# Network Programming: Overview: From hardware to software

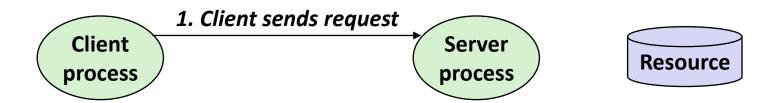
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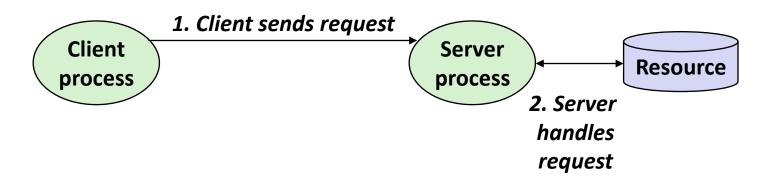




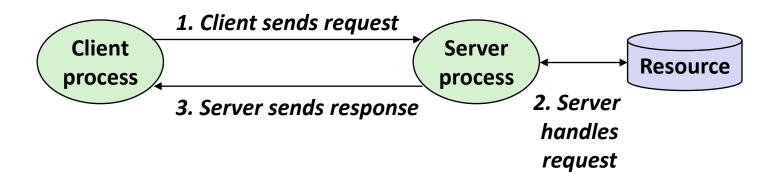
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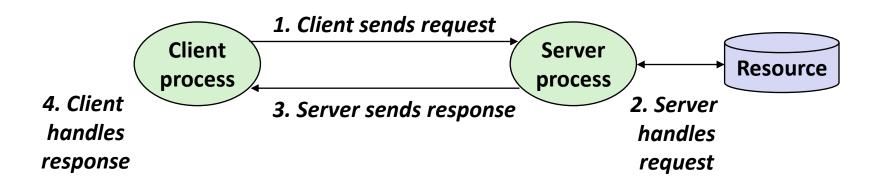
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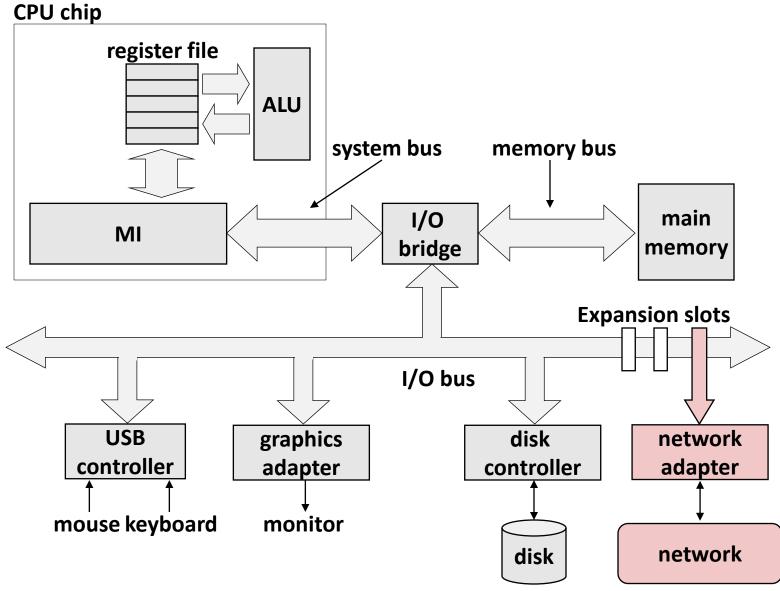
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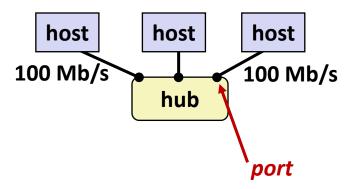
# **Hardware Organization of a Network Host**



# **Computer Networks**

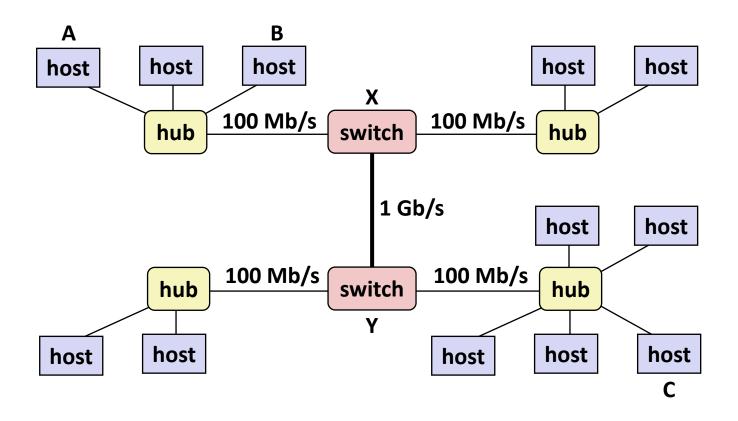
- A network is a hierarchical system of boxes and wires organized by geographical proximity
  - SAN (System Area Network) spans cluster or machine room
    - Switched Ethernet, Quadrics QSW, ...
  - LAN (Local Area Network) spans a building or campus
    - Ethernet (hubs) is most prominent example
  - WAN (Wide Area Network) spans country or world
    - Typically high-speed point-to-point phone lines
- An internetwork (internet) is an interconnected set of networks
  - The Global IP Internet (uppercase "I") is the most famous example of an internet (lowercase "i")
- Let's see how an internet is built from the ground up

# **Lowest Level: Ethernet Segment**



- Ethernet segment consists of a collection of hosts connected by wires (twisted pairs) to a hub
- Spans room or floor in a building
- Operation
  - Each Ethernet adapter has unique 48-bit MAC (Media Access Control) address
    - E.g., 00:16:ea:e3:54:e6
  - Hosts send bits to any other host in chunks called frames
  - Hub slavishly copies each bit from each port to every other port
    - Every host sees every bit
    - Note: Hubs are on their way out. Switches (bridges) cheap enough to replace them

#### **Next Level: Switched Ethernet Segment**



- Spans building or campus
- Switches learn which hosts (MAC@) are reachable from which ports and selectively copy frames from port to port

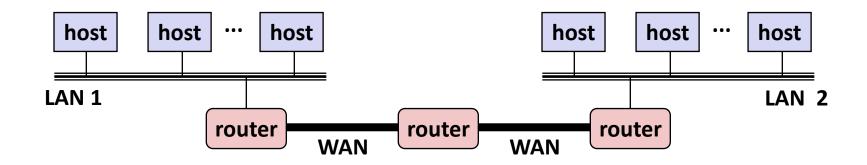
#### **Conceptual View of LANs**

For simplicity, hubs, switches, and wires are often shown as a collection of hosts attached to a single wire:



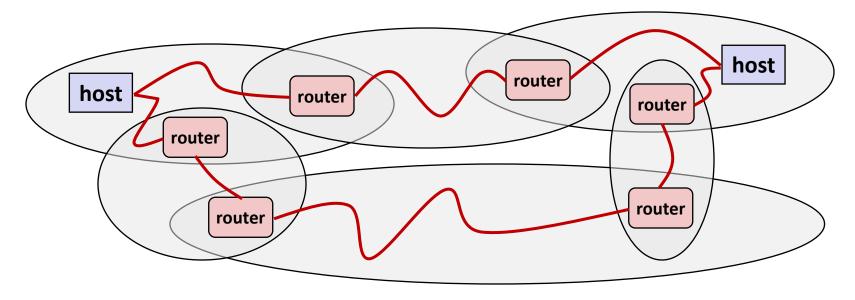
#### **Next Level: internets**

- Multiple incompatible LANs can be physically connected by specialized computers called routers
- The connected networks are called an internet (lower case)



LAN 1 and LAN 2 might be completely different, totally incompatible (e.g., Ethernet, Fibre Channel, 802.11\*, T1-links, DSL, ...)

# **Logical Structure of an internet**



- Ad hoc interconnection of networks
  - No particular topology
  - Vastly different router & link capacities
- Send packets from source to destination by hopping through networks
  - Router forms bridge from one network to another
  - Different packets may take different routes

#### The Notion of an internet Protocol

- How is it possible to send bits across incompatible LANs and WANs?
- Solution: protocol software running on each host and router
  - Protocol is a set of rules that governs how hosts and routers should cooperate when they transfer data from network to network.
  - Smooths out the differences between the different networks

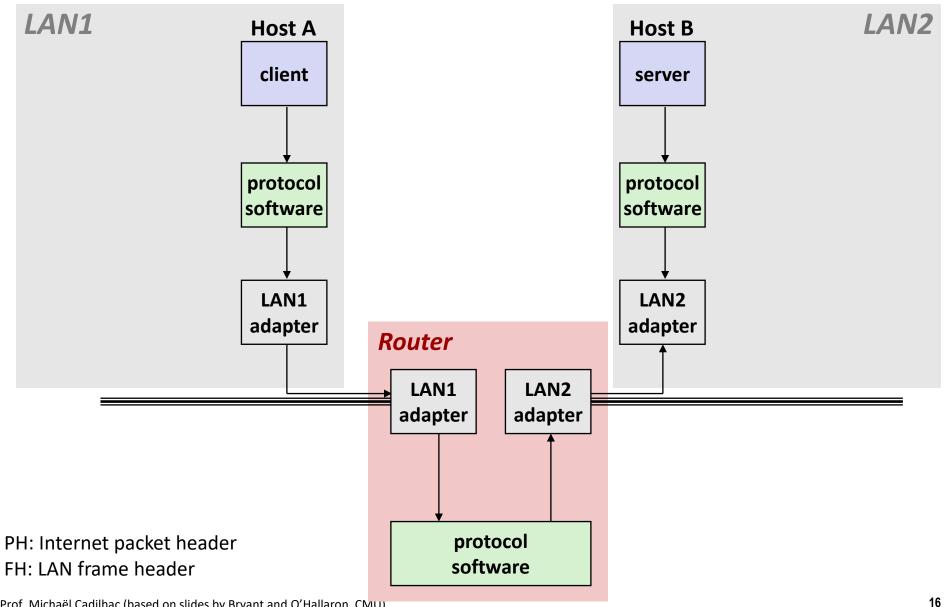
#### What Does an internet Protocol Do?

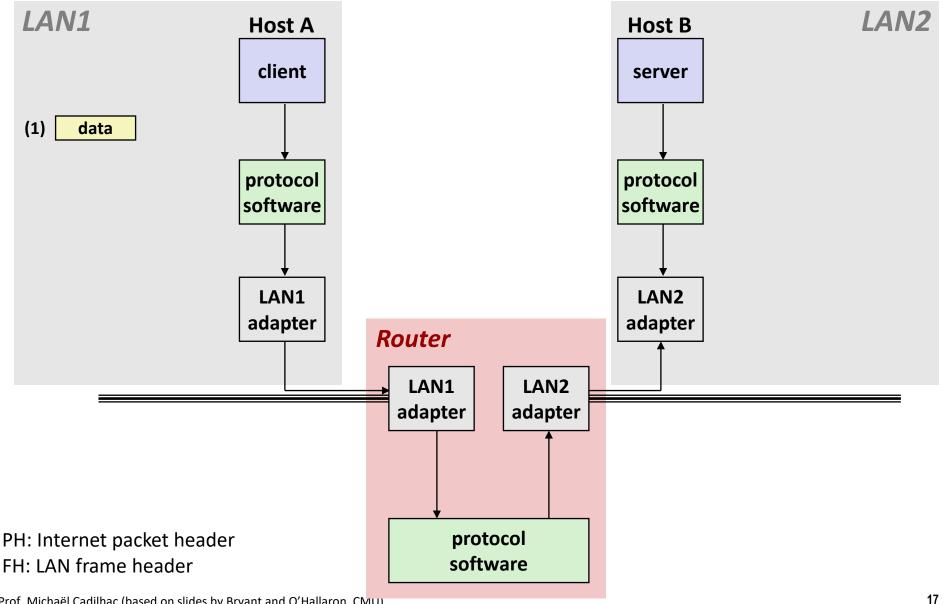
#### Provides a naming scheme

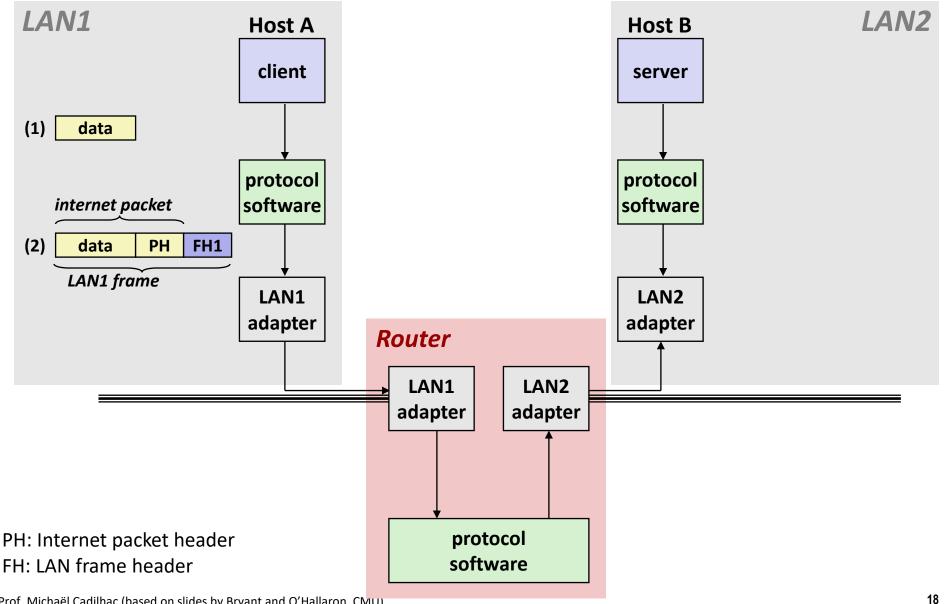
- An internet protocol defines a uniform format for host addresses
- Each host (and router) is assigned at least one of these internet addresses that uniquely identifies it

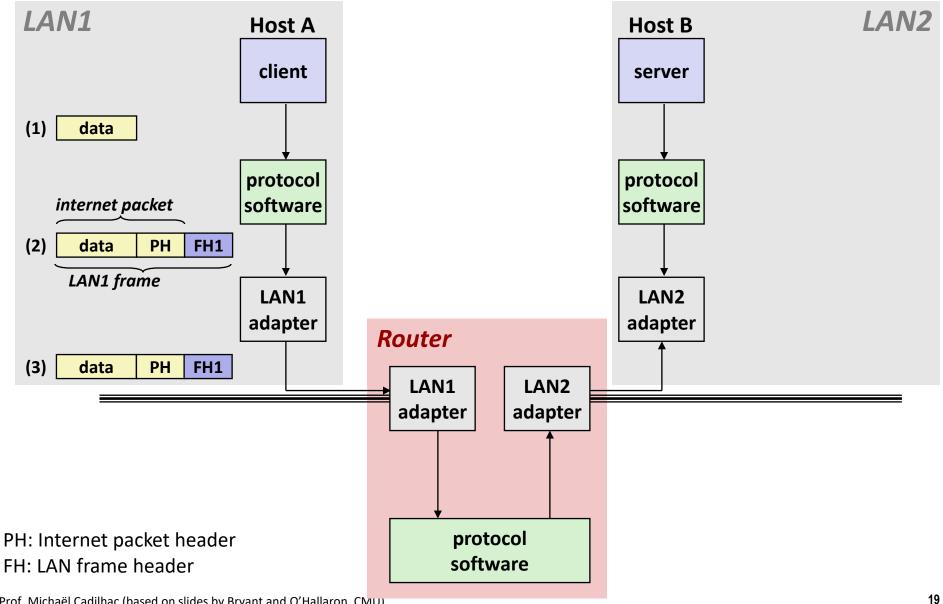
#### Provides a delivery mechanism

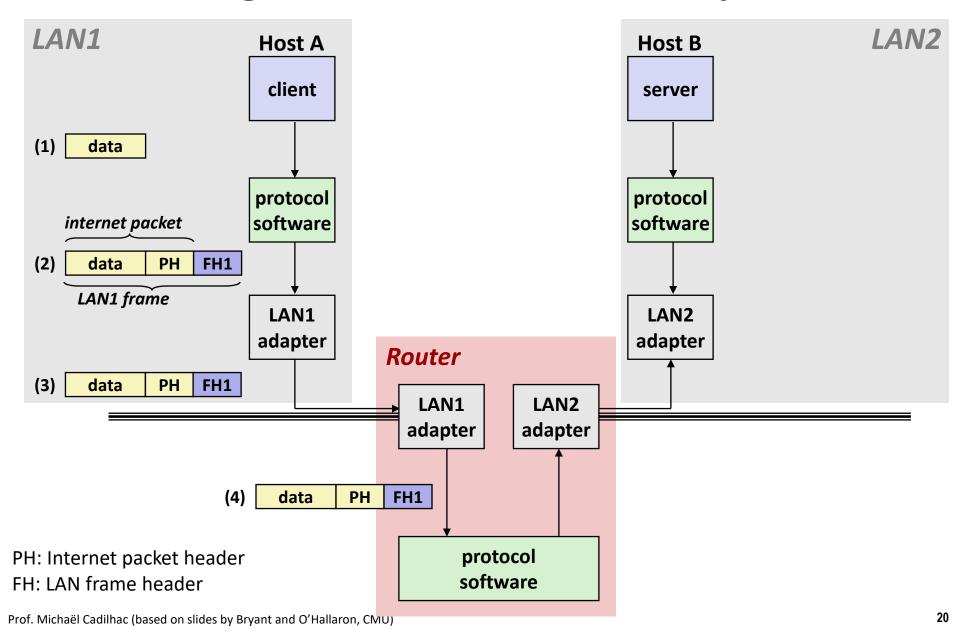
- An internet protocol defines a standard transfer unit (packet)
- Packet consists of header and payload
  - Header: contains info such as packet size, source and destination addresses
  - Payload: contains data bits sent from source host

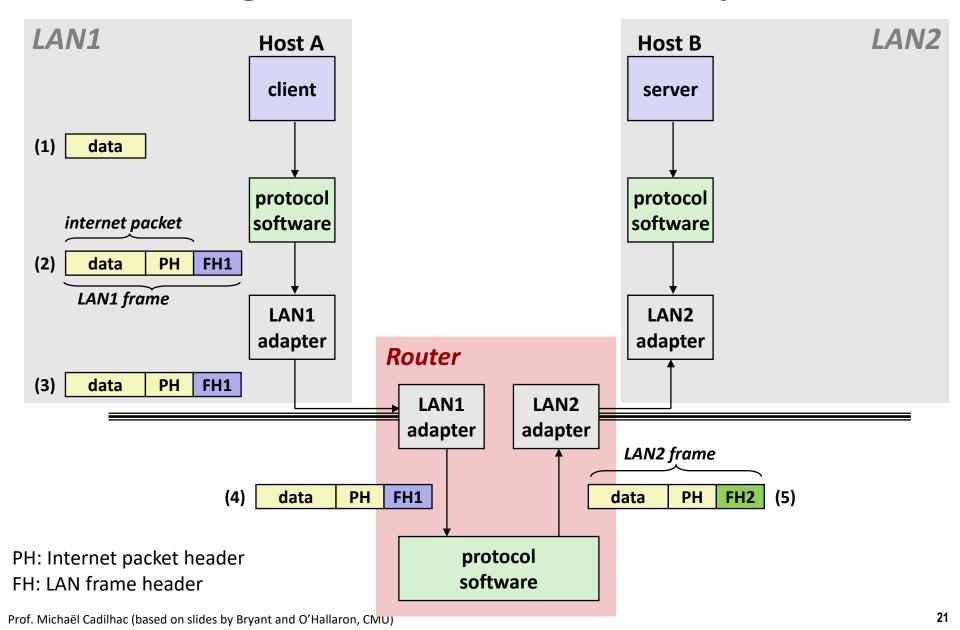


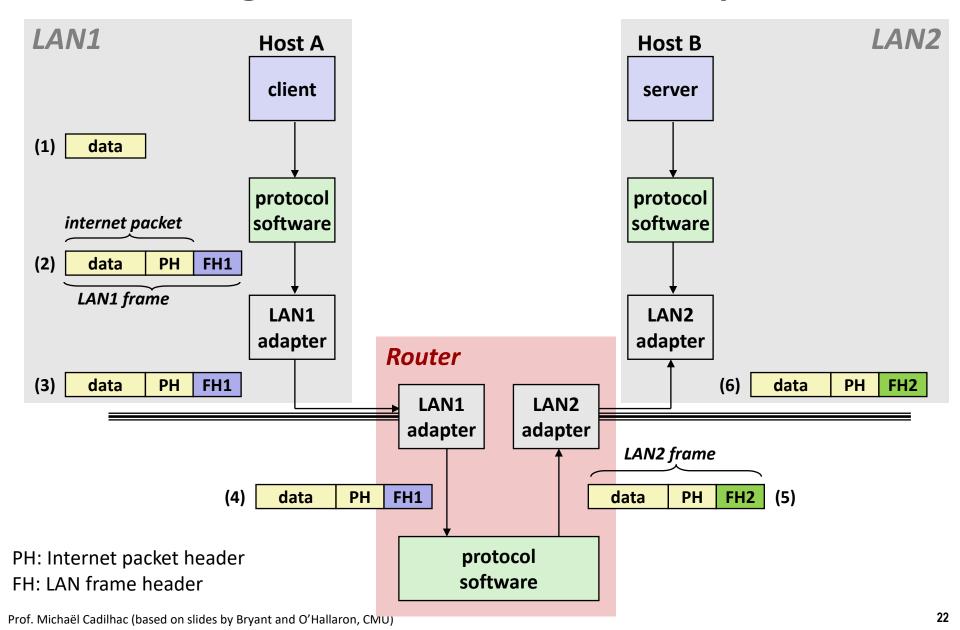


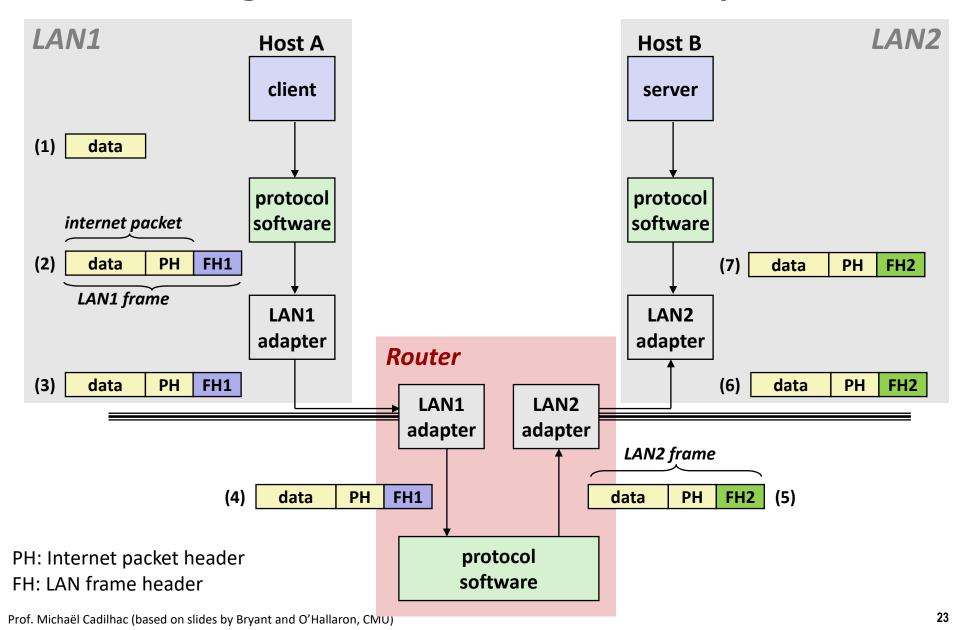


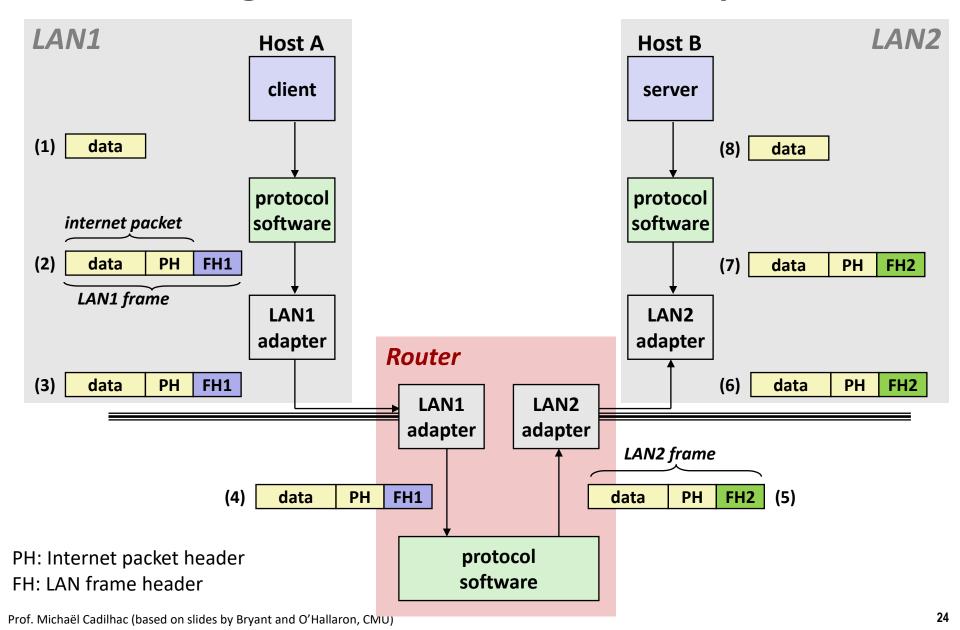












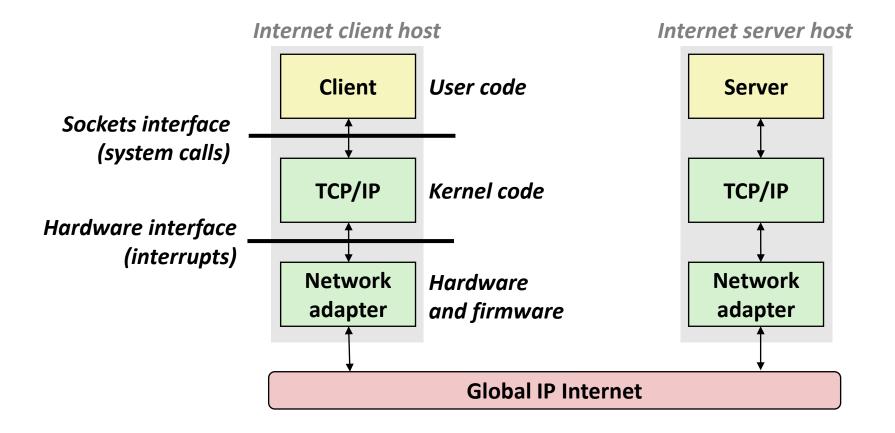
#### Other Issues

- We are glossing over a number of important questions:
  - What if different networks have different maximum frame sizes? (segmentation)
  - How do routers know where to forward frames?
  - How are routers informed when the network topology changes?
  - What if packets get lost?
- These (and other) questions are addressed by the area of systems known as computer networking

# **Global IP Internet (upper case)**

- Most famous example of an internet
- Based on the TCP/IP protocol family
  - IP (Internet Protocol) :
    - Provides basic naming scheme and unreliable delivery capability of packets from host-to-host
  - UDP (User Datagram Protocol)
    - Uses IP to provide unreliable datagram delivery from process-to-process without prior connection
  - TCP (Transmission Control Protocol)
    - Uses IP to provide reliable byte streams from process-to-process over connections
- Accessed via a mix of Unix file I/O and functions from the sockets interface

# Hardware and Software Organization of an Internet Application



# **OSI (Open Systems Interconnection) model**

- Conceptual model
- Loose connection with Internet Protocol Suite ("layering considered harmful" RFC 3439)

n	Name	Protocol Data Unit	Protocols (examples)
7	Application		НТТР
6	Presentation	Data	SSL, SSH, FTP
5	Session		TCP (sockets)
4	Transport	Segment Datagram	TCP UDP
3	Network	Packet	IP
2	Data link	Frame	<i>MAC-based</i> Ethernet, 802.11
1	Physical	Bit	

# A Programmer's View of the Internet

- 1. Hosts are mapped to a set of 32/128-bit IP addresses
  - 140.192.193.60 (IPv4)
  - 2a03:2880:f127:83:face:b00c:0:25de (IPv6)
- 2. The set of IP addresses is mapped to a set of identifiers called Internet *domain names* 
  - 140.192.193.60 is mapped to www.cdm.depaul.edu
- 3. A process on one Internet host can communicate with a process on another Internet host over a *connection*