

# CS 330: Network Applications & Protocols

## Link Layer

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- **Introduction, Services**
- **Error Detection, Correction**
- **Multiple Access Protocols**
- **LANs**
  - Addressing, ARP
  - Ethernet
  - Switches
- **A Day in the Life**

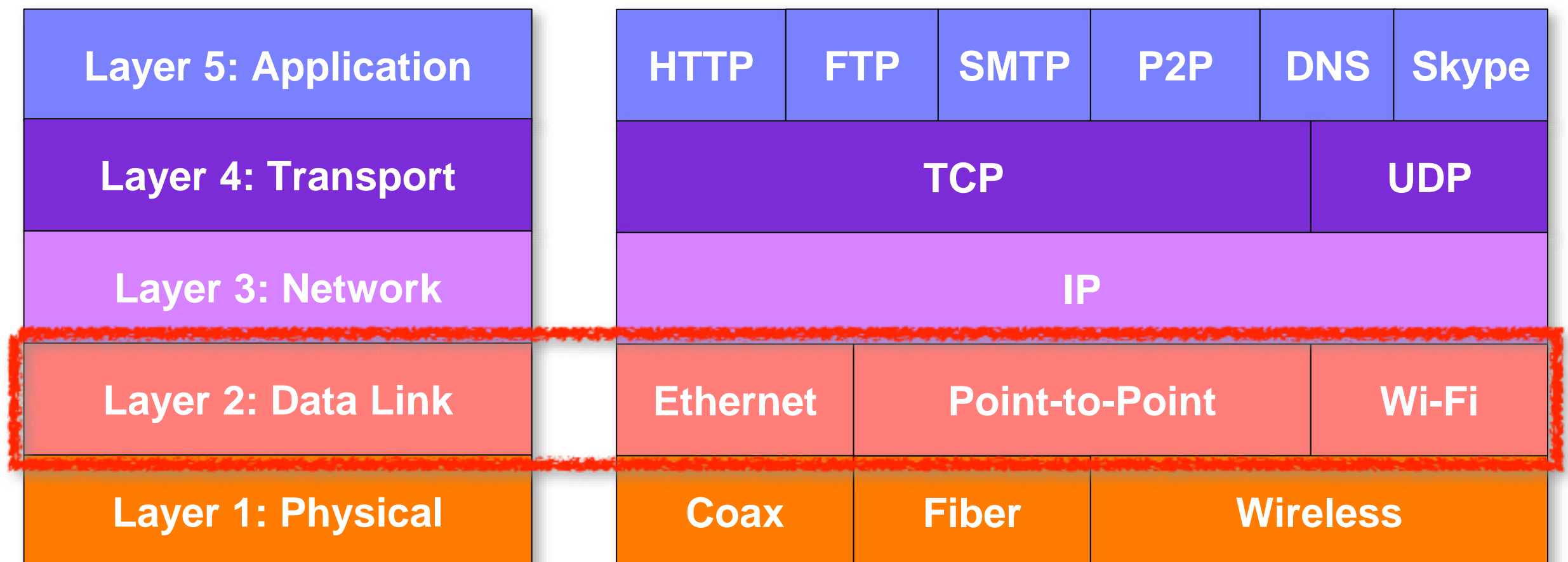
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# Protocol Layers

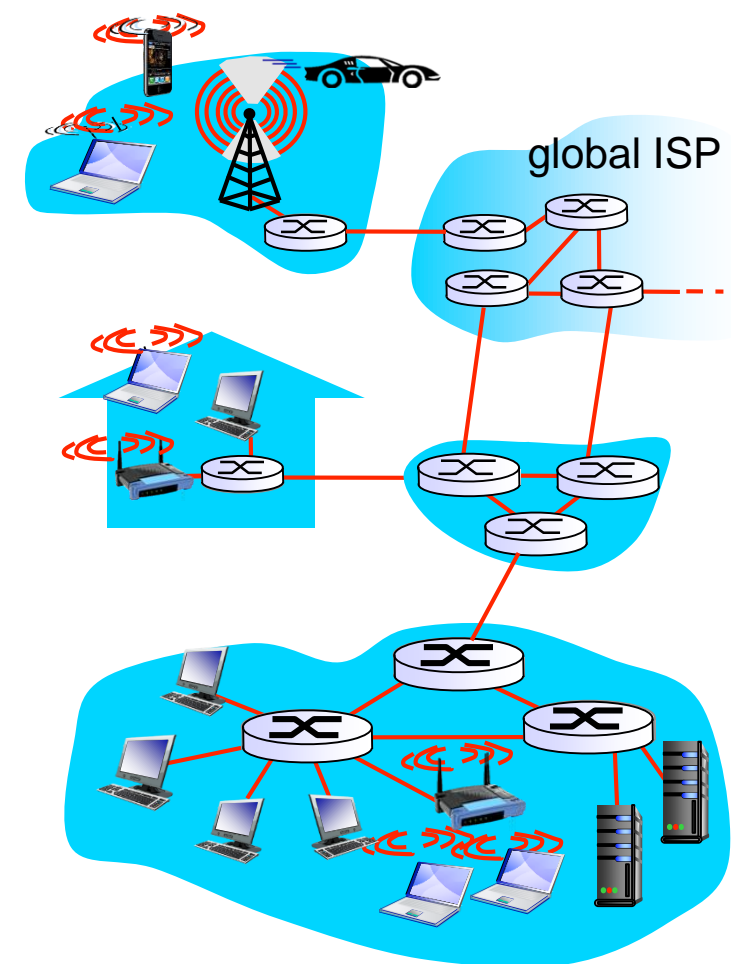
- **Top-Down Approach**



# Link Layer: Introduction

- **Terminology**

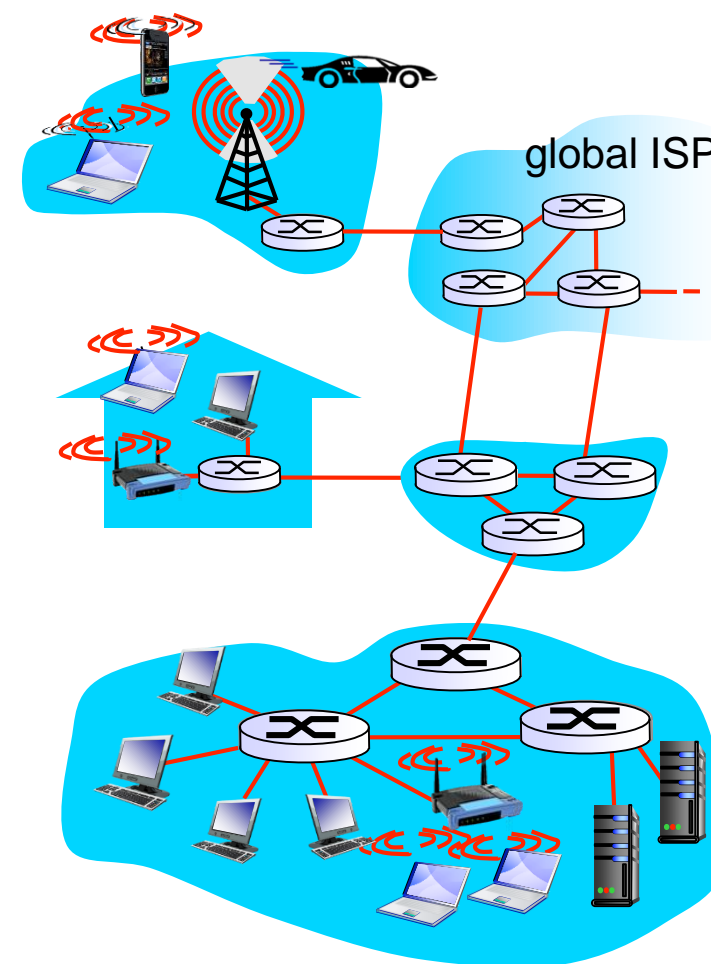
- Hosts, routers, switches, access points are all **nodes**
- **Links** connect adjacent nodes
  - **Wired links**
  - **Wireless links**
- Layer-2 messages are transmitted as **frames** (encapsulates a datagram)



- **Data-link layer** has responsibility of transferring datagram from one **node to another physically adjacent node over a link**

# Link Layer: Context

- **Datagrams can be transferred by different link protocols over different links**
  - For example, Ethernet on first link, frame relay on intermediate links, and 802.11 (wireless) on the last link
- **Each link protocol provides different services**
  - For example, some links may provide reliable data transfer where others may not



# Link Layer Services

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- **Framing:**

- Encapsulate datagram into frame, adding header, trailer
- “MAC” addresses used in frame headers to identify source and destination
  - Different from IP address

- **Link access:**

- Coordinates frame transmission of many nodes using shared medium

- **Reliable delivery between adjacent nodes**

- Provides reliable transmission on lossy links
  - Useful on wireless links where error rates are high
  - Seldom used on low bit-error link (fiber, some twisted pair)

# Link Layer Services (Cont.)

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- **Flow control**

- Controls pacing between adjacent sending and receiving nodes

- **Error detection**

- Errors can be caused by signal attenuation, noise on links
- Receiver detects presence of errors
  - May signal sender for retransmission

- **Error correction**

- Receiver identifies and corrects bit error(s) without resorting to retransmission

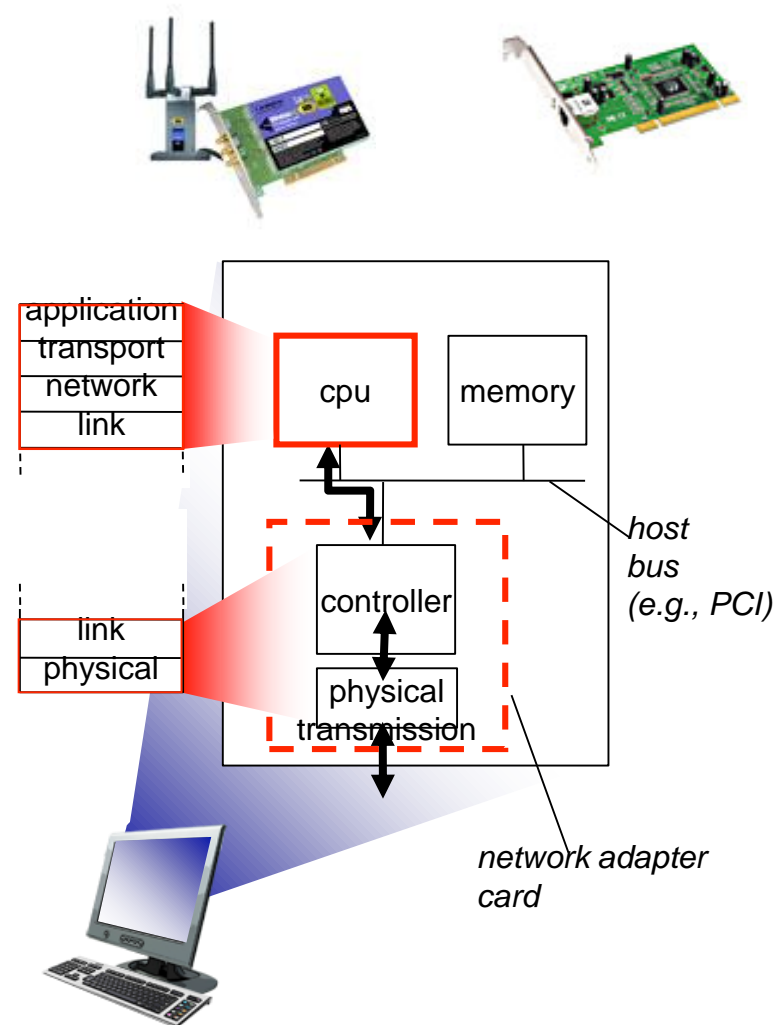
- ***half-duplex and full-duplex***

- with half duplex, nodes at both ends of link can transmit, but not at same time

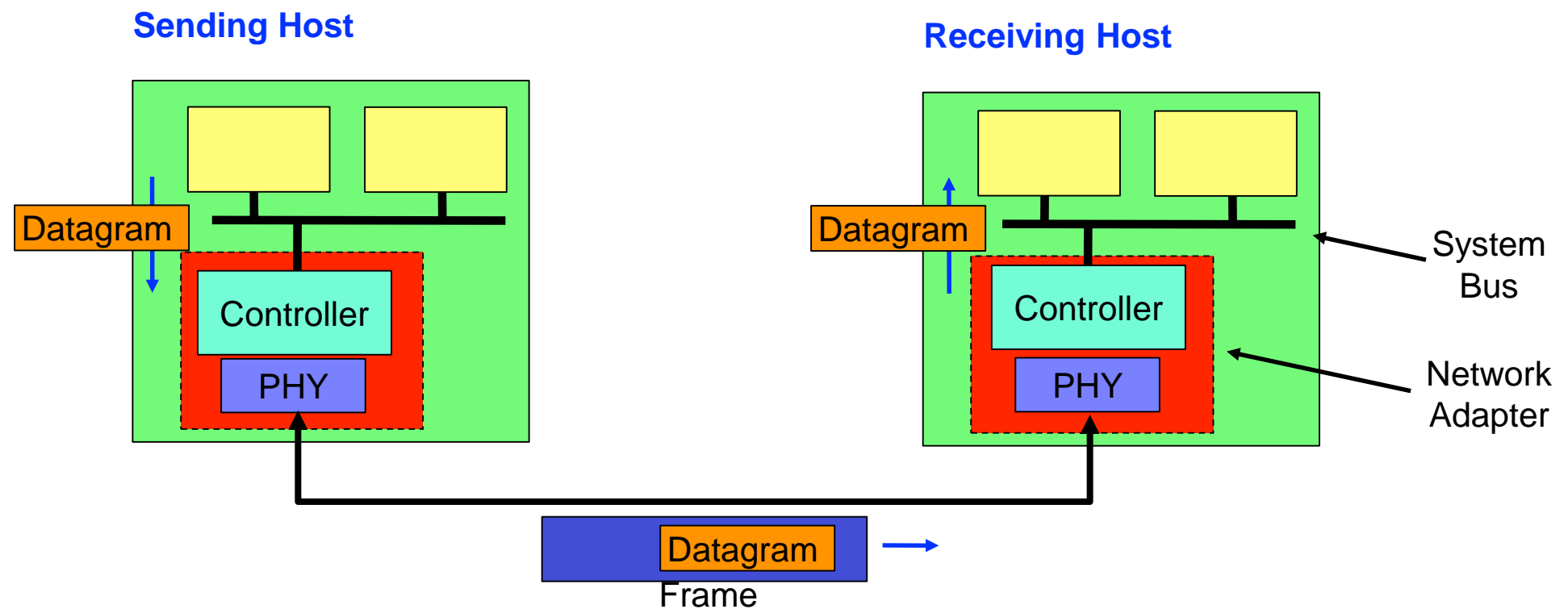


# Link Layer Implementation

- Implemented in each and every host
- Link Layer implemented in network adapter (i.e. Network Interface Card (NIC) or chipset)
  - NIC or chipset typically implements both link layer and physical layer
  - Single chip provides most of link layer services
- Attaches into host's system buses
- Typically implemented as a combination of hardware, software, firmware



# Adapters Communicating



- **Sending side**

- Encapsulates datagram in frame
- Adds error checking bits, rdt info, flow control info, etc.

- **Receiving side**

- Looks for bit errors, rdt, flow control info, etc.
- Extracts datagram, passes to upper layer at receiving side

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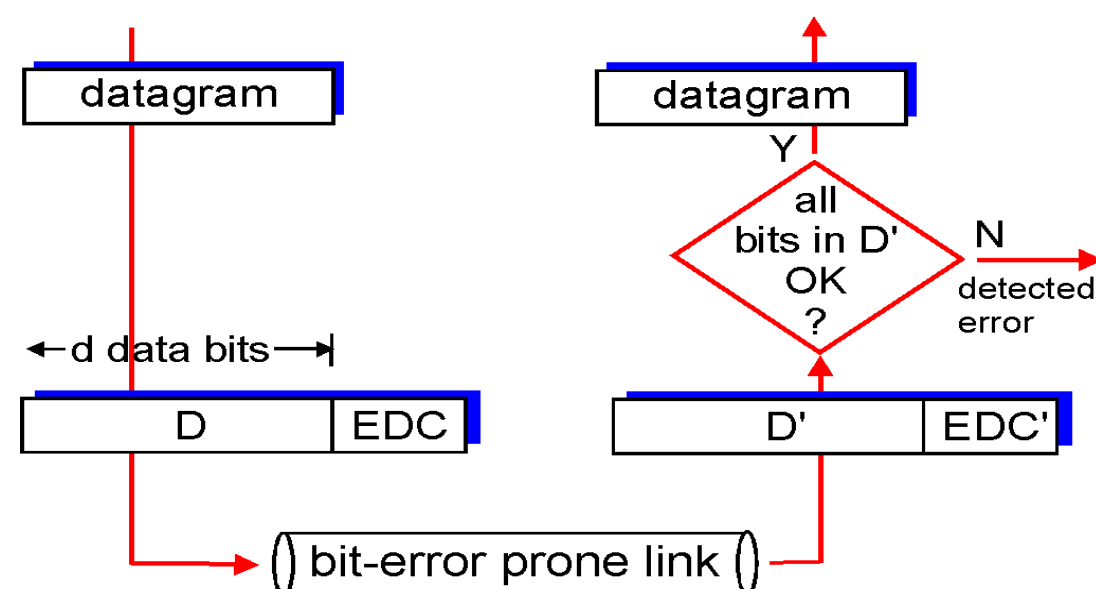
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# Error Detection

- **Link layer provides error detection methods to detect errors that occur on a single link between nodes**
  - Protects original datagram and the frame fields added by the link layer
  - Different techniques possible for error detection
    - Parity checks
    - Checksums
    - Cyclic Redundancy Checks (CRC)
- **Error detection is not 100% reliable, may not always detect errors**
  - More EDC bits means more likely to detect/correct errors
  - More EDC bits also means more complex, time consuming to check/compute EDC bits

**EDC** = Error Detection and Correction bits (redundancy bits)

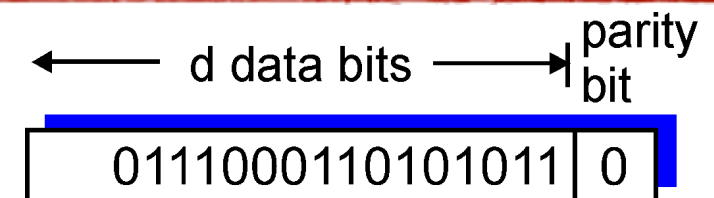
**D** = Data protected by error checking, may include header fields



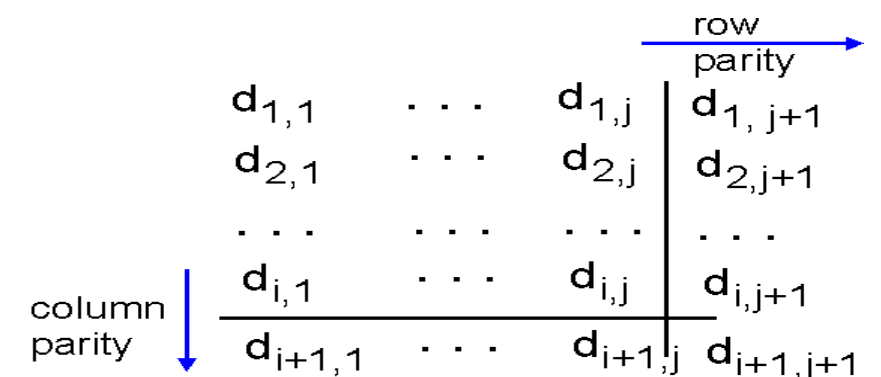
# Parity Checking

- **Simple form of error detection**
- **In single-bit parity scheme, add a single bit to data such that**
  - The total number of 1s in the data is an even number (for even parity)
  - The total number of 1s in the data is an odd number (for odd parity)
- **Can be performed in one or more dimensions**
  - Multidimensional parity allows for some **error correction**
- **It is possible to miss errors**
  - What if two 1s become 0s in an even parity scheme?

Single bit parity detects single bit errors



Two-dimensional bit parity detect and correct single bit errors



1	0	1	0	1	1
1	1	1	1	0	0
0	1	1	1	0	1
0	0	1	0	1	0

*no errors*

1	0	1	0	1	1
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0	1	1	1	0	1
0	0	1	0	1	0

*correctable single bit error*

# Internet Checksum (review)

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- **Used to detect errors (e.g. flipped bits) in transmitted data**
- **Sender:**
  - Treat segment contents, including the header fields, as sequence of 16-bit integers
  - Perform one's complement sum of segment contents, then take one's complement of that sum
  - Insert checksum value into UDP checksum field
- **Receiver:**
  - Compute one's complement sum of received segment (including checksum field)
  - Check if computed sum equals **0xFFFF**
    - YES - no error detected. But may have errors nonetheless? More later ....
    - NO - error detected

# Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC)

- **More powerful error-detection coding**

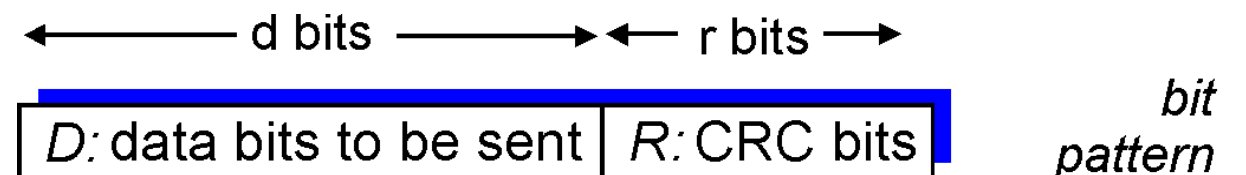
- Treat data bits,  $D$ , as a binary number

- The data consists of  $d$  bits

- Append CRC bits  $R$

- The CRC consists of  $r$  bits

- Choose a  $r+1$  bit pattern called the generator,  $G$



- **Want to choose  $r$  CRC bits,  $R$ , such that**

- Concatenated bits  $\langle D, R \rangle$  is exactly divisible by  $G$  (using modulo-2 arithmetic)

- Receiver knows  $G$ , divides  $\langle D, R \rangle$  by  $G$

- If non-zero remainder then error detected!

- **Can detect all burst errors less than  $r+1$  bits**

- **Widely used in practice (Ethernet, 802.11 WiFi, ATM)**

# CRC Example (Sender's Computation)

- Want:

$$D \cdot 2^r \text{ XOR } R = nG$$

- Equivalent to:

$$D \cdot 2^r = nG \text{ XOR } R$$

- Equivalently:

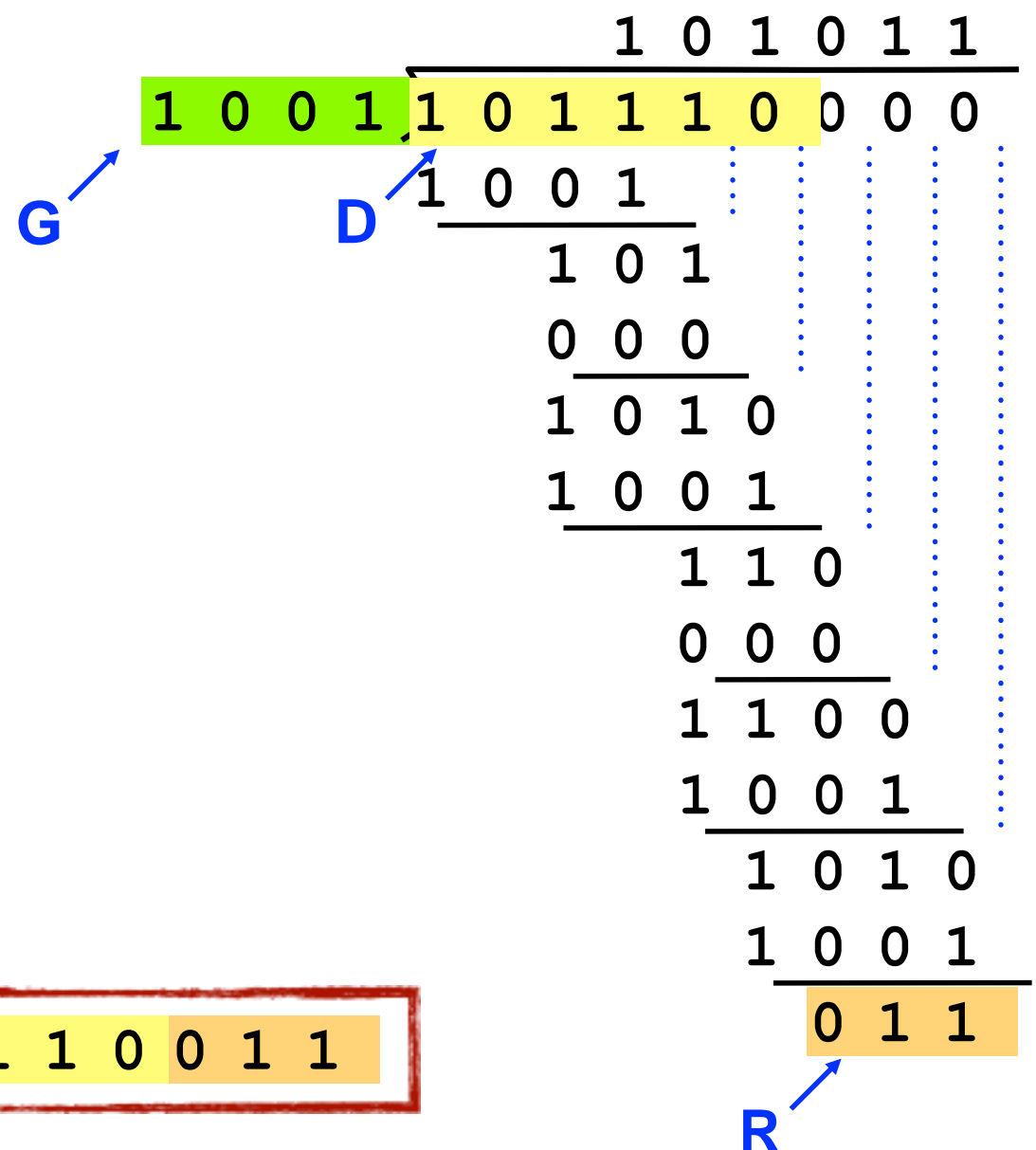
- If  $D \cdot 2^r$  is divided by  $G$ , want remainder  $R$  to satisfy:

$$R = D \cdot 2^r \text{ mod } G$$

- Data transmitted is  $\langle D, R \rangle$ :

1 0 1 1 1 0 0 1 1

Example with  $r = 3$



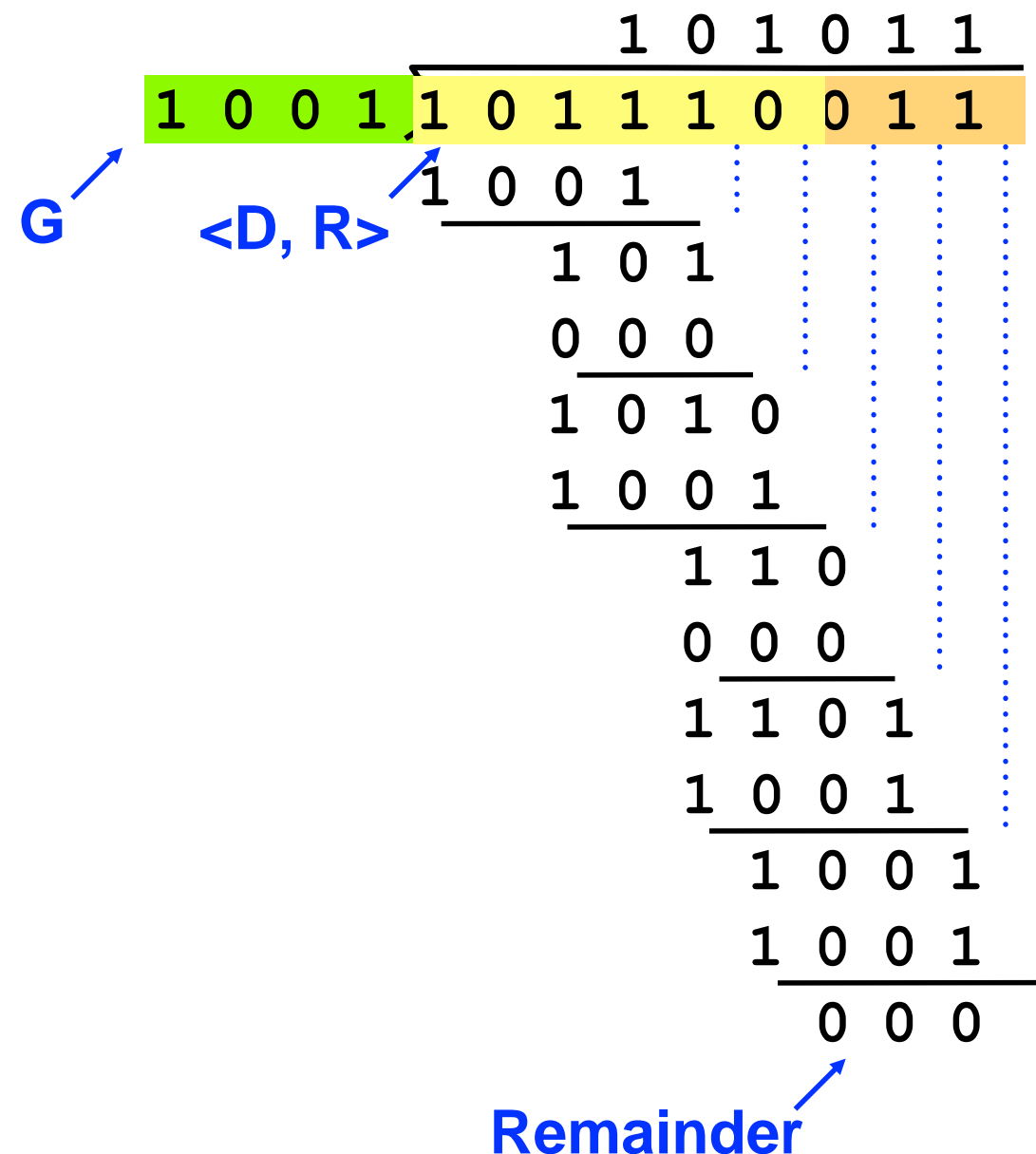


# CRC Example (Receiver's Computation)

- The receiver verifies the data doing a similar computer

- Divide received data,  $\langle D, R \rangle$  by the same generator,  $G$ , used by the source
  - Remainder of 0 indicates there were no errors
  - Non-zero remainder indicates an error occurred

$$\langle D, R \rangle \div G == 0$$



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# Multiple Access Links

- **Two types of links**

- Point-to-point link
  - PPP (point-to-point protocol) for dial-up access
  - Point-to-point link between Ethernet switch, host
  - Single sender, single receiver
- Broadcast link (shared wire or medium)
  - Old-fashioned Ethernet
  - Upstream HFC (hybrid fiber-coaxial)
  - 802.11 wireless LAN
  - Multiple sending, receiving nodes
    - How should this be handled?



Shared wire  
(e.g. cabled Ethernet)



Shared RF  
(e.g. 802.11 WiFi)



Shared RF  
(e.g. satellite)

# Multiple Access Protocols

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- **Broadcast links allows multiple senders and multiple receivers to share the same broadcast channel**
- **Two or more simultaneous transmissions by nodes may cause interference**
  - A **collision** occurs if multiple nodes attempt to broadcast at the same time
    - Node detects collision if it receives two or more signals at the same time
- **A multiple access protocol is designed to allow multiple senders/receivers to use the same channel**
  - Distributed algorithm that determines how nodes share channel
    - Determines when node can transmit data on shared medium
  - Communication about channel sharing must use channel itself
    - No out-of-band channel for coordination

# An Ideal Multiple Access Protocol

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- **Given a broadcast channel of rate  $R$  bps**
- **Desirable Characteristics:**
  - When one node wants to transmit, it can send at rate  $R$
  - When  $M$  nodes want to transmit, each can send at average rate  $R/M$
  - Fully decentralized
    - No special node to coordinate transmissions
    - No synchronization of clocks, slots
  - Simple and easy to implement

# Multiple Access Protocols

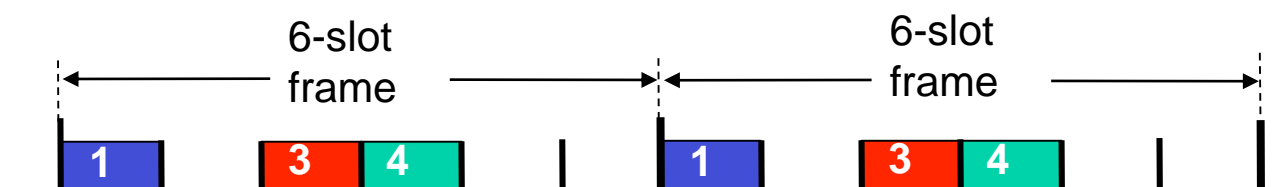
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- **Three broad classes of multiple access protocols**
  - Channel partitioning protocols
    - Divide channel into smaller “pieces” (time slots, frequency, code)
    - Allocate a piece to each node for exclusive use
  - Random access protocols
    - Channel not divided
    - Collisions are possible
      - Must be able to recover from collisions
  - Taking-turns protocols
    - Nodes take turns sending data
    - Nodes with more to send can take longer turns

# Channel Partitioning Protocols: TDMA

- **TDMA: Time Division Multiple Access**

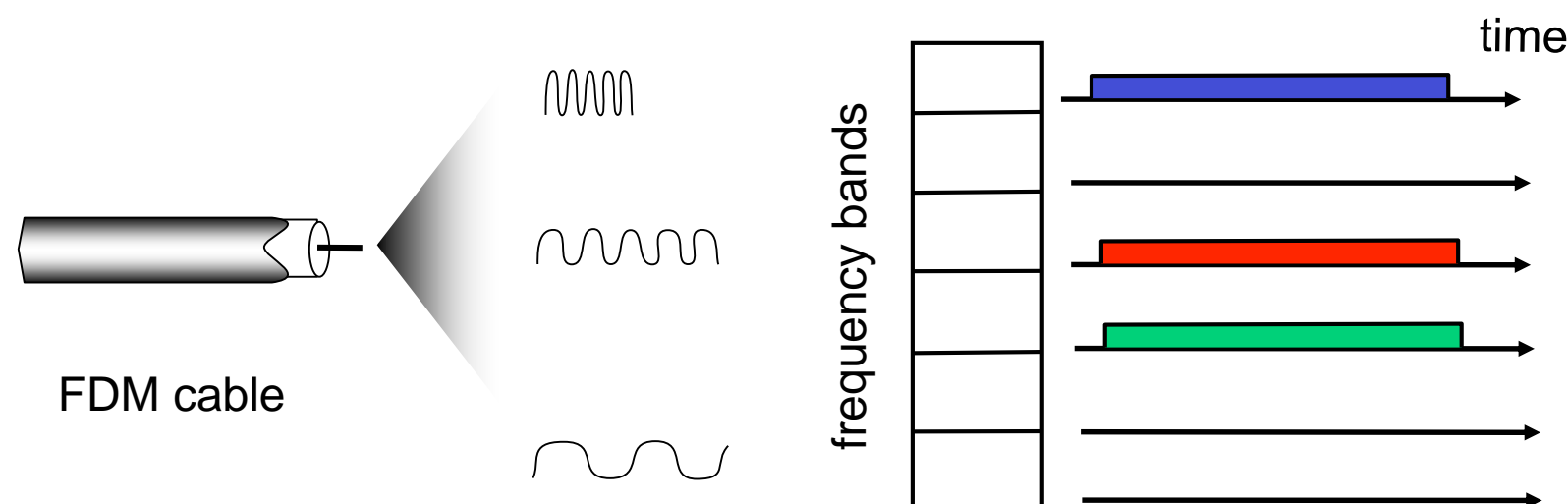
- Nodes are provided access to channel in "rounds"
- Each station gets fixed length slot in each round
  - Length = time required to transmit packet
- Unused slots go idle
  - A node cannot use another node's time slot
  - If a node has no data to send, it's time slot is wasted
- Example: 6-station LAN, 1,3,4 have packets, slots 2,5,6 idle



# Channel Partitioning Protocols: FDMA

- **FDMA: Frequency Division Multiple Access**

- Channel spectrum divided into frequency bands
- Each station assigned fixed frequency band
  - Multiple stations can transmit simultaneously since they are on different frequencies
- Unused transmission time in frequency bands go idle
- Example: 6-station LAN, 1,3,4 have packet, frequency bands 2,5,6 idle





# Random Access Protocols

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- **When a node has a packet to send**
  - Transmit at full channel data rate  $R$
  - No a priori coordination among nodes
- **If two or more nodes are transmitting a collision may occur**
- **Random access protocols specify**
  - How collisions are detected
  - How to recover from collisions (e.g. via randomly delayed retransmissions)
- **Examples of random access MAC protocols:**
  - Slotted ALOHA
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  - CSMA, CSMA/CD, CSMA/CA

# Random Access Protocols: Slotted ALOHA

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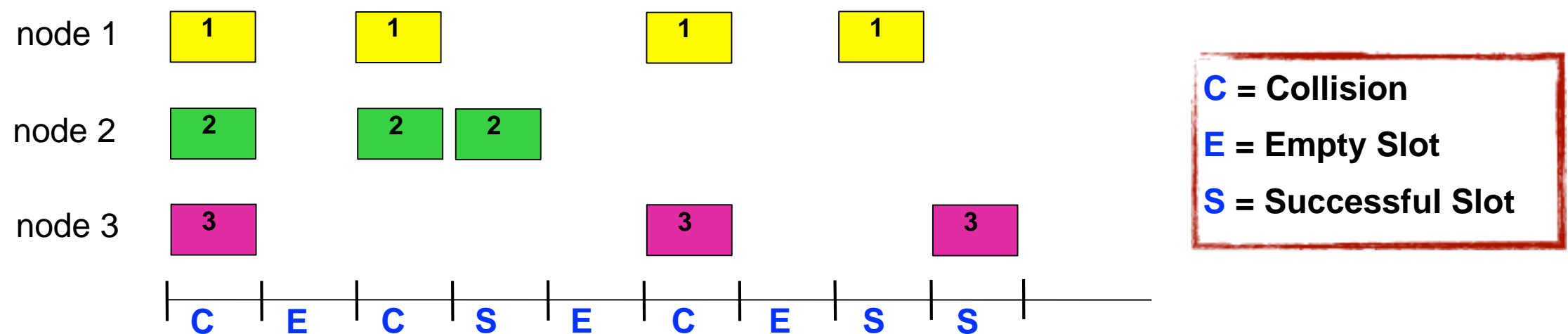
- **Assumptions:**

- All frames are the same size
- Time divided into equal size slots (time to transmit 1 frame)
- Nodes start to transmit only at beginning of slot
- Nodes are synchronized so each node knows when slots begin
- If 2 or more nodes transmit in the same slot, all nodes detect a collision before end of slot

- **Operation:**

- When node needs to send a frame it waits for the beginning of the next slot and then transmits the frame
  - If no collision is detected, the frame was transmitted successfully; node can send new frame in next slot
  - If collision is detected node retransmits frame in each subsequent slot with some probability until success

# Random Access Protocols: Slotted ALOHA



- **Pros:**

- Single active node can continuously transmit at full rate of channel
- Highly decentralized
- Simple to implement

- **Cons:**

- Collisions are possible which wastes slots
- May have idle slots
- Nodes may be able to detect collision in less than time to transmit frame
- Must synchronize nodes
- Only 37% of slots result in successful transmissions

# Random Access Protocols: CSMA

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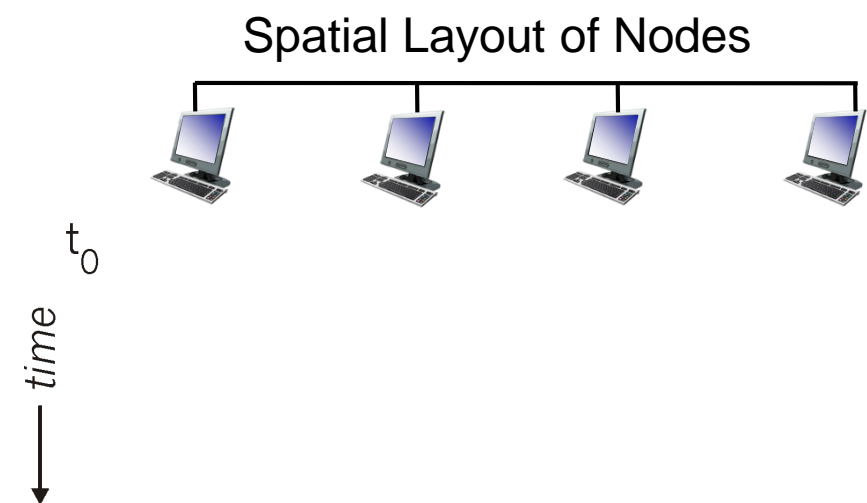
- **Carrier Sense Multiple Access (CSMA)**

- A node listens (**carrier sense**) to the channel before sending data
  - If node senses that another node is transmitting, then don't transmit frame
  - If node doesn't sense another node transmitting, then that node transmits its entire frame
- The human analogy: don't interrupt someone else who's speaking!

# CSMA Collisions

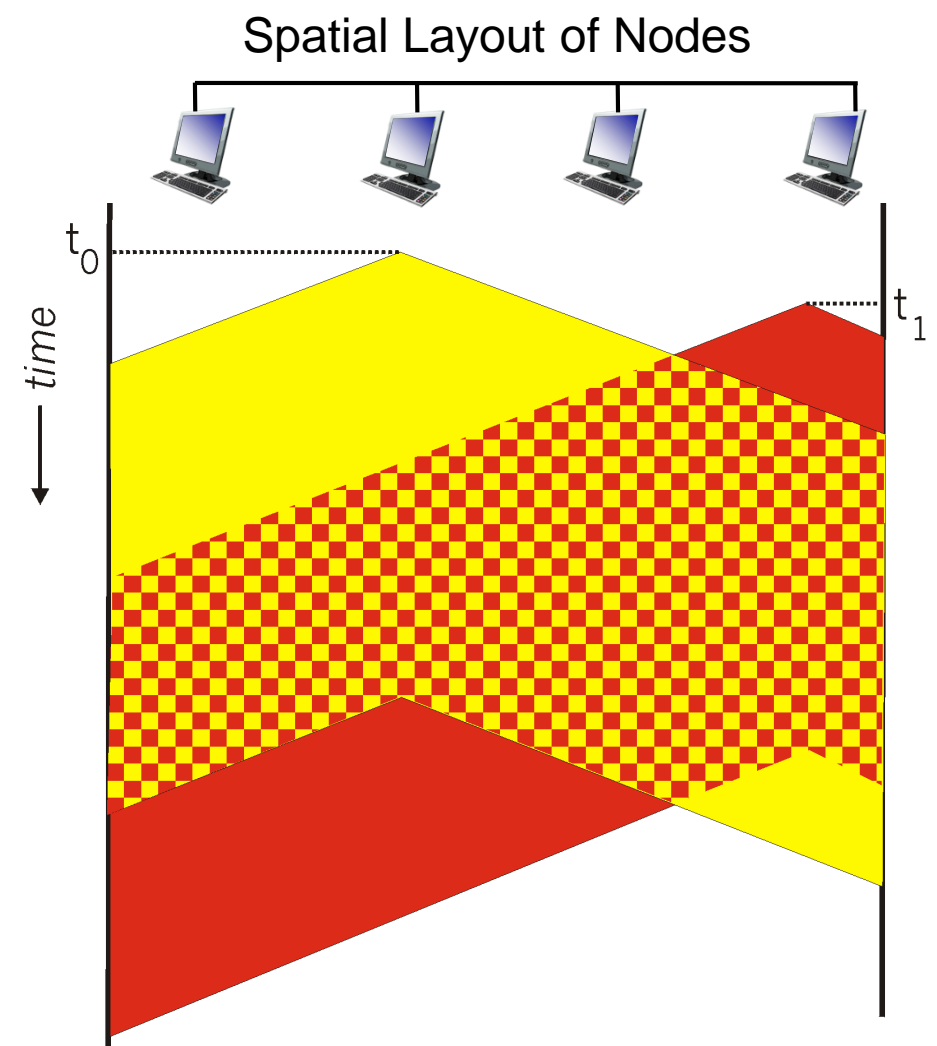
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# Random Access Protocols: CSMA/CD

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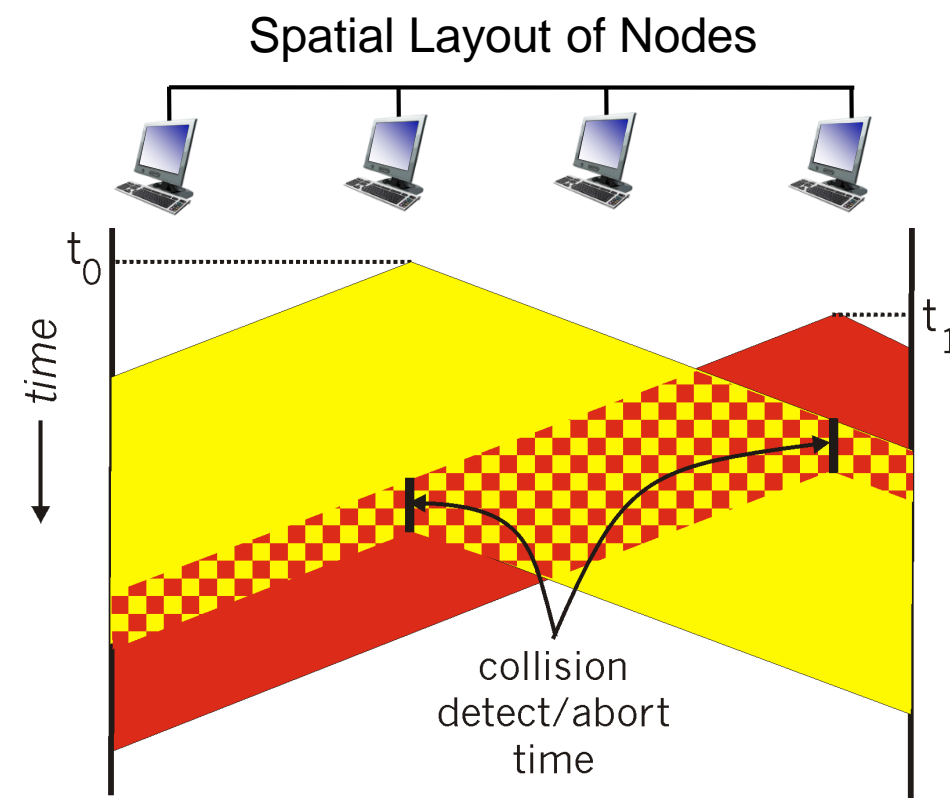
- **Carrier Sense Multiple Access with Collision Detection**

- Carrier sensing and deferral just like CSMA
  - Collisions can be detected within short time
  - Colliding transmissions aborted immediately, reducing channel wastage
- Collision Detection
  - Easy in wired LANs - measure signal strengths, compare transmitted, received signals
  - Difficult in wireless LANs - received signal strength overwhelmed by local transmission strength
- The human analogy: the polite conversationalist

# CSMA/CD Collisions

- **If collision occurs:**

- Node stops transmitting as soon as collision is detected





# Ethernet CSMA/CD Algorithm

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**(1) NIC receives datagram from Network Layer and creates a frame**

**(2) NIC checks channel**

- If NIC senses channel is idle, it starts frame transmission
- If NIC senses channel busy, it waits until channel is idle, then transmits

**(3) If NIC transmits entire frame without detecting another transmission, NIC is done with frame**

**(4) If NIC detects another transmission while transmitting, it aborts and sends a jam signal**

- After aborting, NIC enters binary (exponential) backoff:
  - After  $m^{\text{th}}$  collision, NIC chooses some value,  $K$ , at random from  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, 2^m - 1\}$ . NIC waits  $K \cdot 512$  bit times, returns to Step 2
  - Longer backoff interval with more collisions

# Taking-turns Protocols

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- **Channel partitioning protocols**

- Share channel efficiently and fairly at high load
- Inefficient at low load
  - Delay in channel access
  - $1/N$  bandwidth allocated even if only 1 active node

- **Random access protocols**

- Efficient at low load - single node can fully utilize channel
- High load results in collision overhead

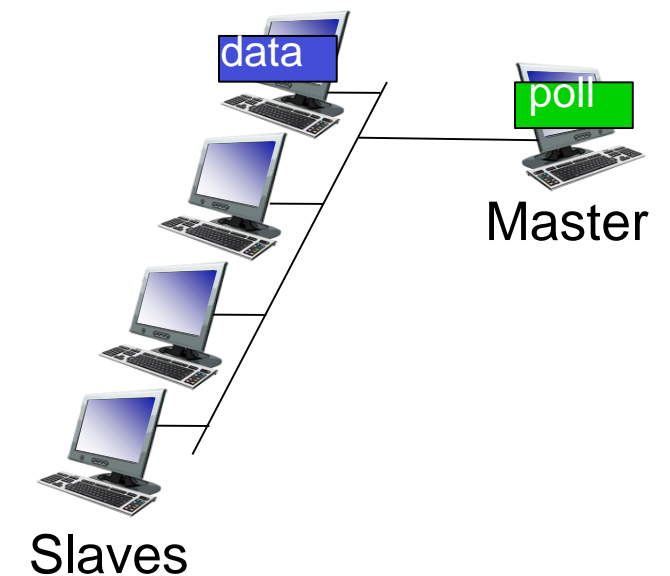
- **Taking-turns protocols**

- Look for best of both worlds

# Taking-turns Protocols

- **Polling:**

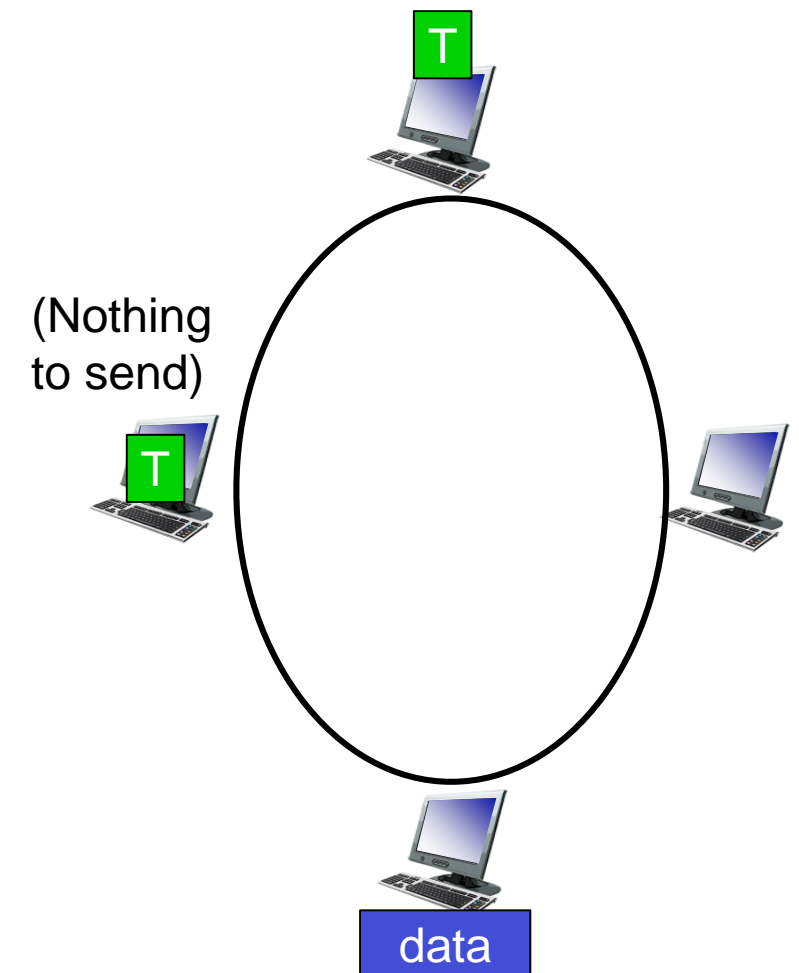
- Master node “invites” slave nodes to transmit in turn
  - Slave node transmit data if it has any
  - Master can detect when slave is done because it’s listening
- Typically used with “dumb” slave devices
- Concerns
  - Polling overhead
  - Latency
  - Single point of failure (the master node)



# Taking-turns Protocols

- **Token passing:**

- A control token is passed from one node to next sequentially
  - Token is a small, special-purpose frame
  - If nothing to send, pass token along
  - If data to send, keep token until done transmitting data
- Concerns:
  - Token overhead
  - Latency
  - Single point of failure (the token)



# Summary of MAC protocols

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- **channel partitioning**, by time, frequency or code
  - Time Division, Frequency Division
- **random access (dynamic)**,
  - ALOHA, S-ALOHA, CSMA, CSMA/CD
  - carrier sensing: easy in some technologies (wire), hard in others (wireless)
  - CSMA/CD used in Ethernet
  - CSMA/CA used in 802.11
- **taking turns**
  - polling from central site, token passing
  - Bluetooth, FDDI, token ring

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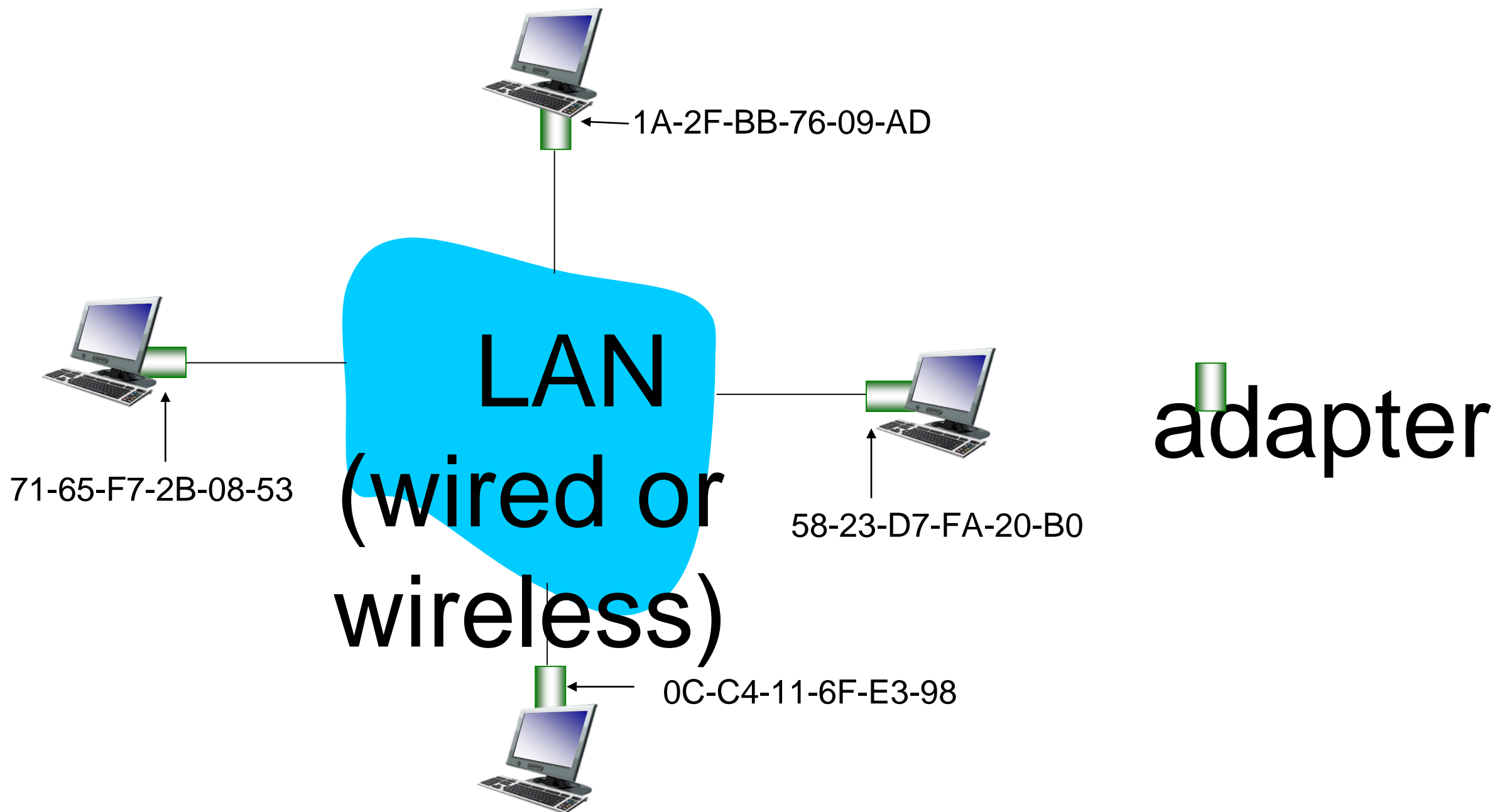
# MAC Addresses

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- **Media Access Control address (also known as link-layer address, Ethernet address, or physical address)**
  - Used to address link-layer frames to destination
  - A 48-bit (6-byte) value that is associated with a physical NIC
    - **Example: 1A-2F-BB-76-09-AD**
  - MAC address burned in NIC ROM (sometimes software settable)
  - No two NICs should have the same MAC address
    - **Even though sometimes they do, just make sure they're not on the same network**
  - Unlike an IP address, a MAC address **does NOT change** when a host moves from network to network
  - A host on a network **"listens" to ALL frames** but ignores frames that are not addressed to it
    - **Frames that are addressed to a host are passed up to the Network Layer**

# LAN addresses and ARP

each adapter on LAN has unique **LAN** address





# LAN addresses (more)

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- **MAC address allocation administered by IEEE**
- **manufacturer buys portion of MAC address space (to assure uniqueness)**
- **analogy:**
  - MAC address: like Social Security Number
  - IP address: like postal address
- **MAC flat address → portability**
  - can move LAN card from one LAN to another
- **IP hierarchical address *not* portable**
  - address depends on IP subnet to which node is attached

# ARP: Address Resolution Protocol

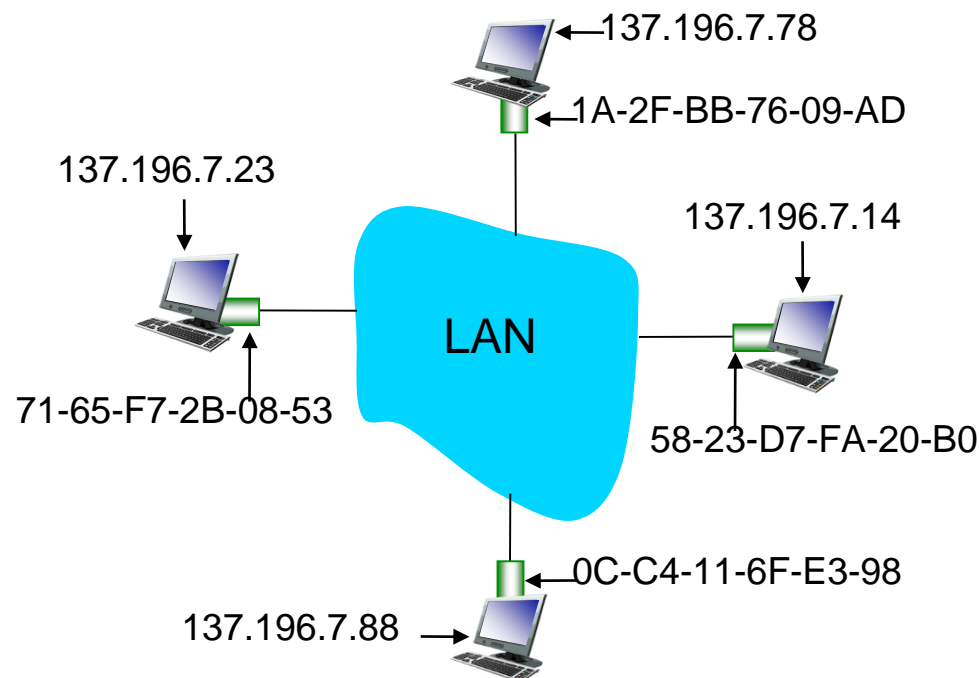
**Question:** How can a host determine the MAC address of a destination machine knowing only its IP address?

- **ARP table** - every IP node (hosts and routers) on LAN maintains an ARP table

- IP/MAC address mappings for some LAN nodes:

- **< IP address , MAC address , TTL >**

- TTL (Time To Live) represents the time after which address mapping will be forgotten (typically 20 minutes)



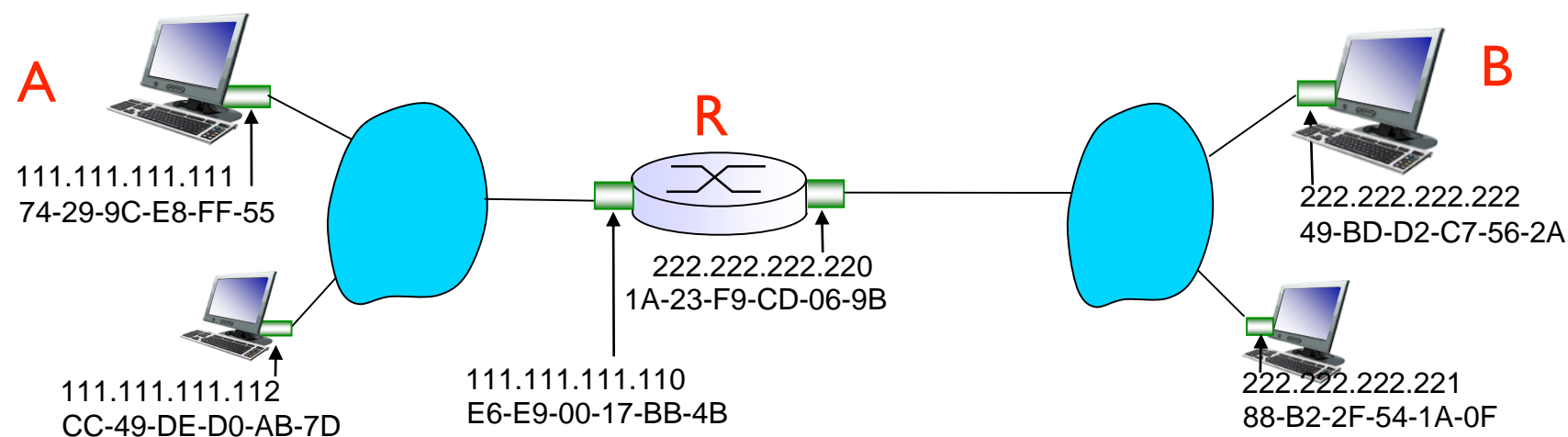
# ARP Protocol to Find Host on Same LAN

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- **Host A wants to send a datagram to Host B**
  - Host B's MAC address not in Host A's ARP table
- **Host A broadcasts an ARP Request packet, containing Host B's IP address**
  - “Who has this IP address? What is your physical address?”
  - To broadcast, set destination MAC address to FF-FF-FF-FF-FF-FF
  - All nodes on the LAN receive ARP query
    - If IP address does not match a host's IP address, the host just ignores the ARP request
- **Host B receives the ARP packet and replies to Host A with its MAC address**
  - “Hey, that's my IP address, here's my physical address.”
  - Frame is sent directly to Host A's MAC address (unicast)
- **Host A caches IP-to-MAC address pair in its ARP table until information becomes old (times out)**
  - Soft state - information that times out (goes away) unless refreshed
- **ARP is “plug-and-play”**
  - Nodes create their ARP tables without intervention from user or network administrator

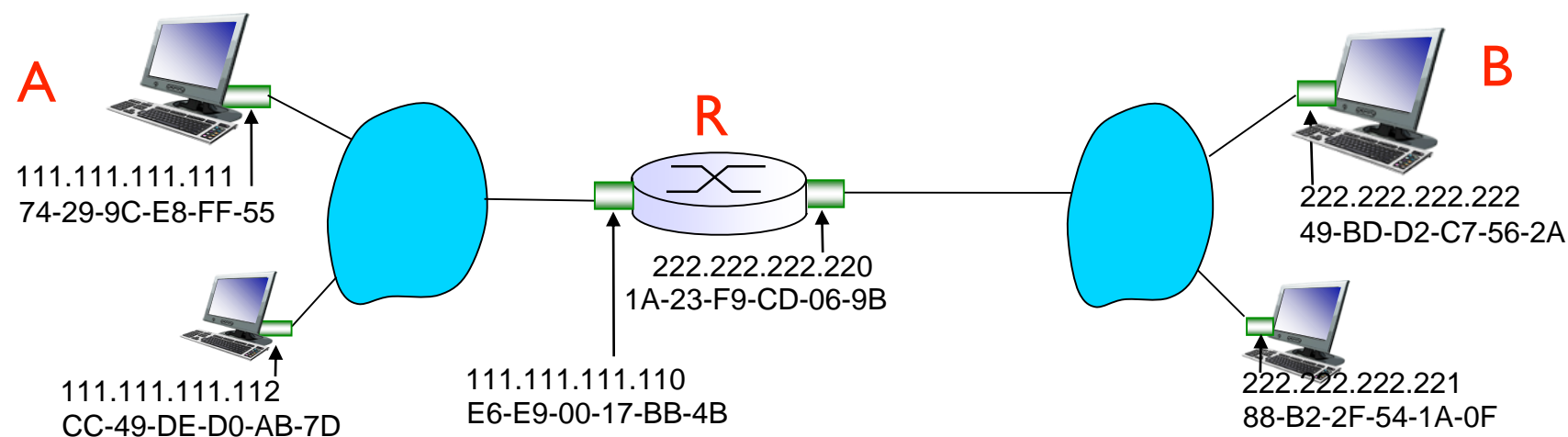
# ARP Protocol to Find Host on Different LAN

- Not all hosts are on the same LAN
- What if Host A wants to send a message to a host on a different LAN, Host B?
  - Can't send directly to Host B's physical address because Host B is not on the same network
  - Can't ARP for Host B's physical address because Host B is not on the same network



# ARP Protocol to Find Host on Different LAN

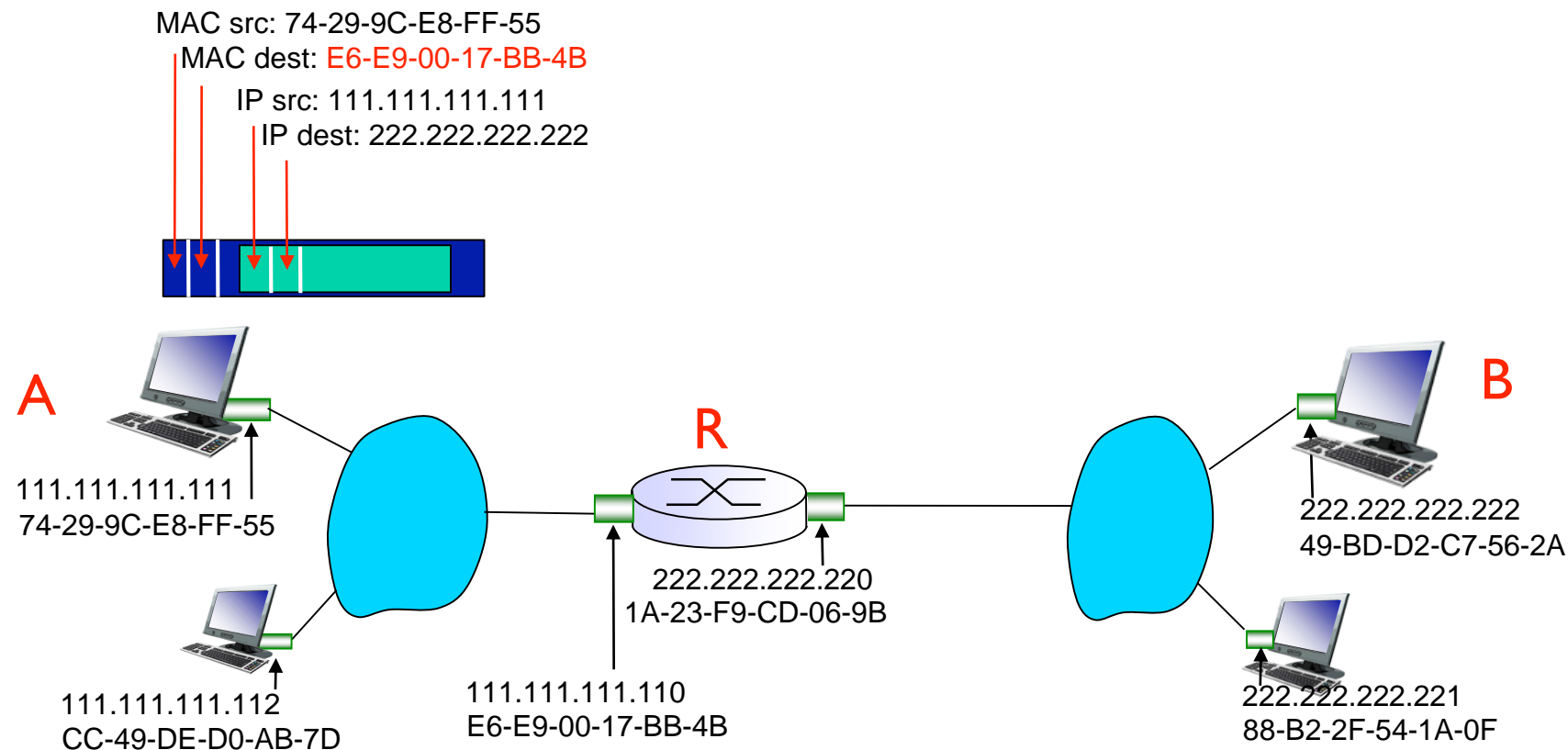
- **Host A recognizes that IP address of Host B is on a different subnet**
  - Instead of sending frame directly to Host B, send the frame to router that knows path to Host B (router R)
  - But wait, Host A now needs to know the MAC address of Router R!
    - Host A can use ARP to find the MAC address of Router R



# ARP Protocol to Find Host on Different LAN

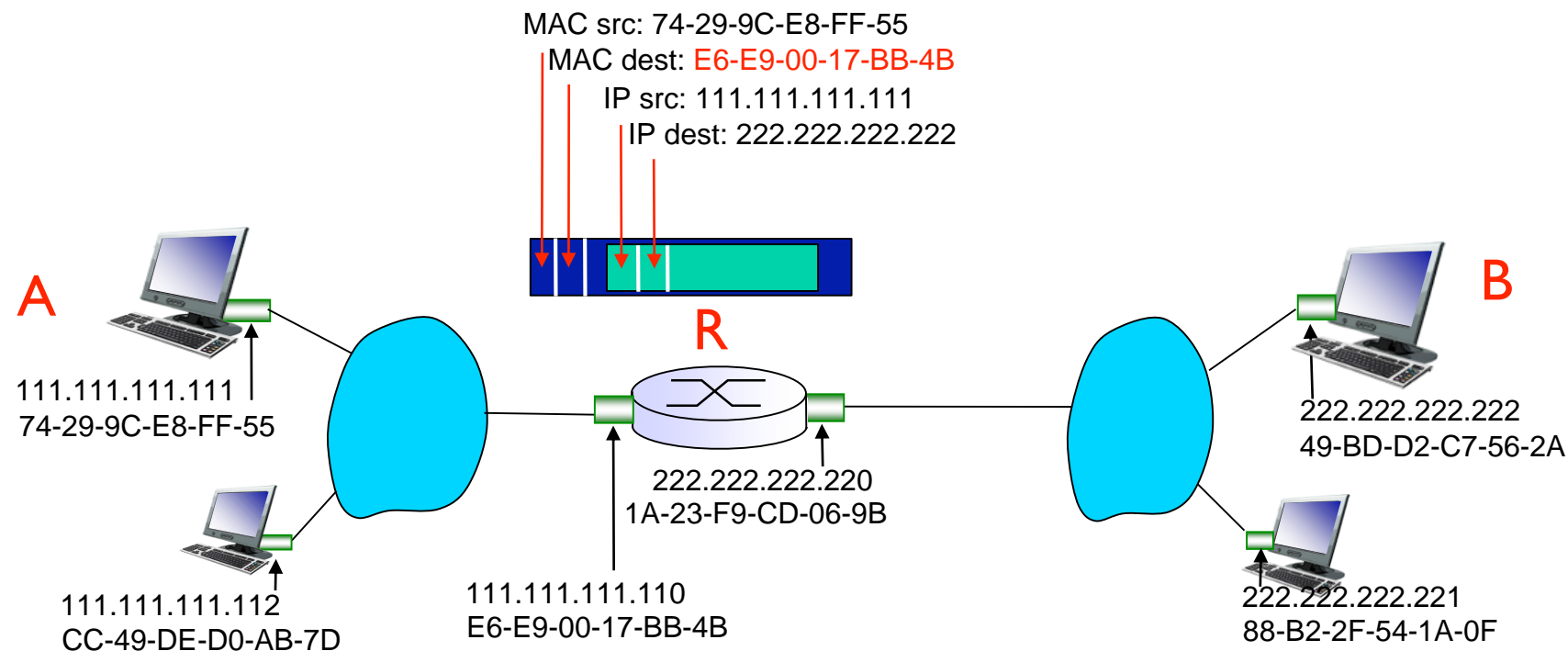
- **Next, Host A puts the IP datagram in a link-layer frame with the following information:**

- IP Source Address = Host A's IP Address
- IP Destination Address = Host B's IP Address
- Source MAC Address = Host A's MAC Address
- Destination MAC Address = **Router R's MAC Address**



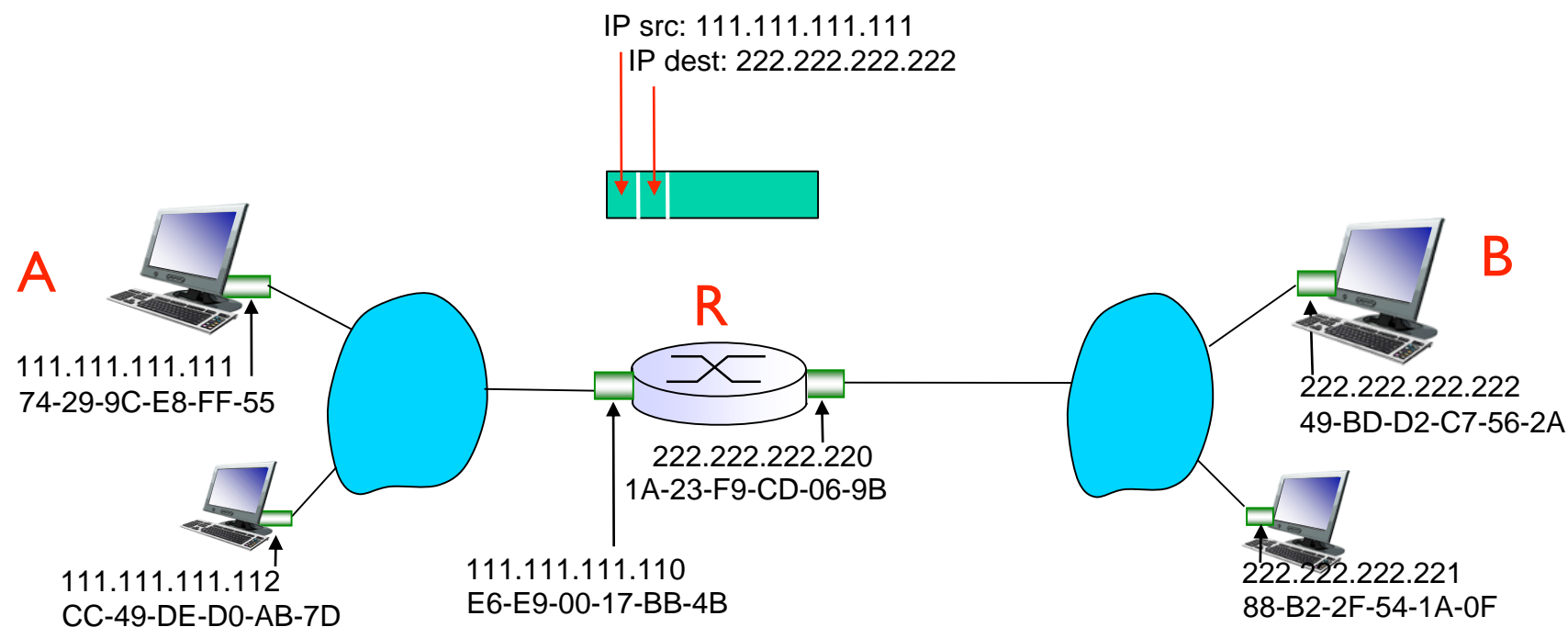
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- Frame is sent from Host A to Router R



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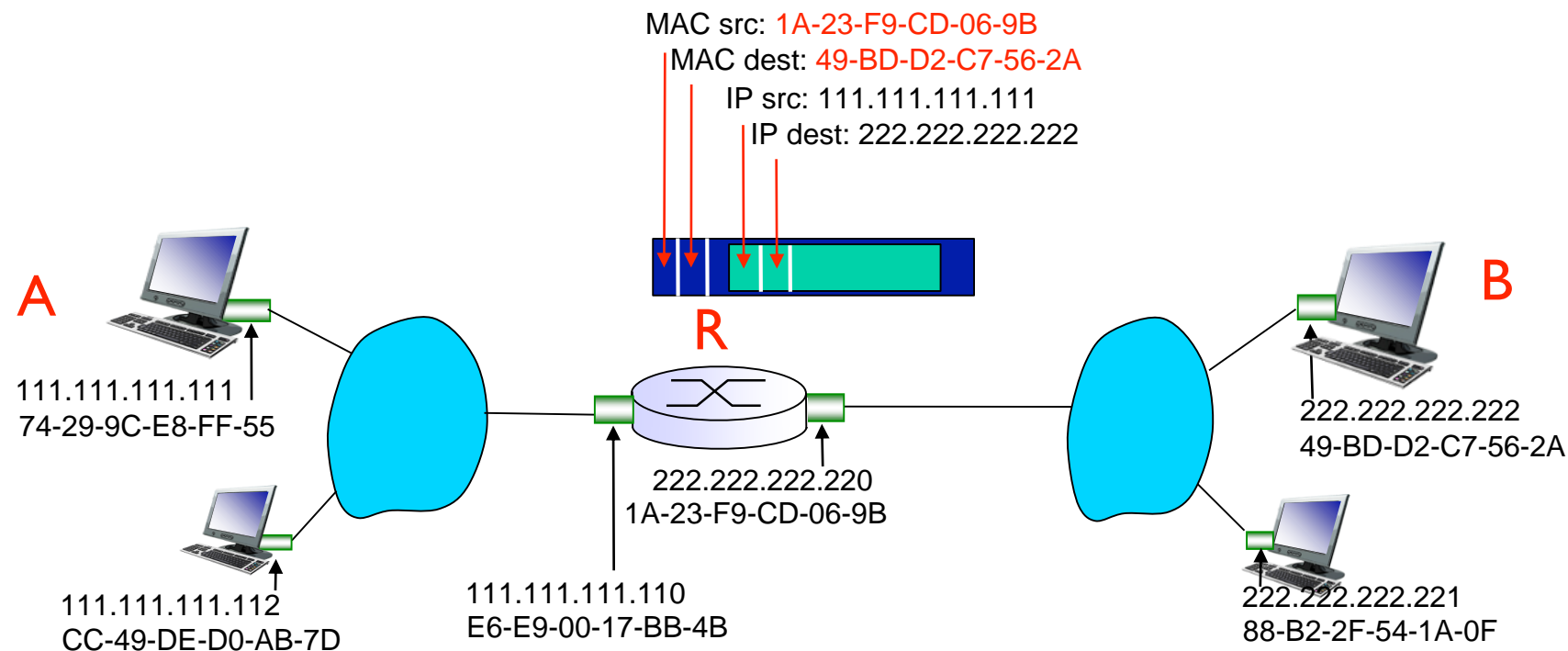
- When frame is received at Router R, datagram is removed from frame and passed up to Network Layer
- Router must then encapsulate the datagram in a NEW link-layer frame to be sent on the 222.222.222.0/24 subnet
  - But wait, Router R now needs to know the MAC address of Host B
    - Router R can use ARP to find the MAC address of Host B





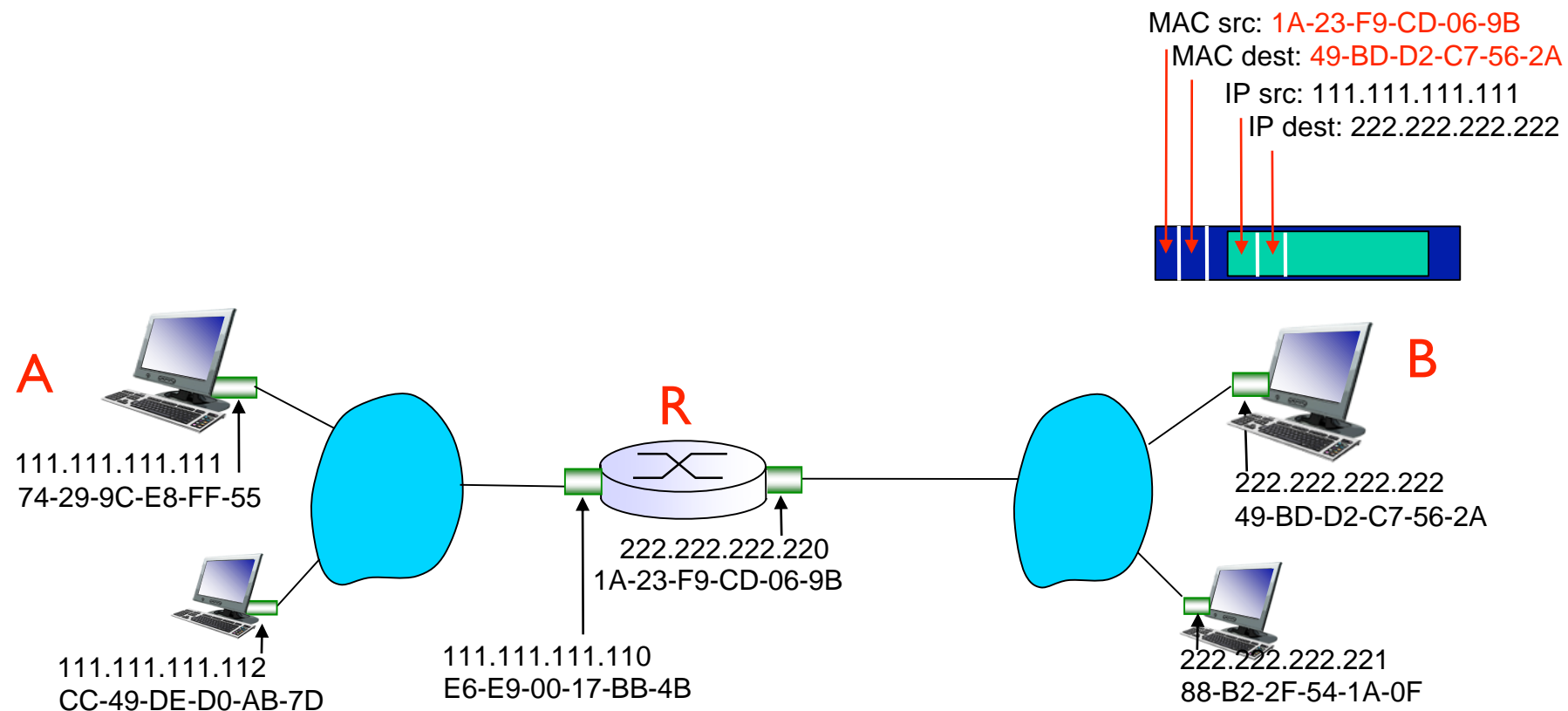
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- After successfully ARPing for Host B, Router R can encapsulate the datagram in a new frame destined for Host B



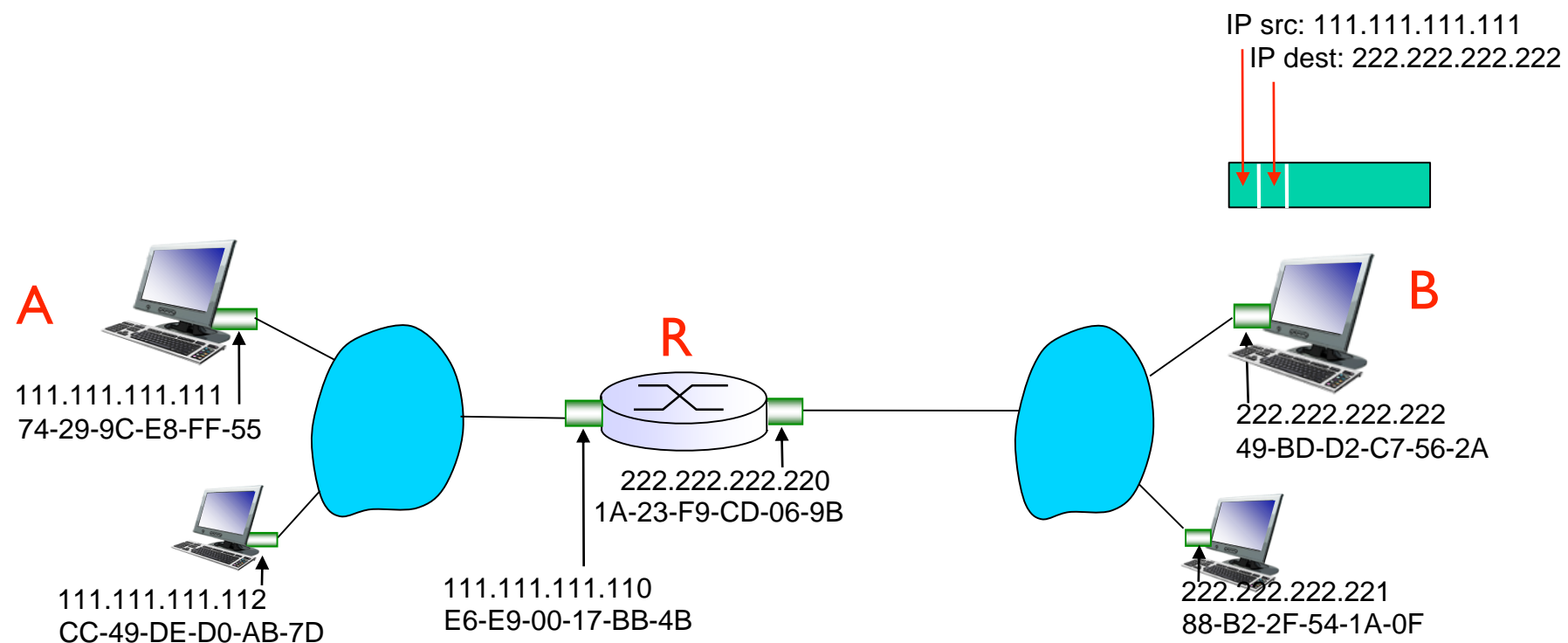
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- **Host B can then extract the datagram from the frame and send it up to the Network Layer for further processing**



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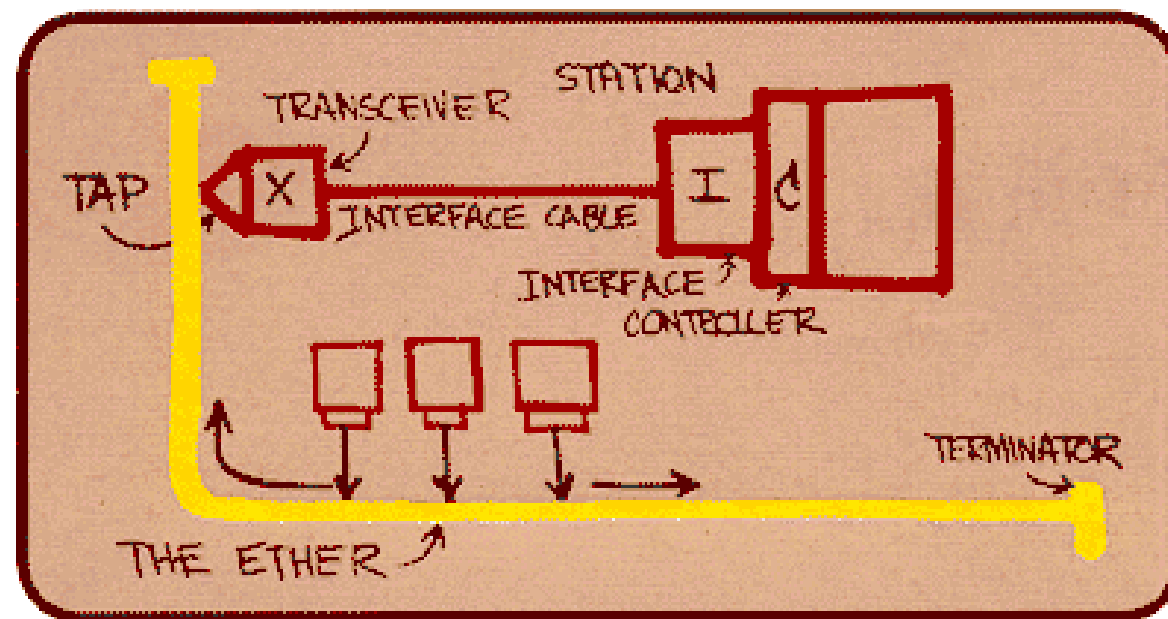
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# Ethernet

- **The dominant wired LAN technology**

- Cheap \$20 for NIC
- First widely used LAN technology
- Simpler, cheaper than token-ring LANs and ATM
- Kept up with speed race: 10 Mbps - 10 Gbps

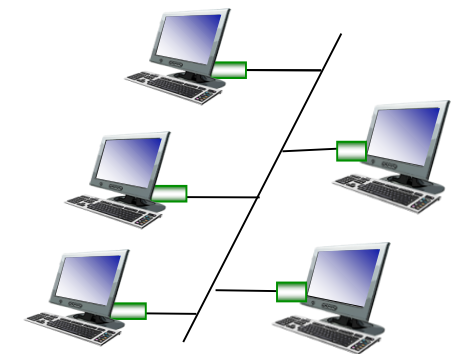


Metcalfe's Ethernet sketch

# Ethernet: Physical Topology

- **Bus topology**

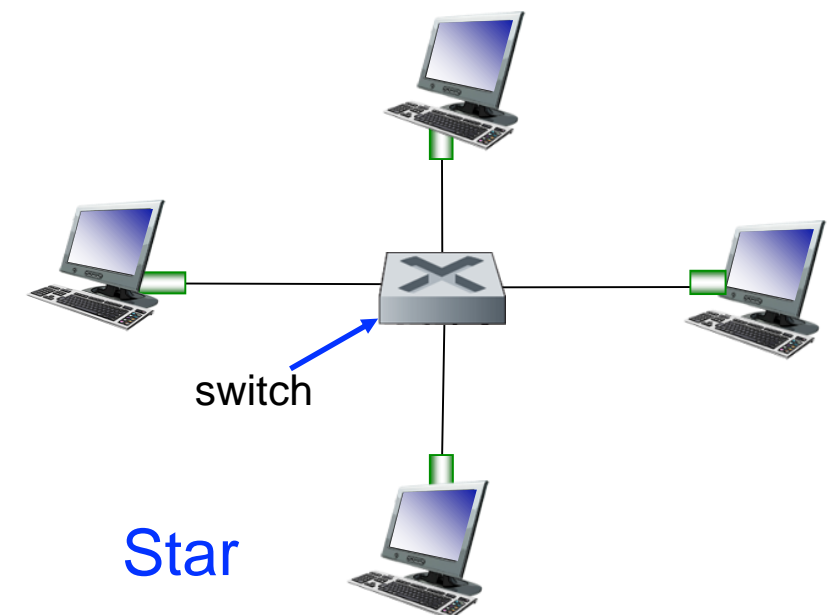
- Popular through mid 1990s
- All nodes in same collision domain
  - Can collide with each other
- Network segments connected with **hubs**



Bus

- **Star topology (switched Ethernet)**

- Most prevalent topology today
- Active switch in center
- Each “spoke” runs independent of others
  - Nodes do not collide with each other



Star

# Ethernet Frame Structure

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- **Sending adapter encapsulates IP datagram (or other network layer protocol packet) in Ethernet frame**



- **Preamble**
  - 7 bytes with pattern 10101010 followed by one byte with pattern 10101011
  - Used to synchronize receiver, sender clock rates

# Ethernet Frame Structure (Cont.)

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- **Addresses**

- 6-byte source and destination MAC addresses
  - If adapter receives frame with matching destination address, or with broadcast address (e.g. ARP packet), it passes data in frame to network layer protocol
  - Otherwise, adapter discards frame

- **Type**

- Indicates higher layer protocol (mostly IP but others possible, e.g., Novell IPX, AppleTalk)

- **CRC**

- Cyclic redundancy check at receiver
  - If error is detected, frame is dropped



# Ethernet: Unreliable and Connectionless

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- **Connectionless**

- No handshaking between sending and receiving NICs

- **Unreliable**

- Receiving NIC doesn't send ACKs or NACKs to sending NIC
- Data in dropped frames recovered only if initial sender uses higher layer reliable data transfer (e.g., TCP), otherwise dropped data is lost

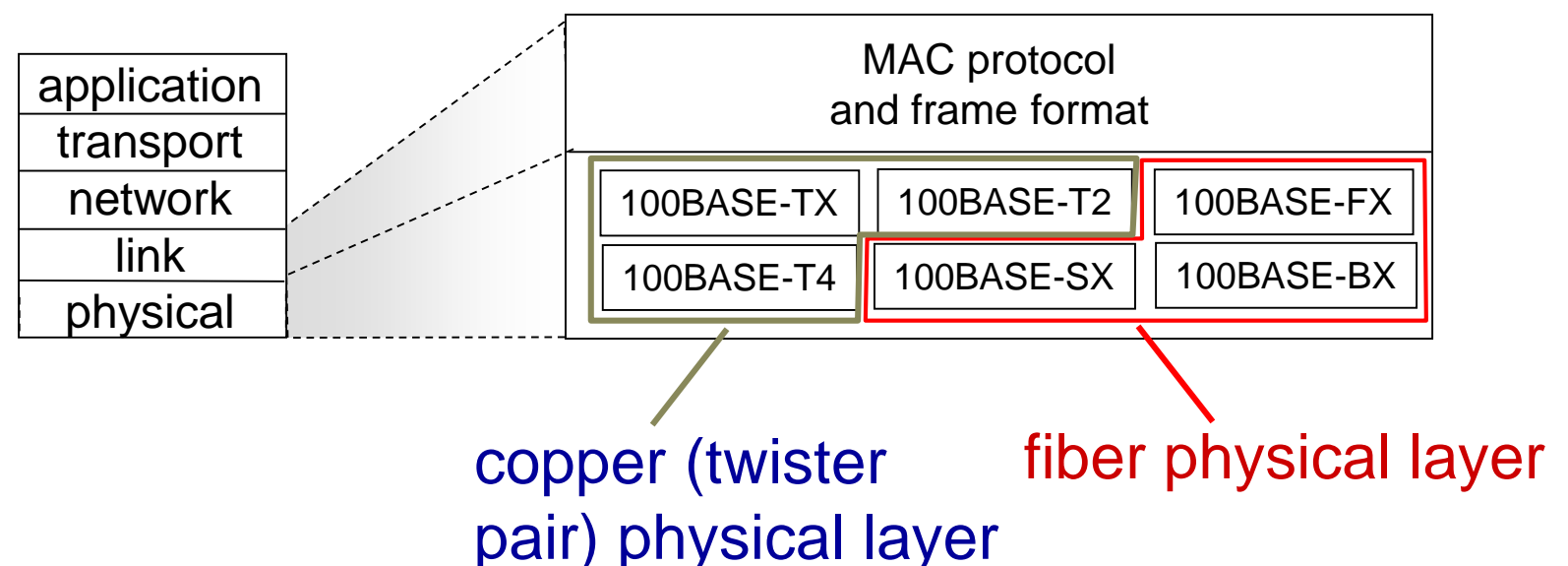
- **Ethernet's MAC protocol is unslotted CSMA/CD with binary exponential backoff**

- Ethernet networks that are **fully switched** don't really need collision detection

# 802.3 Ethernet Standards

- **There are many different Ethernet standards**

- All have common MAC protocol and frame format at the Link Layer
- Have different speeds
  - 2 Mbps, 10 Mbps, 100 Mbps, 1 Gbps, 10 Gbps
- May have different Physical Layer media: coax, fiber, twisted pair
  - First number refers to the speed
  - Characters after the dash refer to the media type



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# Ethernet Switch

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- **Link-layer device**

- Store and forward Ethernet frames
- Examine incoming frame's MAC address, **selectively forward** frame to one-or-more outgoing links

- **Transparent**

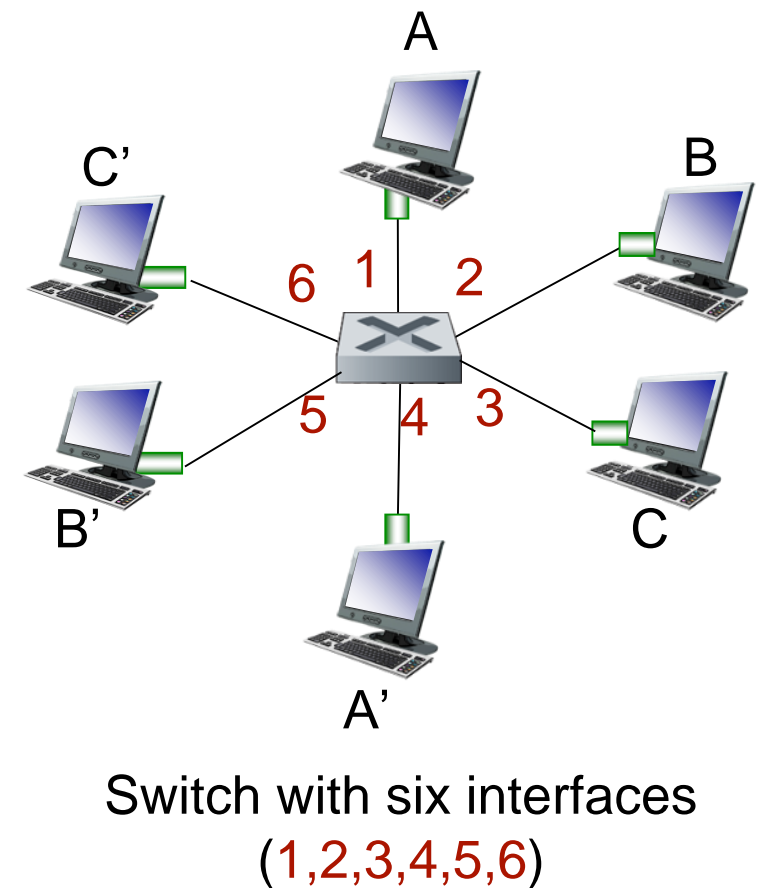
- Hosts are unaware of the presence of switches
- No need to address a frame to a switch

- **Plug-and-play, self-learning**

- Switches do not need to be configured

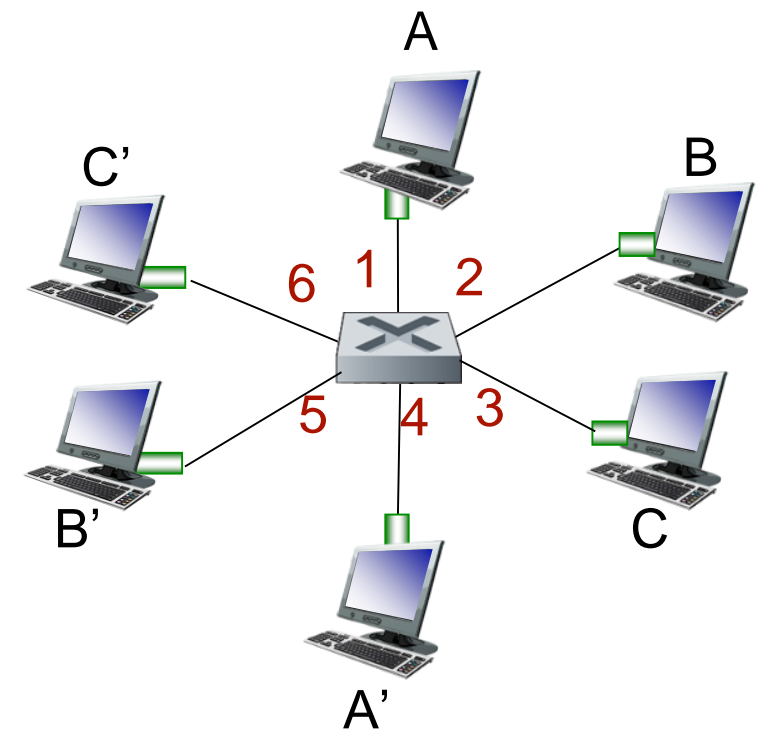
# Switch: Multiple Simultaneous Transmissions

- **Hosts have dedicated, direct connection to switch**
- **Switches buffer frames**
- **Ethernet protocol used on each incoming link**
  - But no collisions
    - Each link is its own collision domain
  - Full duplex
    - Can send and receive simultaneously
- **Switching**
  - A-to-A' and B-to-B' can transmit simultaneously, without collisions



# Switch Forwarding Table

- **Question:** How does switch know A' is reachable via interface 4, or that B' reachable via interface 5?
- **Answer:** Each switch maintains a **switch table**, where each entry contains the following:
  - MAC address of host, interface to reach that host, and a time stamp
    - Time stamp acts as a time-to-live

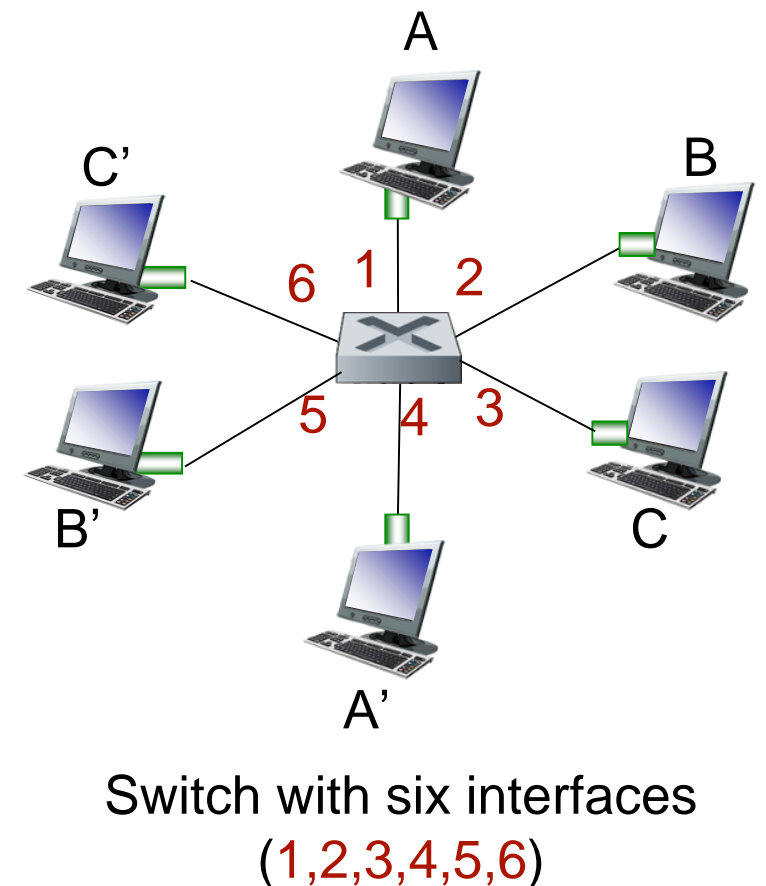


Switch with six interfaces  
(1,2,3,4,5,6)

Address	Interface	Time
01-12-23-34-45-56	2	9:39
62-FE-F7-11-89-A3	1	9:32
7C-BA-B2-B4-91-10	3	9:36

# Switches are Self-learning

- **Switch table initially starts out empty**
- **Switch *learns* which hosts can be reached through which interfaces**
  - When a frame is received, switch “learns” location of sender
    - **Knows which interface it came in on, looks at source address of incoming frame to construct (sender/interface) pair**
- **Example, if Host A send a frame to Host C, switch learns that Host A is on Interface #1**



# Switch: Frame Filtering & Forwarding

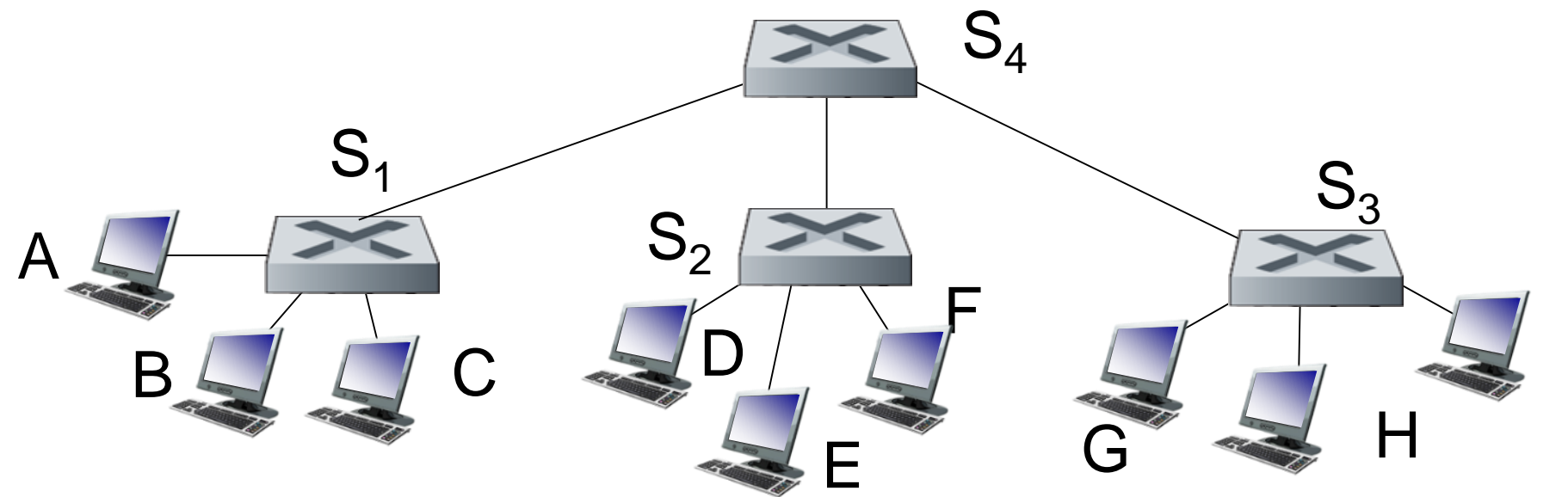
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- **When a frame arrives at a switch, there are three possible scenarios**
  - There is no entry in the switch table for the destination host
    - Switch forwards copies of the frame on all outgoing interfaces *except* the one on which it arrived (i.e. broadcast)
  - There is an entry in the switch table for the destination host, but the destination host is on the same interface on which the frame arrived
    - Switch simply discards the frame
  - There is an entry in the switch table for the destination host and it is on a different interface than the interface on which the frame arrived
    - Switch forwards the frame only on the interface on which the destination host is connected



# Interconnecting switches

self-learning switches can be connected together:

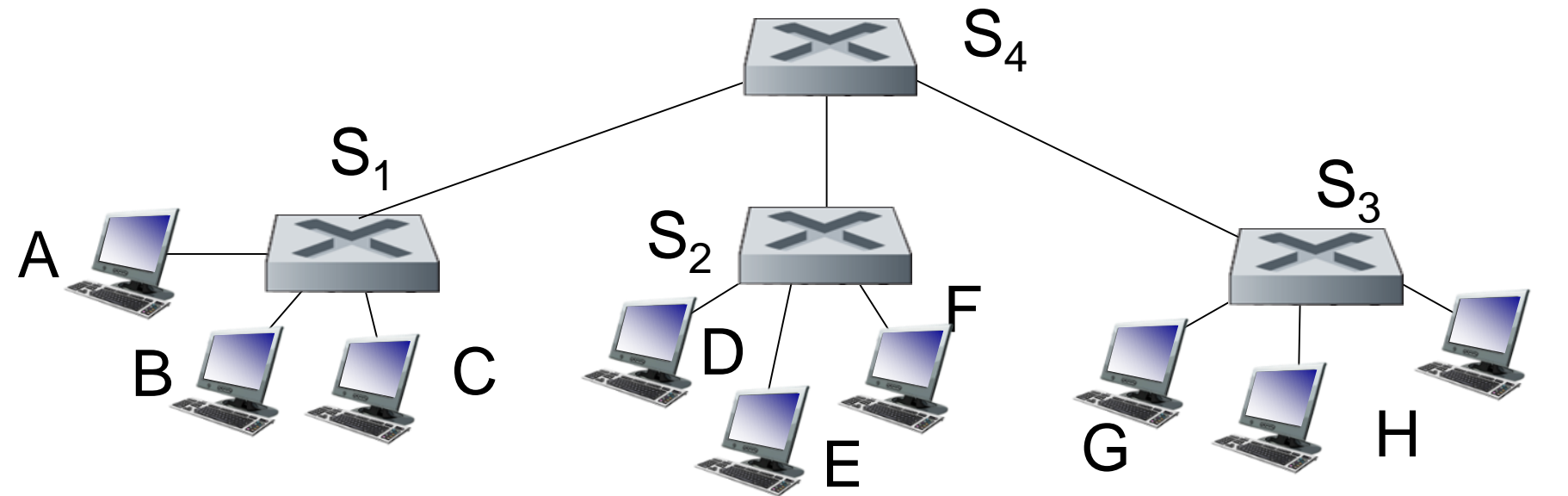


**Q:** sending from A to G - how does  $S_1$  know to forward frame destined to G via  $S_4$  and  $S_3$ ?

- **A:** self learning! (works exactly the same as in single-switch case!)

# Self-learning multi-switch example

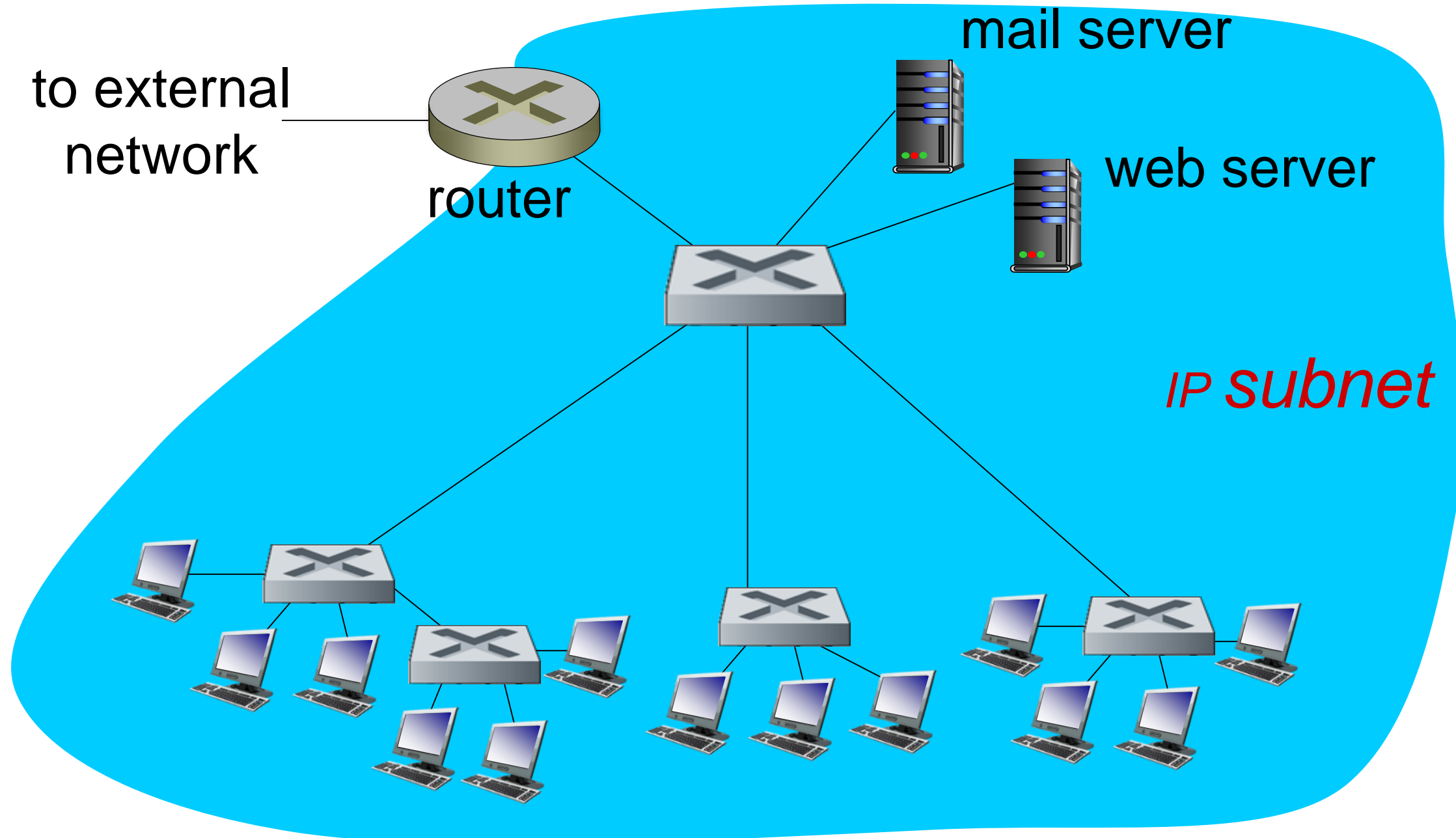
Suppose C sends frame to I, I responds to C



- Q: show switch tables and packet forwarding in S<sub>1</sub>, S<sub>2</sub>, S<sub>3</sub>, S<sub>4</sub>

# Institutional network

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# Switches vs. Routers

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- **Both are store-and-forward devices**
  - **Routers** are network-layer devices (examine network-layer headers)
  - **Switches** are link-layer devices (examine link-layer headers)
- **Both have forwarding tables**
  - **Routers** compute tables using routing algorithms and IP addresses
  - **Switches** learn forwarding table using flooding, learning, MAC addresses

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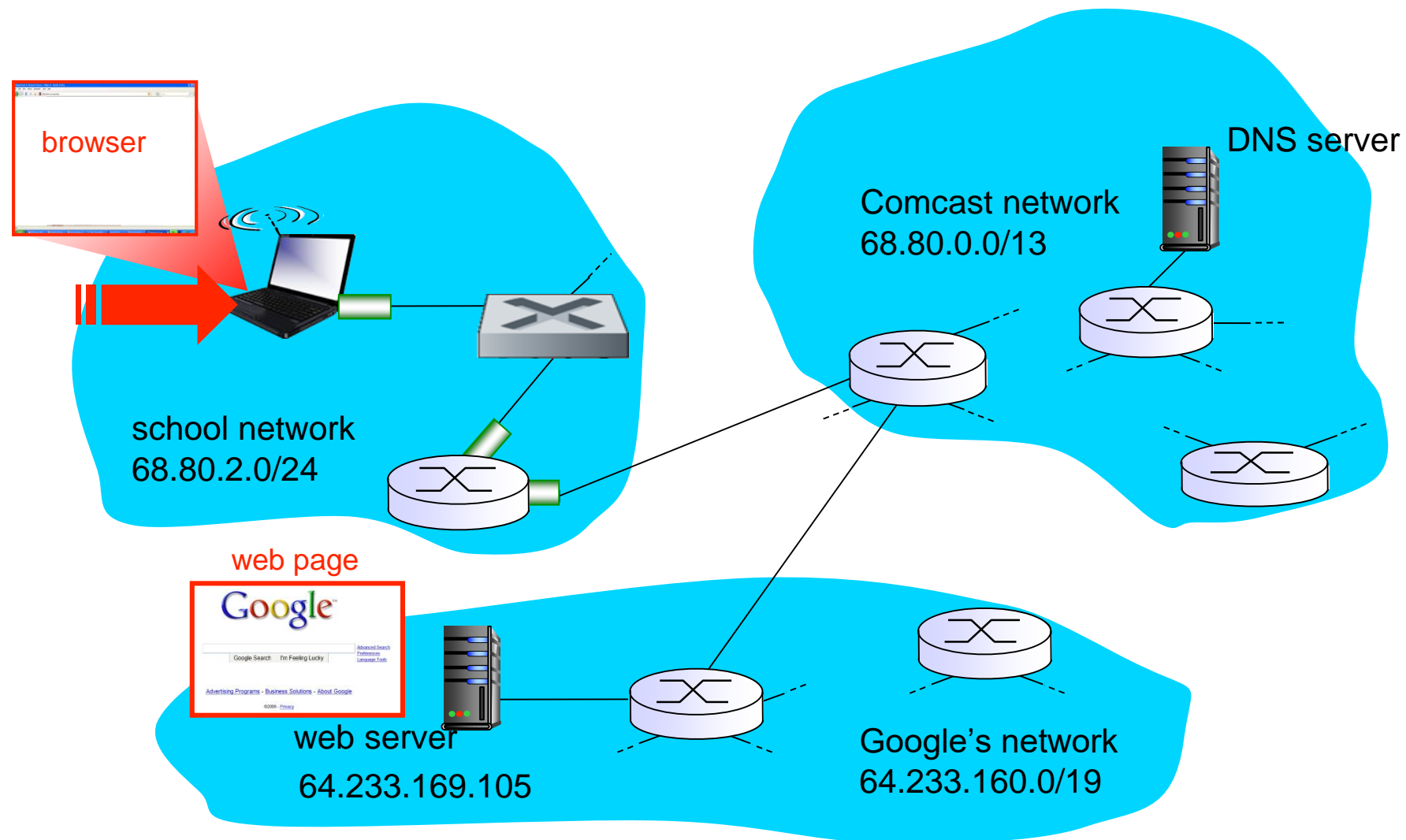
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# *Synthesis*: a day in the life of a web request

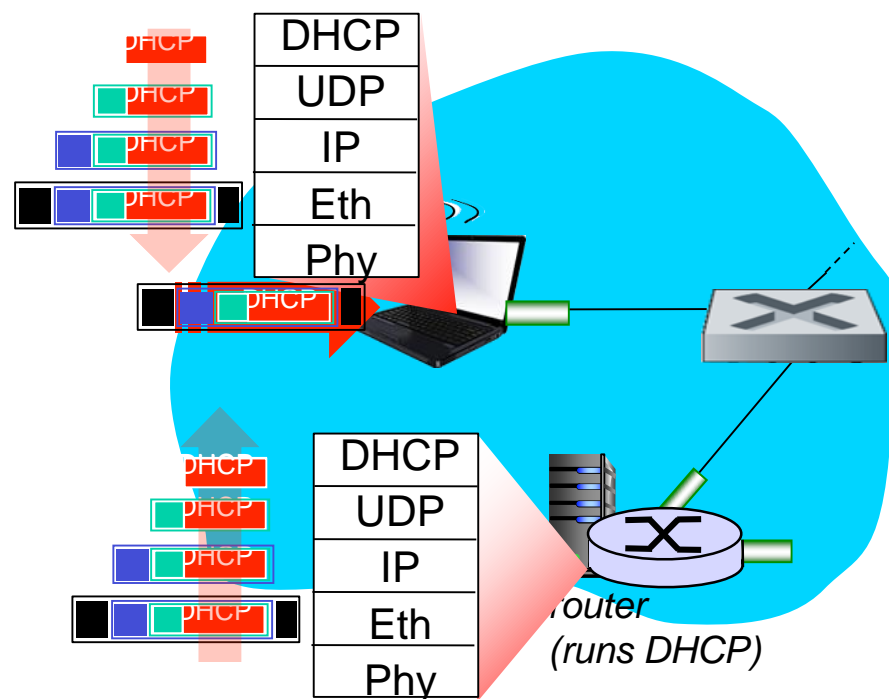
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- **journey down protocol stack complete!**
  - application, transport, network, link
- **putting-it-all-together: synthesis!**
  - *goal*: identify, review, understand protocols (at all layers) involved in seemingly simple scenario: requesting www page
  - *scenario*: student attaches laptop to campus network, requests/receives `www.google.com`

# A Day in the Life of a Web Request: Scenario



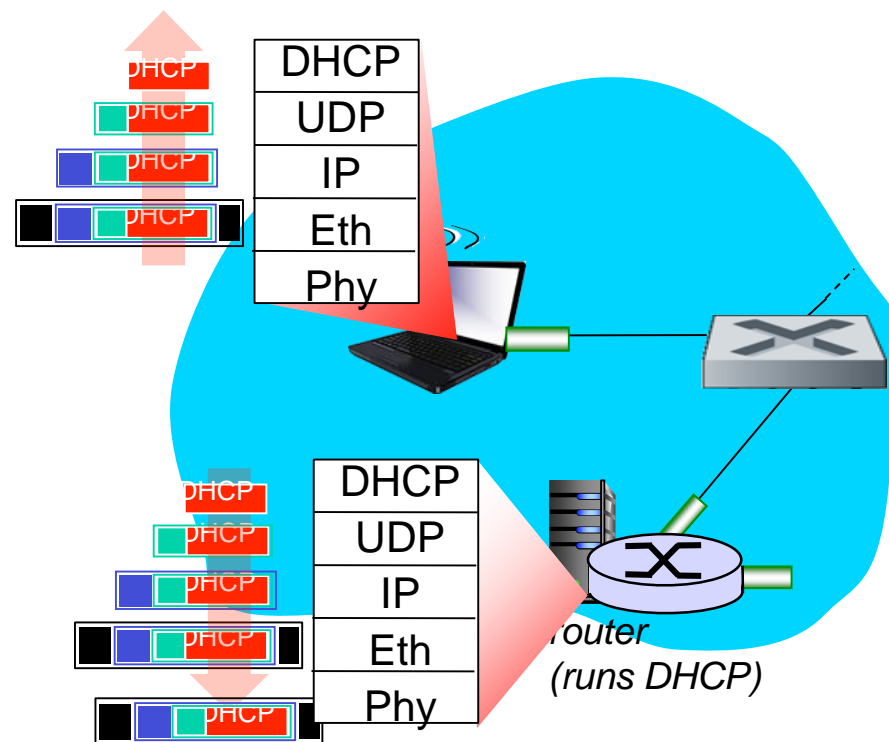
# A Day in the Life... Connecting to the Internet



- Connecting laptop needs to get its own IP address, the address of the first-hop router, and address of DNS server -- use **DHCP**
- DHCP request *encapsulated* in **UDP**, encapsulated in **IP**, encapsulated in **802.3 Ethernet**
- Ethernet frame **broadcast** on LAN, received at router running **DHCP** server
  - Dest MAC addr = FF-FF-FF-FF-FF-FF
  - Dest IP addr = 255.255.255.255:67
- Ethernet demuxed to IP demuxed, UDP demuxed to DHCP

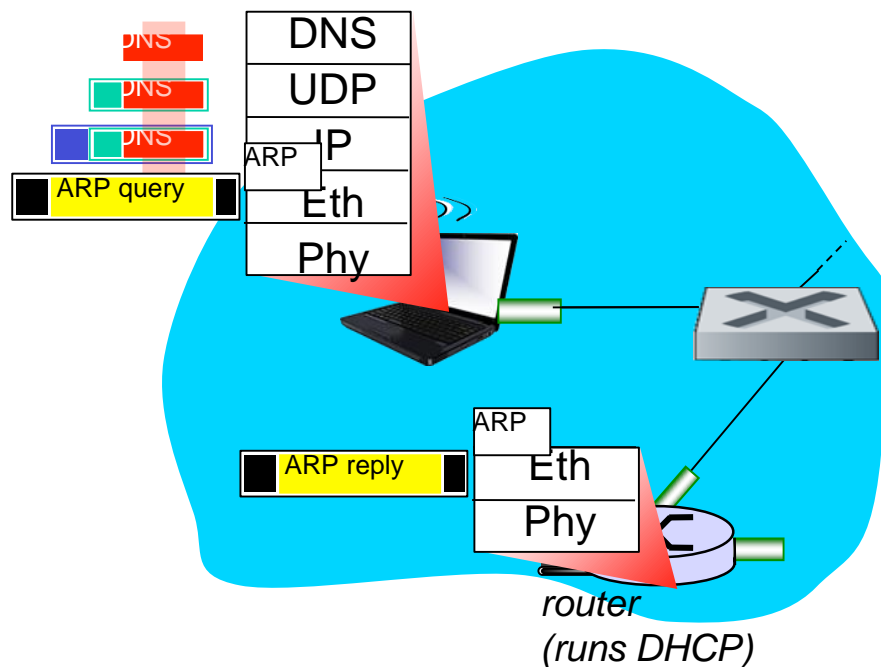


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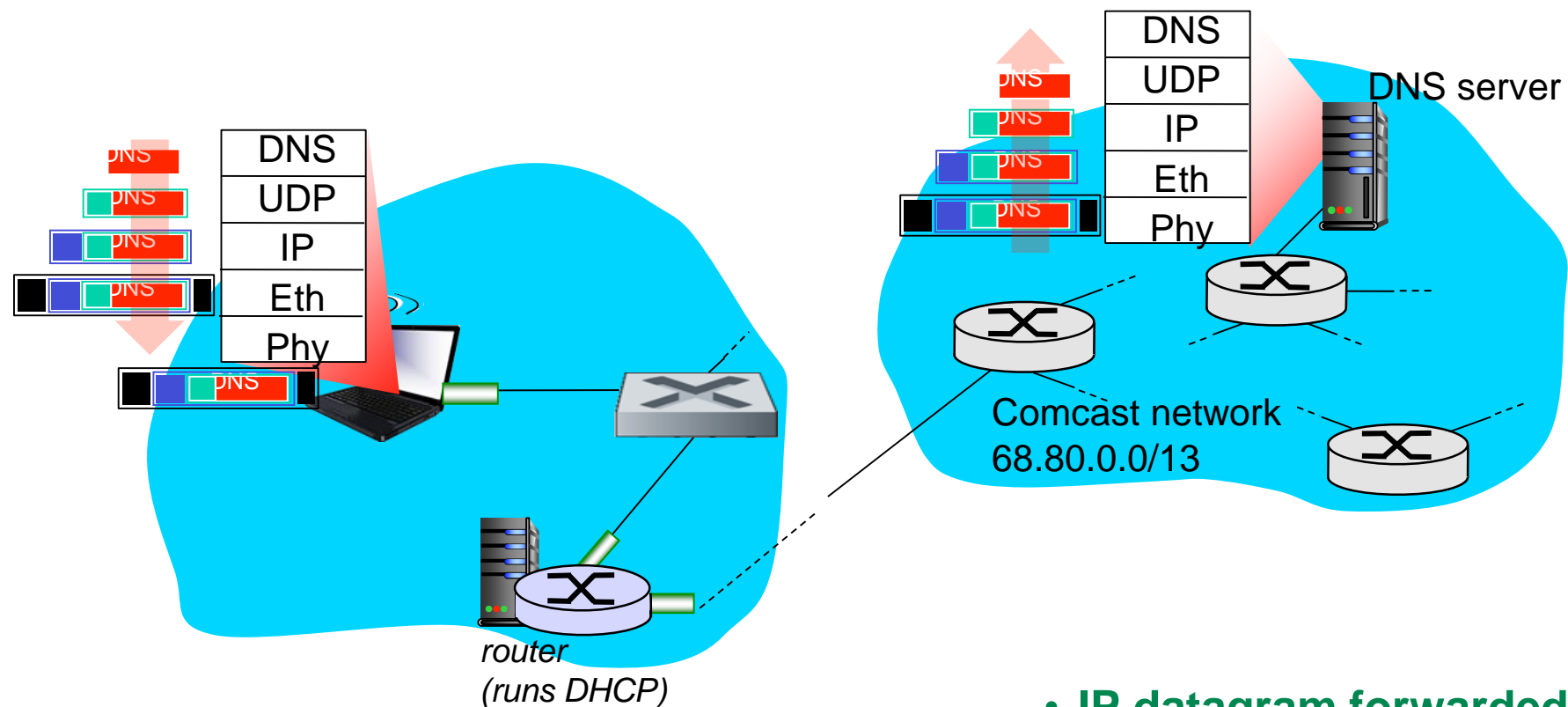
- DHCP server formulates **DHCP ACK** containing client's IP address, IP address of first-hop router for client, and name and IP address of DNS server
- Encapsulation at DHCP server, frame forwarded (switch now knows MAC address of laptop learning) through LAN, demultiplexing at client
- DHCP client receives DHCP ACK reply
- Client now has IP address, knows the name and address of the DNS server, and the IP address of its first-hop router

# A Day in the Life... ARP



- Before sending **HTTP** request, need IP address of **www.google.com**: **DNS**
- **DNS query** created, encapsulated in **UDP**, encapsulated in **IP**, encapsulated in **Ethernet frame**
- To send frame to router, need **MAC** address of router interface: **ARP**
- **ARP query** broadcast, received by router, which replies with **ARP reply** giving **MAC** address of router interface to laptop
- Client now knows **MAC** address of first hop router, so can now send frame containing **DNS query**

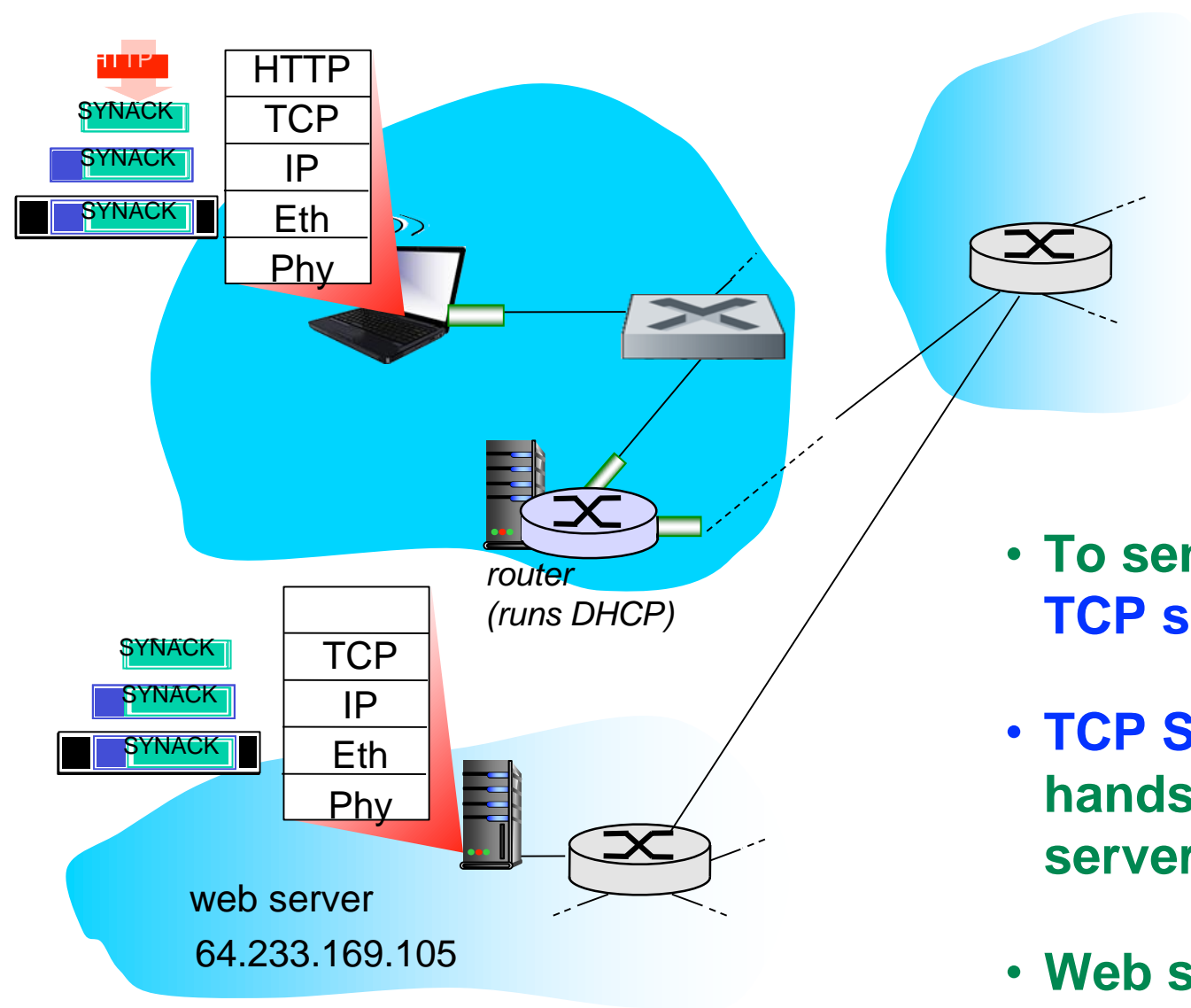
# A Day in the Life... Using DNS



- IP datagram containing DNS query forwarded via LAN switch from client to 1<sup>st</sup> hop router

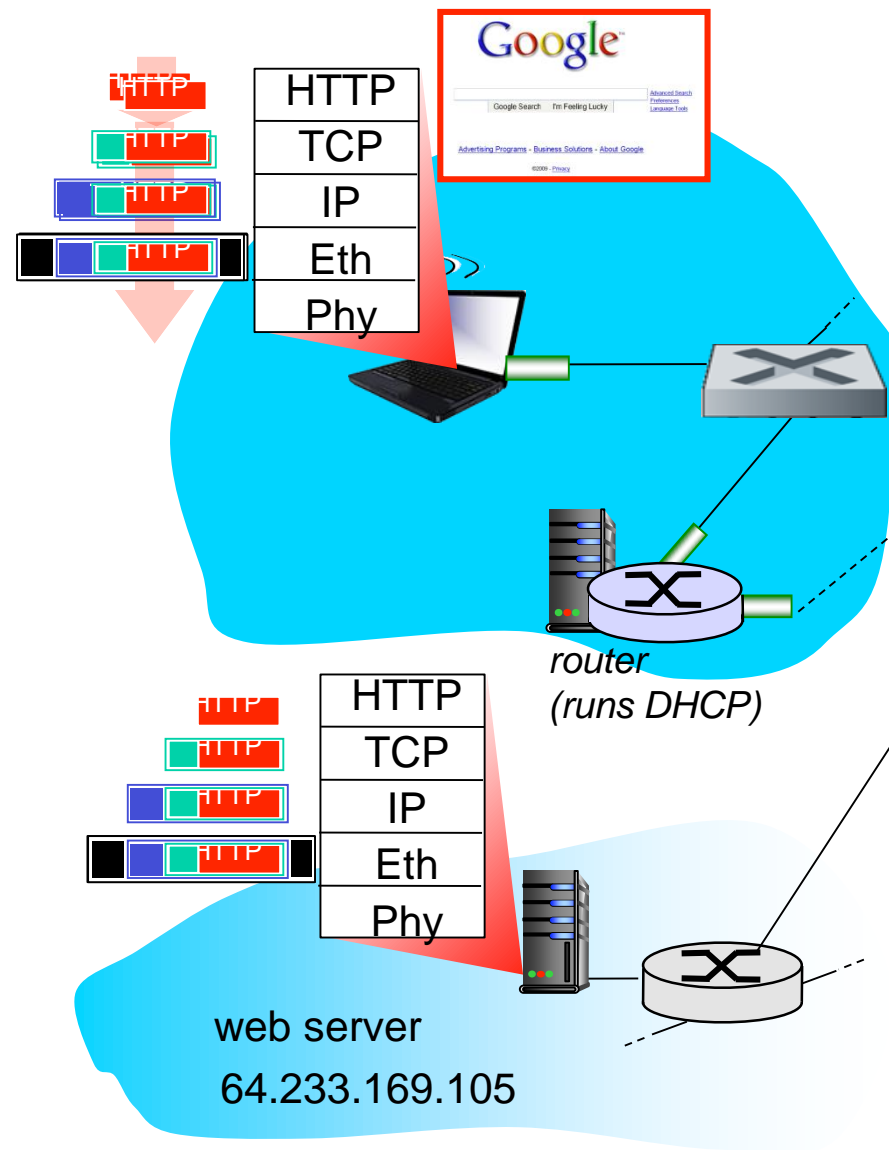
- IP datagram forwarded from campus network into Comcast network,
  - Routed to DNS server (tables created by RIP, OSPF, IS-IS and/or BGP routing protocols)
- Demux'ed to DNS server
- DNS server replies to client with IP address of [www.google.com](http://www.google.com)

# A Day in the Life...TCP Connection Carrying HTTP



- To send **HTTP** request, client first opens **TCP** socket to web server
- **TCP SYN** segment (step 1 in 3-way handshake) inter-domain routed to web server
- Web server responds with **TCP SYNACK** (step 2 in 3-way handshake)
- **TCP connection established!**

# A Day in the Life... HTTP Request/Reply



- HTTP request sent to TCP socket
- IP datagram containing HTTP request routed to [www.google.com](http://www.google.com)
- Web server responds with HTTP reply (containing web page)
- IP datagram containing HTTP reply routed back to client
- Web page finally displayed!

# Chapter 6: Summary

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- **principles behind data link layer services:**
  - error detection, correction
  - sharing a broadcast channel: multiple access
  - link layer addressing
- **instantiation and implementation of various link layer technologies**
  - Ethernet
  - switched LANs
- **synthesis: a day in the life of a web request**