COMP211: Computer Networks

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Meeting times

- Lectures:
 - Monday 16:00-17:00
 - Tuesday 14:00-15:00
 - Thursday 9:00-10:00
- Demonstrations:
 - Only in weeks 2 6
- Module Webpage:
 - cgi.csc.liv.ac.uk/~gairing/COMP211



To introduce networked computer systems in general and the Internet in particular:

- The basic operating principles
- The design and organization principles of successful computer networks
- The key protocols and technologies used in the Internet.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion, you should:

- be able to describe and justify the OSI Reference Model and the key protocols that govern the Internet.
- be able to program applications and protocols for computer networks.
- be able to illustrate and debate the use and need of cryptographic techniques in network security.

Text Books

 J. F. Kurose & K. W. Ross: Computer Networking: A Top-Down Approach. (Addison Wesley)

A. S. Tanenbaum:
 Computer Networks.
 (Pearson)

Assessment

- Final Exam: 80%
 - 2 hours long
 - MCQ
 - Mock exam on module webpage
- Continuous Assessment: 20%
 - 2 programming assignments
 - Assignment I:
 - Due: 18 Oct
 - Assignment 2:
 - Due: 1 Nov
 - We check for PLAGARISM and COLLUSION.

All dates are expected dates.

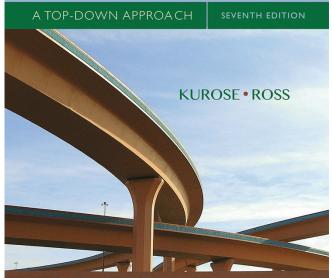
Main Themes

- No one designed the Internet, no one owns it, and no one can see across it all.
 - It just grew and grew and grew . . .
 - We try to make sense of it by imposing a structure (a series of layers) on it.
- The Internet is flawed and unreliable
 - So we have to be clever in how we use it.
- Designing applications for the Internet means making choices
 - And choices have consequences.

Chapter I Introduction

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Computer Networking



Computer Networking: A Top Down Approach

7th edition Jim Kurose, Keith Ross Pearson/Addison Wesley April 2016

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Chapter I: introduction

our goal:

- get "feel" and terminology
- more depth, detail later in course
- approach:
 - use Internet as example

overview:

- what's the Internet?
- what's a protocol?
- network edge; hosts, access net, physical media
- network core: packet/circuit switching, Internet structure
- performance: loss, delay, throughput
- security
- protocol layers, service models
- history

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What's the Internet: "nuts and bolts" view



wireless

links wired

links

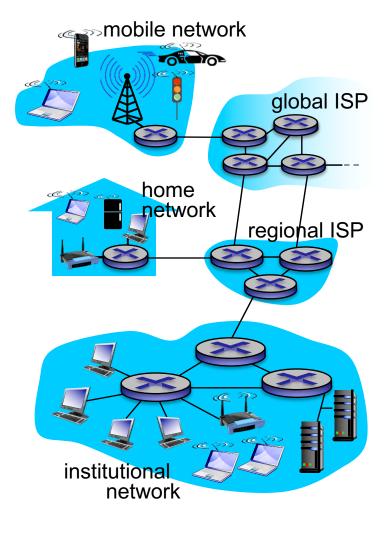
- billions of connected computing devices:
 - hosts = end systems
 - running network apps

communication links

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



- packet switches: forward packets (chunks of data)
 - routers and switches



"Fun" Internet-connected devices



IP picture frame http://www.ceiva.com/



Web-enabled toaster + weather forecaster



Tweet-a-watt: monitor energy use



Internet

refrigerator



control cable TV remotely

sensorized, bed mattress

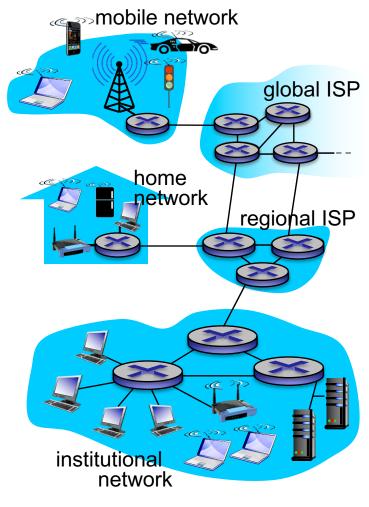


Internet phones

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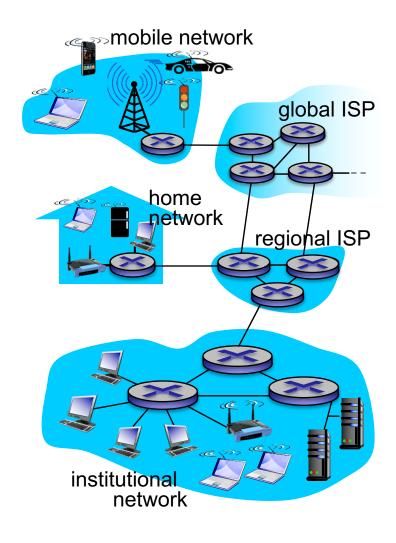
What's the Internet: "nuts and bolts" view

- Internet: "network of networks"
 - Interconnected ISPs
- * protocols control sending, receiving of messages
 - e.g., TCP, IP, HTTP, Skype, 802.11
- Internet standards
 - RFC: Request for comments
 - IETF: Internet Engineering Task Force



What's the Internet: a service view

- infrastructure that provides services to applications:
 - Web, VoIP, email, games, ecommerce, social nets, ...
- provides programming interface to apps
 - hooks that allow sending and receiving app programs to "connect" to Internet
 - provides service options, analogous to postal service



What's a protocol?

human protocols:

- "what's the time?"
- "I have a question"
- introductions
- ... specific messages sent ... specific actions taken when messages received, or other events

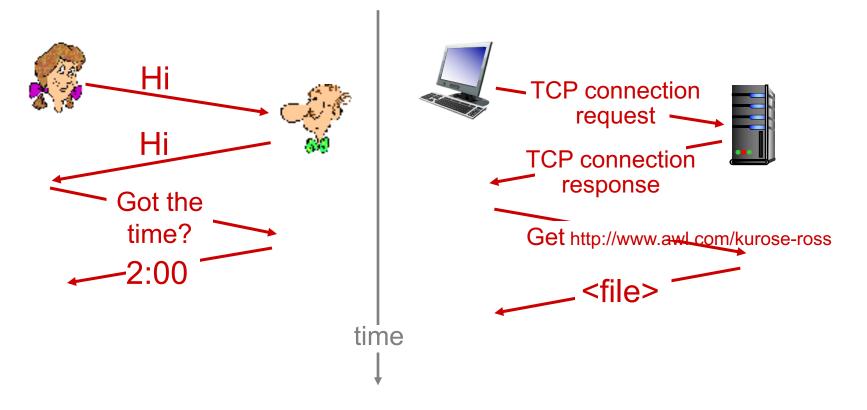
network protocols:

- machines rather than humans
- all communication activity in Internet governed by protocols

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



a human protocol and a computer network protocol:



Q: other human protocols?

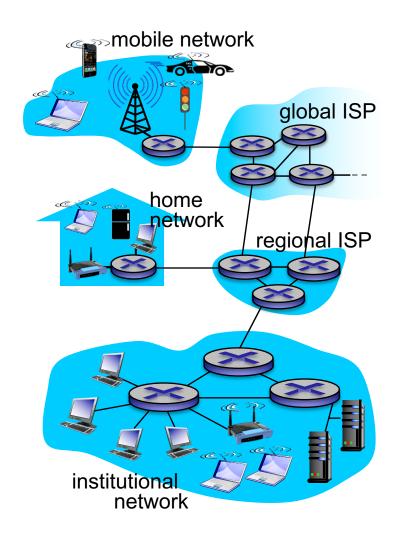
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A closer look at network structure:

- network edge:
 - hosts: clients and servers
 - servers often in data centers
- access networks, physical media: wired, wireless communication links
 - network core:
 - interconnected routers
 - network of networks



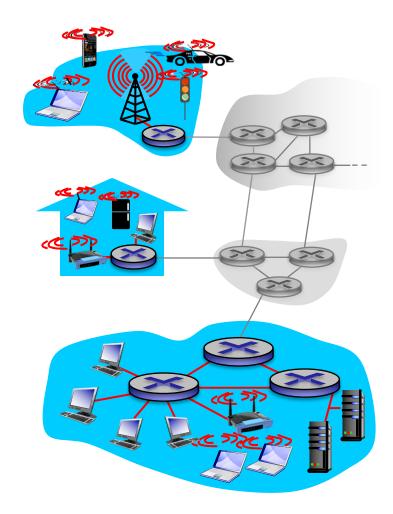
Access networks and physical media

Q: How to connect end systems to edge router?

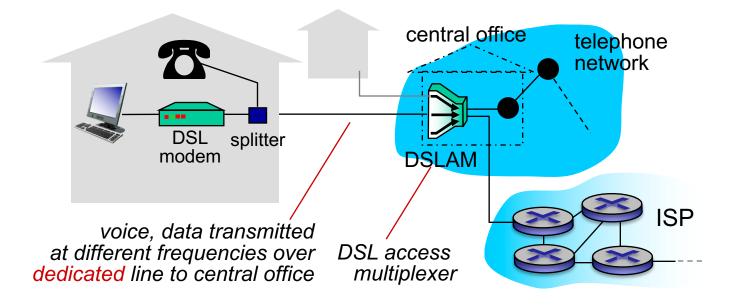
- residential access nets
- institutional access networks (school, company)
- mobile access networks

keep in mind:

- bandwidth (bits per second) of access network?
- shared or dedicated?



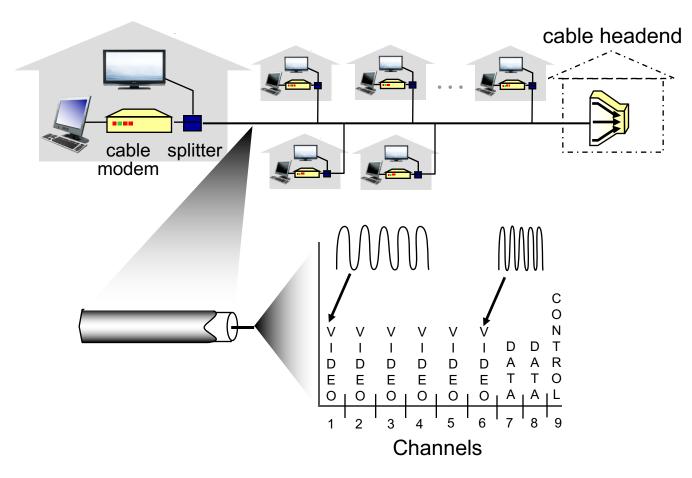
Access network: digital subscriber line (DSL)



use existing telephone line to central office DSLAM

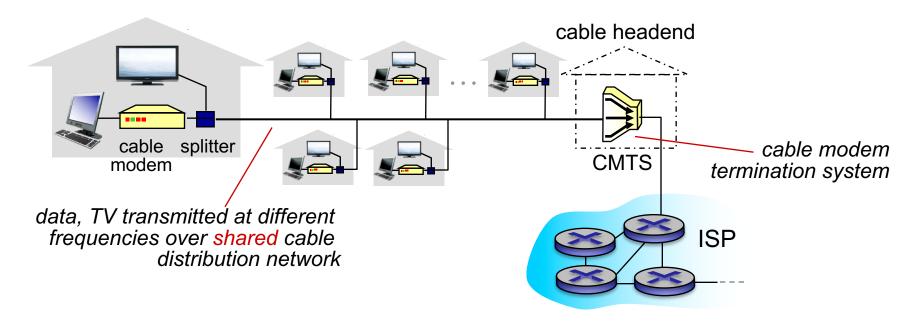
- data over DSL phone line goes to Internet
- voice over DSL phone line goes to telephone net
- < 2.5 Mbps upstream transmission rate (typically < 1 Mbps)</p>
- < 24 Mbps downstream transmission rate (typically < 10 Mbps)</p>

Access network: cable network



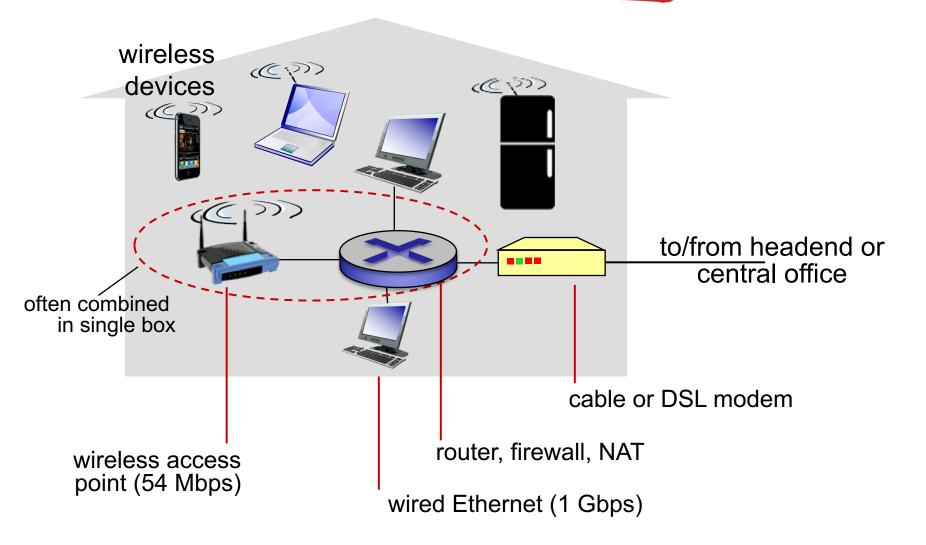
frequency division multiplexing: different channels transmitted in different frequency bands

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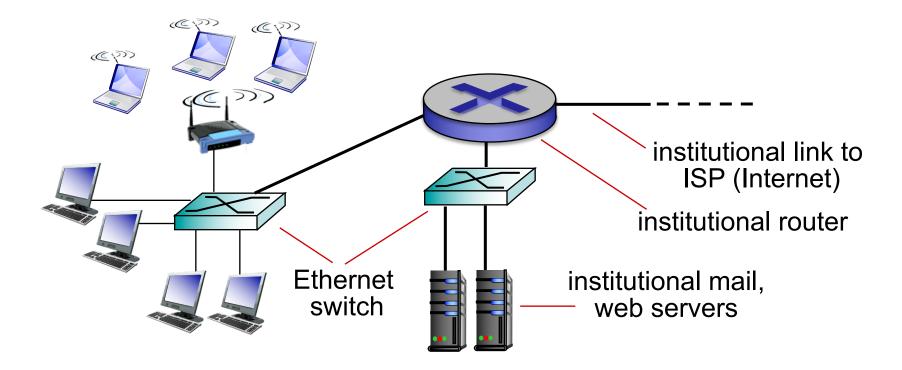


- HFC: hybrid fiber coax
 - asymmetric: up to 30Mbps downstream transmission rate, 2 Mbps upstream transmission rate
- network of cable, fiber attaches homes to ISP router
 - homes share access network to cable headend
 - unlike DSL, which has dedicated access to central office

Access network: home network



Enterprise access networks (Ethernet)



- typically used in companies, universities, etc.
- I0 Mbps, I00Mbps, IGbps, I0Gbps transmission rates
- today, end systems typically connect into Ethernet switch

Wireless access networks

- shared wireless access network connects end system to router
 - via base station aka "access point"

wireless LANs:

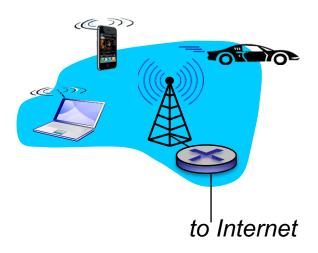
- within building (100 ft.)
- 802.11b/g/n (WiFi): 11, 54, 450 Mbps transmission rate



to Internet

wide-area wireless access

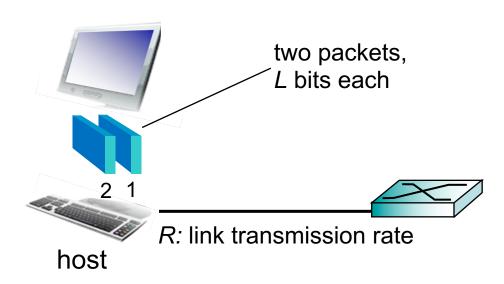
- provided by telco (cellular) operator, 10' s km
- between I and 300 Mbps
- 3G, 4G: LTE



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



packet time needeo transmission = transmit <i>L</i> - delay packet into	bit = $\frac{L(Dits)}{D(bits(aa))}$
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Physical media

- bit: propagates between transmitter/receiver pairs
- physical link: what lies between transmitter & receiver
- suided media:
 - signals propagate in solid media: copper, fiber, coax
- unguided media:
 - signals propagate freely, e.g., radio

twisted pair (TP)

- two insulated copper wires
 - Category 5: 100 Mbps, 1 Gbps Ethernet
 - Category 6: 10Gbps



Physical media: coax, fiber

coaxial cable:

- two concentric copper conductors
- bidirectional
- broadband:
 - multiple channels on cable
 - HFC



fiber optic cable:

- glass fiber carrying light pulses, each pulse a bit
- high-speed operation:
 - high-speed point-to-point transmission (e.g., 10' s-100' s Gbps transmission rate)
- low error rate:
 - repeaters spaced far apart
 - immune to electromagnetic noise



Physical media: radio

- signal carried in electromagnetic spectrum
- * no physical "wire"
- bidirectional
- propagation environment effects:
 - reflection
 - obstruction by objects
 - interference

radio link types:

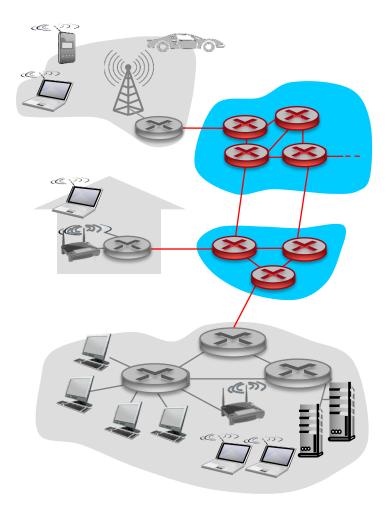
- terrestrial microwave
 - e.g. up to 45 Mbps channels
- LAN (e.g., WiFi)
 - 54 Mbps
- wide-area (e.g., cellular)
 - 4G cellular: ~ 10 Mbps
- satellite
 - Kbps to 45Mbps channel (or multiple smaller channels)
 - 270 msec end-end delay
 - geosynchronous versus low altitude

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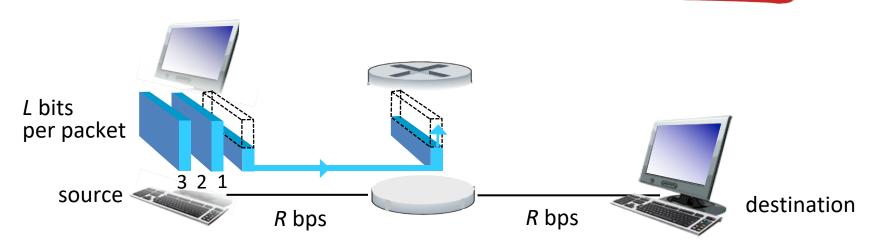
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The network core

- mesh of interconnected routers
- packet-switching: hosts break application-layer messages into packets
 - forward packets from one router to the next, across links on path from source to destination
 - each packet transmitted at full link capacity



Packet-switching: store-and-forward



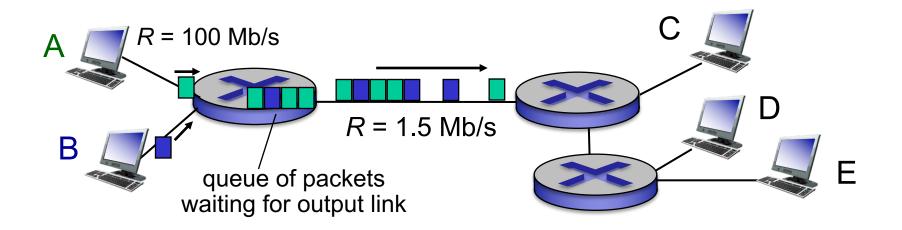
- takes L/R seconds to transmit (push out) L-bit packet into link at R bps
- store and forward: entire packet must arrive at router before it can be transmitted on next link
- end-end delay = 2L/R (assuming zero propagation delay)

one-hop numerical example:
L = 7.5 Mbits
R = 1.5 Mbps
one-hop transmission delay = 5 sec

more on delay shortly ...

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Packet Switching: queueing delay, loss

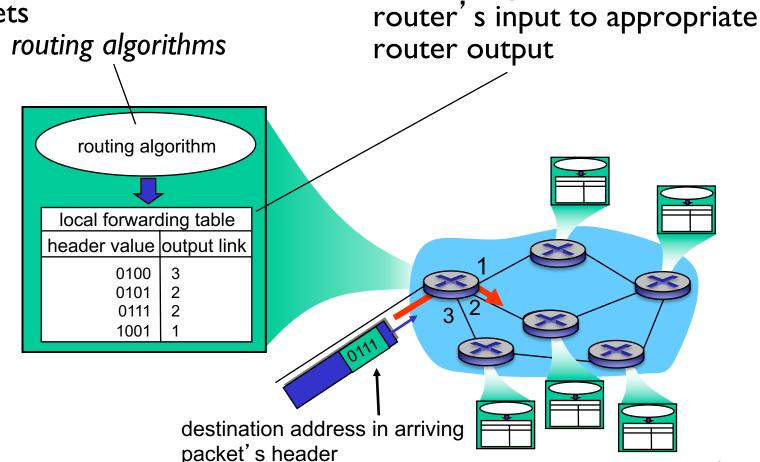


queuing and loss:

- if arrival rate (in bits) to link exceeds transmission rate of link for a period of time:
 - packets will queue, wait to be transmitted on link
 - packets can be dropped (lost) if memory (buffer) fills up

Two key network-core functions

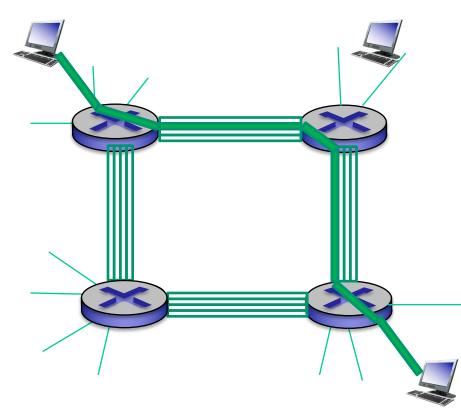
routing: determines sourcedestination route taken by packets

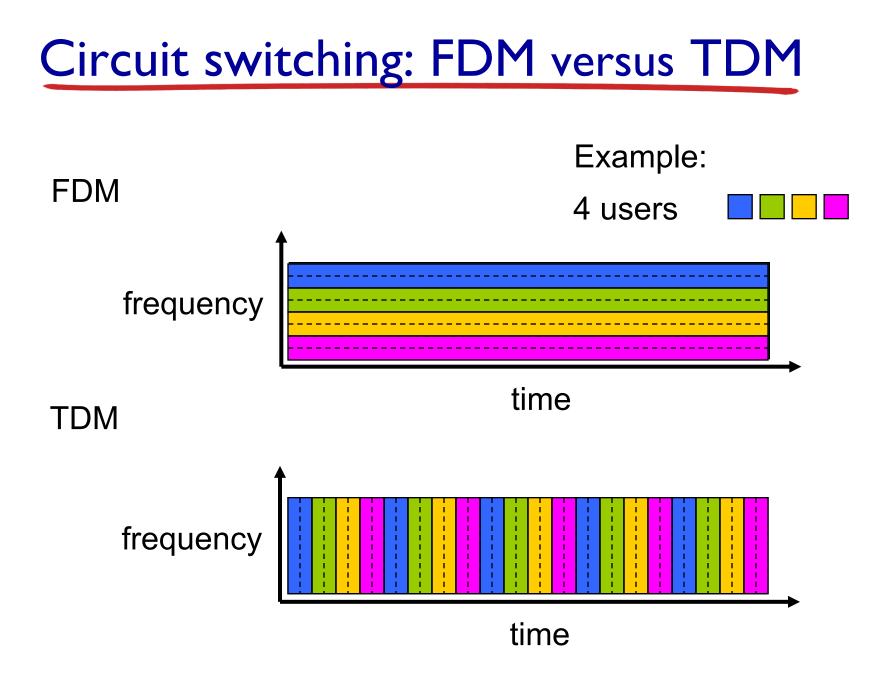


forwarding: move packets from

Alternative core: circuit switching

- end-end resources allocated to, reserved for "call" between source & dest:
- in diagram, each link has four circuits.
 - call gets 2nd circuit in top link and 1st circuit in right link.
- dedicated resources: no sharing
 - circuit-like (guaranteed) performance
- circuit segment idle if not used by call (no sharing)
- commonly used in traditional telephone networks





Packet switching versus circuit switching

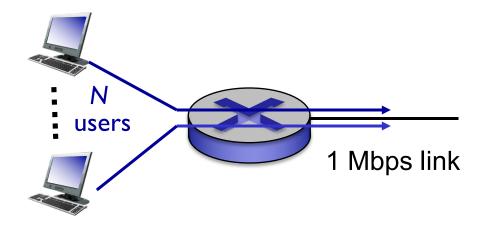
packet switching allows more users to use network!

example:

- ✤ I Mb/s link
- each user:
 - 100 kb/s when "active"
 - active 10% of time

circuit-switching:

- I0 users
- packet switching:
 - with 35 users, probability > 10 active at same time is less than .0004 *



Q: how did we get value 0.0004?Q: what happens if > 35 users ?

* Check out the online interactive exercises for more examples: http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/kurose_ross/interactive/

Packet switching versus circuit switching

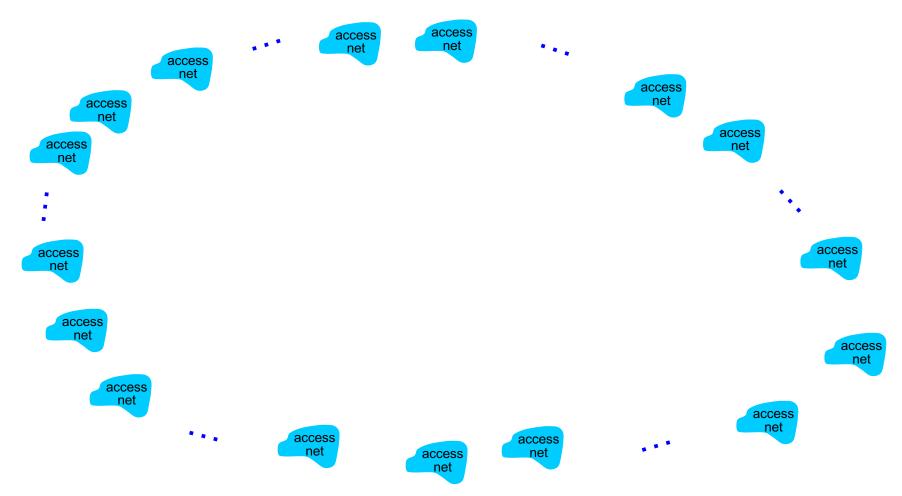
is packet switching a "slam dunk winner?"

- ✤ great for bursty data
 - resource sharing
 - simpler, no call setup
- excessive congestion possible: packet delay and loss
 - protocols needed for reliable data transfer, congestion control
- ✤ Q: How to provide circuit-like behavior?
 - bandwidth guarantees needed for audio/video apps
 - still an unsolved problem (chapter 7)

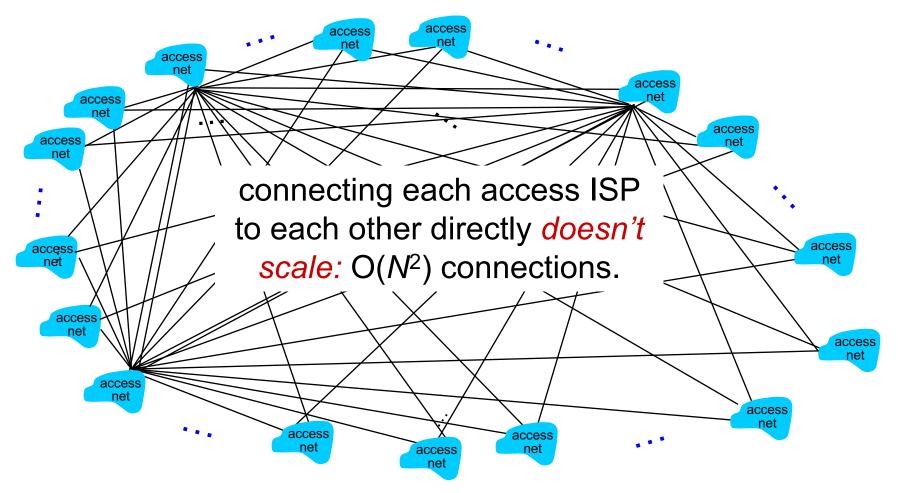
Q: human analogies of reserved resources (circuit switching) versus on-demand allocation (packet-switching)?

- End systems connect to Internet via access ISPs (Internet Service Providers)
 - residential, company and university ISPs
- Access ISPs in turn must be interconnected.
 - so that any two hosts can send packets to each other
- Resulting network of networks is very complex
 - evolution was driven by economics and national policies
- Let's take a stepwise approach to describe current Internet structure

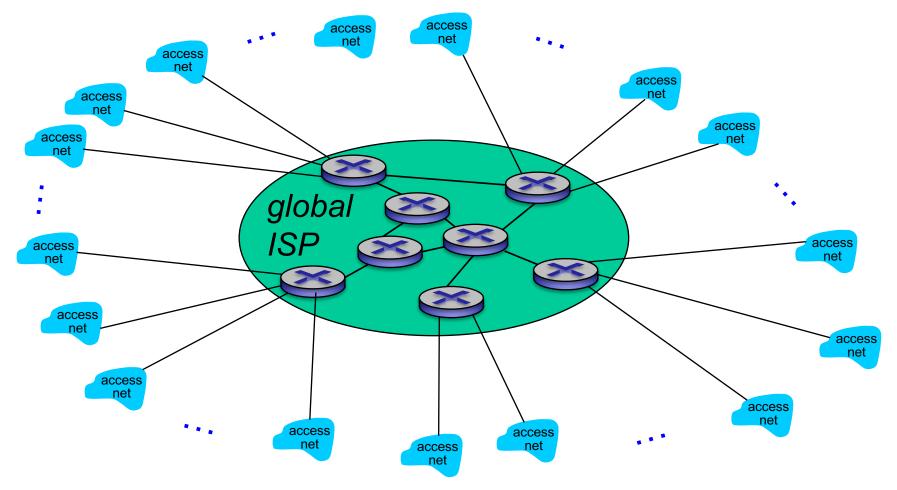
Question: given millions of access ISPs, how to connect them together?



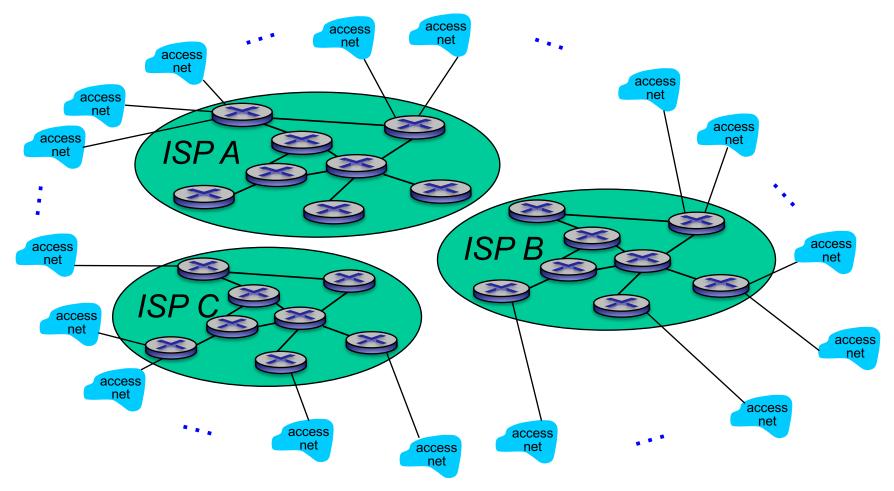
Option: connect each access ISP to every other access ISP?



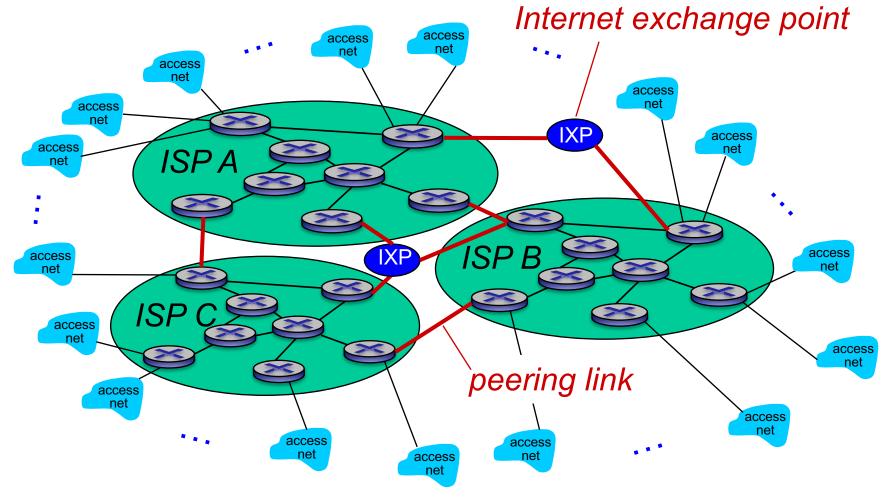
Option: connect each access ISP to one global transit ISP? **Customer** and **provider** ISPs have economic agreement.



But if one global ISP is viable business, there will be competitors

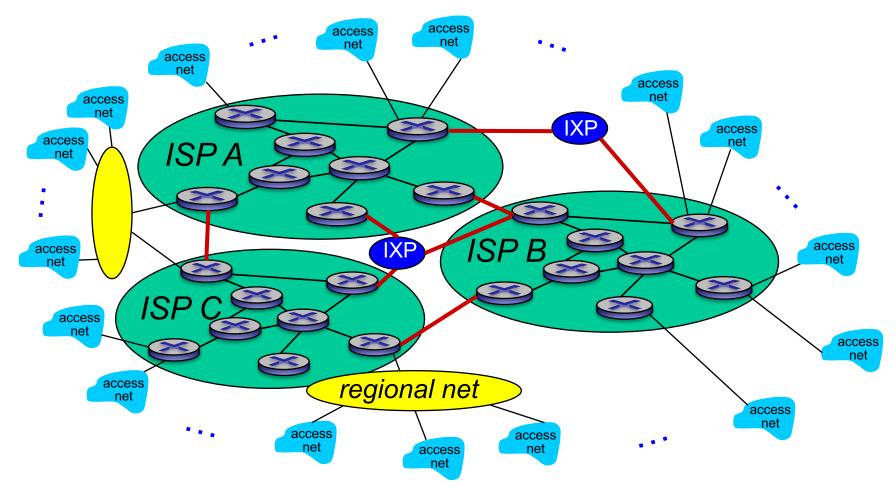


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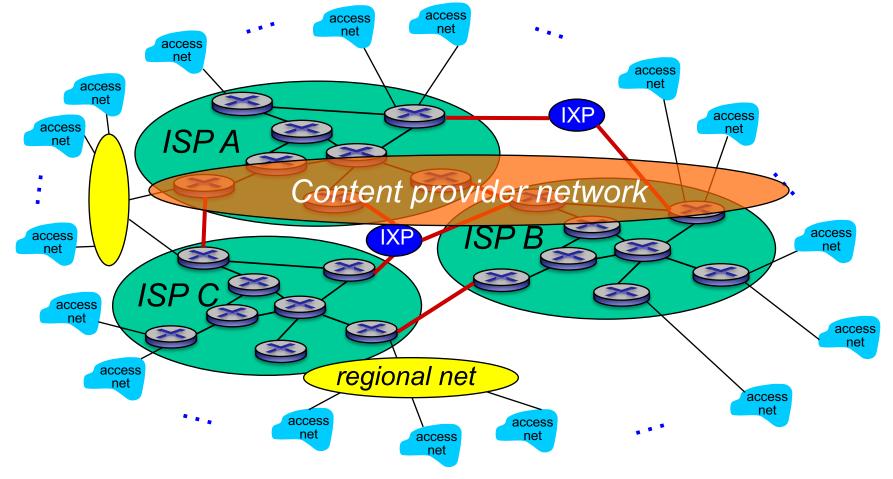


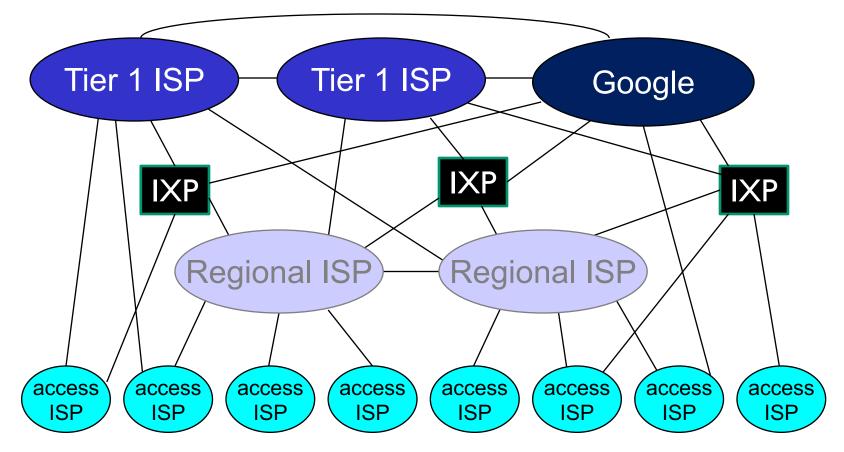
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... and regional networks may arise to connect access nets to ISPs



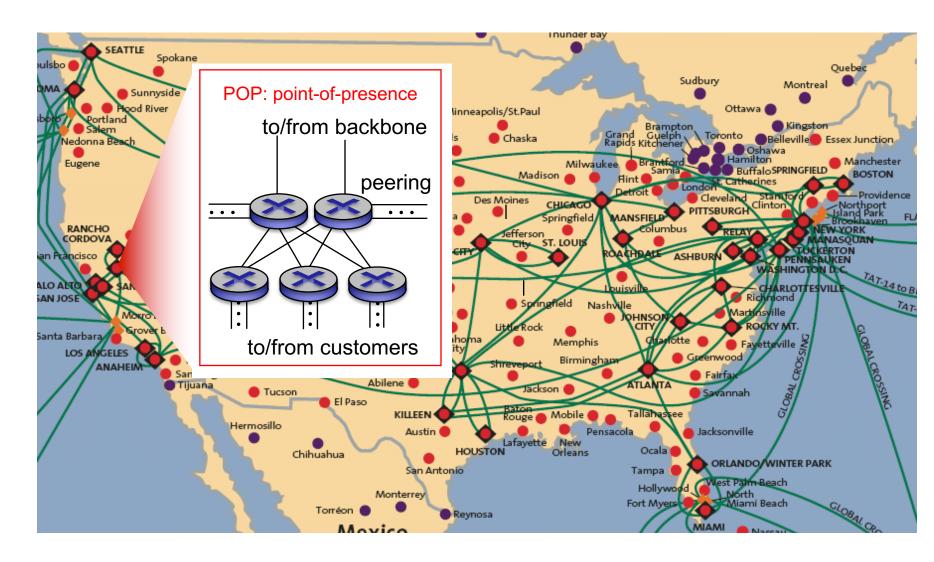
... and content provider networks (e.g., Google, Microsoft, Akamai) may run their own network, to bring services, content close to end users





- at center: small # of well-connected large networks
 - "tier-I" commercial ISPs (e.g., Level 3, Sprint, AT&T, NTT), national & international coverage
 - content provider network (e.g., Google): private network that connects it data centers to Internet, often bypassing tier-I, regional ISPs Introduction 1-47

Tier-I ISP: e.g., Sprint



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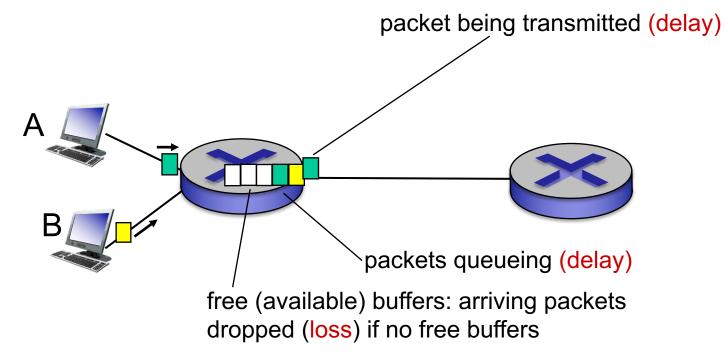
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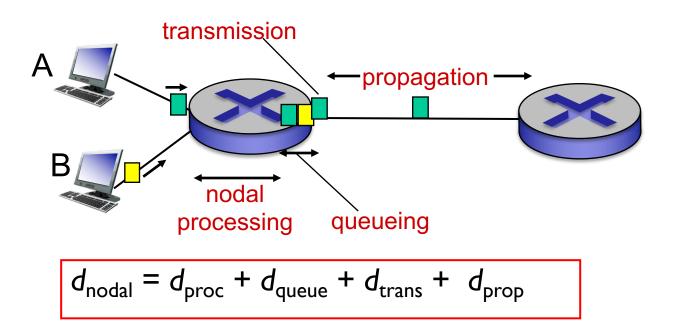
How do loss and delay occur?

packets queue in router buffers

- packet arrival rate to link (temporarily) exceeds output link capacity
- packets queue, wait for turn



Four sources of packet delay

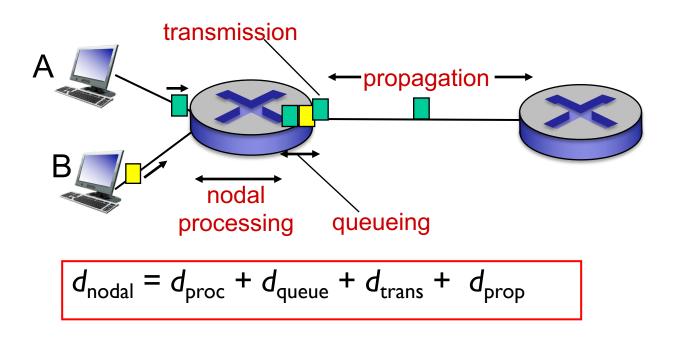


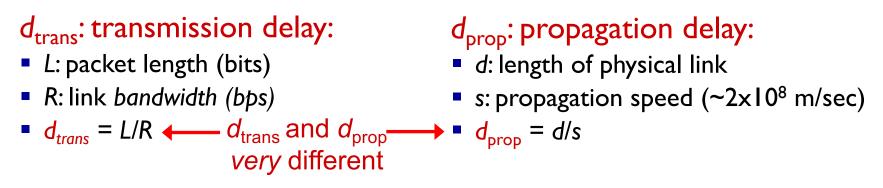
*d*_{proc}: nodal processing
☆ check bit errors
☆ determine output link
☆ typically < msec

d_{queue}: queueing delay

- time waiting at output link for transmission
- depends on congestion level of router

Four sources of packet delay





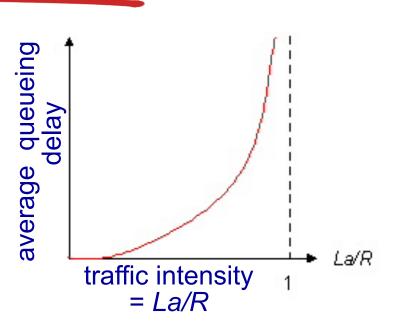
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* Check out the Java applet for an interactive animation on trans vs. prop delay

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Queueing delay (revisited)

- R: link bandwidth (bps)
- L: packet length (bits)
- a: average packet arrival rate



- La/R ~ 0: avg. queueing delay small
- La/R -> I: avg. queueing delay large
- La/R > I: more "work" arriving than can be serviced, average delay infinite!

 $La/R \sim 0$

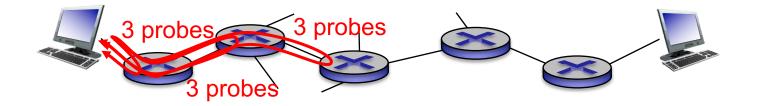
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* Check online interactive animation on queuing and loss

"Real" Internet delays and routes

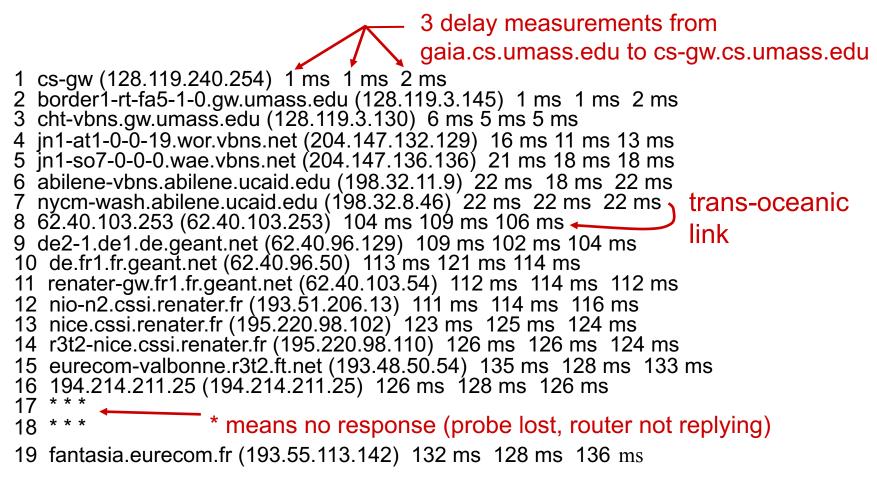
* what do "real" Internet delay & loss look like?

- * traceroute program: provides delay measurement from source to router along endend Internet path towards destination. For all i:
 - sends three packets that will reach router i on path towards destination
 - router i will return packets to sender
 - sender times interval between transmission and reply.



"Real" Internet delays, routes

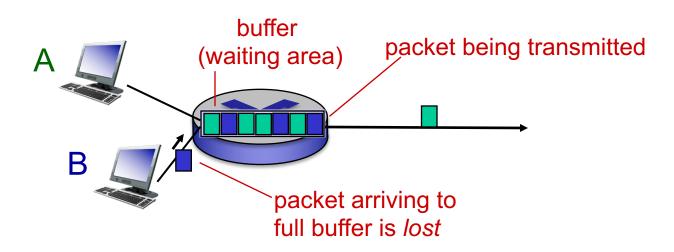
traceroute: gaia.cs.umass.edu to www.eurecom.fr



* Do some traceroutes from exotic countries at www.traceroute.org

Packet loss

- queue (aka buffer) preceding link in buffer has finite capacity
- * packet arriving to full queue dropped (aka lost)
- lost packet may be retransmitted by previous node, by source end system, or not at all

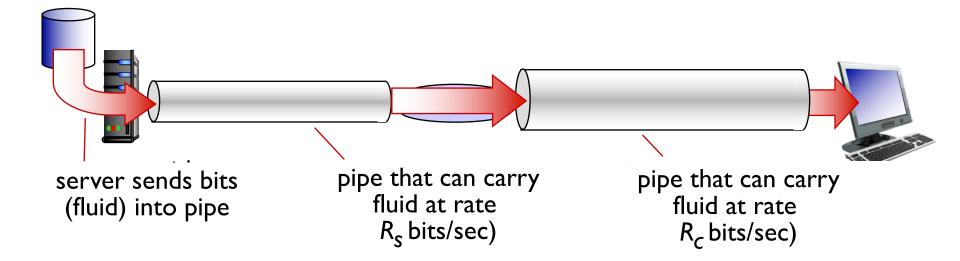


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Throughput

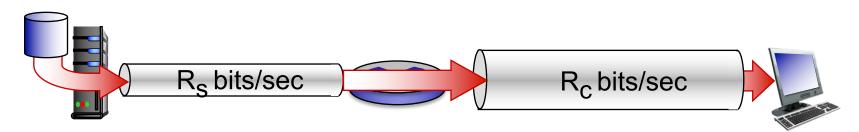
* throughput: rate (bits/time unit) at which bits transferred between sender/receiver

- instantaneous: rate at given point in time
- average: rate over longer period of time

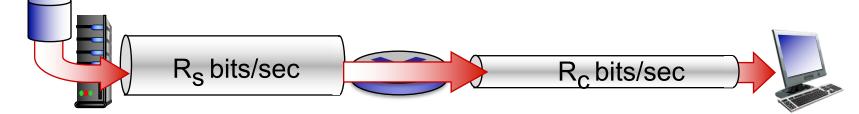


Throughput (more)

 $R_s < R_c$ What is average end-end throughput?



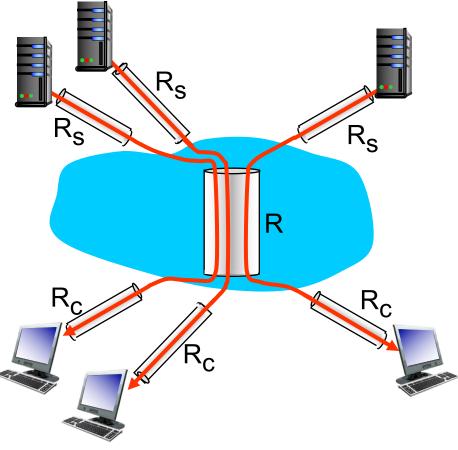
• $R_s > R_c$ What is average end-end throughput?



bottleneck link link link on end-end path that constrains end-end throughput

Throughput: Internet scenario

- per-connection endend throughput: min(R_oR_s, R/10)
- in practice: R_c or R_s
 is often bottleneck



10 connections (fairly) share backbone bottleneck link *R* bits/sec

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Protocol "layers"

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?

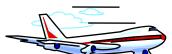
.... or at least our discussion of networks?

Organization of air travel



✤ a series of steps

Layering of airline functionality



ticket (purchase)		ticket (complain)	ticket
baggage (check)		baggage (claim	baggage
gates (load)		gates (unload)	gate
runway (takeoff)		runway (land)	takeoff/landing
airplane routing	airplane routing airplane routing	airplane routing	airplane routing
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departure airport intermediate air-traffic control centers

arrival airport

layers: each layer implements a service

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

Why layering?

dealing with complex systems:

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

Internet protocol stack

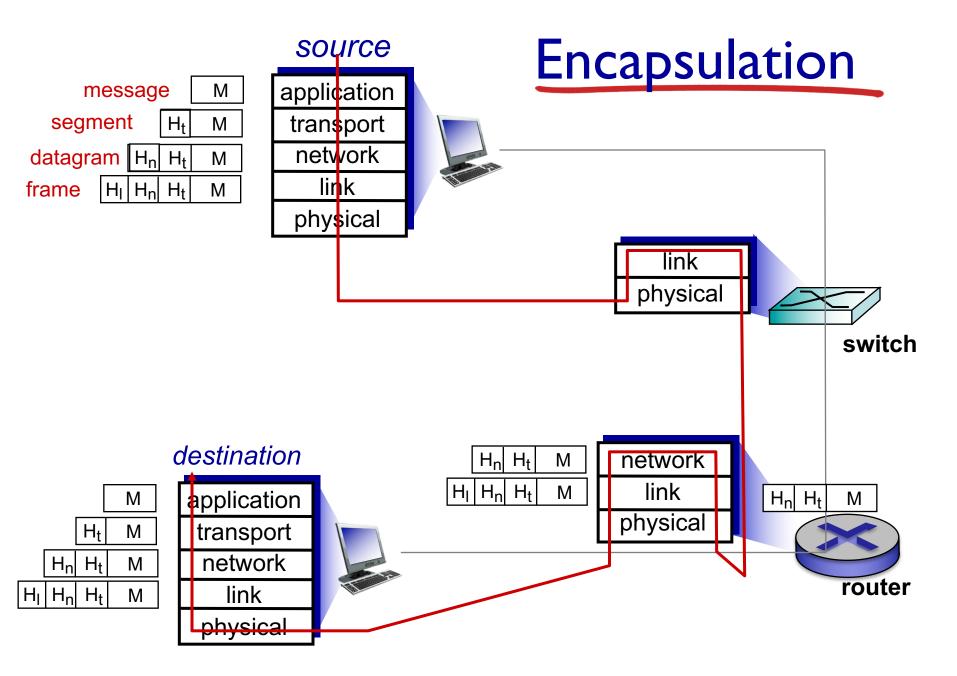
- *application:* supporting network applications
 - FTP, SMTP, HTTP
- transport: process-process data transfer
 - TCP, UDP
- network: routing of datagrams from source to destination
 - IP, routing protocols
- link: data transfer between neighboring network elements
 - Ethernet, 802.11 (WiFi), PPP
- physical: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

application
transport
network
link
physical

ISO/OSI reference model

- 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?

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Network security

- field of network security:
 - how bad guys can attack computer networks
 - how we can defend networks against attacks
 - how to design architectures that are immune to attacks
- Internet not originally designed with (much) security in mind
 - original vision: "a group of mutually trusting users attached to a transparent network" ^(C)
 - Internet protocol designers playing "catch-up"
 - security considerations in all layers!

Bad guys: put malware into hosts via Internet

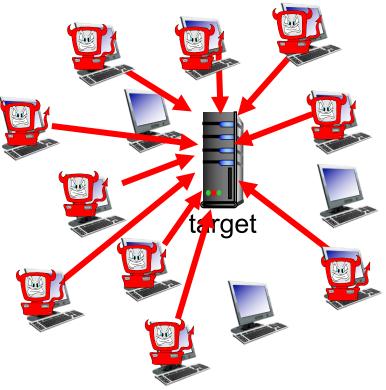
- * malware can get in host from:
 - virus: self-replicating infection by receiving/executing object (e.g., e-mail attachment)
 - worm: self-replicating infection by passively receiving object that gets itself executed
- spyware malware can record keystrokes, web sites visited, upload info to collection site
- infected host can be enrolled in botnet, used for spam. DDoS attacks

Bad guys: attack server, network infrastructure

Denial of Service (DoS): attackers make resources (server, bandwidth) unavailable to legitimate traffic by overwhelming resource with bogus traffic

I. select target

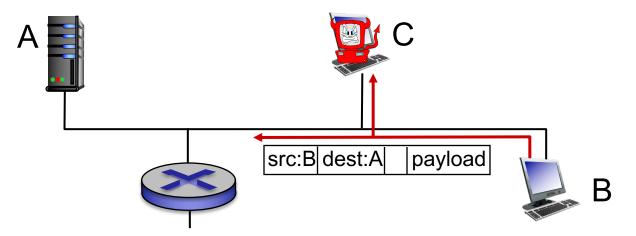
- 2. break into hosts around the network (see botnet)
- 3. send packets to target from compromised hosts



Bad guys can sniff packets

packet "sniffing":

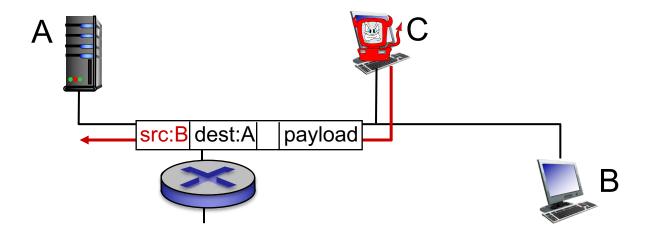
- broadcast media (shared Ethernet, wireless)
- promiscuous network interface reads/records all packets (e.g., including passwords!) passing by



wireshark software is a (free) packet-sniffer

Bad guys can use fake addresses

IP spoofing: send packet with false source address



... lots more on security (throughout, Chapter 8)

Chapter I: roadmap

- I.I what is the Internet?
- I.2 network edge
 - end systems, access networks, links
- I.3 network core

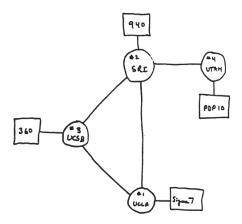
packet switching, circuit switching, network structure
I.4 delay, loss, throughput in networks
I.5 protocol layers, service models
I.6 networks under attack: security
I.7 history

1961-1972: Early packet-switching principles

- 1961: Kleinrock queueing theory shows effectiveness of packetswitching
- I964: Baran packetswitching in military nets
- 1967: ARPAnet conceived by Advanced Research Projects Agency
- 1969: first ARPAnet node operational

* 1972:

- ARPAnet public demo
- NCP (Network Control Protocol) first host-host protocol
- first e-mail program
- ARPAnet has 15 nodes



1972-1980: Internetworking, new and proprietary nets

- I 970: ALOHAnet satellite network in Hawaii
- 1974: Cerf and Kahn architecture for interconnecting networks
- I976: Ethernet at Xerox PARC
- late70' s: proprietary architectures: DECnet, SNA, XNA
- late 70's: switching fixed length packets (ATM precursor)
- I 979: ARPAnet has 200 nodes

Cerf and Kahn's internetworking principles:

- minimalism, autonomy no internal changes required to interconnect networks
- best effort service model
- stateless routers
- decentralized control

define today's Internet architecture

Internet history

1980-1990: new protocols, a proliferation of networks

- I 983: deployment of TCP/IP
- I982: smtp e-mail protocol defined
- I983: DNS defined for name-to-IP-address translation
- I 985: ftp protocol defined
- I988: TCP congestion control

- new national networks: CSnet, BITnet, NSFnet, Minitel
- 100,000 hosts connected to confederation of networks

Internet history

1990, 2000 's: commercialization, the Web, new apps

- early 1990's: ARPAnet decommissioned
- 1991: NSF lifts restrictions on commercial use of NSFnet (decommissioned, 1995)
- early 1990s: Web
 - hypertext [Bush 1945, Nelson 1960's]
 - HTML, HTTP: Berners-Lee
 - 1994: Mosaic, later Netscape
 - late 1990's: commercialization of the Web

late 1990's – 2000's:

- more killer apps: instant messaging, P2P file sharing
- network security to forefront
- est. 50 million host, 100 million+ users
- backbone links running at Gbps

Internet history

2005-present

- ~5B devices attached to Internet (2016)
 - smartphones and tablets
- aggressive deployment of broadband access
- increasing ubiquity of high-speed wireless access
- emergence of online social networks:
 - Facebook: ~ one billion users
- service providers (Google, Microsoft) create their own networks
 - bypass Internet, providing "instantaneous" access to search, video content, email, etc.
- e-commerce, universities, enterprises running their services in "cloud" (e.g., Amazon EC2)

Introduction: summary

covered a "ton" of material!

- Internet overview
- what's a protocol?
- network edge, core, access network
 - packet-switching versus circuit-switching
 - Internet structure
- performance: loss, delay, throughput
- layering, service models
- security
- history

you now have:

- context, overview, "feel" of networking
- more depth, detail to follow!

Review Questions

- Draw a diagram to show the standard 5-layer model (Internet protocol stack) of distributed communication.
- * 4 sources of packet delay?
- Packet switching vs. circuit switching:
 - Describe both.
 - Advantages/disadvantages.