

CHAPTER **6** The Link Layer

Our goals:

- ❖ understand principles behind link layer services:
 - error detection, correction
 - sharing a broadcast channel: multiple access
 - link layer addressing
 - Local Area Networks: Ethernet, VLANs
- ❖ Instantiation (provide tangible example), implementation of various link layer technologies

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Roadmap:

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(6.1) Introduction

Terminology:

- ❖ hosts and routers: _____
- ❖ communication channels that connect adjacent nodes along communication path: _____
 - wired links
 - wireless links
 - LANs
- ❖ layer-2 packet: _____, encapsulates datagram

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

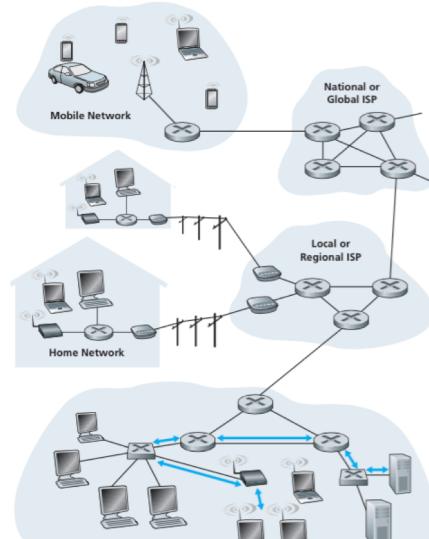


Figure: Six link-layer hops between wireless host and server.

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Link Layer: Context

Transportation analogy:

- ❖ Trip from Princeton to Lausanne
 - Limo : Princeton to JFK
 - Plane : JFK to Geneva
 - Train : Geneva to Lausanne
- ❖ Tourist = frame
- ❖ Transport segment = communication link
- ❖ Transportation mode = link layer protocol
- ❖ Travel agent = routing algorithm

JFK (John F. Kennedy, New York)

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Link Layer Services

- ❖ *Framing, Link access:*
 - encapsulate _____ into _____, adding header, trailer
 - channel access if shared medium
 - “MAC” addresses (e.g.: 74-29-2F-10-54-1A-FF-0F)
used in **frame headers** to identify source, destination
 - different from IP address (e.g.: 161.139.68.204)!
- ❖ *Reliable delivery between adjacent nodes:*
 - we learned how to do this already (chapter 3)!
 - seldom used on low bit-error link (fiber, some twisted pair)
 - wireless links: high error rates

MAC (Medium Access Control)

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Link Layer Services

- ❖ *Flow control:*
 - pacing between adjacent sending and receiving nodes
- ❖ *Error _____:*
 - errors caused by signal attenuation, noise.
 - receiver detects presence of errors:
 - signals sender for retransmission or drops frame
- ❖ *Error _____:*
 - 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

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Where is the Link Layer implemented?

- ❖ in each and every host
- ❖ link layer implemented in “adaptor” (aka
(NIC)) or on a chip
 - Ethernet card (wired), 802.11 card (wireless); Ethernet chipset
 - implements link, physical layer
- ❖ attaches into host’s system buses
- ❖ combination of hardware, software, firmware

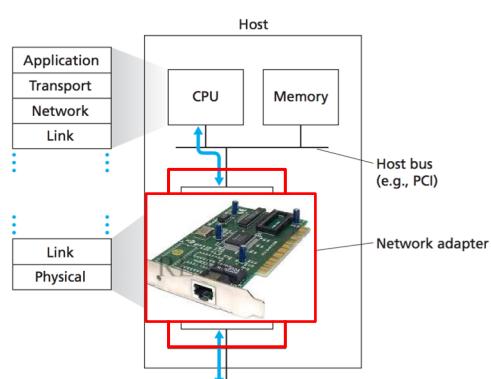
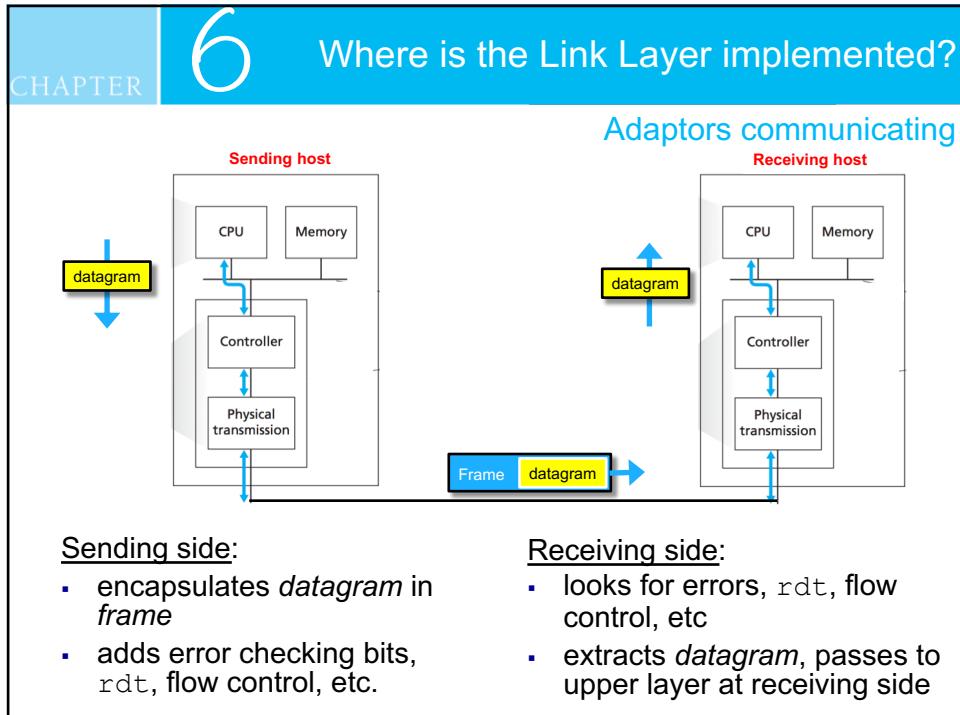


Figure: Network adapter: its relationship to other host components and to protocol stack functionality.

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Data Link Layer 5-10

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(6.2) Error-Detection and -Correction Techniques

EDC = *Error Detection and Correction* bits (redundancy)
 D = *Data* protected by error checking, may include header fields

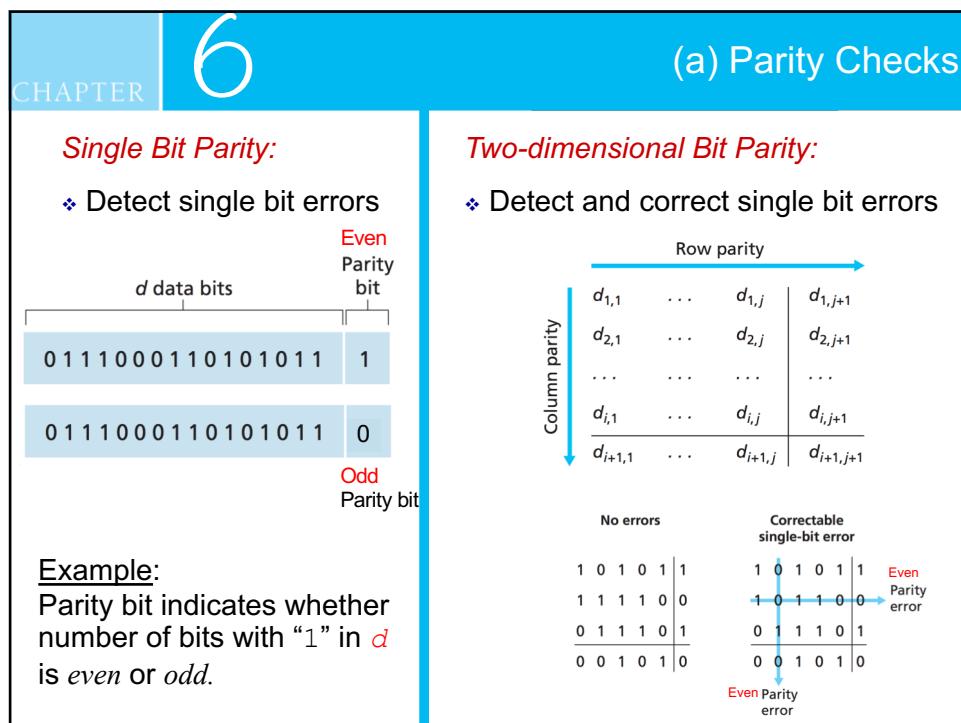
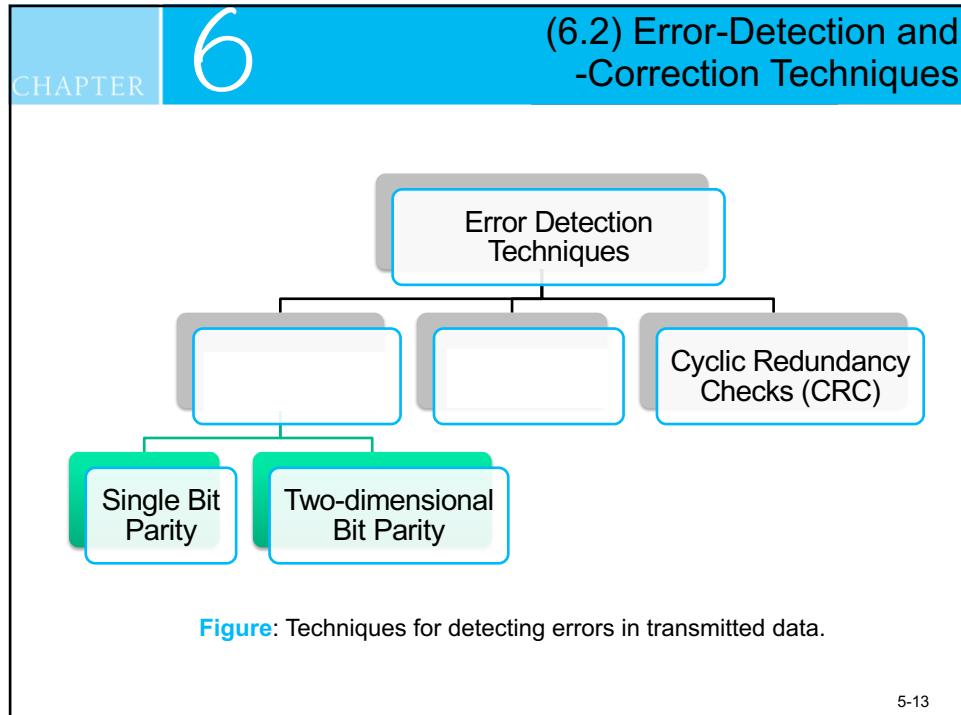
Error detection not 100% reliable!

- protocol may miss some errors, but rarely
- larger EDC field yields better detection and correction

The diagram shows a flow from a **Sending host** to a **Receiving host** through a **Bit error-prone link**. At the **Sending host**, a **Datagram** is processed by a **H_I** block, resulting in **d data bits** and **EDC** bits. These are combined into a **D** block. The **D** block and **EDC** block are sent over the link. At the **Receiving host**, the received data is split into **D'** and **EDC'**. The **D'** block is checked against a decision diamond labeled "all bits in D' OK ?". If the answer is **Y**, the data is accepted; if **N**, a **Detected error** is indicated.

Figure: Error-detection and –correction scenario.

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CHAPTER **6** **(b) Internet Checksum**

Goal:
Detect “errors” (e.g., flipped bits) in transmitted segment
(Note: used at transport layer only)

Review

Sender:

- ❖ treat segment contents, including header fields, as sequence of 16-bit integers
- ❖ _____ : addition (one’s complement sum) of segment contents
- ❖ sender puts checksum value into UDP checksum field

Receiver:

- ❖ compute checksum of received segment
- ❖ check if computed checksum **equals checksum** field value:
 - NO - error detected
 - YES - no error detected.

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CHAPTER **6** **(c) Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC)**

- ❖ more powerful error-detection coding
- ❖ view data bits, D , as a binary number
- ❖ choose $r+1$ bit pattern (generator), G
- ❖ Goal: choose r CRC bits, R , such that
 - $\langle D, R \rangle$ exactly divisible by G (modulo 2)
 - receiver knows G , divides $\langle D, R \rangle$ by G .
If non-zero remainder: **Error detected!**
 - can detect all burst errors less than $r+1$ bits
- ❖ widely used in practice (Ethernet, 802.11 WiFi, ATM)

d bits	r bits
D: Data bits to be sent R: CRC bits	
$D \bullet 2^r$ XOR R	
Bit pattern	
Mathematical formula	

CHAPTER **6** (c) Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC)

- 1) Agree with receiver that $r = 3$ bits
- 2) Append 3 zeros to D
→ 101110000
- 3) Agree on G (must be $r+1 = 4$ bits). Can choose from $\{1000, 1001, 1010, 1011, 1100, 1101, 1110, 1111\}$
→ Choose 1001
- 4) Get R (r bits)
- 5) Append R to D . Send to receiver

Example: Sender

Subtraction of $1011 - 1001$
= $1011 \text{ XOR } 1001$

What's transmitted ? **101110 011**

CHAPTER **6** (c) Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC)

Example: Receiver

$R = 0 \rightarrow \text{No Error}$
 $R \neq 0 \rightarrow \text{Error}$

101110011

$\begin{array}{r} 101011 \\ 1001 \overline{)101110011} \\ 1001 \\ \hline 0101 \\ 0000 \\ \hline 1010 \\ 1001 \\ \hline 0110 \\ 0000 \\ \hline 1101 \\ 1001 \\ \hline 1001 \\ 1001 \\ \hline 000 \end{array}$

101110011

R

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Exercise 6.1

If the data to be sent is 101110 and the CRC technique is used with $r = 3$ and $G = 1010$.

a) What is the value of R ?
b) What is the data will be sent?

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Exercise 6.2

If the data received is 1011101100 and the CRC technique is used with $G = 10100$.

a) What is the value of CRC?
b) Is the data error?

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Exercise 6.3a

Consider the generator, G , and suppose the value as D . What is the value will be transmitted if the D and G have the values of :

- 11000111010, $G = 1001$
- 01101010101, $G = 1110$
- 11111010101, $G = 10011$
- 10001100001, $G = 101$

Kurose, J.F. and Ross, K.W. (2017). Computer Networking: A Top-Down Approach (7th Edition). Pearson Education Limited, England. (pp. 536)

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Exercise 6.3b

Consider a CRC error detection technique is used. The following table received by a receiver tabulates with D and G as data and generator with r bit pattern, respectively. Complete the table. Show your working steps.

	D	G	r	CRC	Error (Y/N)
a)	101011000011	10011			
b)	11001100011	1110			
c)	1111000100001	11000			
d)	100010001111	101			

(Remarks: r is number of bits, CRC is the binary part from D)

Online CRC Generator: https://usecuritysite.com/comms/crc_dv

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- Switches
- VLANs

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(6.3) Multiple Access Links & Protocols

Types of Network Links

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graph TD; A[Types of Network Links] --> B[PPP]; A --> C[Shared Links]; C --> D["(shared wire or wireless)"]; C --> E["old-fashioned Ethernet"]; C --> F["upstream HFC"]; C --> G["802.11 wireless LAN"];
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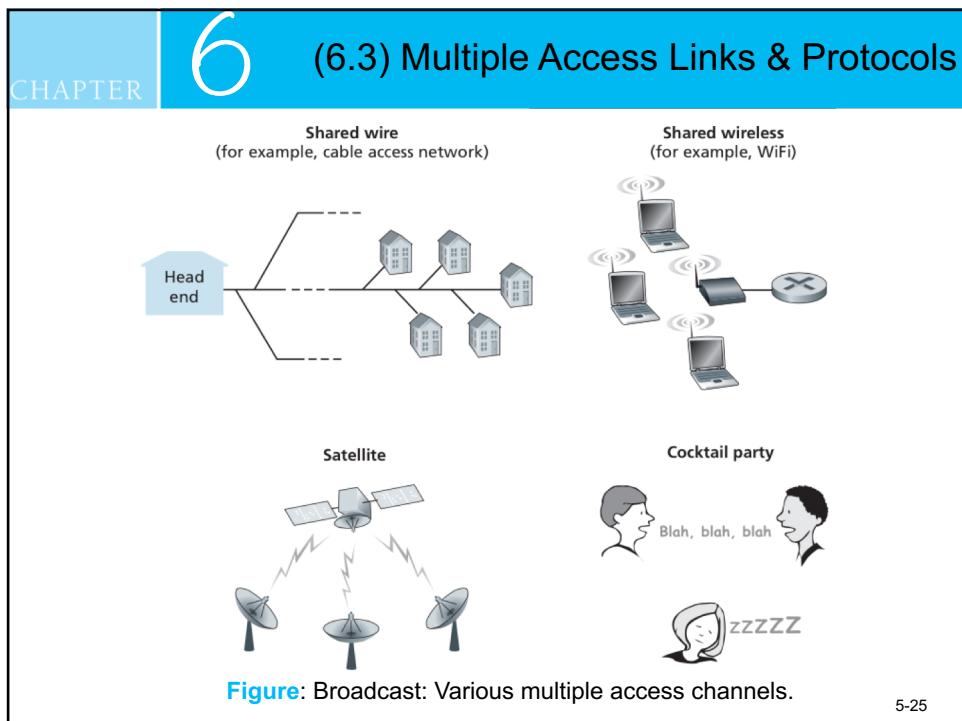
- ❖ PPP for dial-up access
- ❖ PPP link between Ethernet switch, host

(shared wire or wireless)

- ❖ old-fashioned Ethernet
- ❖ upstream HFC
- ❖ 802.11 wireless LAN

PPP (Point-to-Point Protocol)
HFC (Hybrid Fiber Coax)

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6 (6.3) Multiple Access Links & Protocols

As humans, we've evolved an elaborate set of protocols for sharing the broadcast channel:

In a single shared broadcast channel :

- ❖ *two or more simultaneous transmissions by nodes:*

“Give everyone a chance to speak.”
 “Don’t speak until you are spoken to.”
 “Don’t monopolize the conversation.”
 “Raise your hand if you have a question.”
 “Don’t interrupt when someone is speaking.”
 “Don’t fall asleep when someone is talking.”

Cocktail party

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Solution

Multiple Access Protocols

- ❖ distributed algorithm that determines how nodes share channel,
 - i.e.: determine when node can transmit
- ❖ communication about channel sharing must use channel itself!
 - no *out-of-band* channel for coordination

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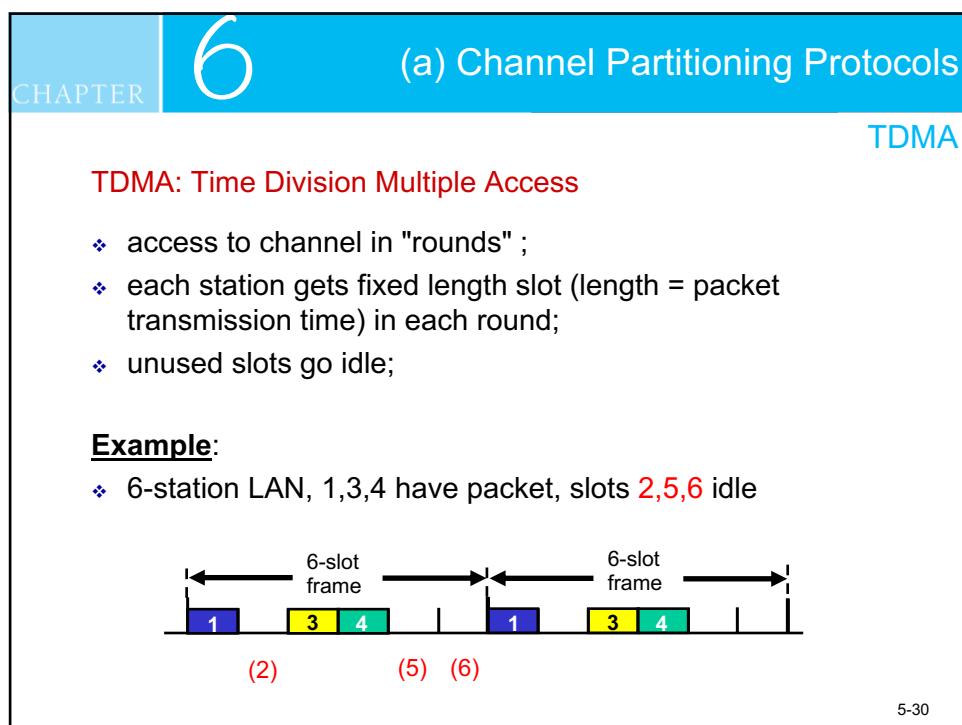
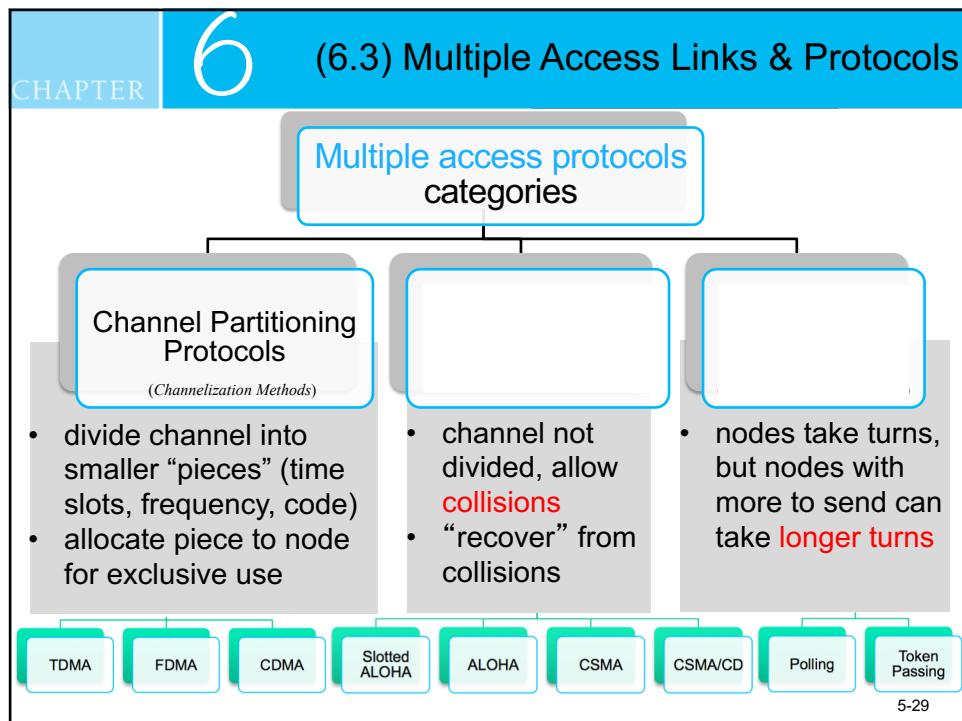
Overview conclusion

A **multiple access protocol** for a broadcast channel of rate R bps should have the following *desirable characteristics*:

- 1) when one node wants to transmit, it can send at rate R bps.
- 2) when M nodes want to transmit, each can send at average rate (R / M) bps.
- 3) Fully decentralized:
 - no special node to coordinate transmissions
 - no synchronization of clocks, slots
- 4) The protocol is simple.

MAC (Multiple Access Protocol)

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CHAPTER **6** **(a) Channel Partitioning Protocols**

FDMA

FDMA: Frequency Division Multiple Access

- ❖ channel spectrum divided into frequency bands;
- ❖ each station assigned fixed frequency band;
- ❖ unused transmission time in frequency bands go idle;

Example:

- ❖ 6-station LAN, 1,3,4 have packet, frequency bands **2,5,6** idle

CHAPTER **6** **(a) Channel Partitioning Protocols**

CDMA

CDMA: Code Division Multiple Access

- ❖ Assigns a different _____ to each node;
- ❖ Each node uses its unique code to encode the data bits it sends;
- ❖ If the code chosen carefully, different nodes can transmit simultaneously;

- ❖ CDMA has been used in military for some time;
- ❖ now has widespread civilian use, particularly in cellular telephony (wireless channel)

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(b) Random Access Protocols

- ❖ when node has packet to send:
 - transmit at full channel data rate R ;
 - no *a priori* coordination among nodes;
- ❖ Two or more transmitting nodes → “_____”
- ❖ **Random access MAC protocol** specifies:
 - How to **detect** collisions?
 - How to **recover** from collisions? (e.g., via delayed retransmissions)
- ❖ *Examples of random access MAC protocols:*
 - slotted ALOHA
 - ALOHA
 - CSMA, CSMA/CD, CSMA/CA

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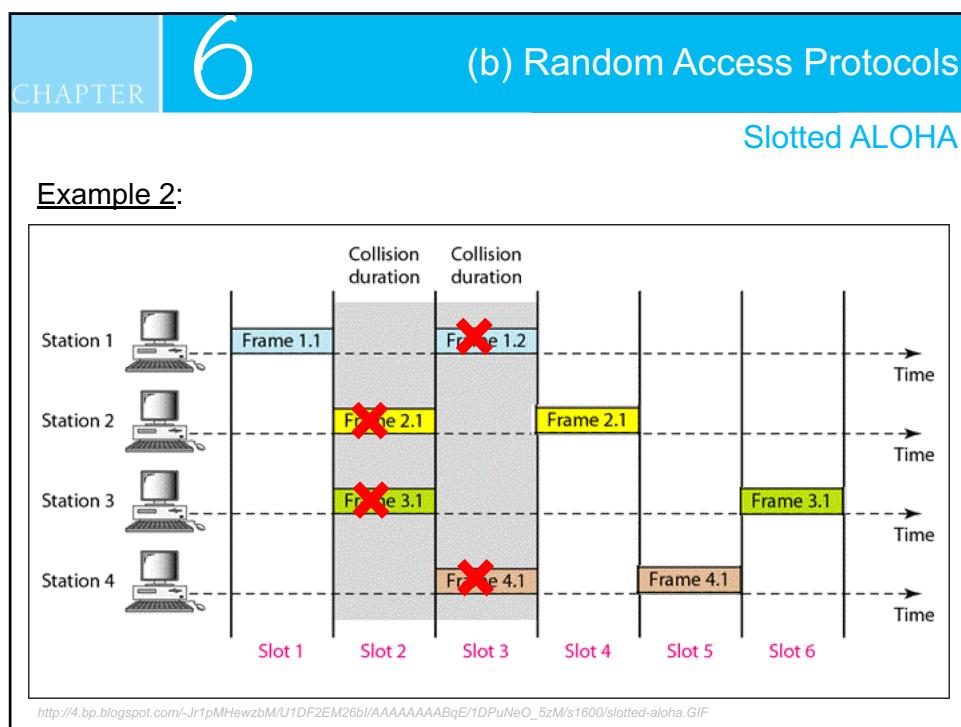
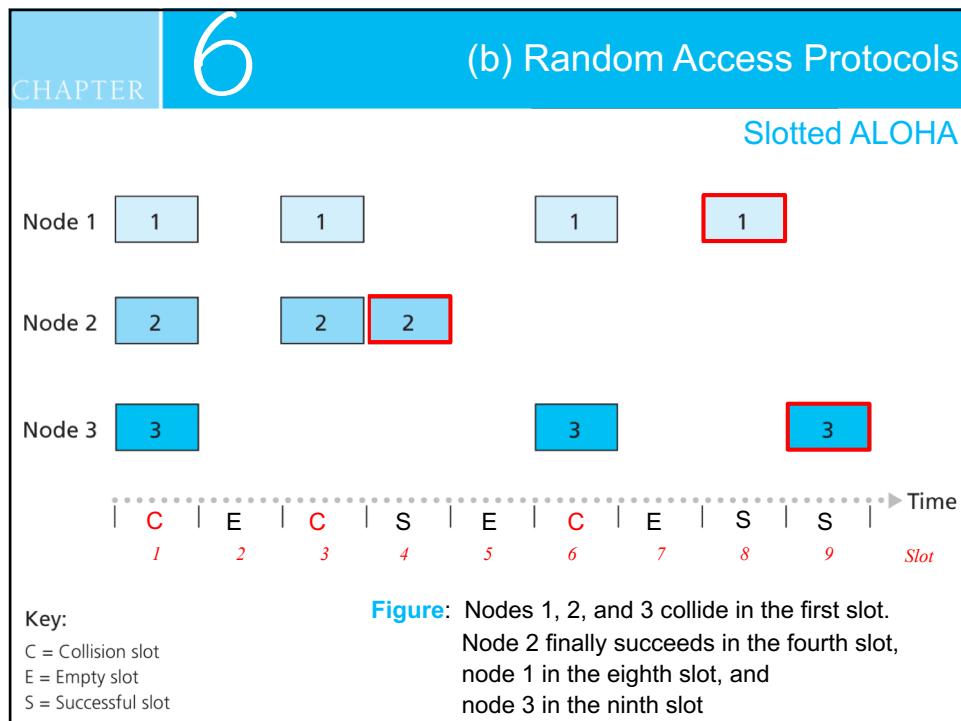
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(b) Random Access Protocols

Slotted ALOHA

<p><i>Assumptions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ all frames same size ❖ time divided into equal size slots (time to transmit 1 frame) ❖ nodes start to transmit only slot beginning ❖ nodes are synchronized ❖ if 2 or more nodes transmit in slot, all nodes detect collision 	<p><i>Operation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ when node obtains fresh frame, transmits in next slot <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ if <i>no collision</i>: node can send new frame in next slot ▪ if <i>collision</i>: node retransmits frame in each subsequent slot with probability p until success
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(b) Random Access Protocols

Slotted ALOHA

Advantages:	Disadvantages:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ single active node can continuously transmit at full rate of channel ❖ highly decentralized: each node detects collisions and independently decides when to retransmit ❖ Simple protocol 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Collisions will waste slots ❖ idle slots: refrain from transmitting ❖ require the slots to be synchronized in the nodes

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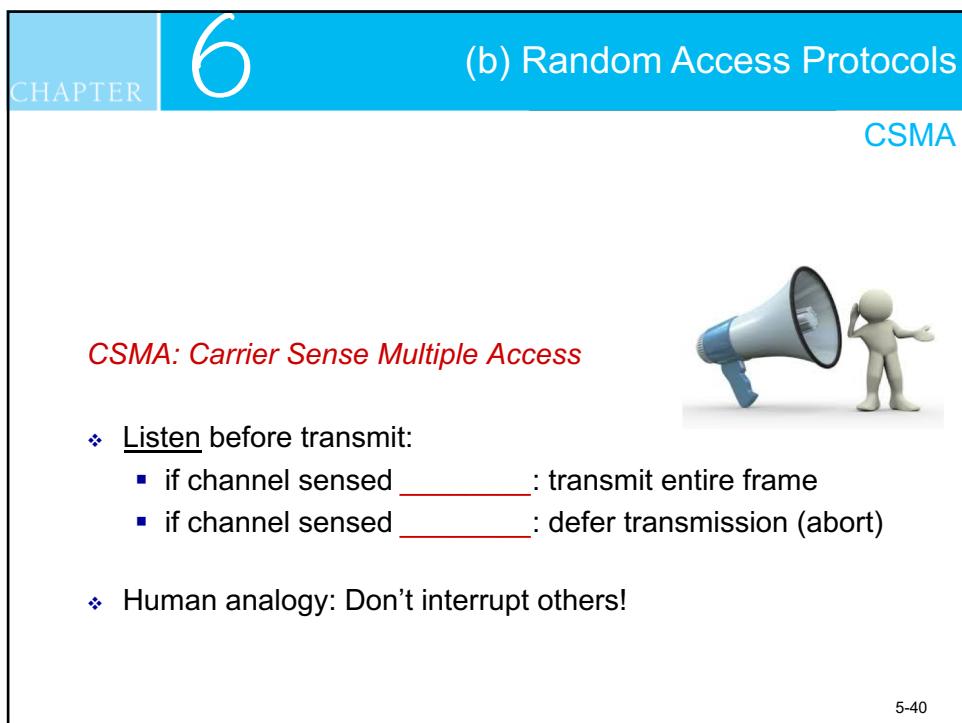
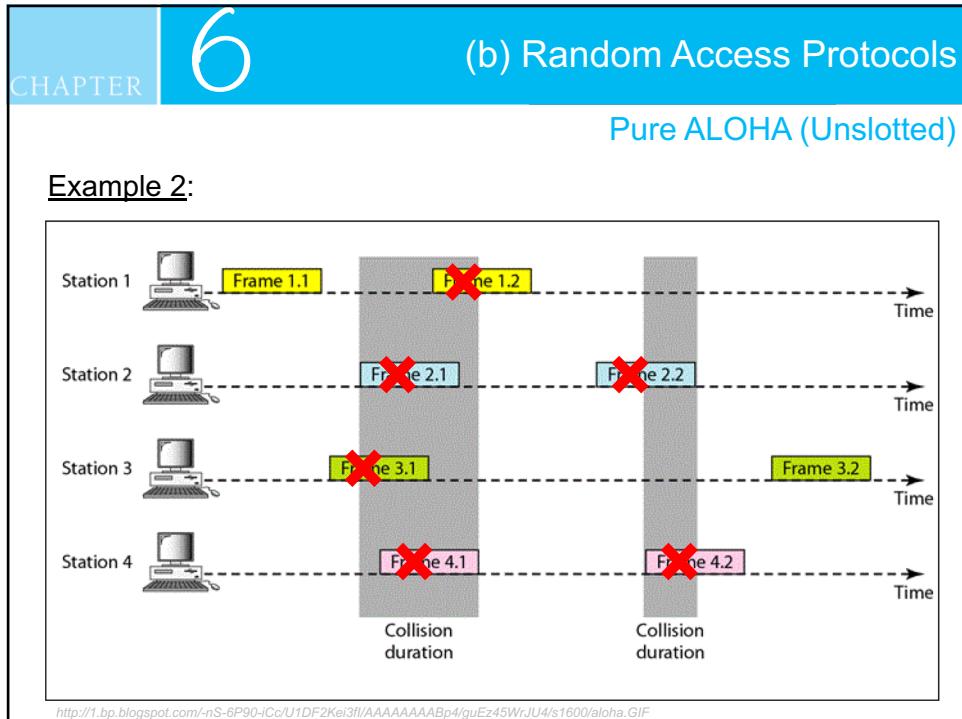
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Pure ALOHA (Unslotted)

- ❖ unslotted ALOHA: simpler, no synchronization;
- ❖ when frame first arrives → transmit immediately;
- ❖ collision probability increases:
 - frame sent at t_0 collides with other frames sent in $[t_0-1, t_0+1]$

Figure: Interfering transmissions in pure ALOHA.

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(b) Random Access Protocols

CSMA

- ❖ Collisions can still occur: propagation delay means two nodes may not hear each other's transmission.
- ❖ Collision: entire packet transmission time wasted
 - distance & propagation delay play role in determining collision probability.

Figure: Space-time diagram of two CSMA nodes with colliding transmission.

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(b) Random Access Protocols

CSMA

No collision detection.
Both B and D continue to transmit the entire frames even though collision occur.

Figure: Space-time diagram of two CSMA nodes with colliding transmission.

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(b) Random Access Protocols

CSMA/CD

CSMA/CD: (Carrier Sense Multiple Access / Collision Detection)

- ❖ carrier sensing, deferral as in CSMA
 - collisions *detected* within short time;
 - colliding transmissions aborted, reducing channel wastage;

Collision Detection (CD):

- easy in wired LANs: measure signal strengths, compare transmitted, received signals;
- difficult in wireless LANs: received signal strength overwhelmed by local transmission strength;
- ❖ human analogy: the polite conversationalist

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(b) Random Access Protocols

CSMA/CD

Space

Time

Time

Collision detect/abort time

Stop transmitting as soon as B or D detect collision.

Figure: CSMA with collision detection (CD).

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(b) Random Access Protocols

CSMA/CD

Summary of the operation from the perspective of an adapter attached to a broadcast channel:

1. NIC receives datagram from network layer, creates frame
2. - If NIC senses channel idle, starts frame transmission;
- If NIC senses channel busy, waits until channel 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, aborts and sends jam signal
5. After aborting, NIC enters ***binary (exponential) backoff***:
 - after *m*th collision, NIC chooses *K* at random from {0,1,2, ..., $2^m - 1$ }. NIC waits *K**512 bit times, returns to Step 2
 - longer backoff interval with more collisions

NIC (Network Interface Card))

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(c) Taking-Turns Protocols

Polling

- ❖ Master node “invites” slave nodes to transmit in turn
- ❖ Typically used with “dumb” slave devices
- ❖ Concerns:
 - polling overhead
 - latency
 - single point of failure (master)

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(c) Taking-Turns Protocols

Token Passing

- ❖ Control _____ passed from one node to next sequentially.
- ❖ Token message
- ❖ Concerns:
 - token overhead
 - latency
 - single point of failure (token)

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Summary of MAC Protocols

- ❖ *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

Fiber Distributed Data Interface (FDDI)

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- **Ethernet**
- **Switches**
- **VLANs**

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(6.4) Switched Local Area Networks

- Having covered **broadcast networks** and **multiple access protocols (MAC)** in previous section;
- Switches operate at the link layer :

- switch link-layer frames;
- not recognize network-layer addresses
- not use routing algorithms

- Use link-layer addresses

Figure: An institutional network connected together by **four switches**.

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- ❖ 32-bit IP address:
 - network-layer address for interface
 - used for layer 3 (network layer) forwarding



Hosts and routers have link-layer addresses ?

- ❖ MAC (or _____ or _____ or _____) address:
 - function: *used "locally" to get frame from one interface to another physically-connected interface (same network, in IP-addressing sense)*
 - 48 bit MAC address or 6 bytes address (for most LANs) burned in NIC ROM, also sometimes software settable
 - e.g.: 1A-2F-BB-76-09-AD

*Hexadecimal (base 16) notation
(each "number" represents 4 bits)*

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LAN / MAC addresses

- ❖ Every piece of Ethernet hardware has the address “*burned in*” to a chip on the hardware.
- ❖ The first 3 bytes of an Ethernet address are the manufacturer’s code and the last 3 bytes are a unique sequence number.

Organizational Unique Identifier (OUI)	Vendor Assigned (NIC Cards, Interfaces)
24 Bits	24 Bits
6 hex digits	6 hex digits
00 60 2F	3A 07 BC
Cisco	particular device

Different representations of MAC Addresses

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LAN / MAC addresses

Each adapter on LAN has unique and unchanged **MAC / LAN / physical / address**;

Adapter (interface)

Figure: Each interface connected to a LAN has a unique MAC address.

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LAN / MAC addresses

- ❖ 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

IEEE (Institute Electrical and Electrical Engineers.)

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Q: How to determine interface's MAC address, knowing its IP address? ARP

ARP table: each IP node (host, router) on LAN has an ARP table

- IP/MAC address mappings for some LAN nodes:
< IP address; MAC address; TTL >
- TTL (Time To Live):* time after which address mapping will be forgotten (typically 20 min)

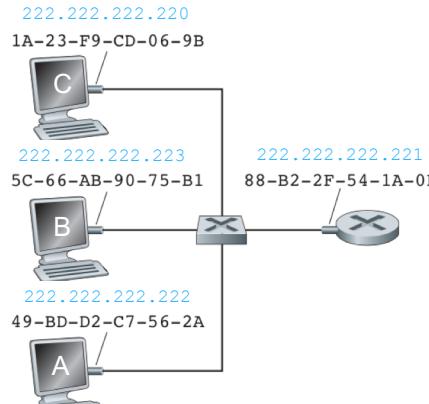


Figure: Each interface on a LAN has an IP address and a MAC address.

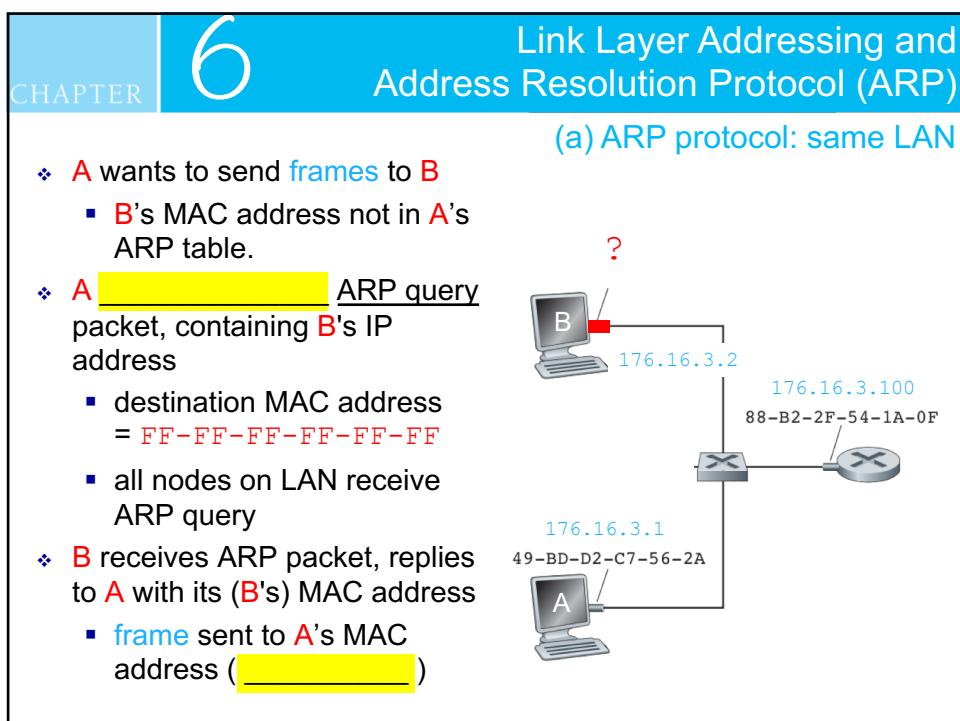
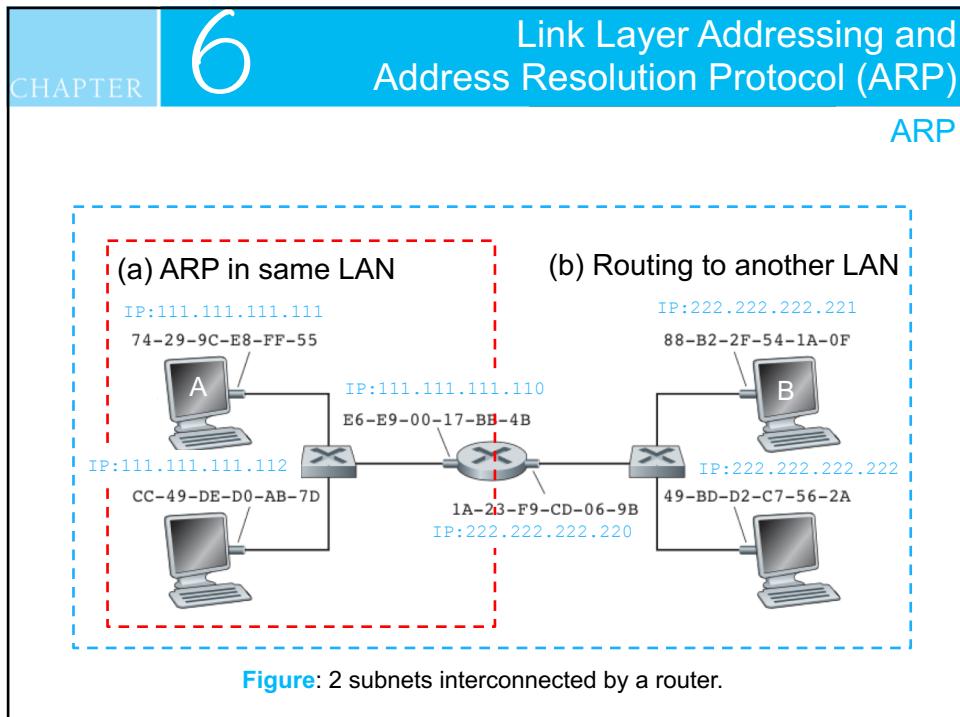
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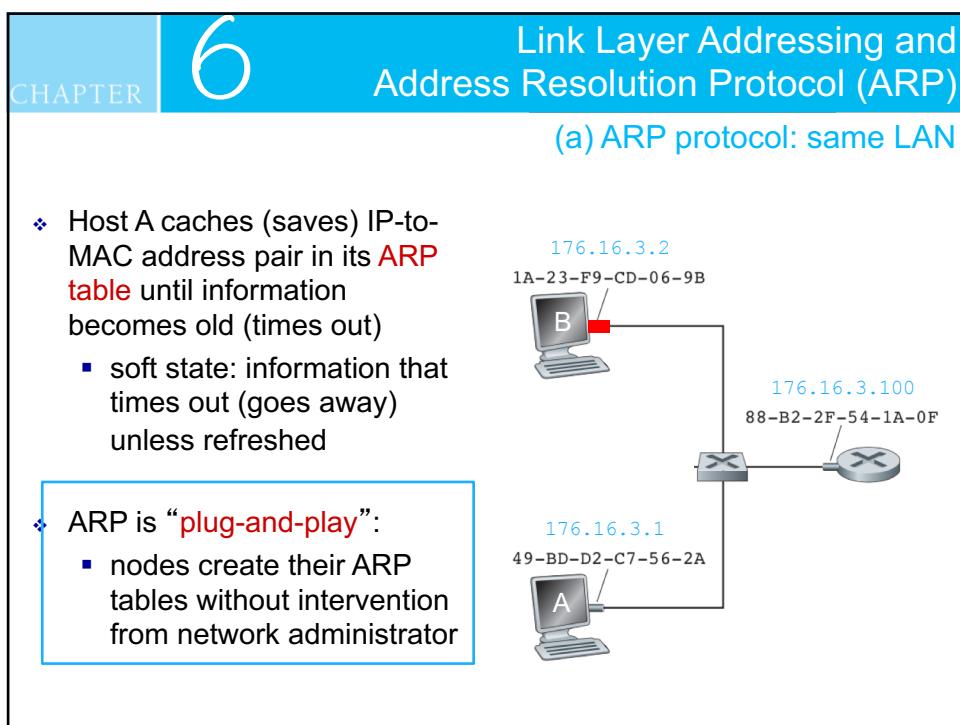
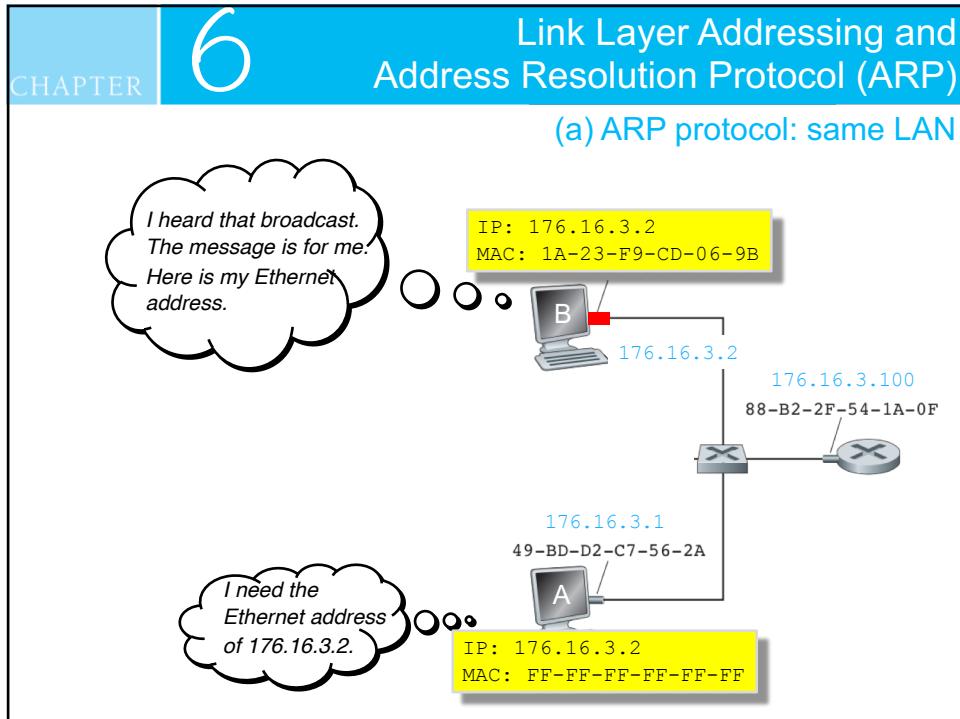
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ARP

IP Address	MAC Address	TTL
222.222.222.221	88-B2-2F-54-1A-0F	13:45:00
222.222.222.223	5C-66-AB-90-75-B1	13:52:00

Figure: A possible ARP table in 222.222.222.220





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(b) Addressing: routing to another LAN

Walkthrough: **send datagram from A to B via a router**

- focus on addressing – at IP (_____) and MAC layer (_____)
 - assume A knows B's IP address
 - assume A knows IP address of first hop router
 - assume A knows router's MAC address

} How ???

Figure: Two subnets interconnected by a router.

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(b) Addressing: routing to another LAN

Link-layer frame
src: 74-29-9C-E8-FF-55
dest: E6-E9-00-17-BB-4B

IP datagram
src: 111.111.111.111
dest: 222.222.222.221

- **frame** received at router, **datagram** removed, passed up to IP
- router forwards **datagram** with IP source A, dest. B
- router creates **link-layer frame** with B's MAC address and contains A-to-B IP datagram

Figure: Two subnets interconnected by a router.

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Exercise 6.4

Suppose A sends frame to B.

- What is the source and destination IP address at X and Y?
- What is the source and destination Ethernet address at X and Y?

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Solution 6.4

a) IP address **X** **Y**

source :	
destination :	

b) Ethernet address **X** **Y**

source :	
destination :	

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CHAPTER **6** **Ethernet**

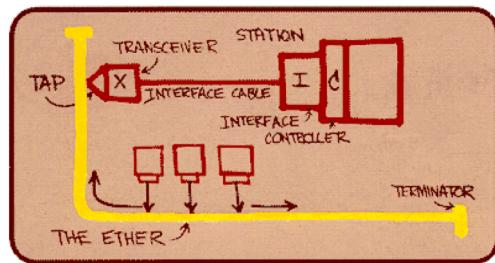
“dominant” wired LAN technology:

- ❖ cheap \$20 for NIC
- ❖ first widely used LAN technology
- ❖ simpler, cheaper than token LANs and ATM
- ❖ kept up with speed race: *10 Mbps – 10 Gbps*



Figure: Melcalfe's Ethernet sketch.

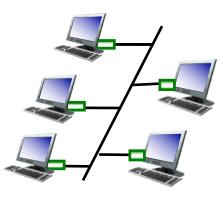
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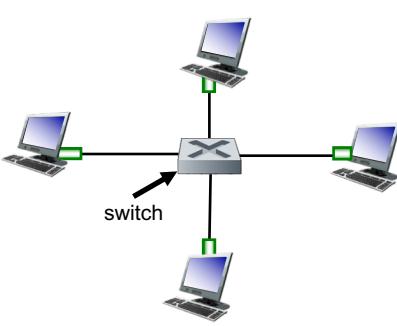
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Physical topology

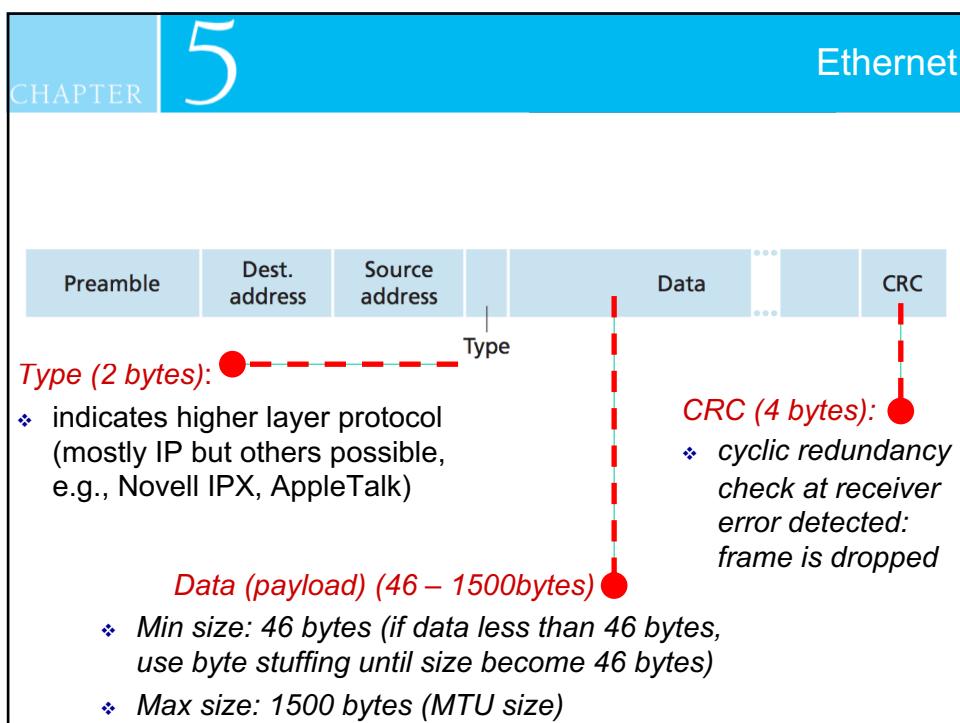
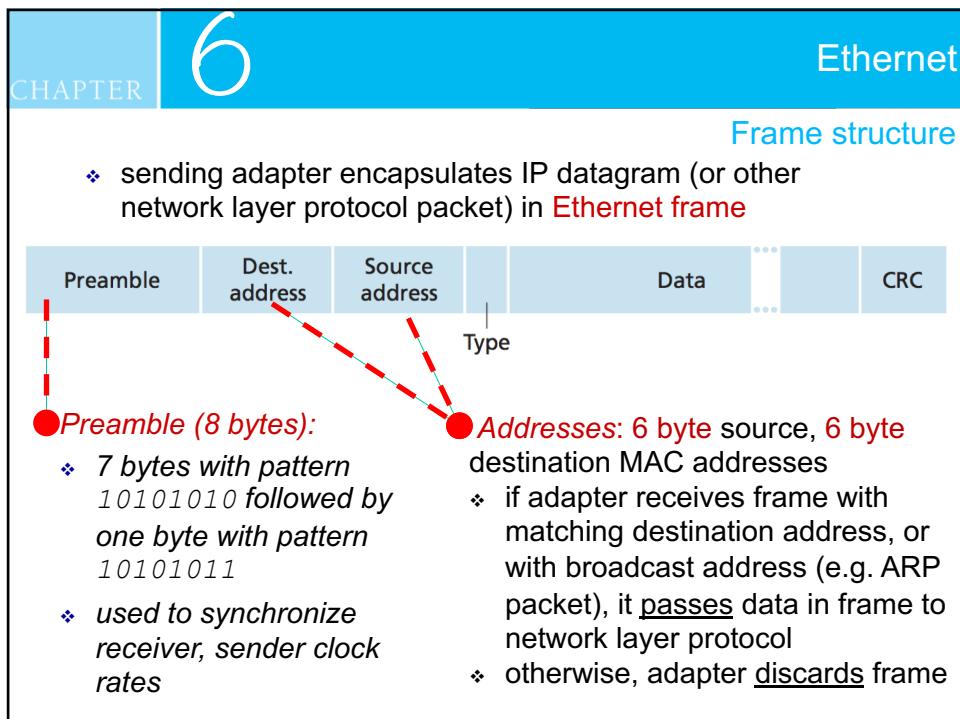
- ❖ _____: popular through mid 90s
 - all nodes in same collision domain (can collide with each other)
- ❖ _____: prevails today
 - active **switch** in center
 - each “spoke” runs a (separate) Ethernet protocol (nodes do not collide with each other)



Coaxial cable



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Ethernet

Connectionless, Unreliable

Connectionless: No handshaking between sending and receiving NICs	Unreliable: Receiving NIC doesn't send ACKs or NAKs to sending NIC ❖ data in dropped frames recovered only if initial sender uses higher layer rdt (e.g., TCP), otherwise dropped data lost
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- ❖ Ethernet's MAC protocol:
 - unslotted **CSMA/CD with binary backoff**

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Ethernet

Ethernet standard: IEEE 802.3 CSMA/CD

- ❖ **Many** different Ethernet standards
 - common MAC protocol and frame format
 - different speeds: $2Mbps$, $10Mbps$, $100Mbps$, $1Gbps$, $10Gbps$
 - different physical layer media: fiber, cable

MAC protocol and frame format					
100BASE-TX	100BASE-T2	100BASE-FX			
100BASE-T4	100BASE-SX	100BASE-BX			
			copper (twister pair) physical layer	fiber physical layer	

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Link-Layer Switches



- ❖ **link-layer device:** takes an *active role*
 - store, forward Ethernet frames
 - examine incoming frame's MAC address, **selectively** forward frame to one-or-more outgoing links when frame is to be forwarded on segment, uses CSMA/CD to access segment

- ❖ **transparent**
 - hosts are unaware of presence of switches

- ❖ **plug-and-play, self-learning**
 - switches do not need to be configured

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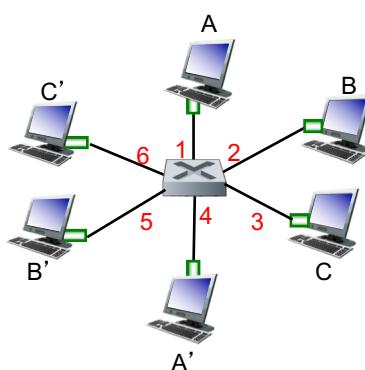
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Link-Layer Switches

Multiple simultaneous transmissions

- ❖ hosts have dedicated, direct connection to switch
- ❖ switches will buffer the packets
- ❖ Ethernet protocol used on each incoming link, but no collisions; full duplex
 - each link has its own collision domain

- ❖ **switching:** A-to-A' and B-to-B' can transmit simultaneously, without collisions



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

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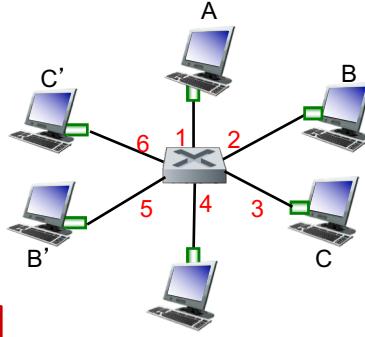
Link-Layer Switches

Forwarding table

Q: How does switch know A' reachable via interface 4, B' reachable via interface 5?

A: Each switch has a _____, each entry:
 ❖ (MAC address of host, interface to reach host, time stamp)
 ❖ looks like a routing table!

Q: How are entries created, maintained in switch table?
 ❖ something like a routing protocol?



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

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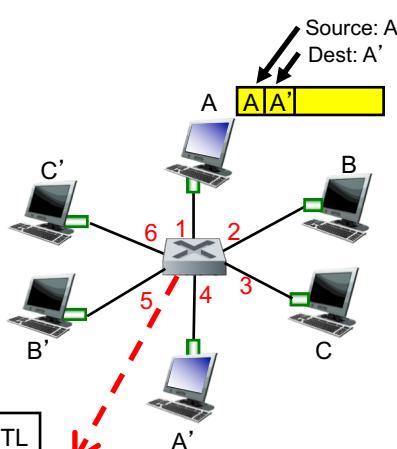
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Operation: Self-learning

- ❖ switch **learns** which hosts can be reached through which interfaces
 - when frame received, switch “learns” location of sender: incoming LAN segment
 - records sender/location pair in switch table

MAC addr.	Interface	TTL
A	1	60

Switch table (initially empty)



Source: A
Dest: A'

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Link-Layer Switches

Operation: Filtering / Forwarding

When frame received at switch:

- 1- record *incoming link*, *MAC address* of sending host
- 2- index switch table using MAC destination address
- 3- *if entry found for destination
then {
 if destination on segment from which frame arrived
 then drop frame
 else forward frame on interface indicated by entry
}
else flood /* forward on all interfaces except arriving
 interface */*

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Link-Layer Switches

Example: Self-learning / Forwarding

- ❖ frame destination, A', location unknown: *flood*
- ❖ destination A location known: *selectively send on just one link*

MAC addr.	Interface	TTL
A	1	60
A'	4	60

switch table (initially empty)

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CHAPTER **6** **Link-Layer Switches**

Interconnecting switches

- 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: _____
(works exactly the same as in single-switch case!)

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CHAPTER **6** **Exercise 6.5**

Suppose A sends frame to G, G responds to A.
Show the switch tables in S_1 , S_3 , S_4

Switch table S_1 :		Switch table S_4 :		Switch table S_3 :	
Mac addr.	Interface	Mac addr.	Interface	Mac addr.	Interface

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Switches vs. Routers

Both are

- **routers:** network-layer devices (examine network-layer headers)
- **switches:** link-layer devices (examine link-layer headers)

Both have

- **routers:** compute tables using routing algorithms, IP addresses
- **switches:** learn forwarding table using flooding, learning, MAC addresses

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Motivation

Consider :

- ❖ CS user moves office to EE, but wants connect to CS switch?
- ❖ single broadcast domain:
 - all layer-2 broadcast traffic (ARP, DHCP, unknown location of destination MAC address) must cross entire LAN
 - security/privacy, efficiency issues

Figure: An institutional network connected together by four switches.

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Virtual Local Area Network

Switch(es) supporting VLAN capabilities can be configured to define multiple **virtual LANs** over single physical LAN infrastructure.

Port-based VLAN:
switch ports grouped (by switch management software) so that **single** physical switch

... operates as **multiple** virtual switches

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Port-based VLAN

- ❖ **traffic isolation:** frames to/from ports 1-8 can *only* reach ports 1-8
 - can also define VLAN based on MAC addresses of endpoints, rather than switch port
- ❖ **dynamic membership:** ports can be dynamically assigned among VLANs
- ❖ **forwarding between VLANs:** done via routing (just as with separate switches)
 - in practice vendors sell combined switches plus routers

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VLAN spanning multiple switches

- ❖ _____: carries frames between VLANs defined over multiple physical switches
 - frames forwarded within VLAN between switches can't be vanilla 802.1 frames (must carry VLAN ID info)
 - 802.1q protocol adds/removed additional header fields for frames forwarded between trunk ports

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802.1Q VLAN frame format

Figure: Original Ethernet frame (top),
802.1Q-tagged Ethernet VLAN frame (below).

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The Link Layer

Roadmap:

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(6.5) Data Center Networking

- ❖ 10's to 100's of thousands of hosts, often closely coupled, in close proximity:
 - e-business (e.g. )
 - content-servers (e.g.     Microsoft)
 - search engines, data mining (e.g. )
- ❖ Challenges:
 - multiple applications, each serving massive numbers of clients
 - managing/balancing load, avoiding processing, networking, data bottlenecks



Inside a 40-ft Microsoft container, Chicago data center

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Load balancing

- receives external client requests
- directs workload within data center
- returns results to external client (hiding data center internals from client)

Figure: A data center network with a hierarchical topology.

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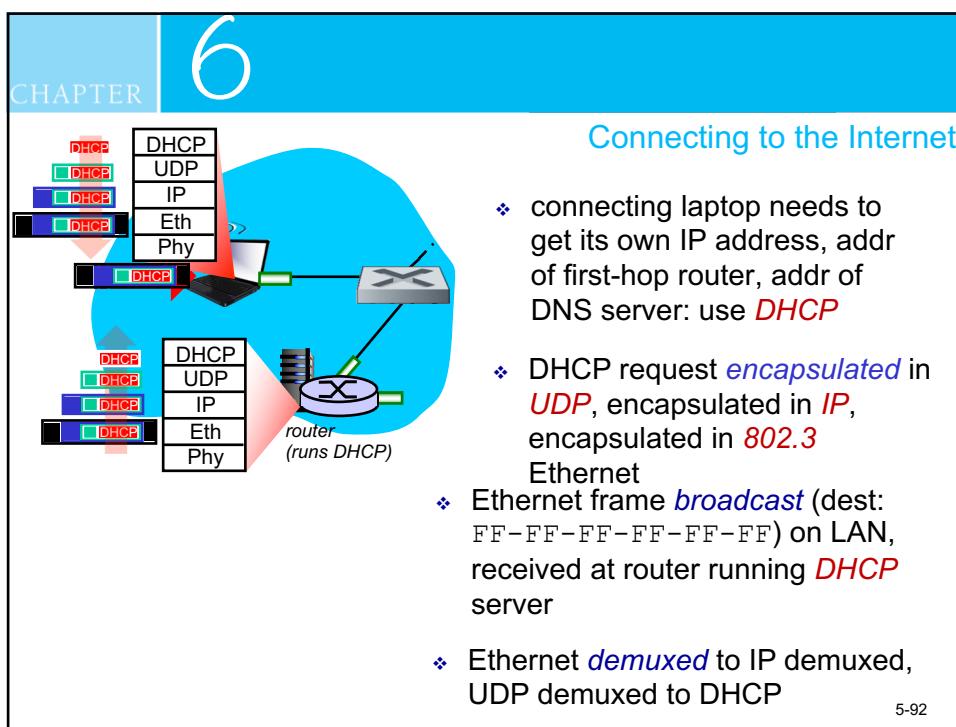
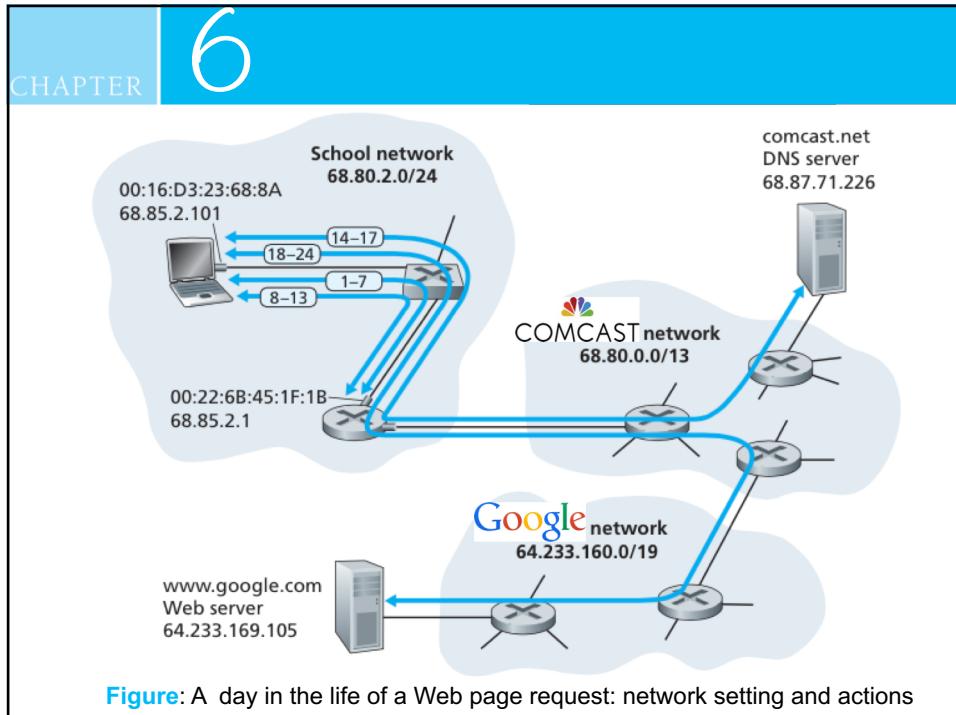
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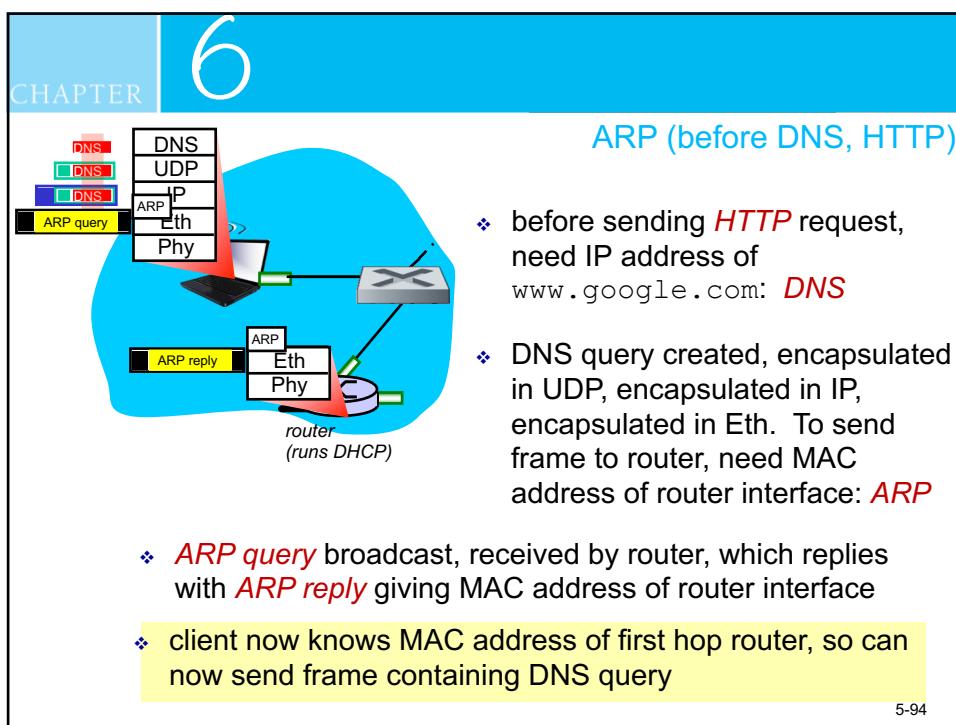
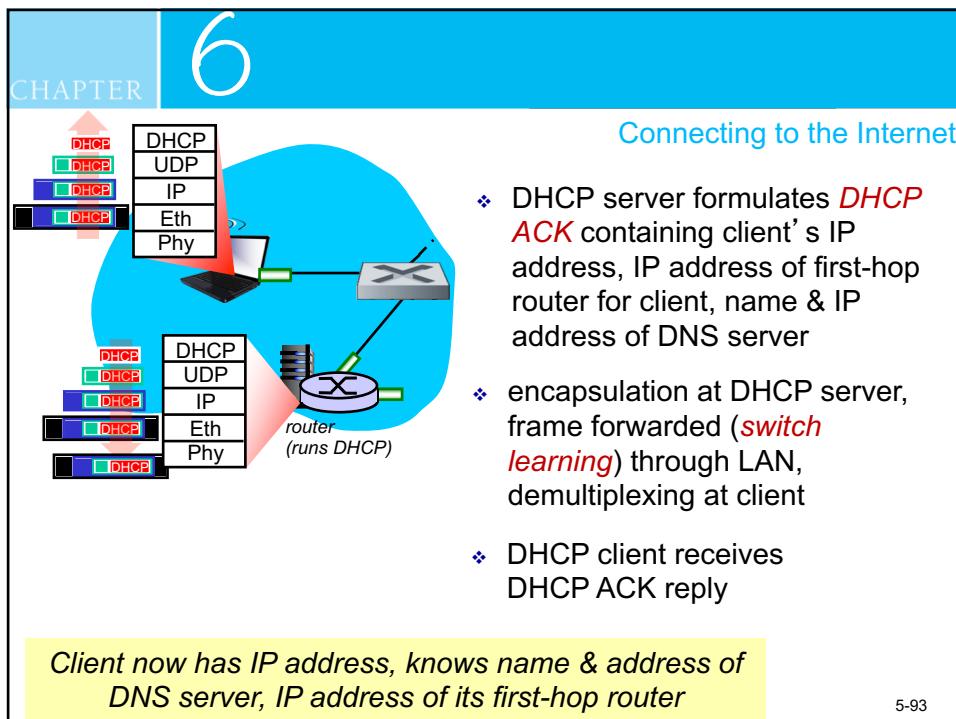
- ❖ Rich interconnection among switches, racks:
 - increased throughput between racks (multiple routing paths possible)
 - increased reliability via redundancy

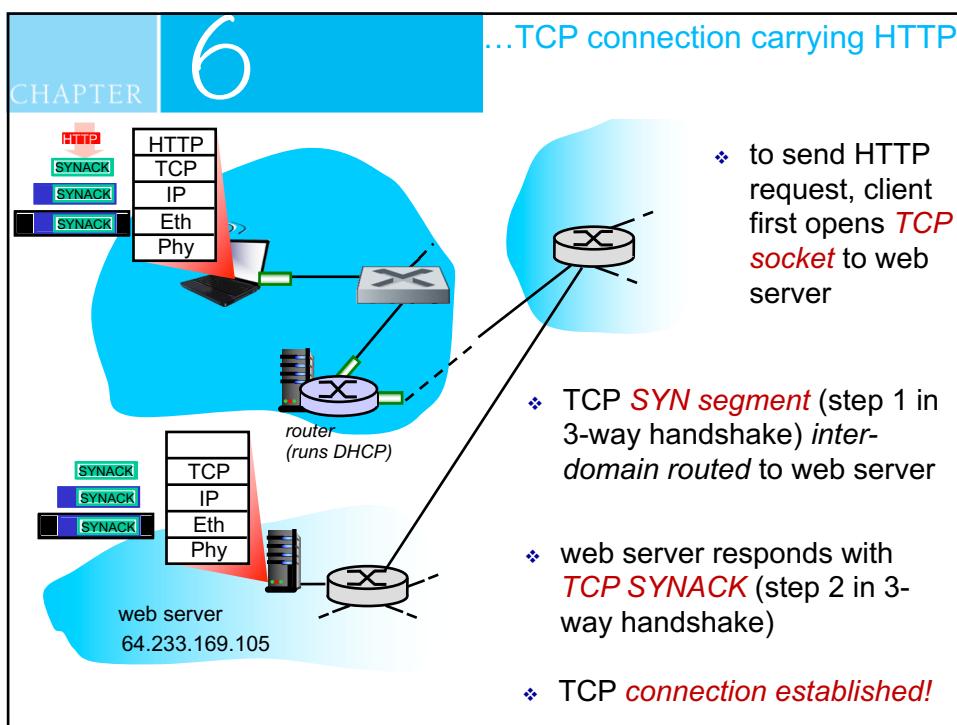
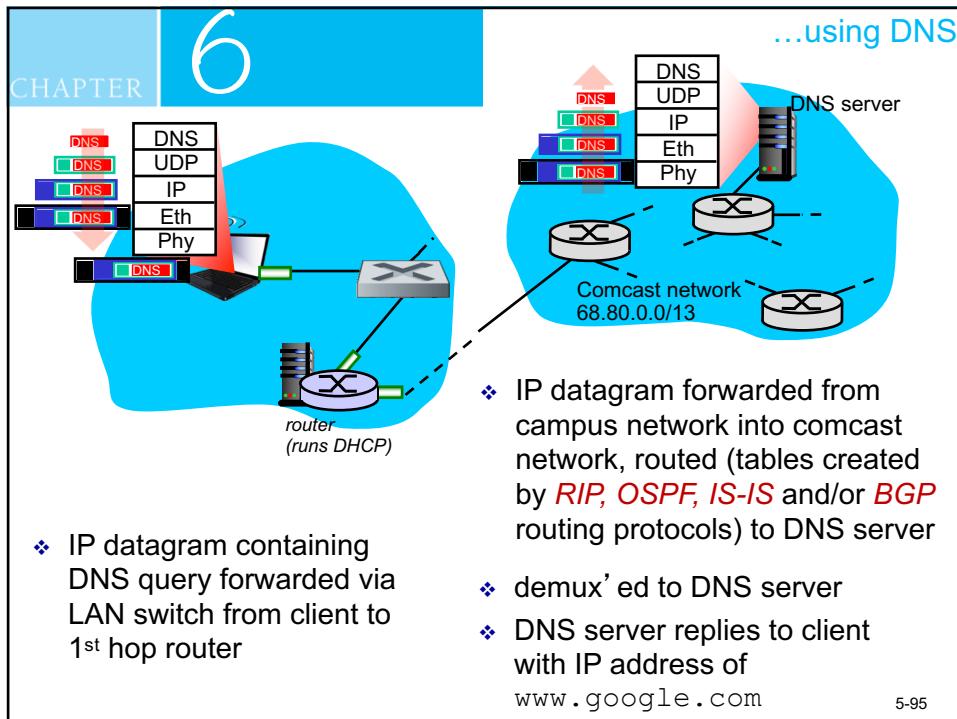
Figure: Highly-interconnected data network topology.

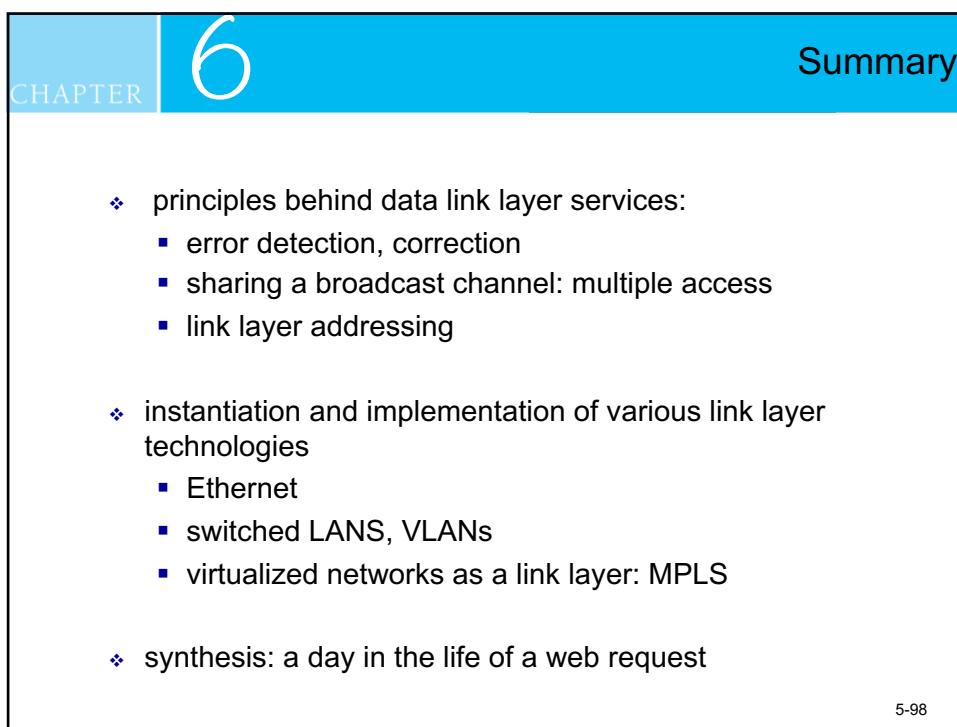
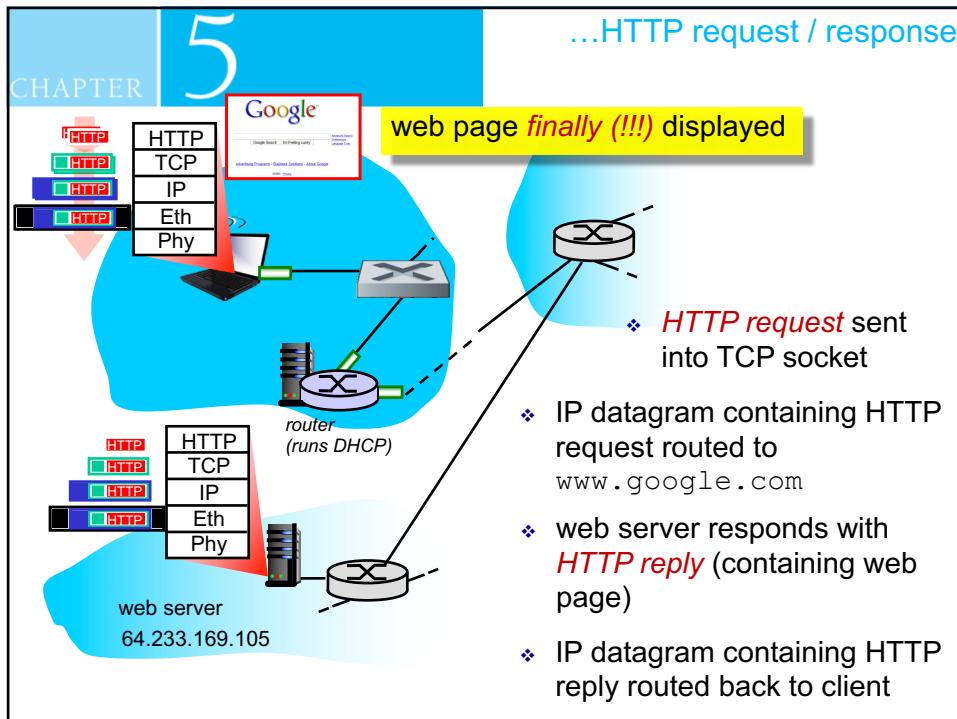
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CHAPTER	5	(6.6) Retrospective: A Day in the Life of a Web Page Request
		Synthesis
<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Journey down protocol stack complete!<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ application, transport, network, link❖ putting-it-all-together: synthesis!<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 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		
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CHAPTER 6 Summary

- ❖ journey down protocol stack *complete* (except PHY)
- ❖ solid understanding of networking principles, practice
- ❖ could stop here but *lots* of interesting topics!
 - wireless
 - multimedia
 - security
 - network management

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