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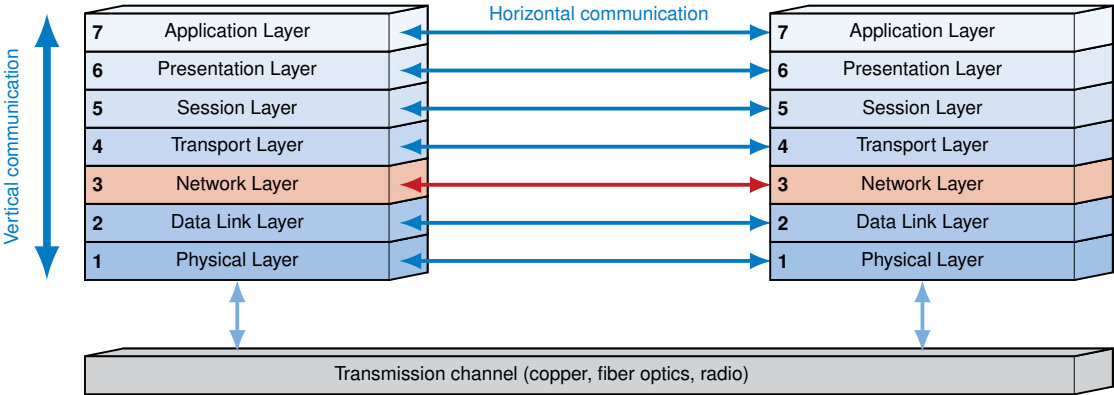
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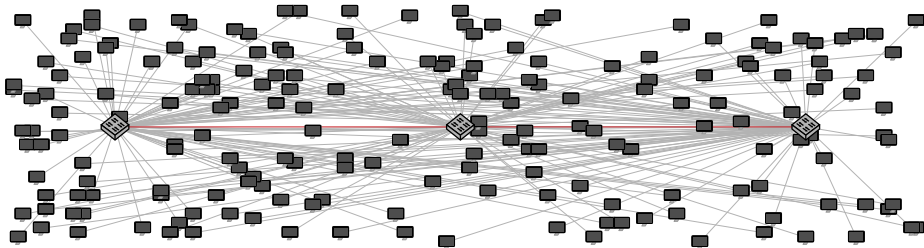
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To what extent are local area network scalable?

- All attached nodes are directly or via a few switches reachable
- MAC addresses have not logical structure (except for splitting into OUI and device ID)
- There is no way to group devices into smaller networks (**subnets**) based on MAC addresses



Tasks of the network layer:

- Coupling of different local area networks
- Structured division into smaller subnetworks
- Logical and globally unique addressing of devices
- Routing between devices over multiple **hops**

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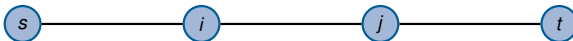
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There are three fundamental types of switching:

1. **Circuit switching**
“Reserve a dedicated line between transmitter and receiver”
2. **Message switching**
“Choose the next hop for each message individually and forward the message as a whole”
3. **Packet switching**
“Split a message into several smaller packets and send each packet independently of the others”

In the following, we characterize these three types of switching based on the example network



with $n = 2$ intermediate nodes (i and j) with respect to total delay T of a transmission of L bit over a distance d and thereby motivate the advantages of packet switching.

During a connection oriented transmission we can differentiate between three phases:

1. Connection setup

- Exchange of **signalling messages** to establish a **dedicated connection** between source and destination.
- This step includes the path selection, which is performed before the data transmission starts.

2. Data exchange

- The line can **exclusively** used by the communication partners.
- Addressing of the communication partner can be largely dispensed with during transmission (point-to-point connection).

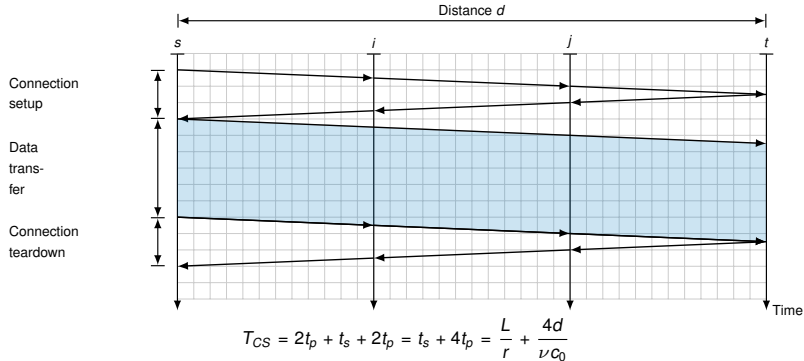
3. Connection teardown

- Exchange of signalling messages to tear down the connection.
- The resources occupied by the connection are released for subsequent connections.

Transmission delay when using circuit switching

We assume that

- serialization times of signalling messages can be neglected,
- processing times at intermediate nodes can be neglected, and
- the source s has data of length L to be transmitted in a single message.



Advantages of circuit switching

- Consistent quality of the dedicated connection after connection establishment
- Fast data transfer without the need to make further switching decisions

Disadvantages of circuit switching

- Waste of resources if line is not permanently utilized, as line is reserved for exclusive use
- Connection setup can be complex and may require far more time than propagation delays suggest (cmp. establishing an internet connection with analog modems or ISDN)
- High effort in switching physical connections

Use in today's networks

- Circuit switching is commonly replaced by packet switching (e. g. Voice over IP)
- Service providers may still use circuit switching at least in the form of **virtual circuits** (e. g. Frame Relay, ATM¹, MPLS²) to guarantee a certain transfer rate to their customers

¹ Asynchronous Transfer Mode

² Multi Protocol Label Switching

Message switching

Modifications compared to circuit switching:

- No connection setup and tear down
- A **header** of length L_H is prepended to the message



- In particular, the header contains address information that is suitable for uniquely identifying the sender and receiver even across multiple intermediate stations
- The resulting PDU is transferred as a whole

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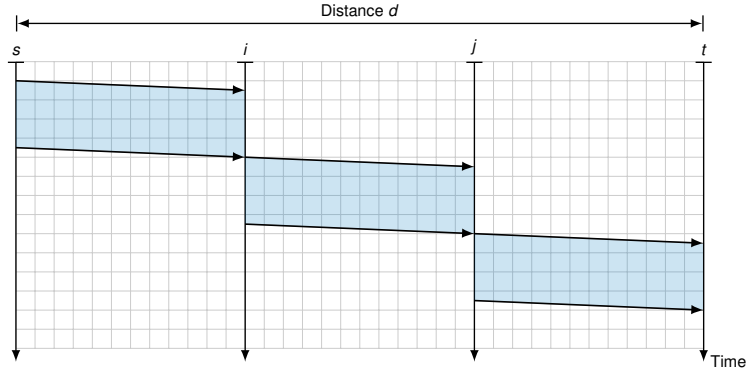
- Possibility for asynchronous communication, i. e. messages may be sent to a destination that is currently unable to receive messages
- Possible time savings since there is no more connection setup and teardown

Analogy: Parcel service providers

- Sender packs goods and provides the package with address information (header)
- The addresses uniquely identify sender and recipient worldwide and have a logical structure that allows efficient assignment in the postal transport network
- If the recipient can not receive the package, it is kept at the postal office

Transmission delay when using message switching

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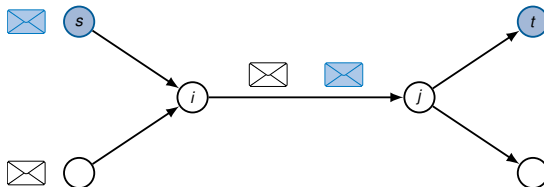


$$T_{MS} = (n + 1) \cdot t_s + t_p = (n + 1) \cdot \frac{L_H + L}{r} + \frac{d}{\nu c_0}$$

Message switching

Multiplexing on message level

- The elimination of fixed paths enables the joint use of partial routes
- This corresponds to dynamic **time multiplex** (Time Division Multiplex, TDM)



Advantages:

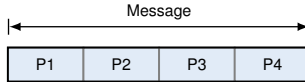
- Flexible time-based multiplexing of messages
- Better utilization of the channel capacity
- No delay due to prior connection setup

Disadvantages:

- Messages must be buffered at i if (i,j) is in use
- Loss of messages due to limited buffer capacity possible (congestion → Chapter 4)
- A message must be serialized multiple times

Difference with respect to message switching:

- Messages are no longer transmitted as a whole but divided into smaller units, the data parts of packets:



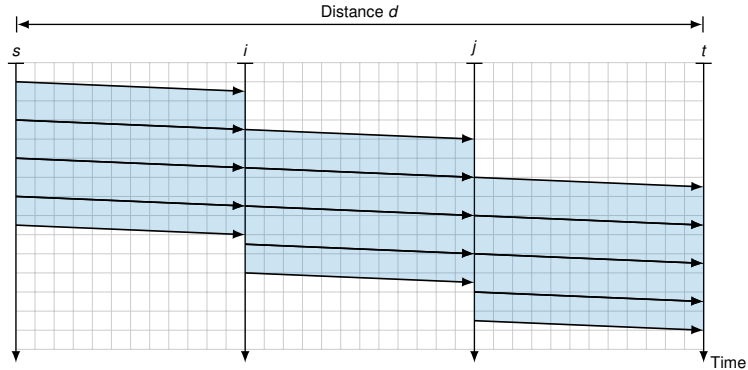
- Each packet is provided with its own header, which contains all the information for forwarding and also for reassembly, if necessary:



- Packets are **routed independently** from each other, i. e. packets belonging to the same message may be routed over different paths from source to destination – and may thus also arrive out of order.
- In general, individual packets do not have to be of equal size, but there are requirements for maximum packet size accompanied by a payload of maximum length $p_{\max}$.

Transmission time when using packet switching

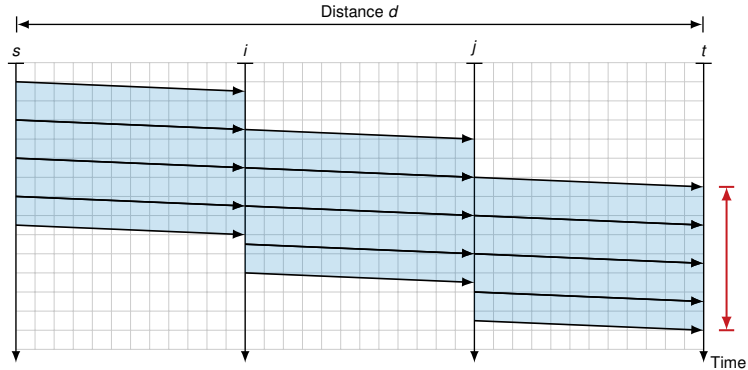
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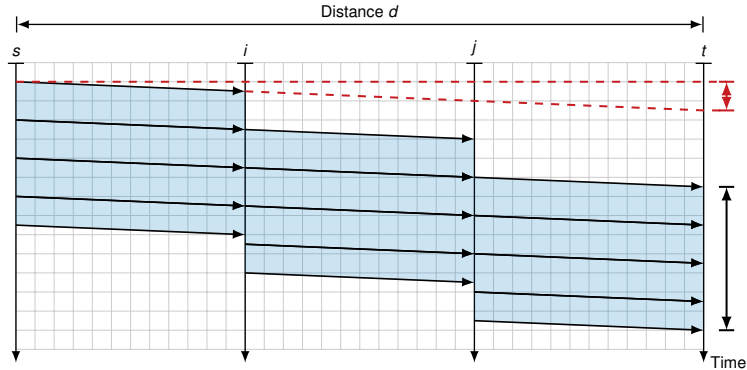
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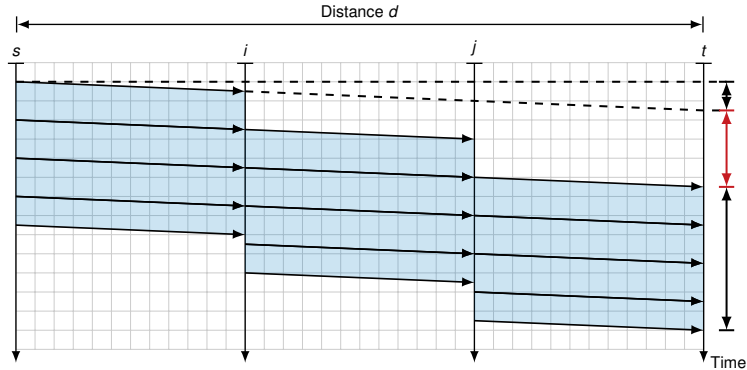
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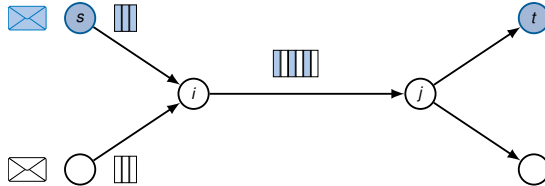
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Multiplexing on packet level

- By switching small packets instead of long messages, bottlenecks are used more fairly
- If packets are lost, only parts of a larger message need to be repeated



Advantages:

- Flexible time-based multiplex of individual packets
- Buffering of packets instead of whole messages

Disadvantages:

- Packet loss due to limited buffer capacity still possible
- Every packet requires its own header (overhead)
- Destination must reassemble the message

Comparison of all three switching modes

$$\text{Circuit switching: } T_{CS} = \frac{L}{r} + 4 \frac{d}{\nu c_0}$$

$$\text{Message switching: } T_{MS} = (n+1) \frac{L_h + L}{r} + \frac{d}{\nu c_0}$$

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Example:

- Distance $d = 1000$ km between source and destination
- Assuming fiber links with relative propagation $\nu = 0.7$
- There are $n = 2$ intermediate nodes
- The data rate is $r = 777$ kbit/s on all segments
- The message to be transmitted has length $L = 5$ MiB
- The maximum payload size of packets is $p_{\max} = 1480$ B
- The header per message or packet is $L_h = 20$ B

Then we obtain the following results: $T_{CS} \approx 54$ s, $T_{MS} \approx 162$ s, and $T_{PS} \approx 55$ s.

Packet switching

Where are these switching modes used?

Circuit switching:

- Analog telephone systems (POTS)
- Internet dial-up (“last mile”)
- Site-to-site networks of companies
- **Virtual circuits** in different types of provider-operated networks (Frame Relay, ATM, MPLS, ...)

Message switching:

- No practical use on layers 2 and 3
- But: message switching exists from the perspective of higher layers, e.g. message-based transport protocols based on UDP or application layer protocols such as SMTP (Simple Mail Transfer Protocol)

Packet switching:

- Prevalent in most modern communication networks
- Almost replaced dedicated telephone connections (including mobile communication)
- Digital radio and TV
- Many peripheral interfaces in computers (e.g. PCI, USB, Thunderbolt, etc.)

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Addressing on layer 3

- Internet Protocol version 4 (IPv4) [14]

- Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6)

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Addressing on layer 3

The data link layer (layer 2) offers

- more or less fair media access by multiple hosts,
- a “sufficiently” good protection from transmission errors, and
- addressing within a local area network.

The network layer (layer 3) supplements this by

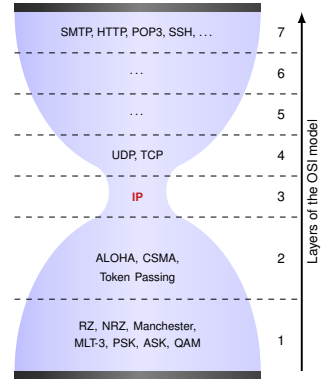
- globally unique addressing [and](#) structured / logical addressing as well as
- procedures to determine (near) optimal paths.

We limit the discussion in this section to

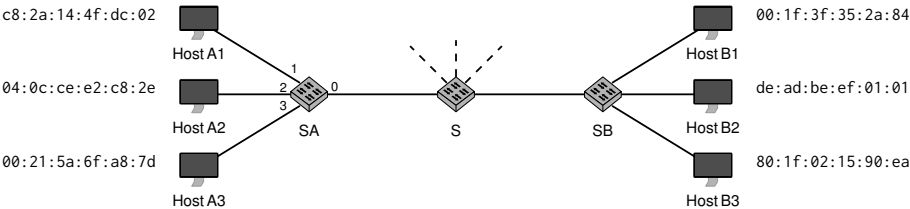
- [IPv4 \(Internet Protocol v4, 1981\)](#) and
- its successor [IPv6 \(1998\)](#).

Examples for alternative protocols on the network layer are the (meanwhile obsolete) protocols

- [IPX \(Internetwork Packet Exchange, 1990\)](#),
- [DECnet Phase 5 \(1987\)](#), and
- [AppleTalk \(1983\)](#).



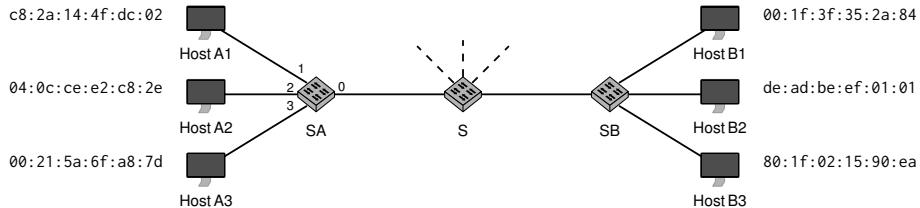
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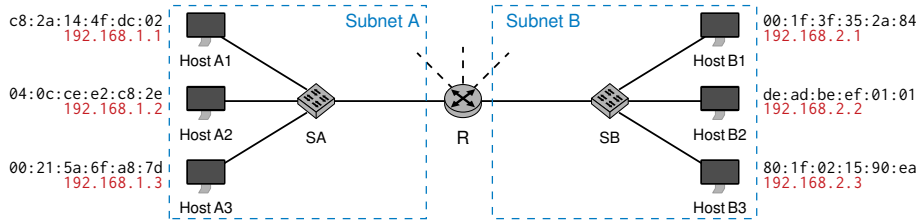
- Exactly one for each known host
- Most of those addresses are mapped to port 0.
- A summary of entries is in general not possible since MAC addresses do not reflect the location of a node within the network.

Port	MAC
0	00:1f:3f:35:2a:84
0	de:ad:be:ef:01:01
0	80:1f:02:15:90:ea
1	c8:2a:14:4f:dc:02
2	04:0c:ce:e2:c8:2e
3	00:21:5a:6f:a8:7d
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⇒ It seems reasonable to abstract from physical addresses

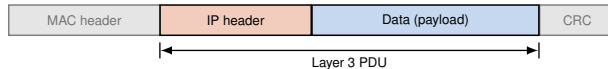
Internet Protocol version 4 (IPv4) [14]

We consider the example network with one router (R) in between the two local area networks:



- One **IP address** is assigned to each host.
- Each IP address is represented by four Bytes as decimal number separated by dots (“dotted decimal notation”).
- In this example, the 4th octet identifies a host within a specific network.
- The first three octets identify the network itself wherein a host is located.
- The router R makes forwarding decisions based on the destination IP address.

⇒ Every packet must contain a source and destination IP address in its header:



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Version

- Differentiates between IPv4 and IPv6 in case we know that it is IP at all.
- Valid values are 4 (IPv4) and 6 (IPv6).

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IHL (IP header length)

- Specifies the length of the IP header including all options in multiples of 32 bit.
- Important since the IPv4 header may have variable length due to options.

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TOS (type of service)

- Used to classify and prioritize packets, e.g. to give precedence to real time transfers such as voice data.
- Possibility of congestion control on layer 3 ([Explicit Congestion Notification](#)).

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Total length

- Identifies the total length of the packet (header + payload) in Bytes.
- The maximal length of an IP packet is therefore limited to 65 535 B.
- The source may adapt the size if needed to avoid fragmentation.
- The maximum packet length such that no fragmentation is needed on the current link is known as [Maximum Transmission Unit \(MTU\)](#). It depends on layers 2/1 and is 1500 B for Ethernet (without support for “jumbo frames”).

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Identification

- Randomly chosen 16 bit value for each packet.
- Used to identify fragments belonging to the same packet.

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Flags

- Bit 16: reserved and set to 0.
- Bit 17: **don't fragment (DF)**. If set to 1, the packet must not be fragmented.
- Bit 18: **more fragments (MF)**. Specifies whether further fragments follow (1) or whether this packet is the last fragment (0). If a packet was not fragmented, the value is also set to 0.

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Fragment offset

- Specifies the absolute position of data contained in this fragment with respect to the original packet in multiples of 8 B.
- Together with the identifier and the MF bit, this allows to reassemble fragments in the correct order.

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TTL (Time to live)

- If a router forwards an IP packet, the TTL is decremented by 1.
- When the TTL reaches 0, the router drops the packet and sends an error message to the source node (ICMP Time Exceeded in Transit → more on that later).
- This allows to limit the path length in the internet and prevents packets from circulating infinitely due to [routing loops](#).

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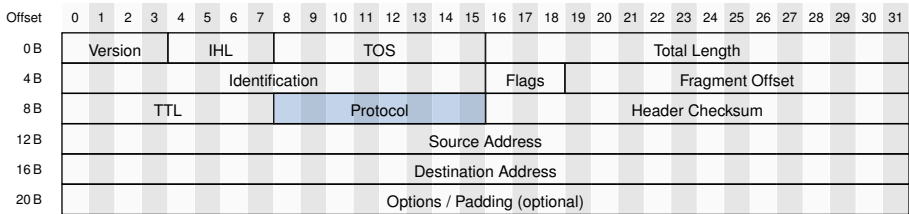


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Protocol

- Identifies the protocol on layer 4 that is used in the packet's payload.
- Among others, important for the operating system to assign received packets to the correct protocol stack.
- Valid values are, for instance, $0x06$ (TCP) and $0x11$ (UDP).
- cmp. Ethertype, which identifies the protocol used in the payload of a frame.

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Header Checksum

- Simple checksum optimized for efficient calculation that protects only the IP header (without data).
- The checksum is designed such that decrementing the TTL field corresponds to a decrement of the checksum. Therefore, it is not necessary to re-calculate the checksum when packets are forwarded.
- The checksum is only for error detection, not correction.

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- IP address of the source node.

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Destination Address

- IP address of the destination node.

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20B	Options / Padding (optional)																															

Figure 1: IPv4 header (minimal length: 20 B)

Options / padding

- IPv4 supports different options, e.g. timestamps, route recording, . . . , which are appended as optional fields to the IP header.
- Not all of these options are 4 B long. Since the length of the IP header must be a multiple of 4 B, options of different size must potentially be padded to the next larger valid length.

Remark regarding host byte order and network byte order

There are two different byte orders:

1. Big endian: “lowest order byte is located at the highest address”
Intuitive order in memory, e. g. the decimal number 256 in hexadecimal writing as `0x0100`.
2. Little endian: “lowest order byte is located at the lowest address”
Counterintuitive since data in memory is laid out “the wrong way”, e. g. the decimal number 256 in hexadecimal writing as `0x0001`.

Networking protocols need to allow for communication between hosts using different byte orders. Therefore, the **network byte order** is defined, which is big endian.

Most computers today, however, internally use little endian as “host byte order”. Therefore, all multi-byte values (commonly 16 bit, 32 bit, and 64 bit values) must be converted into network byte order and back to host byte order at the destination.

Network byte order

Before transmitting, data must be converted from **host byte order** to **network byte order**, and vice versa when receiving data. In case the host byte order is the same as the network byte order, the corresponding functions are translated to a NoOp by compilers.

Note: IEEE 802.11 is defined as little endian (thanks for nothing!).

Converting from host byte order to network byte order

- This applies to fields such as total length, identification, flags + fragment offset, and header checksum from the IP header (all multi-octet values).
- Single-octet values are not affected.

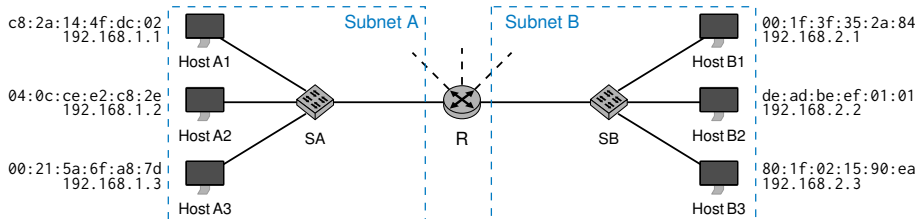
In C, the conversion between 16 B values is done using the macros `htons()` and `ntohs`, respectively:

- `htons(0x0001) = 0x0100` “host to network short”
- `ntohs(0x0100) = 0x0001` “network to host short”

There are similar macros `htonl()` and `ntohl()` for 32 bit values (“l” the data type long).

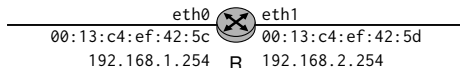
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Back to our example network:

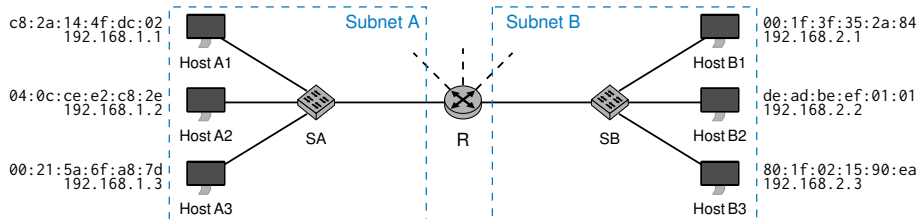


- Within subnet A all hosts can be reached directly by using SA.
- When A1 wants to send a packet to B2, the packet must be routed:
 - Forwarding the packet is done by R **based on IP addresses**
 - A1 has to make sure that R receives the packet
 - It therefore uses the MAC address of R's left-hand interface as destination MAC address in the Ethernet frame containing the packet, and the IP address of B2 as destination address in the IP header.

⇒ R must be addressable and therefore has different MAC and IP addresses on both interfaces:



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Open questions:

- Assume that the sender only knows the IP address of the destination.
How can the MAC address of the next hop be determined? ([address resolution](#))
- How does A1 know that it can reach subnet B via R? ([routing table](#))
- Assume that the destination of a packet is not in a network directly connected to R. How does R know the correct direction? (More precisely: the correct next hop?) ([routing table](#))
- How is this routing table populated? ([static routing](#), [routing protocols](#))
- What happens if R knows about multiple paths to the destination? ([longest prefix matching](#))
- How does the separation of an IP address into network and host part work? ([classful routing](#), [classless routing](#), [subnetting](#))
- How does the sender even know the IP address of the target? ([DNS](#) → [layer 7](#))

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Address resolution [15]

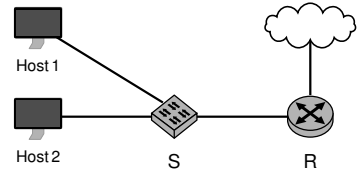
- Host 1 wants to send a packet to Host 2
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c8:2a:14:4f:dc:02

192.168.1.1

04:0c:ce:e2:c8:2e

192.168.1.2



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Address resolution [15]

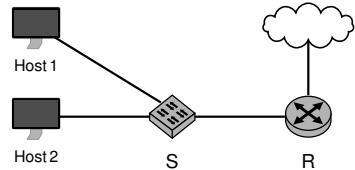
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Address Resolution Protocol (ARP)

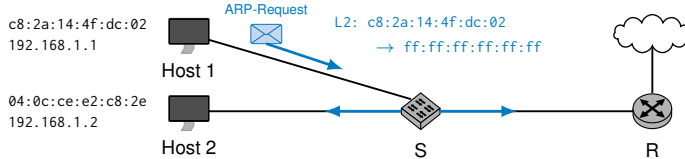
1. Host 1 sends an ARP request: "Who has 192.168.1.2? Tell 192.168.1.1 at c8:2a:14:4f:dc:02"
2. Host 2 answers with an ARP reply: "192.168.1.2 is at 04:0c:ce:e2:c8:2e"

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0 B	Hardware Type															Protocol Type																
4 B	Hardware Addr. Length								Protocol Addr. Length								Operation															
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Figure 2: ARP packet (note that it is not specific to Ethernet)

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Example: (L2: xx:xx:xx:xx:xx:xx → yy:yy:yy:yy:yy:yy represents source and destination MAC addresses)

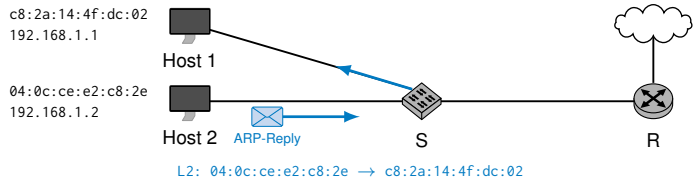


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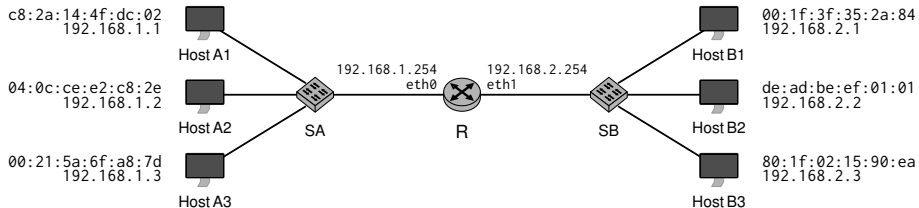
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- The ARP request is directed to the broadcast address ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff, which is why the switch forwards it on all outbound ports.
- The ARP reply is usually sent as unicast to the requesting host.
- The roles sender/target are swapped between request and reply (cmp. content of the green and orange fields)

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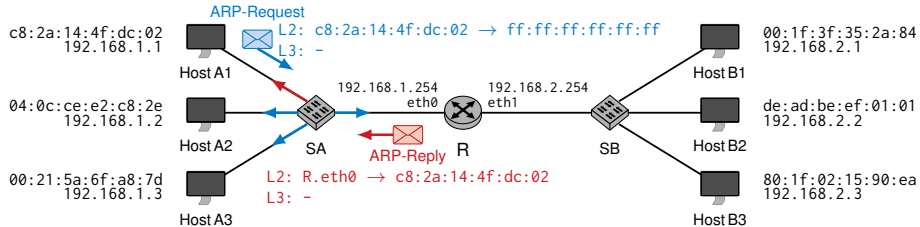


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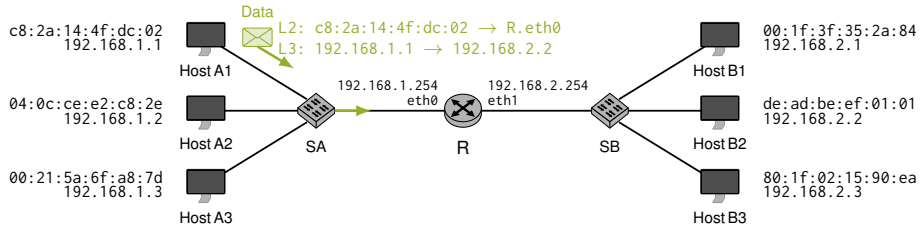


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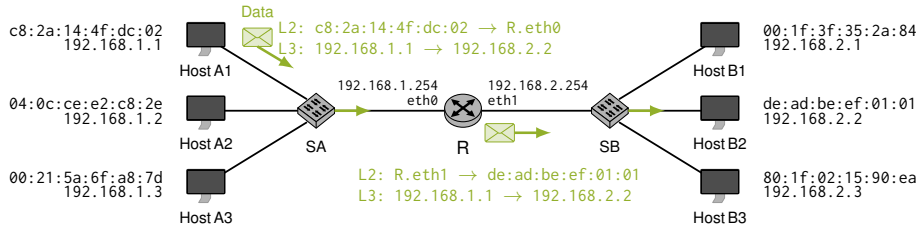


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Note

- MAC addresses are used to address the next hop **within** a local area network and change from hop to hop.
- IP addresses are used to determine whether the destination is within the same local area network and to address the destination. They do not change from hop to hop.

Remarks

- The result of an address resolution is cached in the **ARP table** of a node to avoid having to perform address resolution again for each packet to be sent.
- Entries in the ARP table age and are purged by the operating system after some time (5 min to 10 min).
- The content of the ARP table can be displayed under Linux, macOS, and Windows with the command `arp -a`.
- ARP replies may also be sent as broadcast such that all hosts within a broadcast domain receive the reply (“unsolicited ARP reply”).

Questions: What would happen if ...

- two hosts within the same broadcast domain have identical MAC addresses but different IPs?
- one host deliberately answers ARP requests not destined for him?
- one host sends ARP replies as broadcast with random MAC address?

Summary: How does a host or router behave when it should send an IPv4 packet, given its destination IP address?

1. Determine the IP address of the next hop
 - Destination IP address is not in the local network: IPv4 address of the next gateway
→ [default gateway](#) for hosts or [next hop](#) (see static and dynamic routing)
 - Destination IP address is in the local network: Destination IP
2. Resolve the MAC address that belongs to the next hops IP address
Perform a lookup in the local ARP table
 - hit: use the MAC address from the table
 - miss: send an ARP request to the broadcast address `ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff` and use the MAC address contained in the ARP reply
3. Create a data frame with
 - the outgoing interfaces MAC address as source,
 - the next hops mac address as destination ([hop to hop](#)),
 - the EtherType for IPv4 (`0x0800`) and
 - the IPv4 packet as payload.

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Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP) [16]

While forwarding a packet from source to destination, there may occur errors, e. g.

- a packet gets into a routing loop,
- a router does not have a valid route to the destination,
- the last router cannot resolve the MAC address of the destination (e. g. the destination is shut down) . . .

The [Internet Control Message Protocol \(ICMP\)](#) is used to

- inform the source about such problems and
- offers methods to
 - check whether the destination is reachable ([ping](#)) or
 - to re-route packets ([redirect](#)).

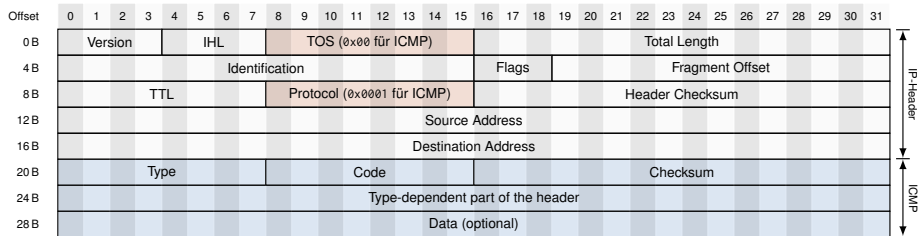


Figure 3: Generic ICMP header with prepended IP header

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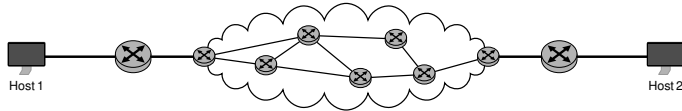
Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP) [16] – ICMP Echo Request / Echo Reply

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Type = 0x08								Code = 0x00								Checksum															
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Data (optional)																															

(a) ICMP Echo Request

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Type = 0x00									Code = 0x00									Checksum													
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(b) ICMP Echo Reply



„Ping“ from Host 1 to 2:

- Host 1 chooses a random identifier (16 bit), the sequence number is incremented by 1 per echo request.
- The echo request is forwarded by routers just like any other packet.
- When Host 2 receives the echo request, it answers with an echo reply. The identifier, sequence number, and data from the request is thereby copied and sent back to Host 1.
- If forwarding the request to Host 2 fails, an ICMP packet with a corresponding error code is sent back to Host 1.

Question: What is the identifier used for?

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Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP) [16] – ICMP Time Exceeded

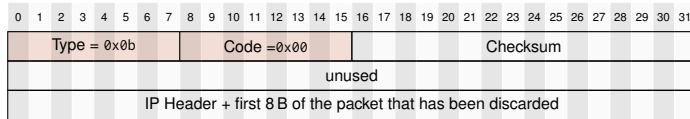
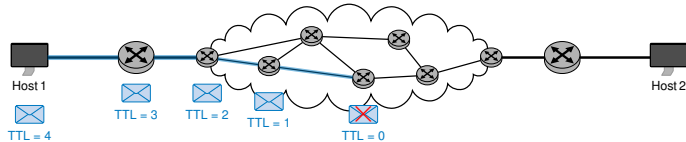


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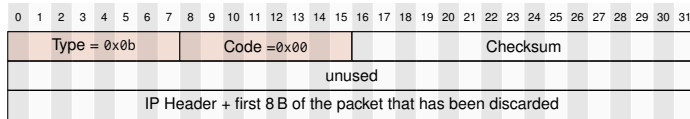
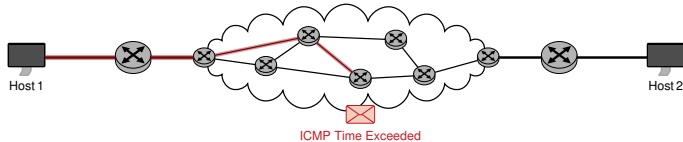


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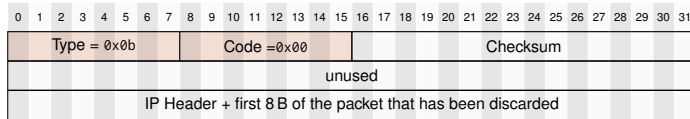
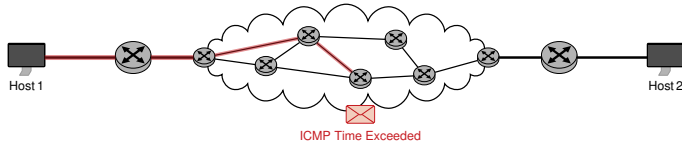


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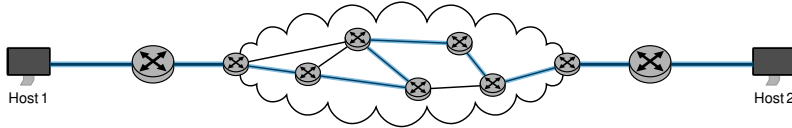
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Since the header and the first 8 B of the dropped packet's payload are returned to the sender, the sender can determine exactly which packet was dropped.

Question: What information is contained in these first 8 B if the dropped packet was an ICMP echo request?

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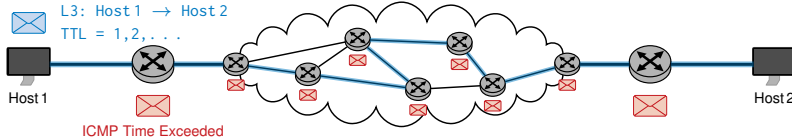
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Traceroute: Host 1 sends e.g. ICMP Echo Requests to Host 2

- where the TTL is set to 1 in the beginning and
- afterwards increased step by step.

⇒ Routers along the path from Host 1 to Host 2 will drop packets and answer with TTL Exceeded messages. Based on the IP source addresses of those error messages Host 1 can trace the path to Host 2.

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Example:

```
moepi$ traceroute -n www.net.in.tum.de
traceroute to www.net.in.tum.de (131.159.15.49), 64 hops max, 52 byte packets
 1  192.168.1.1    2.570 ms  1.808 ms  2.396 ms
 2  82.135.16.28   15.036 ms 14.359 ms 13.760 ms
 3  212.18.7.189   14.118 ms 13.801 ms 13.845 ms
 4  82.135.16.102  20.062 ms 20.137 ms 20.251 ms
 5  80.81.192.222  22.707 ms 23.049 ms 23.215 ms
 6  188.1.144.142  31.068 ms 36.542 ms 30.823 ms
 7  188.1.37.90    30.815 ms 30.671 ms 30.808 ms
 8  129.187.0.150  30.272 ms 30.602 ms 30.845 ms
 9  131.159.252.1  30.885 ms 30.551 ms 30.992 ms
10  131.159.252.150 30.886 ms 30.955 ms 30.621 ms
11  131.159.252.150 30.578 ms 30.699 ms *
```

Questions and open problems:

- Routers usually have multiple IP addresses. Which IP is used as source for error messages? Is always the same address used?
- What if there are actually multiple paths or path sections in use at the same time?
- Are routers required at all to send error messages?
- Assume the path from $A \rightarrow B$ is symmetric. Why will the outputs of traceroute still differ?

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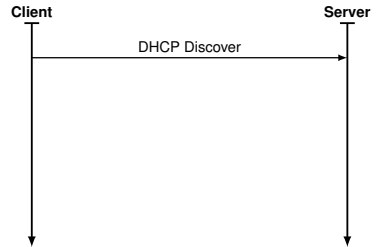
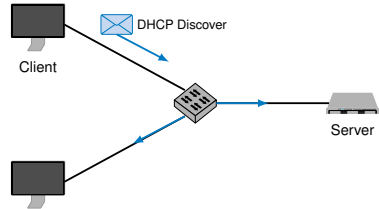
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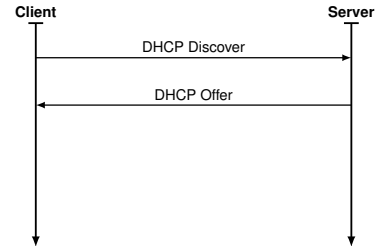
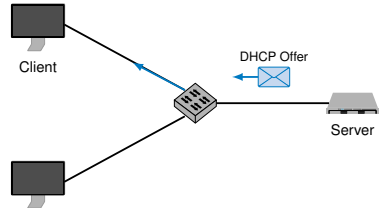
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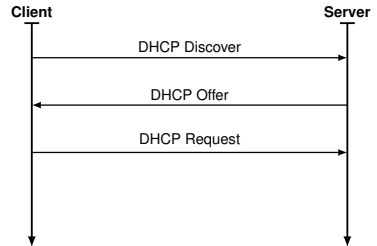
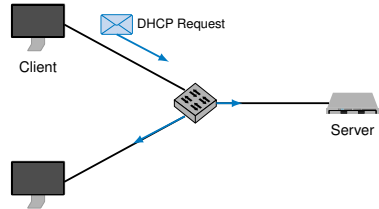
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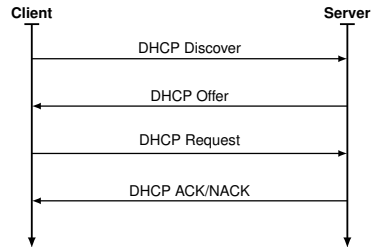
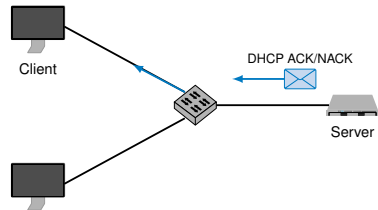
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Remarks

- The address assigned by a DHCP server is called **lease** and its validity is limited in time.
- Clients renew their leases in regular intervals.
- Especially in smaller (private) networks, a router often takes over the role of the DHCP server.
- Together with the lease (containing IP and subnet mask), DHCP servers may deliver additional options:
 - DNS resolver for name resolution (→ Chapter 5)
 - Hostname and domain suffix (→ Chapter 5)
 - Static routes, in particular a default gateway
 - Maximum Transmission Unit
 - NTP server for time synchronisation
 - ...
- For redundancy reasons, sometimes multiple DHCP servers are used per network, where
 - the address ranges of the two servers must not overlap or
 - additional mechanisms for synchronizing the address pools are necessary.
- A DHCP server accidentally introduced into the network (e. g. by a carelessly connected router or access point) can have a significant impact on the network and is often difficult to find:
 - Once there was such a rogue DHCP server in the network of some chair, which could not be found despite intensive search.
 - Via the MAC addresses of the DHCP messages coming by the rogue server, it turned out in the end that it was a **Nokia smartphone** on WiFi!
 - The number of suspects had thus been greatly reduced (;

Internet Protocol version 4 (IPv4) [14]

Address classes (classful routing)

At the beginning of the chapter we had described in an example that

- the first three octets of an IP address identify the network and
- the fourth octet addresses hosts within a network.

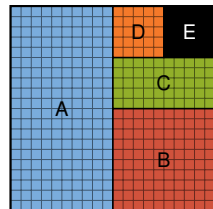
This separation was an example, corresponding to address class C. Historically, the IP address space is divided into the following five **classes**:

Class	1st octed	First address	Last address	Net / host portion	Number of networks	Addresses per network
A	0xxxxxxx	0.0.0.0	127.255.255.255	N.H.H.H	$2^7 = 128$	$2^{24} = 16777216$
B	10xxxxxx	128.0.0.0	191.255.255.255	N.N.H.H	$2^{14} = 16384$	$2^{16} = 65536$
C	110xxxxx	192.0.0.0	223.255.255.255	N.N.N.H	$2^{21} = 2097152$	$2^8 = 256$
D	1110xxxx	224.0.0.0	239.255.255.255	<i>reserved for multicast</i>		
E	1111xxxx	240.0.0.0	255.255.255.255	<i>reserved</i>		

Graphical representation:

- IP address space as square
- Colored areas mark the five address classes
- The individual class A networks indicated by the grid

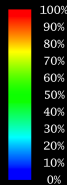
→ The next slides show the actual **distribution and utilization** of the address space [2] (same color coding).



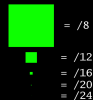


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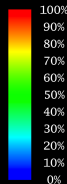
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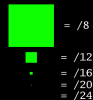


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Address space wastage

- When IPv4 was introduced in 1981, it was not imagined that $\sim 2^{32}$ addresses divided into classes A, B and C would not be sufficient.
- Large address blocks were given to companies, government agencies and educational institutions, e. g. entire Class A networks to HP, IBM, AT&T, Apple, MIT, General Electric, US Army, ...

Consequence

- Inefficient allocation and use of address space
- Very large networks $\Rightarrow$ further subdivision of networks into [subnets](#) necessary

Situation today

- Allocation of the last IPv4 address block on Feb. 3, 2011 by the [IANA](#)³ to one of the five [Regional Internet Registries \(RIRs\)](#), the [APNIC](#)⁴
- Available IPv4 address space is used up today

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Broadcast address	11000000 . 10101000 . 00000000 . 11111111	192.168.0.255

- Network address: 192.168.0.0
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- 24 bit network portion, 8 bit host portion $\Rightarrow 2^8 = 256$ addresses
- Usable addresses for hosts: $2^8 - 2 = 254$

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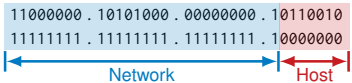
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- Network address: 192.168.0.128
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- 25 bit Network portion, 7 bit host portion $\Rightarrow 2^7 = 128$ addresses
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- 26 bit network portion, 6 bit host portion $\Rightarrow 2^6 = 64$ addresses
- Useable addresses for hosts: $2^6 - 2 = 62$

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Internet Protocol version 4 (IPv4) [14]

Supernetting

The same principle also works in the other direction:

- Combination of several **contiguous** smaller networks into one larger network
- Often used by routers to reduce the number of entries in the routing table

Example:

IP address	11000000 . 10101000 . 00000000 . 10110010	192.168.0.178
Subnet mask	11111111 . 11111111 . 11111110 . 00000000	255.255.254.0
Network address	11000000 . 10101000 . 00000000 . 00000000	192.168.0.0
Broadcast address	11000000 . 10101000 . 00000001 . 11111111	192.168.1.255

- Network address: 192.168.0.0
- Broadcast address: 192.168.1.255
- 23 bit Network portion, 9 bit host portion $\Rightarrow 2^9 = 512$ addresses
- Useable addresses for hosts: $2^9 - 2 = 510$

Prefix notation: Instead of writing out the subnet mask, often only the length of the network portion (number of leading ones in the subnet mask) is specified, e. g. 192.168.0.0/23.

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Answer: No, there is no valid subnet mask:

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- 192.168.2.0/23 contains the networks 192.168.{2,3}.0/24
- 192.168.1.0/23 is **not a valid** network address since logical AND of 192.168.1.0 with the subnet mask 255.255.254.0 yields 192.168.0.0 as network address! $\Rightarrow$ 192.168.1.0 is a host address in 192.168.0.0/23.

Binary representation:

- Subnet mask must have a prefix length of 23 bit:

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Network 2	11000000 . 10101000 . 00000010 . 00000000	192.168.2.0
Subnet mask	11111111 . 11111111 . 11111110 . 00000000	255.255.254.0

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Network 4	11000000 . 10101000 . 00000111 . 00000000	192.168.7.0
Subnet mask	11111111 . 11111111 . 11111100 . 00000000	255.255.252.0

- Results of the logical AND of the subnet mask with all network addresses are the same.

Internet Protocol version 4 (IPv4) [14]

Special address ranges

Some address ranges are reserved for special applications:

1. 0.0.0.0/8: hosts in this network / unspecified address
 - Used e. g. as source address with DHCP, if a client does not yet have an IP address.
 - Server applications expect incoming connections on address 0.0.0.0, which means “any address that is available”.
 - Other addresses within this range may be used as destination addresses for specific hosts within the local network.
 - Addresses from this range are generally not routed.
2. 127.0.0.0/8: “loopback addresses”
 - Addresses in this range identify the local host, e. g. 127.0.0.1.
 - These addresses are generally not routed.
 - Packets with this destination address would never physically be sent but looped back before transmission.
3. 10.0.0.0/8, 172.16.0.0/12, 192.168.0.0/16: private address ranges
 - May be used within local networks without registration by IANA.
 - May be routed between private networks.
 - Multiple allocation in separated private networks possible.
 - Must not be routed into public networks.
4. 169.254.0.0/16: Automatic Private IP Addressing (APIPA)
 - Used for self-assigned IP addresses.
 - Same rules for routing as for private address ranges apply.
5. 255.255.255.255/32: global broadcast
 - Identifies in principle [all](#) hosts.
 - Never routed.

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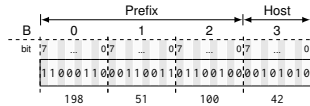
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- Simplification of the header format to allow for more efficient processing at routers
- Changes to IP fragmentation
- More flexibility by introducing [extension headers](#) while still streamlining the header format
- [Stateless Address Autoconfiguration \(SLAAC\)](#) using ICMPv6
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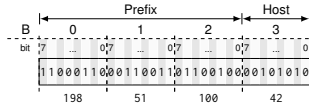


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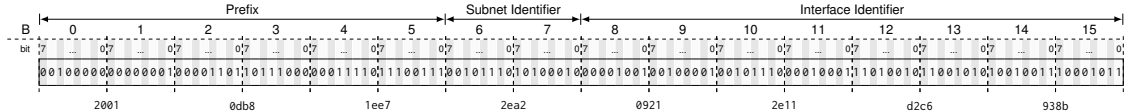
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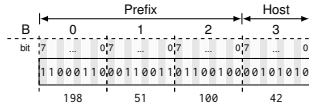
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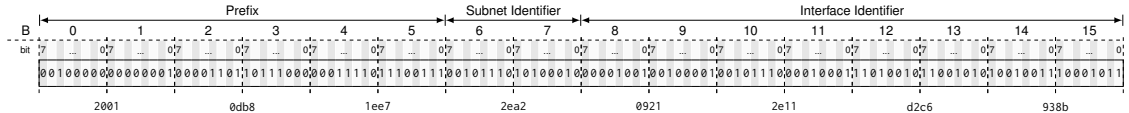
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Note:

- Please do not confuse IPv6 addresses with MAC addresses just because both are notated in hexadecimal.
- The prefix, which is also present in IPv4 notation, is different from the subnet identifier of IPv6.

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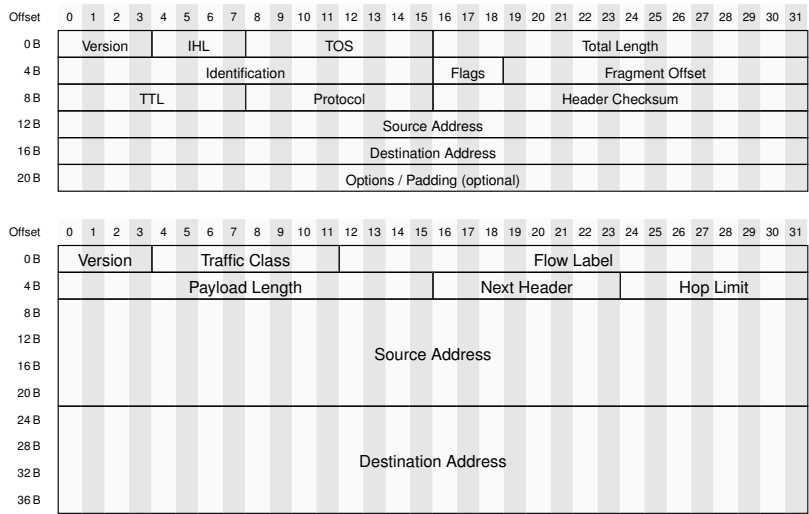


Figure 5: IPv4 header (top) and IPv6 header (bottom) in comparison

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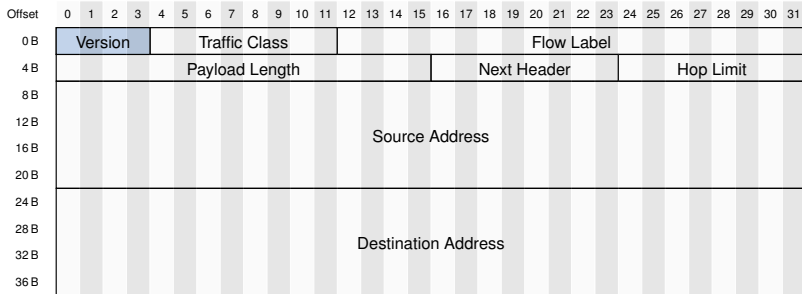


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- Specifies the used IP version.
- Valid values are 4 (IPv4) and 6 (IPv6).

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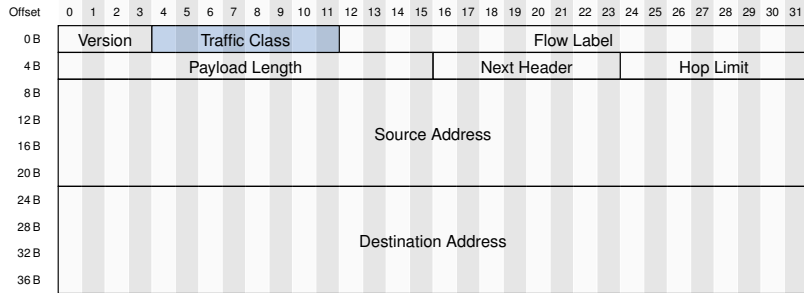


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Traffic Class

- Equivalent to the TOS field of the IPv4 header.
- Used for quality of service (QoS, traffic prioritization)

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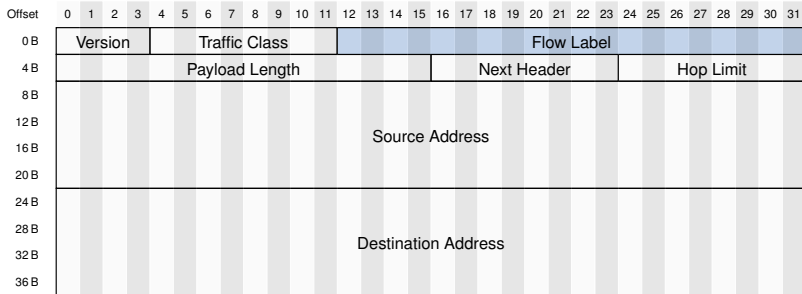


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Flow Label

- Originally intended for real-time applications.
- Primarily used by routers today to detect merging packets (**flows**) at layer 3.
- Packets going to the same flow should be treated the same way if necessary, e.g. in case of multiple possible paths to the destination they should all be routed over the same path.

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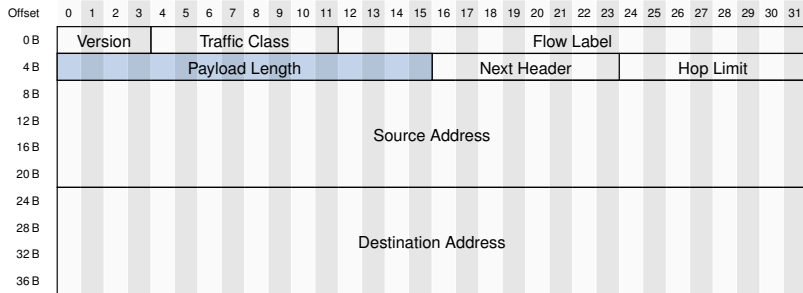


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Payload Length

- Specifies the length of the data following the IPv6 header (including the extension header, more about this in a moment).
- Specified in multiples of 1 B.
- The IPv6 header including its extension header must always be a multiple of 8 B.

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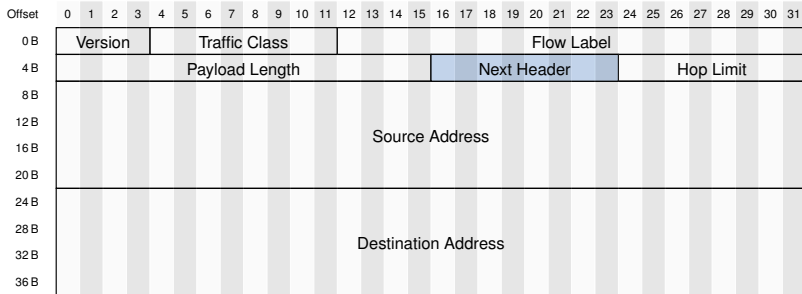


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Next Header

- Specifies the type of the next header that follows the end of the IPv6 header.
- This can be either an L4 header (e.g. TCP or UDP), an ICMPv6 header, or a so-called [IPv6 Extension Header](#) (more about this in a moment).

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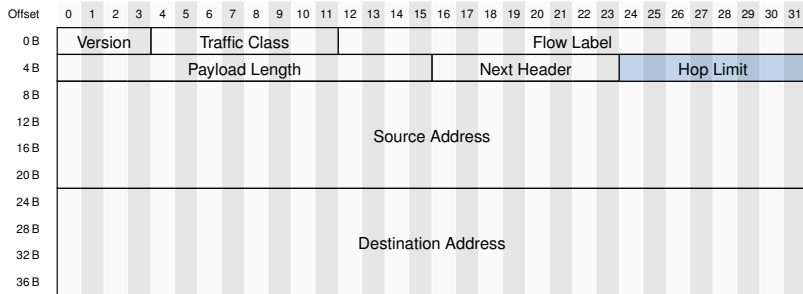


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Hop Limit

- Corresponds to the TTL field of the IPv4 header.
- Decrement by 1 each time a packet is forwarded by a router.
- If the value reaches 0, the packet is dropped and an ICMPv6 Time Exceeded is returned to the original sender of the packet.

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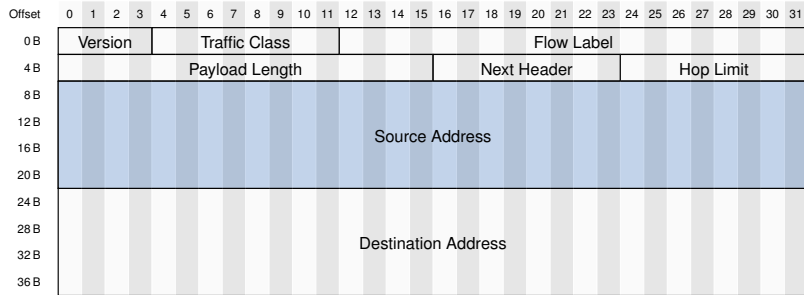


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Source Address

- 128 bit long IPv6 source address.

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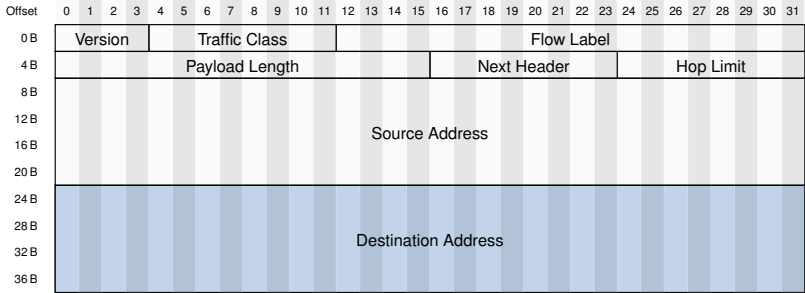


Figure 6: IPv6-Header (minimale Länge: 40 B, vgl. 20 B bei IPv4)

Destination Address

- 128 bit long IPv6 destination address.

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Header Format – Extension Header

IPv6 Extension Header [7]

- Extension headers allow to add additional layer 3 information in an IPv6 packet.
- The Next Header field indicates the next extension header or the L4 protocol.
- The Next Header fields of the IPv6 packet or the Extension Header form a chain, e.g.
 - IPv6 Header, Next Header: Routing
 - Routing Header, Next Header: Fragment
 - Fragment Header, Next Header: TCP
 - TCP Payload
- The format depends on the header.
- With the exception of the [Hop-by-Hop Options Header](#), extension headers are evaluated only by the receiver.
 - Unknown extension headers cannot be processed by the receiver
 - → Packet is discarded with ICMP error message

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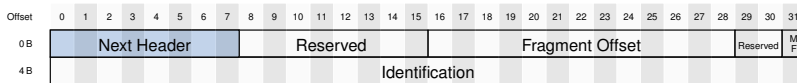


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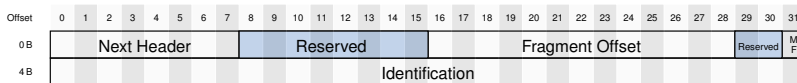


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- Currently has no use with the Fragmentation Header.
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Fragment Offset

- Offset of the fragmented L3 SDU in multiples of 8 B.
- With IPv6, the fragmentation *exclusively* takes place at the sender.
Question: How does the transmitter know the MTU on the path from itself to the target?
- With IPv4, packets can also be fragmented by routers if necessary, unless explicitly forbidden by the DF bit.
Question: Can fragments be fragmented again?

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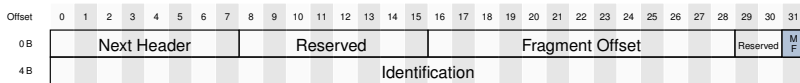


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More Fragments (MF)

- Indicates whether the current packet is followed by more fragments or whether it is the last fragment (according to the fragment offset).

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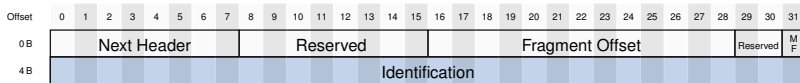


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Identification

- 32 bit long value, randomly chosen by the sender, which identifies all fragments to be reassembled into an L3 SDU.

Question: Why is the flow label of the IPv6 header not used?

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IPv6 addresses for special use [4]

::1 / 128 – Loopback Address

- Addresses the local host, i.e. packets with this destination address do not even leave the local computer, but are immediately redelivered via the so-called **loopback interface** (cf. 127.0.0.1 for IPv4).
- Are not routed.

:: / 128 – non-specified Address

- Analog to 0.0.0.0 for IPv4.
- Will not be routed.

fe80:: / 10 – Link-Local Addresses

- Each IPv6 interface requires a link local address.
- The link local address is generated from the interface identifier.
- Is only valid within the local link and is therefore not routed.

fc00:: / 7 – Unique-Local Unicast Addresses

- Addresses that are only intended for local communication (e.g. within a company network).
- May be routed like private IPv4 addresses locally but not on the Internet.

ff00:: / 8 – Multicast Addresses

- Addresses that address a specific group of hosts (more on this in a moment).
- Are routed.

(almost) all the rest – Global addresses

- Globally unique addresses intended for use in public networks.
- Are routed.

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IPv6-Multicast

We distinguish the following four addressing types on layer 3/2:

1. Unicast

- Packets (frames) addressed to a single destination.
- All other nodes in the network discard such packets (frames) or merely forward them to the destination.

2. Broadcast

- Packets (frames) addressed to all stations in the network.
- Addressing is done by means of special broadcast addresses.
- At layer 3, broadcasts are mostly limited to the local network segment (cf. broadcast domain).

3. Multicast

- Packets (frames) addressed to a specific group of nodes.
- Addressing is done by means of special multicast addresses.
- At layer 2, multicasts from switches are often treated like broadcasts.
- At layer 3, there are special protocols¹, which enable multicast addressing even beyond the local network segment.

4. Anycast²

- Packets addressed to any station of a certain group.
- Example: The most important name servers (→ Chapter 5).

¹ Protocol Independent Multicast (PIM) that enable the routing of multicast packets for both IPv4 and IPv6. Details are the content of further lectures

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IPv6-Multicast

Multicast is an elementary component of IPv6. The following addresses or prefixes are therefore reserved for specific multicast groups:

`ff02::1` – All Nodes

- Addresses all nodes on the local link.

`ff02::2` – All Routers

- Addresses all routers on the local link.

`ff02::1:2` – All DHCP-Agents

- Addresses all DHCP servers on the local link.

`ff02::1:ff00:0/104` – Solicited-Node Address

- The solicited-node address is used in the [Neighbor Discovery Protocol](#) (more on this in a moment), which is used for address resolution, among other things.
- The solicited node address to an IPv6 address is generated from the `ff02::1:ff00:0/104` and the last 24 bit of the original IPv6 address.
- The Solicited-Node Address for `2001:0db8:1ee7:2ea2:0921:2e11:d2c6:938b` therefore is `ff02::1:ffc6:938b`.
- IPv6 multicasts are also sent at layer 2 using multicast addresses.
 - Switches must forward multicast frames only to the ports to which a member of the corresponding multicast group is connected.
 - In large L2 networks, unnecessary broadcasts can thus be avoided.
 - Nodes for which a message is not of interest will therefore not receive it in the first place.

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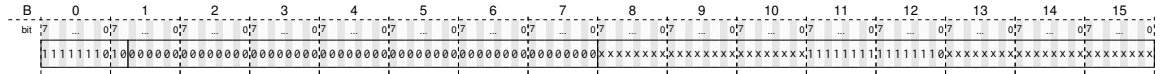
RFC 7042, Section 2.3.1:

“(Historical note: It was the custom during IPv6 design to use ‘3’ for unknown or example values, and 3333 Coyote Hill Road, Palo Alto, California, is the address of PARC (Palo Alto Research Center, formerly ‘Xerox PARC’). Ethernet was originally specified by the Digital Equipment Corporation, Intel Corporation, and Xerox Corporation. The pre-IEEE [802.3] Ethernet protocol has sometimes been known as ‘DIX’ Ethernet from the first letters of the names of these companies.)”

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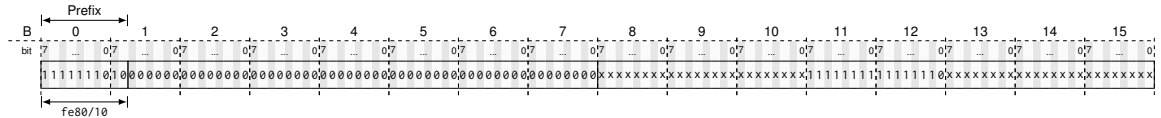
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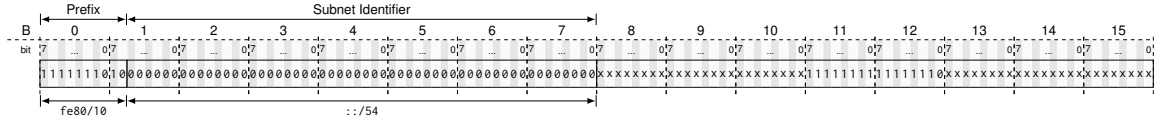


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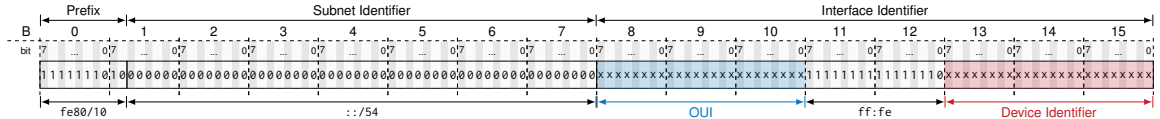


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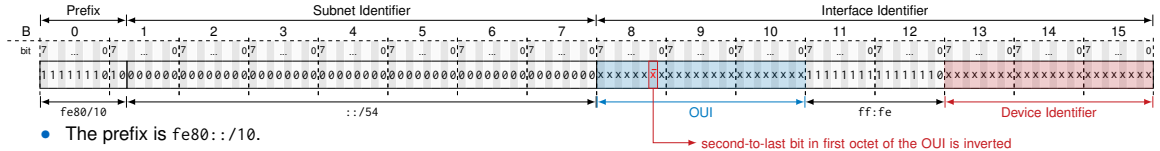


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 - With IPv6 it is the other way around: The inversion ensures that a manually configured IPv6 address like 2001:db8::1 does not contain an interface identifier that points to a globally unique MAC address.
 - Otherwise you would have to manually assign addresses like 2001:db8::200:0:0:1 ...

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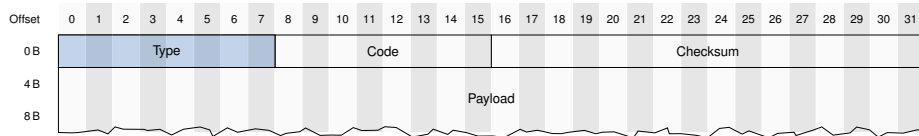
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- The IPv6 Privacy Extensions provide a remedy for this problem [12]:
 - Generation and periodic renewal of random device identifiers and associated change of global IPv6 address.
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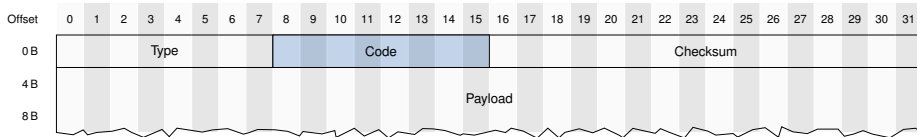
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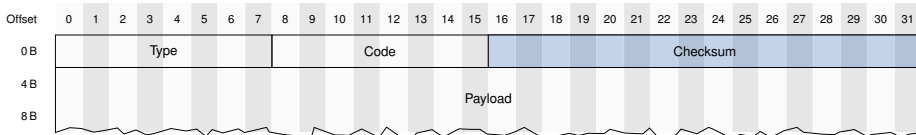
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 - The checksum takes into account the entire ICMPv6 packet (including payload).
 - For the calculation a so called **IPv6 pseudo header** is used for the calculation.
 - The pseudo header contains the sender and destination IP and the next header field.

Why a „pseudo header“?

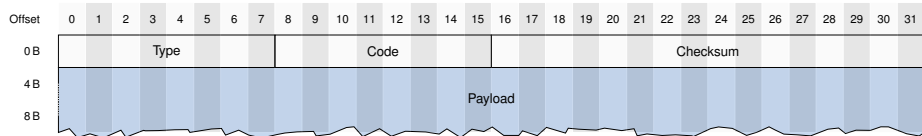
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- Further checksums on higher layers can't do this either, but the probability for an unnoticed error decreases drastically here even with simple checksums.
- At the same time, a checksum over header fields, which change from hop to hop, would put some load on routers (or on layer 2 for switches).
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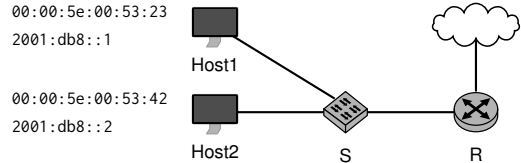
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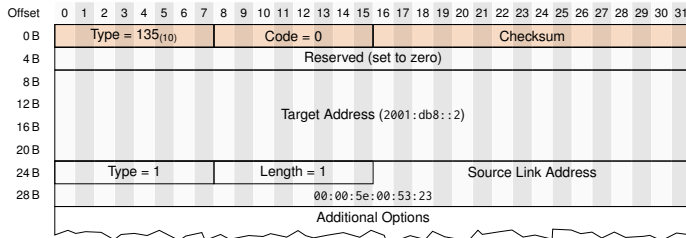
- Host1 wants to send a message to Host2
- The IP address of Host2 (2001:db8::2) is already known to him.
- How does Host1 get the associated MAC address?



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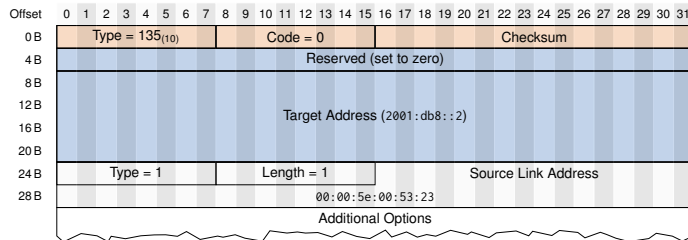
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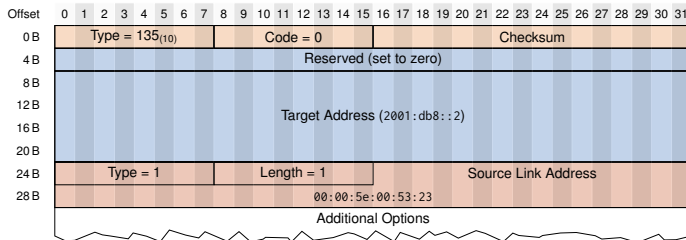
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- Neighbor Discovery packets can themselves in turn contain options.
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- In the case of a Neighbor Solicitation packet, L2 address of the requesting node follows (**Source Link Address**).
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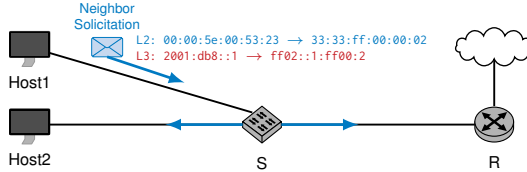
Example:

00:00:5e:00:53:23

2001:db8::1

00:00:5e:00:53:42

2001:db8::2



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0B	Type = 135 ₍₁₀₎								Code = 0								Checksum															
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Host1



Host2

Neighbor
Advertisement

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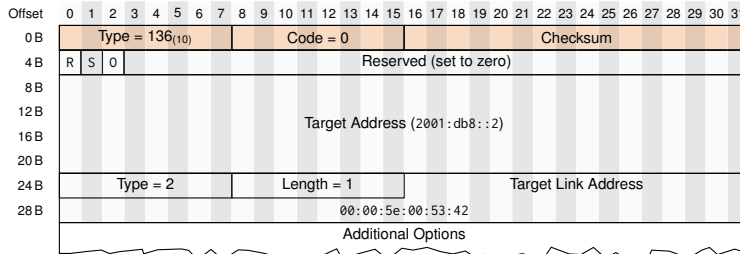
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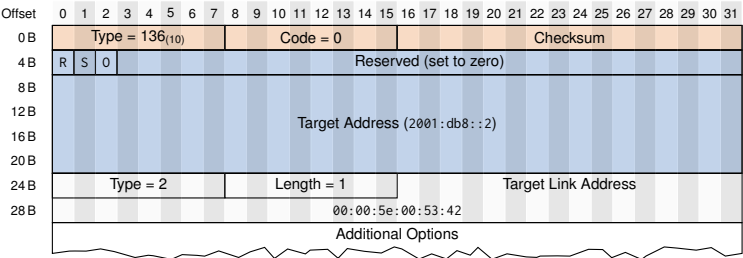


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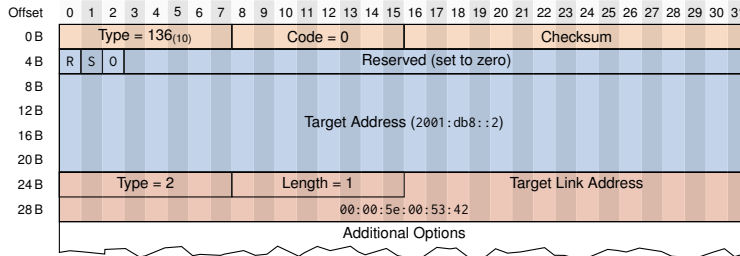
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- Depending on the type of NDP packet, other options may follow, and recipients must ignore unknown options.

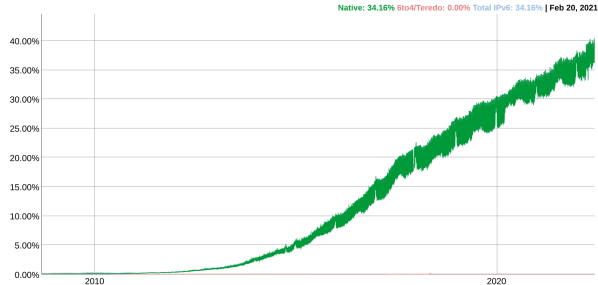
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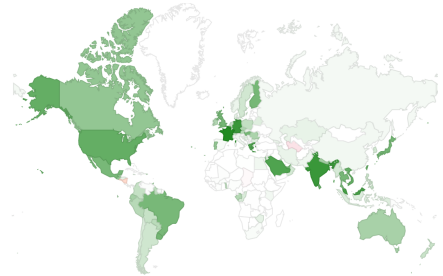
- IPv4 and IPv6 are not compatible, but can coexist.
- Today, IPv6 is often used in parallel with IPv4 ([Dual Stack](#)).
- Routers must exchange and process routing information separately for both protocol versions.

Rate of adoption, 2022:

- Although IPv6 has been standardized since 1998 (RFC 8200), the transition to IPv6 is far from complete.
- Around 60 % of global traffic is still IPv4:



(a) IPv6 Traffic [1]



(b) IPv6 by Country [1]

Switching Modes

Addressing on layer 3

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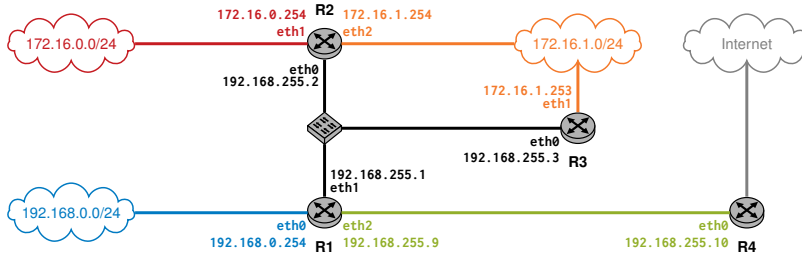
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Encryption on layer 3: IPSec

Summary

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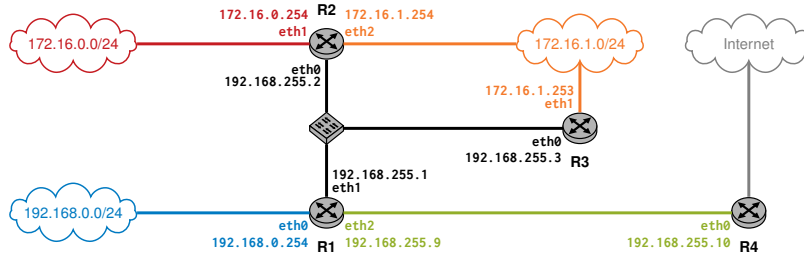


- The colors of the links and interface addresses indicate the individual subnets
- The network 192.168.255.0/29 (black) has 6 usable host addresses
- The network 192.168.255.8/30 (green) is a **transport network** with only 2 usable host addresses
- The remaining networks are /24 networks with 254 usable host addresses each.

Question: How does R1 decide which **Next-Hop** to forward a packet to?

Static routing

Routing Table



Routing Table

In the [routing table](#) a router (or host) stores

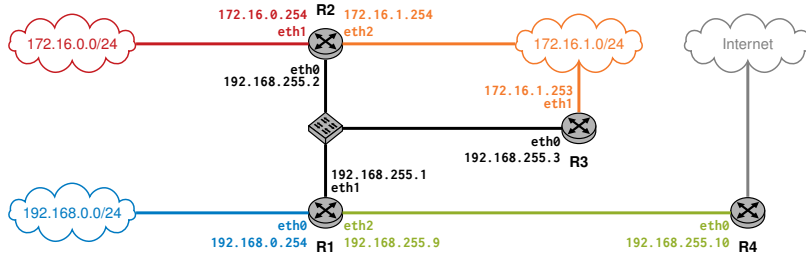
- the network address of a destination,
- the length of the prefix,
- the associated next-hop (also called gateway),
- the interface through which this next-hop is accessible, and
- the [cost](#) to the destination.

Notes:

- For IPv4, the subnet mask (Linux terminology: [Genmask](#)) is often specified instead of the prefix length. For a prefix of N bit, it describes (for IPv4) an IP address of a network where the first N bit are the 1 and the remaining bits are 0.
- [cost](#) is to be distinguished from [metric](#). Cost refers to a metric (e.g. hop count, bandwidth, delay, etc.).

Static routing

Routing Table



Example: routing table for R1

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192.168.255.0/29	0.0.0.0	0	eth1
192.168.0.0/24	0.0.0.0	0	eth0
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172.16.0.0/23	192.168.255.2	1	eth1
0.0.0.0/0	192.168.255.10	0	eth2

- The networks 172.16.{0,1}.0/24 were combined.
- The route 0.0.0.0/0 is also called **Default Route**.
- Interesting: R1 knows two (actually even three) routes to the net 172.16.1.0/24 !

Static routing

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Subnet Mask	11111111 . 11111111 . 11111111 . 11111100	255.255.255.252
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Subnet Mask	11111111 . 11111111 . 11111111 . 11111000	255.255.255.248
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⇒ Match, since $172.16.1.0 = 172.16.1.0$ ⇒ Gateway is 192.168.255.3

Longest Prefix Matching

The routing table is searched from longer prefixes (more specific routes) to shorter prefixes (less specific routes). The first matching entry provides the gateway (next-hop) of a packet. This process is called **Longest Prefix Matching**.

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- The entry for 172.16.0.0/23 also provides a match, but is less specific than the one for 172.16.1.0/24 (1 bit shorter prefix).
- The default route 0.0.0.0/0 always returns a match (logical AND with mask 0.0.0.0).
- It is not guaranteed that the gateway/next-hop of the default route („gateway of last resort“) knows a route to the destination (→ ICMP Destination Unreachable / Host Unreachable).
- Routes to directly connected networks (i.e. those to which a router itself belongs) can be generated automatically. The NextHop in this case is the unspecified address.
- Routes to remote networks must be „learned“ – either by manual entry (static routing) or by **routing protocols** (dynamic routing).

By means of [routing protocols](#) routers can communicate with each other and exchange routes among themselves. Routing protocols can be grouped according to their operation as follows:

Distance Vector Protocols

- Routers only know the direction (NextHop) and distance (cost) to a destination (compare street sign with direction and distance information).
- Routers have no information about the network topology.
- Routers exchange only cumulative costs among themselves (e.g., the contents of your routing tables).
- Functional principle is based on the [algorithm of Bellman-Ford](#), which determines shortest paths starting from a starting node and can be easily implemented in a distributed way.

Link State Protocols

- Routers inform each other about how to reach a destination in addition to the cost.
- Often feature complex neighborhood relationships and update messages.
- Routers thus receive complete topology information.
- Based on the topology information, each router determines shortest paths, e.g., using [Dijkstras algorithm](#).

There are two basic algorithms everyone should know about (covered in detail in other lectures):

Bellman Ford

- Commonly used in protocols referred to as [Distance Vector Protocols](#)
- Algorithm based on a kind of [breadth first search](#)
- In the n -th iteration, paths with a length of at most n hops are being considered
- If no changes to the topology occur, the convergence time is given by the longest (cycle-free) path in the network
- No complex data structures necessary.
- Distributed (decentralized) implementation possible without knowledge of the topology.
- Runtime in $\mathcal{O}(|N| \cdot |E|)$.

Dijkstra

- Commonly used in protocols referred to as [Link State protocols](#)
- [Greedy algorithm](#), i. e., shortest paths are detected one after another
- Nodes generally maintain a global view of the network topology
- More resource-intensive than the Bellman-Ford algorithm, since more complex data structures are necessary (priority queue).
- Runtime in $\mathcal{O}(|E| + |N| \log_2 |N|)$.

Dynamic routing

Routing Information Protocol (RIP) [8, 11]

Properties:

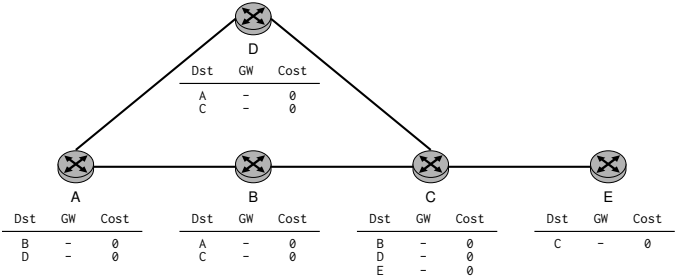
- Simple distance vector protocol
- RIPv1 standardized in RFC 1058 (1988)
- Added support for CIDR in RIPv2 (RFC 2453, 1998)
- Only metric: **hop count** (equivalent to Bellman-Ford with edge weight 1 on all edges)
- Hop count limit of 15; destinations further away are not reachable

Functionality:

- Routers send the contents of their routing table to the multicast address 224.0.0.9 at regular intervals (default value 30 s).
- All devices with this multicast address accept the update.
- Each RIP router accepts these update messages, increments the cost of the included routes by 1, and compares the routes with existing routes from its routing table:
 - If the update contains a route that is still unknown, it will be added to its own routing table.
 - If the update contains a route to a known destination but with a lower cost, the update replaces the existing route.
 - Otherwise, the existing route will be kept.
- If five consecutive updates from a neighbor are missing, all routes over that next hop are removed from the routing table.

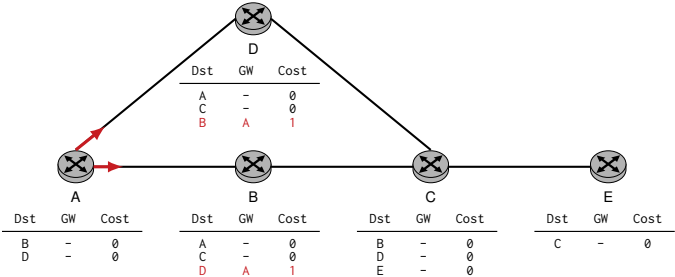
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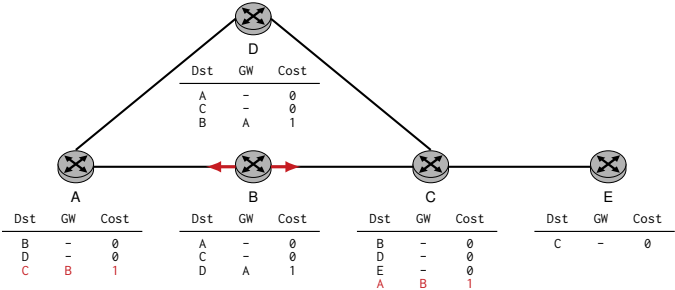
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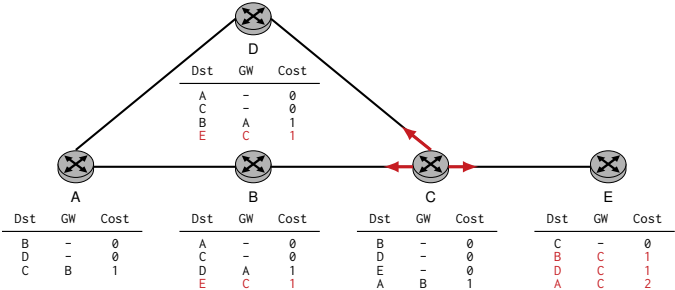
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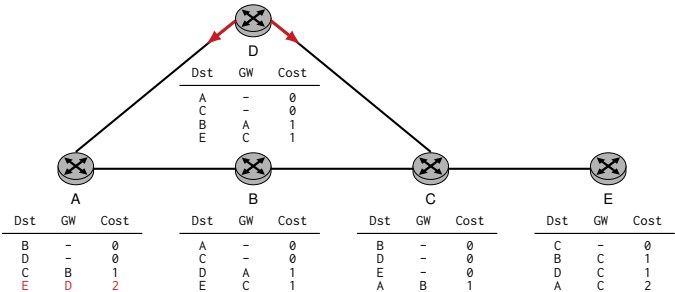
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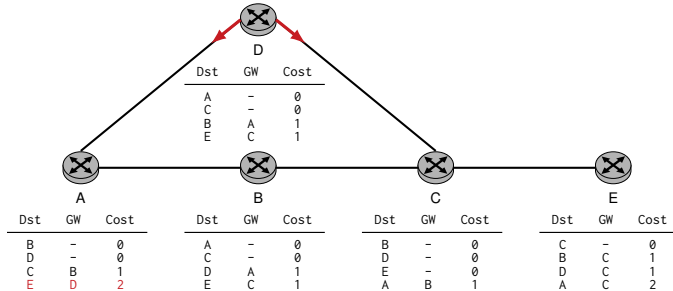
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- After this step, each router knows a shortest route to any other router.
- Since there are several paths of equal length, it is left to chance (the order of the update messages) whether, for example, router A learns router D or B as the next hop to E.

The previous example can be easily extended to weighted edges:

- Metric is no longer the number of hops to the target, but the edge weight.
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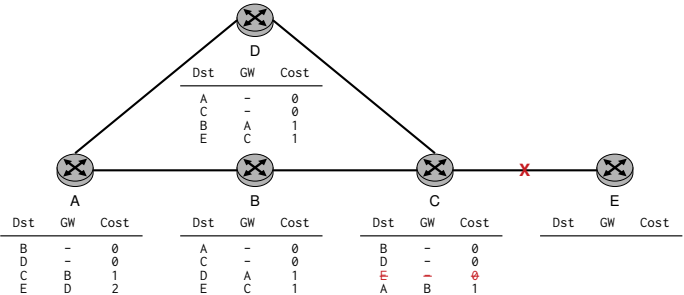
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Solution: Triggered Updates

- As soon as a router makes a change to its routing table, it immediately sends an update.
- This leads to a wave of updates through the network.
- Convergence time is reduced, but the network may be heavily loaded during updates.

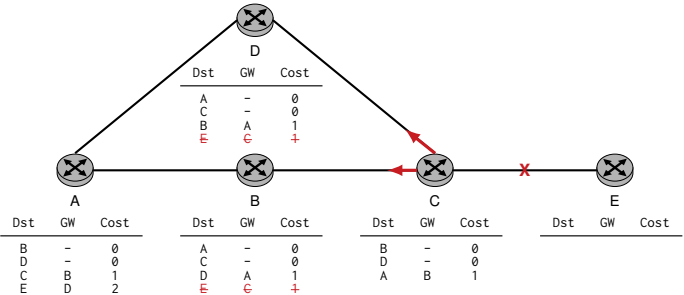
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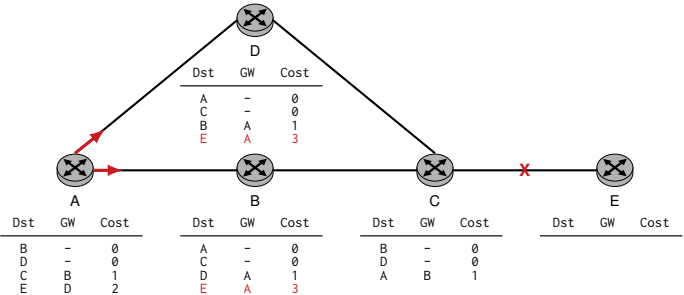
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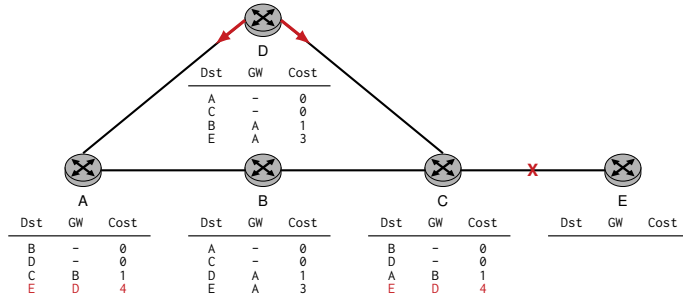
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Depending on the order of updates

- the faulty route to E is propagated and
- the metric is always incremented
- until finally the hop count limit of 15 is reached.

This process is called **Count to Infinity**.

Solution attempts for Count-to-Infinity:

- Split Horizon

- „Do not send a route to X to the neighbor from whom you learned the route.“
- In the previous example, A would not send the route for E to its neighbor D, but it would send it to the other neighbor B.
- Split Horizon improves the situation, but cannot solve the problem.

- Poison Reverse

- Instead of no longer sending a route to X to the neighbor from which a route to X was learned, a route with infinite metric is sent.
- In the previous example, A would send the route for E to its neighbor D with metric 15.
- The erroneous route would still reach B.
- Even Poison Reverse cannot completely solve the problem.

- Path Vector

- For updates, send not only the target and cost, but also the full path by which the target is reached.
- Before installing the route, each router checks whether it itself is already present in this path.
- If yes, a loop is detected and this part of the update is discarded.
- Path Vector prevents routing loops and thus Count to Infinity, but increases update messages and protocol complexity.

Dynamic routing

Overview: Selected routing protocols

Distance Vector Protocols

- [RIP \(Routing Information Protocol\)](#)

Very simple protocol, hop count as the only metric, suitable for a small number of networks, supported by most routers (even some home devices)

- [IGRP \(Interior Gateway Routing Protocol\)](#)

Proprietary routing protocol from Cisco, supports more complex metrics than RIP

- [EIGRP \(Enhanced Interior Gateway Routing Protocol\)](#)

Proprietary routing protocol from Cisco, successor to IGRP, significantly improved convergence properties.

- [AODV \(Ad hoc On-Demand Distance Vector\)](#)

Deployment in wireless meshed networks, routes are not exchanged proactively but searched on-demand (reactive protocol)

Link State Protocols

- [OSPF \(Open Shortest Path First\)](#)

Industry standard for medium to large number of networks

- [IS-IS \(Intermediate System to Intermediate System\)](#)

Rarely used, powerful routing protocol, which is independent of IP, as it brings its own L3 protocol

- [HWMP \(Hybrid Wireless Mesh Protocol\)](#)

Enables routing in IEEE 802.11s (Wireless Mesh Networks), but here routing decisions are made based on MAC addresses instead of IP addresses⁴.

⁴ MAC-based routing is a special case for (wireless) mesh networks, where not all nodes reach each other directly but still form a common broadcast domain

All routing protocols presented so far

- determine best paths based on objective criteria (hopcount, bandwidth, delay, . . .),
- but offer no or only limited possibilities to directly influence routes.

However, sometimes it is desirable to select routes based on other criteria:

- Actual monetary costs incurred
- Networks / Countries through which traffic is routed to a destination.
- Infrastructure decisions (e.g., load on individual routers).

Routing decisions based on such criteria are called **Policy-Based Routing**.

Autonomous System

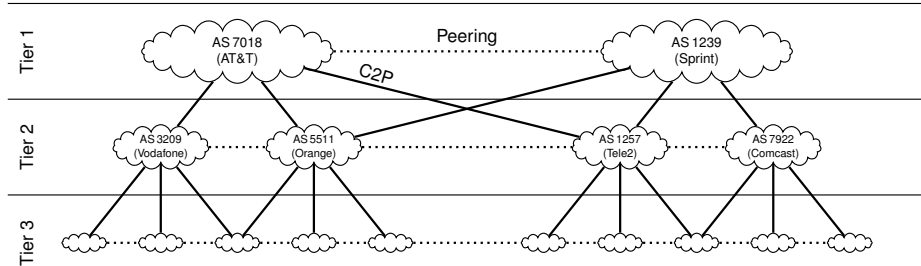
A set of networks under unified administrative control is called an **Autonomous System (AS)**. An AS is identified by a 16 bit or 32 bit identifier, the so-called **AS number**. A distinction is made when using routing protocols:

- Within an autonomous system, **Interior Gateway Protocols (IGPs)** such as RIP, OSPF, EIGRP or IS-IS are used.
- An **Exterior Gateway Protocol (EGP)** is used to exchange routes between Autonomous Systems.

The only EGP used in practice is **Border Gateway Protocol (BGP)**.



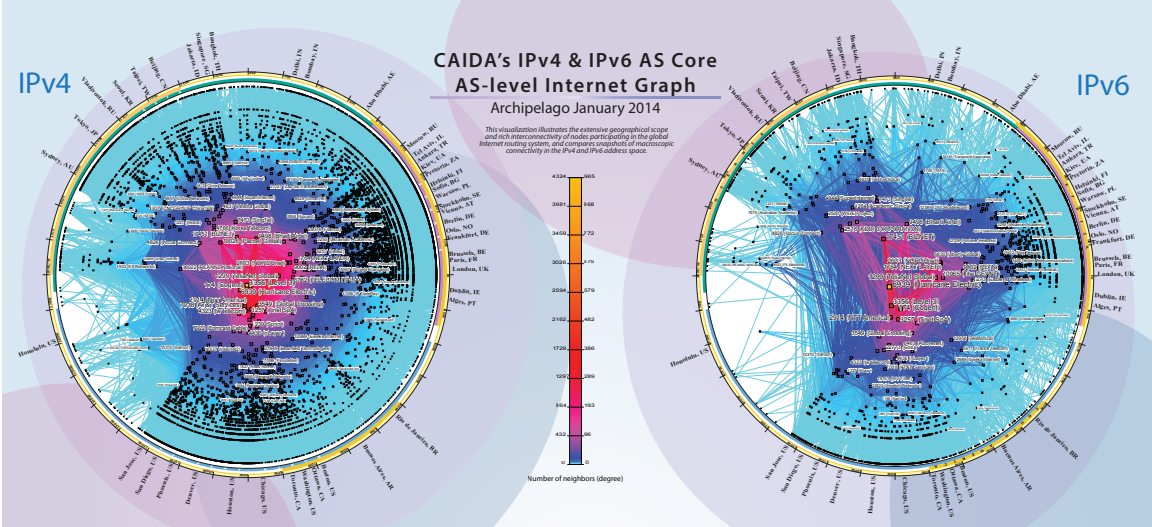
The Internet: Highly simplified schematic representation



- Autonomous systems may be interconnected by upstream providers or by **peering**.
- Numerous peering connections exist at **Internet Exchange Points**, e.g. DE-CIX.
- **Peering** connections are preferable to **Customer Provider (C2P)** connections for cost reasons.
- The border routers of an AS „announce“ prefixes reachable through this AS.
- AS 5511 announced its own prefixes as well as those of its customers to its peers and upstream providers.
- AS 5511 would **not** announce Vodafone's networks to Tele2, Sprint or AT&T.

Rule of thumb: For vertical connections, the respective customer („smaller provider“) must pay, which is why horizontal connections (peerings) are preferred.

The Internet Somewhat less simplified [9]



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IPsec

We will look at IPSec in a dedicated security chapter.

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In this chapter we have

- discussed the advantages of packet switching over circuit and message switching,
- recognized the need for logical addresses for end-to-end addressing,
- learned about the two most important protocols for end-to-end addressing on the Internet,
- covered methods for further logical subdivision of networks into subnets and prefixes and
- developed a basic understanding of how routing information is exchanged on the Internet.

We should now know,

- what the differences between circuit, message and packet switching are,
- what the technical and logical difference between layer 2 and 3 addresses is,
- which possibilities IPv4 and IPv6 offer for logical structuring and how this works,
- how to determine the corresponding link layer address for a given address on layer 3,
- what a routing table is,
- how routers make forwarding decisions,
- what the difference is between routing and forwarding,
- how routers exchange routes with each other
- what types of routing protocols are available and how they work.

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