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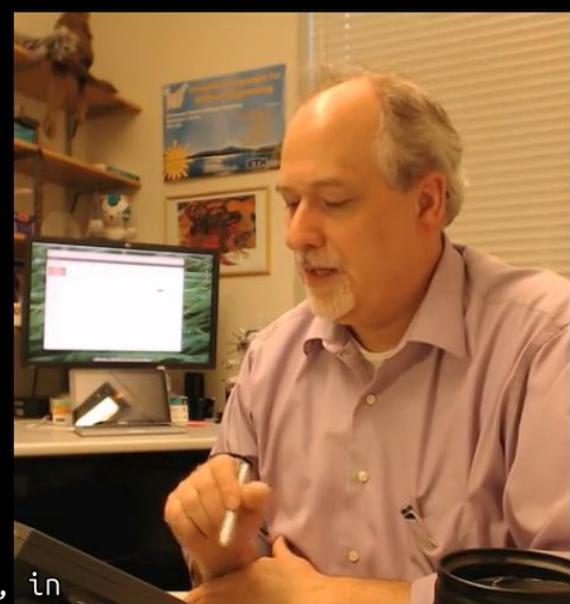
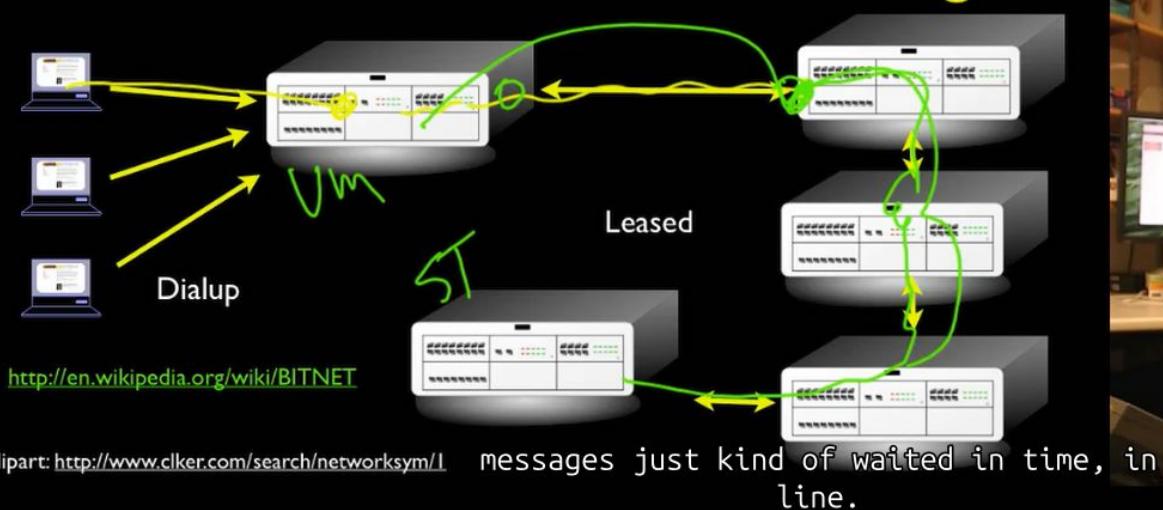


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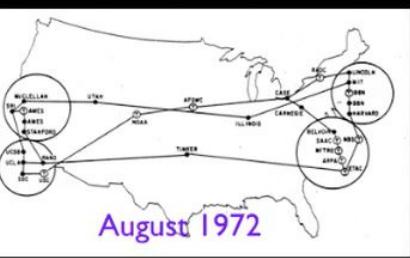
## Store and Forward Networking



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## Research Networks 1960-1980's

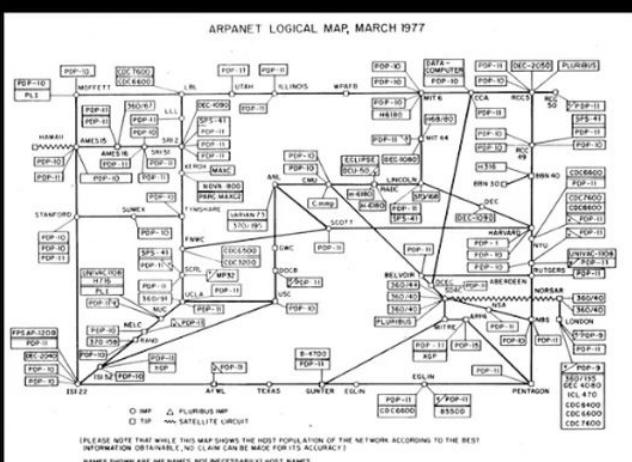
- How can we avoid having a direct connection between all pairs of computers?
- How to transport messages efficiently?
- How can we dynamically handle outages?



were going to be packet networks.  
<http://som.csuh.edu/fac/pres/history/arpamaps/>  
First, how do we share one link, so that



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Heart, F., McKenzie, A., McQuillian, J., and Walden, D., ARPANET Completion Report,

Bolt, Beranek and Newman, Burlington, MA January 4, 1978.

Now by the late 1970s it had 100ish  
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## Efficient Message Transmission: Packet Switching

- Challenge: in a simple approach, like store-and-forward, large messages block small ones
- Break each message into packets
- Can allow the packets from a single message to travel over different paths, dynamically adjusting for use
- Use special-purpose computers, called routers, for the traffic control

And so the engine, the, the innovation  
that they spent 20 years perfecting, was



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Hello there, have a nice day.

## Packet Switching - Postcards

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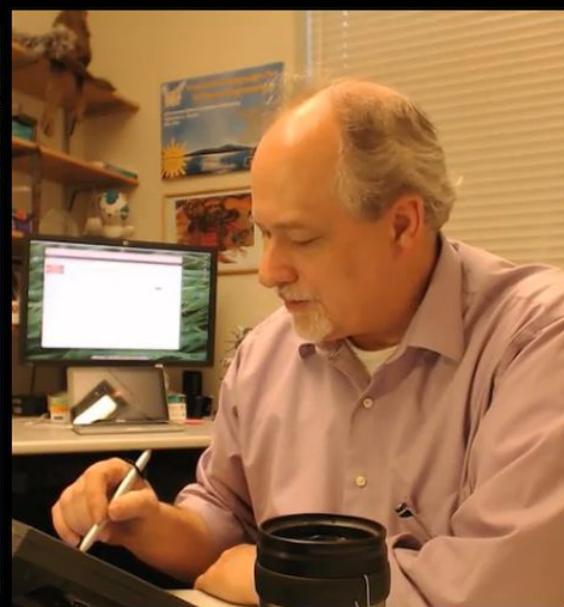
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number on each postcard, 1, 2 and 3, and I put ten characters on each and I stick

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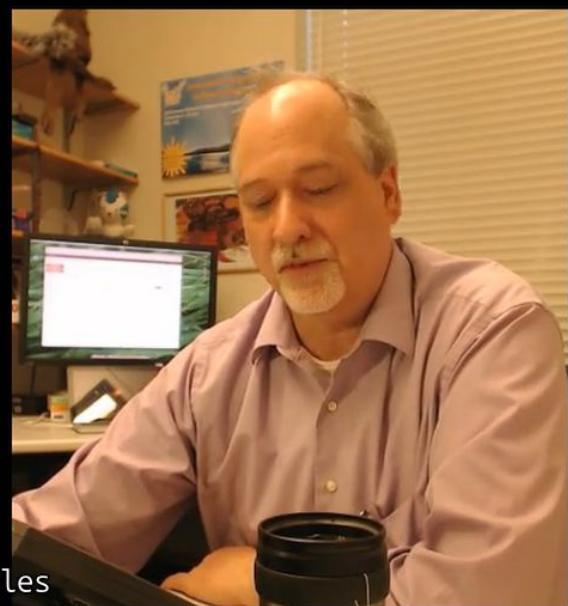


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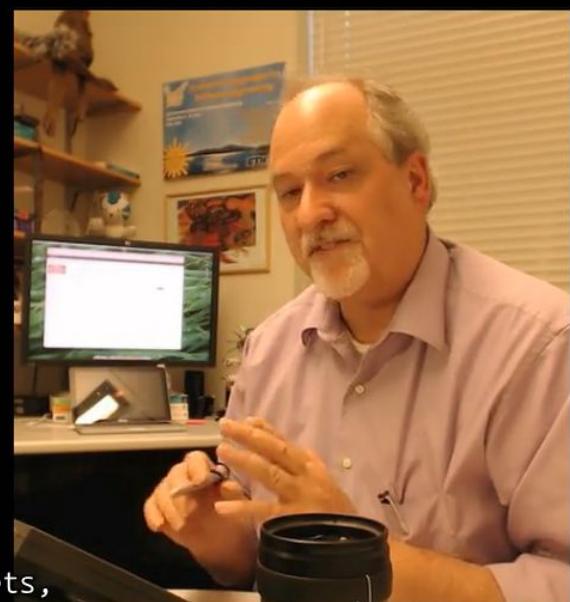
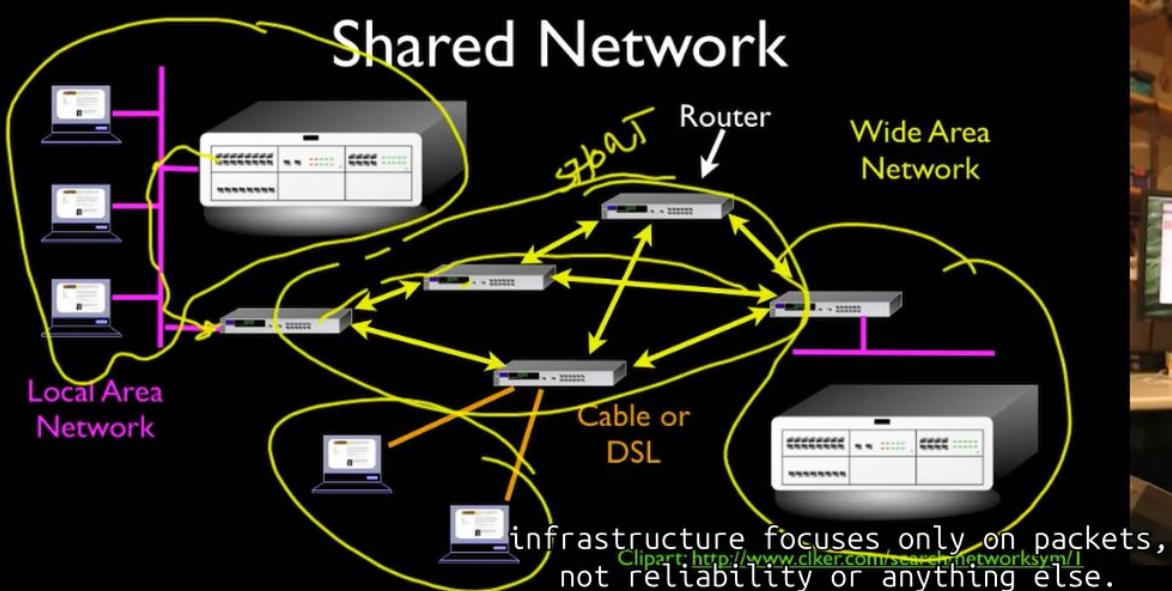
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Hello there, have a nice day.  
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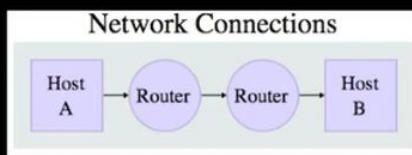


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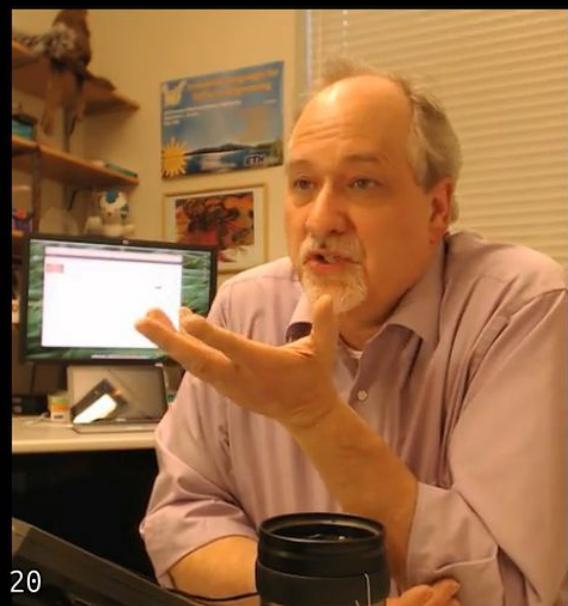
## Shared Networks

- In order to keep cost low and the connections short geographically - data would be forwarded through several routers
- Getting across the country usually takes about 10 “hops”
- Network designers continually add and remove links to “tune” their networks



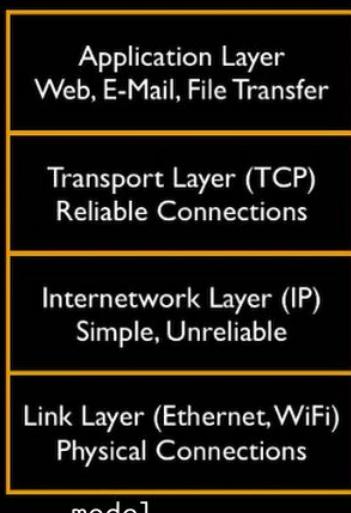
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or 20, in these days it takes 16 or 20 hops.

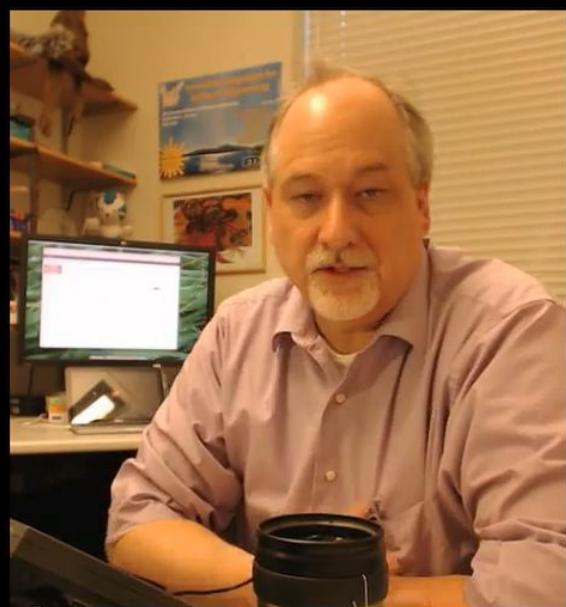


# Layered Network Model

- A **layered** approach allows the problem of designing a network to be broken into more manageable sub problems
- Best-known model: **TCP/IP**—the “Internet Protocol Suite”
- There was also a **7 layer OSI**: Open System Interconnection Model



Now this is a cartoon and computer people



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# Internet Standards

- The standards for all of the Internet protocols (inner workings) are developed by an organization
- Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF)
- [www.ietf.org](http://www.ietf.org)
- Standards are called “RFCs” - “Request for Comments”

INTERNET PROTOCOL  
DARPA INTERNET PROGRAM  
PROTOCOL SPECIFICATION  
September 1981

The internet protocol treats each internet datagram as an independent entity unrelated to any other internet datagram. There are no connections or logical circuits (virtual or otherwise).  
The internet protocol uses four key mechanisms in providing its services: Type of Service, Time to Live, Options, and Header Checksum.

Source: <http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc791>

How various computers work together.  
How routers work.

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## 1. IETF (Internet Engineering Task Force) = 互联网工程任务组

The **IETF** is the primary organization responsible for developing and promoting voluntary Internet standards. It isn't a formal government body; rather, it's a large open international community of network designers, operators, vendors, and researchers.

- **Their Mission:** To make the Internet work better by producing high-quality, relevant technical documents that influence the way people design, use, and manage the Internet.
- **Website:** [www.ietf.org](http://www.ietf.org)

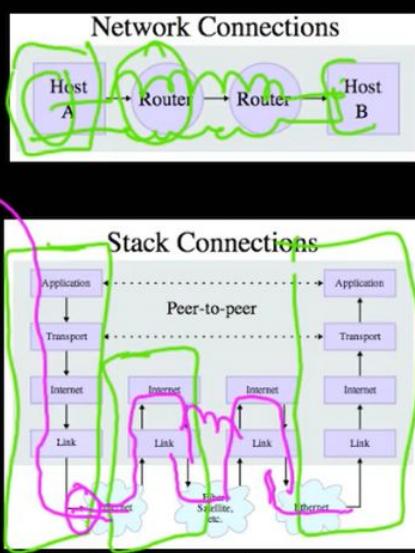
## 2. RFC (Request for Comments) = 请求意见稿

An **RFC** is a formal document drafted by the IETF. Despite the humble name "Request for Comments," these are actually the **official standards** and protocols of the Internet.

- **Evolution:** Every major technology we use—from the way email is sent (SMTP) to how websites are loaded (HTTP)—started as an RFC.
- **RFC 791:** The image specifically highlights **RFC 791**, which is the foundational specification for the **Internet Protocol (IP)** published in September 1981. This is the "DNA" of how data packets are addressed and routed across the globe.

# Layered Architecture

- The Physical and Internet Layers are like trucks and trains - they haul stuff and get it to the right loading dock - it takes multiple steps
- The Transport layer checks to see if the trucks made it and send the stuff again if necessary



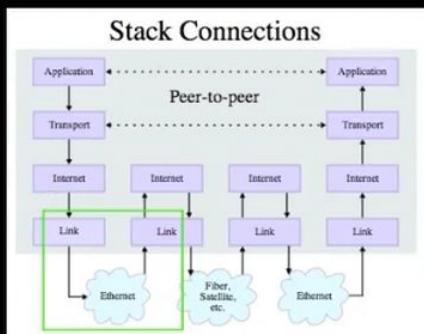
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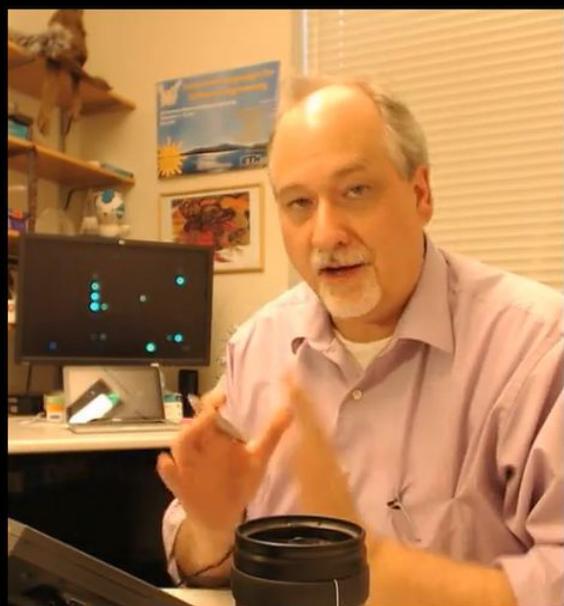
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## Link Layer (aka Physical Layer)

- As your data crosses the country may use a different physical medium for each “hop”
- Wire, Wireless, Fiber Optic, etc.
- The link is “one hop” - Is it up or down? Connected or not?
- Very narrow focus - no view at all of the “whole Internet”



Okay.  
So let's start looking at all four

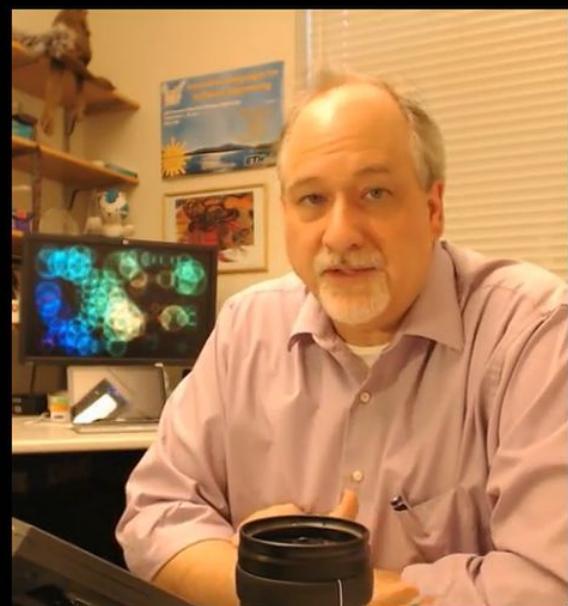


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## Problems solved by the Link Layer

- **Common Link Technologies**
  - **Ethernet**
  - **WiFi**
  - **Cable modem**
  - **DSL**
  - **Satellite**
- **How does data get pushed onto a link?**
- **How is the link shared?**

So the link layer basically asks questions like, you know, I've got some



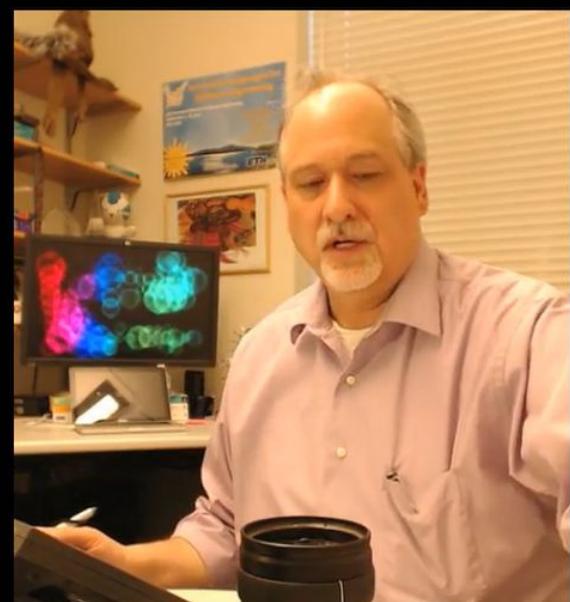
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# Link Layer Addresses

- Many physical layer devices have addresses built in to them by the manufacturer
  - Ethernet
  - Wireless Ethernet (Wifi)



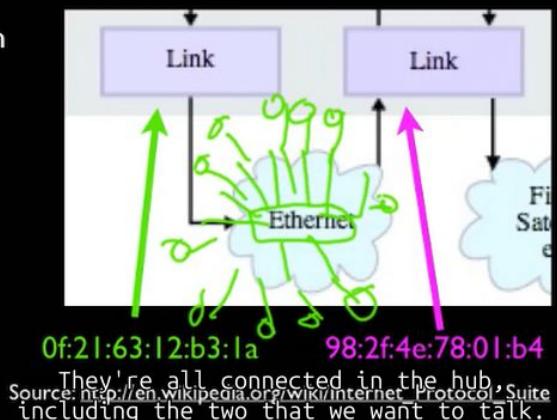
cause it's kind of ubiquitous.  
Other than wireless it is probably



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# Link Layer

- Physical addresses are to allow systems to identify themselves on the ends of a single link
- Physical addresses go no farther than one link
- Sometimes links like Wifi and Wired Ethernet are shared with multiple computers



The **Link Layer** (also known as the Data Link Layer) is the lowest layer of the TCP/IP stack that your software interacts with. While the Internet Layer (IP) handles routing across the globe, the Link Layer is responsible for the actual physical delivery of data between two devices on the same local network.

## How It Works in Practice

If your rover is communicating with your workstation via Wi-Fi or Ethernet, they are using Link Layer protocols:

- **Ethernet (IEEE 802.3):** The standard for wired connections. It uses cables to send electrical or optical signals.
- **Wi-Fi (IEEE 802.11):** The standard for wireless connections. It manages how data is pulsed through radio waves.
- **ARP (Address Resolution Protocol):** This is the "glue" protocol. It translates an **IP Address** (Internet Layer) into a **MAC Address** (Link Layer) so the hardware knows exactly which physical network card to send the data to.

### The "Link" vs. The "Internet"

- **Internet Layer (IP):** Cares about the **Final Destination** (e.g., a server in another city).
- **Link Layer:** Cares about the **Next Hop** (e.g., the router sitting on your desk).

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## Sharing Nicely - Avoiding Chaos

- **CSMA/CD Carrier Sense Media Access with Collision Detection**
- **To avoid garbled messages, systems must observe “rules” (Protocols)**
- **Ethernet rules are simple**

- Wait for silence
- Begin Transmitting data
- Listen for your own data
- If you cannot hear your own data clearly, assume a collision, stop and wait before trying again
- Each system waits a different amount of time to avoid “too much politeness”  
So you just sort of like, here's a hub, and you just plug another computer in,



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# Ethernet

- Invented at PARC (Xerox)
- The first Local-Area-Network
- Connected PC's to laser printers
- Inspired by an earlier wireless network called Aloha from the University of Hawaii



## Summary

### From History to Technology: The Packet Revolution

The transition from old-school "Store and Forward" networking to modern packet-switching was the "Target" of the research networks from the 60s to the 80s (ARPANET).

- **Store and Forward (The Old Way):** Messages were moved in "hops" between powerful computers with long-term storage. One message occupied a link at a time, creating massive delays (minutes to days).
- **Packet Switching (The Innovation):** Messages are broken into small **packets** (think postcards).
  - **Efficiency:** Multiple users share one link simultaneously.
  - **Dynamic Routing:** Packets can take different paths to the same destination and be reassembled using sequence numbers.
  - **Speed:** Reduces cross-country latency from days to fractions of a second.

## The Four-Layer Internet Model (TCP/IP)

To solve the "Magnitude 1,000,000" problem of global data reliability, engineers broke it into four manageable software layers. While the 7-layer OSI model exists, the **TCP/IP model** is the one that actually won the war.

### 1. The Link Layer (The Bottom Layer)

This is the only layer that handles the "physical" reality of moving data across a single hop (e.g., one wire or one WiFi signal).

- **Scope:** It doesn't care about the World Wide Web; its only job is to get data across one connection.
- **Hardware:** Ethernet, WiFi, Fiber, DSL.
- **Addressing:** Every piece of hardware has a unique MAC address (Serial Number). These are used to identify which packet belongs to which device on a shared medium.

## Collision Control: CSMA/CD

Since media like WiFi (air) or Ethernet (hubs) are shared, we need "Network Courtesy" to prevent chaos. **Robert Metcalfe** (Xerox PARC) invented Ethernet based on these principles:

### **Carrier Sense Multiple Access with Collision Detection (CSMA/CD):**

1. **Listen:** Before sending, the computer listens for silence.
2. **Transmit:** If quiet, it starts sending.
3. **Monitor:** It listens to its own transmission to ensure it isn't "crushed" by someone else.
4. **Back-off:** If a collision occurs, the computer waits for a random amount of time before trying again to ensure fairness.

**Ninja Note:** This "courtesy" logic is what allows your IoT devices to talk without turning the Aachen-Sanctuary into a digital battlefield.

**CSMA** stands for **Carrier Sense Multiple Access** (载波侦听多路访问). It is a "traffic control" protocol used in the Link Layer to verify that a shared communication medium (like a copper wire or the airwaves) is clear before a device tries to send data.

Think of it like a polite conversation at a dinner table in your **Aachen-Sanctuary**: you listen for a gap in speech before you start talking so you don't interrupt anyone.

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## How It Works (The Core Logic)

1. **Carrier Sense (载波侦听)**: Before sending a frame, the network interface "listens" to the line. If it detects a signal (the "carrier"), it waits.
2. **Multiple Access (多路访问)**: Many devices are attached to the same physical cable or radio frequency and all have equal right to use it.

## 1. CSMA/CD (The Wired Approach)

In a wired Ethernet setup, devices can "listen" while they "talk." If two devices start transmitting at the exact same millisecond, they will detect a voltage spike (a collision).

- **Action:** Both stop immediately, wait a random amount of time (the *Backoff* period), and try again.

## 2. CSMA/CA (The Wireless Approach)

On Wi-Fi, a radio cannot usually "listen" and "talk" at the same time (the transmitter drowns out the receiver). Therefore, it cannot detect a collision while it is happening.

- **Action:** It tries to avoid the collision entirely by sending a tiny "Ready to Send" (RTS) signal. If the receiver replies with "Clear to Send" (CTS), the device transmits the full data package.

## w6.4- Vint Cerf - A Brief History of Packets

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**Vint Cerf**  
**Google Chief Internet Evangelist**

specifically studied by Leon Kleinrock at  
MIT, who was actually looking at message

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## Summary

### **## The Genesis of Packet Switching (1961–1966)**

- **Leonard Kleinrock (1961):** Developed queuing theories at MIT. While he called it "message switching," his dissertation provided the mathematical foundation for what we now know as packet switching.
- **Paul Baran (1962):** Working for RAND, he envisioned a distributed network to survive a nuclear attack. He proposed "hot potato routing" and breaking voice into 20ms message blocks. Traditional telcos (AT&T) mocked the idea as "impossible."
- **Donald Davies (1965):** At the National Physical Laboratory in the UK, he coined the actual term "**packet**." He built a single-node network that essentially functioned as the first Local Area Network (LAN).

### ### The ARPANET Era (1966–1972)

- **The Visionaries:** J.C.R. Licklider ("Intergalactic Network" concept) and Douglas Engelbart (hyperlinking, the mouse) bonded over the idea of computers as tools for human collaboration, not just number crunching.
- **The Catalyst:** Bob Taylor at ARPA grew frustrated with having three separate terminals in his office to talk to three different machines. He secured \$1M in 20 minutes to build a unified network.
- **The Implementation:** Larry Roberts was recruited to lead the project. BBN (Bolt, Beranek and Newman) was selected to build the hardware, while graduate students like Steve Crocker (RFCs) and Jon Postel (IANA) developed the protocols.
- **The Debut:** October 1972, the first public demonstration of ARPANET took place in a hotel basement in D.C.

### ### The Birth of the "Internet" (1973–1978)

- **The Problem:** The military needed communication across mobile radios (tanks), satellites (ships), and fixed wires.
- **The Solution:** Bob Kahn and Vint Cerf realized they shouldn't build one giant network, but rather a way to connect different networks.
- **TCP/IP Emergence:**
  - They invented the **Gateway** (now called a **Router**).
  - They moved reliability to the "edges" (end-to-end) rather than the network itself.
  - **December 1974:** The word "**Internet**" appeared in print for the first time in their specifications.
- **The Split:** In 1978, they split TCP into **TCP** (reliable, for data) and **IP** (routing), while adding **UDP** (low-latency, for real-time voice/radar).

### ### Global Scaling (1980s)

- **The "Flag Day":** The transition to TCP/IP was finalized around 1983.
- **OS Integration:** TCP/IP was baked into Unix (BSD 4.2) and adopted by Sun Microsystems. This pushed the technology into the academic and workstation market.
- **NSFNet:** As the old 50kbps ARPANET backbone became a bottleneck, the National Science Foundation stepped d in to build a higher-speed backbone, paving the way for the modern web.

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**Bob Metcalfe**  
**University of Texas Austin**

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CSMA/CD - Carrier Sense Multiple Access  
with Collision Detection

plenty of cable to waste.  
So we talk about carrier sense inclusion

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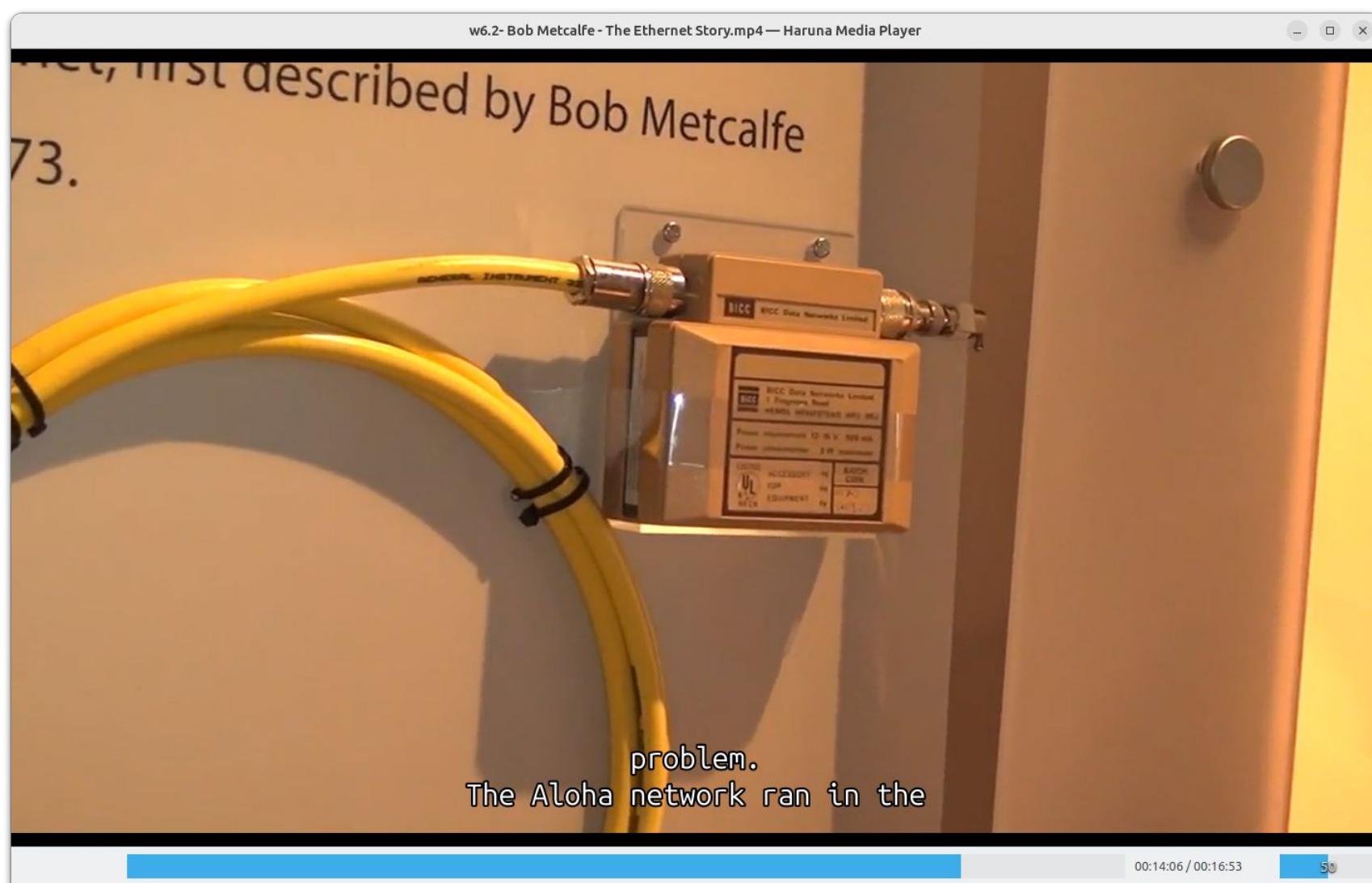
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Tat Lam designed the passive electronic components to minimize impedance from each Ethernet tap

Who was even more hardware than David.  
Who was the picofarad guy.

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## Summary



### The Genesis of Ethernet: Logic-Sync Summary

#### 1. The Problem: The "Rat's Nest"

In 1973, Xerox PARC faced a Magnitude 1,000,000 challenge: a building full of PCs that needed to talk to the world's first laser printer (named **EARS**).

- **The Constraint:** Existing tech was slow (200 bps) and required "home run" wiring—a separate wire from every desk to a central point, creating a physical "rat's nest."
- **The Requirement:** The laser printer needed **20 Mbps** to stay busy.

## 2. The Inspiration: Aloha Net

Metcalf pivoted from traditional designs after studying the **Aloha Net** (University of Hawaii). It solved the "distributed coordination" problem:

- **Randomized Retransmission:** If two terminals talk at once (a collision), they wait a random amount of time before trying again. This prevents them from "looping" into constant collisions.

### 3. The Ethernet Innovation (Hardware & Logic)

Metcalfe and David Boggs evolved the Aloha concept into what we now know as Ethernet.

- **The Vampire Tap:** Borrowed from the cable TV industry, this allowed users to "stab" into a single coaxial cable running down a hallway without breaking the circuit or shutting down the network.
- **Manchester Encoding:** A simple digital modulation where each bit has a transition in the middle. This allowed the hardware to detect if someone else was transmitting (Carrier Sense).
- **CSMA/CD:** Carrier Sense Multiple Access with Collision Detection. Unlike Aloha Net, Ethernet could "listen" and give up immediately if a collision occurred, saving bandwidth.

## 4. Evolutionary Scaling

Ethernet didn't just stay at the PARC; it scaled across decades:

- **2.94 Mbps:** The original PARC speed.
- **10 Mbps:** The standardized speed (Logic-Sync with DEC and Intel).
- **100 Mbps (Fast Ethernet):** Metcalfe's company, Grand Junction, achieved this by shrinking the "network diameter" from 1,000 meters to 100 meters (moving toward hubs).
- **Today & Beyond:** We've moved from **10G to 100G**, and Metcalfe is already eyeing **Terabit Ethernet**.

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# Internet Layer (IP)

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<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Traceroute>

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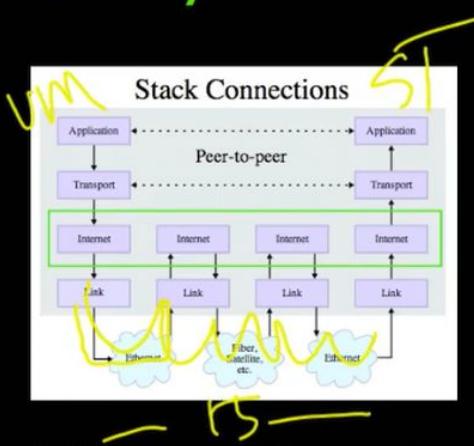
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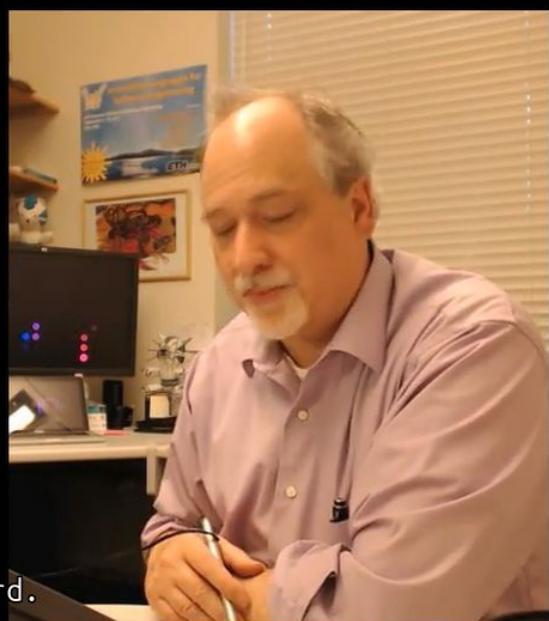
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## Internet Protocol Layer

- Goal: Gets your data from this computer to the other computer half way across the world
- Each router knows about nearby routers
- IP Is best effort - it is OK to drop data if things go bad...

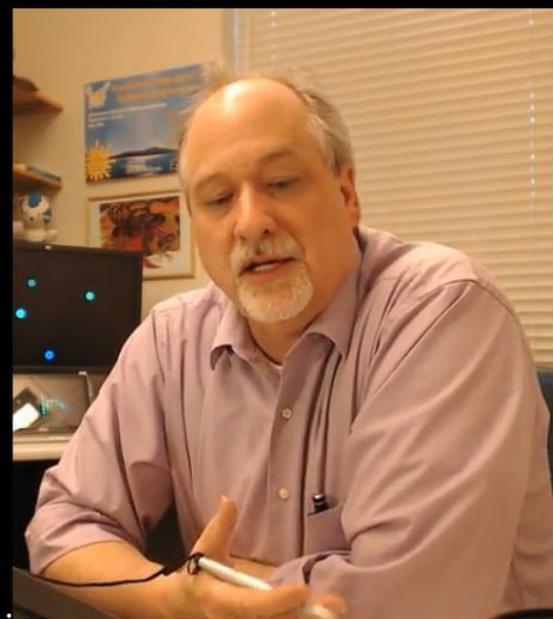


links to follow to get from to Stanford.  
Source: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Internet\\_Protocol\\_Suite](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Internet_Protocol_Suite)  
That's a kind of complex problem.



# IP Addresses

- The IP address is the worldwide number which is associated with one particular workstation or server
- Every system which will send packets directly out across the Internet must have a unique IP address
- IP addresses are based on where station is connected
- IP addresses are not controlled by a single organization - address ranges are assigned
- They are like phone numbers – they get reorganized once in a great while charming features.  
But what it had to introduce, in addition



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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <http://whatismyipaddress.com/>. The main content displays "Your IP address is 68.42.65.147" and "How detects many proxy servers". Below this, a map of the Great Lakes region shows the location of the IP address as Ann Arbor, Michigan. A sidebar on the left contains links for Comcast Business Internet, IP Scan, IP Address Providers, Reverse Email Lookup, and Embargo is now CenturyLink.

Your IP address is 68.42.65.147  
(How detects many proxy servers)

Map Satellite Hybrid Terrain

Tools

IP Lookup Blacklist Check Trace Email Visual Traceroute Tracesniff

68.42.65.147 Trace Now

IP Lookup now shows ISP, Organization, Proxy Status, and Connection Type!

IP Address Location: Ann Arbor, Michigan United States

Read about Geolocation accuracy

What is an IP address?

Every device connected to the public Internet is assigned a unique number known as an Internet Protocol (IP) address. IP addresses consist of four numbers separated by periods (also called a 'dotted-quadruplet') and look something like 127.0.0.1.

Since these numbers are usually assigned to internet service providers, they can't tell exactly where you are. They can, however, identify the region or country from which a computer is connecting to the Internet. An IP address can sometimes be used to show the

tell you something about where your coming from.



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## IP Address Format

- Four numbers with dots - each number 1-255 (32 bits)
- Kind of like phone numbers with an “area code”
- The prefix of the address is “which network”
- While the data is traversing the Internet - all that matters is the network number

The diagram illustrates the analogy between a phone area code and an IP address. On the left, a phone number '(734) 764 1855' is shown with the area code '(734)' highlighted by a yellow bracket. Below it, the text 'Area code' is written. On the right, an IP address '141.211.144.188' is shown with the first three digits '141.211.' highlighted by a yellow bracket. Below it, the text 'Network Number' is written. A yellow bracket also highlights the last two digits '144.188'.

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Network Number  
141.211.\*.\*

numbers work, they actually had to do with where.

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The diagram illustrates an internetwork (InterNetwork) represented by a large white cloud. Inside the cloud, several network routers are connected by yellow arrows, forming a mesh-like topology. One router is highlighted with a black rectangular box containing the IP address '67.149.\*.\*'. Another router outside the cloud has an arrow pointing to it with the text 'To: 67.149.94.33'. Above this router, another IP address '67.149.102.75' is shown with a handwritten green mark over it. To the left of the cloud, an IP address '141.211.144.188' is also marked with a handwritten green mark over it. A small handwritten note 'JM' is visible near the top left of the cloud.

While in the network, all that matters is the Network number.

Now it, so within the Stanford campus, these numbers mean something and the

67.149.102.75

67.149.94.33

141.211.144.188

67.149.\*.\*

To: 67.149.94.33

JM

SJ

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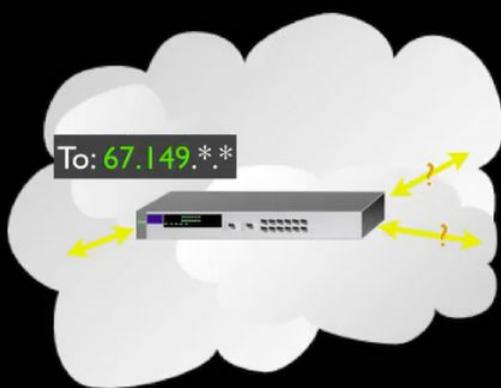
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A man with grey hair and glasses, wearing a light purple shirt, is seated at a desk, looking towards the screen. He appears to be listening or explaining the content of the video.

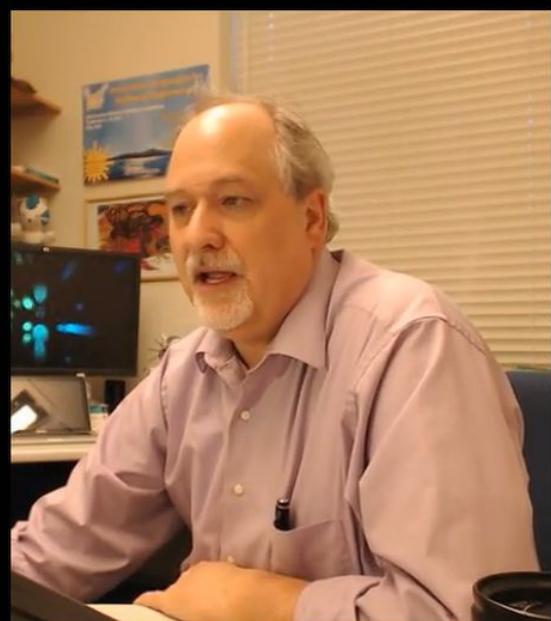
## Router Tables

Lists of where to send packets, based on destination network address; bandwidth on adjacent links; traffic on adjacent links; state of neighbor nodes (up or not);  
...

Updated dynamically  
Routers “ask each other” for information



tables.  
And they maintain a list of network



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# IP Is Simple

The diagram illustrates the concept of IP addresses. On the left, a 'Local Network' is shown enclosed in a green circle, containing two server units. Arrows point from these servers to a central cloud icon. Inside the cloud is a smiling face and the IP address '67.149.\*.\*'. A large green arrow points from this IP address to three separate computer monitors on the right, each displaying a web browser. The top monitor has the text 'Thousands of network connections. Billions of bytes of data per seconds.' The middle monitor has 'Thousands of user systems'. The bottom monitor has 'One "area code" to keep track of inside the Internet.' Below the monitors, the text 'OK? So it's beautiful.' is displayed. A small note at the bottom left says 'Clipart: <http://www.clerk.com/search/networksym/>'.

Thousands of network connections.  
Billions of bytes of data per seconds.

Thousands of user systems

One “area code” to keep track of inside the Internet.

OK?  
So it's beautiful.

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A photograph of a man with a beard and short hair, wearing a light-colored button-down shirt. He is seated at a desk in an office environment, looking towards the camera. Behind him are shelves with books and other items, and a window with blinds.

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The diagram illustrates the Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) process. A laptop on the left sends a request to a central router. The request contains the text "Hello?", "What IP Address can I use?", and "Use 141.26.14.7". The router responds with "Here I am" and the IP address "141.26.14.1-100". The router is connected to a cloud icon representing a network.

DHCP = Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol

Hello?

What IP Address can I use?

141.26.14.1

Here I am

141.26.14.1-100

Use 141.26.14.7

141.26.14.1

and it works home, and then you close the lid and you go to school and you open it,

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## Non-Routable Addresses

- A typical home router does Network Address Translation (NAT)
- Your ISP gives your home router a real global routable address
- Your router gives out local addresses in a special range (192.168.\*:\*)
- The router maps remote addresses for each connection you make from within your home network

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Network\\_address\\_translation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Network_address_translation) they're called the non-routable addresses.



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The diagram illustrates Network Address Translation (NAT) across three hosts connected to a central router. The top host has an internal IP of 192.168.0.1 and a public IP of 141.206.14.3. The middle host has an internal IP of 192.168.0.1 and a public IP of 35.8.2.10. The bottom host has an internal IP of 192.168.0.1 and a public IP of 173.44.26.18. All three hosts have their internal IP address 192.168.0.1 highlighted with yellow circles. The public IP addresses are highlighted with purple circles. Arrows show traffic from each host's internal network to the external public network through the router.

**NAT = Network Address Translation** You never see this happening.  
It's done as the packet goes through the

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## The Three Components of NAT

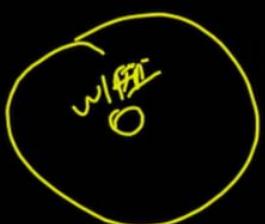
Based on the diagram, we can see how an IP address changes as it moves through a router:

- **Private IP Address (私有 IP 地址):** The numbers on the left (e.g., 192.168.0.20) are used inside a local network. These are "private" because millions of homes use these exact same numbers; they are not unique globally.
- **Gateway IP (网关):** The green numbers in the middle ( 192.168.0.1 ) represent your router's internal face. It acts as the door between your "Sanctuary" and the outside world.
- **Public IP Address (公网 IP 地址):** The pink numbers on the right (e.g., 141.206.14.3) are your "public face." This is the unique address the rest of the world sees when you send data to the cloud.

## How the "Magic" Happens

The yellow circles and lines in the image show a packet's journey:

1. **Request:** Your laptop ( 192.168.0.20 ) sends a request to a website.
2. **The Swap:** When the packet hits the router, the router strips off your private "return address" and replaces it with its own public address ( 141.206.14.3 ).
3. **The Table:** The router keeps a secret "NAT Table" that remembers: "*Laptop .20 asked for this website info.*"
4. **The Return:** When the website sends data back to the public IP, the router checks its table and "translates" the address back to .20 so the right device gets the info.



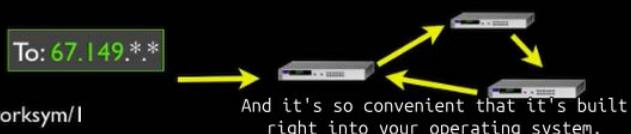
<http://xkcd.com/742/>

means it was close.  
Very scary.



## Peering into the Internet

- Most systems have a command that will reveal the route taken across the internet (traceroute on Mac and tracert on Windows)
- Each IP packet has a field called "Time to Live" - TTL
- The TTL is used to deal with loops in the network - normally if routers got confused and ended up with a loop - the network would clog up rapidly.



Clipart: <http://www.clker.com/search/networksym/>



## How Traceroute Works

- Normal packets are sent with a Time to Live (TTL) of 255 hops
- Trace route sends a packet with TTL=1, TTL=2, ...
- So each packet gets part-way there and then gets dropped and traceroute gets a notification of where the drop happens
- This builds a map of the nodes that a packet visits when crossing the Internet.

So the Traceroute command sort of cheats.  
Normal packets are sent with a TTL, or



**Traceroute** is a diagnostic tool used to track the path a data packet takes from your computer to a destination IP address or website. It reveals every "hop" (router) the data passes through along the way.

Think of it as a GPS log for your internet traffic as it leaves your **Aachen-Sanctuary**.

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### How it Works: The "TTL" Trick

Traceroute works by manipulating a field in the IP header called **Time To Live (TTL)** = 生存时间.

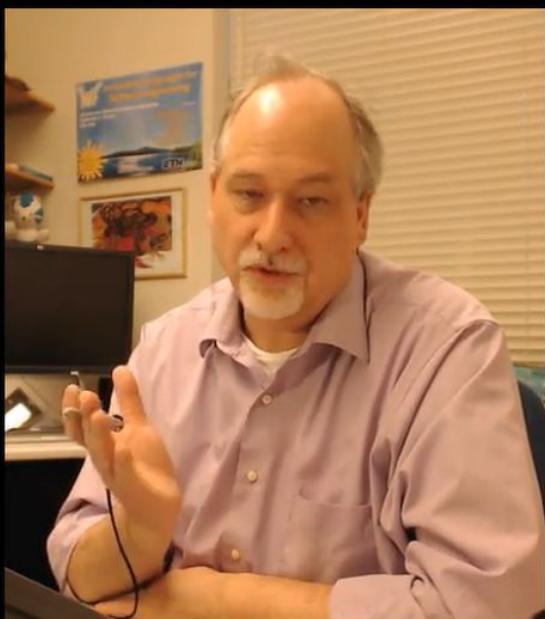
1. **Hop 1:** Your computer sends a packet with **TTL = 1**. The first router it hits (your home router) drops the TTL to 0, discards the packet, and sends back an error message ("Time Exceeded"). Now you know the identity of the first router.
2. **Hop 2:** Your computer sends a packet with **TTL = 2**. It passes the first router, but the second router drops it to 0 and sends back an error. Now you have the second identity.
3. **Repeat:** This continues (TTL = 3, 4, 5...) until the packet finally reaches the destination.

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# Traceroute

```
$ traceroute www.stanford.edu
traceroute to www5.stanford.edu (171.67.20.37), 64 hops max, 40 byte packets
1 141.211.203.252 (141.211.203.252) 1.390 ms 0.534 ms 0.490 ms
2 v-bin-seb.r-bin-seb.umnet.umich.edu (192.122.183.61) 0.591 ms 0.558 ms 0.570 ms
3 v-bin-seb-i2-aa.merit-aa2.umnet.umich.edu (192.12.80.33) 6.610 ms 6.545 ms 6.654 ms
4 192.122.183.30 (192.122.183.30) 7.919 ms 7.209 ms 7.122 ms
5 so-4-3-0.0.rtr.kans.net.internet2.edu (64.57.28.36) 17.672 ms 17.836 ms 17.673 ms
6 so-0-1-0.0.rtr.hous.net.internet2.edu (64.57.28.57) 31.800 ms 41.967 ms 31.787 ms
7 so-3-0-0.0.rtr.losa.net.internet2.edu (64.57.28.44) 63.478 ms 63.704 ms 63.710 ms
8 hpr-lax-hpr--i2-newnet.cenic.net (137.164.26.132) 63.093 ms 63.026 ms 63.384 ms
9 svl-hpr--lax-hpr-10ge.cenic.net (137.164.25.13) 71.242 ms 71.542 ms 76.282 ms
10 oak-hpr--svl-hpr-10ge.cenic.net (137.164.25.9) 72.744 ms 72.243 ms 72.556 ms
11 hpr-stan-ge--oak-hpr.cenic.net (137.164.27.158) 73.763 ms 73.396 ms 73.665 ms
12 bbra-rtr.Stanford.EDU (171.64.1.134) 73.577 ms 73.682 ms 73.492 ms
13 ***
14 www5.Stanford.EDU (171.67.20.37) 77.317 ms 77.128 ms 77.648 ms
Stanford, you'd, if I did it now, it'd be
a different set of things.
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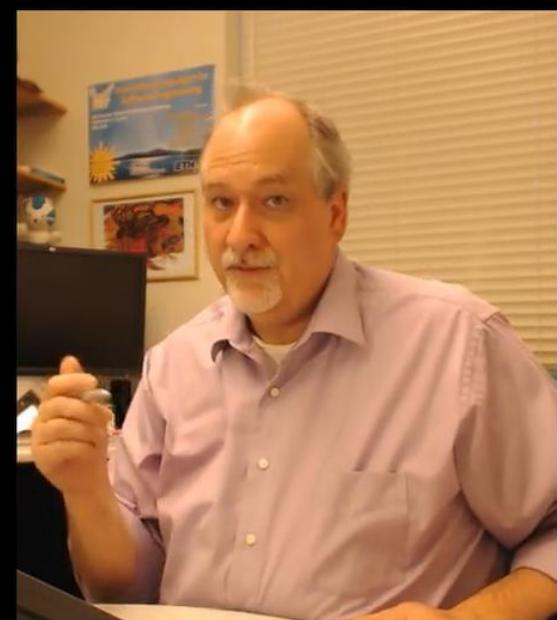
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# Traceroute

```
$ traceroute www.msu.edu
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```
traceroute to www.msu.edu (35.8.10.30), 64 hops max, 40 byte packets
1 141.211.203.252 (141.211.203.252) 2.644 ms 0.973 ms 14.162 ms
2 v-bin-seb.r-bin-seb.umnet.umich.edu (192.122.183.61) 1.847 ms 0.561 ms 0.496 ms
3 v-bin-seb-i2-aa.merit-aa2.umnet.umich.edu (192.12.80.33) 6.490 ms 6.499 ms 6.529 ms
4 lt-0-3-0x1.eq-chi2.mich.net (198.108.23.121) 8.096 ms 8.113 ms 8.103 ms
5 xe-0-0-0x23.msu6.mich.net (198.108.23.213) 7.831 ms 7.962 ms 7.965 ms
6 192.122.183.227 (192.122.183.227) 12.953 ms 12.339 ms 10.322 ms
7 cc-tl-gel-23.net.msu.edu (35.9.101.209) 9.522 ms 9.406 ms 9.817 ms
8 ***
```

Arbor, Michigan to East Lansing Michigan,  
Michigan State University, we have a very



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# Traceroute

```
$ traceroute www.pku.edu.cn
traceroute: Warning: www.pku.edu.cn has multiple addresses; using 162.105.129.104
traceroute to www.pku.edu.cn (162.105.129.104), 64 hops max, 40 byte packets
 1 141.211.203.252 (141.211.203.252) 1.228 ms 0.584 ms 0.592 ms
 2 v-bin-seb.r-bin-seb.umnet.umich.edu (192.122.183.61) 0.604 ms 0.565 ms 0.466 ms
 3 v-bin-seb-i2-aa.merit-aa2.umnet.umich.edu (192.12.80.33) 7.511 ms 6.641 ms 6.588 ms
 4 192.122.183.30 (192.122.183.30) 12.078 ms 6.989 ms 7.619 ms
 5 192.31.99.133 (192.31.99.133) 7.666 ms 8.953 ms 17.861 ms
 6 192.31.99.170 (192.31.99.170) 59.275 ms 59.273 ms 59.108 ms
 7 134.75.108.209 (134.75.108.209) 173.614 ms 173.552 ms 173.333 ms
 8 134.75.107.10 (134.75.107.10) 256.760 ms 134.75.107.18 (134.75.107.18) 256.574 ms 256.53
 9 202.112.53.17 (202.112.53.17) 256.761 ms 256.801 ms 256.688 ms
10 202.112.61.157 (202.112.61.157) 257.416 ms 257.960 ms 257.747 ms
11 202.112.53.194 (202.112.53.194) 256.827 ms 257.068 ms 256.962 ms
12 202.112.41.202 (202.112.41.202) 256.800 ms 257.053 ms 256.933 ms
```

Michigan  
Tennessee  
Seoul  
Beijing

So here's an example of a Traceroute From University of Michigan to Peking



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In the context of the network diagnostic tool **Traceroute** (路由追踪) shown in your image, there are two critical ways "time" is referenced:

### 1. RTT (Round Trip Time) = 往返时间

In the yellow-boxed data on the slide, you see three time values (in milliseconds, **ms**) for every hop. For example, in Hop 1, the times are **1.228 ms**, **0.584 ms**, and **0.592 ms**.

- **What it measures:** This is the time it takes for a "probe" packet to go from the source to that specific router and back again.
- **Why three times?** Traceroute typically sends three separate packets to each hop to ensure accuracy and to show if the connection speed is consistent or "jittery".
- **Analysis:** As your data moves further away—from Michigan to Seoul and finally Beijing—these numbers increase significantly, jumping from roughly **12 ms** in the US to over **256 ms** once it reaches Asia.

## 2. TTL (Time to Live) = 生存时间

While not explicitly printed in the output table, **TTL** is the hidden mechanism that makes Traceroute work.

- **The Countdown:** Every IP packet has a TTL value (usually starting at 64 or 128). Each time the packet hits a router, the router subtracts 1 from this number.
- **The "Time Exceeded" Trigger:** When the TTL hits **0**, the router discards the packet and sends a message back to you. Traceroute purposely starts with a TTL of 1 to identify the first router, then TTL of 2 for the second, and so on.

### 3. NAT Timing (Network Address Translation)

In your other image regarding **NAT** (网络地址转换), the slide mentions that "You never see this happening" because it is done "as the packet goes through the router".

- **Real-time Translation:** This happens in microseconds. The router must instantly swap the **Private IP** (e.g., 192.168.0.20) with the **Public IP** (e.g., 141.206.14.3) to keep your rover or laptop connected to the web without delay.

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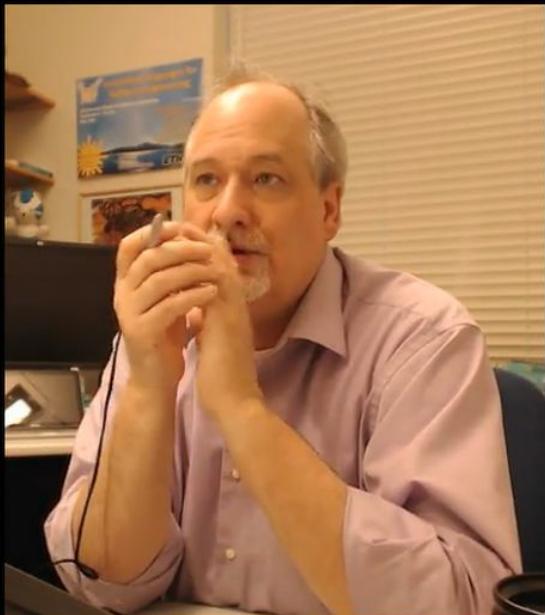
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# The perfect is the enemy of the good

*Le mieux est l'ennemi du bien. —Voltaire*

- **IP Does:** Best effort to get data across bunch of hops from one network to another network
- **IP Does Not:** Guarantee delivery - if things go bad - the data can vanish
- Best effort to keep track of the good and bad paths for traffic - tries to pick better paths when possible
- This makes it fast and scalable to very large networks - and ultimately “reliable” because it does not try to do too much

add to every packet this global number,  
the IP address.

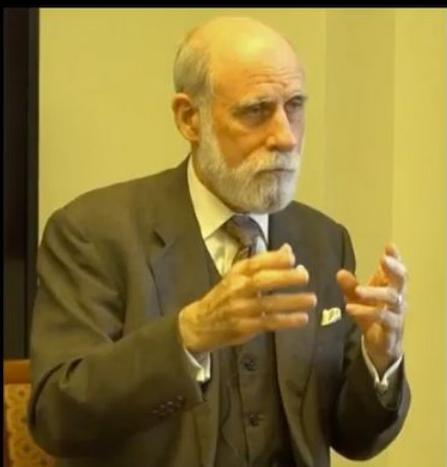


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## Vint Cerf: A Brief History of Packets



- Instrumental in the design and development of the ARPANET
- Vint was a graduate student as the notions of packet-switching were emerging across academia

introducing you to another person.  
So, Vint Cerf was a graduate student as



## Summary

### ## The IP Layer: "Postcards and Prefixes"

The Internet Protocol (IP) is the "Global Delivery Service." It doesn't care about the wires (Link Layer) or if the data actually arrives (Transport Layer). Its only job is to move a packet from one network to another.

- **The IP Address:** A 32-bit number (rendered as four numbers, 0-255, like 141.211.144.188 ).
- **The Prefix (Network Number):** Routers only look at the first part of the address to decide which direction to throw the packet. It's like an area code for a phone.
- **Best Effort:** IP is "charming" because it's okay with dropping data. This simplicity is why it's so fast—it doesn't waste time double-checking.

## ## Moving Targets: DHCP & NAT

Since you're an IoT expert in the making, these two are your bread and butter:

1. **DHCP (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol):** When your rover wakes up in a new spot, it shouts, "I'm new! Give me an address!" DHCP is the service that hands it a temporary IP.
2. **NAT (Network Address Translation):** This is the "Aachen-Sanctuary" special. Your home router has one real IP, but it gives all your gadgets "fake" (non-routable) addresses like 192.168.x.x.
  - **The Joke Explained:** In that XKCD comic, the "killer" has a 192.168.x.x address—meaning he's literally inside the same house/network. *Logic-Sync: Spooky.*

## ## The Diagnostic Ninja: Traceroute

When the network gets "whirlpooled" (packets going in circles), we use **TTL (Time to Live)**.

- Every router the packet hits subtracts **1** from the TTL.
- When TTL hits **0**, the router kills the packet and sends a "rejection note" back.
- **Traceroute** intentionally sends packets with TTL 1, then 2, then 3, to map out every single "hop" between you and the destination.