Chapter 4 Network Layer: The Data Plane

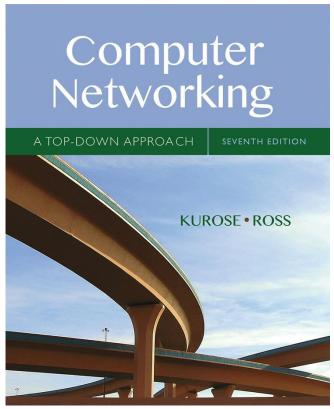
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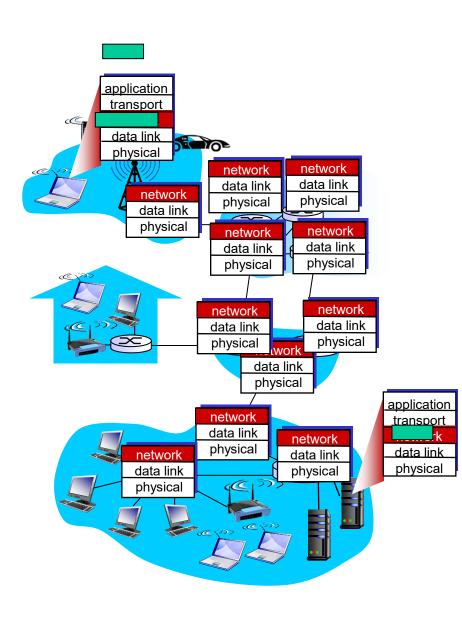
Chapter 4: network layer

chapter goals:

- understand principles behind network layer services, focusing on data plane:
 - network layer service models
 - forwarding versus routing
 - how a router works
 - generalized forwarding
- instantiation, implementation in the Internet

Network layer

- 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

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

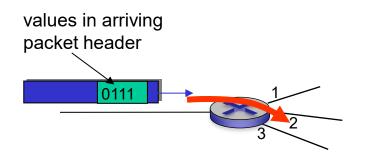
analogy: taking a trip

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

Network layer: data plane, control plane

Data plane

- local, per-router function
- determines how datagram arriving on router input port is forwarded to router output port
- forwarding function

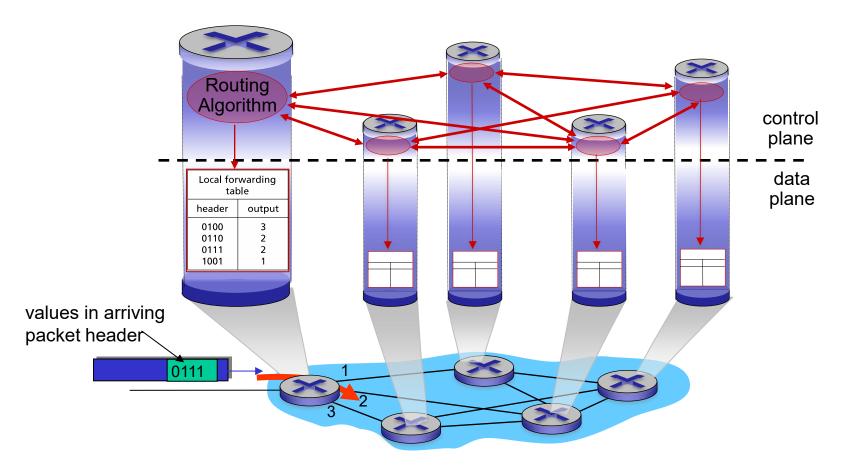


Control plane

- network-wide logic
- determines how datagram is routed among routers along end-end path from source host to destination host
- two control-plane approaches:
 - traditional routing algorithms: implemented in routers
 - software-defined networking (SDN): implemented in (remote) servers

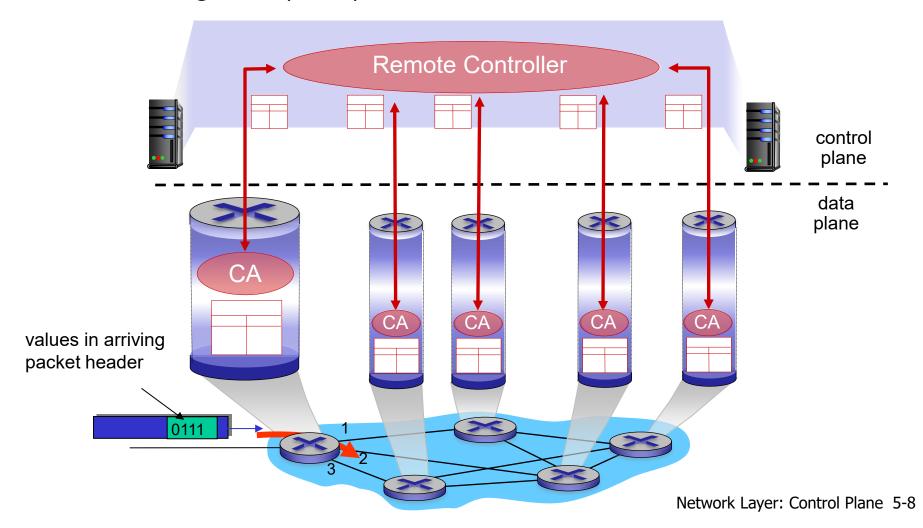
Per-router control plane

Individual routing algorithm components in each and every router interact in the control plane



Logically centralized control plane

A distinct (typically remote) controller interacts with local control agents (CAs)



Network service model

Q: What service model for "channel" transporting datagrams from sender to receiver?

example services for individual datagrams:

- guaranteed delivery
- guaranteed delivery with less than 40 msec delay

example services for a flow of datagrams:

- in-order datagram delivery
- guaranteed minimum bandwidth to flow
- restrictions on changes in inter-packet spacing

Network layer service models:

Network		Service	Guarantees ?				Congestion
	itecture	Model	Bandwidth	Loss	Order	Timing	feedback
lı	nternet	best effort	none	no	no	no	no (inferred via loss)
	ATM	CBR	constant rate	yes	yes	yes	no congestion
	ATM	VBR	guaranteed rate	yes	yes	yes	no congestion
_	ATM	ABR	guaranteed minimum	no	yes	no	yes
_	ATM	UBR	none	no	yes	no	no

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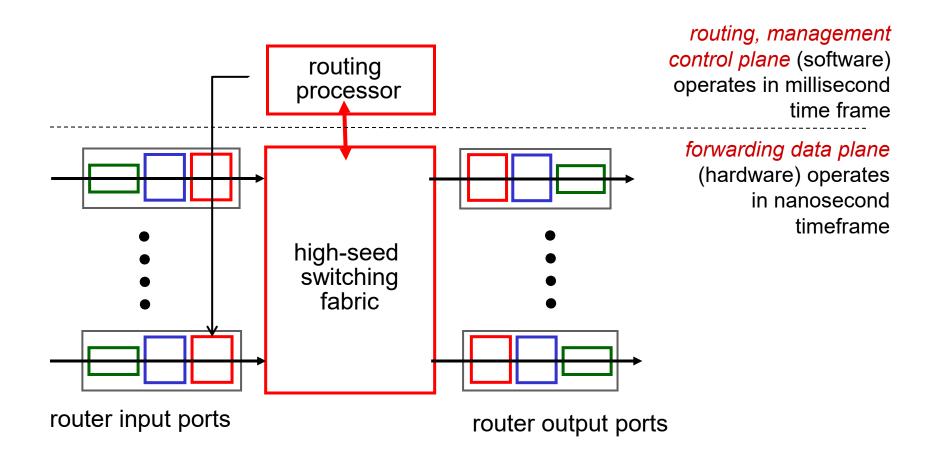
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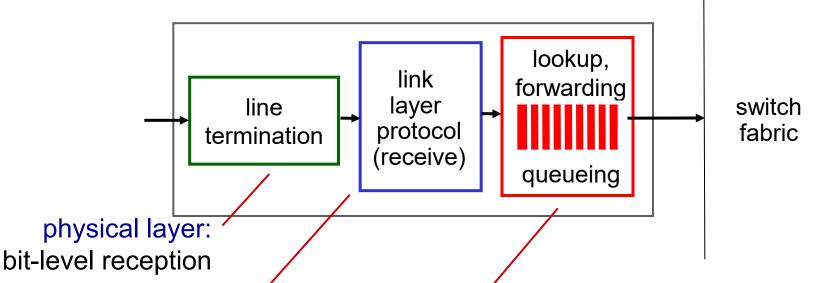
Router architecture overview

high-level view of generic router architecture:



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Input port functions



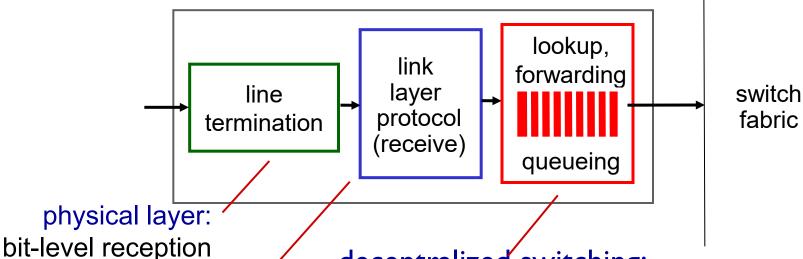
data link layer:

e.g., Ethernet see chapter 5

decentralizéd switching:

- using header field values, lookup output port using forwarding table in input port memory ("match plus action")
- goal: complete input port processing at 'line speed'
- queuing: if datagrams arrive faster than forwarding rate into switch fabric

Input port functions



data link layer: e.g., Ethernet see chapter 5 decentralized switching:

- using header field values, lookup output port using forwarding table in input port memory ("match plus action")
- destination-based forwarding: forward based only on destination IP address (traditional)
- generalized forwarding: forward based on any set of header field values

Destination-based forwarding

forwarding table						
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					

Q: but what happens if ranges don't divide up so nicely?

Longest prefix matching

longest prefix matching

when looking for forwarding table entry for given destination address, use *longest* address prefix that matches destination address.

Destination Address Range	Link interface	
11001000 00010111 00010*** *****	0	
11001000 00010111 00011000 *****	1	
11001000 00010111 00011*** *****	2	
otherwise	3	

examples:

DA: 11001000 00010111 0001<mark>0110 10100001</mark>

DA: 11001000 00010111 0001<mark>1000 10101010</mark>

which interface? which interface?

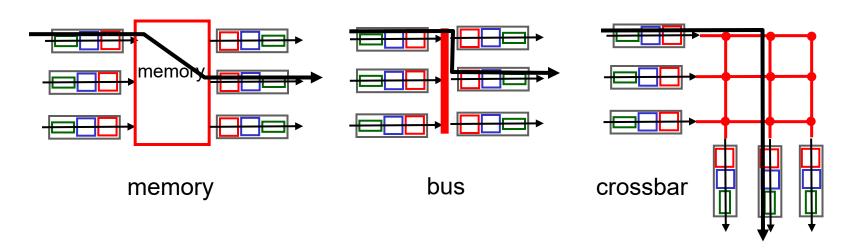
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Longest prefix matching

- we'll see why longest prefix matching is used shortly, when we study addressing
- longest prefix matching: often performed using ternary content addressable memories (TCAMs)
 - content addressable: present address to TCAM: retrieve address in one clock cycle, regardless of table size
 - Cisco Catalyst: can have up to ~IM routing table entries in TCAM

Switching fabrics

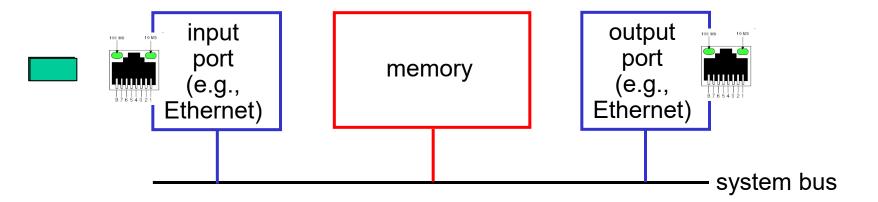
- transfer packet from input buffer to appropriate output buffer
- switching rate: rate at which packets can be transfer from inputs to outputs
 - often measured as multiple of input/output line rate
 - N inputs: switching rate N times line rate desirable
- three types of switching fabrics



Switching via memory

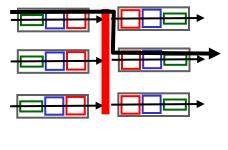
first generation routers:

- 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

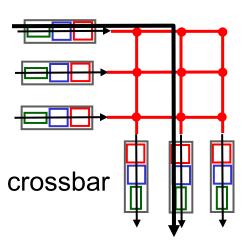
- datagram from input port memory to output port memory via a shared bus
- bus contention: switching speed limited by bus bandwidth
- 32 Gbps bus, Cisco 5600: sufficient speed for access and enterprise routers



bus

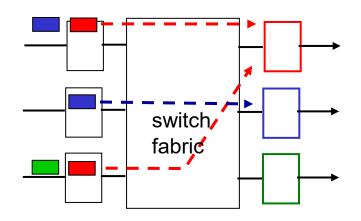
Switching via interconnection network

- overcome bus bandwidth limitations
- banyan networks, crossbar, other interconnection nets initially developed to connect processors in multiprocessor
- advanced design: fragmenting datagram into fixed length cells, switch cells through the fabric.
- Cisco I 2000: switches 60 Gbps through the interconnection network

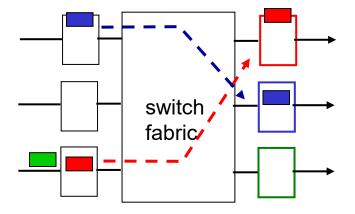


Input port queuing

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



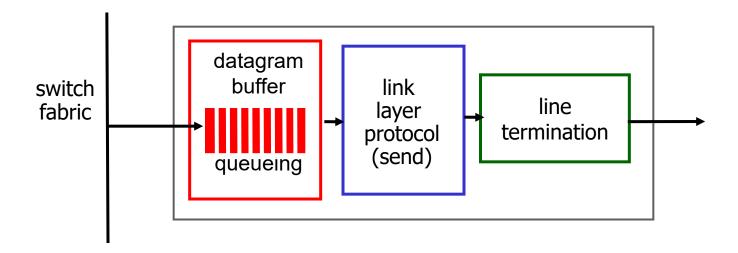
output port contention:
only one red datagram can be
transferred.
lower red packet is blocked



one packet time later:
 green packet
 experiences HOL
 blocking

Output ports

This slide in HUGELY important!



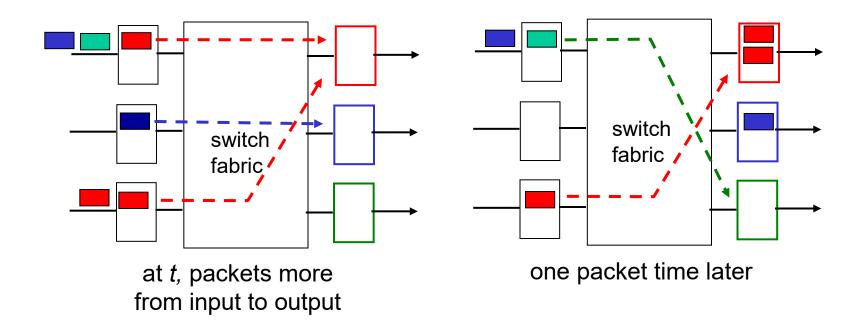
 buffering required from fabric faster rate

Datagram (packets) can be lost due to congestion, lack of buffers

scheduling datagrams

Priority scheduling – who gets best performance, network neutrality

Output port queueing



- buffering when arrival rate via switch exceeds output line speed
- queueing (delay) and loss due to output port buffer overflow!

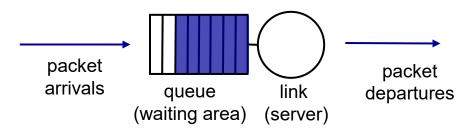
How much buffering?

- RFC 3439 rule of thumb: average buffering equal to "typical" RTT (say 250 msec) times link capacity C
 - e.g., C = 10 Gpbs link: 2.5 Gbit buffer
- recent recommendation: with N flows, buffering equal to

$$\frac{\mathsf{RTT} \cdot \mathsf{C}}{\sqrt{\mathsf{N}}}$$

Scheduling mechanisms

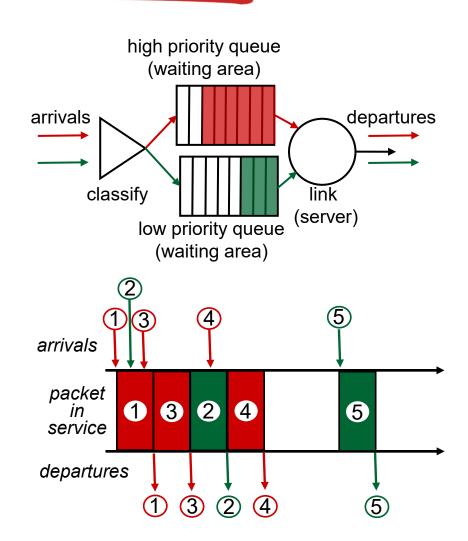
- scheduling: choose next packet to send on link
- FIFO (first in first out) scheduling: send in order of arrival to queue
 - real-world example?
 - discard policy: if packet arrives to full queue: who to discard?
 - tail drop: drop arriving packet
 - priority: drop/remove on priority basis
 - random: drop/remove randomly



Scheduling policies: priority

priority scheduling: send
 highest priority
 queued packet

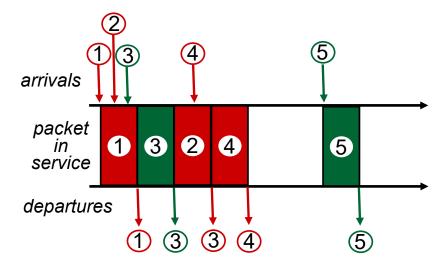
- multiple classes, with different priorities
 - class may depend on marking or other header info, e.g. IP source/dest, port numbers, etc.
 - real world example?



Scheduling policies: still more

Round Robin (RR) scheduling:

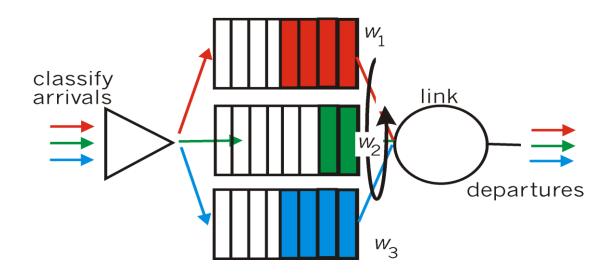
- multiple classes
- cyclically scan class queues, sending one complete packet from each class (if available)
- real world example?



Scheduling policies: still more

Weighted Fair Queuing (WFQ):

- generalized Round Robin
- each class gets weighted amount of service in each cycle
- real-world example?



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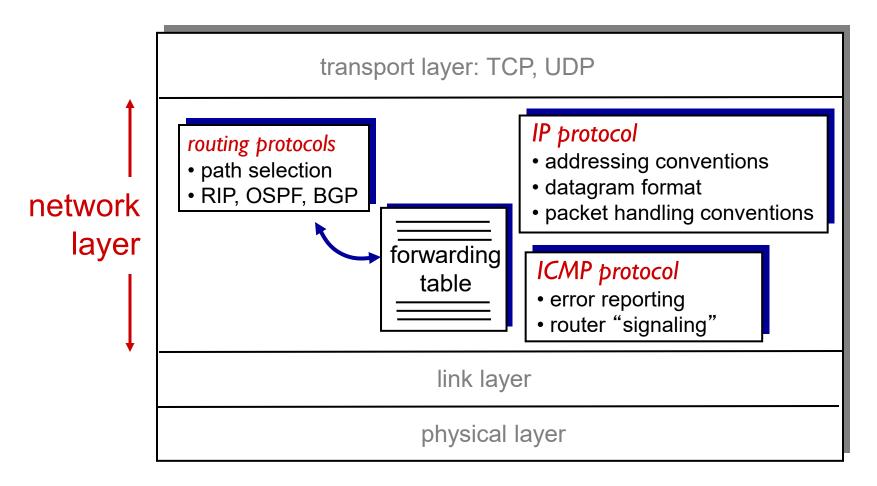
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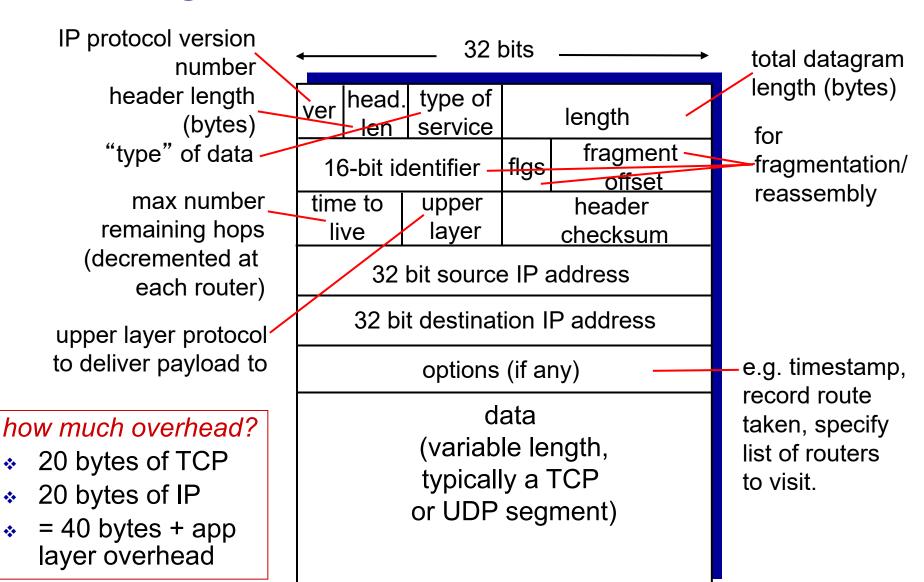
The Internet network layer

host, router network layer functions:



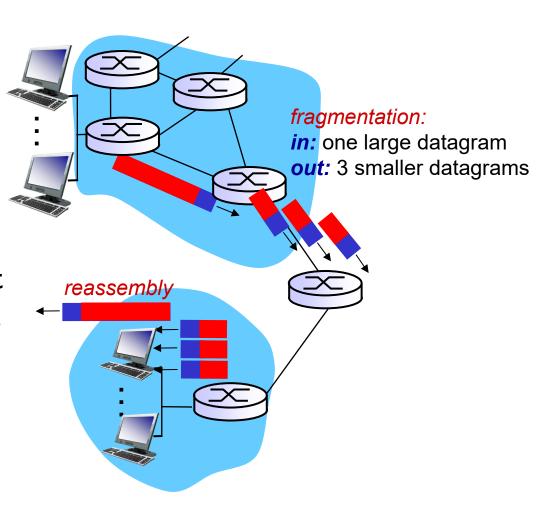
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IP datagram format

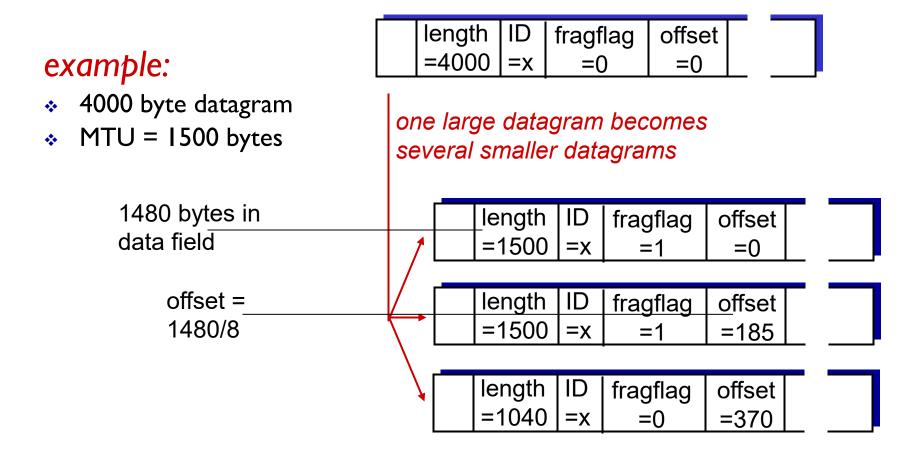


IP fragmentation, reassembly

- 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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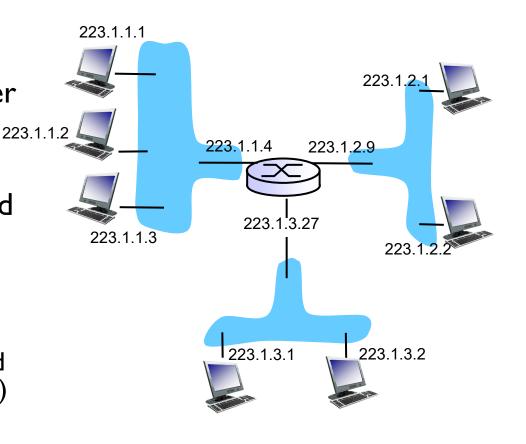
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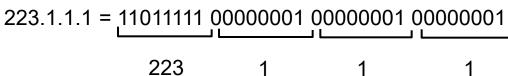
IP addressing: introduction

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 or two interfaces (e.g., wired Ethernet, wireless 802.11)
- IP addresses associated with each interface





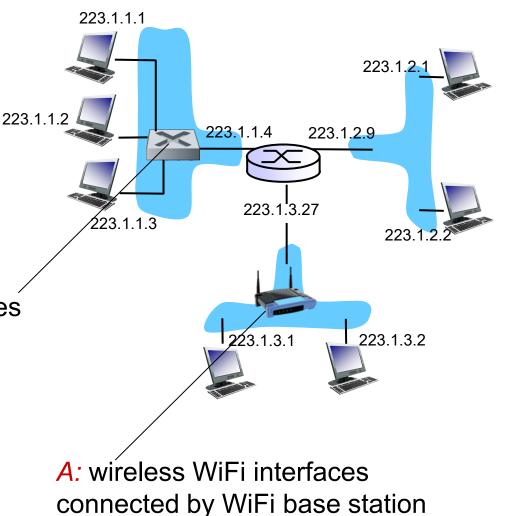
IP addressing: introduction

Q: how are interfaces actually connected?

A: we'll learn about that in chapter 5, 6.

A: wired Ethernet interfaces connected by Ethernet switches

For now: don't need to worry about how one interface is connected to another (with no intervening router)



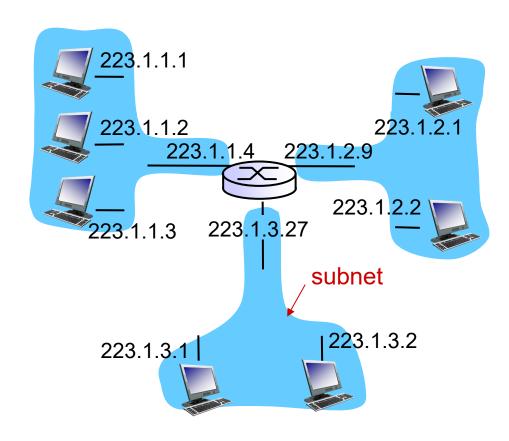
Subnets

■ 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

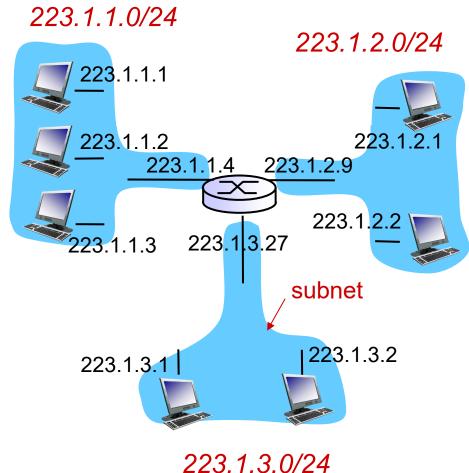


network consisting of 3 subnets

Subnets

recipe

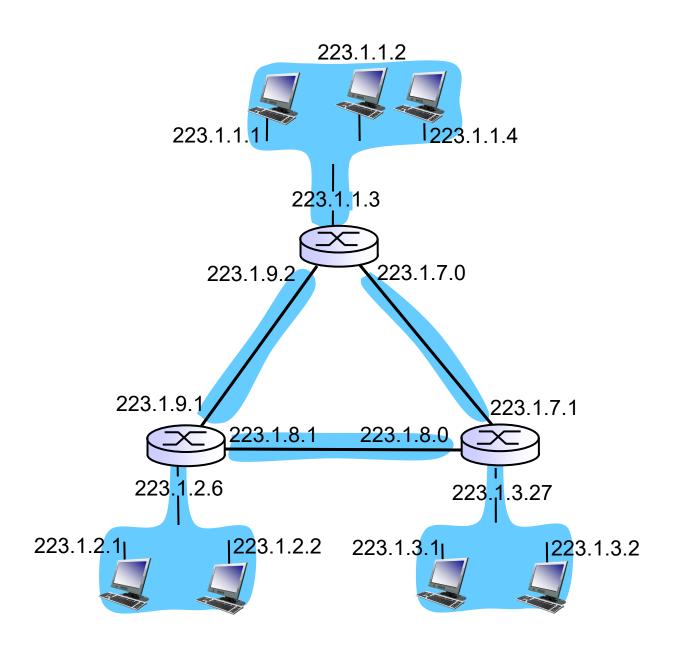
- to determine the subnets, detach each interface from its host or router, creating islands of isolated networks
- each isolated network is called a subnet



subnet mask: /24

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

IP addresses: how to get one?

Q: How does a host get IP address?

- hard-coded by system admin in a file
 - Windows: 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

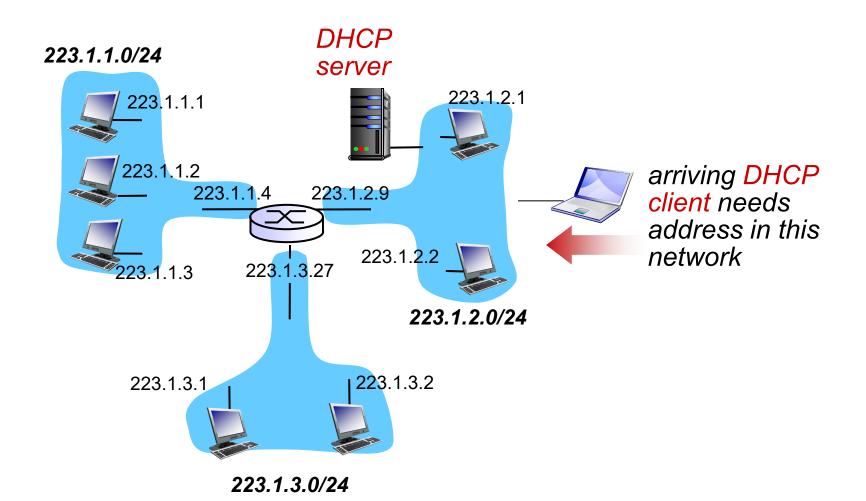
goal: allow host to dynamically obtain its IP address from network server when it joins network

- can renew its lease on address in use
- allows reuse of addresses (only hold address while connected/"on")
- support for mobile users who want to join network (more shortly)

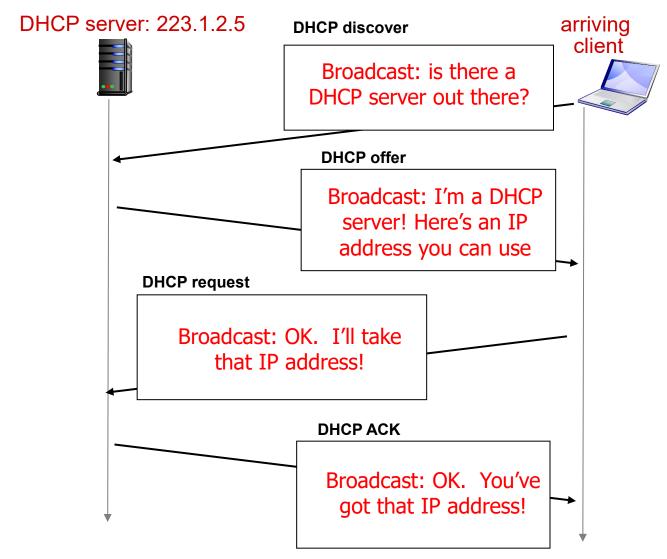
DHCP overview:

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

DHCP client-server scenario



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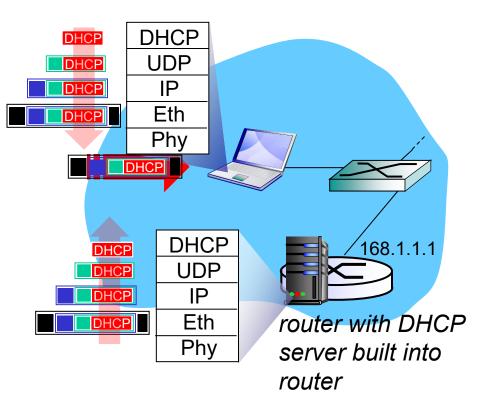


DHCP: more than IP addresses

DHCP can return more than just allocated IP address on subnet:

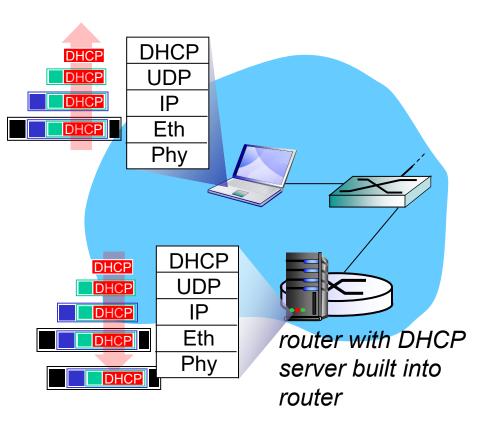
- address of first-hop router for client
- name and IP address of DNS sever
- network mask (indicating network versus host portion of address)

DHCP: example



- connecting laptop needs its IP address, addr of first-hop router, addr of DNS server: use DHCP
- DHCP request encapsulated in UDP, encapsulated in IP, encapsulated in 802.1 Ethernet
- Ethernet demuxed to IP demuxed, UDP demuxed to DHCP

DHCP: example



- DCP server formulates DHCP ACK containing client's IP address, IP address of first-hop router for client, name & IP address of DNS server
- encapsulation of DHCP server, frame forwarded to client, demuxing up to DHCP at client
- client now knows its IP address, name and IP address of DSN server, IP address of its first-hop router

DHCP: Wireshark output (home LAN)

Message type: **Boot Request (1)** Hardware type: Ethernet Hardware address length: 6 request Hops: 0 Transaction ID: 0x6b3a11b7 Seconds elapsed: 0 Bootp flags: 0x0000 (Unicast) Client IP address: 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0) Your (client) IP address: 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0) Next server IP address: 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0) Relay agent IP address: 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0) Client MAC address: Wistron_23:68:8a (00:16:d3:23:68:8a) Server host name not given Boot file name not given Magic cookie: (OK) Option: (t=53,l=1) **DHCP Message Type = DHCP Request** Option: (61) Client identifier Length: 7; Value: 010016D323688A; Hardware type: Ethernet Client MAC address: Wistron 23:68:8a (00:16:d3:23:68:8a) Option: (t=50,l=4) Requested IP Address = 192.168.1.101 Option: (t=12,I=5) Host Name = "nomad" **Option: (55) Parameter Request List** Length: 11; Value: 010F03062C2E2F1F21F92B 1 = Subnet Mask; 15 = Domain Name 3 = Router: 6 = Domain Name Server 44 = NetBIOS over TCP/IP Name Server

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Message type: Boot Reply (2)
                                          reply
Hardware type: Ethernet
Hardware address length: 6
Hops: 0
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Seconds elapsed: 0
Bootp flags: 0x0000 (Unicast)
Client IP address: 192.168.1.101 (192.168.1.101)
Your (client) IP address: 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0)
Next server IP address: 192.168.1.1 (192.168.1.1)
Relay agent IP address: 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0)
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Server host name not given
Boot file name not given
Magic cookie: (OK)
Option: (t=53,l=1) DHCP Message Type = DHCP ACK
Option: (t=54,l=4) Server Identifier = 192.168.1.1
Option: (t=1,l=4) Subnet Mask = 255.255.255.0
Option: (t=3,l=4) Router = 192.168.1.1
Option: (6) Domain Name Server
   Length: 12; Value: 445747E2445749F244574092;
   IP Address: 68.87.71.226:
   IP Address: 68.87.73.242:
   IP Address: 68.87.64.146
Option: (t=15,l=20) Domain Name = "hsd1.ma.comcast.net."
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IP addresses: how to get one?

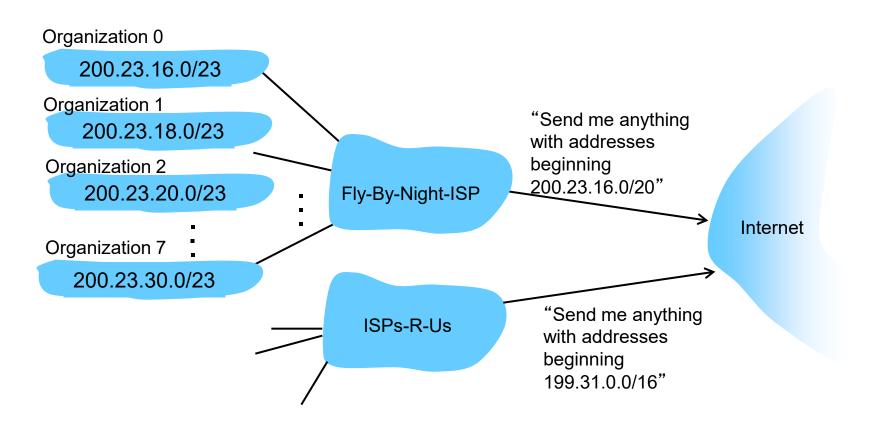
Q: how does network get subnet part of IP addr?

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

ISP's block	<u>11001000</u>	00010111	00010000	00000000	200.23.16.0/20
Organization 0	11001000	00010111	00010000	00000000	200.23.16.0/23
Organization 1					200.23.18.0/23
Organization 2	11001000	00010111	<u>0001010</u> 0	00000000	200.23.20.0/23
Organization 7	11001000	00010111	00011110	00000000	200.23.30.0/23

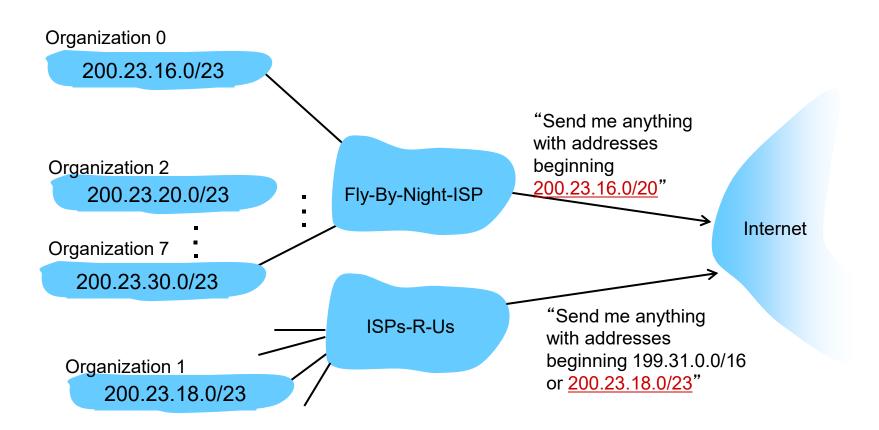
Hierarchical addressing: route aggregation

hierarchical addressing allows efficient advertisement of routing information:



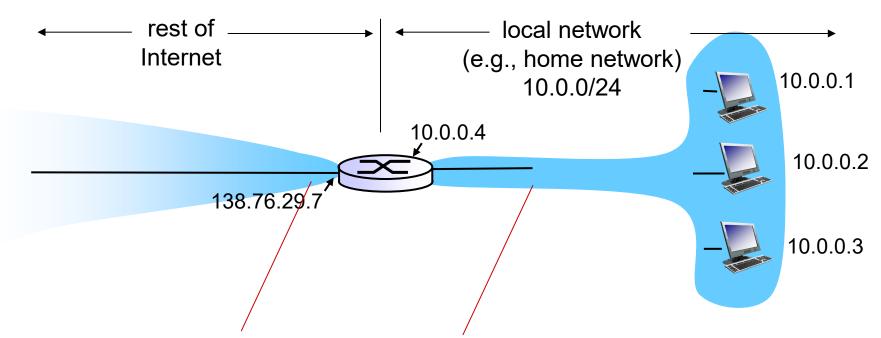
Hierarchical addressing: more specific routes

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



IP addressing: the last word...

- Q: how does an ISP get block of addresses?
- A: ICANN: Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers http://www.icann.org/
 - allocates addresses
 - manages DNS
 - assigns domain names, resolves disputes



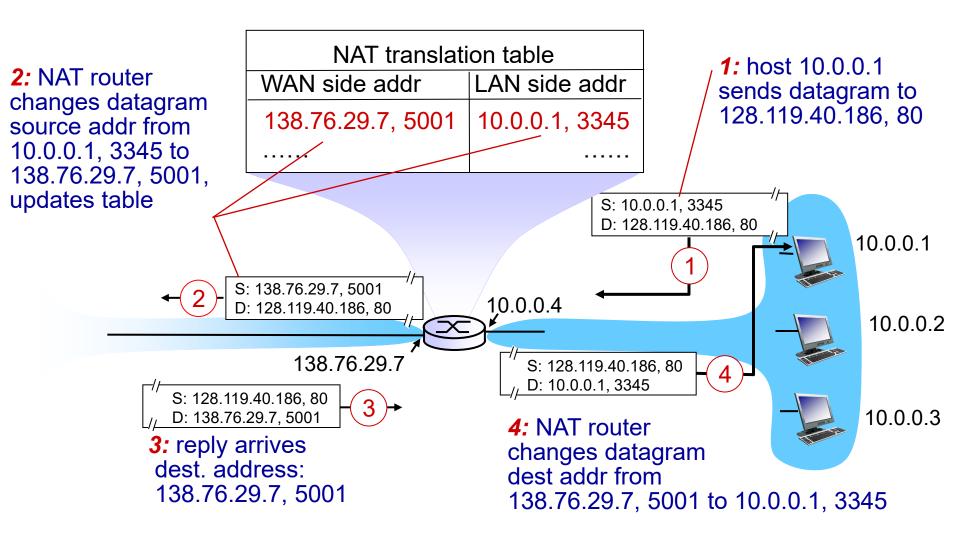
all datagrams leaving local network have same single source NAT IP address: 138.76.29.7, different source port numbers datagrams with source or destination in this network have 10.0.0/24 address for source, destination (as usual)

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)

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



^{*} Check out the online interactive exercises for more examples: http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/kurose ross/interactive/

- I6-bit port-number field:
 - 60,000 simultaneous connections with a single LAN-side address!
- NAT is controversial:
 - routers should only process up to layer 3
 - address shortage should be solved by IPv6
 - violates end-to-end argument
 - NAT possibility must be taken into account by app designers, e.g., P2P applications
 - NAT traversal: what if client wants to connect to server behind NAT?

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IPv6: motivation

- 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 datagram format

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

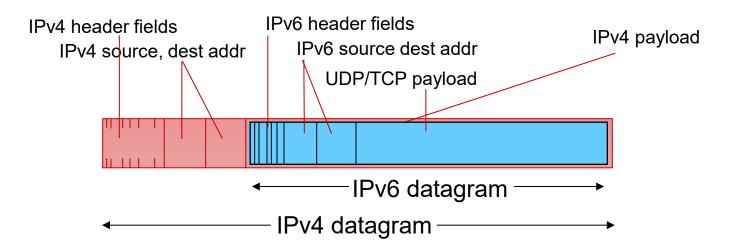
ver	pri	flow label						
K	payload	l len	next hdr	hop limit				
source address (128 bits)								
destination address (128 bits)								
data								

Other changes from IPv4

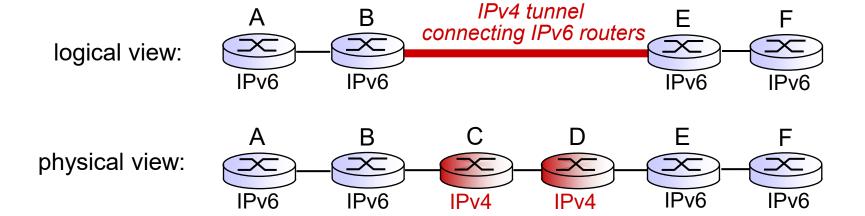
- checksum: removed entirely to reduce processing time at each hop
- options: allowed, but outside of header, indicated by "Next Header" field
- ICMPv6: new version of ICMP
 - additional message types, e.g. "Packet Too Big"
 - multicast group management functions

Transition from IPv4 to IPv6

- not all routers can be upgraded simultaneously
 - no "flag days"
 - how will network operate with mixed IPv4 and IPv6 routers?
- tunneling: IPv6 datagram carried as payload in IPv4 datagram among IPv4 routers



Tunneling



Tunneling

IPv4 tunnel В connecting IPv6 routers logical view: IPv6 IPv6 IPv6 IPv6 Α В Ε physical view: IPv6 IPv6 IPv6 IPv6 IPv4 IPv4 src:B flow: X flow: X src:B src: A src: A dest: E dest: E dest: F dest: F Flow: X Flow: X Src: A Src: A Dest: F data Dest: F data data data A-to-B: E-to-F: B-to-C: B-to-C: IPv6 IPv6 IPv6 inside IPv6 inside IPv4 IPv4 Network Layer: Data Plane 4-65

IPv6: adoption

- Google: 8% of clients access services via IPv6
- NIST: I/3 of all US government domains are IPv6 capable
- Long (long!) time for deployment, use
 - •20 years and counting!
 - •think of application-level changes in last 20 years: WWW, Facebook, streaming media, Skype, ...
 - •Why?

Chapter 4: outline

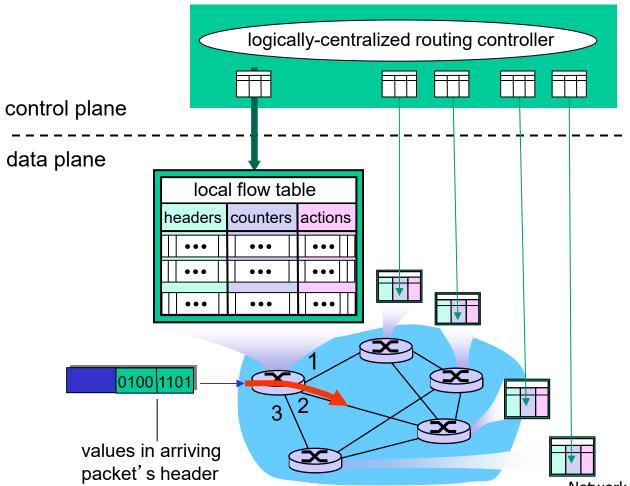
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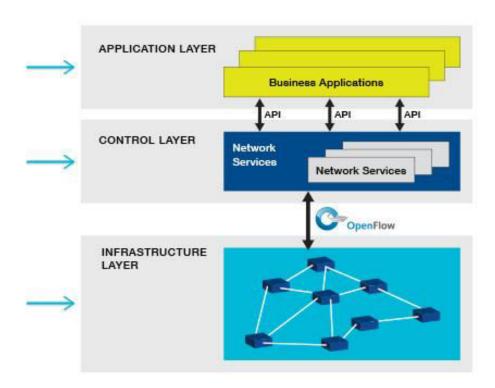
Generalized Forwarding and SDN

Each router contains a *flow table* that is computed and distributed by a *logically centralized* routing controller



OpenFlow

- "OpenFlow® is the first standard communications interface defined between the control and forwarding layers of an SDN architecture. OpenFlow® allows direct access to and manipulation of the forwarding plane of network devices such as switches and routers, both physical and virtual (hypervisor-based)."
 - https://www.opennetworking.org/sdn-resources/openflow



OpenFlow data plane abstraction

- flow: defined by header fields
- generalized forwarding: simple packet-handling rules
 - Pattern: match values in packet header fields
 - Actions: for matched packet: drop, forward, modify, matched packet or send matched packet to controller
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Flow table in a router (computed and distributed by controller) define router's match+action rules

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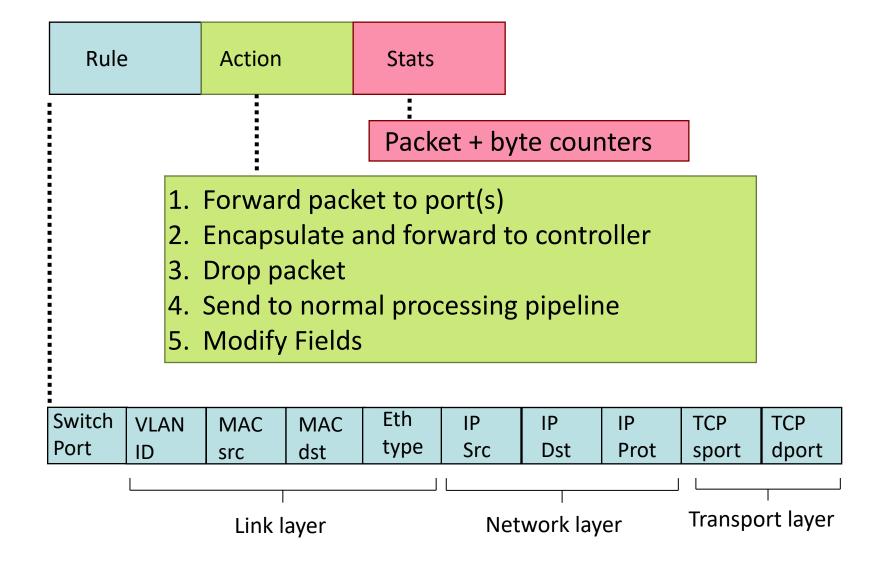
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*: wildcard

- 1. src=1.2.*.*, $dest=3.4.5.* \rightarrow drop$
- 2. $src = *.*.*.*, dest=3.4.*.* \rightarrow forward(2)$
- 3. src=10.1.2.3, $dest=*.*.*.* \rightarrow send to controller$

OpenFlow: Flow Table Entries



Examples

Destination-based forwarding:

Switch Port				Eth type		IP Src	IP Dst			TCP dport	Action
*	*	*	<u> </u>	*	*		51.6.0.8	•	*	*	port6

IP datagrams destined to IP address 51.6.0.8 should be forwarded to router output port 6

Firewall:

Switch Port	MA(src	С	MAC dst	Eth type	VLAN ID	IP Src	IP Dst	IP Prot		TCP dport	Forward
*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	22	drop

do not forward (block) all datagrams destined to TCP port 22

Switch Port	MA(src	2	MAC dst			IP Src	IP Dst			TCP dport	Forward
*	*	*		*	*	128.119.1.1	*	*	*	*	drop

do not forward (block) all datagrams sent by host 128.119.1.1

Examples

Destination-based layer 2 (switch) forwarding:

Switch	MAC	MAC	Eth	VLAN	IP	IP	IP	TCP	TCP	Action
Port	src	dst	type	ID	Src	Dst	Prot	sport	dport	
*	22:A7:23:	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	port3

layer 2 frames from MAC address 22:A7:23:11:E1:02 should be forwarded to output port 6

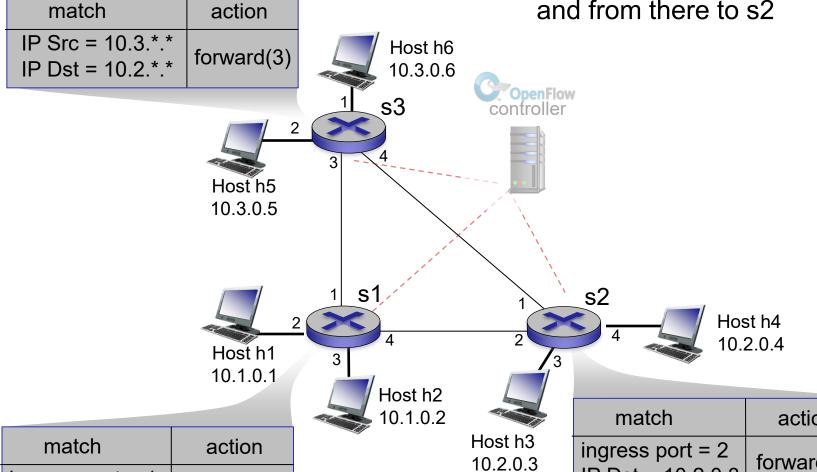
OpenFlow abstraction

- match+action: unifies different kinds of devices
- Router
 - match: longest destination IP prefix
 - action: forward out a link
- Switch
 - match: destination MAC address
 - action: forward or flood

- Firewall
 - match: IP addresses and TCP/UDP port numbers
 - action: permit or deny
- NAT
 - match: IP address and port
 - action: rewrite address and port

OpenFlow example

Example: datagrams from hosts h5 and h6 should be sent to h3 or h4, via s1 and from there to s2



match	action
ingress port = 1 IP Src = 10.3.*.* IP Dst = 10.2.*.*	forward(4)

match	action
ingress port = 2 IP Dst = 10.2.0.3	forward(3)
ingress port = 2 IP Dst = 10.2.0.4	forward(4)

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Question: how are forwarding tables (destination-based forwarding) or flow tables (generalized forwarding) computed?

Answer: by the control plane (next chapter)