# Chapter 1 Introduction

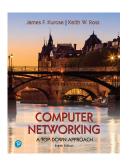
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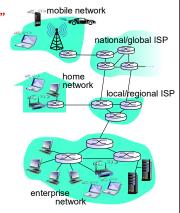
### The Internet ■ PC billions of connected mobile network server computing devices: hosts = end systems national/global ISP wireless laptop running network smartphone applications home Communication links local/regional ISP fiber, copper, radio, satellite transmission rate: bandwidth \* Packet switches: forward router packets (chunks of data) 2 · routers and switches switch 1-3



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## The Internet

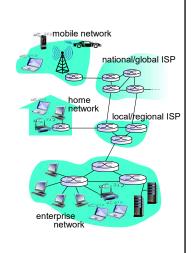
- Internet: "network of networks"
  - Interconnected ISPs
- protocols control sending, receiving of messages
  - e.g., TCP, IP, HTTP, Skype, 802.11
- Internet standards
  - RFC: Request for comments
  - IETF: Internet Engineering Task Force



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## The Internet

- Infrastructure that provides services to applications:
  - Web, VoIP, email, games, e-commerce, social networks, inter-connected appliances,...
- provides programming interface to applications
  - allow sending and receiving application programs to connect to Internet
  - provides service options for sending and receiving of messages



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## **Protocol**

## human protocols:

- "what's the time?"
- "I have a question"
- introductions

## Rules for:

- ... specific msgs 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 format, order of messages sent and received among network entities, and actions taken on message transmission, receipt

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# a human protocol and a computer network protocol: Hi Got the time? 2:00 C: other human protocols?

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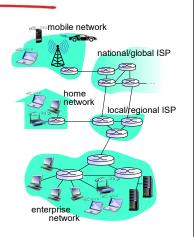
## Look at network structure

## network edge:

- hosts: clients and servers
- servers often in data centers
- access networks, physical media: wired, wireless communication links

## network core:

- interconnected routers
- network of networks



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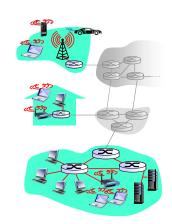
## Access networks and physical media

# Q: How to connect end systems to edge router?

- · residential access nets
- enterprise access networks (school, company)
- mobile access networks (WiFi, 4G/5G)

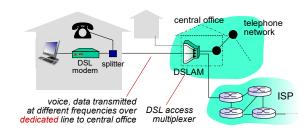
## Keep in mind:

- bandwidth (bits per second) of access network?
- shared or dedicated?

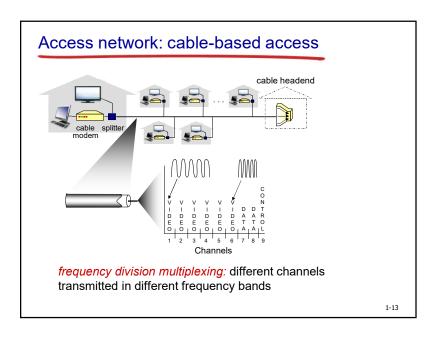


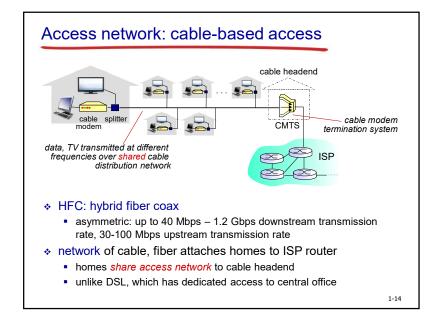
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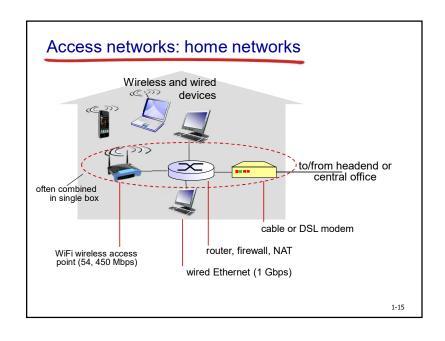
## Access network: digital subscriber line (DSL)

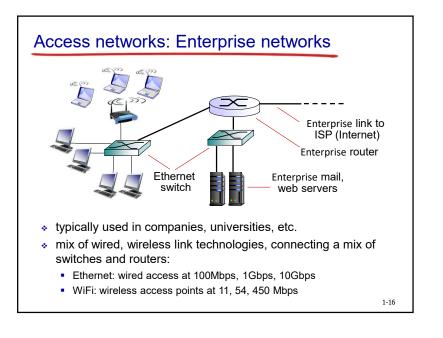


- use existing telephone line to central office DSLAM
  - data over DSL phone line goes to Internet
  - voice over DSL phone line goes to telephone network
- 24-52 Mbps dedicated downstream transmission rate
- 3.5-16 Mbps dedicated upstream transmission rate









## Wireless access networks

- shared wireless access network connects end system to router
  - via base station aka "access point"

### wireless LANs:

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



## wide-area wireless access

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

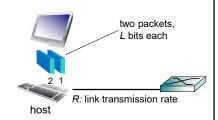


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## Host: sends packets of data

## 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 transmission delay time needed to transmit *L*-bit packet into link

L (bits) R (bits/sec)

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## Links: Physical media

- bit: propagates between transmitter/receiver pairs
- physical link: what lies between transmitter & receiver
- guided media:
  - signals propagate in solid media: copper, fiber, coax
- unguided media:
  - signals propagate freely, e.g., radio

## twisted pair (TP)

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



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## Links: Physical media

## coaxial cable:

- two concentric copper conductors
- bidirectional
- broadband:
  - multiple frequency channels on cable
  - HFC



## fiber optic cable:

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



## Links: Physical media

## Wireless radio

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

## radio link types:

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

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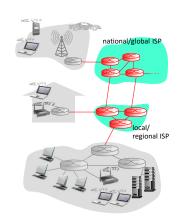
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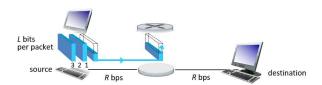
## The network core

- 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



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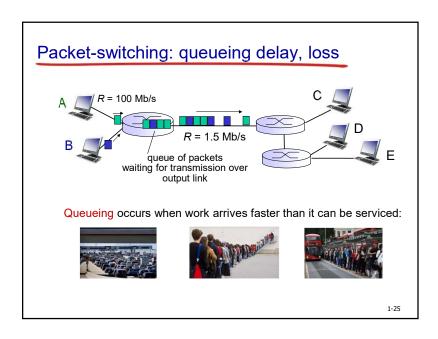
## Packet-switching: store-and-forward

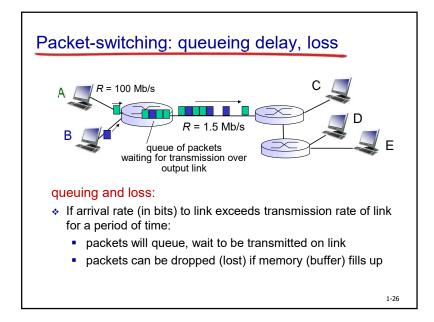


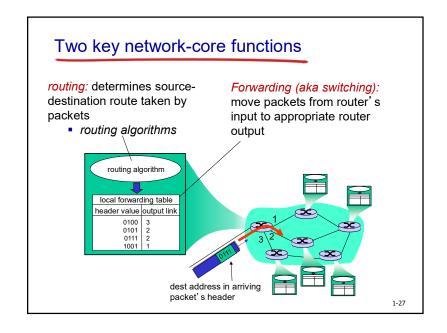
- takes L/R seconds to transmit (push out) L-bit packet into link at R bps
- store and forward: entire packet must arrive at router before it can be transmitted on next link
- end-end delay = 2L/R (assuming zero propagation delay)

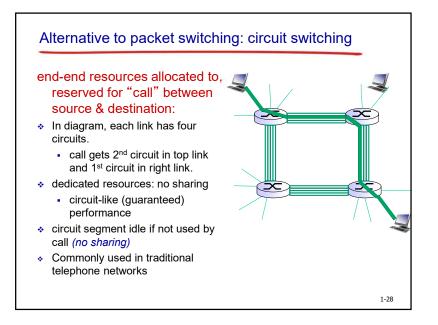
# one-hop numerical example:

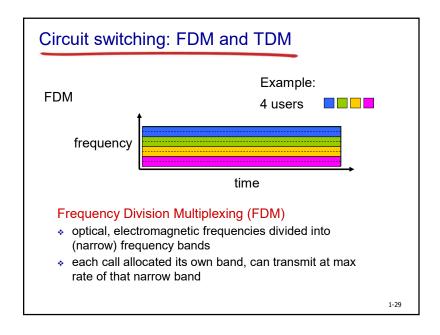
- L = 10 Kbits
- *R* = 100 Mbps
- one-hop transmission delay = 0.1 msec

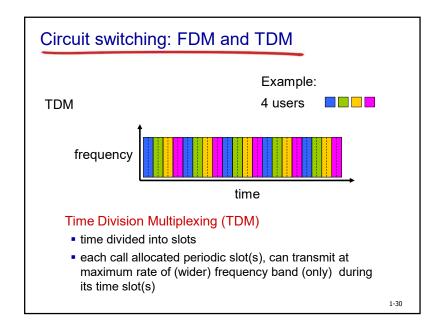










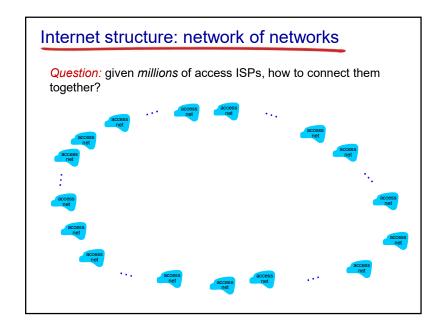


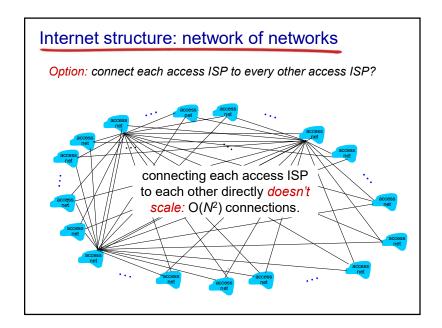
## Packet switching versus circuit switching packet switching allows more users to use network! example: 1 Mb/s link each user: 100 kb/s when "active" 1 Mbps link · active 10% of time circuit-switching: • 10 users Q: how did we get value 0.0004? \* packet switching: with 35 users, probability > Q: what happens if > 35 users? 10 active at same time is less than .0004 \* 1-31

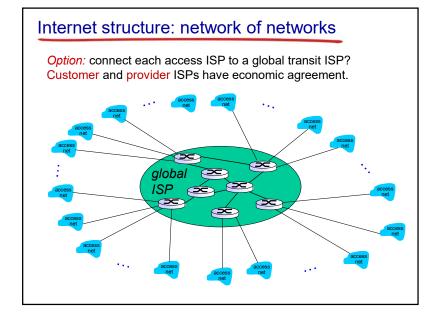
# is packet switching a "winner?" \* great for bursty data • resource sharing • simpler, no call setup \* excessive congestion possible: packet delay and loss due to buffer overflow • protocols needed for reliable data transfer, congestion control \* Q: How to provide circuit-like behavior with packet-switching? • bandwidth guarantees needed for audio/video apps • still an unsolved problem Q: human analogies of reserved resources (circuit switching) versus on-demand allocation (packet-switching)?

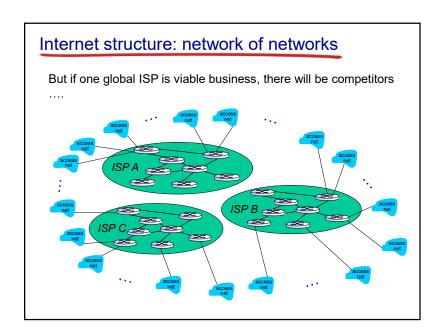
## Internet structure: network of networks

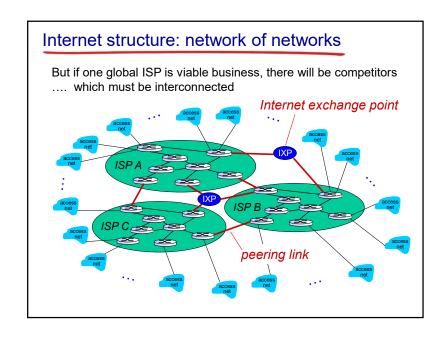
- End systems connect to Internet via access ISPs (Internet Service Providers)
  - Residential, company and university ISPs
- \* Access ISPs in turn must be interconnected.
  - . So that any two hosts can send packets to each other
- \* Resulting network of networks is very complex
  - Evolution was driven by economics and national policies
- Let's take a stepwise approach to describe current Internet structure

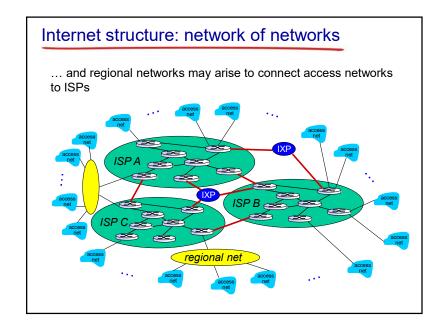


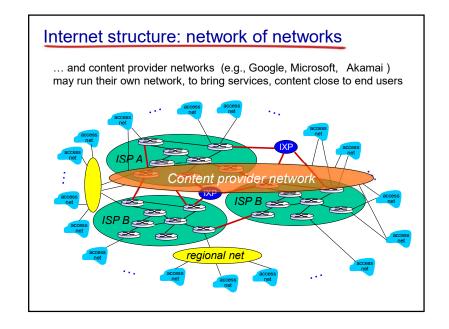


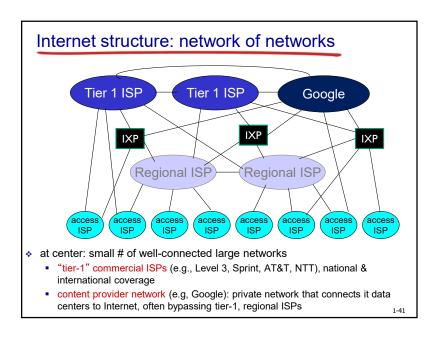


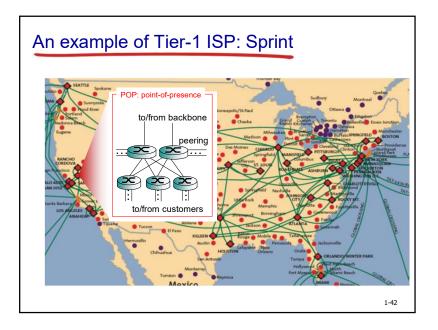












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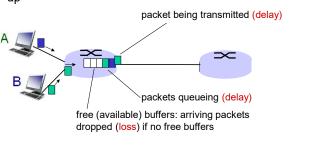
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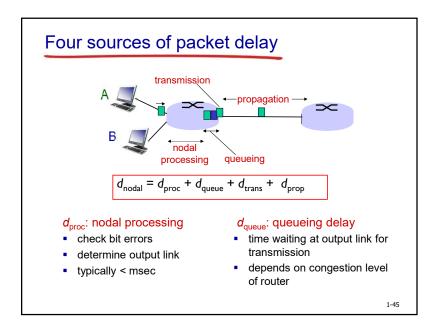
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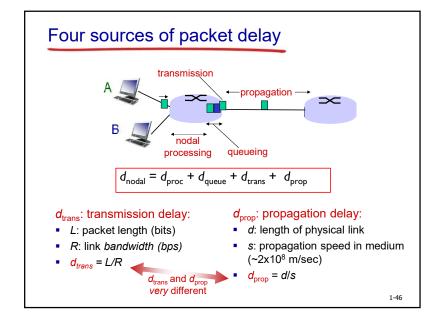
How do packet delay and loss occur?

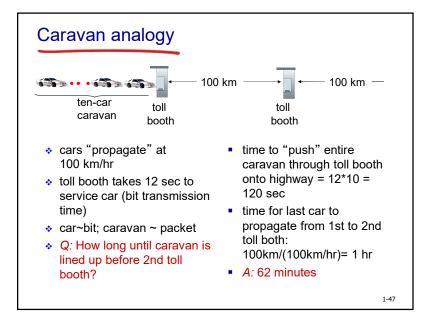
- packets queue in router buffers, waiting for turn for transmission
  - queue length grows when arrival rate to link (temporarily) exceeds output link capacity
- packets loss occur when memory to hold queued packets fills up

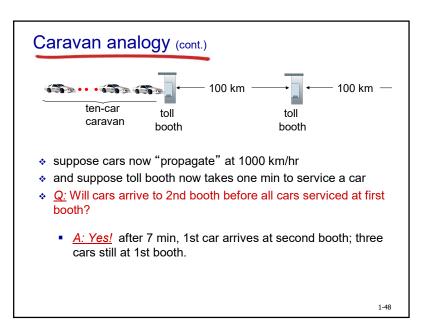


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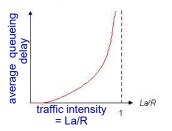






## Packet queueing delay (revisited)

- R: link bandwidth (bps)
- L: packet length (bits)
- a: average packet arrival rate



- ❖ La/R ~ 0: avg. queueing delay small
- ❖ La/R -> 1: avg. queueing delay large
- ❖ La/R > 1: more "work" arriving than can be serviced, average delay infinite!

trans-oceanic

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## Real Internet delays and routes

- what do "real" Internet delay & loss look like?
- traceroute program: provides delay measurement from source to router along end-end Internet path towards destination. For all i:
  - sends three packets that will reach router *i* on path towards destination
  - router i will return packets to sender
  - sender times interval between transmission and reply.



## Real Internet delays and routes

traceroute: gaia.cs.umass.edu to www.eurecom.fr

3 delay measurements from gaia.cs.umass.edu to cs-gw.cs.umass.edu

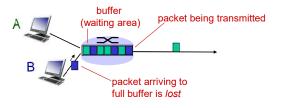
\* means no response (probe lost, router not replying)

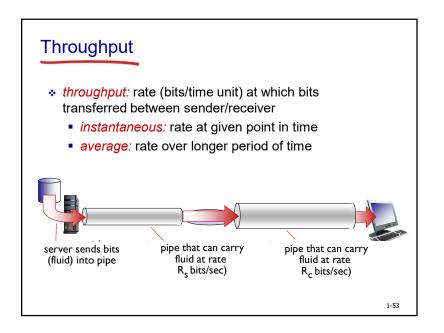
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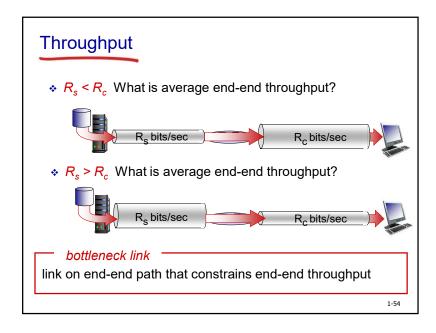
\* Do some traceroutes from exotic countries at www.traceroute.org

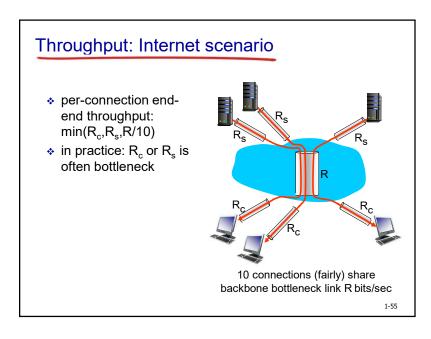
Packet loss

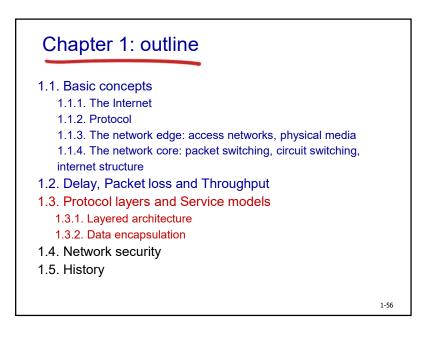
- queue (aka buffer) preceding link in buffer has finite capacity
- packet arriving to full queue dropped (aka lost)
- lost packet may be retransmitted by previous node, by source end system, or not at all











# 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?

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## Example: organization of air travel



end-to-end transfer of person plus baggage

ticket (purchase)

ticket (complain)

baggage (check)

baggage (claim)

gates (load)

gates (unload)

runway takeoff

runway landing

airplane routing

airplane routing

airplane routing

How would you *define/discuss* the *system* of airline travel?

· a series of steps, involving many services

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## Example: Layering of airline functionality



layers: each layer implements a service

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

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## Why layering?

Approad to 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

## Layered 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, 802.11 (WiFi), PPP
- physical: bits "on the wire"

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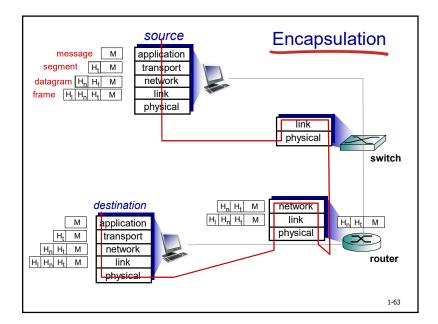
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## ISO/OSI reference model

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

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## **Network security**

- Internet not originally designed with (much) security in mind
  - original vision: "a group of mutually trusting users attached to a transparent network" ☺
  - Internet protocol designers playing "catch-up"
  - · security considerations in all layers!
- We now need to think about :
  - how bad guys can attack computer networks
  - how we can defend networks against attacks
  - how to design architectures that are immune to attacks

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## Bad guys: put malware into hosts via Internet

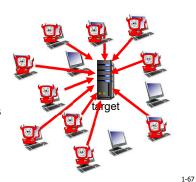
- malware can get in host from:
  - virus: self-replicating infection by receiving/executing object (e.g., e-mail attachment)
  - worm: self-replicating infection by passively receiving object that gets itself executed
- spyware malware can record keystrokes, web sites visited, upload info to collection site
- infected host can be enrolled in botnet, used for spam. DDoS attacks.

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## Bad guys: attack server, network infrastructure

Denial of Service (DoS): attackers make resources (server, bandwidth) unavailable to legitimate traffic by overwhelming resource with bogus traffic

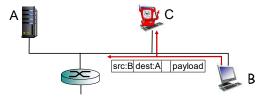
- 1. select target
- 2. break into hosts around the network (see botnet)
- 3. send packets to target from compromised hosts



Bad guys can sniff packets

## packet "sniffing":

- broadcast media (shared ethernet, wireless)
- promiscuous network interface reads/records all packets (e.g., including passwords!) passing by



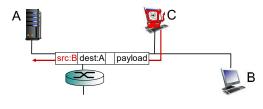
 wireshark software used for end-of-chapter labs is a (free) packet-sniffer

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## Bad guys can use fake addresses

IP spoofing: send packet with false source address



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## Lines of defense

- Authentication: proving you are who you say you are
  - cellular networks provides hardware identity via SIM card; no such hardware assist in traditional Internet
- Confidentiality: via encryption
- Integrity checks: digital signatures prevent/detect tampering
- Access restrictions: password-protected VPNs
- Firewalls: specialized "middle boxes" in access and core networks:
  - off-by-default: filter incoming packets to restrict senders, receivers, applications
  - detecting/reacting to DOS attacks

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Internet history

1961-1972: Early packet-switching principles

- 1961: Kleinrock queueing theory shows effectiveness of packetswitching
- 1964: Baran packetswitching in military nets
- 1967: ARPAnet conceived by Advanced Research Projects Agency
- 1969: first ARPAnet node operational

- **4** 1972:
  - ARPAnet public demo
  - NCP (Network Control Protocol) first host-host protocol
  - first e-mail program
  - ARPAnet has 15 nodes



THE ARPA NETWORK

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## Internet history

1972-1980: Internetworking, new and proprietary nets

- 1970: ALOHAnet satellite network in Hawaii
- 1974: Cerf and Kahn architecture for interconnecting networks
- 1976: Ethernet at Xerox PARC
- late70's: proprietary architectures: DECnet, SNA, **XNA**
- late 70's: switching fixed length packets (ATM precursor)
- ❖ 1979: ARPAnet has 200 nodes

Cerf and Kahn's internetworking principles:

- minimalism, autonomy no internal changes required to interconnect networks
- best effort service model
- stateless routers
- decentralized control

define today's Internet architecture

## Internet history

1980-1990: new protocols, a proliferation of networks

- ❖ 1983: deployment of TCP/IP
- ❖ 1982: SMTP e-mail protocol defined
- 1983: DNS defined for name-to-IP-address translation
- ❖ 1985: FTP protocol defined
- ❖ 1988: TCP congestion control

- new national networks: Csnet. BITnet. NSFnet. Minitel
- 100.000 hosts connected to confederation of networks



## Internet history

1990, 2000's: commercialization, the Web, new apps

- early 1990's: ARPAnet decommissioned
- ❖ 1991: NSF lifts restrictions on commercial use of NSFnet (decommissioned, 1995)
- - hypertext [Bush 1945, Nelson ❖ est. 50 million host. 100 1960'sl
  - HTML. HTTP: Berners-Lee
  - 1994: Mosaic, later Netscape
  - late 1990's: commercialization of the Web

late 1990's – 2000's:

- more killer apps: instant messaging, P2P file sharing
- · network security to forefront
- million+ users
- backbone links running at Gbps

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## Internet history

2005-present: scale, SDN, mobility, cloud

- aggressive deployment of broadband home access (10-100 Mbps)
- 2008: software-defined networking (SDN)
- increasing ubiquity of high-speed wireless access: 4G/5G, WiFi
- service providers (Google, FB, Microsoft) create their own networks
  - bypass commercial Internet to connect "close" to end user, providing "instantaneous" access to social media, search, video content....
- enterprises run their services in "cloud" (e.g., Amazon Web Services, Microsoft Azure)
- rise of smartphones: more mobile than fixed devices on Internet
- ~15B devices attached to Internet (2023, statista.com)

## Vietnam's Internet history

- ❖ 1991: Attempts to connect to the Internet failed.
- 1996: Solve obstacles; prepare Internet infrastructure
  - ISP: VNPT
  - Speed: 64kbps. There is an international connection with several users.
- \* 1997: Vietnam officially connects to the Internet.
  - 1 IXP: VNPT
  - 4 ISP: VNPT, Netnam (IOT), FPT, SPT
- 2007: "10 years of Vietnam's Internet"
  - 20 ISP, 4 IXP
  - 19 million Internet users, accounting for 22.04% of the population
- 2022: "25 years of Vietnam's Internet": 70% of population are Internet users.

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## Introduction: summary

# We've covered a "ton" of material!

- Internet overview
- what's a protocol?
- network edge, core, access network
  - packet-switching versus circuit-switching
  - Internet structure
- performance: loss, delay, throughput
- · layering, service models
- security
- history

## you now have:

- context, overview, "feel" of networking
- more depth, detail to follow!