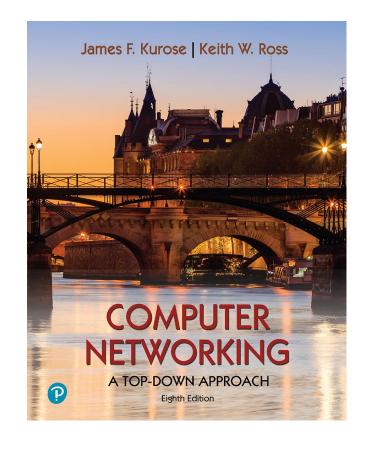
Basics of Computer Networks & Internet

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Outline

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Computer Networks

- •What is a computer network?
- Other types of networks?
- How is a computer network different from other types of networks?







LOCAL AREA NETWORK: ETHERNET

WIRELESS LAN (WLAN): WI-FI

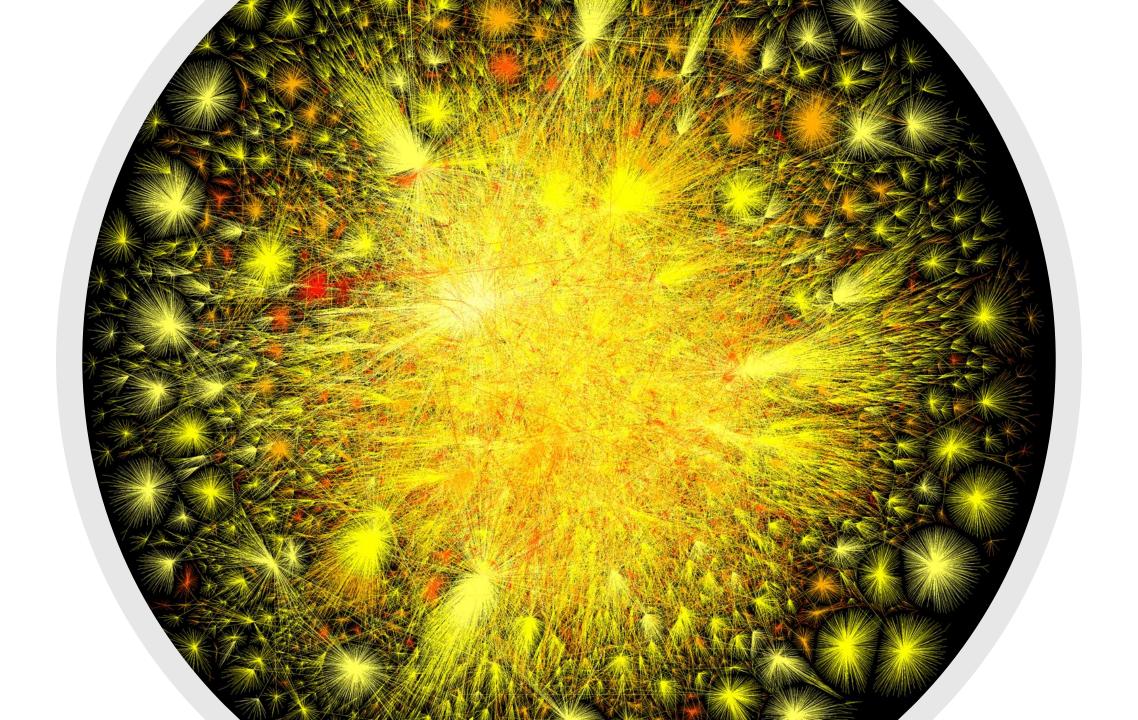








PERSONAL AREA NETWORK (PAN): BLUETOOTH





THE INTERNET©

The Internet: a "nuts and bolts" view



Billions of connected computing *devices*:

- hosts = end systems
- running network apps at Internet's "edge"





routers, switches



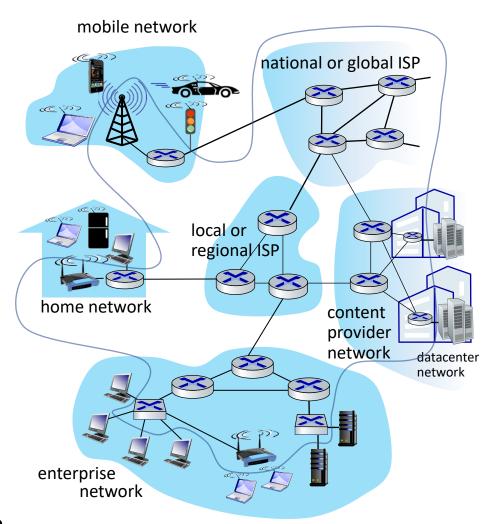
Communication links

- 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





Slingbox: remote control cable TV

IP picture frame



Pacemaker & Monitor



Tweet-a-watt: monitor energy use



Web-enabled toaster + weather forecaster



scooters

bikes



Internet phones



Gaming devices



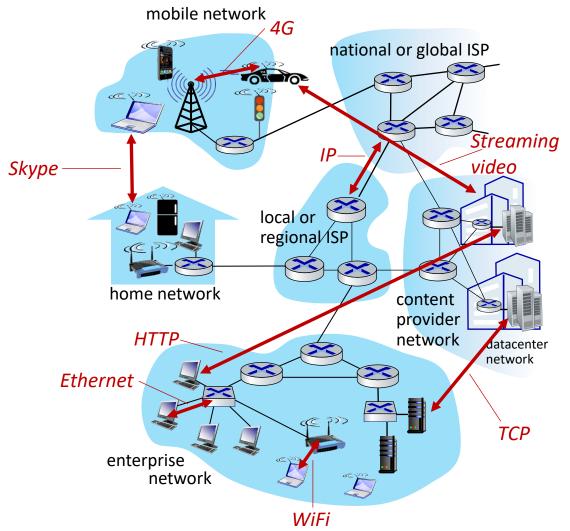
sensorized, bed mattress



Others?

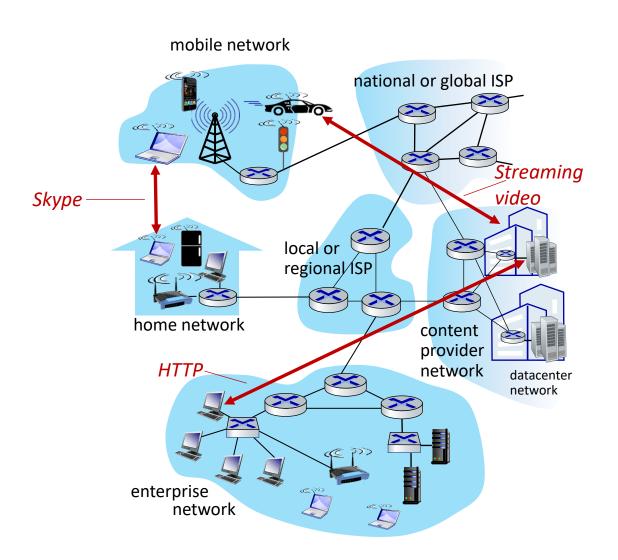
The Internet: a "nuts and bolts" view

- Internet: "network of networks"
 - Interconnected ISPs
- protocols are everywhere
 - control sending, receiving of messages
 - e.g., HTTP (Web), Streaming video, Skype, TCP, IP, WiFi, 4/5G, Ethernet
- Internet standards
 - RFC: Request for Comments
 - IETF: Internet Engineering Task Force



The Internet: a "services" view

- Infrastructure that provides services to applications:
 - Web, streaming video, multimedia teleconferencing, email, games, ecommerce, 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

Rules for:

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

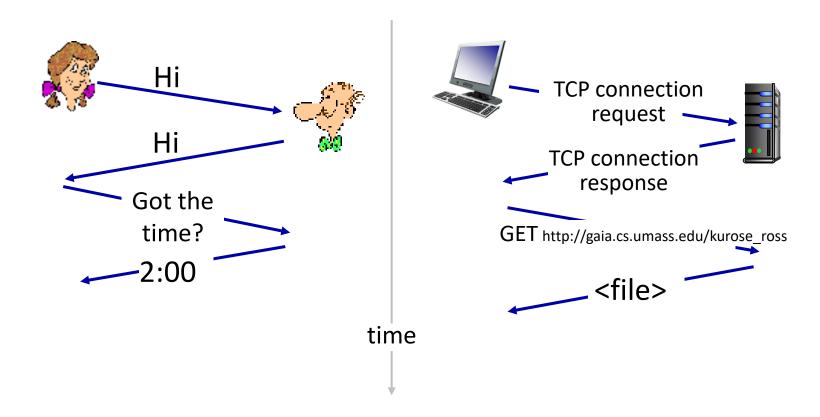
Network protocols:

- 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 message transmission, receipt

What's a protocol?

A human protocol and a computer network protocol:



Q: other human protocols?

Network Communication Protocols

- TCP (transmission control protocol)
- UDP (user data protocol)
- IP (internet protocol)
- HTTP (hypertext transfer protocol)
- SMTP (simple mail transfer protocol)
- FTP (file transfer protocol)
- 802.3 (Ethernet) Protocol
- 802.11 (Wi-Fi) Protocol

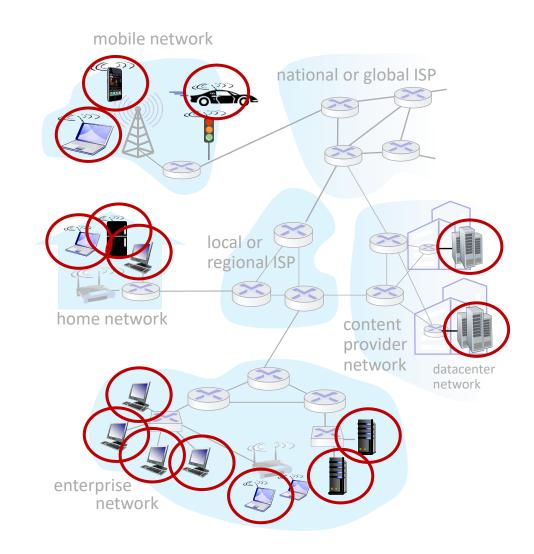
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A closer look at Internet structure

Network edge:

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- servers often in data centers



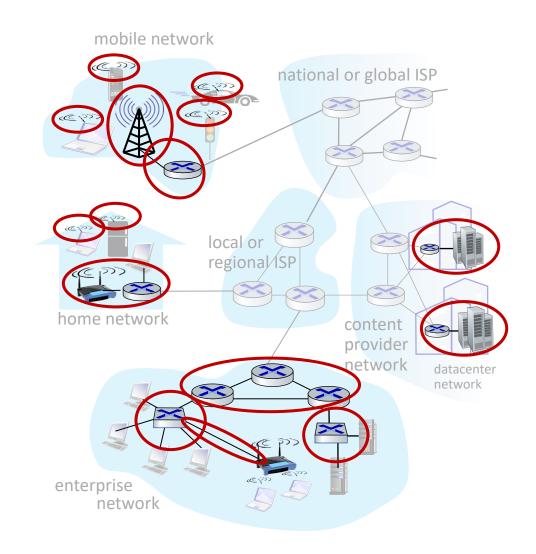
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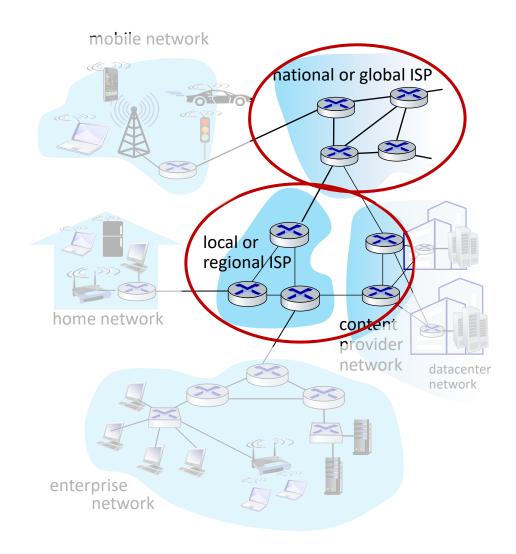
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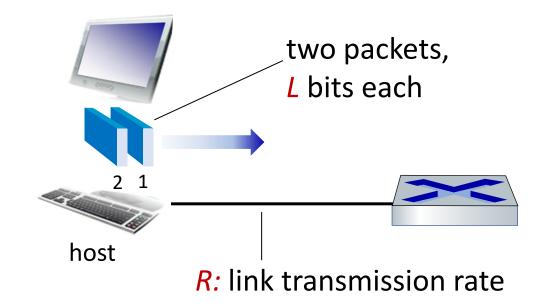
- interconnected routers
- network of networks



Host: sends packets of data

host sending function:

- takes application message
- breaks into smaller chunks,
 known as packets, of length L bits
- transmits packet into access network at transmission rate R
 - link transmission rate, aka link capacity, aka link bandwidth



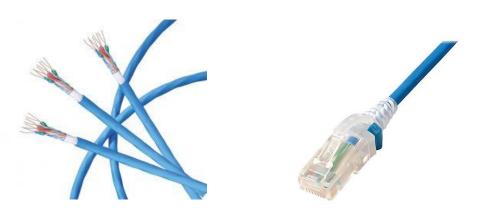
packet time needed to transmission = transmit
$$L$$
-bit = $\frac{L}{R}$ (bits/sec)

Links: physical media

- bits: propagate between transmitter/receiver pairs using electromagnetic waves or light pulses
- physical link/media: what lies between transmitter & receiver
- guided media:
 - signals propagate in solid media: copper, fiber, coax
- unguided media:
 - signals propagate freely, e.g., radio channels

Twisted pair (TP)

- two insulated copper wires
 - Category 5: 100 Mbps, 1 Gbps Ethernet
 - Category 6: 10Gbps Ethernet



Links: physical media

Coaxial cable:

- two concentric copper conductors
- bidirectional
- broadband:
 - multiple frequency channels on cable
 - 100's Mbps per channel



Fiber optic cable:

- glass fiber carrying light pulses, each pulse a bit
- high-speed operation:
 - high-speed point-to-point transmission (10's-100's Gbps)
- low error rate:
 - repeaters spaced far apart
 - immune to electromagnetic noise



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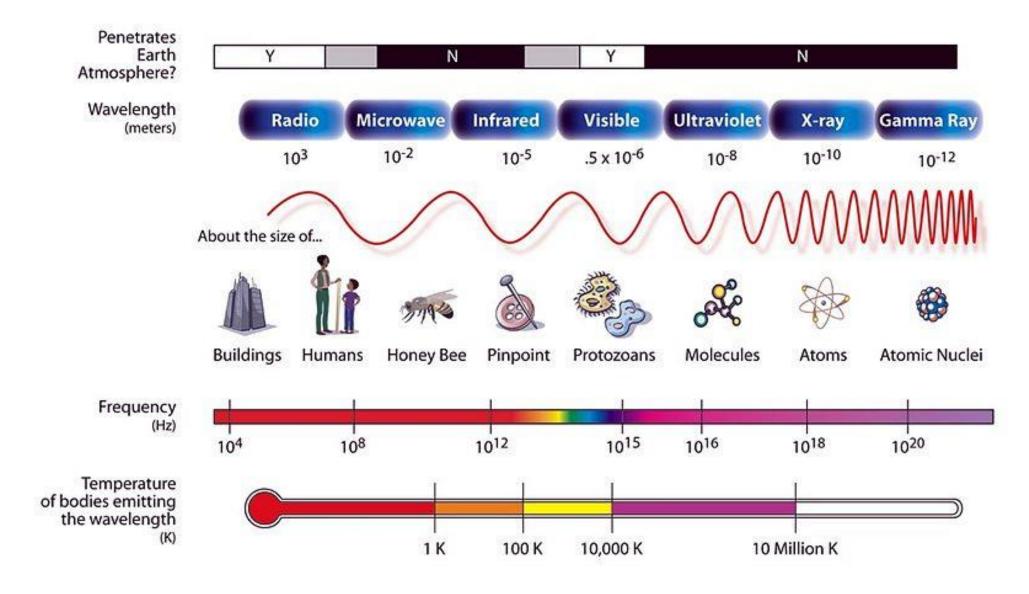
Wireless radio

- signal carried in various "bands" in electromagnetic spectrum
- no physical "wire"
- broadcast, "half-duplex" (sender to receiver)
- propagation environment effects:
 - reflection
 - obstruction by objects
 - Interference/noise

Radio link types:

- Wireless LAN (WiFi)
 - 10-100's Mbps; 10's of meters
- wide-area (e.g., 4G/5G cellular)
 - 10's Mbps (4G) over ~10 Km
- Bluetooth: cable replacement
 - short distances, limited rates
- terrestrial microwave
 - point-to-point; 45 Mbps channels
- satellite
 - up to < 100 Mbps (Starlink) downlink
 - 270 msec end-end delay (geostationary)

THE ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM



Radio waves

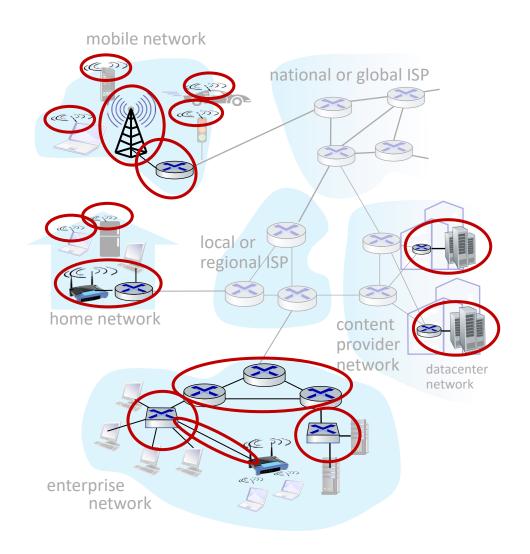
- One type of EM waves
- 30 Hz to 300 GHz
- 1-30 GHz also called as Microwaves
- 30-300 GHz also called as Millimeter waves
 - Unused, abundant, main candidate spectrum for 5G operations

Band	Frequency range	Wavelength range
Extremely Low Frequency (ELF)	<3 kHz	>100 km
Very Low Frequency (VLF)	3 to 30 kHz	10 to 100 km
Low Frequency (LF)	30 to 300 kHz	1 m to 10 km
Medium Frequency (MF)	300 kHz to 3 MHz	100 m to 1 km
High Frequency (HF)	3 to 30 MHz	10 to 100 m
Very High Frequency (VHF)	30 to 300 MHz	1 to 10 m
Ultra High Frequency (UHF)	300 MHz to 3 GHz	10 cm to 1 m
Super High Frequency (SHF)	3 to 30 GHz	1 to 10 cm
Extremely High Frequency (EHF)	30 to 300 GHz	1 mm to 1 cm

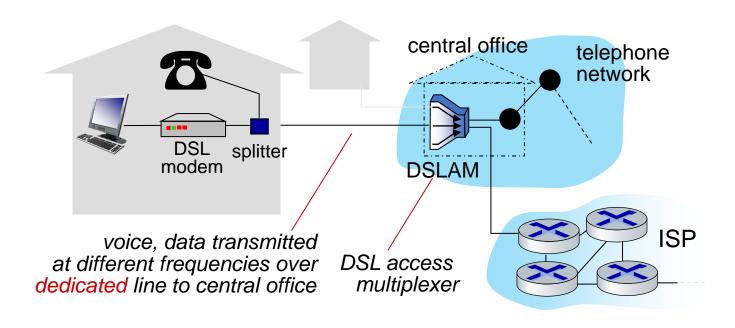
Access networks and physical media

Q: How to connect end systems to edge router?

- residential access networks
- enterprise access networks (school, company)
- wireless access networks (WiFi, 4G/5G)

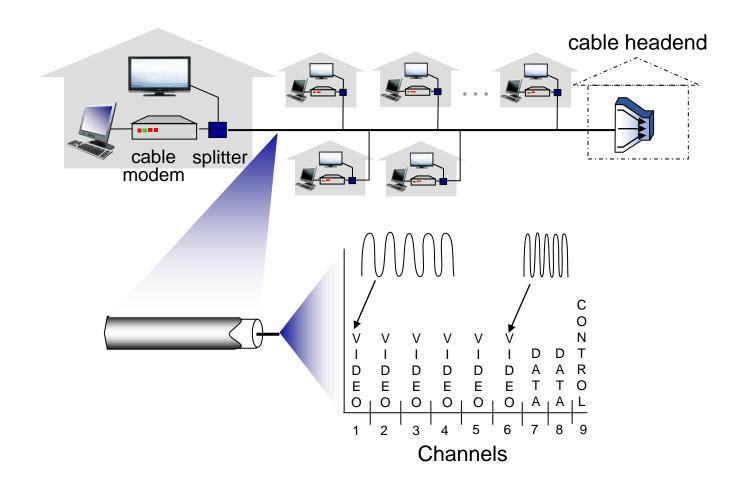


Access networks: digital subscriber line (DSL)



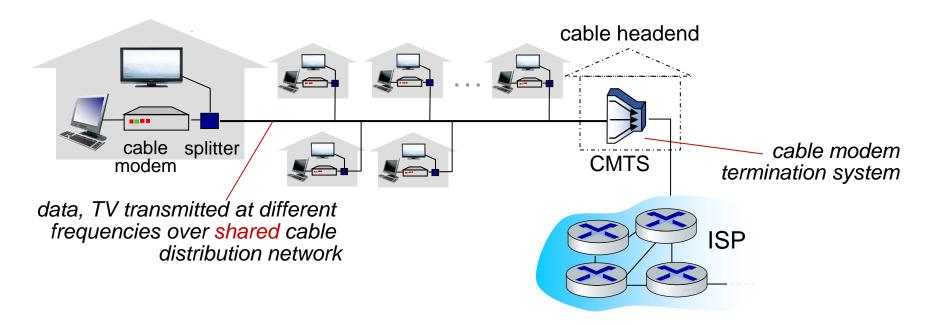
- use existing telephone line to central office DSLAM
 - data over DSL phone line goes to Internet
 - voice over DSL phone line goes to telephone net
- 24-52 Mbps dedicated downstream transmission rate
- 3.5-16 Mbps dedicated upstream transmission rate

Access networks: cable-based access



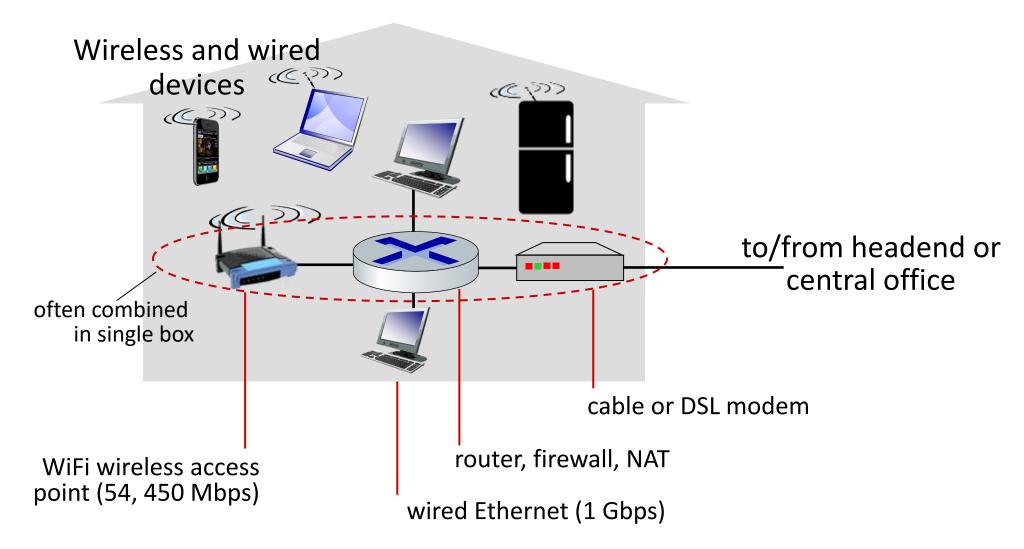
frequency division multiplexing (FDM): different TV channels & data transmitted in different frequency bands on the shared coaxial cable

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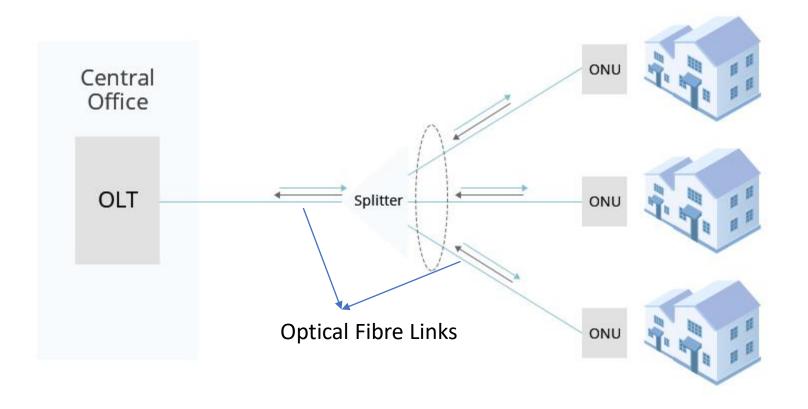


- HFC: hybrid fiber coax
 - asymmetric: up to 40 Mbps 1.2 Gbps downstream transmission rate, 30-100 Mbps upstream transmission rate
- network of cable, fiber attaches homes to ISP router
 - homes share access network to cable headend

Access networks in homes: Wi-Fi/Ethernet



Access networks in homes: FTTH



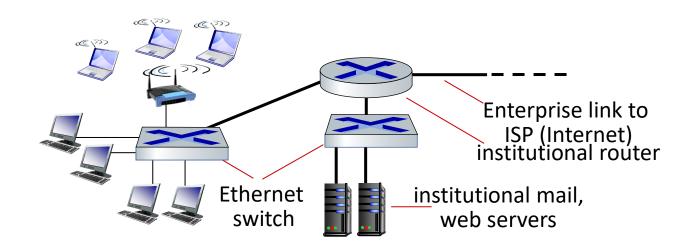
FTTH: Fibre To The Home OLT: Optical Line Terminal

ONU (ONT): Optical Network Unit/Terminal





Access networks in enterprises



- companies, universities, etc.
- mix of wired, wireless link technologies, connecting a mix of switches and routers (we'll cover differences shortly)
 - Ethernet: wired access at 100Mbps, 1Gbps, 10Gbps
 - WiFi: wireless access points at 11, 54, 450 Mbps

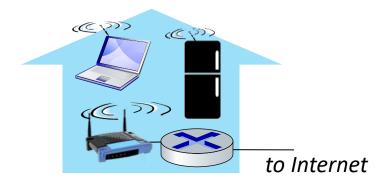
Wireless access networks

Shared wireless access network connects end system to router

via base station aka "access point"

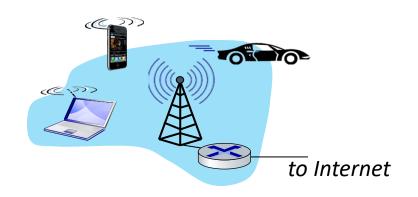
Wireless local area networks (WLANs)

- typically within or around building (~100 ft)
- 802.11b/g/n (WiFi): 11, 54, 450Mbps transmission rate



Wide-area cellular access networks

- provided by mobile, cellular network operator (10's km)
- 10's Mbps
- 4G/5G cellular networks

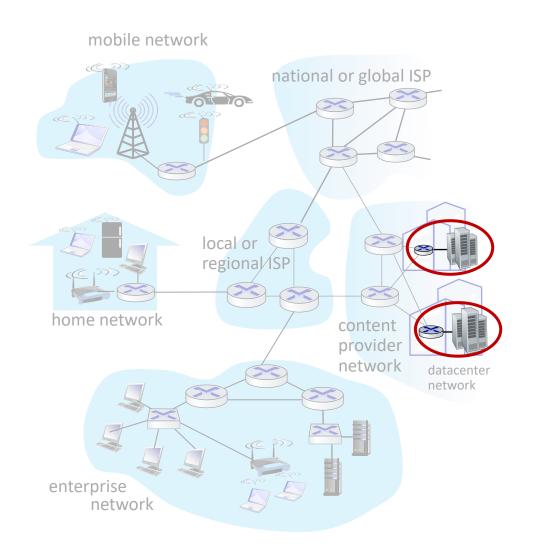


Access networks in data centers

high-bandwidth links (10s to 100s
 Gbps) connect hundreds to thousands of servers together, and to Internet



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