

Subnetting

→ Let's see these IPv4 address classes, so we can then understand the needs for classLESS IPv4 Addressing.

Class	First octet (Binary)	First octet range (Decimal)	
A	0xxxxxxx	0-127	0.0.0.0 ~ 127.255.255.255
B	10xxxxxx	128-191	128.0.0.0 ~ 191.255.255.255
C	110xxxxx	192-223	192.0.0.0 ~ 223.255.255.255
D	1110xxxx	224-239	224.0.0.0 ~ 239.255.255.255
E	1111xxxx	240-255	240.0.0.0 ~ 255.255.255.255

Only class A,B & C addresses can be assigned to a device as an IP address, as classes D & E have special purposes I mentioned in the IPv4 addressing Topic.

Class	Prefix
A	18
B	16
C	124

→ So, how does a company get their own network to use?

Well, IP addresses are assigned to companies or organizations by a non-profit American corporation called IANA, the

The Internet Assigned Numbers Authority.

→ The IANA assigned IPv4 address & Networks to companies based on their size.

• For Example :- <sup>large.</sup>

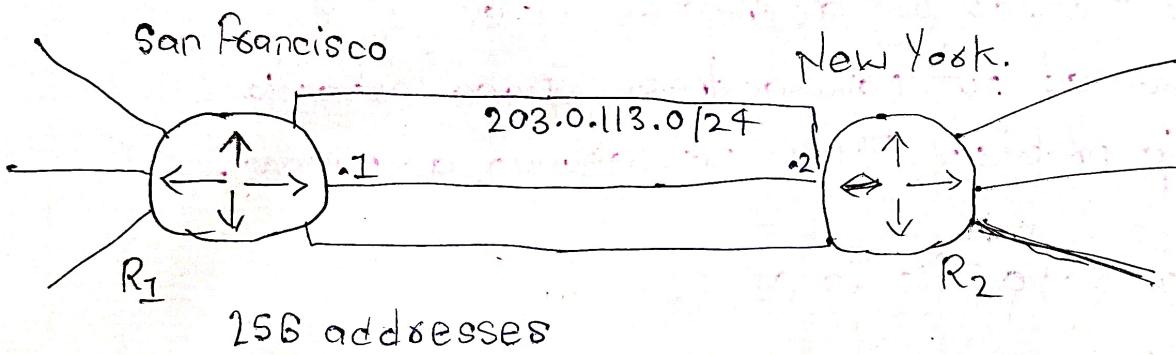
a very ~~small~~ company might receive a class A or class B network, while a small company might receive a class C network.

However this system led to many wasted IP addresses, so multiple methods of improving this system has been created. Let me give an example of how this strict system of addresses can waste IP addresses

→ So, here are two routers. R1 has three networks connected to it, R2 has three networks connected here, each of these networks will have a few switches, with many end hosts such as PCs & servers connect to these switches.

→ However, there is one more network here. That's this network connecting two routers. This is known as 'point-to-point' networking, meaning that it's a network connecting two points in this case  $R_1$  &  $R_2$ .

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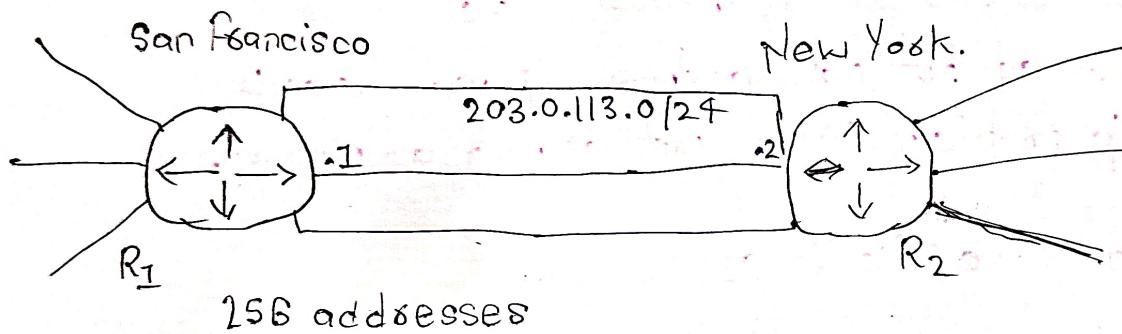
- 1 network address ( $203.0.113.0$ )
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- 1  $R_1$ 's address ( $203.0.113.1$ )
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= 252 addresses  
WASTED

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## CIDR (Classless Inter-Domain Routing)

→ When the Internet was first created, the creators did not predict that the Internet would become as large as it is today.

This resulted in wasted address space like the example I showed you (there are many such more Ex).

"The Total IPv4 address space include over 4 billion addresses, and that seemed like a huge number of addresses when IPv4 was created but now address space exhaustion is a big problem, there are not enough addresses".

One way to solve this is CIDR.

→ The IETF (Internet Engineering Task Force) introduced CIDR in 1993 to replace the 'classful' addressing system.

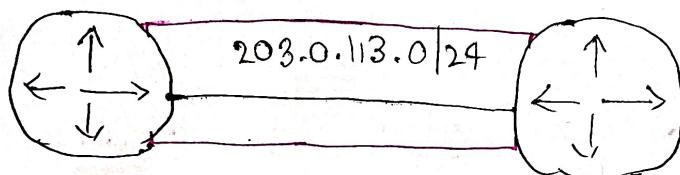
- With CIDR, the requirements of  
class A = /8  
class B = /16  
class C = /24  
.... were removed.

- This allowed larger network to be split into smaller network, allowing greater efficiency.
- These smaller network are called 'subnetwork' or 'subnets'.

→ Let's look at an example of splitting a larger network into a smaller network so we understand how it works?

The same point-to-point network we looked at before previously, it was assigned the 203.0.113.0/24 network space, but that resulted in lots of wasted addresses.

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11001011 . 00000000 . 01110001 . 00000000  
203 : 0 . 113 : 0

11111111 . 11111111 . 11111111 . 00000000

255 . 255 . 255 . 0

network address, broadcast address  
 $2^8 - 2 = 254$  usable addresses.  
number of host bits

so, we have 254 usable addresses, but we only need two one for R1 & one for R2.

However, CIDR allows us to assign different prefix length. It doesn't have to be /24. Let's get some practice calculating the number of hosts with different Prefix.

### CIDR Practice

How many usable address are there in each network?

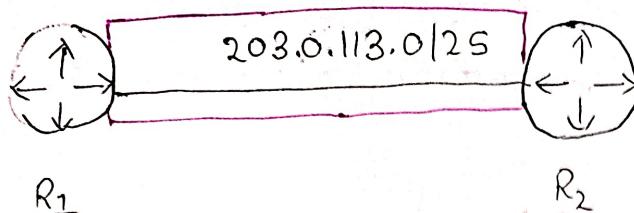
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- 203.0.113.0/27
- 203.0.113.0/28
- 203.0.113.0/29
- 203.0.113.0/30
- 203.0.113.0/31
- 203.0.113.0/32

$2^n - 2 = \text{usable addresses}$   
 $n = \text{number of host bits.}$

→ I put /31 & /32 instead because they're a little bit special.

Let's calculate how many usable address are in each network?

## CIDR(125)



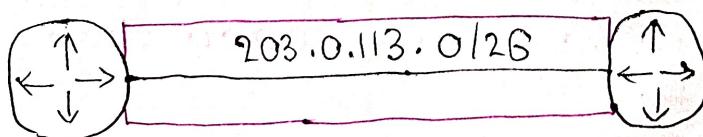
Notice that the network portion of the address has extend into the first bit of the last octet ~~& the mask~~.

11001011 . 00000000 . 01110001 . 00000000  
203 . 0 . 113 . 0

1111111 . 1111111 . 1111111 . 10000000  
255 . 255 . 255 . 128

$2^7 - 2 = 126$  usable address, but we want only two (2) address one for R<sub>1</sub> & one for R<sub>2</sub> so we will be wasting 124 addresses. That better than wasting 252 addresses with a /24 prefix length but its still wasteful.

## CIDR(126)



11001011 . 00000000 . 01110001 . 00000000  
203 . 0 . 113 . 0

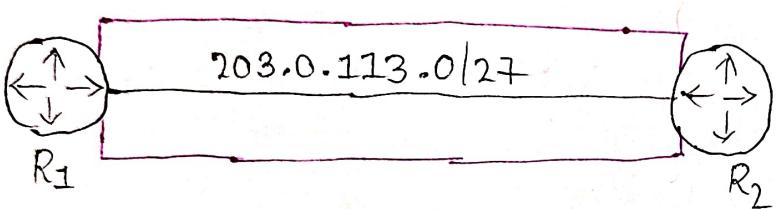
1111111 . 1111111 . 1111111 . 11000000  
255 . 255 . 255 . 192

Two bits of the last octet are now part of the network position.

$2^6 - 2 = 62$  usable addresses in this network.  
→ host bits

If we were to use a /26 network mask for the 203.0.113.0 network we would waste 60 addresses.

### CIDR(127)



11001011. 00000000. 01110001. 00000000  
203 . 0 . 113 . 0

11111111. 11111111. 11111111. 11100000  
255 . 255 . 255 . 240

$2^5 - 2 = 30$  usable addresses.  
→ host bits.

### CIDR(128)

11001011. 00000000. 01110001. 00000000  
203 . 0 . 113 . 0

11111111. 11111111. 11111111. 11110000  
255 . 255 . 255 . 240

$2^4 - 2 = 14$  usable addresses.  
→ host bits.

## CIDR(129)

11001011 . 00000000 . 01110001 . 00000000  
 203 . 0 . 113 . 0

11111111 . 11111111 . 11111111 . 11111000  
 255 . 255 . 255 . 248

$\boxed{2^3}$  - 2 = 6 usable addresses.  
 > host bits

After give R<sub>1</sub> & R<sub>2</sub> addresses 4 wasted addresses.

## CIDR(130)

11001011 . 00000000 ; 01110001 . 00000000  
 203 . 0 . 113 . 0

11111111 . 11111111 . 11111111 . 11111100  
 255 . 255 . 255 . 252

These are only Two host bits, means 2 usable addresses. So this is perfect

$\boxed{2^2}$  - 2 = 2 usable addresses.  
 > host bit

4 Total address, that's the network address & the broadcast address,  
 R<sub>1</sub> Address & R<sub>2</sub> address , 0 wasted addresses.

Before moving on to /31 & /32 let me classify a little bit. So instead of 203.0.113.0/24 we will use 203.0.113.0/30 which is a subnet of that larger class C network.

include  
the address = 203.0.113.0/30  
Range of = 203.0.113.0 - 203.0.113.3

(203.0.113.0) 11001011.00000000.01110001.00000000

(203.0.113.1) 11001011.00000000.01110001.00000001 ]

(203.0.113.2) 11001011.00000000.01110001.00000010 ]

(203.0.113.3) 11001011.00000000.01110001.00000011 ]

so, we took up 4 addresses with this subnet what about the other addresses in the 203.0.113.0/24?

2 usable addresses  
which are assigned to R<sub>1</sub> & R<sub>2</sub>

→ The remaining addresses in the 203.0.113.0/24 address block (203.0.113.4 - 203.0.113.255) are now available to be used in other subnets!

that's the magic of subnetting instead of using 203.0.113.0/24 and wasting 252 addresses we can use /30 and waste 0 addresses (no 0s, perhaps there is another way to make this even more efficient? lets look into it.)

## CIDR(31)

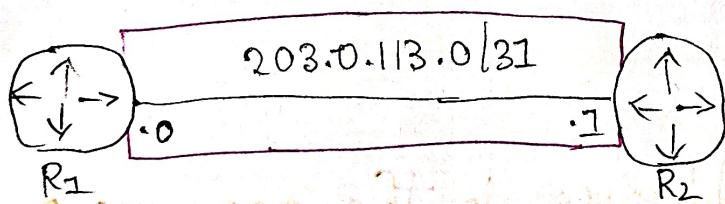
11001011 . 00000000 . 01110001 . 00000000  
 203 . 0 . 113 . 0

11111111 . 11111111 . 11111111 . 11111110  
 255 . 255 . 255 . 254

There is only 1 host bit, so means  
0 usable address.

$2^{1-2} = 0$  usable addresses that we  
can assign to device.

So, you used to not be able to use /31  
network prefixes because of this. However  
for a point-to-point connection like this it  
usually is possible to use /31 mask. Let's  
check it out.



$$R_1 = 203.0.113.0$$

$$R_2 = 203.0.113.1$$

The, 203.0.113.0/31 network consists of  
the addresses.

=  $(203.0.113.0 - 203.0.113.1)$  which is actually  
only 2 addresses.

- (203.0.113.0) 11001011 . 00000000 . 01110001 . 00000000
- (203.0.113.1) 11001011 . 00000000 . 01110001 . 00000001

Normally this would be a problem, because it leaves no usable addresses after subtracting the network & broadcast addresses, but for point-to-point network like this ~~if~~ dedicated connection like this b/w two routers, there is actually no need for a network address or a broadcast address so, we can break the rules in this case & assign the only two addresses in this network to our routers.

NOTE:- If you try this configuration on cisco routers you'll get a warning like this,

Reminding you to make sure that this is a point-to-point link, but it is totally valid configuration.

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Router(config-if)#ip address 203.0.113.0 255.255.255.254
% Warning: use /31 mask on non point-to-point interface cautiously
Router(config-if)#[/]
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→ The remaining addresses in the 203.0.113.0/24 address block which are (203.0.113.2 - 203.0.113.255) are now available to be used in other network.

People still do use /30 for a point-to-point connections at times, but /31 mask are totally valid & more efficient than /30.

So, I recommend this method.

## CIDR(132)

11001011 . 00000000 . 01110001 . 00000000  
 203 . 0 . 113 . 0

11111111 . 11111111 . 11111111 . 11111111  
 255 . 255 . 255 . 255

$2^8 - 2 = -1$  usable address  
 host bits

clearly the formula doesn't work in this case. You won't be able to use a /32 mask in this case, and you will probably never use /32 mask configures an actual interface. However there are some examples when you want to uses for a /32 mask for

create a static route not to a network, but just to one specific host, you can use a /32 mask to specify that exact host.

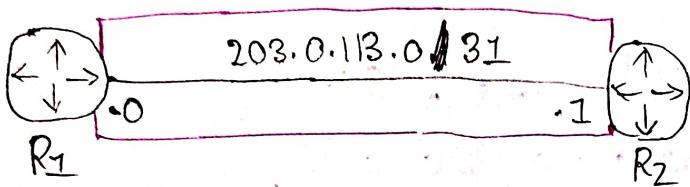
## CIDR Notation

Dotted Decimal	CIDR Notation
255.255.255.128	125
255.255.255.192	126
255.255.255.224	127
255.255.255.240	128
255.255.255.248	129
255.255.255.252	130
255.255.255.254	131
255.255.255.255	132

A simple chart showing the dotted decimal subnet mask & their equivalent in CIDR notation.

That's right the way of writing a prefix with a slash followed by the prefix length like /25, /26, etc is called CIDR Notation, because it was introduced with the CIDR System

## Subnetting



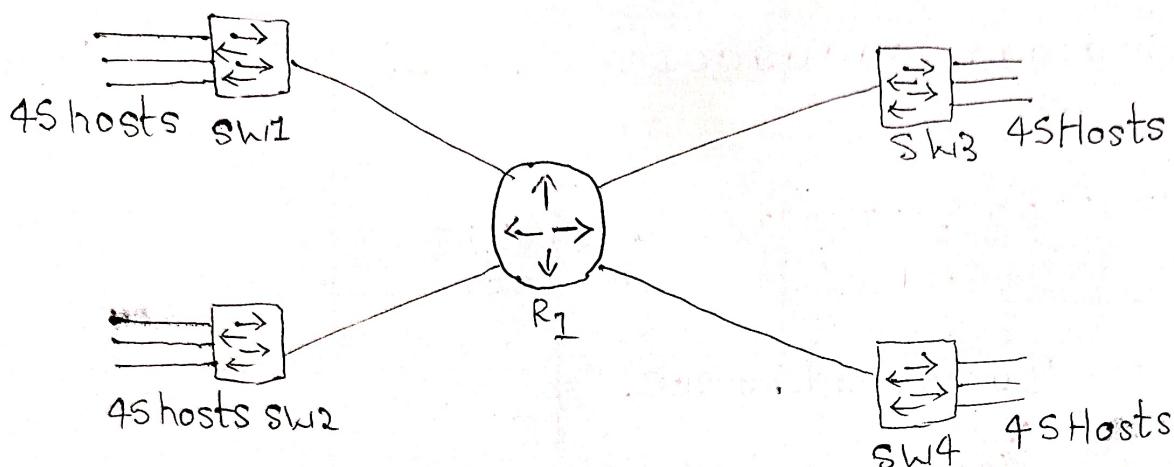
→ I spend a lot of time on just one Example, but I hope you can see the use of subnetting dividing a larger network into smaller networks called subnet. Instead of using whole 203.0.113.0/24 network for the point-to-point connection we can use a /30 subnet and use only 4 addresses or even better use a /31 subnet & use only 2 addresses.

One more Example:

Here's a scenario. There are 4 networks connected to R1 with many hosts connected to each switch. There are 4 hosts per network. R1 needs an IP address in each network so its address is included in the range. You have received the 192.168.1.0/24 network,

Divide the 192.168.1.0/24 network into four subnets that can accommodate the numbers of hosts required.

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first off, are there enough addresses in 192.168.1.0/24 network in the first place?

So, we need 45 hosts per network, including R1, but also remember that each network has a network & broadcast address so that's plus 2 so we need 47 addresses per subnet

$47 \times 4 = 188$ , so there's no problem in terms of the number of hosts.

192.168.1.0/24 is a class C network so, there are 256 addresses, so we will be able to assign 4 subnets to accommodate all hosts, no problem.

Okay let's see how we can calculate the subnets we need to make. We need four equal sized subnets with enough room for at least 45 hosts.

Here, I've written out 192.168.1.0 with a /30 mask,  
255.255.255.252.

I skiped /32 & /31 because they are point-to-point.

(/30)

11000000 . 10101000 . 00000001 . 00000000  
192 . 168 . 1 . 0

11111111 . 11111111 . 11111111 . 11111100  
255 . 255 . 255 . 252

$\boxed{2^2 = 4}$  usable addresses.  
→ 2 host bit

(/28)

11000000 . 10101000 . 00000001 . 00000000  
192 . 168 . 1 . 0

11111111 . 11111111 . 11111111 . 11110000  
255 . 255 . 255 . 240

$\boxed{2^4 - 2 = 14}$  usable addresses.  
→ 4 host bit

(/26)

1000000 . 10101000 . 00000001 . 00000000  
192 . 168 . 1 . 0

11111111 . 11111111 . 11111111 . 11000000  
255 . 255 . 255 . 192

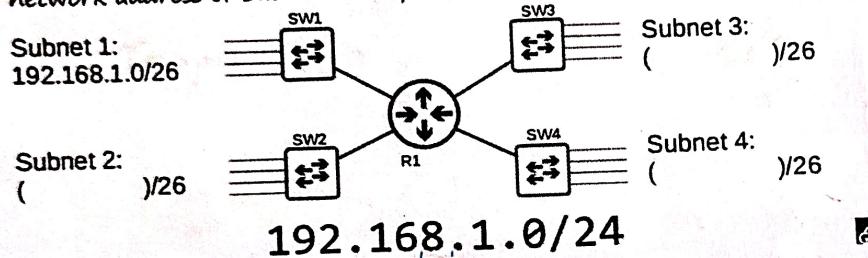
$\boxed{2^6 - 2 = 62}$   
host bit

127 doesn't provide enough address space.

126 provides more than we need, but we have to go with 126. Unfortunately we can't always make subnets have exactly the number of addresses you want, some unused address space. That's actually fine since it's good to have some room for growth anyway.

The first subnet (Subnet 1) is 192.168.1.0/26. What are the remaining subnets?

HINT: Find the broadcast address of Subnet 1. The next address is the network address of Subnet 2. Repeat the process for Subnets 3 and 4.



### Subnet 1

Subnet 1: 192.168.1.0/26

11000000, 10101000, 00000001, 00000000  
192 . 168 . 1 . 0

To find the broadcast address for this subnet, which is highest address in the subnet's address range, set all of the bits in the host portion to 1.

11000000, 10101000, 00000001, 00111111  
192 . 168 . 1 . 63

that's the broadcast address.

so, the address range for subnet 1 is:

$$(192.168.1.0 - 192.168.1.63)$$

The network address of subnet 2 will be 1 higher than the broadcast address.

(Subnet 2)

Subnet 2: 192.168.1.64/26

Here it is in binary notice that we changed one of the bits we borrowed from the host position to a 1.

11000000 . 10101000 . 00000001 . 01000000  
192 : 168 : 1 : 64

Next broadcast addresses set all to 1.

11000000 . 10101000 . 00000001 . 01111111  
192 : 168 : 1 : 127

so, the range of subnet 2 is:

$$(192.168.1.64 - 192.168.1.127)$$

Add 1 to the broadcast address and we'll get the network address for subnet 3.

(Subnet 3)

Subnet 3: 192.168.1.128/26

Here is the network address in binary again notice we changed one of the borrowed people bits to 1 but the host bits are all 0.

$11000000, 10101000, 00000001, 10000000$   
192 : 168 : 1 : 128

Next broadcast address set host bit all to 1.

$11000000, 10101000, 00000001, 10111111$   
192 : 168 : 1 : 191

So, the range of subnet 3 is:

$(192.168.1.128 - 192.168.1.191)$ .

Add 1 to broadcast address and we get network address for subnet 4.

(Subnet 4)

Subnet 4: 192.168.1.192/26.

Here is the network address in binary, this time the borrowed bits are all 1, so this is our last subnet, we don't have any room for more.

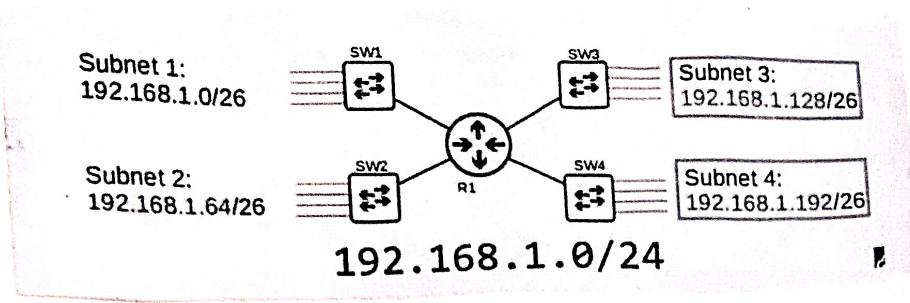
$11000000, 10101000, 00000001, 11000000$   
192 : 168 : 1 : 192

Change host bit to 1 and here the broadcast addresses.

$11000000, 10101000, 00000001, 11100000$   
192 : 168 : 1 : 255

Subnet 4 range is:

$(192.168.1.192 - 192.168.1.255)$



## Subnetting Tricks

192.168.1.0/26

11000000, 10101000, 00000001, 00000000  
 192 . 168 . 1 . 0

So, we found /26 subnet mask is appropriate that because there are 6 host bits which allow 62 hosts.

128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NETWORK PORTION		HOST PORTION					

NOTICE that LAST bit of the network portion is 64, this means that to find the next subnet, we just to add 64  
 Add 64 & we get

192.168.1.64 which is the network address of subnet 2

128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NETWORK		HOST					

Add 64 again we get

192.168.1.128 which is the network address of subnet 3.

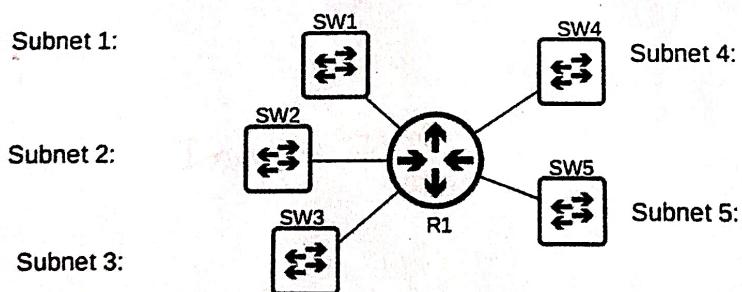
128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
NETWORK PORTION	HOST PORTION						

Add 64 again we get

192.168.1.192 which is the network address of subnet 4.

So, as you see by adding 64 each time we were able to find the network addresses of each subnet.

Now, Another similar Exercise



192.168.255.0/24

Divide the 192.168.255.0/24 network into five subnets of equal size. Identify the five subnets.

In this case, the number of hosts in each subnet hasn't been specified so let's make 5 subnet that are as large as they can be

so, all we have to do to solve this problem is find how many bits we have to 'borrow' from the host position

(/24)

11000000, 10101000, 11111111, 00000000  
192 . 168 . 255 . 0

Borrowing 0 bits = can't make any subnets

(/25)

11000000, 10101000, 11111111, 00000000  
192 . 168 . 255 . 0

Borrowing 1 bit = can make 2 subnets

Why is that?

Well all of the original network bits the blue bits cannot be changed

That is the network we received.

However the purple bit, the bit we borrowed from the host position,

we can change & it can be either 0, 1

If its 0 we have the 192.168.255.0/25 network

If its 1 we have the 192.168.255.128/25 network

The formula for the number of subnets:

$2^x$  = number of subnets

x = (number of borrowed bits)

The number of host in subnet:

\*  $2^n - 2$  = number of hosts  
 $n$  = number of host bit.

-1 = network address
-1 = broadcast address

→ Anyway, we need 5 subnet, so borrowing 1 bit isn't enough (126)

Borrowing 2 bit = can make 4 subnet  
still not enough we need 5 subnet.

(127)

11000000, 10101000, 11111111, 00000000  
192 : 168 . 255 . 0

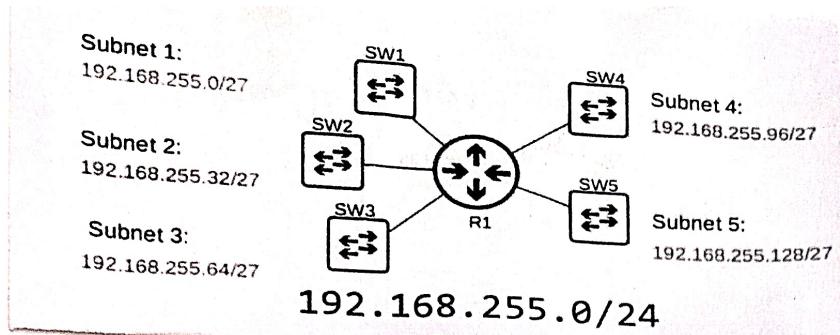
Borrowing 3 bit = can make 8 subnet

So, this is our answer. It's more subnet than we need, we need 5 but if we borrow only 2 bits and use a /26 mask we won't have enough

So, our first subnet will be: 192.168.255.0/27

11000000	10101000	11111111	128 64 [32]   16 8 4 2 1 0 0 0   0 0 0 0	NETWORK Position	Host Position.
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So, using the trick i tell you, should be able to calculate the other subnets now



Okay we made up 5 subnet, as our requirement but /27 prefix length allow upto 8 subnet to be made from the address range

The remaining subnets are:

Subnet 6: 192.168.255.160/27

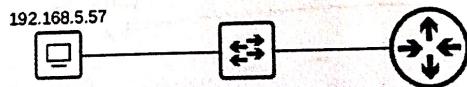
Subnet 7: 192.168.255.192/27

Subnet 8: 192.168.255.224/27

### Identify the Subnet

What subnet does host 192.168.5.57/27 belong to?

Subnet ID: \_\_\_\_\_ /27



So, we have the IP address of a host, 192.168.5.57 & don't know the network address of the subnet.

Let see how we can figure out it.

Here, 192.168.5.57 in binary

11000000 . 10101000 . 00000101 . 00111001  
192 . 168 . 5 . 57

However it's /27 so, let's show the borrowed bits  
these three purple bits are borrowed & added  
to the network portion.

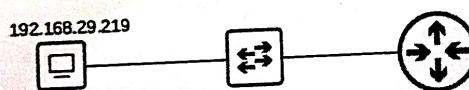
Now to find network address we simply  
need to change all of the host bits to 0

11000000 . 10101000 . 00000101 . 00100000  
192 . 168 . 5 . 32

So, that's the answer : 192.168.5.32/27

What subnet does host 192.168.29.219/29 belong to?

Subnet ID: \_\_\_\_\_ /29



Here 192.168.29.219. in binary

11000000 . 10101000 . 00011101 . 11011011  
192 . 168 . 29 . 219

it's /29 so, let for finding network address  
simply change all of the host bit to 0.

11000000 . 10101000 . 00011101 . 11011000  
192 . 168 . 29 . 216

So, host 192.168.29.219/29 belongs to  
the subnet 192.168.29.216/29.

## Subnet/Hosts (Class C)

Prefix Length	Number of Subnets	Number of Hosts
/25	2	126
/26	4	62
/27	8	30
/28	16	14
/29	32	6
/30	64	2
/31	128	0(2)
/32	256	0(1)

Take NOTE of /31, the number of hosts is 0. it's because there is only a single host bit, so there are only two possible addresses, which are taken by the Network & broadcast address.

For point-to-point connection, you can actually use a /31 & assign those two address to each end of the connection & have no network or broadcast addresses.

/32 technically uses all bits for the network address, allowing no hosts, but you can assign a /32 mask to identify a specific host when writing routes & such, & in some other special case.

## Subnetting Class B Networks

In class B there are many more host bits, & therefore many more possible subnets that can be created with a class B network than a class C. The process of subnetting is exactly same of class A, B & C networks.

Let's see the Example:-

You have been given the 172.16.0.0/16 network. You are asked to create 80 subnets for your company various LAN's. What prefix length should you use?

(/16)

10101100 . 00010000 . 00000000 . 00000000  
172 . 16 . 0 . 0

Borrowing 0 bits = can't make any subnet.

(/23)

10101100 . 00010000 . 00000000 . 00000000  
172 . 16 . 0 . 0

Borrowing 7 bits = 128 bits

Subnet Mask

11111111 . 11111111 . 11111110 . 00000000  
255 . 255 . 254 . 0

So, this is correct answer we should use a /23 prefix length so we can create the 80 subnets we need

128 subnet is more than we need but /22 only allow for 64 which is not enough. I won't show you all 80 subnets of course, but let's look some of the subnets

10101100.	00010000.	00000000.	00000000
172	.	16	.
10101100.	00010000.	00000010.	00000000
172	.	16	.
10101100.	00010000.	000000100.	00000000
172	.	16	.
10101100.	00010000.	000000110.	00000000
172	.	16	.
10101100.	00010000.	0000001000.	00000000
172	.	16	.

Example 2: You have been given the 172.18.0.0/16 network. Your company requires 250 subnets with the same numbers of hosts per subnet. What prefix length should you use?

/24

10101100. 00010010, 00000000, 00000000  
172 . 18 . 0 , 0

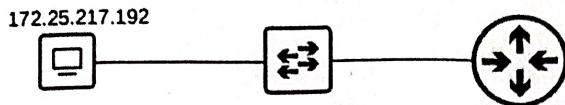
Borrowing 8 bits = 256 ~~subnets~~ subnet

8 host bit = 254 hosts per subnet

## Identify the Subnet

What subnet does host 172.25.217.192/21 belong to?

Subnet ID: \_\_\_\_\_ /21



10101100.00011001.11011001.11000000  
172 . 25 . 217 . 192

10101100.00011001.11011000.00000000  
172 . 25 . 216 . 0

## Subnets/Hosts (Class B)

Prefix Length	Number of Subnets	Number of Hosts
/17	2	32766
/18	4	16382
/19	8	8190
/20	16	4094
/21	32	2044
/22	64	1022
/23	128	510
/24	256	254

Prefix Length	Number of Subnets	Number of Hosts
/25	512	126
/26	1024	62
/27	2048	30
/28	4096	14
/29	8192	6
/30	16384	2
/31	32768	0 (2)
/32	65536	0 (1)

Okay, let's go subnetting class A networks.

Class	Leading bits	Size of network number bit field	Size of rest bit field	Number of networks	Addresses per network
Class A	0	8	24	$128 (2^7)$	$16,777,216 (2^{24})$
Class B	10	16	16	$16,384 (2^{14})$	$65,536 (2^{16})$
Class C	110	24	8	$2,097,152 (2^{21})$	$256 (2^8)$

These are 24 host bits that we can borrow from, meaning lots of room to make subnets.

### Subnetting Class A Networks

Que: You have been given the 10.0.0.0/8 network. You must create 2000 subnets which will be distributed to various enterprises.

What is the prefix length must you use?

How many host addresses (usable addresses) will be in each subnets?

(18)

00001010 . 00000000 . 00000000 . 00000000  
10 : 0 . 0 . 0 . 0

Borrowing 0 bits = can't make any subnet.

Subnet mask:

11111111 . 00000000 . 00000000 . 00000000  
255 : 0 . 0 . 0

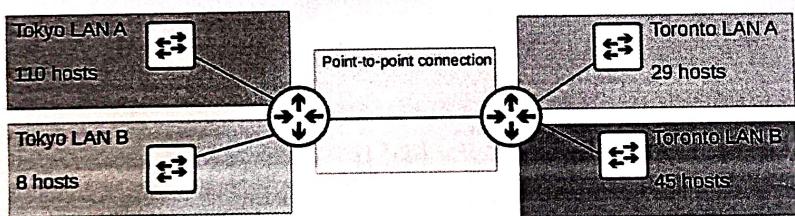
## Variable-Length Subnet Masks (VLSM)

→ Until now, we have practised subnetting used FLSM (Fixed-Length Subnet Mask).

This mean that all of subnet use the same prefix length (i.e subnetting a class C network into 4 subnet using /26.)

→ However, VLSM (Variable-Length Subnet Mask) is the process of creating subnet of different sizes, to make your use of network addresses more efficient.

→ VLSM is more complicated than FLSM, but it's easy if you follow the step correctly.



192.168.1.0/24

We are assigned the 192.168.1.0/24 network, & must divide it into 5 subnets to provide IP addresses for all hosts in the enterprise network. If we were to do this with fixed-length subnet mask, we would need to borrow 3 bits to make enough subnet. That would leave 5 host bit left. 5 host bit provides only 30 host address. So that's not enough addresses for Tokyo LAN A & Toronto LAN B.

Moreover, if you --- you can assign different subnet size to each LAN, which allows us to make sure each LAN has enough addresses available.

So, What are the steps to subnet using VLSM?

- 1) Assign the largest subnet at the start of the address space.
- 2) Assign the second-largest subnet after it.
- 3) Repeat the process until all the subnets have been assigned. from largest to smallest.

That's means we will assign subnets in this order.

- ① Tokyo LAN A 110 hosts.
- ② Toronto LAN B 45 hosts.
- ③ Toronto LAN A 29 hosts.
- ④ Tokyo LAN B 8 hosts.
- ⑤ Point to Point connection.

So, let's do Tokyo LAN A :-

Network address: 192.168.1.0/25

Broadcast address: 192.168.1.127/25

First usable address: 192.168.1.1/25

Last "", "": 192.168.1.126/25

Total no. of usable host addresses: 126

I decided to use a /25 prefix length

Well, a /25 prefix length 7 host bits

which means a total 128 address, so

126 usable host address.

So,

$$2^{\text{what?}} = \text{at least } 2000$$

Remember, each bit you borrow  
double the number of subnet you  
can make.

2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256, 512

1024, 2048

↳ 11 borrows bits

$$2^{11} = 2048$$

So, let's borrowing 11 bit that allow us  
to create the required 2000 subnets

So, we use 11g prefix length.

How many host will be in each subnets?

Well there are 13 host bit remaining

So that means 8190 host per subnets.

$$13 \text{ host bit} = 2^{13-2} = 8190 \text{ host per subnet}$$

(11g)

00001010. 00000000. 00000000. 00000000  
10 . 0 . 0 . 0

Subnet mask:

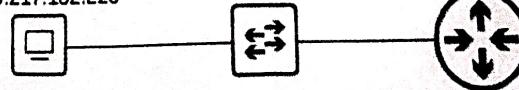
11111111. 11111111. 11100000. 00000000  
255 . 255 . 224 . 0

PC1 has an IP address of 10.217.182.223/11.

Identify the following for PC1's subnet:

- 1) Network address:
- 2) Broadcast address:
- 3) First usable address:
- 4) Last usable address:
- 5) Number of host (usable) addresses:

10.217.182.223



(112)

00001010 . 110 1101 . 10110110 . 11011111  
10 : 217 . 182 : 223

↓  
To find network address  
change all of the host bit to 0.

00001010 . 110 00000 . 00000000 . 00000000  
10 : 192 . 0 : 0

↓  
Add 1 to network address  
to get first usable address

00001010 . 110 00000 . 00000000 . 00000001  
10 : 192 . 0 : 1

↓  
change all host bit to 1  
& you get broadcast address.

00001010 . 110 11111 . 11111111 . 11111111  
10 : 223 . 255 . 255

↓  
Subtract (1) from broadcast address  
& you get last usable address.

00001010 . 110 11111 . 11111111 . 11111110  
10 : 223 . 255 : 254

↓  
To determine the number of  
host address count the number  
of host bit

00001010 . 110 00000 . 00000000 . 00000000  
10 : 192 . 0 : 0

21 host bit =  $2^{21} - 2 = 2,097,150$  host per subnet.

We need 110, so /25 the correct prefix length.

/25

11000000 . 10101000 . 00000001 . 00000000  
192 . 168 . 1 . 0

Network address is 192.168.1.0/25

↓ convert all host bit to 1  
↓ & get the broadcast address.

11000000 . 10101000 . 00000001 . 01111111  
192 . 168 . 1 . 127

Broadcast address: 192.168.1.127

So, we now have our first subnet 192.168.1.0/25 for Tokyo LAN A. That /25 subnet uses up half of the address space of the 192.168.1.0/24 network, but that's no problem.

Using VLSM we can assign smaller subnets to these other LANs, you see that there is enough space left.

### Toronto LAN B

So, 192.168.1.127 = broadcast address of Tokyo LAN A. If we add one to that we will get the network address of the next subnet which will be used for Toronto LAN B. Therefore, 192.168.1.128 is the network address of Toronto LAN B. What prefix length?

Network address: 192.168.1.128/??  $\Rightarrow$  26

Broadcast " : 192.168.1.191/26

first usable address: 192.168.1.129/26

Last usable address: 192.168.1.190/26

Total no. of usable host addresses: 60

What Prefix length?

To accommodate 45 hosts we will use a /26 prefix length that leaves 6 host bits, which allows for 62 host address & 60 usable address.

/26

11000000	10101000	..00000001	10000000
192	168	: 1	128

↓ convert all host bit to 1 for broadcast address.

11000000	10101000	..00000001	10111111
192	168	: 1	191

These two subnet take up three quarters of the address space, but that's no problem there is still room for more, smaller subnet.

### Toronto LAN A

192.168.1.191 = broadcast address of Toronto LAN B

So, 192.168.1.192 = network address of Toronto LAN A.

What is the prefix length:

Network Address: 192.168.1.192/?? → 27

Broadcast " : 192.168.1.223/27

first usable address: 192.168.1.193/27

Last " " : 192.168.1.227/27

Total no. of usable host address: 30

Toronto LAN A required 29 host, so we should use a 27 prefix length which leaves 5 host bit & 30 host address means 28 usable.

11000000, 10101000, 00000001, 11000000  
192 : 168 : 1.1.1.192

↓ → Broadcast address.

11000000, 10101000, 00000001, 11011111  
192 : 168 : 1.1.1.223

### Tokyo LAN B:

192.168.1.223 = broadcast address of Toronto LAN A.

192.168.1.224 = network address of Tokyo LAN B.

Network Address: 192.168.1.224/28

Broadcast Address: 192.168.1.239/28

First usable Address: 192.168.1.225/28

Last " " : 192.168.1.238/28

Total no. of usable host address: 14

So, we used address space all the way up to 192.168.1.239. These not a lot of space left but that's no problem.

Point to Point connection only required 2 address.

$192.168.1.23.8$  = broadcast address of Tokyo LAN B  
 $192.168.1.240$  = network address of point to point.

What prefix length?

So, as I mentioned earlier in the first subnetting, it is possible to use a /31 prefix length for a subnet required only two hosts.

However, for the CCNA test if you are asked what prefix length to use for a subnet that requires two hosts, I recommend NOT using a /31.

Instead, what other prefix length allows for 2 hosts?

So, a /30 prefix length allows for 2 hosts

/30

$\begin{array}{cccc} 11000000 & , & 10101000 & , & 00000001 & , & 11110000 \\ \text{192} & . & \text{168} & . & \text{1} & . & \text{240} \end{array} \rightarrow \text{Network add...}$

$\downarrow \rightarrow \text{broadcast address}$

$\begin{array}{cccc} 11000000 & , & 10101000 & , & 00000001 & , & 11110011 \\ \text{192} & . & \text{168} & . & \text{1} & . & \text{243} \end{array}$

N/A:  $192.168.1.240/30$

B/A  $192.168.1.243/30$

FUA:  $192.168.1.241/30$

LVA:  $192.168.1.242/30$

Total no. of usable host addresses: 2

