

Chapter 1

Introduction

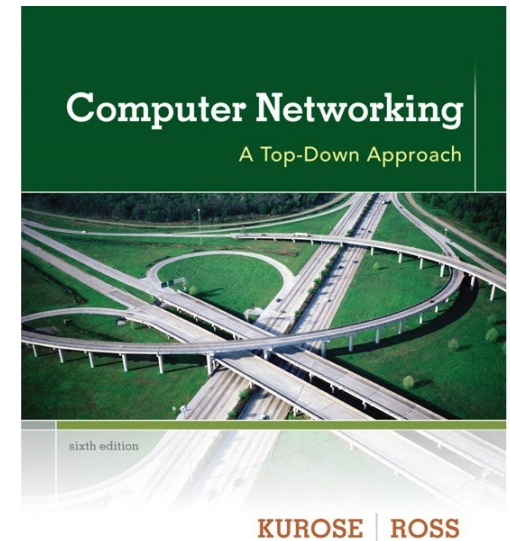
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Chapter 1: introduction

our goal:

- ❖ *get “feel” and terminology*
- ❖ *more depth, detail later in course*
- ❖ *approach:*
 - *use Internet as example*

overview:

- ❖ *what’s the Internet?*
- ❖ *what’s a protocol?*
- ❖ *network edge; hosts, access net, physical media*
- ❖ *network core: packet/circuit switching, Internet structure*
- ❖ *performance: loss, delay, throughput*
- ❖ *security*
- ❖ *protocol layers, service models*
- ❖ *history*

Chapter 1: roadmap

1.1 *what is the Internet?*

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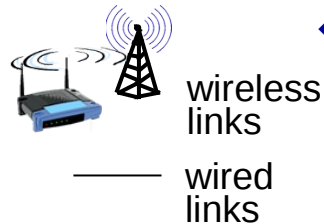
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What's the Internet: “nuts and bolts” view



❖ *millions of connected computing devices:*

- *hosts = end systems*
- running *network apps*



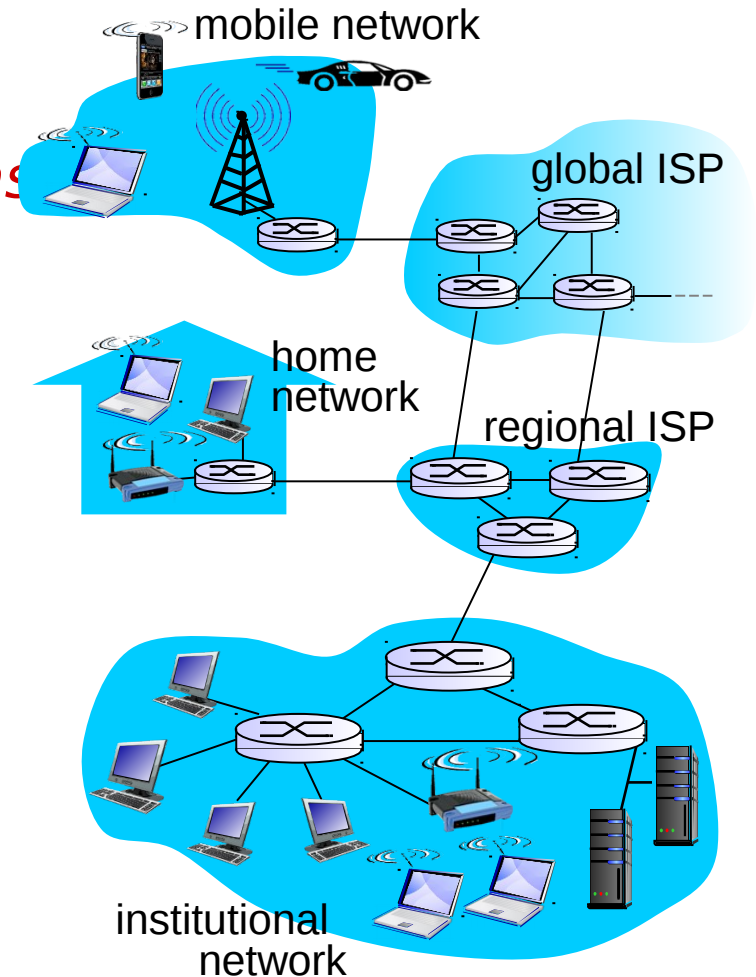
❖ *communication links*

- fiber, copper, radio, satellite
- transmission rate: *bandwidth*



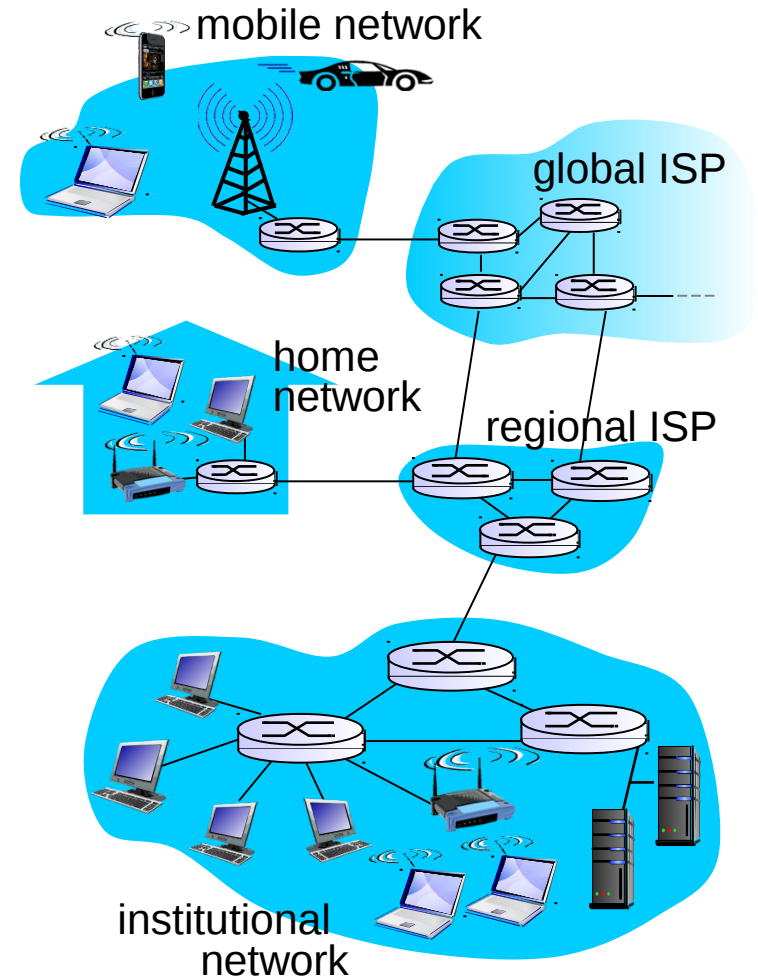
❖ *Packet switches:*
forward packets
(chunks of data)

- *routers and switches*



What's the Internet: “nuts and bolts” view

- ❖ *Internet: “network of networks”*
 - Interconnected ISPs
- ❖ *protocols control sending, receiving of msgs*
 - e.g., TCP, IP, HTTP, Skype, 802.11
- ❖ *Internet standards*
 - RFC: Request for comments
 - IETF: Internet Engineering Task Force



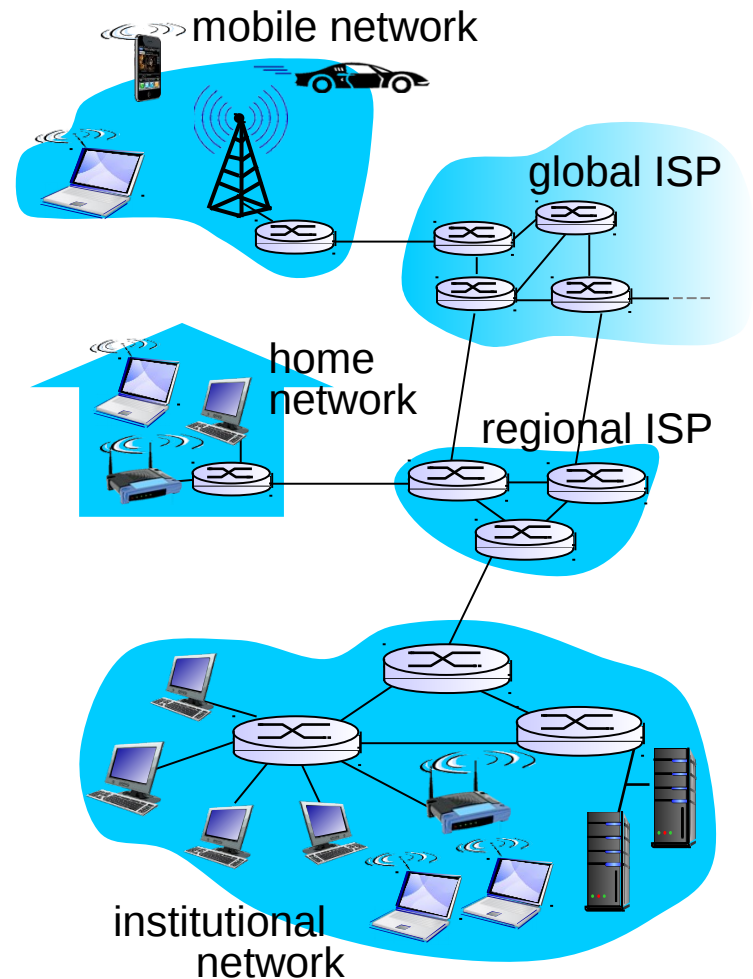
What's the Internet: a service view

❖ *Infrastructure that provides services to applications:*

- Web, VoIP, email, games, e-commerce, social nets, ...

❖ *provides programming interface to apps*

- hooks that allow sending and receiving app programs to “connect” to Internet
- provides service options, analogous to postal service



What's a protocol?

human protocols:

- ❖ “what’s the time?”
- ❖ “I have a question”
- ❖ introductions

... specific msgs sent

... specific actions
taken when msgs
received, or other
events

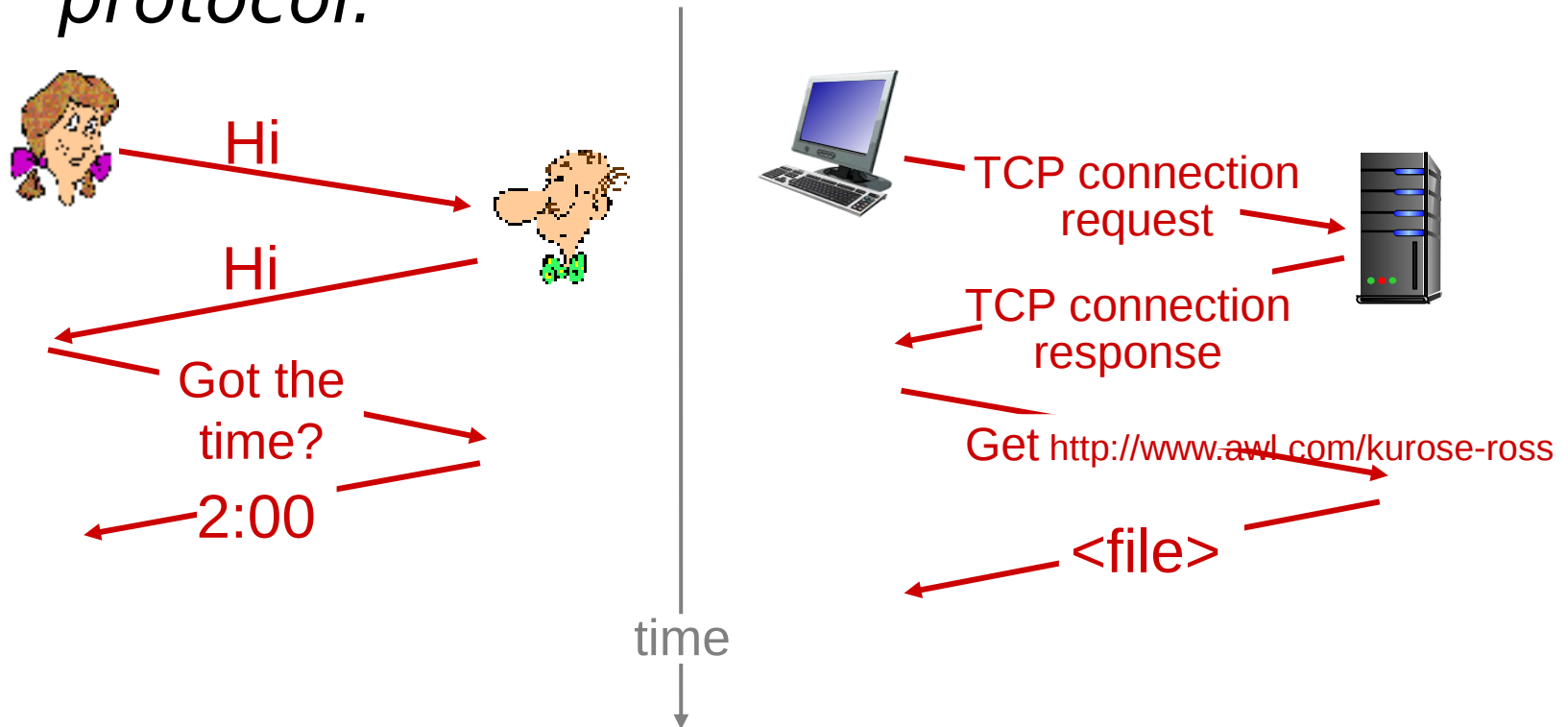
network protocols:

- ❖ machines rather than humans
- ❖ all communication activity in Internet governed by protocols

protocols define *format*,
order of *msgs sent and*
received among
network entities, and
actions taken on msg
transmission, receipt

What's a protocol?

a human protocol and a computer network protocol:



Q: other human protocols?

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A closer look at network structure:

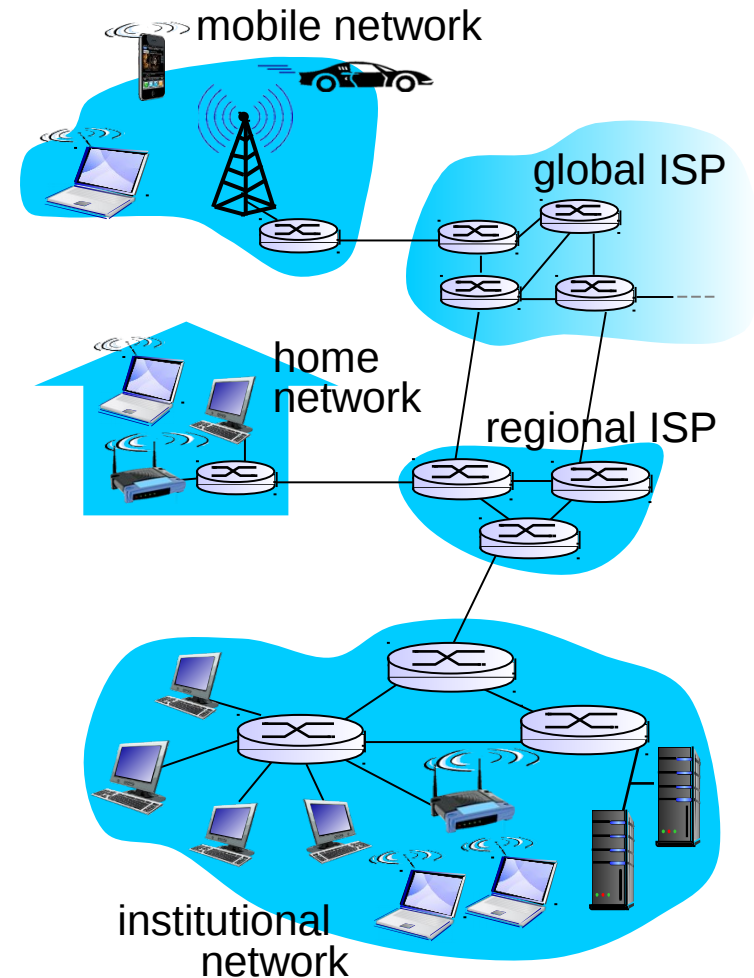
❖ *network edge:*

- hosts: clients and servers
- servers often in data centers

❖ *access networks, physical media:* wired, wireless communication links

❖ *network core:*

- interconnected routers
- network of networks



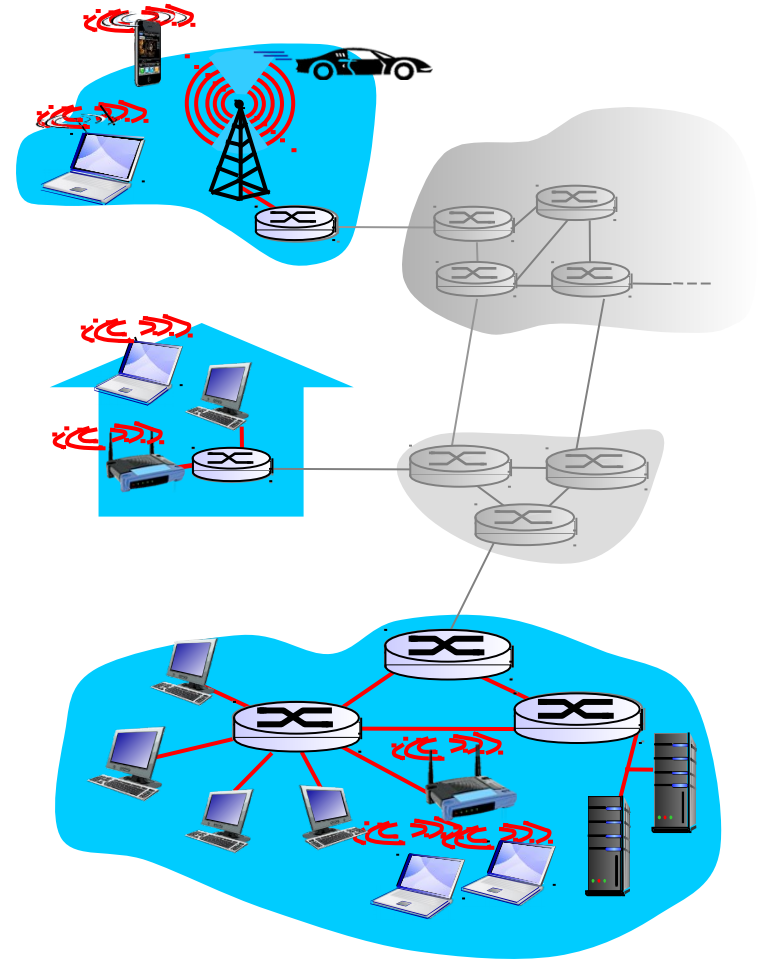
Access networks and physical media

Q: How to connect end systems to edge router?

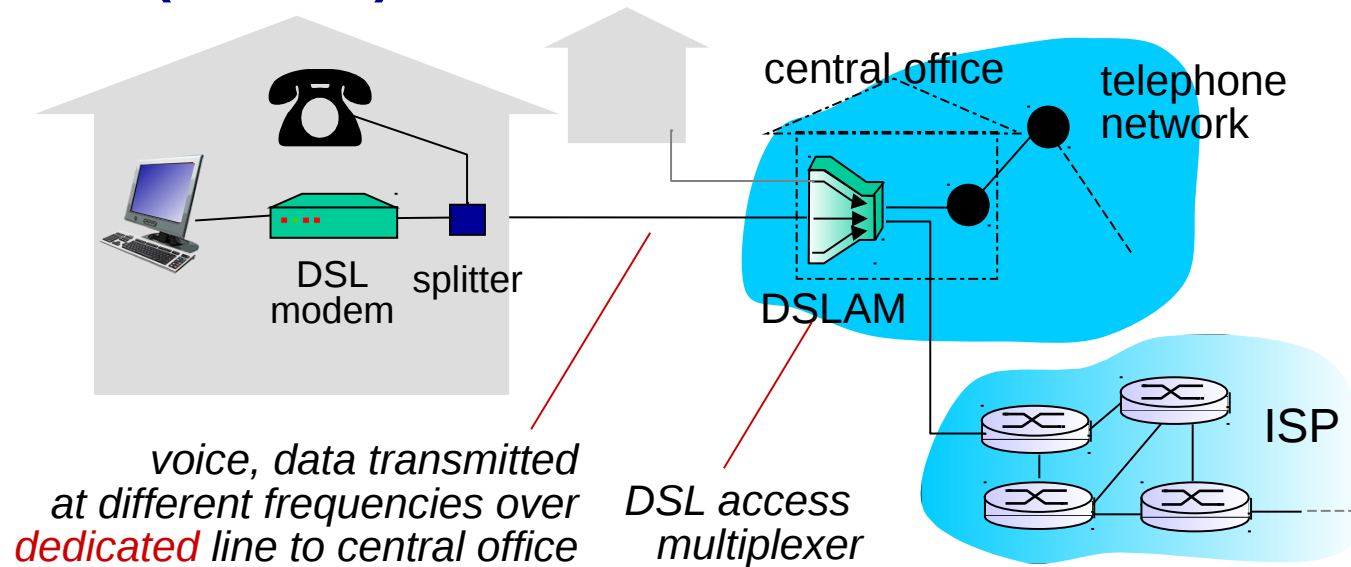
- ❖ residential access nets
- ❖ institutional access networks (school, company)
- ❖ mobile access networks

keep in mind:

- ❖ bandwidth (bits per second) of access network?
- ❖ shared or dedicated?

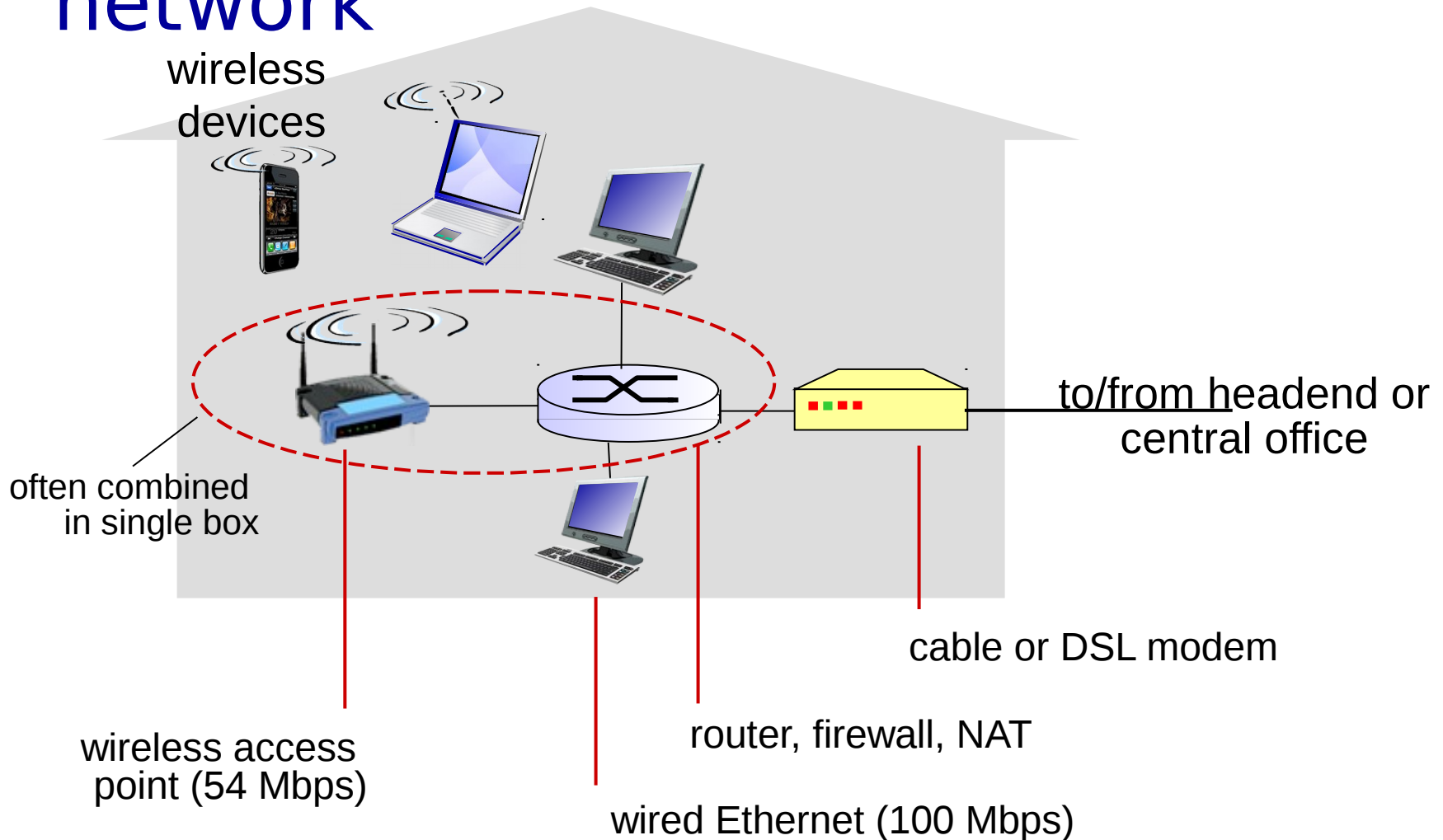


Access net: digital subscriber line (DSL)

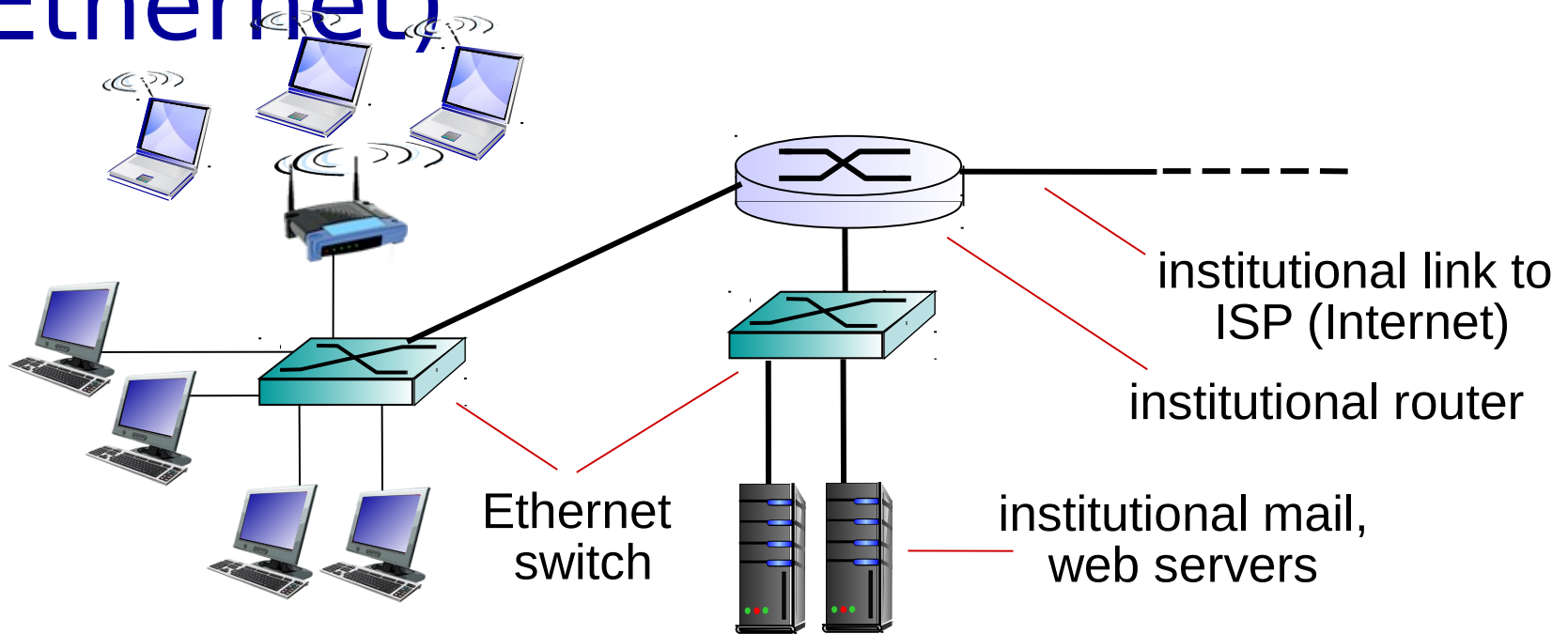


- ❖ use *existing* telephone line to central office DSLAM
 - data over DSL phone line goes to Internet
 - voice over DSL phone line goes to telephone net
- ❖ < 2.5 Mbps upstream transmission rate (typically < 1 Mbps)
- ❖ < 24 Mbps downstream transmission rate (typically < 10 Mbps)

Access net: home network



Enterprise access networks (Ethernet)



- ❖ *typically used in companies, universities, etc*
- ❖ 10 Mbps, 100Mbps, 1Gbps, 10Gbps transmission rates
- ❖ today, end systems typically connect into Ethernet switch

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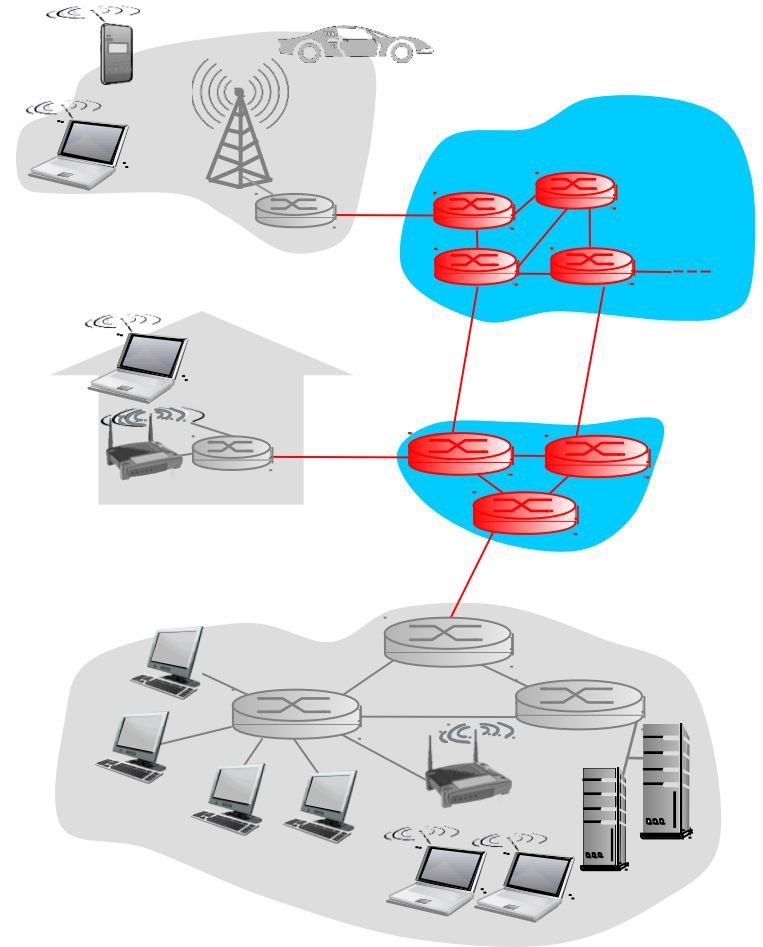
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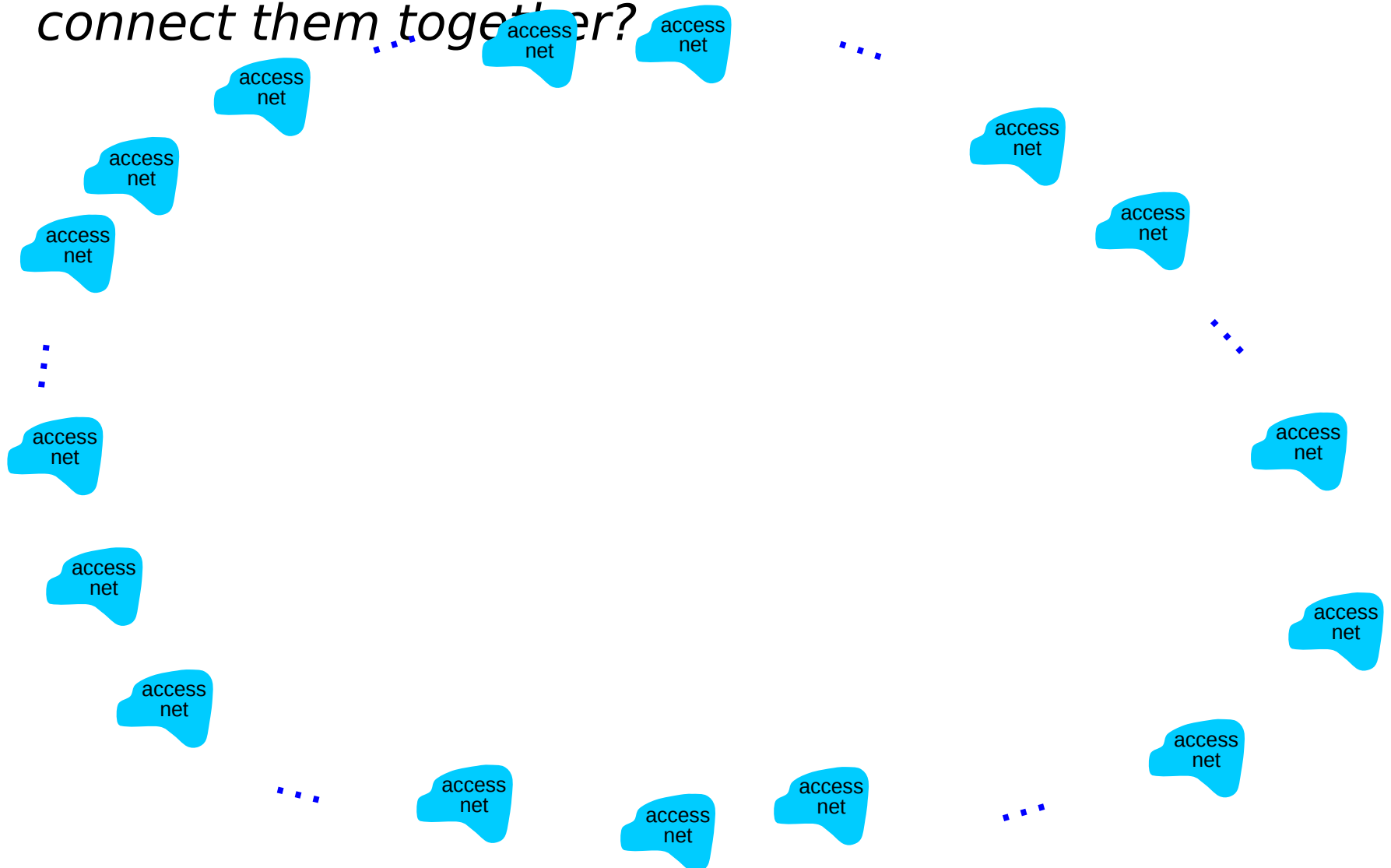
The network core

- ❖ *mesh of interconnected routers*
- ❖ *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 transmitted at full link capacity



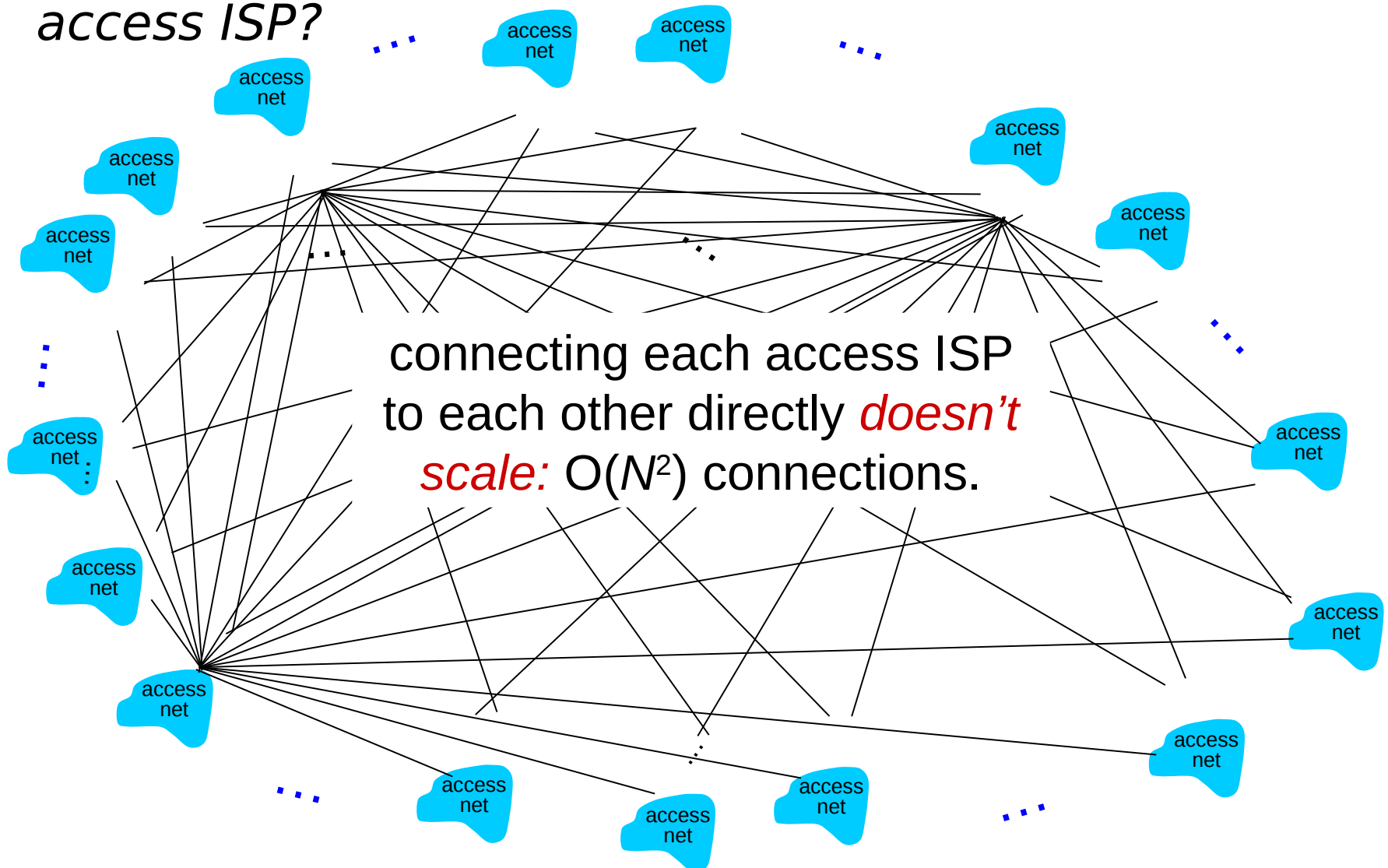
Internet structure: network of networks

Question: given millions of access ISPs, how to connect them together?



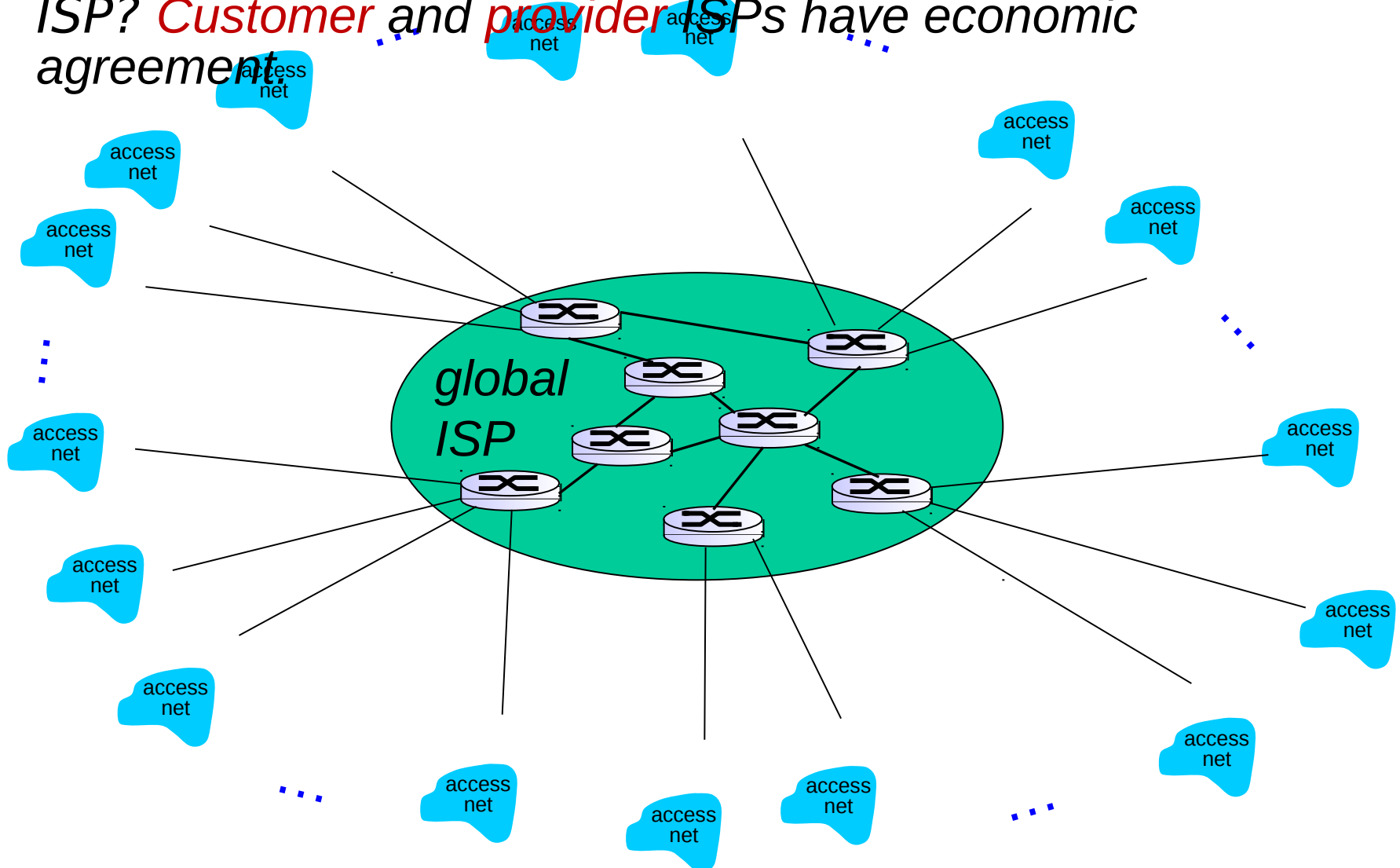
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Option: connect each access ISP to every other access ISP?



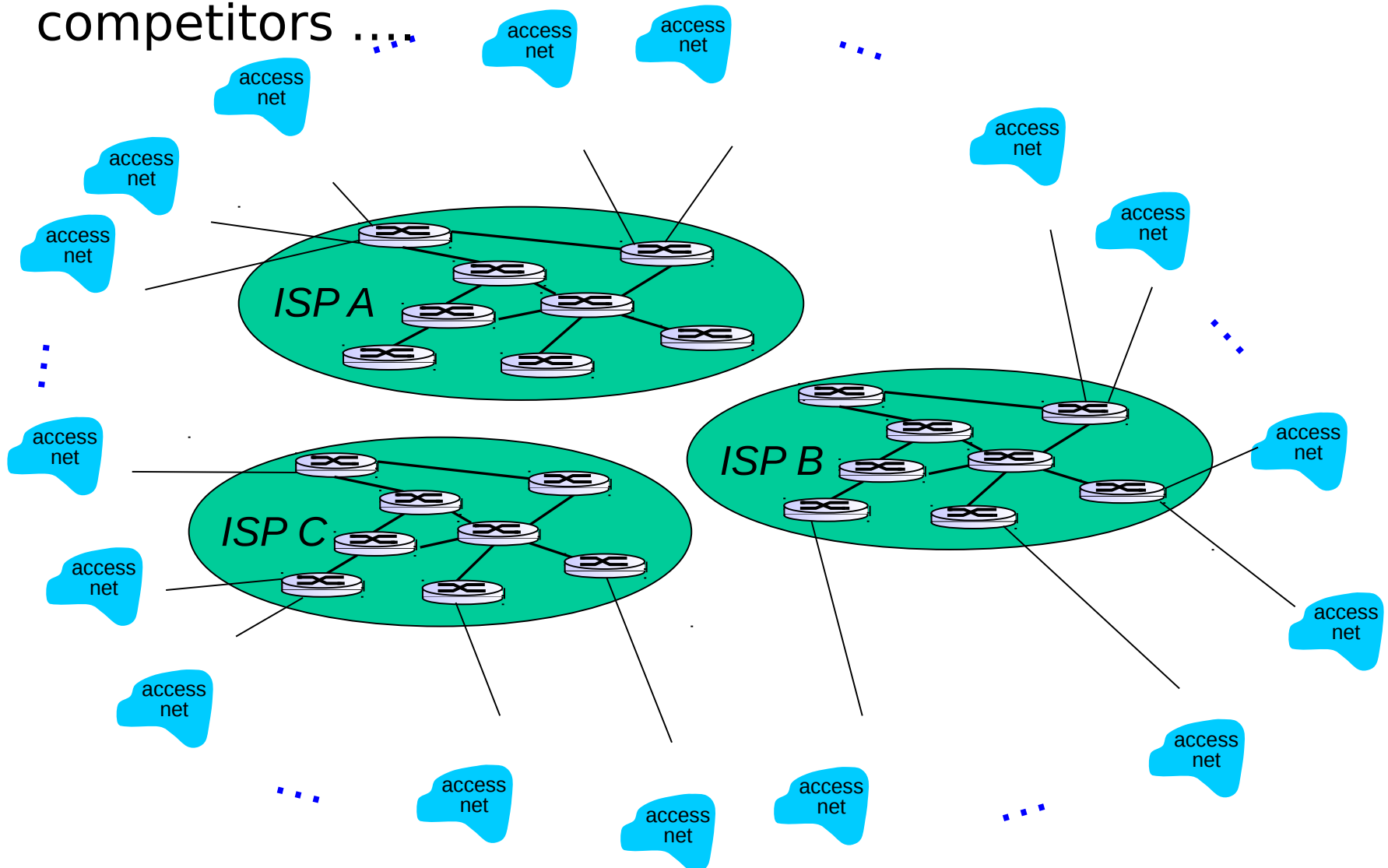
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Option: connect each access ISP to a global transit ISP? *Customer* and *provider* ISPs have economic agreement.



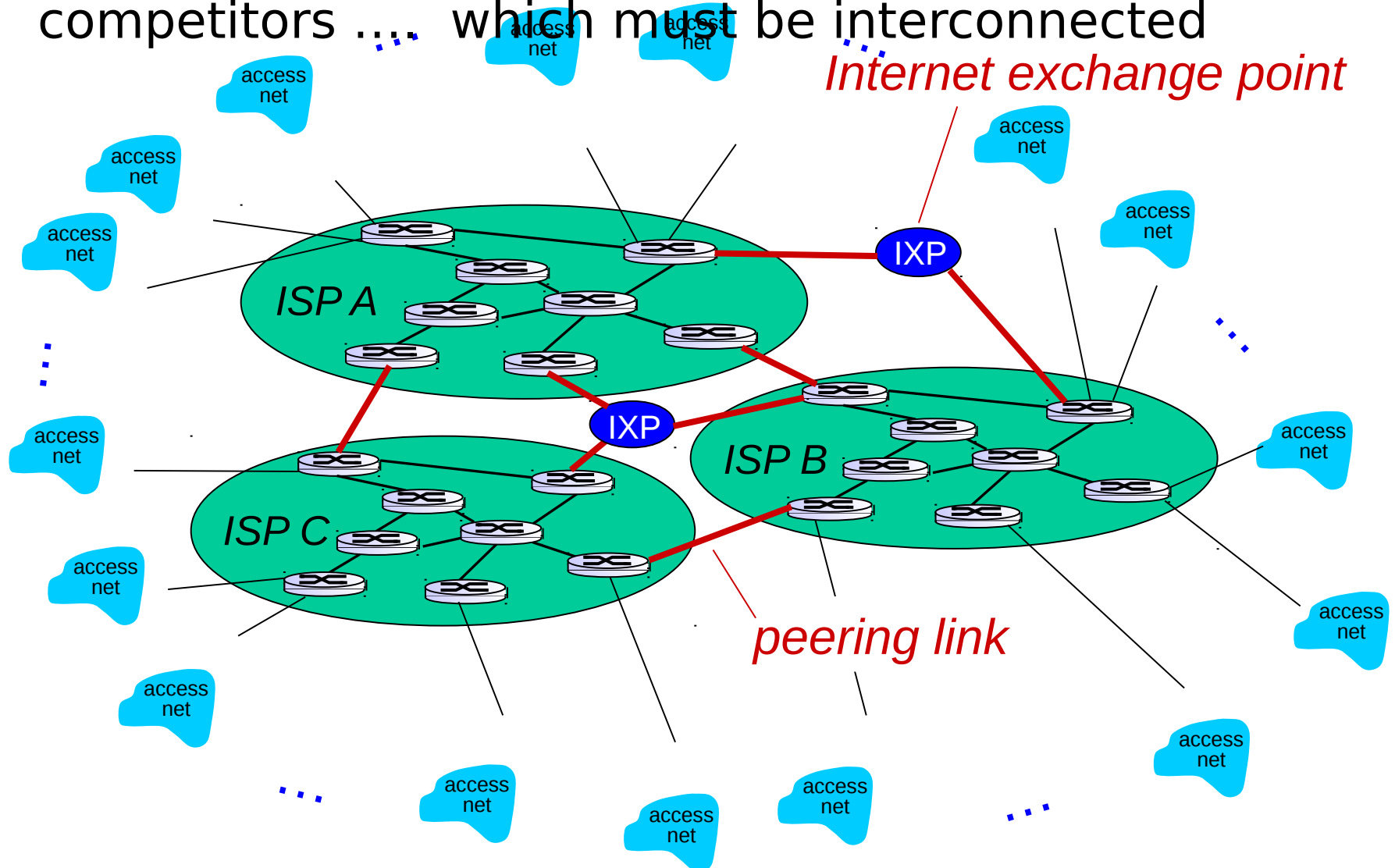
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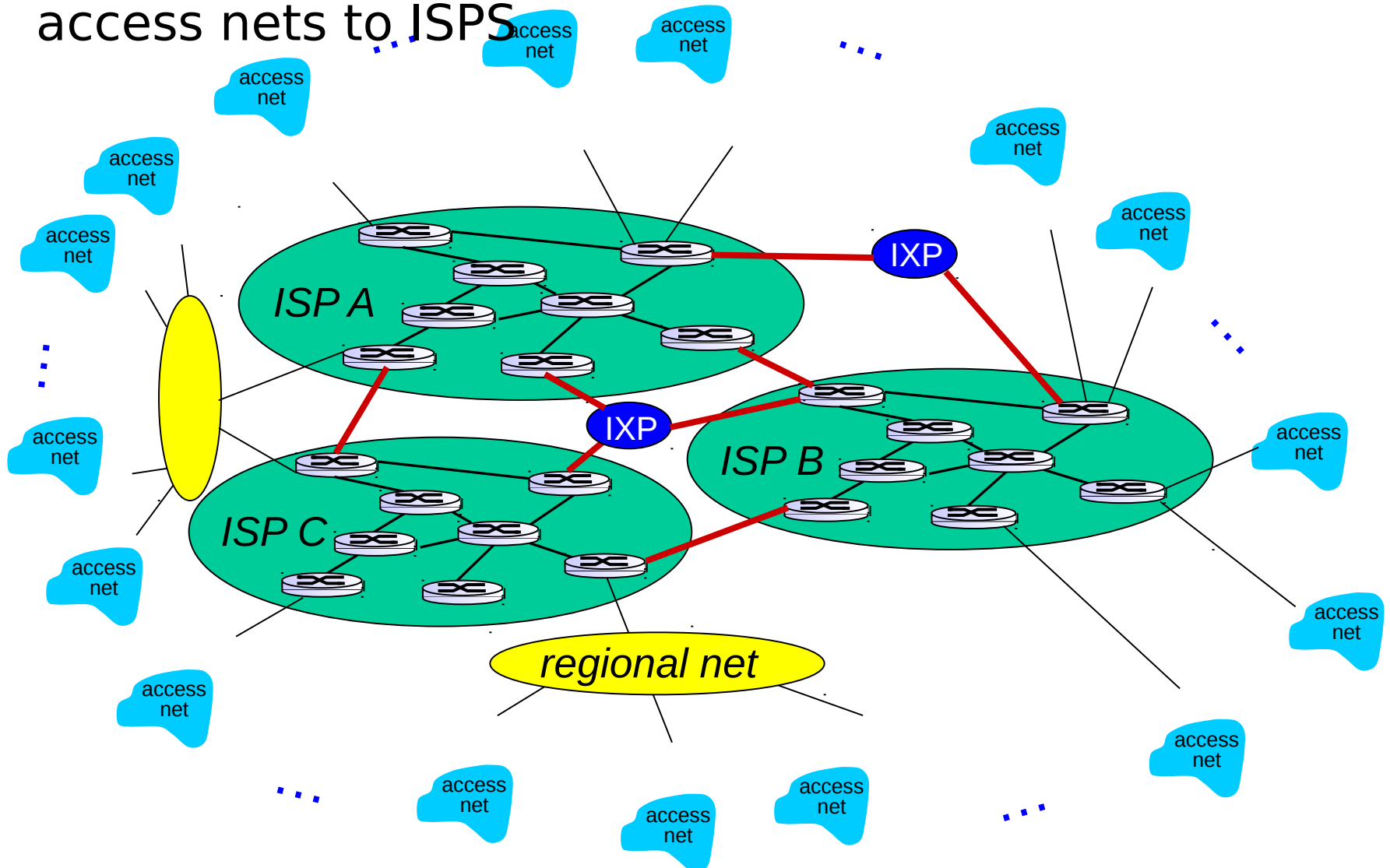
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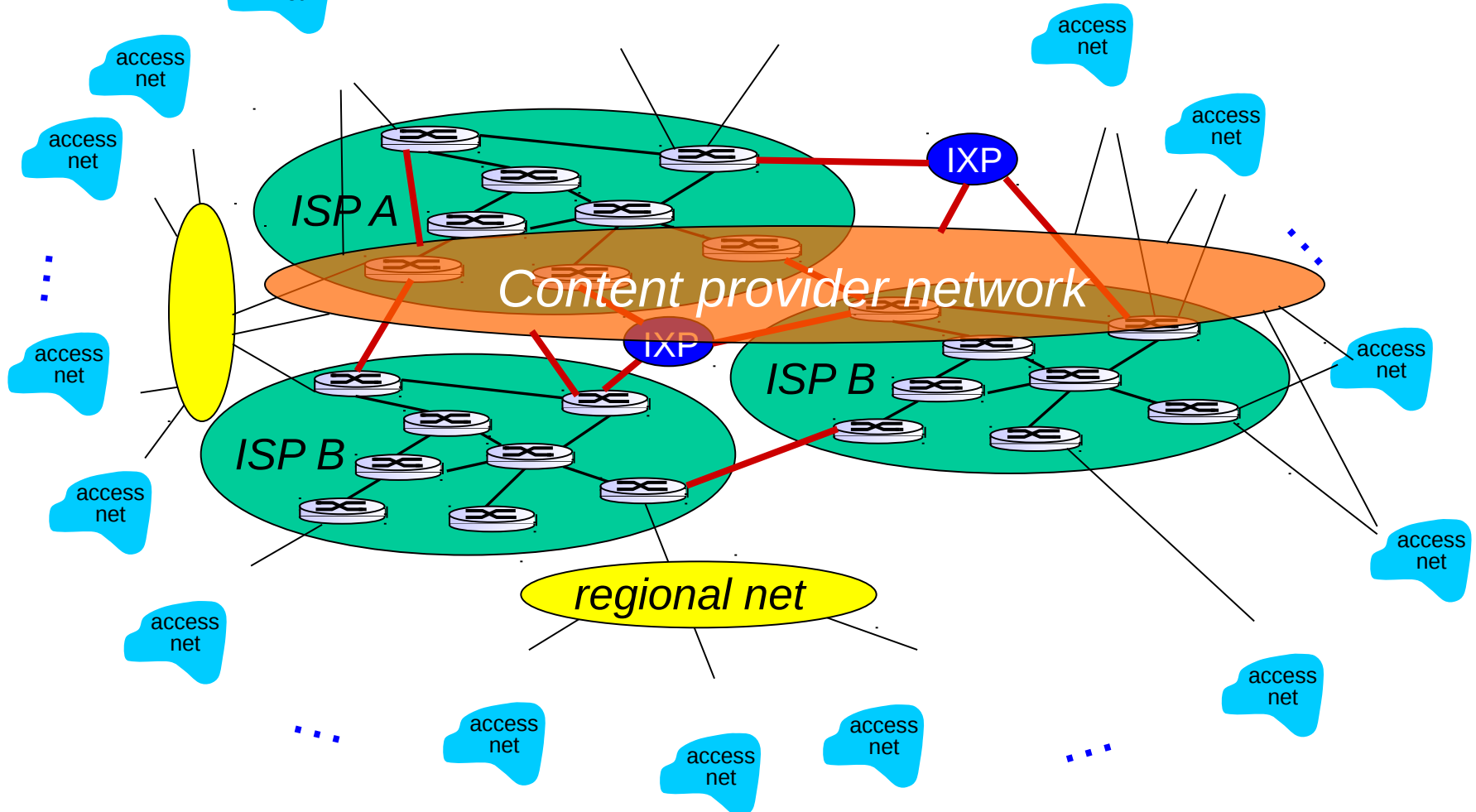
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... and regional networks may arise to connect access nets to ISPs

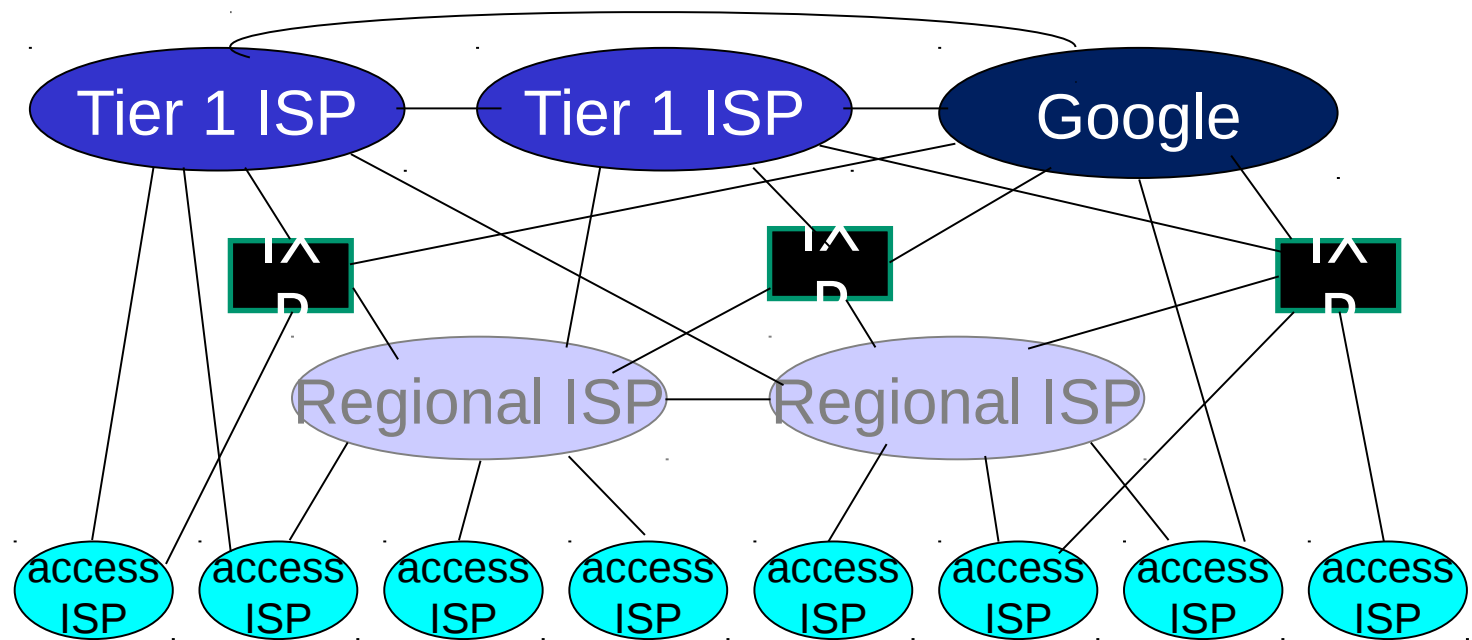


Internet structure: network of networks

... and content provider networks (e.g., Google, Microsoft, Akamai) may run their own network, to bring services, content close to end users



Internet structure: network of networks



- ❖ *at center: small # of well-connected large networks*
 - **“tier-1” commercial ISPs** (e.g., Level 3, Sprint, AT&T, NTT), national & international coverage
 - **content provider network** (e.g, Google): private network that connects its data centers to Internet, often bypassing tier-1, regional ISPs

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Protocol “layers”

*Networks are
complex,
with many
“pieces”:*

- hosts
- routers
- links of various media
- applications
- protocols
- hardware, software

Question: _

*is there any hope of
organizing
structure of
network?*

*.... or at least our
discussion of
networks?*

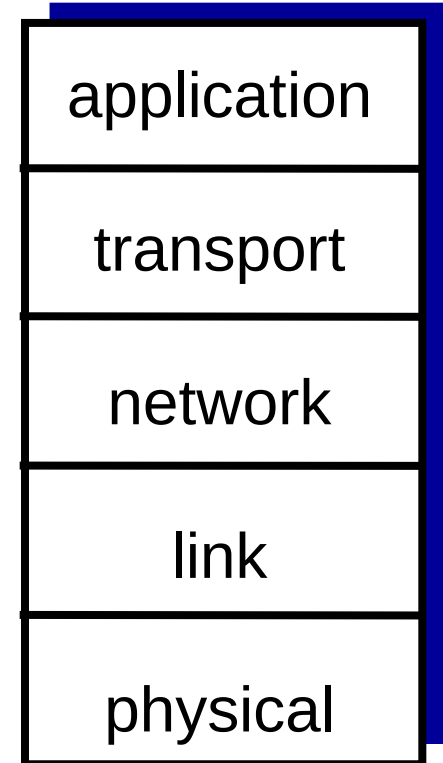
Why layering?

dealing with complex systems:

- ❖ *explicit structure allows identification, relationship of complex system's pieces*
 - layered *reference model* for discussion
- ❖ *modularization eases maintenance, updating of system*
 - change of implementation of layer's service transparent to rest of system
 - e.g., change in gate procedure doesn't affect rest of system

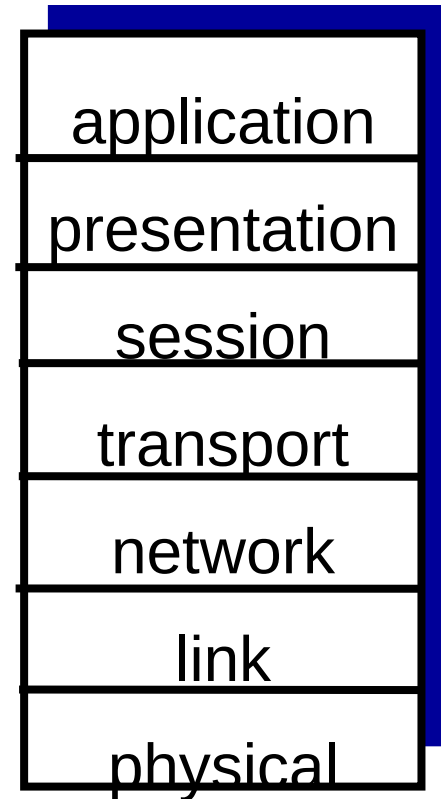
Internet protocol stack

- ❖ *application*: supporting network applications
 - FTP, SMTP, HTTP
- ❖ *transport*: process-process data transfer
 - TCP, UDP
- ❖ *network*: routing of datagrams from source to destination
 - IP, routing protocols
- ❖ *link*: data transfer between neighboring network elements
 - Ethernet, 802.111 (WiFi), PPP
- ❖ *physical*: bits “on the wire”



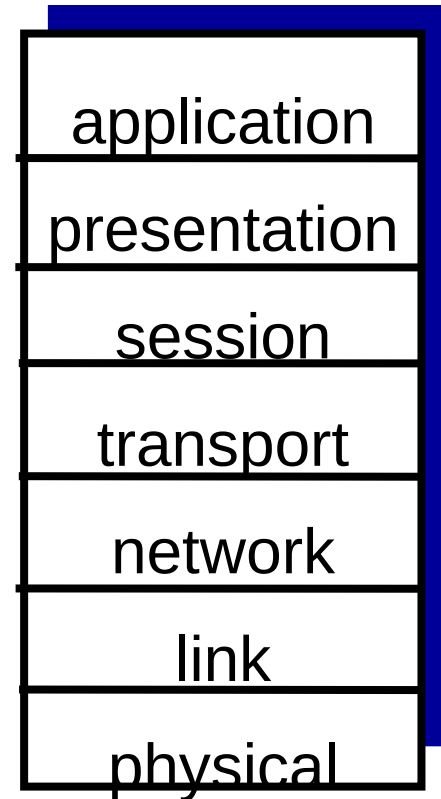
ISO/OSI reference model

- ❖ ***presentation:** allow applications to interpret meaning of data, e.g., encryption, compression, machine-specific conventions*
- ❖ ***session:** synchronization, checkpointing, recovery of data exchange*
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 - needed?

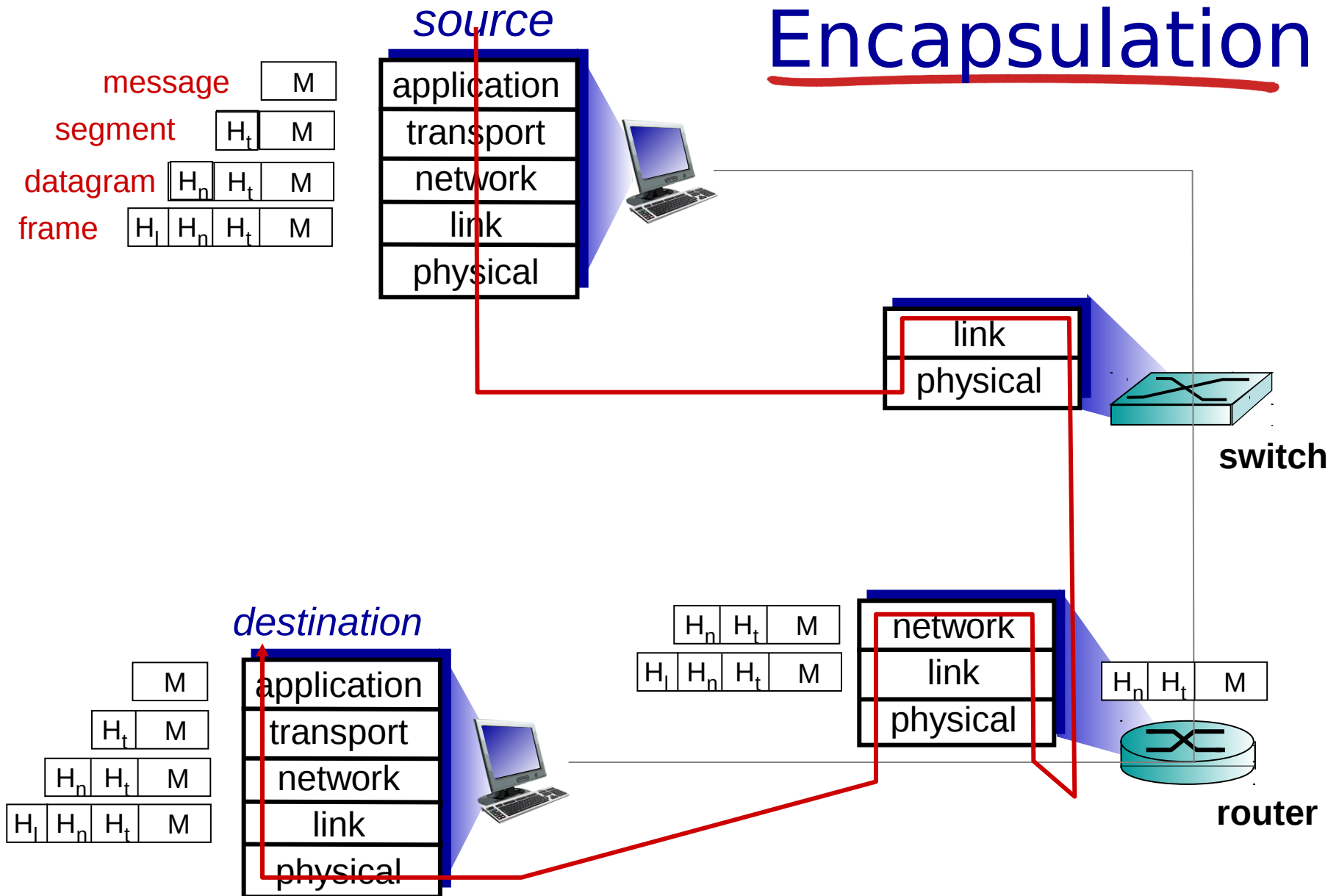


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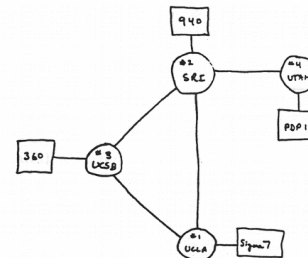
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1961-1972: Early packet-switching principles

- ❖ 1961: Kleinrock - queueing theory shows effectiveness of packet-switching
- ❖ 1964: Baran - packet-switching in military nets
- ❖ 1967: ARPAnet conceived by Advanced Research Projects Agency
- ❖ 1969: first ARPAnet node operational

❖ 1972:

- ARPAnet public demo
- NCP (Network Control Protocol) first host-host protocol
- first e-mail program
- ARPAnet has 15 nodes



THE ARPA NETWORK

Internet history

1972-1980: Internetworking, new and proprietary nets

- ❖ *1970: ALOHAnet satellite network in Hawaii*
- ❖ *1974: Cerf and Kahn - architecture for interconnecting networks*
- ❖ *1976: Ethernet at Xerox PARC*
- ❖ *late70's: proprietary architectures: DECnet, SNA, XNA*
- ❖ *late 70's: switching fixed length packets (ATM precursor)*
- ❖ *1979: ARPAnet has 200 nodes*

Cerf and Kahn's internetworking principles:

- minimalism, autonomy - no internal changes required to interconnect networks
- best effort service model
- stateless routers
- decentralized control

define today's Internet architecture

Internet history

1980-1990: new protocols, a proliferation of networks

- ❖ *1983: deployment of TCP/IP*
- ❖ *1982: smtp e-mail protocol defined*
- ❖ *1983: DNS defined for name-to-IP-address translation*
- ❖ *1985: ftp protocol defined*
- ❖ *1988: TCP congestion control*
- ❖ *new national networks: Csnet, BITnet, NSFnet, Minitel*
- ❖ *100,000 hosts connected to confederation of networks*

Internet history

1990, 2000's: commercialization, the Web, new apps

- *early 1990s: Web*

- HTML, HTTP: Berners-Lee
- 1994: Mosaic, later Netscape
- late 1990's: commercialization of the Web

late 1990's – 2000's:

- ❖ *more killer apps: instant messaging, P2P file sharing*
- ❖ *network security to forefront*
- ❖ *est. 50 million host, 100 million+ users*
- ❖ *backbone links running at Gbps*

Internet history

2005-present

- ❖ *~750 million hosts*
 - Smartphones and tablets
- ❖ *Aggressive deployment of broadband access*
- ❖ *Increasing ubiquity of high-speed wireless access*
- ❖ *Emergence of online social networks:*
 - Facebook: soon one billion users
- ❖ *Service providers (Google, Microsoft) create their own networks*
 - Bypass Internet, providing “instantaneous” access to search, email, etc.
- ❖ *E-commerce, universities, enterprises running their services in “cloud” (eg, Amazon EC2)*

Introduction: summary

covered a “ton” of material!

- ❖ *Internet overview*
- ❖ *what’s a protocol?*
- ❖ *network edge, core, access network*
 - packet-switching versus circuit-switching
 - Internet structure
- ❖ *performance: loss, delay, throughput*
- ❖ *layering, service models*
- ❖ *security*
- ❖ *history*

you now have:

- ❖ *context, overview, “feel” of networking*
- ❖ *more depth, detail to follow!*