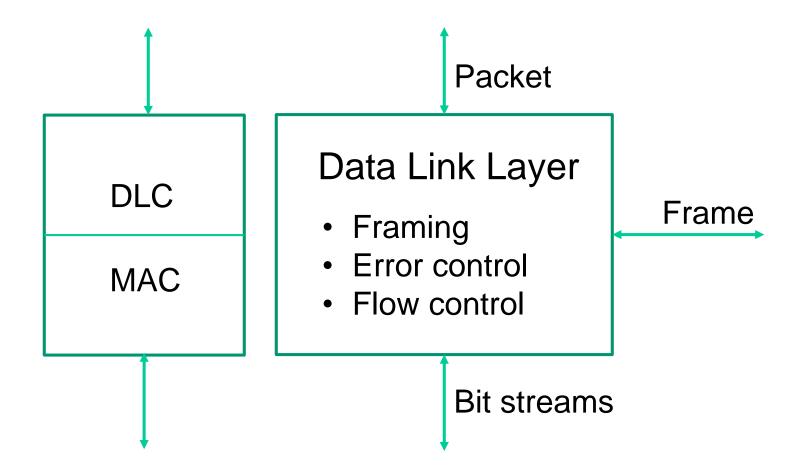
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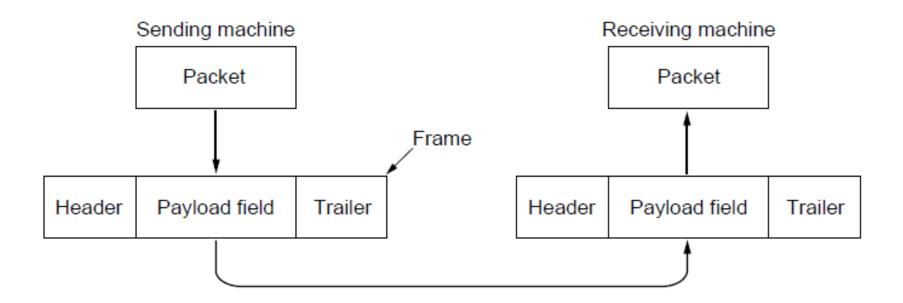
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Data Link Layer Design Issues

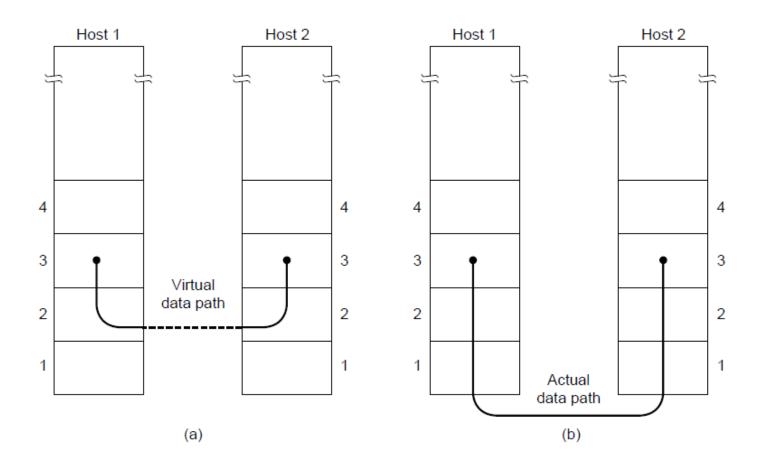
- Network layer services
- Framing
- Error control
- Flow control

Packets and Frames



Relationship between packets and frames.

Network Layer Services



(a) Virtual communication. (b) Actual communication.

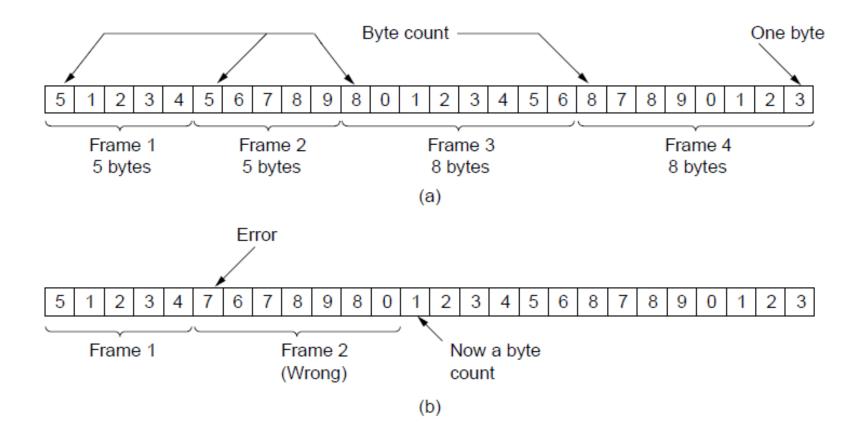
Possible Services Offered

- 1. Unacknowledged connectionless service.
 - E.g., Ethernet (IEEE 802.3)
- 2. Acknowledged connectionless service.
 - WiFi (IEEE 802.11)
- 3. Acknowledged connection-oriented service.

Framing Methods

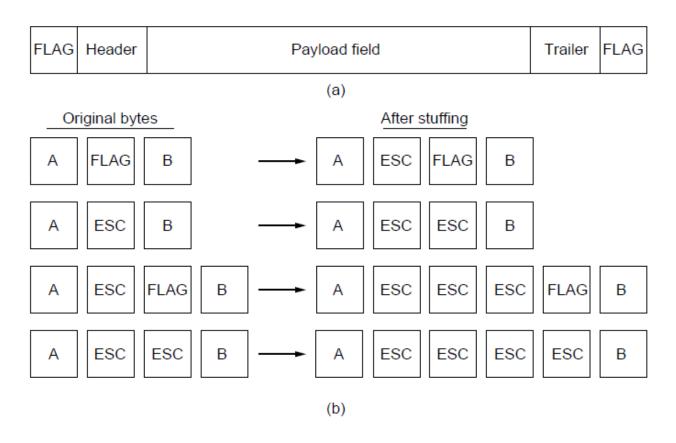
- 1. Byte count.
 - Rarely used.
- 2. Flag bytes with byte stuffing.
 - PPP
- 3. Flag bits with bit stuffing.
 - HDLC, USB
- 4. Physical layer coding violations.

Framing (1)



A byte stream. (a) Without errors. (b) With one error.

Framing (2)



- a) A frame delimited by flag bytes.
- b) Four examples of byte sequences before and after byte stuffing.

Framing (3)

- (a) 011011111111111111110010
- (b) 0110111110111110101010

 Stuffed bits
- (c) 011011111111111111110010

Bit stuffing. (a) The original data. (b) The data as they appear on the line. (c) The data as they are stored in the receiver's memory after destuffing.

Error control

- a) Positive or negative acknowledgement
- b) Sequence number
- c) Timer
- d) Error control code

Flow Control

- Closed loop
 - Feedback-based flow control
- Open loop
 - Rate-based flow control

An example of error&flow control:

- Sliding window protocol
- 1. Stop-and-wait ARQ
- 2. Go-back-N ARQ
- 3. Selective-Repeat ARQ

Error correction and detection

- Error-correction code,
 - often referred to as FEC(Forward Error Correction)
 - Suitable for noisy channels
- Error-detection code
 - Suitable for communication media that are highly reliable, such as fiber.

- Error characteristics:
 - Single-bit errors, burst errors, erasure channel.

Error Correction Codes (1)

- 1. Hamming codes.
- 2. Binary convolutional codes.
- 3. Reed-Solomon codes.
- 4. Low-Density Parity Check codes.