Network Layer

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Network Layer - Goals

- Understand principles behind network layer services:
 - > network layer service models
 - forwarding versus routing
 - how a router works
 - routing (path selection)
 - > dealing with scale
 - advanced topics: IPv6, mobility, multicast

Network Layer - Outline

- > 4. 1 Introduction
- 4.2 Virtual circuit and datagram networks
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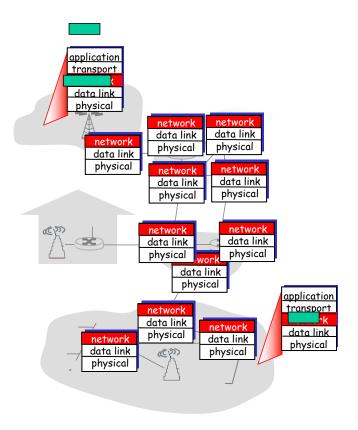
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Network Layer - Introduction

- transport segment from sending to receiving host
- on sending side encapsulates segments into datagrams
- on receiving side, delivers segments to transport layer
- network layer protocols in every host, router
- router examines header fields in all IP datagrams passing through it



Two Key Network-Layer Functions

- forwarding: move packets from router's input to appropriate router output
- routing: determine route taken by packets from source to destination.
 - > routing algorithms

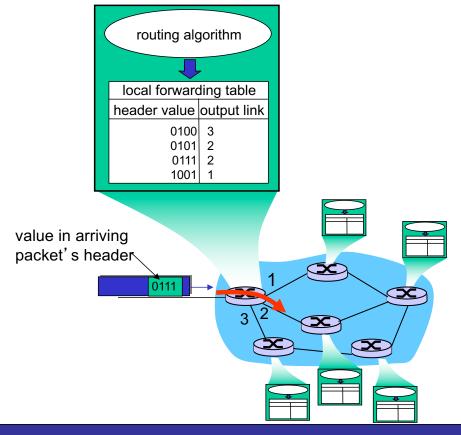
analogy:

- routing: process of planning trip from source to dest
- forwarding: process of getting through single interchange

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Interplay between routing and forwarding



Network layer connection and connection-less service

- Datagram network provides network-layer connectionless service
- Virtual Circuit network provides network-layer connection service
- analogous to the transport-layer services, but:
 - service: host-to-host
 - no choice: network provides one or the other
 - > implementation: in network core

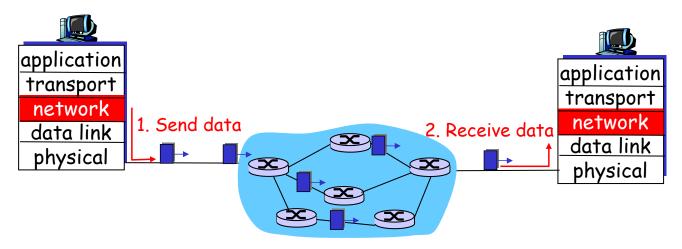
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Datagram networks

- no call setup at network layer
- routers: no state about end-to-end connections
 - > no network-level concept of "connection"
- packets forwarded using destination host address
 - packets between same source-dest pair may take different paths



Forwarding table

4 billion possible entries

Destination Address Range	Link Interface
11001000 00010111 00010000 00000000 through 11001000 00010111 00010111 11111111	0
11001000 00010111 00011000 00000000 through 11001000 00010111 00011000 11111111	1
11001000 00010111 00011001 00000000 through 11001000 00010111 00011111 11111111	2
otherwise	3

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Longest prefix matching

<u>Prefix Match</u>	<u>Link Interface</u>
11001000 00010111 00010	0
11001000 00010111 00011000	1
11001000 00010111 00011	2
otherwise	3

Examples

DA: 11001000 00010111 0001<mark>0110 10100001 Which interface?</mark>

DA: 11001000 00010111 00011000 10101010 Which interface?

Datagram or VC network: why?

Internet (datagram)

- data exchange among computers
 - "elastic" service, no strict timing req.
- "smart" end systems (computers)
 - can adapt, perform control, error recovery
 - simple inside network, complexity at "edge"
- many link types
 - different characteristics
 - uniform service difficult

ATM (VC)

- evolved from telephony
- human conversation:
 - strict timing, reliability requirements
 - need for guaranteed service
- "dumb" end systems
 - telephones
 - complexity inside network

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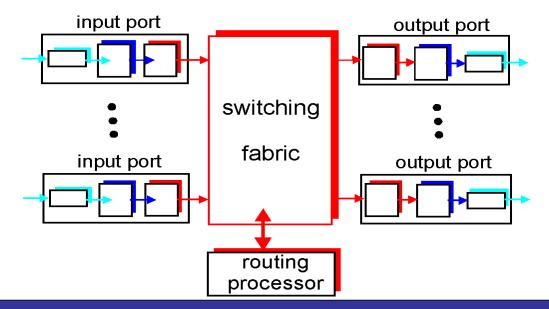
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Router Architecture Overview

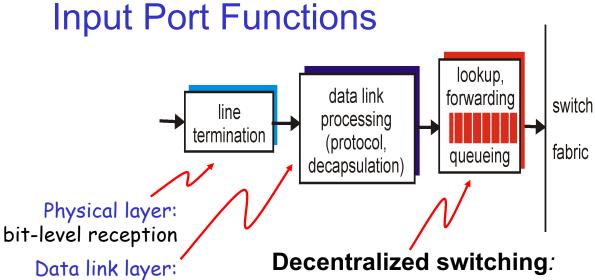
Two key router functions:

- run routing algorithms/protocol (RIP, OSPF, BGP)
- forwarding datagrams from incoming to outgoing link



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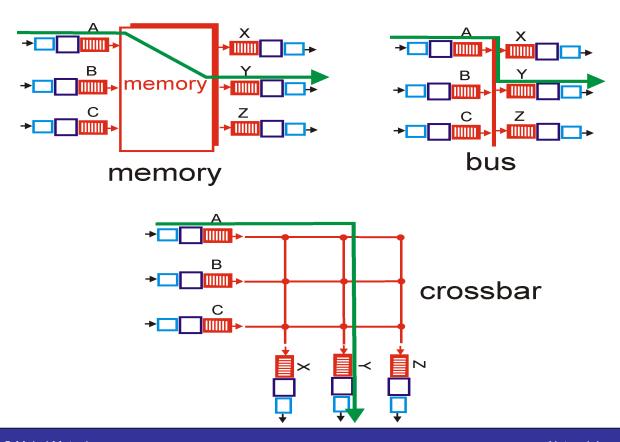
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e.g., Ethernet

- given datagram dest., lookup output port using forwarding table in input port memory
- goal: complete input port processing at 'line speed'
- queuing: if datagrams arrive faster than forwarding rate into switch fabric

Three types of switching fabrics



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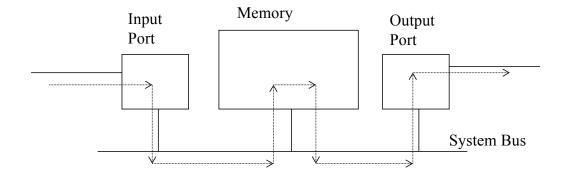
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Switching Via Memory

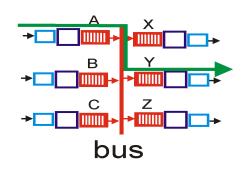
First generation routers:

- traditional computers with switching under direct control of CPU
- packet copied to system's memory
- > speed limited by memory bandwidth (2 bus crossings per datagram)



Switching Via a Bus

 datagram from input port memory to output port memory via a shared bus



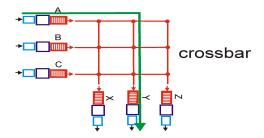
- bus contention: switching speed limited by bus bandwidth
- ➤ 32 Gbps bus, Cisco 5600: sufficient speed for access and enterprise routers

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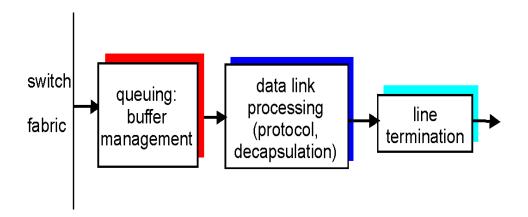
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Switching Via An Interconnection Network

- overcome bus bandwidth limitations
- Banyan networks, other interconnection nets initially developed to connect processors in multiprocessor
- advanced design: fragmenting datagram into fixed length cells, switch cells through the fabric.
- Cisco 12000: switches 60 Gbps through the interconnection network



Output Ports

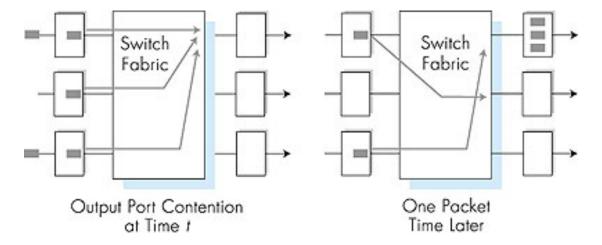


- Buffering required when datagrams arrive from fabric faster than the transmission rate
- Scheduling discipline chooses among queued datagrams for transmission

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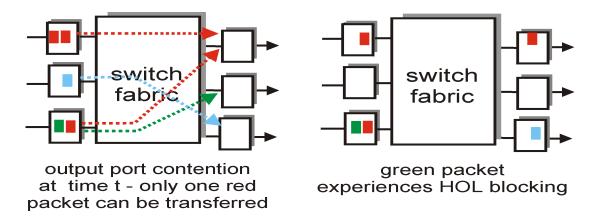
Output Port Queueing



- buffering when arrival rate via switch exceeds output line speed
- queueing (delay) and loss due to output port buffer overflow!
- ▶ Buffer sizing: $B=RTT*C/\sqrt{N}$, C=link capacity, N=# flows
- Packet scheduling: FCFS, WFQ
- Active queue management: RED

Input Port Queuing

- Fabric slower than input ports combined -> queueing may occur at input queues
- Head-of-the-Line (HOL) blocking: queued datagram at front of queue prevents others in queue from moving forward
- queueing delay and loss due to input buffer overflow!



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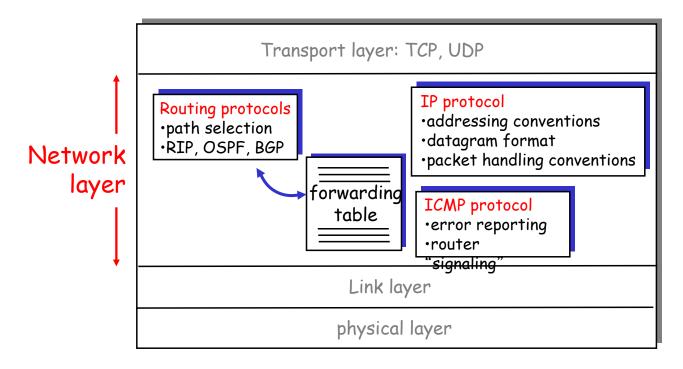
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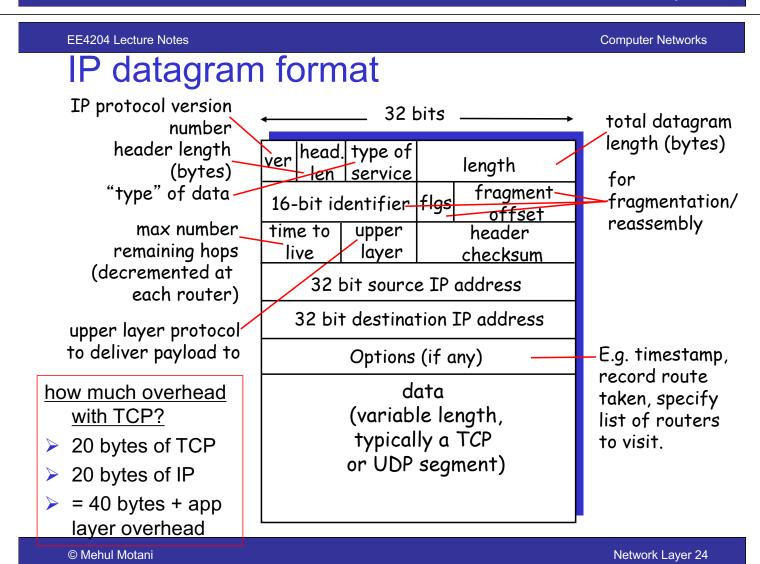
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The Internet Network layer

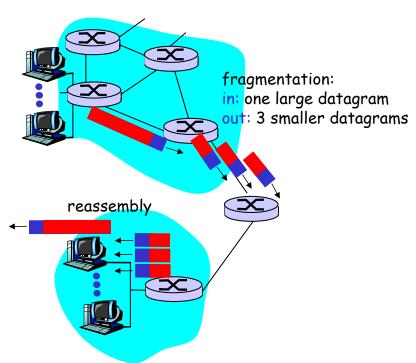
Host, router network layer functions:





IP Fragmentation & Reassembly

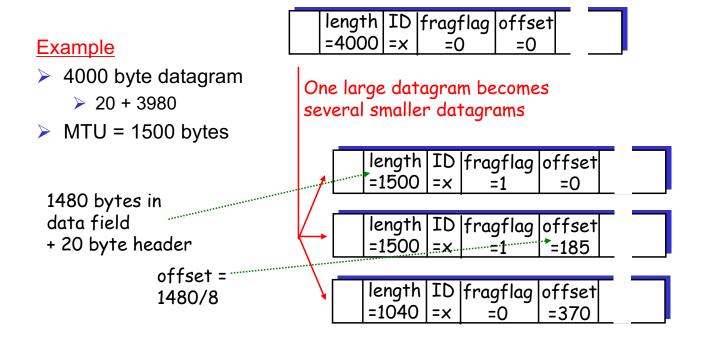
- network links have MTU (max.transfer size) - largest possible link-level frame.
 - different link types, different MTUs
- large IP datagram divided ("fragmented") within net
 - one datagram becomes several datagrams
 - "reassembled" only at final destination
 - IP header bits used to identify, order related fragments



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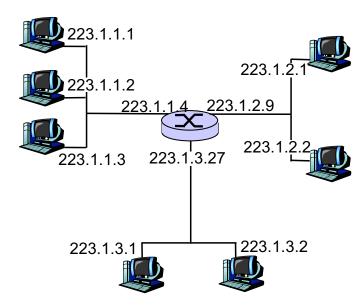
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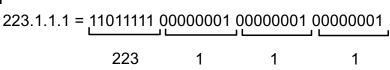
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IP Addressing - Introduction

- ➤ IP address: 32-bit identifier for host, router *interface*
- interface: connection between host/router and physical link
 - router's typically have multiple interfaces
 - host typically has one interface
 - IP addresses associated with each interface



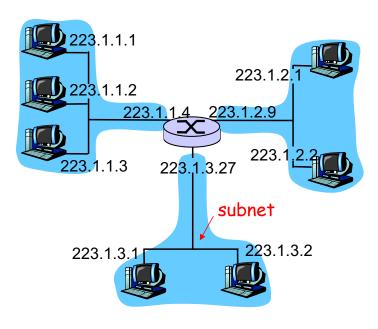


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Subnets

- > IP address:
 - subnet part (high order bits)
 - host part (low order bits)
- ➤ What's a subnet?
 - device interfaces with same subnet part of IP address
 - can physically reach each other without intervening router

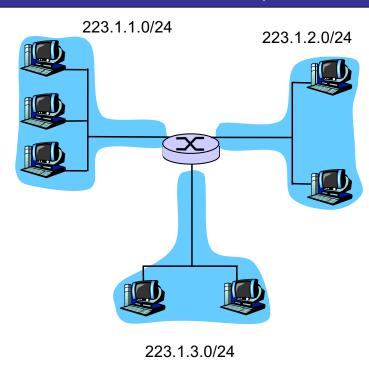


network consisting of 3 subnets

Subnets

Recipe

To determine the subnets, detach each interface from its host or router, creating islands of isolated networks. Each isolated network is called a subnet.



Subnet mask: /24

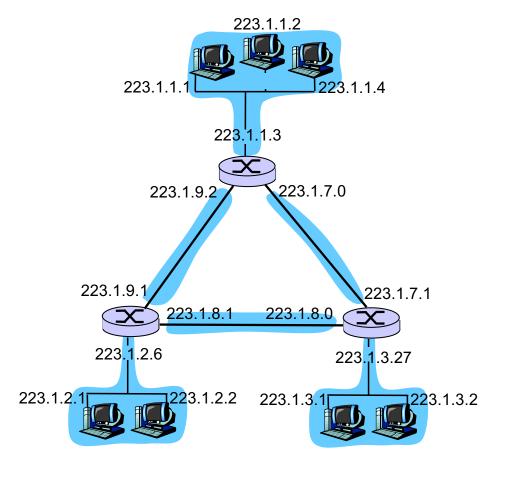
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Subnets

How many?



IP addressing: CIDR

CIDR: Classless InterDomain Routing

- subnet portion of address of arbitrary length
- address format: a.b.c.d/x, where x is # bits in subnet portion of address



200.23.16.0/23

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IP addresses: how to get one?

Q: How does host get IP address?

- hard-coded by system admin in a file
 - Wintel: control-panel->network->configuration->tcp/ip->properties
 - UNIX: /etc/rc.config
- DHCP: Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol: dynamically get address from as server
 - "plug-and-play"

DHCP: Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol

Goal: allow host to *dynamically* obtain its IP address from network server when it joins network

Can renew its lease on address in use

Allows reuse of addresses (only hold address while connected an "on"

Support for mobile users who want to join network (more shortly)

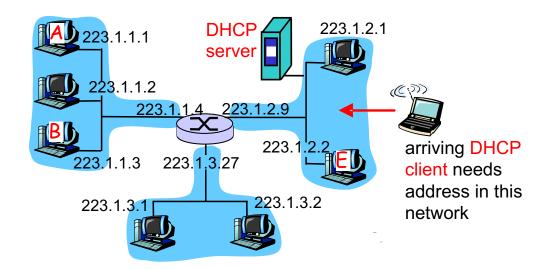
DHCP overview:

- host broadcasts "DHCP discover" msg
- > DHCP server responds with "DHCP offer" msg
- host requests IP address: "DHCP request" msg
- > DHCP server sends address: "DHCP ack" msg

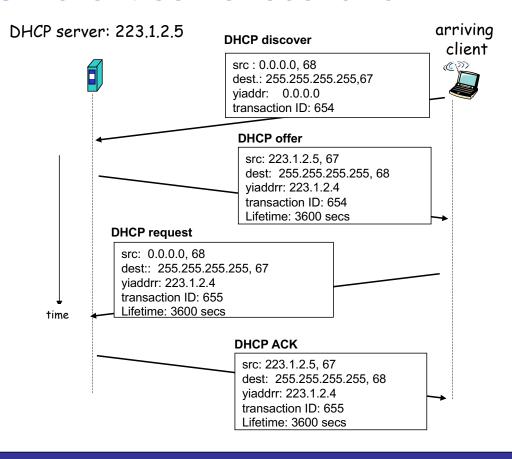
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DHCP client-server scenario



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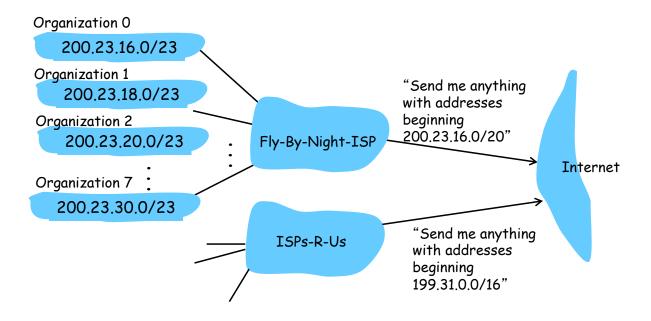
Q: How does *network* get subnet part of IP addr?

A: gets allocated portion of its provider ISP's address space

ISP's block	11001000	00010111	<u>0001</u> 0000	00000000	200.23.16.0/20
Organization 0	<u>11001000</u>	<u>00010111</u>	<u>0001000</u> 0	00000000	200.23.16.0/23
Organization 1	11001000	00010111	<u>0001001</u> 0	00000000	200.23.18.0/23
Organization 2	11001000	00010111	0001010	00000000	200.23.20.0/23
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Organization 7	11001000	00010111	00011110	00000000	200.23.30.0/23

Hierarchical addressing: route aggregation

Hierarchical addressing allows efficient advertisement of routing information:

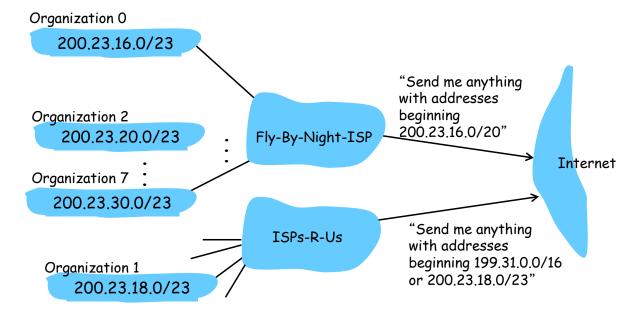


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Hierarchical addressing: more specific routes

ISPs-R-Us has a more specific route to Organization 1



IP addressing: the last word...

Q: How does an ISP get block of addresses?

A: ICANN: Internet Corporation for Assigned

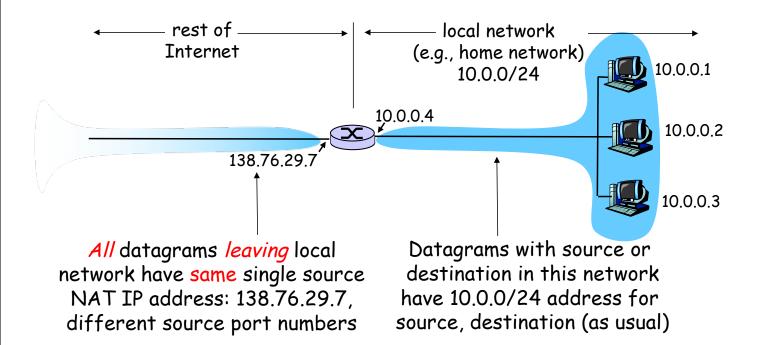
Names and Numbers

- allocates addresses
- > manages DNS
- > assigns domain names, resolves disputes

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NAT: Network Address Translation



NAT: Network Address Translation

- Motivation: local network uses just one IP address as far as outside world is concerned:
 - range of addresses not needed from ISP: just one IP address for all devices
 - can change addresses of devices in local network without notifying outside world
 - can change ISP without changing addresses of devices in local network
 - devices inside local net not explicitly addressable, visible by outside world (a security plus).

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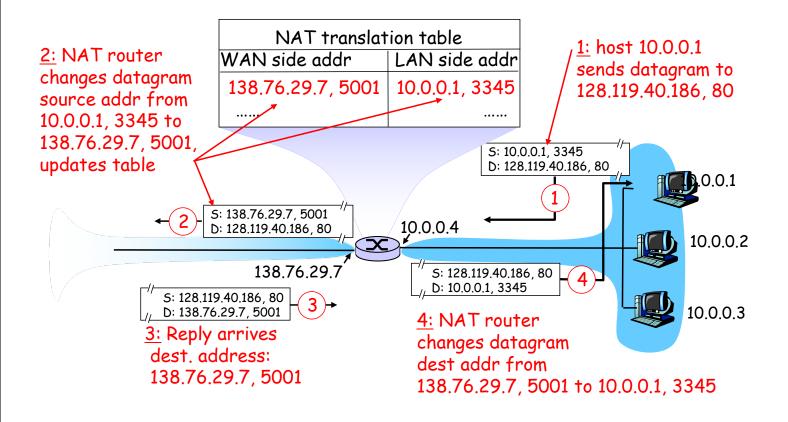
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NAT: Network Address Translation

Implementation: NAT router must:

- outgoing datagrams: replace (source IP address, port #) of every outgoing datagram to (NAT IP address, new port #)
 - ... remote clients/servers will respond using (NAT IP address, new port #) as destination addr.
- remember (in NAT translation table) every (source IP address, port
 to (NAT IP address, new port #) translation pair
- incoming datagrams: replace (NAT IP address, new port #) in dest fields of every incoming datagram with corresponding (source IP address, port #) stored in NAT table

NAT: Network Address Translation



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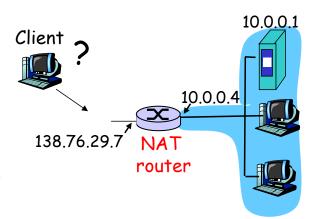
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NAT: Network Address Translation

- 16-bit port-number field:
 - ➤ 60,000 simultaneous connections with a single LANside address!
- NAT is controversial:
 - > routers should only process up to layer 3
 - > violates end-to-end argument
 - ➤ NAT possibility must be taken into account by app designers, eg, P2P applications
 - > address shortage should instead be solved by IPv6

NAT traversal problem

- client want to connect to server with address 10.0.0.1
 - server address 10.0.0.1 local to LAN (client can't use it as destination addr)
 - only one externally visible NATted address: 138.76.29.7
- Solution 1: statically configure NAT to forward incoming connection requests at given port to server
 - e.g., (123.76.29.7, port 2500) always forwarded to 10.0.0.1 port 25000

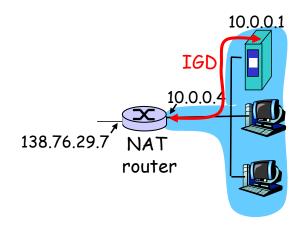


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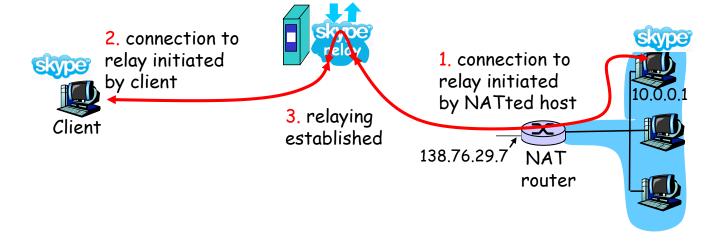
NAT traversal problem

- solution 2: Universal Plug and Play (UPnP) Internet Gateway Device (IGD) Protocol. Allows NATted host to:
 - learn public IP address (138.76.29.7)
 - enumerate existing port mappings
 - *add/remove port mappings (with lease times)
 - i.e., automate static NAT port map configuration



NAT traversal problem

- solution 3: relaying (used in Skype)
 - > NATed server establishes connection to relay
 - External client connects to relay
 - > relay bridges packets between to connections



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ICMP: Internet Control Message Protocol

- used by hosts & routers to communicate network-level information
 - error reporting: unreachable host, network, port, protocol
 - echo request/reply (used by ping)
- network-layer "above" IP:
 - ICMP msgs carried in IP datagrams
- ICMP message: type, code plus first 8 bytes of IP datagram causing error

<u>Type</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>description</u>
0	0	echo reply (ping)
3	0	dest. network unreachable
3	1	dest host unreachable
3	2	dest protocol unreachable
3	3	dest port unreachable
3	6	dest network unknown
3	7	dest host unknown
4	0	source quench (congestion
		control - not used)
8	0	echo request (ping)
9	0	route advertisement
10	0	router discovery
11	0	TTL expired
12	0	bad IP header

Traceroute and ICMP

- Source sends series of UDP segments to dest
 - First has TTL =1
 - Second has TTL=2, etc.
 - Unlikely port number
- When nth datagram arrives to nth router:
 - Router discards datagram
 - And sends to source an ICMP message (type 11, code 0)
 - Message includes name of router& IP address

- When ICMP message arrives, source calculates RTT
- Traceroute does this 3 times

Stopping criterion

- UDP segment eventually arrives at destination host
- Destination returns ICMP "host unreachable" packet (type 3, code 3)
- When source gets this ICMP, stops.

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IPv6

- Initial motivation: 32-bit address space soon to be completely allocated.
- Additional motivation:
 - header format helps speed processing/forwarding
 - header changes to facilitate QoS

IPv6 datagram format:

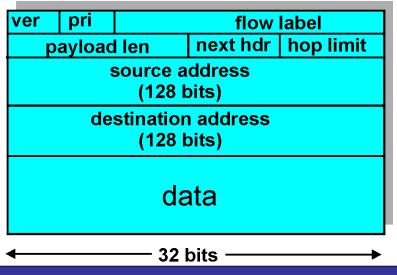
- ▶ fixed-length 40 byte header
- no fragmentation allowed

IPv6 Header (Cont)

Priority: identify priority among datagrams in flow Flow Label: identify datagrams in same "flow."

(concept of "flow" not well defined).

Next header: identify upper layer protocol for data



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Other Changes from IPv4

- Checksum: removed entirely to reduce processing time at each hop
- Options: allowed, but outside of header, indicated by "Next Header" field
- > ICMPv6: new version of ICMP
 - additional message types, e.g. "Packet Too Big"
 - > multicast group management functions

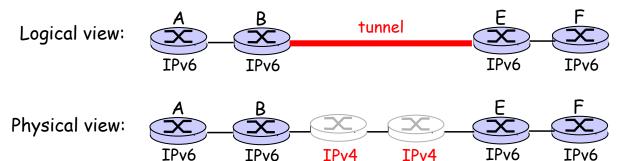
Transition From IPv4 To IPv6

- Not all routers can be upgraded simultaneous
 - > no "flag days"
 - ➤ How will the network operate with mixed IPv4 and IPv6 routers?
- Tunneling: IPv6 carried as payload in IPv4 datagram among IPv4 routers

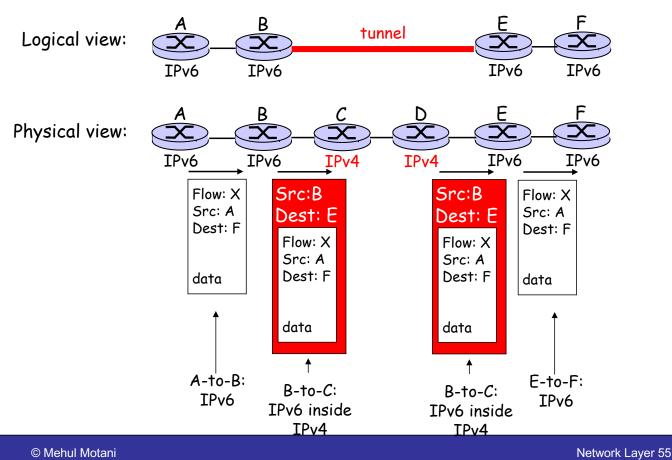
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Tunneling



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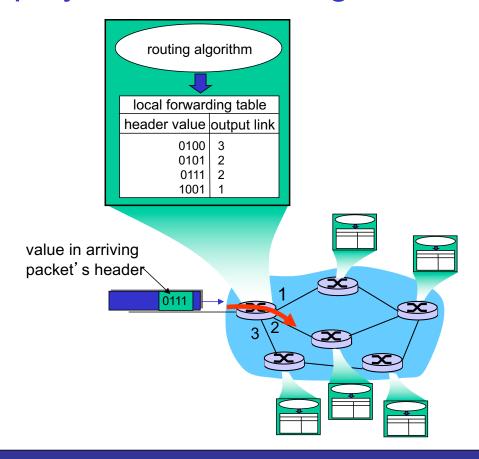
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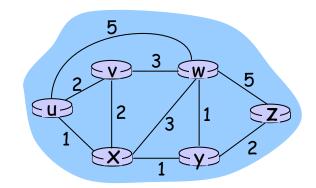
Interplay between routing, forwarding



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Graph abstraction



Graph: G = (N,E)

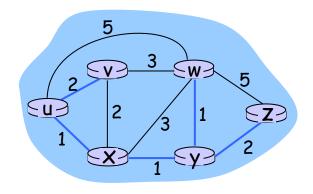
 $N = set of routers = \{ u, v, w, x, y, z \}$

 $E = set of links = \{ (u,v), (u,x), (v,x), (v,w), (x,w), (x,y), (w,y), (w,z), (y,z) \}$

Remark: Graph abstraction is useful in other network contexts

Example: P2P, where N is set of peers and E is set of TCP connections

Graph abstraction: costs



- $\cdot c(x,x') = cost of link(x,x')$
 - -e.g., c(w,z) = 5
- cost could always be 1, or inversely related to bandwidth, or inversely related to congestion

Cost of path
$$(x_1, x_2, x_3, ..., x_p) = c(x_1, x_2) + c(x_2, x_3) + ... + c(x_{p-1}, x_p)$$

Question: What's the least-cost path between u and z?

Routing algorithm: algorithm that finds least-cost path

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Routing Algorithm classification

Global or decentralized information?

Global:

- all routers have complete topology, link cost info
- "link state" algorithms

Decentralized:

- router knows physicallyconnected neighbors, link costs to neighbors
- iterative process of computation, exchange of info with neighbors
- "distance vector" algorithms

Static or dynamic?

Static:

routes change slowly over time

Dynamic:

- routes change more quickly
 - periodic update
 - in response to link cost changes

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A Link-State Routing Algorithm

Dijkstra's algorithm

- net topology, link costs known to all nodes
 - accomplished via "link state broadcast"
 - > all nodes have same info
- computes least cost paths from one node ('source") to all other nodes
 - gives forwarding table for that node
- iterative: after k iterations, know least cost path to k dest.'s

Notation:

- C(x,y): link cost from node x to y; = ∞ if not direct neighbors
- > D(v): current value of cost of path from source to dest. v
- p(v): predecessor node along path from source to v
- N': set of nodes whose least cost path definitively known

Dijsktra's Algorithm

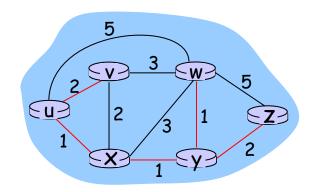
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Initialization:
    N' = \{u\}
    for all nodes v
     if v adjacent to u
        then D(v) = c(u,v)
     else D(v) = \infty
8
   Loop
    find w not in N' such that D(w) is a minimum
9
10
     add w to N'
11
     update D(v) for all v adjacent to w and not in N':
       D(v) = \min(D(v), D(w) + c(w,v))
13
     /* new cost to v is either old cost to v or known
      shortest path cost to w plus cost from w to v */
14
15 until all nodes in N'
```

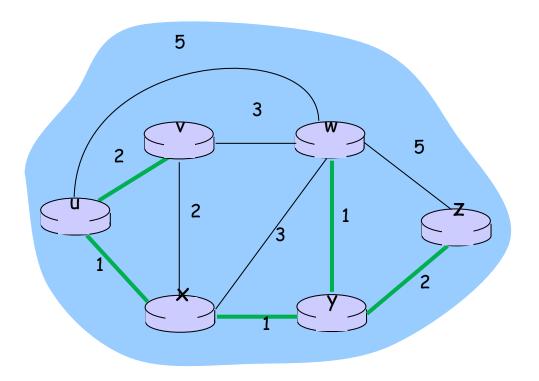
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Dijkstra's algorithm: example

Ste	р	N'	D(v),p(v)	D(w),p(w)	D(x),p(x)	D(y),p(y)	D(z),p(z)
	0	u	2,u	5,u	1,u	∞	∞
	1	ux←	2,u	4,x		2,x	∞
	2	uxy <mark>←</mark>	2,u	3,y			4,y
	3	uxyv		3,y			4,y
	4	uxyvw 🗲					4,y
	5	uxyvwz •					





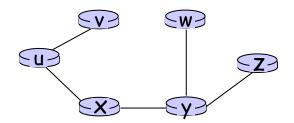
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Dijkstra's algorithm: example (2)

Resulting shortest-path tree from u:



Resulting forwarding table in u:

destination	link	
V	(u,v)	
X	(u,x)	
У	(u,x)	
w	(u,x)	
Z	(u,x)	

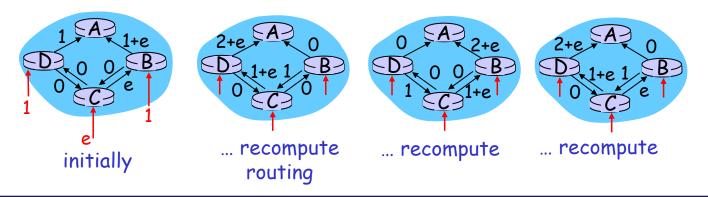
Dijkstra's algorithm, discussion

Algorithm complexity: n nodes

- each iteration: need to check all nodes, w, not in N
- > n(n+1)/2 comparisons: O(n²)
- more efficient implementations possible: O(nlogn)

Oscillations possible:

e.g., link cost = amount of carried traffic



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Distance Vector Algorithm

Bellman-Ford Equation (dynamic programming)

Define

 $d_{x}(y) := cost of least-cost path from x to y$

Then

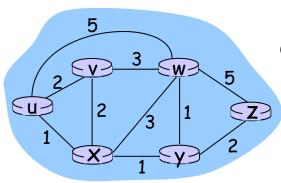
$$d_{x}(y) = \min_{v} \{c(x,v) + d_{v}(y)\}$$

where min is taken over all neighbors v of x

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Bellman-Ford example



Clearly,
$$d_v(z) = 5$$
, $d_x(z) = 3$, $d_w(z) = 3$

B-F equation says:

$$d_{u}(z) = \min \{ c(u,v) + d_{v}(z), c(u,x) + d_{x}(z), c(u,w) + d_{w}(z) \}$$

$$= \min \{ 2 + 5, 1 + 3, 5 + 3 \} = 4$$

Node that achieves minimum is next hop in shortest path → forwarding table

Distance Vector Algorithm

- $> D_x(y) =$ estimate of least cost from x to y
- Node x knows cost to each neighbor v: c(x,v)
- Node x maintains distance vector D_x = [D_x(y): y ∈ N]
- Node x also maintains its neighbors' distance vectors
 - For each neighbor v, x maintains $D_v = [D_v(y): y \in N]$

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Distance vector algorithm (4)

Basic idea:

- Each node periodically sends its own distance vector estimate to neighbors
- When a node x receives new DV estimate from neighbor, it updates its own DV using B-F equation:

$$D_{x}(y) \leftarrow \min_{y} \{c(x,y) + D_{y}(y)\}$$
 for each node $y \in N$

Under minor, natural conditions, the estimate D_x(y) converge to the actual least cost d_x(y)

Distance Vector Algorithm (5)

Iterative, asynchronous:

each local iteration caused by:

- local link cost change
- DV update message from neighbor

Distributed:

- each node notifies neighbors only when its DV changes
 - neighbors then notify their neighbors if necessary

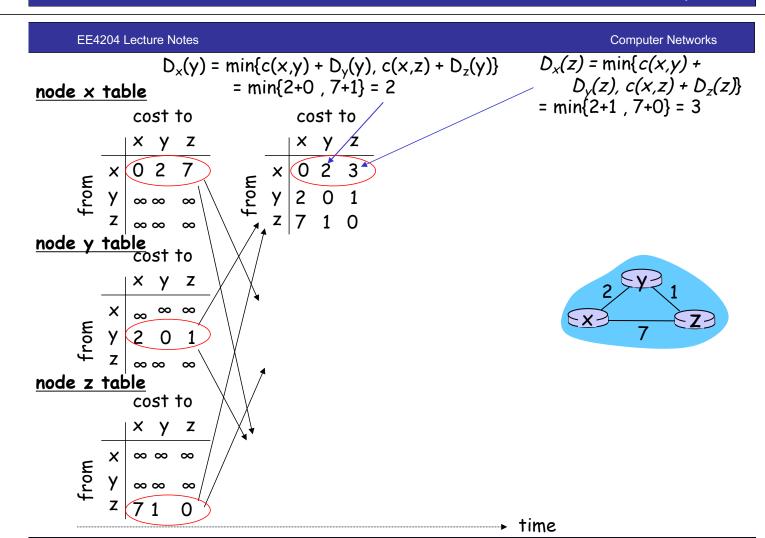
Each node:

wait for (change in local link cost or msg from neighbor)

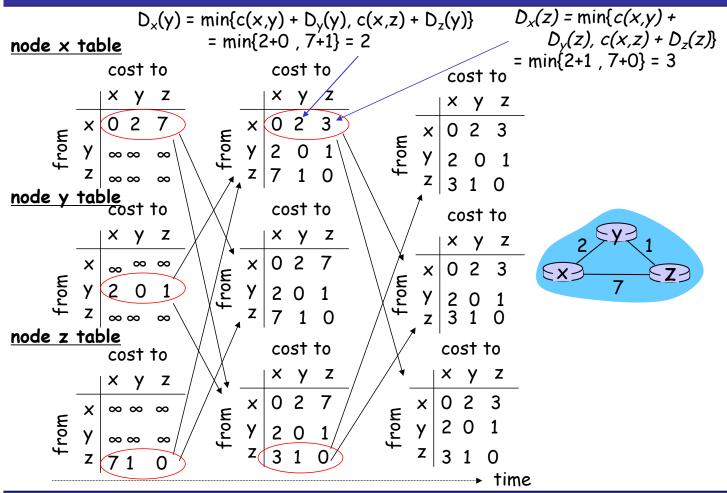
recompute estimates

if DV to any dest has changed, notify neighbors

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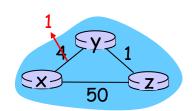
Distance Vector: link cost changes

Link cost changes:

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- node detects local link cost change
- updates routing info, recalculates distance vector
- if DV changes, notify neighbors



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"good news travels fast" At time $t_{\it O}$, y detects the link-cost change, updates its DV, and informs its neighbors.

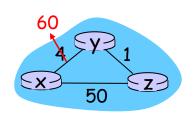
At time t_1 , z receives the update from y and updates its table. It computes a new least cost to x and sends its neighbors its DV

At time t_2 , y receives z's update and updates its distance table. y's least costs do not change and hence y does not send any message to z.

Distance Vector: link cost changes

Link cost changes:

- good news travels fast ©
- bad news travels slow ®
- (x,y)=60 → 44 iterations before algorithm stabilizes
- ▶ If links break → count to infinity" problem!



Poisoned reverse:

- If Z routes through Y to get to X :
 - Z tells Y its (Z's) distance to X is infinite (so Y won't route to X via Z)
- will this completely solve count to infinity problem?

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Comparison of LS and DV algorithms

Message complexity

- LS: with n nodes, E links, O(nE) msgs sent
- <u>DV:</u> exchange between neighbors only
 - convergence time varies

Speed of Convergence

- LS: O(n²) algorithm requires O(nE) msgs
 - may have oscillations
- DV: convergence time varies
 - may be routing loops
 - count-to-infinity problem

Robustness: what happens if router malfunctions?

LS:

- node can advertise incorrect link cost
- each node computes only its own table

DV:

- DV node can advertise incorrect path cost
- each node's table used by others
 - errors propagate thru network

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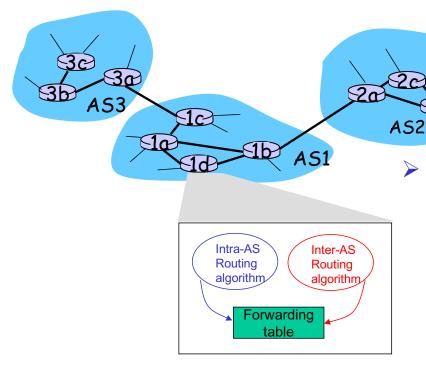
Hierarchical Routing

So far → ideal network

- all routers identical
- network is "flat"
- not true in practice

- How to scale to over 200 million destinations
- Can't store all destination ids in routing tables!
- administrative autonomy each network admin may want to control routing in its own network
- aggregate routers into: "autonomous systems" (AS)
- routers in same AS run same routing protocol: "intra-AS" routing protocol
 - routers in different AS can run different intra-AS routing protocol
- Routers run inter-AS routing protocol between AS

Interconnected ASes



forwarding table configured by both intra- and inter-AS routing algorithm

- intra-AS sets entries for internal dests
- inter-AS & Intra-As sets entries for external dests

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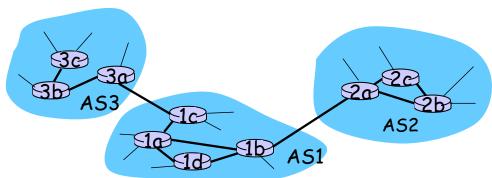
Inter-AS tasks

- suppose router in AS1 receives datagram dest outside of AS1
 - router should forward packet to gateway router, but which one?

AS1 must:

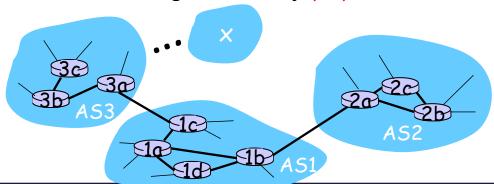
- learn which dests reachable through AS2, which through AS3
- propagate this reachability info to all routers in AS1

Job of inter-AS routing!



Example: Setting forwarding table in router 1d

- suppose AS1 learns (via inter-AS protocol) that subnet x reachable via AS3 (gateway 1c) but not via AS2.
- inter-AS protocol propagates reachability info to all internal routers.
- router 1d determines from intra-AS routing info that its interface / is on the least cost path to 1c.
 - installs forwarding table entry (x,l)



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Intra-AS Routing

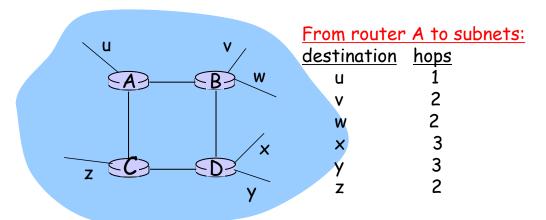
- also known as Interior Gateway Protocols (IGP)
- most common Intra-AS routing protocols:
 - > RIP: Routing Information Protocol (Distance Vector)
 - OSPF: Open Shortest Path First (Link State)
 - ➤ IGRP: Interior Gateway Routing Protocol (Cisco proprietary)

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RIP (Routing Information Protocol)

- distance vector algorithm
- included in BSD-UNIX Distribution in 1982
- distance metric: # of hops (max = 15 hops)
- <u>distance vectors:</u> exchanged among neighbors every 30 sec via Response Message (also called advertisement)
- each advertisement: list of up to 25 destination nets within AS



RIP: Link Failure and Recovery

If no advertisement heard after 180 sec --> neighbor/link declared dead

- routes via neighbor invalidated
- > new advertisements sent to neighbors
- neighbors in turn send out new advertisements (if tables changed)
- > link failure info quickly (?) propagates to entire net
- poison reverse used to prevent ping-pong loops (infinite distance = 16 hops)

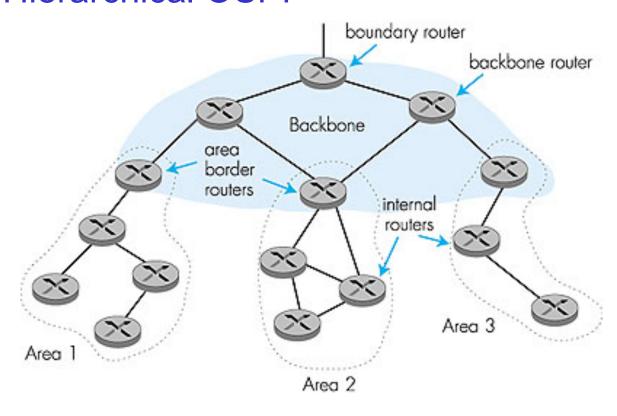
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OSPF (Open Shortest Path First)

- "open": publicly available
- uses Link State algorithm
 - LS packet dissemination
 - > topology map at each node
 - route computation using Dijkstra's algorithm
- OSPF advertisement carries one entry per neighbor router
- advertisements disseminated to entire AS (via flooding)
 - carried in OSPF messages directly over IP (rather than TCP or UDP

Hierarchical OSPF



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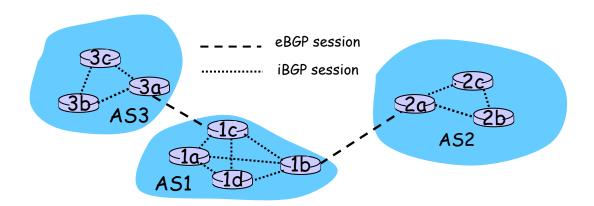
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Internet inter-AS routing: BGP

- BGP (Border Gateway Protocol): the de facto standard
- BGP provides each AS a means to:
 - 1. Obtain subnet reachability information from neighboring ASs.
 - Propagate reachability information to all AS-internal routers.
 - 3. Determine "good" routes to subnets based on reachability information and policy.
- allows subnet to advertise its existence to rest of Internet: "I am here"

BGP basics

- pairs of routers (BGP peers) exchange routing info over semi-permanent TCP connections: BGP sessions
 - > BGP sessions need not correspond to physical links.
- when AS2 advertises prefix to AS1:
 - AS2 promises it will forward any addresses datagrams towards that prefix.
 - AS2 can aggregate prefixes in its advertisement



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Why different Intra- and Inter-AS routing?

Policy:

- Inter-AS: admin wants control over how its traffic routed, who routes through its net.
- Intra-AS: single admin, so no policy decisions needed

Scale:

hierarchical routing saves table size, reduced update traffic

Performance:

- Intra-AS: can focus on performance
- Inter-AS: policy may dominate over performance

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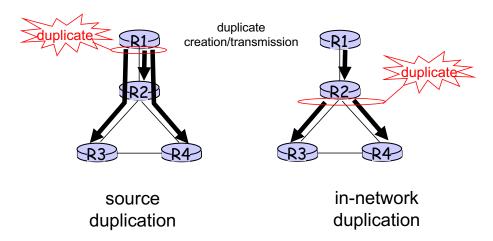
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Broadcast Routing

- deliver packets from source to all other nodes
- source duplication is inefficient:



source duplication: how does source determine recipient addresses?

In-network duplication

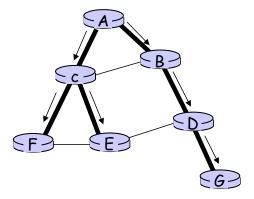
- flooding: when node receives brdcst pckt, sends copy to all neighbors
 - > Problems: cycles & broadcast storm
- controlled flooding: node only broadcasts packet if it has not broadcast same packet before
 - Node keeps track of pckt ids already brdcsted
 - ➤ Or reverse path forwarding (RPF): only forward pckt if it arrived on shortest path between node and source
- spanning tree
 - > No redundant packets received by any node

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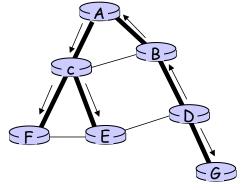
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Spanning Tree

- First construct a spanning tree
 - > A graph with no loops that covers all the nodes
- Nodes forward copies only along spanning tree
 - Results in no redundant packets transmitted or received by any node



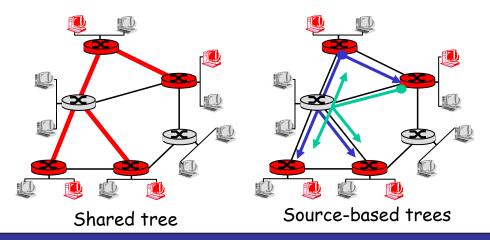
(a) Broadcast initiated at A



(b) Broadcast initiated at D

Multicast Routing: Problem Statement

- ➤ Goal: find a tree connecting routers having local multicast group members
 - <u>tree:</u> not all paths between routers used
 - > source-based: different tree from each sender to rcvrs
 - <u>shared-tree:</u> same tree used by all group members

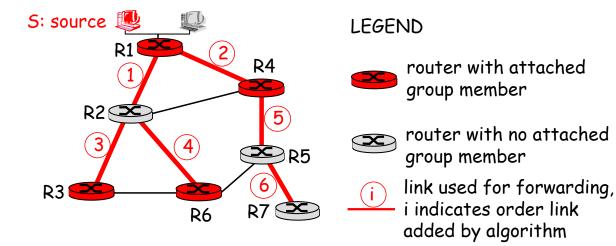


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Shortest Path Tree

- multicast forwarding tree: tree of shortest path routes from <u>specific</u> source to all receivers
 - ➤ Dijkstra's algorithm



Optimum shared tree – Steiner Tree

- Steiner Tree: minimum cost tree connecting all routers with attached group members
- problem is NP-complete
- excellent heuristics exists
- not used in practice:
 - computational complexity
 - information about entire network needed
 - monolithic: rerun whenever a router needs to join/leave

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