

Chapter 1

Introduction

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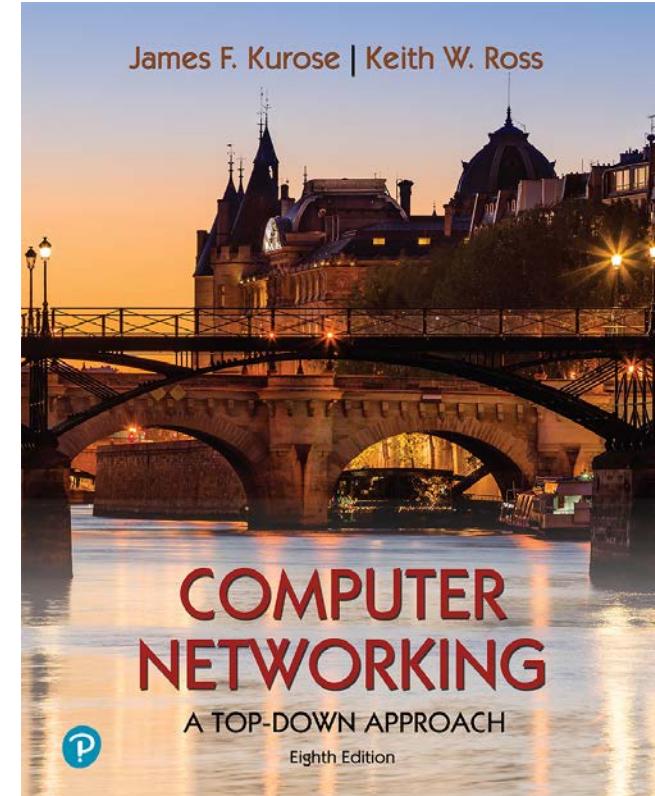
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Chapter 1: introduction

Chapter goal:

- Get “feel,” “big picture,” introduction to terminology
 - more depth, detail *later* in course



Overview/roadmap:

- What *is* the Internet? What *is* a protocol?
- **Network edge:** hosts, access network, physical media
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- **Performance:** loss, delay, throughput
- Protocol layers, service models
- Security
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The Internet: a “nuts and bolts” view



Billions of connected computing *devices*:

- *hosts* = end systems
- running *network apps* at Internet's “edge”

Packet switches: forward packets (chunks of data)

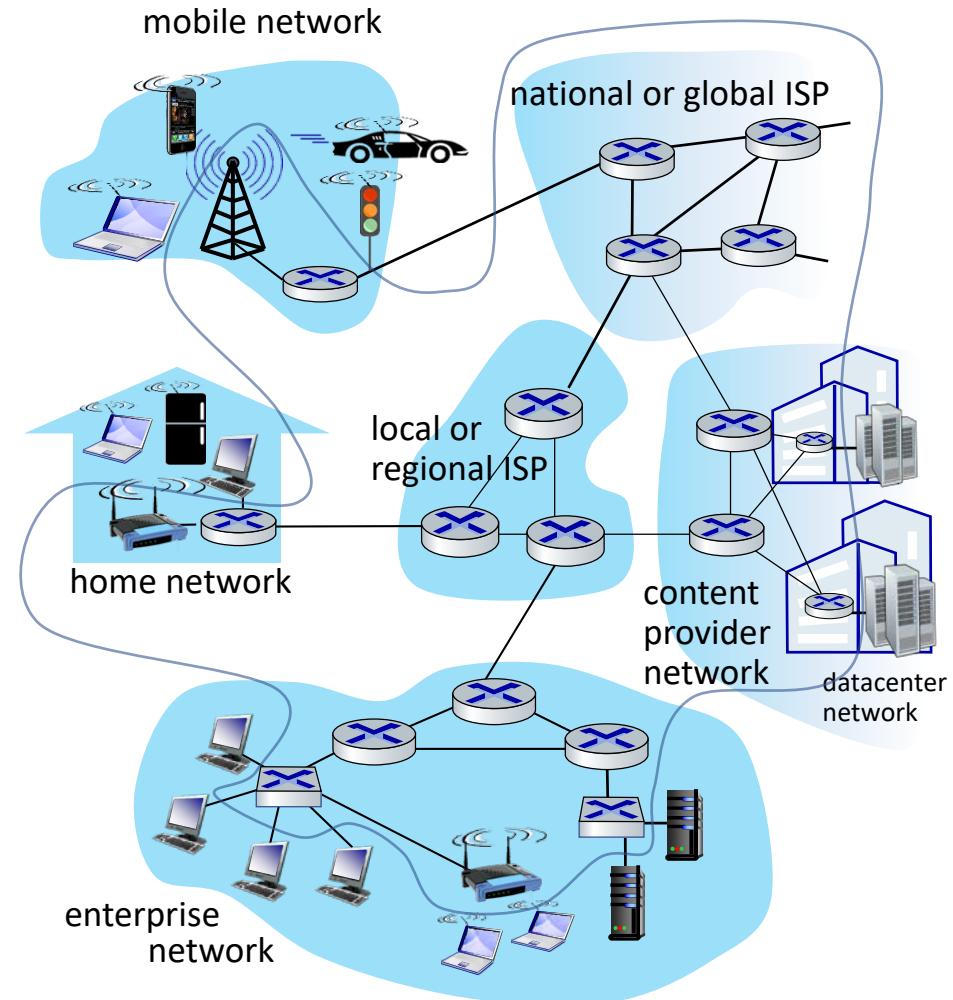
- routers, switches

Communication links

- fiber, copper, radio, satellite
- transmission rate: *bandwidth*

Networks

- collection of devices, routers, links: managed by an organization



“Fun” Internet-connected devices



Amazon Echo



Internet refrigerator



Security Camera



Internet phones



IP picture frame



Slingbox: remote control cable TV



Pacemaker & Monitor



Web-enabled toaster + weather forecaster



sensorized, bed mattress



Fitbit



Tweet-a-watt:
monitor energy use

bikes



cars

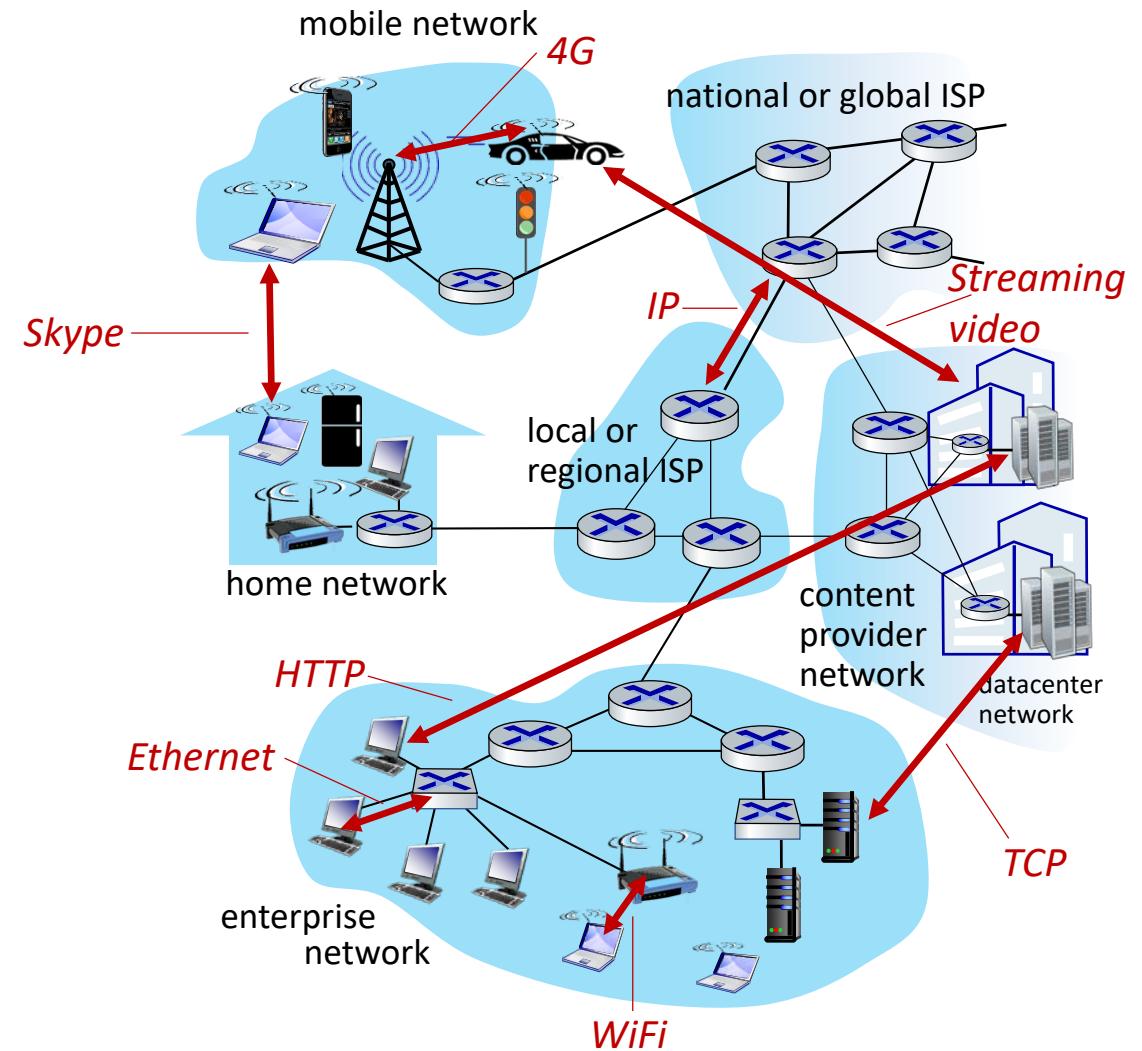


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Others?

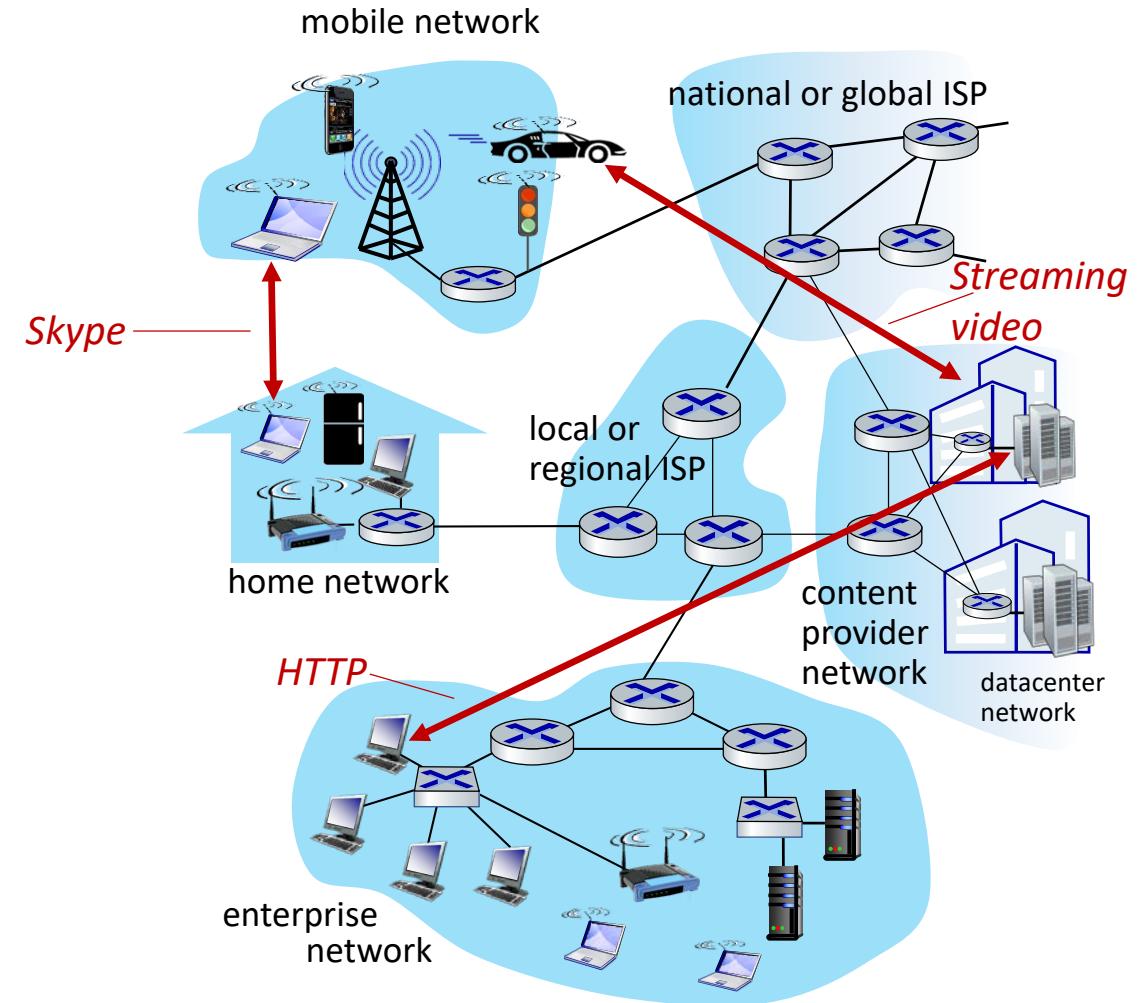
The Internet: a “nuts and bolts” view

- *Internet: “network of networks”*
 - Interconnected ISPs
- *protocols are everywhere*
 - control sending, receiving of messages
 - e.g., HTTP (Web), streaming video, Skype, TCP, IP, WiFi, 4G, Ethernet
- *Internet standards*
 - RFC: Request for Comments
 - IETF: Internet Engineering Task Force



The Internet: a “services” view

- *Infrastructure* that provides services to applications:
 - Web, streaming video, multimedia teleconferencing, email, games, e-commerce, social media, interconnected appliances, ...
- provides *programming interface* to distributed applications:
 - “hooks” allowing sending/receiving apps to “connect” to, use Internet transport service
 - provides service options, analogous to postal service



What's a protocol?

Human protocols:

- “what’s the time?”
- “I have a question”
- introductions

Rules for:

- ... specific messages sent
- ... specific actions taken
when message received,
or other events

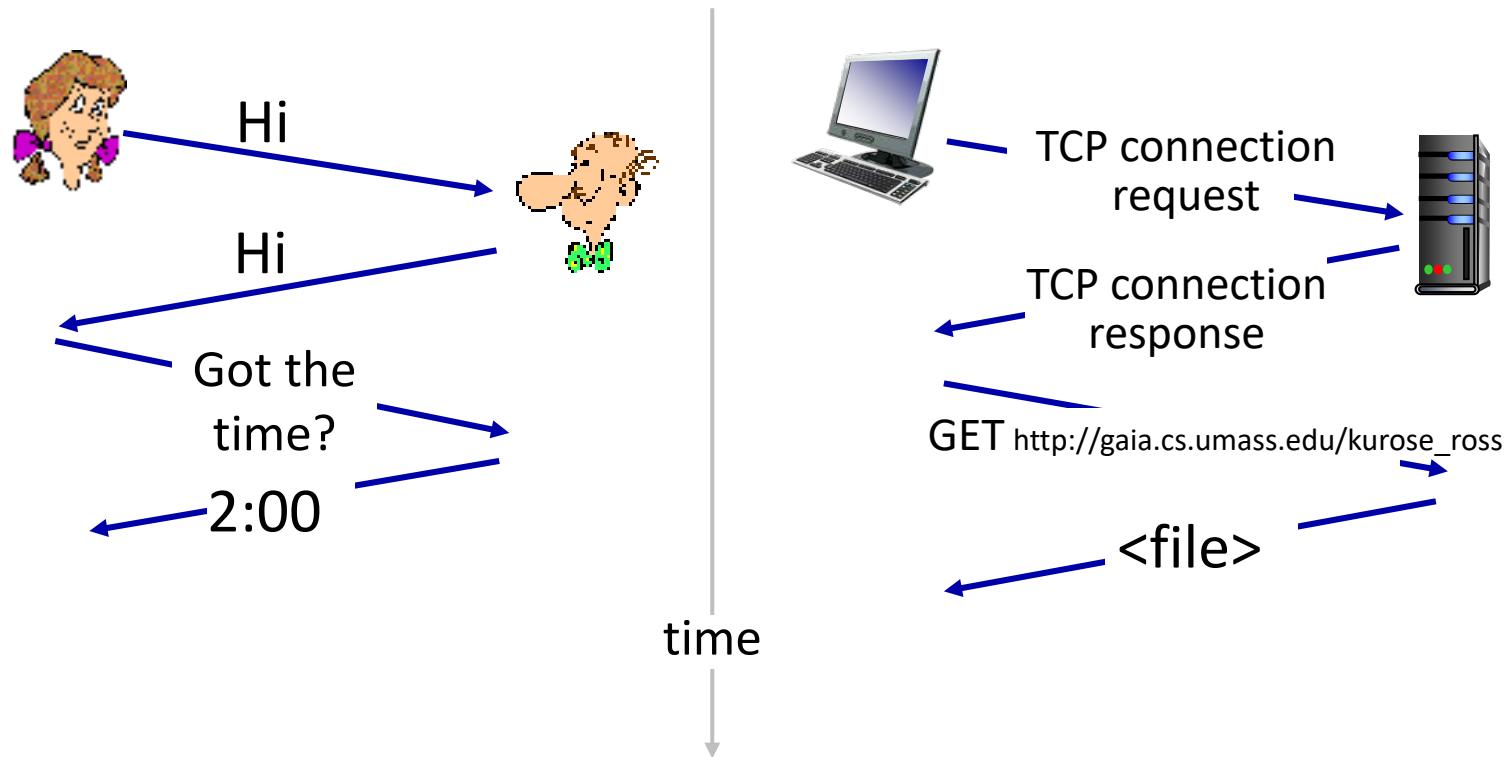
Network protocols:

- computers (devices) rather than humans
- all communication activity in Internet governed by protocols

*Protocols define the **format, order** of messages sent and received among network entities, and **actions taken** on message transmission, receipt*

What's a protocol?

A human protocol and a computer network protocol:



Q: other human protocols?

Chapter 1: roadmap

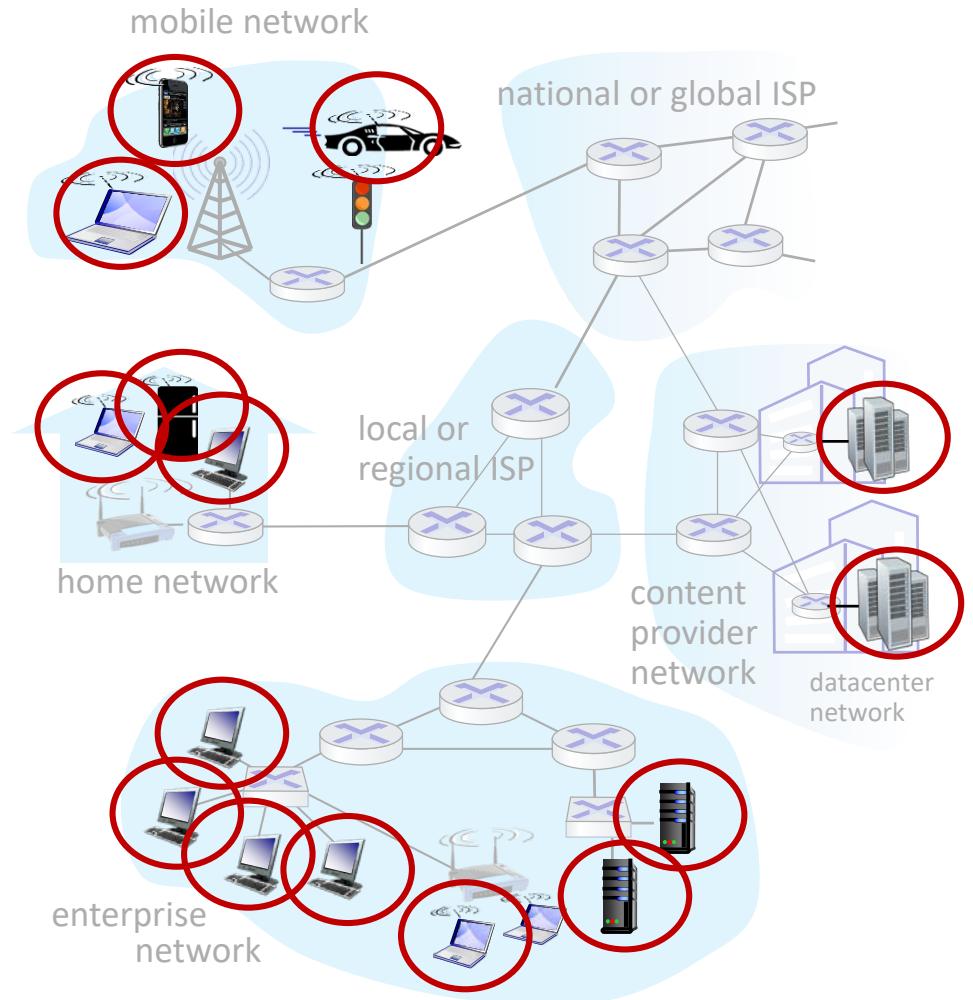
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A closer look at Internet structure

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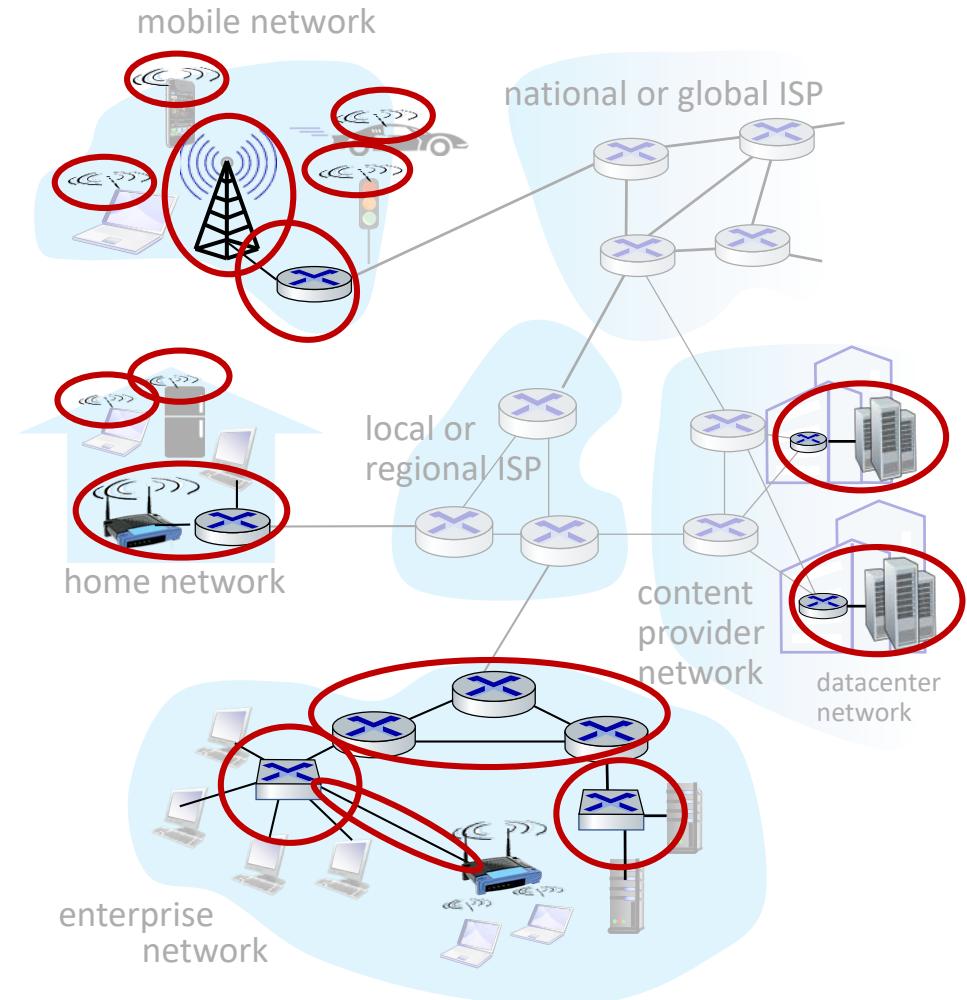
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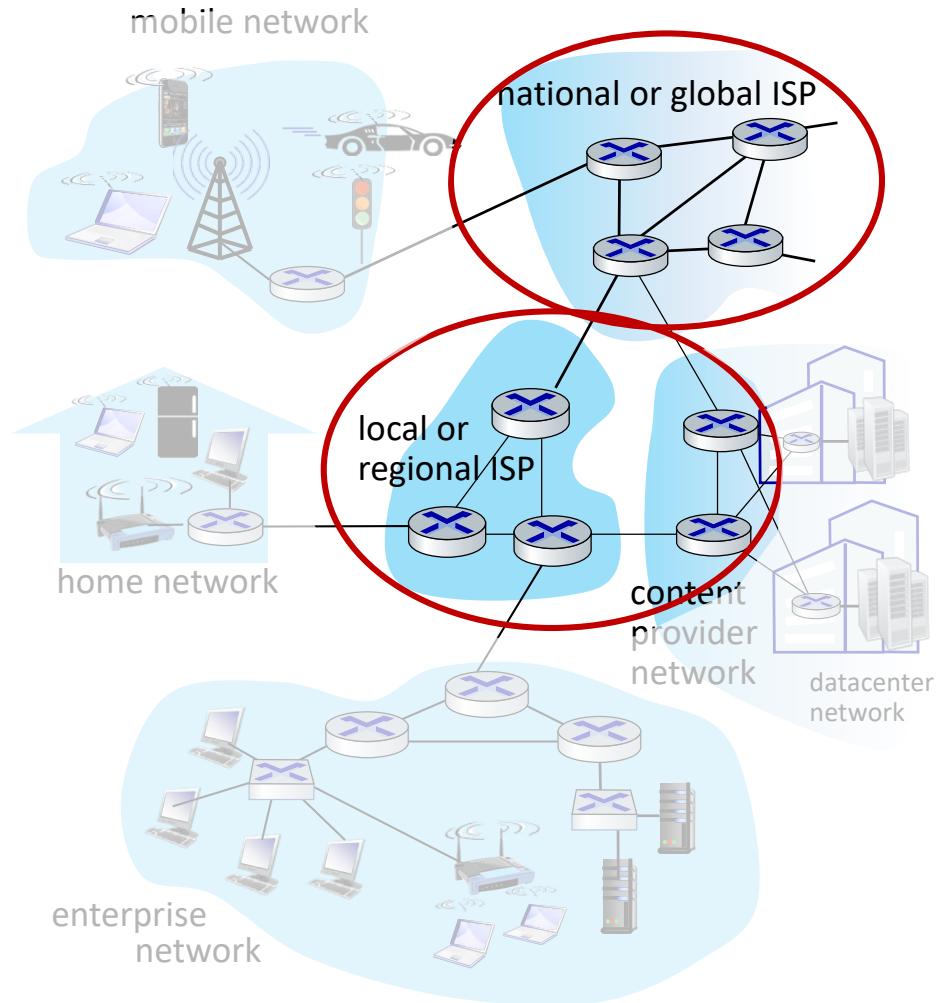
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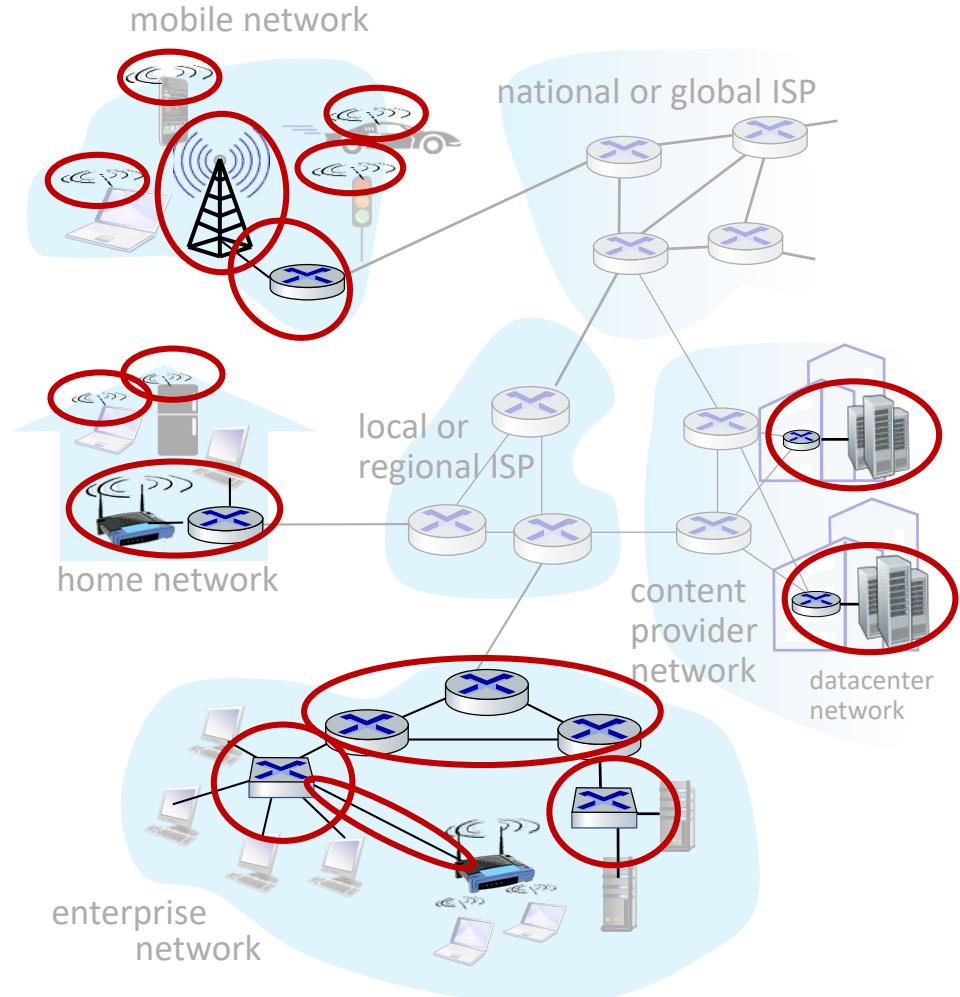
- interconnected routers
- network of networks



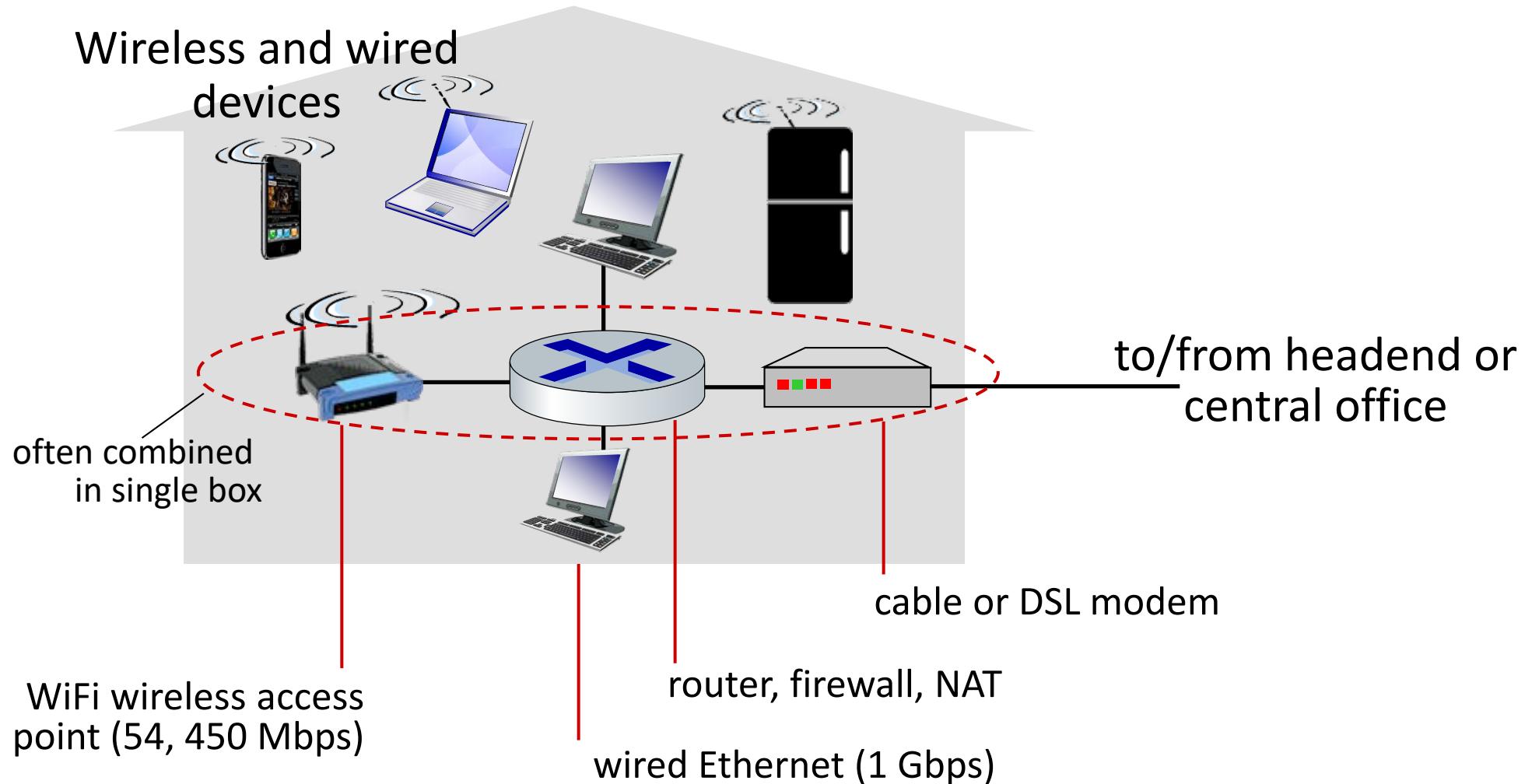
Access networks and physical media

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

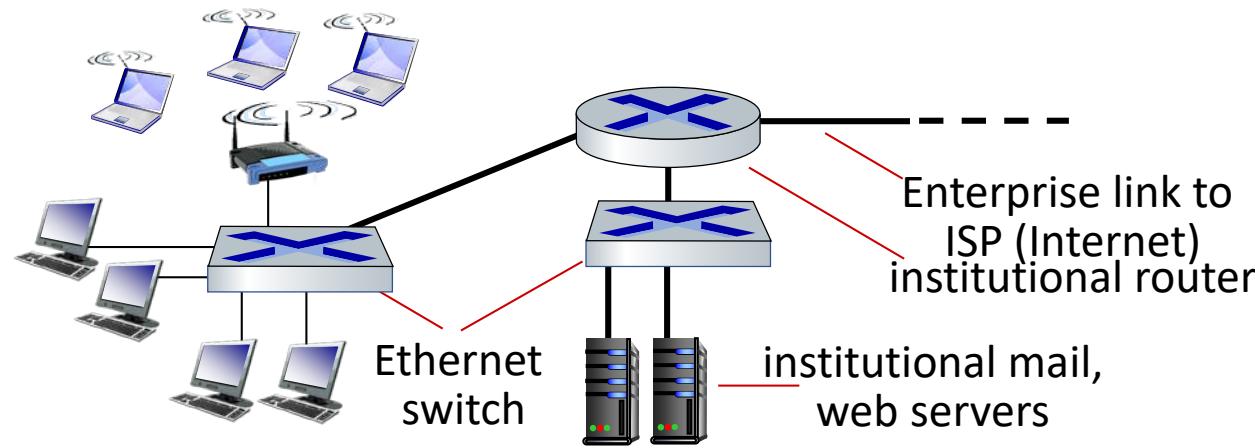
- residential access nets
- institutional access networks (school, company)
- mobile access networks (WiFi, 4G/5G)



Access networks: home networks



Access networks: enterprise networks



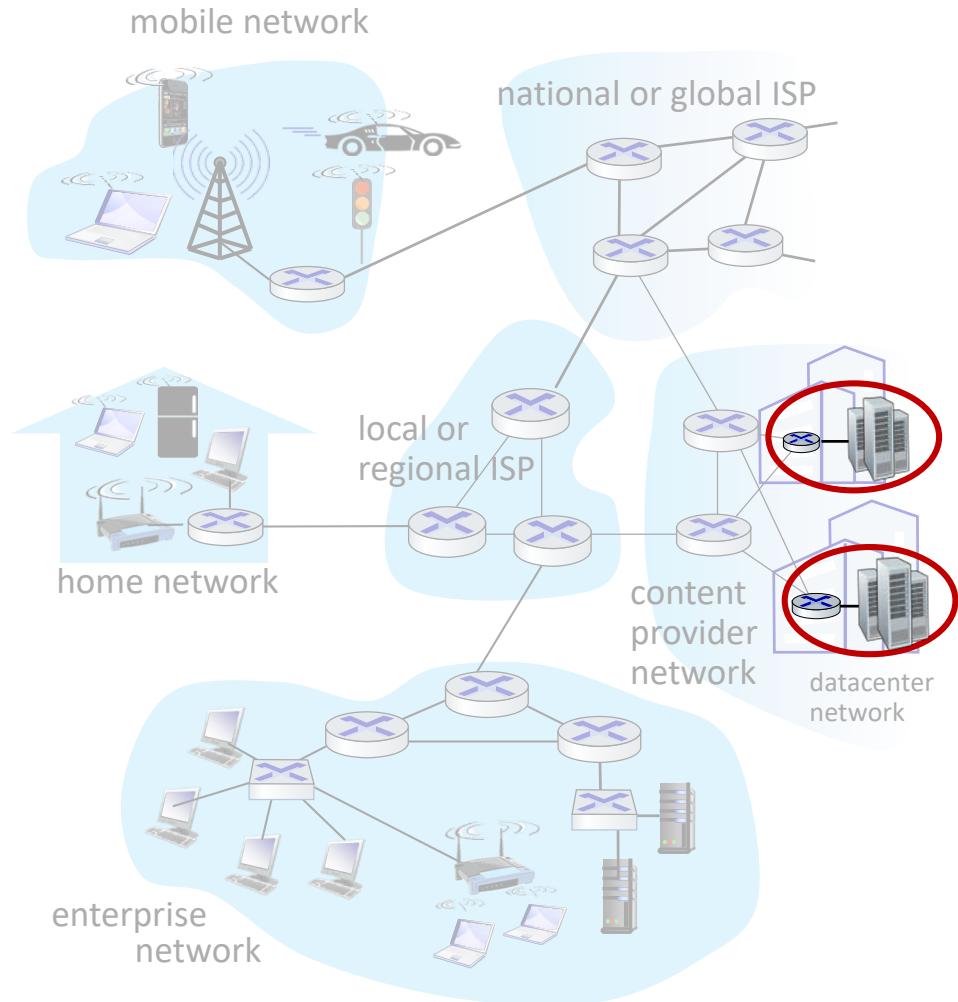
- companies, universities, etc.
- mix of wired, wireless link technologies, connecting a mix of switches and routers (we'll cover differences shortly)
 - Ethernet: wired access at 100Mbps, 1Gbps, 10Gbps
 - WiFi: wireless access points at 11, 54, 450 Mbps

Access networks: data center networks

- high-bandwidth links (10s to 100s Gbps) connect hundreds to thousands of servers together, and to Internet



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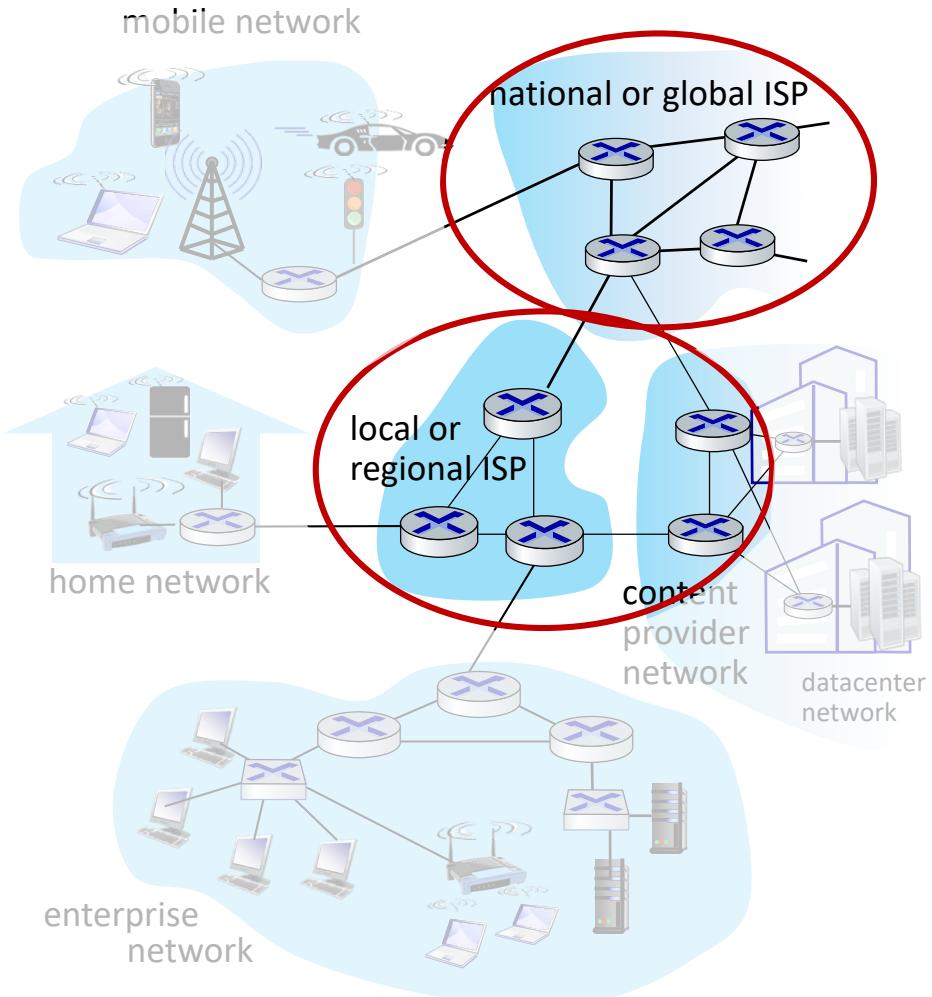
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The network core

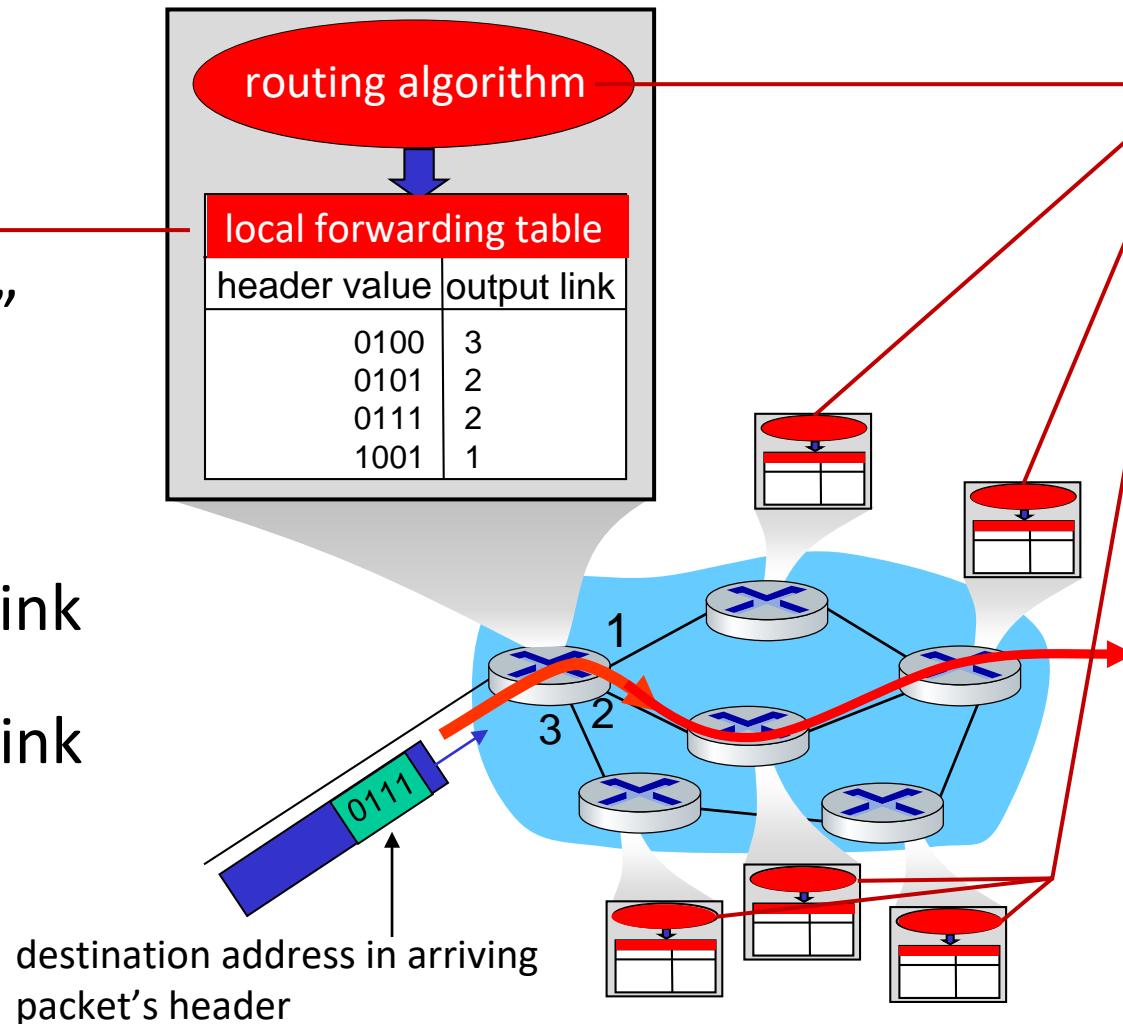
- mesh of interconnected routers
- **packet-switching**: hosts break application-layer messages into *packets*
 - network **forwards** packets from one router to the next, across links on path from **source to destination**



Two key network-core functions

Forwarding: _____

- aka “switching”
- *local* action:
move arriving
packets from
router’s input link
to appropriate
router output link



Routing:

- *global* action:
determine source-destination paths taken by packets
 - routing algorithms

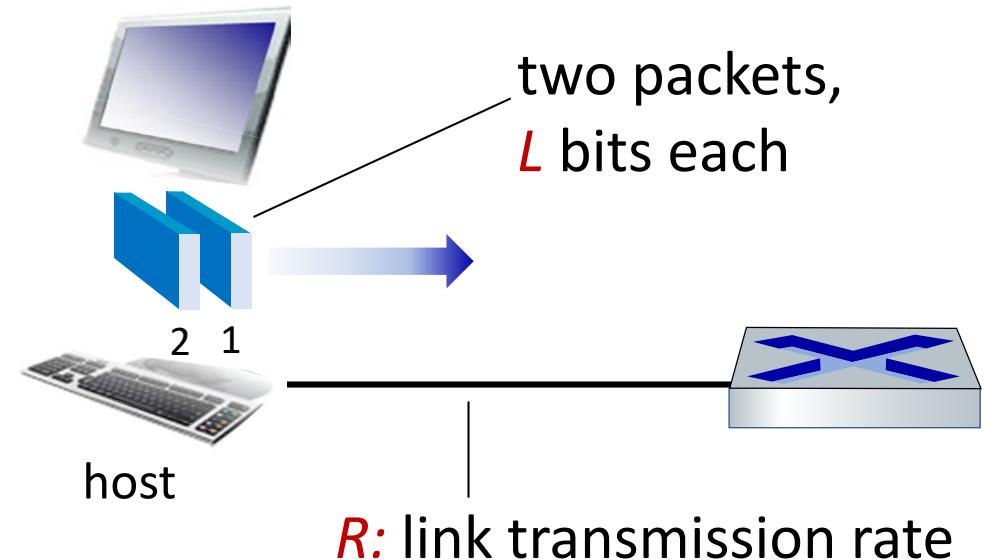




Host: sends *packets* of data

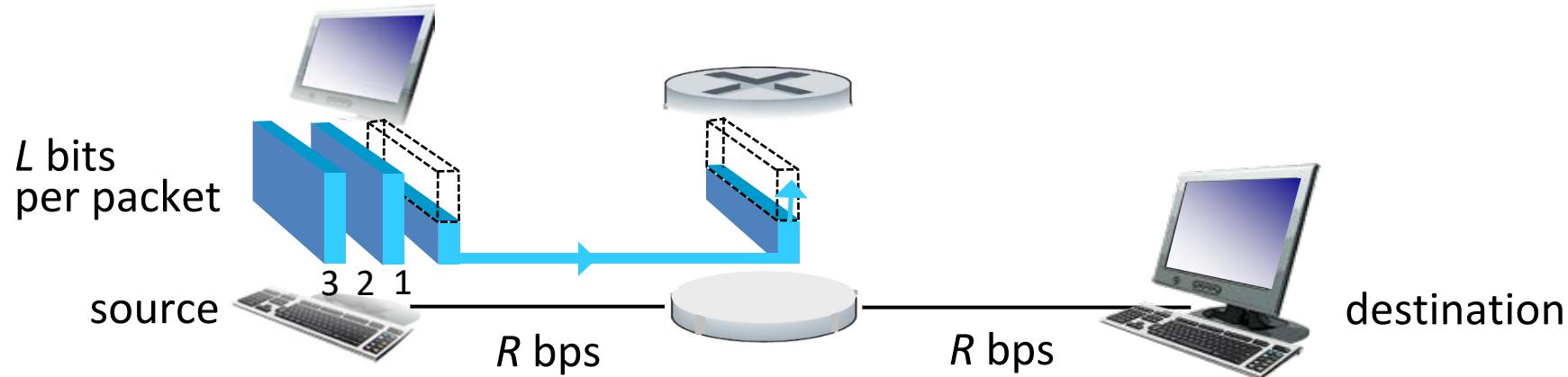
host sending function:

- 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*



$$\text{packet transmission delay} = \frac{\text{time needed to transmit } L\text{-bit packet into link}}{R \text{ (bits/sec)}} = \frac{L \text{ (bits)}}{R \text{ (bits/sec)}}$$

Packet-switching: store-and-forward



- **packet transmission delay:** 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

One-hop numerical example:

- $L = 10 \text{ Kbits}$
- $R = 100 \text{ Mbps}$
- one-hop transmission delay = 0.1 msec

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Protocol “layers” and reference models

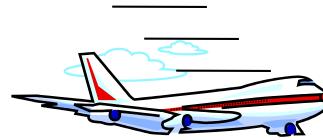
Networks are complex,
with many “pieces”:

- hosts
- routers
- links of various media
- applications
- protocols
- hardware, software

Question: is there any
hope of *organizing*
structure of network?

- and/or our *discussion*
of networks?

Example: organization of air travel



— *end-to-end transfer of person plus baggage* —→

ticket (purchase)

baggage (check)

gates (load)

runway takeoff

airplane routing

ticket (complain)

baggage (claim)

gates (unload)

runway landing

airplane routing

airplane routing

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

- a series of steps, involving many services

Example: organization of air travel



layers: each layer implements a service

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

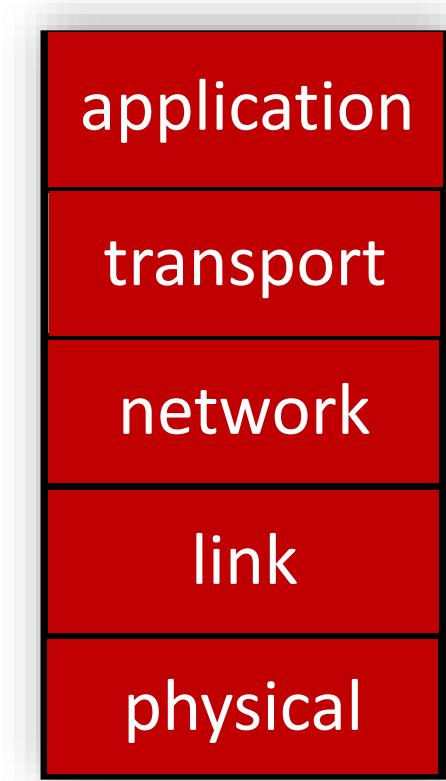
Why layering?

Approach to designing/discussing complex systems:

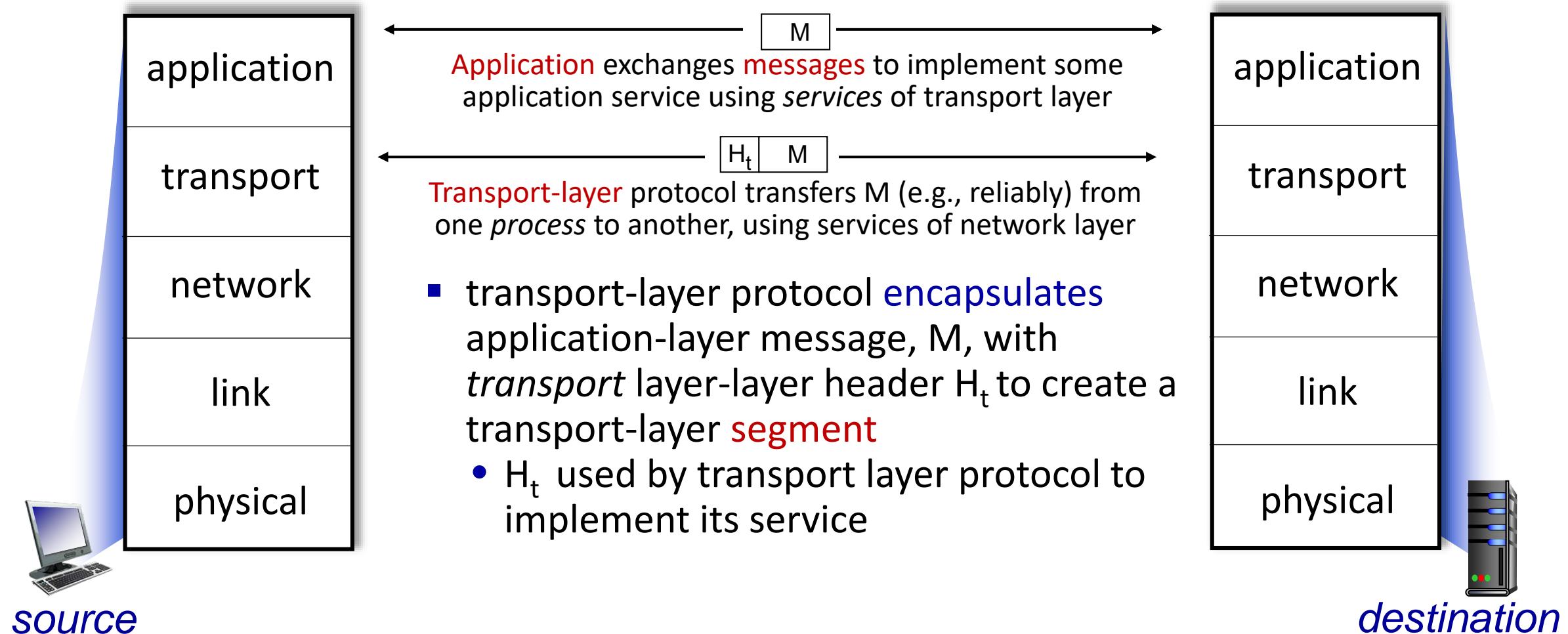
- explicit structure allows identification, relationship of system's pieces
 - layered *reference model* for discussion
- modularization eases maintenance, updating of system
 - change in layer's service *implementation*: transparent to rest of system
 - e.g., change in gate procedure doesn't affect rest of system

Layered Internet protocol stack

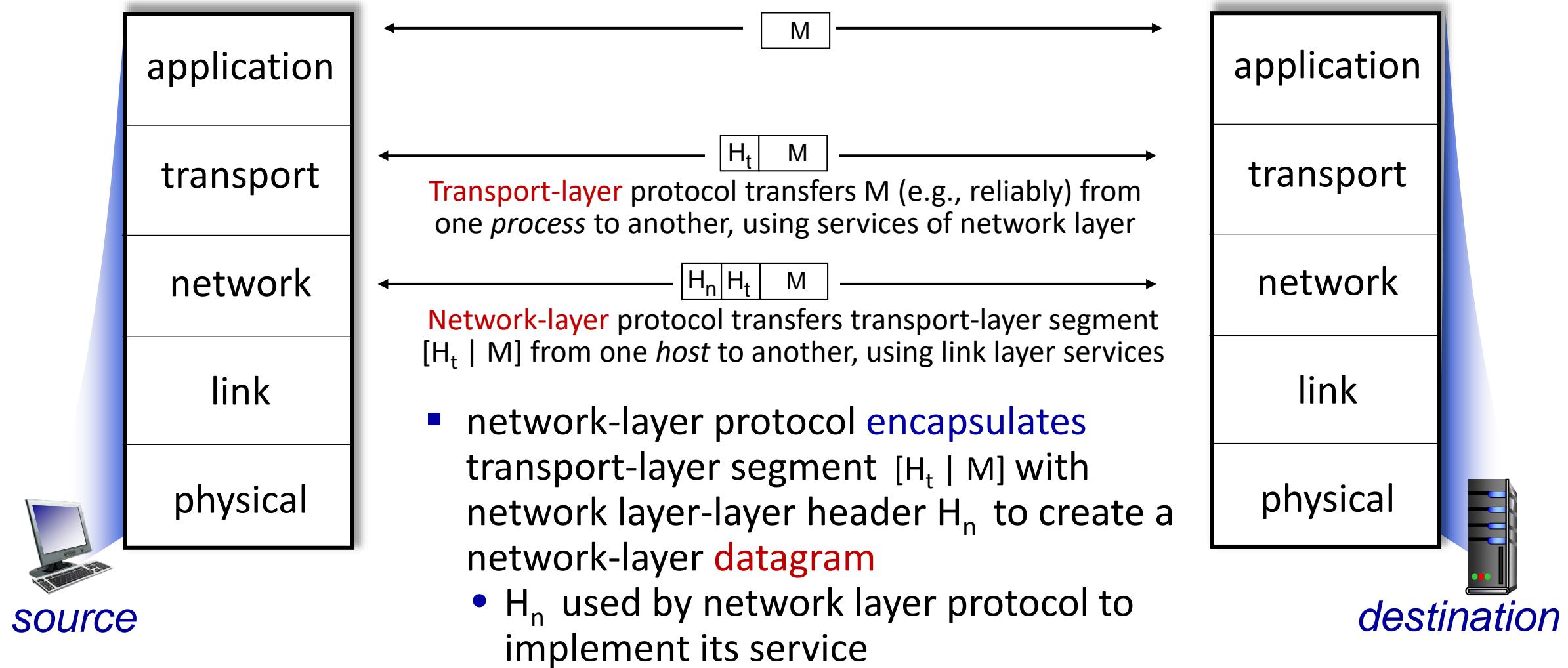
- *application*: supporting network applications
 - HTTP, IMAP, SMTP, DNS
- *transport*: process-process data transfer
 - TCP, UDP
- *network*: routing of datagrams from source to destination
 - IP, routing protocols
- *link*: data transfer between neighboring network elements
 - Ethernet, 802.11 (WiFi), PPP
- *physical*: bits “on the wire”



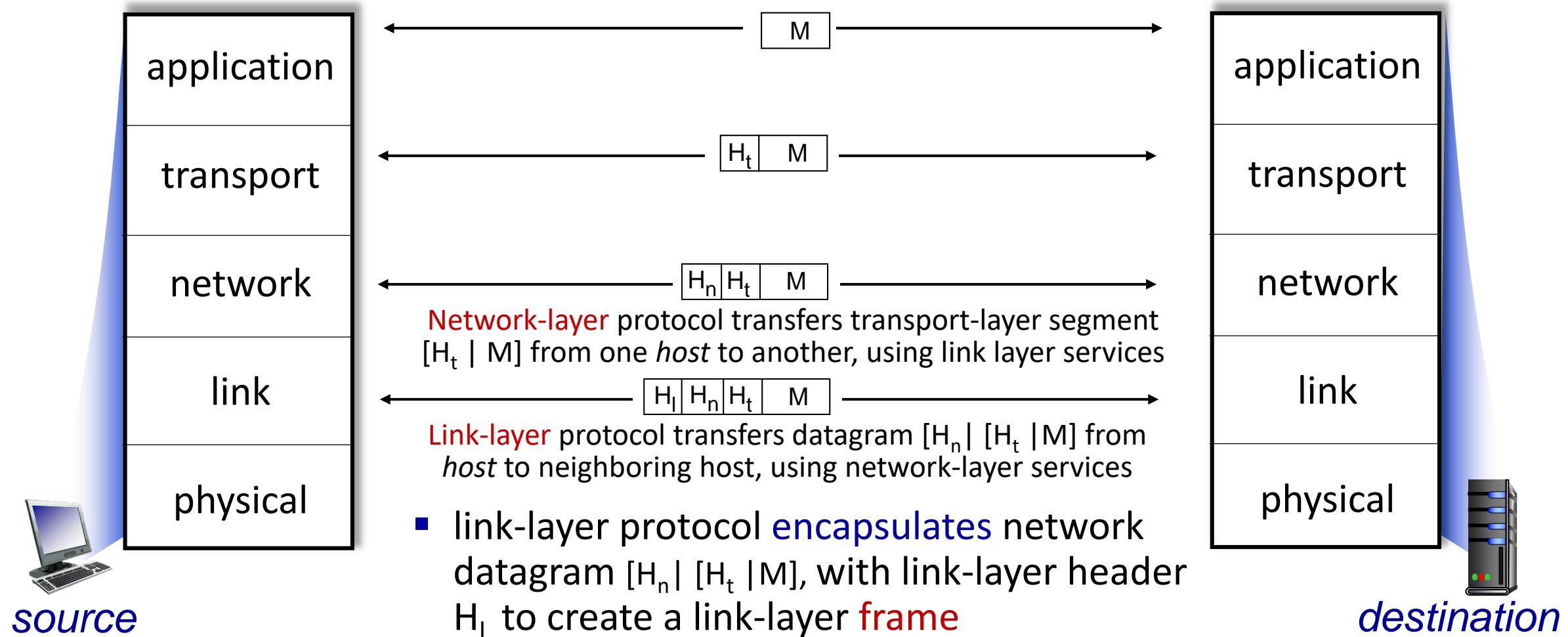
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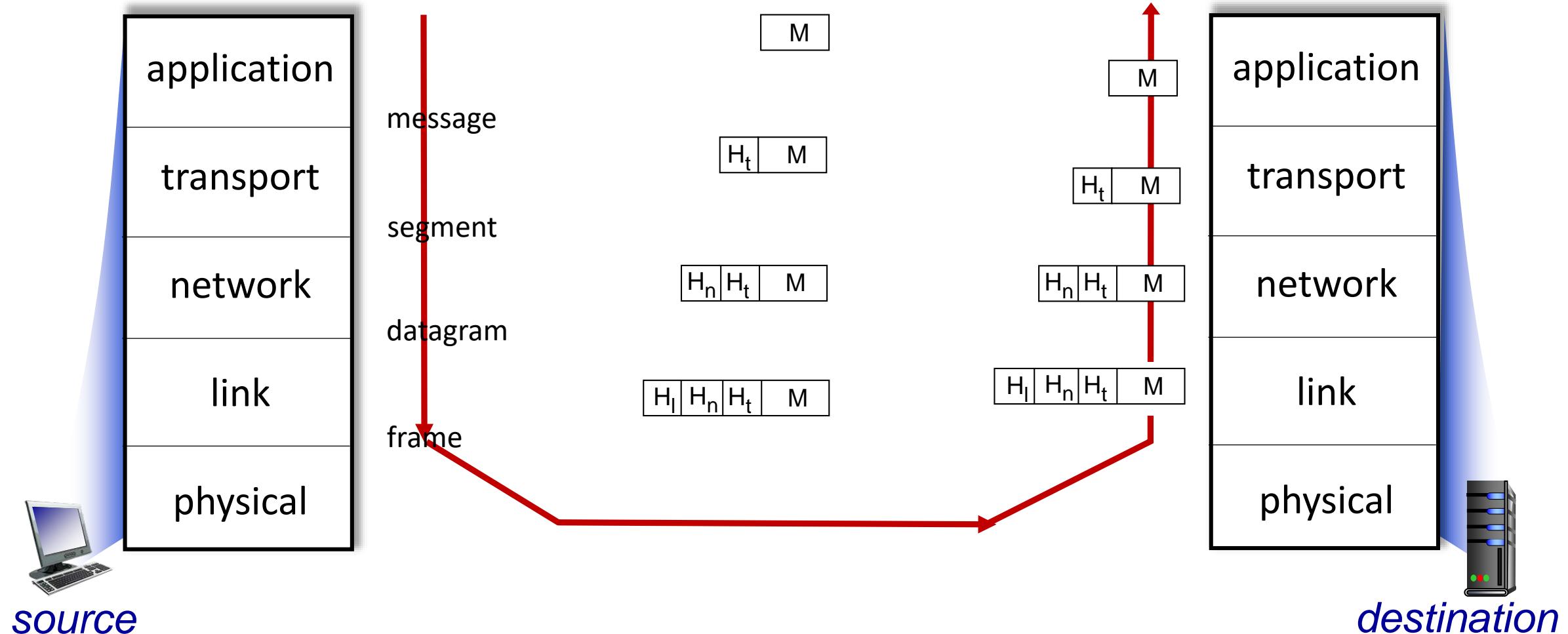
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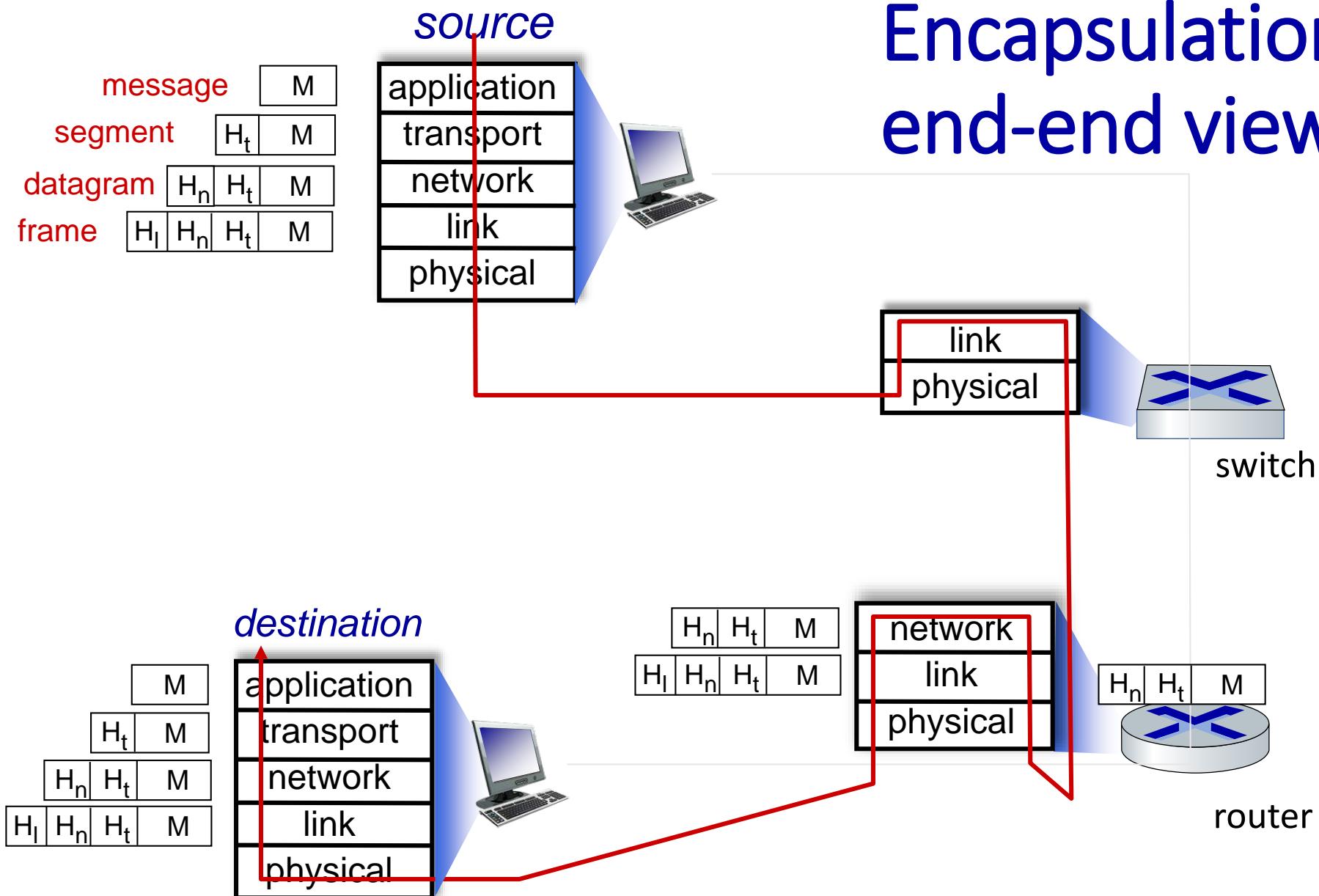
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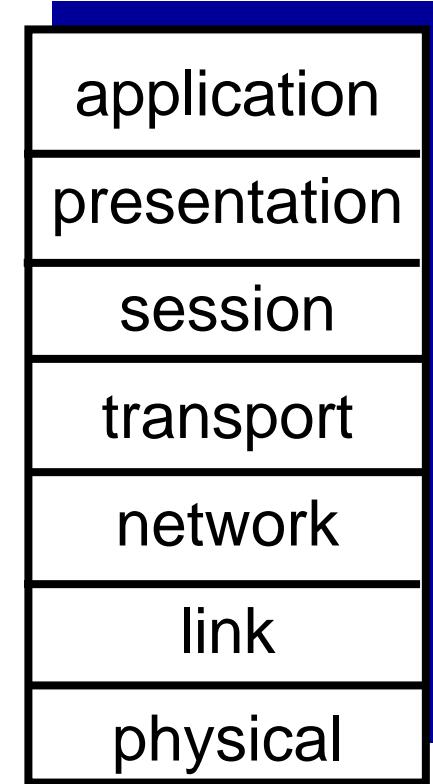
Encapsulation: an end-end view



ISO/OSI reference model

Two layers not found in Internet protocol stack!

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



The seven layer OSI/ISO reference model