Internet, Principes et Protocoles (IPP)

2. Routing and Network Layer

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Network Layer

NETWORK LAYER: Forwarding information from source to destination, through multiple routers if necessary (Routing and logical addressing).

provides unreliable connectionless service
- some packets can be lost
- packets can suffer from transmission errors
- packets can be misordered

IP Addressing

- One IP address identifies one interface on one endhost or router
- Made of 4 bytes (32 bits)

IP Addressing

But some addresses play a special role

- 127.0.0.1
  - Loopback address on each host
    - Allows to reach servers on the local host
- 10.0.0.0/8, 172.16.0.0/12 and 192.168.0.0/16
  - used for private networks (not directly attached to Internet)
- 218.0.0.0/8 - 223.0.0.0/8 and 240.0.0.0/8 - 255.0.0.0/8
  - reserved for further utilization
- 224.0.0.0/8 - 239.0.0.0/8
  - used by IP multicast
- 255.255.255.255
  - broadcast address
- 0.0.0.0
  - used when a host is booting and does not yet know its address

Binary 101

- Base 10 - 123

10^2	10^1	10^0
1	2	3

= 1*100 + 2*10 + 3*1 = 123

- Base 2 - 101

2^2	2^1	2^0
1	0	1

= 1*4 + 0*2 + 1*1 = 5

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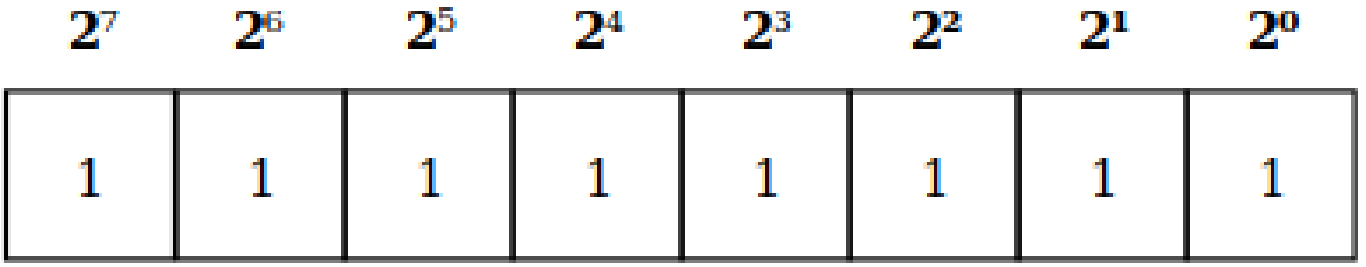

= 1*128 + 1*64 + 1*32 + 1*16 + 1*8 + 1*4 + 1*2 + 1*1

= 255

IP Address mask

- There are only 3,706,452,992 public IP addresses available
- We use (private) subnets, and masks to identify them.

Example

Notation 138.48.26.1/23 or 138.48.26.1 255.255.254.0

IP Address mask

At home

- Public IP is the IP of the router (ex : 13.41.1.5).
- Private IP is the IP of the computers (often 192.168.0.0/24)

IP Address Mask

The network is identified by the IP range it defines. The bits “masked” don’t change.

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1100 0010 . 0001 0111 . 0001 0101 . 0000 0000

Mask: 1100 0010 . 0001 0111 . 0001 0101 . 0000 0000

Smallest possible address:

1100 0010 . 0001 0111 . 0000 0000 . 0000 0000

194.23.0.0

Biggest possible address:

1100 0010 . 0001 0111 . 0001 1111 . 1111 1111

194.23.31.254

IP Packet Format

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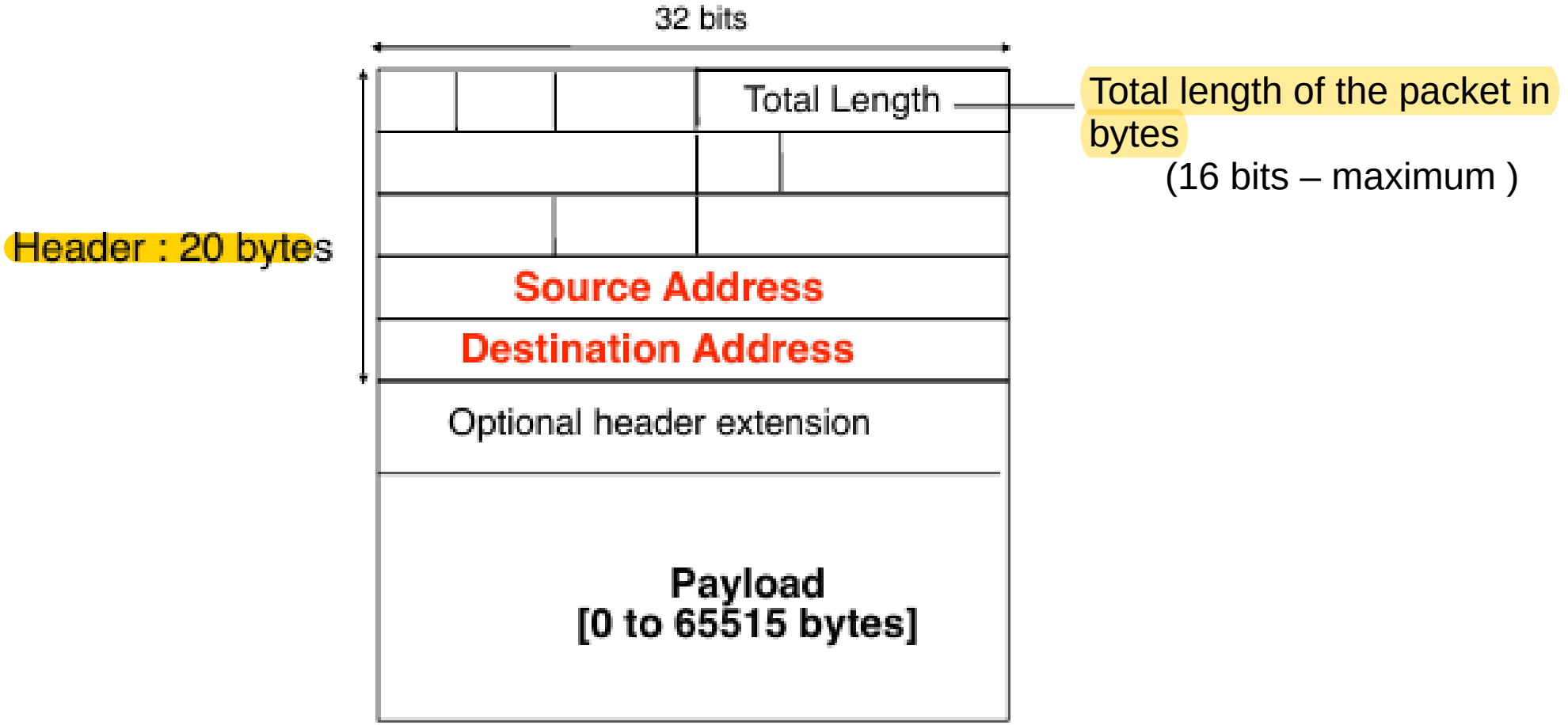
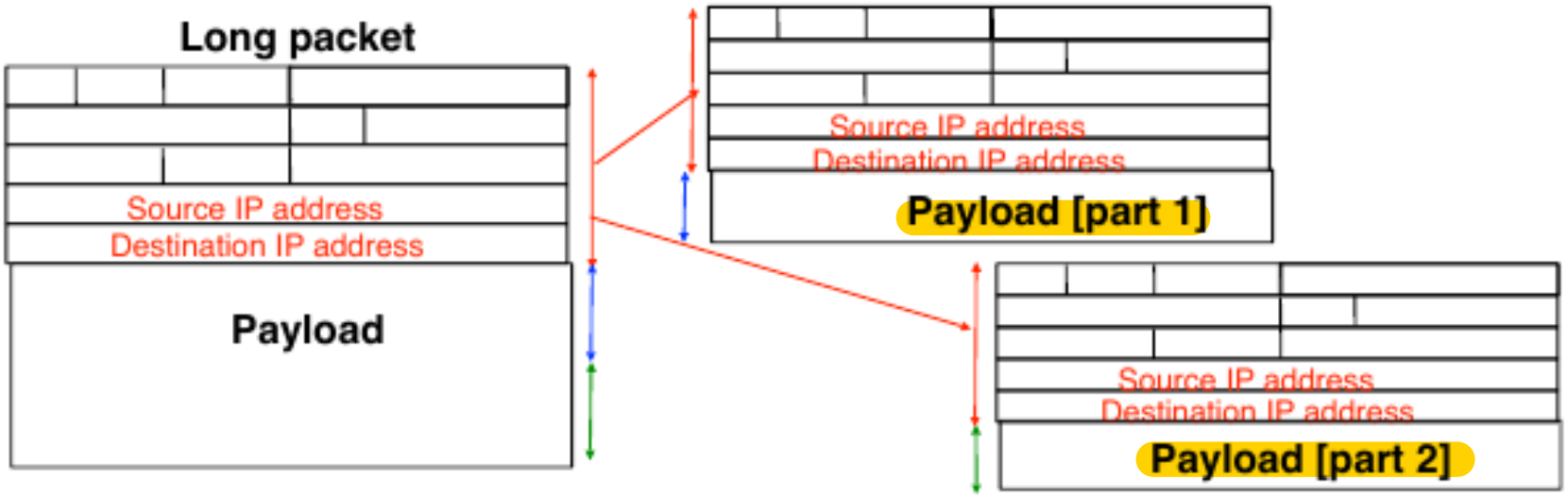


IP Fragmentation

Principe

- Each host and each router can fragment packets
  - Each fragment is a complete IP packet that contains source and destination IP addresses
- Only the destination host performs reassembly



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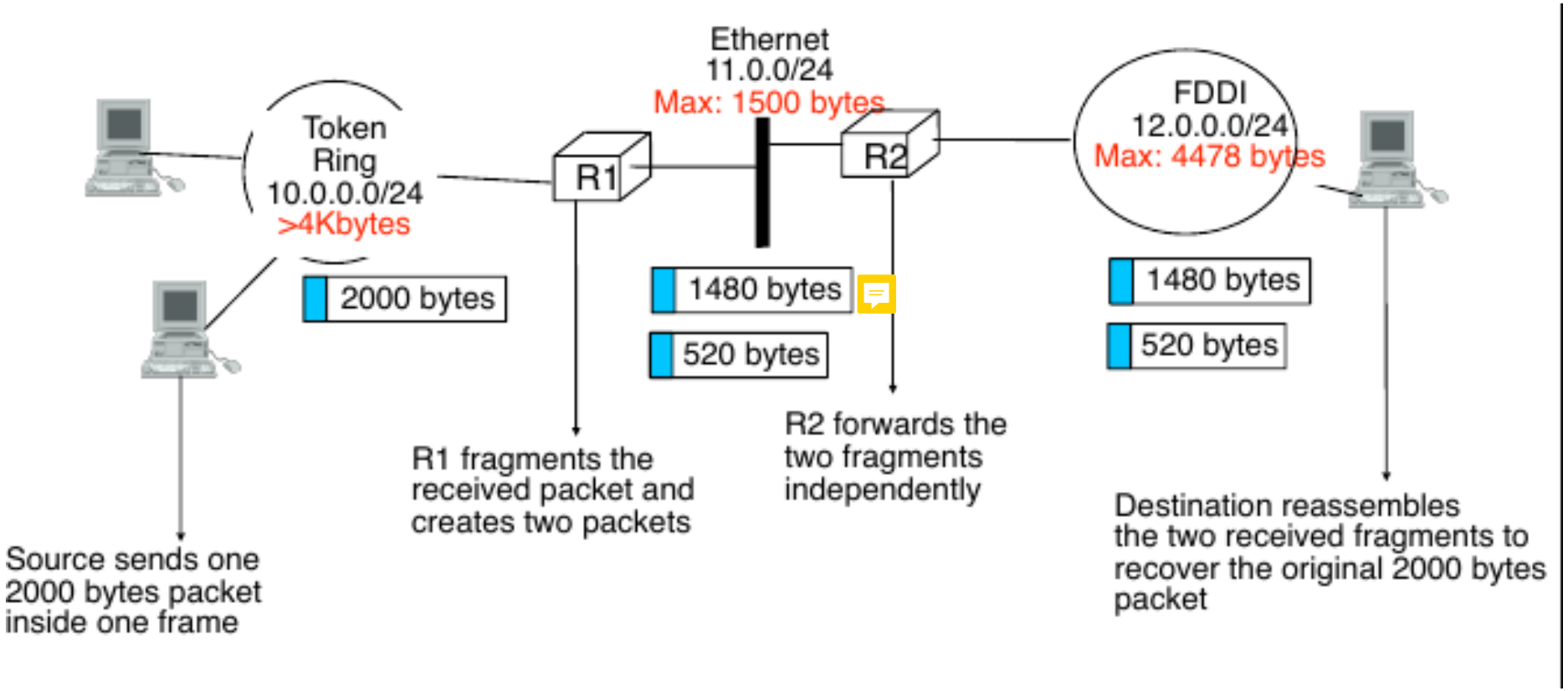
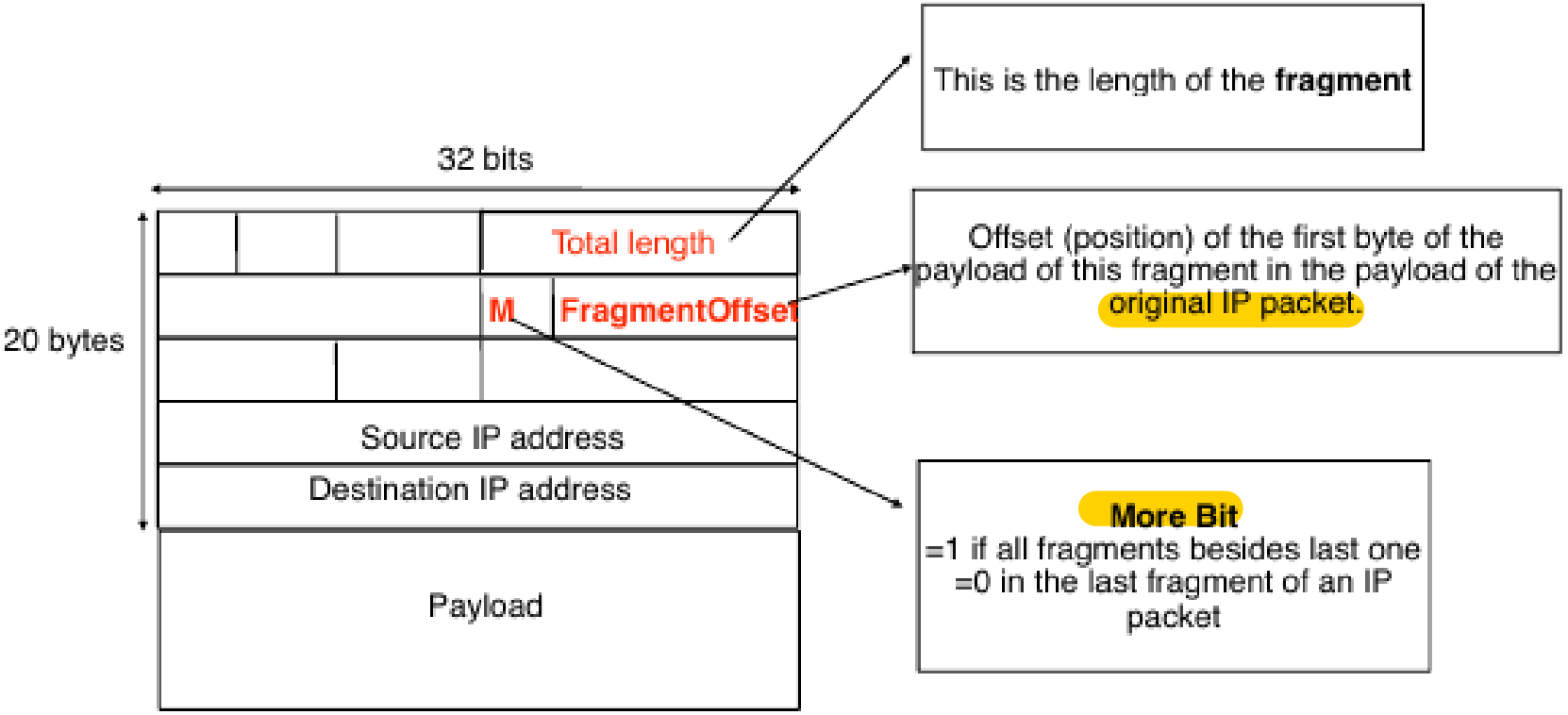


IP Fragmentation

IP fragmentation

Fragment the payload of IP packet

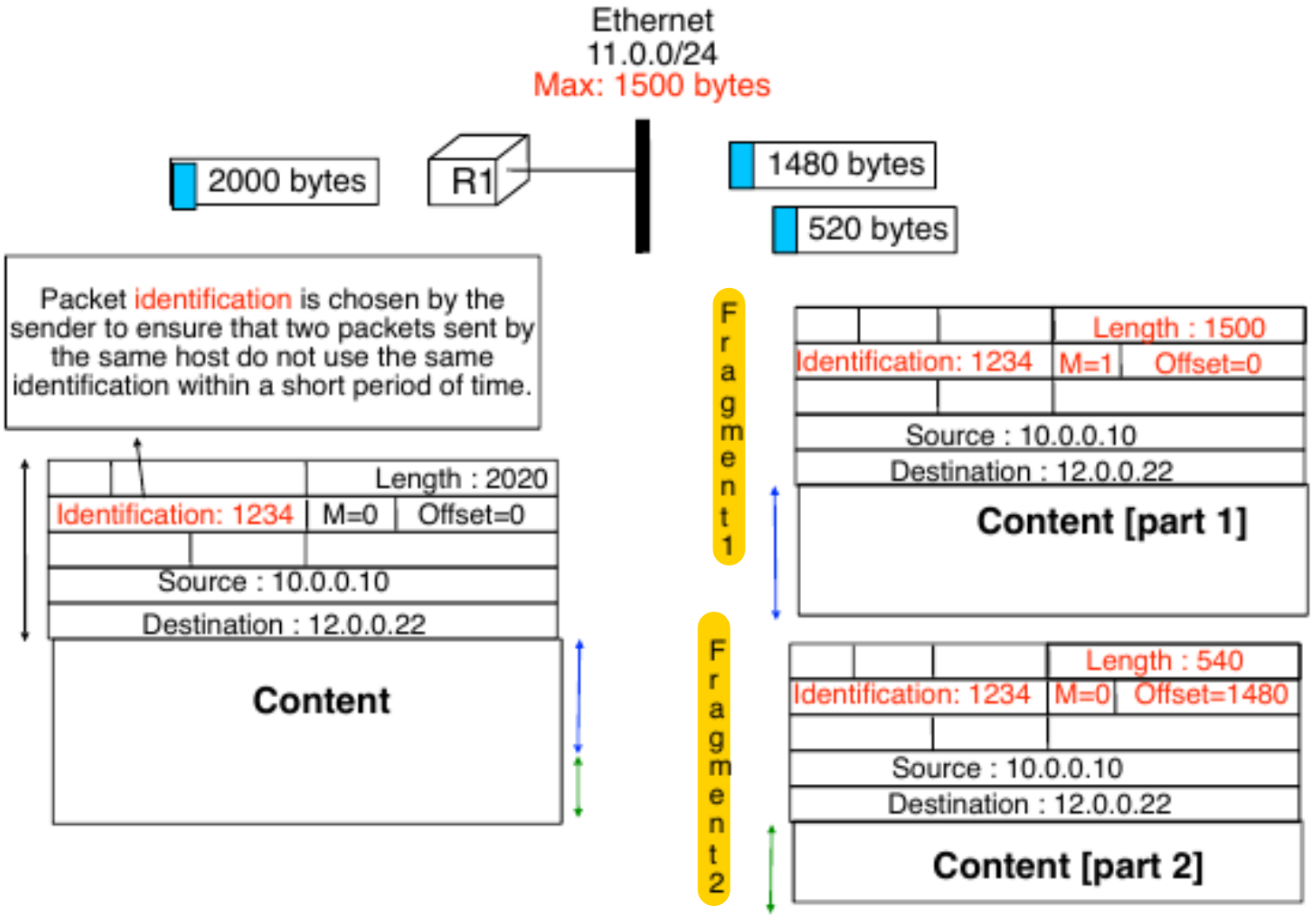
Each fragment must be number to recover from misordering



Reassembly

- Issues
  - When does the destination has received all fragments ?
    - Last fragment contains bit More=0
    - How to handle lost fragments ?
      - the IP packet will not be reassembled by destination and received fragments of this packet will be discarded
  - How to deal with misordering
    - Offset field allows to reorder fragments from same packet
    - But misordering can cause fragments from multiple packets to be mixed
      - Each fragment must contain an identification of the original packet from which is was created

Fragment Identification



Transmision errors

How should IP react to transmission errors ?

- Transmission error inside packet content
  - some applications may continue to work despite this error
  - IP : no detection of transmission errors in packet payload
- Transmission error inside packet header
  - could cause more problems
    - imagine that the transmission error changes the source or destination IP address
  - IP uses a checksum to detect transmission errors in header
    - 16 bits checksum (same as TCP/UDP) computed only on header
    - each router and each end host verifies the chacksum of all packets that it receives. A packet with an errored header is immediately discarded

Time To Live

Problem

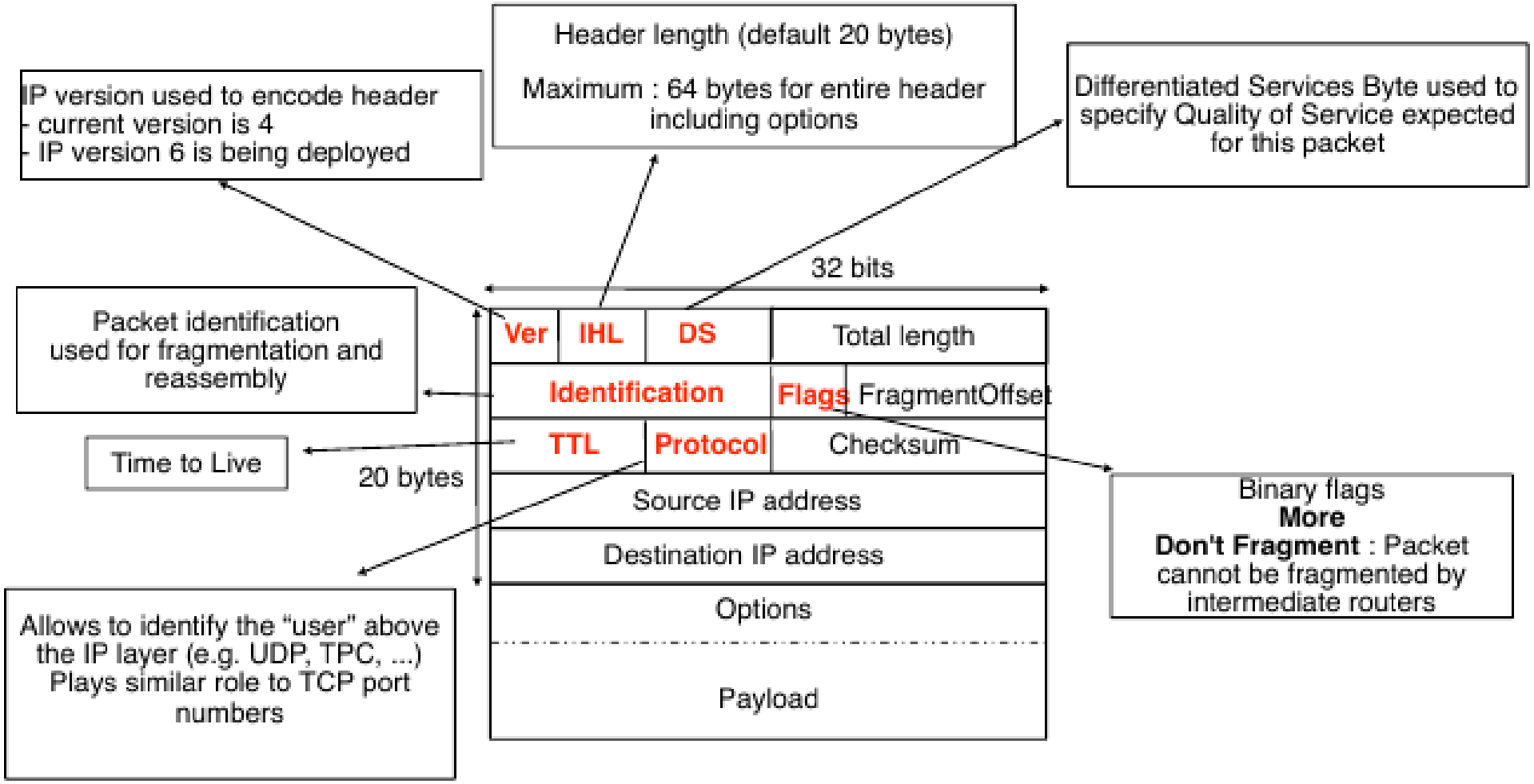
- Loops can occur in an IP network
  - permanent loops due to configuration errors
  - transient loops while routing tables are being updated

Solution

- Each packet contains a Time-to-Live (TTL) that indicates the maximum number of intermediate routers that the packet can cross
  - many hosts set the initial TTL of their packets to 32 or 64
- each router checks the TTL of all packets
  - If TTL=1, packet is discarded and source is notified
  - If TTL>1, packet is forwarded and TTL is decremented by at least 1
    - routers thus must recompute checksum of all forwarded packets

Utilisation of TTL is a means to bound the lifetime of packets inside the Internet

IP header


Header length (default 20 bytes)
Maximum : 64 bytes for entire header including options
IP version used to encode header
- current version is 4
- IP version 6 is being deployed
Differentiated Services Byte used to specify Quality of Service expected for this packet
32 bits
Packet identification used for fragmentation and reassembly
Ver
IHL
DS
Total length
Identification
Flags
FragmentOffset
Time to Live
TTL
Protocol
Checksum
20 bytes
Source IP address
Destination IP address
Options
Payload
Binary flags
More
Don't Fragment : Packet cannot be fragmented by intermediate routers
Allows to identify the "user" above the IP layer (e.g. UDP, TPC, ...)
Plays similar role to TCP port numbers

IP address configuration

- How does a host know its IP address
  - Manual configuration
    - Used in many small networks
  - Server-based autoconfiguration RARP
    - DHCP
      - Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol
      - Principle
      - When it attaches to a subnet, endhost broadcasts a request to find DHCP server
      - DHCP server replies and endhost can contact it to obtain IP address
      - DHCP server allocates an IP address for some time period and can also provide additional information (subnet, default router, DNS resolver, ...)
        - DHCP servers can be configured to always provide the same IP address to a given endhost or not
        - Endhost reconfirms its allocation regularly

ICMP

Problem

- What should a router/host do when it receives an errored packet
  - Example
    - Packet whose destination is not the current endhost
    - Packet containing a header with invalid syntax
    - Packet received with TTL=1
    - Packet destined to protocol not supported by host

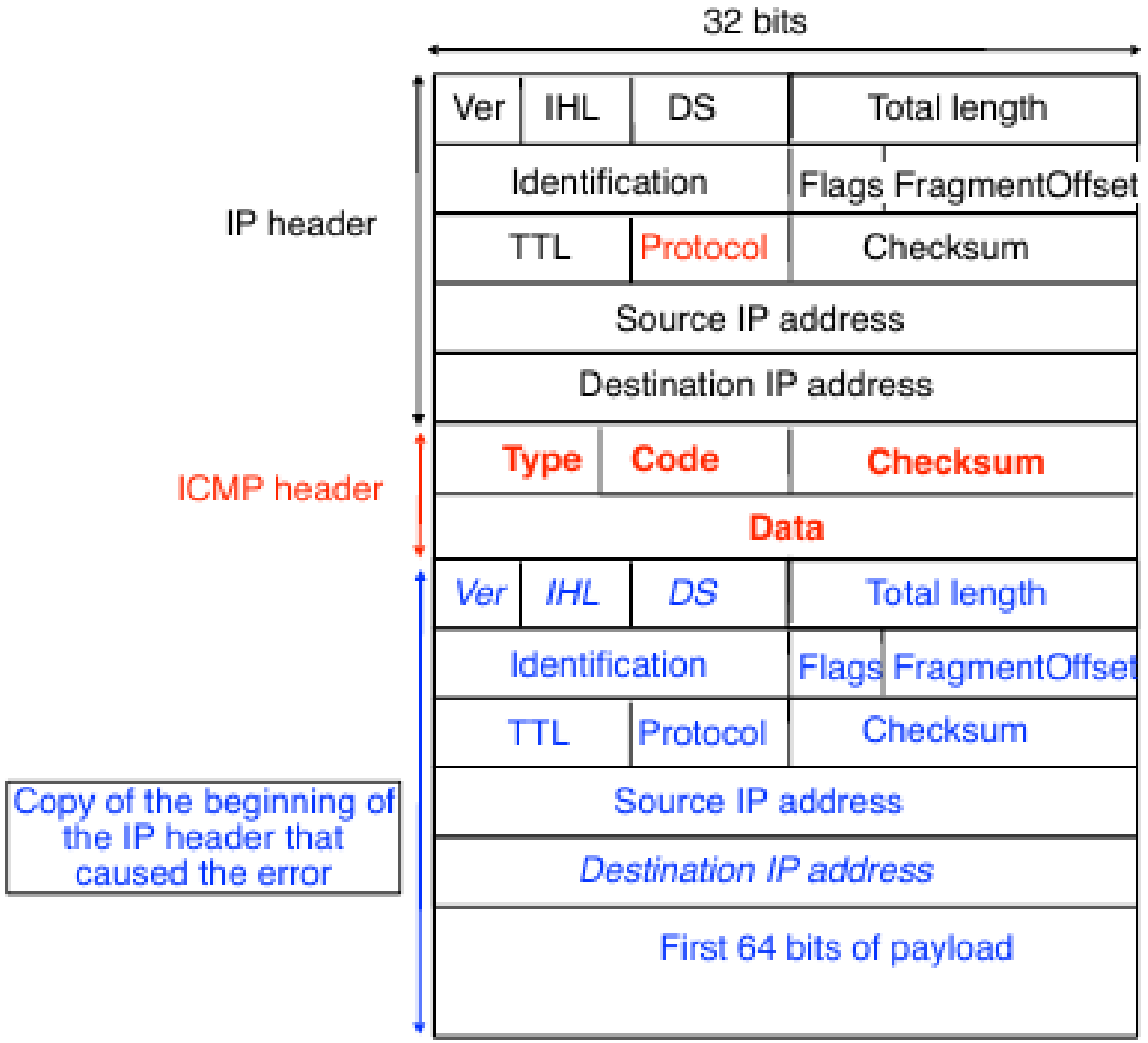
Solutions

- Ignore and discard the errored packet
- Send a message to the packet's source to warn it about the problem
  - ICMP : Internet Control Message Protocol
  - ICMP messages are sent inside IP packets by routers (mainly) and hosts
    - To avoid performance problems, most hosts/routers limit the amount of ICMP messages that they send

ICMP

- Routing error
  - Destination unreachable
    - Final destination of packet cannot be reached
      - Network unreachable for entire subnet
      - Host unreachable for an individual host
      - Protocol/Port unreachable for protocol/port on a reachable host
    - Redirect
      - The packet was sent to an incorrect first-hop router and should have been instead sent to another first-hop router
- Error in the IP header
  - Parameter Problem
    - Incorrect format of IP packet
  - TTL Exceeded
    - Router received packet with TTL=1
  - Fragmentation
    - the packet should have been fragmented, but its DF flag was true

ICMP message



Protocol = 1 (for ICMP)

Type = the type of error

Code = the specific error code

Data = additional information

ICMP Usage

Examples

- destination unreachable
  - the router sending this message did not have a route to reach the destination
- time exceeded
  - the router sending the message received an IP packet with TTL=0
  - used by `traceroute`
- redirect
  - to reach destination, another router must be used and ICMP message provides address of this router
- echo request / echo reply
  - used by `ping`
- fragmentation impossible
  - the packet should have been fragmented by the router sending the ICMP message by this packet had "Don't Fragment" set to true

Nmap

ICMP Usage

- A machine can send an ICMP ECHO request, to see if a target is reachable.
  (Also called “pinging” a machine)

```
→ ~ ping google.com
PING google.com (216.58.211.110) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from ams15s32-in-f14.1e100.net (216.58.211.110): icmp_seq=1 ttl=56 time=16.6 ms
64 bytes from ams15s32-in-f14.1e100.net (216.58.211.110): icmp_seq=2 ttl=56 time=20.4 ms
64 bytes from ams15s32-in-f14.1e100.net (216.58.211.110): icmp_seq=3 ttl=56 time=18.10 ms
^C
--- google.com ping statistics ---
3 packets transmitted, 3 received, 0% packet loss, time 5ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 16.602/18.649/20.364/1.553 ms
```

- Problem?
  - Attackers use this to find hosts/servers on the network.
  - Example

ICMP Usage

- We can find the route a packet takes, to see where the network fails.

```
→ ~ traceroute google.com
traceroute to google.com (172.217.20.110), 30 hops max, 60 byte packets
 1  fritz.box (192.168.178.1)  7.285 ms  7.156 ms  7.054 ms
 2  bras-02str.bxl.be.edpnet.net (213.219.132.31)  11.177 ms  11.150 ms  11.087 ms
 3  br01.bxl.be.edpnet.net (212.71.11.49)  11.425 ms 212.71.11.53.static.edpnet.net (212.71.11.53)  11.334 ms  14.150 ms
 4  router01.adamtel.nl.edpnet.net (212.71.11.58)  20.242 ms router02.bruix.be.edpnet.net (212.71.11.225)  20.051 ms  19.951 ms
 5  router01.paris.fr.edpnet.net (212.71.11.114)  19.877 ms core1.ams.net.google.com (80.249.208.247)  19.792 ms  19.722 ms
 6  108.170.241.193 (108.170.241.193)  19.221 ms core1.ams.net.google.com (80.249.208.247)  15.347 ms  13.439 ms
 7  209.85.240.115 (209.85.240.115)  14.961 ms  15.105 ms 108.170.241.225 (108.170.241.225)  18.757 ms
 8  209.85.240.115 (209.85.240.115)  18.507 ms ams17s01-in-f14.1e100.net (172.217.20.110)  18.692 ms  18.683 ms
```

- Traceroute manipulates the TTL in order to get an answer from the machines.
  - Starts with TTL = one, first hop answer with an unreachable ICMP paquet.
  - Increment TTL by one until reaching final destination. Every router/host will answer with an ICMP message until reached
- Example