CISC 7320X - COMPUTER SECURITY

Chapter 6: Networks

Objectives for Chapter 6

- Networking basics
- Network threats and vulnerabilities
- WiFi security
- Denial-of-service attacks
- Network encryption concepts and tools
- Types of firewalls and what they do
- Intrusion detection and prevention systems
- Security information and event management tools

Network Transmission Media

- Cable
- Optical fiber
- Microwave
- WiFi
- Satellite communication

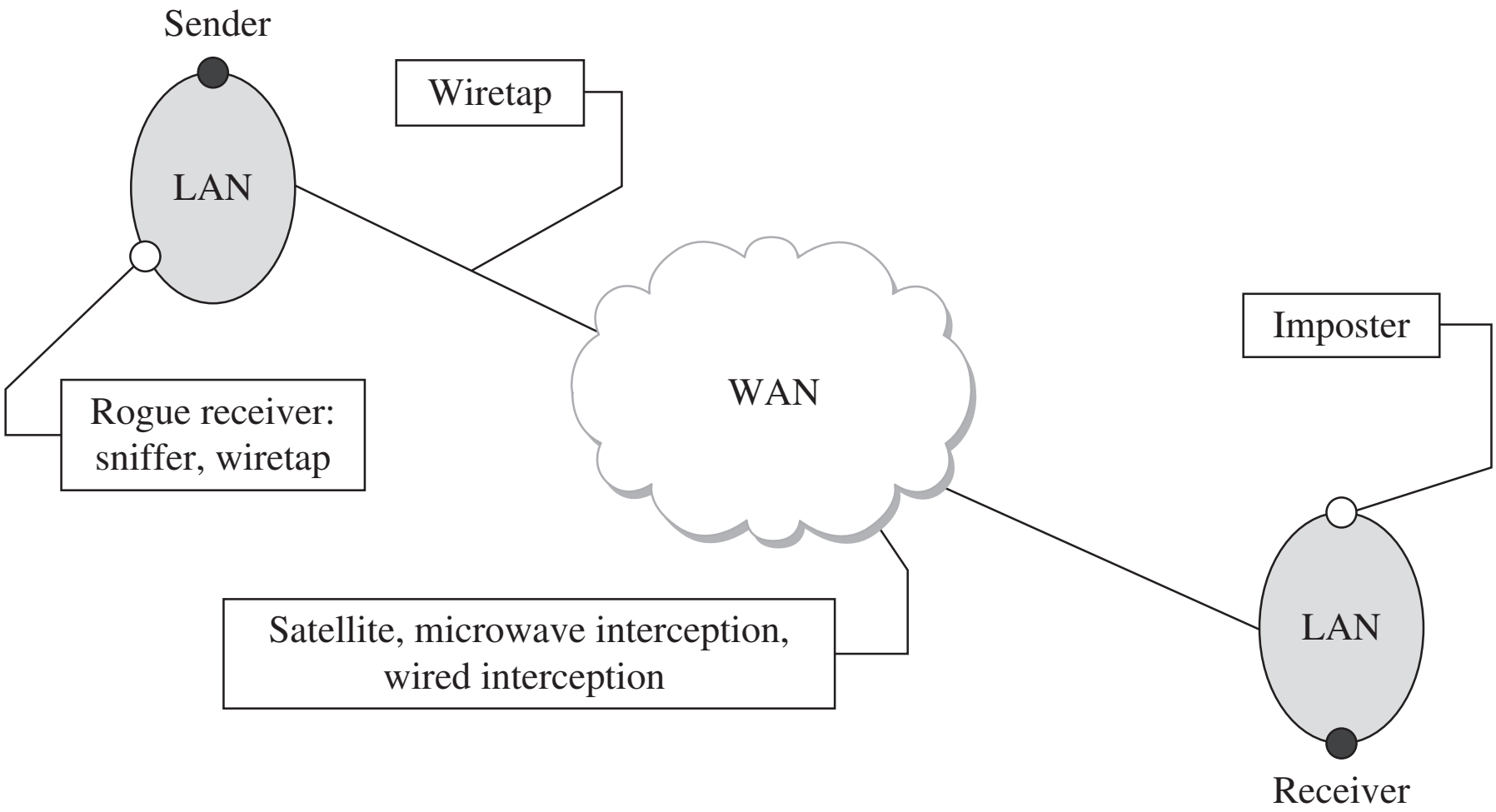
Communication Media Vulnerability

- Each transmission media has different physical properties
  - Those properties will influence their susceptibility to different kinds of attack

Communication Media Vulnerability

- There are different touch points where attackers can take advantage of communication media:
  - Wiretaps
  - sniffers and rogue receivers
  - Interception
  - impersonation

Communication Media Vulnerability



Communication Media Pros/Cons

Medium	Strengths	Weaknesses
Wire	• Widely used • Inexpensive to buy, install, maintain	• Susceptible to emanation • Susceptible to physical wiretapping
Optical fiber	• Immune to emanation • Difficult to wiretap	• Potentially exposed at connection points
Microwave	• Strong signal, not seriously affected by weather	• Exposed to interception along path of transmission • Requires line of sight location • Signal must be repeated approximately every 30 miles (50 kilometers)
Wireless (radio, WiFi)	• Widely available • Built into many computers	• Signal degrades over distance; suitable for short range • Signal interceptable in circular pattern around transmitter
Satellite	• Strong, fast signal	• Delay due to distance signal travels up and down • Signal exposed over wide area at receiving end

Computer Networks

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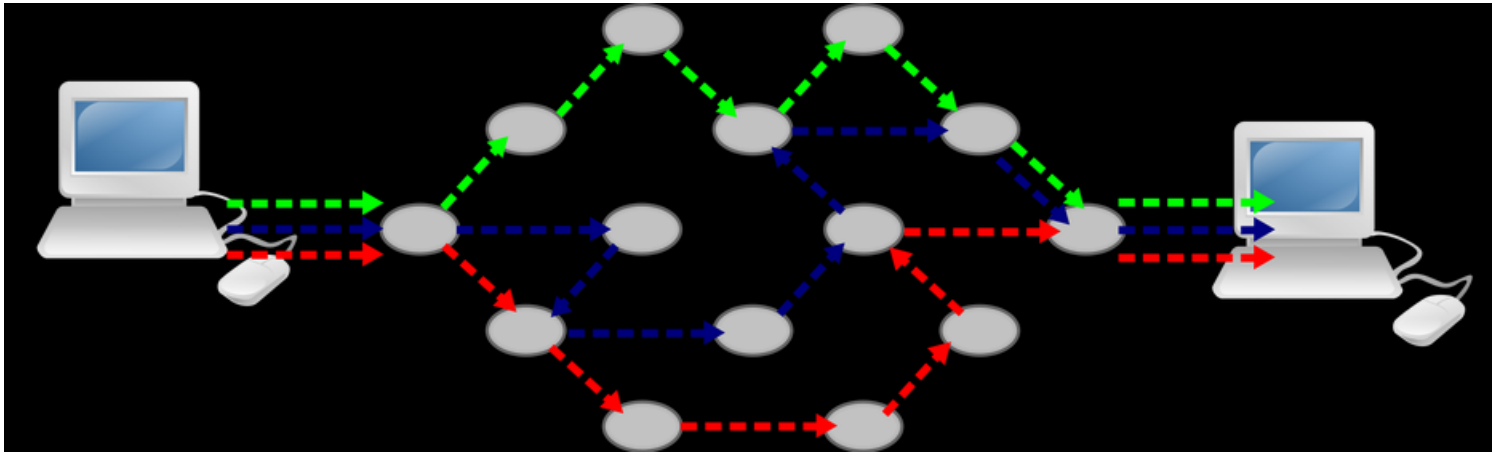
Circuit and Packet Switching



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Circuit and Packet Switching

- Circuit switching
  - Legacy phone network
  - Single route through sequence of hardware devices established when two nodes start communication
  - Data sent along route
  - Route maintained until communication ends
- Packet switching
  - Internet
  - Data split into packets
  - Packets transported independently through network
  - Each packet handled on a best efforts basis
  - Packets may follow different routes

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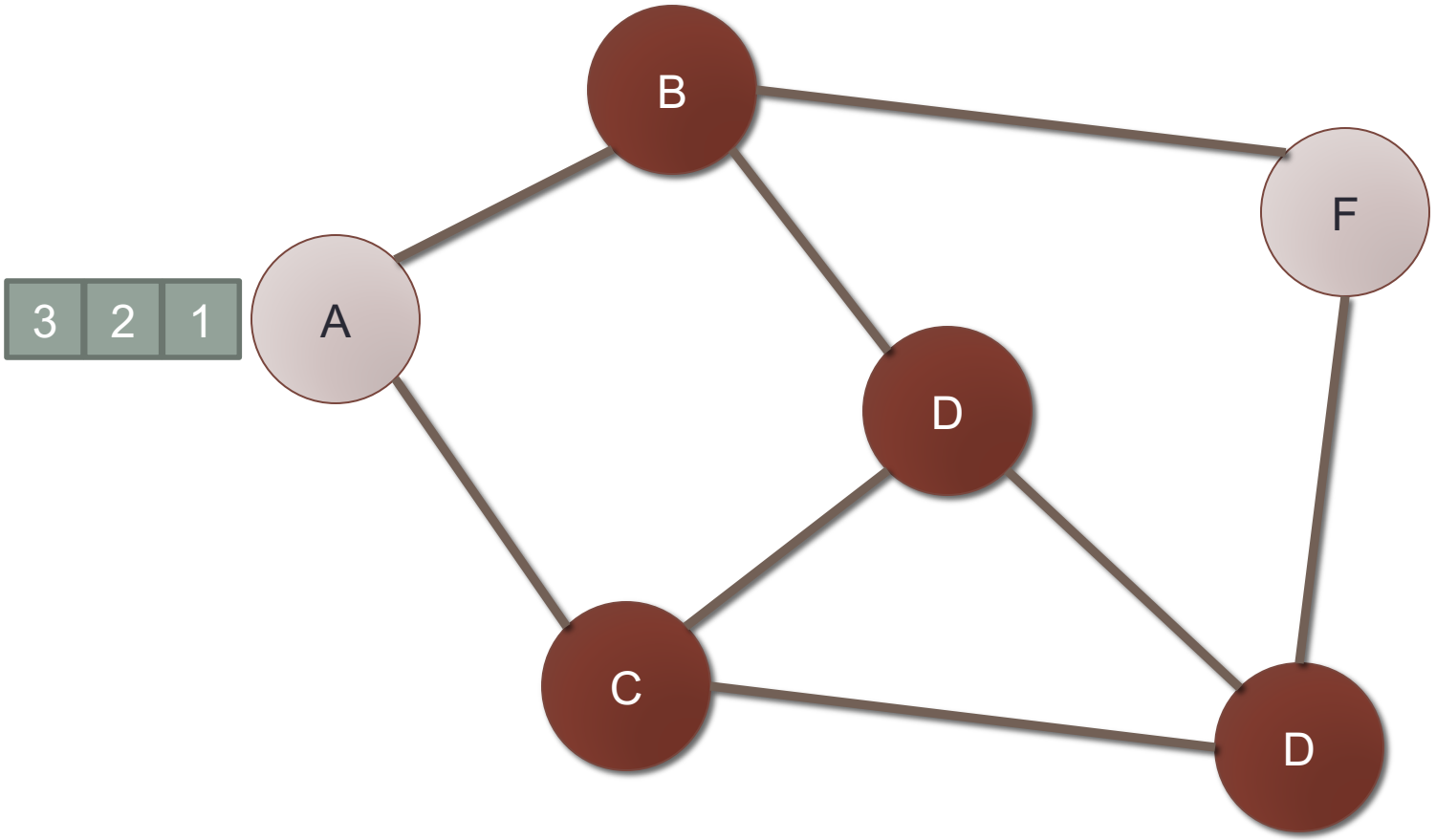

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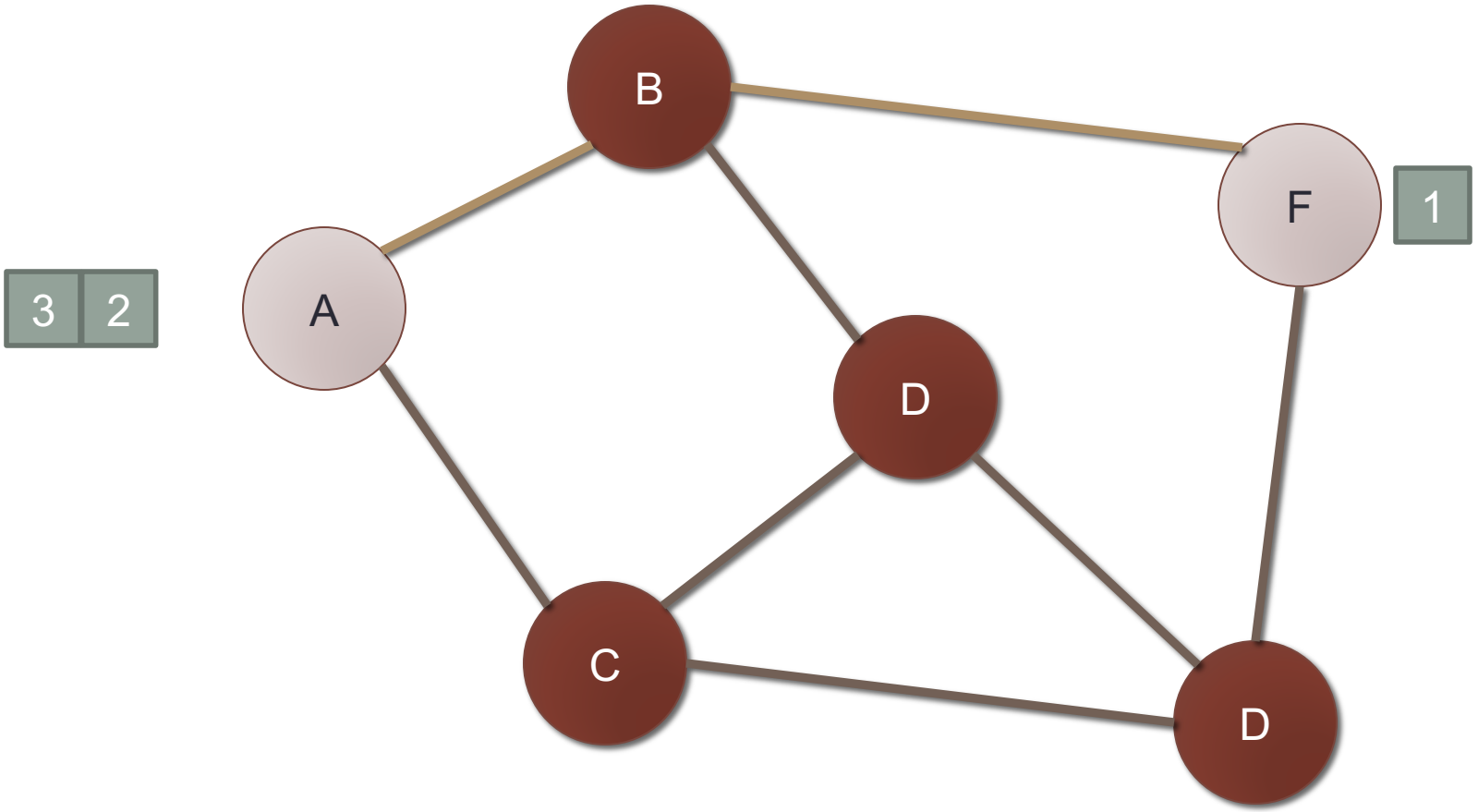

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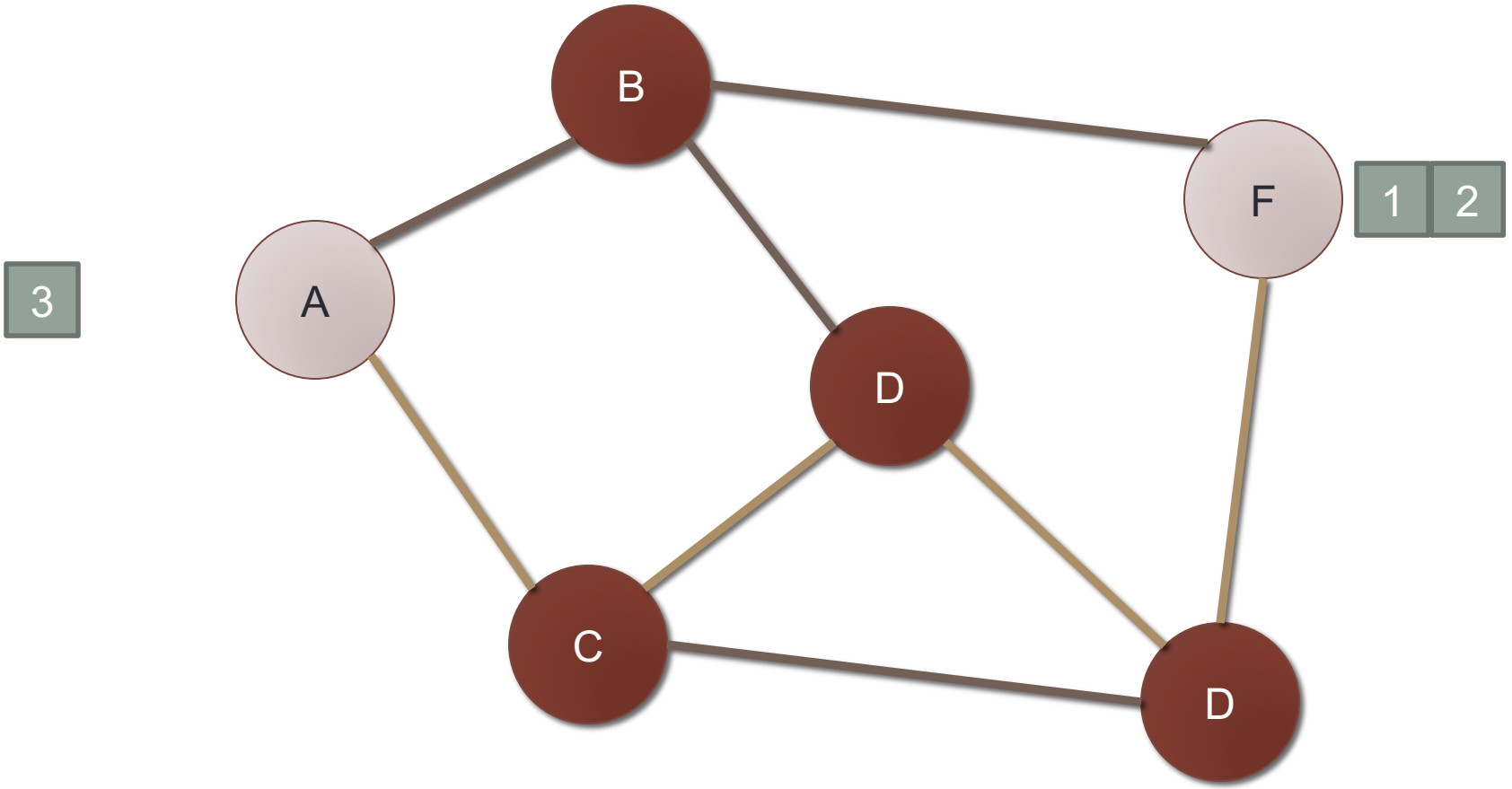

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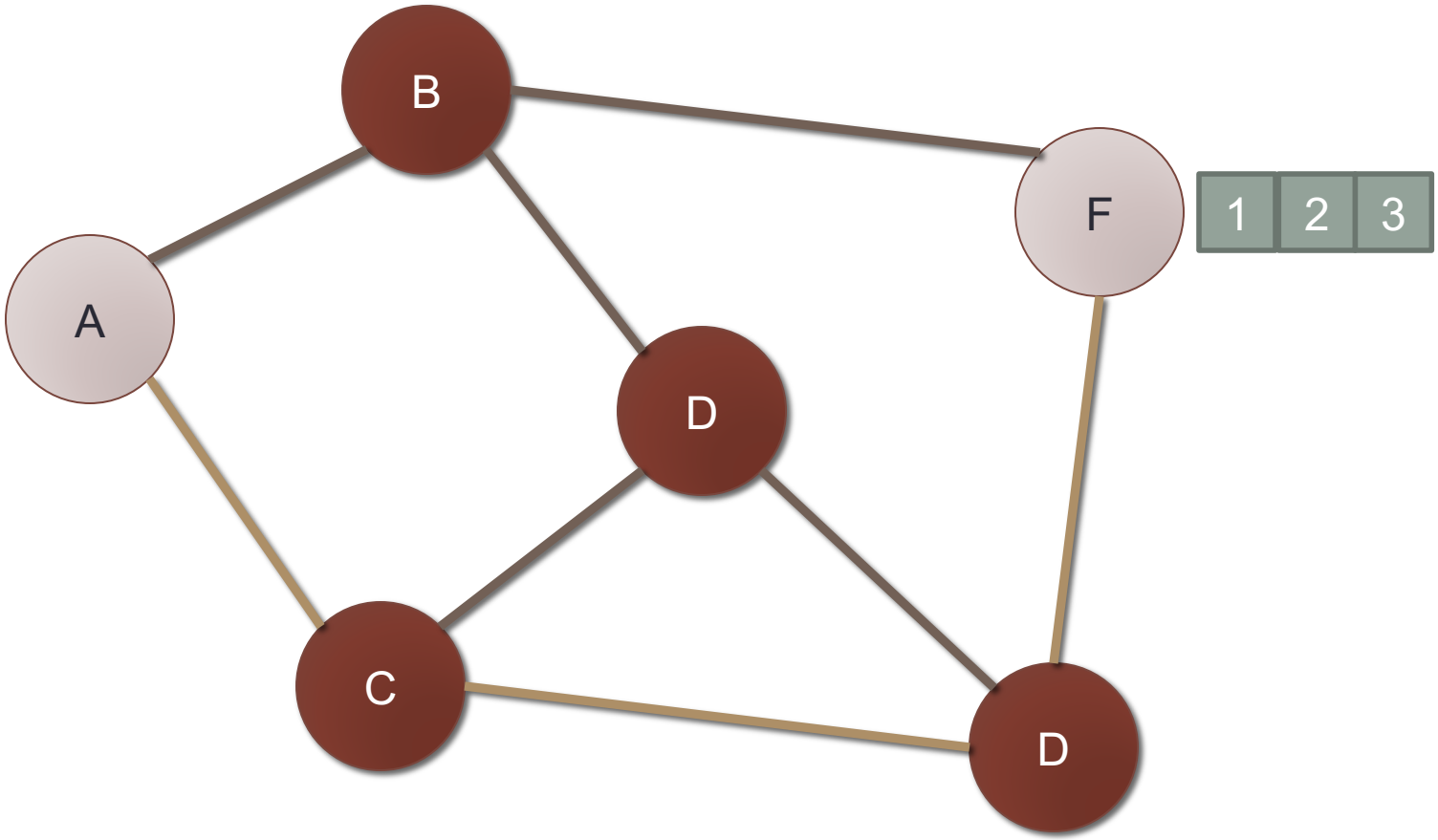

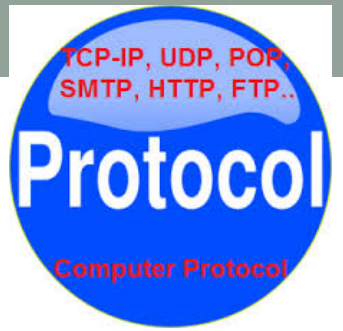

Protocols

- A protocol defines the rules for communication between computers
- Protocols are broadly classified as connectionless and connection oriented

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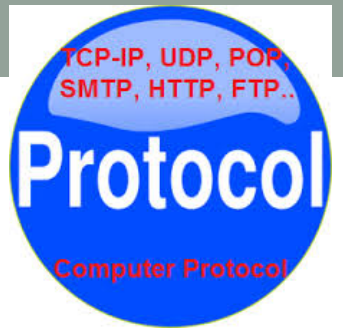

Protocols

- Connectionless protocol
  - Sends data out as soon as there is enough data to be transmitted
  - E.g., user datagram protocol (UDP)
- Connection-oriented protocol
  - Provides a reliable connection stream between two nodes
  - Consists of set up, transmission, and tear down phases
  - Creates virtual circuit-switched network
  - E.g., transmission control protocol (TCP)

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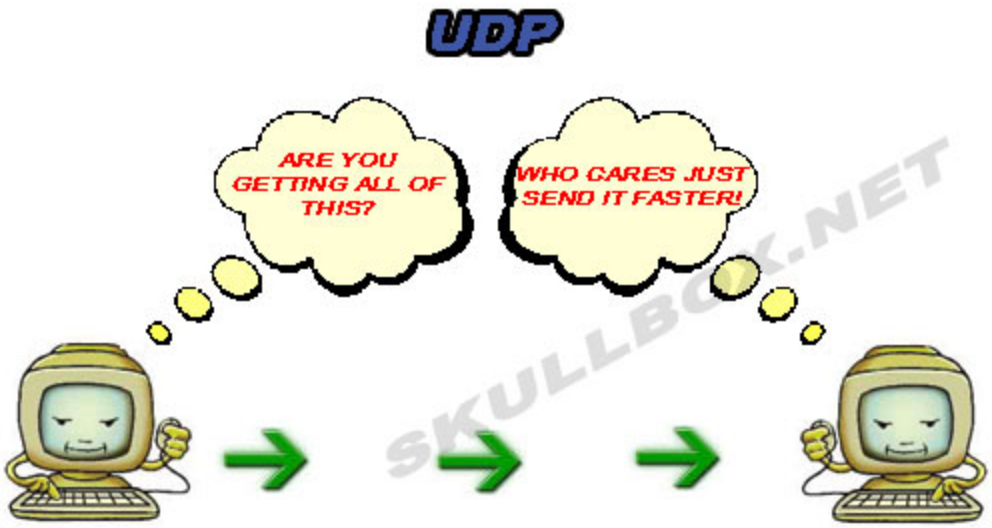
Connectionless protocol



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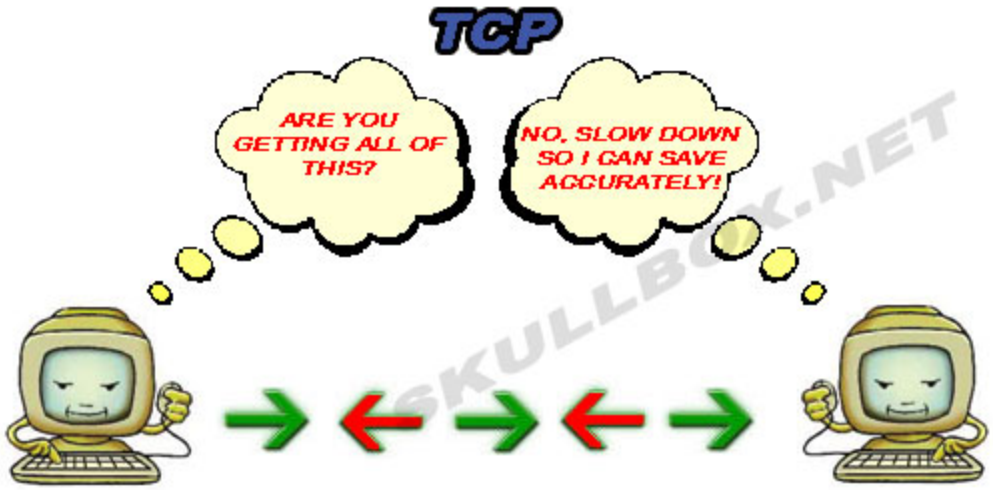
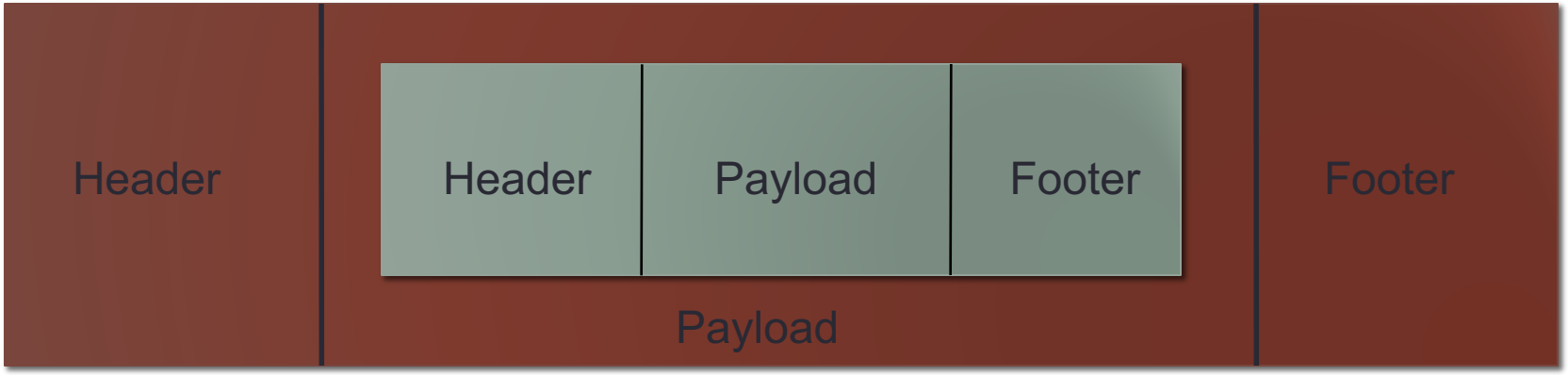
Connection-oriented protocol



Encapsulation

- A packet typically consists of
  - Control information for addressing the packet: header and footer
  - Data: payload
- A network protocol N1 can use the services of another network protocol N2
  - A packet p1 of N1 is encapsulated into a packet p2 of N2
  - The payload of p2 is p1
  - The control information of p2 is derived from that of p1



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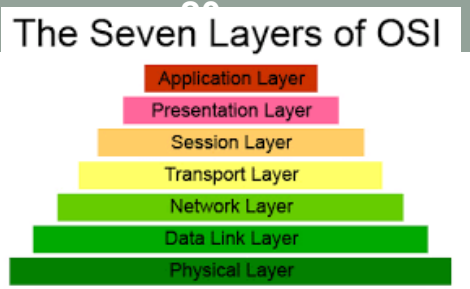

Network Layers

- Network models typically use a stack of layers
  - Higher layers use the services of lower layers via encapsulation
  - A layer can be implemented in hardware or software
  - The bottommost layer must be in hardware
- A network device may implement several layers

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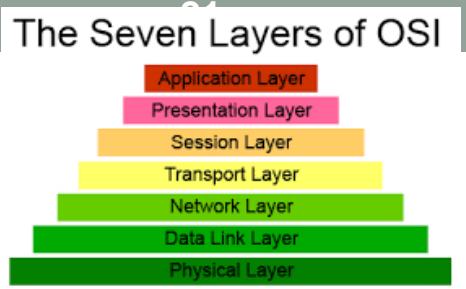

- A communication channel between two nodes is established for each layer
  - Actual channel at the bottom layer
  - Virtual channel at higher layers

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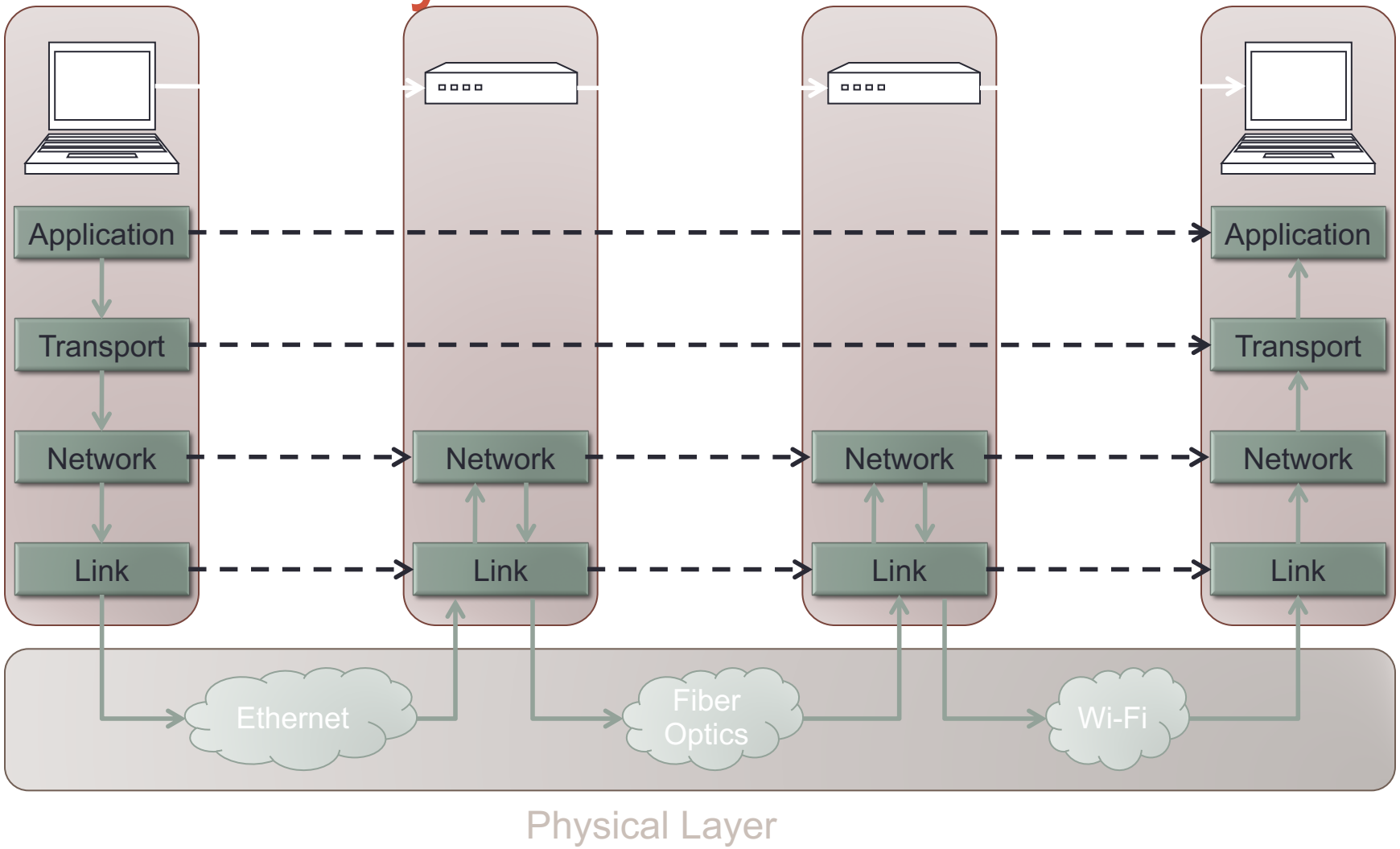
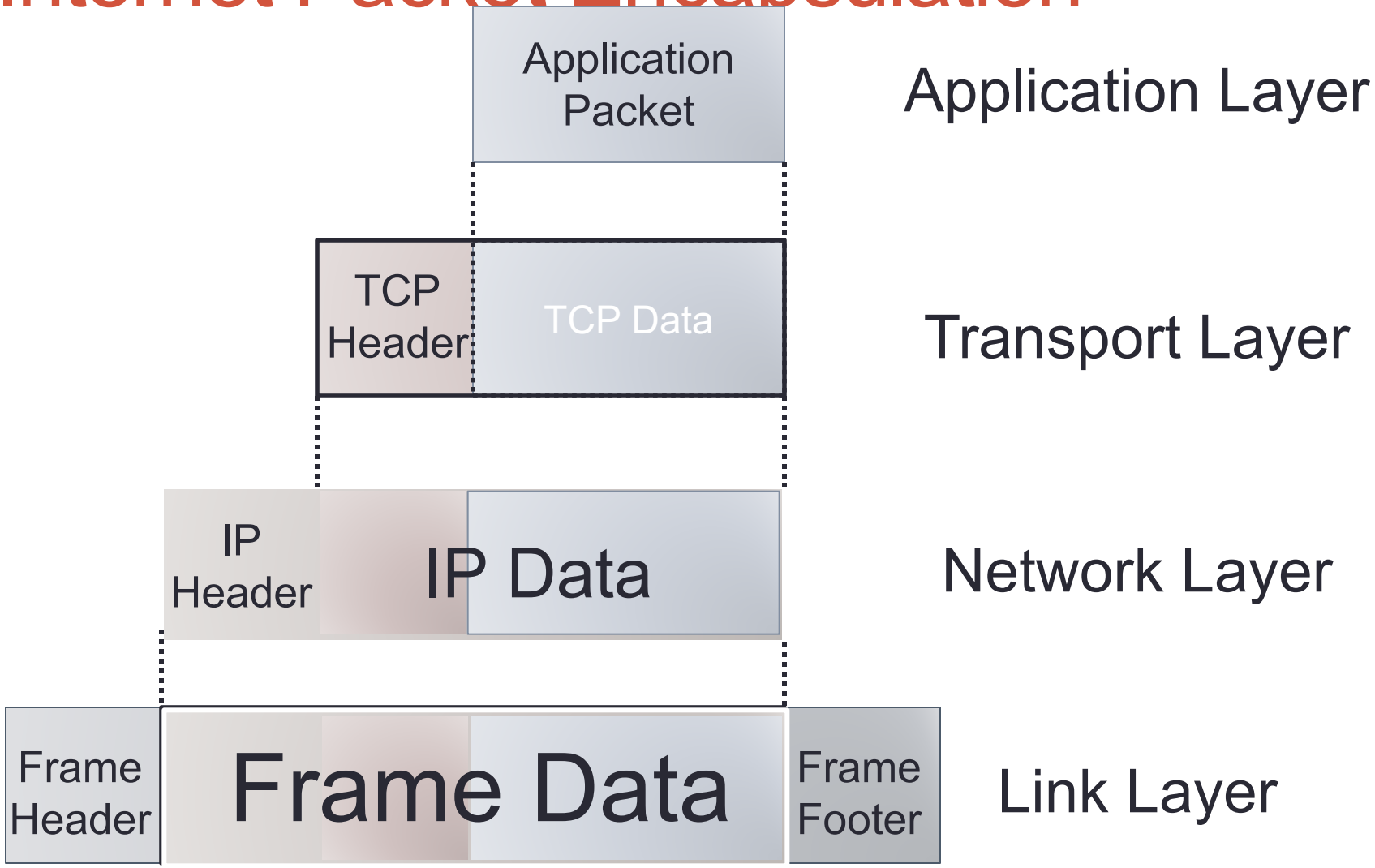
Internet Layers



Intermediate Layers

- Link layer
  - Local area network: Ethernet, WiFi, optical fiber
  - 48-bit media access control (MAC) addresses
  - Packets called frames
- Network layer
  - Internet-wide communication
  - Best efforts
  - 32-bit internet protocol (IP) addresses in IPv4
  - 128-bit IP addresses in IPv6
- Transport layer
  - 16-bit addresses (ports) for classes of applications
  - Connection-oriented transmission layer protocol (TCP)
  - Connectionless user datagram protocol (UDP)

Internet Packet Encapsulation



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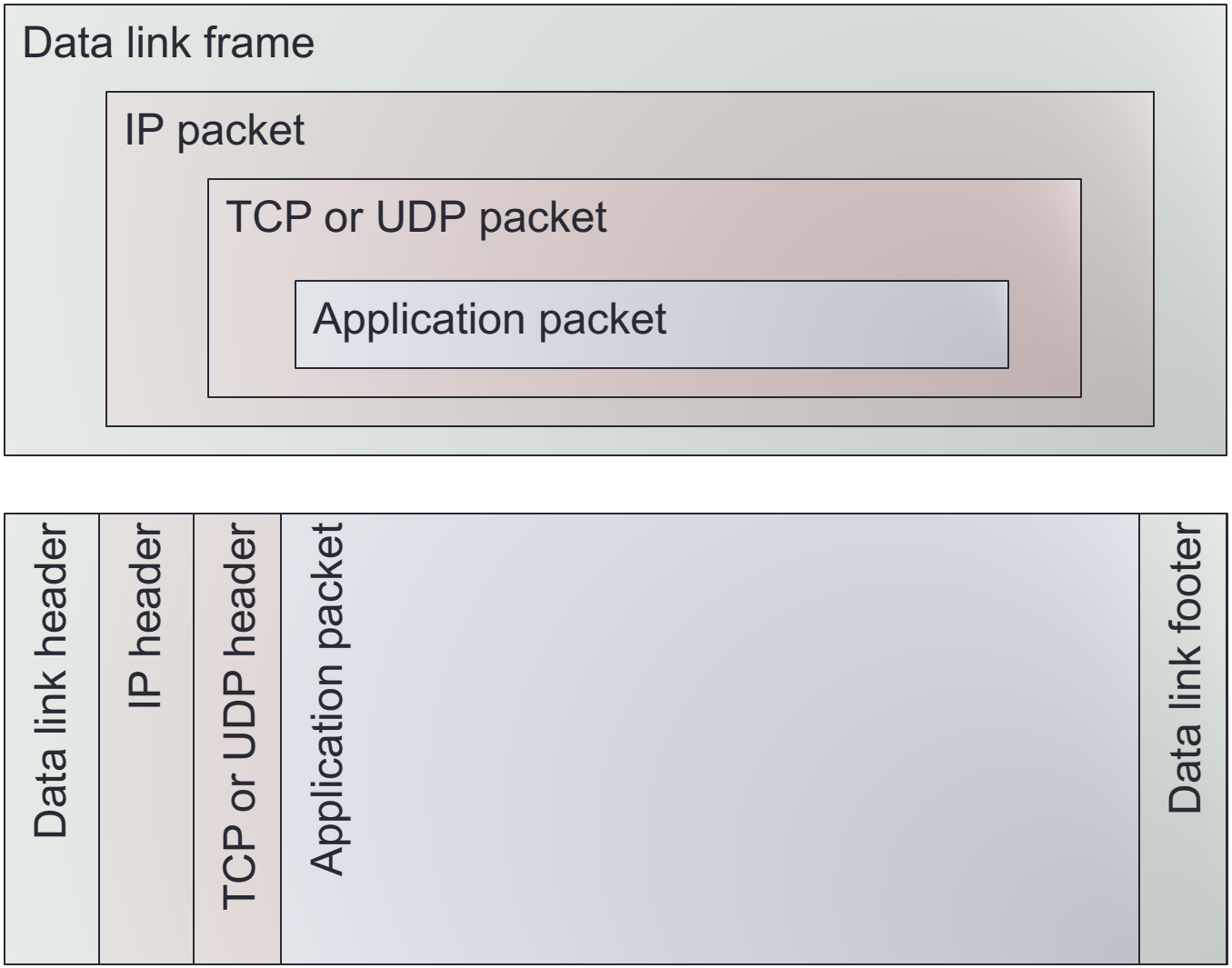
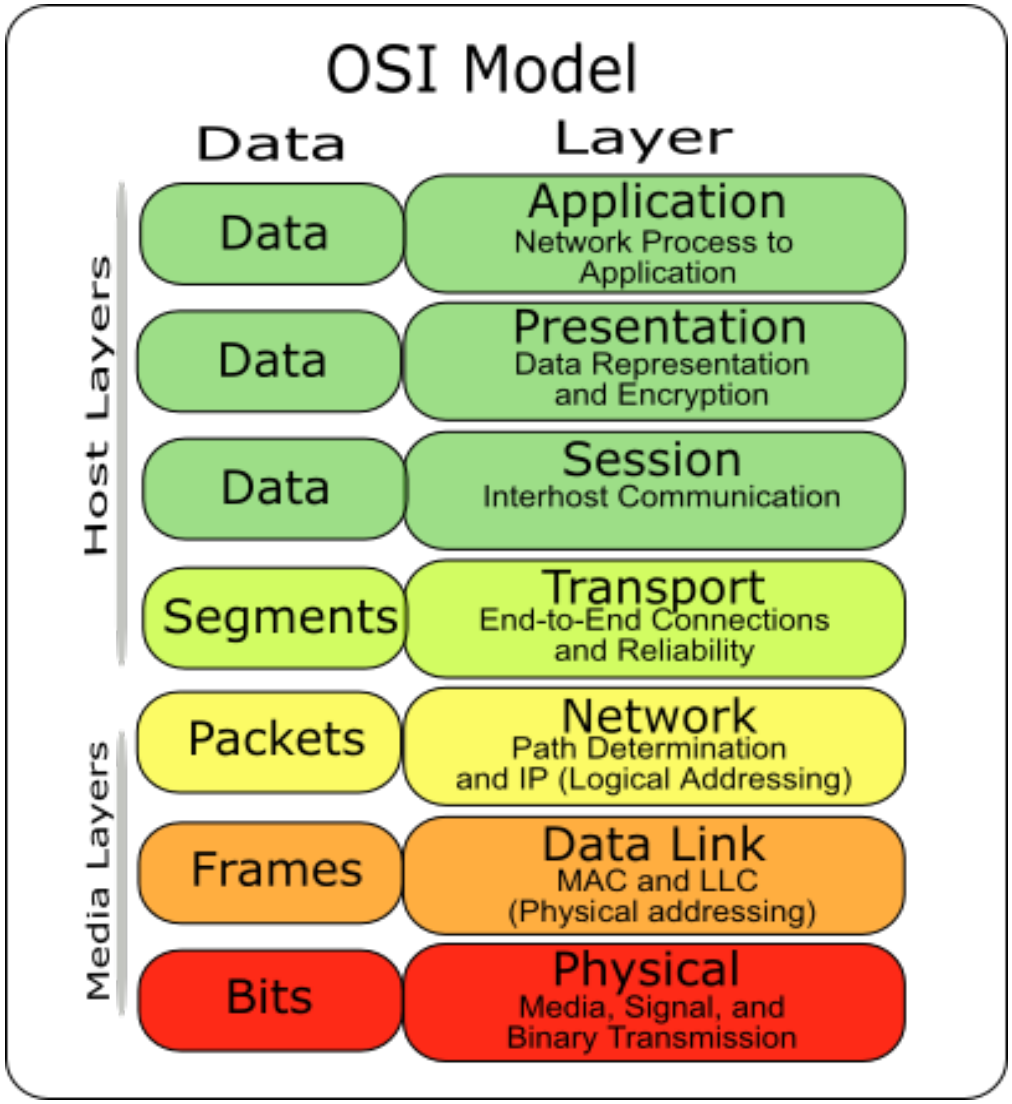


The OSI Model

- The OSI (Open System Interconnect) Reference Model is a network model consisting of seven layers
- Created in 1983
- Promoted by the International Standard Organization (ISO)



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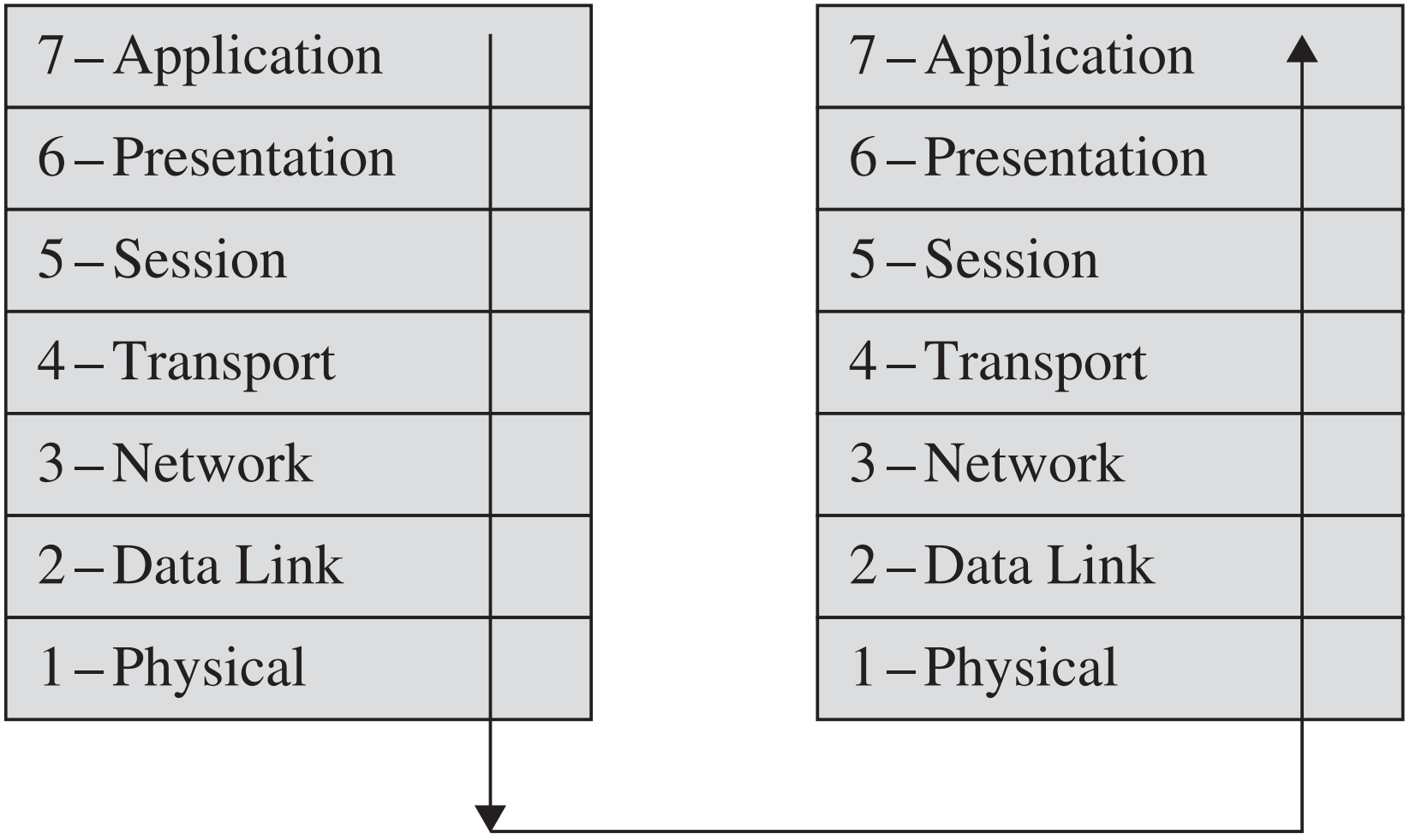


The OSI Model

- The OSI model doesn't map perfectly to the network protocol stack that was adopted in practice
- However, it is conceptually useful and stood the test of time.
- Most layers have their own vulnerabilities, attacks against, and countermeasures.
  - Useful attacks can occur at any layer, so all require protecting.

Network Interfaces

- Network interface: device connecting a computer to a network
  - Ethernet card
  - WiFi adapter
- A computer may have multiple network interfaces
- Packets transmitted between network interfaces
- Most local area networks, (including Ethernet and WiFi) broadcast frames

Network Interfaces

- In regular mode, each network interface gets the frames intended for it
- Traffic sniffing can be accomplished by configuring the network interface to read all frames (promiscuous mode)

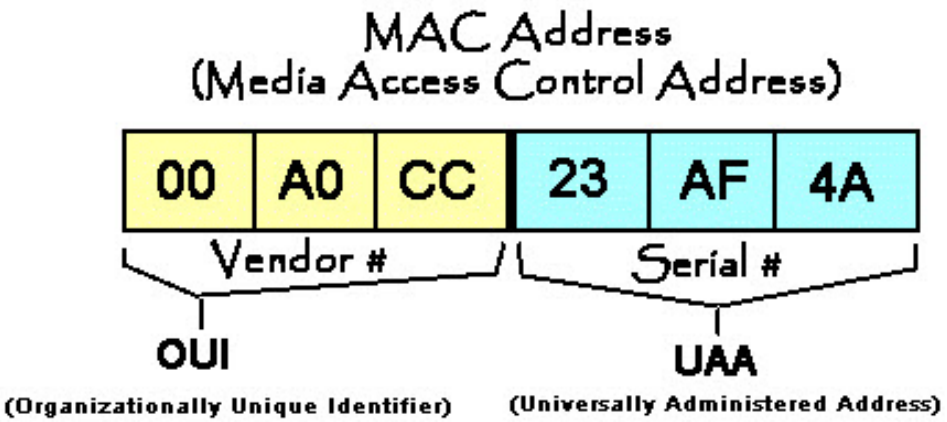
MAC Addresses

- Most network interfaces come with a predefined MAC address
- A MAC address is a 48-bit number usually represented in hex
  - E.g., 00-1A-92-D4-BF-86
- The first three octets of any MAC address are IEEE-assigned Organizationally Unique Identifiers
  - E.g., Cisco 00-1A-A1, D-Link 00-1B-11, ASUSTek 00-1A-92

MAC Addresses

- The next three can be assigned by organizations as they please, with uniqueness being the only constraint
- Organizations can utilize MAC addresses to identify computers on their network
- MAC address can be reconfigured by network interface driver software

MAC Address



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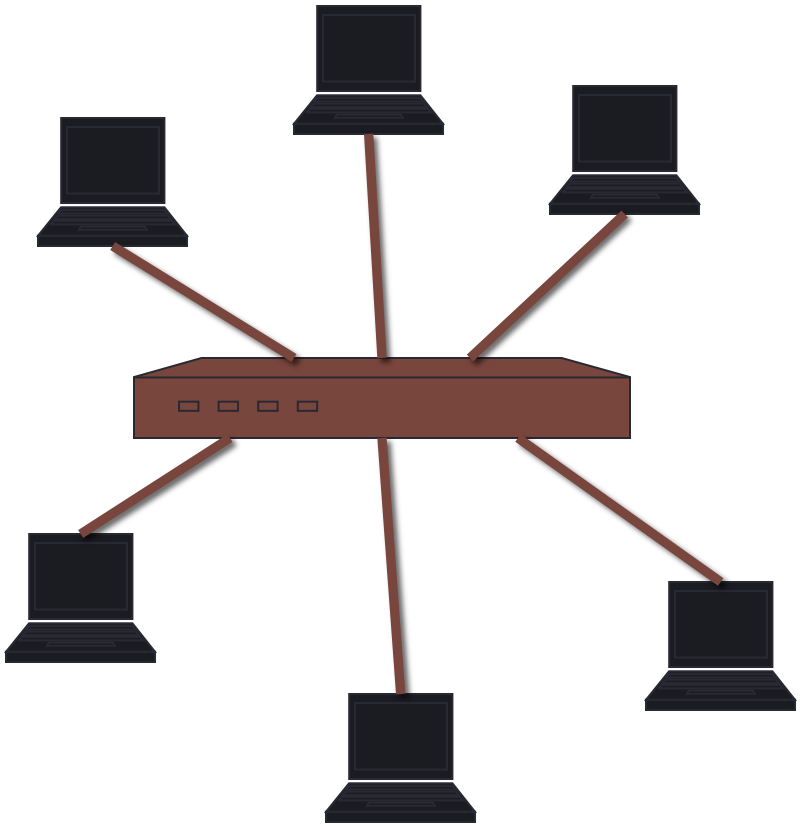
Switch

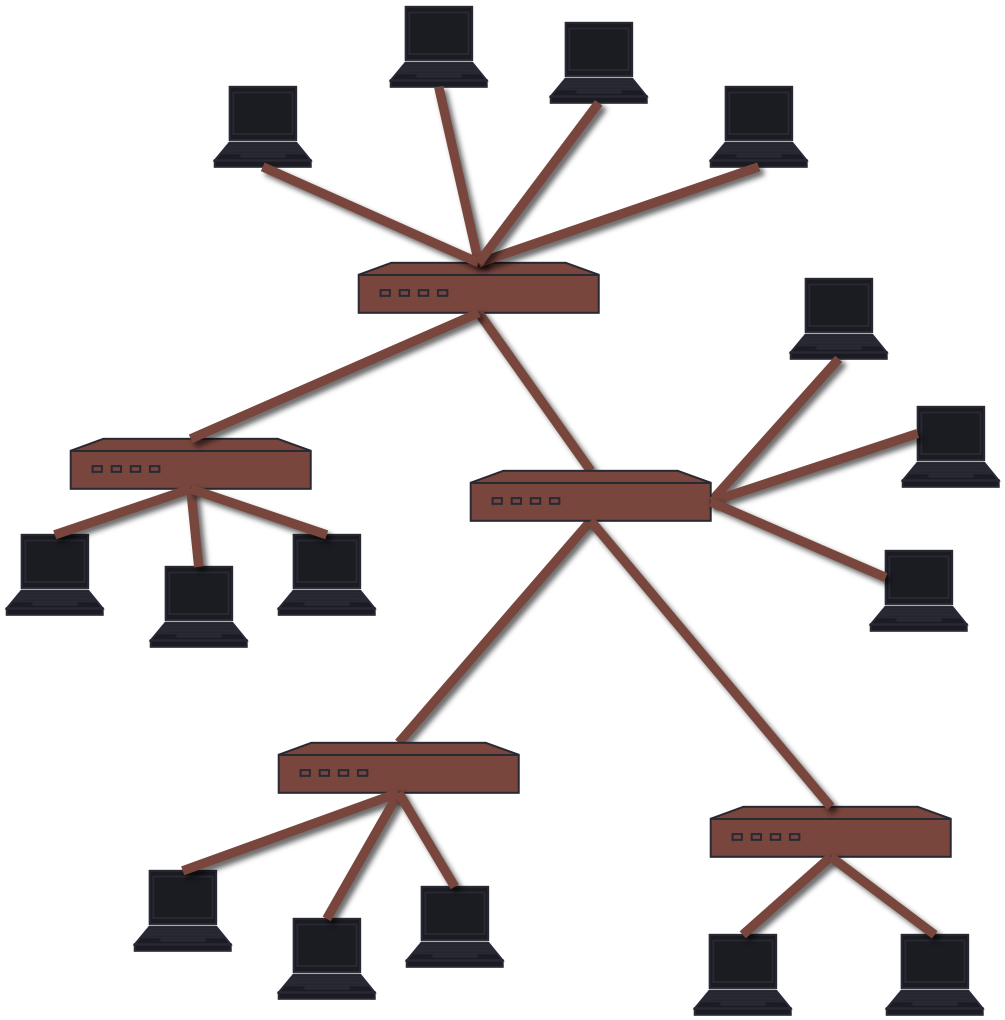
- A switch is a common network device
  - Operates at the link layer
  - Has multiple ports, each connected to a computer
- Operation of a switch
  - Learn the MAC address of each computer connected to it
  - Forward frames only to the destination computer



Combining Switches

- Switches can be arranged into a tree
- Each port learns the MAC addresses of the machines in the subtree connected to it
- Fragments to unknown MAC addresses are broadcast
- Frames to MAC addresses in the same segment as the sender are ignored

Combining Switches



MAC Address Filtering

- A switch can be configured to provide service only to machines with specific MAC addresses
- Allowed MAC addresses need to be registered with a network administrator

MAC Address Filtering

- A MAC spoofing attack impersonates another machine
  - Find out MAC address of target machine
  - Reconfigure MAC address of rogue machine
  - Turn off or unplug target machine
- Countermeasures
  - Block port of switch when machine is turned off or unplugged
  - Disable duplicate MAC addresses

Viewing and Changing MAC Addresses

- Viewing the MAC addresses of the interfaces of a machine
  - Linux: ifconfig
  - Windows: ipconfig /all
- Changing a MAC address in Linux
  - Stop the networking service: /etc/init.d/network stop
  - Change the MAC address: ifconfig eth0 hw ether <MAC-address>
  - Start the networking service: /etc/init.d/network start

Viewing and Changing MAC Addresses

- Changing a MAC address in Windows
  - Open the Network Connections applet
  - Access the properties for the network interface
  - Click “Configure …”
  - In the advanced tab, change the network address to the desired value
- Changing a MAC address requires administrator privileges

ARP

- The address resolution protocol (ARP) connects the network layer to the data layer by converting IP addresses to MAC addresses
- ARP works by broadcasting requests and caching responses for future use
- The protocol begins with a computer broadcasting a message of the form

  who has <IP address1> tell <IP address2>

ARP

- When the machine with <IP address1> or an ARP server receives this message, its broadcasts the response

  <IP address1> is <MAC address>

ARP

- The requestor's IP address <IP address2> is contained in the link header
- The Linux and Windows command arp - a displays the ARP table
  - Internet Address Physical Address Type
  - 128.148.31.1 00-00-0c-07-ac-00 dynamic
  - 128.148.31.15 00-0c-76-b2-d7-1d dynamic
  - 128.148.31.71 00-0c-76-b2-d0-d2 dynamic
  - 128.148.31.75 00-0c-76-b2-d7-1d dynamic
  - 128.148.31.102 00-22-0c-a3-e4-00 dynamic
  - 128.148.31.137 00-1d-92-b6-f1-a9 dynamic

ARP Spoofing

- The ARP table is updated whenever an ARP response is received
- Requests are not tracked
- ARP announcements are not authenticated
- Machines trust each other
- A rogue machine can spoof other machines

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ARP Poisoning (ARP Spoofing)

- According to the standard, almost all ARP implementations are stateless
- An arp cache updates every time that it receives an arp reply… even if it did not send any arp request!
- It is possible to "poison" an arp cache by sending gratuitous arp replies
- Using static entries solves the problem but it is almost impossible to manage!

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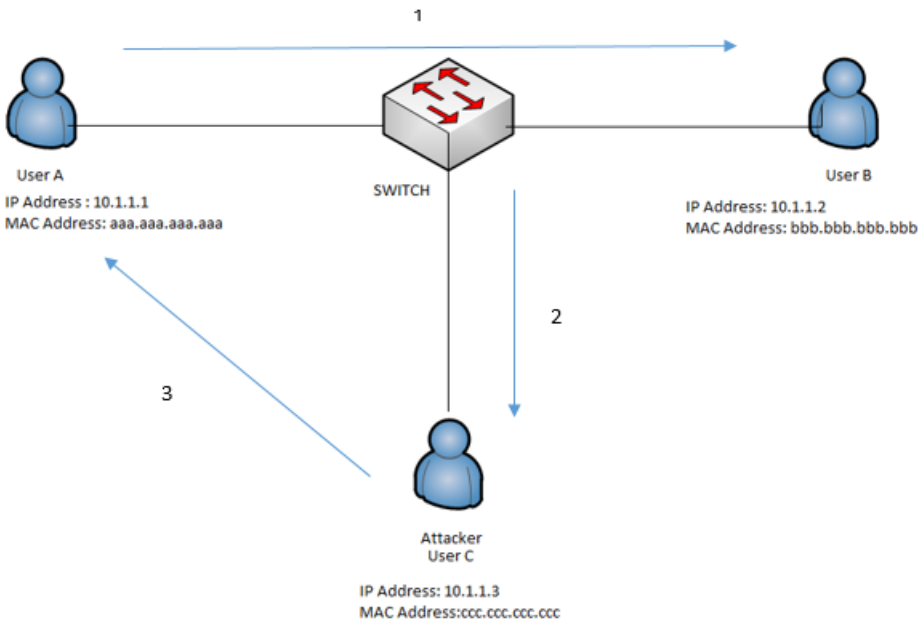
ARP Poisoning (ARP Spoofing)

- Attacker tries to map the MAC address with the IP address of a victim
- Once the MAC address is mapped, the attacker intercepts the data
- By using ARP spoofing attack, the attacker can steal or delete the data



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ARP Poisoning Defenses

- Use ARP spoofing detection and prevention software
  - certifies or cross-checks ARP responses
  - AntiARP (Windows), ArpStar(Linux), etc.
- Using VPNs (Virtual Private Networks)
  - Uses an encrypted tunnel for data transmission
  - Data that goes through it is encrypted

ARP Spoofing

- ARP Implemented in IPv4, which still routes most Internet traffic today
- In Internet Protocol Version 6 (IPv6) networks, the functionality of ARP is provided by the Neighbor Discovery Protocol (NDP)

Neighbor Discovery Protocol (NDP) Advantages

- Less vulnerable to spoofing
- uses the Secure Neighbor Discovery (SEND) Protocol.
- Cryptographically generated addresses ensure that the claimed source of an NDP message is the owner of the claimed address

ARP Spoofing

- ARP Implemented in IPv4, which still routes most Internet traffic today
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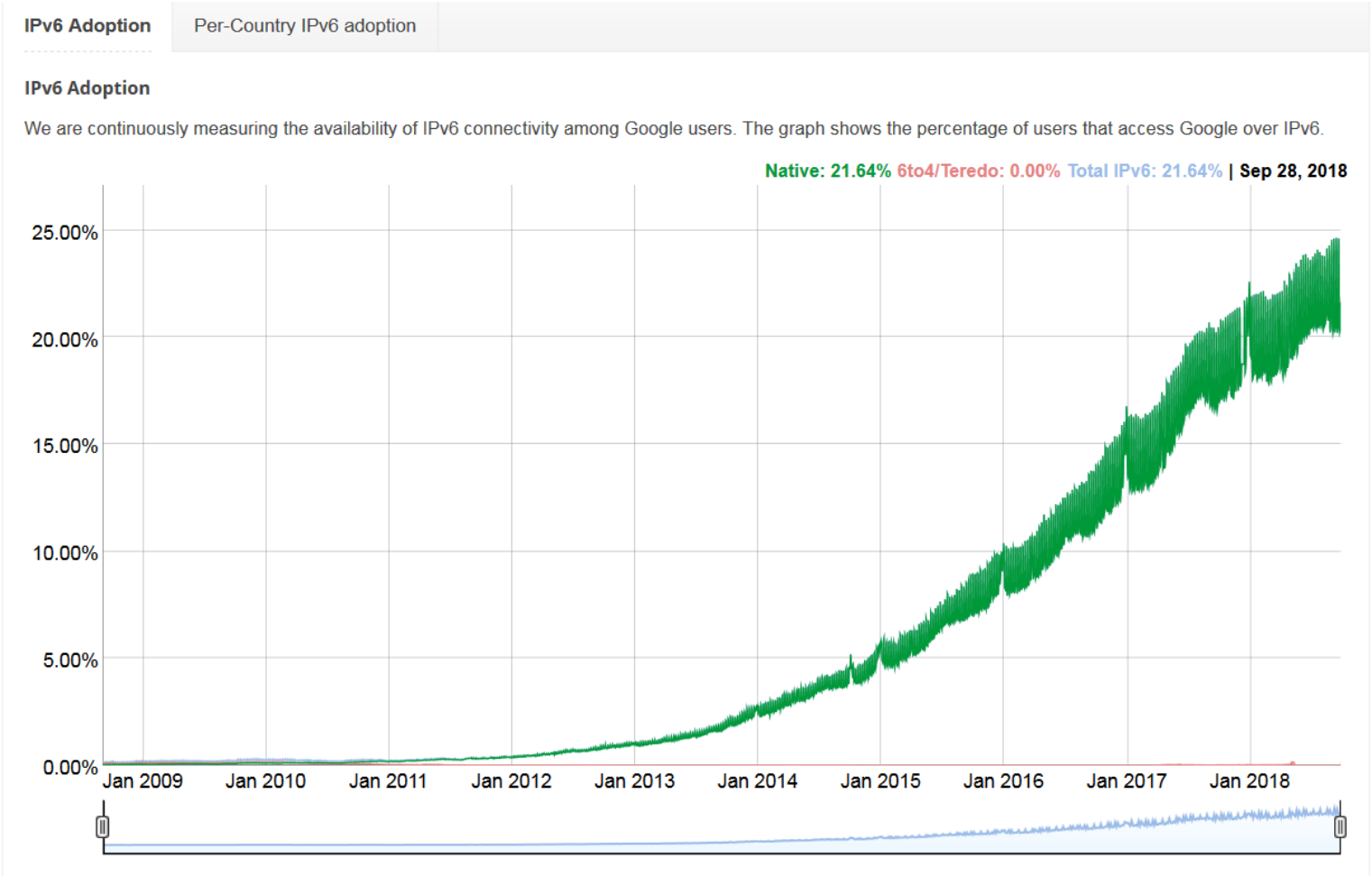
  - However, IPv6 deployment is still ongoing

IPv6 adoption



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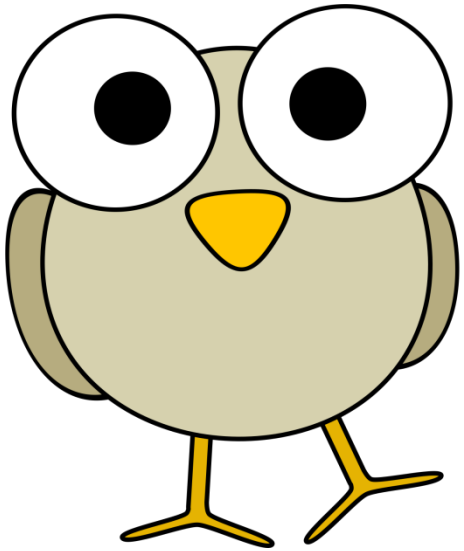

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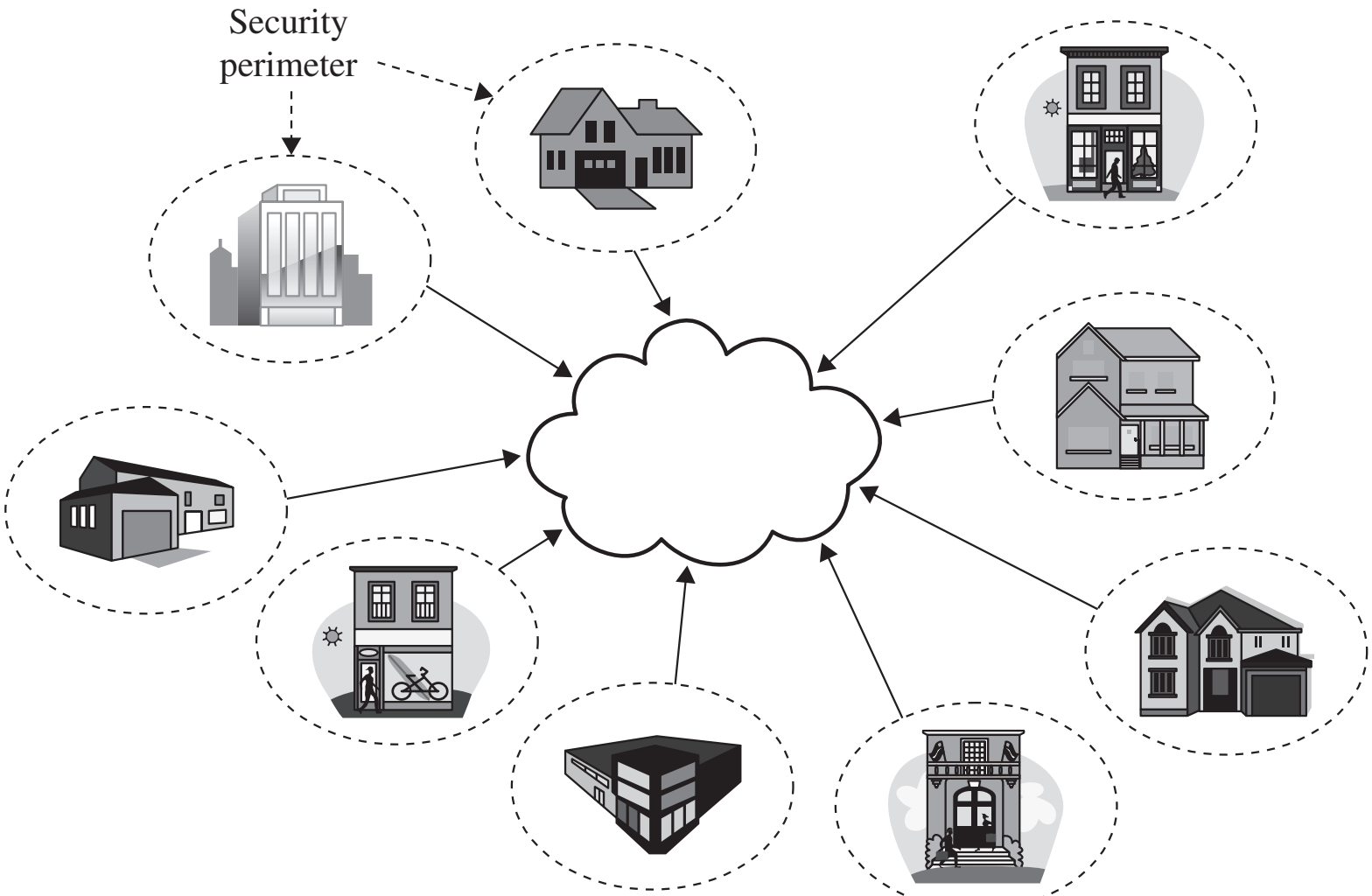
Security Perimeters



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Interception

- Each of these places is a security perimeter in and of itself
- Within each perimeter, you largely control your cables, devices, and computers
  - because of physical controls
    - => you don’t need to worry as much about protection

Interception

- But you have to make connections between security perimeters
  - => exposes you to all sort of cables, devices, and computers you can't control
  - Encryption is the most common and useful control for addressing this threat.

What Makes a Network Vulnerable to Interception?

- Anonymity
  - An attacker can attempt many attacks, anonymously, from thousands of miles away
- Many points of attack
  - Large networks mean many points of potential entry
- Sharing
  - Networked systems open up potential access to more users than do single computers

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What Makes a Network Vulnerable to Interception?

- System complexity
  - One system is very complex and hard to protect; networks of many different systems, with disparate OSs, vulnerabilities, and purposes are that much more complex
- Unknown perimeter
  - Networks, especially large ones, change all the time, so it can be hard to tell which systems belong and are behaving, and impossible to tell which systems bridge networks
- Unknown path
  - There may be many paths, including untrustworthy ones, from one host to another

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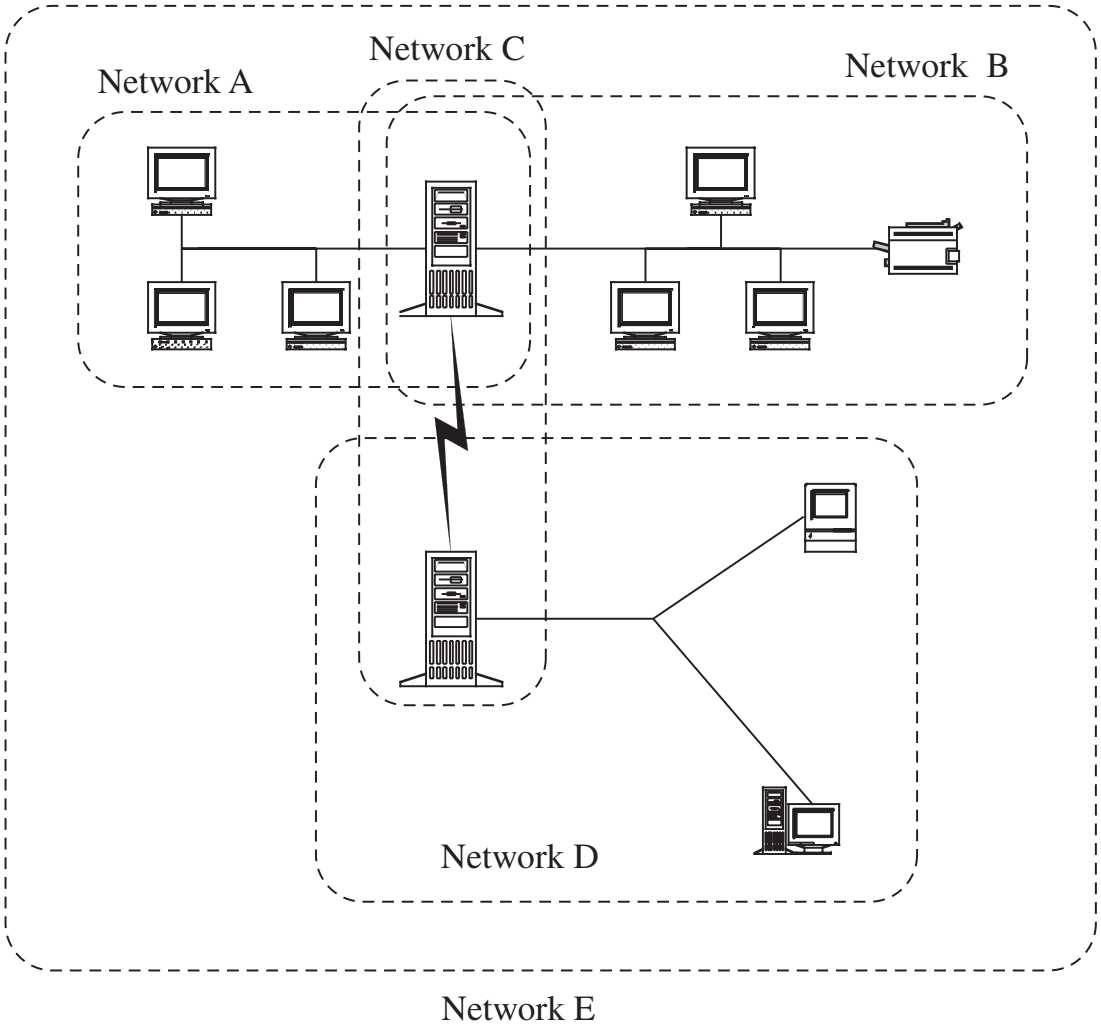

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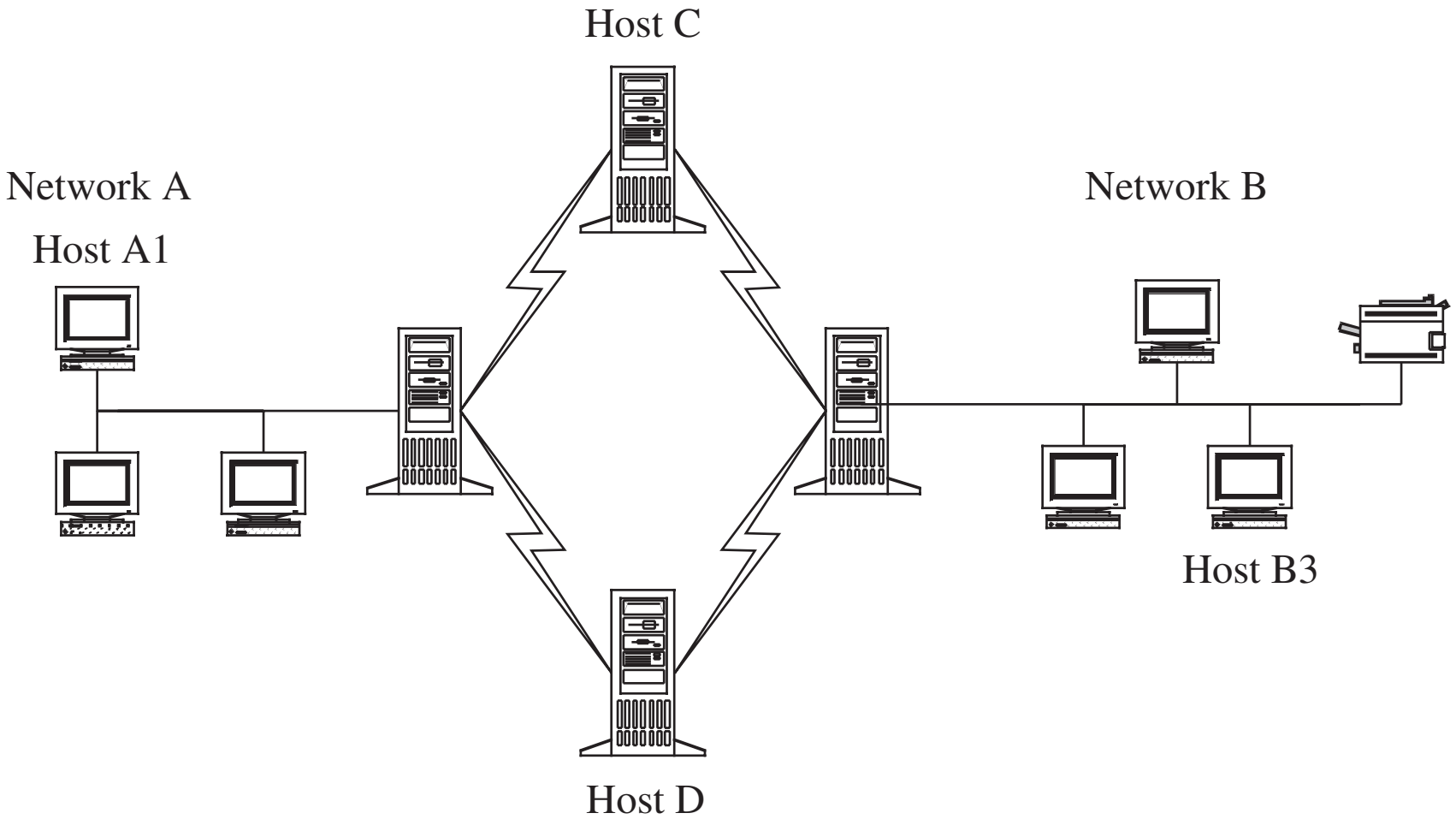

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Modification and Fabrication

- Data corruption
  - May be intentional or unintentional, malicious or nonmalicious, directed or random
- Sequencing
  - Permuting the order of data, such as packets arriving in sequence
- Substitution
  - Replacement of one piece of a data stream with another

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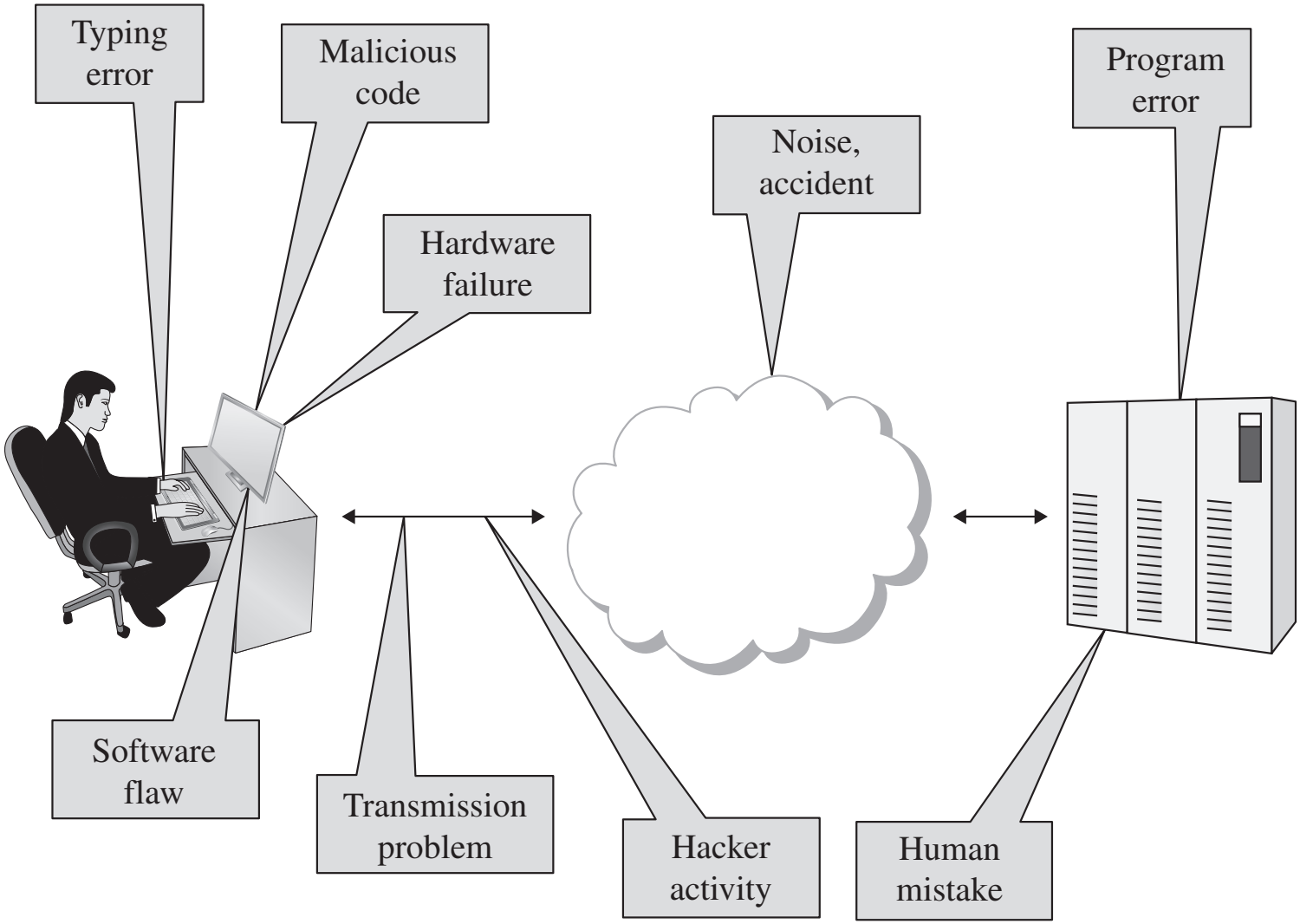
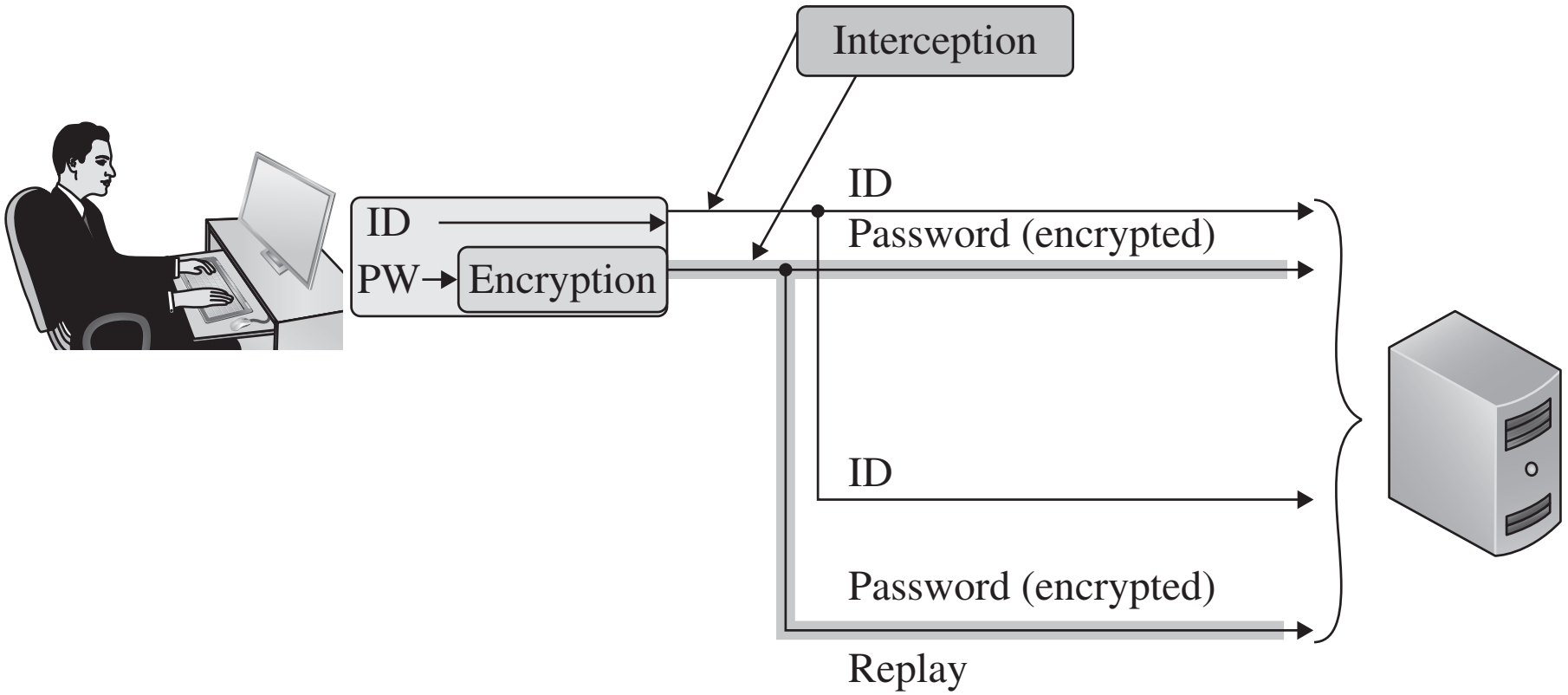
Modification and Fabrication

- Insertion
  - A form of substitution in which data values are inserted into a stream
- Replay
  - Legitimate data are intercepted and reused

Sources of Data Corruption



Simple Replay Attack



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Interruption: Loss of Service

- Routing
  - Internet routing protocols are complicated, and one misconfiguration can poison the data of many routers
- Excessive demand
  - Network capacity is finite and can be exhausted; an attacker can generate enough demand to overwhelm a critical part of a network
- Component failure
  - Component failures tend to be sporadic and unpredictable, and will cause loss of service if not planned for

Port Scanner

- an application designed to probe a server or host for open ports.
- May be used by:
  - Administrators, to verify security policies of their networks
  - Attackers, to identify network services running on a host and exploit vulnerabilities

Port Scan

- A process that sends client requests to a range of server port addresses on a host
  - with the goal of finding an active port;
  - not a nefarious process in and of itself.
- Port scan can be used to determine services available on a remote machine
- The majority of uses of a port scan are not attacks

Port Scanning

- Post Scanning is a common first step to attacks
- Example: sample output from an NMAP port scan
  - Available Data: port, protocol, state, service, product, and version

Port Scanning

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Nmap scan report
192.168.1.1 / somehost.com (online) ping results
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NMAP Scanning

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Vulnerabilities in Wireless Networks

- Confidentiality
  - Because every message in WiFi is a broadcast, unencrypted messages can be read by anyone who's listening and within range
- Integrity
  - When WiFi access points receive two streams of communication claiming to be the same computer, they necessarily accept the one with greater signal strength
    - This allows attackers to take over and forge sessions by spoofing legitimate computers and boosting signal strength

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Vulnerabilities in Wireless Networks

- Availability
  - In addition to the obvious availability issues, WiFi creates new availability problems
    - such as session hijacking, forced disassociation, and jamming.
- Unauthorized WiFi access:
  - Some form of cryptographic control is necessary to solve this

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Failed Countermeasure: WEP

- Wired equivalent privacy (WEP), designed as the mechanism for securing those communications
  - at the same time as the original 802.11 WiFi standards
- Weaknesses in WEP first identified in 2001, four years after release
- More weaknesses were discovered over the course of years
  - until any WEP-encrypted communication could be cracked in a matter of minutes

How WEP Works

- Client and access point (AP) have a pre-shared key
- AP sends a random number to the client
  - which the client then encrypts using the key and returns to the AP
- The AP decrypts the number using the key and checks that it's the same number
  - to authenticate the client
- Once the client is authenticated, the AP and client communicate
  - using messages encrypted with the key

WEP Weaknesses

- Weak encryption key
  - WEP allows to be either 64- or 128-bit, but 24 of those bits are reserved for initialization vectors (IV)
    - => reducing effective key size to 40 or 140 bits
  - Keys were either alphanumeric or hex phrases that users typed in
    - => therefore vulnerable to dictionary attacks
- Static key
  - the key was a value user typed in at the client and AP
  - users rarely changed those keys
    - => one key would be used for many months of communications

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WEP Weaknesses

- Weak encryption process
  - A 40-bit key can be brute forced easily
  - Flaws that were eventually discovered in the RC4 encryption algorithm WEP uses made the 104-bit keys easy to crack as well
- Weak encryption algorithm
  - WEP used RC4 in a strange way (always a bad sign)
    - => resulted in a flaw that allowed attackers to decrypt large portions of any WEP communication

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WEP Weaknesses (cont.)

- IV collisions
  - There were only 16 million possible values of IV
    - in practice, this is not that many to cycle through for cracking.
  - IV's were not as randomly selected as desired
    - some values were much more common than others
- Faulty integrity check
  - WEP messages included a checksum to identify transmission errors
    - but did not use one that could address malicious modification

WEP Weaknesses (cont.)

- No authentication
  - Any client that knows the AP's SSID and MAC address is assumed to be legitimate

WPA (WiFi Protected Access)

- WPA was designed as a replacement for WEP (2003)
  - quickly followed by WPA2 (in 2004), the algorithm that remains the standard today
- Non-static encryption key
  - WPA uses a hierarchy of keys:
    - New keys are generated for confidentiality and integrity of each session
    - encryption key is automatically changed on each packet
  - The keys that are most important are used in very few places and indirect ways
    - protecting them from disclosure

WPA (WiFi Protected Access)

- Authentication
  - WPA allows authentication by password, token, or certificate
- Strong encryption
  - WPA adds support for AES, a much more reliably strong encryption algorithm
- Integrity protection
  - WPA includes a 64-bit cryptographic integrity check

WPA (cont.)

- Session initiation
  - WPA sessions begin with authentication and a four-way handshake
    - => results in separate keys for encryption and integrity on both ends
- There are some attacks against WPA
  - they are either of very limited effectiveness or require weak passwords

Denial of Service (DoS)

- DoS attacks are attempts to defeat a system's availability
- Volumetric attacks
- Application-based attacks
- May result in disabled communications
- Hardware or software failure

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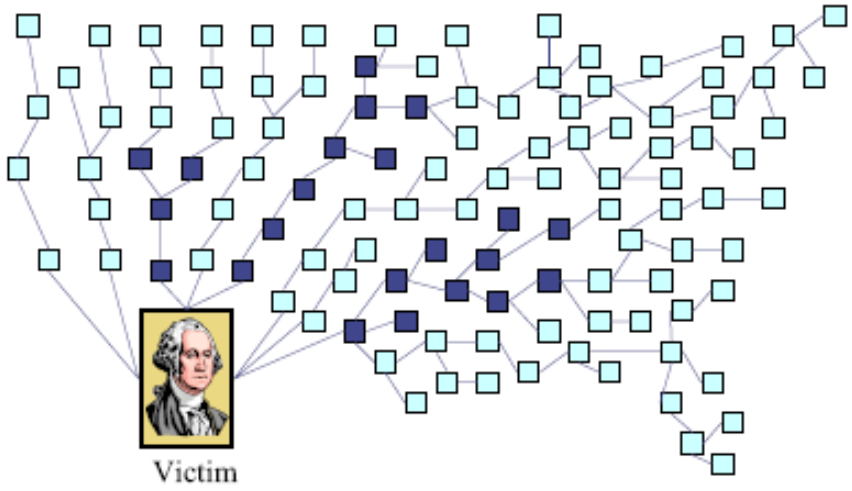
Denial of Service (DOS) Attack

- Send large number of packets to host providing service
  - Slows down or crashes host
  - Often executed by botnet
- Attack propagation
  - Starts at zombies
  - Travels through tree of internet routers rooted
  - Ends at victim
- IP source spoofing
  - Hides attacker
  - Scatters return traffic from victim

Source:
M.T. Goodrich, Probabalistic Packet Marking for Large-Scale IP Traceback, IEEE/ACM Transactions on Networking 16:1, 2008.



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DOS Attacks - Examples

- SYN(PING) flood
- Smurf Attack
- Teardrop attack
- DNS Spoofing
- Session hijacking

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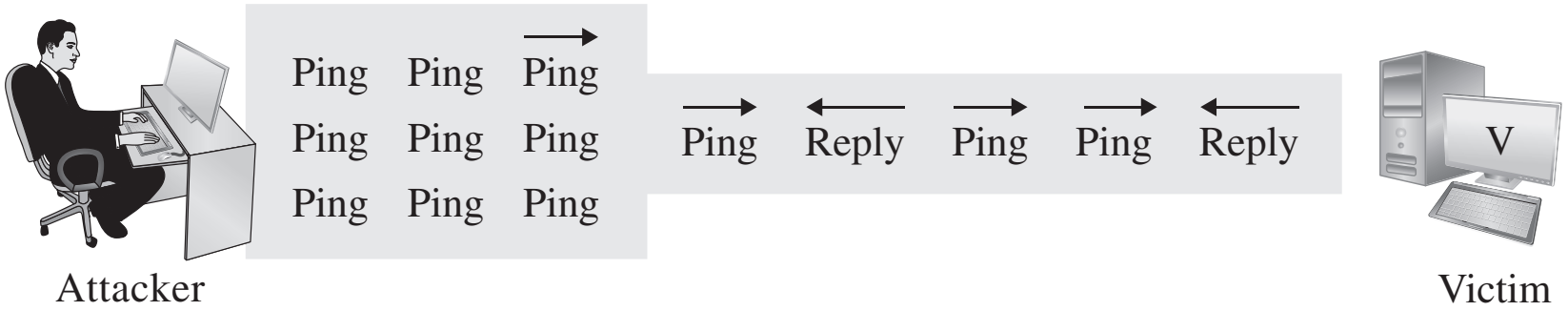
SYN (PING) Flood

- Typically DOS attack, though can be combined with other attack such as TCP hijacking
- Rely on sending TCP connection requests faster than the server can process them
- Attacker creates a large number of packets with spoofed source addresses and setting the SYN flag on these
- The server responds with a SYN/ACK for which it never gets a response (waits for about 3 minutes each)
- Eventually the server stops accepting connection requests, thus triggering a denial of service.

DoS Attack: Ping Flood



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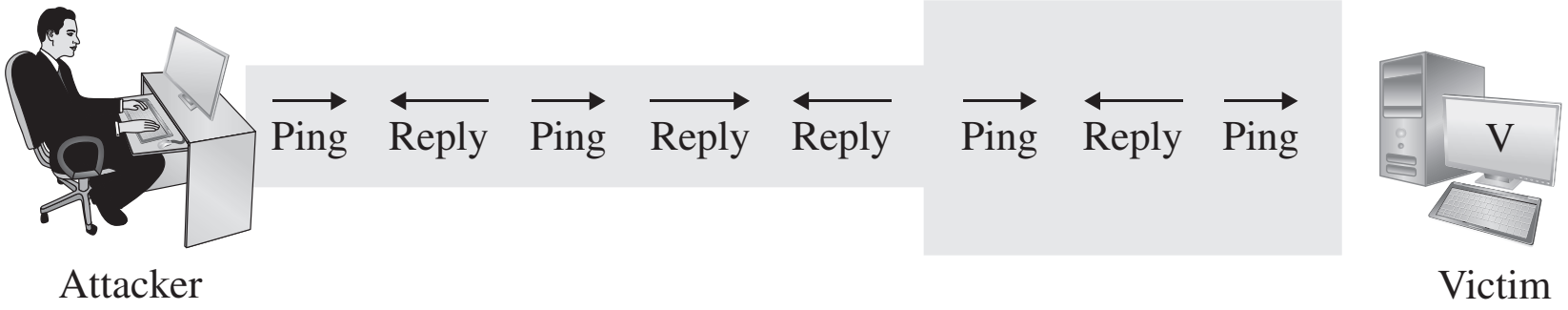

(b) Victim has greater bandwidth

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Smurf Attack

- Ping a broadcast address using a spoofed source address
- A distributed denial-of-service attack
  - Multiple systems flood the resources of a targeted system
- Most devices on a network will respond to this by sending a reply to the source IP address
- victim's computer will be flooded with traffic
  - If the number of machines on the network that respond to these packets is very large

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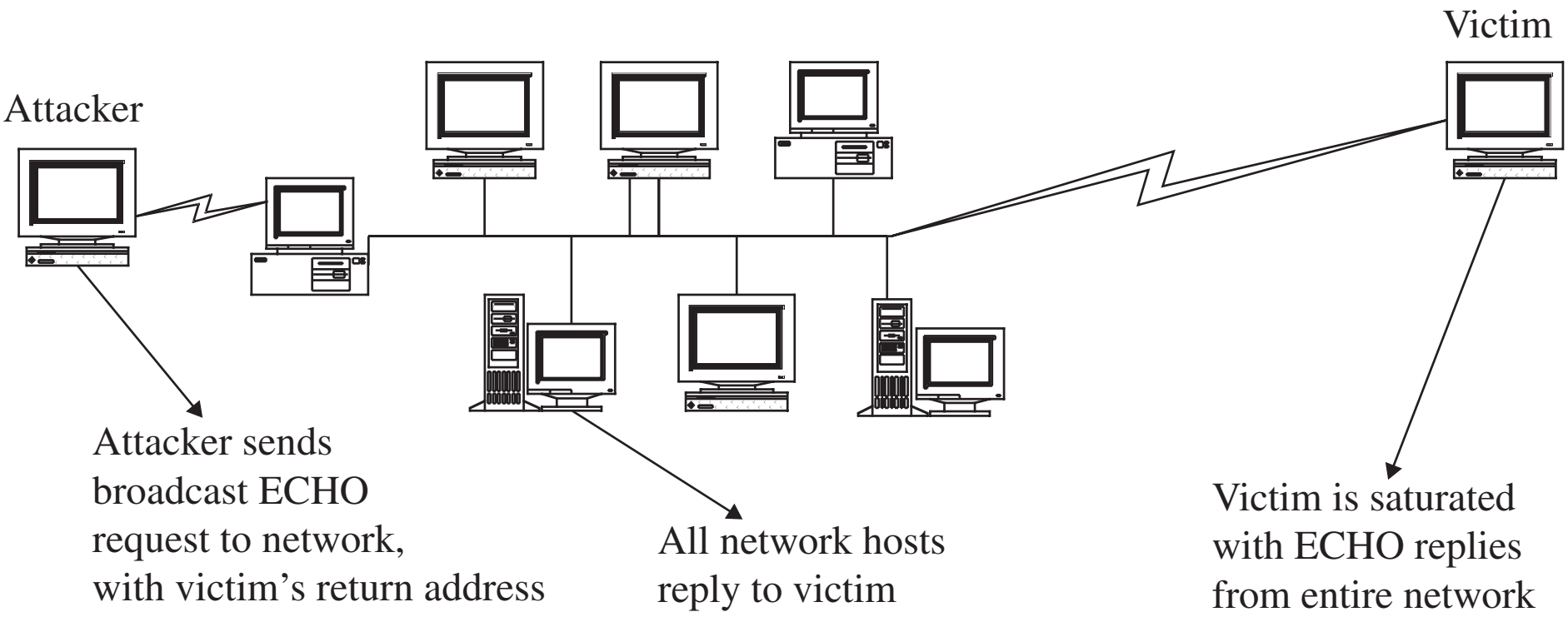

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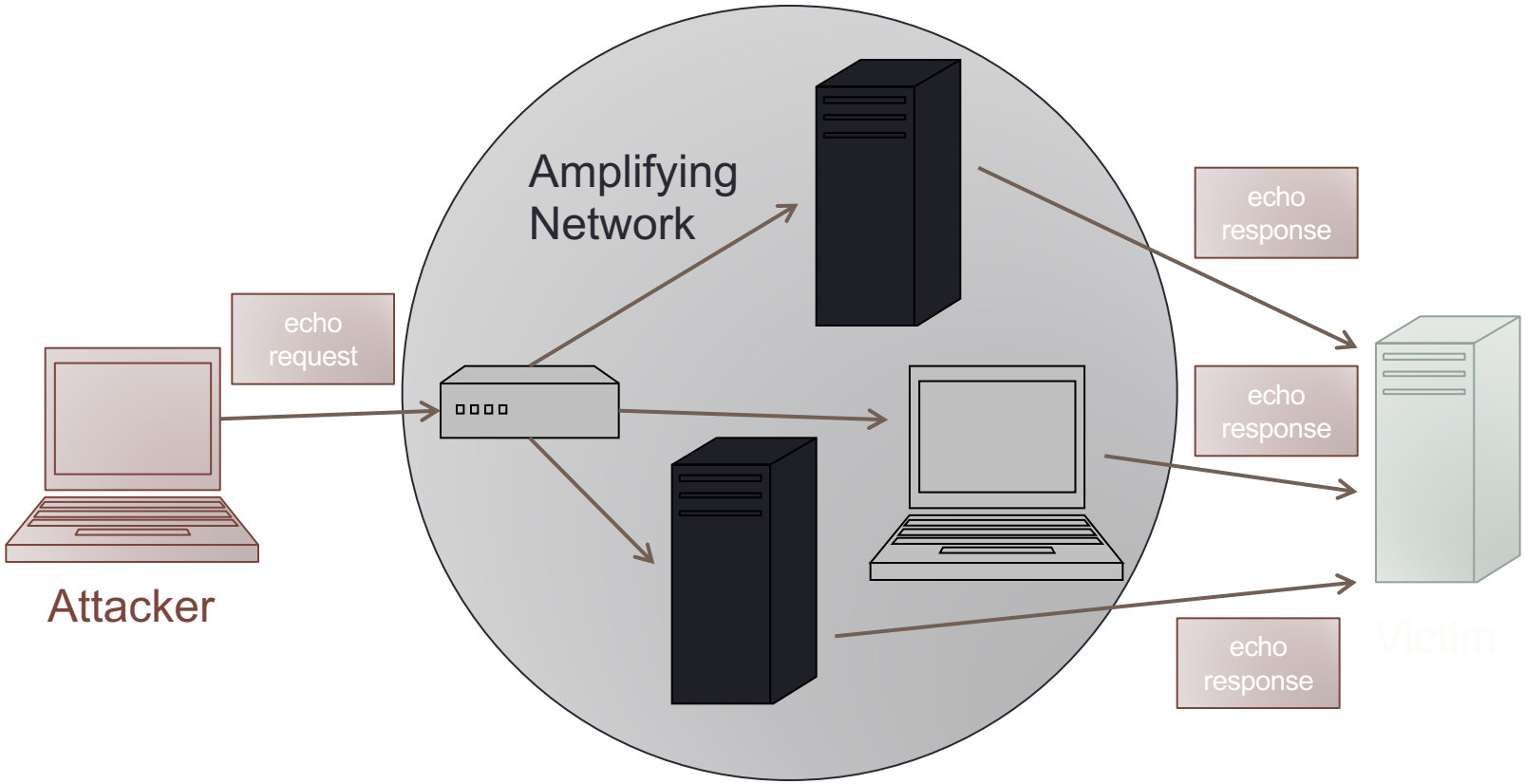
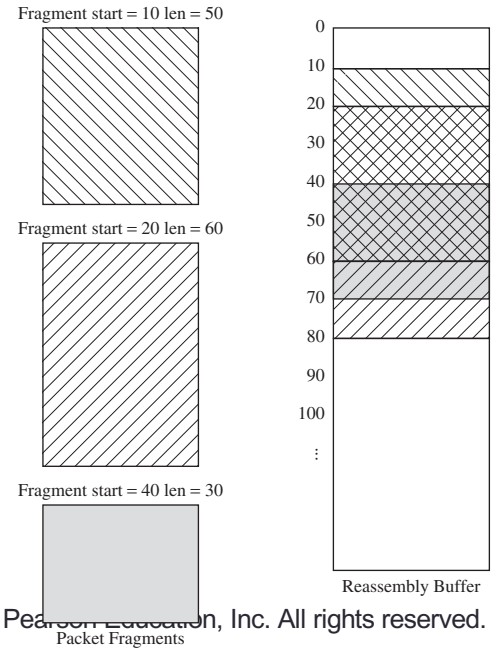


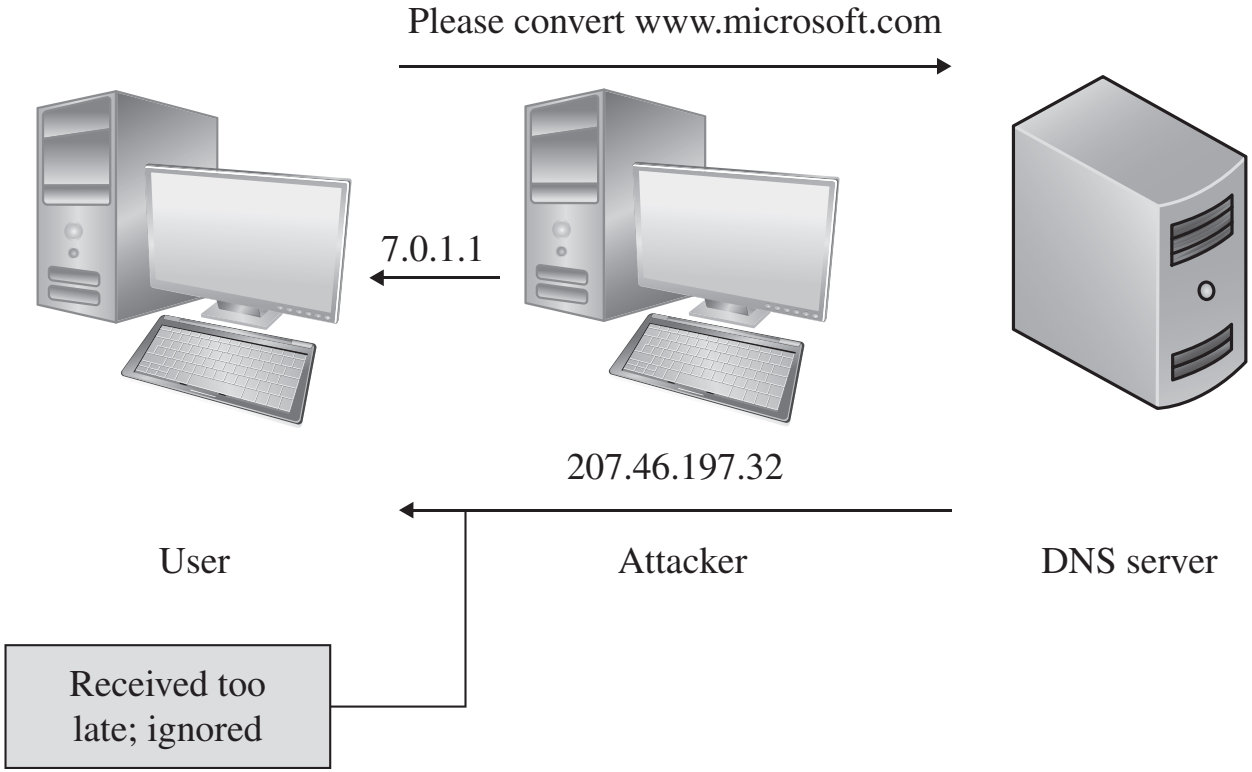
DoS Attack: Teardrop Attack

- The attacker sends packets that cannot possibly be reassembled (conflicting reassembly instructions)
- In extreme cases, this can cause the entire OS to lock up.



DoS Attack: DNS Spoofing

- The attacker acts as the DNS server in order to redirect the user to malicious sites



DoS Attack: Session Hijacking

- An attacker is able to synchronize with a receiver while breaking synchronization with the sender and resetting sender's connection.
- The attacker continues the TCP session while the sender thinks the connection just broke off

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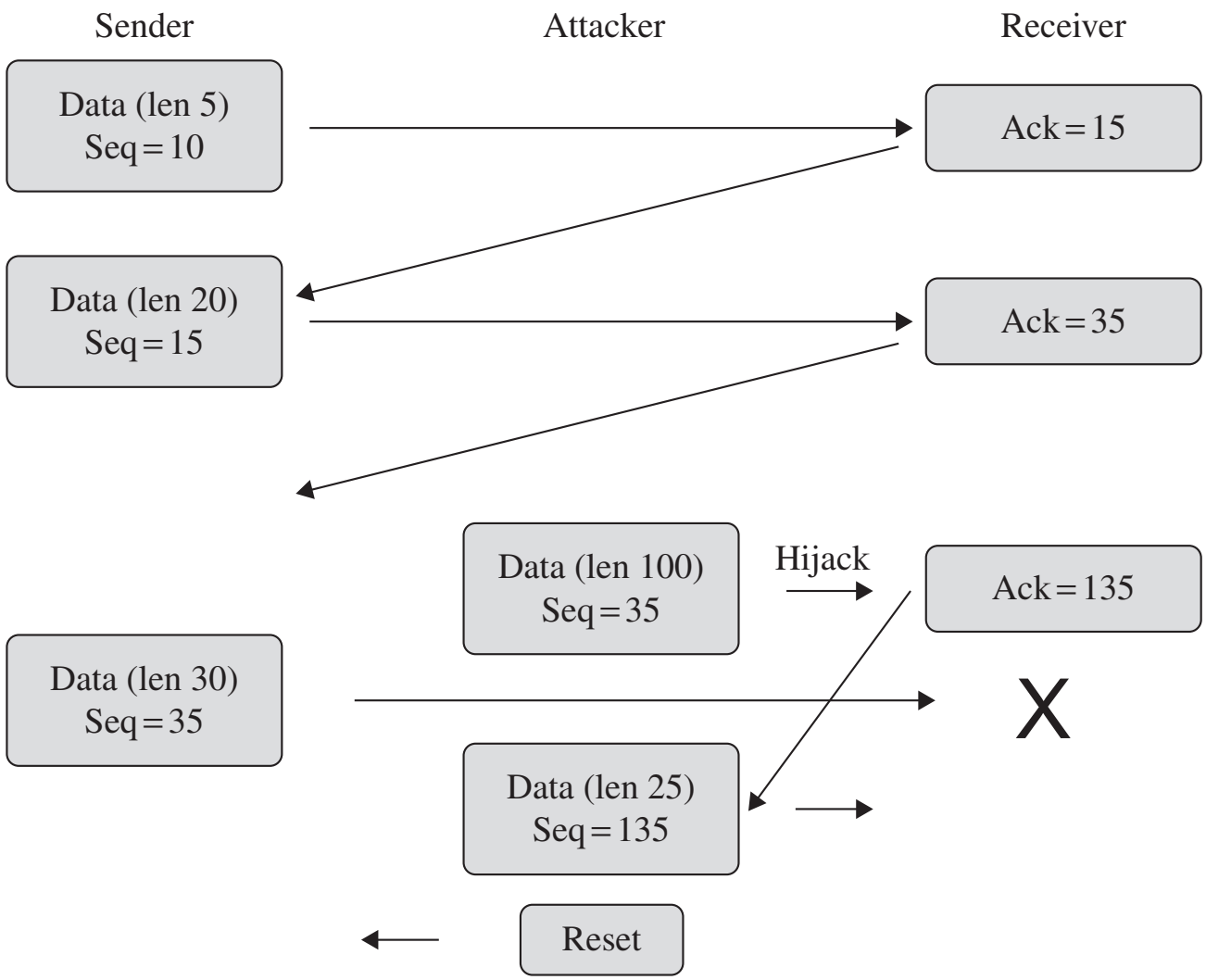

Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS)

- Conscript an army of compromised machines
  - to attack a victim
- Choose a victim
- Have the whole army unleash a DoS attack at once

- DDoS much more effective than traditional DoS attacks
  - employing a multiplied version of the same methods.

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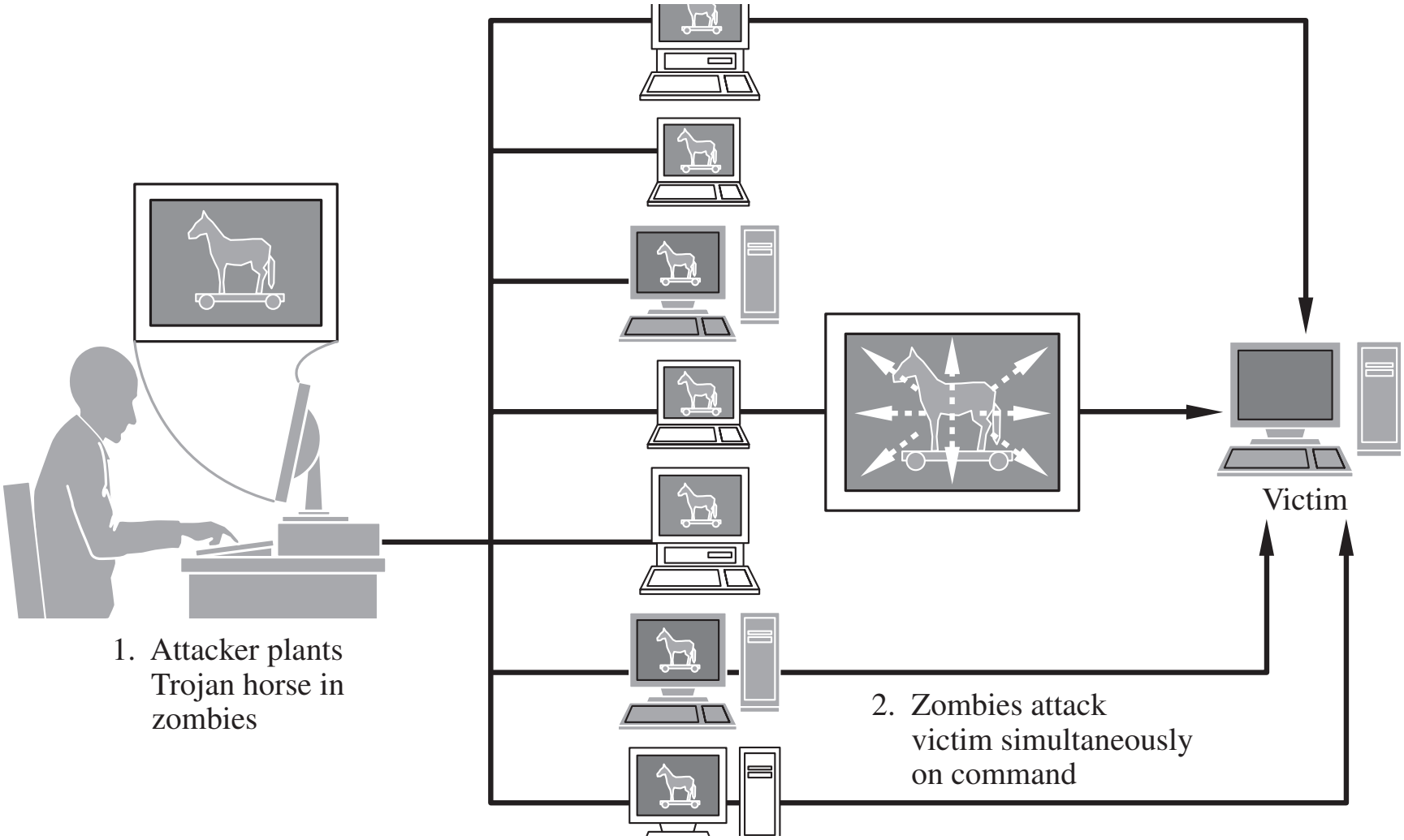

Botnets

- Botnets are networks of machines running malicious code under remote control.
- They often go undetected because they do little harm to the machines they run on.
- Botnets are often used to execute DDoS attacks.

Botnets

- Botnet command and control (C&C):
  - The attacker is separated from the bots by multiple layers
    - making the attacker difficult to trace.
  - Multiple redundant systems are built in
    - if one master or C&C node is taken down, the bots can continue to connect to the botnet.

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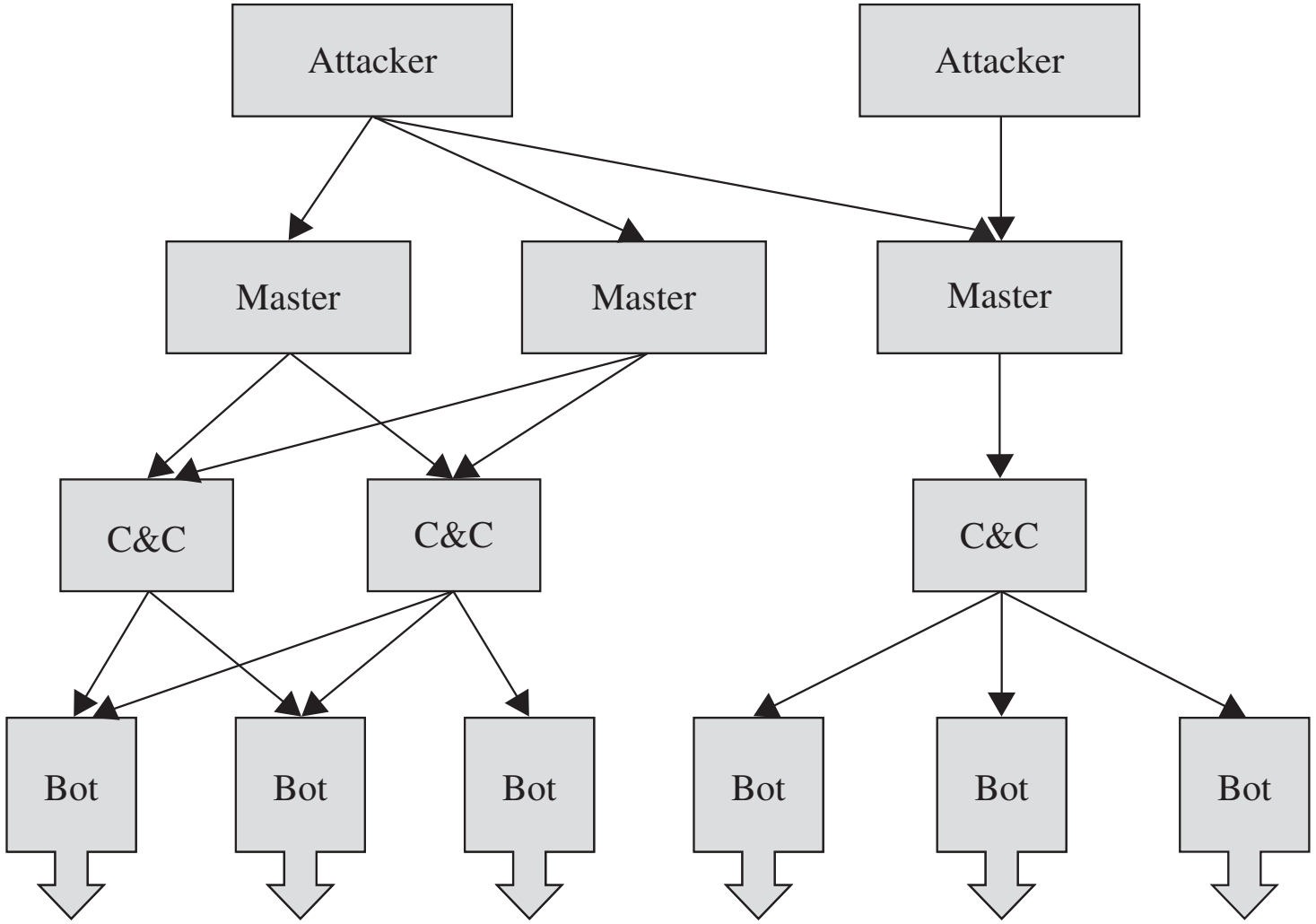

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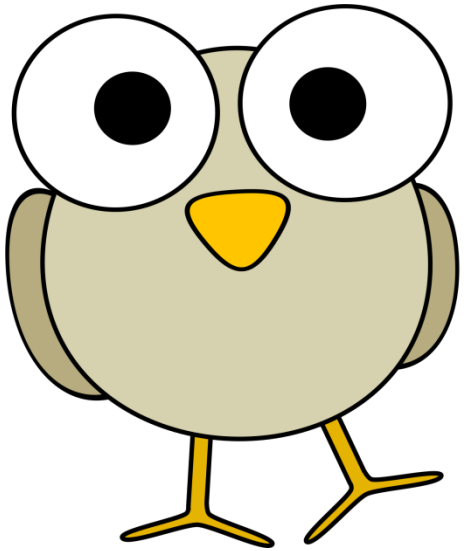

COMPUTER SECURITY QUIZ

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  - as multiple systems attempt to connect to a server and deplete the target's resources
- A smurf attack is an attack using directed broadcasts
  - this might be a smurf attack if routers aren't blocking directed broadcasts, but it could also be another type of DDoS attack
- Flood guards protect against SYN flood attacks, and flood guards are not an attack method
- A DoS attack comes from a single system.

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