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



- First thee bytes (24 bits) are assigned by the IEEE to the manufacturer
 - OUI assigned by IEEE Organizationally Unique Identifier (ex: Dell or HP)
- Last three bytes (24 bits) are usually assigned sequentially:
 - Allows for uniqueness; Duplications are rare.
- 00:21:70:6f:06:f2 00-21-70-6F-06-F2

2²⁴ = ~16.7 Million Unique Addresses





Determining Your MAC Address



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C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
Microsoft Windows [Version 6.1.7601]
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C:\Users\Alton>ipconfig /all
Windows IP Configuration
  Host Name . . . . . . . : Alton-Win? Primary Dns Suffix . . . . . :
  Node Type . . . . . . . . . :
                              Broadcast
  WINS Proxy Enabled. . . . . . : No
Wireless LAN adapter Wireless Network Connection:
  Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
  Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . .
                              fe80::3855:12ef:2175:1a8dx12(Preferred)
  IPu4 Address. . . . . . . . : 192.168.1.69(Preferred)
  255.255.255.0
  DHCP Server . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 192.168.1.254
  DHCPv6 IAID . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 419431023
  DHCPv6 Client DUID. . . .
                              00-01-00-01-14-9A-1E-73-B8-AC-6F-DF-71-4A
  NetBIOS over Topip. . . . . . : Enabled
Ethernet adapter Local Area Connection:
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