

# Operating Systems Design

## 15. Client-Server Networking

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# Some networking terminology

# Local Area Network (LAN)

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## Communications network

- small area (building, set of buildings)
- same, sometimes shared, transmission medium
- high data rate (often): 1 Mbps – 1 Gbps
- Low latency
- devices are peers
  - any device can initiate a data transfer with any other device

Most elements on a LAN are **workstations**

- endpoints on a LAN are called **nodes**

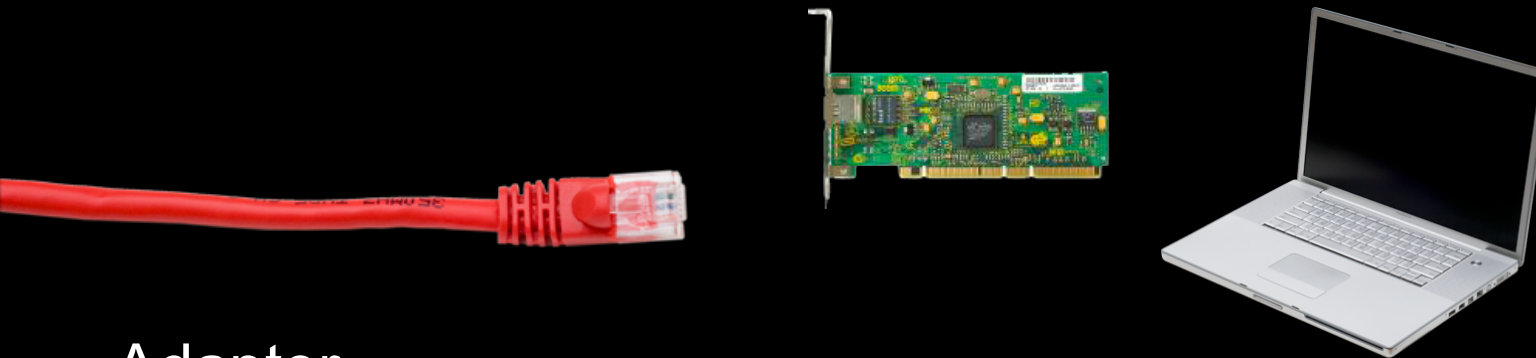
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## Adapter

- expansion slot (PCI, PC Card, USB dongle)
- usually integrated onto main board

Network adapters are referred to as  
**Network Interface Cards (NICs)** or **adapters**  
or **Network Interface Component**  
(since they're often not cards anymore)

# Hubs, routers, bridges

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## Hub

- Device that acts as a central point for LAN cables
- Take incoming data from one port & send to all other ports

## Switch

- Moves data from input to output port.
- Analyzes packet to determine destination port and makes a virtual connection between the ports.

## Concentrator or repeater

- Regenerates data passing through it

## Bridge

- Connects two LANs or two segments of a LAN: extends a LAN
- Connection at data link layer (layer 2)

## Router

- Determines the next network point to which a packet should be forwarded
- Connects different types of local and wide area networks at network layer (layer 3)

# How do nodes share a network?

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- Dedicated connection – no sharing: *physical circuit*
- Talk on different frequencies: *broadband*
  - Data uses segment of medium (channels, frequency bands)
- Take turns (*baseband*)
  - A node can use the entire bandwidth of medium
    1. Short fixed time slots: *TDMA (Time Division Multiple Access)*
      - *Circuit switching*: performance equivalent to an isolated connection
    2. Variable size time slots: *Packets*
      - *Statistical multiplexing* for network access
      - Permits many-to-many communication
- *Packet switching* is the dominant means of data communication

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## THE RADIO SPECTRUM

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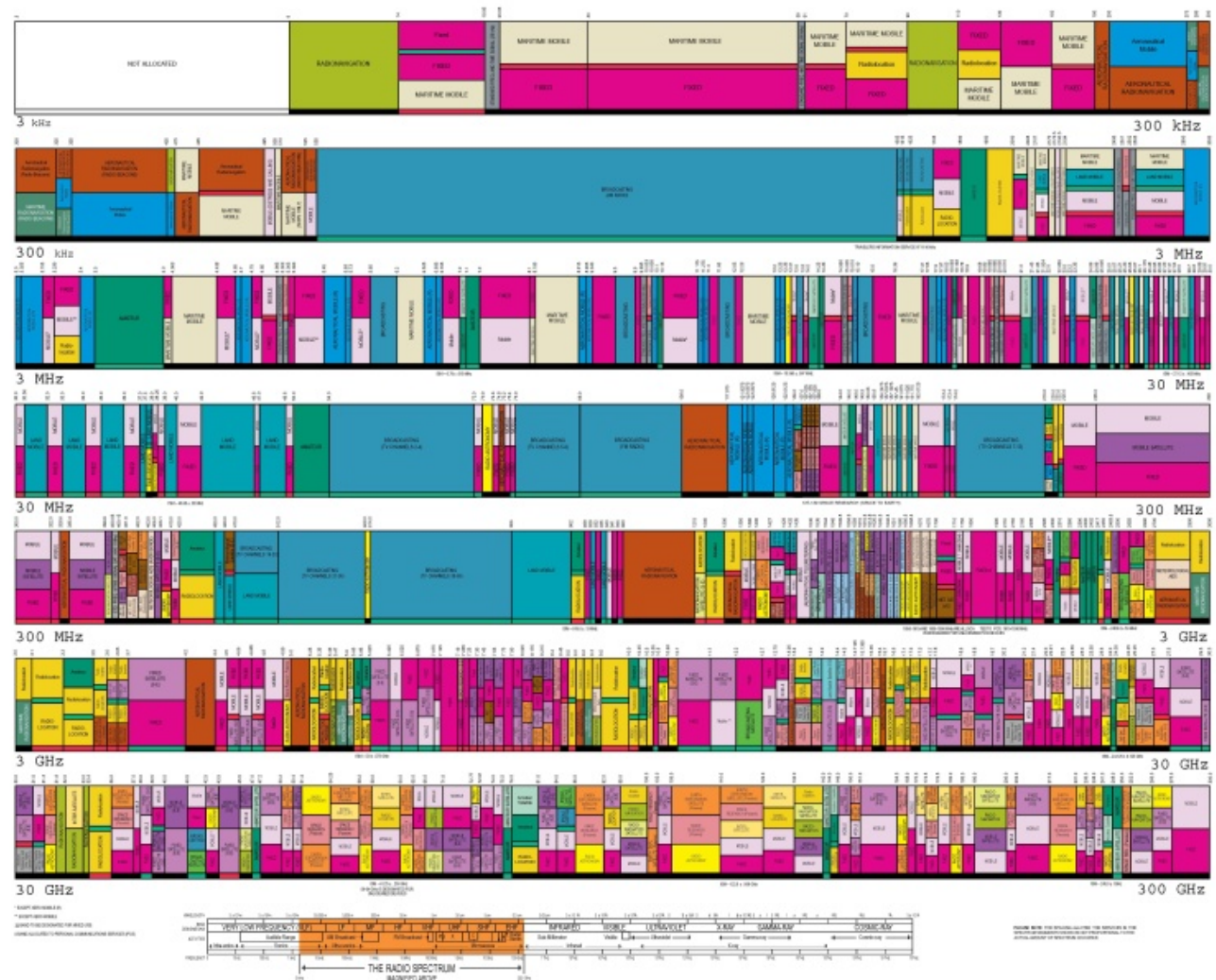
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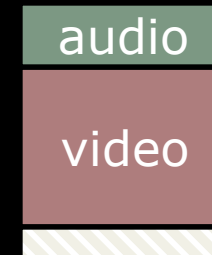
# Broadband/Baseband: Cable TV

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## Broadband

55-552 MHz: analog channels 2-78

553-865 MHz: digital channels 79-136



## Baseband within Broadband

DOCSIS: Data Over Cable Service Interface Specification

(approved by ITU in 1998; DOCSIS 2.0 in 2001; DOCSIS 3.0 in 2006)

Downstream: 50-750 MHz range, 6 MHz bandwidth

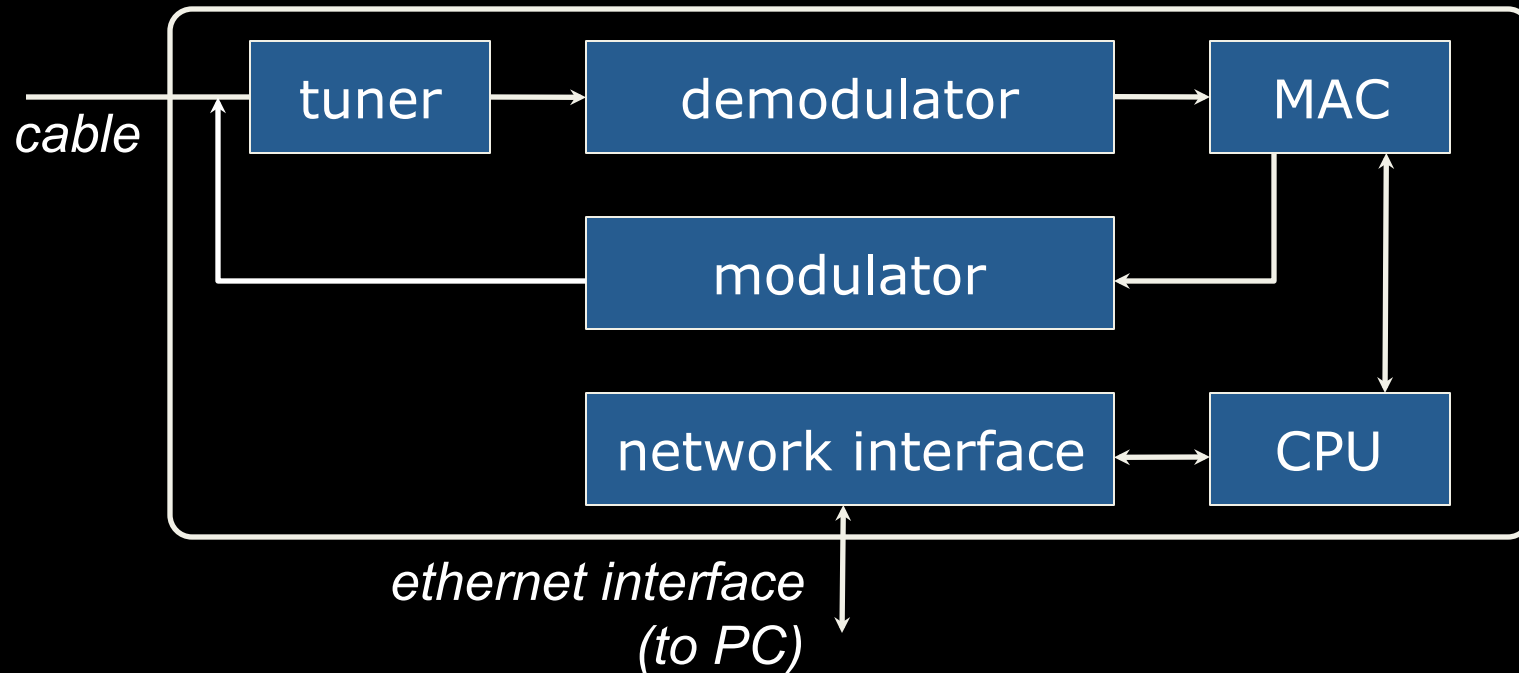
- up to 38 Mbps
- received by all modems

Upstream: 5-42 MHz range

- 30.72 Mbps (10 Mbps in DOCSIS 1.0, 1.1)
- data delivered in timeslots (TDM)

DOCSIS 3.0 features **channel bonding** for greater bandwidth

# DOCSIS Modem



Restrictions on upload/download rates set by transferring a configuration file to the modem via TFTP when it connects to the provider.

# Baseband: Ethernet

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- Packet-based network
  - Data sent as a series of **frames** (packets)
- Speeds: 1 Gbps most common interface today
  - Ethernet: 10 Mbps • Fast Ethernet: 100 Mbps • Gigabit Ethernet: 1 Gbps
  - Also 10 Gbps and 100 Gbps
- Ethernet network access method on a shared channel is **Carrier Sense Multiple Access with Collision Detection (CSMA/CD)**
  - Node first listens to network to see if busy
  - Send
  - Sense if collision occurred
  - Retransmit if collision
- Ethernet switches don't use shared channels – no need for CSMA/CD

# 802.11 Family (Wi-Fi)

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- Network access via  
    **Carrier Sense Multiple Access with Collision Avoidance (CSMA/CA)**
  - Cannot use CSMA/CD on wireless networks – can't listen while sending
  - Node first listens on the desired channel to see if idle
  - Send a packet if idle
  - If busy, wait until transmission stops + random contention period
  - Transmit if still idle
  - Receive ACK from receiver

# Client-Server Networking

# Modes of connection

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## Circuit-switched

- Dedicated path (route)
- Guaranteed (fixed) bandwidth
- Constant latency

## Packet-switched

- Shared connection; competition for use with others
- Data is broken into chunks called packets
- Each packet contains a destination address
- available bandwidth  $\leq$  channel capacity
- variable latency

# What's in the data?

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For effective communication

- same language, same conventions

For computers:

- electrical encoding of data
- where is the start of the packet?
- which bits contain the length?
- is there a checksum? where is it?  
how is it computed?
- what is the format of an address?
- byte ordering

# Protocols

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These instructions and conventions  
are known as **protocols**



# Protocols

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## Exist at different levels

*understand format of address  
and how to compute a checksum*

*humans vs. whales  
different wavelengths*

versus

*request web page*

*French vs. Hungarian*

# Layering

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To ease software development and maximize flexibility:

- Network protocols are generally organized in **layers**
- Replace one layer without replacing surrounding layers
- Higher-level software does not have to know how to format an Ethernet packet

... or even know that Ethernet is being used

# Layering

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Most popular model of guiding  
(not specifying) protocol layers is

## **OSI reference model**

Adopted and created by ISO

7 layers of protocols

# OSI Reference Model: Layer 1

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Transmits and receives raw data to communication medium

Does not care about contents

voltage levels, speed, connectors

**Physical**

Examples: USB, RS-232, 1000BaseT

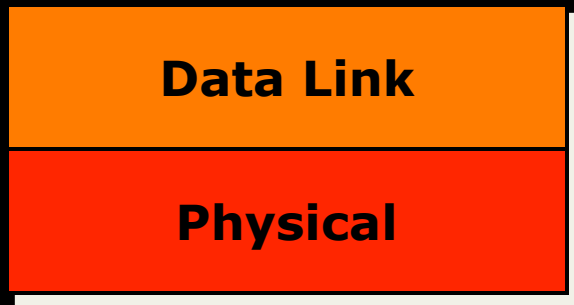
# OSI Reference Model: Layer 2

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Detects and corrects errors

Organizes data into packets before passing it down. Sequences packets (if necessary)

Accepts acknowledgements from receiver



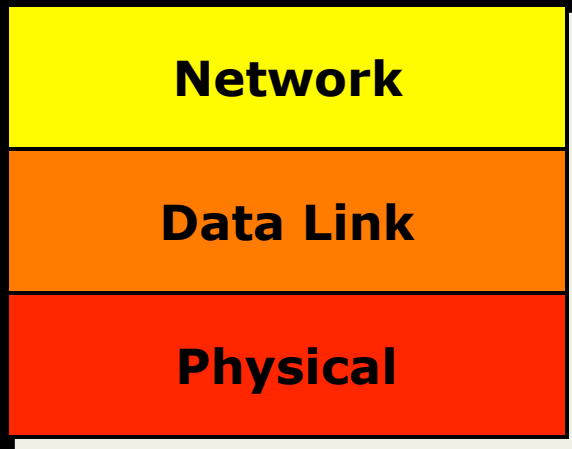
Examples: Ethernet MAC, PPP

# OSI Reference Model: Layer 3

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Relay and route information to destination

Manage journey of packets and figure out intermediate hops (if needed)



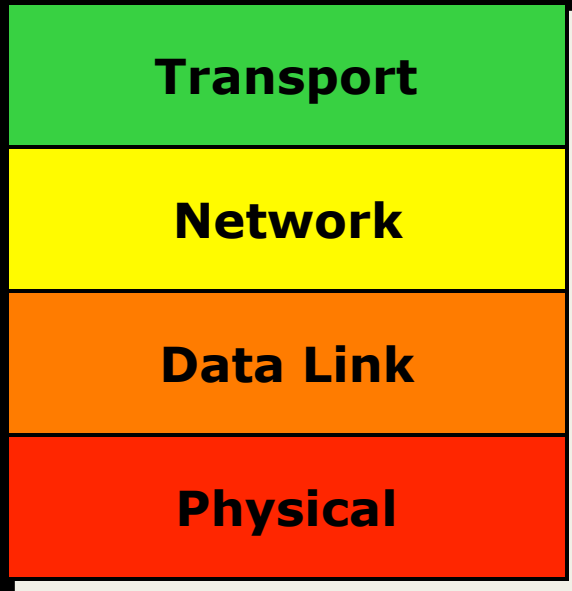
Examples: IP, X.25

# OSI Reference Model: Layer 4

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Provides a consistent interface for end-to-end (application-to-application) communication.  
Manages flow control

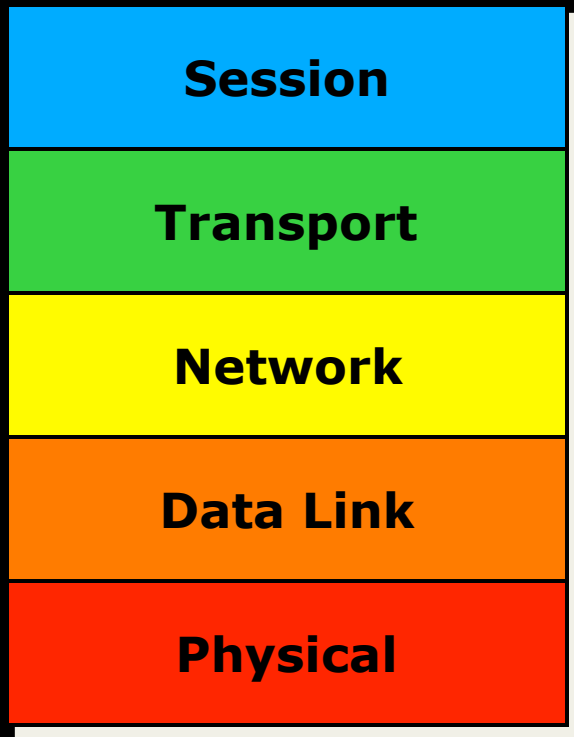
Network interface is similar to a mailbox



Examples: TCP, UDP

# OSI Reference Model: Layer 5

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Services to coordinate dialogue and manage data exchange

Software implemented switch

Manage multiple logical connections

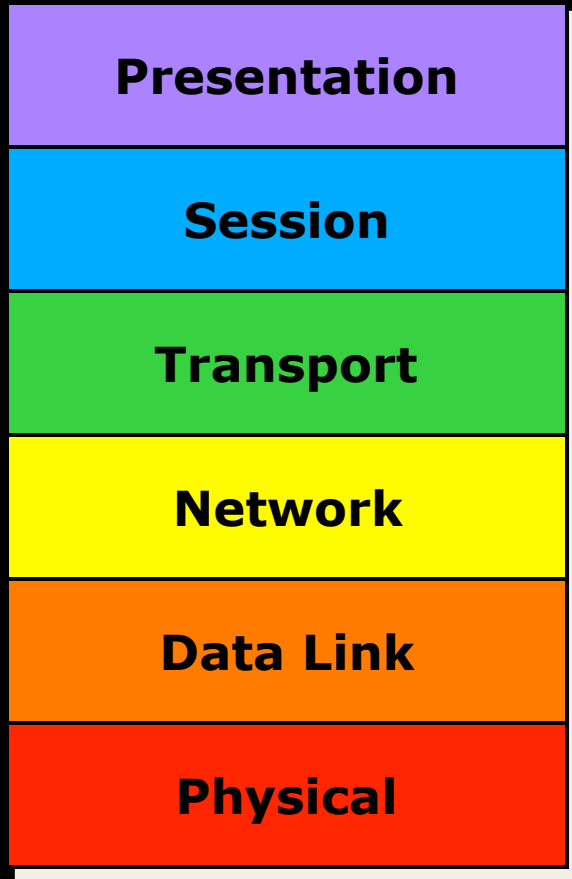
Keep track of who is talking: establish & end communications

Examples: HTTP 1.1, SSL, NetBIOS



# OSI Reference Model: Layer 6

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Data representation

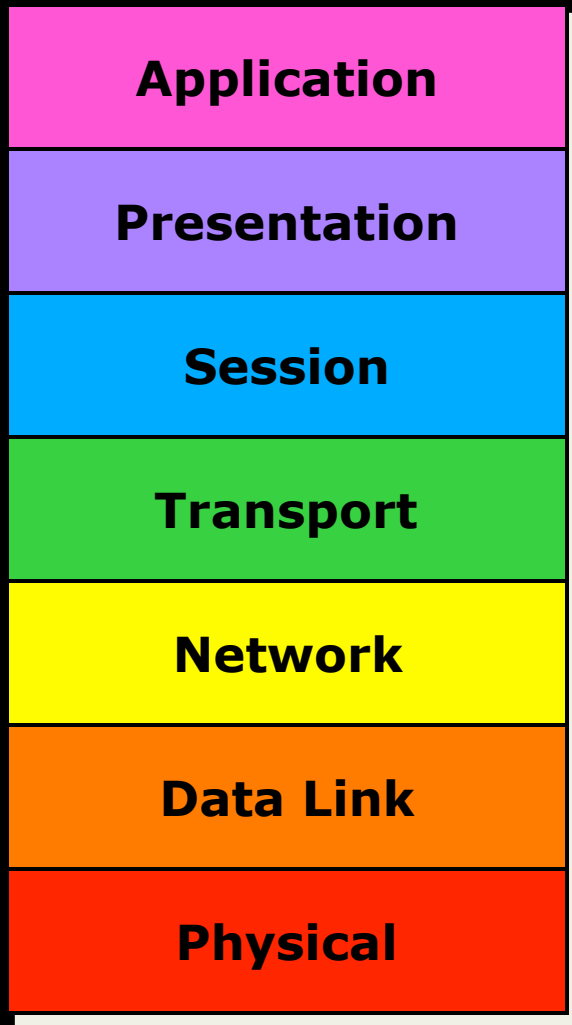
Concerned with the meaning of data bits

Convert between machine representations

Examples: XDR, ASN.1, MIME

# OSI Reference Model: Layer 7

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Collection of application-specific protocols

Examples:

email (SMTP, POP, IMAP)  
file transfer (FTP)  
directory services (LDAP)

# Client – Server Communication

# Clients and Servers

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- Send messages to *applications*
  - not just machines
- Client must get data to the desired *process*
  - server process must get data back to client process
- To offer a service, a server must get a **transport address** for a particular service
  - well-defined location

# Machine address versus Transport address

# Transport provider

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Layer of software that accepts a network message and sends it to a remote machine

Two categories:

**connection-oriented protocols**

**connectionless protocols**

# Connection-oriented Protocols

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1. establish connection
2. [negotiate protocol]
3. exchange data
4. terminate connection

# Connection-oriented Protocols

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analogous to phone call

1. establish connection
2. [negotiate protocol]
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4. terminate connection

*dial phone number*

*[decide on a language]*

*speak*

*hang up*

## **virtual circuit service**

- provides illusion of having a dedicated circuit
- messages guaranteed to arrive in-order
- application does not have to address each message

## **vs. circuit-switched service**



# Connectionless Protocols

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- no call setup
- send/receive data  
    (each packet addressed)
- no termination

# Connectionless Protocols

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analogous to mailbox

- no call setup
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(each packet addressed)
- no termination

*drop letter in mailbox*  
*(each letter addressed)*

## **datagram service**

- client is not positive whether message arrived at destination
- no state has to be maintained at client or server
- cheaper but less reliable than virtual circuit service

# Ethernet

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- Layers 1 & 2 of OSI model
  - Physical (1)
    - Cables: 10Base-T, 100Base-T, 1000Base-T, etc.
  - Data Link (2)
    - Ethernet bridging (via bridges)
    - Data frame parsing
    - Data frame transmission
    - Error detection
- Unreliable, connectionless communication

# Ethernet

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- 48-bit ethernet address
- Variable-length packet
  - 1518-byte **MTU** ← **Maximum transmission unit**
    - 18-byte header, 1500 bytes data
- Jumbo packets for Gigabit ethernet
  - 9000-byte MTU



# IP – Internet Protocol

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Born in 1969 as a research network of 4 machines

Funded by DoD's ARPA

## Goal:

*Build an efficient fault-tolerant network that could connect heterogeneous machines and link separately connected networks.*

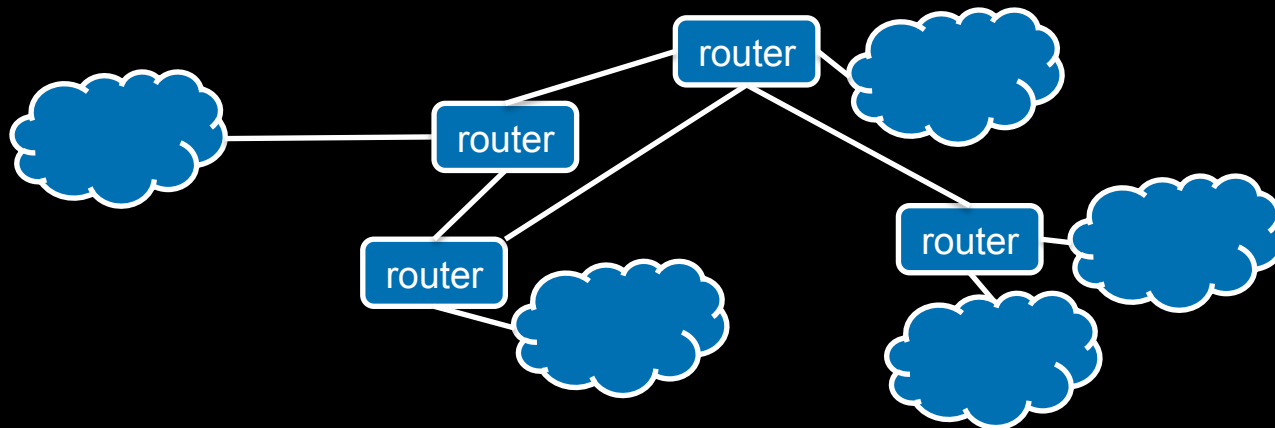
# Internet Protocol

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Connectionless protocol designed to handle the interconnection of a large number of local and wide-area networks that comprise the internet

IP can **route** from one physical network to another

Survivable design: support multiple paths for data



# IP Addressing

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Each machine on an IP network is assigned a unique 32-bit number for each network interface:

- **IP address**, *not* machine address

A machine connected to several physical networks will have several IP addresses

- One for each network

# IP Address space

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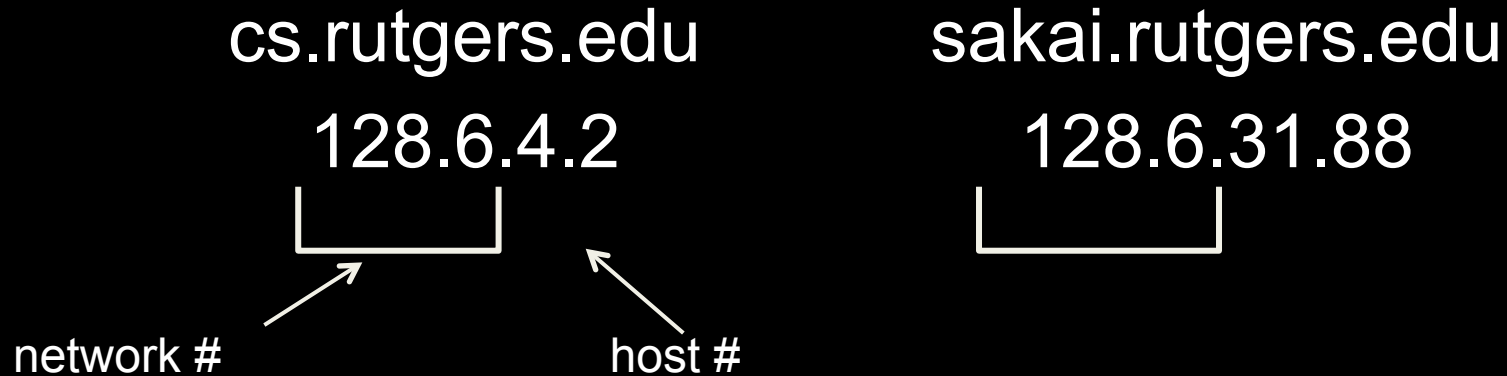
32-bit addresses → >4 billion addresses!

- Routers would need a table of 4 billion entries
- Design routing tables so one entry can match multiple addresses
  - **hierarchy**: addresses physically close will share a common prefix



# IP Addressing: networks & hosts

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- first 16 bits identify Rutgers
- external routers need only one entry
  - route `128.6.*.*` to Rutgers

# IP Addressing: networks & hosts

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- IP address
  - **network #:** identifies network machine belongs to
  - **host #:** identifies host on the network
- use network number to route packet to correct network
- use host number to identify specific machine

# IP Addressing

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## Expectation:

- a few big networks and many small ones
- create different **classes** of networks
- use leading bits to identify network

class	leading bits	bits for net #	bits for host
A	0	7 (128)	24 (16M)
B	10	14 (16K)	16 (64K)
C	110	21 (2M)	8 (256)

# IP Addressing: networks & subnets

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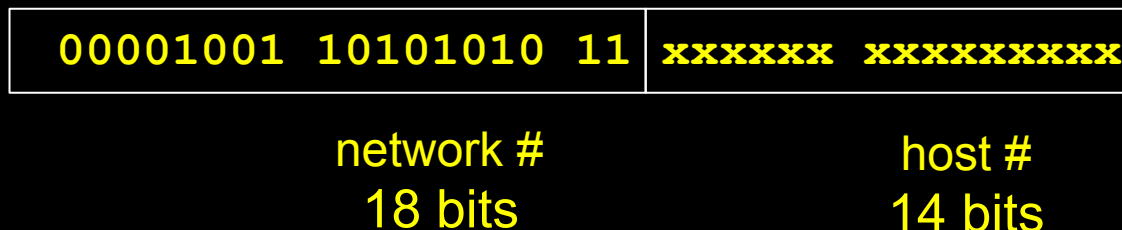
IBM: 9.0.0.0 – 9.255.255.255



To allow additional networks within an organization:

use high bits of host number for a “network within a network” – **subnet**

Subnet within IBM (internal routers only)



# Running out of addresses

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- Huge growth
- Wasteful allocation of networks
  - Lots of unused addresses: *Does IBM need 16.7M IP addresses?*
- Every machine connected to the internet needed a worldwide-unique IP address
- Solutions: **CIDR**, **NAT**, **IPv6**

# IPv6 vs. IPv4

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## IPv4

- 4 byte (32 bit) addresses

## IPv6:

- 16-byte (128 bit) addresses  
3.6 x 10<sup>38</sup> possible addresses  
8 x 10<sup>28</sup> times more addresses than IPv4
- 4-bit priority field
- Flow label (24-bits)

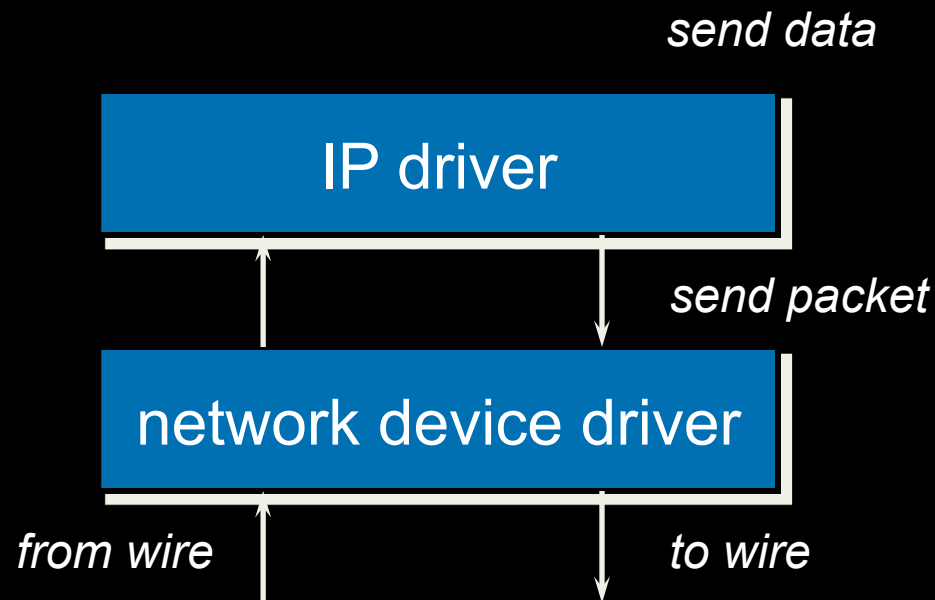
# Networking: Back to the OS

# Getting to the machine

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IP is a logical network on top of multiple physical networks

OS support for IP: **IP driver**





# IP driver responsibilities

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- Get operating parameters from device driver
  - Maximum packet size (MTU)
  - Functions to initialize HW headers
  - Length of HW header
- Routing packets
  - From one physical network to another
- Fragmenting packets
- Send operations from higher-layers
- Receiving data from device driver
- Dropping bad/expired data

# Network device driver responsibilities

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- Controls network interface card
  - Comparable to character driver
- Processes interrupts from network interface
  - Receive packets
  - Send them to IP driver
- Get packets from IP driver
  - Send them to hardware
  - Ensure packet goes out without collision

# Packet encapsulation

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- Network card examines packets on wire
  - Compares destination addresses
- Before a packet is sent, it must be **enveloped** for the physical network



# Addressing The Device

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To send an IP packet, we need to know the *ethernet address* that corresponds to the *IP address* (or the ethernet address of the router that should get the packet)

## Address Resolution Protocol (ARP)

Find the ethernet address for a given IP address:

1. Check local ARP cache
2. Send broadcast message requesting ethernet address of machine with certain IP address
3. Wait for response (with timeout)

# Routing

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## Router

- Switching element that connects two or more transmission lines (e.g., Ethernet)
- Routes packets from one network to another (OSI layer 3 – Network Layer)
- Special-purpose hardware or a general-purpose computer with two or more network interfaces

# Routing

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- Packets take a series of **hops** to get to their destination
  - Figure out the path
- Generate/receive packet at machine
  - check destination
    - If destination = local address, deliver locally
  - else
    - Increment hop count (discard if hop # = TTL)
    - Use destination address to search **routing table**
    - Each entry has address and netmask. Match returns interface
    - Transmit to destination interface
- **Static routing**

# Dynamic Routing

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- Class of protocols by which machines can **adjust routing tables** to benefit from load changes and failures
- Route cost:
  - Hop count (# routers in the path)
  - Time: Tic count – time in 1/18 second intervals

# IP Transport Layer Protocols



# Transport-layer protocols over IP

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- IP sends packets to machine
  - No mechanism for identifying sending or receiving application
- Transport layer uses a **port number** to identify the application
- TCP – Transmission Control Protocol
- UDP – User Datagram Protocol

# TCP – Transmission Control Protocol

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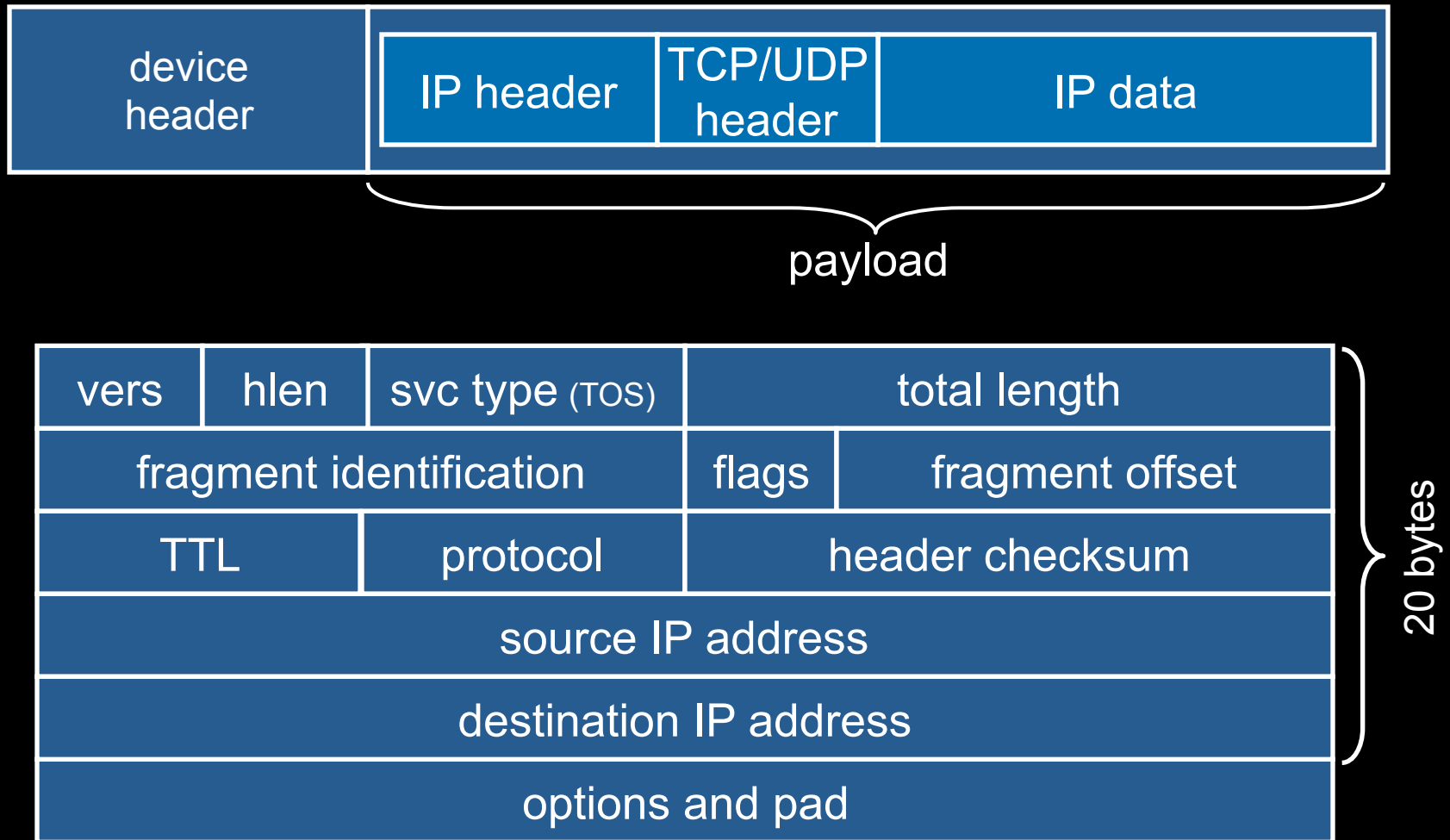
- Virtual circuit service  
(connection-oriented)
- Send acknowledgement for each received packet
- Checksum to validate data
- Data may be transmitted simultaneously in both directions

# UDP – User Datagram Protocol

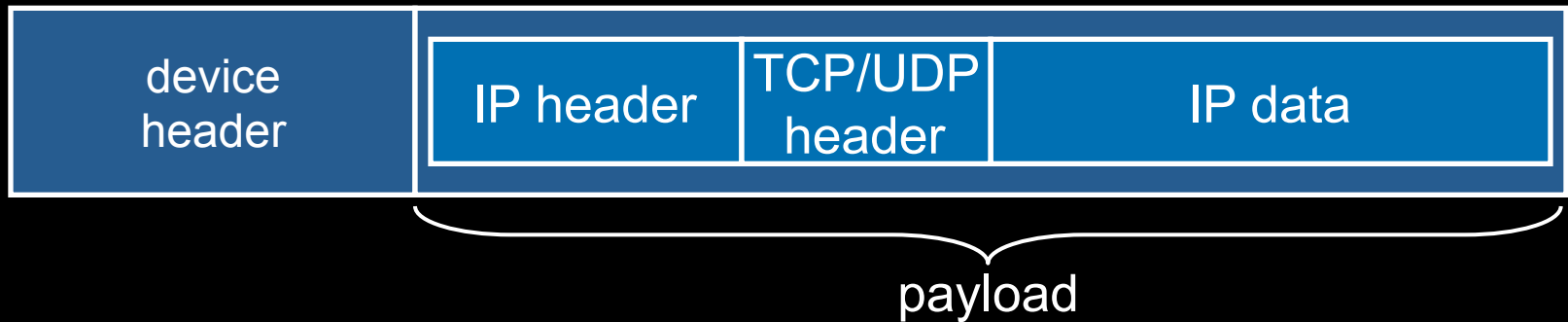
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- Datagram service (connectionless)
- Data may be lost
- Data may arrive out of sequence
- Checksum for data but no retransmission
  - Bad packets dropped

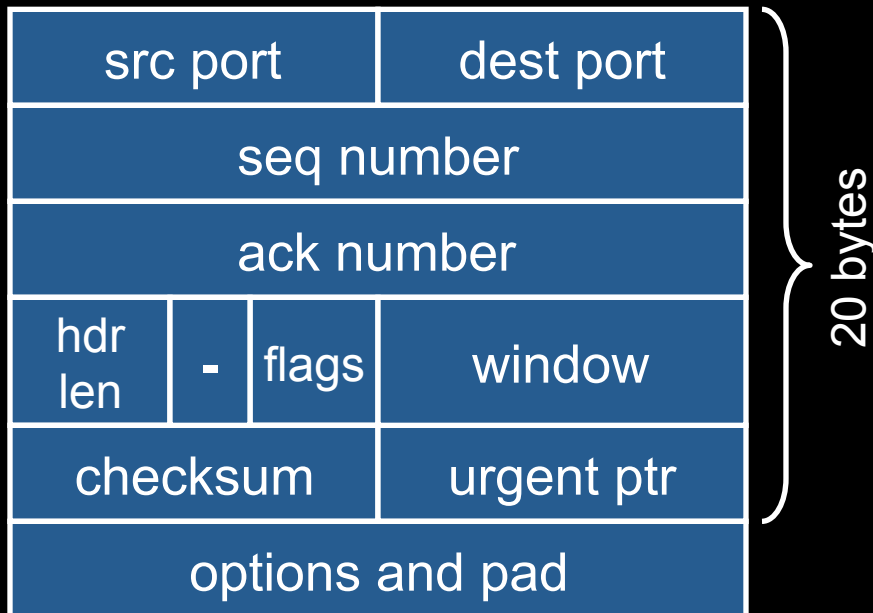
# IP header



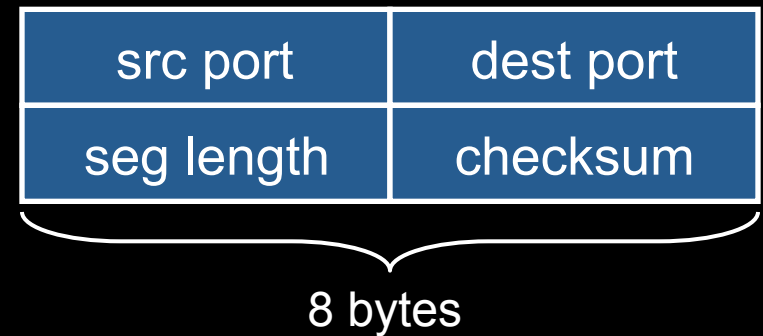
# Headers: TCP & UDP



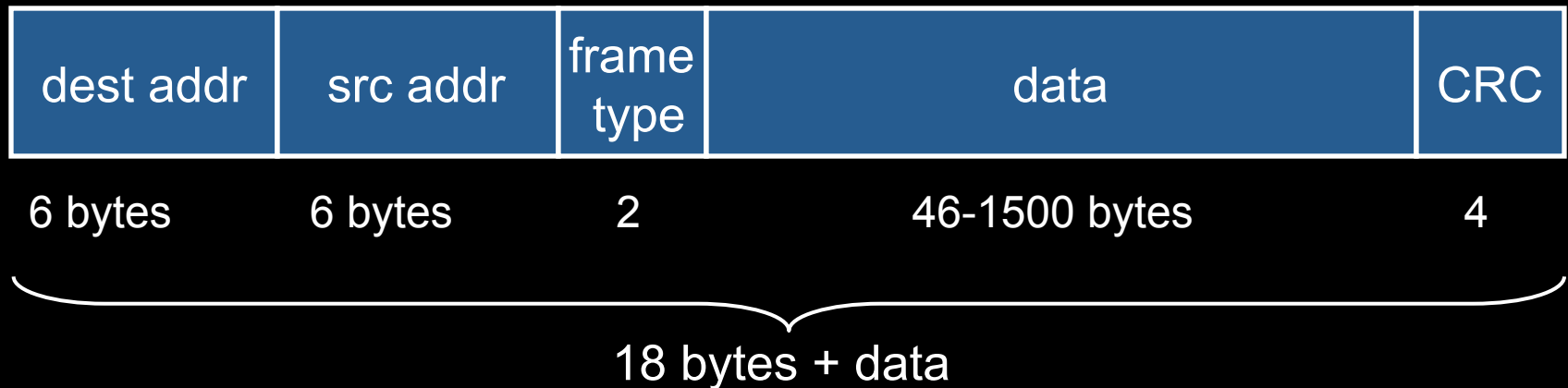
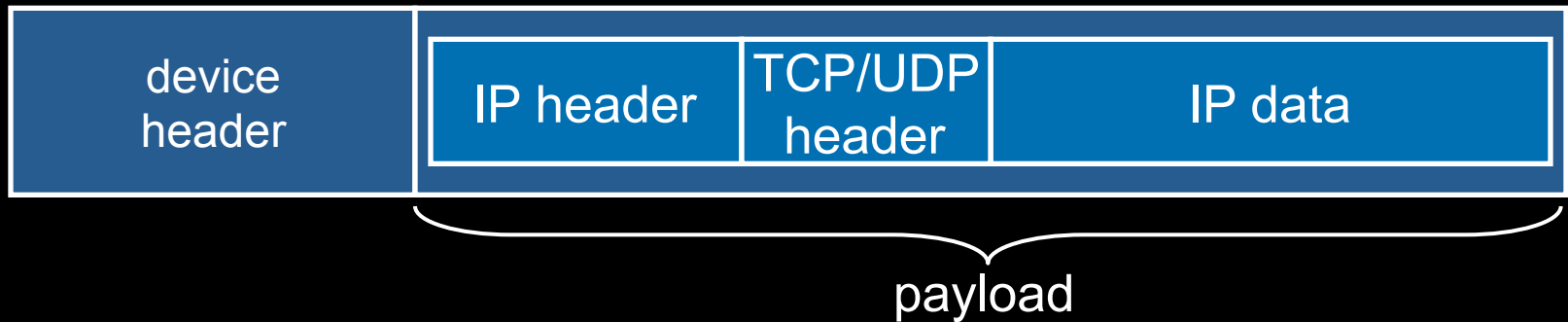
TCP header



UDP header



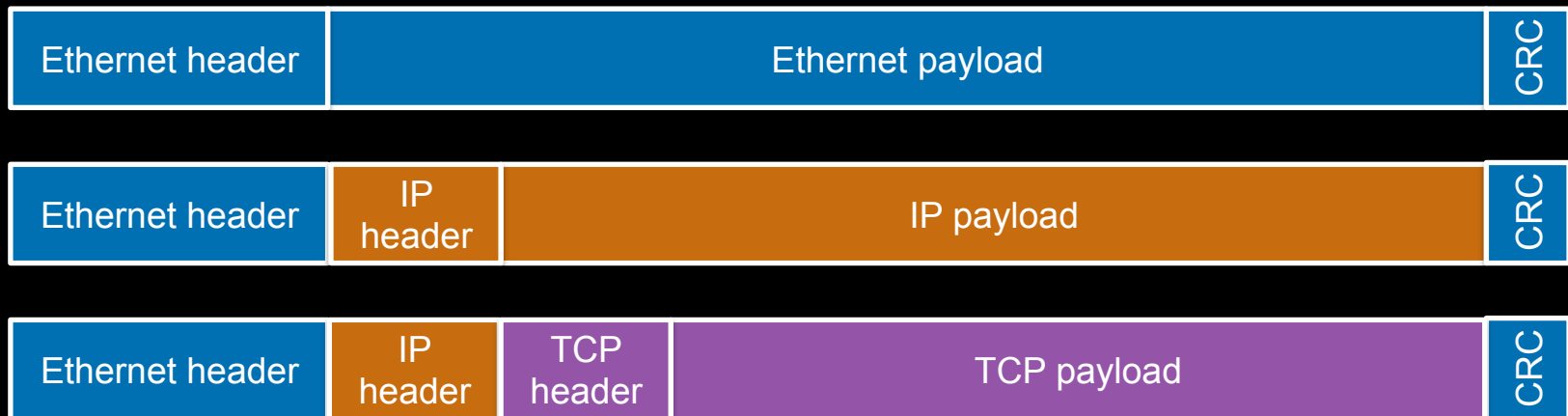
# Device header (Ethernet II)



# Protocol Encapsulation

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- Layering protocols
- A higher level protocol is simply treated like data (payload) by lower levels



# The End