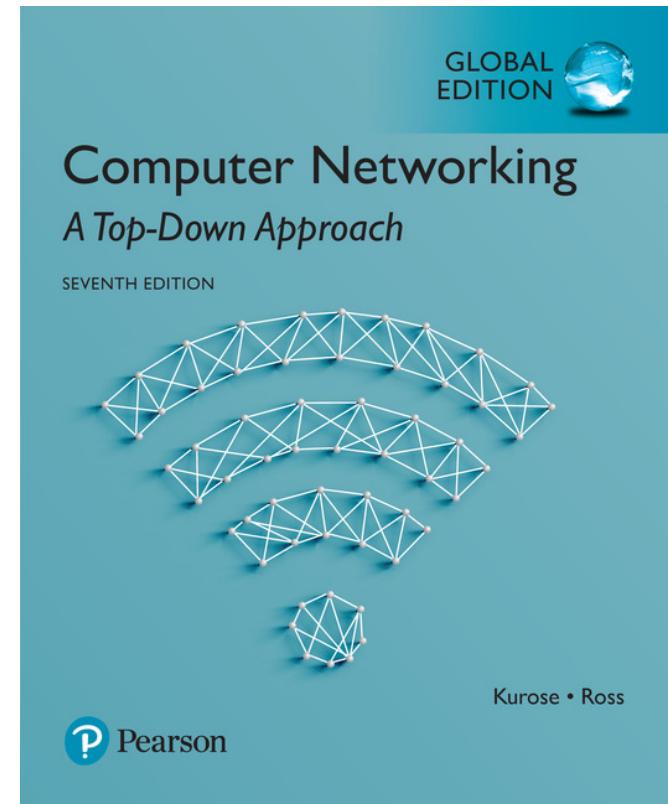


Chapter 1

Introduction



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Chapter 1: Introduction

Chapter goal:

- Get “feel,” “big picture,” introduction to terminology
 - more depth, detail *later* in course
- Approach:
 - use Internet as example



Overview/roadmap:

- What *is* the Internet?
- What *is* a protocol?
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- History

The Internet: a “Nuts And Bolts” View



Billions of connected computing *devices*:

- *hosts* = end systems
- running *network apps* at Internet’s “edge”

Packet switches: forward packets (chunks of data)

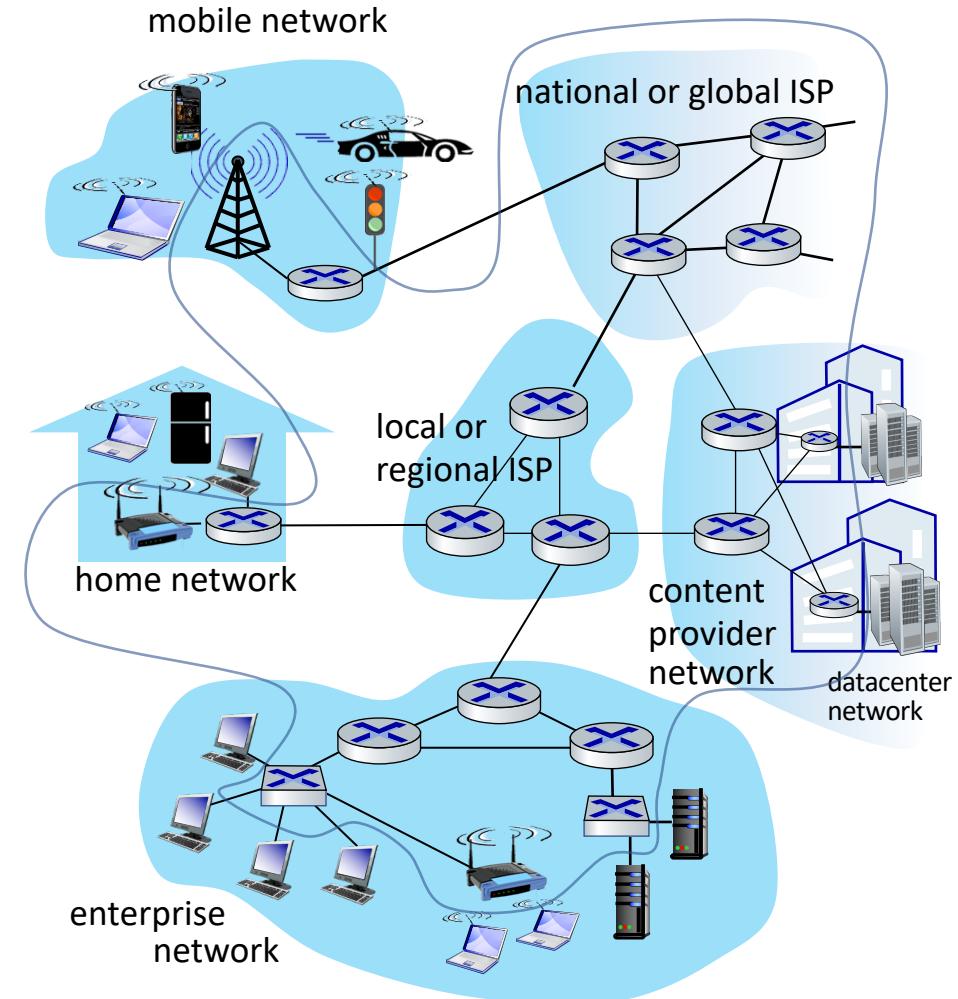
- routers, switches

Communication links

- fiber, copper, radio, satellite
- transmission rate: *bandwidth*

Networks

- collection of devices, routers, links: managed by an organization



“Fun” Internet-connected Devices



Amazon Echo



Internet refrigerator



Security Camera



IP picture frame



Slingbox: remote control cable TV



Internet phones



Pacemaker & Monitor



Web-enabled toaster + weather forecaster



Tweet-a-watt:
monitor energy use



AR devices



sensorized,
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mattress

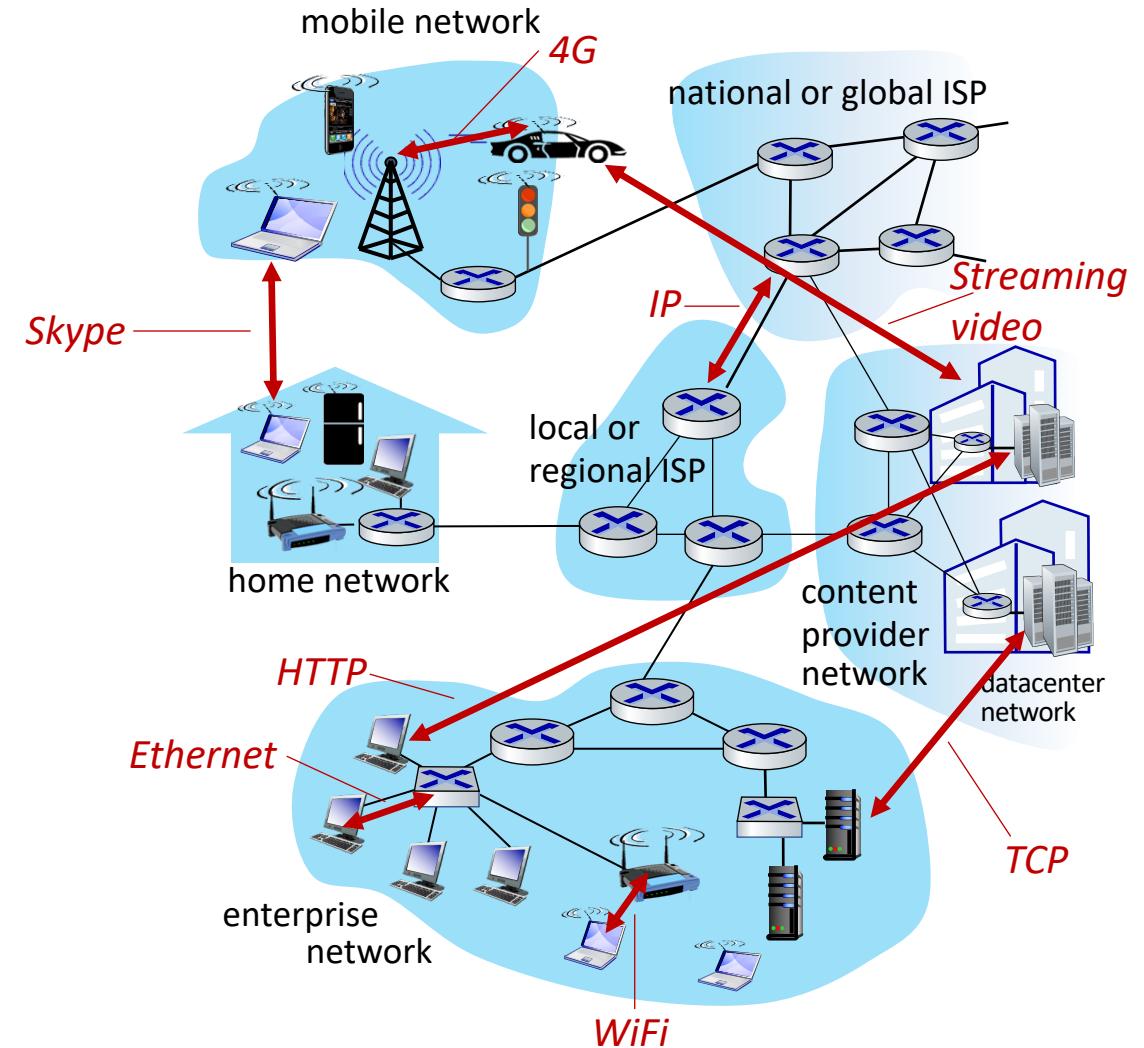


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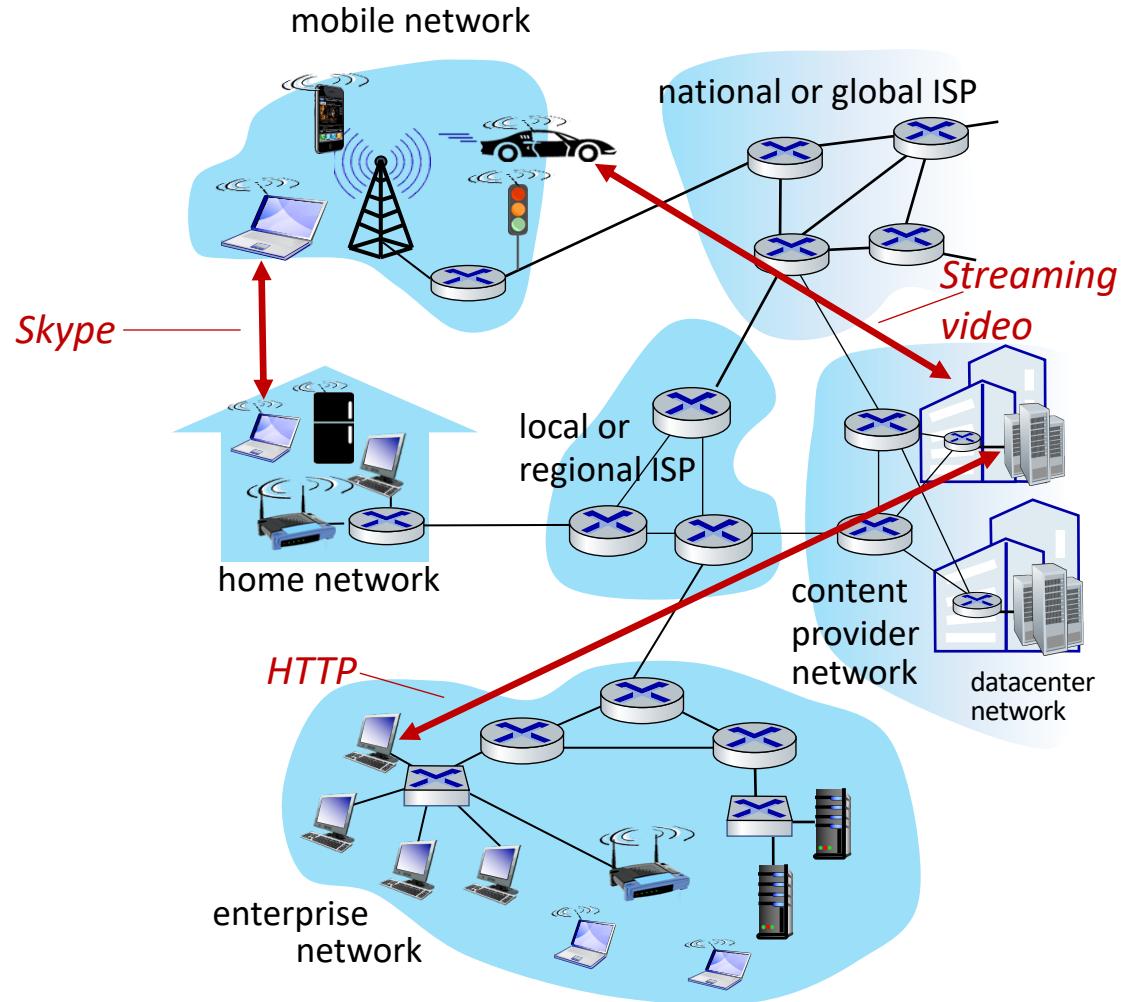
The Internet: a “Nuts And Bolts” View

- *Internet: “network of networks”*
 - Interconnected ISPs
- *protocols are everywhere*
 - control sending, receiving of messages
 - e.g., HTTP (Web), streaming video, Skype, TCP, IP, WiFi, 4G, Ethernet
- *Internet standards*
 - RFC: Request for Comments
 - IETF: Internet Engineering Task Force



The Internet: a “Service” View

- *Infrastructure* that provides services to applications:
 - Web, steaming video, multimedia teleconferencing, email, games, e-commerce, social media, interconnected appliances, ...
- provides *programming interface* to distributed applications:
 - “hooks” allowing sending/receiving apps to “connect” to, use Internet transport service
 - provides service options, analogous to postal service



What's a Protocol?

Human protocols:

- “what’s the time?”
- “I have a question”
- introductions

... specific messages sent
... specific actions taken
when message received,
or other events

Network protocols:

- computers (devices) rather than humans
- all communication activity in Internet governed by protocols

*Protocols define the **format, order** of messages sent and received among network entities, and **actions taken** on msg transmission, receipt*

Internet transport protocols services

TCP service:

- *reliable transport* between sending and receiving process
- *flow control*: sender won't overwhelm receiver
- *congestion control*: throttle sender when network overloaded
- *does not provide*: timing, minimum throughput guarantee, security
- *connection-oriented*: setup required between client and server processes

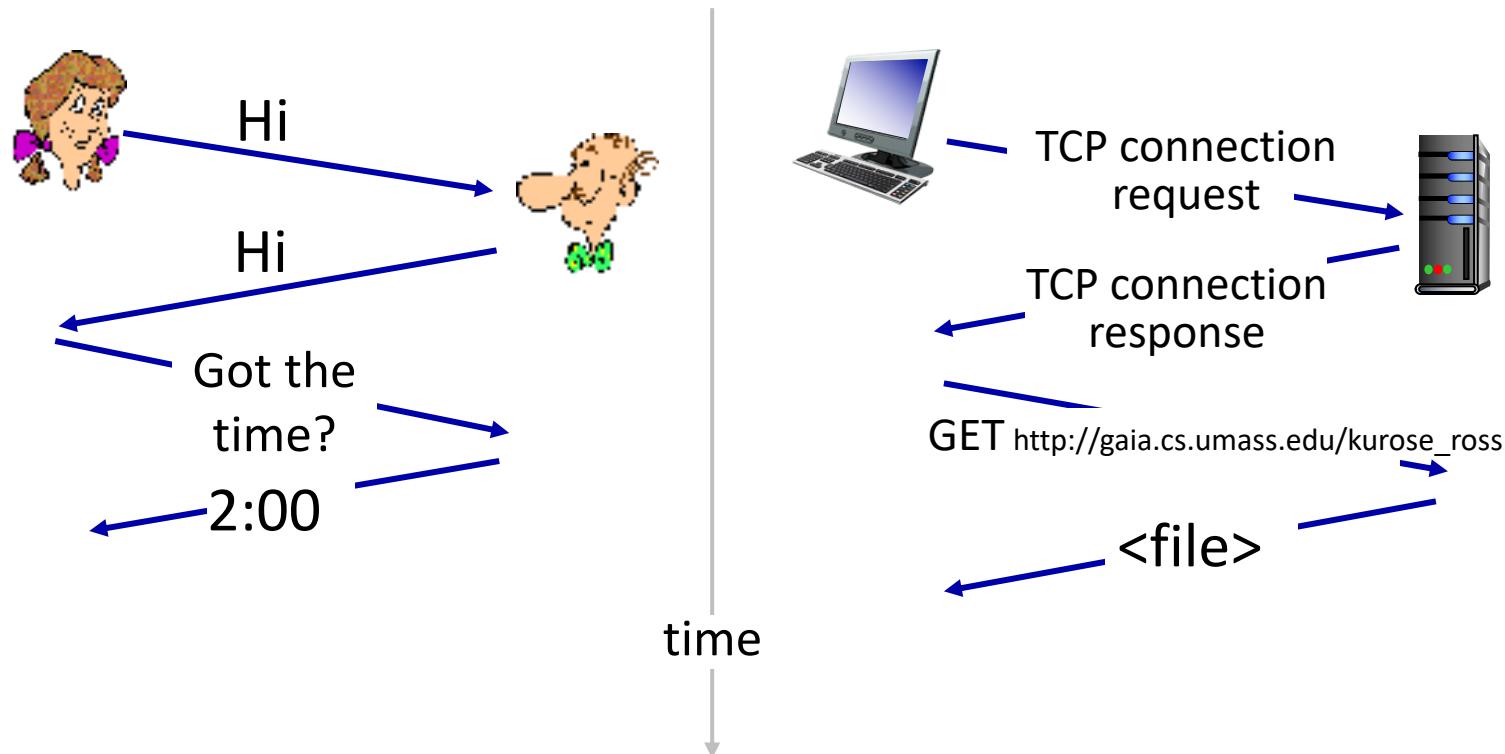
UDP service:

- *unreliable data transfer* between sending and receiving process
- *does not provide*: reliability, flow control, congestion control, timing, throughput guarantee, security, or connection setup.

Q: why bother? *Why* is there a UDP?

What's a Protocol?

A human protocol and a computer network protocol:



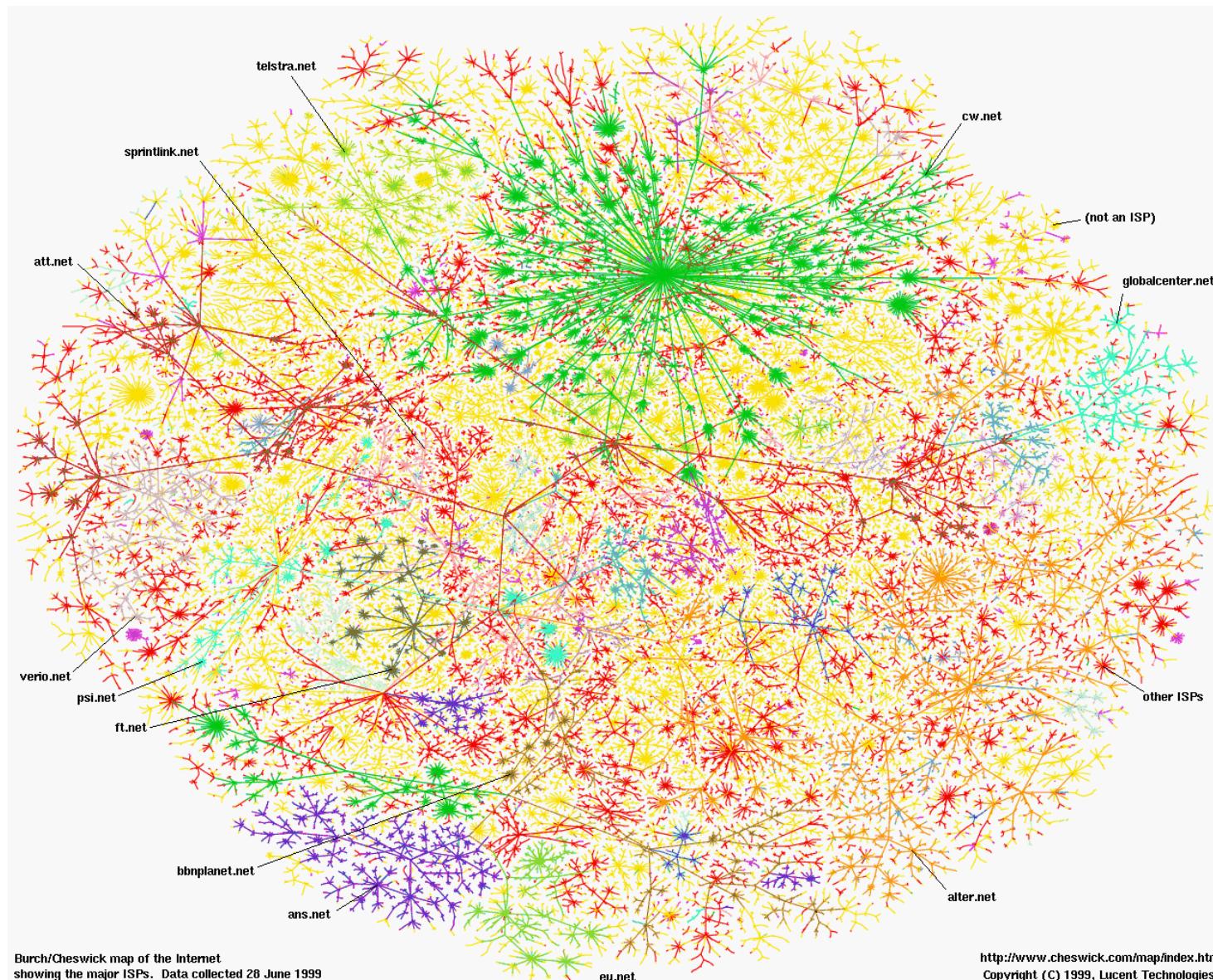
Q: other human protocols?

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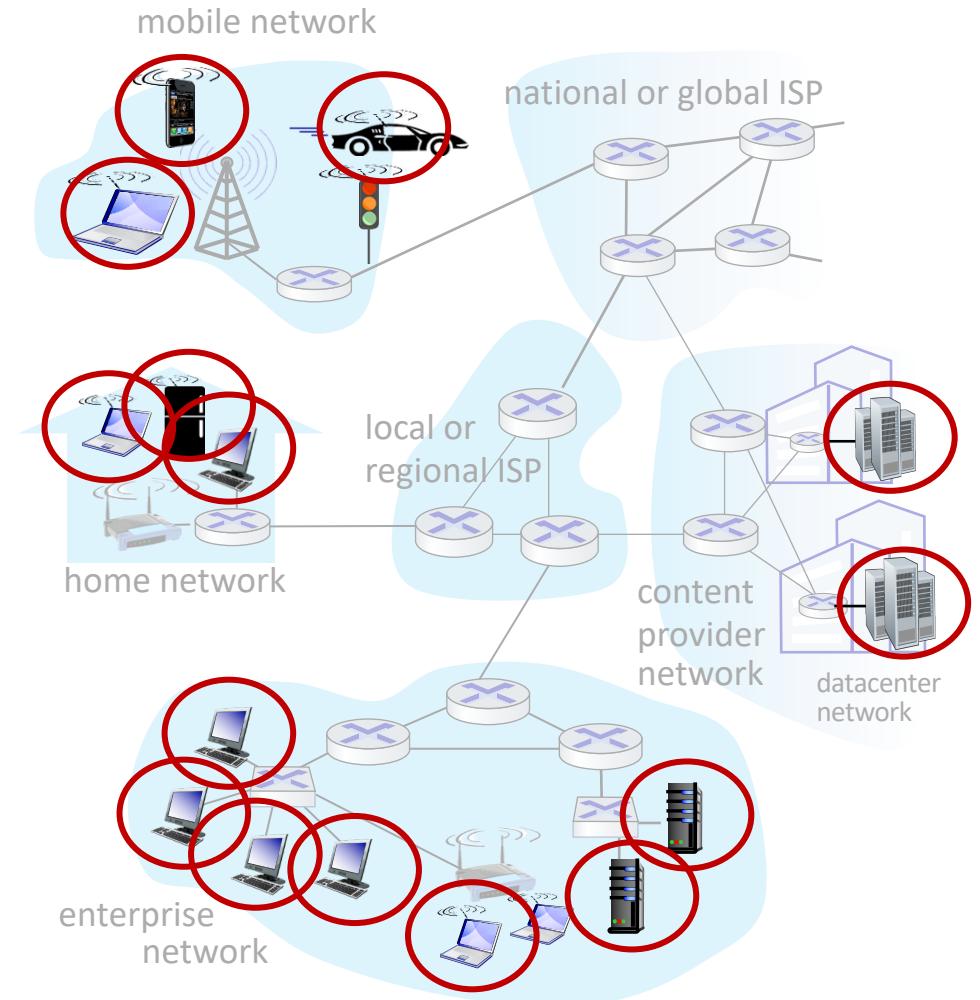
Map of the Internet



A Closer Look at Internet Structure

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- servers often in data centers



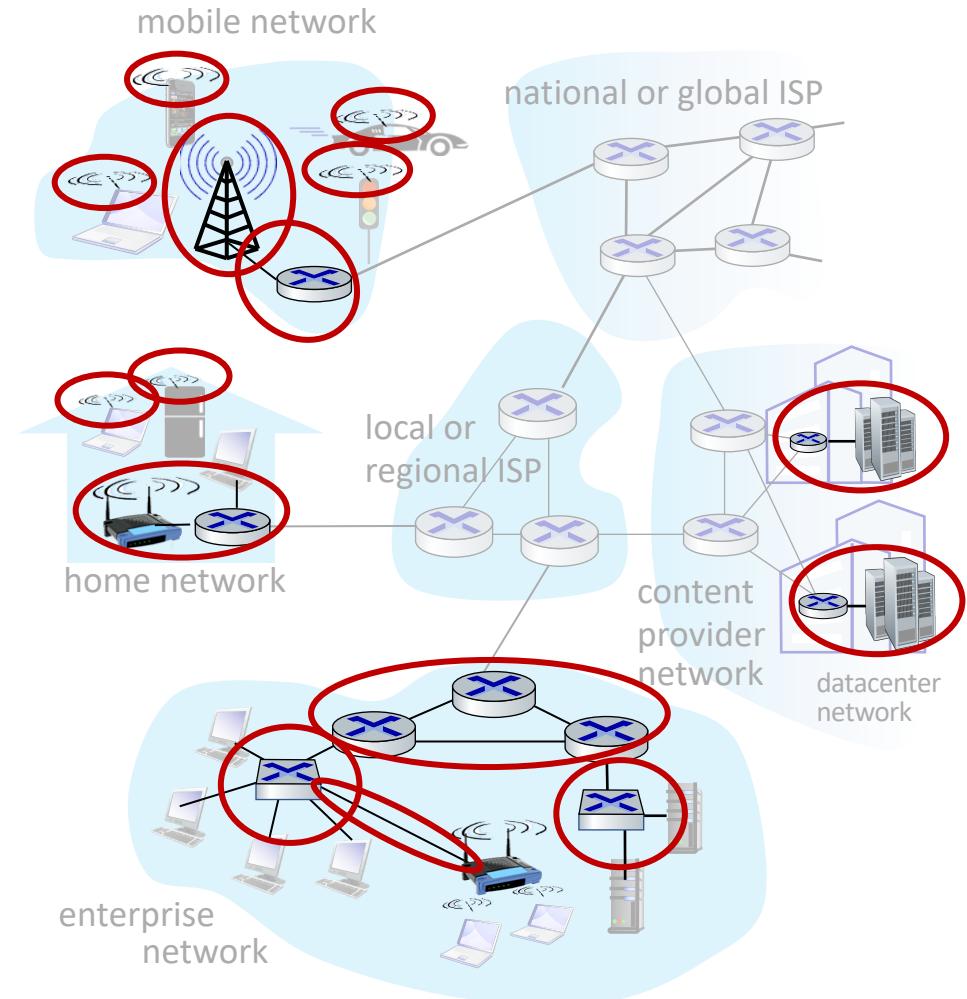
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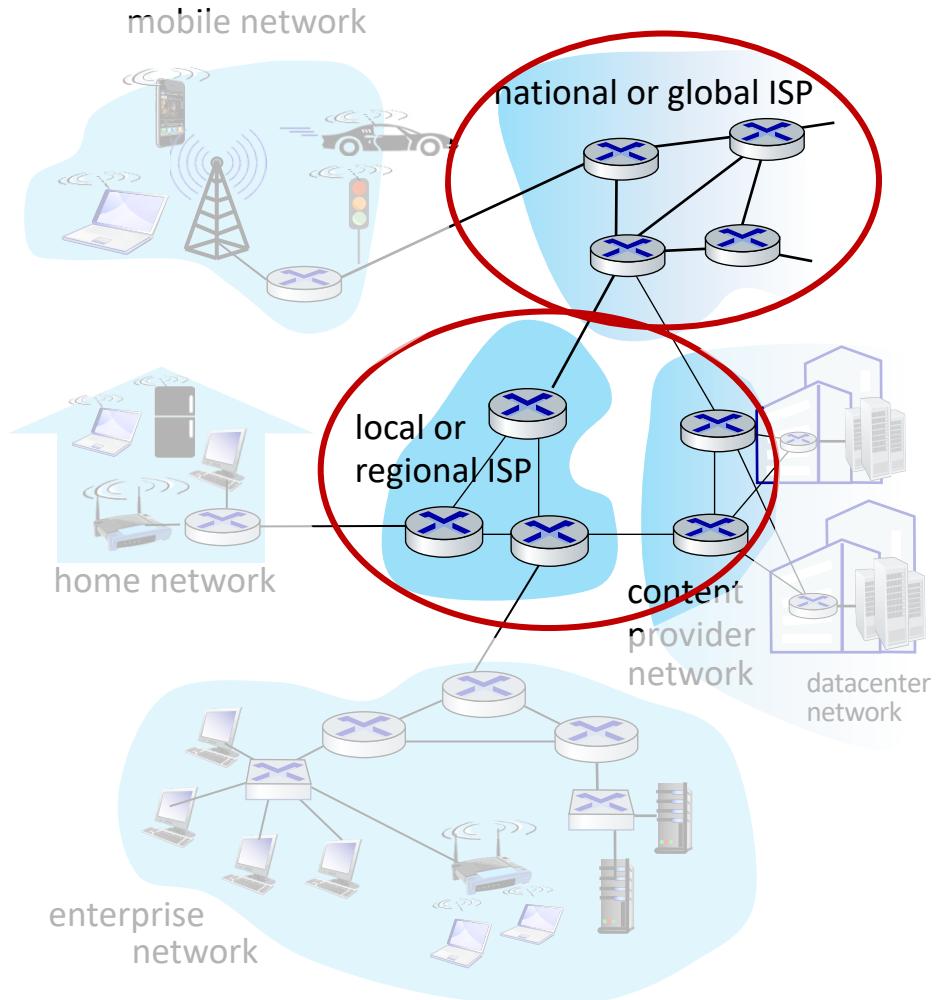
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Network core:

- interconnected routers
- network of networks



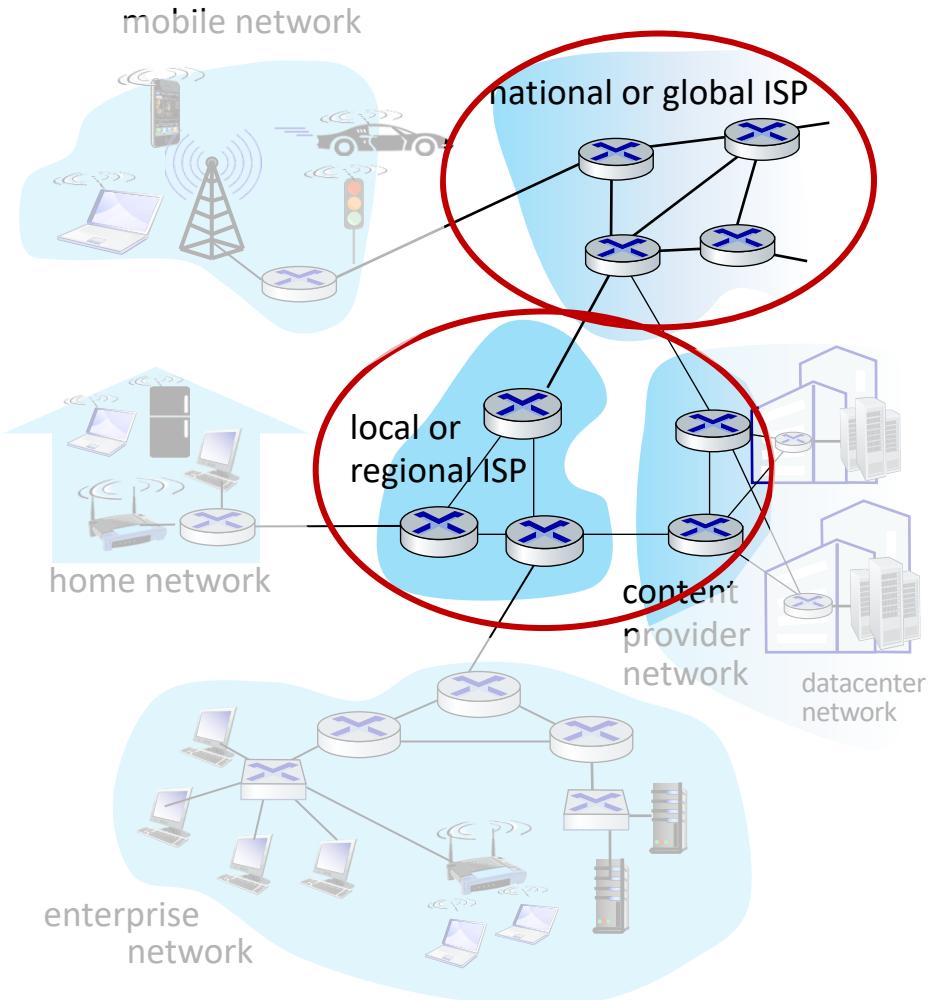
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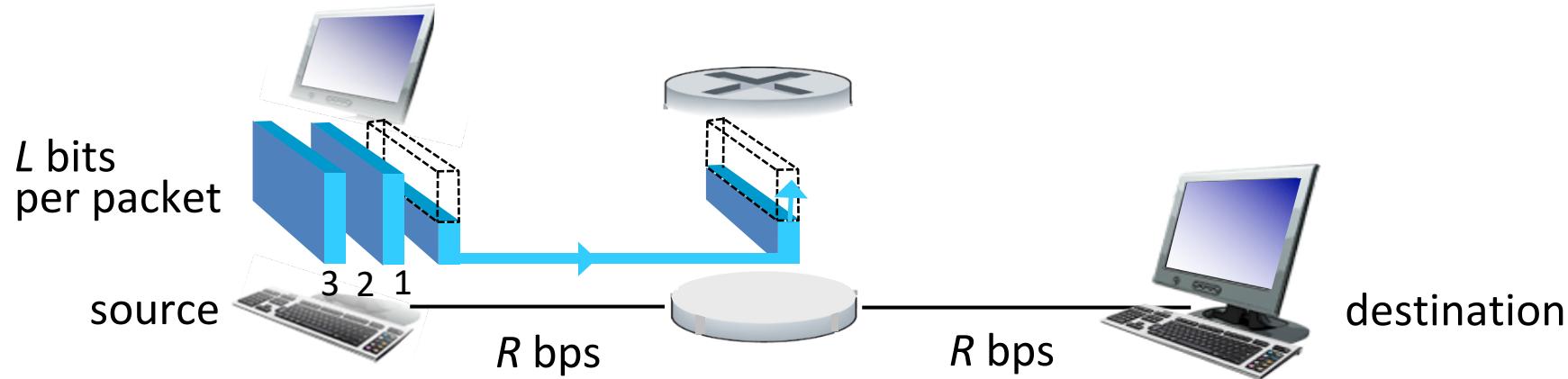


The Network Core

- mesh of interconnected routers
- **packet-switching:** hosts break application-layer messages into *packets*
 - forward packets from one router to the next, across links on path from source to destination
 - each packet transmitted at full link capacity



Packet-switching: Store-and-forward

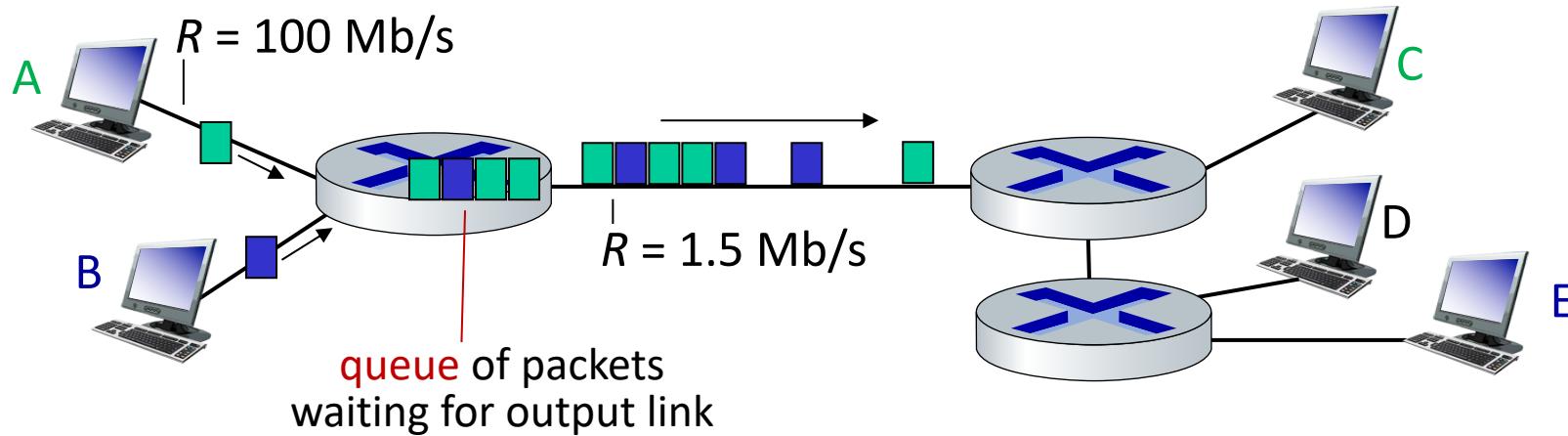


- **Transmission delay:** takes L/R seconds to transmit (push out) L -bit packet into link at R bps
- **Store and forward:** entire packet must arrive at router before it can be transmitted on next link
- **End-end delay:** $2L/R$ (above), assuming zero propagation delay (more on delay shortly)

One-hop numerical example:

- $L = 10$ Kbits
- $R = 100$ Mbps
- one-hop transmission delay = 0.1 msec

Packet-switching: queueing delay, loss



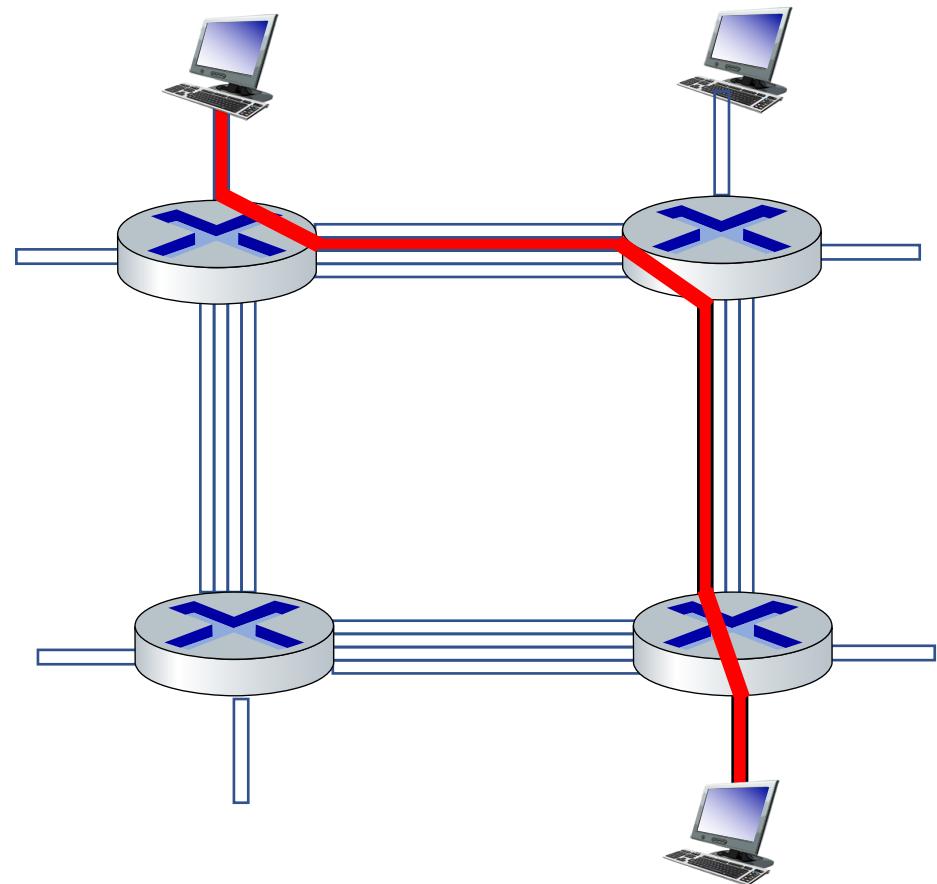
Packet queuing and loss: if arrival rate (in bps) to link exceeds transmission rate (bps) of link for a period of time:

- packets will queue, waiting to be transmitted on output link
- packets can be dropped (lost) if memory (buffer) in router fills up

Alternative to packet-switching: circuit switching

end-end resources allocated to,
reserved for “call” between source
and destination

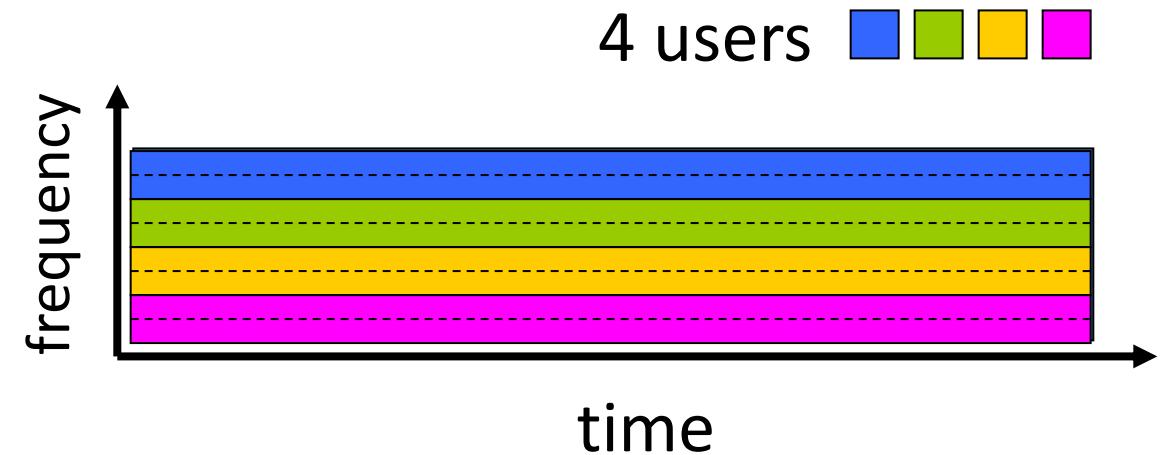
- in diagram, each link has four circuits.
 - call gets 2nd circuit in top link and 1st circuit in right link.
- dedicated resources: no sharing
 - circuit-like (guaranteed) performance
- circuit segment idle if not used by call (no sharing)
- commonly used in traditional telephone networks



Circuit switching: FDM and TDM

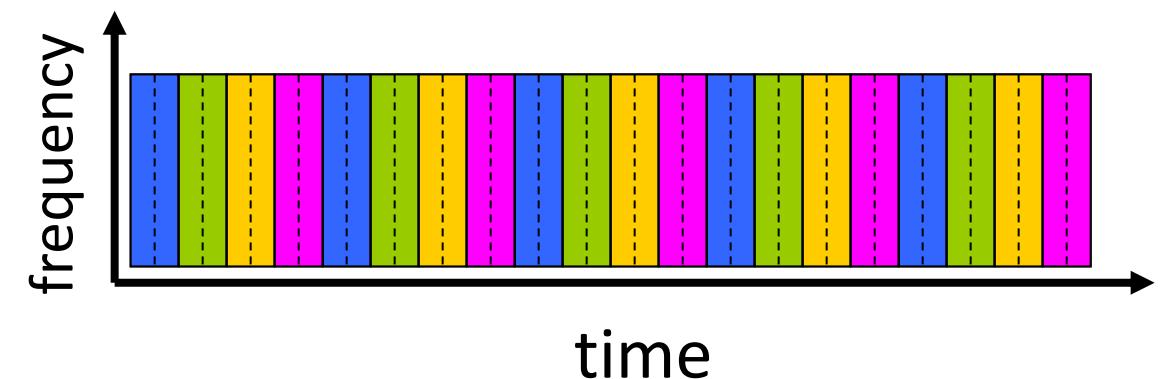
Frequency Division Multiplexing (FDM)

- optimal, electromagnetic frequencies divided into (narrow) frequency bands
- each call allocated its own band throughout call, can transmit at max rate of that (narrow) frequency band



Time Division Multiplexing (TDM)

- time divided into slots
- each call allocated periodic slot(s), can transmit at maximum rate of (wider) frequency band, but only during its time slot(s)

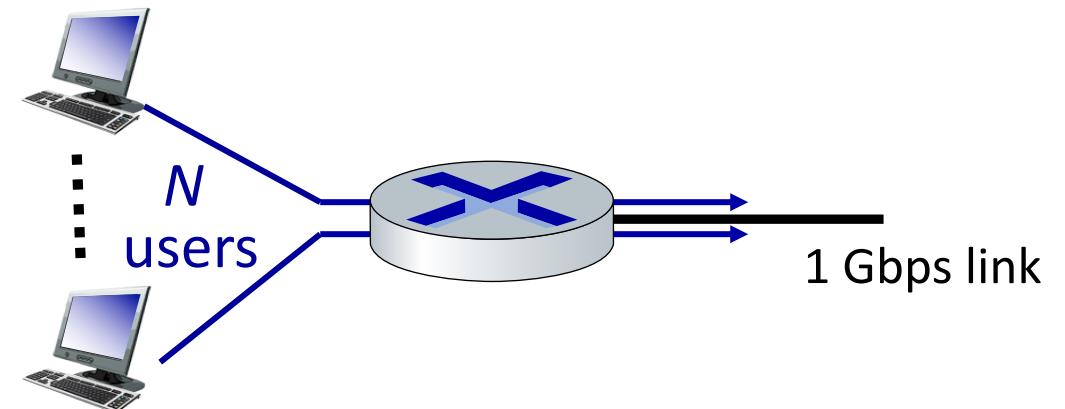


Packet switching versus Circuit switching

packet switching allows more users to use network!

Example:

- 1 Gb/s link
- each user:
 - 100 Mb/s when “active”
 - active 10% of time
- *circuit-switching*: 10 users
- *packet switching*: with 35 users, probability > 10 active at same time is less than .0004 *



Q: how did we get value 0.0004?

Q: what happens if > 35 users ?

* Check out the online interactive exercises for more examples: http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/kurose_ross/interactive

Packet switching versus Circuit switching

Is packet switching a “slam dunk winner”?

- great for “bursty” data – sometimes has data to send, but at other times not
 - resource sharing
 - simpler, no call setup
- **excessive congestion possible:** packet delay and loss due to buffer overflow
 - protocols needed for reliable data transfer, congestion control
- **Q: How to provide circuit-like behavior?**
 - bandwidth guarantees traditionally used for audio/video applications

Q: human analogies of reserved resources (circuit switching) versus on-demand allocation (packet switching)?

Thank you