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Chapter 5: The Data Link Layer

Our goals:

- understand principles behind data link layer services:
 - error detection, correction
 - sharing a broadcast channel: multiple access
 - link layer addressing
 - reliable data transfer, flow control: done!
- instantiation and implementation of various link layer technologies

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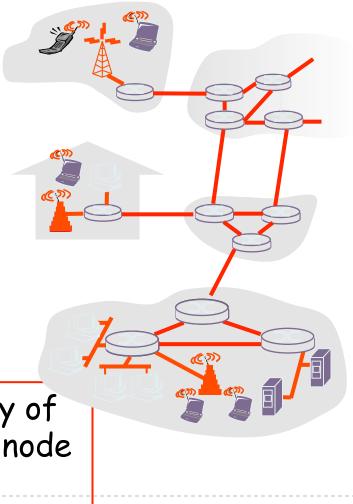
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Link Layer: Introduction

Some terminology:

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

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



5: DataLink Layer

Link layer: context

- datagram transferred by different link protocols over different links:
 - e.g., Ethernet on first link, frame relay on intermediate links, 802.11 on last link
- each link protocol provides different services
 - e.g., may or may not provide rdt over link

transportation analogy

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

Link Layer Services

framing, link access:

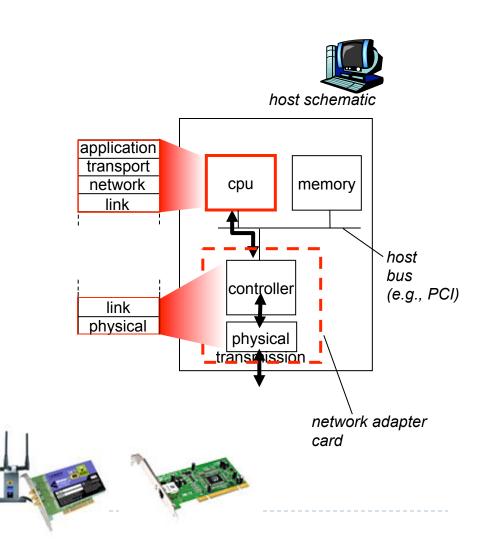
- encapsulate datagram into frame, adding header, trailer
- channel access if shared medium
- "MAC" addresses used in frame headers to identify source, dest
 - different from IP address!
- reliable delivery between adjacent nodes
 - we learned how to do this already (chapter 3)!
 - seldom used on low bit-error link (fiber, some twisted pair)
 - wireless links: high error rates
 - Q: why both link-level and end-end reliability?

Link Layer Services (more)

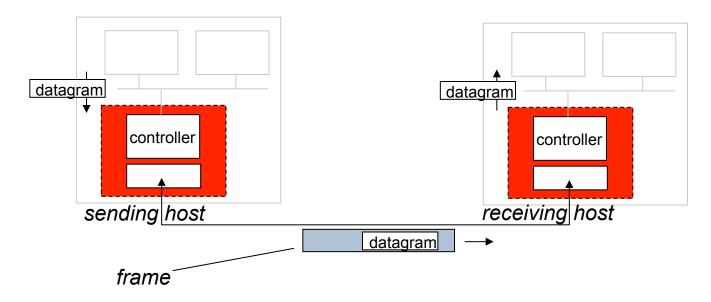
- flow control:
 - pacing between adjacent sending and receiving nodes
- error detection:
 - errors caused by signal attenuation, noise.
 - receiver detects presence of errors:
 - signals sender for retransmission or drops frame
- error correction:
 - receiver identifies and corrects bit error(s) without resorting to 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 "adaptor" (aka network interface card NIC)
 - Ethernet card, PCMCI card, 802.11 card
 - implements link, physical layer
- attaches into host's system buses
- combination of hardware, software, firmware



Adaptors Communicating



- sending side:
 - encapsulates datagram in frame
 - adds error checking bits, rdt, flow control, etc.

receiving side

- looks for errors, rdt, flow control, etc
- extracts datagram, passes to upper layer at receiving side

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Multiple Access Links and Protocols

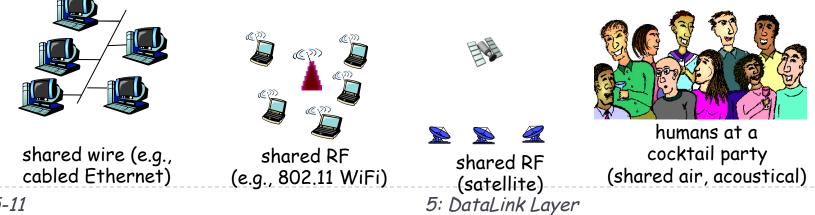
Two types of "links":

point-to-point

- PPP for dial-up access
- point-to-point link between Ethernet switch and host

broadcast (shared wire or medium)

- old-fashioned Ethernet
- upstream HFC
- 802 | | wireless | AN



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

Ideal Multiple Access Protocol

Broadcast channel of rate R bps

- I. 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: a taxonomy

MAC = Medium Access Control

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

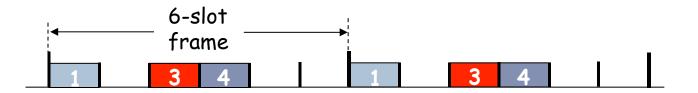
"Taking turns"

 nodes take turns, but nodes with more to send can take longer turns

Channel Partitioning MAC protocols: TDMA

TDMA: time division multiple access

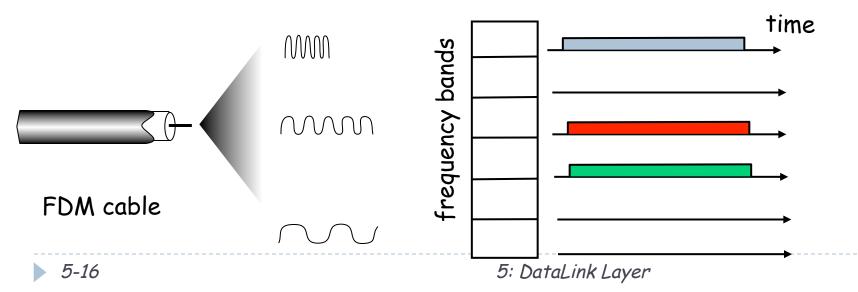
- access to channel in "rounds"
- each station gets fixed length slot (length = pkt trans time) in each round
- unused slots go idle
- example: 6-station LAN, 1,3,4 have pkt, slots 2,5,6 idle



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 pkt, 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:
 - slotted ALOHA
 - ALOHA
 - CSMA, CSMA/CD, CSMA/CA

Slotted ALOHA

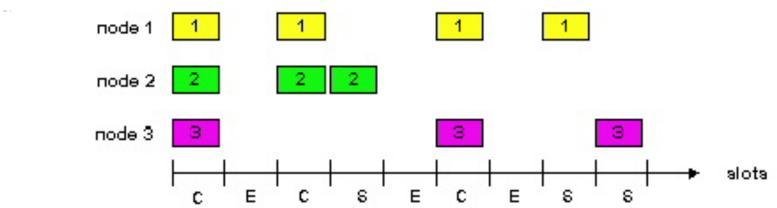
Assumptions:

- all frames same size
- time divided into equal size slots (time to transmit I 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 prob. p until success

Slotted ALOHA



<u>Pros</u>

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

simple

<u>Cons</u>

- 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(I-p)^{N-I}

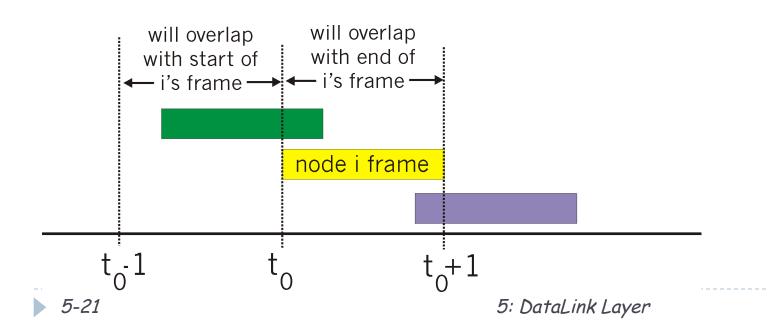
- max efficiency: find p* that maximizes Np(I-p)^{N-I}
- for many nodes, take limit of Np*(I-p*)^{N-I} as N goes to infinity, gives:

Max efficiency = 1/e = .37

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

Pure (unslotted) ALOHA

- unslotted Aloha: simpler, no synchronization
- when frame first arrives
 - transmit immediately
- collision probability increases:
 - frame sent at t_0 collides with other frames sent in $[t_0 1, t_0 + 1]$



Pure Aloha efficiency

P(success by given node) = P(node transmits $) \cdot$

P(no other node transmits in $[t_0-I,t_0]$) · P(no other node transmits in $[t_0,t_{0+1}]$) = $p \cdot (I-p)^{N-1} \cdot (I-p)^{N-1}$ = $p \cdot (I-p)^{2(N-1)}$

 \dots choosing optimum p and then letting n -> infty \dots

= I/(2e) = .18

even worse than slotted Aloha!

CSMA (Carrier Sense Multiple Access)

<u>CSMA</u>: listen before transmit:

If channel sensed idle: transmit entire frame

If channel sensed busy, defer transmission

human analogy: don't interrupt others!

CSMA collisions

collisions *can* still occur:

propagation delay means two nodes may not hear each other's transmission

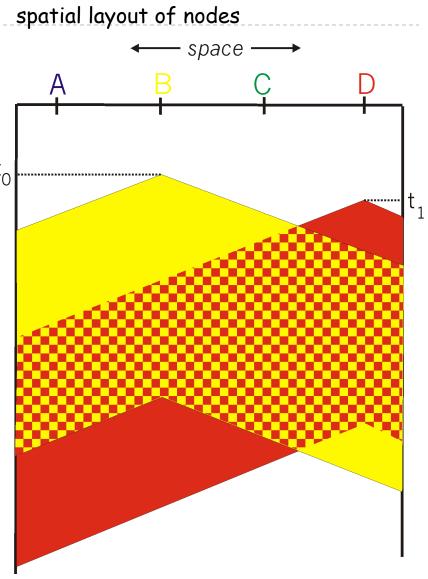
collision:

entire packet transmission time wasted

note:

role of distance & propagation delay in determining collision probability

"the longer the propagation delay, the larger the chance of collision"



time

CSMA/CD (Collision Detection)

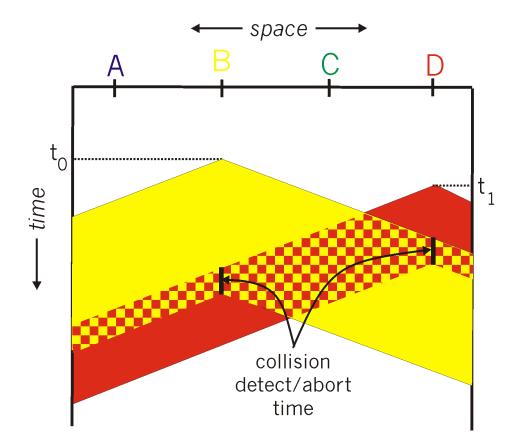
CSMA/CD: carrier sensing, deferral as in CSMA

- collisions detected within short time
- colliding transmissions aborted, reducing channel wastage

collision detection:

- easy in wired LANs: measure signal strengths, compare transmitted, received signals
- difficult in wireless LANs: received signal strength overwhelmed by local transmission strength
- human analogy: the polite conversationalist

CSMA/CD collision detection



"Taking Turns" MAC protocols

channel partitioning MAC protocols:

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

Random access MAC protocols

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

"taking turns" protocols

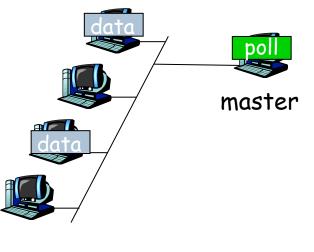
look for best of both worlds!

Remember the ideal requisites: 1) Throughput = R bps when only one node has data to transmit 2) Throughput = R/M bps when M nodes have data to transmit

"Taking Turns" MAC protocols

Polling:

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

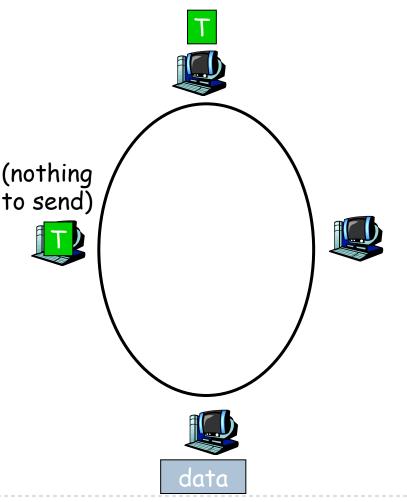


slaves

"Taking Turns" MAC protocols

Token passing:

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



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, IBM Token Ring

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MAC Addresses and ARP

32-bit IP address:

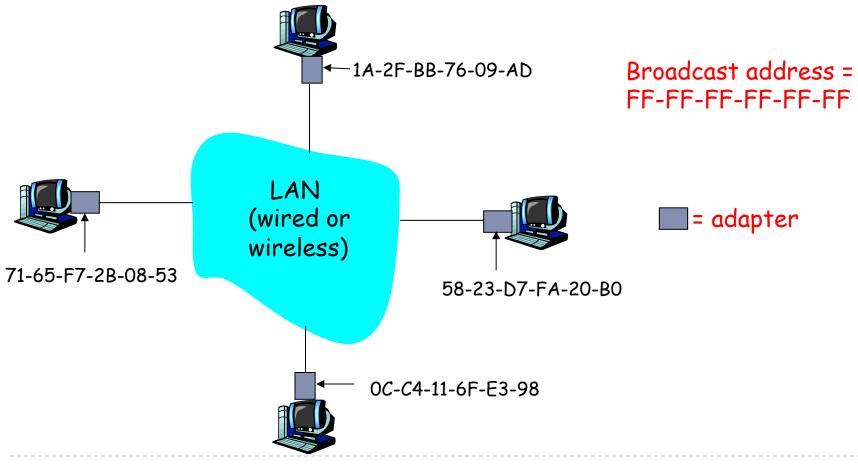
- network-layer address
- used to get datagram to destination IP subnet

MAC (or LAN or physical or Ethernet) address:

- function: get frame from one interface to another physicallyconnected interface (same network)
- 48 bit MAC address (for most LANs)
 - ▶ 3 bytes for organization-specific prefix + 3 bytes to identify the card
 - burned in NIC ROM, also sometimes software settable

LAN Addresses and ARP

Each adapter on LAN has unique LAN address



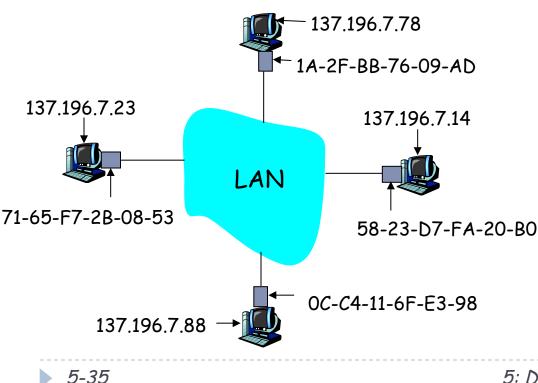
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LAN Address (more)

- MAC address allocation administered by IEEE
- manufacturer buys portion of MAC address space (to assure uniqueness)
- analogy:
 - (a) MAC address: like Social Security Number
 - (b) IP address: like postal address
- ► MAC flat address → portability
 - can move LAN card from one LAN to another
- IP hierarchical address NOT portable
 - > address depends on IP subnet to which node is attached

ARP: Address Resolution Protocol

<u>Question:</u> how to determine MAC address of B knowing B's IP address?



- Each IP node (host, router) on LAN has ARP table
- ARP 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)

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ARP protocol: Same LAN (network)

- A wants to send datagram to B, and B's MAC address not in A's ARP table.
- A broadcasts ARP query packet, containing B's IP address
 - dest MAC address = FF-FF-FF-FF-FF
 - all machines on LAN receive ARP query
- B receives ARP packet, replies to A with its (B's) MAC address
 - frame sent to A's MAC address (unicast)

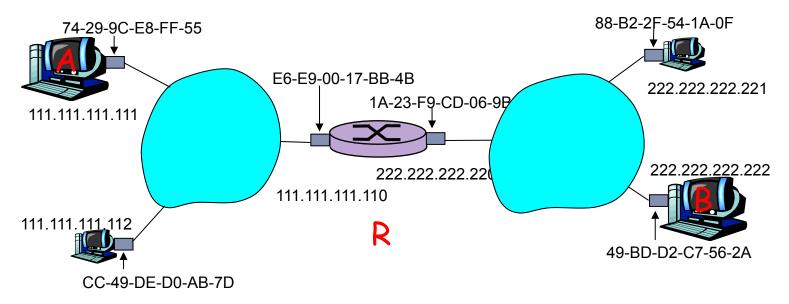
- A caches (saves) IP-to-MAC address pair in its ARP table until information becomes old (times out)
 - soft state: information that times out (goes away) unless refreshed

ARP is "plug-and-play":

 nodes create their ARP tables without intervention from net administrator Addressing: routing to another LAN

walkthrough: send datagram from A to B via R

assume A knows B's IP address

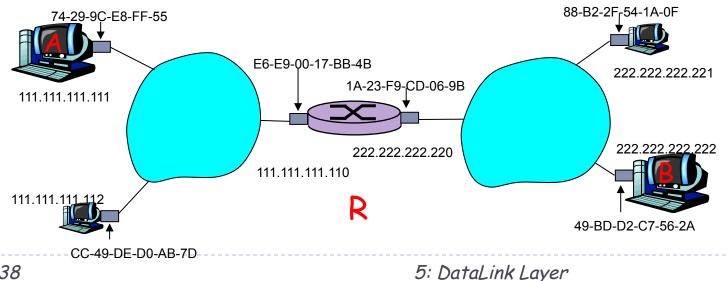


 two ARP tables in router R, one for each IP network (LAN)

- A creates IP datagram with source A, destination B
- A uses ARP to get R's MAC address for 111.111.111.110
- A creates link-layer frame with R's MAC address as dest, frame contains A-to-B IP datagram
 This is a really
- A's NIC sends frame
- R's NIC receives frame

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This is a really important
example - make sure you
understand!
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- R removes IP datagram from Ethernet frame, sees its destined to B
- R uses ARP to get B's MAC address
- R creates frame containing A-to-B IP datagram sends to B



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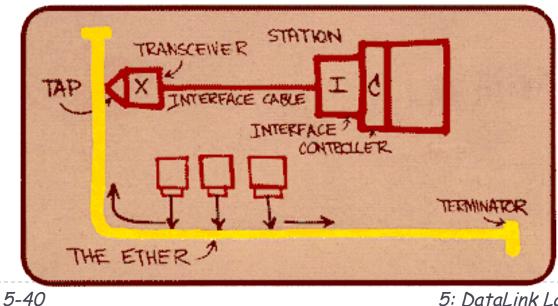
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Ethernet

"dominant" wired LAN technology:

- cheap \$20 for NIC
- first widely used LAN technology
- simpler, cheaper than token LANs and ATM
- kept up with speed race: 10 Mbps 10 Gbps

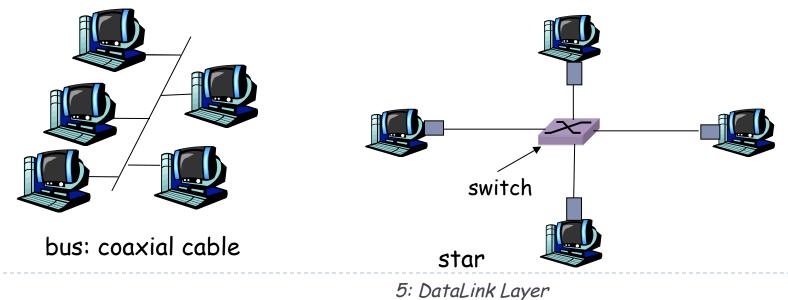


Metcalfe's Ethernet sketch

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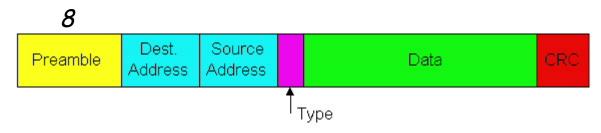
Star topology***

- bus topology popular through mid 90s
 - all nodes in same collision domain (can collide with each other)
- today: star topology prevails
 - active *switch* in center
 - each node runs a (separate) Ethernet protocol (nodes do not collide with each other)



Ethernet Frame Structure

Sending adapter encapsulates IP datagram (or other network layer protocol packet) in Ethernet frame



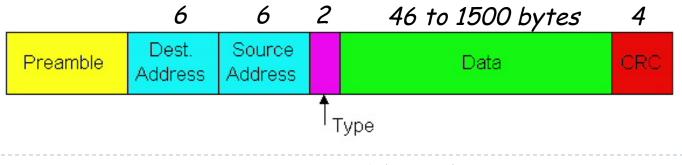
Preamble:

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

Ethernet Frame Structure (more)

Addresses: 6 bytes

- if adapter receives frame with matching destination address, or with broadcast address (eg 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)
- CRC: checked at receiver, if error is detected, frame is dropped



Ethernet: Unreliable, connectionless

- connectionless: No handshaking between sending and receiving NICs
- unreliable: receiving NIC doesn't send acks or nacks to sending NIC
 - stream of datagrams passed to network layer can have gaps (missing datagrams)
 - gaps will be filled if app is using TCP
 - otherwise, app will see gaps
- Ethernet's MAC protocol: unslotted CSMA/CD

Ethernet CSMA/CD algorithm

- I. NIC receives datagram from network layer, creates frame
- 2. If NIC senses channel idle, starts frame transmission
 - If NIC senses channel busy, waits until channel idle, then transmits
- 3. If NIC transmits entire frame without detecting another transmission, NIC is **done** with frame !

4. If NIC detects another transmission while transmitting, aborts and sends **jam signal**

5. After aborting, NIC enters exponential backoff: after mth collision, NIC chooses K at random from {0,1,2,...,2^m-1} (max m=10). NIC waits K·512 bit times, returns to Step 2

Ethernet's CSMA/CD (more)

- Jam Signal: make sure all other transmitters are aware of collision; 48 bits
- Bit time: .1 microsec for 10 Mbps Ethernet ; for K=1023, wait time is about 50 msec

Exponential Backoff:

- Goal: adapt retransmission attempts to estimated current load
 - heavy load: random wait will be longer
- first collision: choose K from {0,1}; delay is K· 512 bit transmission times
- after second collision: choose K
 from {0,1,2,3}...
- after ten collisions, choose K from {0,1,2,3,4,...,1023}

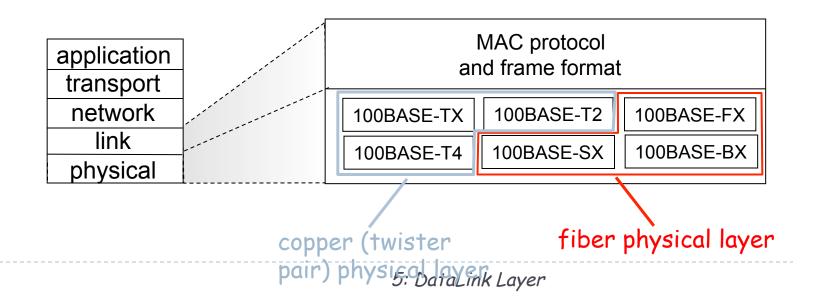
CSMA/CD efficiency

- T_{prop} = max prop delay between 2 nodes in LAN
- t_{trans} = time to transmit max-size frame
- efficiency goes to I
 - ▶ as t_{prop} goes to 0
 - as t_{trans} goes to infinity
- better performance than ALOHA: and simple, cheap, decentralized!

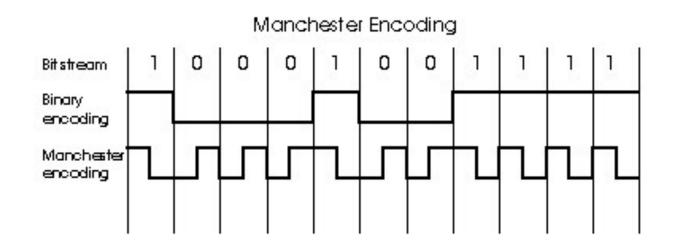
$$efficiency = \frac{1}{1 + 5t_{prop}/t_{trans}}$$

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, 10G bps
 - different physical layer media: fiber, cable



Manchester encoding



- used in IOBaseT
- each bit has a transition
- allows clocks in sending and receiving nodes to synchronize to each other
 - no need for a centralized, global clock among nodes!
- Hey, this is physical-layer stuff!

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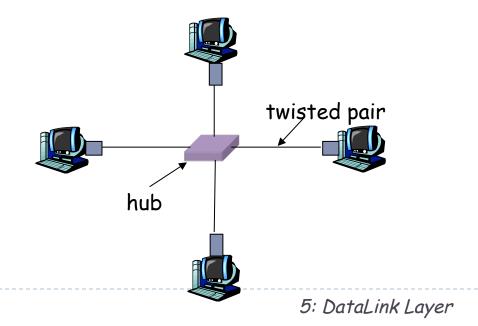
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Hubs

... physical-layer ("dumb") repeaters:

- bits coming in one link go out *all* other links at same rate
- all nodes connected to hub can collide with one another
- no frame buffering
- no CSMA/CD at hub: host NICs detect collisions



Switch

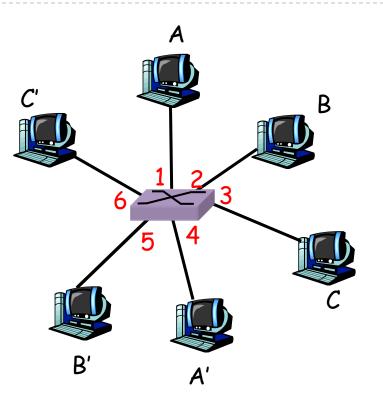
- Ink-layer device: smarter than hubs, take active role
 - store, forward Ethernet frames
 - examine incoming frame's MAC address, selectively forward frame to one-or-more outgoing links when frame is to be forwarded on segment, uses CSMA/CD to access segment

transparent

- hosts are unaware of presence of switches
- plug-and-play, self-learning
 - switches do not need to be configured

Switch: allows *multiple* simultaneous transmissions

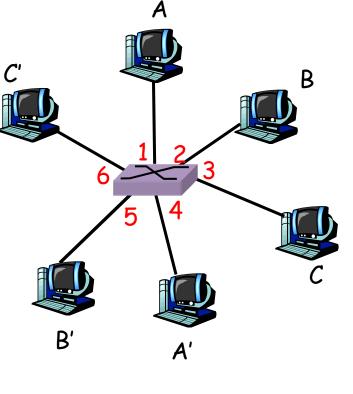
- hosts have dedicated, direct connection to switch
- switches buffer packets
- Ethernet protocol used on each incoming link, but no collisions; full duplex
 - each link is its own collision domain
- switching: A-to-A' and B-to-B' simultaneously, without collisions
 - not possible with dumb hub



switch with six interfaces (1,2,3,4,5,6)

Switch Table

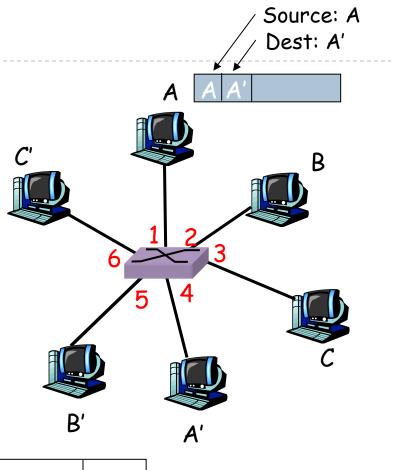
- Q: how does switch know that A' reachable via interface 4, B' reachable via interface 5?
- A: each switch has a switch table, each entry:
 - (MAC address of host, interface to reach host, time stamp)
- Iooks like a routing table!
- Q: how are entries created, maintained in switch table?
 - something like a routing protocol?



switch with six interfaces (1,2,3,4,5,6)

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	interface	TTL
A	1	60

Switch table (initially empty)

Switch: frame filtering/forwarding

When frame received:

- I. record link associated with sending host
- 2. index switch table using MAC dest address
- 3. if entry found for destination then {

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if dest on segment from which frame arrived then drop the frame
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else forward the frame on interface indicated
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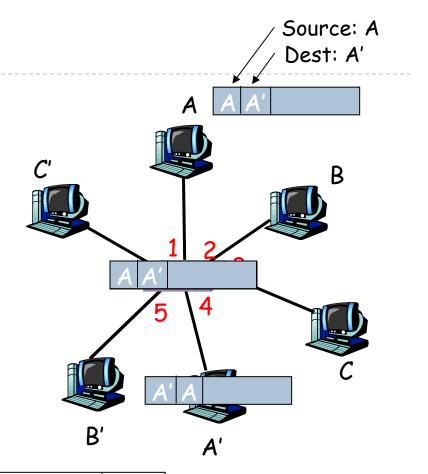
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}
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else flood



Self-learning, forwarding: example

- frame destination unknown: *flood*
- destination A location known: selective send

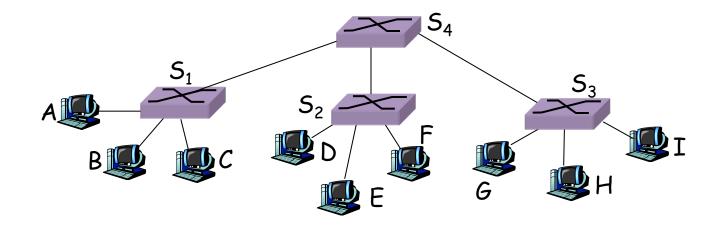


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Switch table (initially empty)

Interconnecting switches

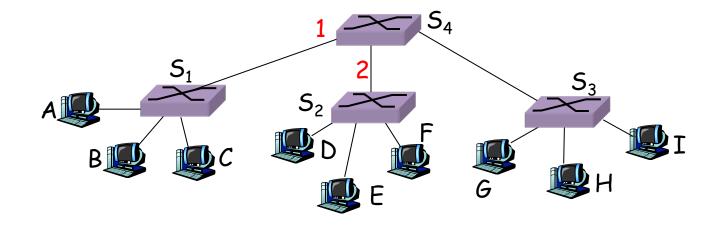
switches can be connected together



Q: sending from A to G - how does S₁ know to forward frame destined to F via S₄ and S₃?
 <u>A:</u> self learning! (works exactly the same as in single-switch case!)

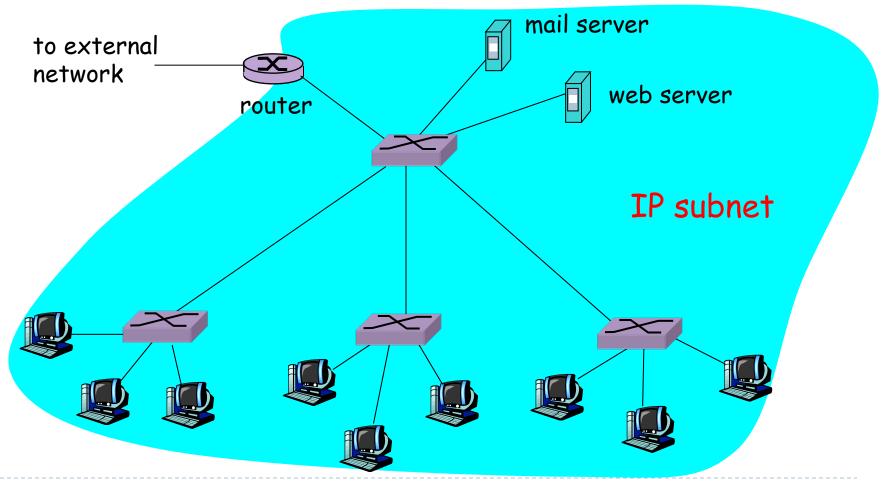
Self-learning multi-switch example***

Suppose C sends frame to I, I responds to C



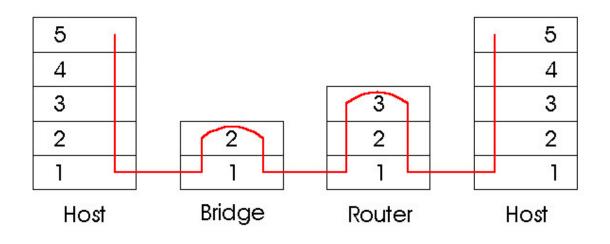
□ Q: show switch tables and packet forwarding in S₁, S₂, S₃, S₄

Institutional network



Switches vs. Routers

- both store-and-forward devices
 - routers: network layer devices (examine network layer headers)
 - switches are link layer devices
- routers maintain routing tables, implement routing algorithms
- switches maintain switch tables, implement filtering, learning algorithms



Switch vs. ARP Poisoning

Switch Poisoning

- Send Eth packets with spoofed src-MAC to the switch
- Objective: fill the MAC-to-NIC map
- Result: switch gets flooded, all frames will be broadcasted and therefore can be sniffed!

ARP Poisoning

- Can be more targeted
- Objective: Poison the ARP table of a host X
- How? Attacker Y sends lots of spoofed ARP packets saying that the MAC address of the default gateway is actually Y's MAC
- Result: Man-in-the-Middle Attack!

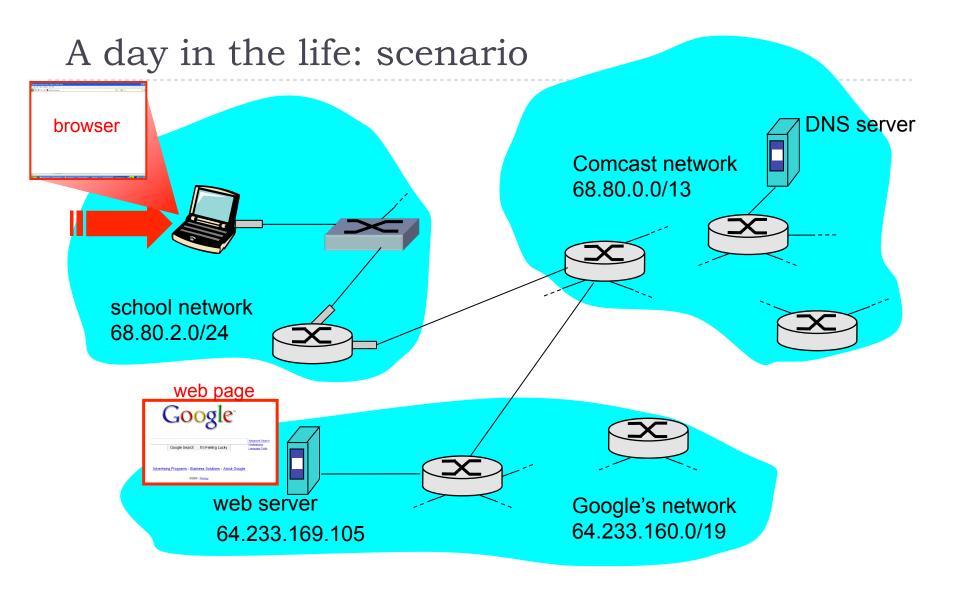
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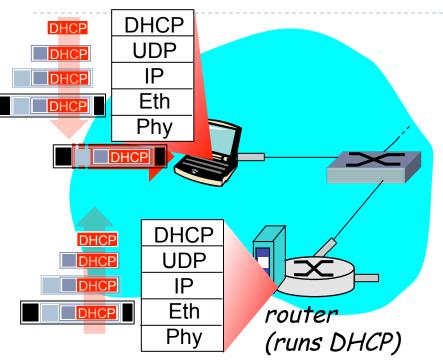
- 5.6 Link-layer switches
- ▶ 5.7 PPP
- 5.8 Link virtualization: MPLS
- 5.9 A day in the life of a web request

Synthesis: a day in the life of a web request

- journey down protocol stack 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

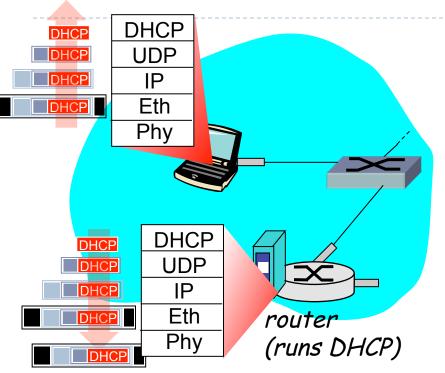


A day in the life... connecting to the Internet



- connecting laptop needs to get its own IP address, addr of firsthop router, addr of DNS server: use DHCP
- DHCP request encapsulated in UDP, encapsulated in IP, encapsulated in 802.1 Ethernet
- Ethernet frame broadcast (dest: FFFFFFFFFFF) on LAN, received at router running DHCP server
- Ethernet <u>demux'ed</u> to IP demux'ed, UDP demux'ed to DHCP

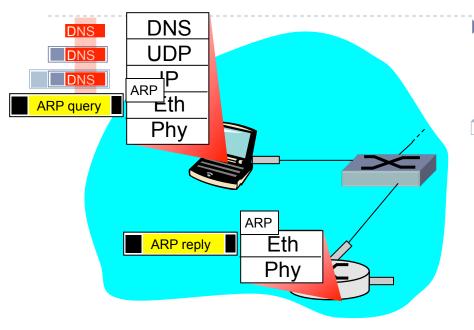
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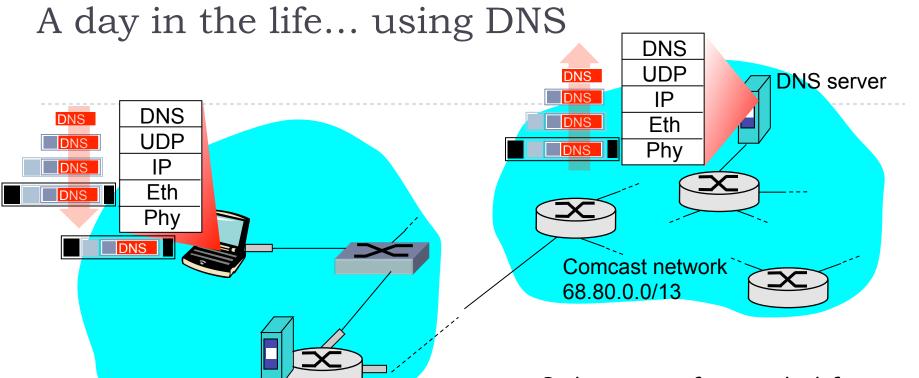
- DHCP server formulates
 DHCP ACK containing client's
 IP address, IP address of firsthop router for client, name & IP address of DNS server
- encapsulation at DHCP server, frame forwarded (*switch learning*) through LAN, demultiplexing at client
- DHCP client receives DHCP ACK reply

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)

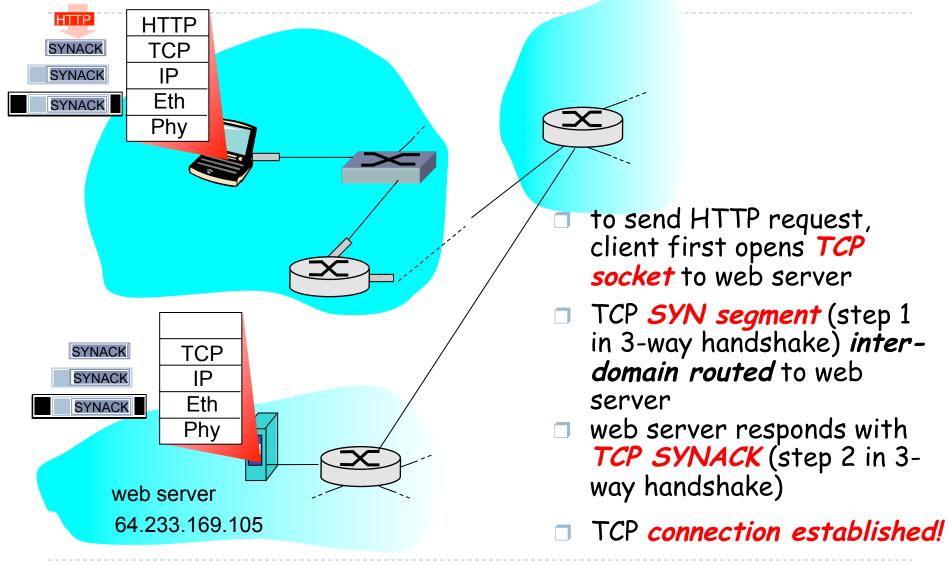


- before sending HTTP request, need IP address of www.google.com: DNS
- DNS query created, encapsulated in UDP, encapsulated in IP, encasulated in Eth. In order to send frame to router, need MAC address of router interface: ARP
- ARP query broadcast, received by router, which replies with ARP reply giving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



- 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
- demux'ed to DNS server
- DNS server replies to client with IP address of
- 5: MWWirgoggle.com

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



5: DataLink Layer

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

