Chapter 1: Introduction

Overview:

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

What's the Internet: "nuts and bolts" view



PC



server



wireless laptop



cellular handheld

millions of connected computing devices:

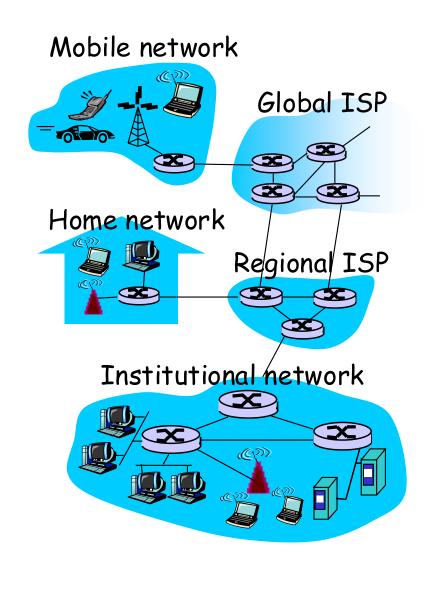
hosts = end systems

- running network apps
- communication links



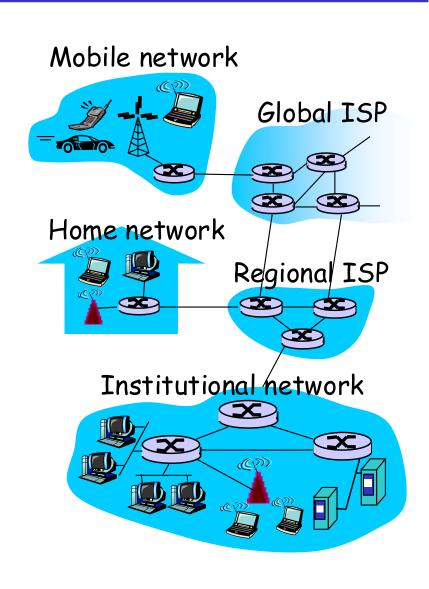
- fiber, copper, radio, satellite
- transmission
 rate = bandwidth

- router
- routers: forward packets (chunks of data)



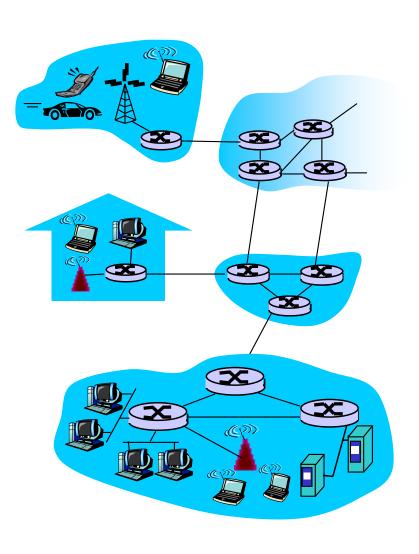
What's the Internet: "nuts and bolts" view

- protocols control sending, receiving of msgs
 - e.g., TCP, IP, HTTP, Skype, Ethernet
- Internet: "network of networks"
 - loosely hierarchical
 - public Internet versus private intranet
- □ Internet standards
 - RFC: Request for comments
 - IETF: Internet Engineering
 Task Force



What's the Internet: a service view

- communication
 infrastructure enables
 distributed applications:
 - Web, VoIP, email, games, e-commerce, file sharing
- communication services provided to apps:
 - reliable data delivery from source to destination
 - * "best effort" (unreliable) data delivery



What's a protocol?

<u>human protocols:</u>

- "what's the time?"
- "I have a question"
- introductions
- ... specific msgs sent
- ... specific actions taken when msgs received, or other events

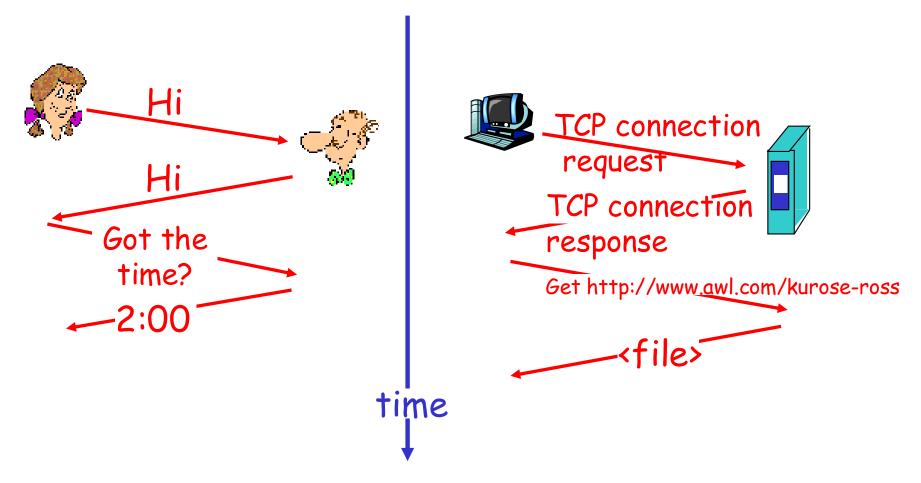
network protocols:

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

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

What's a protocol?

a human protocol and a computer network protocol:



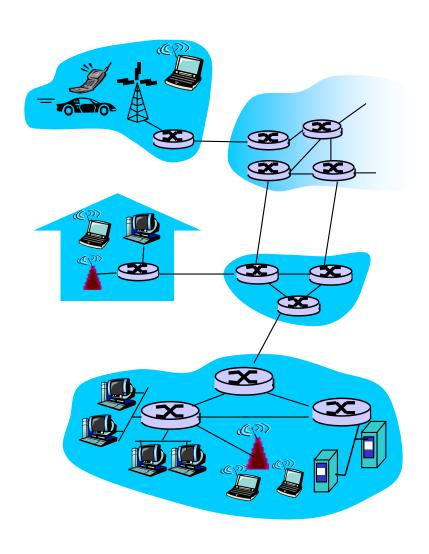
Q: Other human protocols?

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A closer look at network structure:

- network edge: applications and hosts
- access networks, physical media: wired, wireless communication links
- □ network core:
 - interconnected routers
 - network of networks



The network edge:

end systems (hosts):

- run application programs
- e.g. Web, email
- at "edge of network"

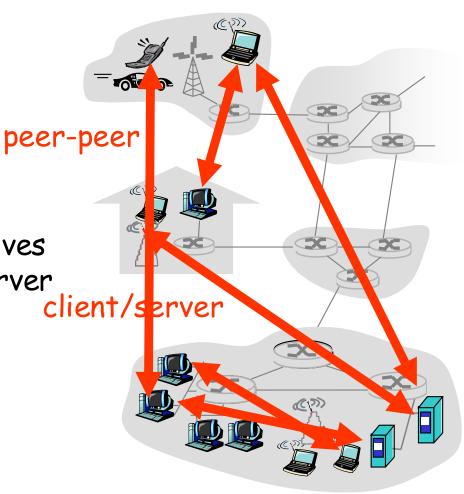
client/server model

 client host requests, receives service from always-on server

e.g. Web browser/server;email client/server

peer-peer model:

- minimal (or no) use of dedicated servers
- e.g. Skype, BitTorrenth



Network edge: reliable data transfer service

- Goal: data transfer between end systems
- handshaking: setup (prepare for) data transfer ahead of time
 - Hello, hello back human protocol
 - set up "state" in two communicating hosts
- TCP TransmissionControl Protocol
 - Internet's reliable data transfer service

TCP service [RFC 793]

- reliable, in-order bytestream data transfer
 - loss: acknowledgements and retransmissions
- flow control:
 - sender won't overwhelm receiver
- congestion control:
 - senders "slow down sending rate" when network congested

Network edge: best effort (unreliable) data transfer service

- Goal: data transfer between end systems
 - * same as before!
- UDP User Datagram Protocol [RFC 768]:
 - * connectionless
 - unreliable data transfer
 - no flow control
 - no congestion control

App's using TCP:

□ HTTP (Web), FTP (file transfer), Telnet (remote login), SMTP (email)

App's using UDP:

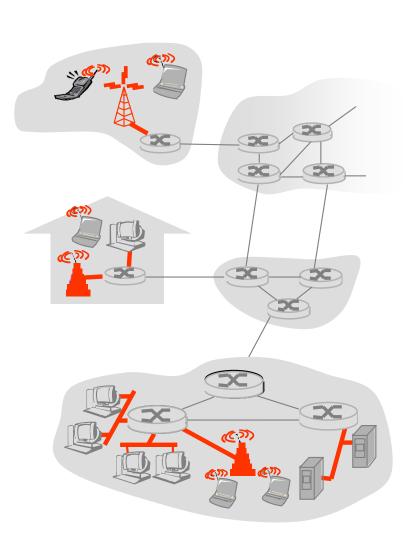
 streaming media, teleconferencing, DNS, Internet telephony

Access networks and physical media

- Q: How to connect end systems to edge router?
- residential access nets
- institutional access networks (school, company)
- mobile access networks

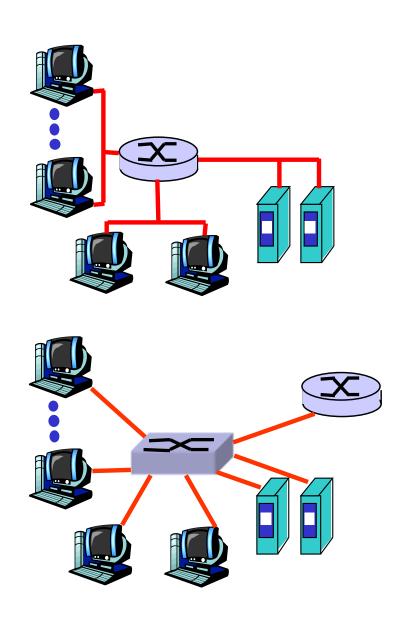
Keep in mind:

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



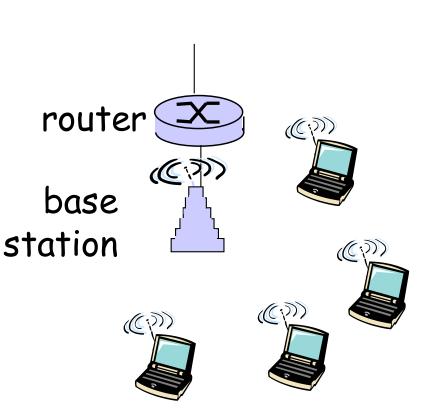
Company access: local area networks

- company/univ local area network (LAN) connects end system to edge router
- □ Ethernet:
 - 10 Mbs, 100Mbps,16bps, 106bps Ethernet
 - modern configuration: end systems connect into Ethernet switch
- □ LANs: chapter 5



Wireless access networks

- shared wireless access network connects end system to router
 - via base station aka "access point"
- wireless LANs:
 - 802.11b/g (WiFi): 11 or 54 Mbps
- wider-area wireless access
 - provided by telco operator
 - ~1Mbps over cellular system
 - next up (?): WiMAX (10's Mbps)over wide area



mobile

hosts

Home networks

Typical home network components:

- □ DSL or cable modem
- router/firewall/NAT
- Ethernet
- wireless access point (C:3) wireless laptops to/from cable router/ cable modem firewall headend wireless access Ethernet point

Physical Media

- Bit: propagates between transmitter/rcvr pairs
- physical link: what lies
 between transmitter &
 receiver
- guided media:
 - signals propagate in solid media: copper, fiber, coax
- unguided media:
 - signals propagate freely,
 e.g., radio

Twisted Pair (TP)

- two insulated copper wires
 - Category 3: traditional phone wires, 10 Mbps Ethernet
 - Category 5:100Mbps Ethernet



Physical Media: coax, fiber

Coaxial cable:

- two concentric copper conductors
- bidirectional
- baseband:
 - * single channel on cable
 - legacy Ethernet
- □ broadband:
 - multiple channels on cable
 - * HFC



Fiber optic cable:

- glass fiber carrying light pulses, each pulse a bit
- high-speed operation:
 - high-speed point-to-point transmission (e.g., 10's-100's Gps)
- □ low error rate: repeaters spaced far apart; immune to electromagnetic noise



Physical media: radio

- signal carried in electromagnetic spectrum
- no physical "wire"
- bidirectional
- propagation environment effects:
 - reflection
 - obstruction by objects
 - * interference

Radio link types:

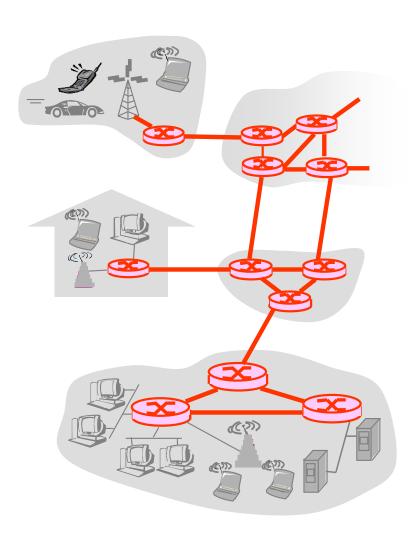
- □ terrestrial microwave
 - e.g. up to 45 Mbps channels
- LAN (e.g., Wifi)
 - 11Mbps, 54 Mbps
- wide-area (e.g., cellular)
 - 36 cellular: ~ 1 Mbps
- satellite
 - Kbps to 45Mbps channel (or multiple smaller channels)
 - 270 msec end-end delay
 - geosynchronous versus low altitude

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The Network Core

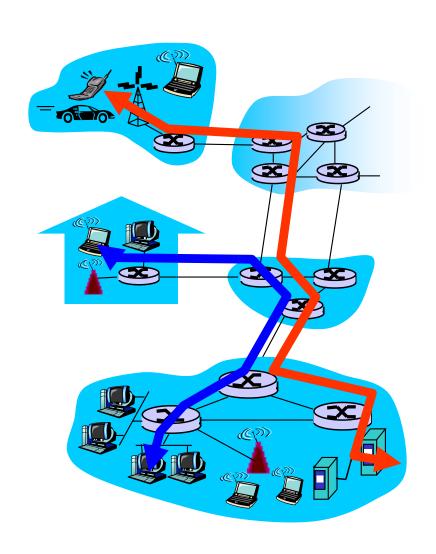
- mesh of interconnected routers
- <u>the</u> fundamental question: how is data transferred through net?
 - circuit switching:
 dedicated circuit per
 call: telephone net
 - packet-switching: data sent thru net in discrete "chunks"



Network Core: Circuit Switching

End-end resources reserved for "call"

- link bandwidth, switch capacity
- dedicated resources: no sharing
- circuit-like (guaranteed) performance
- call setup required

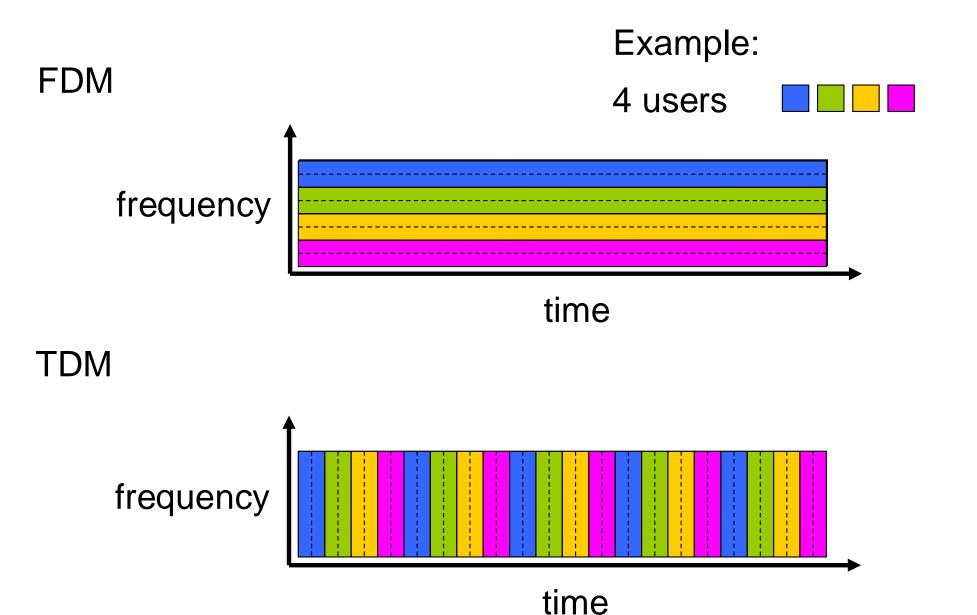


Network Core: Circuit Switching

- network resources (e.g., bandwidth) divided into "pieces"
- pieces allocated to calls
- resource piece idle if not used by owning call (no sharing)

- dividing link bandwidth into "pieces"
 - frequency division
 - time division

Circuit Switching: FDM and TDM



Numerical example

- □ How long does it take to send a file of 640,000 bits from host A to host B over a circuit-switched network?
 - All links are 1.536 Mbps
 - * Each link uses TDM with 24 slots/sec
 - 500 msec to establish end-to-end circuit

Let's work it out!

Network Core: Packet Switching

each end-end data stream divided into packets

- user A, B packets share network resources
- each packet uses full link bandwidth
- resources used as needed

Bandwidth division into "pieces"

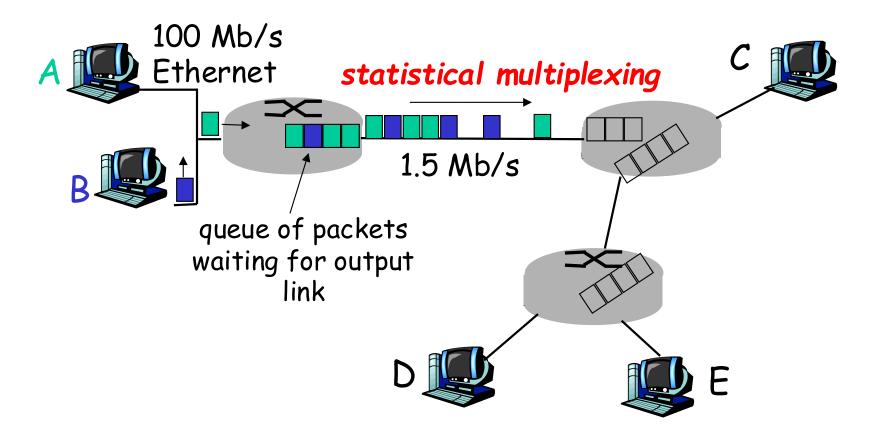
Dedicated allocation

Resource reservation

resource contention:

- aggregate resource demand can exceed amount available
- congestion: packets queue, wait for link use
- store and forward:
 packets move one hop
 at a time
 - Node receives complete packet before forwarding

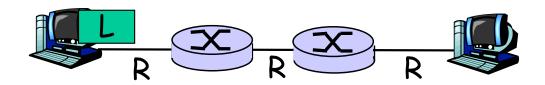
Packet Switching: Statistical Multiplexing



Sequence of A & B packets does not have fixed pattern, bandwidth shared on demand \square statistical multiplexing.

TDM: each host gets same slot in revolving TDM frame.

Packet-switching: store-and-forward



- takes L/R seconds to transmit (push out) packet of L bits on to link at R bps
- store and forward: entire packet must arrive at router before it can be transmitted on next link
- delay = 3L/R (assuming zero propagation delay)

Example:

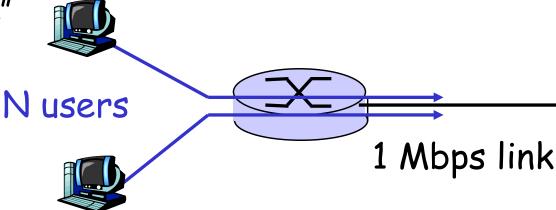
- □ L = 7.5 Mbits
- □ R = 1.5 Mbps
- transmission delay = 15 sec

more on delay shortly ...

Packet switching versus circuit switching

Packet switching allows more users to use network!

- □ 1 Mb/s link
- each user:
 - 100 kb/s when "active"
 - active 10% of time
- circuit-switching:
 - 4 10 users
- packet switching:
 - with 35 users, probability > 10 active at same time is less than .0004



Q: how did we get value 0.0004?

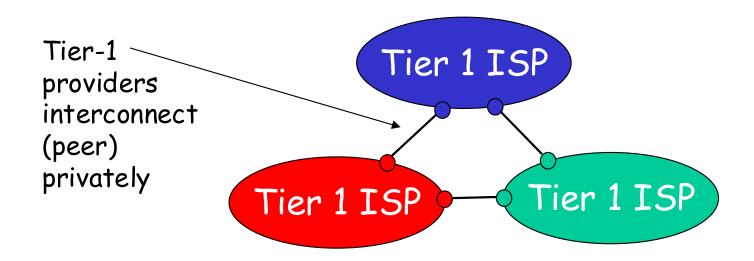
Packet switching versus circuit switching

Is packet switching a "slam dunk winner?"

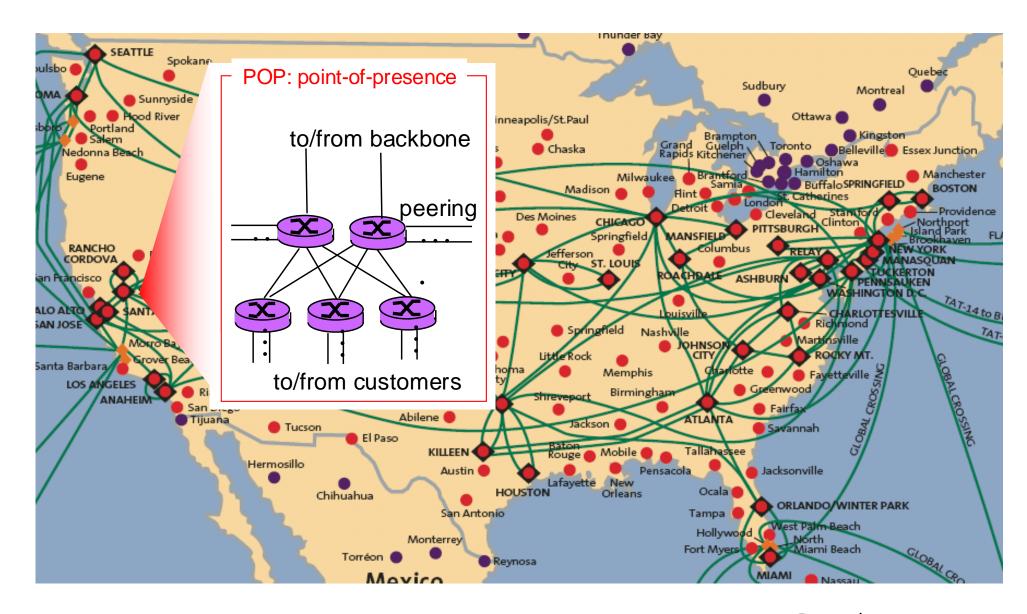
- great for bursty data
 - * resource sharing
 - * simpler, no call setup
- excessive congestion: packet delay and loss
 - protocols needed for reliable data transfer, congestion control
- Q: How to provide circuit-like behavior?
 - bandwidth guarantees needed for audio/video apps
 - still an unsolved problem (chapter 7)

Q: human analogies of reserved resources (circuit switching) versus on-demand allocation (packet-switching)?

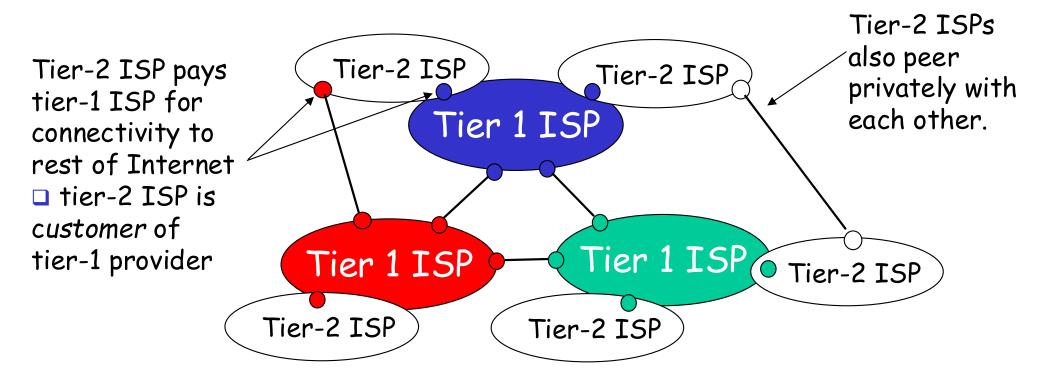
- roughly hierarchical
- □ at center: "tier-1" ISPs (e.g., Verizon, Sprint, AT&T, Cable and Wireless), national/international coverage
 - treat each other as equals



Tier-1 ISP: e.g., Sprint

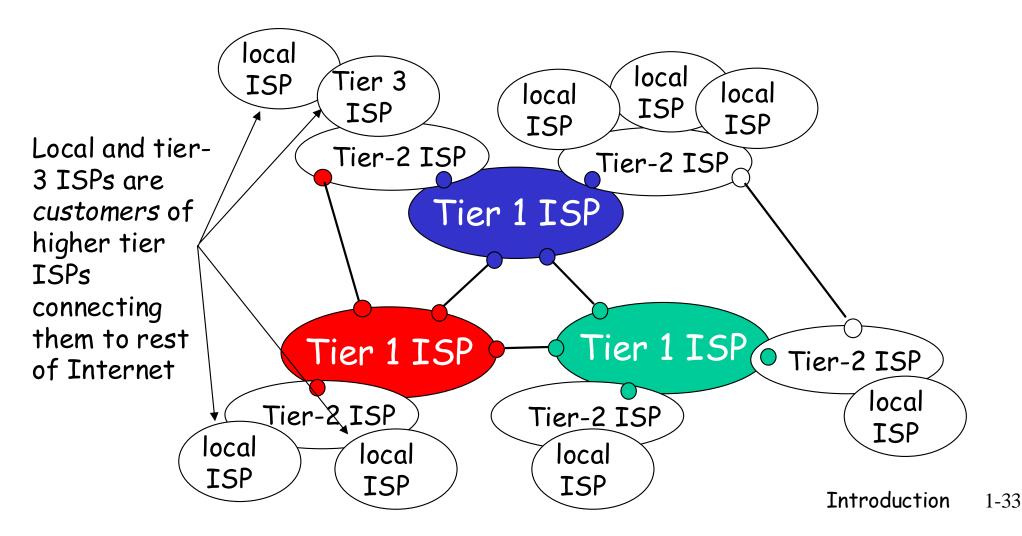


- □ "Tier-2" ISPs: smaller (often regional) ISPs
 - Connect to one or more tier-1 ISPs, possibly other tier-2 ISPs

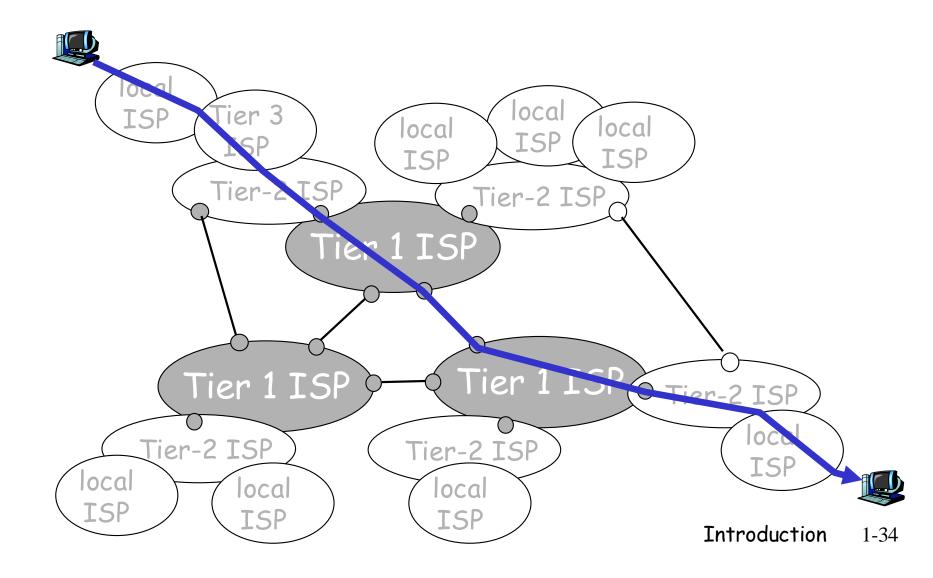


□ "Tier-3" ISPs and local ISPs

last hop ("access") network (closest to end systems)



a packet passes through many networks!



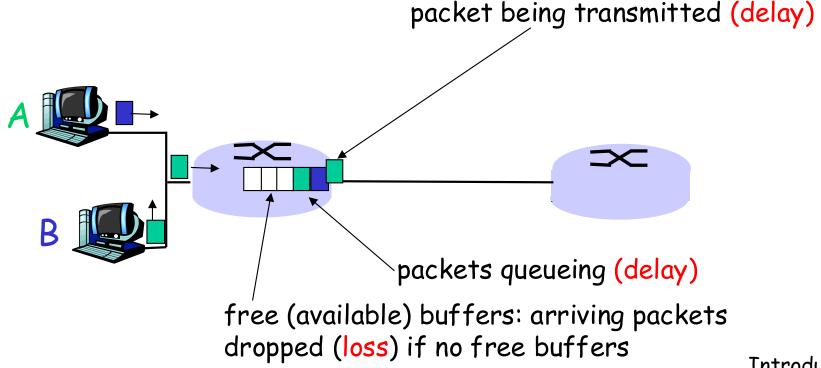
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How do loss and delay occur?

packets queue in router buffers

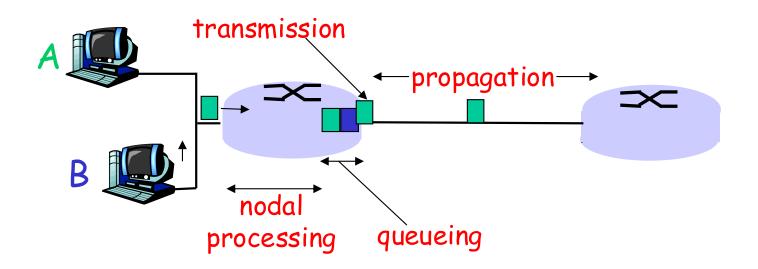
- packet arrival rate to link exceeds output link capacity
- packets queue, wait for turn



Four sources of packet delay

- □ 1. nodal processing:
 - check bit errors
 - determine output link

- 2. queueing
 - time waiting at output link for transmission
 - depends on congestion level of router



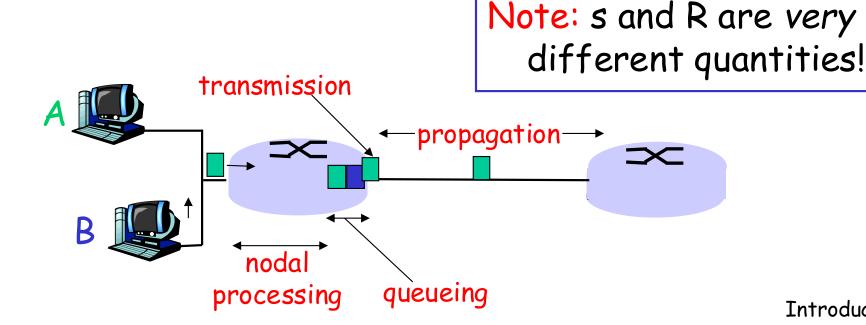
Delay in packet-switched networks

3. Transmission delay:

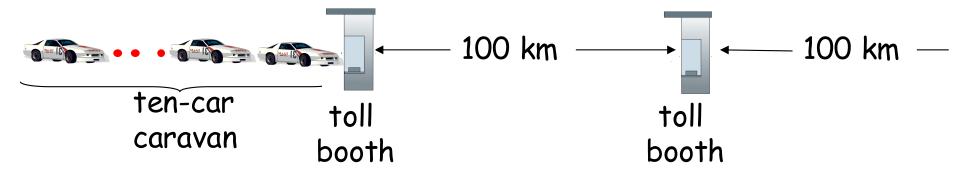
- R=link bandwidth (bps)
- L=packet length (bits)
- time to send bits into link = L/R

4. Propagation delay:

- d = length of physical link
- \square s = propagation speed in medium (\sim 2x10⁸ m/sec)
- propagation delay = d/s



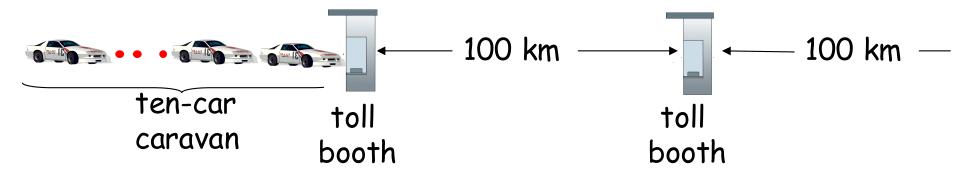
Caravan analogy



- cars "propagate" at 100 km/hr
- □ toll booth takes 12 sec to service car (transmission time)
- car~bit; caravan ~ packet
- Q: How long until caravan is lined up before 2nd toll booth?

- □ Time to "push" entire caravan through toll booth onto highway = 12*10 = 120 sec
- □ Time for last car to propagate from 1st to 2nd toll both: 100km/(100km/hr)= 1 hr
- □ A: 62 minutes

Caravan analogy (more)



- □ Cars now "propagate" at 1000 km/hr
- Toll booth now takes 1
 min to service a car
- Q: Will cars arrive to 2nd booth before all cars serviced at 1st booth?

- □ Yes! After 7 min, 1st car
 at 2nd booth and 3 cars
 still at 1st booth.
- □ 1st bit of packet can arrive at 2nd router before packet is fully transmitted at 1st router!
 - See Ethernet applet at AWL
 Web site

Nodal delay

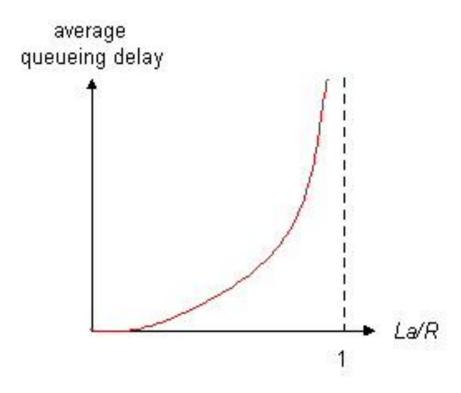
$$d_{\text{nodal}} = d_{\text{proc}} + d_{\text{queue}} + d_{\text{trans}} + d_{\text{prop}}$$

- \Box d_{proc} = processing delay
 - typically a few microsecs or less
- \Box d_{queue} = queuing delay
 - depends on congestion
- \Box d_{trans} = transmission delay
 - = L/R, significant for low-speed links
- \Box d_{prop} = propagation delay
 - * a few microsecs to hundreds of msecs

Queueing delay (revisited)

- R=link bandwidth (bps)
- L=packet length (bits)
- a=average packet arrival rate

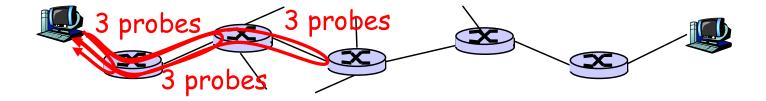
traffic intensity = La/R



- □ La/R ~ 0: average queueing delay small
- □ La/R -> 1: delays become large
- □ La/R > 1: more "work" arriving than can be serviced, average delay infinite!

"Real" Internet delays and routes

- □ What do "real" Internet delay & loss look like?
- □ Traceroute program: provides delay measurement from source to router along end-end Internet path towards destination. For all i:
 - sends three packets that will reach router i on path towards destination
 - router i will return packets to sender
 - * sender times interval between transmission and reply.



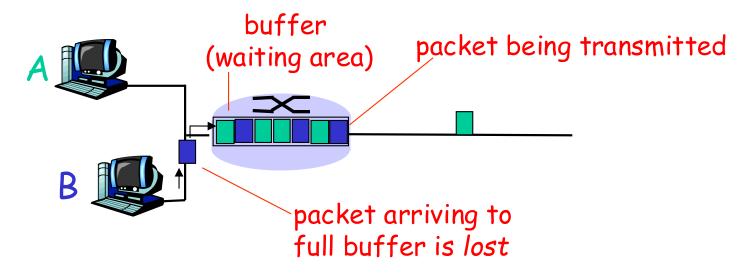
"Real" Internet delays and routes

traceroute: gaia.cs.umass.edu to www.eurecom.fr

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Three delay measurements from
                                         gaia.cs.umass.edu to cs-gw.cs.umass.edu
1 cs-gw (128.119.240.254) 1 ms 1 ms 2 ms
2 border 1-rt-fa5-1-0.gw.umass.edu (128.119.3.145) 1 ms 1 ms 2 ms
3 cht-vbns.gw.umass.edu (128.119.3.130) 6 ms 5 ms 5 ms
4 jn1-at1-0-0-19.wor.vbns.net (204.147.132.129) 16 ms 11 ms 13 ms
5 jn1-so7-0-0.wae.vbns.net (204.147.136.136) 21 ms 18 ms 18 ms
6 abilene-vbns.abilene.ucaid.edu (198.32.11.9) 22 ms 18 ms 22 ms
7 nycm-wash.abilene.ucaid.edu (198.32.8.46) 22 ms 22 ms 22 ms
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8 62.40.103.253 (62.40.103.253) 104 ms 109 ms 106 ms -
                                                                    link
9 de2-1.de1.de.geant.net (62.40.96.129) 109 ms 102 ms 104 ms
10 de.fr1.fr.geant.net (62.40.96.50) 113 ms 121 ms 114 ms
11 renater-gw.fr1.fr.geant.net (62.40.103.54) 112 ms 114 ms 112 ms
12 nio-n2.cssi.renater.fr (193.51.206.13) 111 ms 114 ms 116 ms 13 nice.cssi.renater.fr (195.220.98.102) 123 ms 125 ms 124 ms
14 r3t2-nice.cssi.renater.fr (195.220.98.110) 126 ms 126 ms 124 ms
15 eurecom-valbonne.r3t2.ft.net (193.48.50.54) 135 ms 128 ms 133 ms
16 194.214.211.25 (194.214.211.25) 126 ms 128 ms 126 ms
                     means no response (probe lost, router not replying)
19 fantasia.eurecom.fr (193.55.113.142) 132 ms 128 ms 136 ms
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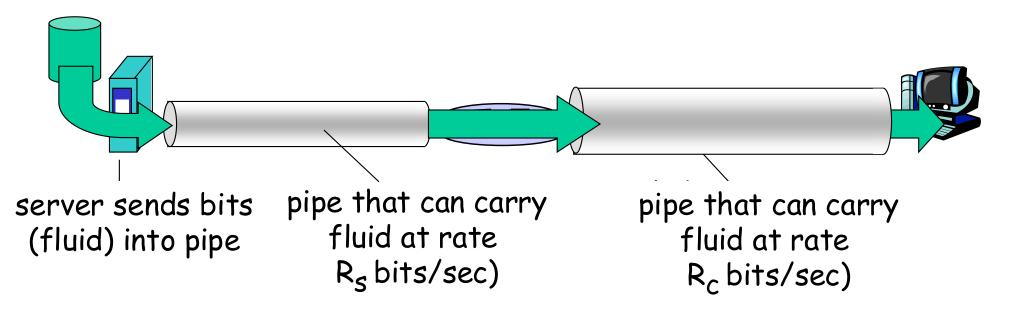
Packet loss

- queue (aka buffer) preceding link in buffer has finite capacity
- packet arriving to full queue dropped (aka lost)
- □ lost packet may be retransmitted by previous node, by source end system, or not at all



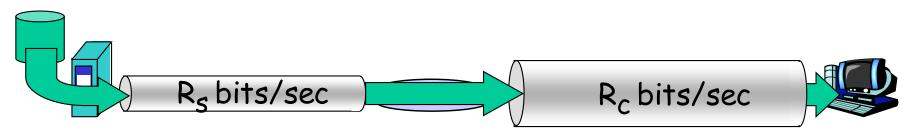
Throughput

- throughput: rate (bits/time unit) at which bits transferred between sender/receiver
 - * instantaneous: rate at given point in time
 - * average: rate over long(er) period of time

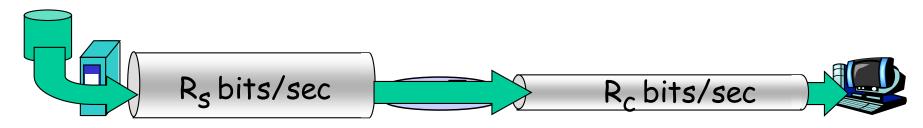


Throughput (more)

 $\square R_s < R_c$ What is average end-end throughput?



 $\square R_s > R_c$ What is average end-end throughput?

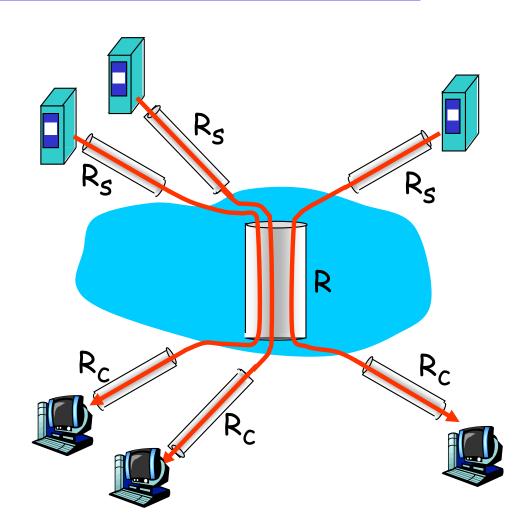


bottleneck link

link on end-end path that constrains end-end throughput

Throughput: Internet scenario

- □ per-connection end-end throughput: $min(R_c,R_s,R/10)$
- \square in practice: R_c or R_s is often bottleneck



10 connections (fairly) share backbone bottleneck link R bits/sec

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Protocol "Layers"

Networks are complex!

- □ many "pieces":
 - * hosts
 - * routers
 - links of various media
 - applications
 - protocols
 - hardware, software

Question:

Is there any hope of organizing structure of network?

Or at least our discussion of networks?

Organization of air travel

ticket (purchase)

ticket (complain)

baggage (check)

baggage (claim)

gates (load)

gates (unload)

runway takeoff

runway landing

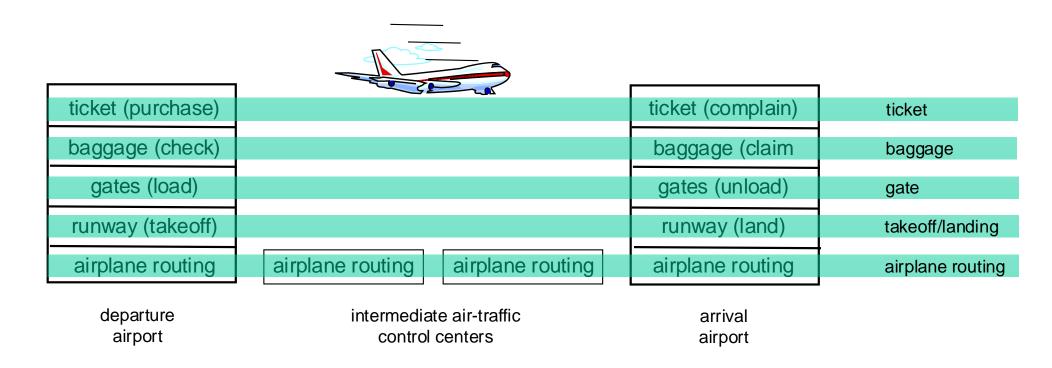
airplane routing

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a series of steps

Layering of airline functionality



Layers: each layer implements a service

- via its own internal-layer actions
- * relying on services provided by layer below

Why layering?

Dealing with complex systems:

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

Internet protocol stack

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

application
transport
network
link
physical

ISO/OSI reference model

- presentation: allow applications to interpret meaning of data, e.g., encryption, compression, machinespecific conventions
- session: synchronization, checkpointing, recovery of data exchange
- Internet stack "missing" these layers!
 - these services, if needed, must be implemented in application
 - * needed?

application presentation session transport network link physical

