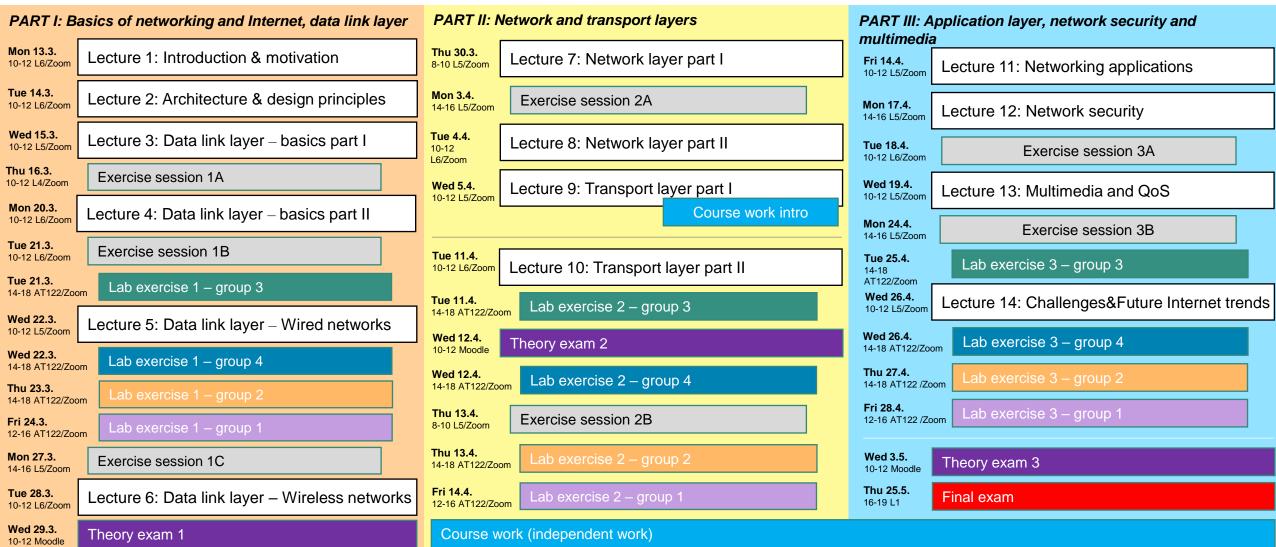


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Lecture 2 – Architecture, design principles and performance



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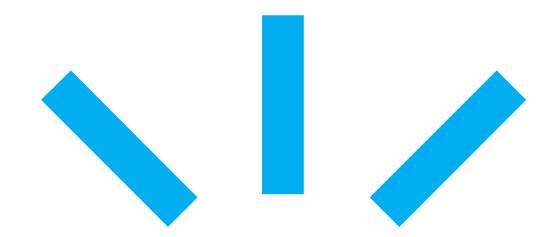
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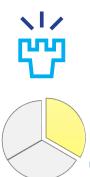
Main learning objectives of this lecture

- 1. Know the architecture and building blocks of the Internet
- 2. Understand the design principles of the Internet and their realization
- 3. Understand the main differences between Packet switching and circuit switching networks
- 4. Be aware of key performance attributes of packet switched networks

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Architecture and Building blocks of the Internet



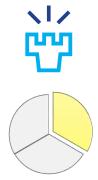
Formal definition of "Internet" by US Federal Networking Council (1995)

"Internet" refers to the global information system that:

- Is logically linked together by a globally unique address space based on the Internet Protocol (IP) or its subsequent extensions/follow-ons;
- ii. Is able to support communications using the **Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) suite** or its subsequent

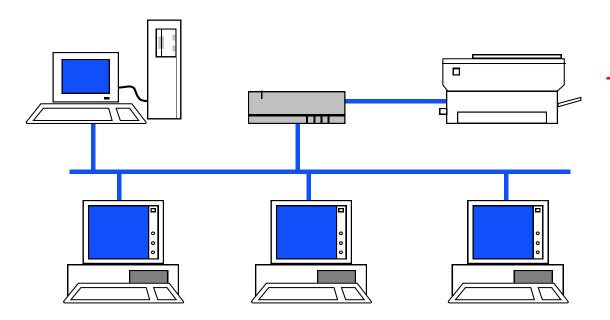
 extensions/follow-ons, and/or other IP-compatible protocols; and
- iii. Provides, uses or makes accessible, either publicly or privately, high level services layered on the communications and related infrastructure described herein

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Internet is a large computer network

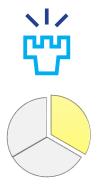
- Computer network (Tanenbaum) ~ "A collection of autonomous computers interconnected by a single technology."
 - = "collection of data links"



 Distributed system ~ "A collection of independent computers appearing to its users as a single coherent system, e.g. WWW."

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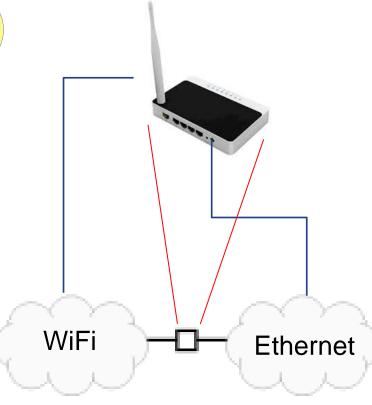
Definitions & concepts

- Definition: A system of connected physical networks is known as an internet(work).
- Motivation: No single networking technology is best for all needs.
- The concept of universal service: A communication system that supplies universal service allows arbitrary pairs of computers to communicate.
- Universal service in a heterogeneous world:
 Although universal service is highly desirable, incompatibilities among network hardware and physical addressing prevent from building a bridged network that includes arbitrary technologies.
 - => Need for higher-layer protocols



Physical network connection with routers





Router

- A special purpose system dedicated to the task of interconnecting networks.
- A router can interconnect networks that use different technologies, including different:
 - media,
 - physical addressing schemes, and
 - frame formats.

- Example (on the left):

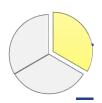
- Two physical networks connected by a router, which has a separate interface for each network connection.
 - Computers can attach to each network.
 - E.g. Ethernet/WiFi router

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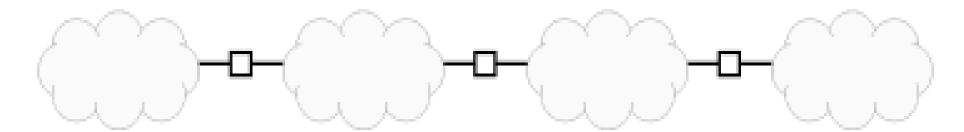


Internet architecture



Internet consists of a set of networks interconnected by routers. Internet scheme allows organizations to choose:

- The number of and type of networks,
- The number of routers to use to interconnect them, and
- The interconnection topology.



An internetwork formed using three routers to interconnect four physical networks.

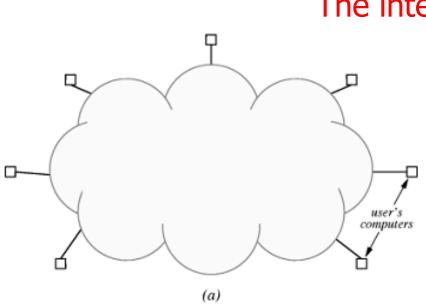
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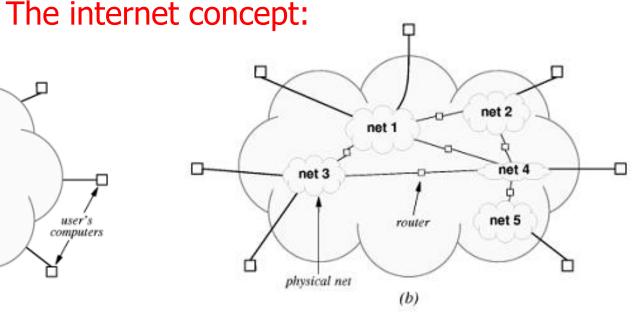
Virtual network



- Internet provides the appearance of a single seamless communication system ("universal service") to which many computers attach.
- An internet is a virtual network system because the communication system is an abstraction – no uniform network system exists.



(a) the illusion of a single network;



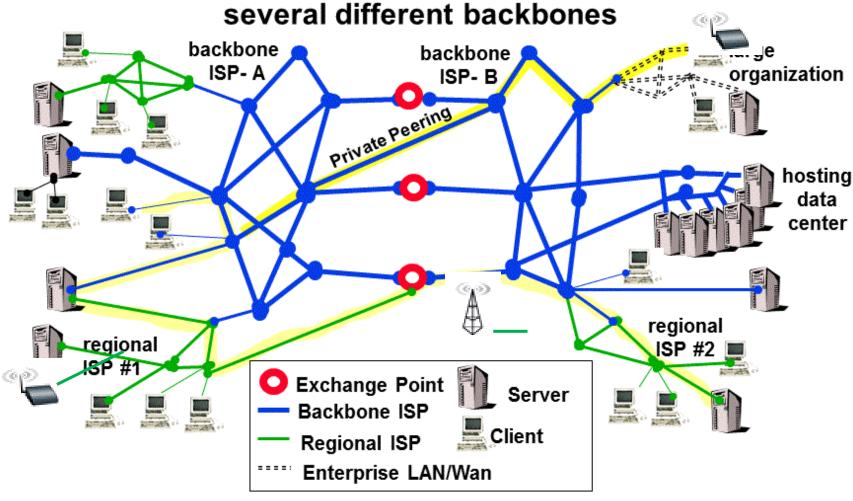
(b) the underlying physical structure.



Simplified general Internet architecture



For a complete picture, initiate traceroutes from within

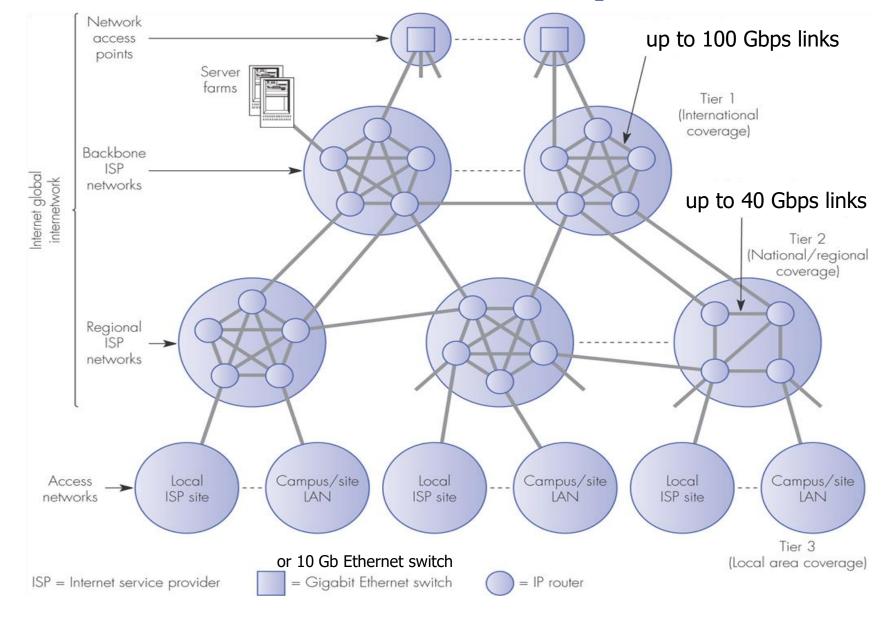


Source: Information Navigators, Russ Raynal



Hierarchical architecture of public Internet

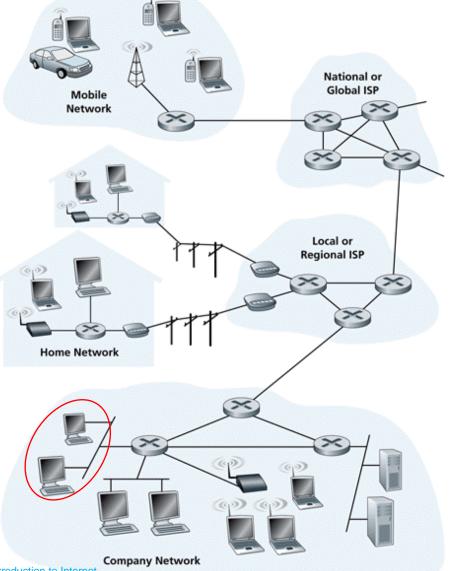




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Internet building blocks







Server





Hosts

Host (or end system)

Millions of connected computing devices (hosts, nodes)

Run networking applications

wired link



station





Links

- Physical medium (fiber, copper, coaxial, radio) comprising communication links between devices
- Transfer data (bits) back and forth

Routers

- Interconnect networks
- Forward packets (chunks of data)





Network edge: Hosts (end systems)



Hosts run application programs

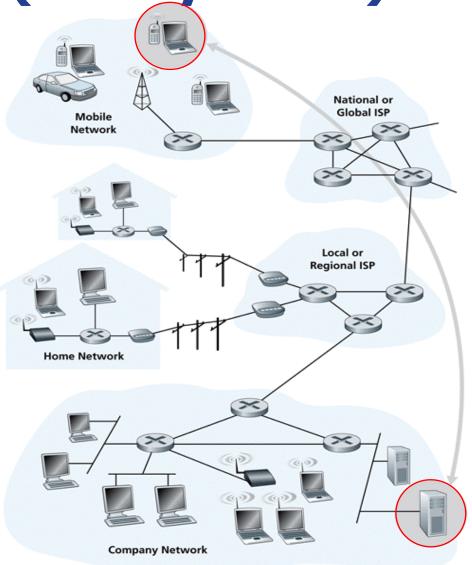
- E.g. web, email
- Communicate by sending messages using a well-defined protocol

- Client/server model:

- Client host requests, receives service from always-on server
- E.g. web browser/server; email client/server

- Peer-to-peer model:

- Hosts simultaneously act as clients and servers
- E.g. BitTorrent, KaZaA, DC++





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Network edge: Access networks

Access networks connect hosts to edge router

Wired access networks

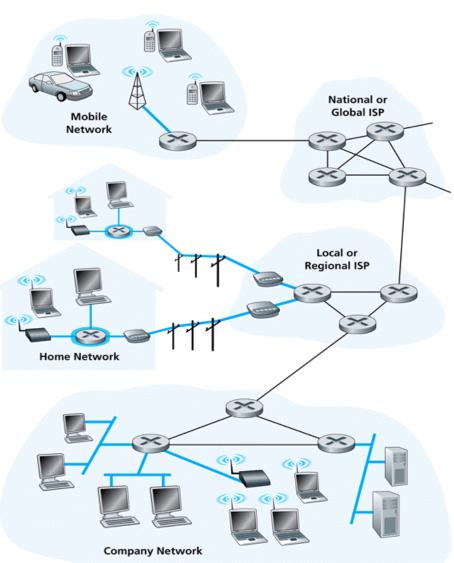
- Copper (xDSL, cable modem, Ethernet)
- Optics (FTTH)

Wireless access networks

- Wireless: WiFi, Mobile networks (3G, 4G/LTE, 5G)

Keep in mind...

- Data rate (bandwidth) of access network?
- Quality of access network?
- Shared or dedicated?





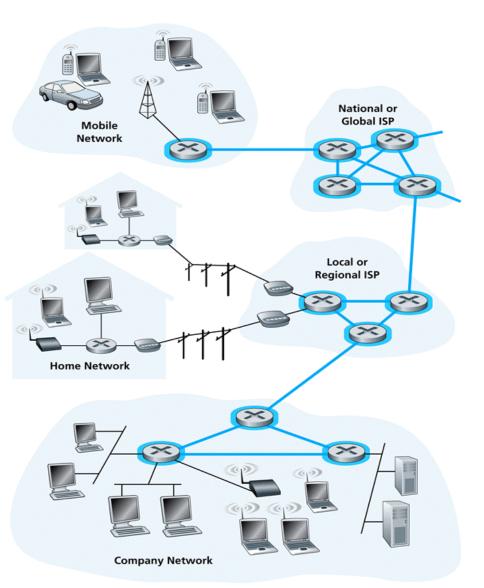
Network core



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Core network connects access networks with each other through mesh of interconnected routers

- Internet(working)
 - Network of networks
- Fundamental question: how is data transferred through the network?
 - Circuit switching
 - Packet switching
 - We'll return to this later ...

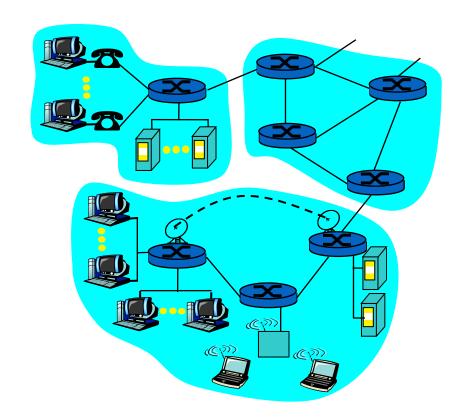




Service viewpoint

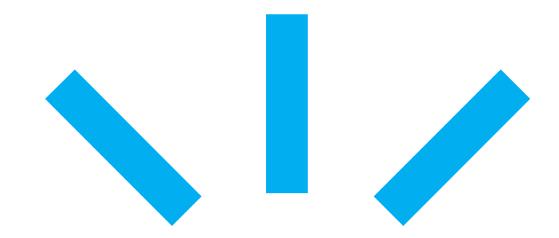


- Communication infrastructure enables distributed applications
- Provides a well-defined **API** (Application Programming Interface)
- Web, email, games, e-commerce, database, voting, file sharing, etc.
- Communication services provided to applications
 - Reliable vs unrealiable
 - Connection-oriented vs connectionless



Cyberspace (Gibson):

"A consensual hallucination experienced daily by billions of operators, in every nation,"



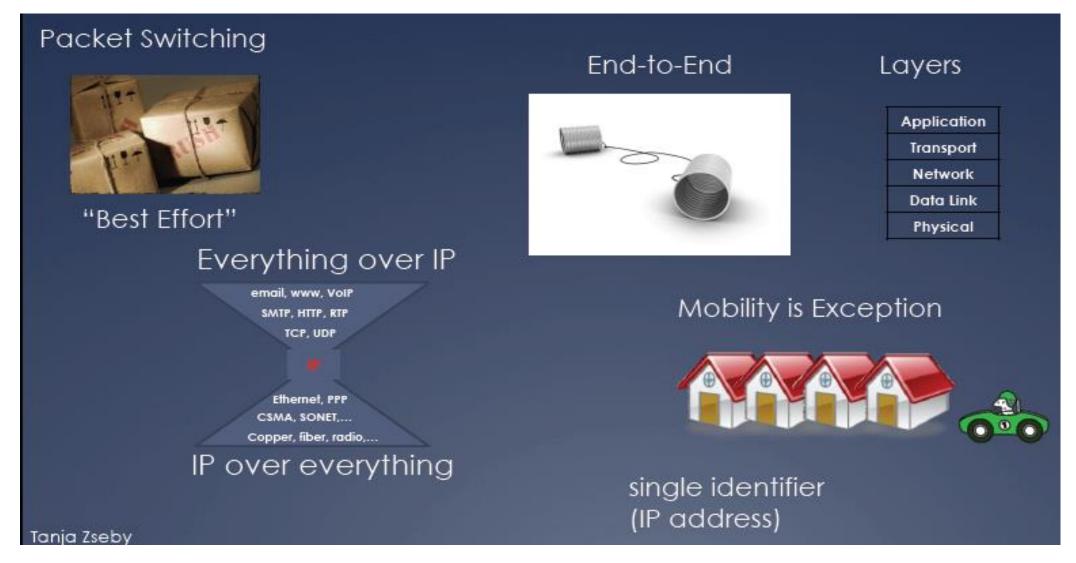
Internet design principles & layered architecture



Internet's original design principles



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IP: Everything over IP & IP over everything



– Why an internet layer?

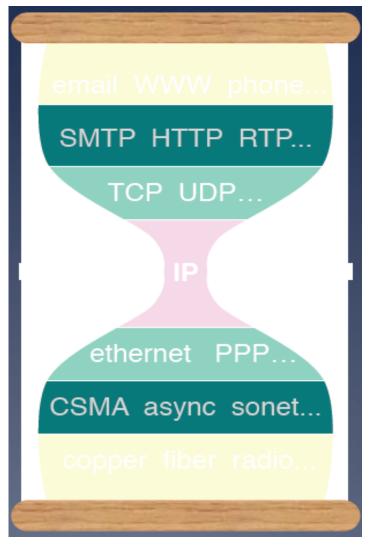
- Make a bigger network
- Global addressing
- Virtualize network to isolate end-to-end protocols from network details/changes

– Why a single internet protocol?

- Maximize interoperability
- Minimize number of service interfaces

– Why a narrow internet protocol?

- Assumes least common network functionality to maximize number of usable networks



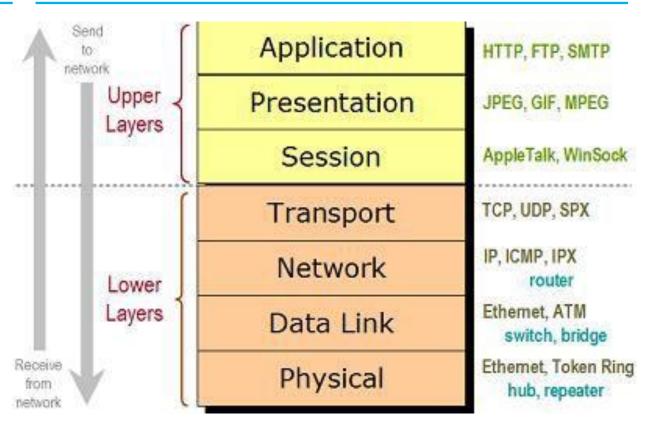
(Deering 1998)



Layered design



- For the purpose of mastering the complexity, most networks are organized as a stack of layers or levels
- Layer N uses services provided by lower layer N-1 and provides services to upper layer N+1
- Peers in a given layer communicate using a well-defined protocol



OSI model (as example)

- Explicit structure allows identification & relationship of complex system's pieces
- Modularization eases maintenance & updating of systems
 - Changes within one layer transparent for the rest of system

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Layered design: Protocols



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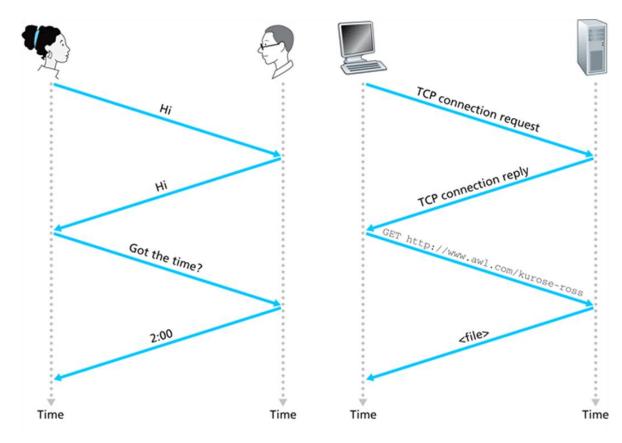
Protocol defines:

 The format and the order of messages exchanged between two or more communicating entities

- Message (PDU, protocol data unit) comprises of application data (payload) and protocol control information (header)
- The actions taken on the transmission and/or receipt of a message or other event
 - Protocol is a state machine!

Header

Payload (application specific)



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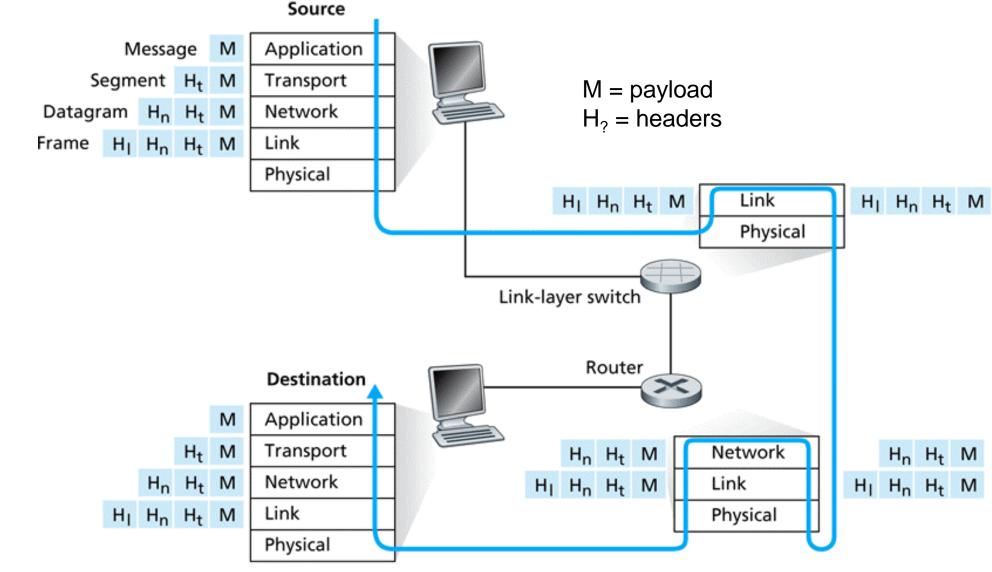
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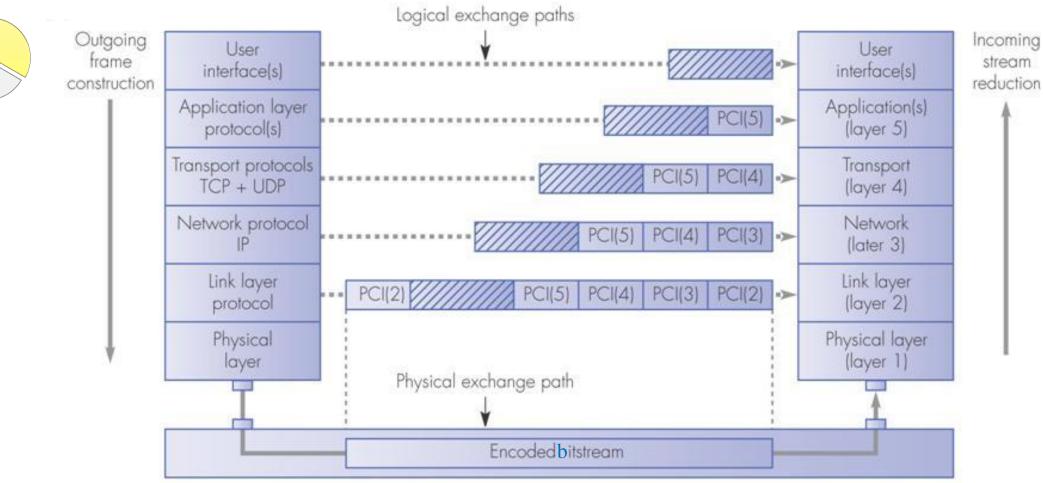
Layered design: Encapsulation



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Layered design: Internet protocol stack



Network channel

PDU = protocol data unit

PCI = protocol control information



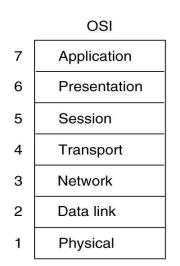


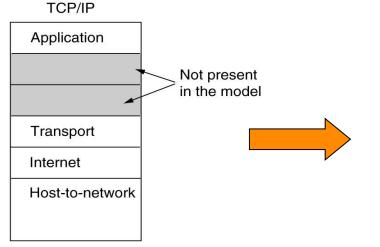
Layered design: Networking reference models



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- OSI (Open Systems Interconnection) reference model
 - Useful model
 - Protocols did not become popular for various reasons
- TCP/IP reference model (Cerf and Khan 1974)
 - Nonexistent model
 - Protocols widely used





Internet reference model used in this course

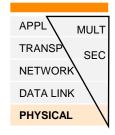
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Physical layer (L1, PHY): Bits in the wire(less)

- Two principal types of transmission medium
 - Guided media: copper, coax, optical fiber
 - Unguided media: wireless (radio, IR/visible light)
- Key properties are data rate and distance

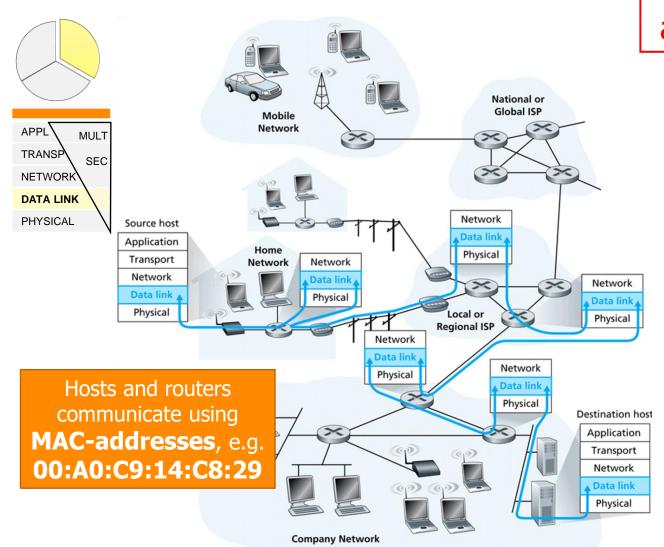
NIC is identified by a physical (MAC) address, e.g. 00:A0:C9:14:C8:29

- Each host has one or more NIC (Network Interface Card), also called as network adapter (routers have two or more NIC)
 - Connects host to a communication link
 - NIC: hardware & control software
 - When sending:
 - 1. Transforms binary data from upper layers into electric current changing at a given rate (baud rate)
 - 2. Ejects the current into the transmission media (wired/wireless)
 - When receiving:
 - 1. Transforms received electric current into binary data
 - 2. Sends to upper layers





Data link layer (L2)

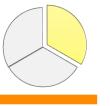


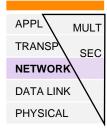
Data link layer delivers a frame (encapsulated datagram) from a node to adjacent node over a link

- Nodes: Hosts and routers
- Links: Communication channels that connect adjacent nodes along communication path
 - Wired or wireless
 - E.g. Ethernet, WLAN, LTE
 - Key feature: data rate ("bandwidth")
 expressed in bps (bits per second)
- Frames: L2 packets which encapsulate datagram provided by L3 (network layer)
- Data link layer functionality is implemented in NIC

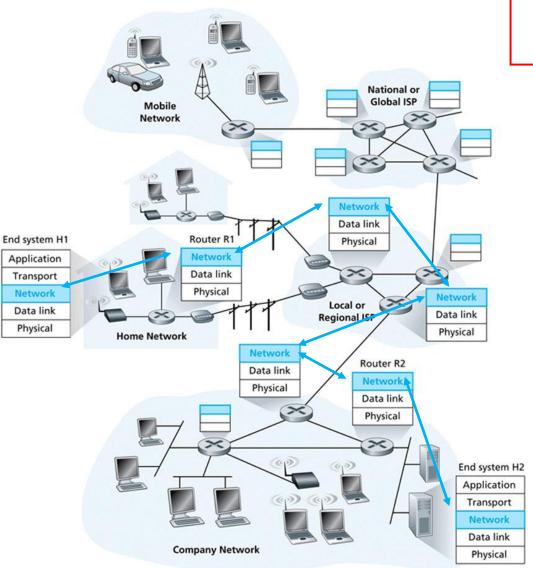
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Network layer (L3)





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Network layer delivers a datagram (encapsulated segment) from sending host to receiving host

- Logical end-to-end communication between two hosts
 - On sending host encapsulates segments into datagrams
 - On receiving host, delivers segments to transport layer
- Network layer protocol in every host and router
- Router examines header fields in all datagrams passing through it
- Key protocols: IP, ICMP, routing protocols

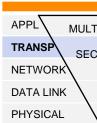
Internet nodes communicate using **IP- addresses**, e.g. **98.139.180.149 (IPv4)** or **2002:4559:1fe2::4559:1fe2 (IPv6)**

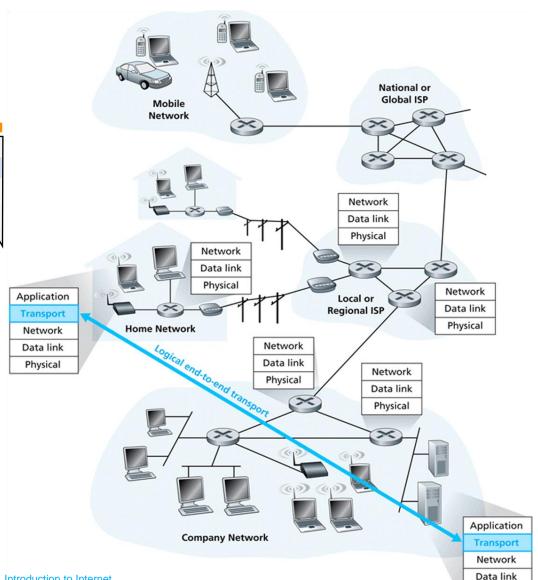
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Transport layer (L4)







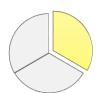
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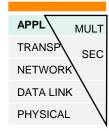
Transport layer transports a segment (and encapsulated message) from a process on a host to another process on a different host

- Logical end-to-end communication between application processes running on different hosts
- Transport protocol runs in hosts
 - Sender: breaks application messages into segments, passes to network layer
 - Receiver: reassembles segments into messages, passes to application layer
- Different transport protocols available to applications
 - Internet: TCP and UDP primary
 - Implemented in hosts' operating system

Processes are identified using **port numbers**, e.g. **22 (SSH), 80 (HTTP), 143 (IMAP)**, etc.

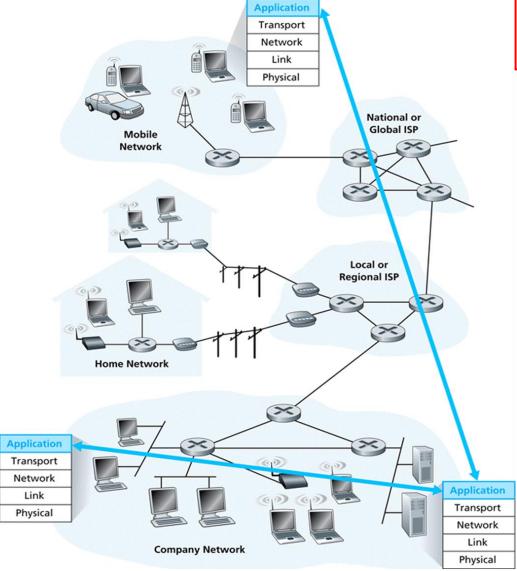






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Application layer (L5)

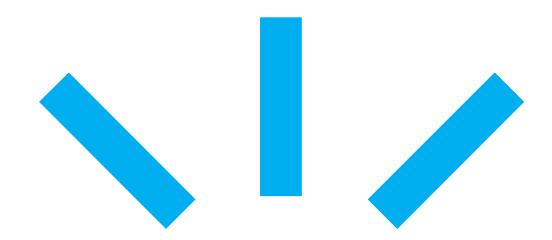


Application layer allows networking applications to communicate by exchanging messages

- Many application layer protocols supporting networking applications
 - E.g. HTTP, SMTP, SNMP, FTP
- User applications
 - Run on different hosts
 - Allows for rapid development and propagation of applications Communicate over a network

 - E.g. WWW: web browser software communicates with web server software Network core devices do not run
- user application code

Applications and services communicate using application layer addresses, e.g. http://www.google.com (Web URL), or info@google.com (email address)



Principles of Packet-switched networks





Internet is a packet switching datagram network

 There are two fundamental approaches for moving data through a network of links and switches

Circuit switching

- Network resources (link bandwidth, switch capacity) are divided into pieces
- Dedicated pieces are allocated for the communication session for the duration of the session ("call")

Packet switching

- Network resources are not reserved but shared
- Communication session uses resources on demand and may have to compete/wait for them

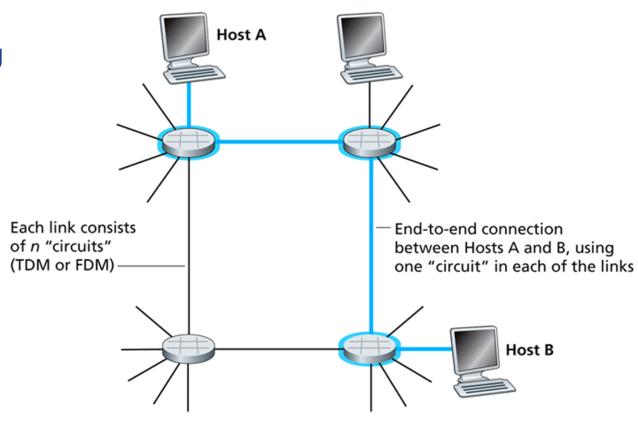
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Circuit switching (1)



- End-to-end resources reserved for communication session ("call")
 - Link bandwidth, switch capacity
 - Dedicated resources, no sharing
 - Circuit-like (guaranteed) performance
 - Session setup required
 - Motivation
 - Quality of service (QoS)
 - Billing
- E.g. plain old telephone service (POTS)





Circuit switching (2)



n inputs | MUX | 1 link, n channels | DEMUX | n outputs

Pieces allocated to sessions ("calls")
 Resource piece idle if not used by owning session (no sharing)

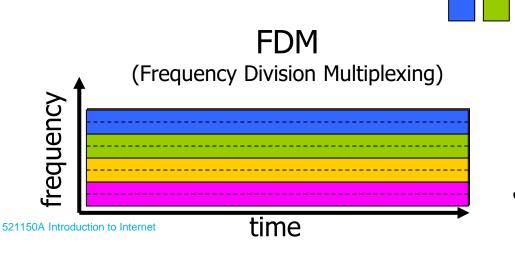
Dividing link bandwidth into "pieces" by multiplexing

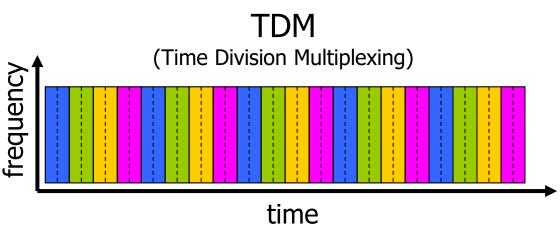
One link carries n separate logical channels

Each channel is allocated a piece of the link for exclusive use

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Example: 4 users







Packet switching



- Each end-to-end data stream divided into packets
 - User A, B packets share network resources
 - Each packet uses full link bandwidth
 - Resources used as needed (when data to send)
- Resource contention
 - Aggregate resource demand can exceed available resources
- Store and forward switching
 - Congestion: packets queue, wait for link/switch availability
 - Packets move one hop at a time
 - Transmit over link
 - Wait turn at next link

Bandwidth division into "pieces"

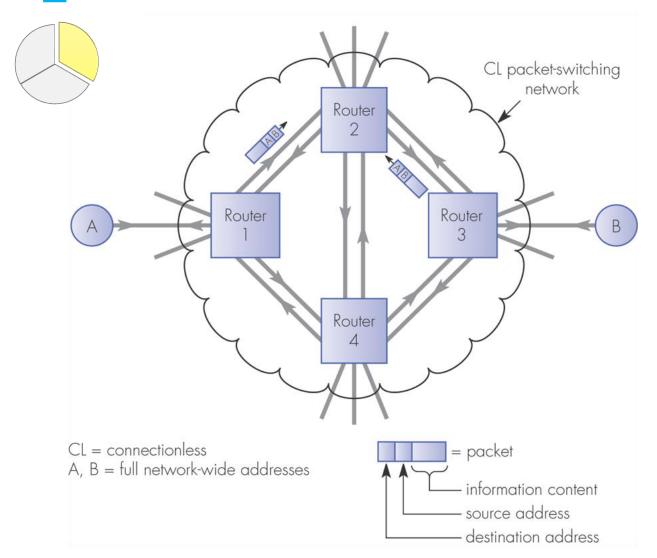
Dedicated allocation

Resource reservation



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Packet switching: Datagram network



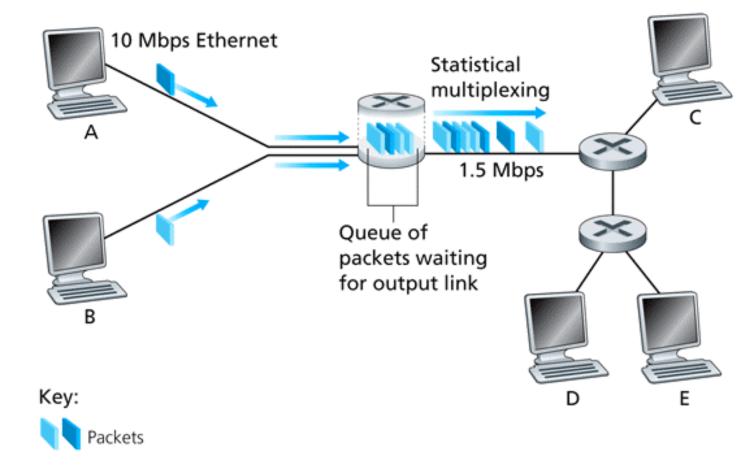
- Destination address in packet determines next hop
- Routes may change during session
- E.g. IP

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Packet switching: Statistical multiplexing



Sequence of A & B packets does not have fixed pattern, which is called statistical multiplexing

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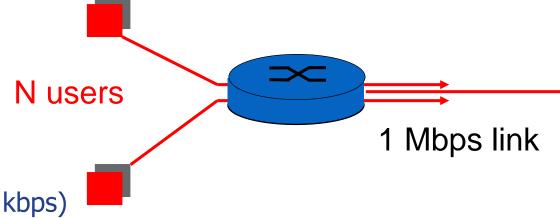




Packet switching vs circuit switching (1)

1 Mbps link

- Each user
 - 100 kbps when "active"
 - Active 10% of time
- Circuit switching
 - Max. 10 users (1 Mbps / 100 kbps)
- Packet switching
 - With 35 users, probability of >10 active users is less than .0004
- Packet switching leads to more efficient network utilization
 - → Allows more users per network!





Packet switching vs circuit switching (2)



- Packet switching is great for bursty data
 - Resource sharing on demand, "best-effort network"
 - More simple, no call setup
- Excessive congestion: packet delay and loss
 - Protocols needed for reliable data transfer, congestion control
- How to provide circuit-like behavior?
 - QoS guarantees needed for real-time multimedia applications
 - Some solutions:
 - QoS-aware protocols and routers
 - Virtual circuit networks

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Packet switching: Virtual circuit network



Each packet carries tag (virtual circuit ID) which determines next hop

CO packet-switching

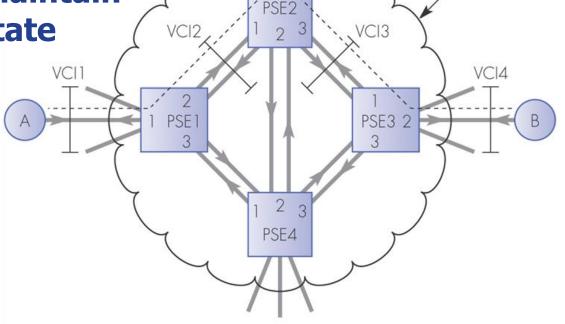
network

- Fixed path determined at call setup time, remains fixed

during call

Routers maintain per-call state

- E.g. ATM

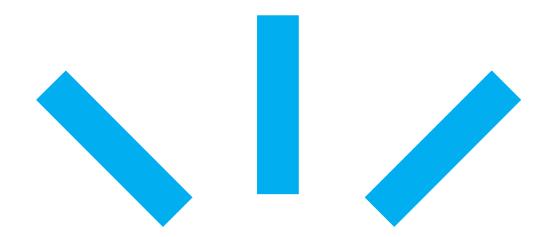


PSE1 IN OUT
routing table: VC11/Link1 → VC12/Link2
VC12/Link2 → VC11/Link1

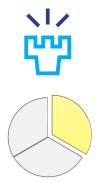
PSE2
routing table: VC12/Link1 → VC13/Link3
VC13/Link3 → VC12/Link1

PSE3
routing table: VC13/Link1 → VC14/Link2
VC14/Link2 → VC13/Link1

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Performance of Packet-switched networks



Key network performance attributes from application/service point of view

- Throughput: what is the amount of data per second (bits per second ~ bps) that can be transferred?
- Delay: how long does it take to transfer certain amount of data between two end systems?
 - Router delays
 - End system delays (modulation, encoding, media packetization)
- Packet loss: how much of the data is lost during transfer?

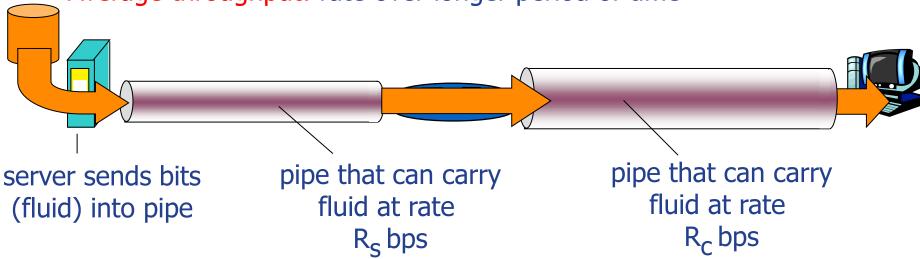
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Throughput (1)

- Throughput: rate (bits/s, bps) at which bits transferred between sender/receiver
 - Instantaneous throughput: rate at given point in time
 - Average throughput: rate over longer period of time



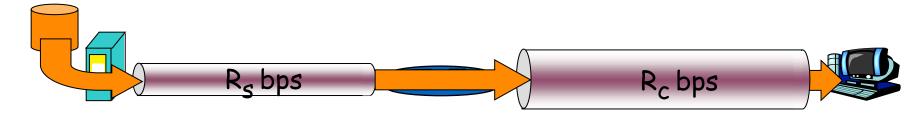
- Bandwidth x delay (d_{prop}) product (bdp)
 - Amount of data that "fills the pipe", transmitted before the first bit arrives at destination

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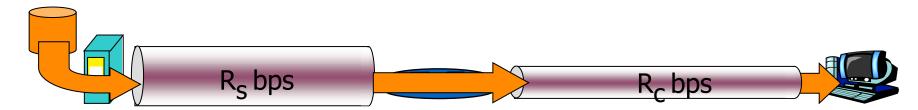


Throughput (2)

- $R_s < R_c$ What is the average end-end throughput?



- $R_s > R_c$ What is the average end-to-end throughput?



Bottleneck link

Link on end-end path that limits end-end throughput

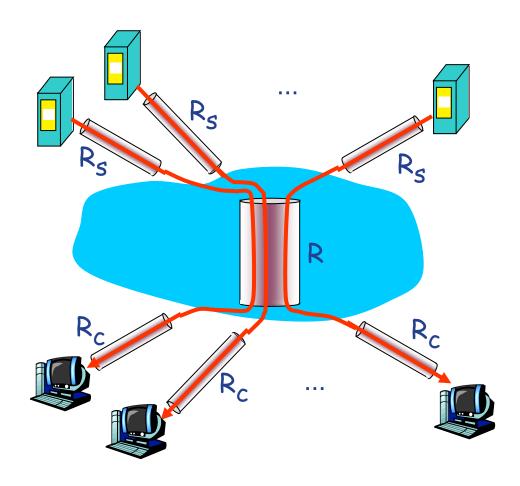
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Throughput (3)



- Internet scenario: 10 connections through link R
- Per-connection endto-end throughput: $MIN(R_c, R_s, R/10)$
- In practice R_c or R_s
 is often bottleneck



10 connections (fairly) share backbone bottleneck link R bps



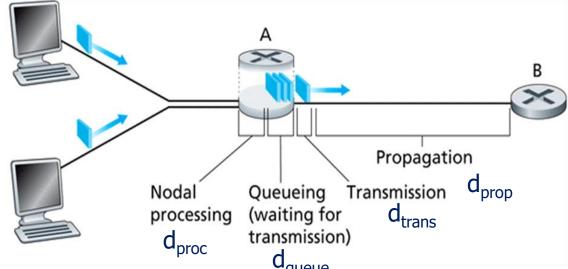
Delay in packet switched networks (1)



- Packet suffers different delays along its end-to-end path
- Four important delay components in a link/router
 - 1. Nodal (node internal) processing delay (d_{proc})
 - E.g. header processing, error checking, typically few μs or less
 - 2. Queuing delay (d_{queue})
 - Time waiting at output link for transmission, depends on congestion level
 - 3. Transmission delay (d_{trans})

 L/R, time needed to send a packet of L bits into a link of data rate R bps, significant for low data rate links

- 4. Propagation delay (d_{prop})
 - d/v, time a bit needs to propagate the length d of the link, when the propagation speed in the transmission medium is v (~2·10⁸ m/s), from Few μs to hundreds of ms



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Delay in packet switched networks (2)



Caravan analogy (1)



- − Car ~ bit, Caravan ~ packet
- Cars "propagate" at 100 km/h
- Toll booth takes 12 s to service car (transmission time)
- Q: How long until caravan is lined up before 2nd toll booth?

- Time to "push" entire caravan through toll booth onto highway = 12x10 = 120 s
- Time for last car to propagate from 1st to 2nd toll both:
 100km/(100km/h) = 1 h
- A: 1h + 120s (2min) = 62min



Delay in packet switched networks (3)



Caravan analogy (2)



- Now cars "propagate" at 1000 km/h
- Toll booth now takes 1 min to service a car
- Q: Will cars arrive to 2nd booth before all cars serviced at 1st booth?

- Yes! E.g. after 7 min, 1st car at 2nd booth and 3 cars still at 1st booth.
- → 1st bit of packet can arrive at 2nd router before packet is fully transmitted from 1st router!

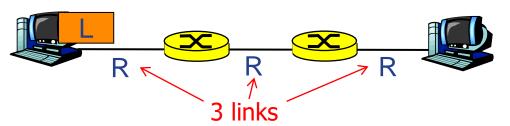
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Delay in packet switched networks (4)

Transmission delay in store-and-forward switching



R=link bandwidth (bps) L=packet length (b)

- Takes L/R seconds to transmit (push out) packet of L bits onto link of R bps
- Store-and-forward switching: entire packet must arrive at router before packet can be transmitted on next link
- In the network above, the total transmission delay = $3 \times L/R$
- Example: L = 7.5 Mb, R = 1.5 Mbps

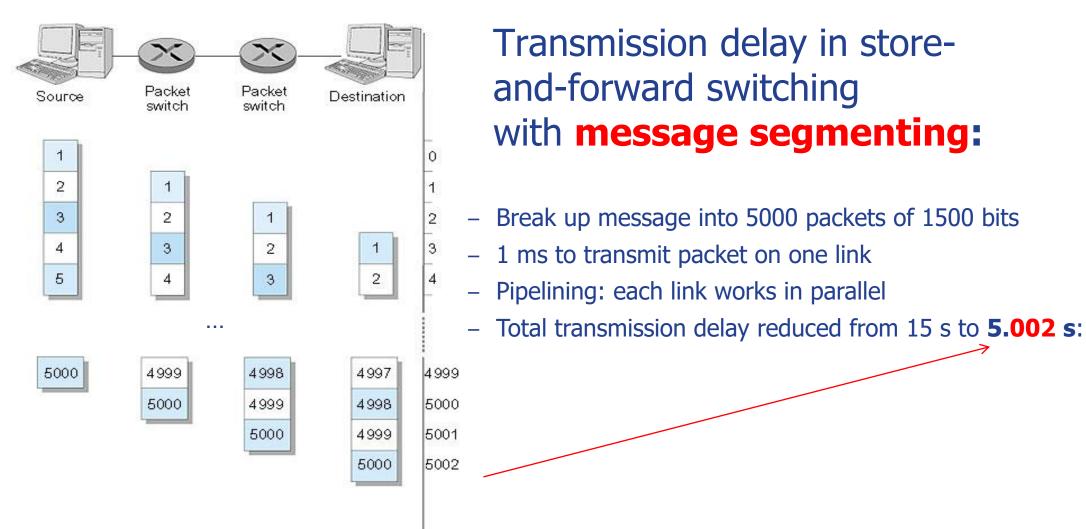
Delay =
$$3L/R = 3 \times 7.5 \text{ Mb} / 1.5 \text{ Mbps} = 15 \text{ s}$$



Delay in packet switched networks (5)



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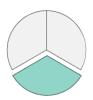


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Time (msec)



Delay in packet switched networks (6)



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Transmission delay in cut-through switching

- Cut-through switching: H (H<<L) header bits of the packet must arrive at a router before packet can be transmitted on next link
- Effectively, (L-H)/R amount of time is saved in comparison to store-and-forward switching
- However, a router may forward a faulty packet

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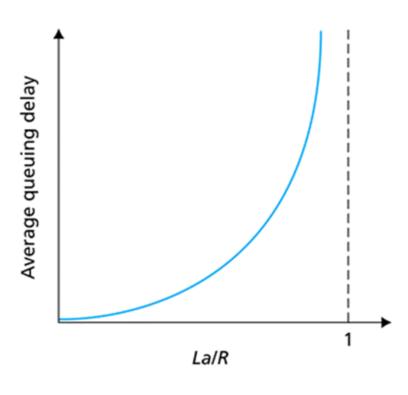
Queuing delay and traffic intensity



- R=link bandwidth (bps)
- L=packet length (b)
- a=average packet arrival rate (pps)

traffic intensity = La/R

- La/R ~ 0: average queuing delay small
- La/R -> 1: delays become large
- La/R > 1: more "work" arriving than can be serviced, average delay infinite!





Real-life delay in the Internet (1)

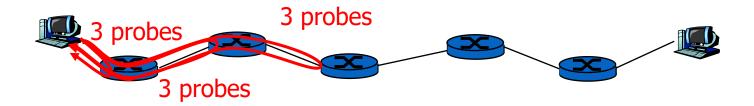


Assuming there are N-1 routers between source and destination, then

$$d_{end-end} \sim N (d_{proc} + d_{queue} + d_{trans} + d_{prop})$$

(See d_{proc}, d_{queue}, d_{trans}, d_{prop} explanations on page 46)

- Traceroute (Unix/Linux), Tracert (Windows) program for estimating round-trip delay from source to each router on endto-end path towards destination
- For each router *n*:
 - Sends three packets that will reach router *n* on path towards destination
 - Router *n* will return packets to sender
 - Sender times interval between transmission and reply



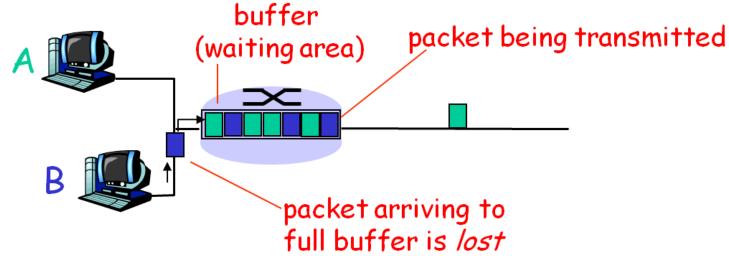


Packet loss (due to queuing)



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- Input packet queue (i.e. buffer) preceding a link has finite capacity
- Packet arriving to full queue is dropped (aka lost)
- Lost packet may be retransmitted by previous node, by source end system, or not at all



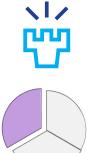
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Real-life delay in the Internet (2)

```
traceroute to cs.columbia.edu (128.59.16.20), 30 hops max, 40 byte packets
1 so-gw.oulu.fi (130.231.48.1) 0.816 ms 0.464 ms 0.479 ms
  oy-gw.oulu.fi (130.231.248.1) 0.520 ms 0.701 ms 0.545 ms
3 oy-oulu-gw.oulu.fi (193.167.221.2) 1.440 ms 0.665 ms 0.735 ms
   oulu-funet-qw.oulu.fi (193.167.221.18) 1.379 ms 1.762 ms 1.113 ms
   oulu0-g2000-oulu3.funet.fi (193.166.187.117) 1.931 ms 1.768 ms 1.539 ms
   abo0-p2000-oulu0.funet.fi (193.166.255.169) 10.306 ms 10.063 ms 10.242 ms
  csc0-p2000-abo0.funet.fi (193.166.255.161) 12.686 ms 12.667 ms 12.849 ms
   helsinki0-x4100-csc0.funet.fi (193.166.255.154) 17.933 ms 12.984 ms 13.108 ms
   se-tuq.nordu.net (193.10.68.97) 19.634 ms 29.983 ms 19.329 ms
   se-fre.nordu.net (193.10.252.85) 20.354 ms dk-uni.nordu.net (193.10.68.18) 35.747 ms se-fre.nordu.net (193.10.252.85) 19.798 ms
   dk-ore.nordu.net (193.10.68.118) 29.960 ms dk-ore.nordu.net (193.10.68.25) 33.020 ms dk-ore.nordu.net (193.10.68.118) 29.938 ms
   nordunet.rt1.cop.dk.geant2.net (62.40.124.45) 33.281 ms 32.949 ms 30.001 ms
   so-4-0-0.rt1.ams.nl.geant2.net (62.40.112.78) 46.296 ms 42.925 ms 62.976 ms
                                                                                                      Compare!
   so-7-0-0.rt1.nyc.us.geant2.net (62.40.112.134) 132.978 ms 131.073 ms 175.719 ms
   198.32.11.50 (198.32.11.50) 129.926 ms 126.448 ms 129.660 ms
   199.109.4.153 (199.109.4.153) 126.185 ms 126.631 ms 129.647 ms
   columbia.nyc-gsr.nysernet.net (199.109.4.14) 125.760 ms 129.644 ms 129.655 ms
   cc-core-1-x-nyser32-gw-1.net.columbia.edu (128.59.255.5) 126.896 ms 130.108 ms 126.542 ms
   mudd-edge-1-x-cc-core-1.net.columbia.edu (128.59.255.86) 136.989 ms 131.990 ms 133.446 ms
  cs.columbia.edu (128.59.16.20) 129.898 ms 129.874 ms 133.463 ms
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Real-life delay in the Internet (3)

Ping program for estimating round-trip delay from source to destination

```
(tk1)(skidi)(187)(~) ping -s cs.columbia.edu 56 10
PING cs.columbia.edu: 56 data bytes
64 bytes from cs.columbia.edu (128.59.16.20): icmp seq=0 time=134 ms
64 bytes from cs.columbia.edu (128.59.16.20): icmp seq=1 time=134 ms
64 bytes from cs.columbia.edu (128.59.16.20): icmp seq=2 time=130 ms
64 bytes from cs.columbia.edu (128.59.16.20): icmp seq=3 time=133 ms
64 bytes from cs.columbia.edu (128.59.16.20): icmp seq=4 time=134 ms
64 bytes from cs.columbia.edu (128.59.16.20): icmp seq=5 time=130 ms
64 bytes from cs.columbia.edu (128.59.16.20): icmp seq=6 time=130 ms
64 bytes from cs.columbia.edu (128.59.16.20): icmp seq=7 time=130 ms
64 bytes from cs.columbia.edu (128.59.16.20): icmp seq=8 time=130 ms
64 bytes from cs.columbia.edu (128.59.16.20): icmp seq=9 time=134 ms
----cs.columbia.edu PING Statistics----
10 packets transmitted, 10 packets received, 0% packet loss
round-trip (ms) min/avg/max/stddev = 130./131.8/134./1.97
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Key points to remember

- 1. Know the architecture and building blocks of the Internet
- 2. Understand the design principles of the Internet and their realization
- 3. Understand the main differences between Packet switching and circuit switching networks
- 4. Be aware of key performance attributes of packet switched networks

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