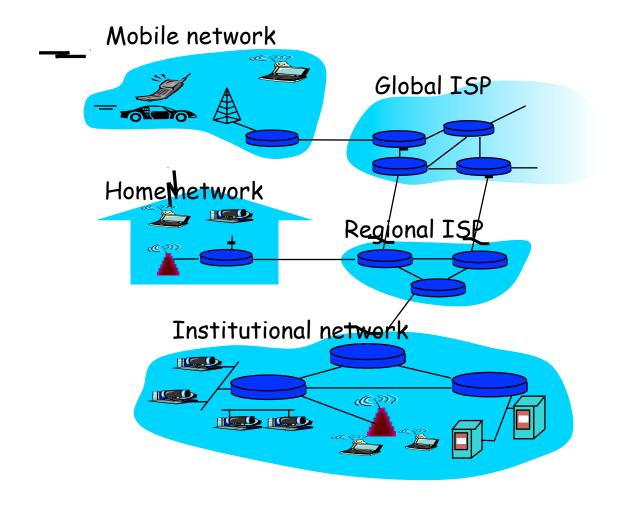
Architecture

Lecture 4

Layering – The protocol stack

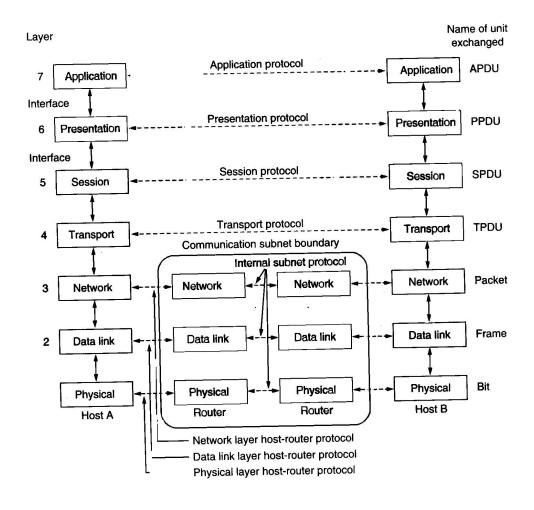
Internet = network of networks



Layering

- Layers provide functionalities/services to the upper layers
- Some information exchange (e.g., failure reports)
- Not optimal!

OSI Layering Model



Internet Layering

Content (layer 7)

web pages, videos, blogs, RSS feeds, online radio stations, ...

Applications (layers 5-7)

http, email, file transfer, streaming, instant messaging, web hosting, blogging, video conferencing, remote desktop, ...

Transport (layer 4)

TCP congestion control

Network (layer 3)

IP addresses, routing

Physical & Link "LAN-link" (layers 1-2)
Ethernet, DSL, cable modems, Wi-Fi, local loop, ...

OSI layer 7: application

Implemented by hosts

- Applications
 - Browsers
 - Email programs
 - Media players
 - Etc, etc, etc ...
- Protocols that support applications (type of messages, syntax)
 - www: http
 - email: pop, smtp, imap
 - ftp, telnet, ...

OSI layer 4: transport

End-to-end control

- TCP (transmission control protocol)
 - Segmentation
 - Source and destination work together to decide pace (flow control)
 - Retransmit dropped packets (reliable)
 - Packet ordering
- UDP (user datagram protocol)

OSI layer 3: network

End-to-end packet forwarding

- Determine next router to send packet to
 - Addressing
 - Routing
- Receive packet and determine next router to send packet to
 - Queuing
 - Routing
 - Packet scheduling

OSI layer 2: link

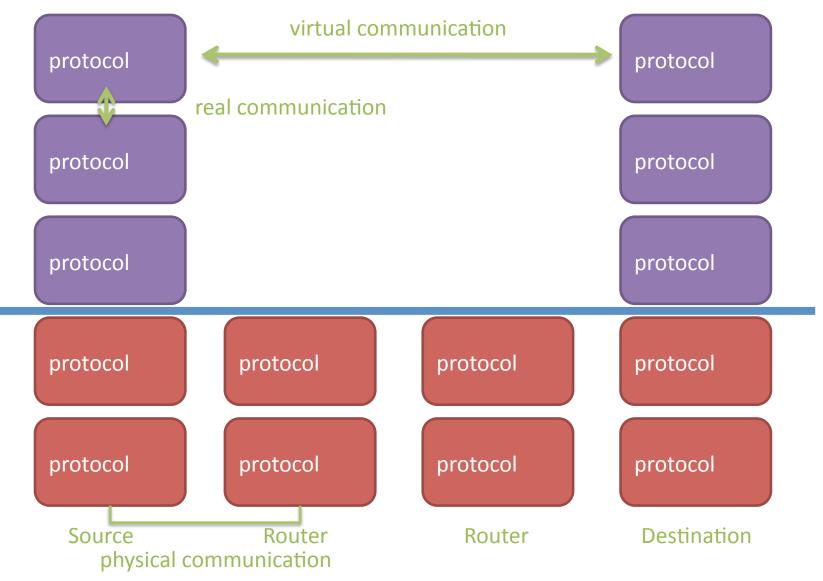
Link scale services

- Channel access, who gets to transmit when
- Framing
- Error detection
- Retransmission of corrupted packets

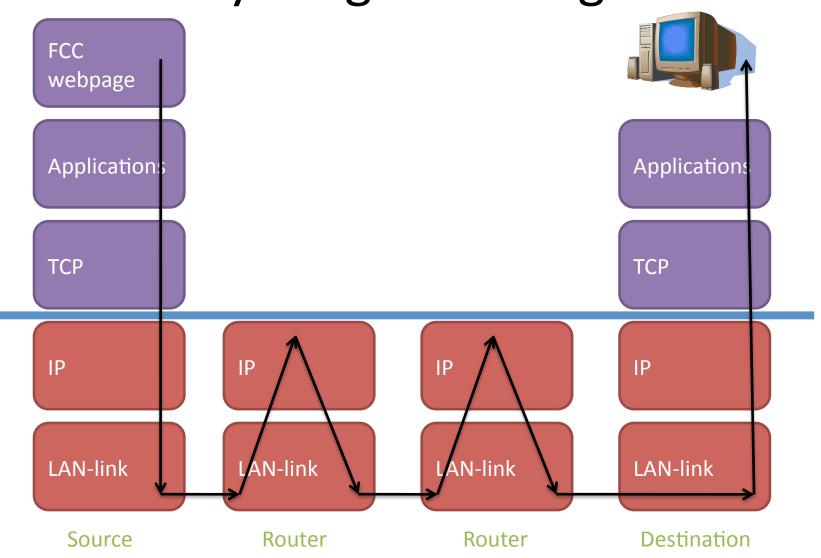
OSI layer 1: physical

- Bits to analog signal
 - Modulation
 - Depends on transmission medium, e.g. twisted pair, coax, fiber, wireless
- Analog signal to bits
 - Synchronization
 - Sampling
 - Challenges: delay, attenuation, dispersion, noise

Layering



Layering + Peering



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Packet format & layering

