

CCN assignment NO. 4.

Q. Give IPv4 header format and explain functionality of each field.

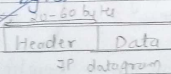
→ IPv4 header format:

i) IP datagram is unit of transfer in an IP net. It carries enough information about the net to get forwarded to its destination; it consists of a header followed by bytes of data.

ii) The header contains information about the type of IP datagram, how long the datagram should stay on the network with special flags indicating a special purpose the datagram is supposed to serve.

iii) The min. size of the IP header is 20 bytes consisting of five 32-bit words.

iv) The packet diagram header is as shown below.



VER	HLN	Service byte	Total length
4bits	4bits	8 bits	16 bits
Identification		Flags	Fragmentation offset
16 bits		3 bits	13 bits
Time to live	Protocol	Header checksum	
8 bits	8 bits	16 bits	
source IP address			
Destination IP address			
Option + padding (0 to 40 bytes)			

Version (4 bit):

It is used to define the IP version. The value 4 defines the packet as IPv4 while value 6 defines the packet as IPv6.

ii) Header length (4 bit)

It is used to define the length of the header. It does not include the data field & the value cannot be greater than 60 bytes. The default value of this field if no options present is 5.

iii) Service Type (8 bit)

Of the 8 bits, the first three bits are the precedence bits are ignored. The type of service is represented by the next 4 bit & the last bit of left reserved. They are

Type of service	Description
0000	Normal service
0001	minimize monetary cost
0010	maximize reliability
0100	maximize throughput
1000	minimize delay

iv) Total length (16 bits)

It defines the total length of the datagram, header & data & the max. size of IP datagram can be 65535 bytes.

v) Identification (16 bits)

Identifier is assigned by the host during

fragmentation. This helps in reassembling the fragmented datagrams. Each fragment of a single datagram has the same identification number.

iii) Flags (3 bits)

There are 3 types of flags: S and only two of the three allocated bits are used. They are used to indicate three different status namely reserved, not fragment & more fragments.

iv) Fragment offset (13 bits)

It is primarily used during fragmentation process. The fragmented datagrams are of 8 bytes & this is used in reassembly of fragmented IP datagrams.

v) Time to live (8 bits)

It represents number of hops that the IP datagram will go through before being discarded. The value is decremented by one by every router that handles the datagram. When this field reaches 0, the datagram is thrown away & the router is notified with an ICMP Internet control message (Protocol) message.

ix) Protocol (8 bits)

It identifies which upper layer protocol one encapsulated in the packet. For eg. identifies whether reserved & similarly 6 indicates TCP.

x) Header checksum (16 bits)

It is a 16 bit checksum used for error detection.

It is calculated by dividing the header byte into word (a word is 2 bytes) & then adding them together. The operation is performed only on the packet & not on the data.

xi) Source IP (32 bits)

It is the IP address of the originator of the datagram packet.

xii) Destination IP (32 bits)

It is the IP address of the intended recipient of the datagram packet.

xiii)

Options (Variable length) & padding. The options field is used for additional header or info if required. If one or more options are included in the number of bits used for them is not a multiple of 32 then padding field is used to make the header a multiple of 32.

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to explain classful addressing of IP address with source & destination address.

IP address is an address having info about how to reach specific host. Specially outside the LAN, an IP address is a 32 bit unique address having an address space of 2^{32} .

Generally there are two notations in which IP address is written, dotted decimal notation & hexadecimal notation.

(i) Dotted Decimal

10000000.00000001.00000001.00000001
128.11.3.31

ii) Hexadecimal Notation

011D101 0001101 1001010 11101016
 \$75 95 1D E8

Classful Addressing

The 32 bit IP addr is divided into five sub class.

- class A
- class B
- class C
- class D
- class E

Each of these classes has a valid range of IP addr. Classes D & E are reserved for multicast & experimental purposes respectively. The order of bits in the first octet determine the classes of IP addr. IP4 addr is divided into two parts.

- i) Network ID
- ii) Host ID

The class of IP addr is used to determine the bit used for n/w ID & host ID & the no. of total n/w ID possible in that particular class. Each IP on n/w administrator assigns IP addr to each device that is connected to its network.

class A

NET ID

Host ID

class B

NET ID

Host ID

class C

NET ID

Host ID

class D

multicast Addr

class E

Reserved

i) class A:

IP address belonging to class A are assigned to the network that contain a large number of hosts.

- The network ID is 8 bits long.
- The host ID is 24 bits long.

The higher order bits of the first octet in class A is always set to 0. The remaining 7 bits in first octet are used to determine network ID. The 24 bits of host ID are used to determine the host in any network. The default subnet mask for class A is 255.x.x.x. Therefore class A has a total of:

$$2^{24} = 16,777,214 \text{ host ID}$$

IP address belonging to class A ranges from 1.x.x.x - 126.x.x.x.

7 bit	24 bit
network	Host

ii) Class B

IP addr belonging to class B are assigned to the network that ranges from medium-sized to large size n/w.

The n/w ID is 16 bit long.

The host ID is 16 bit long.

The higher order bits of the first octet of IP addresses of class B are always set to 10. The remaining 14 bits are used to determine network ID. The 16 bits of host ID is used to determine the host in any n/w. The default subnet mask for class B is 255.255.x.x.

Class B has a total of

$$2^{14} = 16384 \text{ network addresses}$$

$$2^{14} - 2 = 65534 \text{ host addresses}$$

IP addresses belonging to class B range from 128.0.x.x - 191.255.x.x.

14 bit	16 bit
Network	Host
class B	

iii) Class C:

IP addresses belonging to class C are assigned to small-sized networks.

- The network ID is 24 bits long.
- The host ID is 8 bit long.

The higher order bits of the first octet of IP

addresses of class C are always set to 110. The remaining 21 bits are used to determine network ID. The 8 bits of host ID is used to determine the host in any network. The default subnet mask for class C is 255.255.255.x. Class C has a total of

$$2^{21} = 2097152 \text{ network addresses}$$

$$2^{21} - 2 = 2097150 \text{ host addresses}$$

IP addresses belonging to class C range from 192.0.0.x - 223.255.255.x

24 bit	8 bit
Networks	Host
class C	

iv) Class D

IP addresses belonging to class D are reserved for multi-casting. The higher order bits of the first octet of IP addresses belonging to class D are always set to 1110. The remaining bits are for the address that interested hosts recognize.

Class D does not possess any subnet mask. IP addresses belonging to class D range from 224.0.0.0 - 239.255.255.255.

28 bit	
Host	
class D	

v) Class E:

IP addresses belonging to class E are reserved for experimental & research purposes. IP addresses of class E range from 240.0.0.0 - 255.255.255.255. This class doesn't have any subnet mask. The higher order bits of first octet of class E are always set of 1111.

28 bit	
Host	
class E	

Q3. IPv4, what is the length of the data field in an HLEN value of 12 & total length value 40,000?

→ Given

HLEN value = 12
Total length value = 40000

So header length = $12 \times 4 = 48$

Total length indicates total length of the packet including header.

So, packet length excluding header is

$$= 4000 - 48$$

The length of the data field = 3952

Q4. In IP4, what is the value of the total length field in bytes if the header is 28 bytes & the data field is 400 bytes

→ Given:

Header length is = 28 bytes

Data field = 400 bytes

The total length indicates total length of the packet including header

Then the value of total length field

$$= 400 + 28$$

The value of total length field is 428 bytes.

Q5. If a class B net on the Internet has a subnet mask of 255.255.248.0, what is the max no. of hosts per subnet?

→ Subnet mask is 255.255.248.0

The binary representation of subnet mask is

11111111 11111111 11110000 00000000

There are 21 bits set in subnet so 11 bits (32 - 21) remain left for host IDs. Total possible values of host IDs is $2^{11} = 2048$ values. 2 'add' are reserved. The 'add' with all bits as '1' is reserved as

broadcast 'add' & 'add' with all host ID bits as '0' is used as a new 'add' of subnet. In general, the no. of 'add's' usable for addressing specific hosts in each net is always $2^n - 2$ where n is the no. of bits for host ID.

Max no. of hosts per subnet = $2^{11} - 2 = 2046$

The max no. of hosts per subnet is 2046.

Q6. The 'add' of a class B host is to be split into subnets with 6-bit subnet no. what is the max no. of subnets & the max no. of hosts in each subnet?

Subnet - number = 6 bit

$$\text{max no. subnet} = 2^6 - 2 = 62$$

$$\text{max no. of hosts} = 2^{16} = 1024$$

'add's' are reserved. The 'add' with all bits as '1' is reserved as broadcast 'add' & the 'add' with all host bits as '0' is used as new 'add' of subnet.

$$\text{max no. of hosts} = 2^{16} - 2 = 1022$$

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How is fragmentation is done?

Fragmentation is done by the network layer when the max size of datagram is greater than max size of data that can be held a frame or its max tx unit (MTU). The network layer divides the datagram received from transport layer into fragments so that flow is not disturbed.

Since there are 16 bits for total length in IP header, so max size of IP datagram is $2^{16} - 1 = 65535$ bytes.

transport layer

(segment) [20 | 65495]

max size of data in segment
= 65515 - 20 = 65495

nlw layer

(segment) [20 | 65515]

max size of data in segment
= 65535 - 20 = 65515

It is done by nlw layer at the destination side & is usually done at routers.

Source side does not req. fragmentation due to good segmentation by transport layer i.e. instead of doing segmentation at transport layer & fragmentation at nlw layer, the transport layer looks at datagram at the data limit & frame data limit & does segmentation in such a way that resulting data can easily fit in a frame without the need of fragmentation.

Rx identifies the frame with the identifier (16bit) field in IP header. Each fragment of a frame has same identifier number.

Rx identifies seq of frame using the fragment (16bit) field in IP header. An overhead at nlw layer is present due to extra header introduced due to fragmentation.

Fields in IP header for fragmentation.

- Identification (16 bits) use of identify fragments of same frame.

- Fragment offset (13 bit) - use of to identify seq of fragments in the frame.

- More fragments (MF = 1 bit). Tells if more fragments ahead of this fragment i.e. if MF=1 more fragments are ahead of this fragment & if MF=0; it is the last fragment.

- Don't fragment (DF=1 bit). If we don't want the packet to be fragmented then DF is set i.e. DF=1.

- Reassembly of fragments: It takes place only at destination & does at routers since packets take independent path (datagram packet switching) so all may not meet at a router & hence a need of fragmentation may arise again.

MF	Fragment offset	1st packet	Intermediate packet	Last packet
1	0			
1	1=0			
0	1=0			
0	0			

(Q8) What is the max no. of IP addrs that can be assigned to hosts on a local subnet that uses the 255.255.255.254 Subnet mask?

Give subnet mask is 255.255.255.254 binary representation of given subnet mask is,

11111111.11111111.11111111.11000000 i.e. 3 bits on 5 bits off. This provides 8 subnet & the no. of hosts for each subnet is $2^5 - 2 = 30$.

The max no. of IP addrs that can be assigned to hosts on a local subnet that uses the 255.255.255.224 subnet mask is 30.

(Q9) What is broadcast IP addrs?

A broadcast addrs is an nlw addrs at which all devices connected to multiple access comm. nlw are enabled to receive datagrams. A msg sent to a broadcast addrs may be received by all nlw attached hosts. In compact, a multicast addrs is

used to add a specific group of devices to a unicast address is used to add a single device. In IPv4, multicast addresses are special values in the ones values are established as the 1st broadcast address for IPv4 that support broadcast. The interface of subnets & classes interdomain routing changed this slightly, so that the all-ones host address of each subnet is that subnet's broadcast address.

The broadcast address for an IPv4 host can be obtained by performing a bitwise OR operation between the bit complement of the subnet mask & the host's IP address for broadcasting a packet to an entire IPv4 subnet using the private IP address space. 172.16.2.0/24 which has the subnet mask 255.255.0.0 the broadcast address is 172.16.0.255.

A special designation exists for the IP broadcast address 255.255.255.255. It is the broadcast address of the entire IPv4 or 0.0.0.0 which in IPv4 stands for this address is the local network transmission to this address is limited, in that it is never forwarded by the router connecting the local network to other networks.

Q10. What is the subnet mask for a host with the IP

address 200.10.5.68/28?

IP address = 200.10.5.68/28

A. 255.255.255.240 which means that the

host size is 16 in 4th octet

0.16.32.48.64.80 etc
The host is in the 64 subnet
Subnet mask address is 200.10.5.64