

# CS2105 CheatSheet

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## Internet

- The Internet is a network of connected computing devices
- Devices are known as **hosts** or **end systems**
- Hosts run network applications (like browsers) and communicate over links

## Network Edge (Access Network)

- Hosts access the Internet through **access network**
- eg Home/ Institute access networks

## Wireless Access Network

1. Wireless LAN (WIFI): Short range (100 ft)
2. Wide-area wireless access (3G/ 4G): Long range (10s km)

## Physical Media

Host connect to access network via physical media - Guided media: signals propagate in solid media (ethernet cable/ fibre optics)

- Unguided media: signals propagate freely (radio)

## Network Core

A mesh of interconnected routers

Data transmitted by

1. Circuit Switching: dedicated circuit per call
2. Packet Switching: data sent through net in discrete "chunks"

## Circuit Switching

End-to-end resources **allocated to and reserved for** "call" between source and dest

- call setup required
- circuit-like (**guaranteed**) performance
- circuit segment idle if not used by call
- used in traditional telephone networks
- limited capacity

## Packet Switching

Resources are used on demand → no reservation and excessive congestion is possible

Performance not guaranteed

Host sending function

- breaks application message into smaller chunks, known as **packets** of length **L** bits
- transmits packets onto the link at **transmission rate R**
- link transmission rate is known as **link capacity** or **link bandwidth**

Packet Transmission Delay =  $\frac{L}{R}$ , assuming packet size  $L$  bits and link bandwidth  $R$  bits/sec

**Store and Forward:** entire packet must arrive at a router before it can be transmitted on the next link (check packet integrity; if corrupted, drop packet)

## Routing and Addressing

Where to forward the packet

- **Routers** determine the source-destination route taken by the packet (using

routing algorithms)

- **Addressing:** each packet needs to carry source and destination information

## Delay and Loss

**Loss:** - Packets queue in router buffers - wait for turn to be sent out one by one

- if packet arrival rate exceeds departure rate → buffer full and drop packet

4 sources of delay

1. Nodal Processing - check bit error, determine output link
2. Queueing Delay - time waiting in queue for transmission
3. Transmission Delay -  $L/R$ , where  $L$  is packet length in bits,  $R$  is link bandwidth in bps
4. Propagation Delay -  $d/s$ , where  $d$  is length of link,  $s$  is propagation speed in medium

## Throughput

How many bits can be transmitted per unit time

- Measured for **end-to-end** communication
- **Link capacity (bandwidth)** is meant for a **specific link**

## Protocols

Defines **format** and **order** of messages exchanged and the **actions** taken after messages are sent or received

### Internet Protocol

1. Application - supports network applications
2. Transport - process to process data transfer
3. Network - routing of datagrams from source to destination
4. Link - data transfer between neighbouring network elements
5. Physical - bits on wire

## Application Layer

### Structure of Network Application

- Client-Server
- Peer-to-peer

### Client-Server

Server:

- Wait for incoming request
- Provides requested service to client

Client:

- Initiates contact with and request service from server

### P2P

- No always on server
- peer request service from other peers, provides service to other peers
- self-scalable
- complex management - peers are intermittently connected and change IP addresses

## Transport Service does an app need

- Data Integrity
- Throughput - Some apps may need minimum bandwidth (streaming videos)
- Timing - might need low latency
- Security - encryption

## Transport Layer Protocol

App-layer protocols ride on transport layer protocols

### 1. TCP

- Reliable data
- Flow Control: sender won't overwhelm receiver
- Congestion Control: throttle sender when network overloaded
- does not provide: **timing, minimum throughput, security**

### 2. UDP

- Unreliable data
- no flow control
- no congestion control
- does not provide: timing, throughput, security

## Web

Webpage typically consists of

- base HTML file
- several referenced objects

Each object is addressable by a **URL**

## HTTP - Web app layer protocol

C/S model

- client in browser
- server on port 80 (default port number for web servers)

Uses TCP 1. Client initiates TCP connection to server

2. Server accepts TCP connection request
3. HTTP Messages are exchanged over TCP connection
4. TCP connection closed

1 and 2 are known as **TCP handshaking**

**RTT:** Round trip time, time for a packet to travel from client to server and go back.

## Non-Persistent HTTP

- At most one object sent over TCP connection; TCP connection closed after object sent
- downloading multiple objects requires multiple connections

## Persistent HTTP

- multiple objects sent over single TCP connection between client and server

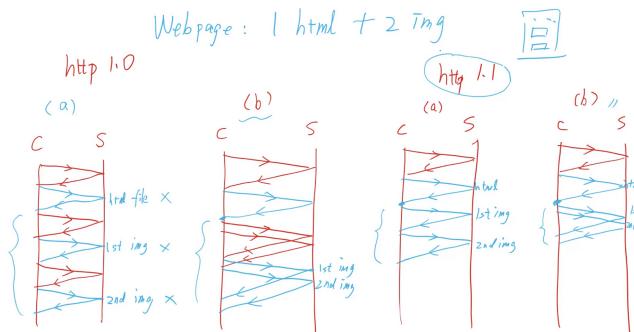
(a): Non-persistent

- $2 * RTT +$  file transmission time for each object (1 RTT for TCP, 1 RTT for object)

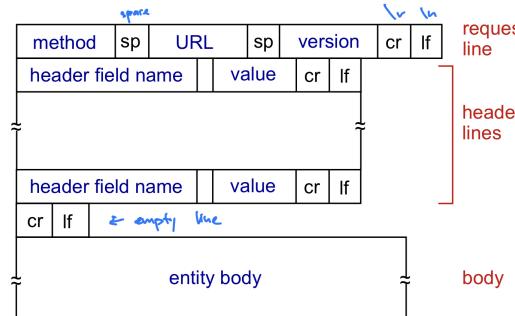
(b): Non-persistent with pipelining

- $2 * RTT +$  file transmission time for HTML page
- as little as  $2 * RTT +$  file transmission time for other objects (concurrently)

- (c): Persistent
  - 1 RTT for TCP
  - 1 RTT for each object
- (d): Persistent with pipelining
  - 1 RTT for TCP
  - 1 RTT for HTML
  - as little as 1 RTT for all referenced object



## HTTP Request



request line (GET method)

file to download

protocol

Host: www.example.org \r\n \*

Connection: keep-alive\r\n

... \r\n

Extra "blank" line indicates the end of header lines

## Request Method Types:

- 1.0: GET, POST (upload input to server), HEAD (leave out requested object)
- 1.1: GET, POST, HEAD, PUT (uploads file to path specified in URL field), DELETE (deletes file specified in URL field)

## HTTP Response

### Response Status Codes:

- 200: OK
- 301: Moved Permanently (new location specified later in message)
- 403: Forbidden
- 404: Not found

- 304: Not Modified

status line  
(protocol status code)

HTTP/1.1 200 OK\r\n

Date: Wed, 23 Jan 2019 13:11:15 GMT\r\n

Content-Length: 606\r\n → in bytes?

Content-Type: text/html\r\n

...

\r\n

data data data data data ...

data, e.g. requested HTML file

## Cookies

HTTP designed to be stateless - server maintains no information about past client requests

Cookie: http messages carry state (forever, expiry, memory only)

1. cookie header field of http request/ response messages
2. cookie file kept on user's host, managed by user's browser
3. backend database at website

## Conditional Get

- Goal: don't send object if client cache has up to date cached version
- cache: specify date of cached copy in http request; If-modified-since: <date>
- server: response contains no object if cached copy is up to date; response is 304

## Domain Name System

1. Hostname: eg, www.example.org
2. IP address: eg, 93.184.216.34 (32-bit int)

DNS translates between the two

Client carries out DNS query to determine the IP address corresponding to server name prior to connection

**NOTE:** 1 hostname could map to many IP addresses (for load balancing purposes)

## DNS Resource Record (RR)

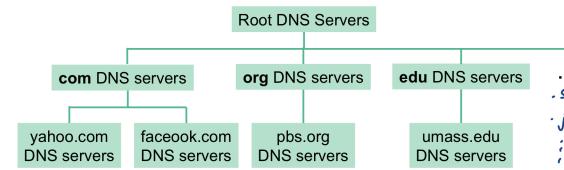
Mappings are stored as RR

RR format: (name, value, type, ttl)

- Types:
1. A - name is hostname; value is IP addr
  2. NS (name server) - name is domain (eg. nus.edu.sg); value is hostname of authoritative name server for domain.
  3. CNAME - name is alias name (eg. www.nus.edu.sg) for some canonical (real) name; value is canonical name (eg. mgnzsqc.x.incapdns.net)
  4. MX (mail exchanger) - value is the name of mail server associated with name

## Distributed Hierarchical Databases

DNS is stored in RR in distributed databases implemented in hierarchy of many name servers



A client wants IP address for www.facebook.com:

- ❖ client queries root server to find .com DNS server
- ❖ client queries .com DNS server to get facebook.com DNS server
- ❖ client queries facebook.com DNS server to get IP address for www.facebook.com

## Root servers

- Answers request for records in the root zone by returning a list of the authoritative NS for the appropriate top level domain (TLD)

## Top Level Domain

- responsible for com, org, net, edu, etc and all top-level country domains, eg. sg, jp, etc.

## Authoritative Servers

- Organisation's own DNS server(s), providing authoritative hostname to IP mappings for organisation's named hosts (eg. web, mail)

## Local DNS server

- Does not strictly belong to hierarchy
- Each ISP has one local DNS server (aka default name server)
- When host makes DNS query, query is sent to local DNS server
- Retrieve name-to-address translation from local cache
- Local DNS server acts as proxy and forwards query into hierarchy if answer not found locally

## DNS Caching

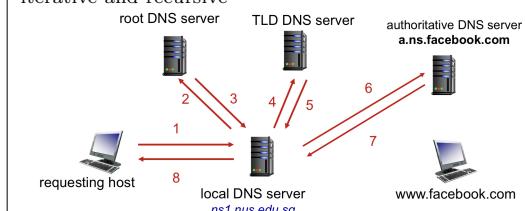
Caches mapping once it learns of it

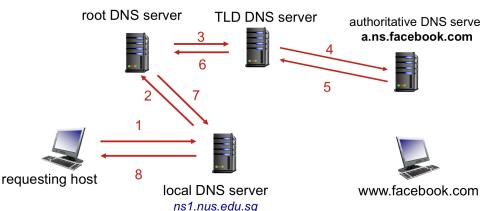
- may be out of date
- cached entries expire after some time (TTL)
- if name host changes IP address, may not be known Internet-wide until TTL expire

Runs over UDP

## DNS name resolution

iterative and recursive





**NOTE:** Recursive rarely used as servers cannot respond to other queries until it receives an answer, eg root DNS cannot answer other queries until TLD server replies

## Socket Programming

Process: program running within a host

- Within host, two processes communicate using **inter-process communication (defined by OS)**
- Processes in different hosts communicate by **exchanging messages (according to protocols)**
- Identified by **(IP address, port number)** (port number is a 16 bit int, 1-1023 are reserved)

## Sockets

Socket is the software interface between app processes and transport layer protocols - Process send/ receives messages to/ from its **socket**

- Programming-wise: a set of APIs

Application treat the Internet as a black box, sending and receiving messages through sockets

Types of sockets:

1. TCP: reliable, byte stream-oriented socket
2. UDP: unreliable datagram socket

## Socket Programming with UDP

**UDP: no connection between client and server**

- Sender explicitly attaches destination IP addr and port number to **each packet**
- Receiver extracts sender IP addr and port number from the received packet
- 1 socket listens to **multiple clients**.

## Socket Programming with TCP

- When client creates socket, client TCP establishes a connection to server TCP
  - When contacted by client, server TCP **creates** new socket for server process to communicate with that client
- This allows server to talk with multiple clients individually.

TCP socket pairs (?) are uniquely identified by **(server IP, server port, client IP, client port)**

TCP socket vs UDP socket

- TCP: two processes communicate as if there is a "pipe" between them. Send data → write data to pipe, **no need to attach** dest IP and port to each packet. Pipe is there until one of the two processes closes it. Pipe is also **reliable**

- UDP: Form UDP packet explicitly and **attach** dest IP and port no to every packet.

## Transport Layer

Deliver messages between application processes running on different hosts

- **TCP and UDP**

What do they do

- Sender: break app message into **segments**, passes them to network (IP) layer
- Receiver: reassembles segments into message, passes to app layer
- Routers in between: check dest IP to determine routing

Note: - Each IP datagram contains **source and dest IP addr**  
 - Each IP datagram carries **one transport layer segment**  
 - Each segment contains **src and dest port numbers**

### Connectionless Transport: UDP

UDP adds the following services (very few)

- **Multiplexing** at sender: UDP gathers data from processes, forms packets and passes them to IP
- **De-multiplexing** at receiver: UDP receives packets from lower layer and sends them to right processes
- **Checksum**

**NOTE:** UDP transmission is **unreliable**

Reasons for UDP:

- No connection establishment (less delay)
- Simple: no connection state at sender, receiver
- small header size
- No congestion control: UDP can blast away as fast as desired

### Connectionless Demultiplexing

When UDP **receiver** receives UDP segment

- Checks **dest port no** of segment
- Directs UDP segment to the socket with that port number
- IP datagrams (from different sources) with **same destination port no.** will be directed to the same UDP socket at destination

### UDP Header

Comprises of (8 bytes / 64 bits)

- Source port no. (16)
- Dest port no. (16)
- length in bytes, including header(16)
- checksum (16)

### UDP Checksum

To detect errors (flipped bits) in transmitted segment

Sender:

- Compute checksum value
- put checksum value in UDP checksum field

Receiver:

- Compute checksum of received segment
- Check if computed value = checksum

**NOTE:** Just because checksum = computed value **does not** mean that there is no error

Computation:

1. Treat segment as a sequence of **16-bit** integers

2. Apply binary addition on every 16 bit integer (checksum field is currently 0)
3. Carry (if any) from the MSB will be added to the result
4. Compute 1s complement to get UDP checksum

## Reliable Data Transfer

Network layer is **unreliable**, need to build reliable data transfer over this Network layer may:

- corrupt, drop, re-order (not considered in this mod) packets, and deliver packets after an arbitrarily long delay

### rdt 2.0: Bit Errors

**Solution:** Use checksum to detect bit errors, receiver replies with **ACK/NAK** to acknowledge/ negative acknowledge

- ACK: send next packet
- NAK: resend current packet

**Problem:** ACK may be corrupted. Sender would resend packet, receiver does not know it is duplicate

### rdt 2.1: Bit Errors

**Solution:** rdt 2.0 with packet sequence number

- ACK/NAK corrupted: Sender retransmits current packet
- Sender adds sequence number to each packet.
- Receiver discards (doesnt deliver to application) duplicate packets.

### rdt 2.0: Bit Errors

**Modification:** NAK free. Receiver sends ACK for **last packet received OK**. ACK now contains seq no.

Duplicate ACK: resend **current packet**

### rdt 3.0: Errors and Loss

Channel may now:

- flip bits
- lose packets
- arbitrarily long delay between packets
- but **WON'T** reorder packets

**Solution:** Sender waits for some time for ACK. Sender **retransmits** if no ACK is received till **timeout**

**NOTE:** If packet or ACK is just delayed not lost;

- Timeout triggers retransmission
- Retransmission generates **duplicates**, receiver uses seq no to detect
- Reciever must specify the packet seq no of the packet being ACKed

**NOTE:** Sender does not retransmit on ACK with **wrong packet no.** (just waits for timeout)

## Performance of rdt 3.0 (bad)

- ❖ Example: packet size = 8000 bits, link rate = 1 Gbps:

$$d_{trans} = \frac{L}{R} = \frac{8000 \text{ bits}}{10^9 \text{ bits/sec}} = 0.008 \text{ msec}$$

- If RTT = 30 msec, sender sends 8000 bits every 30.008 msec.

$$\text{throughput} = \frac{L}{RTT + d_{trans}} = \frac{8000}{30 + 0.008} = 267 \text{ kbps}$$

- $U_{sender}$ : **utilization** – fraction of time sender is busy sending

$$U_{sender} = \frac{d_{trans}}{RTT + d_{trans}} = \frac{0.008}{30 + 0.008} = 0.00027$$

## Pipelined Protocols

- Allows multiple, yet-to-be-ACKed packets
- Requires more seq no, and buffering at both sides
- 2 generic forms:
  - Go-Back-N (GBN)
  - Selective Repeat (SR)
- Same assumptions as rdt 3.0

## GBN

### GBN Sender:

- Can have up to N unACKed packets in pipeline
- insert k-bits seq no in packet header
- use "sliding window" to keep track of unACKed packets
- keep a timer for the oldest unACKed packet
- on timeout, retransmit all packets in sender window
- timeout(n): retransmit packet n and all subsequent packets in the window

### GBN Receiver:

- In order packets: ACK (simple receiver - only needs to keep track of the next expected seq no)
- Out of order packets: Discard and ACK the last in order packet
- Cumulative ACK: ACK m means all packets up to m are received

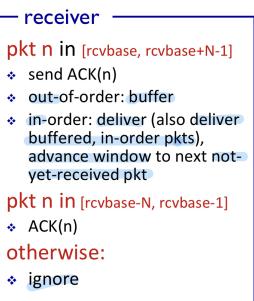
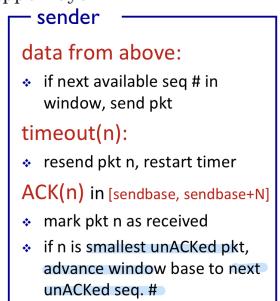
## SR

### SR Sender:

- maintains timer for each unACKed packet
- When timer expires, just retransmit only that unACKed packet

### SR Receiver:

- Individually acknowledges all correctly received packets
- buffers out of order packets, as needed, for eventual in-order delivery to upper layer



## TCP

### Overview:

- Point-to-Point: 1 sender, 1 receiver
- Connection-oriented: handshaking before sending app data
- Full duplex service: bi-directional data flow in the same connection
- Reliable, in-order byte stream: use seq no. to label bytes

### Connection Oriented De-mux:

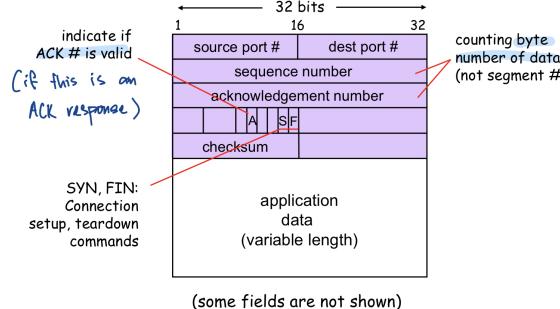
A TCP connection socket is identified by the 4-tuple (srcIP, srcPort, destIP, destPort)

### Segment Size:

A TCP segment typically has an MSS (maximum segment size) of 1460 bytes

(app data, without header)

Header:



Sequence Number:

Byte number of the first byte of data in a segment

ACK (cumulative):

TCP ACKs up to the first missing byte in the stream (next expected byte number)

Eg. If segment is [0-999], receiver would ACK 1000

**NOTE:** TCP does not specify how receiver should handle out of order segments, it is up to implementer.

TCP Sender Events

```

loop (forever) {
  switch(event)
    case data received from application above:
      create TCP segment with sequence number NextSeqNum
      if (timer currently not running)
        start timer
      pass segment to IP
      NextSeqNum=NextSeqNum+length(data)
      break;
    case event: timer timeout:
      retransmit not-yet-acknowledged segment with
      smallest sequence number
      start timer
      break;
    case event: ACK received, with ACK field value of y:
      if (y > SendBase) {
        SendBase=y
        if (there are currently any not-yet-acknowledged segments)
          start timer
      }
      break;
  /* end of loop forever */
}
  
```

first byte of data to be ACKed.

Event at TCP receiver

TCP receiver action

Arrival of in-order segment with expected seq #. All data up to expected seq # already ACKed

Delayed ACK: wait up to 500ms for next segment. If no next segment, send ACK

Arrival of in-order segment with expected seq #. One other segment has ACK pending

Immediately send single cumulative ACK, ACKing both in-order segments

Arrival of out-of-order segment higher-than-expect seq. # (gap detected)

Immediately send duplicate ACK, indicating seq. # of next expected byte

Arrival of segment that partially or completely fills gap

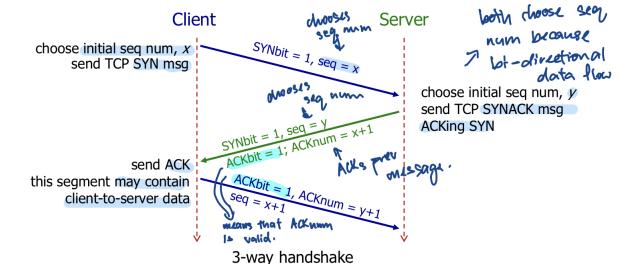
Immediately send ACK, provided that segment starts at lower end of gap

TCP Fast Retransmission

If sender receives 4 duplicate ACKs (ACK for the same segment), it supposes the segment is lost.

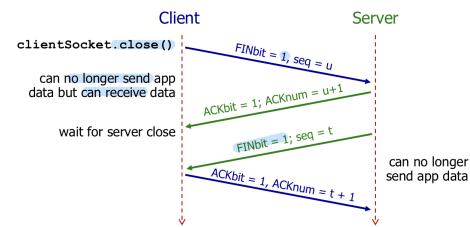
Immediately resend segment, even before timer expires

Establishing connection - 3-way Handshaking



Closing Connection

- Client, server each close their side of connection.
- send TCP segment with FIN bit = 1



Network Layer

host to host

IP Address

IP Address is used to identify a host or router

32-bit integer expressed in either binary or decimal

Hosts get IP addresses via:

1. Manual configuration by system administrator
2. Automatically assigned by Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) server

DHCP is more scalable

**NOTE:** IP addresses are associated with a network interface

- each network interface has its own IP, eg laptop with ethernet port and wifi will have 2 IP addresses
- routers typically have many interfaces

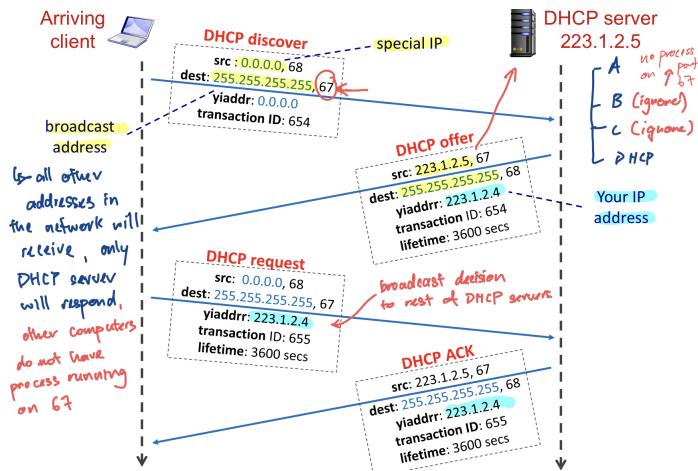
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Allows a host to dynamically obtain its IP address from DHCP server when it joins network

- IP addr is renewable
- allows reuse of IP addresses
- supports mobile users joining network

### 4 step process:

1. Host broadcasts "DHCP discover" message
2. DHCP server responds with "DHCP offer" message (note that a host may get more than 1 offer)
3. Host requests IP addr with "DHCP request" message
4. DHCP server sends address with "DHCP ACK" message



**NOTE:** DHCP may also provide additional network information

- IP address of **first-hop router** (default gateway)
- IP address of **local DNS server**

- **Network mask**

**NOTE:** DHCP runs over UDP, server on port 67, client port 68

## Special IP Addresses

Special Addresses	Present Use
0.0.0.0/8	Non-routable meta-address for special use <i>(continued)</i>
127.0.0.0/8	Loopback address. A datagram sent to an address within this block loops back inside the host. This is ordinarily implemented using only 127.0.0.1/32. <i>only first 8 bits fixed, ie. 127.0.0.0/8 is loopback address</i>
10.0.0.0/8	Private addresses, can be used without any coordination with IANA or an Internet registry. <i>internal use, school network, company network etc.</i>
172.16.0.0/12	<i>not globally unique</i> <i>can't be used in public internet</i>
192.168.0.0/16	
255.255.255.255/32	Broadcast address. All hosts on the same subnet receive a datagram with such a destination address.

## Subnets

IP addresses comprises of two parts:

1. network (subnet) prefix
2. host ID

**Subnet** is a network formed by a group of "directly" interconnected hosts

- hosts in the same subnet have the same network prefix
- hosts in the same subnet can physically reach each other **without intervening router**
- They connect to the outside world through a router

## CIDR

Classless Inter-domain Routing is the Internet's IP address assignment strategy

- subnet prefix is of arbitrary length
- address format: **a.b.c.d/x**, where x is the number of bits in subnet prefix

## Subnet Mask

**Subnet Mask** is used to determine which subnet an IP address belongs to

- Made by setting all subnet prefix bits to 1s and host ID bits to 0s and with IP address to get subnet prefix

## Hierarchical Addressing

Allows efficient advertisement of routing information

- instead of having a routing table with  $2^{32}$  entries, use block allocations
- Eg. A router could broadcast "send me anything with addresses beginning with 200.23.16.0/20"

Can have smaller and more efficient routing tables

**NOTE:** These are not subnet masks/ prefixes!!

Routers use **longest prefix match** to determine where to route to

## Routing Algorithms - Intra AS routing

- AS: Autonomous System
- View network as a graph of nodes (routers) and edges (links)
- Each link can have an associated cost eg. money, congestion, avail bandwidth etc.

**Goal:** find least cost path between two vertices in graph

## "link state" algorithms

- All routers have complete knowledge of network topology and link cost; Routers periodically broadcast link costs to each other
- Use Djikstra's Algo to compute least path (using this global map)

## "distance vector" algorithms

- Routers know physically-connected neighbours and link costs to neighbours
- Routers **exchange** local views with neighbours and update own local views based on neighbours'
- Iterative process of computation: Swap local view with neighbours, update own local view, repeat until no change
- **Key Difference:** Only broadcast link costs to immediate neighbours

**Graph Notations:**

- $c(x, y)$ : cost of link between routers  $x, y$ ,  $\infty$  if not direct neighbours
- $d(x, y)$ : cost of least-cost path between routers  $x, y$

## Bellman-Ford Equation

$$d_x(y) = \min_v c(x, y) + d_v(y)$$

where min is taken over all direct neighbours  $v$  of  $x$

Intuitively, shortest path from  $x$  to  $y$  is the minimum of least cost to each neighbour of  $x$  + least cost path from neighbour to  $y$

- To find the least cost path,  $x$  needs to know the cost from each of its direct neighbours to  $y$

- Each neighbour  $v$  sends its **distance vector ( $y, k$ )** to  $x$ , telling  $x$  that the cost from  $v$  to  $y$  is  $k$

## Algorithm Steps

1. Every router  $x, y, z$  sends its distance vectors to its directly connected neighbours.
2. When  $x$  finds out that  $y$  is advertising a path to  $z$  that is cheaper than  $x$  currently knows,  $x$  will
  - 2.1 **update its distance vector to  $z$**  accordingly
  - 2.2 note that **all packets for  $z$  should be sent to  $y$** . This info is used to create  $x$ 's forwarding table
3. After several rounds, all routers know least-cost paths to all other routers

## Routing Information Protocol (RIP)

- RIP implements DV algo, using **hop count** as cost metric (insensitive to network congestion)
- Exchange routing table every 30 seconds over **UDP port 520**
- "self-repair": if no update from a neighbour router for 3 mins, assume neighbour has failed, remove neighbour entry from table

## Network Address Translation (NAT)

Public IP: unique,  $2^{32}$  addresses, many are reserved

Private IP: used within a network, **NOT** globally unique, ie. can't be used outside network

## NAT router

NAT routers sit between a local network and wider internet

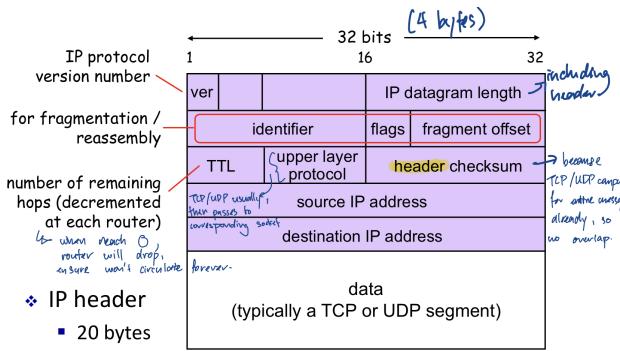
- **Replace** (src IP addr, port no.) of **every outgoing datagram** to (NAT IP addr, new port no.)
- **Remember** in NAT translation table, the mapping from (src IP addr, port no.) to (NAT IP addr, new port no.)
- **Replace** (NAT IP addr, new port no.) in dest fields of every **incoming datagram** with corresponding (src IP addr, port no.) stored in NAT translation table
- Effect:** all datagrams **leaving** local network have the same src NAT IP addr (new port no. are not the same)

## Benefits of using NAT

- No need to rent a range of public IP addr from ISP; just one for NAT router
- All hosts use private IP addr. Can change address of hosts (within network) without notifying outside world
- Can change ISP without changing addresses of hosts in local network
- Hosts inside local network are not explicitly addressable and visible by outside world (security)

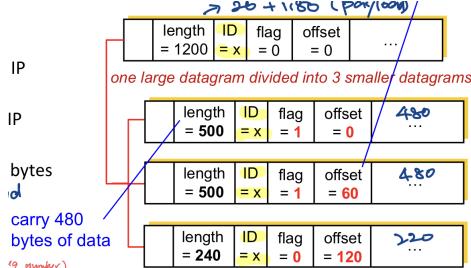
## IPv4 Datagram Format

header size: 20 bytes



### IP Fragmentation and Reassembly

- Different links may have different MTU (Max Transfer Unit): max amount of data a link layer frame can carry (max size of IP datagram)
- IP datagrams that are too large may be fragmented by router



- Flag = 1 if there is next fragment in same segment, 0 if last fragment
- Offset is expressed in units of 8-bytes; first byte num / 8 (relative ordering between fragments)
- ID remains the same for all fragments

### Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP)

- Used by hosts and routers to communicate network-level info
- Error reporting eg. unreachable host/ network/ port/ protocol
- Echo request / reply (ping)

ICMP messages are carried in IP datagrams (ICMP header starts after IP header)

♦ ICMP header: Type + Code + Checksum + others.

Type	Code	Description
8	0	echo request (ping)
0	0	echo reply (ping)
3	1	dest host unreachable
3	3	dest port unreachable
11	0	TTL expired
12	0	bad IP header

Selected ICMP Type and subtype (Code)

e.g. TTL reaches 0, packet discarded, ICMP error message sent to datagram's src addr

### Link Layer

Sending datagrams between adjacent nodes (single link)

IP datagrams encapsulated in link layer frame for transmission  
Implemented in adapter (NIC) or chip, adapters are semi-autonomous, implementing link and physical layers

### Link Layer Services (protocols may not implement all)

- Framing: encapsulate datagram in fram (adding header, trailer)
- Link access control: coordinate which node can send frames and when, when multiple nodes share common link
- Reliable delivery: seldom on low bit error link (fibre) but used on error-prone link (wireless)
- Error detection
- Error correction: identifies and corrects bit errors without retransmission

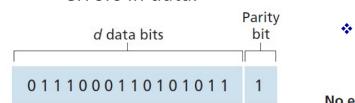
### Error Detection and Correction

Link Layer uses mainly Parity Checking and CRC (CRC is good but slow in software → not used in TCP/UDP/IP)  
Error detection schemes are not 100% reliable

#### Parity Checking

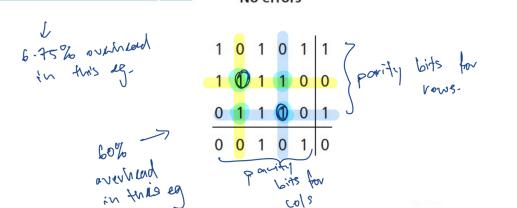
##### Single bit parity

- can detect single bit errors in data.



##### Two-dimensional bit parity

- can detect and correct single bit errors in data.
- can detect any two-bit error in data.



#### Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC)

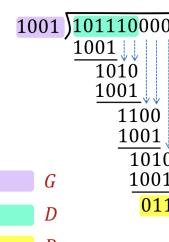
Bitwise xor operation without carry or borrow

- D: data bits, viewed as a binary number
- G: generator of  $r+1$  bits, agreed by sender and receiver beforehand
- R: will generate CRC of  $r$  bits

Sender sends (D, R)

Receiver knows G, divides (D, R) by G → if non zero remainder, error!

Example:  $r = 3$



### Type of Network Links

- Point to point link: sender and receiver connected by a dedicated link (or switch with star topology)
- Broadcast link (shared medium): multiple nodes connected to a shared broadcast channel, when a node transmits a frame all other nodes receive a copy (wifi, satellite, ethernet with bus topology)

### Multiple Access Protocols

In broadcast channel, if two or more nodes transmit simultaneously

- every node receives multiple frames at the same time → frames collide at nodes and none would be correctly read

### Multiple Access Protocols

- distributed algorithm that determines how nodes share channel, ie. when a node can transmit
- However, coordination about channel sharing must use channel itself (no out of band channel signalling)

### Types of Multiple Access Protocols

#### Channel partitioning

- divide channel into fixed smaller "pieces" (time slots, frequency)
- allocate piece to node for exclusive use
- Cons:** wastage, partitions must be divided beforehand (hard to add new hosts)
- Pros:** Good if all have equal amount of data to send

#### Taking turns

- nodes take turns to transmit

#### Random Access

- Channel is not divided, collisions possible
- Need to recover from collisions

#### Channel Partitioning

##### Time Division Multiple Access (TDMA)

- Access to channel in "rounds"
- Each node gets fixed length (frame transmission time) slot in each round
- Unused slots go idle

#### Frequency Division Multiple Access (FDMA)

- Channel Spectrum is divided into frequency bands
- Each node is assigned a fixed frequency band
- Unused transmission time in frequency bands go idle

#### Taking Turns

##### Polling

- master node "invites" slave nodes to transmit in turn
- Concerns: polling overhead (not huge), single point of failure (master node)
- Need to be able to detect if master node fails, and choose new master

#### Token Passing

- Control token is passed from one node to next sequentially
- Concerns: token overhead, single point of failure (token)
- node with token may fail, need algo to generate exactly 1 token

#### Random Access

- No prior coordination between nodes on when to transmit
- two or more transmitting nodes → collision

Protocols specify:

- how to detect collisions
- how to recover from collisions

Slotted ALOHA

**Assumptions**

- All frames are of equal size
- Time is divided into slots of equal length (time to transmit 1 frame)
- Nodes start to transmit only at the beginning of a slot

**Operations**

- Listens to channel while transmitting (collision detection)
- **if collision happens:** node **retransmits** a frame in each **subsequent slot** with probability **p** until success
- p** is recalculated frequently to take into account things like congestion etc.
- perfect p: 37%

Pure ALOHA

No slots, no synchronisation

- When there is a fresh frame: transmit immediately
- Chance of collision increases: frame sent at  $t_0$  collides with other frames sent in  $(t_0 - 1, t_0 + 1)$
- Rude in the sense that a node may start transmitting while another node is already transmitting (better protocol below)
- 16% max utilisation

### Carrier Sense Multiple Access (CSMA)

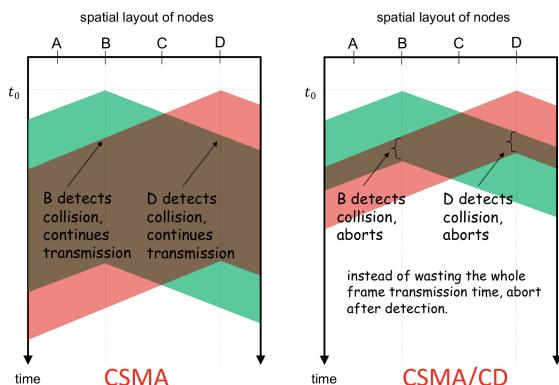
Sense the channel before transmission, if **idle** transmit, if **busy**, defer transmission

- Main idea is not to interrupt others
- But **collisions** may still exist
- when two nodes transmit simultaneously
- before one detects the other has started due to propagation delay

Even after detect collision, node still continues to finish transmission of frame, then retransmit later (waste of time)

### CSMA/CD (collision detection)

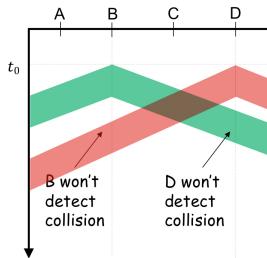
- Same as CSMA except that when collision is detected, transmission is **aborted immediately** (reduces channel wastage)
- Retransmit after **random** amount of time



### Minimum Frame Size

if frame size too small, **collision will still appear** but **may not be detected** by sending nodes (no retransmission)

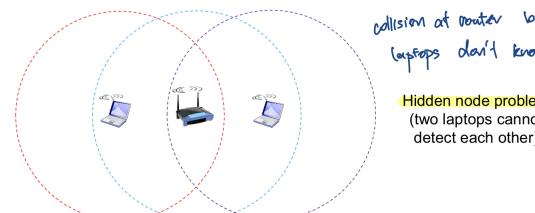
Eg. Ethernet requires min. frame size of 64 Bytes



### CSMA/CA (Collision Avoidance)

Collision detection easy in wired LAN (10V instead of 5V), but difficult in wireless

**Hidden Node Problem:**



In CSMA/CA, receiver returns ACK if frame received OK

**NOTE:** Switches are **peer-transparent**, just a way of connecting hosts, doesn't manipulate frames going through them

### MAC Address

- Every adapter (NIC) has a **MAC Address** (Media Access Control)
- MAC address is used to send and receive link layer frames.
  - When adapter receives frame, check if dest MAC matches its own
    - if **yes**: extract datagram and passes to protocol stack
    - if **no**: discard frame without interrupting host

This check is done very fast without disturbing the CPU

**NOTE:** IP identifies host, MAC identifies NIC

- Every MAC Address is **globally unique**, typically **hardcoded (burned)** into NIC ROM, typically **48 bits**

### MAC Address vs IP Address

- |   |   |
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| <b>IP address</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 32 bits in length</li> <li>▪ network-layer address used to move <b>datagrams</b> from <b>source to dest.</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Dynamically assigned; hierarchical (to facilitate routing)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Analogy: postal address</b></li> </ul> | <b>MAC address</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 48 bits in length</li> <li>▪ link-layer address used to move <b>frames</b> over <b>every single link</b>.</li> <li>▪ <b>Permanent</b>, to identify the hardware (adapter)</li> <li>▪ <b>Analogy: NRIC number</b></li> </ul> |
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### Address Resolution Protocol (ARP)

To get MAC address of receiving host, knowing its IP (using DNS or otherwise)

- Each node (host / router) has an **ARP table**
- ARP table stores the mappings of IP address and MAC address of other nodes in the **same subnet**
- Only stores nodes that it had communications with, not all nodes in subnet
- Each entry consists of **IP addr, MAC addr, TTL**

### Sending a frame in the same subnet (A→B)

If A knows B's MAC addr (from ARP table)

- 1 Create a frame with B's MAC addr and send
  - 2 **Only B** will process this frame
  - 3 Other nodes may receive but ignore this frame
- If A does not know B's MAC Addr
- 1 A **broadcasts ARP query packet** with B's **IP addr**
    - 1.1 Dest MAC addr = FF-FF-FF-FF-FF-FF
    - 1.2 All other nodes in subnet will receive but only B will reply
  - 2 B replies to A with its MAC Addr
    - 2.1 Pass up to network layer to check IP addr
    - 2.2 Replay frame is sent to A's MAC address (included in query packet)
  - 3 A adds B's IP-to-MAC mapping in ARP table (until TTL expires)

**NOTE:** Determine if B is in same subnet by checking network mask + network prefix

**NOTE:** Get B IP addr via DNS

### Sending frame to another subnet

1. A creates a link layer frame with **R's MAC addr** (R is default gateway), and **B's IP addr** as destination
2. R will move datagram to outgoing link and construct a new frame with the **next node's MAC addr** (not B unless B is next node!)
3. Repeat until reach B

### Local Area Network (LAN)

- Computer network that interconnects computers within a geographical area, like office or campus
- May be made up of multiple subnets
- Technologies: Token Ring, Ethernet, Wi-Fi, others

### Ethernet

#### Ethernet Standards

Twisted Pair Copper Connectors

- Limited in length due to greater attenuation

Optical Fibre Connections

- Single-mode fibre can go very long without repeater
- Multimode: many colours

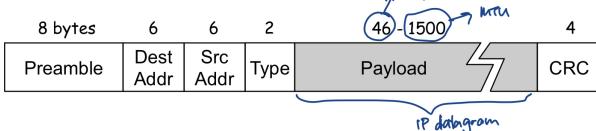
#### Ethernet Topology

- Bus Topology: popular last time when switches were expensive

- all nodes connect to one ethernet wire
  - all nodes receive every packet → collisions
  - only the node with correct MAC address will respond
- Star Topology: popular now (switches cheaper)
- switch in the center
  - all point-to-point

- nodes do not collide with each other

### Ethernet Frame Structure (specifically for CSMA/CD)



#### Preamble:

- 7 bytes with pattern  $AA_{16}$  followed by 1 byte of  $AB_{16}$
- used to synchronise receiver and sender clock rates
- provides a square wave pattern telling receiver the sender's clock rate
- tells the receiver the width of a bit (how long each 0 or 1 is)
- important if there is a long string of bits of the same value

#### Source and Dest MAC addr:

- NIC receives frame with matching dest addr or broadcast addr
  - pass data in frame to network layer protocol
- Otherwise
  - NIC discards frame

#### Type:

- Indicates higher layer protocol (usually IP)

#### CRC:

- to check if corrupted, corrupted → drop

#### Ethernet Data Delivery Service

- Connectionless: no handshaking
- Unreliable: receiving NIC doesn't send ACK or NAK to sending NIC (higher layers handle retransmission/ data recovery)
- Multiple Access Protocol: CSMA/CD with binary (exponential) backoff

**NOTE:** Collisions may happen in Ethernet of bus topology

#### Ethernet CSMA/CD Algorithm

1. NIC receives datagram from network layer, forms frame
2. If NIC senses channel idle, start frame transmission, if not, wait until channel idle then transmit
3. If NIC transmits entire frame without detecting another transmission, then done
4. Else, aborts and sends jam signal
5. After aborting NIC enters binary backoff

#### Exponential Backoff

- After 1st collision: choose K at random from 0, 1; wait  $K * 512$  bit transmission times before retransmission
- After 2nd collision: choose k from 0, 1, ...,  $2^2 - 1$
- After  $m^{th}$  collision, choose K from 0, 1, ...,  $2^m - 1$

**NOTE:** maximum 16 times

**Goal:** adapt retransmission attempts to estimated current load

- more collisions → heavier load
- longer back-off intervals when more collisions

#### Ethernet Switch

- Invisible to hosts; hosts think they are directly connected with each other (in star topology)

- No IP address
- link-layer device used in LANs
  - to store and forward ethernet frames
  - Examine incoming frame MAC address, forward to one or more links
- Switches buffer frames and are full duplex
  - A and D can send frames to each other simultaneously
- No collisions

#### Switch Forwarding Table

- Tells switch where to send each packet
- Each switch has a table, each entry is (MAC addr of host, interface to reach host, TTL)
- Switches are self-learning, can just plug in and will create the table itself

#### Self-learning switches

- When receiving a frame from A, note down location of A in switch table
- if B is found in the switch forwarding table, forward frame to that link
- if B is unknown, broadcast frame to all outgoing links (finds out when B replies)

**NOTE:** Switches can be connected in hierarchy

#### Switches vs Routers

##### Switches (2 layer device - physical and link)

- checks MAC address
- store and forwards link layer frames
- forwards frame to outgoing link or broadcast based on switch forwarding table
- used in LAN to form star topology

##### Routers (3 layer device, physical, link, network)

- Check IP address
- stores and forwards IP datagrams
- Computes routes to destination
- used in network core

## Multimedia Networking

#### Audio

- Analog audio signal sampled at a constant rate (aka sampling rate)
  - Telephone: 8000 samples/sec
  - CD music: 44100 samples/sec
- Each sample is quantised
  - eg 8 bit value gives  $2^8 = 256$  values
  - $2^{16} = 65,536$  for CD
- Nyquist-Shannon sampling theorem (minimum sampling frequency to be able to recover signal at recv end)

$$f_s \geq d \times 2$$

$f_s$ : sampling frequency

$d$ : highest signal frequency

- Bitrate: sampling rate \* number of bits per value