

CSE 461: Introduction to Computer Communications Networks

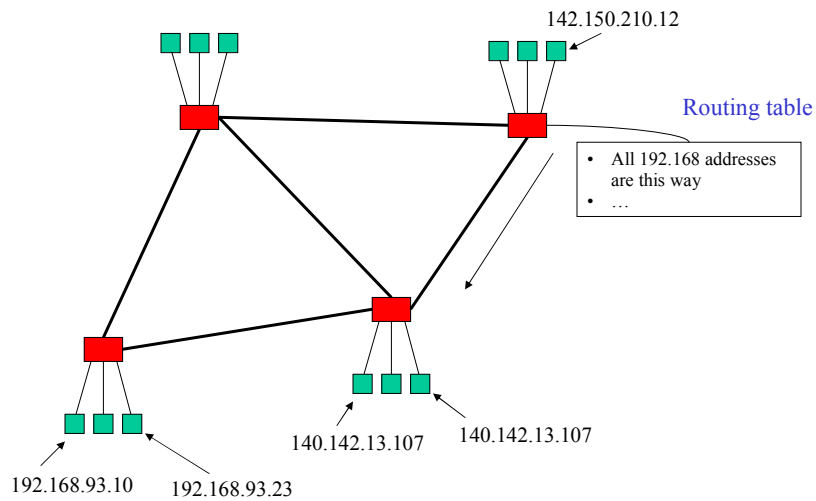
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Module 6

IP Addressing

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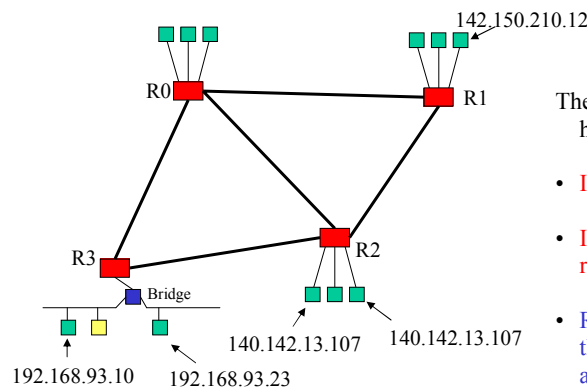
- IP Addressing
 - Allocation and discovery (DHCP, ARP, NAT)
 - Hierarchy (prefixes, class A, B, C, subnets)

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Transport
Network
Data Link
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Address Allocation and Discovery



The yellow node boots. It has a MAC address.

- It needs an IP address.
- It needs to know to use router R3.
- R3 needs to discover the new host's MAC address.

DHCP is used.
ARP is used.

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Topic 1: Obtaining an IP address

- Old fashioned way: sysadmin configured each machine
 - E.g., a local file contained the IP address to use
 - Imagine deploying 50 new machines in one of the labs...
- Future fashioned way (IPV6): Stateless Autoconfiguration
 - Addresses are wide / plentiful
 - Form IPv6 address by concatenating “network’s address” (prefix) with your own MAC address
 - Learn “network address” portion from router
- Current (IPv4) way: Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP)
 - Addresses are narrow (32-bits) / scarce
 - Have to hand them out carefully
 - Use a DHCP server that provides bootstrap info to hosts
 - Host's IP address, gateway address, ...
 - An immediate problem: how does a host without an IP address communicate with the DHCP server?

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The DHCP Problem

Host



DHCP Server



- The host doesn't have an IP address
- The host doesn't know the address of the DHCP server
- The host wants to contact the DHCP server
- We want to use IP packets to talk with the server
 - Why? Why not talk using link layer packets?

Solution: link and IP layer multicast

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The DHCP Problem Solution

Host



Ethernet	Src: host's MAC address Dst: FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF
IP	Src: 00:00:00:00 Dst: FF:FF:FF:FF
UPD	Src port: 68 Dst port: 67
DHCP	RN32 Hi. Startup info please...

DHCP Server

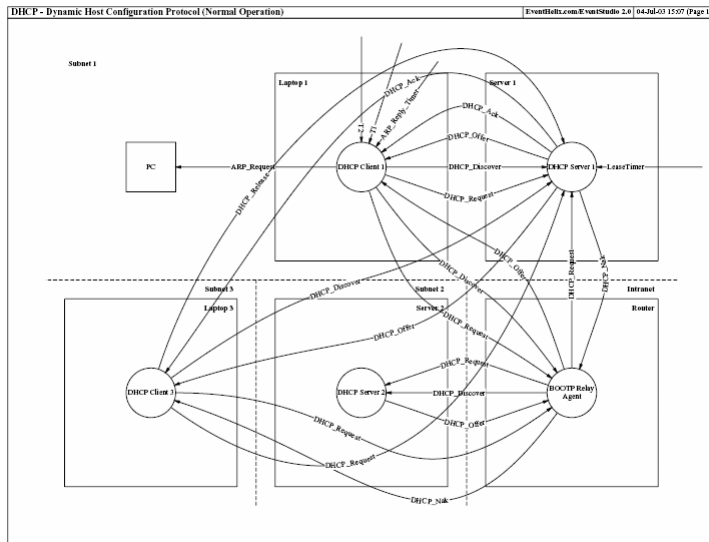


Ethernet	Src: server's MAC address Dst: FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF
IP	Src: server's IP address Dst: FF:FF:FF:FF
UPD	Src port: 67 Dst port: 68
DHCP	RN32 Your IP is... Your gateway's IP is... ...

(As always, the actual protocol is richer than what is shown here.)

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- Client is responsible for all retransmissions. (Why?)
- What dangers are there for losing IP addresses?

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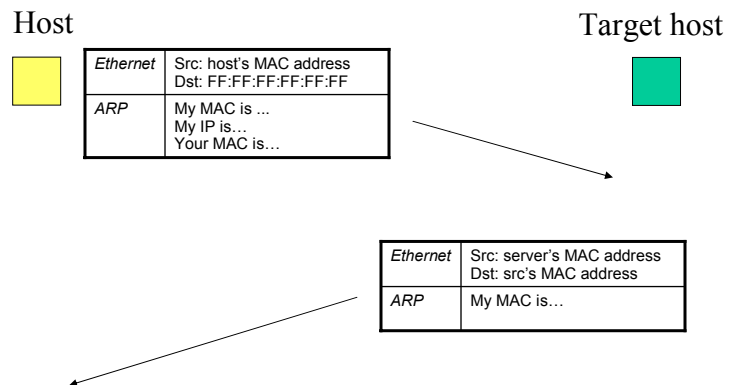
Topic 2: Discovering MAC's from IP's

- Host has an IP (e.g., for the gateway). It needs a MAC address to send a frame to it.
- Solution: Address Resolution Protocol (ARP)
- Exploits the physical multicast of Ethernet

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The DHCP Problem Solution



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Topic 3: Network Address Translation (NAT)

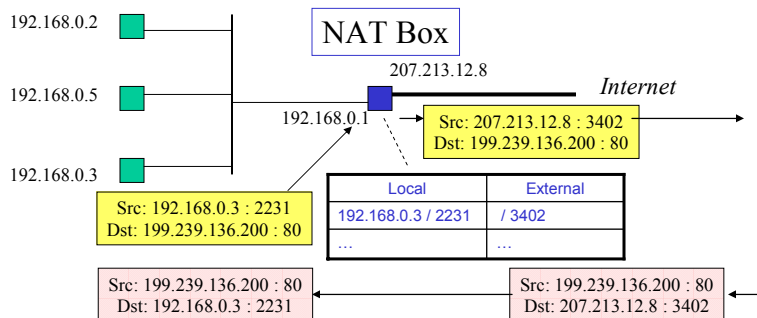
- Turns out that there aren't all that many 32-bit strings (i.e., IP addresses)
 - The world needs more...
 - An individual network needs more...
 - You need more...
 - Your ISP will give you only one (using DHCP), but you want to connect five machines to the Internet
- NAT exploits *non-routable addresses* to let you build your own private network “behind the NAT box”
 - Non-routable addresses are, well, never routed
 - do not have to be globally unique (just locally unique)
- The NAT box substitutes its own IP address for outgoing packets, and the local address of the actual destination for incoming packets

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NAT Overview

- Recall that IP addresses are 32-bits (e.g., 192.168.10.3)
- Recall that TCP addresses are IP addresses plus a port number
- These IP address ranges are “non-routable”:
 - 10.0.0.0 - 10.255.255.255
 - 172.16.0.0 - 172.31.255.255
 - 192.168.0.0 - 192.168.255.255



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Topic 4: IP Addresses

- Routing burden grows with size of an internetwork
 - Size of routing tables
 - Volume of routing messages
 - Amount of routing computation
- To scale to the size of the Internet, apply:
 - Hierarchical addressing
 - Use of structural hierarchy
 - Route aggregation

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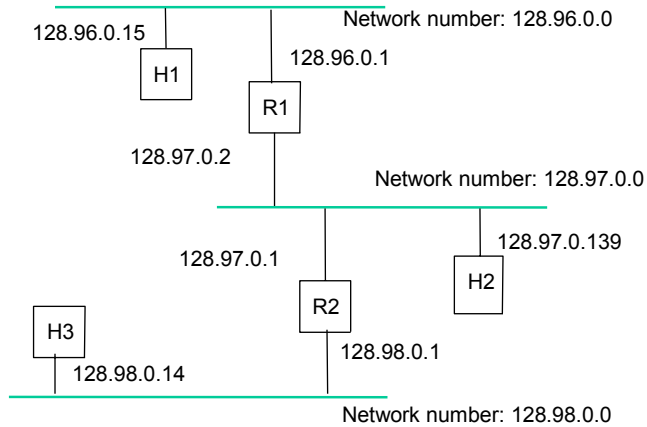
IP Addresses: Hierarchy

- Hierarchy is used for routing
 - IP addresses reflect some properties of location in topology
 - Interfaces on the same network share prefix
 - Local delivery in a single network doesn't involve router
 - Routers advertise prefixes to each other
 - Unlike "flat" Ethernet addresses
 - Like hierarchical file names (e.g., `/homes/zahorjan/cse461/06au/m6.ppt`). What are the similarities / differences?
- Hierarchy is used for network management
 - Prefix administratively assigned (IANA or ISP)
 - Addresses globally unique
 - Full host IP assigned locally
 - Distributes burden over users

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IPv4 Network Example



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Internet Router Forwarding Routine: Take 1

- With bridging, it used to be “look up destination address to determine next hop”
- Now addresses have network and host portions:
 - **Host:** if destination network is the same as the host network, then deliver locally (without router). Otherwise send to the router
 - **Router:** look up destination network in routing table to find next hop and send to next router. If destination network is directly attached then deliver locally.

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Take 2: Subnetting

- Split up one network number into multiple physical networks

Network number	Host number
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Class B address

- Helps allocation efficiency -- can hand out subnets

11111111111111111111111111111111	00000000
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Subnet mask (255.255.255.0)

- Rest of internet does not see subnet structure

- subnet is purely internal to network
- aggregates routing info

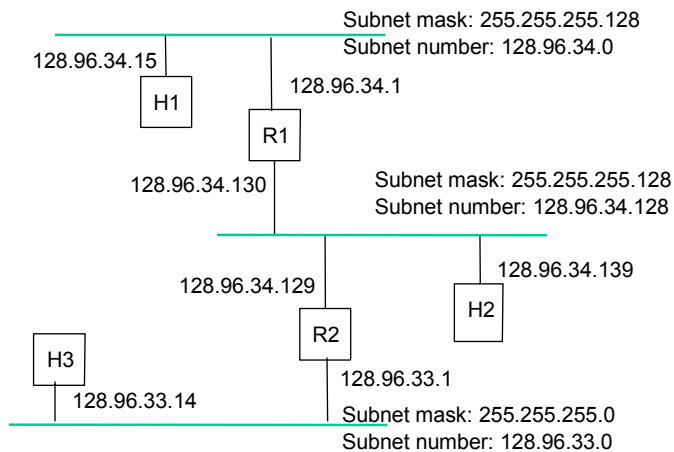
Network number	Subnet ID	Host ID
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Subnetted address

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Subnet Example



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Updated Forwarding Routine

- Used to know network from address (class A, B, C)
- Now need to “search” routing table for right subnet
 - **Host**: easy, just substitute “subnet” for “network”
 - **Router**: search routing table for the subnet that the destination belongs to, and use that to forward as before

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Take 3: CIDR (Supernetting)

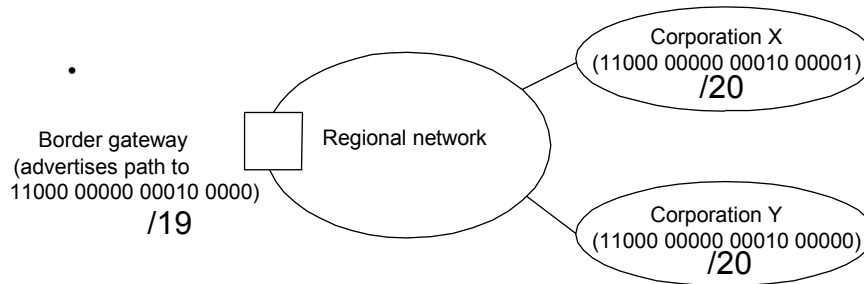
- CIDR = Classless Inter-Domain Routing
- Generalize class A, B, C into prefixes of arbitrary length; now must carry prefix length with address
- Aggregate adjacent advertised network routes
 - e.g., ISP has class C addresses 192.4.16 through 192.4.31
 - Really like one larger 20 bit address class ...
 - Advertise as such (network number, prefix length)
 - Reduces size of routing tables
- But IP forwarding is more involved
 - Based on Longest Matching Prefix operation

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CIDR Example

- X and Y routes can be aggregated because they form a bigger contiguous range.



- But aggregation isn't always possible. Why?
 - can only aggregate power of 2

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IP Forwarding Revisited

- Routing table now contains routes to “prefixes”
 - IP address and length indicating what bits are fixed
- Now need to “search” routing table for longest matching prefix, only at routers
 - Search routing table for the prefix that the destination belongs to, and use that to forward as before
 - There can be multiple matches; take the longest prefix
- This is the IP forwarding routine used at routers.

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Key Concepts

- Hierarchical address allocation helps routing scale
 - Technical Issues:
 - Addresses are constrained by topology
 - Advertise and compute routes for networks, not each host
 - Separate internet view of networks from local implementation via subnets
 - Keep host simple and let routers worry about routing
 - Network Administration Issue:
 - Distribute workload of assigning IP addresses to clients
- DHCP provides convenient management of host startup information
- ARP learns the mapping from IP to MAC address
- NAT hides local names behind a single global name

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