5.3 ADDRESS ALLOCATION

Address allocation is the responsibility of a global authority called the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Addresses (ICANN). It usually assigns a large block of addresses to an ISP to be distributed to its Internet users.

Example 16

An ISP is granted a block of addresses starting with 190.100.0.0/16 (65,536 addresses). The ISP needs to distribute these addresses to three groups of customers as follows:

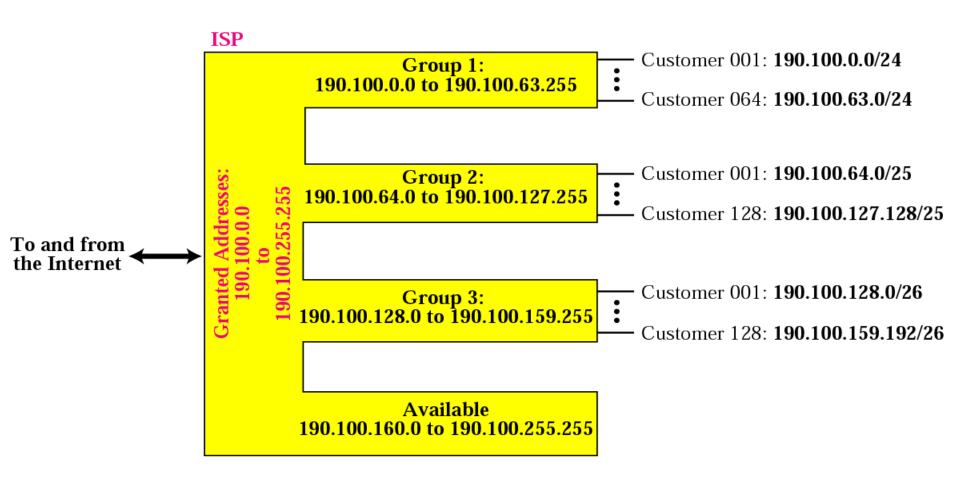
- a. The first group has 64 customers; each needs 256 addresses.
- b. The second group has 128 customers; each needs 128 addresses
- c. The third group has 128 customers; each needs 64 addresses.



Design the subblocks and find out how many addresses are still available after these allocations.

Solution

Figure 5.9 shows the situation.





Group 1

For this group, each customer needs 256 addresses. This means the suffix length is 8 ($2^8 = 256$). The prefix length is then 32 - 8 = 24. The addresses are:

1st Customer	190.100.0.0/24	190.100.0.255/24
2nd Customer	190.100.1.0/24	190.100.1.255/24

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64th Customer 190.100.63.0/24 190.100.63.255/24

 $Total = 64 \times 256 = 16,384$



Group 2

For this group, each customer needs 128 addresses. This means the suffix length is $7(2^7 = 128)$. The prefix length is then 32 - 7 = 25. The addresses are:

1st Customer	190.100.64.0/25	190.100.64.127/25
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2nd Customer 190.100.64.128/25 190.100.64.255/25

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$$Total = 128 \times 128 = 16,384$$



Group 3

For this group, each customer needs 64 addresses. This means the suffix length is 6 (26 = 64). The prefix length is then 32 - 6 = 26. The addresses are:

1st Customer 190	0.100.128.0/26	190.100.128.63/26		
2nd Customer 190	0.100.128.64/26	190.100.128.127/26		
128th Customer 190	0.100.159.192/26	190.100.159.255/26		
Total = $128 \times 64 = 8{,}192$				



Number of granted addresses to the ISP: 65,536

Number of allocated addresses by the ISP: 40,960

Number of available addresses: 24,576