

Chapter 1: introduction

our goal:

- get “feel” and terminology
- more depth, detail *later* in course
- approach:
 - use Internet as example

overview:

- what’s the Internet?
- what’s a protocol?
- network edge; hosts, access net, physical media
- network core: packet/circuit switching, Internet structure
- performance: loss, delay, throughput
- security
- protocol layers, service models
- history

Chapter 1: roadmap

1.1 what is the Internet?

1.2 network edge

- end systems, access networks, links

1.3 network core

- packet switching, circuit switching, network structure

1.4 delay, loss, throughput in networks

1.5 protocol layers, service models

1.6 networks under attack: security

1.7 history

Protocol “layers”

*Networks are complex,
with many “pieces”:*

- hosts
- routers
- links of various media
- applications
- protocols
- hardware, software

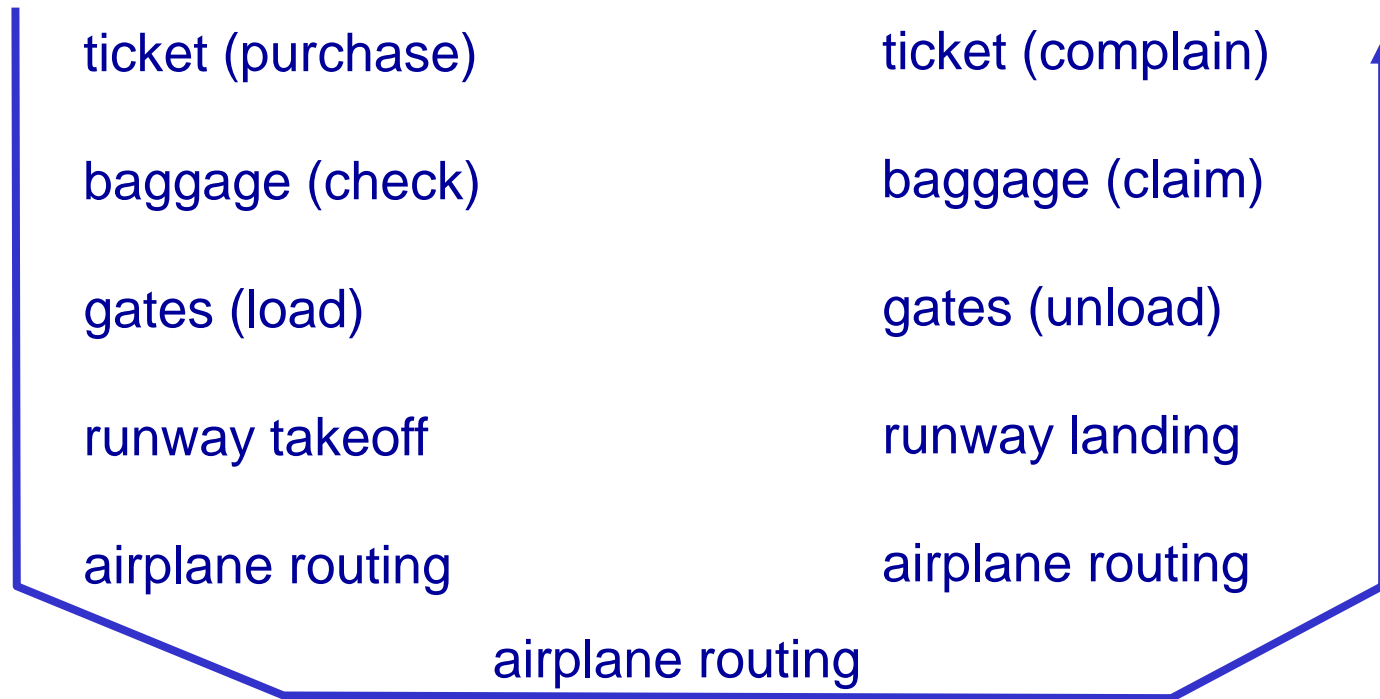
Question:

is there any hope of
organizing structure of
network?

.... or at least our
discussion of networks?



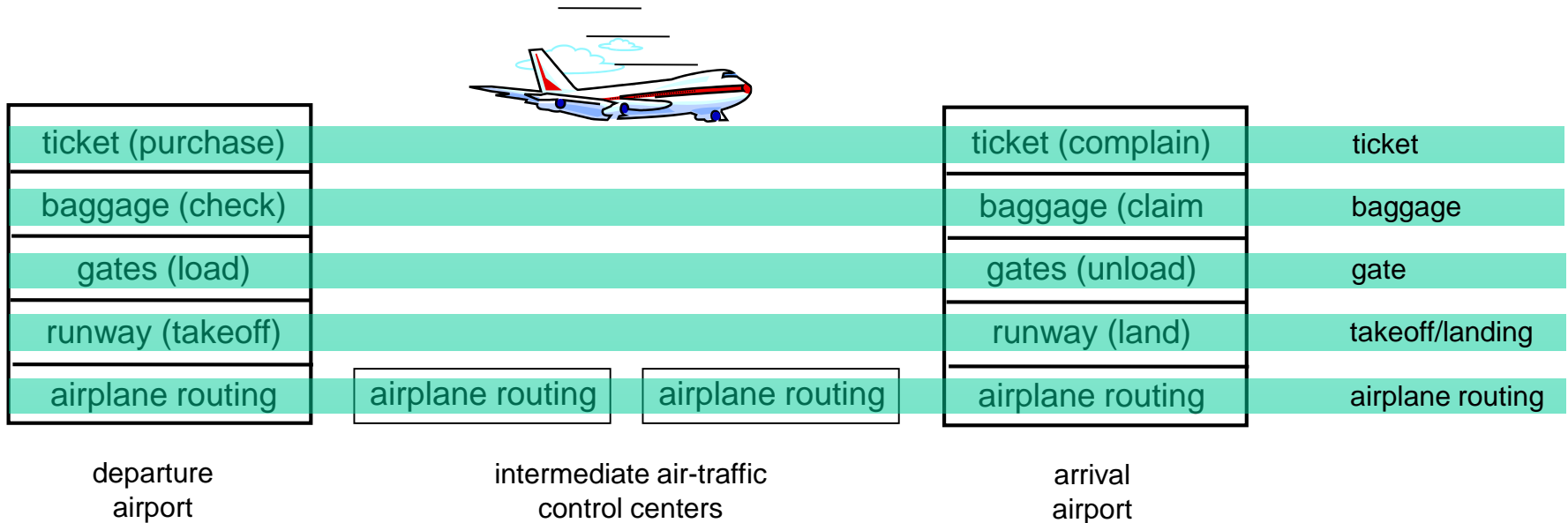
Organization of air travel



- a series of steps



Layering of airline functionality



layers: each layer implements a service

- via its own internal-layer actions
- relying on services provided by layer below



Why layering?

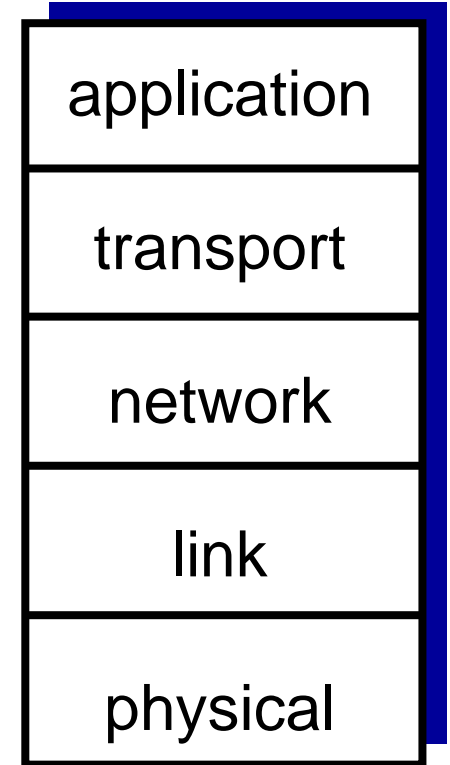
dealing with complex systems:

- explicit structure allows identification, relationship of complex system's pieces
 - layered *reference model* for discussion
- modularization eases maintenance, updating of system
 - change of implementation of layer's service transparent to rest of system
 - e.g., change in gate procedure doesn't affect rest of system
- layering considered harmful?



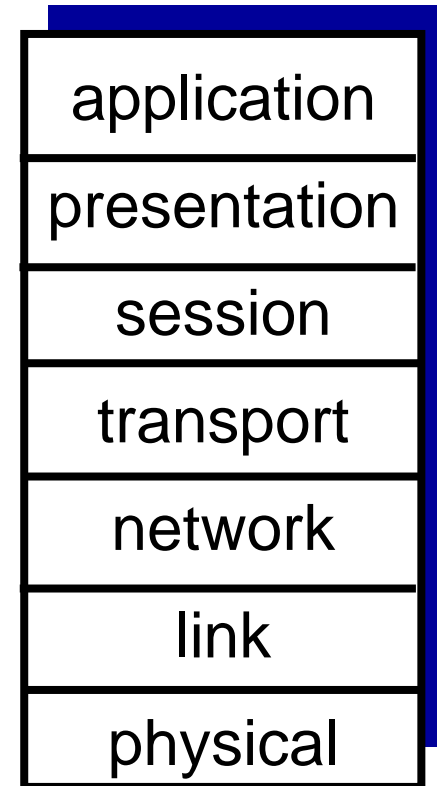
Internet protocol stack

- *application*: supporting network applications
 - FTP, SMTP, HTTP
- *transport*: process-process data transfer
 - TCP, UDP
- *network*: routing of datagrams from source to destination
 - IP, routing protocols
- *link*: data transfer between neighboring network elements
 - Ethernet, 802.111 (WiFi), PPP
- *physical*: bits “on the wire”



ISO/OSI reference model

- **presentation**: allow applications to interpret meaning of data, e.g., encryption, compression, machine-specific conventions
- **session**: synchronization, checkpointing, recovery of data exchange
- Internet stack “missing” these layers!
 - these services, *if needed*, must be implemented in application
 - needed?



Encapsulation

