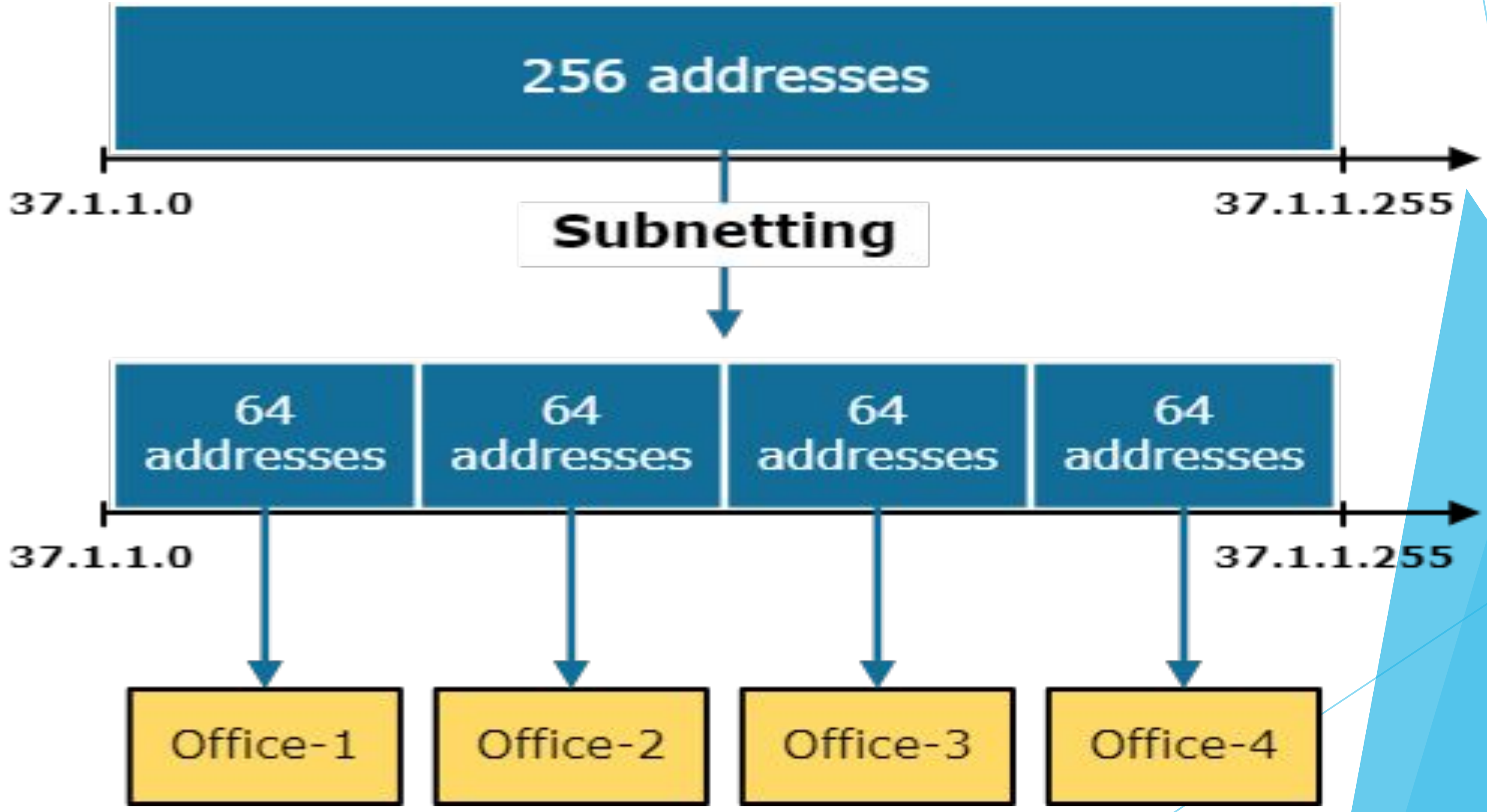
Subnetting:



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Subnetting:

CIDR (Classless Inter-Domain Routing):

- Provides flexibility by allowing variable-length subnet masks (e.g., /24).

Advantages of Subnetting:

- Efficient use of IP addresses.
- Improved network performance and security.
- Simplified management of large networks.

Challenges:

- Requires careful planning to avoid address conflicts.
- Increased complexity in network design

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(1)Routing Table:

Routing is the process of selecting a path for data packets to travel across interconnected networks from a source to a destination.

- Routers perform this function by analyzing and forwarding packets based on routing tables and algorithms.

A **Routing table** is a data structure maintained by routers (or hosts) that contains information necessary to forward packets to their destination.

- It acts as a map, guiding data packets through interconnected networks.

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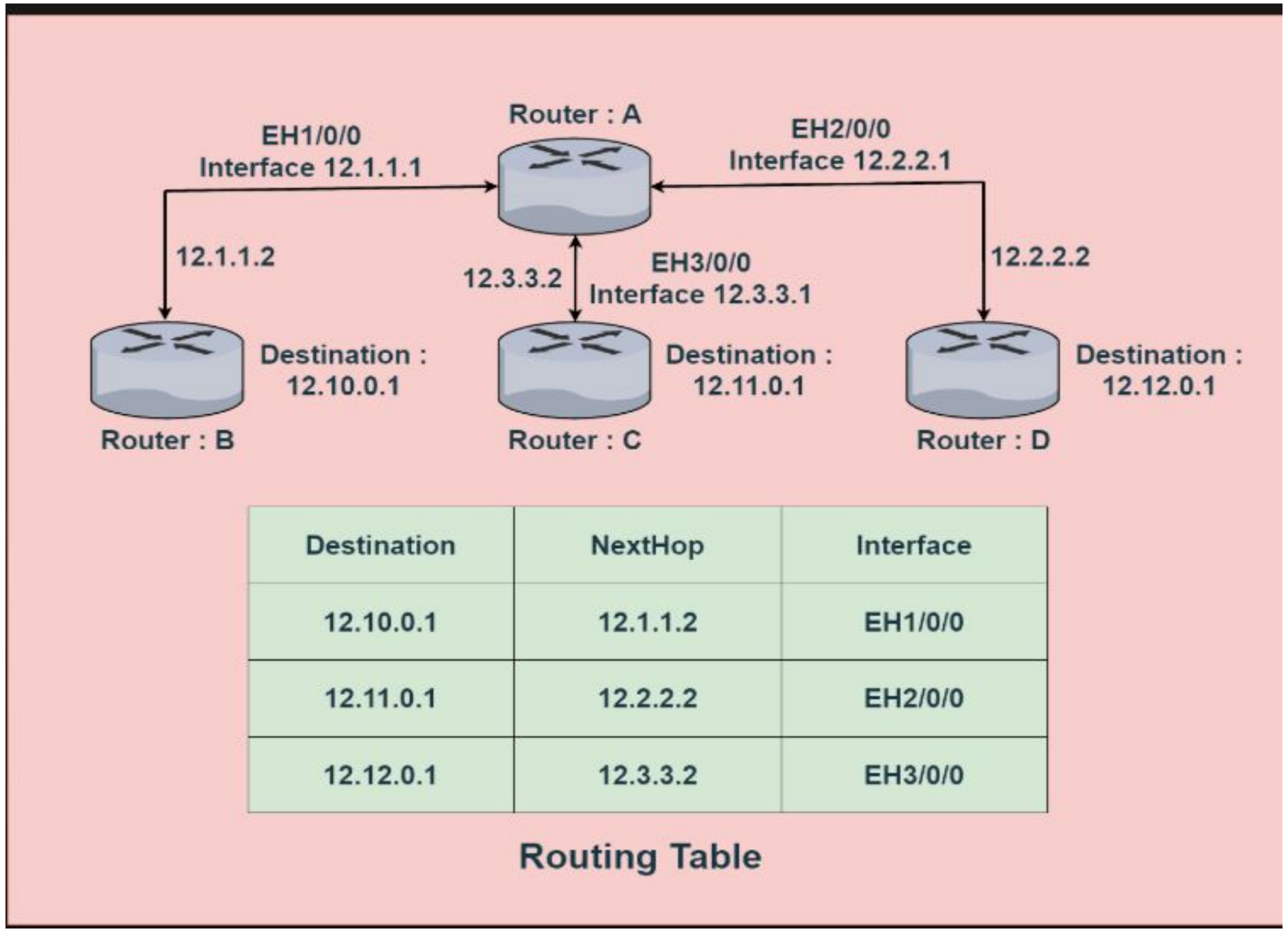

Destination	NextHop	Interface
12.10.0.1	12.1.1.2	EH1/0/0
12.11.0.1	12.2.2.2	EH2/0/0
12.12.0.1	12.3.3.2	EH3/0/0

Routing Table

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Components of Routing Table:

Destination: The IP address or range (subnet) of the final destination.

Subnet Mask: Defines the network size or range associated with the destination.

Next Hop: The IP address of the next router to which the packet should be sent.

Metric: A value that helps the router decide between multiple routes to the same destination (e.g., hop count, delay, bandwidth).

Interface: The outgoing network interface (e.g., Ethernet port) to use for forwarding the packet.

Route Source: Indicates how the route was learned (e.g., static configuration, dynamic routing protocol like OSPF or BGP).

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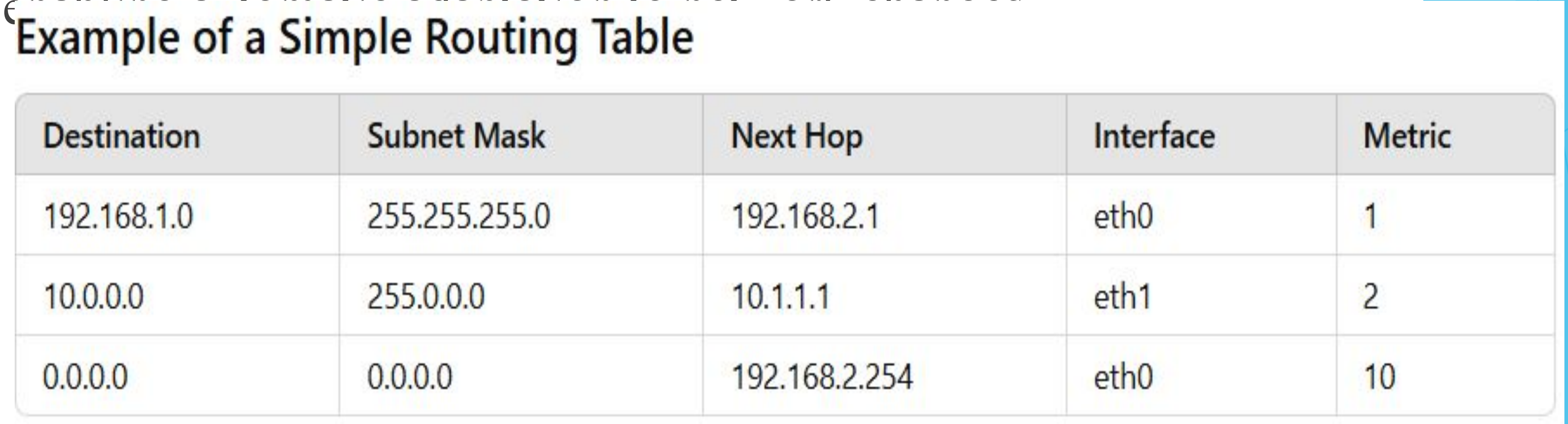
Types of Routes:

Directly Connected: Routes for networks physically connected to the router's interfaces.

Static Routes: Manually configured routes, ideal for small or predictable environments.

Dynamic Routes: Learned through routing protocols like RIP, OSPF, or BGP,



Example of a Simple Routing Table

Destination	Subnet Mask	Next Hop	Interface	Metric
192.168.1.0	255.255.255.0	192.168.2.1	eth0	1
10.0.0.0	255.0.0.0	10.1.1.1	eth1	2
0.0.0.0	0.0.0.0	192.168.2.254	eth0	10

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(2)Routing process:

Steps in the Routing Process:

1. **Receive the Packet**

- The router receives a packet on one of its interfaces.
- The packet contains essential information, such as the source IP address, destination IP address, and data payload.

2.Examine the Packet Header

- The router analyzes the **destination IP address** in the packet header.
- It identifies the IP version (IPv4 or IPv6) and other information required to process the packet.

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Steps in the Routing Process:

3.Check the Routing Table:

- The router checks its **routing table** to determine where to forward the packet.
- It looks for a match between the packet's destination address and the routes in the table.
- Multiple entries might match; the **longest prefix match** (most specific subnet) is selected.

4.Determine the Next Hop:

- Based on the routing table entry, the router identifies:
    - The **next hop IP address** (if applicable).
    - The **outgoing interface** through which the packet should be forwarded.

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Steps in the Routing Process:

5.Perform Forwarding Actions:

- The router decrements the packet's **TTL (Time to Live)** or **Hop Limit** by 1 to prevent indefinite circulation of packets in the network.
- If the TTL reaches zero, the router discards the packet and sends an ICMP Time Exceeded message to the sender.

6.Encapsulate the Packet:

- The router encapsulates the packet into a new Layer 2 frame suitable for the next hop or the final destination.
- The frame's source and destination MAC addresses are updated.

7.Transmit the Packet:

- The router transmits the packet out of the appropriate interface.

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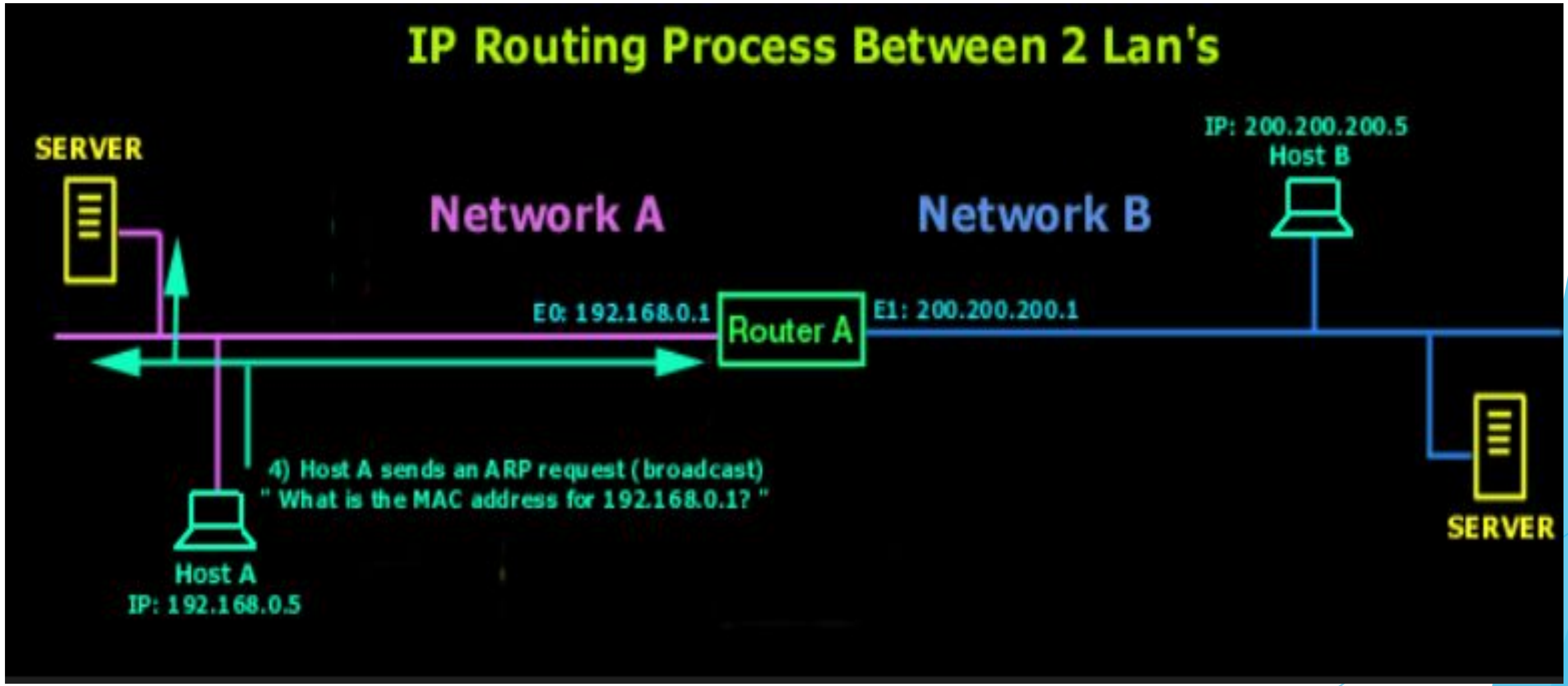
8.Routing Table Updates:

- If the router uses a dynamic routing protocol (e.g., OSPF, BGP, EIGRP), it might update its routing table dynamically by exchanging information with neighboring routers.


IP Routing Process Between 2 Lan's
SERVER
Network A
Network B
IP: 200.200.200.5
Host B
E0: 192.168.0.1
Router A
E1: 200.200.200.1
4) Host A sends an ARP request (broadcast)
" What is the MAC address for 192.168.0.1? "
Host A
IP: 192.168.0.5
SERVER

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(3)TYPES OF ROUTING:

1.Static Routing:

Definition: Routes are manually configured by a network administrator and remain fixed unless manually changed.

Characteristics: Simple to set up.

- Does not adapt to network changes automatically.
- Minimal overhead, as it doesn't use routing protocols.

Advantages:

- Predictable and secure.
- No extra processing or bandwidth consumption.

Disadvantages:

- Not scalable for large or dynamic networks.
- Requires manual updates during topology changes

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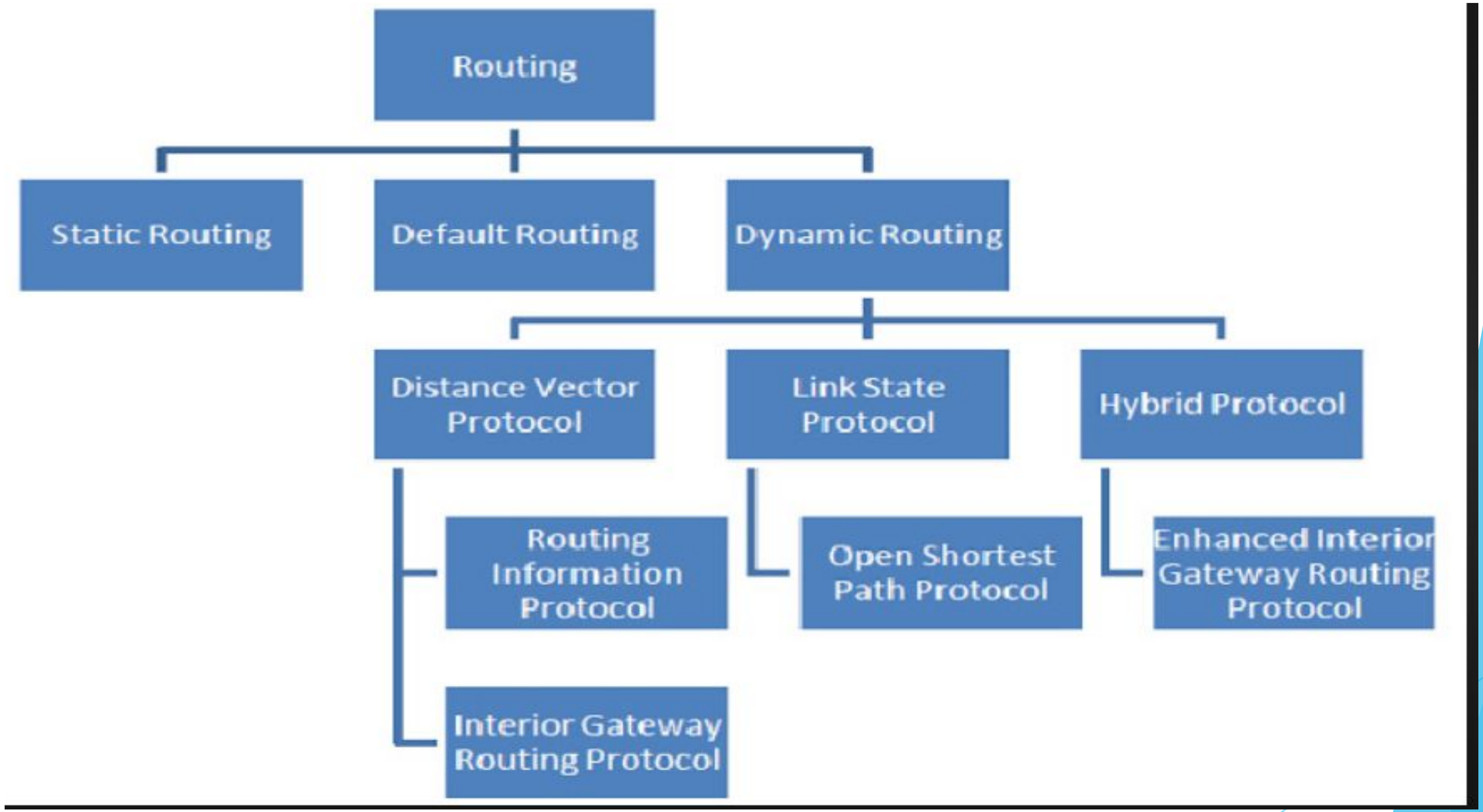
Routing
Static Routing
Default Routing
Dynamic Routing
Distance Vector Protocol
Link State Protocol
Hybrid Protocol
Routing Information Protocol
Open Shortest Path Protocol
Enhanced Interior Gateway Routing Protocol
Interior Gateway Routing Protocol

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2.Dynamic Routing:

Definition: Routes are automatically learned, maintained, and updated through dynamic routing protocols.

Characteristics:Automatically adapts to topology changes, such as link failures.

- Involves the exchange of routing information between routers.
- Uses algorithms to determine optimal paths.

Routing Protocols:**Distance Vector Protocols**:

- RIP (Routing Information Protocol)
- IGRP (Interior Gateway Routing Protocol)

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Dynamic Routing:

Link-State Protocols:

- OSPF (Open Shortest Path First)
- IS-IS (Intermediate System to Intermediate System)

Hybrid Protocols:EIGRP (Enhanced Interior Gateway Routing Protocol)

Advantages:

- Scales well in dynamic and large networks.
- Automatically finds alternate routes during failures.

Disadvantages:

- Higher resource consumption (CPU and memory).
- More complex to troubleshoot.

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(3)Default Routing:

Definition: A single predefined route used to handle all traffic not matched by other specific routes in the routing table.

Characteristics:

- Simplifies routing for stub networks (networks with only one exit point).
- Acts as a "catch-all" route for non-local traffic.

Advantages:

- Reduces routing table size.
- Easy to configure.

Disadvantages:

- Inefficient if multiple potential exit paths exist.
- May cause performance issues in large-scale networks.

Definition of QoS

Quality of Service (QoS) refers to the ability of a network to provide reliable and predictable data delivery by prioritizing traffic, minimizing latency, reducing jitter, and ensuring bandwidth availability. QoS ensures that specific applications, users, or data flows receive the necessary network resources to function effectively.

Parameters of QoS

- **Bandwidth**: The amount of data that can be transmitted per unit of time (measured in bits per second). QoS ensures sufficient bandwidth for critical applications.
- **Latency**: The delay in packet delivery across the network. Low latency is critical for real-time applications like video conferencing and VoIP.
- **Jitter**: The variation in packet arrival times. High jitter can degrade the quality of streaming and real-time communication.
- **Packet Loss**: The percentage of data packets lost during transmission. Minimal packet loss is essential for data integrity.
- **Reliability**: The consistency and stability of the network in delivering data over time.

Flow Characteristics

- The performance of a network flow can be described by the following characteristics:
- **Throughput**: The actual rate of successful data delivery over the network.
- **Delay (or) Relay**: The total time taken for data to travel from the source to the destination.
- **Error Rate**: The frequency of data corruption or packet errors during transmission.
- **Fairness**: Ensuring equal and unbiased allocation of resources to all flows.
- **Priority**: Assigning higher importance to certain flows (e.g., video streaming vs. email).

Techniques for QoS

- **Traffic Classification and Marking**: Identifying and tagging data packets based on priority.
  - Example: Differentiated Services (DiffServ).
- **Traffic Shaping**: Controlling the data flow rate to match the network's capacity.
  - Example: Token Bucket Algorithm.
- **Congestion Management**: Managing network congestion using queuing techniques.
  - Examples: FIFO, Weighted Fair Queuing (WFQ), or Low Latency Queuing (LLQ).
- **Congestion Avoidance**: Proactively preventing congestion by monitoring traffic.
  - Example: Random Early Detection (RED).
- **Packet Scheduling**: Determining the order of packet transmission based on priority.
  - Example: Priority Queuing.
- **Resource Allocation**: Dynamically allocating network resources based on demand.
- **Policing**: Dropping or re-marking packets that exceed bandwidth limits.

Traffic Shaping

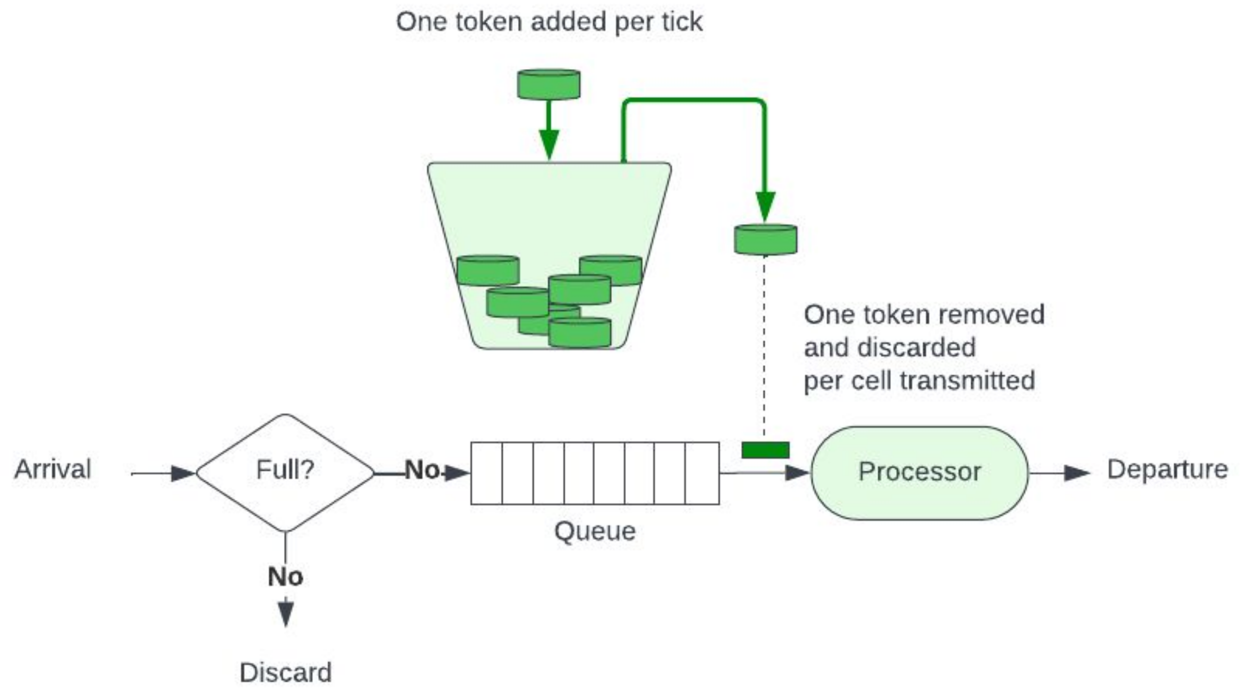
Controlling the data flow rate to match the network’s capacity.

- Example: Token Bucket Algorithm
- The **Token Bucket Algorithm** is widely used in data communication for traffic shaping and rate limiting. It controls the amount of data that can be transmitted or processed by a system while allowing bursts of traffic under certain conditions.

Explanation of the Token Bucket Algorithm

- **Token Generation**:
  - Tokens are generated at a fixed rate and added to the bucket.
  - Each token represents permission to send one unit of data (e.g., 1 byte or 1 packet).
- **Bucket Capacity**:
  - The bucket has a maximum capacity (limit) of tokens. If the bucket is full, new tokens are discarded.
- **Data Transmission**:
  - To send a packet, the system must consume a token from the bucket.
  - If tokens are unavailable, the data must wait (or be discarded in some implementations).
- **Burst Capability**:
  - The algorithm allows bursts of traffic up to the capacity of the bucket, as long as enough tokens are available.
- **Sustained Rate**:
  - After the burst, the system enforces a sustained transmission rate limited by the token generation rate.
- **Diagram Description**
- The diagram typically includes:
- **Token Bucket**: A bucket with tokens dropping into it at a constant rate.
- **Data Packets**: Arrows or pipes showing how data packets are transmitted based on token availability.
- **Overflow**: Tokens spilling out to represent the capacity limit.
- **Network Output**: The controlled flow of data packets sent to the network.

Token bucket algorithm



Resource Reservation

- Resource reservation ensures dedicated network resources for specific applications or flows. Common approaches include:
- **Integrated Services (IntServ)**: Uses protocols like Resource Reservation Protocol (RSVP) to reserve resources end-to-end for each flow.
- **Differentiated Services (DiffServ)**: Classifies and prioritizes traffic without end-to-end reservation.
- **Admission Control**: Ensures new traffic flows are only admitted if adequate resources are available

Applications of QoS

QoS is essential in the following areas:

- **Real-Time Applications**:
  - Voice over IP (VoIP)
  - Video Conferencing
  - Online Gaming
- **Streaming Services**:
  - Video-on-Demand (Netflix, YouTube)
  - Live Streaming
- **Mission-Critical Applications**:
  - Financial Transactions
  - Industrial Automation
- **Cloud Services**:
  - Virtual Desktop Infrastructure (VDI)
  - Cloud Backup and Data Transfers
- **IoT (Internet of Things)**:
  - Smart Homes
  - Connected Vehicles
  - Industrial IoT applications.

Performance of a Network

- The performance of a network pertains to the measure of service quality of a network as perceived by the user. There are different ways to measure the performance of a network, depending upon the nature and design of the network. Finding the performance of a network depends on both quality of the network and the quantity of the network.

Parameters for Measuring Network Performance

- Bandwidth
- Latency (Delay)
- Bandwidth – Delay Product
- Throughput
- Jitter

Parameters for Measuring Network Performance

- **Bandwidth**:
  - **Definition**: The maximum amount of data that can be transmitted over a network in a given time, typically measured in bits per second (bps).
  - **Significance**: Determines the network's capacity to handle traffic.
  - **Example**: A 1 Gbps network can transmit up to 1 billion bits of data per second.
- **Latency**:
  - **Definition**: The time it takes for a data packet to travel from the source to the destination.
  - **Types**:
    - **Propagation Delay**: Time taken for data to travel across the medium.
    - **Transmission Delay**: Time taken to push all bits into the network.
    - **Processing Delay**: Time for data processing at intermediate devices.
  - **Significance**: Lower latency is crucial for real-time applications like VoIP or gaming.

Propagation Time

It is the time required for a bit to travel from the source to the destination. Propagation time can be calculated as the ratio between the link length (distance) and the propagation speed over the communicating medium. For example, for an electric signal, propagation time is the time taken for the signal to travel through a wire.

Propagation time = Distance / Propagation speed.

Transmission Time

Transmission Time is a time based on how long it takes to send the signal down the transmission line. It consists of time costs for an EM signal to propagate from one side to the other, or costs like the training signals that are usually put on the front of a packet by the sender, which helps the receiver synchronize clocks. The transmission time of a message relies upon the size of the message and the bandwidth of the channel.

Transmission time = Message size / Bandwidth

Unit: Measured in milliseconds (ms).

Latency = Propagation Time + Transmission Time + Queuing Time + Processing Delay

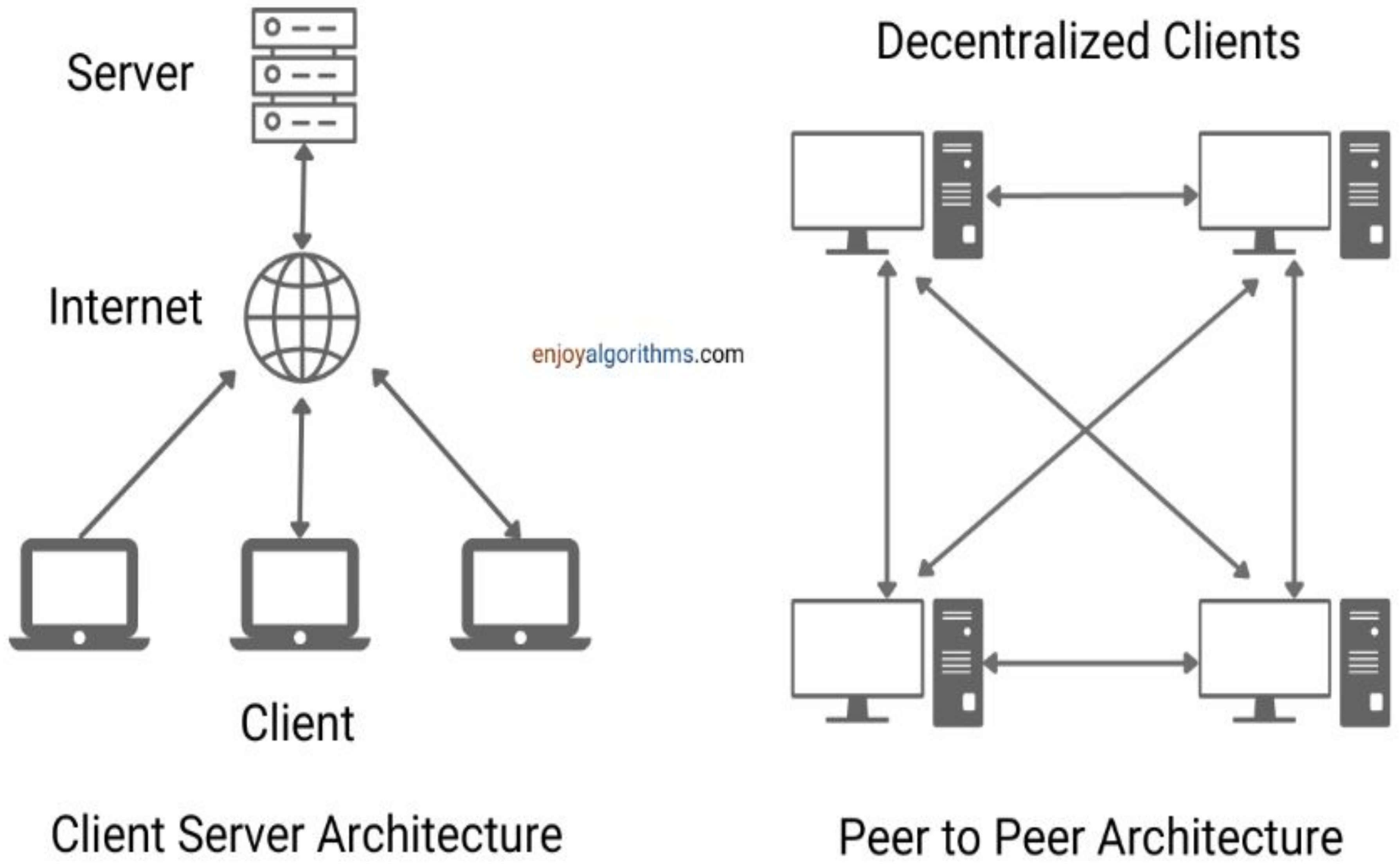
- **Bandwidth-Delay Product (BDP)**:
- **Definition**: The product of a network's bandwidth and its round-trip latency.
- **Formula**: BDP = Bandwidth × Round-Trip Time (RTT).
- **Significance**: Represents the amount of data that can fill the "pipe" (network) at any time.
- **Example**: A 100 Mbps link with a 50 ms RTT has a BDP of 5 megabits.
- **Throughput**:
- **Definition**: The actual rate of successful data delivery over a network.
- **Significance**: Reflects the efficiency of the network.
- **Factors Affecting Throughput**:
  - Network congestion.
  - Packet loss.
  - Retransmissions.
- **Unit**: Measured in bits per second (bps).
- **Jitter**:
- **Definition**: The variation in packet arrival times.
- **Significance**: High jitter affects real-time applications like video streaming or online gaming.
- **Unit**: Measured in milliseconds (ms).
- **Example**: If one packet arrives in 20 ms and another in 50 ms, the jitter is 30 ms.

Factors Affecting Network Performance

- **Factors Affecting Network Performance**
- Below mentioned are the factors that affect the network performance.
- Network Infrastrucutre
- Applications used in the Network
- Network Issues
- Network Security
- **Network Infrastructure**
- Network Infrastructure is one of the factors that affect network performance. Network Infrastructure consists of routers, switches services of a network like IP Addressing, wireless protocols, etc., and these factors directly affect the performance of the network.
- **Applications Used in the Network**
- Applications that are used in the Network can also have an impact on the performance of the network as some applications that have poor performance can take large bandwidth, for more complicated applications, its maintenance is also important and therefore it impacts the performance of the network.
- **Network Issues**
- Network Issue is a factor in Network Performance as the flaws or loopholes in these issues can lead to many systemic issues. Hardware issues can also impact the performance of the network.
- **Network Security**
- Network Security provides privacy, data integrity, etc. Performance can be influenced by taking network bandwidth which has the work of managing the scanning of devices, encryption of data, etc. But these cases negatively influence the network.

Peer-to-Peer (P2P) Networks

- **Definition of Peer-to-Peer (P2P) Networks**
- A **Peer-to-Peer (P2P) network** is a distributed network model where each computer (peer) can act as both a client and a server. In this architecture, peers share resources such as files, processing power, or network bandwidth directly without relying(confidence) on a centralized server. P2P networks are commonly used in file-sharing systems, real-time communication, and distributed computing.


Server
Internet
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Client
Client Server Architecture
Decentralized Clients
Peer to Peer Architecture

Limitations of Client/Server Architecture

- **Security Risks** – No centralized security system makes it easier for unauthorized access and data breaches.
- **Limited Scalability** – Performance degrades as the number of nodes increases due to resource dependency on peers.
- **Data Management Issues** – No centralized control can make data backup, retrieval, and consistency more difficult.
- **Performance Variability** – Network speed and efficiency depend on the individual peer’s capacity and availability.
- **Increased Risk of Malware** – P2P file-sharing networks are often targets for malicious software and unauthorized content distribution.
- **Difficult to Monitor and Manage** – Lack of centralized monitoring makes troubleshooting and management challenging.

Benefits of Peer-to-Peer (P2P) Networks

- **Cost-Effective** – No need for a dedicated server, reducing hardware and maintenance costs.
- **Easy Setup** – Simple configuration with minimal technical expertise required.
- **No Single Point of Failure** – Since data is distributed, the failure of one node does not bring down the entire network.
- **Scalability** – New devices can be added easily without major changes to the network infrastructure.
- **Efficient Resource Sharing** – Users can directly share files, printers, and other resources without a centralized server.
- **Reduced Network Bottlenecks** – Data transfer happens between peers directly, avoiding server overload.

History of P2P

- **1970s**: Early distributed systems like ARPANET laid the foundation for decentralized networks.
- **1979**: Usenet was introduced, a distributed messaging system often seen as the precursor to P2P systems.
- **1990s**: File-sharing platforms like Napster popularized the concept of P2P by enabling music sharing.
- **2001**: BitTorrent revolutionized file sharing by introducing tracker-based hybrid P2P systems.
- **2009**: Bitcoin and blockchain technology demonstrated the power of P2P for secure and decentralized financial systems.
- **Present Day**: P2P is used in applications like distributed computing (SETI@home), real-time communication (Skype), and content delivery (IPFS).

Architecture of P2P Networks

- **Pure P2P Architecture**:
  - All nodes are equal; no central server exists. Peers discover each other dynamically.
  - Example: Early Gnutella.
- **Hybrid P2P Architecture**:
  - A central server assists in tasks like indexing, but the actual resource sharing happens between peers.
  - Example: BitTorrent (with trackers).
- **Structured P2P Architecture**:
  - Peers organize themselves based on algorithms like Distributed Hash Tables (DHTs) to improve search and resource location efficiency.
  - Example: Kad (Kademlia) network.

Architecture of P2P Networks

- **Unstructured P2P Architecture**:
  - Peers are connected arbitrarily without a predefined topology. Resource discovery relies on flooding or random searches.
  - Example: Early Napster and Kazaa.

Issues in P2P Networks

- **Security**:
  - Direct connections between peers make the network vulnerable to attacks like malware distribution and unauthorized access.
- **Data Integrity**:
  - Ensuring that data is consistent and accurate across multiple peers is challenging.
- **Scalability**:
  - Searching for resources in large, unstructured P2P networks can become inefficient.
- **Freeloading**:
  - Some peers consume resources without contributing, reducing the efficiency of the network.
- **Legal Concerns**:
  - Many P2P networks have been used for copyright infringement, leading to legal challenges.
- **Performance**:
  - Factors like latency, jitter, and bandwidth limitations can degrade network performance, especially for real-time applications.

IPv6 Adoption and Transition Strategies

- The expansion of users in the Internet and the devices connecting to it, the **Internet Protocol version 4 (IPv4)** having 32-bit address is running out of capacity. To overcome this problem, the **Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6)** is introduced having 128-bit addresses and therefore allows trillions of unique IPs through which many devices can connect easily.
- The transition from IPv4 to IPv6 not only solves the issue of limitation of addresses but also brings improvements in network efficiency, security, and performance. In this article, we will look into what are the different methods through which we can transition or switch from IPv4 to IPv6.

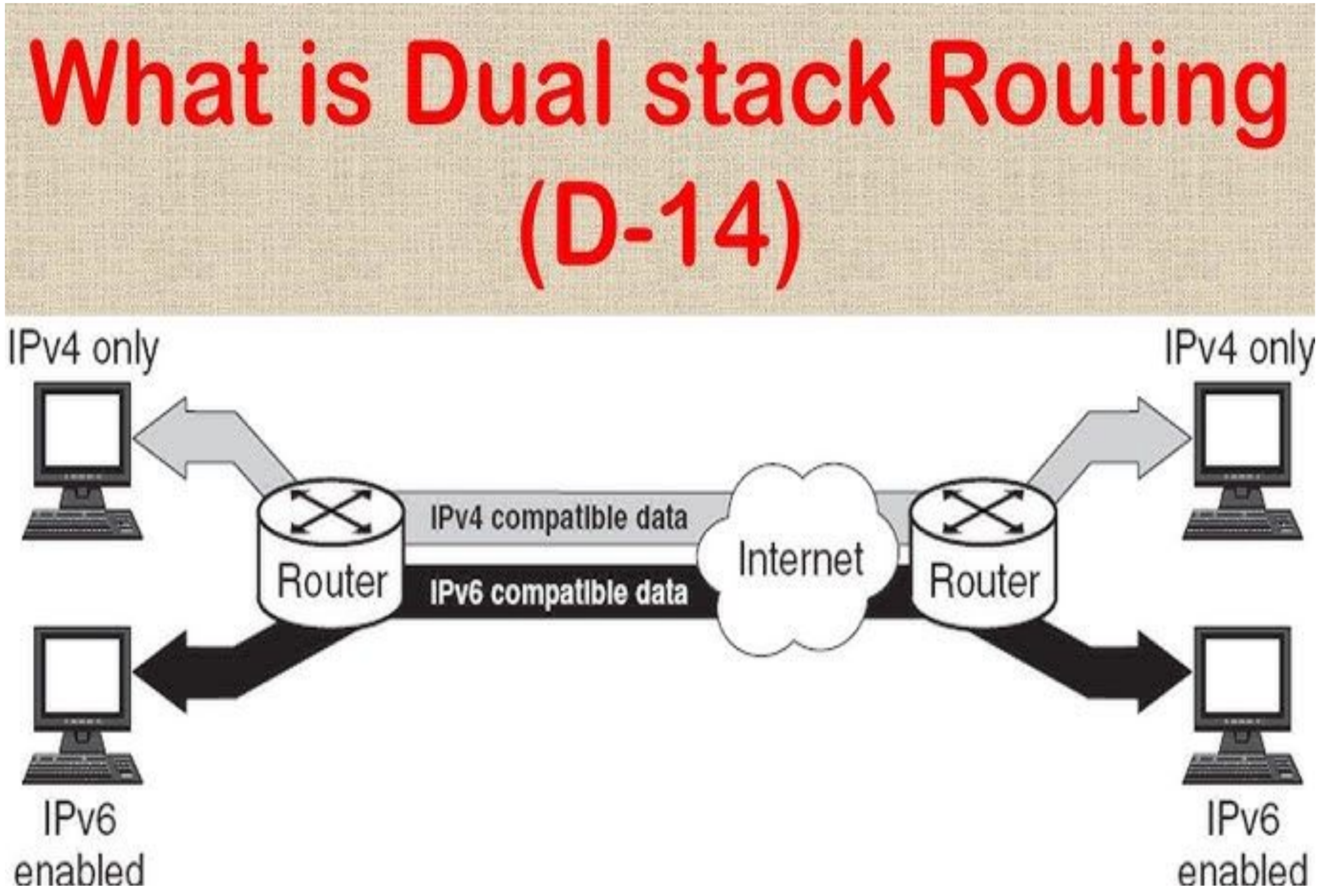
IPv4 address to an IPv6 address

- When we want to send a request from an IPv4 address to an IPv6 address, it is not possible because IPv4 and IPv6 transition is not compatible. For a solution to this problem, we use some technologies that help in an easy transition from IPv4 to IPv6. These technologies are mentioned below:
- Dual Stack Routers
- Tunneling
- NAT Protocol Translation

Dual-Stack Routers

- **Dual-Stack Routers**
- A **dual-stack router** is a network device that can support both IPv4 and IPv6 protocols simultaneously. It allows communication between devices using any of the protocol, making it a key component during the transition from IPv4 to IPv6. In dual-stack router, A router’s interface is attached with IPv4 and IPv6 addresses configured are used in order to transition from IPv4 to IPv6.

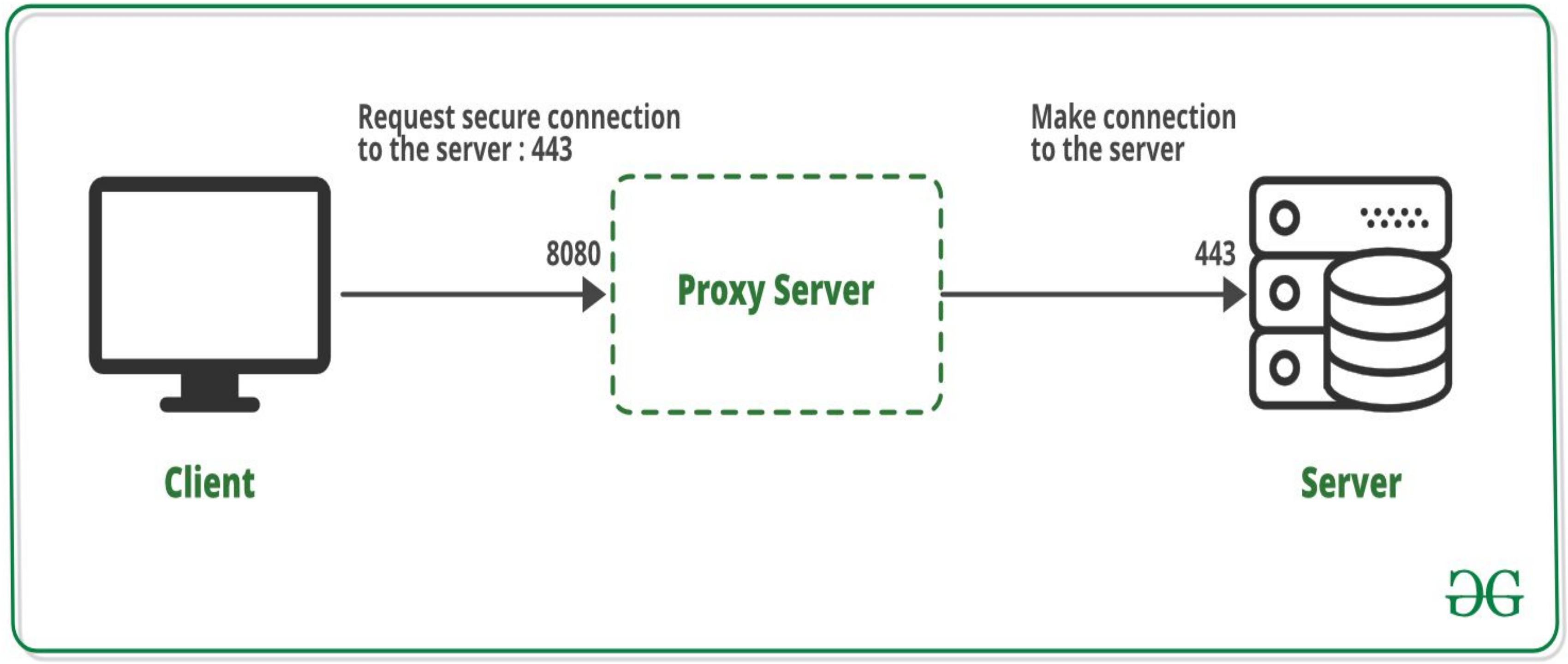
Dual Stack Routing:



Tunneling

- **Tunneling**
- **Tunneling** is a technique used to enable communication between IPv4 and IPv6 networks during the transition from IPv4 to IPv6. **Tunneling** encapsulates IPv6 packets within IPv4 packets (or vice versa). Tunneling is used as a medium to communicate the transit network with the different IP versions.

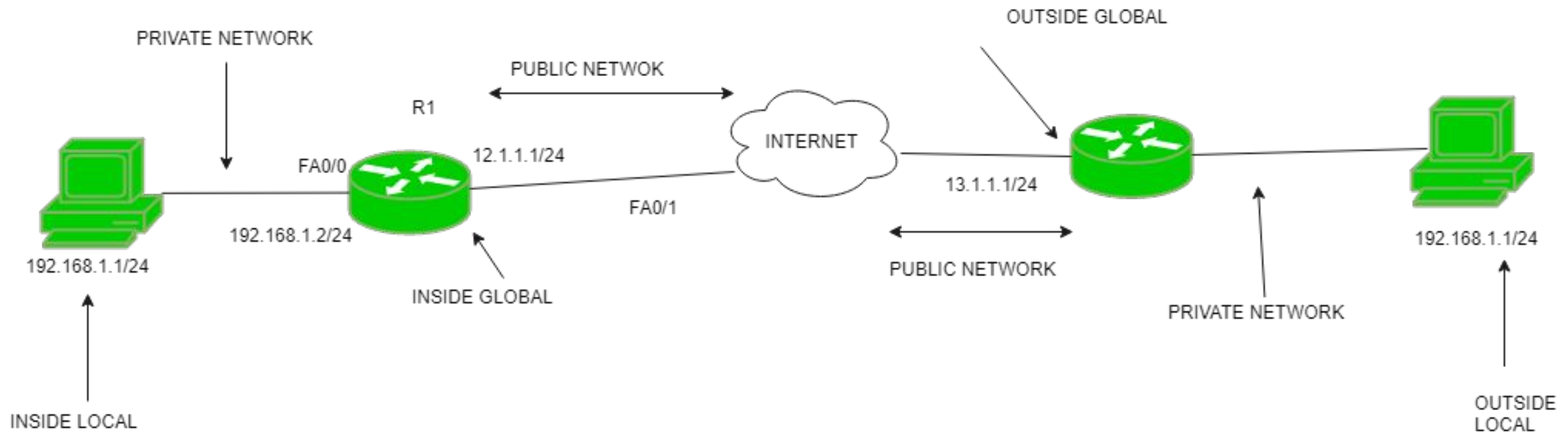
Tunneling :


Request secure connection to the server : 443
Make connection to the server
8080
Proxy Server
443
Client
Server

NAT Protocol Translation

- **NAT Protocol Translation**
- **NAT (Network Address Translation) Protocol Translation (NAT-PT)**, is a technique used to enable communication between IPv4 and IPv6 networks by translating one protocol to the other. With the help of the NAT Protocol Translation technique, the IPv4 and IPv6 networks can also communicate with each other without understanding the address of different IP version.
- Generally, an IP version doesn’t understand the address of different IP version, for the solution of this problem we use NAT-PT device which removes the header of first (sender) IP version address and add the second (receiver) IP version address so that the Receiver IP version address understand that the request is sent by the same IP version, and its vice-versa is also possible.

NAT Protocol Translation :



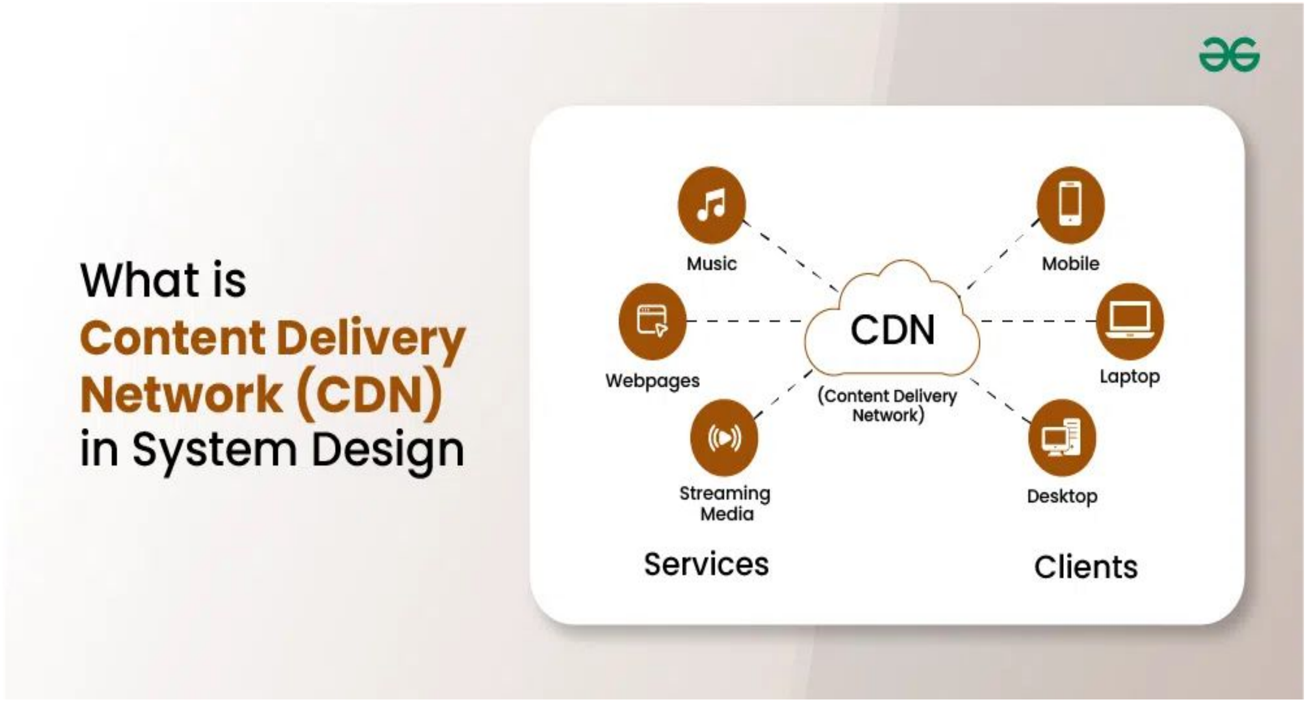
The difference between IPv4 and IPv6

- **What is the difference between IPv4 and IPv6**
- ***Pv4*** *uses 32-bit addresses, which limits the number of unique addresses.* ***IPv6****, on the other hand, uses 128-bit addresses. IPv6 also includes improvements in network efficiency, security, and scalability.*

What is Content Delivery Network(CDN)?

A Content Delivery Network (CDN) is a distributed network of servers that work together to deliver content (like images, videos, and static files) to users faster and more efficiently.

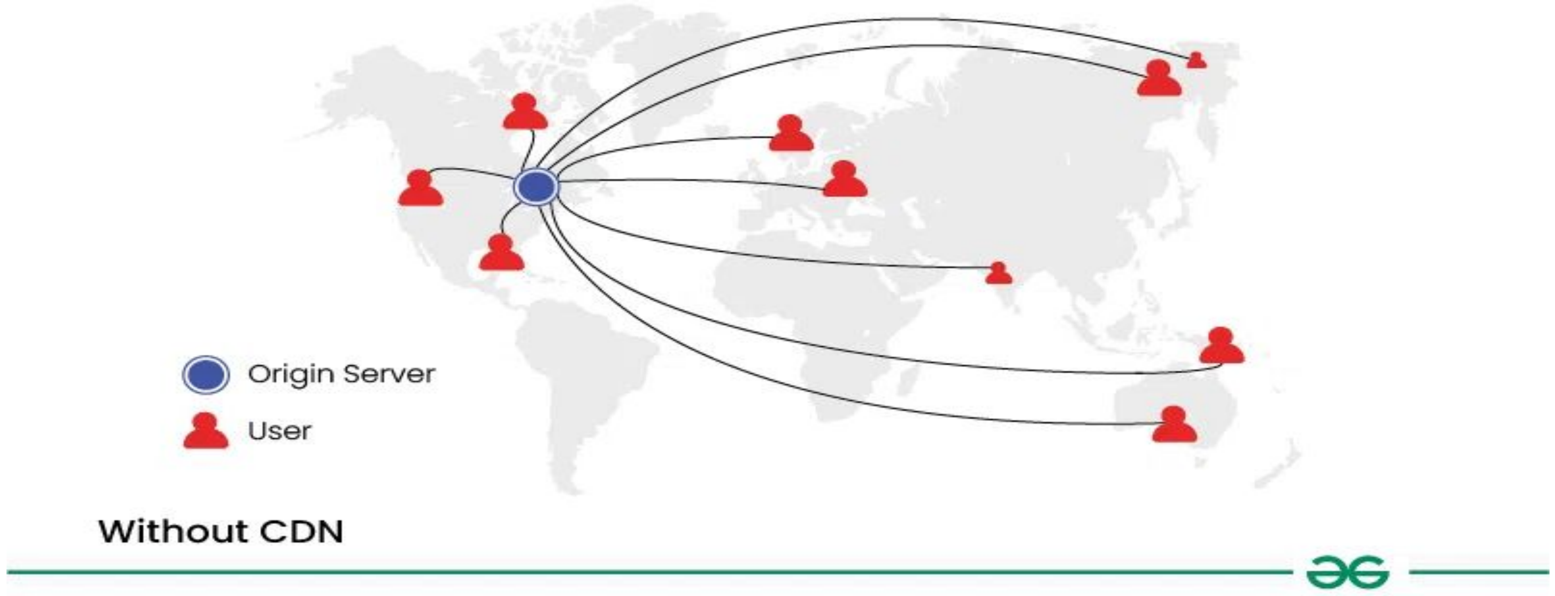
- These servers, called edge servers, which are strategically positioned across various geographical locations.
- CDNs help improve the performance, reliability, and scalability of websites and web applications by caching content closer to users, reducing latency, and offloading traffic from origin servers.



1. Without CDN

When a user requests content from a website without a CDN, the request is sent directly to the origin server where the website is hosted. The origin server processes the request and sends back the requested content to the user's device.

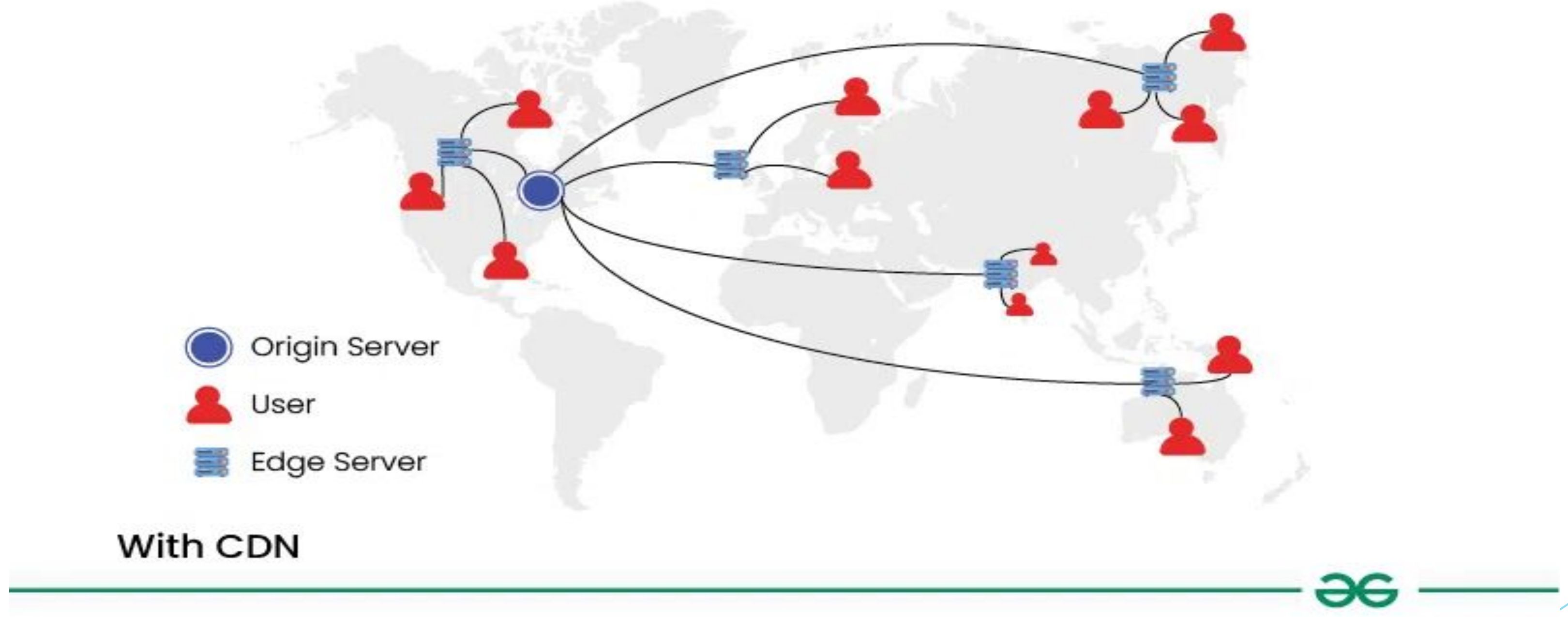
- If the origin server is located far away from the user, it may result in longer loading times due to increased latency.
- High traffic volumes or server overload can lead to slower response times and even server downtime, negatively impacting user experience.



2. With CDN

When a user requests content from a website with a CDN, the CDN identifies the user's location and routes the request to the nearest edge server. The edge server, which stores cached copies of the website's content, quickly delivers the requested content to the user.

- Since edge servers are distributed globally, content delivery is faster, resulting in reduced latency and faster load times.
- The CDN also helps to offload traffic from the origin server, reducing the risk of server overload and ensuring consistent performance even during traffic spikes.



Importance of Content Delivery Network(CDN)

CDNs offer several key benefits that make them important for delivering content over the internet:

- **Faster Content Delivery**: CDNs improve load times and lower latency by reducing the physical distance that data must travel by caching content on servers that are closer to end users.
- **Improved Website Performance**: Improved website performance, including longer visit durations, higher user engagement, and higher conversion rates, is an immediate result of faster load times.
- **Scalability**: CDNs help websites handle traffic spikes and high loads by distributing the load across multiple servers. This scalability is especially crucial for websites with global audiences or those experiencing sudden surges in traffic.

- **Redundancy and Reliability**: CDNs offer redundancy by storing copies of content across multiple servers. If one server fails, another server can seamlessly take over, ensuring continuous availability of the content.
- **Cost Savings**: By reducing the load on origin servers and optimizing content delivery, CDNs can help lower bandwidth costs and infrastructure expenses for website owners.
- **Security**: CDNs provide additional security features, such as DDoS protection, SSL/TLS encryption, and web application firewalls, helping to protect websites from various online threats.

Types of CDNs

CDNs can be classified into several types based on their architecture and functionality:

1. Public CDNs

Any CDN that is accessible to everybody online is referred to as a public CDN. These CDNs are used to swiftly and effectively provide content, including pictures, movies, and other static files, to users. They usually consist of a vast global network of servers.

For example: Cloudflare, Akamai, and Amazon CloudFront.

2. Private CDNs

A CDN that is only utilized by one firm or organization is known as a private CDN. These CDNs are used to distribute content to internal users or clients, and they are frequently set up on a private cloud or within an organization's own infrastructure. More control over content distribution is possible with private CDNs, which may be customized to satisfy particular performance and security needs.

For example: Google Cloud CDN, Netflix Open Connect.

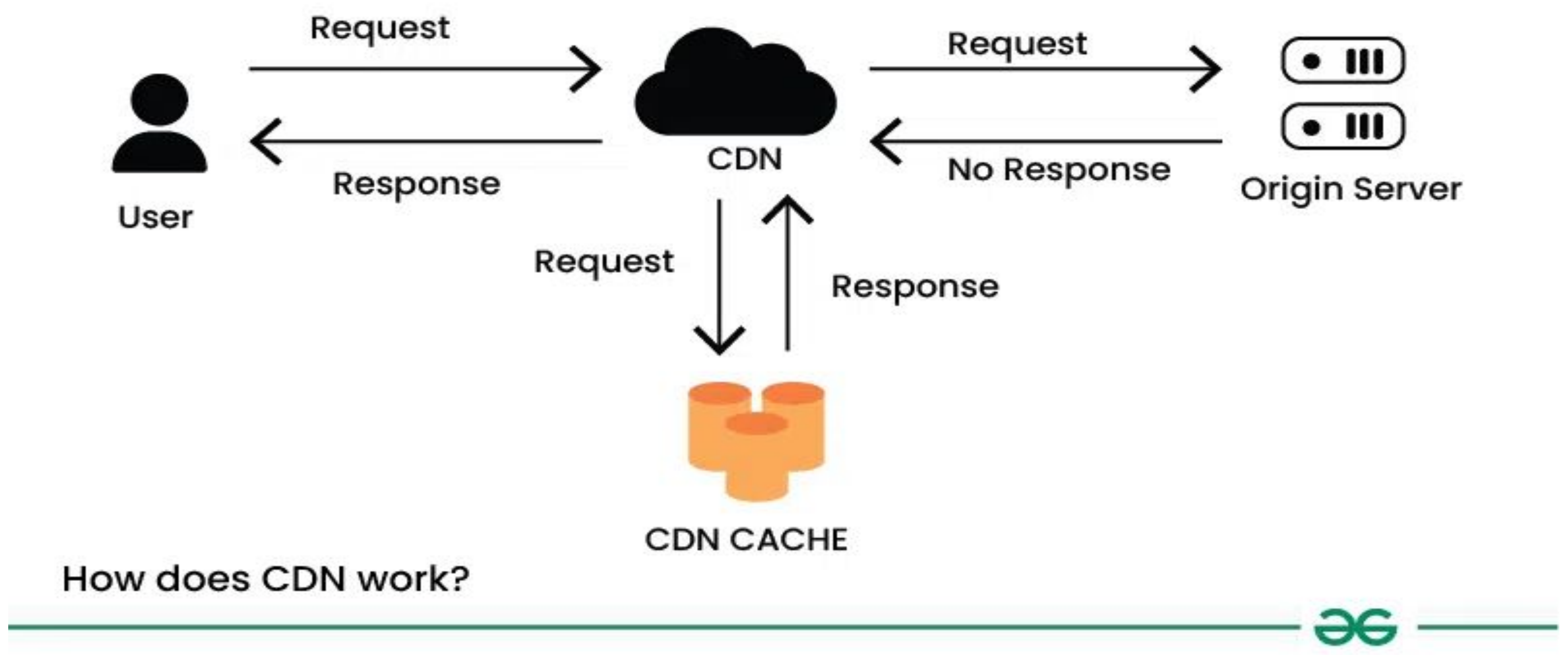
3. Peer-to-Peer (P2P) CDNs

These CDNs **u**tilize peer-to-peer networking technology to distribute content directly between users, reducing reliance on centralized servers.

For example: BitTorrent, webTorrent.

4. Hybrid CDNs
A hybrid CDN combines elements of both public and private CDNs. In a hybrid CDN, some content is delivered using a public CDN, while other content is delivered using a private CDN. This approach allows organizations to optimize content delivery based on factors such as cost, performance, and security requirements.
For example: Microsoft Azure CDN
5. Push CDNs
In a push CDN, content is uploaded or "pushed" to the CDN's servers in advance of when it is needed. This can help improve performance by ensuring that content is available closer to end users when they request it. Push CDNs are often used for caching large files or content that is not frequently updated.
For example: KeyCDN, CDN77
6. Pull CDNs
In a pull CDN, content is requested or "pulled" from the CDN's servers when it is needed. This approach is more efficient for delivering content that is frequently updated or dynamically generated. Pull CDNs are often used for delivering dynamic content, such as web pages or API responses.
For example: Amazon CloudFront, Cloudflare

How does Content Delivery Network(CDN) Work?



Below is the simple step-by-step working of a CDN:

1. User sends a request for content (e.g., an image) from a website.
2. CDN identifies the user's location and routes the request to the nearest edge server.
3. If the content is cached at the edge server, it is delivered directly to the user.
4. If the content is not cached, the edge server retrieves it from the origin server, caches it locally, and delivers it to the user.
5. Cached content is stored at the edge server for future requests, optimizing performance and reducing latency.

Components of CDN

A typical CDN consists of the following key elements:

- **Edge Servers:** Distributed servers that are close to end users are in control of rapidly delivering and caching content.
- **Origin Server:** It serves as the primary source for content distribution and the main location for managing and storing original content.
- **Content Distribution Nodes:** Network nodes responsible for routing and optimizing content delivery within the CDN, ensuring efficient traffic management.
- **Control Plane:** Content caching, routing, load balancing, and other CDN functions are managed and coordinated by these software or services.

Benefits of using Content Delivery Network(CDN)

The benefits of incorporating a CDN into your system design can be follows:

- **Improved website performance:** It reduced latency and faster load times enhance user experience and engagement.
- **Reduced bandwidth costs:** By offloading static content delivery from the origin server, CDNs can help lower bandwidth expenses.
- **Increased global reach:** CDNs can improve website accessibility for users in geographically diverse locations.

Challenges of using Content Delivery Network(CDN)

Below are the challenges of using CDN:

- **Cost**: Implementing and maintaining a CDN can incur additional costs compared to relying solely on the origin server.
- **Complexity**: Managing and optimizing a CDN requires technical expertise and ongoing maintenance.
- **Security considerations**: Ensuring data security while using a CDN requires careful configuration and adherence to security best practices.

Edge Computing:

1. What is Edge Computing?

Edge Computing refers to a distributed computing paradigm that brings computation and data storage closer to the location where it is needed to improve response times and save bandwidth. Instead of sending data to a centralized cloud or data center, edge computing processes the data locally at or near the source (e.g., IoT devices, sensors, or edge servers).

2. Need for Edge Computing

Edge computing addresses several challenges and offers distinct benefits, including:

Reduced Latency: Real-time applications (e.g., autonomous vehicles, augmented reality) require low latency. Processing data closer to the source minimizes delay.

Bandwidth Optimization: Reduces the amount of data transmitted to central data centers by processing locally, saving bandwidth.

Data Privacy and Security: Sensitive data can be processed locally, reducing the risk of exposure during transmission.

Reliability: Edge computing ensures continuous operations even if there is intermittent connectivity to central systems.

Scalability: Enables the efficient scaling of IoT applications by reducing the reliance on central cloud resources.

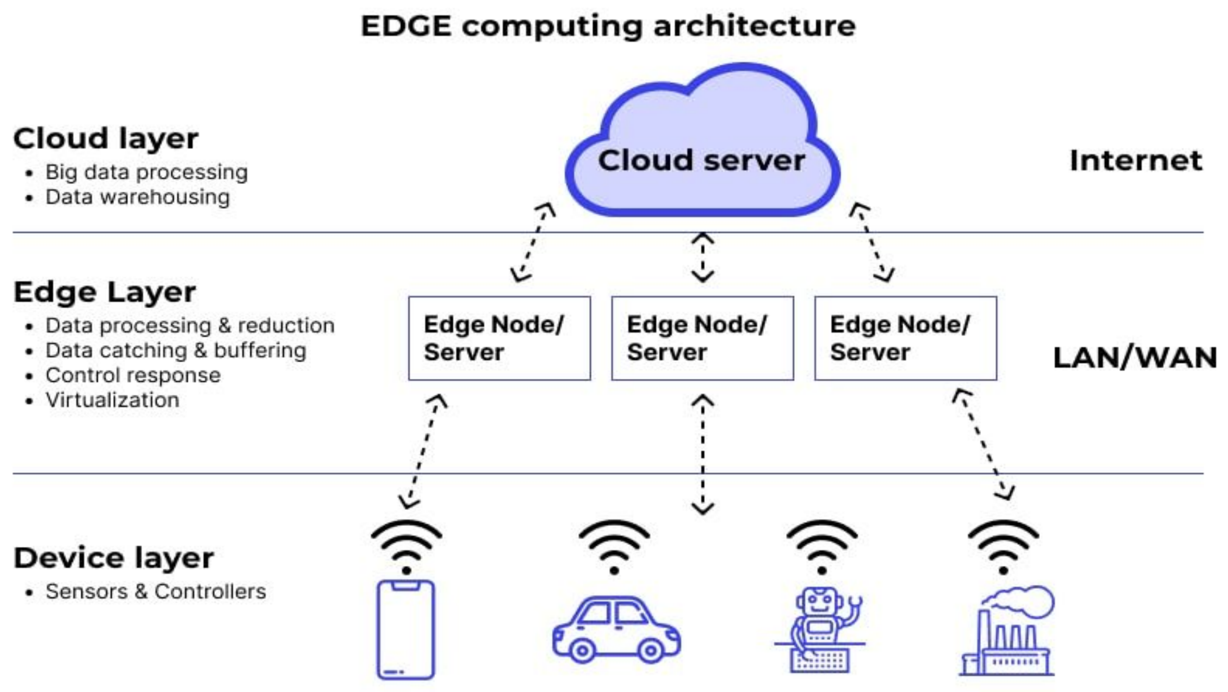
3. Terms and Definitions

- **Edge Devices**: Physical devices (e.g., sensors, cameras, or IoT devices) located near the data source.
- **Edge Nodes**: Devices or systems (e.g., routers, gateways, or micro data centers) where data processing occurs.
- **Fog Computing**: A complementary concept to edge computing, where computation is distributed between edge devices and the cloud.
- **Cloud Computing**: Centralized computing model relying on remote servers for data processing and storage.
- **Latency**: The time it takes for data to travel from the source to the processing location and back.
- **Edge Gateway**: A device that serves as a bridge between edge devices and the cloud.
- **Micro Data Centers**: Small-scale data centers located close to the edge for localized processing.

4. Architecture of Edge Computing

The edge computing architecture typically consists of the following layers:

1. **Edge Devices Layer**: Comprises IoT sensors, devices, and actuators that generate data.
2. **Edge Node Layer**: Includes edge gateways, local servers, and micro data centers that process, analyze, and store data near the source.
3. **Fog Layer (Optional)**: Serves as an intermediate layer to aggregate and preprocess data before sending it to the cloud.
4. **Cloud Layer**: Handles high-level analytics, long-term storage, and advanced computing tasks.



5. Advantages of Edge Computing

1. **Improved Performance**: Real-time processing enables faster response times.
2. **Cost Efficiency**: Reduces bandwidth costs by processing data locally.
3. **Enhanced Security**: Local processing reduces the exposure of sensitive data.
4. **Scalability**: Handles large volumes of data generated by IoT devices effectively.
5. **Resilience**: Ensures continued operation even during network outages.

6. Disadvantages of Edge Computing

1. **Complexity**: Managing distributed systems can be challenging.
2. **Higher Initial Costs**: Setting up edge infrastructure can be expensive.
3. **Limited Processing Power**: Edge devices may have less computational capability compared to centralized cloud systems.
4. **Maintenance**: Requires managing and maintaining multiple edge nodes.
5. **Interoperability Issues**: Different edge devices and systems may not easily integrate.

7. Applications of Edge Computing

1. **Autonomous Vehicles**: Real-time processing of sensor data for navigation and safety.
2. **Smart Cities**: Managing traffic systems, public safety, and energy consumption locally.
3. **Healthcare**: Enabling real-time monitoring and analysis of patient data in medical devices.
4. **Industrial IoT (IIoT)**: Real-time analysis of manufacturing data for predictive maintenance and quality control.
5. **Retail**: Enhancing customer experiences with real-time analytics (e.g., checkout-free stores).
6. **Agriculture**: Precision farming using real-time data from sensors and drones.
7. **Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR)**: Reducing latency for immersive user experiences.
8. **Remote Monitoring**: Applications like surveillance cameras and environmental monitoring.
9. **Content Delivery**: Streaming services using edge caching to reduce latency for end-users.

Collaboration and Networking Opportunities

In computer networks, collaboration and networking opportunities involve interconnecting systems, organizations, and individuals to achieve seamless communication and data sharing. These opportunities facilitate enhanced connectivity, resource optimization, and coordinated efforts in diverse applications like cloud computing, IoT, and real-time collaboration tools.

Importance of Collaboration and Networking

Interconnectivity: Enables devices, systems, and applications to communicate efficiently.

Resource Sharing: Provides access to shared computing power, storage, and software services.

Scalability: Supports dynamic expansion of network capacity and infrastructure.

Reliability: Enhances system robustness through redundant and distributed setups.

Innovation: Drives advancements in protocols, technologies, and applications.

Opportunities for Collaboration in Networking
Distributed Systems:
Collaborating across networked systems for computing and data storage.
Example: Hadoop for big data processing.
Cloud Collaboration:
Leveraging cloud platforms for centralized collaboration.
Examples:
Google Workspace for shared documents and communication.
Azure DevOps for project management.
Internet of Things (IoT):
Networking physical devices to collect and share data.
Use Cases:
Smart home ecosystems.
Industrial IoT for predictive maintenance.

Peer-to-Peer (P2P) Networking:

Direct data sharing among nodes without intermediaries.

Example: File-sharing networks like BitTorrent.

Collaborative Research Networks:

Universities and institutions sharing computing resources for global research.

Example: The Large Hadron Collider (LHC) Grid.

Strategies for Effective Collaboration and Networking
Protocol Standardization:
Using open standards like TCP/IP and HTTP to ensure compatibility.
Quality of Service (QoS):
Prioritizing critical network traffic.
Secure Communication:
Encrypting data to protect privacy.
Interoperability:
Ensuring systems from different vendors work seamlessly together.
Real-Time Monitoring:
Using tools like Nagios and SolarWinds for performance tracking.

Benefits of Collaboration and Networking

Enhanced Data Access: Real-time data sharing and retrieval.
Cost Efficiency: Resource sharing reduces infrastructure costs.
Improved Performance: Load balancing and efficient resource usage.
Increased Redundancy: Backup systems for higher reliability.
Challenges and Solutions
Latency Issues:
-Solution: Use CDNs and optimize routing protocols.
Data Security:
-Solution: Implement robust encryption and firewall solutions.
Interoperability Problems:
-Solution: Adhere to standardized protocols and APIs.

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