# CS 330: Network Applications & Protocols

Introduction to Computer Networks & the Internet

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#### Link layer and LANs: our goals

- understand principles behind link layer services:
  - error detection, correction
  - sharing a broadcast channel: multiple access
  - link layer addressing
  - local area networks: Ethernet, VLANs
- datacenter networks

 instantiation, implementation of various link layer technologies

# Link layer, LANs: roadmap

- introduction
- multiple access protocols
- LANs
  - addressing, ARP
  - Ethernet
  - switches
  - VLANs
- link virtualization: MPLS
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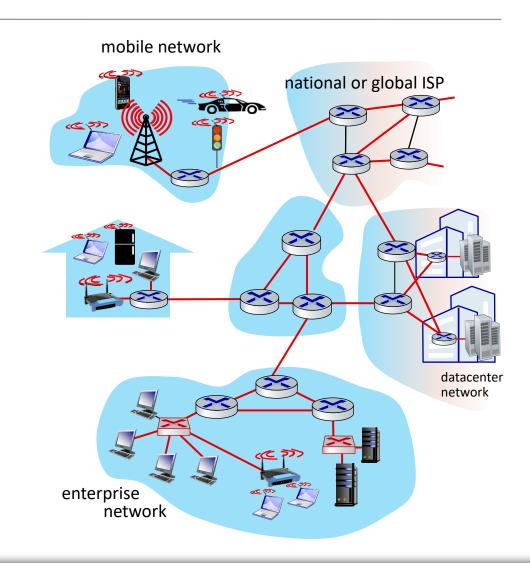
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#### Link layer: introduction

#### terminology:

- hosts and routers: nodes
- communication channels that connect adjacent nodes along communication path: links
  - wired
  - wireless
  - LANs
- layer-2 packet: frame, encapsulates datagram

link layer has responsibility of transferring datagram from one node to physically adjacent node over a link



#### Link layer: context

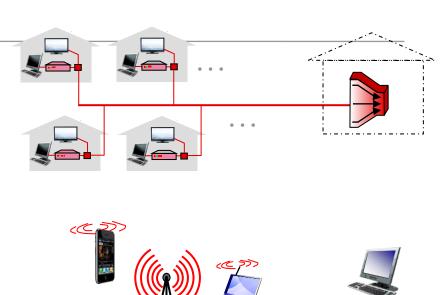
- datagram transferred by different link protocols over different links:
  - e.g., WiFi on first link,
     Ethernet on next link
- each link protocol provides different services
  - e.g., may or may not provide reliable data transfer over link

#### transportation analogy:

- trip from Princeton to Lausanne
  - limo: Princeton to JFK
  - plane: JFK to Geneva
  - train: Geneva to Lausanne
- tourist = datagram
- transport segment = communication link
- transportation mode = linklayer protocol
- travel agent = routing algorithm

#### Link layer: services

- framing, link access:
  - encapsulate datagram into frame, adding header, trailer
  - channel access if shared medium
  - "MAC" addresses in frame headers identify source, destination (different from IP address!)
- reliable delivery between adjacent nodes
  - we already know how to do this!
  - seldom used on low bit-error links
  - wireless links: high error rates
    - Q: why both link-level and end-end reliability?





# Link layer: services (more)

#### • flow control:

pacing between adjacent sending and receiving nodes

#### error detection:

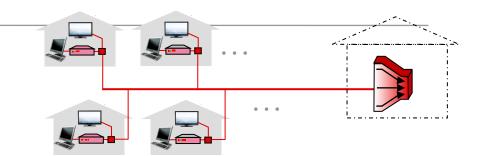
- errors caused by signal attenuation, noise.
- receiver detects errors, signals retransmission, or drops frame

#### error correction:

receiver identifies and corrects bit error(s) without retransmission

#### half-duplex and full-duplex:

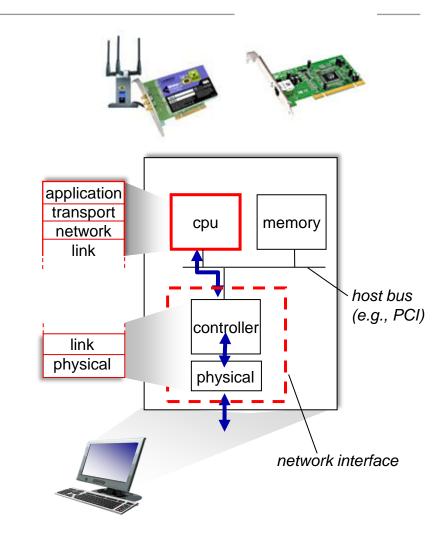
 with half duplex, nodes at both ends of link can transmit, but not at same time



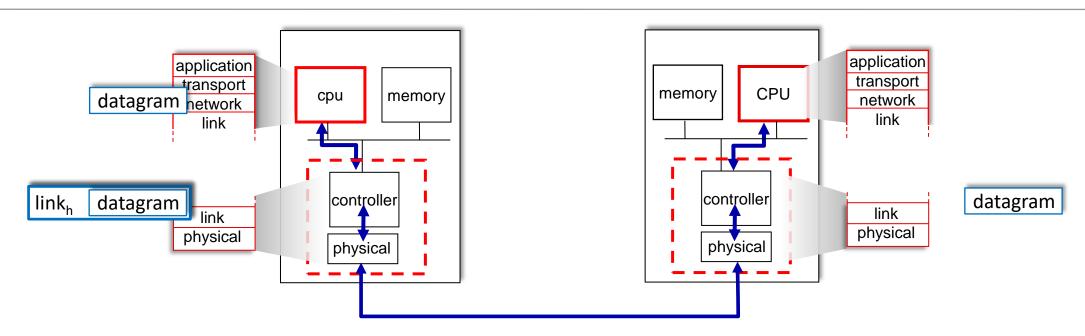


#### Where is the link layer implemented?

- in each-and-every host
- link layer implemented in network interface card (NIC) or on a chip
  - Ethernet, WiFi card or chip
  - implements link, physical layer
- attaches into host's system buses
- combination of hardware, software, firmware



#### Interfaces communicating



#### sending side:

- encapsulates datagram in frame
- adds error checking bits, reliable data transfer, flow control, etc.

#### receiving side:

- looks for errors, reliable data transfer, flow control, etc.
- extracts datagram, passes to upper layer at receiving side

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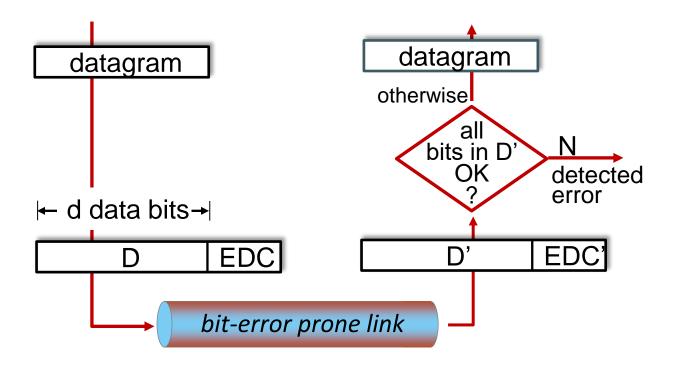
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#### Error detection

**EDC**: error detection and correction bits (e.g., redundancy)

D: data protected by error checking, may include header fields



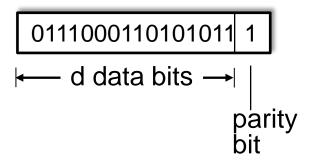
Error detection not 100% reliable!

- protocol may miss some errors, but rarely
- larger EDC field yields better detection and correction

# Parity checking

#### single bit parity:

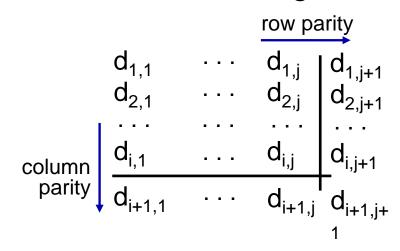
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Even parity: set parity bit so there is an even number of 1's

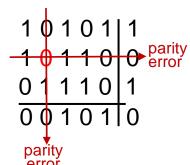
#### two-dimensional bit parity:

detect and correct single bit errors



no errors: 1 0 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0

detected and \_ correctable single-bit error:



# Internet checksum (review)

*Goal:* detect errors (i.e., flipped bits) in transmitted segment

#### sender:

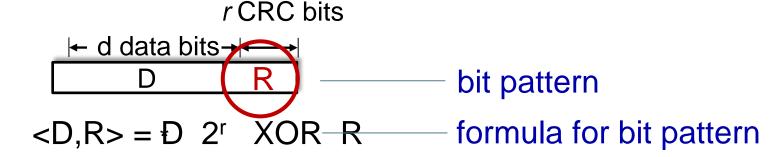
- treat contents of UDP segment (including UDP header fields and IP addresses) as sequence of 16-bit integers
- checksum: addition (one's complement sum) of segment content
- checksum value put into UDP checksum field

#### receiver:

- compute checksum of received segment
- check if computed checksum equals checksum field value:
  - not equal error detected
  - equal no error detected. But maybe errors nonetheless? More later ....

# Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC)

- more powerful error-detection coding
- D: data bits (given, think of these as a binary number)
- G: bit pattern (generator), of r+1 bits (given)



*goal:* choose *r* CRC bits, R, such that <D,R> exactly divisible by G (mod 2)

- receiver knows G, divides <D,R> by G. If non-zero remainder: error detected!
- can detect all burst errors less than r+1 bits
- widely used in practice (Ethernet, 802.11 WiFi)

#### Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC): example

#### We want:

 $D \cdot 2^r XOR R = nG$ 

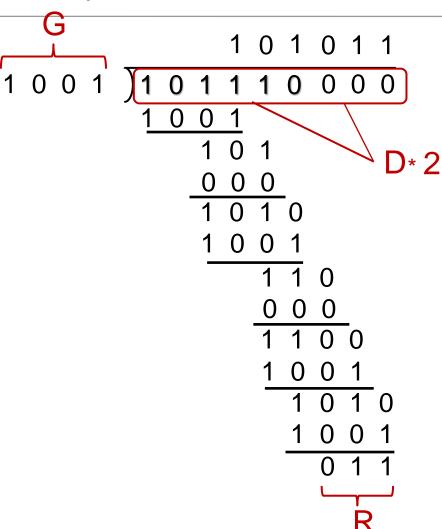
or equivalently:

$$D \cdot 2^r = nG XOR R$$

#### or equivalently:

if we divide D.2r by G, want remainder R to satisfy:

$$R = remainder \left[ \frac{D \cdot 2^r}{G} \right]$$



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#### Multiple access links, protocols

#### two types of "links":

- point-to-point
  - point-to-point link between Ethernet switch, host
  - PPP for dial-up access
- broadcast (shared wire or medium)
  - old-fashioned Ethernet
  - upstream HFC in cable-based access network
  - 802.11 wireless LAN, 4G/4G. satellite



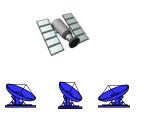
shared wire (e.g., cabled Ethernet)



shared radio: 4G/5G



shared radio: WiFi



shared radio: satellite



humans at a cocktail party (shared air, acoustical)

#### Multiple access protocols

- single shared broadcast channel
- two or more simultaneous transmissions by nodes: interference
  - collision if node receives two or more signals at the same time

# multiple access protocol

- distributed algorithm that determines how nodes share channel, i.e., determine when node can transmit
- communication about channel sharing must use channel itself!
  - no out-of-band channel for coordination

#### An ideal multiple access protocol

# given: multiple access channel (MAC) of rate R bps desiderata:

- 1. when one node wants to transmit, it can send at rate R.
- 2. when M nodes want to transmit, each can send at average rate *R/M*
- 3. fully decentralized:
  - no special node to coordinate transmissions
  - no synchronization of clocks, slots
- 4. simple

#### MAC protocols: taxonomy

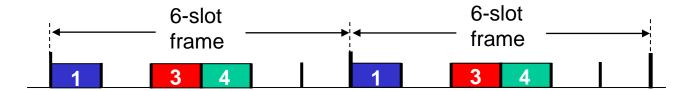
#### three broad classes:

- channel partitioning
  - divide channel into smaller "pieces" (time slots, frequency, code)
  - allocate piece to node for exclusive use
- random access
  - channel not divided, allow collisions
  - "recover" from collisions
- "taking turns"
  - nodes take turns, but nodes with more to send can take longer turns

#### Channel partitioning MAC protocols: TDMA

# TDMA: time division multiple access

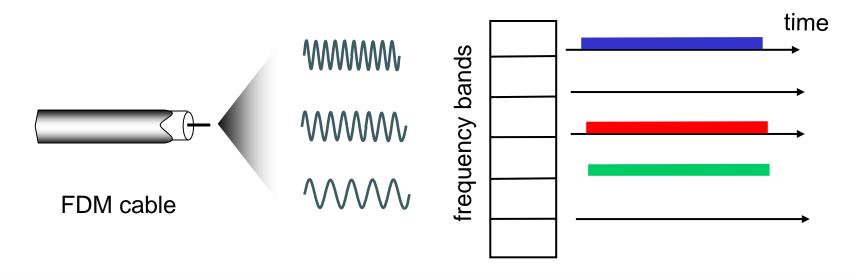
- access to channel in "rounds"
- each station gets fixed length slot (length = packet transmission time) in each round
- unused slots go idle
- example: 6-station LAN, 1,3,4 have packets to send, slots 2,5,6 idle



#### Channel partitioning MAC protocols: FDMA

# FDMA: frequency division multiple access

- channel spectrum divided into frequency bands
- each station assigned fixed frequency band
- unused transmission time in frequency bands go idle
- example: 6-station LAN, 1,3,4 have packet to send, frequency bands 2,5,6 idle



#### Random access protocols

- when node has packet to send
  - transmit at full channel data rate R.
  - no a priori coordination among nodes
- two or more transmitting nodes: "collision"
- random access MAC protocol specifies:
  - how to detect collisions
  - how to recover from collisions (e.g., via delayed retransmissions)
- examples of random access MAC protocols:
  - ALOHA, slotted ALOHA
  - CSMA, CSMA/CD, CSMA/CA

#### Slotted ALOHA

# assumptions:

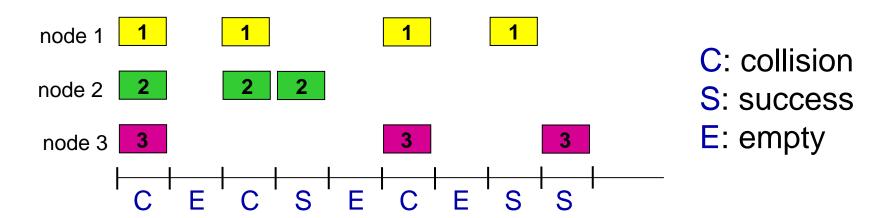
- all frames same size
- time divided into equal size slots (time to transmit 1 frame)
- nodes start to transmit only slot beginning
- nodes are synchronized
- if 2 or more nodes transmit in slot, all nodes detect collision

#### operation:

- when node obtains fresh frame, transmits in next slot
  - if no collision: node can send new frame in next slot
  - if collision: node
     retransmits frame in each
     subsequent slot with
     probability p until success

randomization – why?

#### Slotted ALOHA



#### Pros:

- single active node can continuously transmit at full rate of channel
- highly decentralized: only slots in nodes need to be in sync
- simple

#### Cons:

- collisions, wasting slots
- idle slots
- nodes may be able to detect collision in less than time to transmit packet
- clock synchronization

#### Slotted ALOHA: efficiency

**efficiency:** long-run fraction of successful slots (many nodes, all with many frames to send)

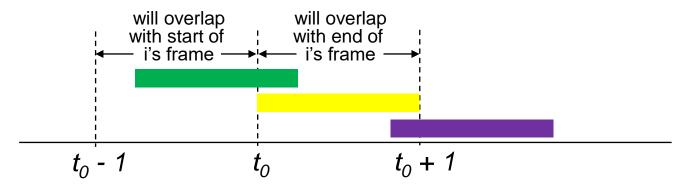
- suppose: N nodes with many frames to send, each transmits in slot with probability p
  - prob that given node has success in a slot =  $p(1-p)^{N-1}$
  - prob that any node has a success =  $Np(1-p)^{N-1}$
  - max efficiency: find  $p^*$  that maximizes  $Np(1-p)^{N-1}$
  - for many nodes, take limit of  $Np^*(1-p^*)^{N-1}$  as N goes to infinity, gives:

max efficiency = 1/e = .37

at best: channel used for useful transmissions 37% of time!

#### Pure ALOHA

- unslotted Aloha: simpler, no synchronization
  - when frame first arrives: transmit immediately
- collision probability increases with no synchronization:
  - frame sent at t<sub>0</sub> collides with other frames sent in [t<sub>0</sub>-1,t<sub>0</sub>+1]



pure Aloha efficiency: 18%!

#### Pure ALOHA efficiency

P(success by given node) = P(node transmits) \*

P(no other node transmits in  $[t_0-1,t_0]$  \*

P(no other node transmits in  $[t_0,t_0+1]$ =  $p \cdot (1-p)^{N-1} \cdot (1-p)^{N-1}$ =  $p \cdot (1-p)^{2(N-1)}$ 

... choosing optimum p and then letting n

$$= 1/(2e) = .18$$
  $\to \infty$ 

even worse than slotted Aloha!

#### CSMA (carrier sense multiple access)

#### simple CSMA: listen before transmit:

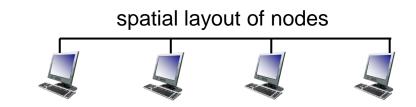
- if channel sensed idle: transmit entire frame
- if channel sensed busy: defer transmission
- human analogy: don't interrupt others!

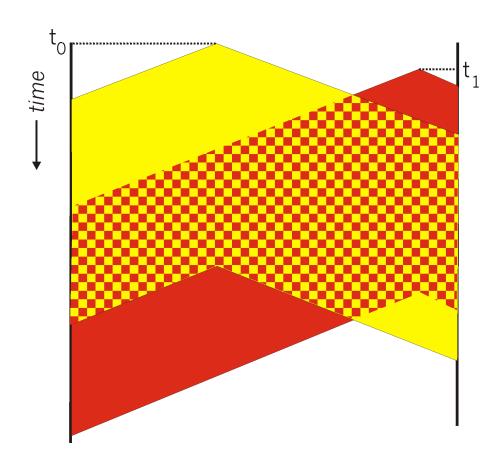
#### CSMA/CD: CSMA with collision detection

- collisions detected within short time
- colliding transmissions aborted, reducing channel wastage
- collision detection easy in wired, difficult with wireless
- human analogy: the polite conversationalist

#### **CSMA**: collisions

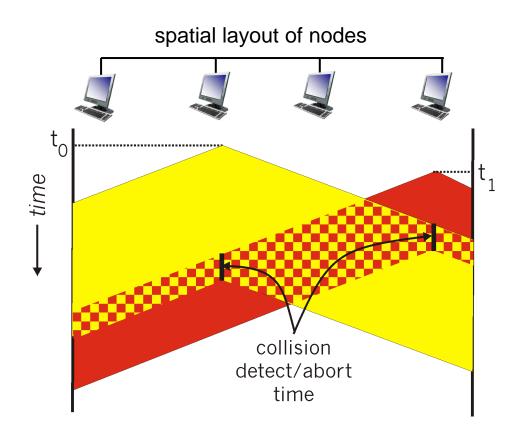
- collisions can still occur with carrier sensing:
  - propagation delay means two nodes may not hear each other's just-started transmission
- collision: entire packet transmission time wasted
  - distance & propagation delay play role in in determining collision probability





#### CSMA/CD:

- CSMA/CS reduces the amount of time wasted in collisions
  - transmission aborted on collision detection



#### Ethernet CSMA/CD algorithm

- 1. NIC receives datagram from network layer, creates frame
- 2. If NIC senses channel:
  - if idle: start frame transmission.
  - if busy: wait until channel idle, then transmit
- 3. If NIC transmits entire frame without collision, NIC is done with frame!
- 4. If NIC detects another transmission while sending: abort, send jam signal
- 5. After aborting, NIC enters binary (exponential) backoff:
  - after mth collision, NIC chooses K at random from {0,1,2, ..., 2<sup>m</sup>-1}. NIC waits K·512 bit times, returns to Step 2
  - more collisions: longer backoff interval

#### CSMA/CD efficiency

- T<sub>prop</sub> = max prop delay between 2 nodes in LAN
- t<sub>trans</sub> = time to transmit max-size frame

$$efficiency = \frac{1}{1 + 5t_{prop}/t_{trans}}$$

- efficiency goes to 1
  - as  $t_{prop}$  goes to 0
  - as  $t_{trans}$  goes to infinity
- better performance than ALOHA: and simple, cheap, decentralized!

# "Taking turns" MAC protocols

# channel partitioning MAC protocols:

- share channel efficiently and fairly at high load
- inefficient at low load: delay in channel access, 1/N bandwidth allocated even if only 1 active node!

# random access MAC protocols

- efficient at low load: single node can fully utilize channel
- high load: collision overhead

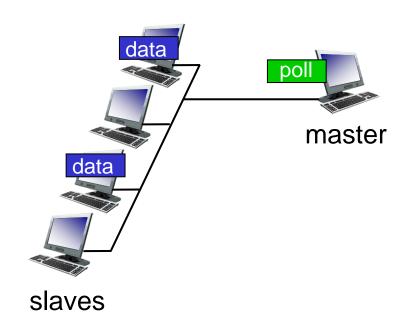
# "taking turns" protocols

look for best of both worlds!

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# polling:

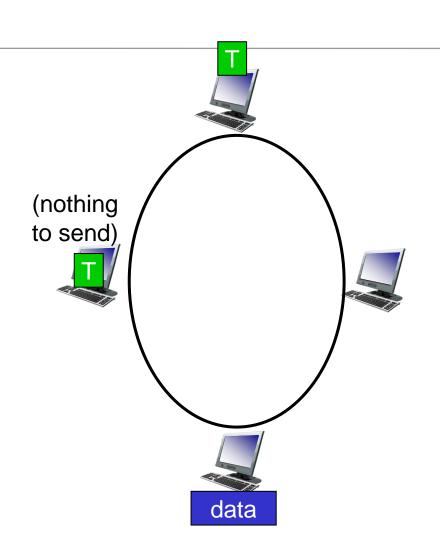
- master node "invites" other nodes to transmit in turn
- typically used with "dumb" devices
- concerns:
  - polling overhead
  - latency
  - single point of failure (master)



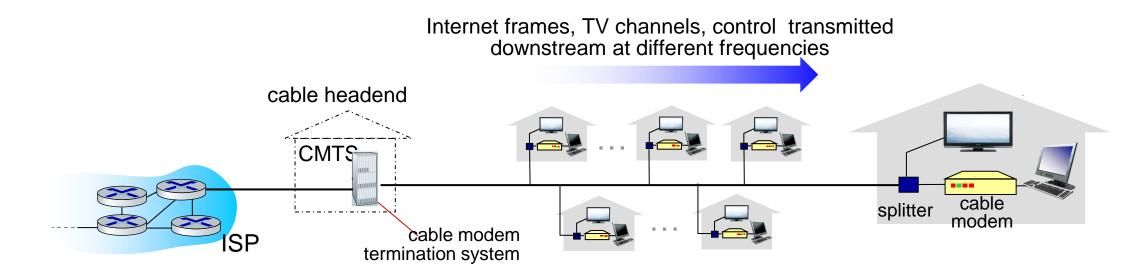
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# token passing:

- control token passed from one node to next sequentially.
- token message
- concerns:
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  - single point of failure (token)

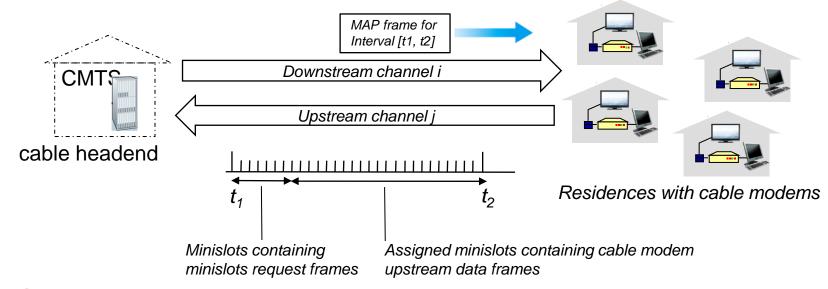


### Cable access network: FDM, TDM and random access!



- multiple downstream (broadcast) FDM channels: up to 1.6 Gbps/channel
  - single CMTS transmits into channels
- multiple upstream channels (up to 1 Gbps/channel)
  - multiple access: all users contend (random access) for certain upstream channel time slots; others assigned TDM

#### Cable access network:



## DOCSIS: data over cable service interface specification

- FDM over upstream, downstream frequency channels
- TDM upstream: some slots assigned, some have contention
  - downstream MAP frame: assigns upstream slots
  - request for upstream slots (and data) transmitted random access (binary backoff) in selected slots

## Summary of MAC protocols

- channel partitioning, by time, frequency or code
  - Time Division, Frequency Division
- random access (dynamic),
  - ALOHA, S-ALOHA, CSMA, CSMA/CD
  - carrier sensing: easy in some technologies (wire), hard in others (wireless)
  - CSMA/CD used in Ethernet
  - CSMA/CA used in 802.11
- taking turns
  - polling from central site, token passing
  - Bluetooth, FDDI, token ring

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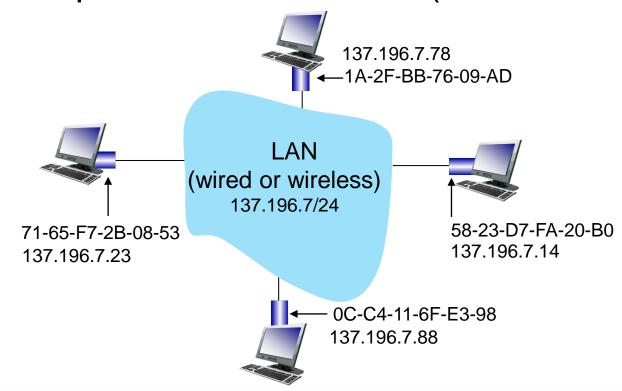
- 32-bit IP address:
  - network-layer address for interface
  - used for layer 3 (network layer) forwarding
  - e.g.: 128.119.40.136
- MAC (or LAN or physical or Ethernet) address:
  - function: used "locally" to get frame from one interface to another physically-connected interface (same subnet, in IP-addressing sense)
  - 48-bit MAC address (for most LANs) burned in NIC ROM, also sometimes software settable
  - e.g.: 1A-2F-BB-76-09-AD

hexadecimal (base 16) notation (each "numeral" represents 4 bits)

#### MAC addresses

#### each interface on LAN

- has unique 48-bit MAC address
- has a locally unique 32-bit IP address (as we've seen)

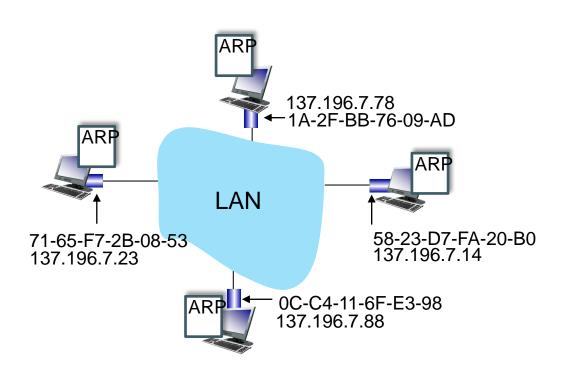


#### MAC addresses

- MAC address allocation administered by IEEE
- manufacturer buys portion of MAC address space (to assure uniqueness)
- analogy:
  - MAC address: like Social Security Number
  - IP address: like postal address
- MAC flat address: portability
  - can move interface from one LAN to another
  - recall IP address not portable: depends on IP subnet to which node is attached

## ARP: address resolution protocol

Question: how to determine interface's MAC address, knowing its IP address?



ARP table: each IP node (host, router) on LAN has table

 IP/MAC address mappings for some LAN nodes:

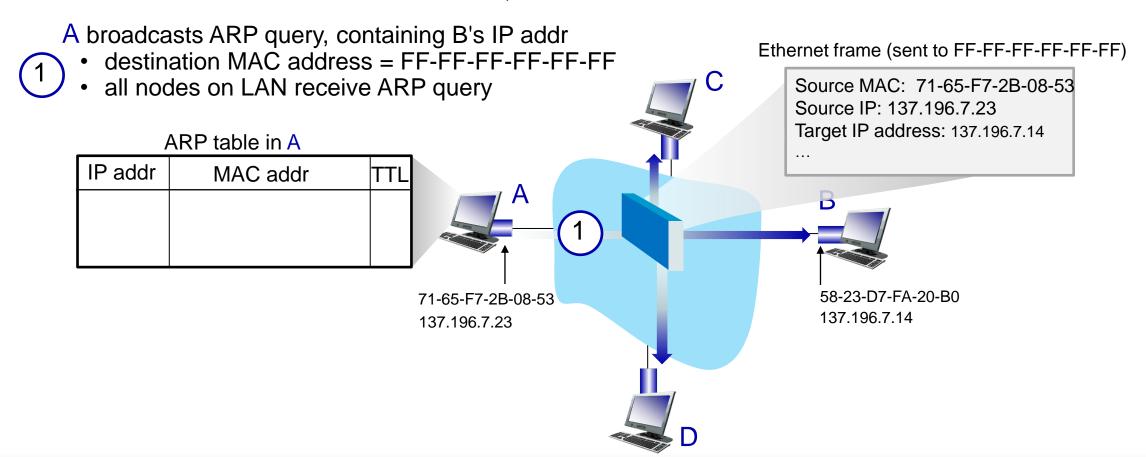
< IP address; MAC address; TTL>

 TTL (Time To Live): time after which address mapping will be forgotten (typically 20 min)

### ARP protocol in action

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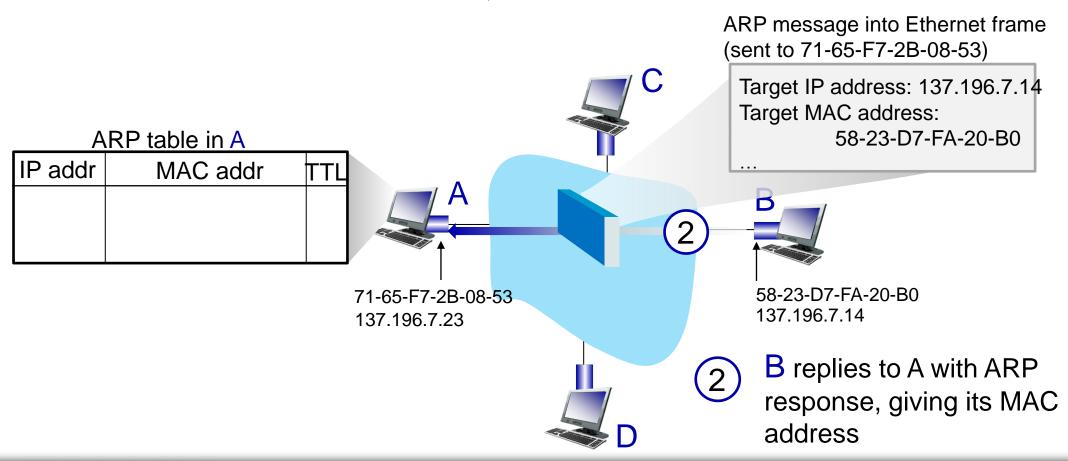
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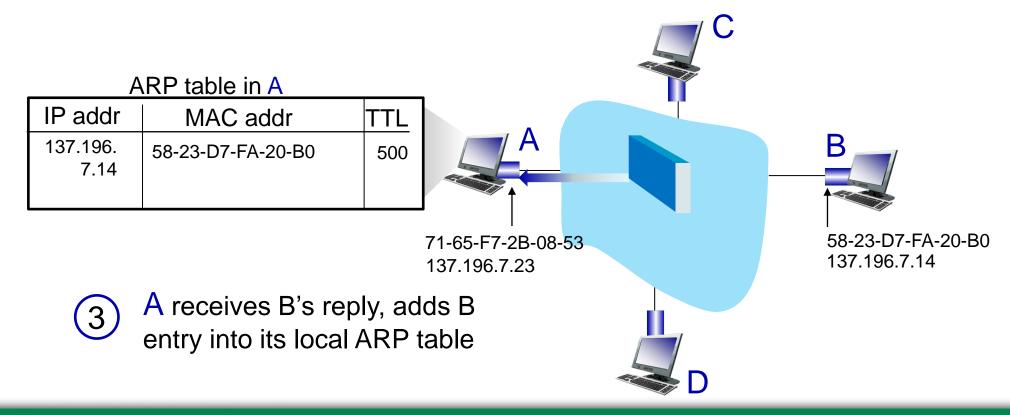
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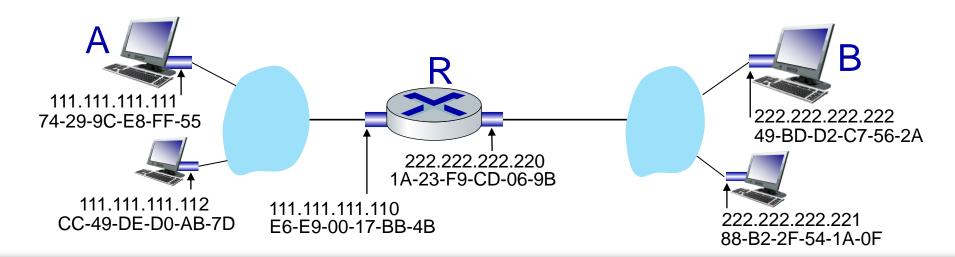
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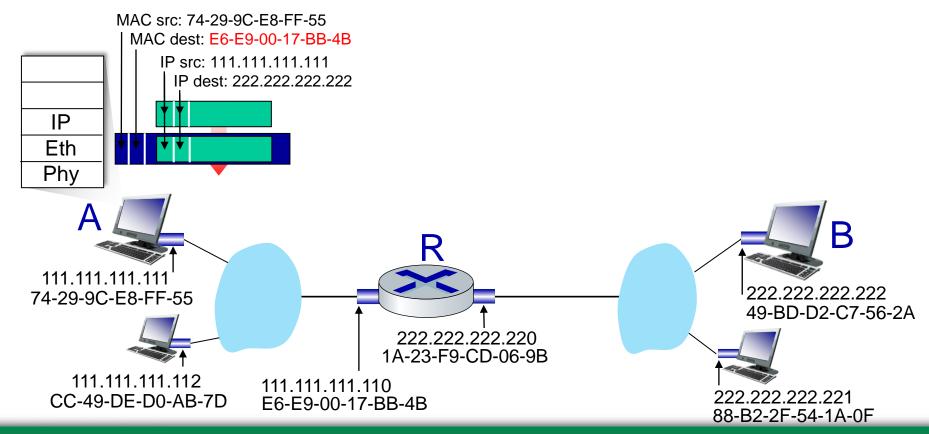


## walkthrough: sending a datagram from A to B via R

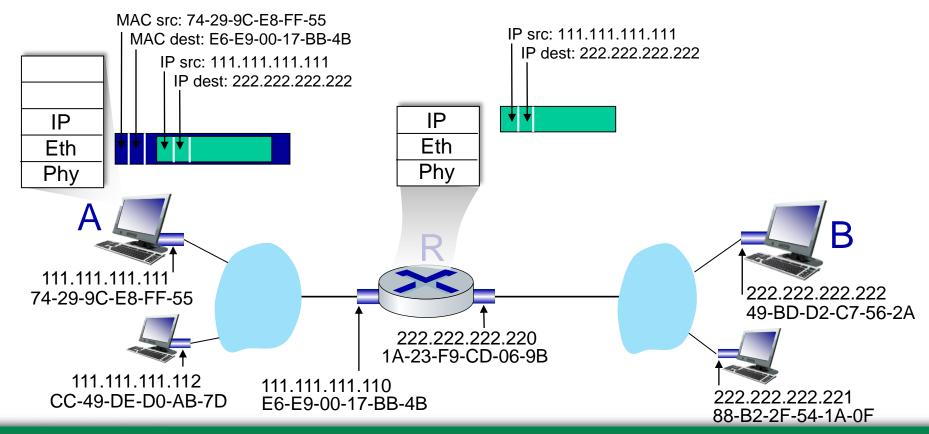
- focus on addressing at IP (datagram) and MAC layer (frame) levels
- assume that:
  - A knows B's IP address
  - A knows IP address of first hop router, R (how?)
  - A knows R's MAC address (how?)



- A creates IP datagram with IP source A, destination B
- A creates link-layer frame containing A-to-B IP datagram
  - R's MAC address is frame's destination

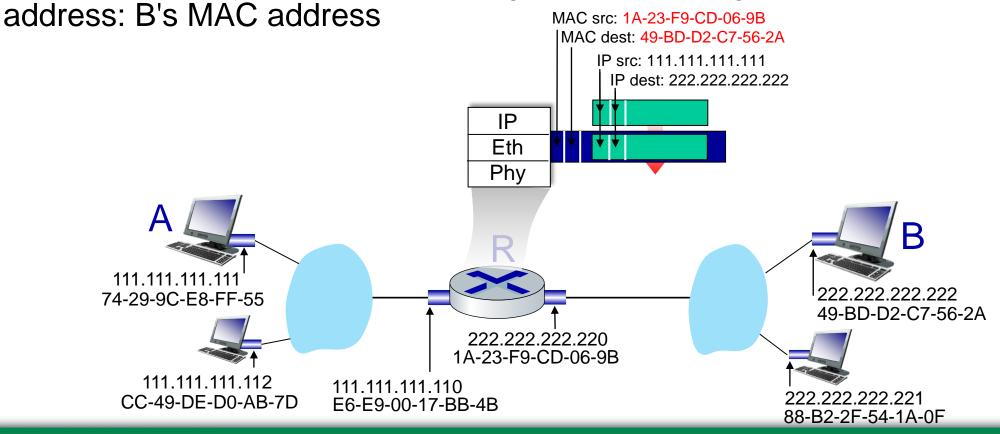


- frame sent from A to R
- frame received at R, datagram removed, passed up to IP



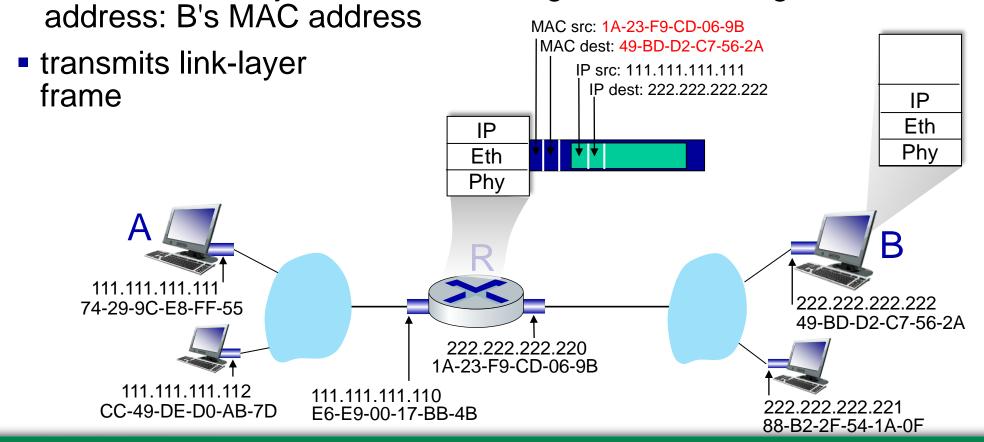
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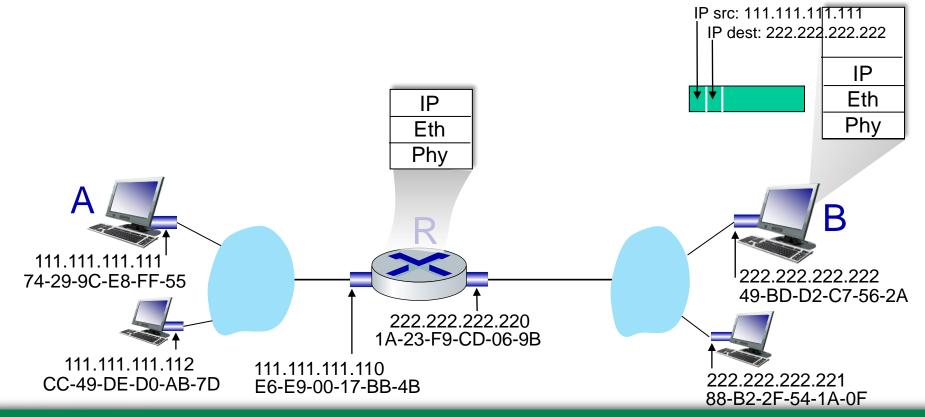


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- B receives frame, extracts IP datagram destination B
- B passes datagram up protocol stack to IP



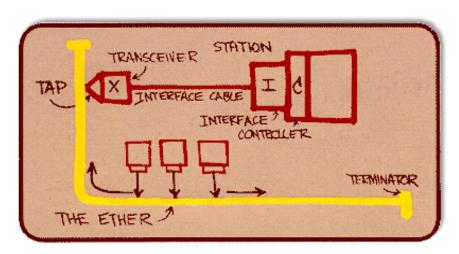
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#### **Ethernet**

- "dominant" wired LAN technology:
  - first widely used LAN technology
  - simpler, cheap
  - kept up with speed race: 10 Mbps 400 Gbps
  - single chip, multiple speeds (e.g., Broadcom BCM5761)

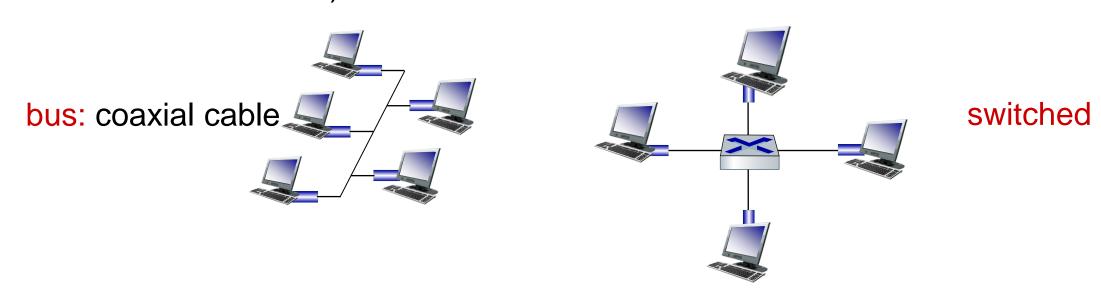


Metcalfe's Ethernet sketch

https://www.uspto.gov/learning-and-resources/journeys-innovation/audio-stories/defying-doubters

## Ethernet: physical topology

- bus: popular through mid 90s
  - all nodes in same collision domain (can collide with each other)
- switched: prevails today
  - active link-layer 2 switch in center
  - each "spoke" runs a (separate) Ethernet protocol (nodes do not collide with each other)



#### Ethernet frame structure

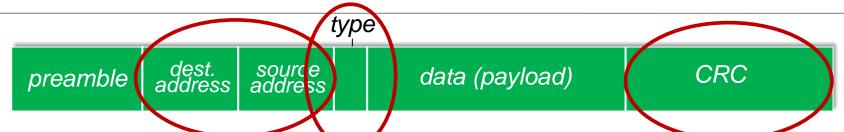
sending interface encapsulates IP datagram (or other network layer protocol packet) in Ethernet frame



### preamble:

- used to synchronize receiver, sender clock rates
- 7 bytes of 10101010 followed by one byte of 10101011

## Ethernet frame structure (more)



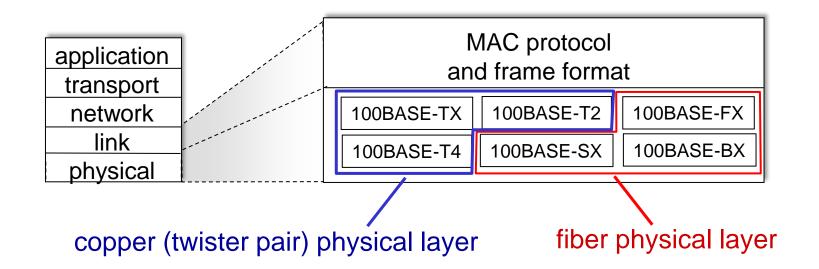
- addresses: 6 byte source, destination MAC addresses
  - if adapter receives frame with matching destination address, or with broadcast address (e.g., ARP packet), it passes data in frame to network layer protocol
  - otherwise, adapter discards frame
- type: indicates higher layer protocol
  - mostly IP but others possible, e.g., Novell IPX, AppleTalk
  - used to demultiplex up at receiver
- CRC: cyclic redundancy check at receiver
  - error detected: frame is dropped

### Ethernet: unreliable, connectionless

- connectionless: no handshaking between sending and receiving NICs
- unreliable: receiving NIC doesn't send ACKs or NAKs to sending NIC
  - data in dropped frames recovered only if initial sender uses higher layer rdt (e.g., TCP), otherwise dropped data lost
- Ethernet's MAC protocol: unslotted CSMA/CD with binary backoff

## 802.3 Ethernet standards: link & physical layers

- many different Ethernet standards
  - common MAC protocol and frame format
  - different speeds: 2 Mbps, 10 Mbps, 100 Mbps, 1Gbps, 10 Gbps, 40 Gbps
    - different physical layer media: fiber, cable



## Link layer, LANs: roadmap

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  - addressing, ARP
  - Ethernet
  - switches
  - VLANs
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- data center networking

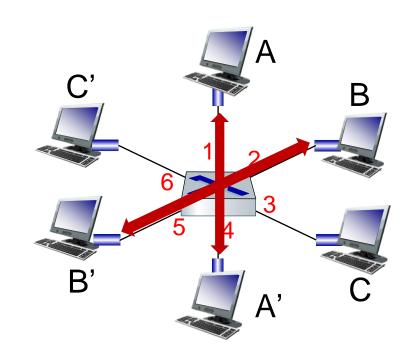
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#### Ethernet switch

- Switch is a link-layer device: takes an active role
  - store, forward Ethernet frames
  - examine incoming frame's MAC address, selectively forward frame to one-or-more outgoing links when frame is to be forwarded on segment, uses CSMA/CD to access segment
- transparent: hosts unaware of presence of switches
- plug-and-play, self-learning
  - switches do not need to be configured

## Switch: multiple simultaneous transmissions

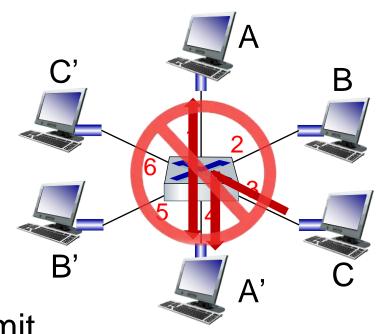
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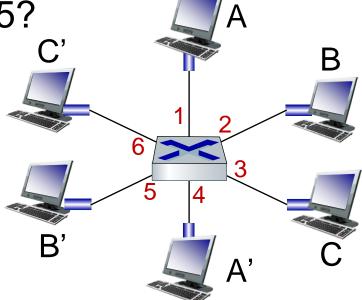
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## Switch forwarding table

Q: how does switch know A' reachable via interface 4, B' reachable via interface 5?

A: each switch has a switch table, each entry:

- (MAC address of host, interface to reach host, time stamp)
- looks like a routing table!
- Q: how are entries created, maintained in switch table?
  - something like a routing protocol?

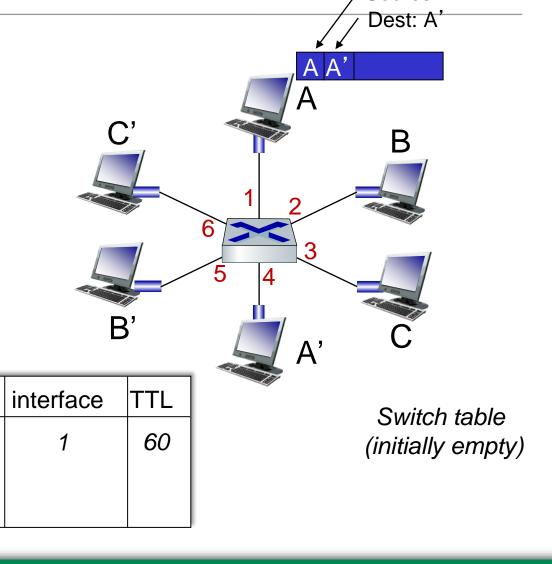


## Switch: self-learning

- switch *learns* which hosts can be reached through which interfaces
  - when frame received, switch "learns" location of sender: incoming LAN segment
  - records sender/location pair in switch table

MAC addr

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Source: A

## Switch: frame filtering/forwarding

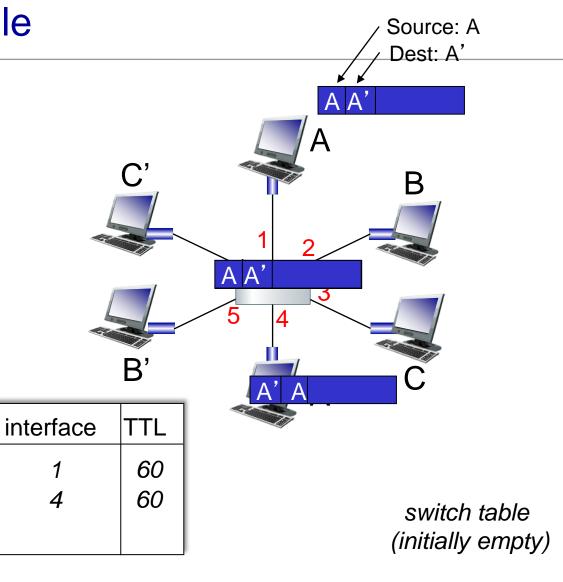
#### when frame received at switch:

- 1. record incoming link, MAC address of sending host
- 2. index switch table using MAC destination address
- 3. if entry found for destination then { if destination on segment from which frame arrived then drop frame else forward frame on interface indicated by entry else flood /\* forward on all interfaces except arriving interface \*/

## Self-learning, forwarding: example

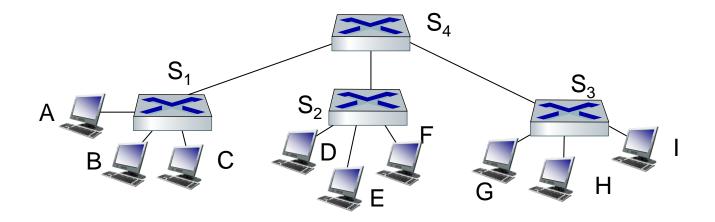
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- frame destination, A', location unknown: flood
- destination A location known: selectively send on just one link



## Interconnecting switches

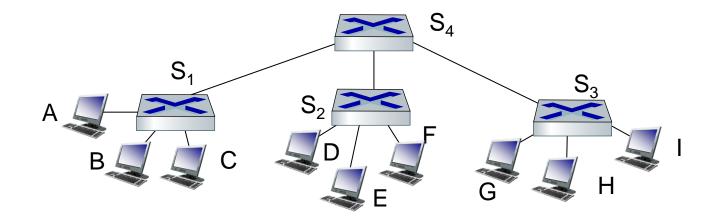
self-learning switches can be connected together:



- Q: sending from A to G how does S<sub>1</sub> know to forward frame destined to G via S<sub>4</sub> and S<sub>3</sub>?
- A: self learning! (works exactly the same as in single-switch case!)

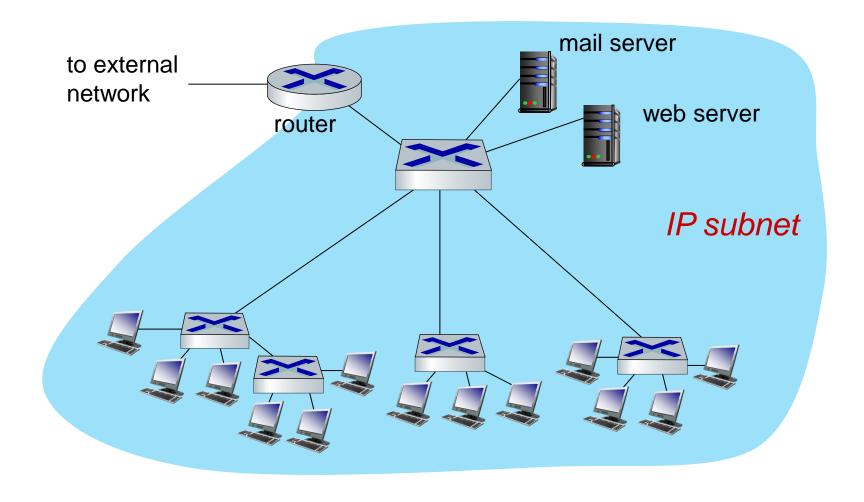
## Self-learning multi-switch example

## Suppose C sends frame to I, I responds to C



Q: show switch tables and packet forwarding in S<sub>1</sub>, S<sub>2</sub>, S<sub>3</sub>, S<sub>4</sub>

#### Small institutional network



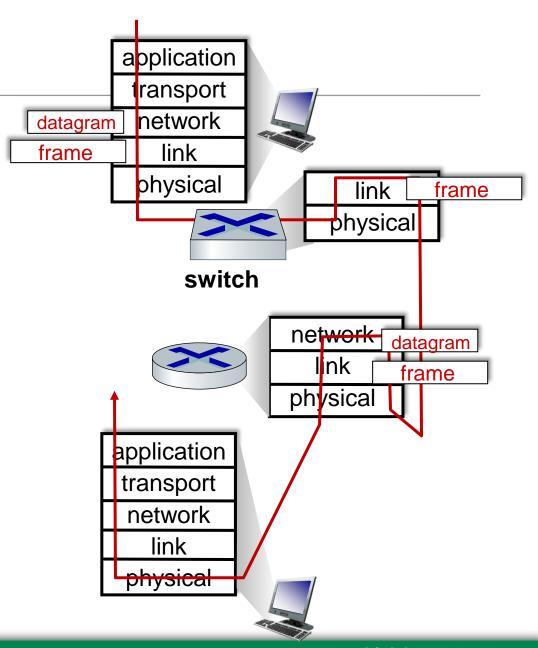
#### Switches vs. routers

#### both are store-and-forward:

- routers: network-layer devices (examine network-layer headers)
- switches: link-layer devices (examine link-layer headers)

## both have forwarding tables:

- routers: compute tables using routing algorithms, IP addresses
- switches: learn forwarding table using flooding, learning, MAC addresses



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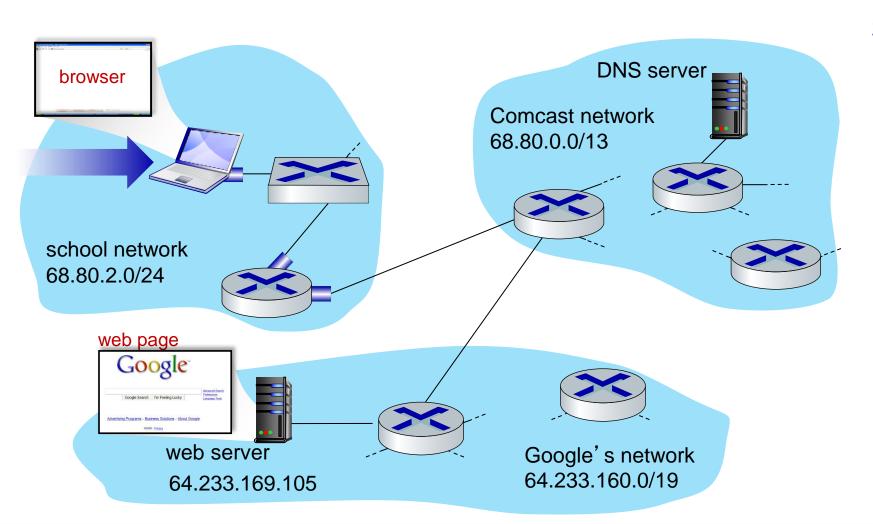
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#### Synthesis: a day in the life of a web request

- our journey down the protocol stack is now complete!
  - application, transport, network, link
- putting-it-all-together: synthesis!
  - goal: identify, review, understand protocols (at all layers) involved in seemingly simple scenario: requesting www page
  - scenario: student attaches laptop to campus network, requests/receives www.google.com

## A day in the life: scenario

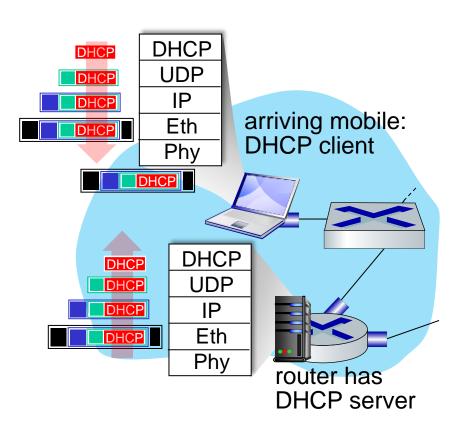


#### scenario:

- arriving mobile client attaches to network ...
- requests web page: www.google.com

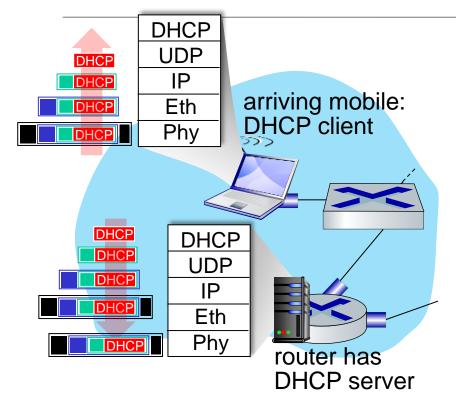


## A day in the life: connecting to the Internet



- connecting laptop needs to get its own IP address, addr of first-hop router, addr of DNS server: use DHCP
- DHCP request encapsulated in UDP, encapsulated in IP, encapsulated in 802.3 Ethernet
- Ethernet frame broadcast (dest: FFFFFFFFFFFFF) on LAN, received at router running DHCP server
- Ethernet demuxed to IP demuxed, UDP demuxed to DHCP

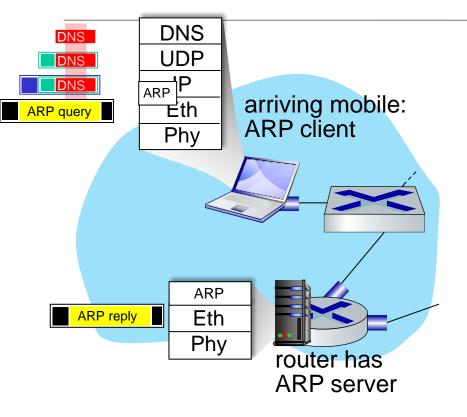
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- DHCP server formulates DHCP ACK containing client's IP address, IP address of first-hop router for client, name & IP address of DNS server
- encapsulation at DHCP server, frame forwarded (switch learning) through LAN, demultiplexing at client
- DHCP client receives DHCP ACK reply

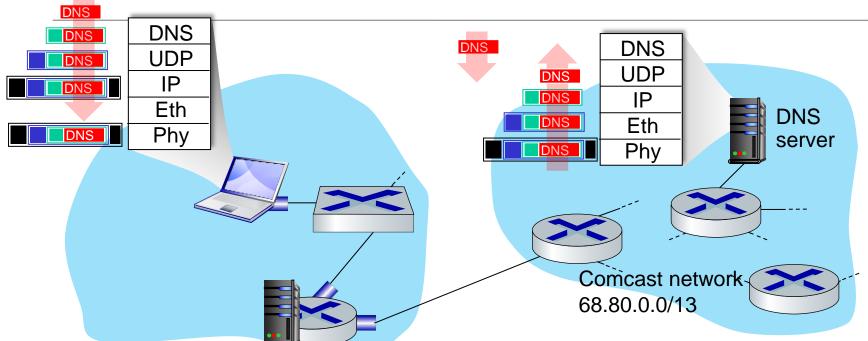
Client now has IP address, knows name & addr of DNS server, IP address of its first-hop router

## A day in the life... ARP (before DNS, before HTTP)



- before sending HTTP request, need IP address of www.google.com: DNS
- DNS query created, encapsulated in UDP, encapsulated in IP, encapsulated in Eth.
   To send frame to router, need MAC address of router interface: ARP
- ARP query broadcast, received by router, which replies with ARP reply giving MAC address of router interface
- client now knows MAC address of first hop router, so can now send frame containing DNS query

# A day in the life... using DNS

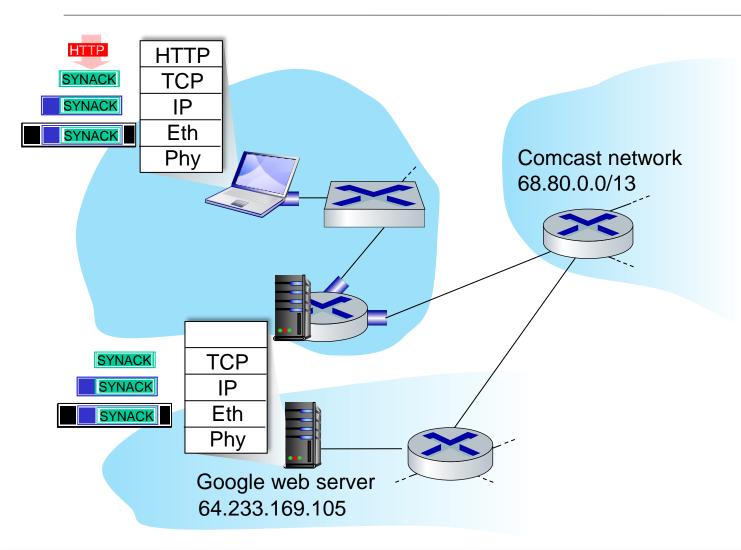


- demuxed to DNS
- DNS replies to client with IP address of www.google.com

 IP datagram containing DNS query forwarded via LAN switch from client to 1st hop router

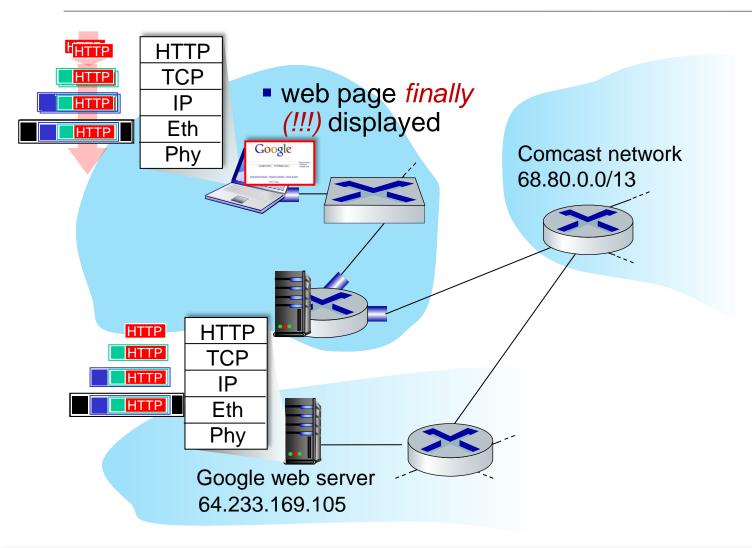
 IP datagram forwarded from campus network into Comcast network, routed (tables created by RIP, OSPF, IS-IS and/or BGP routing protocols) to DNS server

## A day in the life...TCP connection carrying HTTP



- to send HTTP request, client first opens TCP socket to web server
- TCP SYN segment (step 1 in TCP 3-way handshake) inter-domain routed to web server
- web server responds with TCP SYNACK (step 2 in TCP 3-way handshake)
- TCP connection established!

# A day in the life... HTTP request/reply



- HTTP request sent into TCP socket
- IP datagram containing HTTP request routed to www.google.com
- web server responds with HTTP reply (containing web page)
- IP datagram containing HTTP reply routed back to client

#### **Chapter 6: Summary**

- principles behind data link layer services:
  - error detection, correction
  - sharing a broadcast channel: multiple access
  - link layer addressing
- instantiation, implementation of various link layer technologies
  - Ethernet
  - switched LANS, VLANs
  - virtualized networks as a link layer: MPLS
- synthesis: a day in the life of a web request

### Chapter 6: let's take a breath

- journey down protocol stack complete (except PHY)
- solid understanding of networking principles, practice!
- could stop here .... but more interesting topics!
  - wireless
  - security