

# Networks and Protocols '2012

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# Course Objectives

- Introduce fundamental data networking concepts
- Focus on widely deployed Internet protocols
- Prepare students for further studies in networking
- Combine theory with practical experiences
- Raise awareness of weaknesses of the Internet



# Course Content

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Fundamental Networking Concepts
- 3 Local Area Networks (IEEE 802)
- 4 Internet Network Layer (IPv4, IPv6)
- 5 Internet Routing (RIP, OSPF, BGP)
- 6 Internet Transport Layer (UDP, TCP)
- 7 Firewalls and Network Address Translators
- 8 Domain Name System (DNS)
- 9 Abstract Syntax Notation 1 (ASN.1)
- 10 External Data Representation (XDR)
- 11 Augmented Backus Naur Form (ABNF)
- 12 Electronic Mail (SMTP, IMAP)
- 13 Document Access and Transfer (HTTP, FTP)

# Reading Material

- A.S. Tanenbaum, "Computer Networks", 4th Edition, Prentice Hall, 2002
- W. Stallings, "Data and Computer Communications", 6th Edition, Prentice Hall, 2000
- C. Huitema, "Routing in the Internet", 2nd Edition, Prentice Hall, 1999
- D. Comer, "Internetworking with TCP/IP Volume 1: Principles Protocols, and Architecture", 4th Edition, Prentice Hall, 2000
- J.F. Kurose, K.W. Ross, "Computer Networking: A Top-Down Approach Featuring the Internet", 3rd Edition, Addison-Wesley 2004.

# Grading Scheme

- Final examination (35%)
  - Covers the whole lecture
  - Closed book (and closed computers / networks)
- Quizzes (35%)
  - Control your continued learning success
- Assignments (30%)
  - Learning by solving assignments
  - Gain some practical experience in a lab session
  - Implement network protocols

# Reasons for not taking this course

- You do not have the time required for this course
- You lack some of the required background
- You just want to know how to configure your system(s)
- You find the topics covered by this course boring
- You are unable to do some programming in C/Unix
- You dislike reading book chapters or specifications
- You hate programming exercises and plugging cables
- You strongly prefer to stay in bed longer

# Part: Introduction

- 1 Structure and Growth of the Internet
- 2 Internet Concepts and Design Principles



# Structure and Growth of the Internet

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# Communication in the Internet

- 1970: private communication (email)
- 1980: discussion forums
- 1985: software development and standardization
- 1995: blogs, art, games, trading, searching
- 1998: multimedia communication
- 2000: books and encyclopedia
- 2005: social networks, virtual worlds
- 2010: cloud computing
- 2015: ???

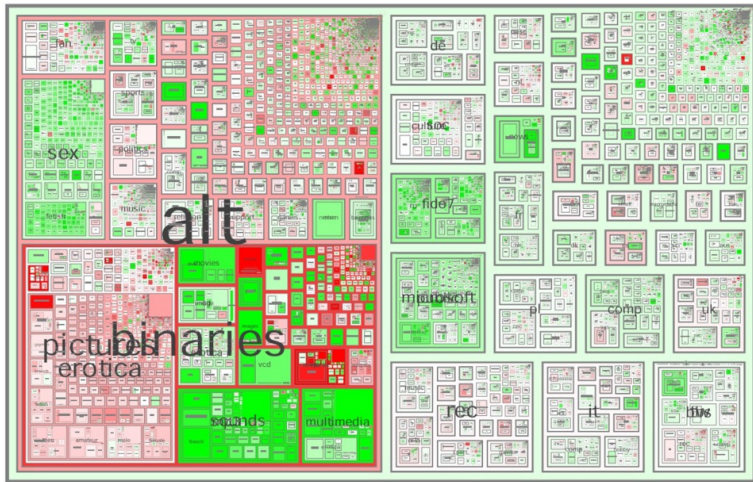
## What Happens in an Internet Minute?



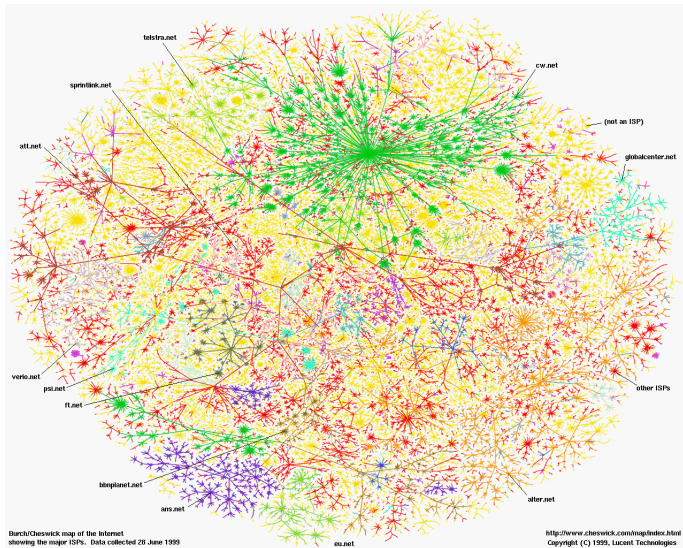
## And Future Growth is Staggering



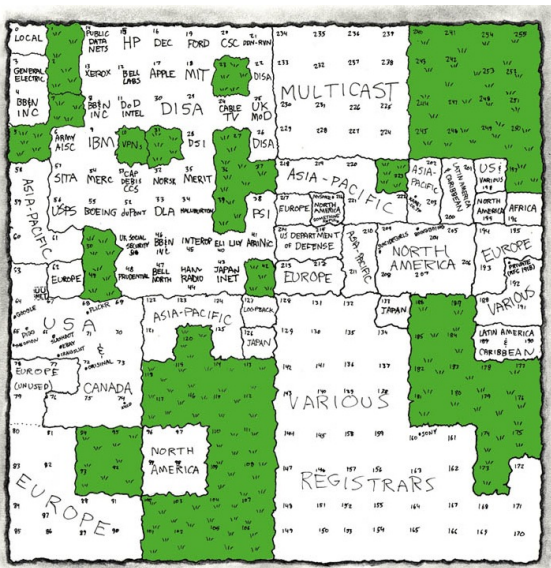
# Usenet Discussion Groups



# Mapping the Internet



# Map of the Internet (Cartoon!)



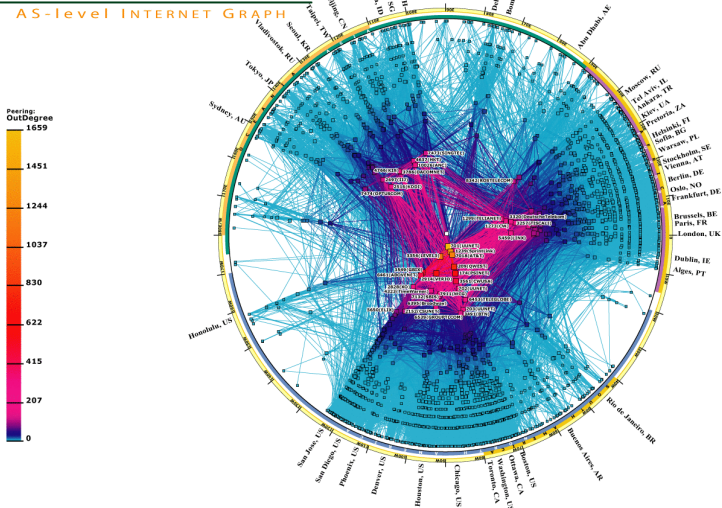
# Autonomous Systems

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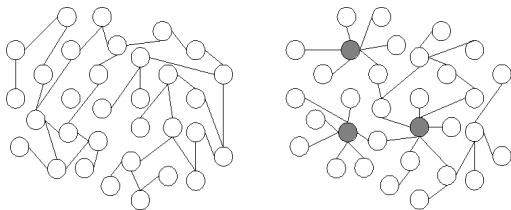
## TOPOLOGY MAP

AS-level INTERNET GRAPH

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# Internet – Scale-free Network?



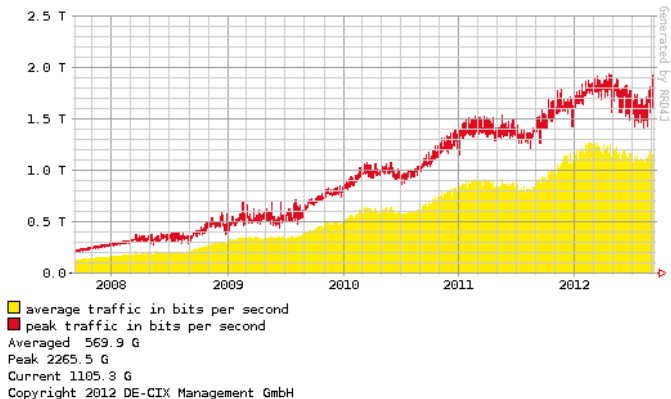
- Scale-free: The probability  $P(k)$  that a node in the network connects with  $k$  other nodes is roughly proportional to  $k^{-\gamma}$ .
- Examples: social networks, collaboration networks, protein-protein interaction networks, ...
- Properties: short paths, robust against random failures, sensitive to targeted attacks



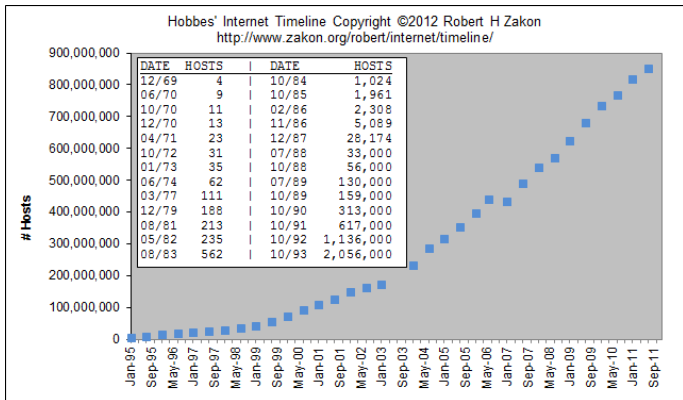
# Internet Exchange Points (Fall 2012)

- Internet Exchange Frankfurt/Germany (DE-CIX)
  - Connected networks:  $\approx 450$
  - Average throughput:  $\approx 1.1 Tbps$
  - Maximum throughput:  $\approx 2.2 Tbps$
  - Maximum capacity:  $\approx 7 Tbps$
  - 200+ Gigabit-Ethernet ports
  - 600+ 10Gigabit-Ethernet ports
  - <http://www.decix.de/>
- Amsterdam Internet Exchange (AMS-IX)
  - <http://www.ams-ix.net/>
- London Internet Exchange (LINX)
  - <https://www.linx.net/>
- Lots of regional exchange points (e.g., Hamburg)

# DE-CIX Traffic (5 Years)

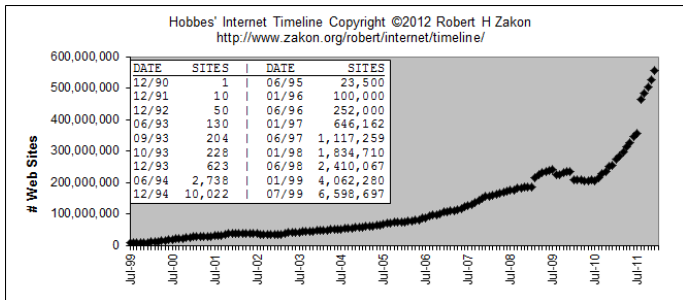


# Growth of the Internet



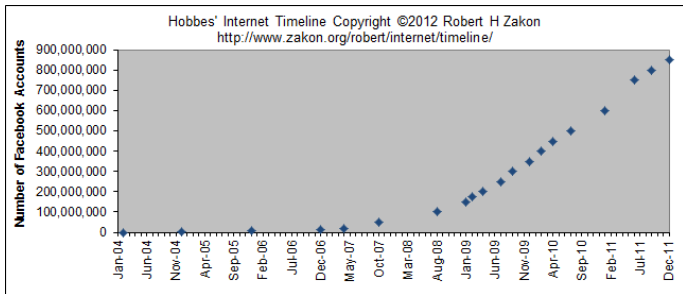
- How would you count the number of hosts on the Internet?

# Growth of the World Wide Web



- This may be a bit easier to count?
- Do not take these figures too serious!

# Growth of Facebook



- This is pretty easy to count. . .
- But how many accounts are active, how many are fake accounts?

# Growth of Problems

- CERT Coordination Center (CERT/CC) is a center of Internet security expertise
- Located at the Software Engineering Institute operated by Carnegie Mellon University (CMU)

| Year | Incidents | Advisories |
|------|-----------|------------|
| 1988 | 6         | 1          |
| 1989 | 132       | 7          |
| 1990 | 252       | 12         |
| 1991 | 406       | 23         |
| 1992 | 773       | 21         |
| 1993 | 1334      | 19         |
| 1994 | 2340      | 15         |
| 1995 | 2412      | 18         |

| Year | Incidents | Advisories |
|------|-----------|------------|
| 1996 | 2573      | 27         |
| 1997 | 2134      | 28         |
| 1998 | 3734      | 13         |
| 1999 | 9859      | 17         |
| 2000 | 21756     | 22         |
| 2001 | 52658     | 37         |
| 2002 | 82094     | 37         |
| 2003 | 137529    | 28         |

- Statistics taken from <http://www.cert.org/stats/>

# Networking Challenges

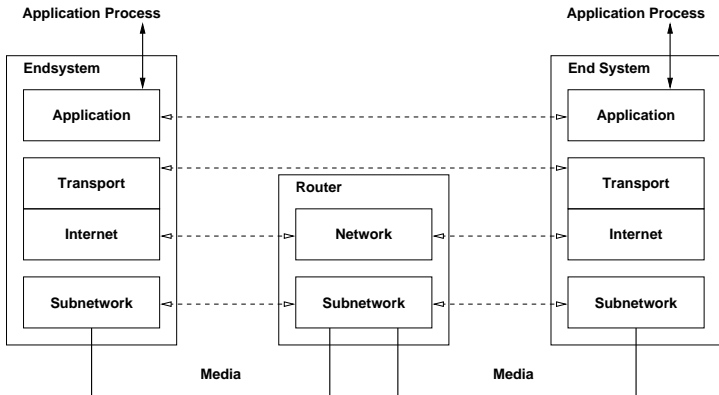
- Switching efficiency and energy efficiency
- Routing and fast convergence
- Security, trust, and key management
- Network measurements and network operations
- Ad-hoc networks and self-organizing networks
- Wireless sensor networks / Internet of Things
- Delay/disruption tolerant networks
- High bandwidth / long delay networks
- Home networks and data center networks
- ...

# Internet Concepts and Design Principles

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# Internet Model



- Subnetworks only have to provide very basic services
- Even the Internet layer can be used as a subnetwork

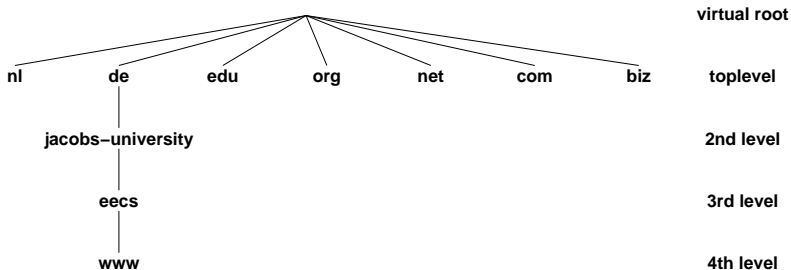
# Internet Design Principles

- Connectivity is its own reward
- All functions which require knowledge of the state of end-to-end communication should be realized at the endpoints (end-to-end argument)
- There is no central instance which controls the Internet and which is able to turn it off
- Addresses should uniquely identify endpoints
- Intermediate systems should be stateless wherever possible
- Implementations should be liberal in what they accept and stringent in what they generate
- Keep it simple (when in doubt during design, choose the simplest solution)

# Internet Addresses

- Four byte IPv4 addresses are typically written as four decimal numbers separated by dots where every decimal number represents one byte (dotted quad notation). A typical example is the IPv4 address 212.201.48.1
- Sixteen byte IPv6 addresses are typically written as a sequence of hexadecimal numbers separated by colons (:) where every hexadecimal number represents two bytes
- Leading nulls in IPv6 addresses can be omitted and two consecutive colons can represent a sequence of nulls
- The IPv6 address 1080:0:0:0:8:800:200c:417a can be written as 1080::8:800:200c:417a
- See RFC 5952 for the recommended representation of IPv6 addresses

# Internet Domain Names



- The Domain Name System (DNS) provides a distributed hierarchical name space which supports the delegation of name assignments
- DNS name resolution translates DNS names into one or more Internet addresses

# Autonomous Systems

- The global Internet consists of a set of inter-connected autonomous systems
- An *autonomous system* (AS) is a set of routers and networks under the same administration
- Autonomous systems are identified by 16-bit numbers, called the AS numbers
- IP packets are forwarded between autonomous systems over paths that are established by an *Exterior Gateway Protocol* (EGP)
- Within an autonomous system, IP packets are forwarded over paths that are established by an *Interior Gateway Protocol* (IGP)

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# Part: Fundamental Network Concepts

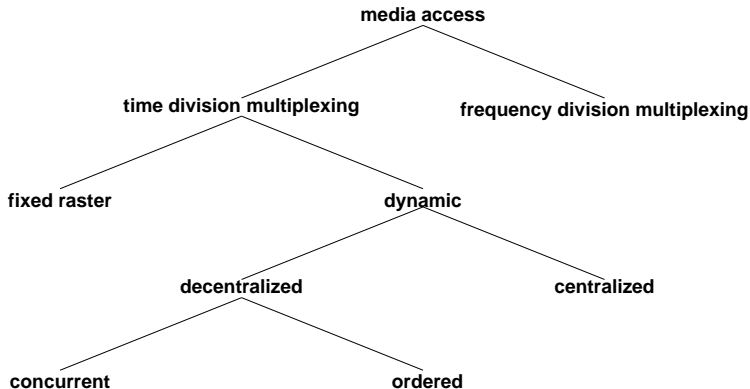
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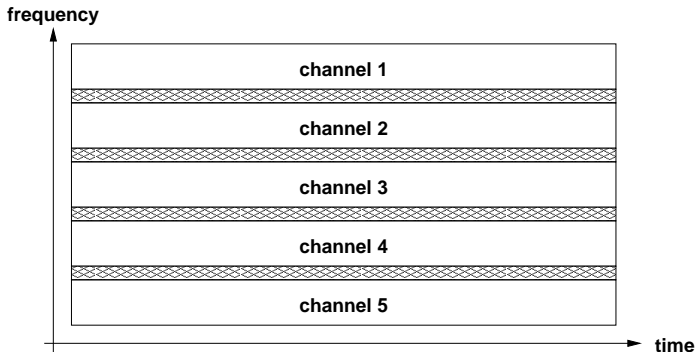


# Media Access



- Shared transmission media require coordinated access to the medium (media access control)

# Frequency Division Multiplexing

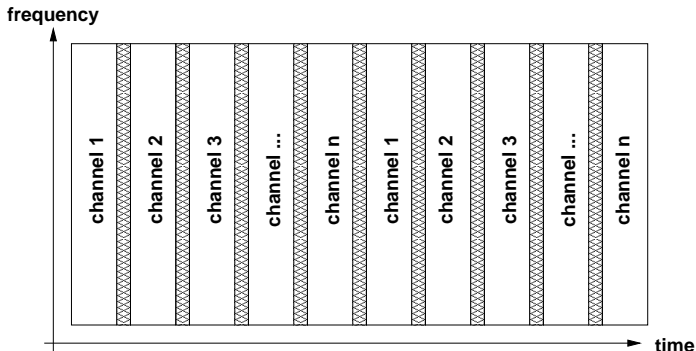


- Signals are carried simultaneously on the same medium by allocating to each signal a different frequency band

# Wavelength Division Multiplexing (WDM)

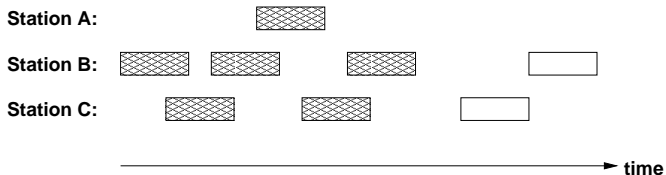
- Optical fibers carry multiple wavelength at the same time
- WDM can achieve very high data rates over a single optical fiber
- Dense WDM (DWDM) is a variation where the wavelengths are spaced close together, which results in an even larger number of channels.
- Theoretically, there is room for 1250 channels, each running at 10 Gbps, on a single fiber (= 12.5 Tbps).
- A single cable often bundles a number fibers and for deployment or reasons, fibres are sometimes even bundled with power cables.

# Time Division Multiplexing



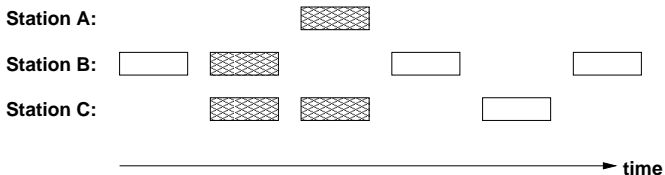
- Signals from a given sources are assigned to specific time slots
- Time slot assignment might be fixed (synchronous TDM) or dynamic (statistical TDM)

# Pure Aloha



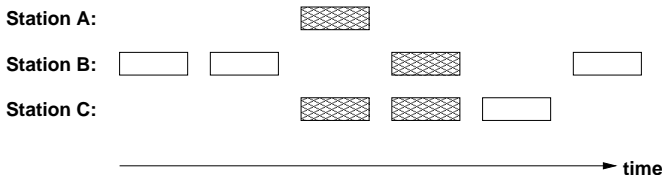
- Developed in the 1970s at the University of Hawaii
- Sender sends data as soon as data becomes available
- Collisions are detected by listening to the signal
- Retransmit after a random pause after a collision
- Not very efficient ( $\approx 18\%$  of the channel capacity)

# Slotted Aloha



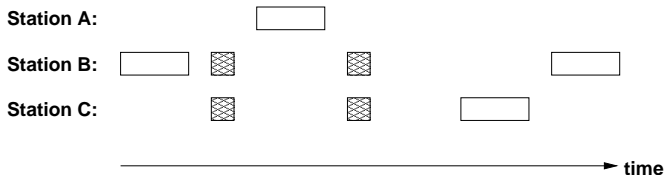
- Senders do not send immediately but wait for the beginning of a time slot
- Time slots may be advertised by short control signals
- Collisions only happen at the start of a transmission
- Avoids sequences of partially overlaying data blocks
- Slightly more efficient ( $\approx 37\%$  of the channel capacity)

# Carrier Sense Multiple Access (CSMA)



- Sense the media whether it is unused before starting a transmission
- Collisions are still possible (but less likely)
- 1-persistent CSMA: sender sends with probability 1
- p-persistent CSMA: sender sends with probability  $p$
- non-persistent CSMA: sender waits for a random time period before it retries if the media is busy

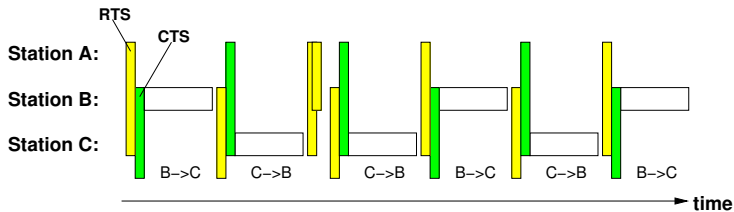
# CSMA with Collision Detection (CSMA-CD)



- Terminate the transmission as soon as a collision has been detected (and retry after some random delay)
- Let  $\tau$  be the propagation delay between two stations with maximum distance
- Senders can be sure that they successfully acquired the medium after  $2\tau$  time units
- Used by the classic Ethernet developed at Xerox Parc

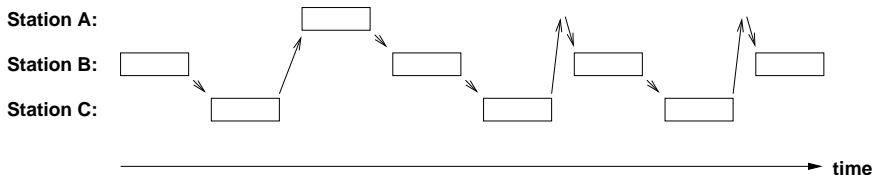


## Multiple Access with Collision Avoidance (MACA)



- A station which is ready to send first sends a short RTS (ready to send) message to the receiver
- The receiver responds with a short CTS (clear to send) message
- Stations who receive RTS or CTS must stay quiet
- Solves the *hidden station* and *exposed station* problem

# Token



- A token is a special bit pattern circulating between stations - only the station holding the token is allowed to send data
- Token mechanisms naturally match physical ring topologies - logical rings may be created on other physical topologies
- Care must be taken to handle lost or duplicate token

# Transmission Error Detection

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# Transmission Error Detection

- Data transmission often leads to transmission errors that affect one or more bits
- Simple parity bits can be added to code words to detect bit errors
- Parity bit schemes are not very strong in detecting errors which affect multiple bits
- Computation of error check codes must be efficient (in hardware and/or software)

# Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC)

- A bit sequence (bit block)  $b_nb_{n-1} \dots b_1b_0$  is represented as a polynomial  $B(x) = b_nx^n + b_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots + b_1x + b_0$
- Arithmetic operations:

$$0 + 0 = 1 + 1 = 0 \quad 1 + 0 = 0 + 1 = 1$$

$$1 \cdot 1 = 1 \quad 0 \cdot 0 = 0 \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot 0 = 0$$

- A generator polynomial  $G(x) = g_rx^r + \dots g_1x + g_0$  with  $g_r = 1$  and  $g_0 = 1$  is agreed upon between the sender and the receiver
- The sender transmits  $U(x) = x^r \cdot B(x) + t(x)$  with

$$t(x) = (x^r \cdot B(x)) \bmod G(x)$$

# Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC)

- The receiver tests whether the polynomial corresponding to the received bit sequence can be divided by  $G(x)$  without a remainder
- Efficient hardware implementation possible using XOR gates and shift registers
- Only errors divisible by  $G(x)$  will go undetected
- Example:
  - Generator polynomial  $G(x) = x^3 + x^2 + 1$  (corresponds to the bit sequence 1101)
  - Message  $M = 1001\ 1010$  (corresponds to the polynomial  $B(x) = x^7 + x^4 + x^3 + x$ )

# CRC Computation

1001 1010 000 : 1101

1101

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100 1

110 1

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10 00

11 01

-----

1 011

1 101

-----

1100

1101

-----

1 000

1 101

-----

101      =>    transmitted bit sequence 1001 1010 101

# CRC Verification

1001 1010 101 : 1101

1101

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100 1

110 1

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10 00

11 01

-----

1 011

1 101

-----

1100

1101

-----

1 101

1 101

-----

0      =>    remainder 0, assume no transmission error



# Choosing Generator Polynomials

- $G(x)$  detects all single-bit errors if  $G(x)$  has more than one non-zero term
- $G(x)$  detects all double-bit errors, as long as  $G(x)$  has a factor with three terms
- $G(x)$  detects any odd number of errors, as long as  $G(x)$  contains the factor  $(x + 1)$
- $G(x)$  detects any burst errors for which the length of the burst is less than or equal to  $r$
- $G(x)$  detects a fraction of error bursts of length  $r + 1$ ; the fraction equals to  $1 - 2^{-(r-1)}$
- $G(x)$  detects a fraction of error bursts of length greater than  $r + 1$ ; the fraction equals to  $1 - 2^{-r}$

# Well-known Generator Polynomials

- The HEC polynomial  $G(x) = x^8 + x^2 + x + 1$  is used by the ATM cell header
- The CRC-16 polynomial  $G(x) = x^{16} + x^{15} + x^2 + 1$  detects all single and double bit errors, all errors with an odd number of bits, all burst errors with 16 or less bits and more than 99% of all burst errors with 17 or more bits
- The CRC-CCITT polynomial  $G(x) = x^{16} + x^{15} + x^5 + 1$  is used by the HDLC protocol
- The CRC-32 polynomial  $G(x) = x^{32} + x^{26} + x^{23} + x^{22} + x^{16} + x^{12} + x^{11} + x^{10} + x^8 + x^7 + x^5 + x^4 + x^2 + x + 1$  is used by the IEEE 802 standards

# Internet Checksum

```
uint16_t
checksum(uint16_t *buf, int count)
{
    uint32_t sum = 0;
    while (count-- > 0) {
        sum += *buf++;
        if (sum > 0xffff) {
            sum &= 0xffff;
            sum++;
        }
    }
    return ~sum & 0xffff;
}
```

# Internet Checksum Properties

- Summation is commutative and associative
- Computation independent of the byte order
- Computation can be parallelized on processors with word sizes larger than 16 bit
- Individual data fields can be modified without having to recompute the whole checksum
- Can be integrated into copy loop
- Often implemented in assembler or special hardware
- For details, see RFC 1071, RFC 1141, and RFC 1624

# Further Error Situations

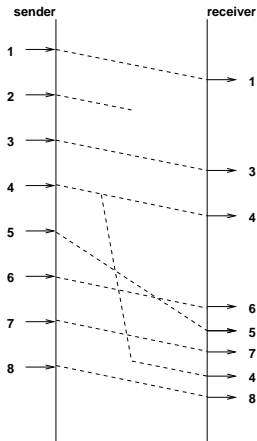
- Despite bit errors, the following transmission errors can occur
  - Loss of complete data frames
  - Duplication of complete data frames
  - Receipt of data frames that were never sent
  - Reordering of data frames during transmission
- In addition, the sender must adapt its speed to the speed of the receiver (*end-to-end flow control*)
- Finally, the sender must react to congestion situations in the network (*congestion control*)

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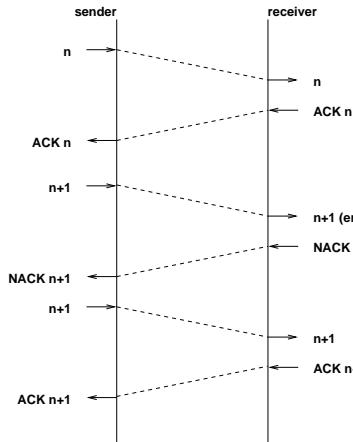
# Sequence Numbers

- The sender assigns growing sequence numbers to all data frames
- A receiver can detect reordered or duplicated frames
- Loss of a frame can be determined if a missing frame cannot travel in the network anymore
- Sequence numbers can grow quickly on fast networks



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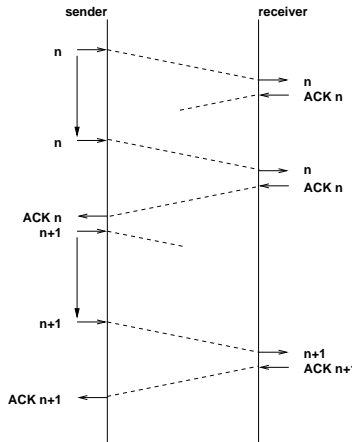
- Retransmit to handle errors
- A positive acknowledgement (ACK) is sent to inform the sender that the transmission of a frame was successful
- A negative acknowledgement (NACK) is sent to inform the sender that the transmission of a frame was unsuccessful
- Stop-and-wait protocol: a frame is only transmitted if the previous frame was been acknowledged





# Timers

- Timer can be used to detect the loss of frames or acknowledgments
- A sender can use a timer to retransmit a frame if no acknowledgment has been received in time
- A receiver can use a timer to retransmit acknowledgments
- Problem: Timers must adapt to the current delay in the network

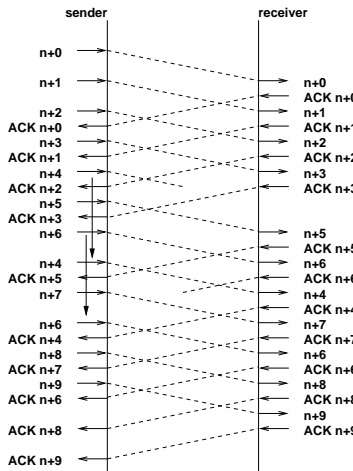


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# Flow Control

- Allow the sender to send multiple frames before waiting for acknowledgments
- Improves efficiency and overall delay
- Sender must not overflow the receiver
- The stream of frames should be smooth and not bursty
- Speed of the receiver can vary over time



# Sliding Window Flow Control

- Sender and receiver agree on a window of the sequence number space
- The sender may only transmit frames whose sequence number falls into the sender's window
- Upon receipt of an acknowledgement, the sender's window is moved
- The receiver only accepts frames whose sequence numbers fall into the receiver's window
- Frames with increasing sequence number are delivered and the receiver window is moved.
- The size of the window controls the speed of the sender and must match the buffer capacity of the receiver

# Sliding Window Implementation

- Implementation on the sender side:
  - SWS (send window size)
  - LAR (last ack received)
  - LFS (last frame send)
  - Invariant:  $LFS - LAR + 1 \leq SWS$
- Implementation on the receiver side:
  - RWS (receiver window size)
  - LFA (last frame acceptable)
  - NFE (next frame expected)
  - Invariant:  $LFA - NFE + 1 \leq RWS$

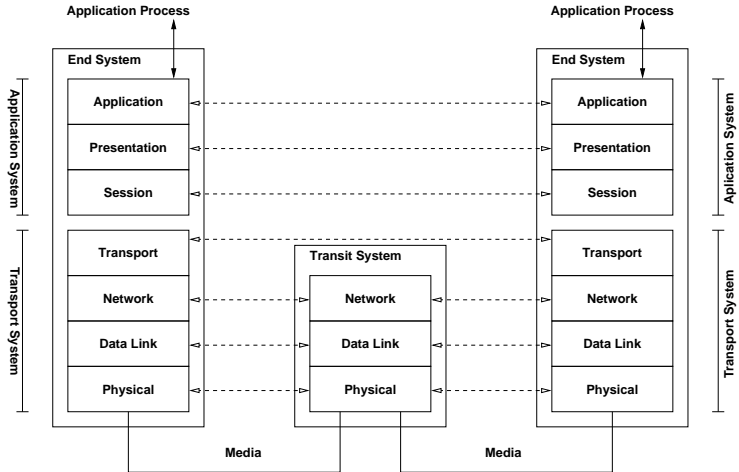
# Congestion Control

- Flow control is used to adapt the speed of the sender to the speed of the receiver
- Congestion control is used to adapt the speed of the sender to the speed of the network
- Principles:
  - Sender and receiver reserve bandwidth and puffer capacity in the network
  - Intermediate systems drop frames under congestion and signal the event to the senders involved
  - Intermediate systems send control messages (choke packets) when congestion builds up to slow down senders

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# Physical and Data Link Layer

- Physical Layer:
  - Transmission of an unstructured bit stream
  - Standards for cables, connectors and sockets
  - Encoding of binary values (voltages, frequencies)
  - Synchronization between sender and receiver
- Data Link Layer:
  - Transmission of bit sequences in so called frames
  - Data transfer between directly connected systems
  - Detection and correction of transmission errors
  - Flow control between senders and receivers
  - Realization usually in hardware

# Network and Transport Layer

- Network Layer:
  - Determination of paths through a complex network
  - Multiplexing of end-to-end connections over an intermediate systems
  - Error detection / correction between network nodes
  - Flow and congestion control between end systems
  - Transmission of datagrams or packets in packet switched networks
- Transport Layer:
  - Reliable end-to-end communication channels
  - Connection-oriented and connection-less services
  - End-to-end error detection and correction
  - End-to-end flow and congestion control

# Session and Presentation Layer

- Session Layer:
  - Synchronization and coordination of communicating processes
  - Interaction control (check points)
- Presentation Layer:
  - Harmonization of different data representations
  - Serialization of complex data structures
  - Data compression
- Application Layer:
  - Fundamental application oriented services
  - Terminal emulation, name and directory services, data base access, network management, electronic messaging systems, process and machine control, ...

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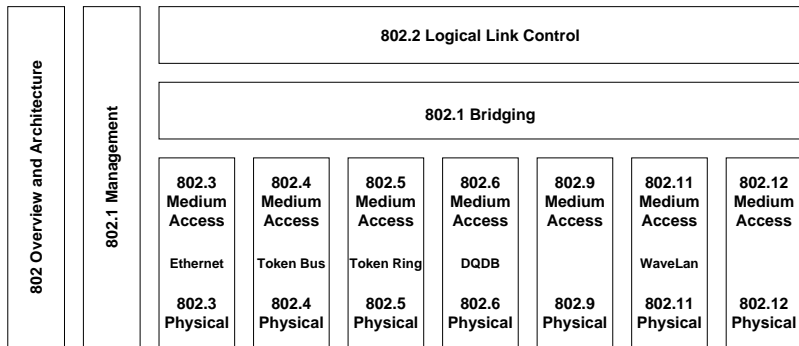
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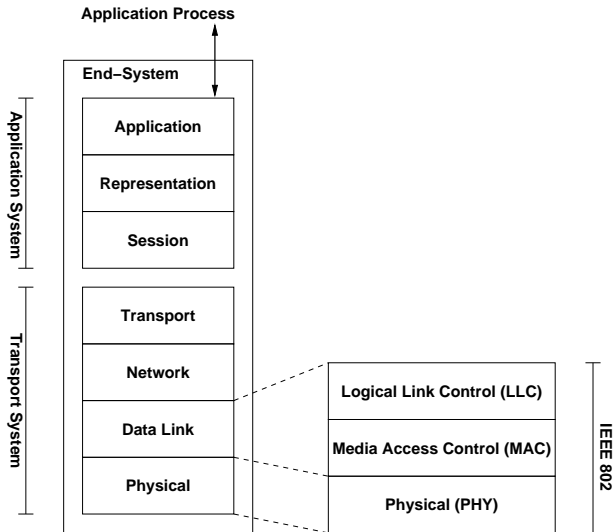
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# IEEE 802 Overview



- IEEE 802 standards are developed since the mid 1980s
- Dominating technology in local area networks (LANs)

# IEEE 802 Layers





# IEEE 802 Layers

- The Logical Link Control (LLC) layer provides a service interface which is the same for all IEEE 802 protocols
- The Medium Access Control (MAC) layer defines the method used to access the media being used
- The Physical (PHY) layer defines the physical properties for the various transmission media that can be used with a certain IEEE 802.x protocol

# IEEE 802 Addresses

- IEEE 802 addresses, sometimes also called MAC addresses, are 6 bytes (48 bit) long
- The common notation is a sequence of hexadecimal numbers with the bytes separated from each other using colons or hyphens ( 00:D0:59:5C:03:8A or 00-D0-59-5C-03-8A)
- The highest bit indicates whether it is a *unicast* address (0) or a *multicast* address (1). The second highest bit indicates whether it is a *local* (1) or a *global* (0) address
- The *broadcast* address, which represents all stations within a broadcast domain, is FF-FF-FF-FF-FF-FF
- Globally unique addresses are created by vendors who apply for a number space delegation by the IEEE

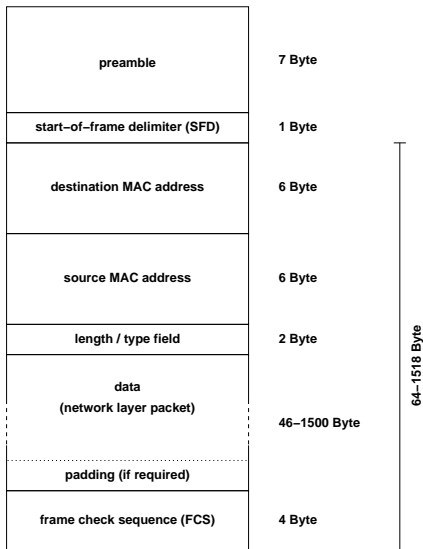
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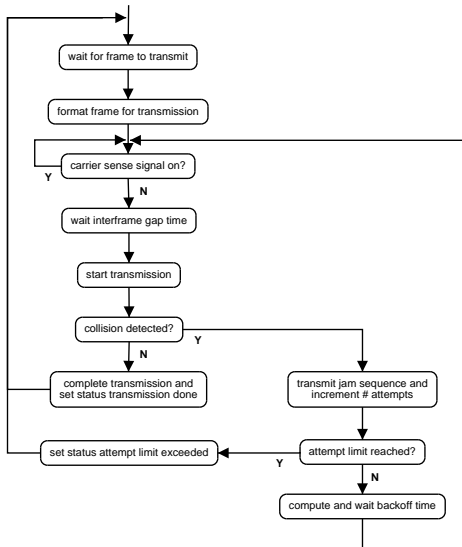
# IEEE 802.3 (Ethernet)

- Evolution of Ethernet Technology:
  - 1976 Original Ethernet paper published
  - 1990 10 Mbps Ethernet over twisted pair (10BaseT)
  - 1995 100 Mbps Ethernet
  - 1998 1 Gbps Ethernet
  - 2002 10 Gbps Ethernet
  - 2010 100 Gbps Ethernet
  - 2015 1 Tbps Ethernet (predicted)
- Classic Ethernet used CSMA/CD and a shared bus
- Today's Ethernet uses a star topology with full duplex links
- Link aggregation allows to “bundle” links, e.g., 4 10 Gbps links can be bundled to perform like a single 40 Gbps link
- Keeping the brand name Ethernet was a very smart decision...

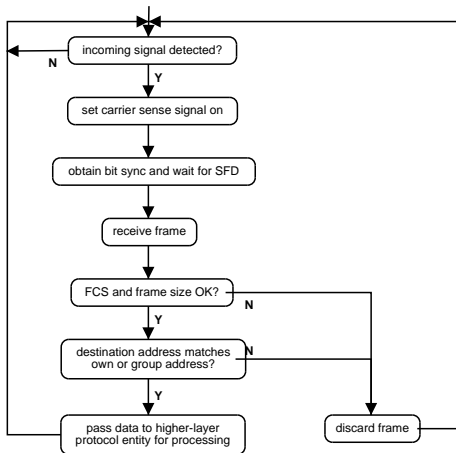
# IEEE 802.3 Frame Format



# Transmitting IEEE 802.3 Frames (CSMA/CD)



# Receiving IEEE 802.3 Frames (CSMA/CD)



# Ethernet Media Types

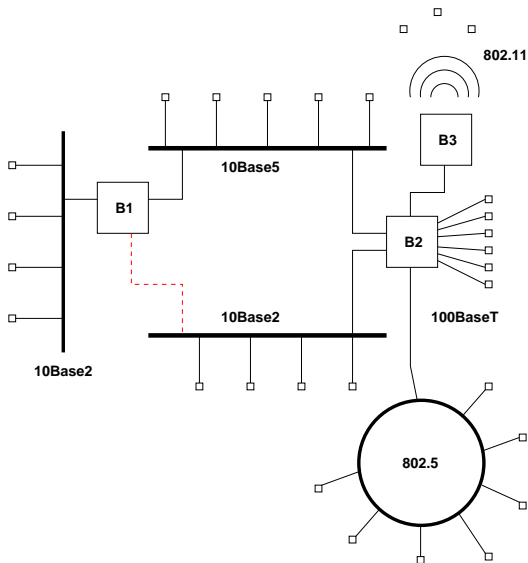
| Name       | Medium                      | Maximum Length     |
|------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 10Base2    | coax, $\varnothing=0.25$ in | 200 m              |
| 10Base5    | coax, $\varnothing=0.5$ in  | 500 m              |
| 10BaseT    | twisted pair                | 100 m              |
| 10BaseF    | fiber optic                 | 2000 m             |
| 100BaseT4  | twisted pair                | 100 m              |
| 100BaseTX  | twisted pair                | 100 m              |
| 100BaseFX  | fiber optic                 | 412 m              |
| 1000BaseLX | fiber optic                 | 500 / 550 / 5000 m |
| 1000BaseSX | fiber optic                 | 220-275 / 550 m    |
| 1000BaseCX | coax                        | 25 m               |
| 1000BaseT  | twisted pair                | 100 m              |



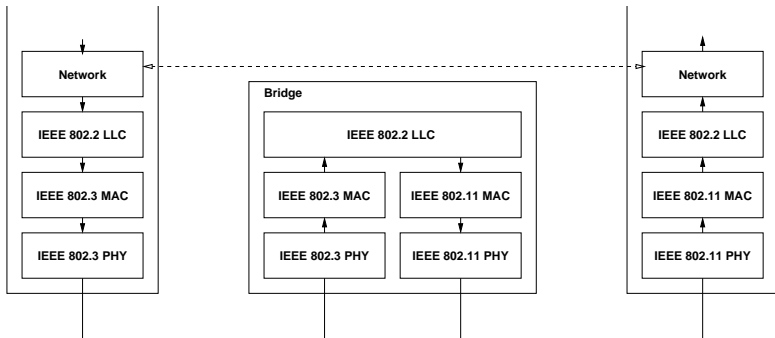
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# Bridged IEEE 802 Networks

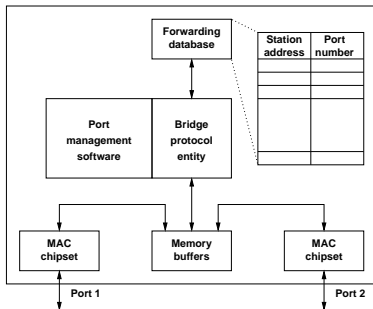


# IEEE 802 Bridges



- *Source Routing Bridges*: Sender has to route the frame through the bridged network
- *Transparent Bridges*: Bridges are transparent to senders and receivers

# Transparent Bridges (IEEE 802.1D)



- Lookup an entry with a matching destination address in the forwarding database and forward the frame to the associated port.
- If no matching entry exists, forward the frame to all outgoing ports except the port from which the frame was received (flooding).

# Backward Learning

- Algorithm:
  - The forwarding database is initially empty.
  - Whenever a frame is received, add an entry to the forwarding database (if it does not yet exist) using the frame's source address and the incoming port number.
  - Reinitialize the timer attached to the forwarding base entry for the received frame.
- Aging of unused entries reduces forwarding table size and allows bridges to adapt to topology changes.
- Backward learning requires an cyclic-free topology.

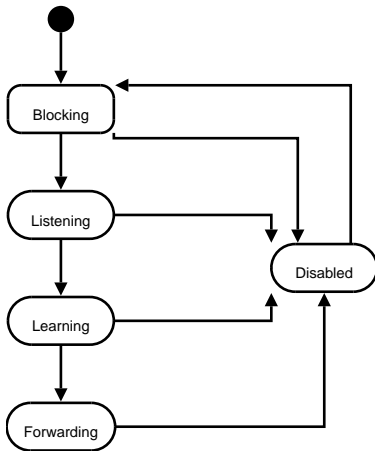
# Spanning Tree

- ❶ The root of the spanning tree is selected (root bridge).  
The root bridge is the bridge with the highest priority and the smallest bridge address.
- ❷ The costs for all possible paths from the root bridge to the various ports on the bridges is computed (root path cost). Every bridge determines which root port is used to reach the root bridge at the lowest costs.
- ❸ The designated bridge is determined for each segment.  
The designated bridge of a segment is the bridge which connects the segment to the root bridge with the lowest costs on its root port. The ports used to reach designated bridges are called designated ports.
- ❹ All ports are blocked which are not designated ports or root ports. The resulting active topology is a spanning tree.

# Port States

- Blocking: A port in the blocking state does not participate in frame forwarding.
- Listening: A port in the transitional listening state has been selected by the spanning tree protocol to participate in frame forwarding.
- Learning: A port in the transitional learning state is preparing to participate in frame forwarding.
- Forwarding: A port in the forwarding state forwards frames.
- Disabled: A port in the disabled state does not participate in frame forwarding or the operation of spanning tree protocol.

# Port State Transitions





# Broadcast Domains

- A bridged LAN defines a single *broadcast domain*:
  - All frames sent to the broadcast address are forwarded on all links in the bridged networks.
  - Broadcast traffic can take a significant portion of the available bandwidth.
  - Devices running not well-behaving applications can cause *broadcast storms*.
  - Bridges may flood frames if the MAC address cannot be found in the forwarding table.
- It is desirable to reduce the size of broadcast domains in order to separate traffic in a large bridged LAN.

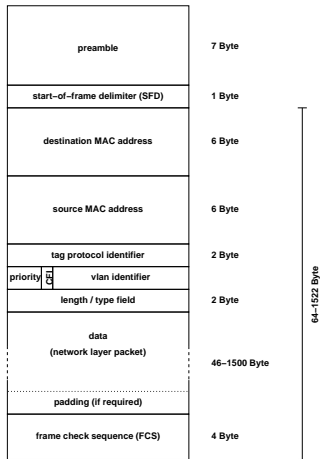
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# IEEE 802.1Q Virtual LANs

- VLANs allow to separate the traffic on an IEEE 802 network
- A station connected to a certain VLAN only sees frames belonging to that VLAN
- VLANs can reduce the network load; frames that are targeted to all stations (broadcasts) will only be delivered to the stations connected to the VLAN.
- Stations (especially server) can be a member of multiple VLANs simultaneously
- Separation of logical LAN topologies from physical LAN topologies
- VLANs are identified by a VLAN identifier (1..4094)

# IEEE 802.1Q Tagged Frames



- The tag protocol identifier indicates a tagged frame
- Tagged 802.3 frames are 4 bytes longer than original 802.3 frames
- Tagged frames should only appear on links that are VLAN aware

# VLAN Membership

- Bridge ports can be assigned to VLANs in different ways:
  - Ports are administratively assigned to VLANs (port-based VLANs)
  - MAC addresses are administratively assigned to VLANs (MAC address-based VLANs)
  - Frames are assigned to VLANs based on the payload contained in the frames (protocol-based VLANs)
  - Members of a certain multicast group are assigned to VLAN (multicast group VLANs)
- The Generic Attribute Registration Protocol (GARP) can (among other things) propagate VLAN membership information.

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# IEEE 802.1x Port Access Control

- Port based access control grants access to the a switch port based on the identity of the connected machine.
- The components involved in 802.1x:
  - The *supplicant* runs on a machine connecting to a bridge and provides authentication information.
  - The *authenticator* runs on a bridge and enforces authentication decisions.
  - The *authentication server* is a (logically) centralized component which provides authentication decisions (usually via RADIUS).
- The authentication exchange uses the Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP).
- IEEE 802.1x is becoming increasingly popular as a roaming solution for IEEE 802.11 wireless networks.

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# IEEE 802.11 Wireless LAN

| Protocol | Released | Frequency | Data Rate | Indoor      | Outdoor       |
|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|---------------|
| 802.11a  | 1999     | 5 GHz     | 54 Mbps   | 35 <i>m</i> | 120 <i>m</i>  |
| 802.11b  | 1999     | 2.4 GHz   | 11 Mbps   | 38 <i>m</i> | 140 <i>m</i>  |
| 802.11g  | 2003     | 2.4 GHz   | 54 Mbps   | 38 <i>m</i> | 140 <i>m</i>  |
| 802.11n  | 2009     | 2.4/5 GHz | 248 Mbps  | 70 <i>m</i> | 250 <i>m</i>  |
| 802.11y  | 2008     | 3.7 GHz   | 54 Mbps   | 50 <i>m</i> | 5000 <i>m</i> |

- Very widely used wireless local area network (WLAN).
- As a consequence, very cheap equipment (base stations, interface cards).
- Wired equivalent privacy (WEP) was a disaster (at least for those who believe a wire is secure).
- Recommended is WPA-2 (Wifi Protected Access), in particular in combination with 802.1x and EAP-TLS.

# IEEE 802.15.4 (LowPAN)

- Low power (battery operated) personal area networks (LowPAN)
- Operates in 868-868.8 MHz (Europe), 902-928 MHz (North America), 2400-2483.5 MHz (worldwide) frequency bands.
- Application areas: Home automation, surveillance systems, logistics, ...
- Full function devices (FFDs) serve as coordinator of a personal area network (PAN).
- Reduced function devices (RFDs) are extremely simple and can be battery powered with long lifetimes.
- IEEE 802.15.4a provides localization support.

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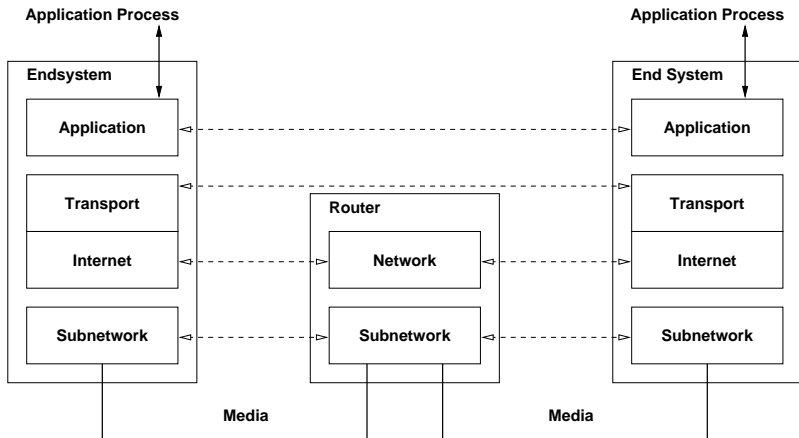
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# Internet Model



# Terminology

- A *node* is a device which implements an Internet Protocol (such as IPv4 or IPv6).
- A *router* is a node that forwards IP packets not addressed to itself.
- A *host* is any node which is not a router.
- A *link* is a communication channel below the IP layer which allows nodes to communicate with each other (e.g., an Ethernet).
- The *neighbors* is the set of all nodes attached to the same link.

# Terminology (cont.)

- An *interface* is a node's attachment to a link.
- An *IP address* identifies an interface or a set of interfaces.
- An *IP packet* is a bit sequence consisting of an IP header and the payload.
- The *link MTU* is the maximum transmission unit, i.e., maximum packet size in octets, that can be conveyed over a link.
- The *path MTU* is the the minimum link MTU of all the links in a path between a source node and a destination node.



# Internet Network Layer Protocols

- The *Internet Protocol version 4* (IPv4) provides for transmitting datagrams from sources to destinations using 4 byte IPv4 addresses
- The *Internet Control Message Protocol version 4* (ICMPv4) is used for IPv4 error reporting and testing
- The *Address Resolution Protocol* (ARP) maps IPv4 addresses to IEEE 802 addresses
- The *Internet Protocol version 6* (IPv6) provides for transmitting datagrams from sources to destinations using 16 byte IPv6 addresses
- The *Internet Control Message Protocol version 6* (ICMPv6) is used for IPv6 error reporting, testing, auto-configuration and address resolution

# Reserved IPv4 Address Blocks

|                  |   |           |
|------------------|---|-----------|
| 0.0.0.0/8        | "This" Network                                  | [RFC1700] |
| 10.0.0.0/8       | Private-Use Networks                            | [RFC1918] |
| 14.0.0.0/8       | Public-Data Networks                            | [RFC1700] |
| 24.0.0.0/8       | Cable Television Networks                       | [RFC3330] |
| 39.0.0.0/8       | Class A Subnet Experiment                       | [RFC1797] |
| 127.0.0.0/8      | Loopback  | [RFC1700] |
| 128.0.0.0/16     | Reserved by IANA                                | [RFC3330] |
| 169.254.0.0/16   | Link Local                                      | [RFC3330] |
| 172.16.0.0/12    | Private-Use Networks                            | [RFC1918] |
| 191.255.0.0/16   | Reserved by IANA                                | [RFC3330] |
| 192.0.0.0/24     | Reserved by IANA                                | [RFC3330] |
| 192.0.2.0/24     | Test-Net / Documentation                        | [RFC3330] |
| 192.88.99.0/24   | 6to4 Relay Anycast                              | [RFC3068] |
| 192.168.0.0/16   | Private-Use Networks                            | [RFC1918] |
| 198.18.0.0/15    | Network Interconnect / Device Benchmark Testing | [RFC2544] |
| 223.255.255.0/24 | Reserved by IANA                                | [RFC3330] |
| 224.0.0.0/4      | Multicast                                       | [RFC3171] |
| 240.0.0.0/4      | Reserved for Future Use                         | [RFC1700] |

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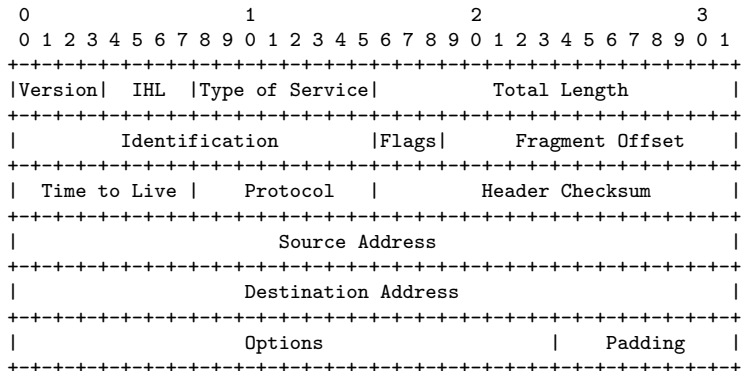
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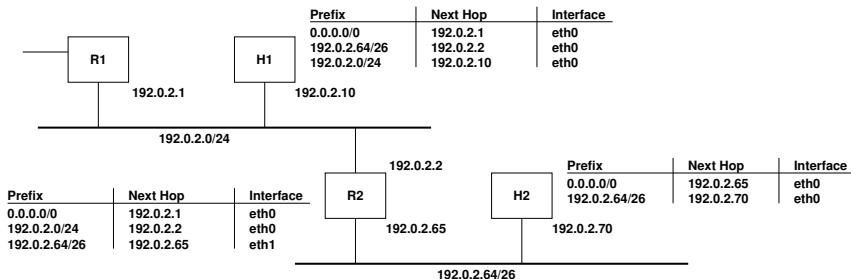
# IPv4 Packet Format



# IPv4 Forwarding

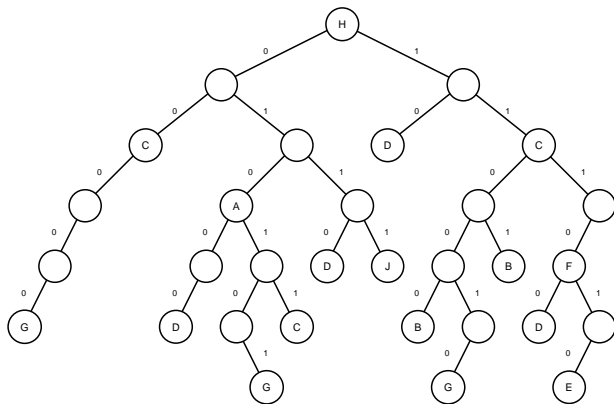
- IPv4 addresses can be divided into a part which identifies a network (netid) and a part which identifies an interface of a node within that network (hostid).
- The number of bits of an IPv4 address which identifies the network is called the *address prefix*.
- The address prefix is commonly written as a decimal number, appended to the usual IPv4 address notation by using a slash (/) as a separator (e.g., 192.0.2.0/24).
- The *forwarding table* realizes a mapping of the network prefix to the next node (next hop) and the local interface used to reach the next node.
- For every IP packet, the entry in the forwarding table has to be found with longest matching network address prefix (longest prefix match).

# IPv4 Forwarding Example



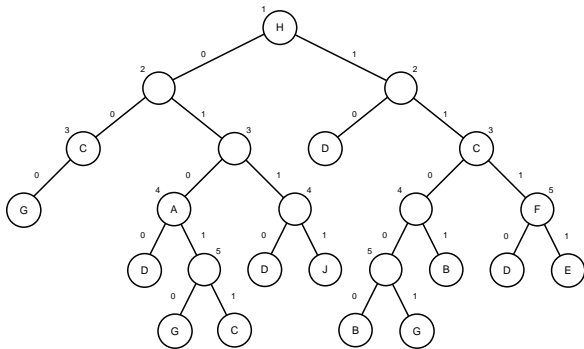
- Default forwarding table entries use the prefix 0.0.0.0/0.
- This example identifies directly reachable hosts by using the IP address of a local interface as the next hop.
- Other representations use an explicit direct/indirect flag.

# Longest Prefix Match: Binary Trie



- A binary trie is the representation of the binary prefixes in a tree.

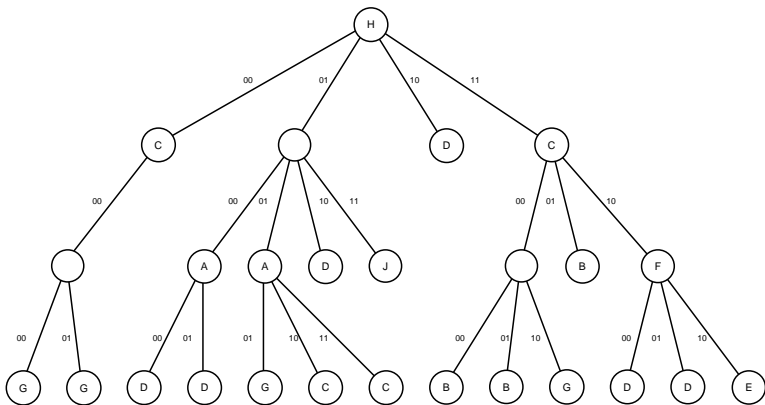
# Longest Prefix Match: Path Compressed Trie



- A path compressed trie is obtained by collapsing all one-way branch nodes.
- The number attached to nodes indicates the next bit to inspect.



# Longest Prefix Match: Two-bit stride multibit Trie

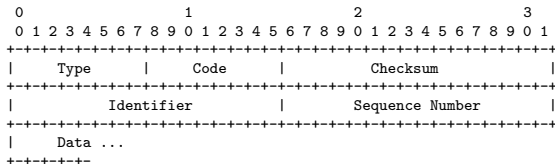


- A two-bit multibit trie reduces the number of memory accesses.

# IPv4 Error Handling (ICMPv4)

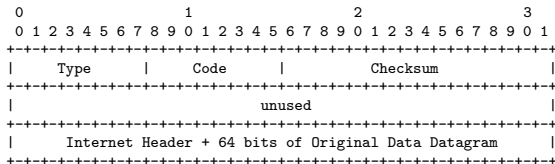
- The Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP) is used to inform nodes about problems encountered while forwarding IP packets.
  - Echo Request/Reply messages are used to test connectivity.
  - Unreachable Destination messages are used to report why a destination is not reachable.
  - Redirect messages are used to inform the sender of a better (shorter) path.
- Can be used to trace routes to hosts:
  - Send messages with increasing TTL starting with one and interpret the ICMP response message.
  - Pack additional data into the request to measure latency.
- ICMPv4 is an integral part of IPv4 (even though it is a different protocol).

# ICMPv4 Echo Request/Reply



- The ICMP echo request message (type = 8, code = 0) asks the destination node to return an echo reply message (type = 0, code = 0).
- The Identifier and Sequence Number fields are used to correlate incoming replies with outstanding requests.
- The data field may contain any additional data.

# ICMPv4 Unreachable Destinations

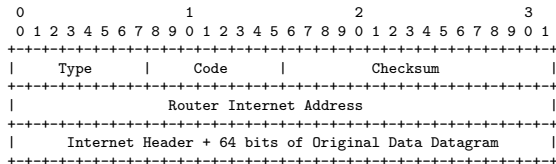


- The Type field has the value 3 for all unreachable destination messages.
- The Code field indicates why a certain destination is not reachable.
- The data field contains the beginning of the packet which caused the ICMP unreachable destination message.

# Unreachable Destination Codes

- 0 Net Unreachable
- 1 Host Unreachable
- 2 Protocol Unreachable
- 3 Port Unreachable
- 4 Fragmentation Needed and Don't Fragment was Set
- 5 Source Route Failed
- 6 Destination Network Unknown
- 7 Destination Host Unknown
- 8 Source Host Isolated
- 9 Communication with Destination Network is Administratively Prohibited
- 10 Communication with Destination Host is Administratively Prohibited
- 11 Destination Network Unreachable for Type of Service
- 12 Destination Host Unreachable for Type of Service
- 13 Communication Administratively Prohibited
- 14 Host Precedence Violation
- 15 Precedence cutoff in effect

# ICMPv4 Redirect



- The Type field has the value 5 for redirect messages.
- The Code field indicates which type of packets should be redirected.
- The Router Internet Address field identifies the IP router to which packets should be redirected.
- The data field contains the beginning of the packet which caused the ICMP redirect message.

# Redirect Codes

- 0 Redirect datagrams for the Network.
- 1 Redirect datagrams for the Host.
- 2 Redirect datagrams for the Type of Service and Network.
- 3 Redirect datagrams for the Type of Service and Host.

# IPv4 Fragmentation

- IPv4 packets that do not fit the outgoing link MTU will get fragmented into smaller packets that fit the link MTU.
  - The Identification field contains the same value for all fragments of an IPv4 packet.
  - The Fragment Offset field contains the relative position of a fragment of an IPv4 packet (counted in 64-bit words).
  - The flag More Fragments (MF) is set if more fragments follow.
- The Don't Fragment (DF) flag can be set to indicate that a packet should not be fragmented.
- IPv4 allows fragments to be further fragmented without intermediate reassembly.



# Fragmentation Considered Harmful

- The receiver must buffer fragments until all fragments have been received. However, it is not useful to keep fragments in a buffer indefinitely. Hence, the TTL field of all buffered packets will be decremented once per second and fragments are dropped when the TTL field becomes zero.
- The loss of a fragment causes in most cases the sender to resend the original IP packet which in most cases gets fragmented as well. Hence, the probability of transmitting a large IP packet successfully goes quickly down if the loss rate of the network goes up.
- Since the Identification field identifies fragments that belong together and the number space is limited, one cannot fragment an arbitrary large number of packets.

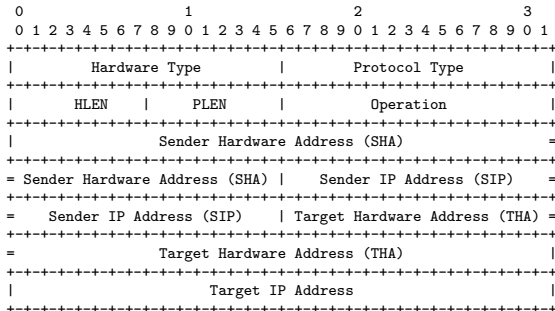
# MTU Path Discovery (RFC 1191)

- The sender sends IPv4 packets with the DF flag set.
- A router which has to fragment a packet with the DF flag turned on drops the packet and sends an ICMP message back to the sender which also includes the local maximum link MTU.
- Upon receiving the ICMP message, the sender adapts his estimate of the path MTU and retries.
- Since the path MTU can change dynamically (since the path can change), a once learned path MTU should be verified and adjusted periodically.
- Not all routers send necessarily the local link MTU. In this cases, the sender tries typical MTU values, which is usually faster than doing a binary search.

# IPv4 over IEEE 802.3 (RFC 894)

- IPv4 packets are sent in the payload of IEEE 802.3 frames according to the specification in RFC 894:
  - IPv4 packets are identified by the value 0x800 in the IEEE 802.3 type field.
  - According to the maximum length of IEEE 802.3 frames, the maximum link MTU is 1500 byte.
  - The mapping of IPv4 addresses to IEEE 802.3 addresses is table driven. Entries in so called mapping tables (sometimes also called address translation tables) can either be statically configured or dynamically learned.
- Note that the RFC 894 approach does not provide an assurance that the mapping is actually correct...

# IPv4 Address Translation (RFC 826)



- The Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) resolved IPv4 addresses to link-layer addresses of neighboring nodes.

# ARP and RARP

- The Hardware Type field identifies the address type used on the link-layer (the value 1 is used for IEEE 802.3 MAC addresses).
- The Protocol Type field identifies the network layer address type (the value 0x800 is used for IPv4).
- ARP/RARP packets use the 802.3 type value 0x806.
- The Operation field contains the message type: ARP Request (1), ARP Response (2), RARP Request (3), RARP Response (4).
- The sender fills, depending on the request type, either the Target IP Address field (ARP) or the Target Hardware Address field (RARP).
- The responding node swaps the Sender/Target fields and fills the empty fields with the requested information.

## DHCP Version 4 (DHCPv4)

- The Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) allows nodes to retrieve configuration parameters from a central configuration server.
- A binding is a collection of configuration parameters, including at least an IP address, associated with or bound to a DHCP client.
- Bindings are managed by DHCP servers.
- Bindings are typically valid only for a limited lifetime.
- See RFC 2131 for the details and the message formats.
- See RFC 3118 for security aspects due to lack of authentication.

# DHCPv4 Message Types

- The DHCPDISCOVER message is a broadcast message which is sent by DHCP clients to locate DHCP servers.
- The DHCPOFFER message is sent from a DHCP server to offer a client a set of configuration parameters.
- The DHCPREQUEST is sent from the client to a DHCP server as a response to a previous DHCPOFFER message, to verify a previously allocated binding or to extend the lease of a binding.
- The DHCPACK message is sent by a DHCP server with some additional parameters to the client as a positive acknowledgement to a DHCPREQUEST.
- The DHCPNAK message is sent by a DHCP server to indicate that the client's notion of a configuration binding is incorrect.

# DHCPv4 Message Types (cont.)

- The DHCPDECLINE message is sent by a DHCP client to indicate that parameters are already in use.
- The DHCPRELEASE message is sent by a DHCP client to inform the DHCP server that configuration parameters are no longer used.
- The DHCPINFORM message is sent from the DHCP client to inform the DHCP server that only local configuration parameters are needed.



# Jacobs University's IP Networks

- Jacobs University currently uses the global IPv4 address blocks 212.201.44.0/22 and 212.201.48.0/23. How many IPv4 addresses can be used in these two address spaces?
- 212.201.44.0/22:  $2^{32-22} - 2 = 2^{10} - 2 = 1022$   
212.201.48.0/23:  $2^{32-23} - 2 = 2^9 - 2 = 510$
- Jacobs University currently uses the global IPv6 address block 2001:638:709::/48. How many IPv6 addresses can be used?
- 2001:638:709::/48:  $2^{128-48} - 2 = 2^{80} - 2$  which is 1208925819614629174706174.
- If you equally distribute the addresses over the campus area ( $30 \cdot 10^4 m^2$ ), what is the space covered per address?

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- IPv4 Fragmentation
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# IPv6 Interface Identifier

- Interface identifiers in IPv6 unicast addresses are used to uniquely identify interfaces on a link.
- For all unicast addresses, except those that start with binary 000, interface identifiers are required to be 64 bits long and to be constructed in modified EUI-64 format.
- Combination of the interface identifier with a network prefix leads to an IPv6 address.
- Link local unicast addresses have the prefix FE80::/10.
- Ongoing work on the construction of globally unique local addresses using cryptographic hash functions.

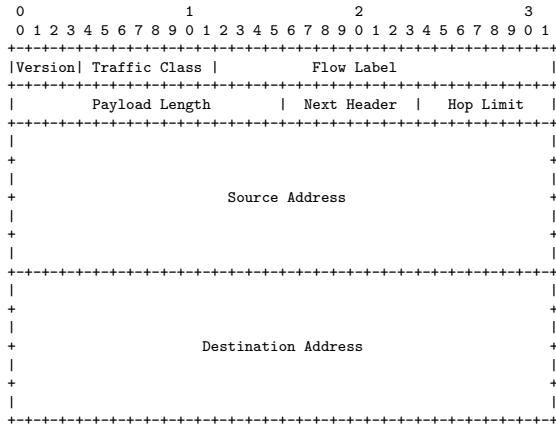
# Modified EUI-64 Format

|   |     |     |   |
|---|-----|-----|---|
| 1 0   | 1 1 | 3 3 | 4 |
| 1 0   | 5 6 | 1 2 | 7 |
| +-----+   |     |     |   |
| cccccc0gccccccc ccccccmmmmmmmm mmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm |     |     |   |
| +-----+   |     |     |   |

|   |     |     |     |   |
|---|-----|-----|-----|---|
| 1 0   | 1 1 | 3 3 | 4 4 | 6 |
| 1 0   | 5 6 | 1 2 | 7 8 | 3 |
| +-----+   |     |     |     |   |
| cccccc1gccccccc ccccccc11111111 11111110mmmmmmmm mmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm |     |     |     |   |
| +-----+   |     |     |     |   |

- Modified EUI-64 format can be obtained from IEEE 802 MAC addresses.
- However, these constructed IPv6 addresses can be used to track mobile nodes used in different networks.

# IPv6 Packet Format (RFC 2460)



# IPv6 Extension Header

- All IPv6 header extensions and options are carried in a header daisy chain.
  - Routing Extension Header (RH)
  - Fragment Extension Header (FH)
  - Authentication Extension Header (AH)
  - Encapsulating Security Payload Extension Header (ESP)
  - Hop-by-Hop Options Extension Header (HO)
  - Destination Options Extension Header (DO)
- Link MTUs must at least be 1280 bytes and only the sender is allowed to fragment packets.

# IPv6 Forwarding

- IPv6 packets are forwarded using the longest prefix match algorithm which is used in the IPv4 network.
- IPv6 addresses have much longer prefixes which allows to do better address aggregation in order to reduce the number of forwarding table entries.
- Due to the length of the prefixes, it is even more crucial to use an algorithm whose complexity does not depend on the number of entries in the forwarding table or the average prefix length.

# IPv6 Error Handling (ICMPv6) (RFC 4443)

- The Internet Control Message Protocol Version 6 (ICMPv6) is used like ICMPv4.
- ICMPv6 is used to report error situations.
- ICMPv6 can be used to run diagnostic tests.
- ICMPv6 supports the auto-configuration of IPv6 nodes.
- ICMPv6 supports the resolution of IPv6 addresses to link-layer addresses.



# IPv6 over IEEE 802.3 (RFC 2464)

- IPv6 packets can be encapsulated into IEEE 802.3 frames and sent over IEEE 802.3 packets as defined in RFC 2464:
  - Frames containing IPv6 packets are identified by the value 0x86dd in the IEEE 802.3 type field.
  - The link MTU is 1500 bytes which corresponds to the IEEE 802.3 maximum frame size of 1500 byte.
  - The mapping of IPv6 addresses to IEEE 802.3 addresses is table driven. Entries in so called mapping tables (sometimes also called address translation tables) can either be statically configured or dynamically learned using neighbor discovery.

# IPv6 Neighbor Discovery (RFC 4861)

- Discovery of the routers attached to a link.
- Discovery of the prefixes used on a link.
- Discovery of parameters such as the link MTU or the hop limit for outgoing packets.
- Automatic configuration of IPv6 addresses.
- Resolution of IPv6 addresses to link-layer addresses.
- Determination of next-hop addresses for IPv6 destination addresses.
- Detection of unreachable nodes which are attached to the same link.
- Detection of conflicts during address generation.
- Discovery of better alternatives to forward packets.

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# Internet Routing Protocols

- The *Routing Information Protocol* (RIP) is a simple distance vector IGP routing protocol based on the distributed Bellman-Ford shortest path algorithm
- The *Open Shortest Path First* (OSPF) IGP routing protocol floods link state information so that every node can compute shortest paths using Dijkstra's shortest path algorithm
- The *Intermediate System to Intermediate System* (IS-IS) routing protocol is another link state routing protocol adopted from the ISO/OSI standards
- The *Border Gateway Protocol* (BGP) EGP routing protocol propagates reachability information between ASs, which is used to make policy-based routing decisions

# Distance Vector Routing (RIP)

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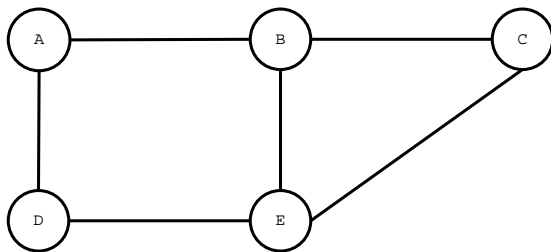
# Bellman-Ford

- Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph with the vertices  $V$  and the edges  $E$  with  $n = |V|$  and  $m = |E|$ .
- Let  $D$  be an  $n \times n$  distance matrix in which  $D(i, j)$  denotes the distance from node  $i \in V$  to the node  $j \in V$ .
- Let  $H$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix in which  $H(i, j) \in E$  denotes the edge on which node  $i \in V$  forwards a message to node  $j \in V$ .
- Let  $M$  be a vector with the link metrics,  $S$  a vector with the start node of the links and  $D$  a vector with the end nodes of the links.

## Bellman-Ford (cont.)

- 1 Set  $D(i, j) = \infty$  for  $i \neq j$  and  $D(i, j) = 0$  for  $i = j$ .
- 2 For all edges  $l \in E$  and for all nodes  $k \in V$ : Set  $i = S[l]$  and  $j = D[l]$  and  $d = M[l] + D(j, k)$ .
- 3 If  $d < D(i, k)$ , set  $D(i, k) = d$  and  $H(i, k) = l$ .
- 4 Repeat from step 2 if at least one  $D(i, k)$  has changed. Otherwise, stop.

# Bellman-Ford Example (Round 0)



|   |       |       |      |
|---|-------|-------|------|
| A | Dest. | Link  | Cost |
|   | A     | local | 0    |
| C | Dest. | Link  | Cost |
|   | C     | local | 0    |
| E | Dest. | Link  | Cost |
|   | E     | local | 0    |

|   |       |       |      |
|---|-------|-------|------|
| B | Dest. | Link  | Cost |
|   | B     | local | 0    |
| D | Dest. | Link  | Cost |
|   | D     | local | 0    |

# Bellman-Ford Example (Round 1)

| A | Dest. | Link  | Cost |
|---|-------|-------|------|
|   | A     | local | 0    |
|   | B     | A-B   | 1    |
|   | D     | A-D   | 1    |

| C | Dest. | Link  | Cost |
|---|-------|-------|------|
|   | B     | B-C   | 1    |
|   | C     | local | 0    |
|   | E     | C-E   | 1    |

| E | Dest. | Link  | Cost |
|---|-------|-------|------|
|   | B     | B-E   | 1    |
|   | C     | C-E   | 1    |
|   | D     | D-E   | 1    |
|   | E     | local | 0    |

| B | Dest. | Link  | Cost |
|---|-------|-------|------|
|   | A     | A-B   | 1    |
|   | B     | local | 0    |
|   | C     | B-C   | 1    |
|   | E     | B-E   | 1    |

| D | Dest. | Link  | Cost |
|---|-------|-------|------|
|   | A     | A-D   | 1    |
|   | D     | local | 0    |
|   | E     | D-E   | 1    |

# Bellman-Ford Example (Round 2)

| A | Dest. | Link  | Cost |
|---|-------|-------|------|
|   | A     | local | 0    |
|   | B     | A-B   | 1    |
|   | C     | A-B   | 2    |
|   | D     | A-D   | 1    |
|   | E     | A-B   | 2    |

| C | Dest. | Link  | Cost |
|---|-------|-------|------|
|   | A     | B-C   | 2    |
|   | B     | B-C   | 1    |
|   | C     | local | 0    |
|   | D     | C-E   | 2    |
|   | E     | C-E   | 1    |

| E | Dest. | Link  | Cost |
|---|-------|-------|------|
|   | A     | B-E   | 2    |
|   | B     | B-E   | 1    |
|   | C     | C-E   | 1    |
|   | D     | D-E   | 1    |
|   | E     | local | 0    |

| B | Dest. | Link  | Cost |
|---|-------|-------|------|
|   | A     | A-B   | 1    |
|   | B     | local | 0    |
|   | C     | B-C   | 1    |
|   | D     | A-B   | 2    |
|   | E     | B-E   | 1    |

| D | Dest. | Link  | Cost |
|---|-------|-------|------|
|   | A     | A-D   | 1    |
|   | B     | A-D   | 2    |
|   | C     | D-E   | 2    |
|   | D     | local | 0    |
|   | E     | D-E   | 1    |

# Count-to-Infinity

- Consider the following topology:

A --- B --- C

- After some distance vector exchanges, C has learned that he can reach A by sending packets via B.
- When the link between A and B breaks, B will learn from C that he can still reach A at a higher cost (count of hops) by sending a packet to C.
- This information will now be propagated to C, C will update the hop count and subsequently announce a more expensive not existing route to B.
- This counting continues until the costs reach infinity.

# Split Horizon

- Idea: Nodes never announce the reachability of a network to neighbors from which they have learned that a network is reachable.
- Does not solve the count-to-infinity problem in all cases:



- If the link between C and D breaks, B will not announce to C that it can reach D via C and A will not announce to C that it can reach D via C (split horizon).
- But after the next round of distance vector exchanges, A will announce to C that it can reach D via B and B will announce to C that it can reach D via A.

# Split Horizon with Poisoned Reverse

- Idea: Nodes announce the unreachability of a network to neighbors from which they have learned that a network is reachable.
- Does not solve the count-to-infinity problem in all cases:



- C now actively announces infinity for the destination D to A and B.
- However, since the exchange of the distance vectors is not synchronized to a global clock, the following exchange can happen:



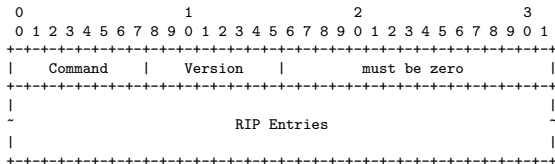
# Split Horizon with Poisoned Reverse

- 1 C first announces infinity for the destination D to A and B.
- 2 A and B now update their local state with the metric infinity for the destination D directly via C. The other stale information to reach D via the other directly connected node is not updated.
- 3 A and B now send their distance vectors. A and B now learn that they can not reach D via the directly connected nodes. However, C learns that it can reach D via either A or B.
- 4 C now sends its distance vector which contains false information to A and B and the count-to-infinity process starts.

# Routing Information Protocol (RIP)

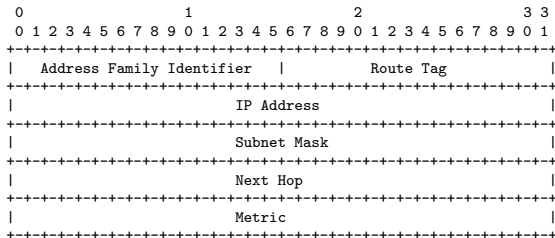
- The Routing Information Protocol version 2 (RIP-2) defined in RFC 2453 is based on the Bellman-Ford algorithm.
- RIP defines infinity to be 16 hops. Hence, RIP can only be used in networks where the longest paths (the network diameter) is smaller than 16 hops.
- RIP-2 runs over the User Datagram Protocol (UDP) and uses the well-known port number 520.

# RIP Message Format



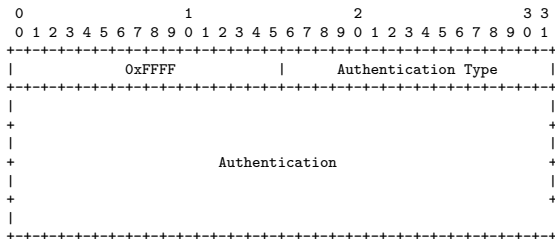
- The Command field indicates, whether the message is a request or a response.
- The Version field contains the protocol version number.
- The RIP Entries field contains a list of so called fixed size RIP Entries.

# RIP Message Format (cont.)



- The Address Family Identifier field identifies an address family.
- The Route Tag field marks entries which contain external routes (established by an EGP).

# RIP Message Format (cont.)



- Special RIP entry to support authentication.
- Originally only trivial cleartext password authentication.
- RFC 2082 defines authentication based on MD5 using a special RIP message trailer.

# Link State Routing (OSPF)

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# Dijkstra's Shortest Path Algorithm

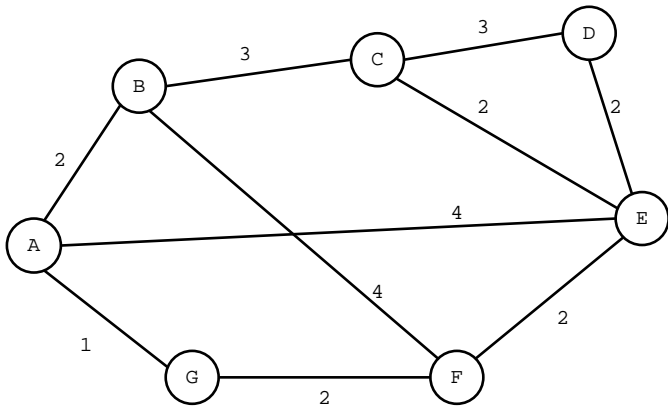
1. All nodes are initially tentatively labeled with infinite costs indicating that the costs are not yet known.
2. The costs of the root node are set to 0 and the root node is marked as the current node.
3. The current node's cost label is marked permanent.
4. For each node  $A$  adjacent to the current node  $C$ , the costs for reaching  $A$  are calculated as the costs of  $C$  plus the costs for the link from  $C$  to  $A$ . If the sum is less than  $A$ 's cost label, the label is updated with the new cost and the name of the current node.

# Dijkstra's Shortest Path Algorithm (cont.)

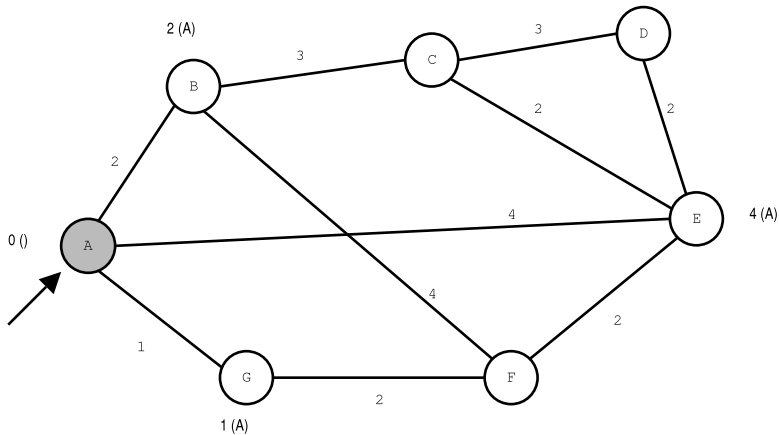
5. If there are still nodes with tentative cost labels, a node with the smallest costs is selected as the new current node. Goto step 3 if a new current node was selected.
6. The shortest paths to a destination node is given by following the labels from the destination node towards the root.



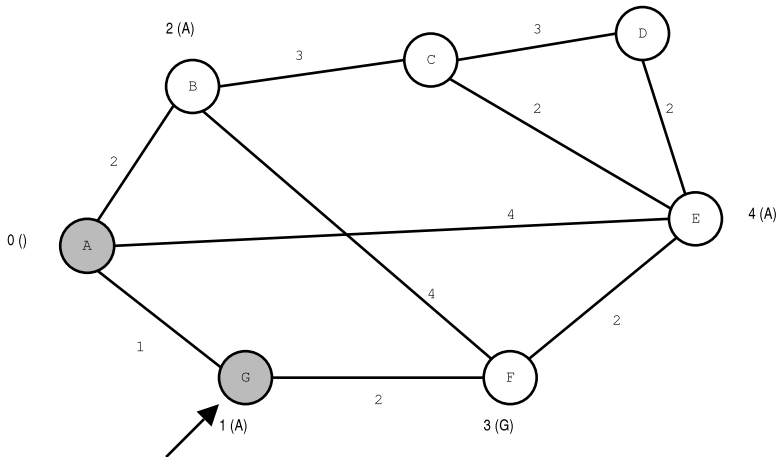
# Dijkstra Example



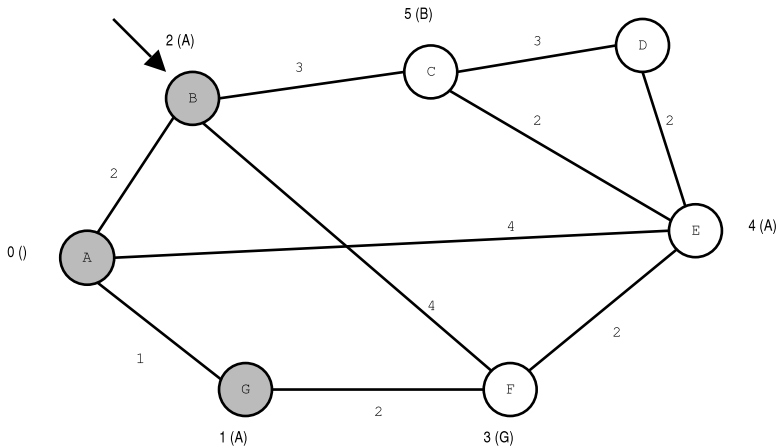
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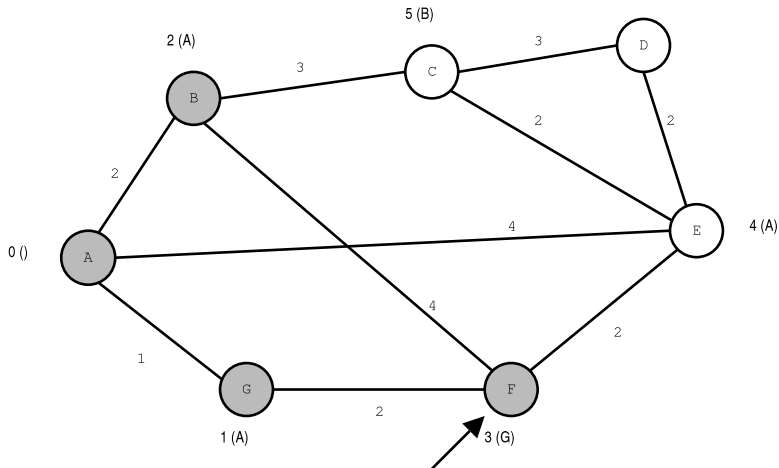
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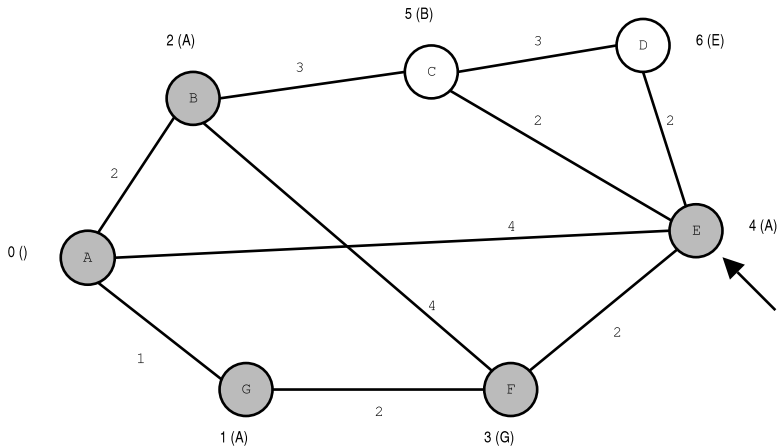
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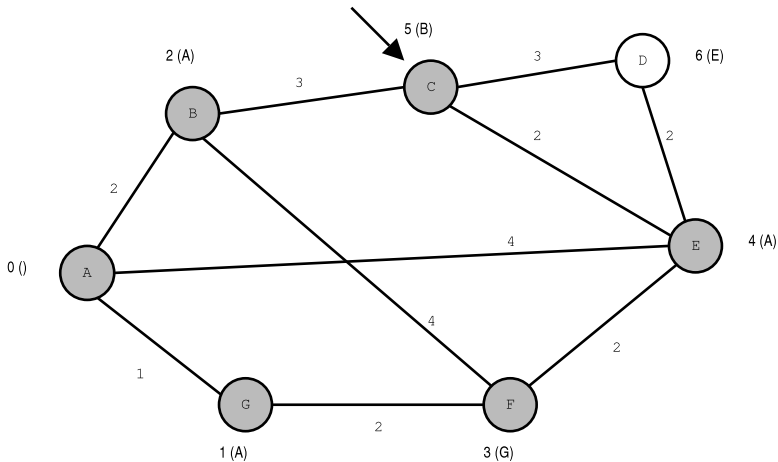
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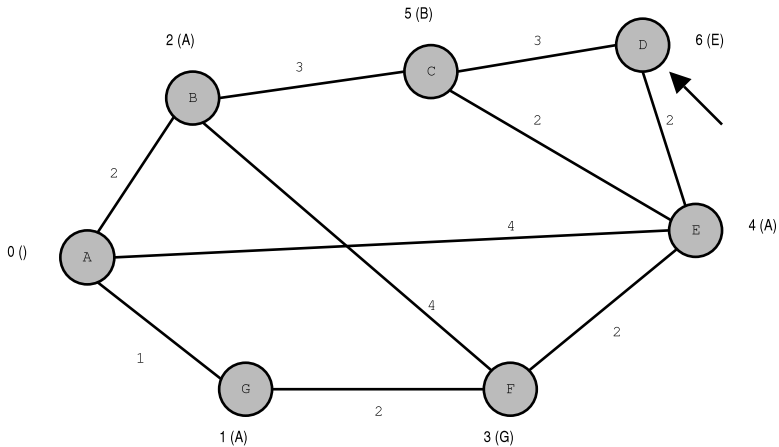
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# Open Shortest Path First (OSPF)

- The Open Shortest Path First (OSPF) protocol defined in RFC 2328 is a link state routing protocol.
- Every node independently computes the shortest paths to all the other nodes by using Dijkstra's shortest path algorithm.
- The link state information is distributed by flooding.
- OSPF introduces the concept of areas in order to control the flooding and computational processes.
- An OSPF area is a group of a set of networks within an autonomous system.
- The internal topology of an OSPF area is invisible for other OSPF areas. The routing within an area (intra-area routing) is constrained to that area.

# OSPF Areas

- The OSPF areas are inter-connected via the OSPF backbone area (OSPF area 0). A path from a source node within one area to a destination node in another area has three segments (inter-area routing):
  - ① An intra-area path from the source to a so called area border router.
  - ② A path in the backbone area from the area border of the source area to the area border router of the destination area.
  - ③ An intra-area path from the area border router of the destination area to the destination node.

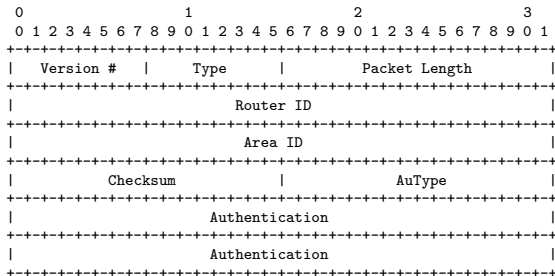
# OSPF Router Classification

- OSPF routers are classified according to their location in the OSPF topology:
  - ① *Internal Router*: A router where all interfaces belong to the same OSPF area.
  - ② *Area Border Router*: A router which connects multiple OSPF areas. An area border router has to be able to run the basic OSPF algorithm for all areas it is connected to.
  - ③ *Backbone Router*: A router that has an interface to the backbone area. Every area border router is automatically a backbone router.
  - ④ *AS Boundary Router*: A router that exchanges routing information with routers belonging to other autonomous systems.

# OSPF Stub Areas

- *Stub Areas* are OSPF areas with a single area border router.
- The routing in stub areas can be simplified by using default forwarding table entries which significantly reduces the overhead.

# OSPF Message Header



# OSPF Hello Message

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0                               1                               2                               3
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1
:
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|                                     Network Mask                                     |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|      HelloInterval      |      Options      |      Rtr Pri      |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|      RouterDeadInterval      |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|      Designated Router      |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|      Backup Designated Router      |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|      Neighbor      |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|                                     ...                                     |

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# OSPF Database Description Message

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0                               1                               2                               3
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1
:
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|           Interface MTU           | Options | 0|0|0|0|0|I|M|MS |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|                               DD sequence number                               |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|                                                                           |
+-+                                                                           +-+
|                                                                           |
+-+                               An LSA Header                               +-+
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# OSPF Link State Request Message

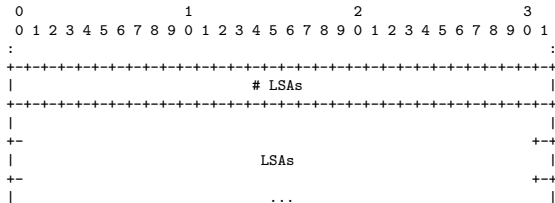
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0                               1                               2                               3
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1
:
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|                               LS type                               |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|                               Link State ID                          |
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|                               Advertising Router                     |
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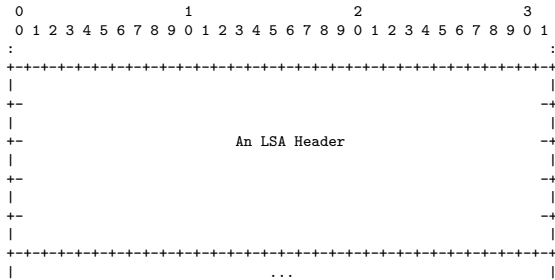
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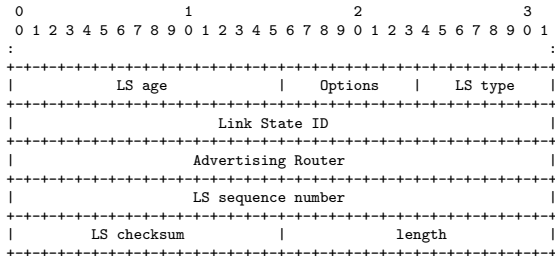
# OSPF Link State Update Message



# OSPF Link State Ack. Message



# OSPF Link State Advertisement Header



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# Border Gateway Protocol (RFC 1771)

- The Border Gateway Protocol version 4 (BGP-4) exchanges reachability information between autonomous systems.
- BGP-4 peers construct AS connectivity graphs to
  - detect and prune routing loops and
  - enforce policy decisions.
- BGP peers generally advertise only routes that should be seen from the outside (advertising policy).
- The final decision which set of announced paths is actually used remains a local policy decision.
- BGP-4 runs over a reliable transport (TCP) and uses the well-known port 179.

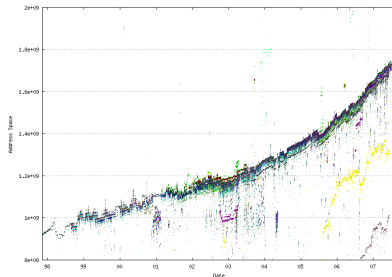
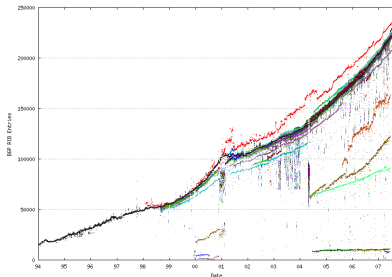
# AS Categories (RFC 1772)

- *Stub AS*:
  - A Stub AS has only a single peering relationship to one other AS.
  - A Stub AS only carries local traffic.
- *Multihomed AS*:
  - A Multihomed AS has peering relationships with more than one other AS, but refuses to carry transit traffic.
- *Transit AS*:
  - A Transit AS has peering relationships with more than one other AS, and is designed (under certain policy restrictions) to carry both transit and local traffic.

# Routing Policies

- Policies are provided to BGP in the form of configuration information and determined by the AS administration.
- Examples:
  - ① A multihomed AS can refuse to act as a transit AS for other AS's. (It does so by only advertising routes to destinations internal to the AS.)
  - ② A multihomed AS can become a transit AS for a subset of adjacent AS's, i.e., some, but not all, AS's can use the multihomed AS as a transit AS. (It does so by advertising its routing information to this set of AS's.)
  - ③ An AS can favor or disfavor the use of certain AS's for carrying transit traffic from itself.
- Routing Policy Specification Language (RFC 2622)

# BGP Routing Table Statistics



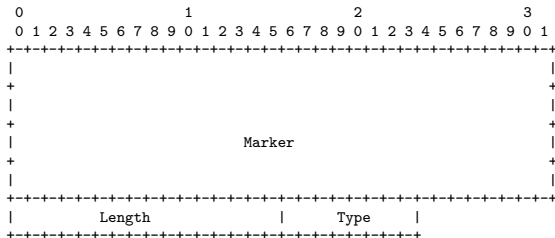
- <http://bgp.potaroo.net/>
- See also: G. Huston, "The BGP Routing Table", Internet Protocol Journal, March 2001



# BGP-4 Phases and Messages

- Once the transport connection has been established, BGP-4 basically goes through three phases:
  - ① The BGP4 peers exchange OPEN messages to open and confirm connection parameters
  - ② The BGP4 peers exchange initially the entire BGP routing table. Incremental updates are sent as the routing tables change. Uses BGP UPDATE messages.
  - ③ The BGP4 peers exchange so called KEEPALIVE messages periodically to ensure that the connection and the BGP-4 peers are alive.
- Errors lead to a NOTIFICATION message and subsequent close of the transport connection.

# BGP-4 Message Header



- The Marker is used for authentication and synchronization.
- The Type field indicates the message type and the Length field its length.

# BGP-4 Open Message

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0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1
+-----+
|   Version   |
+-----+
| Autonomous System Number |
+-----+
|      Hold Time      |
+-----+
|                               BGP Identifier                               |
+-----+
| Opt Parm Len |
+-----+
|                               Optional Parameters                               |
|                               |
+-----+
```

# BGP-4 Open Message

- The Version field contains the protocol version number.
- The Autonomous System Number field contains the 16-bit AS number of the sender.
- The Hold Time field specifies the maximum time that the receiver should wait for a response from the sender.
- The BGP Identifier field contains a 32-bit value which uniquely identifies the sender.
- The Opt Parm Len field contains the total length of the Optional Parameters field or zero if no optional parameters are present.
- The Optional Parameters field contains a list of parameters. Each parameter is encoded using a tag-length-value (TLV) triple.

# BGP-4 Update Message

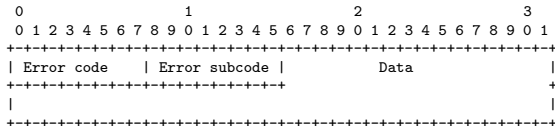
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| Unfeasible Routes Length (2 octets)               |
| Withdrawn Routes (variable)                       |
| Total Path Attribute Length (2 octets)            |
| Path Attributes (variable)                        |
| Network Layer Reachability Information (variable) |

- The UPDATE message consists of two parts:
  - 1 The list of unfeasible routes that are being withdrawn.
  - 2 The feasible route to advertise.
- The Unfeasible Routes Length field indicates the total length of the Withdrawn Routes field in bytes.

# BGP-4 Update Message

- The Withdrawn Routes field contains a list of IPv4 address prefixes that are being withdrawn from service.
- The Total Path Attribute Length field indicates the total length of the Path Attributes field in bytes.
- The Path Attributes field contains a list of path attributes conveying information such as
  - the origin of the path information,
  - the sequence of AS path segments,
  - the IPv4 address of the next hop border router, or
  - the local preference assigned by a BGP4 speaker.
- The Network Layer Reachability Information field contains a list of IPv4 prefixes that are reachable via the path described in the path attributes fields.

# BGP-4 Notification Message



- NOTIFICATION messages are used to report errors.
- The transport connection is closed immediately after sending a NOTIFICATION.
- Six error codes plus 20 sub-codes.

# BGP-4 Keep Alive Message

- BGP-4 peers periodically exchange KEEPALIVE messages.
- A KEEPALIVE message consists of the standard BGP-4 header with no additional data.
- KEEPALIVE messages are needed to verify that shared state information is still present.
- If a BGP-4 peer does not receive a message within the Hold Time, then the peer will assume that there is a communication problem and tear down the connection.



# BGP Communities

- BGP communities are 32 bit values used to convey user-defined information
- A community is a group of destinations which share some common property
- Some well-known communities, e.g.:
  - NO\_EXPORT
  - NO\_ADVERTISE
- Most take the form AS:nn (written as 701:120) where the meaning of nn (encoded in the last 16 bits) depends on the source AS (encoded in the first 16 bits)
- Mostly used for special treatment of routes

# Internal BGP (iBGP)

- Use of BGP to distribute routing information within an AS.
- Requires to setup BGP sessions between all routers within an AS.
- Route Reflectors can be used to reduce the number of internal BGP sessions:
  - The Route Reflector collects all routing information and distributes it to all internal BGP routers.
  - Scales with  $O(n)$  instead of  $O(n^2)$  internal BGP sessions.
- BGP Confederations are in essence internal sub-ASes that do full mesh iBGP with a few BGP sessions interconnecting the sub-ASes.

# BGP Route Selection (cbgp)

- ❶ Ignore if next-hop is unreachable
- ❷ Prefer locally originated networks
- ❸ Prefer highest Local-Pref
- ❹ Prefer shortest AS-Path
- ❺ Prefer lowest Origin
- ❻ Prefer lowest Multi Exit Discriminator (metric)
- ❼ Prefer eBGP over iBGP
- ❽ Prefer nearest next-hop
- ❾ Prefer lowest Router-ID or Originator-ID
- ❿ Prefer shortest Cluster-ID-List
- ⓫ Prefer lowest neighbor address

# BGP's and Count-to-Infinity

- BGP does not suffer from the count-to-infinity problem of distance vector protocols:
  - The AS path information allows to detect loops.
- However, BGP iteratively explores longer and longer (loop free) paths.

# Multiprotocol BGP

- Extension to BGP-4 that makes it possible to distribute routing information for additional address families
- Announced as a capability in the open message
- Information for new protocol put into new path attributes
- Used to support IPv6, multicast, VPNs, ...

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# Part: Internet Transport Layer (UDP, TCP)

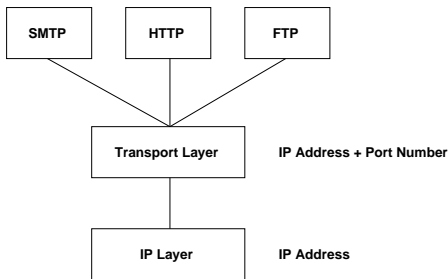
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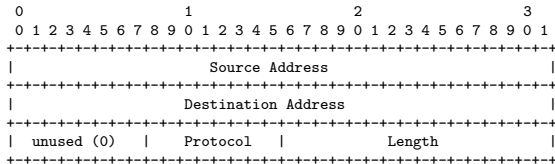
- Network layer addresses identify interfaces on nodes (node-to-node significance).
- Transport layer addresses identify communicating application processes (end-to-end significance).
- 16-bit port numbers enable the multiplexing and demultiplexing of packets at the transport layer.

# Internet Transport Layer Protocols Overview

- The *User Datagram Protocol* (UDP) provides a simple unreliable best-effort datagram service.
- The *Transmission Control Protocol* (TCP) provides a bidirectional, connection-oriented and reliable data stream.
- The *Stream Control Transmission Protocol* (SCTP) provides a reliable transport service supporting sequenced delivery of messages within multiple streams, maintaining application protocol message boundaries (application protocol framing).
- The *Datagram Congestion Control Protocol* (DCCP) provides a congestion controlled, unreliable flow of datagrams suitable for use by applications such as streaming media.

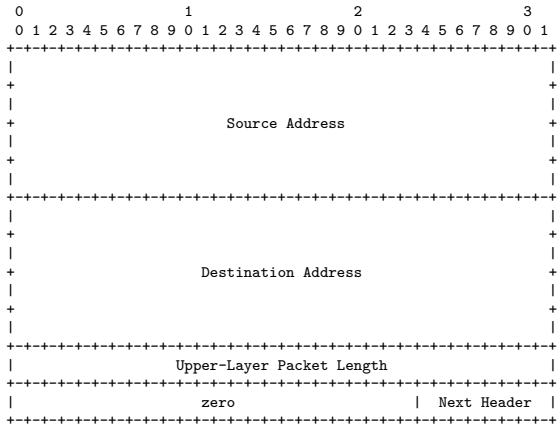
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# IPv4 Pseudo Header



- Pseudo headers are used during checksum computation.
- Excludes header fields that are modified by routers.

# IPv6 Pseudo Header



# User Datagram Protocol (UDP)

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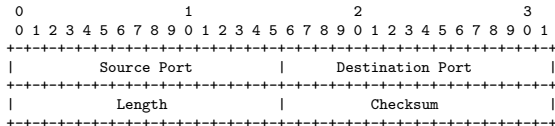
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# User Datagram Protocol (UDP)



- UDP (RFC 768) provides an unreliable datagram transport service.

# User Datagram Protocol (UDP)

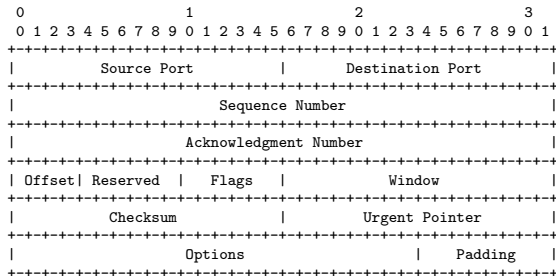
- The `Source Port` field contains the port number used by the sending application layer process.
- The `Destination Port` field contains the port number used by the receiving application layer process.
- The `Length` field contains the length of the UDP datagram including the UDP header counted in bytes.
- The `Checksum` field contains the Internet checksum computed over the pseudo header, the UDP header and the payload contained in the UDP packet.



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# Transmission Control Protocol (TCP)



- TCP (RFC 793) provides a bidirectional connection-oriented and reliable data stream over an unreliable connection-less network protocol.

# Transmission Control Protocol (TCP)

- The Source Port field contains the port number used by the sending application layer process.
- The Destination Port field contains the port number used by the receiving application layer process.
- The Sequence Number field contains the sequence number of the first data byte in the segment. During connection establishment, this field is used to establish the initial sequence number.
- The Acknowledgment Number field contains the next sequence number which the sender of the acknowledgement expects.
- The Offset field contains the length of the TCP header including any options, counted in 32-bit words.

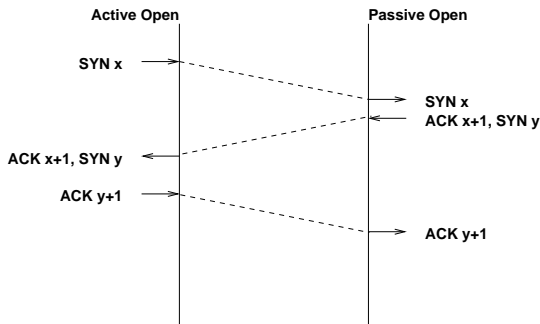
# Transmission Control Protocol (TCP)

- The Flags field contains a set of binary flags:
  - URG: Indicates that the Urgent Pointer field is significant.
  - ACK: Indicates that the Acknowledgment Number field is significant.
  - PSH: Data should be pushed to the application as quickly as possible.
  - RST: Reset of the connection.
  - SYN: Synchronization of sequence numbers.
  - FIN: No more data from the sender.

# Transmission Control Protocol (TCP)

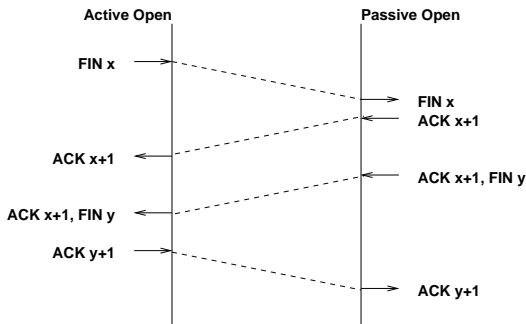
- The `Window` field indicates the number of data bytes which the sender of the segment is willing to receive.
- The `Checksum` field contains the Internet checksum computed over the pseudo header, the TCP header and the data contained in the TCP segment.
- The `Urgent Pointer` field points, relative to the actual segment number, to important data if the `URG` flag is set.
- The `Options` field can contain additional options.

# TCP Connection Establishment



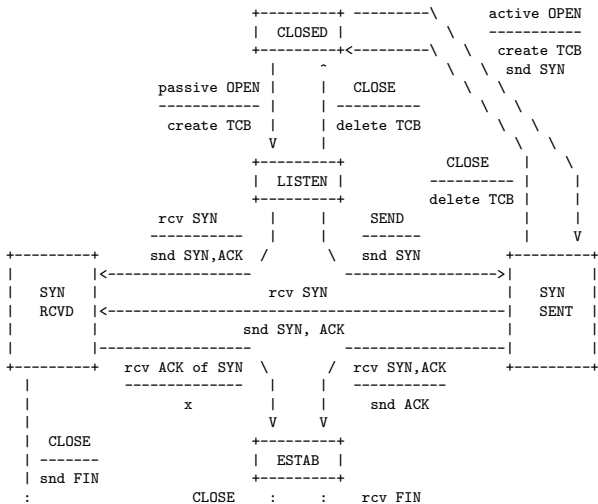
- Handshake protocol establishes TCP connection parameters and announces options.
- Guarantees correct connection establishment, even if TCP packets are lost or duplicated.

# TCP Connection Tear-down



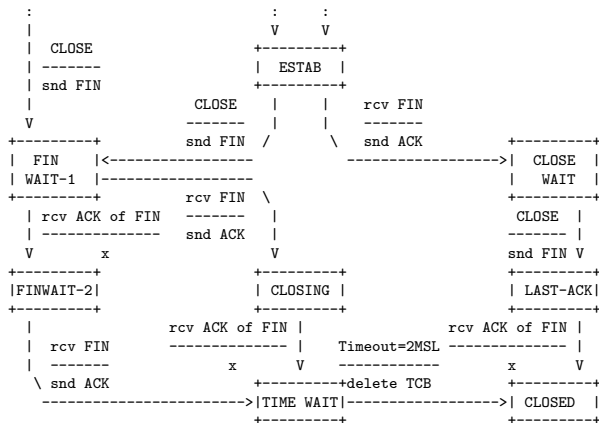
- TCP provides initially a bidirectional data stream.
- A TCP connection is terminated when both unidirectional connections have been closed.
- It is possible to close only one half of a connection.

# TCP State Machine (Part #1)

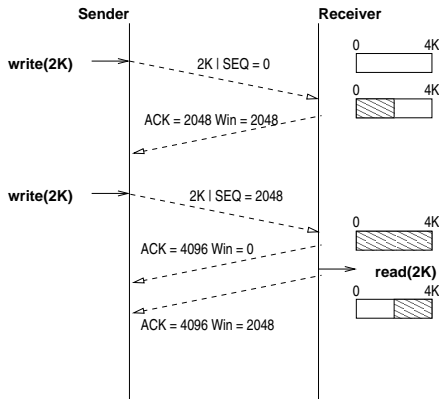




# TCP State Machine (Part #2)



# TCP Flow Control



- Both TCP engines advertise their buffer sizes during connection establishment.
- The available space left in the receiving buffer is advertised as part of the acknowledgements.

# Optimizations

- Nagle's Algorithm
  - When data comes into the sender one byte at a time, just send the first byte and buffer all the rest until the byte in flight has been acknowledgement.
  - This algorithm provides noticeable improvements especially for interactive traffic where a quickly typing user is connected over a rather slow network.
- Clark's Algorithm
  - The receiver should not send a window update until it can handle the maximum segment size it advertised when the connection was established or until its buffer is half empty.
  - Prevents the receiver from sending a very small window updates (such as a single byte).

# TCP Congestion Control

- TCP's congestion control introduces the concept of a congestion window (cwnd) which defines how much data can be in transit.
- The congestion window is maintained by a TCP sender in addition to the flow control receiver window (rwnd) which is advertised by the receiver.
- The sender uses these two windows to limit the data that is sent to the network and not yet received (flight size) to the minimum of the receiver and the congestion window:

$$flight_{size} \leq \min(cwin, rwin)$$

- The key problem to be solved is the dynamic estimation of the congestion window.

# TCP Congestion Control (cont.)

- The initial window (IW) is usually initialized using the following formula:

$$IW = \min(4 \cdot SMSS, \max(2 \cdot SMSS, 4380 \text{ bytes}))$$

*SMSS* is the sender maximum segment size, the size of the largest segment that the sender can transmit (excluding TCP/IP headers and options).

- During slow start, the congestion window *cwnd* increases by at most *SMSS* bytes for every received acknowledgement that acknowledges data. Slow start ends when *cwnd* exceeds *ssthresh* or when congestion is observed.
- Note that this algorithm leads to an exponential increase if there are multiple segments acknowledged in the *cwnd*.

# TCP Congestion Control (cont.)

- During congestion avoidance, *cwnd* is incremented by one full-sized segment per round-trip time (RTT). Congestion avoidance continues until congestion is detected. One formula commonly used to update *cwnd* during congestion avoidance is given by the following equation:

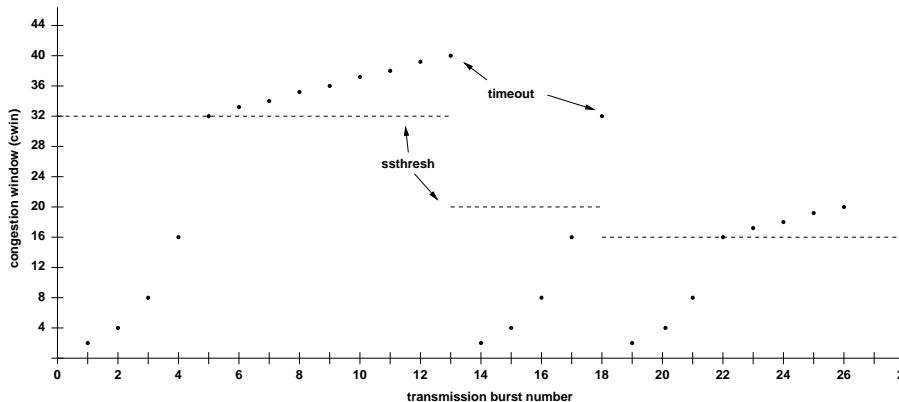
$$cwnd = cwnd + (SMSS * SMSS / cwnd)$$

This adjustment is executed on every incoming non-duplicate ACK.

- When congestion is noticed (the retransmission timer expires), then *cwnd* is reset to 1 full-sized segment and the slow start threshold *ssthresh* is updated as follows:

$$ssthresh = \max(flightsize/2, 2 \cdot SMSS)$$

# TCP Congestion Control (cont.)



- Congestion control with an initial window size of 2K.

# Retransmission Timer

- The retransmission timer controls when a segment is resent if no acknowledgement has been received.
- The retransmission timer  $RTT$  needs to adapt to round-trip time changes.
- General idea:
  - Measure the current round-trip time
  - Measure the variation of the round-trip time
  - Use the estimated round-trip time plus the measured variation to calculate the retransmit timeout
  - Do not update the estimators if a segment needs to be retransmitted (Karn's algorithm).



# Retransmission Timer

- If an acknowledgement is received for a segment before the associated retransmission timer expires:

$$RTT = \alpha \cdot RTT + (1 - \alpha)M$$

$M$  is the measured round-trip time;  $\alpha$  is typically  $\frac{7}{8}$ .

- The standard deviation is estimated using:

$$D = \alpha \cdot D + (1 - \alpha)|RTT - M|$$

$\alpha$  is a smoothing factor.

- The retransmission timeout  $RTO$  is determined as follows:

$$RTO = RTT + 4 \cdot D$$

The factor 4 has been chosen empirically.

# Fast Retransmit / Fast Recovery

- TCP receivers should send an immediate duplicate acknowledgement when an out-of-order segment arrives.
- The arrival of four identical acknowledgements without the arrival of any other intervening packets is an indication that a segment has been lost.
- The sender performs a fast retransmission of what appears to be the missing segment, without waiting for the retransmission timer to expire.
- Upon a fast retransmission, the sender does not exercise the normal congestion reaction with a full slow start since acknowledgements are still flowing.
- See RFC 2581 section 3.1 for details.

# Karn's Algorithm

- The dynamic estimation of the  $RTT$  has a problem if a timeout occurs and the segment is retransmitted.
- A subsequent acknowledgement might acknowledge the receipt of the first packet which contained that segment or any of the retransmissions.
- Karn suggested that the  $RTT$  estimation is not updated for any segments which were retransmitted and that the  $RTO$  is doubled on each failure until the segment gets through.
- The doubling of the  $RTO$  leads to an exponential back-off for each consecutive attempt.

# Explicit Congestion Notification

- Idea: Routers signal congestion by setting some special bits in the IP header.
- The ECN bits are located in the Type-of-Service field of an IPv4 packet or the Traffic-Class field of an IPv6 packet.
- TCP sets the ECN-Echo flag in the TCP header to indicate that a TCP endpoint has received an ECN marked packet.
- TCP sets the Congestion-Window-Reduced (CWR) flag in the TCP header to acknowledge the receipt of and reaction to the ECN-Echo flag.

⇒ ECN uses the ECT and CE flags in the IP header for signaling between routers and connection endpoints, and uses the ECN-Echo and CWR flags in the TCP header for TCP-endpoint to TCP-endpoint signaling.

# TCP Performance

- Goal: Simple analytic model for steady state TCP behavior.
- We only consider congestion avoidance (no slow start).
- $W(t)$  denotes the congestion window size at time  $t$ .
- In steady state,  $W(t)$  increases to a maximum value  $W$  where it experiences congestion. As a reaction, the sender sets the congestion window to  $\frac{1}{2}W$ .
- The time interval needed to go from  $\frac{1}{2}W$  to  $W$  is  $T$  and we can send a window size of packets every  $RTT$ .
- Hence, the number  $N$  of packets is:

$$N = \frac{1}{2} \frac{T}{RTT} \left( \frac{W}{2} + W \right)$$

# TCP Performance (cont.)

- The time  $T$  between two packet losses equals  $T = RTT \cdot W/2$  since the window increases linearly.
- By equating the total number of packets transferred during this period, we get

$$\frac{W}{4} \cdot \left( \frac{W}{2} + W \right) = \frac{1}{p} \iff W = \sqrt{\frac{8}{3p}}$$

where  $p$  is the packet loss probability (thus  $\frac{1}{p}$  packets are transmitted between each packet loss).

- The average sending rate  $\bar{X}(p)$ , that is the number of packets transmitted during each period, then becomes:

$$\bar{X}(p) = \frac{1/p}{RTT \cdot W/2} = \frac{1}{RTT} \sqrt{\frac{3}{2p}}$$

# TCP Performance (cont.)

- Example:
  - $RTT = 200ms$ ,  $p = 0.05$
  - $\bar{X}(p) \approx 27.4pps$
  - With 1500 byte segments, the data rate becomes  $\approx 32Kbps$
- Given this formula, it becomes clear that high data rates (say 10Gbps or 1 Tbps) require an extremely and unrealistic small packet error rate.
- TCP extensions to address this problem can be found in RFC 3649 [?].

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## Definition (RFC 3234)

A middlebox is any intermediary device performing functions other than the normal, standard functions of an IP router on the datagram path between a source host and destination host [?].

- A middlebox is not necessarily a physical box — it is usually just a function implemented in some other box.
- Middleboxes challenge the End-to-End principle and the hourglass model of the Internet architecture.
- Middleboxes are popular (whether we like this or not).

# Concerns about Middleboxes

- Protocols designed without consideration of middleboxes may fail, predictably or unpredictably, in the presence of middleboxes.
- Middleboxes introduce new failure modes; rerouting of IP packets around crashed routers is no longer the only case to consider.
- Configuration is no longer limited to the two ends of a session; middleboxes may also require configuration and management.
- Diagnosis of failures and misconfigurations is more complex.

# Types of Middleboxes

- *Network Address Translators (NAT)*: A function that dynamically assigns a globally unique address to a host that doesn't have one, without that host's knowledge.
- *NAT with Protocol Translator (NAT-PT)*: A function that performs NAT between an IPv6 host and an IPv4 network, additionally translating the entire IP header between IPv6 and IPv4 formats.
- *IP Tunnel Endpoints*: Tunnel endpoints, including virtual private network endpoints, use basic IP services to set up tunnels with their peer tunnel endpoints which might be anywhere in the Internet.
- *Transport Relays*: A middlebox which translates between two transport layer instances.

# Types of Middleboxes (cont.)

- *Packet classifiers, markers and schedulers*: Packet classifiers classify packets flowing through them according to policy and either select them for special treatment or mark them, in particular for differentiated services.
- *TCP performance enhancing proxies*: “TCP spoofer” are middleboxes that modify the timing or action of the TCP protocol in flight for the purposes of enhancing performance.
- *Load balancers that divert/munge packets*: Techniques that divert packets from their intended IP destination, or make that destination ambiguous.
- *IP Firewalls*: A function that screens and rejects packets based purely on fields in the IP and Transport headers.
- *Application Firewalls*: Application-level firewalls act as a protocol end point and relay

# Types of Middleboxes (cont.)

- *Application-level gateways (ALGs)*: ALGs translate IP addresses in application layer protocols and typically complement IP firewalls.
- *Transcoders*: Functions performing some type of on-the-fly conversion of application level data.
- *Proxies*: An intermediary program which acts as both a server and a client for the purpose of making requests on behalf of other clients.
- *Caches*: Caches are functions typically intended to optimise response times.
- *Anonymisers*: Functions that hide the IP address of the data sender or receiver. Although the implementation may be distinct, this is in practice very similar to a NAT plus ALG.
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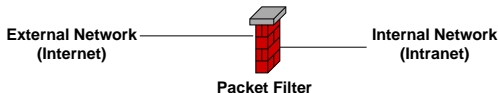
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# Firewalls

- A firewall is a system (or a set of systems) that enforce access control policies between two (or more) networks.
  - *Conservative firewalls* allow known desired traffic and reject everything else.
  - *Optimistic firewalls* reject known unwanted traffic and allow the rest.
  - Firewalls typically consist of packet filters, transport gateways and application level gateways.
  - Firewalls not only protect the “inside” from the “outside”, but also the “outside” from the “inside”.
- ⇒ There are many ways to circumvent firewalls if internal and external hosts cooperate.

# Firewall Architectures



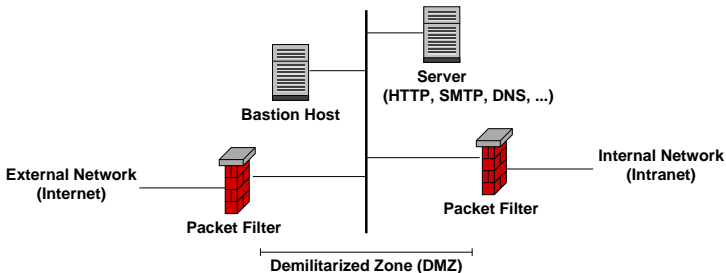
- The simplest architecture is a packet filter which is typically implemented within a router that connects the internal network with the external network.
- Sometimes called a “screening router”.

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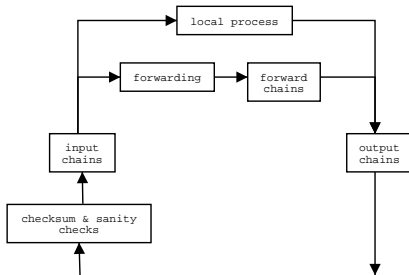
- A bastion host is a multihomed host connected to the internal and external network which does not forward IP datagrams but instead provides suitable gateways.
- Effectively prevents any direct communication between hosts on the internal network with hosts on the external network.

# Firewall Architectures



- The most common architecture consists of two packet filters which create a demilitarized zone (DMZ).
- Externally visible servers and gateways are located in the DMZ.

# Packetfilter Example: Linux ipchains



- Input chains are lists of filter rules applied to all incoming IP packets.
- Output chains are lists of filter rules applied to all outgoing IP packet.
- Forward chains are lists of filter rules applied to all forwarded IP packets.

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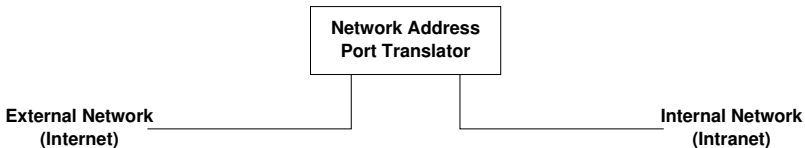
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# Network Address Translators

- *Basic Network Address Translation (NAT):*  
Translates private IP addresses into public IP addresses.
- *Network Address Port Translation (NAPT):*  
Translates transport endpoint identifiers. NAPT allows to share a single public address among many private addresses (masquerading).
- *Bi-directional NAT (Two-Way NAT):*  
Translates outbound and inbound and uses DNS-ALGs to facilitate bi-directional name to address mappings.
- *Twice NAT:*  
A variation of a NAT which modifies both the source and destination addresses of a datagram. Used to join overlapping address domains.

# Network Address Port Translation Example

| Ext. IP        | Ext. Port | Int. IP   | Int. Port |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 212.201.44.241 | 12345     | 10.50.1.1 | 1234      |
| 212.201.44.241 | 54321     | 10.50.1.2 | 1234      |
| 212.201.44.241 | 15243     | 10.50.1.1 | 4321      |





# Full Cone NAT

- A full cone NAT is a NAT where all requests from the same internal IP address and port are mapped to the same external IP address and port.
- Any external host can send a packet to the internal host, by sending a packet to the mapped external address.

# Restricted Cone NAT

- A restricted cone NAT is a NAT where all requests from the same internal IP address and port are mapped to the same external IP address and port.
- Unlike a full cone NAT, an external host (with IP address X) can send a packet to the internal host only if the internal host had previously sent a packet to IP address X.

# Port Restricted Cone NAT

- A port restricted cone NAT is like a restricted cone NAT, but the restriction includes port numbers.
- Specifically, an external host can send a packet, with source IP address  $X$  and source port  $P$ , to the internal host only if the internal host had previously sent a packet to IP address  $X$  and port  $P$ .

# Symmetric NAT

- A symmetric NAT is a NAT where all requests from the same internal IP address and port, to a specific destination IP address and port, are mapped to the same external IP address and port.
- If the same host sends a packet with the same source address and port, but to a different destination, a different mapping is used.
- Only the external host that receives a packet can send a UDP packet back to the internal host.

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# STUN (RFC 5389)

- Session Traversal Utilities for NAT (STUN)
- Client / server protocol used for NAT discovery:
  - ① The client sends a request to a STUN server
  - ② The server returns a response containing the IP address seen by the server (i.e., a mapped address)
  - ③ The client compares its IP address with the IP address returned by the server; if they are different, the client is behind a NAT and learns its mapped address
- RFC 5780 details a number of tests that can be performed using STUN to determine the behaviour of a NAT.

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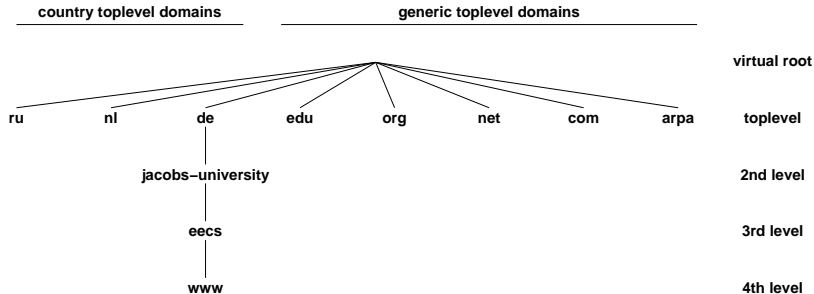
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# Overview and Features

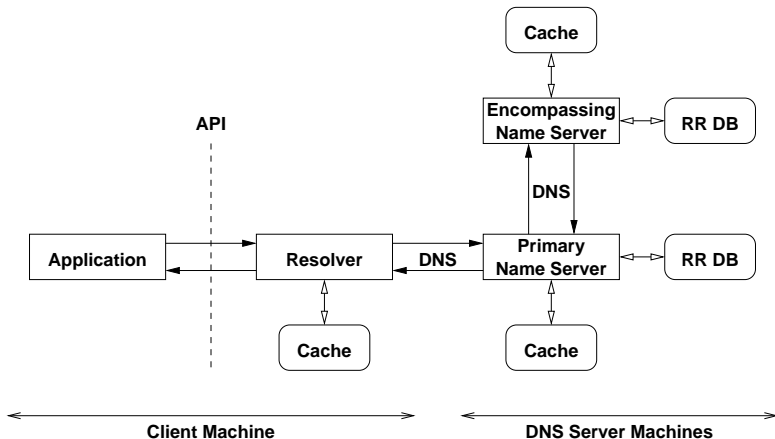
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# Domain Name System (DNS)



- The Domain Name System (DNS) [RFC 1034, RFC 1035] provides a global infrastructure to map human friendly domain names into IP addresses and vice versa.
- Critical resource since most Internet users depend on name resolution services provided by the DNS.

# Resolver and Name Resolution



- The resolver is typically tightly integrated into the operating system (or more precisely standard libraries).

# DNS Characteristics

- Hierarchical name space with a virtual root.
- Administration of the name space can be delegated along the path starting from the virtual root.
- A DNS server knows a part (a zone) of the global name space and its position within the global name space.
- Name resolution queries can in principle be sent to arbitrary DNS servers. However, it is good practice to use a local DNS server as the primary DNS server.
- Recursive queries cause the queried DNS server to contact other DNS servers as needed in order to obtain a response to the query.
- The original DNS protocol does not provide sufficient security. There is usually no reason to trust DNS responses.

# DNS Labels and Names

- The names (labels) on a certain level of the tree must be unique and may not exceed 63 byte in length. The character set for the labels is historically 7-bit ASCII. Comparisons are done in a case-insensitive manner.
- Labels must begin with a letter and end with a letter or decimal digit. The characters between the first and last character must be letters, digits or hyphens.
- Labels can be concatenated with dots to form paths within the name space. Absolute paths, ending at the virtual root node, end with a trailing dot. All other paths which do not end with a trailing dot are relative paths.
- The overall length of a domain name is limited to 255 bytes.

# DNS Internationalization

- Recent efforts did result in proposals for Internationalized Domain Names in Applications (IDNA) (RFC 5890, RFC 5891, RFC 3492).
- The basic idea is to support internationalized character sets within applications.
- For backward compatibility reasons, internationalized character sets are encoded into 7-bit ASCII representations (ASCII Compatible Encoding, ACE).
- ACE labels are recognized by a so called ACE prefix. The ACE prefix for IDNA is `xn--`.
- A label which contains an encoded internationalized name might for example be the value `xn--de-jg4avhby1noc0d`.

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# Resource Records

- Resource Records (RRs) hold typed information for a given name.
- Resource records have the following components:
  - The *owner* is the domain name which identifies a resource record.
  - The *type* indicates the kind of information that is stored in a resource record.
  - The *class* indicates the protocol specific name space, normally IN for the Internet.
  - The *time to life* (TTL) defines how many seconds information from a resource record can be stored in a local cache.
  - The data format (RDATA) of a resource records depends on the type of the resource record.



# Resource Record Types

| Type   | Description  |
|--------|--|
| A      | IPv4 address   |
| AAAA   | IPv6 address   |
| CNAME  | Alias for another name (canonical name)                        |
| HINFO  | Identification of the CPU and the operating system (host info) |
| TXT    | Some arbitrary (ASCII) text                                    |
| MX     | List of mail server (mail exchanger)                           |
| NS     | Identification of an authoritative server for a domain         |
| PTR    | Pointer to another part of the name space                      |
| SOA    | Start and parameters of a zone (start of zone of authority)    |
| RRSIG  | Resource record signature                                      |
| DNSKEY | Public key associated with a name                              |
| DS     | Delegation signer resource record                              |
| NSEC   | Next secure resource resource                                  |
| SRV    | Service record (generalization of the MX record)               |

# Message Formats

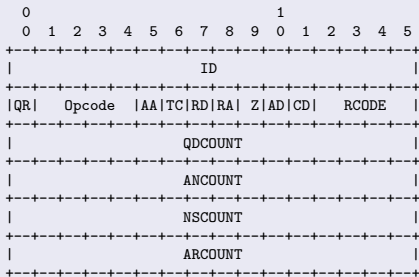
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# DNS Message Formats

- A DNS message starts with a protocol header. It indicates which of the following four parts is present and whether the message is a query or a response.
- The header is followed by a list of questions.
- The list of questions is followed by a list of answers (resource records).
- The list of answers is followed by a list of pointers to authorities (also in the form of resource records).
- The list of pointers to authorities is followed by a list of additional information (also in the form of resource records). This list may contain for example A resource records for names in a response to an MX query.

# DNS Message Header

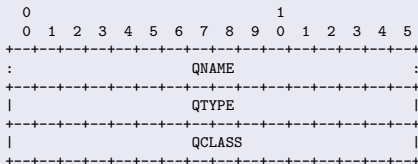
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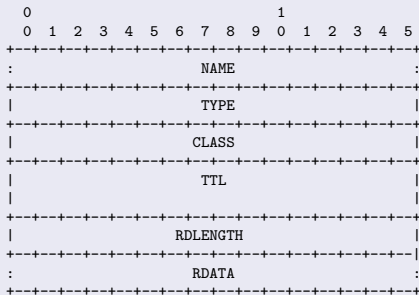
- Simple DNS queries usually use UDP as a transport.
- For larger data transfers (e.g., zone transfers), DNS may utilize TCP.

# DNS Message Formats

## DNS Query Format



## DNS Response Format



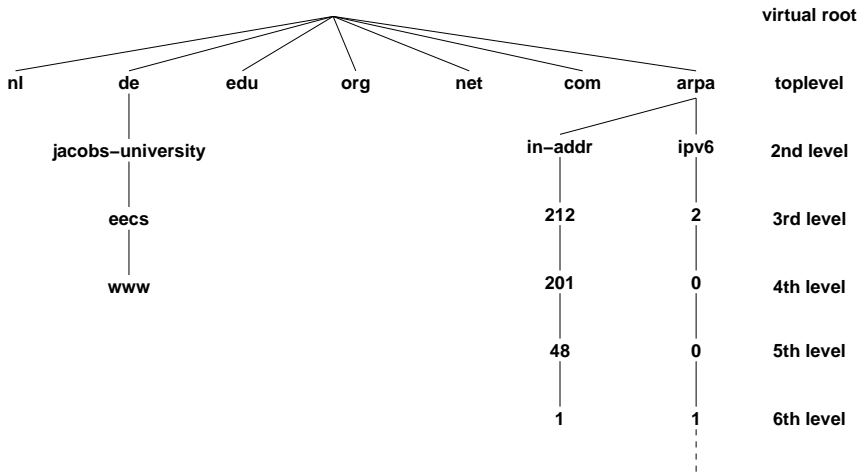
# Resource Record Formats

- An A resource record contains an IPv4 address encoded in 4 bytes in network byte order.
- An AAAA resource record contains an IPv6 address encoded in 16 bytes in network byte order.
- A CNAME resource record contains a character string preceded by the length of the string encoded in the first byte.
- A HINFO resource record contains two character strings, each prefixed with a length byte. The first character string describes the CPU and the second string the operating system.
- A MX resource record contains a 16-bit preference number followed by a character string prefixed with a length bytes which contains the DNS name of a mail exchanger.

# Resource Record Formats

- A NS resource record contains a character string prefixed by a length byte which contains the name of an authoritative DNS server.
- A PTR resource record contains a character string prefixed with a length byte which contains the name of another DNS server. PTR records are used to map IP addresses to names (so called reverse lookups). For an IPv4 address of the form  $d_1.d_2.d_3.d_4$ , a PTR resource record is created for the pseudo domain name  $d_4.d_3.d_2.d_1.in - addr.arpa$ . For an IPv6 address of the form  $h_1h_2h_3h_4 : \dots : h_{13}h_{14}h_{15}h_{16}$ , a PTR resource record is created for the pseudo domain name  $h_{16}.h_{15}.h_{14}.h_{13} \dots .h_4.h_3.h_2.h_1.ip6.arpa$

# DNS Reverse Trees





# Resource Record Formats

- A SOA resource record contains two character strings, each prefixed by a length byte, and five 32-bit numbers:
  - Name of the DNS server responsible for a zone.
  - Email address of the administrator responsible for the management of the zone.
  - Serial number (SERIAL) (must be incremented whenever the zone database changes).
  - Time which may elapse before cached zone information must be updated (REFRESH).
  - Time after which to retry a failed refresh (RETRY).
  - Time interval after which zone information is considered not current anymore (EXPIRE).
  - Minimum lifetime for resource records (MINIMUM).

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# DNS Security

- DNS security (DNSSEC) provides data integrity and authentication to security aware resolvers and applications through the use of cryptographic digital signatures.
- The Resource Record Signature (RRSIG) resource record stores digital signatures.
- The DNS Public Key (DNSKEY) resource record can be used to store public keys in the DNS.
- The Delegation Signer (DS) resource record simplifies some of the administrative tasks involved in signing delegations across organizational boundaries.
- The Next Secure (NSEC) resource record allows a security-aware resolver to authenticate a negative reply for either name or type non-existence.

# Dynamic DNS Updates

- RFC 2136 / RFC 3007 define a mechanism which allows to dynamically update RRs on name server.
- This is especially useful in environments which use dynamic IP address assignments.
- The payload of a DNS update message contains
  - the zone section,
  - the prerequisite section (supporting conditional updates),
  - the update section, and
  - an additional data section.
- The `nsupdate` command line utility can be used to make manual updates. Some DHCP servers perform automatic updates when they hand out an IP address.

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# Kaminsky DNS Attack

- Cache poisoning attack ('2008):
  - Cause applications to generate queries for non-existing names such as aaa.example.net, aab.example.net, etc.
  - Send fake responses quickly, trying to guess the 16-bit query ID number.
  - In the fake responses, include additional records that overwrite A records for lets say example.net.
- Counter measure:
  - Updated DNS libraries use random port numbers.
  - An attacker has to guess a 16-bit ID number and in addition the 16-bit port number.
- The real solution is DNSSEC ...

# DNS Blacklists

- DNS Blacklists store information about bad behaving hosts.
- Originally used to publish information about sites that originated unsolicited email (spam).
- If the IP address 192.0.2.99 is found guilty to emit spam, a DNS Blacklists at bad.example.com will add the following DNS records:

|                            |    |     |                  |
|----------------------------|----|-----|------------------|
| 99.2.0.192.bad.example.com | IN | A   | 127.0.0.2        |
| 99.2.0.192.bad.example.com | IN | TXT | "Spam received." |

- A mail server receiving a connection from 192.0.2.99 may lookup the A record of 99.2.0.192.bad.example.com and if it has the value 127.0.0.2 decline to serve the client.
- For more details, see RFC5782.

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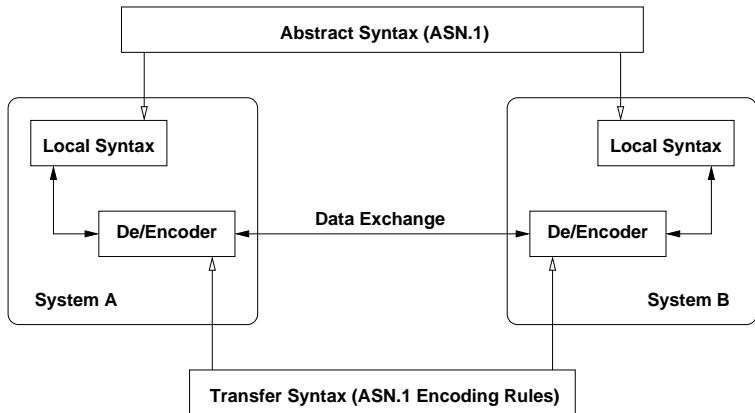
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# Motivation and Origin

- The Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1) is a language for the definition of data structures and message formats which was developed in the 1980s.
- Original ASN.1 requirements:
  - Exchange of information between machines with different hardware architectures.
  - Independence of existing programming languages (neutrality).
  - Sender and receiver should be able to choose one out of multiple data encoding formats that suits their needs.
- ASN.1 has been standardized by the ITU. Note that current versions of ASN.1 differ significantly from earlier versions of ASN.1.

# Abstract vs. Local vs. Transfer Syntax



- Separation of the data representation during transmission from the data representation within applications.

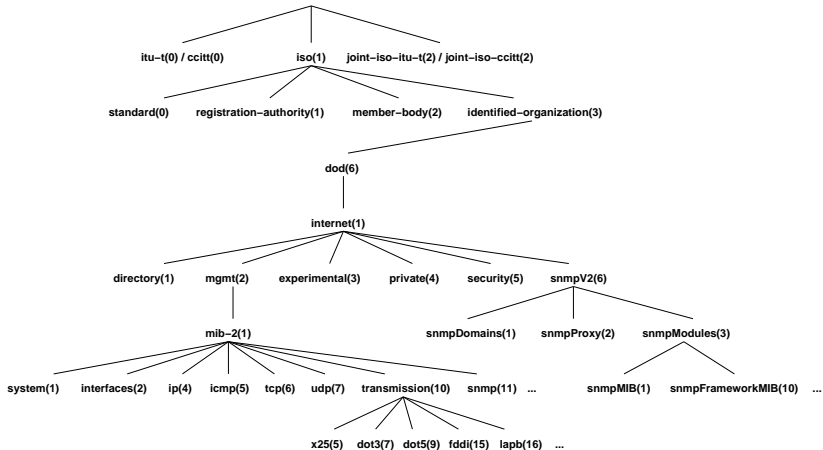
# Abstract vs. Local vs. Transfer Syntax

- The *abstract syntax* defines data structures in an application implementation neutral format.
- The abstract syntax is mapped to a *local syntax* which is used in a concrete implementation.
- ASN.1 compilers can be used to generate the local syntax from the abstract syntax.
- The *transfer syntax* defines how data structures are serialized for transmission over a network.
- A concrete transfer syntax is commonly defined as a set of *encoding rules* which define how values of the various ASN.1 types are encoded.
- The implementation of the encoding and decoding functions can be automated by using ASN.1 compilers.

# Basic Concepts

- ASN.1 definitions basically consist of type and value definitions that are organized into ASN.1 modules.
- Names of ASN.1 data types always begin with an uppercase character.
- Names of ASN.1 values (constants) always begin with a lowercase character.
- ASN.1 keywords and macro names only contain uppercase characters.
- Comments begin with two hyphens (--) and they end either at the end of the line or at the next occurrence of two hyphens (--).

# ISO/OSI Registration Tree





# Registration Tree

- The registration tree is used to uniquely identify artefacts such as specific protocol definitions or protocol parameters.
- The registration tree provides a hierarchical name space that can be used for this purpose.
- The hierarchical structure makes it is possible to delegate authority.
- For example, the US Department of Defense (dod) has delegated authority over the internet subtree to the Internet Assigned Number Authority (IANA).
- Note that nodes are uniquely identified by the assigned numbers and not necessarily by their associated descriptors.

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# Primitive ASN.1 Data Types

- The data type `BOOLEAN` represents the two logical values `TRUE` and `FALSE`.
- The data type `INTEGER` represents integral numbers. Note that there is no restriction on the precision. The `INTEGER` type can also be used to represent named numbers.
- The data type `BIT STRING` represents a sequence of defined bits. The length of a `BIT STRING` does not have to be a multiple of 8.
- The data type `OCTET STRING` represents a sequence of octets (bytes). The `OCTET STRING` is a base type for character strings using different character sets or some other formatted strings such as `GeneralizedTime` or `UTCTime`.

# Primitive ASN.1 Data Types

- The data type `ENUMERATED` represents an enumeration of values. The set of possible values must be defined when deriving a type from the `ENUMERATED` type.
- The data type `OBJECT IDENTIFIER` identifies a node in the ISO registration tree. An `OBJECT IDENTIFIER` value determines the path from the root of the registration tree to a target node.
- The data type `ObjectDescriptor` contains a character string identifying a node in the ISO registration tree. Note that the value of an `ObjectDescriptor` is not guaranteed to uniquely identify a node in the ISO registration tree.

# Primitive ASN.1 Data Types

- The data type ANY represents any valid ASN.1 data type. It is basically the union of all ASN.1 data types.
- The data type EXTERNAL represents data structures which have not been defined with ASN.1. This type is useful to incorporate non-ASN.1 elements in ASN.1 messages.
- The data type NULL is a place holder, typically used to indicate that a value is missing in a constructed type.

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# Constructed ASN.1 Data Types

- The data type SEQUENCE corresponds to structs in C or records in Modula. The order of the elements of a SEQUENCE is well defined.
- The data type SET is similar to a SEQUENCE. However, the elements of a SET are not ordered.
- The data type SEQUENCE OF represents an ordered set (list) of values (which have the same type).
- The data type SET OF represents an unordered set (list) of values (which have the same type).
- The data type CHOICE is a selection type and corresponds to unions in C or variant records in Modula.
- The data type REAL is a constructed type representing floating point numbers. The mantissa and the exponent are INTEGER values.

# Restrictions

```
Unsigned32 ::= INTEGER (0..4294967295)
Integer32  ::= INTEGER (-2147483648..2147483647)
Unsigned64 ::= INTEGER (0..18446744073709551615)
MacAddress ::= OCTET STRING (SIZE (6))
InetAddress ::= OCTET STRING (SIZE (4|16))
```

- ASN.1 data types can be restricted to reduce the number of possible values.
- Typical restrictions are size restrictions and value range restrictions. The precise syntax for the restrictions depends on the data type.
- It is usually a good idea to introduce restricted INTEGER types that match the precision supported by typical processor hardware.



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- Data types have associated tags which can be used to identify the type of a value during transmission.
- A tag consists of a *tag number* and a *tag class*.
- There are four different tag classes:
  - UNIVERSAL: Globally unique identification (tag assignments restricted to ASN.1 standards).
  - APPLICATION: Unique identification within an application.
  - PRIVATE: Private and not universally used identification.
  - CONTEXT-SPECIFIC: Unique identification within a certain context (for example within a CHOICE).

# Universal Tag Numbers

| Data type         | Tag (decimal) |
|-------------------|---------------|
| BOOLEAN           | 1             |
| INTEGER           | 2             |
| BIT STRING        | 3             |
| OCTET STRING      | 4             |
| NULL              | 5             |
| OBJECT IDENTIFIER | 6             |
| ObjectDescriptor  | 7             |
| EXTERNAL          | 8             |
| REAL              | 9             |
| ENUMERATED        | 10            |
| ...               | ...           |

# Universal Tag Numbers

|                       |     |
|-----------------------|-----|
| SEQUENCE, SEQUENCE OF | 16  |
| SET, SET OF           | 17  |
| NumericString         | 18  |
| PrintableString       | 19  |
| TeletexString         | 20  |
| VideotextString       | 21  |
| IA5String             | 22  |
| UTCTime               | 23  |
| GeneralizedType       | 24  |
| GraphicsString        | 25  |
| VisibleString         | 26  |
| GeneralString         | 27  |
| CharacterString       | 28  |
| ...                   | ... |

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# ASN.1 Example

```
SNMP-VERSION-1 DEFINITIONS ::= BEGIN

    -- object names and types

    ObjectName ::= OBJECT IDENTIFIER

    ObjectSyntax ::= CHOICE {
        simple          SimpleSyntax,
        application-wide ApplicationSyntax
    }

    SimpleSyntax ::= CHOICE {
        integer-value   INTEGER (-2147483648..2147483647),
        string-value    OCTET STRING (SIZE (0..65535)),
        oid-value       OBJECT IDENTIFIER,
        empty           NULL
    }
```

# ASN.1 Example

```
ApplicationSyntax ::= CHOICE {  
    address-value    NetworkAddress,  
    counter-value    Counter32,  
    gauge-value      Gauge32,  
    timeticks-value  TimeTicks,  
    arbitrary-value  Opaque  
}
```

```
NetworkAddress ::= CHOICE {  
    internet      IPAddress  
}
```

```
IPAddress ::= [APPLICATION 0] IMPLICIT OCTET STRING (SIZE (4))  
Counter32 ::= [APPLICATION 1] IMPLICIT INTEGER (0..4294967295)  
Gauge32   ::= [APPLICATION 2] IMPLICIT INTEGER (0..4294967295)  
TimeTicks ::= [APPLICATION 3] IMPLICIT INTEGER (0..4294967295)  
Opaque    ::= [APPLICATION 4] IMPLICIT OCTET STRING
```

# ASN.1 Example

```
Message ::= SEQUENCE {  
    version    INTEGER { version-1(0) },  
    community  OCTET STRING,  
    data       ANY          -- PDUs if trivial authentication  
}
```

```
PDUs ::= CHOICE {  
    get-request      GetRequest-PDU,  
    get-next-request GetNextRequest-PDU,  
    get-response     GetResponse-PDU,  
    set-request      SetRequest-PDU,  
    trap             Trap-PDU  
}
```

```
GetRequest-PDU      ::= [0] IMPLICIT PDU  
GetNextRequest-PDU ::= [1] IMPLICIT PDU  
GetResponse-PDU     ::= [2] IMPLICIT PDU  
SetRequest-PDU      ::= [3] IMPLICIT PDU  
Trap-PDU            ::= [4] IMPLICIT TrapPDU
```



# ASN.1 Example

```
max-bindings INTEGER ::= 2147483647
```

```
RequestID ::= INTEGER (-214783648..214783647)
```

```
ErrorIndex ::= INTEGER (0..max-bindings)
```

```
ErrorStatus ::= INTEGER { noError(0),  
                           tooBig(1),  
                           noSuchName(2),  
                           badValue(3),  
                           readOnly(4),  
                           genErr(5) }
```

```
VarBind ::= SEQUENCE {  
    name      ObjectName,  
    value     ObjectSyntax  
}
```

```
VarBindList ::= SEQUENCE (SIZE (0..max-bindings)) OF VarBind
```

# ASN.1 Example

```
PDU ::= SEQUENCE {  
    request-id      RequestID,  
    error-status    ErrorStatus,  
    error-index     ErrorIndex,  
    variable-bindings VarBindList  
}
```

```
TrapPDU ::= SEQUENCE {  
    enterprise      OBJECT IDENTIFIER,  
    agent-addr      NetworkAddress,  
    generic-trap    INTEGER { coldStart(0), warmStart(1),  
                             linkDown(2), linkUp(3),  
                             authenticationFailure(4),  
                             egpNeighborLoss(5),  
                             enterpriseSpecific(6) },  
    specific-trap   INTEGER (0..214783647),  
    time-stamp      TimeTicks,  
    variable-bindings VarBindList  
}
```

```
END
```

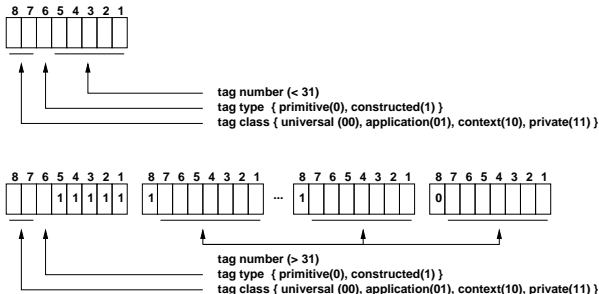
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# Basic Encoding Rules (BER)

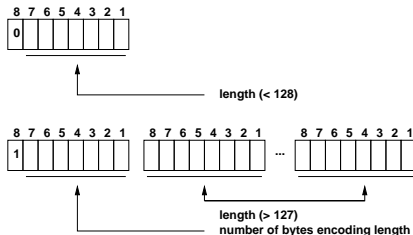
- The Basic Encoding Rules (BER) use a tag/length/value (TLV) encoding.
- Every data element is identified by a tag value, the length of the data element in bytes and the data element itself.
- The TLV encoding enables a receiver to identify the type of every data element which can then be verified against the type the receiver expects.
- The price for this is a somewhat increased length of the encoded messages.
- There are other ASN.1 encodings like the Packed Encoding Rules (PER) which do not generally encode type information.

# BER Encoding of Tags



- If the tag number is less than 31, the tag number can be encoded in a single byte. Otherwise, the highest bit indicates whether more tag bytes follow.
- The primitive / constructed bit allows a decoder to determine whether the value itself is a BER encoding.

# BER Encoding of Length



- A length less than 128 bytes can be encoded in a single length byte. Larger length values must be encoded in multiple bytes.
- The maximum length is  $2^{(127 \cdot 8)} - 1 = 2^{1016} - 1$  bytes.
- Besides the definite form length encoding, there is an indefinite form where the end of a value is identified by a certain marker.

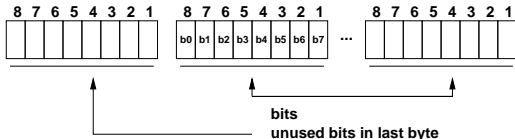
# BER Encoding of BOOLEAN and INTEGER

- BOOLEAN value is encoded by a single byte. The value TRUE is represented by the byte 0xff and the value FALSE is represented by the byte 0x00.
- An INTEGER value is encoded as a binary number. Negative numbers are encoded in two's complement notation
- Note that it might be necessary to encode a leading 0x00 byte for unsigned values. For example, given the following ASN.1 type definition

Unsigned8 ::= INTEGER (0..255)

the decimal value 255 will be encoded using two bytes as 0x00ff.

# BER Encoding of BIT STRING



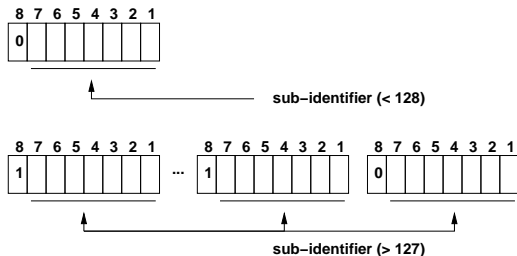
- A BIT STRING value is encoded in a sequence of bytes that contain the named bits.
- The byte sequence is prefixed with a byte which indicates the number of unused bits in the last byte of the byte sequence.



# BER Encoding of OCTET STRING and NULL

- An OCTET STRING value is encoded as a sequence of bytes.
- Specialized OCTET STRING values are identified by their specific tag value, but otherwise encoded just as OCTET STRING values.
- A NULL value is encoded using zero bytes.
- A NULL is thus encoded by its tag and the length zero.
- NULL values with special tags may be used to indicate certain flags or parameters.

# BER Encoding of OBJECT IDENTIFIER



- An OBJECT IDENTIFIER value is encoded as a sequence of sub-identifiers.
- The first two sub-identifier  $X$  and  $Y$  of an OBJECT IDENTIFIER value are encoded together in a single sub-identifier using the formula  $(X \cdot 40) + Y$ . (This works because  $X$  may only hold one of the three values 0, 1 or 2.)

# BER Encoding of Constructed Types

- SEQUENCE, SEQUENCE OF, SET, and SET OF values are encoded by encoding
  - the tag of the constructed type,
  - the length of the constructed type, and
  - the elements contained in these constructed types.
- CHOICE values are encoded by encoding the value currently present in the CHOICE.
- This requires that the choice value present can be identifier by its tag value.

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# BER Example

| Bytes                   | Tag                  | Length | Value     |
|-------------------------|----------------------|--------|-----------|
| 30:1b                   | SEQUENCE {           | 27     |           |
| 02:01:00                | INTEGER              | 1      | 0         |
| 04:06:70:75:62:6C:69:63 | OCTET STRING         | 6      | "public"  |
| a1:0e                   | GetNextRequest-PDU { | 14     |           |
| 02:04:36:a2:8f:07       | INTEGER              | 4      | 916623111 |
| 02:01:00                | INTEGER              | 1      | 0         |
| 02:01:00                | INTEGER              | 1      | 0         |
| 30:00                   | SEQUENCE OF {}       | 0      |           |
|                         | }                    |        |           |
|                         | }                    |        |           |

- The example shows the BER encoding of an SNMP message which is consistent with the ASN.1 definition shown above.

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# External Data Representation (XDR)

- Data structures are defined using the XDR data definition language, specified in RFC 4506
- The actual data encoding on the wire uses the XDR encoding format as specified in RFC 4506
- XDR supports the following base data types:
  - integer, unsigned integer, enum, bool
  - hyper integer, unsigned hyper integer
  - float, double, quadrupel
  - fixed-length opaque, variable length opaque
  - variable-length string
  - fixed-length arrays, variable-length arrays
  - struct, discriminated union

# XDR Language

- The XDR language uses a C-style syntax.
- Below is the syntax summary taken from RFC 4506:

```
declaration:
    type-specifier identifier
    | type-specifier identifier "[" value "]"
    | type-specifier identifier "<" [ value ] ">"
    | "opaque" identifier "[" value "]"
    | "opaque" identifier "<" [ value ] ">"
    | "string" identifier "<" [ value ] ">"
    | type-specifier "*" identifier
    | "void"

value:
    constant
    | identifier
```

# XDR Language

```
type-specifier:  
    [ "unsigned" ] "int"  
    | [ "unsigned" ] "hyper"  
    | "float"  
    | "double"  
    | "quadruple"  
    | "bool"  
    | enum-type-spec  
    | struct-type-spec  
    | union-type-spec  
    | identifier
```

```
enum-type-spec:  
    "enum" enum-body
```

```
enum-body:  
    "{"  
        ( identifier "=" value ) ( "," identifier "=" value ) *  
    "}"
```

# XDR Language

```
struct-type-spec:  
    "struct" struct-body
```

```
struct-body:  
    "{"  
        ( declaration ";" )  
        ( declaration ";" ) *  
    "}"
```

```
union-type-spec:  
    "union" union-body
```

```
union-body:  
    "switch" "(" declaration ")" "{"  
        ( "case" value ":" declaration ";" )  
        ( "case" value ":" declaration ";" ) *  
        [ "default" ":" declaration ";" ]  
    "}"
```

# XDR Language

```
constant-def:
    "const" identifier "=" constant ";"

type-def:
    "typedef" declaration ";"
    | "enum" identifier enum-body ";"
    | "struct" identifier struct-body ";"
    | "union" identifier union-body ";"

definition:
    type-def
    | constant-def

specification:
    definition *
```

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# XDR Encoding

- All data items are represented by a multiple of 32 bits
- Padding is used in cases where data items do not fit 32 bit boundaries naturally
- No type information in the encoding
- Implicit length wherever possible
- Requires big-endian byte order

⇒ Very efficient to encode/decode!

# XDR Integers, Bools and Enums

## Syntax

```
[unsigned] int identifier;      /* [un]signed integer, 32 bit */  
[unsigned] hyper identifier;    /* [un]signed integer, 64 bit */  
enum { name-identifier = constant, ... } identifier;  
bool identifier;
```

## Encoding

(MSB) (LSB)

+-----+-----+-----+-----+

|byte 0 |byte 1 |byte 2 |byte 3 | SIGNED / UNSIGNED INTEGER

+-----+-----+-----+-----+

<-----32 bits----->

(MSB) (LSB)

+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+

|byte 0 |byte 1 |byte 2 |byte 3 |byte 4 |byte 5 |byte 6 |byte 7 |

+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+

<-----64 bits----->

HYPER INTEGER / UNSIGNED HYPER INTEGER



# XDR Floating-Point

## Syntax

```
float identifier;
```

## Encoding

```
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|byte 0 |byte 1 |byte 2 |byte 3 |
S|  E  |         F         |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
1|<- 8 ->|<-----23 bits----->|
<-----32 bits----->
```

SINGLE-PRECISION  
FLOATING-POINT NUMBER

# XDR Double Floating-Point

## Syntax

```
double identifier;
```

## Encoding

```
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|byte 0|byte 1|byte 2|byte 3|byte 4|byte 5|byte 6|byte 7|
S|   E   |               F               |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
1|<--11-->|<-----52 bits----->|
<-----64 bits----->
                                DOUBLE-PRECISION FLOATING-POINT
```

# XDR Quadruple Floating-Point

## Syntax

```
quadruple identifier;
```

## Encoding

```
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+...--+-----+
|byte 0|byte 1|byte 2|byte 3|byte 4|byte 5| ... |byte15|
S|     E     |               F               |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+...--+-----+
1|<----15---->|<-----112 bits----->|
<-----128 bits----->
                                QUADRUPLE-PRECISION FLOATING-POINT
```

# XDR Fixed-Length Opaque

# Syntax

```
opaque identifier[n];    /* opaque with fixed size n */
```

# Encoding

```

      0      1      ...
+-----+-----+...+-----+-----+...+-----+
| byte 0 | byte 1 |...|byte n-1|    0   |...|    0   |
+-----+-----+...+-----+-----+...+-----+
|<-----n bytes----->|<-----r bytes----->|
|<-----n+r (where (n+r) mod 4 = 0)----->|

```

## FIXED-LENGTH OPAQUE

# XDR Variable-Length Opaque

## Syntax

```
opaque identifier<m>;    /* opaque with max. size m */  
opaque identifier<>;     /* opaque with max. size (2**32) */
```

## Encoding

| 0   | 1 | 2        | 3 | 4                                     | 5 | ...             |
|---|---|----------|---|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| +-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+...+-----+-----+-----+ |   |          |   |                                       |   |                 |
|   |   | length n |   | byte0 byte1 ...  n-1                  |   | 0  ...  0       |
| +-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+...+-----+-----+-----+ |   |          |   |                                       |   |                 |
| <-----4 bytes----->   |   |          |   | <-----n bytes----->                   |   | <---r bytes---> |
|   |   |          |   | <----n+r (where (n+r) mod 4 = 0)----> |   |                 |
| VARIABLE-LENGTH OPAQUE                                      |   |          |   |                                       |   |                 |

# XDR String

## Syntax

```
string identifier<m>;    /* string with max. size m */
string identifier<>;     /* string with max. size (2**32) */
```

## Encoding

| 0   | 1 | 2 | 3                                     | 4 | 5               | ...    |
|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------|--------|
| +-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+...+-----+-----+-----+ |   |   |                                       |   |                 |        |
| length n  |   |   | byte0 byte1 ...  n-1   0  ...  0      |   |                 |        |
| +-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+...+-----+-----+-----+ |   |   |                                       |   |                 |        |
| <-----4 bytes----->   |   |   | <-----n bytes----->                   |   | <---r bytes---> |        |
|   |   |   | <----n+r (where (n+r) mod 4 = 0)----> |   |                 |        |
|   |   |   |                                       |   |                 | STRING |

# XDR Fixed-Length Array

## Syntax

```
type-name identifier[n];          /* array with n element */
```

## Encoding

```
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+...+---+---+---+---+
|  element 0  |  element 1  |...| element n-1 |
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+...+---+---+---+---+
|<-----n elements----->|
                                FIXED-LENGTH ARRAY
```

# XDR Variable-Length Array

## Syntax

```
type-name identifier<m>;      /* array with max. m elements */
type-name identifier<>;       /* array with max. (2**32) elements */
```

## Encoding

```
  0  1  2  3
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+...+---+---+---+
|      n      | element 0 | element 1 |...|element n-1|
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+...+---+---+---+
|<-4 bytes->|<-----n elements----->|
                                VARIABLE-LENGTH ARRAY
```



# XDR Structures

## Syntax

```
struct {  
    component-declaration-A;  
    component-declaration-B;  
    ...  
} identifier;
```

## Encoding

```
+-----+-----+...  
| component A | component B |...  
+-----+-----+...  
                                STRUCTURE
```

# XDR Discriminated Unions

## Syntax

```
union switch (discriminant-declaration) {  
  case discriminant-value-A:  
    arm-declaration-A;  
  case discriminant-value-B:  
    arm-declaration-B;  
  ...  
  default: default-declaration;  
} identifier;
```

## Encoding

```
  0   1   2   3  
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+  
| discriminant | implied arm |  
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+  
|<---4 bytes--->|
```

DISCRIMINATED UNION

# XDR Implementation

- Sun provided an API which offers conversion functions for other C data types in addition to the XDR data types
- An XDR handle represents the XDR encoding/decoding buffer and determines the operation to carry out

```
bool_t xdr_void(void);
bool_t xdr_short(XDR *xdrs, short *sp);
bool_t xdr_u_short(XDR *xdrs, u_short *sp);
bool_t xdr_int(XDR *xdrs, int *sp);
bool_t xdr_u_int(XDR *xdrs, u_int *sp);
/* ... */
bool_t xdr_bytes(XDR *xdrs, char **cpp, u_int *sizep, u_int maxsize);
bool_t xdr_opaque(XDR *xdrs, caddr_t cp, u_int cnt);
bool_t xdr_string(XDR *xdrs, char **cpp, u_int maxsize);
bool_t xdr_union(XDR *__xdrs, enum_t *dscmp, char *unp,
                 const struct xdr_discrim *choices, xdrproc_t dfault);
/* ... */
```

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# ABNF Basics

- The Augmented Backus Naur Form (ABNF) defined in RFC 5234 can be used to formally specify textual protocol messages.
- An ABNF definition consists of a set of rules (sometimes also called productions).
- Every rule has a name followed by an assignment operator followed by an expression consisting of terminal symbols and operators.
- The end of a rule is marked by the end of the line or by a comment. Comments start with the comment symbol ; (semicolon) and continue to the end of the line.
- ABNF does not define a module concept or an import/export mechanism.

# Rule Names and Terminal Symbols

- The name of a rule must start with an alphabetic character followed by a combination of alphabetics, digits and hyphens. The case of a rule name is not significant.
- Terminal symbols are non-negative numbers. The basis of these numbers can be binary (b), decimal (d) or hexadecimal (x). Multiple values can be concatenated by using the dot . as a value concatenation operator. It is also possible to define ranges of consecutive values by using the hyphen - as a value range operator.
- Terminal symbols can also be defined by using literal text strings containing US ASCII characters enclosed in double quotes. Note that these literal text strings are case-insensitive.



# Simple ABNF Examples

```
CR      = %d13           ; ASCII carriage return code in decimal
CRLF    = %d13.10        ; ASCII carriage return and linefeed code sequence
DIGIT    = %x30-39        ; ASCII digits (0 - 9)
ABA      = "aba"          ; ASCII string "aba" or "ABA" or "Aba" or ...
abba     = %x61.62.62.61 ; ASCII string "abba"
```

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# ABFN Operators

- Concatenation
  - Concatenation operator symbol is the empty word
  - Example: `abba = %x61 %x62 %x62 %x61`
- Alternatives
  - Alternatives operator symbol is the forward slash /
  - Example: `aorb = %x61 / %x62`
  - Incremental alternatives assignment operator `=/` can be used for long lists of alternatives
- Grouping
  - Expressions can be grouped using parenthesis
  - A grouped expression is treated as a single element
  - Example: `abba = %x61 (%x62 %x62) %x61`

# ABFN Operators

- Repetitions
  - The repetitions operator has the format  $n*m$  where  $n$  and  $m$  are optional decimal values
  - The value of  $n$  indicates the minimum number of repetitions (defaults to 0 if not present)
  - The value  $m$  indicates the maximum number of repetitions (defaults to infinity if not present)
  - The format  $*$  indicates 0 or more repetitions
  - Example: `abba = %x61 2 %x62 %x61`
- Optional
  - Square brackets enclose an optional element
  - Example: `[ab]` ; equivalent to `*1(ab)`

# Core Definitions

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# ABNF Core Definitions

|        |   |   |  |
|--------|---|---|--|
| ALPHA  | = | %x41-5A / %x61-7A                         | ; A-Z / a-z  |
| BIT    | = | "0" / "1"                                 |  |
| CHAR   | = | %x01-7F                                   | ; any 7-bit US-ASCII character,<br>; excluding NUL |
| CR     | = | %x0D                                      | ; carriage return                                  |
| CRLF   | = | CR LF                                     | ; Internet standard newline                        |
| CTL    | = | %x00-1F / %x7F                            | ; controls   |
| DIGIT  | = | %x30-39                                   | ; 0-9  |
| DQUOTE | = | %x22                                      | ; " (Double Quote)                                 |
| HEXDIG | = | DIGIT / "A" / "B" / "C" / "D" / "E" / "F" |  |
| HTAB   | = | %x09                                      | ; horizontal tab                                   |
| LF     | = | %x0A                                      | ; linefeed   |
| LWSP   | = | *(WSP / CRLF WSP)                         | ; linear white space (past newline)                |
| OCTET  | = | %x00-FF                                   | ; 8 bits of data                                   |
| SP     | = | %x20                                      | ; space  |
| VCHAR  | = | %x21-7E                                   | ; visible (printing) characters                    |
| WSP    | = | SP / HTAB                                 | ; White space                                      |

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# ABNF in ABNF

```
rulelist      = 1*( rule / (*c-wsp c-nl) )

rule          = rulename defined-as elements c-nl
                ; continues if next line starts with white space

rulename      = ALPHA *(ALPHA / DIGIT / "-")

defined-as    = *c-wsp ("=" / "=/") *c-wsp
                ; basic rules definition and incremental alternatives

elements      = alternation *c-wsp

c-wsp         = WSP / (c-nl WSP)

c-nl          = comment / CRLF
                ; comment or newline

comment       = ";" *(WSP / VCHAR) CRLF
```



# ABNF in ABNF

```
alternation    = concatenation
                  *(*c-wsp "/" *c-wsp concatenation)

concatenation  = repetition *(1*c-wsp repetition)

repetition     = [repeat] element

repeat         = 1*DIGIT / (*DIGIT "*" *DIGIT)

element        = rulename / group / option /
                  char-val / num-val / prose-val

group          = "(" *c-wsp alternation *c-wsp ")"

option         = "[" *c-wsp alternation *c-wsp "]"
```

# ABNF in ABNF

```
char-val      = DQUOTE *(%x20-21 / %x23-7E) DQUOTE
                ; quoted string of SP and VCHAR without DQUOTE

num-val       = "%" (bin-val / dec-val / hex-val)

bin-val       = "b" 1*BIT [ 1*("." 1*BIT) / ("-" 1*BIT) ]
                ; series of concatenated bit values
                ; or single ONEOF range

dec-val       = "d" 1*DIGIT [ 1*("." 1*DIGIT) / ("-" 1*DIGIT) ]

hex-val       = "x" 1*HEXDIG [ 1*("." 1*HEXDIG) / ("-" 1*HEXDIG) ]

prose-val     = "<" *(%x20-3D / %x3F-7E) ">"
                ; bracketed string of SP and VCHAR without angles
                ; prose description, to be used as last resort
```

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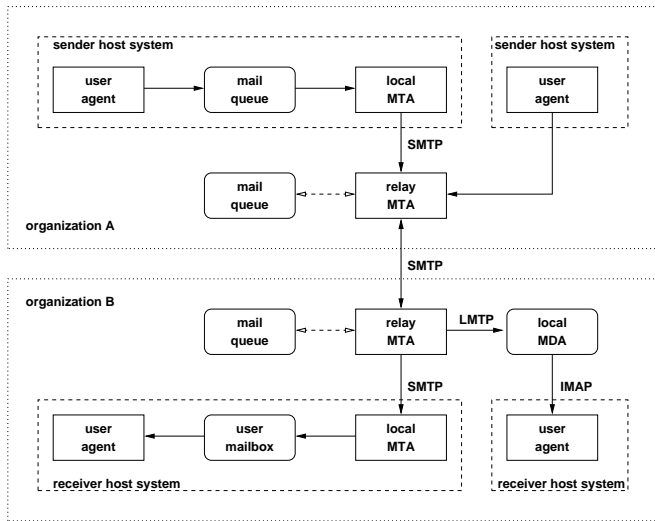
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# Components Involved in Electronic Mail



# Terminology

- Mail User Agent (MUA) - the source or targets of electronic mail
- Mail Transfer Agent (MTA) - server and clients providing mail transport service
- Mail Delivery Agent (MDA) - delivers mail messages to the receiver's mail box
- Store-and-Forward Principle - mail messages are stored and then forwarded to another system; responsibility for a message is transferred once it is stored again
- Envelop vs. Header vs. Body - mail messages consist of a header and a body; the transfer of mail message is controlled by the envelop (which might be different from the header)

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# Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP)

- Defined in RFC 5321 (originally RFC 821)
- Textual client/server protocol running over TCP
- Small set of commands to be executed by an SMTP server
- Supports multiple mail transactions over a single transport layer connection
- Server responds with structured response codes
- Fully specified in ABNF

# SMTP Commands

|      |  |
|------|--|
| HELO | Identify clients to a SMTP server (HELLO)    |
| EHLO | Extended identification (EXTENDED HELLO)     |
| MAIL | Initiate a mail transaction (MAIL)           |
| RCPT | Identify an individual recipient (RECIPIENT) |
| DATA | Transfer of mail message (DATA)              |
| RSET | Aborting current mail transaction (RESET)    |
| VRFY | Verify an email address (VERIFY)             |
| EXPN | Expand a mailing list address (EXPAND)       |
| HELP | Provide help about SMTP commands (HELP)      |
| NOOP | No operation, has no effect (NOOP)           |
| QUIT | Ask server to close connection (QUIT)        |

# SMTP in ABNF (excerpt)

```
helo = "HELO" SP Domain CRLF
ehlo = "EHLO" SP Domain CRLF
mail = "MAIL FROM:" ("<>" / Reverse-Path) [SP Mail-Parameters] CRLF
rcpt = "RCPT TO:" ("<Postmaster@" domain ">" / "<Postmaster>" /
                Forward-Path) [SP Rcpt-Parameters CRLF
data = "DATA" CRLF
rset = "RSET" CRLF
vrfy = "VRFY" SP String CRLF
expn = "EXPN" SP String CRLF
help = "HELP" [ SP String ] CRLF
noop = "NOOP" [ SP String ] CRLF
quit = "QUIT" CRLF
```

# Theory of 3 Digit Reply Codes

- The first digit denotes whether the response is good, bad or incomplete.
  - 1yz Positive Preliminary reply
  - 2yz Positive Completion reply
  - 3yz Positive Intermediate reply
  - 4yz Transient Negative Completion reply
  - 5yz Permanent Negative Completion reply
- The second digit encodes responses in specific categories.
- The third digit gives a finer gradation of meaning in each category specified by the second digit.

# Internet Message Format

- The format of Internet messages is defined in RFC 5322.
- Most important ABNF productions and messages fields:

```
fields          = *(trace *resent-field) *regular-field
```

```
resent-field    =  resent-date / resent-from / resent-sender
```

```
resent-field    =/  resent-to / resent-cc / resent-bcc
```

```
resent-field    =/  resent-msg-id
```

```
regular-field   =  orig-date / from / sender
```

```
regular-field   =/  reply-to / to / cc / bcc
```

```
regular-field   =/  message-id / in-reply-to / references
```

```
regular-field   =/  subject / comments / keywords
```

- Note that fields such as to or cc may be different from the actual addresses used by SMTP.

# Originator Fields

- The From: field specifies the author(s) of the message.

`from = "From:" mailbox-list CRLF`

- The Sender: field specifies the mailbox of the sender in cases where the actual sender is not the author (e.g., a secretary).

`sender = "Sender:" mailbox CRLF`

- The Reply-To: field indicates the mailbox(es) to which the author of the message suggests that replies be sent.

`reply-to = "Reply-To:" address-list CRLF`

# Destination Address Fields

- The To: field contains the address(es) of the primary recipient(s) of the message.

`to = "To:" address-list CRLF`

- The Cc: field (Carbon Copy) contains the addresses of others who are to receive the message, though the content of the message may not be directed at them.

`cc = "Cc:" address-list CRLF`

- The Bcc: field (Blind Carbon Copy) contains addresses of recipients of the message whose addresses are not to be revealed to other recipients of the message.

`bcc = "Bcc:" (address-list / [CFWS]) CRLF`

# Identification and Origination Date Fields

- The Message-ID: field provides a unique message identifier that refers to a particular version of a particular message.

```
message-id = "Message-ID:" msg-id CRLF
```

- The In-Reply-To: field will contain the contents of the Message-ID: field of the message to which this one is a reply.

```
in-reply-to = "In-Reply-To:" 1*msg-id CRLF
```

- The References: field will contain the contents of the parent's References: field (if any) followed by the contents of the parent's Message-ID: field (if any).

```
references = "References:" 1*msg-id CRLF
```



# Informational Fields

- The `Subject`: field contains a short string identifying the topic of the message.

```
subject = "Subject:" unstructured CRLF
```

- The `Comments`: field contains any additional comments on the text of the body of the message.

```
comments = "Comments:" unstructured CRLF
```

- The `Keywords`: field contains a comma-separated list of important words and phrases that might be useful for the recipient.

```
keywords = "Keywords:" phrase *(", " phrase) CRLF
```

# Trace Fields

- The Received: field contains a (possibly empty) list of name/value pairs followed by a semicolon and a date-time specification. The first item of the name/value pair is defined by item-name, and the second item is either an addr-spec, an atom, a domain, or a msg-id.

```
received = "Received:" name-val-list ";" date-time  
CRLF
```

- The Return-Path: field contains an email address to which messages indicating non-delivery or other mail system failures are to be sent.

```
return = "Return-Path:" path CRLF
```

- A message may have multiple received fields and the return field is optional

```
trace = [return] 1*received
```

# Resend Fields

- Resent fields are used to identify a message as having been reintroduced into the transport system by a user.
- Resent fields make the message appear to the final recipient as if it were sent directly by the original sender, with all of the original fields remaining the same.
- Each set of resent fields correspond to a particular resending event.

*resent-date = "Resent-Date:" date-time CRLF*

*resent-from = "Resent-From:" mailbox-list CRLF*

*resent-sender = "Resent-Sender:" mailbox CRLF*

*resent-to = "Resent-To:" address-list CRLF*

*resent-cc = "Resent-Cc:" address-list CRLF*

*resent-bcc = "Resent-Bcc:" (address-list / [CFWS]) CRLF*

*resent-msg-id = "Resent-Message-ID:" msg-id CRLF*

# Internet Message Example

Date: Tue, 1 Apr 1997 09:06:31 -0800 (PST)  
From: coyote@desert.example.org  
To: roadrunner@acme.example.com  
Subject: I have a present for you

Look, I'm sorry about the whole anvil thing, and I really didn't mean to try and drop it on you from the top of the cliff. I want to try to make it up to you. I've got some great birdseed over here at my place--top of the line stuff--and if you come by, I'll have it all wrapped up for you. I'm really sorry for all the problems I've caused for you over the years, but I know we can work this out.

--

Wile E. Coyote    "Super Genius"    coyote@desert.example.org

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# Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions

- The Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions (MIME) defines conventions to
  - support multiple different character sets;
  - support different media types;
  - support messages containing multiple parts;
  - encode content compatible with RFC 5321 and RFC 5322.
- The set of media types and identified characters sets is extensible.
- MIME is widely implemented and not only used for Internet mail messages.

# MIME Header Fields

- The `MIME-Version:` field declares the version of the Internet message body format standard in use.

```
version = "MIME-Version:" 1*DIGIT "." 1*DIGIT CRLF
```

- The `Content-Type:` field specifies the media type and subtype of data in the body.

```
content = "Content-Type:" type "/" subtype *(";"  
parameter)
```

- The `Content-Transfer-Encoding:` field specifies the encoding transformation that was applied to the body and the domain of the result.

```
encoding = "Content-Transfer-Encoding:" mechanism
```

# MIME Header Fields

- The optional Content-ID: field allows one body to make reference to another.

```
id = "Content-ID:" msg-id
```

- The optional Content-Description: field associates some descriptive information with a given body.

```
description = "Content-Description" *text
```



# MIME Media Types

- Five discrete top-level media types (RFC 2046):
  - text
  - image
  - audio
  - video
  - application
- Two composite top-level media types (RFC 2046):
  - multipart
  - message
- Some media types have additional parameters (e.g., the character set).
- The Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) maintains a list of registered media types and subtypes.

# MIME Boundaries

- Multipart documents consists of several entities which are separated by a boundary delimiter line.
- After its boundary delimiter line, each body part then consists of a header area, a blank line, and a body area.
- The boundary is established through a parameter of the Content-Type: header field of the message.

```
Content-Type:  multipart/mixed;  
              boundary="gc0pJq0M:08jU534c0p"
```

- The boundary delimiter consists of two dashes followed by the established boundary followed by optional white space and the end of the line. The last boundary delimiter contains two hyphens following the boundary.

```
--gc0pJq0M:08jU534c0p
```

- The boundary delimiter must chosen so as to guarantee that there is no clash with the content.

# MIME Example

From: Nathaniel Borenstein <nsb@bellcore.com>  
To: Ned Freed <ned@innosoft.com>  
Date: Sun, 21 Mar 1993 23:56:48 -0800 (PST)  
Subject: Sample message  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-type: multipart/mixed; boundary="simple boundary"

This is the preamble. It is to be ignored.

--simple boundary

This is implicitly typed plain US-ASCII text.  
It does NOT end with a linebreak.

--simple boundary

Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

This is explicitly typed plain US-ASCII text ending with a linebreak.

--simple boundary--

This is the epilogue. It is also to be ignored.

# Base64 Encoding

- Idea: Represent three input bytes (24 bit) using four characters taken from a 6-bit alphabet.
- The resulting character sequence is broken into lines such that no line is longer than 76 characters if the base64 encoding is used with MIME.
- If the input text has a length which is not a multiple of three, then the special character = is appended to indicate the number of fill bytes.
- Base64 encoded data is difficult to read by humans without tools (which however are trivial to write).

# Base64 Character Set

| Value | Encoding | Value | Encoding | Value | Encoding | Value | Encoding |
|-------|----------|-------|----------|-------|----------|-------|----------|
| 0     | A        | 17    | R        | 34    | i        | 51    | z        |
| 1     | B        | 18    | S        | 35    | j        | 52    | 0        |
| 2     | C        | 19    | T        | 36    | k        | 53    | 1        |
| 3     | D        | 20    | U        | 37    | l        | 54    | 2        |
| 4     | E        | 21    | V        | 38    | m        | 55    | 3        |
| 5     | F        | 22    | W        | 39    | n        | 56    | 4        |
| 6     | G        | 23    | X        | 40    | o        | 57    | 5        |
| 7     | H        | 24    | Y        | 41    | p        | 58    | 6        |
| 8     | I        | 25    | Z        | 42    | q        | 59    | 7        |
| 9     | J        | 26    | a        | 43    | r        | 60    | 8        |
| 10    | K        | 27    | b        | 44    | s        | 61    | 9        |
| 11    | L        | 28    | c        | 45    | t        | 62    | +        |
| 12    | M        | 29    | d        | 46    | u        | 63    | /        |
| 13    | N        | 30    | e        | 47    | v        |       |          |
| 14    | O        | 31    | f        | 48    | w        | (pad) | =        |
| 15    | P        | 32    | g        | 49    | x        |       |          |
| 16    | Q        | 33    | h        | 50    | y        |       |          |

# Base64 Example

```
CkRhdGU6IFR1ZSwgMSBBcHIgMTk5NyAwOTowNjozMScAtMDgwMCAoUFNUKQpGcm9t
OiBjb3lvdGVAZGVzZXJ0LmV4YW1wbGUub3JnClRvOiByb2FkcnVubmVYQGfjbWUu
ZXhhbXBsZS5jb20KU3ViamVjdDogSSBoYXZlIGEgcHJlc2VudCBmb3IgeW91CgpM
b29rLCBjJ20gc29ycnkgYWJvdXQgdGhlIHdob2x1IGFudmlsIHROaW5nLCBhbmQg
SSByZWZsbHkKZGlkbid0IG1lYW4gdG8gdHJ5IGFuZCBkcm9wIGl0IG9uIHlvdSBm
cm9tIHRoZSB0b3Agb2YgdGhlCmNsaWZmLiAgSSB3YW50IHRvIHRyeSB0byBtYWtl
IGl0IHVwIHRvIHlvdS4gIEkndmUgZ290IHNvbWUKZ3JlYXQgYmlyZHNlZWQgb3Zl
ciBoZXJlIGF0IG15IHBSYWNlLS10b3Agb2YgdGhlIGxpbmUKc3R1ZmYtLWFuZCBp
ZiB5b3UgY29tZSBieSwgSSdsbCB0YXZlIGl0IGFsbCB3cmFwcGVkIHVwCmZvcib5
b3UuICBjJ20gcmVhbGx5IHNvcnJ5IGZvcibHbGwgdGhlIHByb2JsZW1zIEkndmUg
Y2F1c2VkcMmZvcib5b3Ugb3ZlciB0aGUgeWVhcnMsIGJ1dCBJIGtub3cgd2UgY2Fu
IHdvcmsgdGhpcyBvdXQuCi0tCl dpbGUGRS4gQ295b3RlICAgIlNlcGVyIEdlbmll
cyIgcjBjb3lvdGVAZGVzZXJ0LmV4YW1wbGUub3JnCg==
```

- What does this text mean? (Note that this example uses a non-standard line length to fit on a slide.)

# Quoted-Printable Encoding

- Idea: Escape all characters which are not printable characters in the US-ASCII character set.
- The escape character is = followed by a two digit hexadecimal representation of the octet's value (in uppercase).
- Relatively complex rules ensure that
  - line breaks in the original input are preserved (so called hard line breaks);
  - line breaks are added to ensure that encoded lines be no more than 76 characters long (so called soft line breaks).
- The encoding is intended for data that largely consists of printable characters in the US-ASCII character set.

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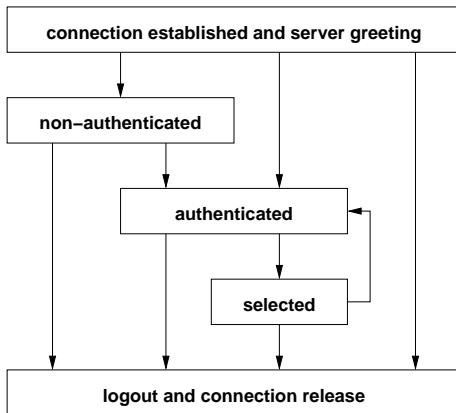
# Internet Message Access Protocol (IMAP)

- The Internet Message Access Protocol (IMAP) defined in RFC 3501 allows a client to access and manipulate electronic mail messages stored on a server.
- Messages are stored in mailboxes (message folders) which are identified by a mailbox name.
- IMAP runs over TCP with the well-known port number 143.
- IMAP users are typically authenticated using passwords (transmitted in cleartext over TCP).
- It is strongly suggested to use the Transport Layer Security (TLS) option to encrypt authentication exchanges and message transfers.

# IMAP Message Identification

- Messages in a mailbox are identified by numbers:
  - The *unique identifier* identifies a message in a mailbox independent of its position. Unique identifiers should remain persistent across IMAP sessions.
  - The *message sequence number* is the relative position of a message in a mailbox. The first position in a mailbox is 1.
- Persistency of the unique identifier can only be achieved to a certain extend and implementation therefore must cope with non-persistent unique identifiers.

# IMAP States



- The state determines the set of applicable commands.

# IMAP Commands

- Commands applicable in all states:

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| CAPABILITY | Reports the server's capabilities                     |
| NOOP       | Empty command (may be used to trigger status updates) |
| LOGOUT     | Terminate the IMAP session                            |
- Commands applicable in the *non-authenticated* state:

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| AUTHENTICATE | Indicates an authentication mechanism to the server |
| LOGIN        | Trivial authentication with a cleartext password    |
| STARTTLS     | Start TLS negotiation to protect the channel        |
- Note that the completion of the STARTTLS command can change the capabilities announced by the server.

# IMAP Commands

- Commands applicable in the *authenticated* state:

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| SELECT      | Select an existing mailbox (read-write)                     |
| EXAMINE     | Select an existing mailbox (read-only)                      |
| CREATE      | Create a new mailbox  |
| DELETE      | Delete an existing mailbox                                  |
| RENAME      | Rename an existing mailbox                                  |
| SUBSCRIBE   | Add a mailbox to the server's list of active mailboxes      |
| UNSUBSCRIBE | Remove a mailbox from the server's list of active mailboxes |
| LIST        | List all existing mailboxes                                 |
| LSUB        | List all active mailboxes                                   |
| STATUS      | Retrieve the status of a mailbox                            |
| APPEND      | Append a message to a mailbox                               |
- The SELECT and EXAMINE commands cause a transition into the *selected* state.

# IMAP Commands

- Commands applicable in the *selected* state:

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| CHECK   | Create a copy of the current mailbox (checkpoint)  |
| CLOSE   | Close the current mailbox and leave state          |
| EXPUNGE | Expunge all messages marked as deleted             |
| SEARCH  | Search for messages matching given criteria        |
| FETCH   | Fetch data of a message in the current mailbox     |
| STORE   | Store data as a message in the current mailbox     |
| COPY    | Copy a message to the end of the specified mailbox |
| UID     | Execute a command using unique identifiers         |
- The CLOSE command causes a transition back into the *authenticated* state.

# IMAP Tagging

- IMAP supports asynchronous, concurrent operations. A client can send multiple commands which the server will execute asynchronously.
- A client tags commands such that responses returned by the server can be related to previously sent commands.
- Server responses
  - that do not indicate command completion are prefixed with the token \*;
  - that request additional information to complete a command are prefixed with the token +;
  - that communicate the successful or unsuccessful completion of a command are prefixed with the tag.

# IMAP Commands in ABNF

```
tag                = 1*<any ATOM_CHAR except "+">

command            = tag SPACE (command_any / command_auth /
                             command_nonauth / command_select) CRLF
                    ;; Modal based on state

command_any        = "CAPABILITY" / "LOGOUT" / "NOOP" / x_command
                    ;; Valid in all states

command_auth       = append / create / delete / examine / list / lsub /
                    rename / select / status / subscribe / unsubscribe
                    ;; Valid only in Authenticated or Selected state

command_nonauth    = login / authenticate
                    ;; Valid only when in Non-Authenticated state

command_select     = "CHECK" / "CLOSE" / "EXPUNGE" /
                    copy / fetch / store / uid / search
                    ;; Valid only when in Selected state
```



# IMAP Responses in ABNF

```
response          = *(continue_req / response_data) response_done
continue_req      = "+" SPACE (resp_text / base64)
response_data     = "*" SPACE (resp_cond_state / resp_cond_bye /
                               mailbox_data / message_data / capability_data) CRLF
response_done     = response_tagged / response_fatal
response_fatal    = "*" SPACE resp_cond_bye CRLF
                  ;; Server closes connection immediately
response_tagged   = tag SPACE resp_cond_state CRLF
```

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# SIEVE Filtering Language

- The SIEVE language defined in RFC 5228 can be used to filter messages at time of final delivery.
- The language can be implemented either on the mail client or the mail server.
- SIEVE is extensible, simple, and independent of the access protocol, mail architecture, and operating system.
- The SIEVE language can be safely executed on servers (such as IMAP servers) as it has no variables, loops, or ability to shell out to external programs.

# SIEVE Scripts

- SIEVE scripts are sequences of commands.
  - An *action command* is an identifier followed by zero or more arguments, terminated by a semicolon. Action commands do not take tests or blocks as arguments.
  - A *control command* is similar, but it takes a test as an argument, and ends with a block instead of a semicolon.
  - A *test command* is used as part of a control command. It is used to specify whether or not the block of code given to the control command is executed.
- The empty SIEVE script keeps the message (implicit keep).

# SIEVE in ABNF

```
argument = string-list / number / tag
arguments = *argument [test / test-list]
```

```
block = "{" commands "}"
```

```
command = identifier arguments ( ";" / block )
commands = *command
```

```
start = commands
```

```
string = quoted-string / multi-line
string-list = "[" string *("," string) "]" / string
;; if there is only a single string, the brackets are optional
```

```
test = identifier arguments
test-list = "(" test *("," test) ")"
```

# SIEVE Example

```
# Declare any optional features or extension used by the script
require ["fileinto", "reject"];

# Reject any large messages (note that the four leading dots get
# "stuffed" to three)

if size :over 1M {
    reject text:
    Please do not send me large attachments.
    Put your file on a server and send me the URL.
    Thank you.
    .... Fred
    .
    ;
        stop;
}
```

# SIEVE Example (cont.)

```
# Move messages from IETF filter discussion list to filter folder
if header :is "Sender" "owner-ietf-mta-filters@imc.org" {
    fileinto "filter"; # move to "filter" folder
    stop;
}
#
# Keep all messages to or from people in my company
#
elsif address :domain :is ["From", "To"] "example.com" {
    keep;                # keep in "In" folder
    stop;
}
```

# SIEVE Example (cont.)

```
# Try and catch unsolicited email.  If a message is not to me,
# or it contains a subject known to be spam, file it away.
#
if anyof (not address :all :contains
          ["To", "Cc", "Bcc"] "me@example.com",
          header :matches "subject"
            ["*make*money*fast*", "*university*dipl*mas*"]) {
  # If message header does not contain my address,
  # it's from a list.
  fileinto "spam";    # move to "spam" folder
} else {
  # Move all other (non-company) mail to "personal" folder.
  fileinto "personal";
}
```



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# Terminology (Cryptography)

- *Cryptology* subsumes cryptography and cryptanalysis:
  - *Cryptography* is the art of secret writing.
  - *Cryptanalysis* is the art of breaking ciphers.
- *Encryption* is the process of converting *plaintext* into an unreadable form, termed *ciphertext*.
- *Decryption* is the reverse process, recovering the plaintext back from the ciphertext.
- A *cipher* is an algorithm for encryption and decryption.
- A *key* is some secret piece of information used as a parameter of a cipher and customises how the ciphertext is produced.

## Definition

A cryptosystem is a quintuple  $(M, C, K, E_k, D_k)$ , where

- $M$  is a cleartext space,
- $C$  is a ciphertext space,
- $K$  is a key space,
- $E_k : M \rightarrow C$  is an encryption transformation with  $k \in K$ ,  
and
- $D_k : C \rightarrow M$  is a decryption transformation with  $k \in K$ .

For a given  $k$  and all  $m \in M$ , the following holds:

$$D_k(E_k(m)) = m$$

# Cryptosystem Requirements

- The transformations  $E_k$  and  $D_k$  must be efficient to compute.
- It must be easy to find a key  $k \in K$  and the functions  $E_k$  and  $D_k$ .
- The security of the system rests on the secrecy of the key and not on the secrecy of the algorithms.
- For a given  $c \in C$ , it is difficult to systematically compute
  - $D_k$  even if  $m \in M$  with  $E_k(m) = c$  is known
  - a cleartext  $m \in M$  such that  $E_k(m) = c$ .
- For a given  $c \in C$ , it is difficult to systematically determine
  - $E_k$  even if  $m \in M$  with  $E_k(m) = c$  is known
  - $c' \in C$  with  $c' \neq c$  such that  $D_k(c')$  is a valid cleartext in  $M$ .

# Symmetric vs. Asymmetric Cryptosystems

## Symmetric Cryptosystems

- Both parties share the same key and the key needs to be kept secret.
- Examples: AES, DES (outdated), Twofish, Serpent, IDEA, ...

## Asymmetric Cryptosystems

- Each party has a pair of keys: one key is public and used for encryption while the other key is private and used for decryption.
- Examples: RSA, DSA, ElGamal, ...

# Cryptographic Hash Functions

## Definition

A cryptographic hash function  $H$  is a hash function which meets the following requirements:

- 1 The hash function is efficient to compute for arbitrary cleartexts  $m$ .
- 2 Given  $h$  it should be hard to find any  $m$  such that  $h = H(m)$ .
- 3 Given an input  $m_1$ , it should be hard to find another input  $m_2 \neq m_1$  such that  $H(m_1) = H(m_2)$ .
- 4 It should be hard to find two different messages  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  such that  $H(m_1) = H(m_2)$ .

Cryptographic hash functions are used to compute a fixed size fingerprint (message digest) of a variable length clear text.

# Digital Signatures

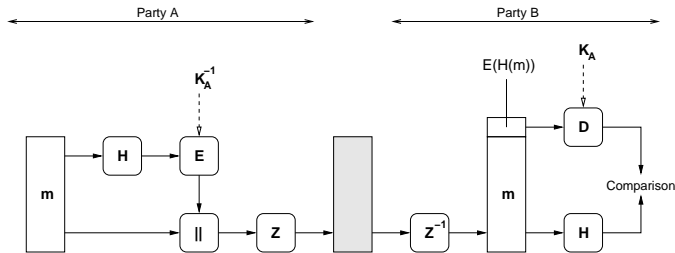
- Digital signatures are used to prove the authenticity of a message (or document) and its integrity.
  - Receiver can verify the claimed identity of the sender.
  - The sender can later not deny that he/she sent the message.
  - The receiver can not tamper the message itself.
- A digital signature means that
  - the sender puts a signature into a message (or document) that can be verified and
  - that we can be sure that the signature cannot be faked (e.g., copied from some other message)

# Pretty Good Privacy (PGP)

- PGP was developed by Philip Zimmerman in 1991 and is rather famous because PGP also demonstrated why patent laws and export laws in a globalized world need new interpretations.
- There are nowadays several independent PGP implementations.
- The underlying PGP specification is now called open PGP (RFC 4880).
- The competitor to PGP is S/MIME.

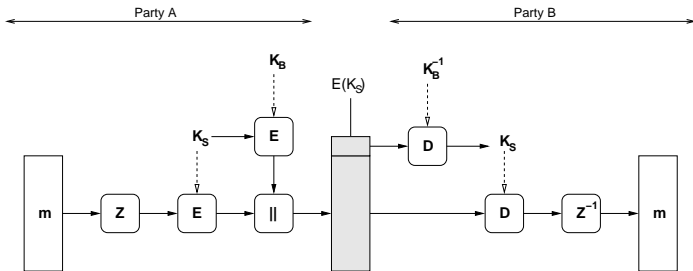


# PGP Signatures



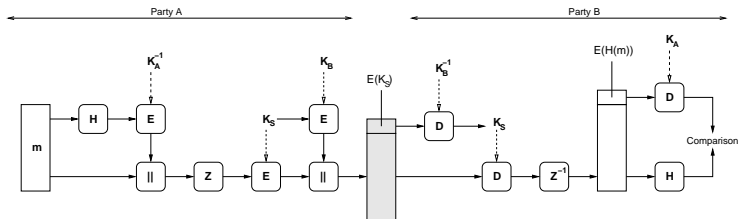
- A computes  $c = Z(E_{K_A^{-1}}(H(m)) \parallel m)$
- B computes  $Z^{-1}(c)$ , splits the message and checks the signature by computing  $D_{K_A}(E_{K_A^{-1}}(H(m)))$  and then checking the hash  $H(m)$ .
- PGP uses the hash-function MD5, the public-key algorithm RSA and zlib compression.

# PGP Confidentiality



- A encrypts the message using the key  $K_s$  generated by the sender and appended to the encrypted message.
- The key  $K_s$  is protected by encrypting it with the public key  $K_B$ .
- Symmetric encryption is fast while public-key algorithm make it easier to exchange keys.

# PGP Signatures and Confidentiality



- Signature and confidentiality can be combined as shown above.
- PGP uses in addition Radix-64 encoding to ensure that the messages can be represented in the ASCII code.
- PGP supports segmentation/reassembly functions for very large messages.

# PGP Key Management

- Keys are maintained in so called key rings (one for public keys and one for private keys).
- Key generation utilizes various sources of random information (`/dev/random` if available) and symmetric encryption algorithms to generate good key material.
- So called “key signing parties” are used to sign keys of others and to establish a “web of trust” in order to avoid centralized certification authorities.

# PGP Private Key Ring

| Timestamp | Key ID             | Public Key | Encrypted Private Key  | User ID                  |
|-----------|--------------------|------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| $\vdots$  | $\vdots$           | $\vdots$   | $\vdots$               | $\vdots$                 |
| $T_i$     | $K_i \bmod 2^{64}$ | $K_i$      | $E_{H(P_i)}(K_i^{-1})$ | User <sub><i>i</i></sub> |
| $\vdots$  | $\vdots$           | $\vdots$   | $\vdots$               | $\vdots$                 |

- Private keys are encrypted using  $E_{H(P_i)}()$ , which is a symmetric encryption function using a key which is derived from a hash value computed over a user supplied passphrase.
- The Key ID is taken from the last 64 bits of the key  $K_i$ .

# PGP Public Key Ring

| Timestamp | Key ID             | Public Key | Owner Trust         | User ID           | Signatures | Sig. Trust(s) |
|-----------|--------------------|------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------|---------------|
| $T_i$     | $K_i \bmod 2^{64}$ | $K_i$      | otrust <sub>i</sub> | User <sub>i</sub> | ...        | ...           |

- Keys in the public key ring can be signed by multiple parties. Every signature has an associated trust level:
  - 1 undefined trust
  - 2 usually not trusted
  - 3 usually trusted
  - 4 always trusted
- Computing a trust level for new keys which are signed by others (trusting others when they sign keys).

# Cryptographic Message Syntax

- The Cryptographic Message Syntax (CMS) is a syntax used to digitally sign, digest, authenticate, or encrypt arbitrary message content.
- CMS supports different content types:
  - Data: plain data, typically encapsulated in the content types explained below
  - SignedData: content of any type with zero or more signatures
  - EnvelopedData: encrypted content of any type and encrypted content-encryption keys for one or more recipients
  - DigestedData: content of any type and a message digest of the content
  - EncryptedData: encrypted content of any type
  - AuthenticatedData: content of any type, a message authentication code (MAC), and encrypted authentication keys for one or more recipients

# Secure MIME

- The application/pkcs7-mime MIME type is used to carry CMS content types including
  - EnvelopedData
  - SignedData
  - CompressedData
- The signature is usually carried together with the message in a multipart/signed message.



# S/MIME Signed Message Example

```
Content-Type: multipart/signed;  
  protocol="application/pkcs7-signature";  
  micalg=sha1; boundary=boundary42
```

```
--boundary42  
Content-Type: text/plain
```

This is a clear-signed message.

```
--boundary42  
Content-Type: application/pkcs7-signature; name=smime.p7s  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: base64  
Content-Disposition: attachment; filename=smime.p7s
```

```
ghyHhHUujhJhjH77n8HHGTrfvbnj756tbB9HG4VQpfyF467GhIGfHfYT6  
4VQpfyF467GhIGfHfYT6jh77n8HHGghyHhHUujhJh756tbB9HGTrfvbnj  
n8HHGTrfvhJhjH776tbB9HG4VQbnj7567GhIGfHfYT6ghyHhHUujpfyF4  
7GhIGfHfYT64VQbnj756
```

```
--boundary42--
```

# DomainKeys Identified Mail (DKIM)

## Goals

Intended to allow good senders to prove that they did send a particular message, and to prevent forgers from masquerading as good senders (if those senders sign all outgoing mail).

## Non Goals

DKIM does not protect of content of messages (encryption), provides no protection after delivery and no protection against replay.

## History

- Yahoo! introduced DomainKeys
- Cisco introduced Identified Internet Mail
- Both proposals got merged and resulted in DKIM

# DKIM Features

- DKIM separates the identity of the signer of a message from the identity of the purported authors of a message.
- Message signatures are carried as message header fields and not as part of the message body.
- Signature verification failure does not force rejection of the message.
- DKIM keys can be fetched via DNS queries but other key fetching protocols are possible as well.
- No trusted third party and public key infrastructure required.
- Designed to support incremental deployment.

# Example Signature

```
DKIM-Signature: a=rsa-sha256; d=example.net; s=brisbane;  
  c=simple; q=dns/txt; i=@eng.example.net;  
  t=1117574938; x=1118006938;  
  h=from:to:subject:date;  
  z=From:foo@eng.example.net|To:joe@example.com|  
    Subject:demo=20run|Date:July=205,=202005=203:44:08=20PM=20-0700;  
  bh=MTIzNDU2Nzg5MDEyMzQ1Njc4OTAxMjMONTY3ODkwMTI=;  
  b=dzdVyOfAKCdLXdJ0c9G2q8LoXS1EniSbav+yuU4zGeeruD00lszZ  
    VoG4ZHRNiYzR
```

- The DKIM-Signature header contains several key/value pairs holding information about the signer, the crypto algorithm and parameters used, and the signature itself.
- The bh contains the body hash of the canonicalized body of the message.
- The b contains the actual DKIM signature.

# DKIM Keys in DNS TXT Records

- DKIM keys can be stored in DNS TXT records.
- For the signature domain `d=example.net` and the signer `s=brisbane`, a DNS query is sent to retrieve the TXT record under `brisbane._domainkey.example.net`.
  - The security of this lookup and hence the trustworthiness of the key depends on the security of the DNS.
- + Easy to deploy without public key infrastructures and very scalable key lookup.

# Example: Step #1

From: Joe SixPack <joe@football.example.com>  
To: Suzie Q <suzie@shopping.example.net>  
Subject: Is dinner ready?  
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 21:00:37 -0700 (PDT)  
Message-ID: <20030712040037.46341.5F8J@football.example.com>

Hi.

We lost the game. Are you hungry yet?

Joe.

## Example: Step #2

```
DKIM-Signature: v=1; a=rsa-sha256; s=brisbane; d=example.com;  
c=simple/simple; q=dns/txt; i=joe@football.example.com;  
h=Received : From : To : Subject : Date : Message-ID;  
bh=2jUSOH9NhtVGCQWnr9BrIAPreKQj06Sn7XIkfJV0zv8=;  
b=AuUoFEfDxTDkH1LXSZEpZj79LICEps6eda7W3deTVF0k4yAUoqOB  
4nujc7YopdG5dWLSdNg6xNAZpOPr+kHxt1IrE+NahM6L/LbvaHut  
KVdkLLkpVaVVQPzeRDI009S02I15Lu7rDNH6mZckBdrIx0orEtZV  
4bmp/YzhwvcubU4=;
```

```
Received: from client1.football.example.com [192.0.2.1]  
by submitserver.example.com with SUBMISSION;  
Fri, 11 Jul 2003 21:01:54 -0700 (PDT)
```

```
From: Joe SixPack <joe@football.example.com>
```

```
To: Suzie Q <suzie@shopping.example.net>
```

```
Subject: Is dinner ready?
```

```
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 21:00:37 -0700 (PDT)
```

```
Message-ID: <20030712040037.46341.5F8J@football.example.com>
```

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# Example: Step #3

X-Authentication-Results: shopping.example.net  
header.from=joe@football.example.com; dkim=pass  
Received: from mout23.football.example.com (192.168.1.1)  
by shopping.example.net with SMTP;  
Fri, 11 Jul 2003 21:01:59 -0700 (PDT)  
DKIM-Signature: v=1; a=rsa-sha256; s=brisbane; d=example.com;  
c=simple/simple; q=dns/txt; i=joe@football.example.com;  
h=Received : From : To : Subject : Date : Message-ID;  
bh=2jUSOH9NhtVGCQWNr9BrIAPreKQjO6Sn7XIkfJV0zv8=;  
b=AuUoFEfDxTDkH1LXSZEpZj79LICEps6eda7W3deTVF0k4yAUoqOB  
4nujc7YopdG5dWLSdNg6xNAZpOPr+kHxt1IrE+NahM6L/LbvaHut  
KVdkLLkpVaVVQPzeRDI009S02I15Lu7rDNH6mZckBdrIx0orEtZV  
4bmp/YzhwvcubU4=;  
Received: from client1.football.example.com [192.0.2.1]  
by submitserver.example.com with SUBMISSION;  
Fri, 11 Jul 2003 21:01:54 -0700 (PDT)  
From: Joe SixPack <joe@football.example.com>  
To: Suzie Q <suzie@shopping.example.net>  
Subject: Is dinner ready?  
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2003 21:00:37 -0700 (PDT)  
Message-ID: <20030712040037.46341.5F8J@football.example.com>

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# Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP)

- The Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) version 1.1 is defined in RFC 2616 is one of the core building blocks of the World Wide Web.
- HTTP is primarily used to exchange documents between clients (browsers) and servers.
- The HTTP protocol runs on top of TCP and it uses the well known port number 80.
- HTTP utilizes MIME conventions in order to distinguish different media types.
- RFC 2817 describes how to use TLS with HTTP 1.1.
- The Common Gateway Interface described in RFC 3875 allows to implement simple dynamic web pages.

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# URL, URI, URN, IRI, ...

- *Uniform Resource Identifier* (URI)

A URI is a sequence of characters from the US-ASCII for identifying an abstract or physical resource.

- *Uniform Resource Locator* (URL)

The term URL refers to the subset of URIs that provide a means of locating the resource by describing its primary access mechanism (e.g., its network "location").

- *Uniform Resource Name* (URN)

The term URN refer to the subset of URIs that identify resources by means of a globally unique and persistent name.

- *Internationalized Resource Identifier* (IRI)

An IRI is a sequence of characters from the Universal Character Set for identifying an abstract or physical resource.

# URI Syntax in ABNF

URI = scheme ":" hier-part [ "?" query ] [ "#" fragment ]

hier-part = "//" authority path-abempty  
/ path-absolute  
/ path-rootless  
/ path-empty

URI-reference = URI / relative-ref

absolute-URI = scheme ":" hier-part [ "?" query ]

relative-ref = relative-part [ "?" query ] [ "#" fragment ]

relative-part = "//" authority path-abempty  
/ path-absolute  
/ path-noscheme  
/ path-empty

scheme = ALPHA \*( ALPHA / DIGIT / "+" / "-" / "." )



# URI Syntax in ABNF

```
authority      = [ userinfo "@" ] host [ ":" port ]
userinfo       = *( unreserved / pct-encoded / sub-delims / ":" )
host           = IP-literal / IPv4address / reg-name
port          = *DIGIT

IP-literal     = "[" ( IPv6address / IPvFuture  ) "]"

IPvFuture      = "v" 1*HEXDIG "." 1*( unreserved / sub-delims / ":" )

IPv6address    =
/                               6( h16 ":" ) ls32
/                               "::" 5( h16 ":" ) ls32
/ [                               h16 ] "::" 4( h16 ":" ) ls32
/ [ *1( h16 ":" ) h16 ] "::" 3( h16 ":" ) ls32
/ [ *2( h16 ":" ) h16 ] "::" 2( h16 ":" ) ls32
/ [ *3( h16 ":" ) h16 ] "::"   h16 ":"   ls32
/ [ *4( h16 ":" ) h16 ] "::"                                ls32
/ [ *5( h16 ":" ) h16 ] "::"                                h16
/ [ *6( h16 ":" ) h16 ] "::"
```

# URI Syntax in ABNF

```
h16          = 1*4HEXDIG
ls32         = ( h16 ":" h16 ) / IPv4address

IPv4address  = dec-octet "." dec-octet "." dec-octet "." dec-octet

dec-octet    = DIGIT                     ; 0-9
              / %x31-39 DIGIT           ; 10-99
              / "1" 2DIGIT              ; 100-199
              / "2" %x30-34 DIGIT       ; 200-249
              / "25" %x30-35            ; 250-255

reg-name     = *( unreserved / pct-encoded / sub-delims )

path         = path-abempty             ; begins with "/" or is empty
              / path-absolute           ; begins with "/" but not "/"
              / path-noscheme           ; begins with a non-colon segment
              / path-rootless           ; begins with a segment
              / path-empty              ; zero characters
```

# URI Syntax in ABNF

```
path-abempty    = *( "/" segment )
path-absolute  = "/" [ segment-nz *( "/" segment ) ]
path-noscheme   = segment-nz-nc *( "/" segment )
path-rootless   = segment-nz *( "/" segment )
path-empty      = 0<pchar>

segment         = *pchar
segment-nz      = 1*pchar
segment-nz-nc   = 1*( unreserved / pct-encoded / sub-delims / "@" )
pchar           = unreserved / pct-encoded / sub-delims / ":" / "@"

query          = *( pchar / "/" / "?" )
fragment       = *( pchar / "/" / "?" )

pct-encoded     = "%" HEXDIG HEXDIG
unreserved      = ALPHA / DIGIT / "-" / "." / "_" / "~"
reserved        = gen-delims / sub-delims
gen-delims      = ":" / "/" / "?" / "#" / "[" / "]" / "@"
sub-delims      = "!" / "$" / "&" / "'" / "(" / ")"
                  / "*" / "+" / "," / ";" / "="
```

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# HTTP 1.1 Methods

- OPTIONS
  - Request information about the communication options available
- GET
  - Retrieve whatever information is identified by a URI
- HEAD
  - Retrieve only the meta-information which is identified by a URI
- POST
  - Annotate an existing resource or pass data to a data-handling process

# HTTP 1.1 Methods (cont.)

- PUT
  - Store information under the supplied URI
- DELETE
  - Delete the resource identified by the URI
- TRACE
  - Application-layer loopback of request messages for testing purposes
- CONNECT
  - Initiate a tunnel such as a TLS or SSL tunnel

# HTTP 1.1 ABNF

Message = Request / Response

Request = Request-Line \*(message-header CRLF) CRLF [ message-body ]

Response = Status-Line \*(message-header CRLF) CRLF [ message-body ]

Request-Line = Method SP Request-URI SP HTTP-Version CRLF

Status-Line = HTTP-Version SP Status-Code SP Reason-Phrase CRLF

Method = "OPTIONS" / "GET" / "HEAD" / "POST"

Method =/ "PUT" / "DELETE" / "TRACE" / "CONNECT"

Method =/ Extension-Method

Extension-Method = token

# HTTP 1.1 ABNF (cont.)

```
Request-URI      = "*" | absoluteURI | abs_path | authority
HTTP-Version     = "HTTP" "/" 1*DIGIT "." 1*DIGIT
Status-Code      = 3DIGIT
Reason-Phrase    = *<TEXT, excluding CR, LF>
```

```
message-header   = field-name ":" [ field-value ]
field-name       = token
field-value      = *( field-content / LWS )
field-content    = <the OCTETs making up the field-value
                  and consisting of either *TEXT or combinations
                  of token, separators, and quoted-string>
```



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# Persistent Connections and Pipelining

- A client can establish a persistent connection to a server and use it to send multiple Request messages.
- HTTP relies on the MIME Content-Length header field to detect the end of a message body (document).
- Early HTTP versions allowed only a single Request/Response exchange over a single TCP connection, which is of course rather expensive.
- HTTP 1.1 also allows clients to make multiple requests without waiting for each response (pipelining), which can significantly reduce latency.

# Caching and Proxies

- Probably the most interesting and also most complex part of HTTP is its support for proxies and caching.
- Proxies are entities that exist between the client and the server and which basically relay requests and responses.
- Some proxies and clients maintain caches where copies of documents are stored in local storage space to speedup future accesses to these cached documents.
- The HTTP protocol allows a client to interrogate the server to determine whether the document has changed or not.
- Not all problems related to HTTP proxies and caches have been solved. A good list of issues can be found in RFC 3143.

# Negotiation

- Negotiation can be used to select different document formats, different transfer encodings, different languages or different character sets.
- Server-driven negotiation begins with a request from a client (a browser). The client indicates a list of its preferences. The server then decides how to best respond to the request.
- Client-driven negotiation requires two requests. The client first asks the server what is available and then decides which concrete request to send to the server.
- In most cases, server-driven negotiation is used since this is much more efficient.

# Negotiation Example

- The following is an example of typical negotiation header lines:

```
Accept: text/xml, application/xml, text/html;q=0.9, text/plain;q=0.8
Accept-Language: de, en;q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, compress;q=0.9
Accept-Charset: ISO-8859-1, utf8;q=0.66, *;q=0.33
```

- The first line indicates that the client accepts text/xml, application/xml, and text/plain and that it prefers text/html over text/plain.
- The last line indicates that the client prefers ISO-8859-1 encoding (with preference 1), UTF8 encoding with preference 0.66 and any other encoding with preference 0.33.

# Conditional Requests

- Clients can make conditional requests by including headers that qualify the conditions under which the request should be honored.
- Conditional requests can be used to avoid unnecessary requests (e.g., to validate cached data).
- Example:

`If-Modified-Since: Wed, 26 Nov 2003 23:21:08 +0100`

- The server checks whether the document was changed after the date indicated by the header line and only process the request if this is the case.

# Other Features and Extensions

- Delta Encoding (RFC 3229)
  - A mechanism to request only the document changes relative to a specific version.
- Web Distributed Authoring (RFC 2518, RFC 3253)
  - An extension to the HTTP/1.1 protocol that allows clients to perform remote web content authoring operations.
- HTTP as a Substrate (RFC 3205)
  - HTTP is sometimes used as a substrate for other application protocols (e.g., IPP or SOAP).
  - There are some pitfalls with this approach as documented in RFC 3205.

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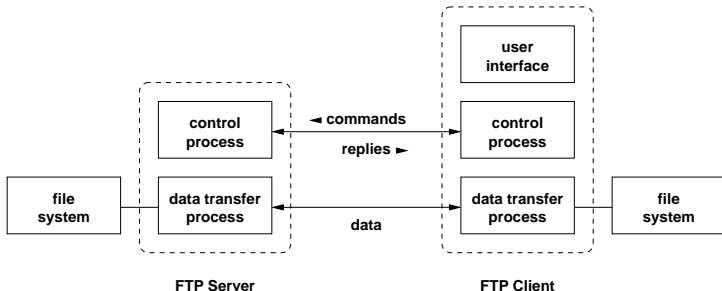
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# Part: File Transfer Protocol

# File Transfer Protocol (FTP)



- The FTP protocol defined in RFC 959 uses a separate TCP connection for each data transfer.
- This approach sidesteps any problems about marking the end of files.

# File Transfer Protocol (FTP)

- The control connection uses a text-based line-oriented protocol which is similar to SMTP.
- The client sends commands which are processed by the server. The server sends responses using three digit response codes.
- If the data transfer connection is initiated by the server, then the client's port number must be conveyed first to the server.
- If the data transfer connection is initiated by the client, then the well-known port number 20 is used. The well-known port number for the control connection is 21.

# File Transfer Protocol (FTP)

- FTP allows to resume a data transmission that did not complete using a special restart mechanism.
- FTP can be used to initiate a data transfer between two remote systems. However, this feature of FTP can result in some interesting security problems (see RFC 2577 for more details).
- RFC 2228 defines security extensions for FTP (authentication, integrity and confidentiality).
- RFC 4217 defines how to run FTP over TLS.

# FTP Commands

```
USER <SP> <username> <CRLF>
PASS <SP> <password> <CRLF>
ACCT <SP> <account-information> <CRLF>
CWD <SP> <pathname> <CRLF>
CDUP <CRLF>
SMNT <SP> <pathname> <CRLF>
QUIT <CRLF>
REIN <CRLF>
PORT <SP> <host-port> <CRLF>
PASV <CRLF>
TYPE <SP> <type-code> <CRLF>
STRU <SP> <structure-code> <CRLF>
MODE <SP> <mode-code> <CRLF>
RETR <SP> <pathname> <CRLF>
```

# FTP Commands

```
STOR <SP> <pathname> <CRLF>
STOU <CRLF>
APPE <SP> <pathname> <CRLF>
ALLO <SP> <decimal-integer>
    [<SP> R <SP> <decimal-integer>] <CRLF>
REST <SP> <marker> <CRLF>
RNFR <SP> <pathname> <CRLF>
RNT0 <SP> <pathname> <CRLF>
ABOR <CRLF>
DELE <SP> <pathname> <CRLF>
RMD <SP> <pathname> <CRLF>
MKD <SP> <pathname> <CRLF>
PWD <CRLF>
```

# FTP Commands

```
LIST [<SP> <pathname>] <CRLF>  
NLST [<SP> <pathname>] <CRLF>  
SITE <SP> <string> <CRLF>  
SYST <CRLF>  
STAT [<SP> <pathname>] <CRLF>  
HELP [<SP> <string>] <CRLF>  
NOOP <CRLF>
```



# FTP Command Parameters

```
<username> ::= <string>
<password> ::= <string>
<account-information> ::= <string>
<string>    ::= <char> | <char><string>
<char>      ::= any of the 128 ASCII characters
               except <CR> and <LF>
<marker>    ::= <pr-string>
<pr-string> ::= <pr-char> | <pr-char><pr-string>
<pr-char>   ::= printable characters, any ASCII
               code 33 through 126
<byte-size> ::= <number>
<host-port> ::= <host-number>,<port-number>
```

# FTP Command Parameters

```
<host-number> ::= <number>,<number>,<number>,<number>
<port-number> ::= <number>,<number>
<number>      ::= any decimal integer 1 through 255
<form-code>   ::= N | T | C
<type-code>   ::= A [<sp> <form-code>]
               | E [<sp> <form-code>]
               | I
               | L <sp> <byte-size>
<structure-code> ::= F | R | P
<mode-code>   ::= S | B | C
<pathname>    ::= <string>
<decimal-integer> ::= any decimal integer
```

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