

CEG7450: Advanced Computer Networks

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Reading Assignments

- [SRC84] J. Saltzer, D. Reed, and D. Clark, "End-to-end Arguments in System Design". ACM Transactions on Computer Systems (TOCS), Vol. 2, No. 4, 1984, pp. 195-206.
- Review paper [Jac88], due a week from today.

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Overview

- Administrative trivia
- Overview and history of the Internet
- A taxonomy of communication networks
- Router architecture in packet-switching networks

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Goals of this Course

- Understand how the Internet works in more depth
- Get familiar with current Internet research efforts
- Appreciate what is good research
 - problem selection
 - solution & research methodology
- Apply what you learned in small scale class projects

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What Do You Need To Do?

- A class term paper + lab projects
- Paper reading and reviews
- Final exam

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Term Paper

- Investigate new ideas and solutions in a small scale research or survey
 - define the problem or topic
 - execute the research
 - write up and present your research (if time permits)
- Ideally, best papers will become conference papers

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Term Paper: Steps

- I'll distribute a list of topics
 - you can either choose one of these topics or come up with your own
- Pick your topic and submit a one page proposal describing:
 - the problem you are solving or doing a survey on
 - your plan of attack with milestones and dates
 - any special resources you may need
- A midterm report of your progress
- Final project presentation (optional, if time permits)
- Submit term papers

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Paper Reviews

- Goal: summarize main ideas and concepts in research papers
- Number: up to two papers per class
- Length: one page per paper
- Contents
 - main points intended by the author
 - points you particularly liked/disliked
 - potential for improvement if applicable
 - other comments (writing, conclusions...)
- Submission:
 - hardcopy submission

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Grading

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| Term paper + lab projects | 40% |
| Final exam | 40% |
| Paper reading & reviews | 20% |

- This is a graduate networking class: more important is what you realize/learn than the grade

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What is a Communication Network? (from end system point of view)

- Network offers a service: move information
 - bird, fire, messenger, truck, telegraph, telephone, Internet ...
 - another example, transportation service: move objects
 - horse, train, truck, airplane ...
- What distinguish different types of networks?
 - The services they provide
- What distinguish the services?
 - latency
 - bandwidth
 - loss rate
 - number of end systems
 - service interface (how to invoke?)
 - other details
 - reliability, unicast vs. multicast, real-time, message vs. byte ...

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What is a Communication Network? Infrastructure Centric View

- Electrons and photons as communication medium
- Links: fiber, copper, satellite, ...
- Switches: mechanical/electronic/optical, crossbar/Banyan
- Protocols: TCP/IP, ATM, MPLS, SONET, Ethernet, PPP, X.25, FrameRelay, AppleTalk, IPX, SNA
- Functionalities: routing, error control, congestion control, Quality of Service (QoS)
- Applications: FTP, WEB, X windows, ...

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Types of Networks

- Geographical distance
 - Local Area Networks (LAN): Ethernet, Token ring, FDDI
 - Metropolitan Area Networks (MAN): DQDB, SMDS
 - Wide Area Networks (WAN): X.25, ATM, frame relay
- Information type
 - data networks vs. telecommunication networks
- Application type
 - special purpose networks: airline reservation network, banking network, credit card network, telephony
 - general purpose network: Internet

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Types of Networks

- Right to use
 - private: enterprise networks
 - public: telephony network, Internet
- Ownership of protocols
 - proprietary: SNA, voice over IP
 - open: TCP/IP protocol stack
- Technologies
 - terrestrial vs. satellite
 - wired vs. wireless
- Protocols
 - IP, AppleTalk, SNA

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The Internet

- Global scale, general purpose, heterogeneous-technologies, public network
- Internet Protocol
 - open standard: Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) as standard body
 - technical basis for other types of networks
 - Intranet: enterprise IP network
- Developed by the research community

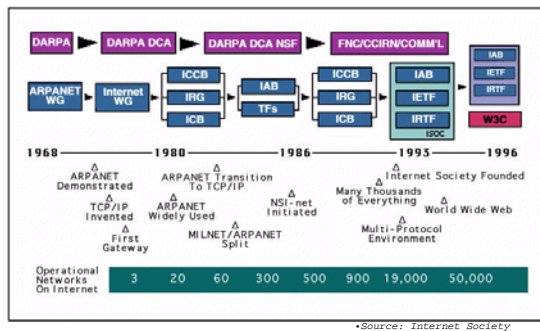
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History of the Internet

- 70's: started as a research project, 56 kbps, < 100 computers
- 80-83: ARPANET and MILNET split,
- 85-86: NSF builds NSFNET as backbone, links 6 Supercomputer centers, 1.5 Mbps, 10,000 computers
- 87-90: link regional networks, NSI (NASA), ESNet(DOE), DARTnet, TWBNet (DARPA), 100,000 computers
- 90-92: NSFNET moves to 45 Mbps, 16 mid-level networks
- 94: NSF backbone dismantled, multiple private backbones
- Today: backbones run at >10 Gbps, 100s millions computers in 150 countries

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Time Line of the Internet

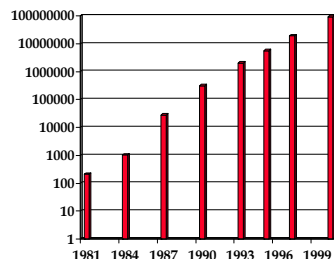


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Growth of the Internet

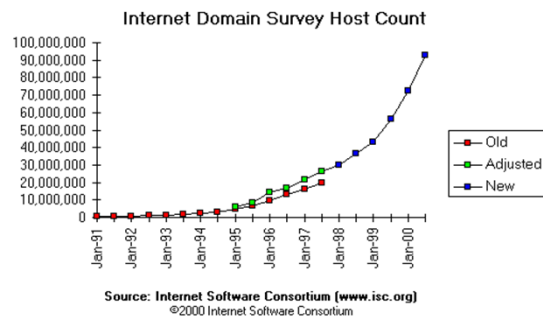
Number of Hosts on the Internet:

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|-----------|------------|
| Aug. 1981 | 213 |
| Oct. 1984 | 1,024 |
| Dec. 1987 | 28,174 |
| Oct. 1990 | 313,000 |
| Oct. 1993 | 2,056,000 |
| Apr. 1995 | 5,706,000 |
| Jul. 1997 | 19,540,000 |
| Jul. 2000 | 93,047,785 |



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Recent Growth (1991-2000)



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Who is Who on the Internet ?

- **Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF):** The IETF is the protocol engineering and development arm of the Internet. Subdivided into many working groups, which specify [Request For Comments or RFCs](#).
- **IRTF (Internet Research Task Force):** The Internet Research Task Force is composed of a number of focused, long-term and small Research Groups.
- **Internet Architecture Board (IAB):** The IAB is responsible for defining the overall architecture of the Internet, providing guidance and broad direction to the IETF.
- **The Internet Engineering Steering Group (IESG):** The IESG is responsible for technical management of IETF activities and the Internet standards process. Composed of the Area Directors of the IETF working groups.

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Internet Standardization Process

- All standards of the Internet are published as **RFC (Request for Comments)**. But not all RFCs are Internet Standards!
 - available: <http://www.ietf.org>
- A typical (but not only) way of standardization is:
 - Internet Drafts
 - RFC
 - Proposed Standard
 - Draft Standard (requires 2 working implementation)
 - Internet Standard (declared by IAB)
- David Clark, MIT, 1992: "We reject: kings, presidents, and voting. We believe in: rough consensus and running code."

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Services Provided by the Internet

- Shared access to computing resources
 - telnet (1970's)
- Shared access to data/files
 - FTP, NFS, AFS (1980's)
- Communication medium over which people interact
 - email (1980's), on-line chat rooms, instant messaging (1990's)
 - audio, video (1990's)
 - replacing telephone network?
- A medium for information dissemination
 - USENET (1980's)
 - WWW (1990's)
 - replacing newspaper, magazine?
 - audio, video (1990's)
 - replacing radio, CD, TV?
 - Blog, p2p, youtube

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Today's Vision

- Everything is digital: voice, video, music, pictures, live events
- Everything is on-line: bank statements, medical records, books, airline schedules, weather, highway traffic, toaster, refrigerator ...
- Everyone is connected: doctor, teacher, broker, mother, son, friends, enemies

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What is Next?

- Electronic commerce
 - virtual enterprise
- Internet entertainment
 - interactive sitcom
- World as a small village
 - community organized according to interests
 - enhanced understanding among diverse groups
- Electronic democracy
 - little people can voice their opinions to the whole world
 - little people can coordinate their actions
 - bridge the gap between information haves and have not's
- Electronic terrorism
 - attackers can bring the whole world to its knee

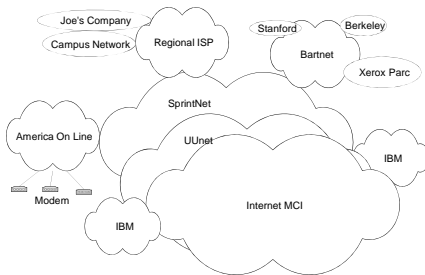
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Industrial Players

- Telephone companies
 - own long-haul and access communication links, customers
- Cable companies
 - own access links
- Wireless/Satellite companies
 - alternative communication links
- Utility companies: power, water, railway
 - own right of way to lay down more wires
- Medium companies
 - own contents
- Internet Service Providers
- Equipment companies
 - switches/routers, chips, optics, computers
- Software companies

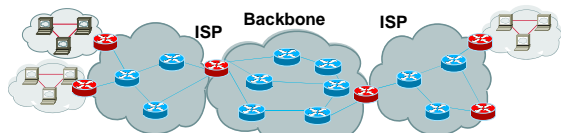
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Commercial Internet after 1994



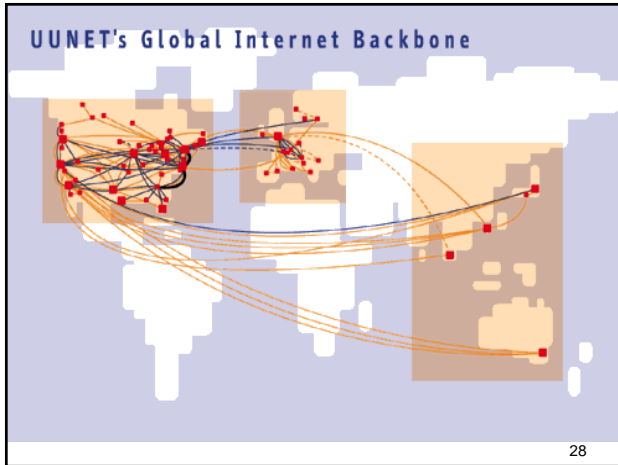
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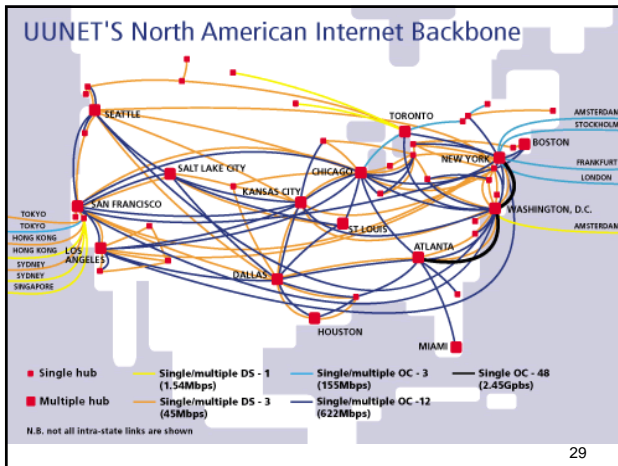
Internet Physical Infrastructure

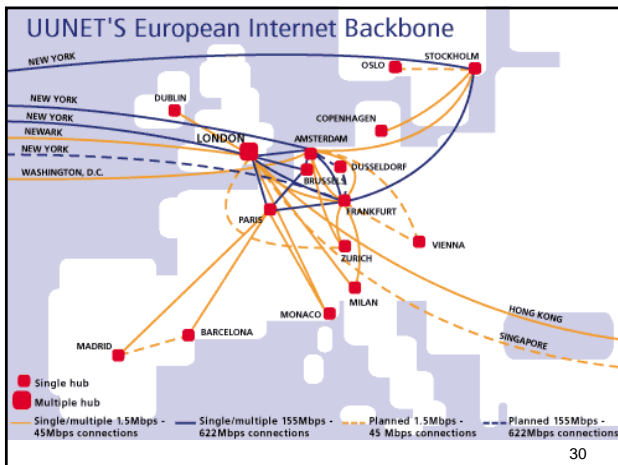


- Residential Access
 - Modem
 - DSL
 - Cable modem
 - Satellite
- Enterprise/ISP access, Backbone transmission
 - T1/T3, DS-1 DS-3
 - OC-3, OC-12, OC-192
 - ATM vs. SONET, vs. WDM
- Campus network
 - Ethernet, ATM
- Internet Service Providers
 - access, regional, backbone
 - Point of Presence (POP)
 - Network Access Point (NAP)

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Links for Long Haul Transmission

- Types of links
 - T1/DS1: 1.544 Mbps
 - T3/DS3: 44.736 Mbps
 - STS-1/OC-1: 51.850 Mbps
 - STS-3/OC-3: 155.2 Mbps
 - STS-12/OC-12: 622.080 Mbps
 - STS-48/OC-48: 2.488 Gbps
 - STS-192/OC-192: 9.953 Gbps
- Possibilities
 - IP over SONET
 - IP over ATM
 - IP over Frame Relay
 - IP over WDM
- Higher levels of services offered commercially
 - Frame Relay
 - ATM

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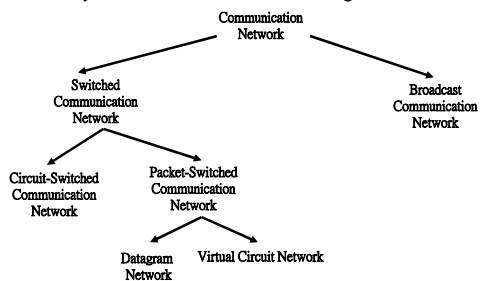
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A Taxonomy of Communication Networks

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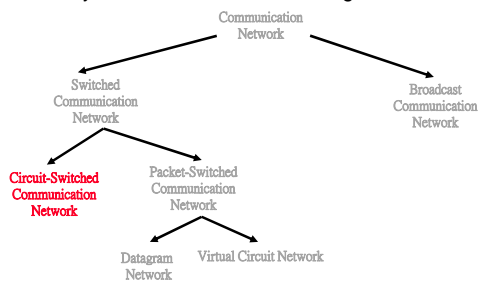
Broadcast vs. Switched Communication Networks

- Broadcast communication networks
 - information transmitted by any node is received by **every** other node in the network
 - examples: usually in LANs (Ethernet, Wavelan)
 - Problem: coordinate the access of all nodes to the shared communication medium (Multiple Access Problem)
- Switched communication networks
 - information is transmitted to a sub-set of designated nodes
 - examples: WANs (Telephony Network, Internet)
 - Problem: how to forward information to intended node(s)
 - this is done by special nodes (e.g., routers, switches) running routing protocols

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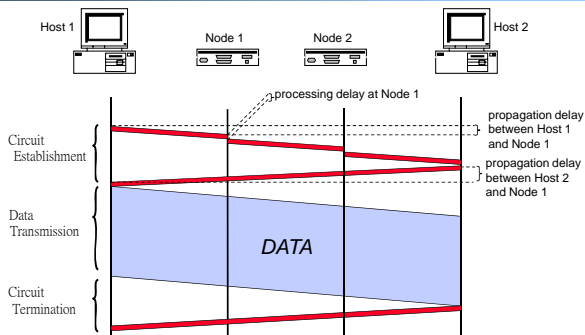
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Circuit Switching

- Three phases
 1. circuit establishment
 2. data transfer
 3. circuit termination
- If circuit not available: "Busy signal"
- Examples
 - Telephone networks
 - ISDN (Integrated Services Digital Networks)

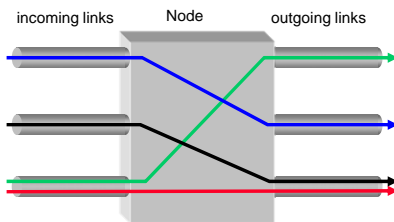
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Timing in Circuit Switching

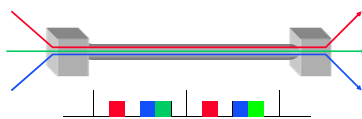


Circuit Switching

- A node (switch) in a circuit switching network



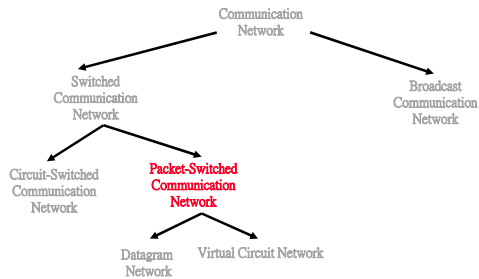
Circuit Switching: Multiplexing/Demultiplexing



- Time divided in frames and frames divided in slots
- Relative slot position inside a frame **determines** which conversation the data belongs to
- Needs synchronization between sender and receiver
- In case of non-permanent conversations
 - needs to dynamic bind a slot to a conversation
 - how to do this?

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Packet Switching

- Data are sent as formatted bit-sequences, so-called packets.
- Packets have the following structure:

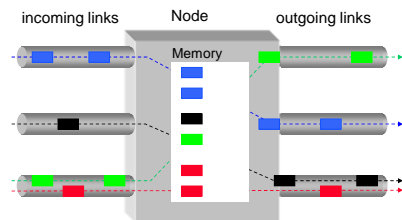


- Header and Trailer carry control information (e.g., destination address, check sum)
- Each packet is passed through the network from node to node along some path (**Routing**)
- At each node the entire packet is received, stored briefly, and then forwarded to the next node (**Store-and-Forward Networks**)
- Typically no capacity is allocated for packets

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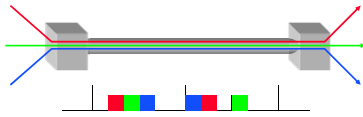
Packet Switching

- A node in a packet switching network



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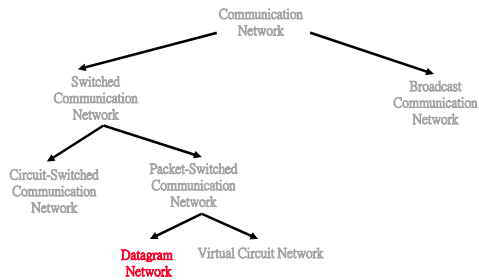


- Data from any conversation can be transmitted at any given time
- How to tell them apart?
 - use **meta-data (header)** to describe data

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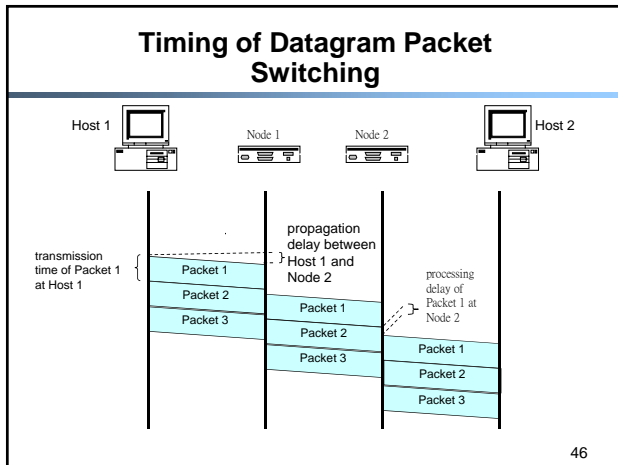


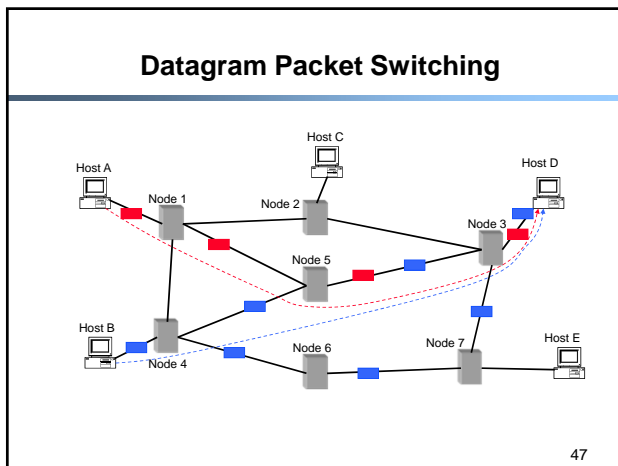
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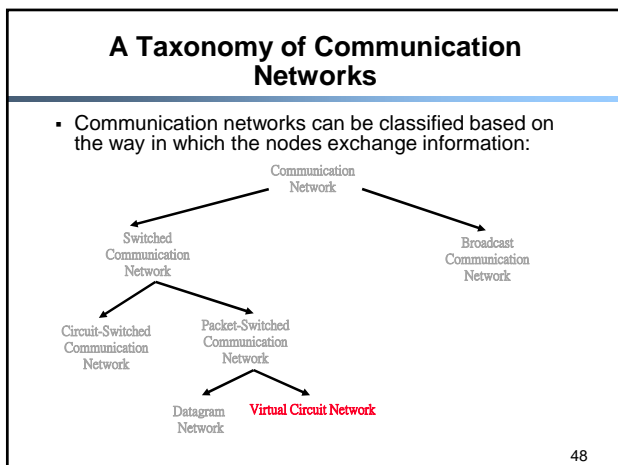
Datagram Packet Switching

- Each packet is independently switched
 - each packet header contains destination address
- No resources are pre-allocated (reserved) in advance
- Example: IP networks

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Virtual-Circuit Packet Switching

- “Hybrid” of circuit switching and packet switching
 - data is transmitted as packets
 - all packets from one packet stream are sent along a pre-established path (=virtual circuit)
- Guarantees in-sequence delivery of packets
- **However:** Packets from different virtual circuits may be interleaved
- Example: ATM networks

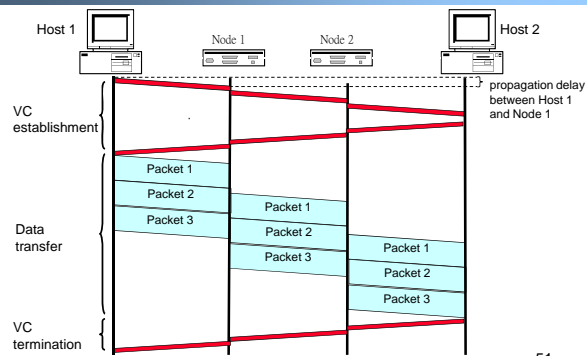
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Virtual-Circuit Packet Switching

- Communication with virtual circuits takes place in three phases
 1. VC establishment
 2. data transfer
 3. VC disconnect
- Note: packet headers do not need to contain the full destination address of the packet

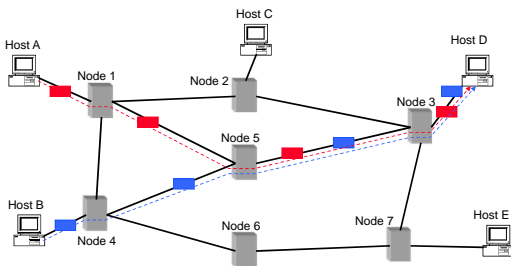
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Timing of Virtual Circuit Packet Switching



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Datagram Virtual Circuit Switching



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Packet-Switching vs. Circuit-Switching

- Most important advantage of packet-switching over circuit switching: **Ability to exploit statistical multiplexing**
 - efficient bandwidth usage; ratio between peak and average rate is 3:1 for audio, and 15:1 for data traffic
- However, packet-switching needs to deal with congestion:
 - more complex routers
 - harder to provide good network services (e.g., delay and bandwidth guarantees)
- In practice they are combined:
 - IP over SONET, IP over Frame Relay

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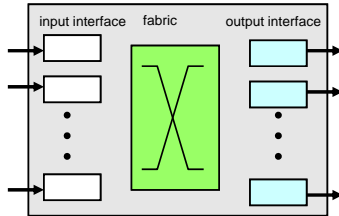
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Router Architecture in Packet Switching Networks

- Set of input and output interfaces interconnected by a high speed fabric



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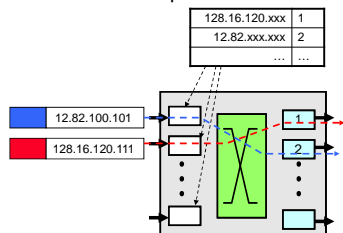
Data and Control Paths

- Data Path:** all operations performed by a router on a packet as the packet propagates to its destination
 - forwarding, buffer management, scheduling
- Control Path:** all operations required to set and maintain state in a router – state required to process packets on the data path
 - routing protocols, signaling

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Typical Functions Performed by Input Interface on Data Path

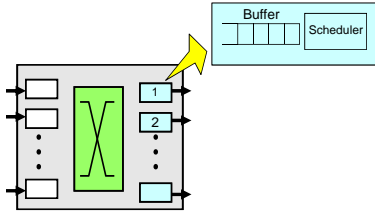
- Packet forwarding:** decide to which output interface to forward each packet based on the information in packet header



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Typical Functions Performed by Output Interface

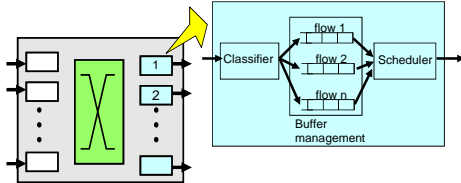
- **Buffer management:** decide when and which packet to drop
- **Scheduler:** decide when and which packet to transmit



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Typical Functions Performed by Output Interface

- **Packet classification:** map each packet to a predefined flow
 - use to implement more sophisticated services (e.g., QoS)



- Flow: a subset of packets between any two endpoints in the network

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Control Path

- **Routing protocol:** compute and set up routing tables
- **Signaling protocol:** set-up reservations and flow state along the path to achieve better services (e.g., delay and bandwidth guarantees)

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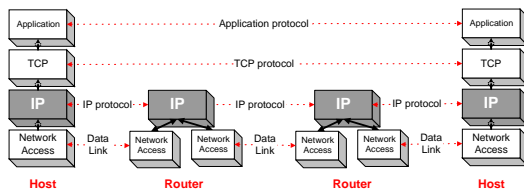
Summary

- Course administrative trivia
- Internet history and trivia
- Classification of communication networks
- Router architecture
- Rest of the course a lot more technical and (hopefully) exciting

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Network Protocols

- Specify any function that requires cooperation between two or more network entities
 - specify the format of the information that is sent/received among routers and end-systems
 - specify timings and the actions that a node has to take when it receives special messages or special events occur



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