Network Programming: A Programmer's View of the Internet: 1. IP Addresses

IPv4 and IPv6

- The original Internet Protocol, with its 32-bit addresses, is known as *Internet Protocol Version 4* (IPv4)
- 1996: Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) introduced Internet Protocol Version 6 (IPv6) with 128-bit addresses
 - Successor to IPv4
 - IPv5 never went public
- As of 2020, majority of Internet traffic still carried by IPv4
 - Only 30% of users access Google services using IPv6
 - Up from 5% in 2015, and 0.2% in 2010!
 - India: 48%; USA: 41%; Canada: 28%; Russia: 5%; 0.2% in Africa

IP Addresses

■ 32/128 bit IP addresses are stored in an IP address struct

- IP addresses are always stored in memory in network byte order (big-endian byte order)
- True in general for any integer transferred in a packet header from one machine to another.
 - E.g., the port number used to identify an Internet connection.

On Notation

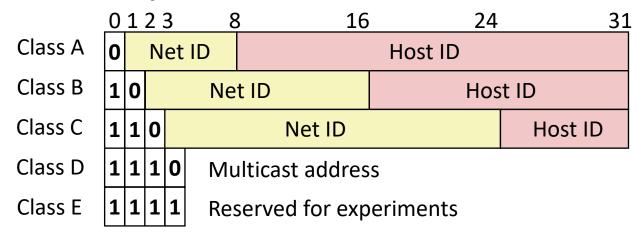
- By convention, each byte in a 32-bit IPv4 address is represented by its decimal value, separated by a period (dotted decimal)
 - IP address: 0x8CC00E6A = 140.192.14.106
- For 128-bit IPv6 addresses, hexadecimal, blocks of two bytes
 - * {0xffE0, 0x0000, 0x03AA, 0x17AB, 0xffff, 0x0000, 0x0000, 0x0001}

ffe0:0:3aa:17ab:ffff:0:0:1

 Use getaddrinfo and getnameinfo functions (described later) to convert between IP addresses and dotted decimal/hexadecimal format.

IPv4 Address Structure

■ IPv4 Address space divided into classes:



- Network ID (routing prefix) written in form w.x.y.z/n
 - n = number of bits in prefix, allow for classless routing (CIDR)
 - E.g., DePaul written as 140.192.0.0/16 (Class B)
- Unrouted (private) IP addresses

10.0.0.0/8 172.16.0.0/12 192.168.0.0/16 127.0.0.0/8

Broadcast addresses: ending in 255

IPv6 Address Structure

- Address has 128 bits, written in hexadecimal
 - fe80:1234:5678:9abc:def0:1234:5678:9abc (8 quartets of 16 bits each)
 - Shorthands: leading 0's in quartets omitted, and :: is just 0's
 - fe80::1 = ffe80:0000:0000:0000:0000:0000:0001
 - fe80:: = fe80:0000:0000:0000:0000:0000:0000
- Three types (scope): Unicast, Anycast, Multicast
- Unicast/Anycast:

0 1 2 3 64 96 128

Routing prefix Interface ID

::ffff:0:0/96 is IPv4-mapped IPv6 addresses; fc00::/7 for local nets

Built from MAC or random

- Unicast if one device, anycast otherwise
- Multicast:
 - No broadcast in IPv6, a device joins a ff00::/8 address (using messages)