

2.2 : ICMP (Internet Control Message Protocol)

⇒ A protocol works at network layer and is generally used for sending.

- 1) Error Messages
- 2) Query Messages.



i) Error Messages : These messages are generally sent to the sender to intimate the sender that the packet sent are discarded and will not be delivered further to Receiver.

* Types of Error Reporting Messages :

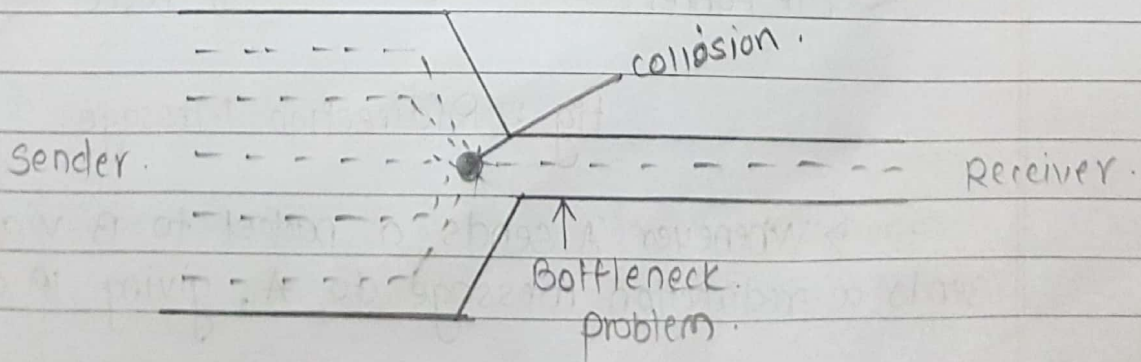
i) Destination Unreachable format : (refer notes. page 23)

ii) Source Quench : (Header. Refer note. page 23).

⇒ Sender is on a fast n/w and receiver is on a slow network, due to this rate of sending the packet is very fast as compared to rate of receiving the packet.

⇒ As shown in diag. the packets are colliding due to congestion (Bottleneck problem).

⇒ So, to avoid this situation source Quench message is sent to the sender and now sender will slow down.



iii) Time Exceeded Message: (Header Refer notes page 24)

⇒ Code 0: the value of TTL becomes 0 & router discards the packet. This tells sender that packet is discarded since TTL becomes '0'.

⇒ Code 1: sender sends fragments but receiver didn't receive all fragments & hence discards the packet. This tells sender that receiver didn't receive all fragments & hence discarded.

iv) Parameter Problem Message: (Refer note: page 24)

⇒ code 0: It tells there was a problem in IP Header part & pointer tells which part of Header had the problem.

⇒ code 1: It tells there was a problem in IP option part & pointer tells which part of option had the problem.

v) Redirection Message: (Header Refer note page 24)

⇒ for eg:

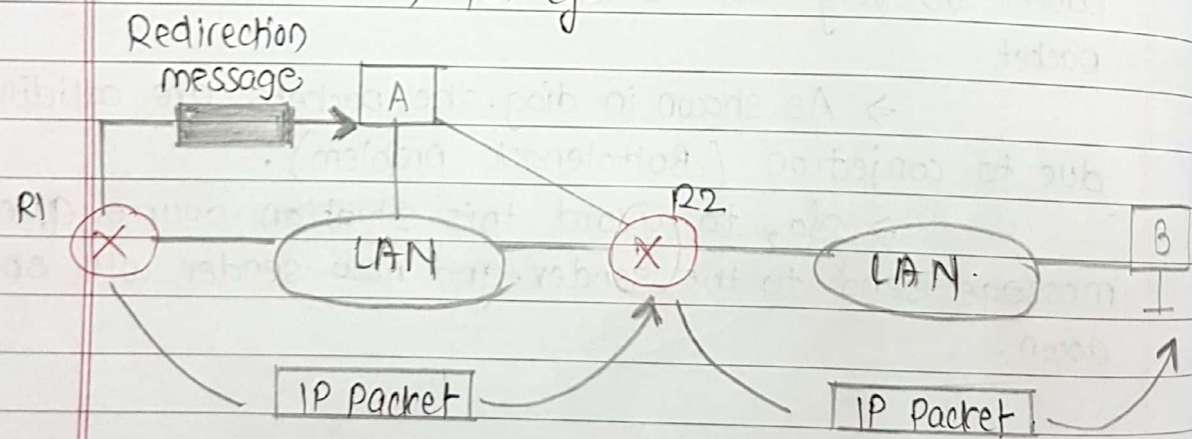


fig: Redirection Message.

⇒ Whenever A sends a packet to B via R1, R1 sends a redirection message to A, giving IP address of R2.

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and telling A Henceforth send packet to R2 for B.

* ^u QUERY MESSAGES:

⇒ Query messages also require a response message & their are following types of query messages.

1) Echo Request & Reply : (Header. Refer notes : page 25)

⇒ It is used for checking n/w integrity when client sends echo request message "hi" server receives the same message & should reply with the same message back to the client.

⇒ If the sending & receiving message is different then the n/w is not safe & cannot maintain integrity.

2) Timestamp Request & Reply : (Header. Refer notes : page 25)

⇒ This is used for calculating RTT (Round Trip Time).

⇒ When the packet is sent, sender enters original time stamp.

⇒ Receiver after receiving enters Receiving Time stamp & sends back the packet at that time enters transmit timestamp.

⇒ Finally Receiver receive back the packet & can easily calculate Round Trip Time (RTT).

3) Mask Request - Reply :

17: Request

18: Reply

Type : 17 or 18

Code : 0

checksum

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⇒ Whenever client sends this request packet server (ISP server) sends the mask of n/w to which client belongs.

4) Router-Solicitation & Advertisement Message

⇒ Routers keep on giving some periodic information to neighbors.

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⇒ For some reason, R1 is not getting any msg from R2. So R1 feels whether R2 is alive or dead.

⇒ So, now R1 sends "Solicitation" to R2 & if R2 is alive it sends back advertisement message to R1.

10: Solicitation

9: Advertisement

Type : 10, 9	Code : 0	checksum
Identifier	Sequence number	

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