Introduction to Computer Networks and Internet

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Foreword

- The material presented in this course is a compilation of several Internet howto's and websites, command manual pages, API documentations, IETF RFCs, and books.
- Specially, the following slides are directly inspired from the official slides and book "Computer Networking: A Top Down Approach". Chapter 1. 6th edition. Jim Kurose, Keith Ross. Pearson.
 - Exercises are also inspired from this book
- In this course should allow you to understand the general architecture and components of a network, as well as to put in practice during the labs sessions your knowledges

Organisation générale du cours

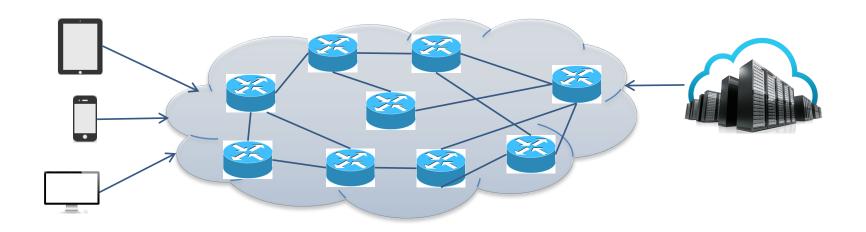
- Ce cours est divisé 2 parties
 - > 1^{ère} partie Dino Lopez & Pr. Yves Roudier Introduction à l'**Architecture Réseau** et Programmation Sockets
 - > 2^{ème} partie Benoît Miramond **Architectures de programmes**
- Pour la première partie
 - 4 encadrants des TDs pour 4 groupes
 - 1 groupe sera distribué de manière équitable sur les 4 salles avec les encadrants

Interaction Application Distribué – Infrastructure réseau

Architecture des App. Dist. : Protocoles et Standards

Le Protocole HTTP : Pierre angulaire des Services Web

Infrastructure et Protocoles Réseau Interconnexion de Dispositifs



Evaluation

- Chaque partie est évalué d'une manière qui corresponde le mieux au contenu à présenter
- En ce qui concerne la première partie
 - Examens courts écrit (0,5h)
 - QCMs surprises
 - Comportement générale en cours et TPs -> Les TPs peuvent être notés

General Networking Context

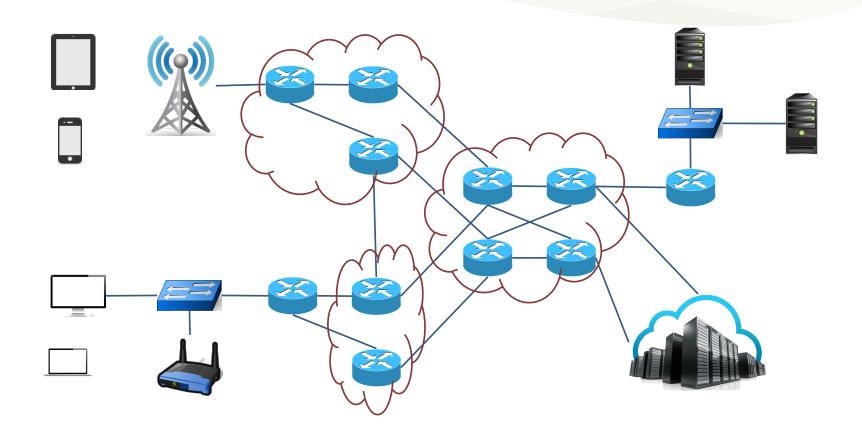
Device interconnection: the network topologies

Ring Bus

Mesh Full mesh

Star

Global View



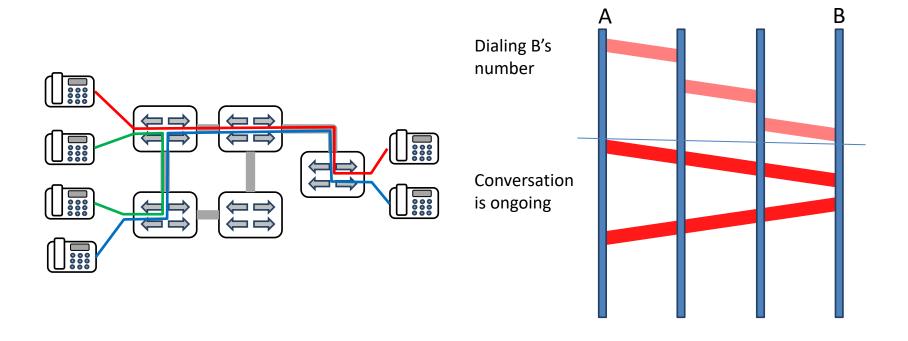
Switching

- To interconnect two users' devices (end points), intermediate devices will probably be needed
- Intermediate devices will transfer the traffic between several users
- Intermediate devices need to switch from one conversation to another one
 - Circuit switching
 - * Fixed and Mobile telephone networks
 - * Optical Networks (rings)
 - Message switching
 - * Application-layer protocols
 - Packet switching
 - * Internet

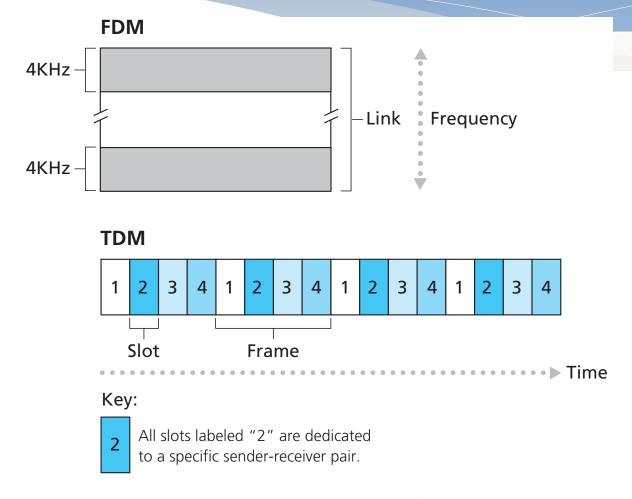
Circuit switching

- In circuit switched networks, the resources are reserved for the entire duration of the communication
 - > Takes a long time to create a (virtual) circuit
 - Users' data travels at the links speed
 - > Silent periods lead to wasted resources
- The end-to-end reserved path is known like a circuit
- A circuit can be implemented using
 - Frequency Division Multiplexing (FDM)
 - Time Division Multiplexing (TDM)

(Virtual) Circuits

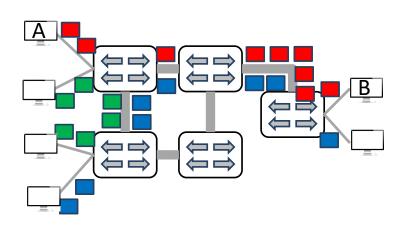


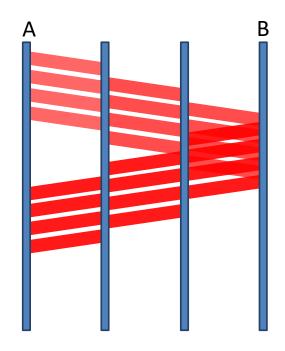
FDM vs TDM



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Packet Switching





Internet elements

- Internet is a network which interconnects computing devices
 - > Internet Service Providers
 - Network of networks
- Computing devices: hosts or end systems
 - Laptops, PC, servers
 - > Today: Mobile devices, smart objects
- Communication links
 - > Twisted pair, coaxial cable, radio frequency
 - > ?
- Packet switches
 - Routers, link-layer switches
 - > Several other devices
- Protocols
 - Standard and proprietary protocols

Internet elements by graphics



Switch (entreprises)



Switch (at home)



Wi-Fi access point (by Extreme Networks)

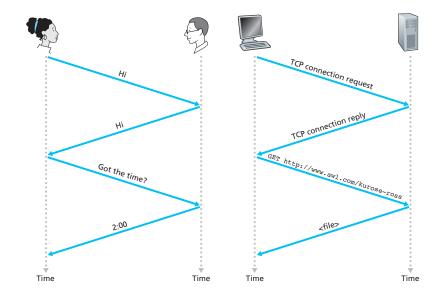


Ethernet cables (twisted pair cable)

Internet Applications

Internet Applications

- Distributed applications
 - Peer to peer
 - Client-server
- Information exchanges need to follow rules → protocols

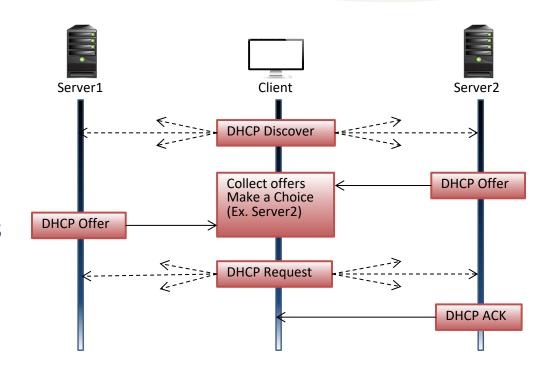


Some network protocols

- Different protocols for different objectives and at different levels of the internet protocol stack
- Fairly used protocols
 - ➤ Easy network client configuration → DHCP
 - Translate friendly-user computer names to their IDs -> DNS
 - Download/upload/modify/delete documents -> HTTP, ?? ...
 - Obtain the current time -> NTP
 - **>** ...
- Protocols to transfer users' data between two applications
 - > TCP/UDP
- Network managament, signaling and control
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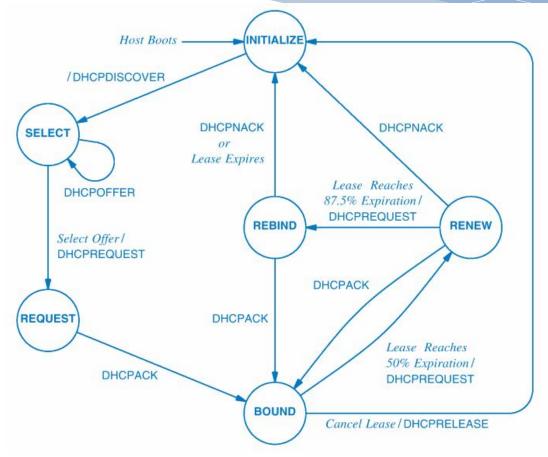
Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol

- Automatic end host configuration
 - IP address, network mask, router address, DNS server, network domain, ...
- DHCP runs over the UDP protocol
 - > Ports number 67 and 68
- Flexible but less control on the network settings
- Users rarely verify the obtained configuration → security issues



Expected DHCP behavior

DHCP state diagram



DHCP state diagram from Douglas E. Comer (2006). "Internetworking with TCP/IP Vol.1: Principles, Protocols, and Architecture", 5ed, Prentice Hall

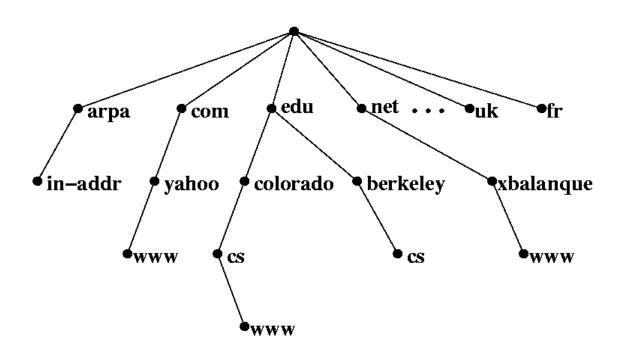
Domain Name System

- Translate user-friendly names to IP addresses
- Hierarchical → inverted tree architecture
- Some definitions
 - > Name server → DNS server software
 - ➤ Resolver → DNS client software
 - Fully Qualified Domain Name -> FQDN
 - Partially Qualified Domain Name -> PQDN
 - Top level domains -> domains just below the root (unamed domain)
 - * Generic top level domains -> gTLD
 - * Country code top level domains -> ccTLD
 - subdomain -> domain inside a domain
- Uses TCP and UDP on port 53

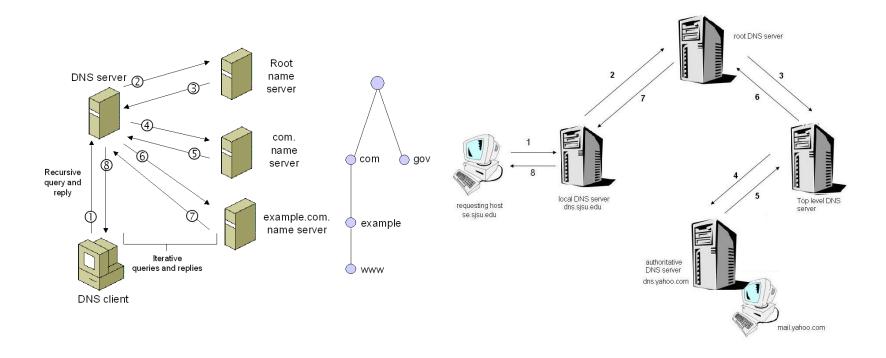
Some DNS records

- DNS relies on a distributed data base
 - ➤ Authoritative DNS servers → servers providing the answer from the original source file for a given record
 - Non-authoritative DNS servers -> servers providing the answer from a cache or by forwarding a reply from an authoritative server
- Different resource records
 - A: Name to IPv4 address
 - > AAAA: Name to IPv6 address
 - MX: Mail eXchange server of a domain
 - > NS: server name of a domain

DNS name space



Iterative and Recursive resolutions



HyperText Transfer Protocol

- Employed to access data on the World Wide Web
 - Universal Resource Locators (URLs)
 - http://www.i3s.unice.fr/~roudier/index.php?studentid=abc1234 &coursId=12#section1
 - * https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/URL
- Simple request-response protocol
 - Client (e.g. a browser) sends a request to an HTTP server
 - The HTTP server (e.g. Apache) sends a reply, potentially containing the required document
- Web services are often built on top of HTTP
 - Mobile Apps

HTTP messages

```
HTTP-message = Request | Response
Request | Response = start-line
                     *(message-header CRLF)
                     CRLF
                     [ message-body ]
start-line = Request-Line | Status-Line
Request-Line = Method SP Request-URI SP HTTP-Version CRLF
Status-Line = HTTP-Version SP Status-Code SP Reason-Phrase CRLF
```

Request / Response examples

```
GET /index.html HTTP/1.1
```

Host: www.example.com

User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0

Connection: keep-alive

blank line

HTTP/1.1 200 OK

Server: Lighttp/1.1

Content-Type: text/html;charset=UTF-8

Content-Length: 1846

blank line

<html>

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</html>

HTTP methods and response status codes

- Common methods (verbs)
 - > GET: fetch a resource
 - HEAD: fetch information about a resource
 - > PUT: replace a resource
 - > DELETE: delete a resource
 - POST: submit information to an entity
 - **>** ...
- GET and POST are commonly used in graphic web browsers
- GET, PUT, POST, DELETE frequently used in REST APIs

- Response codes categories
 - > 1xx informational
 - 2xx success
 - > 3xx redirect
 - 4xx client error
 - > 5xx server error
- Some common responses status codes
 - > 200 OK
 - 301 Moved Permanently
 - 404 Not Found
 - > 400 Bad Request
 - 401 Unauthorized
 - > 500 Internal Server Error
 - > 501 Not Implemented
 - > 550 Permission denied

Network Layers and Protocols

Packetization

- IP networks has been designed for packet-switched networks
- Users' applications generate a stream of data (e.g. audio, video, etc.)
 - Need to break data into small segments for network transmissions
- Users' data must be processed to reach the network interfaces and travel
 - Packetizing, end to end signaling, encoding/decoding, ...
 - > Several solution at different level (packets going through the air, copper cable, other?)
 - Different needs (end users' data, network control, ...?)
 - Need to keep interoperability between the different solutions and needs

The Layering approach

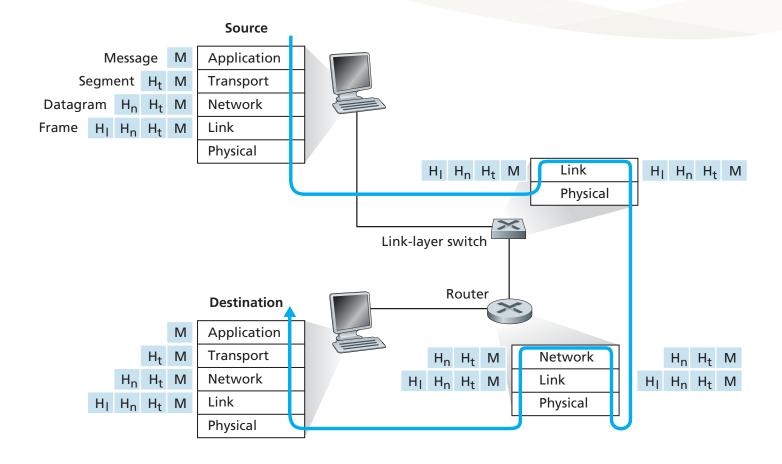
The OSI model

The Internet protocol stack

Application	
Presentation	
Session	
Transport	
Network	
Link	
Physical	

Application	НТТР
Transport	TCP,UDP
Network	IP
Link	ARP
Physical	Ethernet

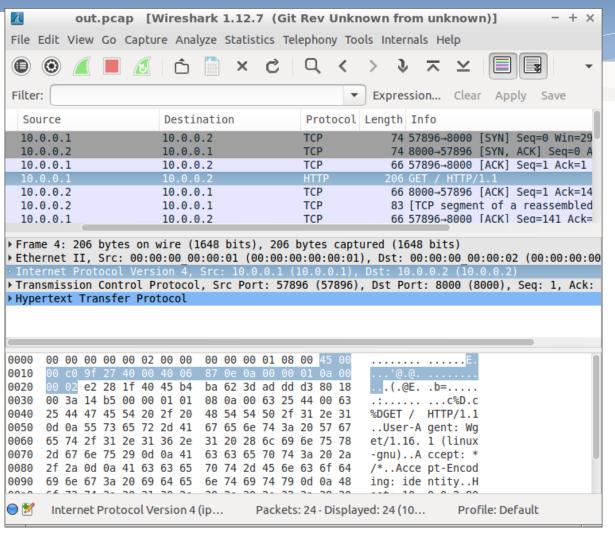
Encapsulation



Encapsulation example: The HTTP case

Layer	Protocol	Content (information added to a packet)
Application	HTTP	HTTP request → GET / HTTP/1.1
Transport	TCP	TCP Header → Src Port, Dst Port,
Network	IPv4	IP Header → Src IP Addr, Dst IP Addr,
Link	Ethernet - MAC	MAC Header → Src Eth Addr, Dst Eth Addr,
Physical	Ethernet – 10GBASE-10	Synch signaling, inter-frame gaps

Encapsulation in real life



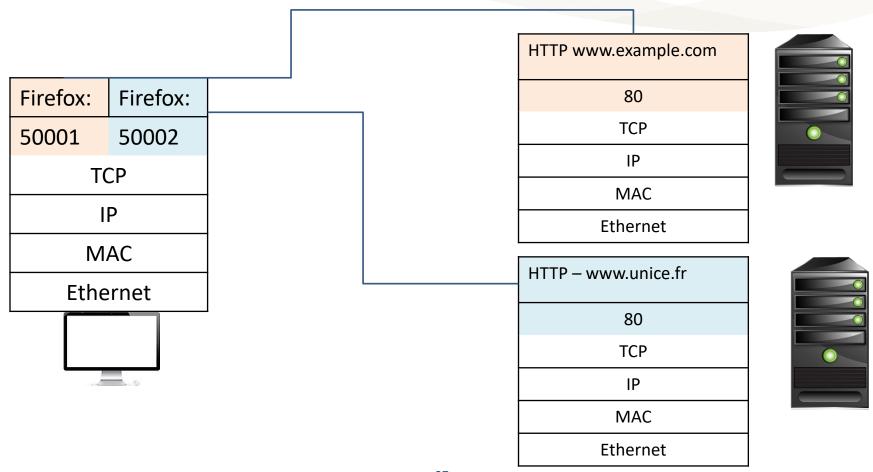
Multiplexing

Ports

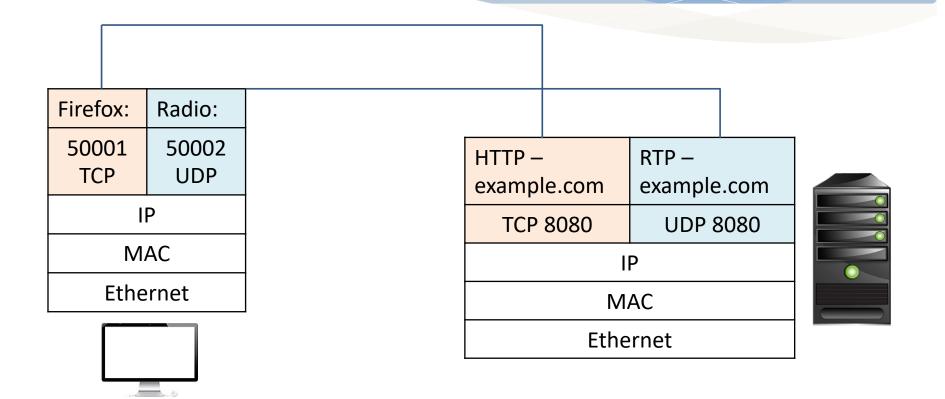


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Multiplexing – same protocol, different port numbers



Multiplexing – same port number, different protocols



Network Delays

Packet forwarding in packet-switched networks

- Store-and-forward devices
- A device receives the bits of a packet and store the information in a buffer
- Once the entire packet has been received, the packet is processed/forwarded

Bandwidth definition

bandwidth

noun [C usually singular or U]

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bandwidth noun [C usually singular or U] (INFORMATION)



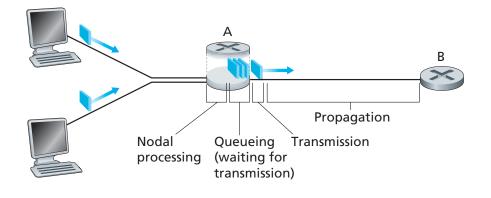
a measurement of the amount of information that can be sent between computers, through a phone line, etc.:

- The system will handle signals that need high bandwidth, for instance those that encode TV pictures.
- high-bandwidth services/applications

By Cambridge Dictionnary

Delay in packet-switched networks

- The total delay seen by a packet in a node (the nodal delay) is composed of
 - Processing delay: should a packet be forwarded and through which port
 - Queuing delay: how long a packet waits in the buffer before being forwarded
 - Transmission delay: time needed to put an entire packet in the link
- Propagation delay: the speed at which bits propagates in a link



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End-to-end delay

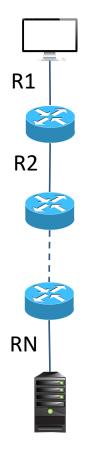
- When a packet is sent, it will travel through a series of N links and N-1 forwarding devices
- A packet composed of L bits, which is transmitted through a network access card with output rate R bits/sec, will need L/R seconds to be transmitted = transmission delay
 - ➤ The total transmission delay of a packets going through N links (i.e. N-1 forwarding devices) will need NL/R seconds
- The network might not be symmetric
 - The path followed by a packet from Host A to Host B can be different from the path between Host B and Host A
 - In a single forwarding device, two different ports might have different instantaneous queue size
 - Forward delay can be different to the backward delay

Queuing delay

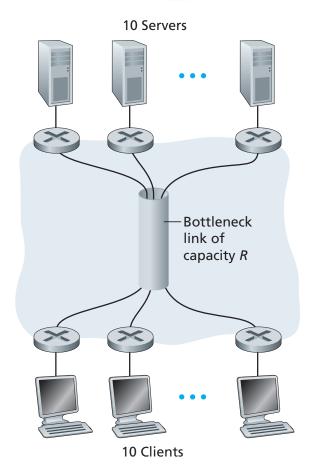
- The traffic intensity is defined as the ratio *aL/R*, where *a* is the average arrival rate of packets (pkts/s)
- The number of packets stored in a buffer will grow when the incoming arrival rate exceeds the output link capacity
 - \rightarrow aL/R > 1
- What about aL/R <= 1? Queuing delay depends on the nature of the packets arrival rate
 - If the minimum inter-arrival packet period is L/R packets, then, there is no queue
 - Packet burst (all packets arrive at the same time) will lead to queuing delay
- When a buffer becomes full, new incoming packets cannot be stored and they are dropped (leading to the so-called packet losses)

End-to-End throughput (client performance)

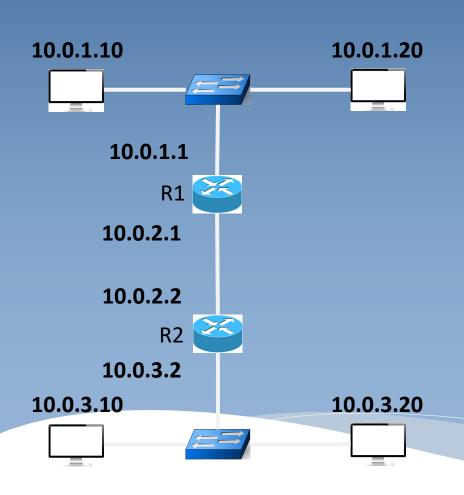
E2E average throughput = min(R1,R2,...,RN)



E2E average throughput = ??



IPv4 Addressing



Inter LAN Communication

- IP addresses identify a device in the network.
- An IP address is composed of 4
 bytes and represented in decimal
 format with a "." between two
 bytes.
- In an IP address, some bits identify the network address (network ID).
- Setting all the bits of the network
 ID to 1 gives the network mask
 (netmask) address

Targeting a network device

- To identify a router or an end host, to send it a packet for instance, such a device will need an address
- IP addresses identify the subnet and indicates the host ID of a device in Internet
 - Answer to the questions: Is the device located in my LAN or somewhere else?
 - How should the packet should be routed?
- Let's talk about IPv4 address scheme

Classful addresses

- Classful networks uses an addressing scheme where the address space is divided in 5 classes
 - > Class A: 8 bits for the network ID Netmask: 255.0.0.0
 - Class B: 16 bits for the network ID Netmask: 255.255.0.0
 - Class C: 24 bits for the network ID Netmask: 255.255.255.0
 - Class D: multicast
 - Class E: reserved

Classful addresses (cont)

- The classful address scheme led to
 - > Address exhaustion
 - Big routing tables
- Note that the first and the last addresses are not used to identify a host
 - > The first address (aka the zero address) identifies the network address
 - * The network address of a host with @IP 134.51.12.36 is 134.51.0.0
 - * The network address of a host with @IP 212.54.12.36 is ??
 - The last address (the all one address) is the network broadcast address (e.g. to send a message to an entire LAN)
 - * The broadcast network address for 134.51.0.0 is 134.51.255.255
 - * The broadcast network address for 212.54.12.36 is ??
 - How many host can be addressed in a network?
 - * 2ⁿ-2 where n is the number of bits used for the host id's.

Classless Inter-Domain Routing

- CIDR is the current addressing scheme in Internet
- The number of bits used in a network address does not depend anymore on the first bits of the IP address
 - > What is the network address for 134.59.17.36?
- CIDR uses a routing prefix to identify the number of bits composing a network address
 - > Ex. 134.59.17.36/20
 - For 134.59.17.36/20, what is the network address?
 - * Write in binary format: 10000110.00111011.00010001.00100100
 - * Take the first 20 bits and the remaining ones set it to zero: 10000110.00111011.00010000.00000000
 - * Network address: 10000110.00111011.00010000.00000000 = 134.59.16.0

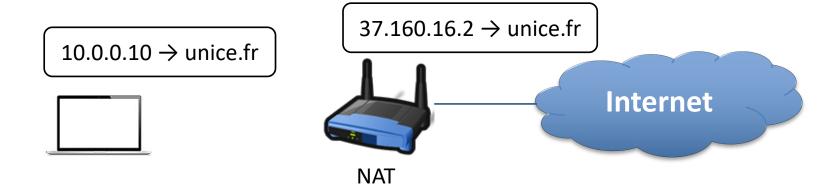
Classless Inter-Domain Routing (cont)

- For 134.59.17.36/20
 - What is the netmask?
 - * Write the address in binary format: 10000110.00111011.00010001.00100100
 - * Take the first 20 bits and set it to 1. Put the remaining ones to zero: 111111111111111111110000.00000000
 - * Write in decimal: 255.255.240.0
 - what is the network broadcast address?
 - * Write in binary format: 10000110.00111011.00010001.00100100
 - * Take the first 20 bits and set the remaining bits to one: 10000110.00111011.00011111.1111111
 - * Write the value in decimal: 134.59.31.255
 - What is the first available IP address for a host?
 - * Take the network address and put the last bit to one: 134.59.16.1
 - What is the last available IP address for a host?
 - * Take the network broadcast address and set the last bit to zero: 134.59.31.254

Public vs Private IP addresses

- IP addresses can be public or private
 - Public addresses can be routed through the Internet
 - > Private addresses must never be routed through the Internet
- Devices with an IP private address uses Network Address
 Translators (NATs) to reach the Internet
- IP addresses are in the following range
 - > 10.0.0.0/8
 - > 172.16.0.0/12
 - > 192.168.0.0/16

Example with private addresses



Configuring Ethernet network interface cards in Linux through command line

- To display the addresses of network interfaces, use "ip a s"
- To assign an IP address and netmask to a given interface. E.g.
 "ip a add 10.0.0.1/24 dev h1-eth0"
- To remove an IP address from a network interface, you can use "ip a del 10.0.0.1/24 dev h1-eth0"
 - In absence of the CIDR notation, the IP command will assume a /32 network mask length.

Routing

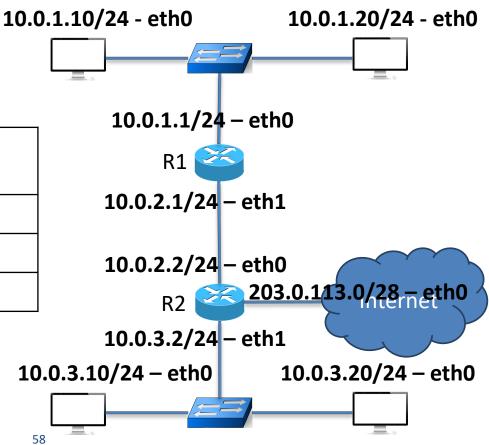
Basics on routing

- Each local network has one or more gateways (routers)
- Each link of a router belongs to a different network address
- To reach an external network (external hosts), hosts and routers must keep a routing table
 - Compression through default routes
 - * The smallest routing table
 - Routes provides the cheapest path to the destination
 - * E.g. in hop numbers to go through

Routing table of an end host

Routing table of host 10.0.1.10 *Note the use of a default route*

Target Network	IP Gateway	Device	
10.0.1.0/24	*	Eth0	
10.0.2.0/24	10.0.1.1	Eth0	
*	10.0.1.1	Eth0	



Routing table of a router

Routing table of router R2

Note the use of a default route

10.0.1.	10/24 - eth0	10.0.1.20/24 - eth0
	1	
	10.0.1.1/24	l – eth0
1	R1 🕞	
0	10.0.2.1/24	– eth1
2		
2	10.0.2.2/24	
0	R2 🧲	203.0.113.0/28 neth2
	10.0.3.2/24	- eth1
10.0.3	3.10/24 – eth0	10.0.3.20/24 - eth0

Target Network	IP Gateway	Device
10.0.3.0/24	*	Eth1
10.0.2.0/24	*	Eth0
203.0.113.0/28	*	Eth2
*	203.0.113.14	Eth2
10.0.1.0/24	10.0.2.1	Eth0

Statics route in a Linux box

R2 is a Linux box. We want to build its routing table

- To display the routing table "ip r s"
- Attached networks (e.g. 10.0.3.0/24)
 are added by default
- Add route to 10.0.1.0/24
 - ip r add 10.0.1.0/24 via 10.0.2.1 dev eth0
- Add the default route
 - > ip r add default via 10.0.2.1 dev eth0
- Remove a route (if needed)
 - > ip r del 10.0.1.0/24 via 10.0.2.1 dev eth0

Routing table at R2

Target Network	IP Gateway	Device
10.0.3.0/24	*	Eth1
10.0.2.0/24	*	Eth0
203.0.113.0/28	*	Eth2
*	203.0.113.14	Eth2
10.0.1.0/24	10.0.2.1	Eth0

The longest prefix matching

EXAMPLE ROUTING TABLE

Entry No.	Address (Binary)	Output Port
1	101XX	A
2	0110X	B
3	011XX	C
4	10011	D

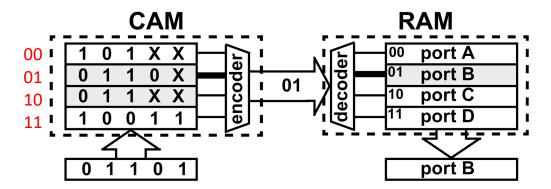
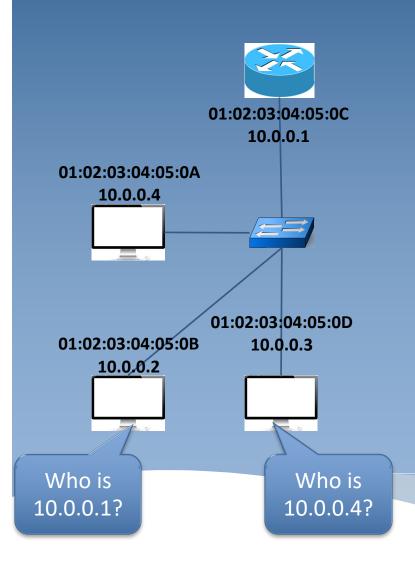


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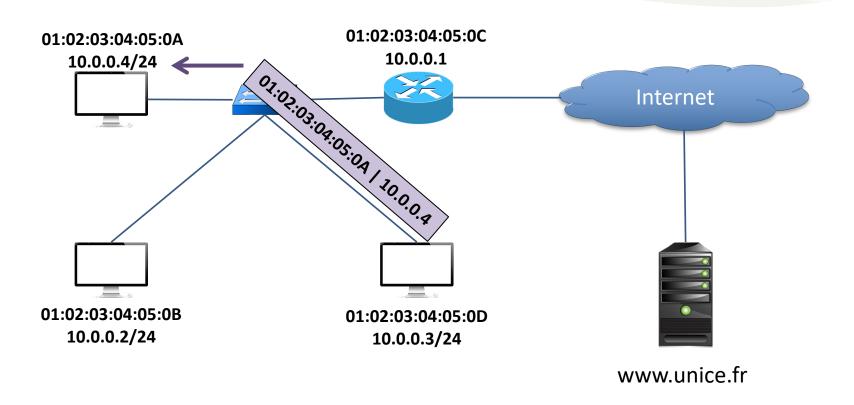
Layer 2 Addressing and Switching



Intra LAN Communication

Intra LAN communication needs a MAC address to know which device is configured with a given IP address A MAC address is composed of 6 bytes and represented in hexadecimal with ":" or "-" between two bytes

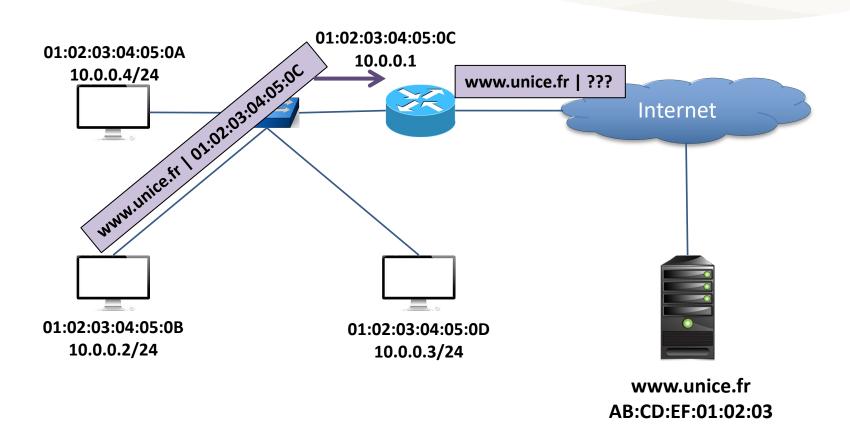
Example 1: $10.0.0.3 \rightarrow 10.0.0.4$



Overview of Layer 2 devices

- Switches ports do not have IP addresses
- How does a switch do to forward packets?
 - Switches have a forwarding database (FDB)
 - > The forwarding database associates the port number with the MAC address of the host plugged in that port
 - Switches learn the MAC addresses when the host connected to it sends a packet
 - If the MAC destination address is already in the FDB, the switch forward the packet in the right port. Otherwise, the packet is sent through all the ports, except the one where the packet comes from.
 - Packets with the broadcast MAC address are sent through all the ports except the one where the packet comes from.

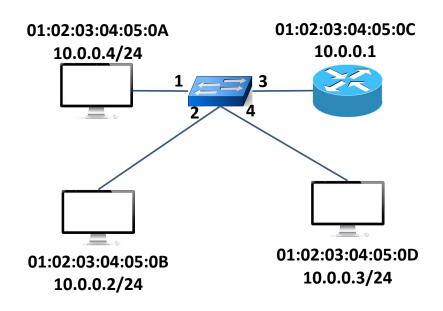
Example 2: $10.0.0.2 \rightarrow www.unice.fr$



Forwarding table in a switch

 Expected forwarding database (FDB) of the switch

@MAC	#Port
01:02:03:04:05:0A	1
01:02:03:04:05:0B	2
01:02:03:04:05:0C	3
01:02:03:04:05:0D	4



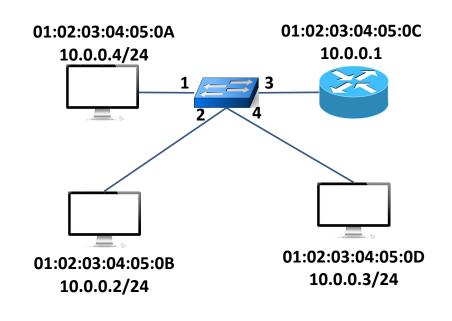
The Address Resolution Protocol (ARP)

- Suppose that you know the IP address of the targeted device inside your LAN, so how do you get its MAC address?
 - This is done by the ARP
 - You don't get the MAC address of a device from another LAN (i.e. on the other side of the gateway)
- When a host needs to know the MAC address of a host inside the LAN, it broadcasts an ARP request
 - In the request, you will find the IP address of the targeted host.
- Every device will take the ARP request. The one that will see its IP address inside must send an ARP reply
 - The ARP reply contains the IP address of the sender and its MAC address
 - > Applications can now communicate
- ARP is a Link-Layer protocol

ARP table

- Expected ARP table at host 10.0.0.4
 - Communication with the router and host 10.0.0.3
 - Add route to 10.0.0.2 "arp -s 10.0.0.2 01:02:03:04:05:0B"
 - Delete route to 10.0.0.5 "arp -d 10.0.0.5"
 - And show the ARP table "arp -n"

@IP	@MAC	dev
10.0.0.3	01:02:03:04:05:0D	eth0
10.0.0.1	01:02:03:04:05:0C	eth0
10.0.0.2	01:02:03:04:05:0B	eth0



Some special addresses

- To send a single message to the entire LAN, you must send a broadcast messages
 - > The IP broadcast address is 255.255.255.255
 - > The MAC broadcast address is FF:FF:FF:FF:FF
- The IP loopback address, which allows to communicate two processes in a single machine by mean of the network protocol stack.
 - Packets with this destination never leaves the host
 - By default, 127.0.0.1
 - But defined to be 127.0.0.0/8 by RFC6890