Network Analysis – Part 1

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Goal

- Analyze network traffic for different goals.

- Useful for:
  - Intrusion Analyst: dissect network traffic to study intrusions
  - Forensic Investigator: check the extent of a malware infection
  - Attackers: understand their victim networks!

Outline

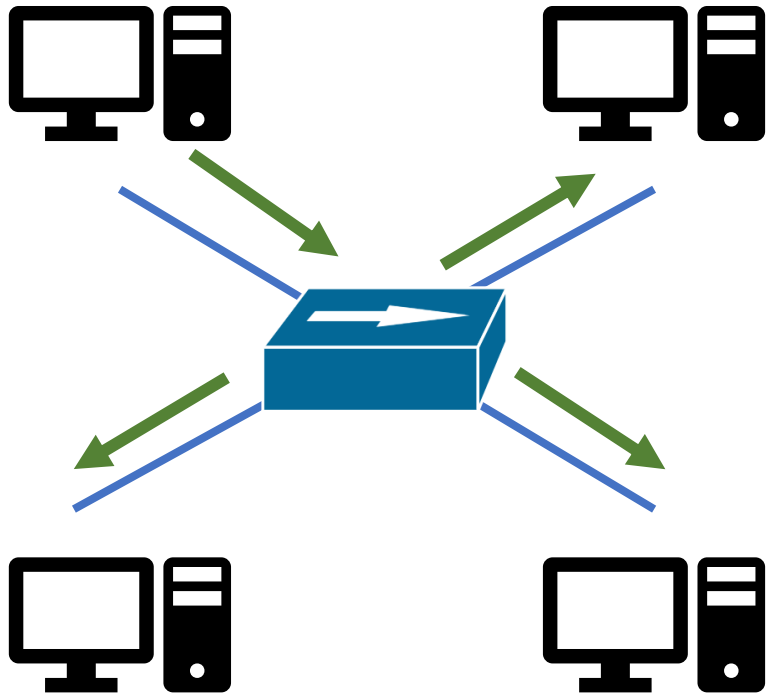
- Network Hardware
- Packets
  - Dissecting Packets
  - Sample of Network Protocols
    - ARP and ICMP
- Capturing packets
  - Packet Sniffing
    - Sniffer deployment
    - Tools: Wireshare
- Network-level operations:
  - Network Recon
  - Traffic Manipulation
    - Spoofing

Network Hardware

A quick review

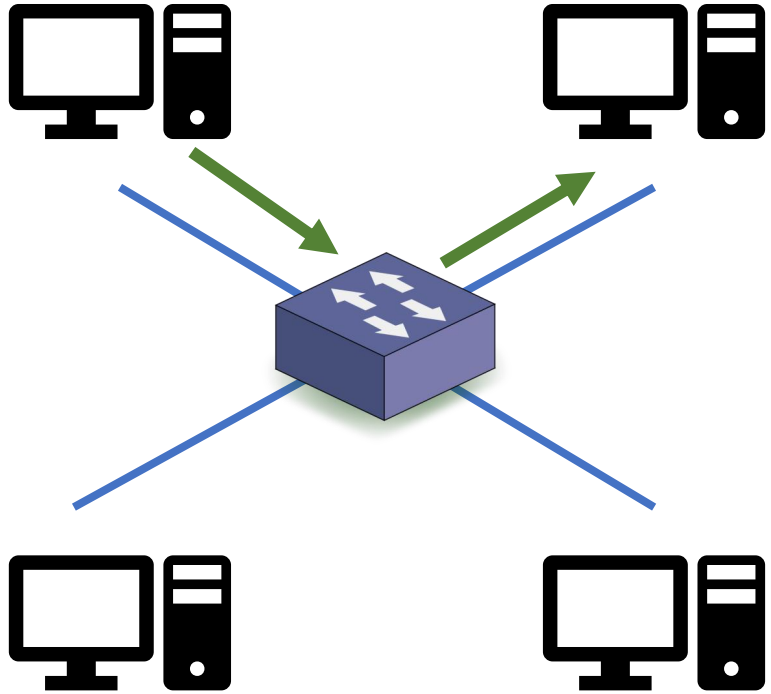
Hub

- L1 device
- Repeats the traffic on one port to other ports (i.e., broadcast)
- Usages:
  - Mirror traffic for analysis
  - Making multiple network devices act as one segment
- Obsolete and rarely deployed in modern networks



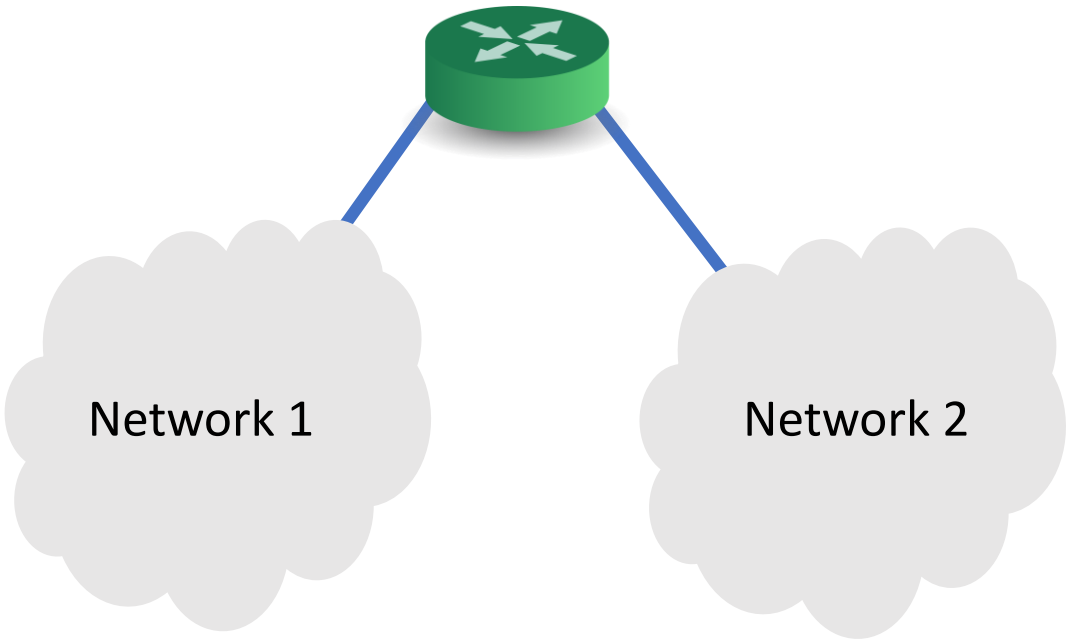
Ethernet Switch

- L2 device
- Decides outgoing port based on dst MAC
- Maintains a mapping between MAC address and outgoing ports
  - Using a CAM table
- Modern switches become smarter
  - Programmable and bare-metal



Router

- L3 device
- Forwards packets based on IP address
  - How?

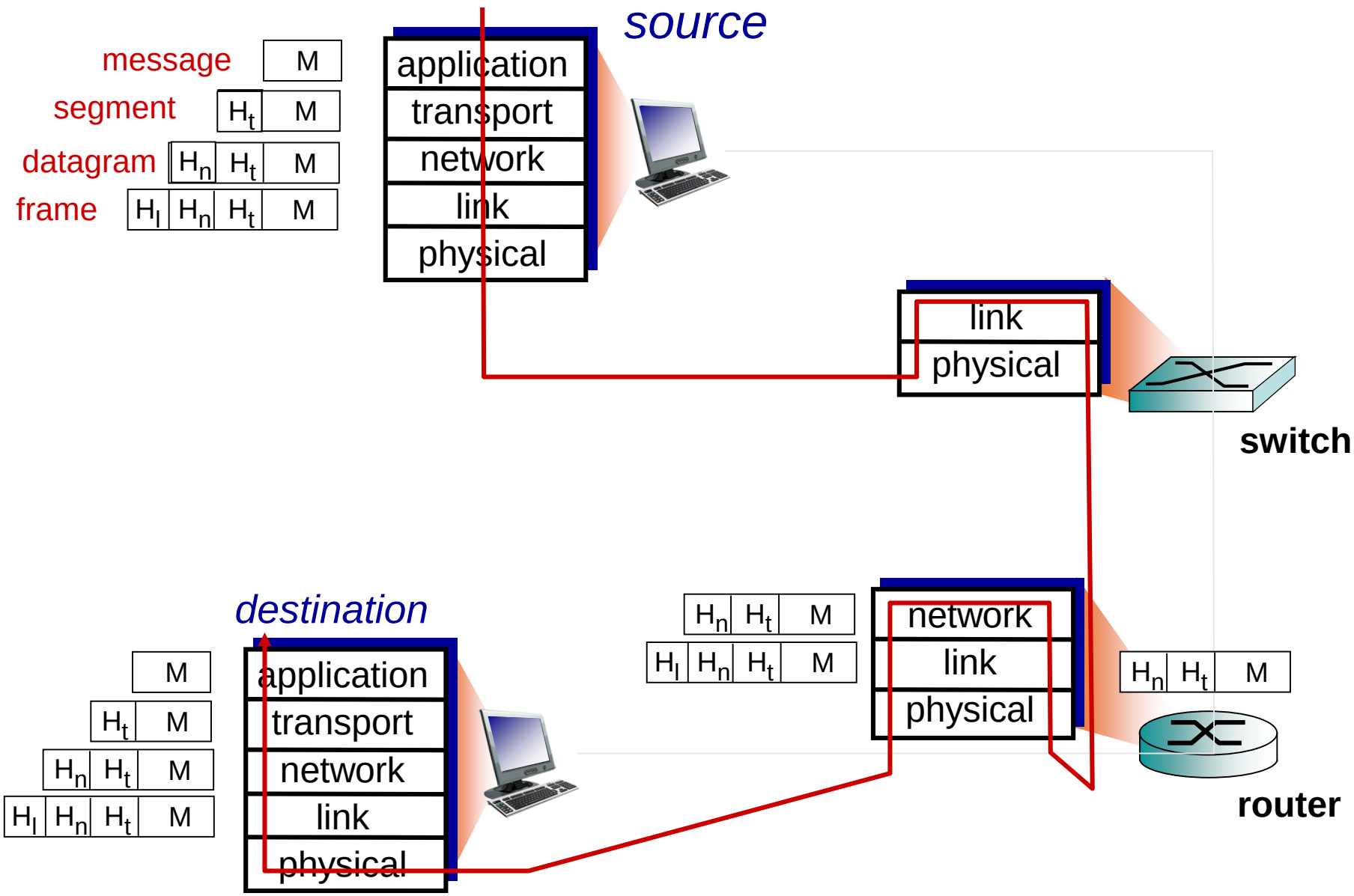


Dissecting Packets

Recall: Packet Switching

- Packet Switching: Hosts break application-layer messages into packets
  - Forward packets from one router to the next, across links on path from source to destination
  - Each packet is transmitted at full link capacity (no reservation)
- The header of each packet carries necessary information
  - Routers examine the header and make forwarding decisions

Recall: Encapsulation



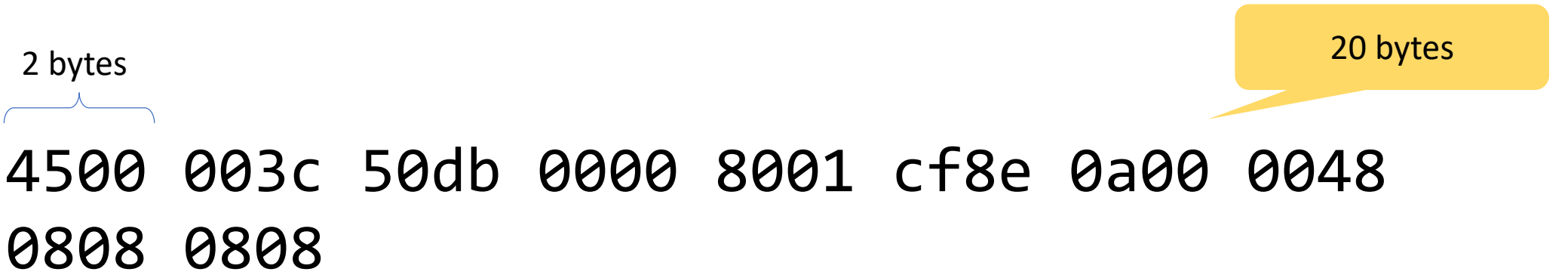
Packet Representation

- Packet is a sequence of bytes
  - Formatted based on the rules of protocols
  - Multiple fields, each has a specific value

- Binary representation:
  - Sequence of 0's and 1's
  - E.g.,
    `10001010000000000000000011110001010000110110110000000000000000100000000000000011100111110001110`
  - Hard to read

Packet Representation

- Hex representation
- Uses numbers 0–9 and letters a–f
- A byte is represented using two characters
  - E.g., 2a is one byte
- In a byte, a nibble has 4 bits
  - 4 bits represent a character from 0—f



What is this protocol? What is missing information?

Packet Diagram

- A graphical representation of a packet
  - Allows analysts to map bytes to fields
  - Often based on protocol's RFC

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0	0	Version	Header Length	Type of Service	Total Length		
4	32	Identification			Flags	Fragment Offset	
8	64	Time to Live		Protocol	Header Checksum		
12	96	Source IP Address					
16	128	Destination IP Address					
20	160	Options					
24+	192+	Data					

Packet Diagram

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4500 003c 50db 0000 8001 cf8e 0a00 0048
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- Protocol is 0x01. What is this protocol?
- Check IP protocol numbers.

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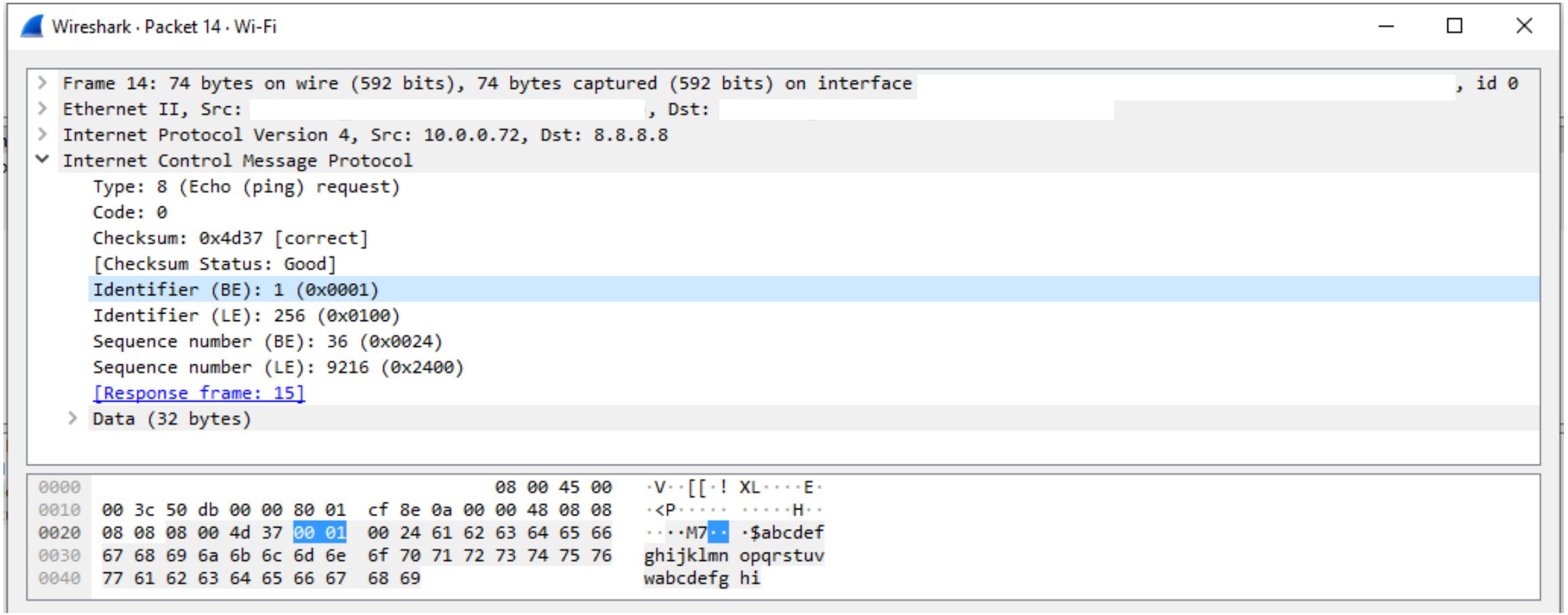
IP Protocol Numbers: Examples

Protocol Number (Hex)	Protocol
0x01	ICMP
0x06	TCP
0x11	UDP
0x29	IPv6 (why?)
0x2f	GRE
0x59	OSPF

Tools for Dissecting Packets

- Various tools can be used to dissect and decode a packet

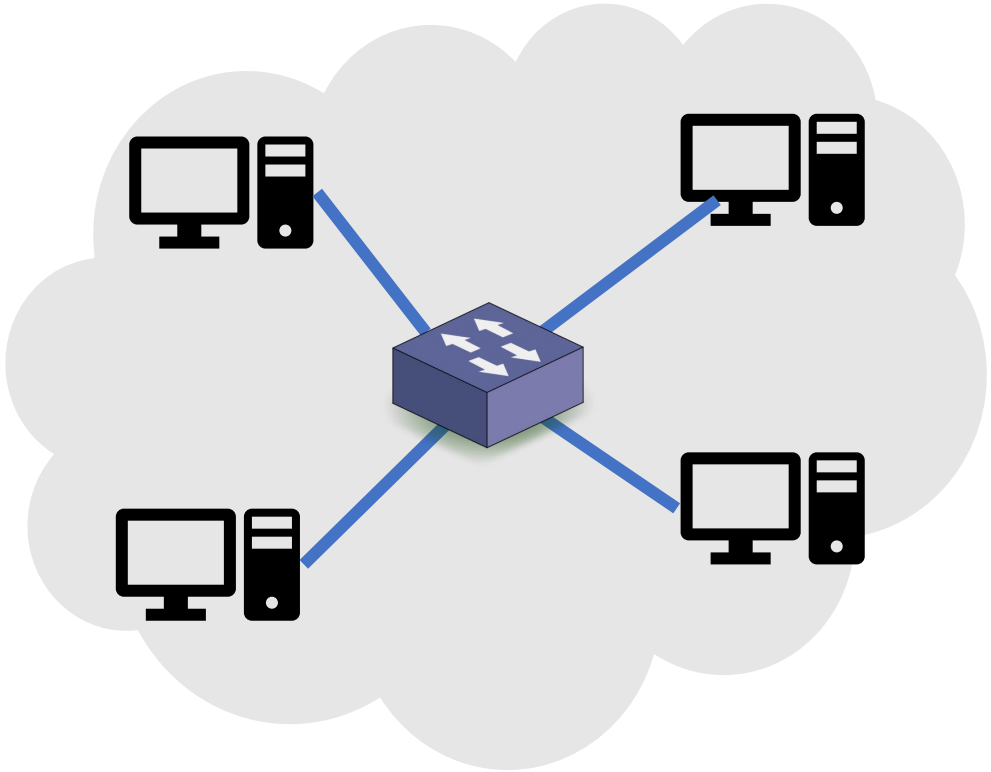


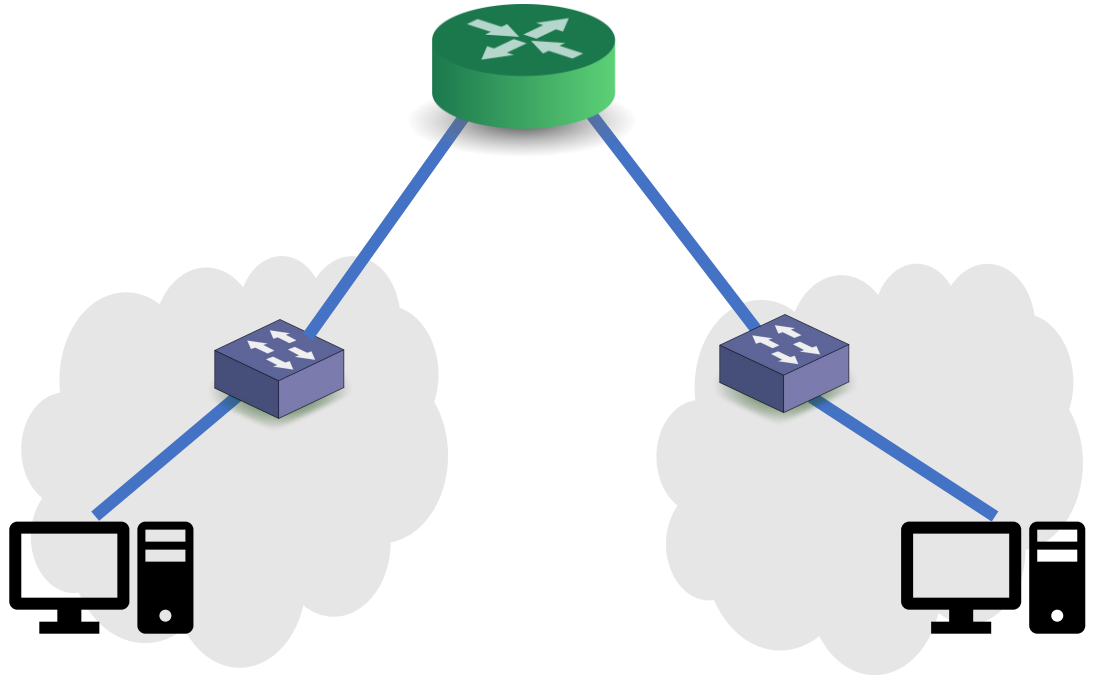
Sample of Network Protocols

ARP and ICMP

Address Resolution Protocol (ARP)

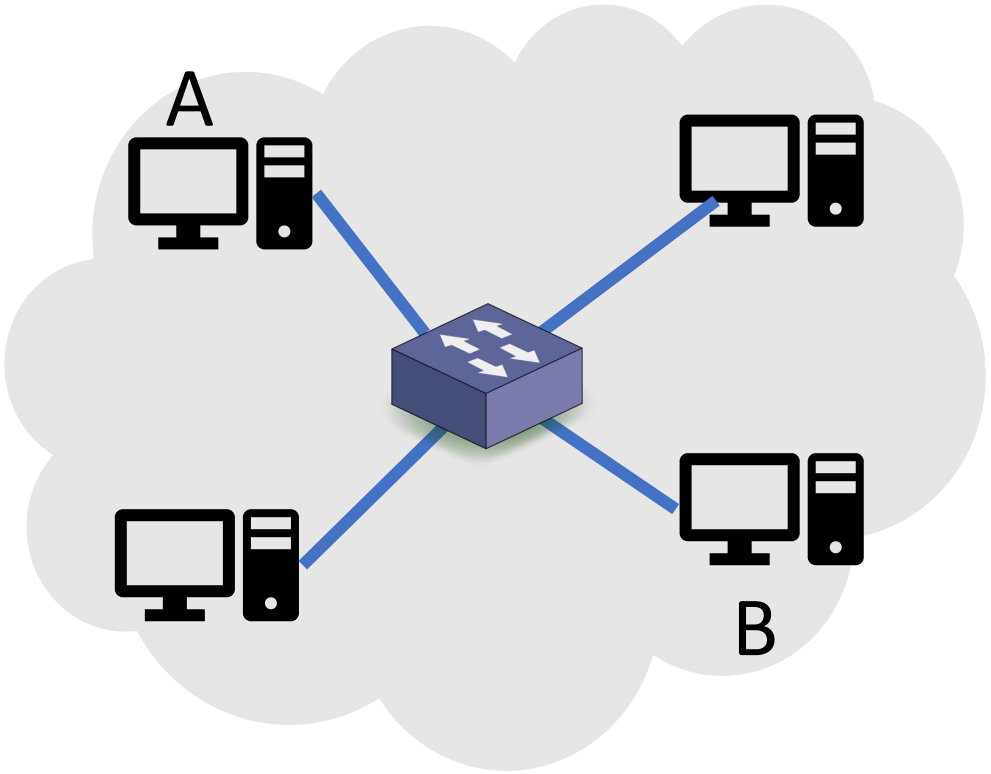
- Two types of addresses are used for communication:
  - Physical (e.g., MAC): within a single network
  - Logical (e.g., IP): among multiple networks, and indirectly connected devices





Address Resolution Protocol (ARP)

- Consider the case when:
  - an application at A communicates with an app at B
- Device A needs to fill fields L2—L5
  - It has all the information of L3—L5 (why?)
- However, device A does not know the physical address of device B
  - A field in L2 (dst MAC)



ARP (RFC 826): a protocol to map an IP address to MAC address

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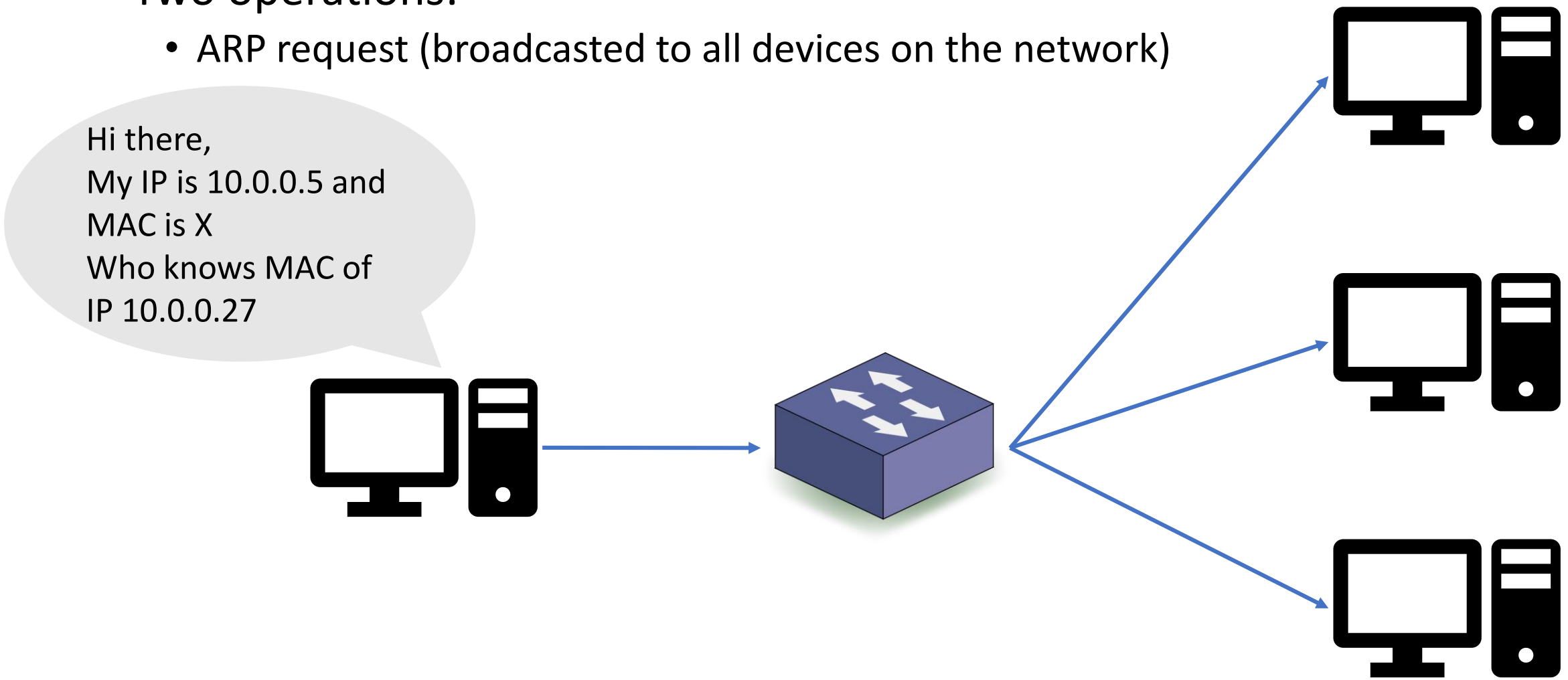
- Two operations:
  - ARP request (broadcasted to all devices on the network)



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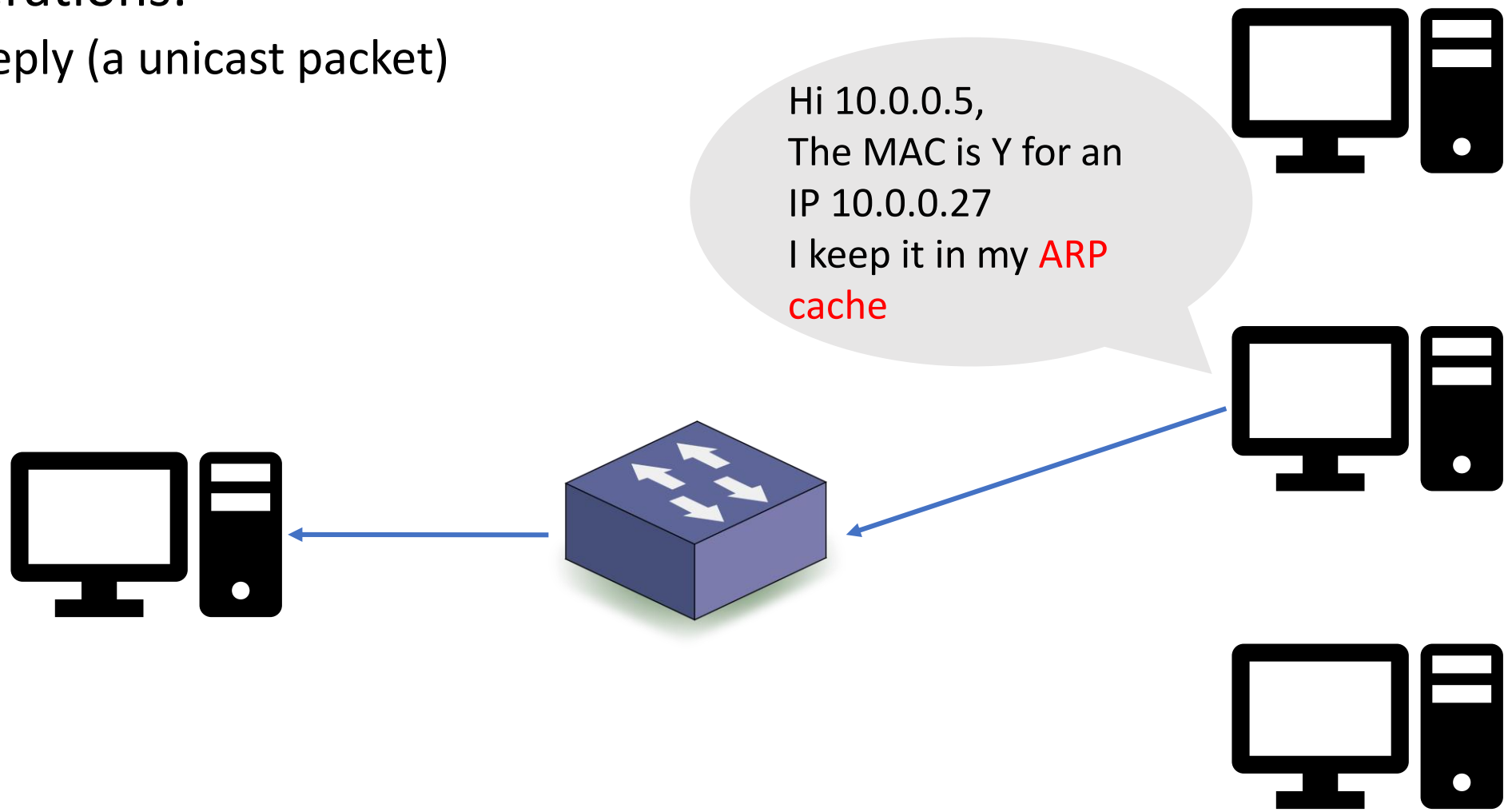

ARP Packet Structure

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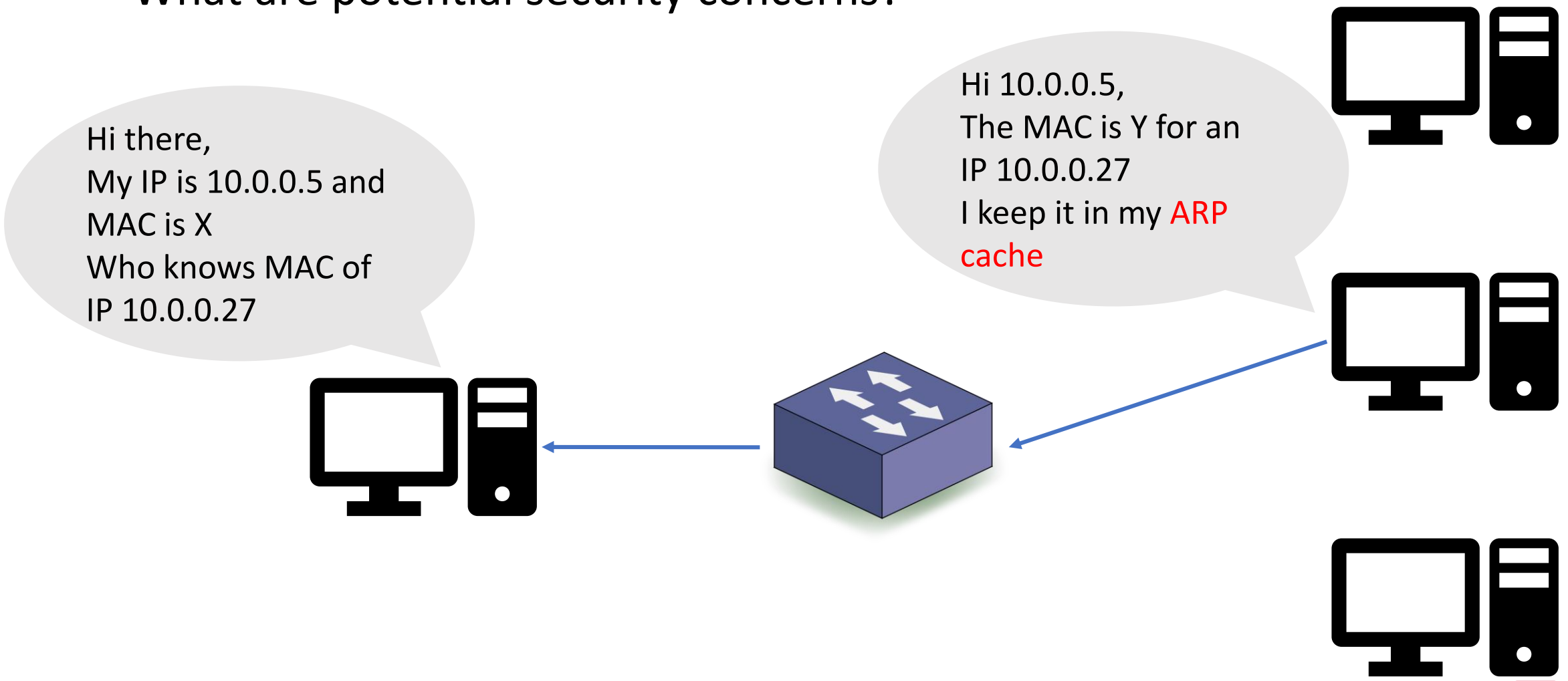
Address Resolution Protocol (ARP)

- What are potential security concerns?



Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP)

- RFC 792
- A utility protocol of TCP/IP
- Provides information about availability of:
  - Devices, services, or routes on a TCP/IP network

- Popular utilities that use ICMP?

ICMP Packet Structure

Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP)					
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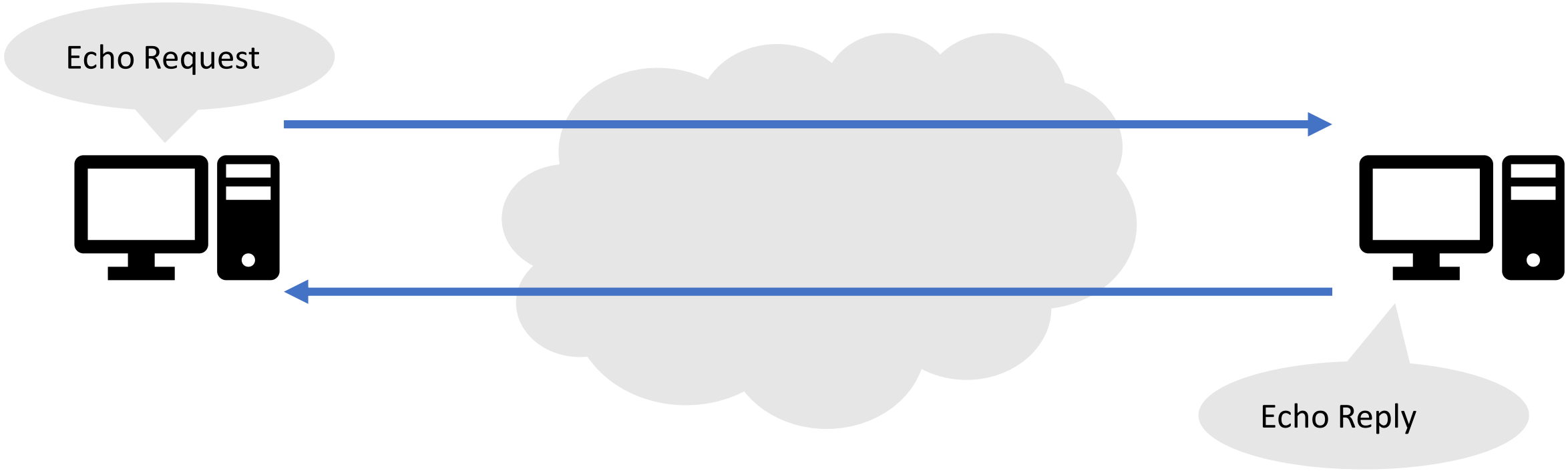
Octet	Bit	0–7	8–15	16–23	24–31
0	0	Type	Code	Checksum	
4+	32+	Variable			

0 : Echo Reply
8 : Echo Request
11: Time Exceeded

ICMP: `ping`

Often used to check availability



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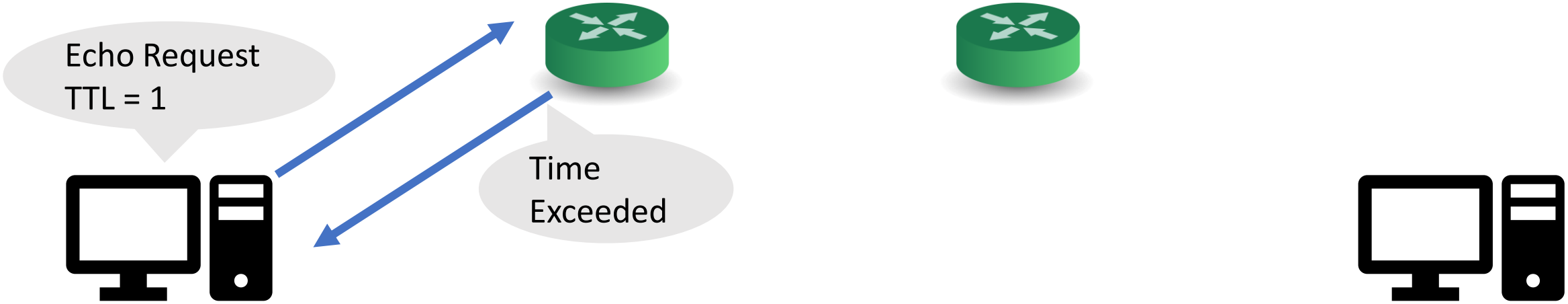

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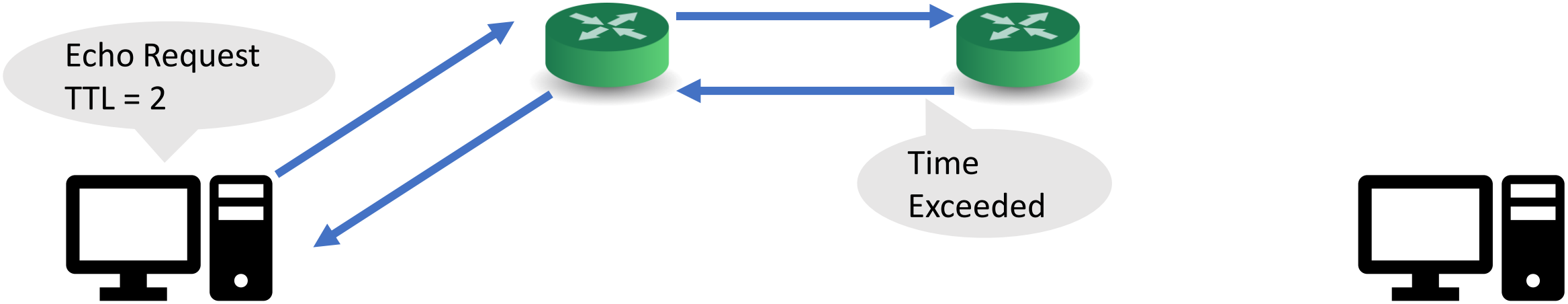

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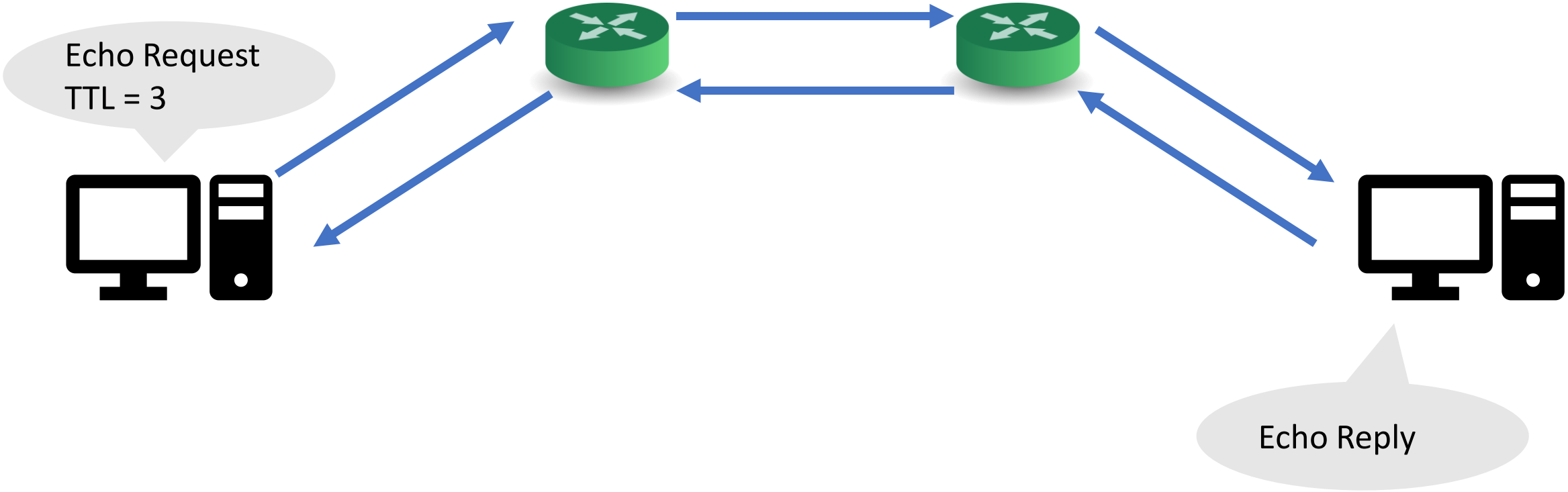

To do list

- Start using Wireshark
- Get familiar with packet diagrams and major protocols:
  - IP, ARP, ICMP, DNS, TCP, UDP

Next Lecture

- Packet Sniffing
- Packet Spoofing