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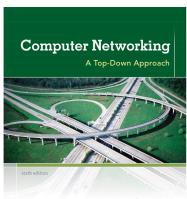
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# Reference Book



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### Course content

- □ Chapter 1: Computer Networks and the Internet
- □ Chapter 2: Application Layer
- □ Chapter 3: Transport Layer
- □ Chapter 4: Network Layer
- □ Chapter 5: Link Layer and Local Area Networks

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### Evaluation

- □ Theory
  - Written exam
  - In January, duration: 2h30
  - ❖ Weight = 2/3
- □ Problems
  - Solving small exercises
  - Written exam
  - Same day, duration: 2h30
  - ❖ Weight = 1/3

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# Chapter 1: Introduction

#### Our goal:

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

#### Overview:

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

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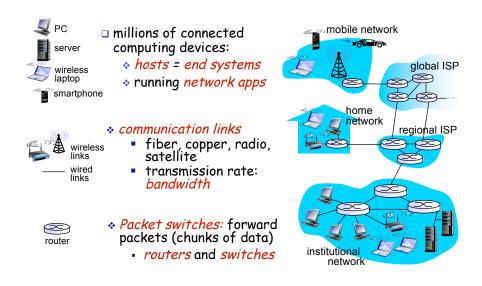
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### What's the Internet: "nuts and bolts" view



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# "Fun" internet appliances

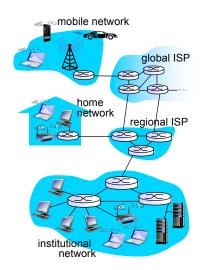


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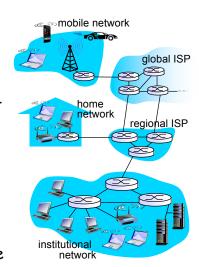
- Internet: "network of networks"
  - Interconnected ISPs
- protocols control sending, receiving of msgs
  - e.g., TCP, IP, HTTP, Skype, 802.11
- Internet standards
  - \* RFC: Request for comments
  - IETF: Internet Engineering Task Force



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### What's the Internet: a service view

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



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# What's a protocol?

#### human protocols:

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

#### network protocols:

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

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

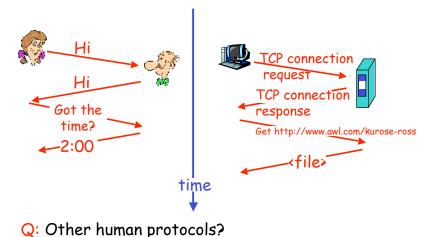
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# What's a protocol?

a human protocol and a computer network protocol:



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### A closer look at network structure:

### network edge:

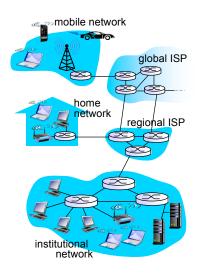
- hosts: clients and servers
- servers often in data centers

access networks, physical media:

wired, wireless communication links

#### network core:

- interconnected routers
- network of networks



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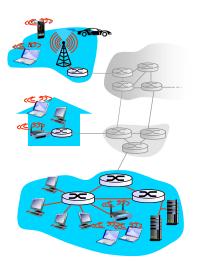
### Access networks and physical media

#### Q: How to connect end systems to edge router?

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

#### keep in mind:

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

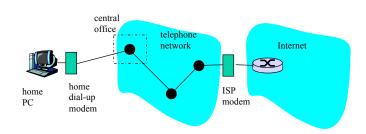


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# Dial-up Modem

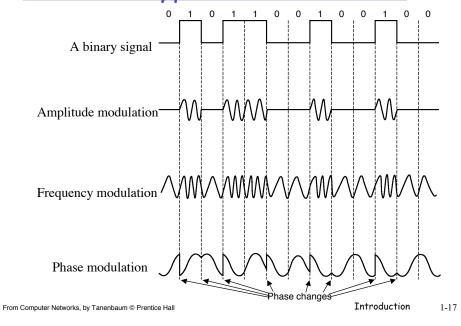


- Uses existing telephony infrastructure
  - \* Home is connected to central office
- up to 56Kbps direct access to router (often less)
- Can't surf and phone at same time: not "always on"

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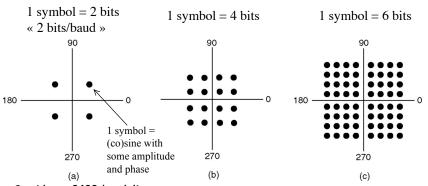
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# Modems: Types of Modulations



#### Combination of Amplitude and Phase Modulations

#### 1 baud = 1 symbol per second $\neq$ 1 bit per second



#### Consider a 2400 baud-line:

Encoding	Data rate (bps)	Modulation technique
2 bits/baud	4.8 kbps	QPSK: Quadrature Phase Shift Keying
4 bits/baud	9.6 kbps	QAM-16: Quadrature Amplitude Modulation
6 bits/baud	14.4 kbps	QAM-64
Data-rate = baud-rate x (nr. of bits/baud)		

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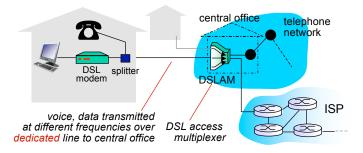
# <u>Upper bounds on the baud-rate</u> and the data-rate

- The baud-rate (expressed in bauds) is limited by the frequency bandwidth of the physical channel (H)
  - Nyquist law: baud-rate ≤ 2 x H
  - This law does not constrain the data-rate
    - E.g. encoding could use an arbitrarily large number of bits per baud
- The data-rate (expressed in bps) is however limited!
  - The upper bound is the capacity of the channel
  - Depends on Signal-to-Noise (S/N) ratio
  - Given by Shannon law: data-rate ≤ H x log<sub>2</sub> (1 + S/N)

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### Access net: digital subscriber line (DSL)



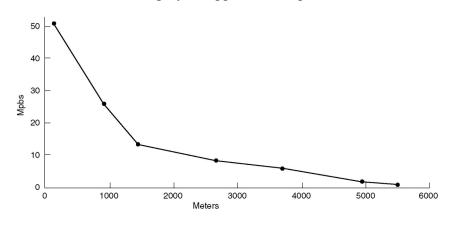
- use existing telephone line to central office DSLAM
  - data over DSL phone line goes to Internet
  - voice over DSL phone line goes to telephone net
- < 2.5 Mbps upstream transmission rate (typically < 1 Mbps)
  </p>
- < 24 Mbps downstream transmission rate (typically < 10 Mbps)</li>

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# DSL: Bandwidth versus distance

Over category 3 copper twisted pairs

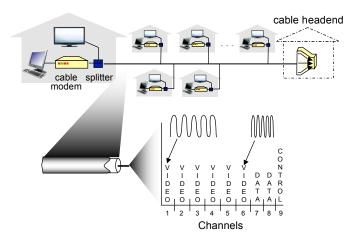


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# Access net: cable network

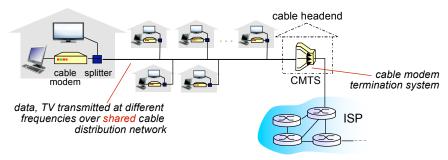


Frequency Division Multiplexing (FDM): different channels transmitted in different frequency bands

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### Access net: cable network



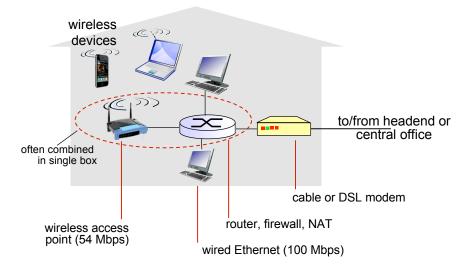
- \* HFC: hybrid fiber coax
  - asymmetric: up to 30Mbps downstream transmission rate, 2 Mbps upstream transmission rate
- network of cable, fiber attaches homes to ISP router
  - homes share access network to cable headend
  - unlike DSL, which has dedicated access to central office

office
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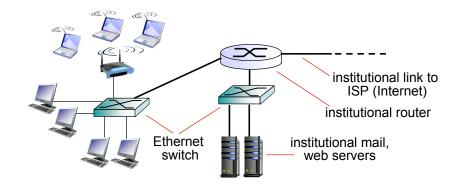
### Access net: home network



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### Enterprise access networks (Ethernet)



- typically used in companies, universities, etc
- □ 10 Mbps, 100Mbps, 1Gbps, 10Gbps transmission rates
- today, end systems typically connect into Ethernet switch

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#### Wireless access networks

shared wireless access network connects end system to router

via base station aka "access point"

#### wireless LANs:

- within building (30m)
- 802.11b/g (WiFi): 11, 54 Mbps transmission rate



#### wide-area wireless access

- provided by telco (cellular) operator, 10's km
- between 1 and 10 Mbps
- 3G, 4G: LTE



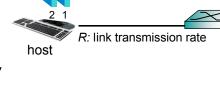
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# Host: sends packets of data

host sending function:

- □takes application message
- □breaks into smaller chunks, known as *packets*, of length *L* bits
- □transmits packet into access network at transmission rate R
  - link transmission rate, aka link capacity, aka link bandwidth



packet transmission delay time needed to transmit *L*-bit packet into link

 $= \frac{L \text{ (bits)}}{R \text{ (bits/sec)}}$ 

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two packets,

L bits each

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# Physical Media

- Bit (or symbol): propagates between transmitter/receiver pairs
- physical link: what lies between transmitter & receiver
- guided media:
  - signals propagate in solid media: copper, fiber, coax
- unquided media:
  - signals propagate freely, e.g., radio



#### Twisted Pair (TP)

- two insulated copper wires
  - Category 3: traditional phone wires, 10 Mbps Ethernet



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Category 5: 100Mbps, 1Gbps Ethernet

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(b)

Category 6: 10Gbps

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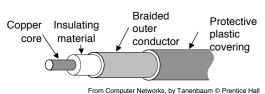
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### Physical Media: coax, fiber

#### Coaxial cable:

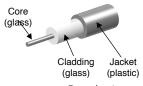
- two concentric copper conductors
- bidirectional
- broadband:
  - multiple channels on cable
  - HFC



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#### Fiber optic cable:

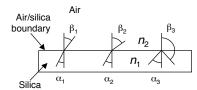
- glass fiber carrying light pulses, each pulse a bit
- high-speed operation:
  - high-speed point-to-point transmission (e.g., 10's-100's Gbps transmission rate)
- □ low error rate:
  - repeaters spaced far apart
  - immune to electromagnetic noise



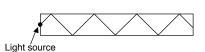
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# Light Ray Propagation in a Fibre



Three examples of a light ray from inside a silica fiber impinging on the air/silica boundary at different angles



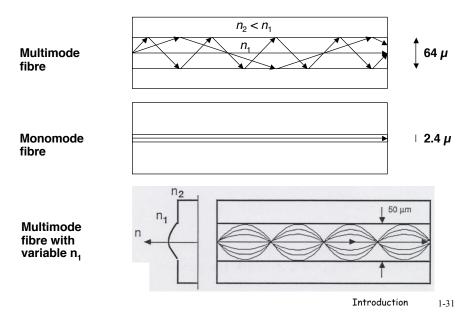
Light trapped by total internal reflection

- Refraction law:  $n_1 \sin \alpha = n_2 \sin \beta$ n (refraction index) = c / v
  - c is the speed of light in vacuum, v in the medium
- $\square$  When  $\beta$  = 90°, we get  $\sin \alpha_c = n_2 / n_1$  (with  $n_2 < n_1$ )
- $\Box$  For  $\alpha > \alpha_c$ , there is no refraction (pure reflection)

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# Types of Fibre



### Physical media: radio

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

#### Radio link types:

- □ terrestrial microwave
  - e.g. up to 45 Mbps channels
- LAN (e.g., Wifi)
  - 11Mbps, 54Mbps
- □ wide-area (e.g., cellular)
  - ❖ 3G cellular: ~ few Mbps
- □ satellite
  - Kbps to 45Mbps channel (or multiple smaller channels)
  - 270 msec end-end delay
  - geosynchronous versus low altitude

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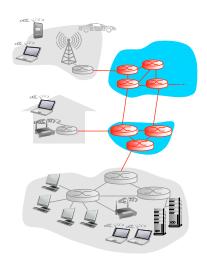
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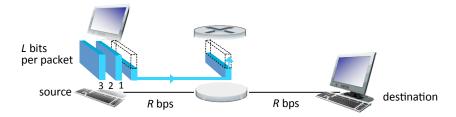
### The network core

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



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# Packet-switching: store-and-forward



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

one-hop numerical example:

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

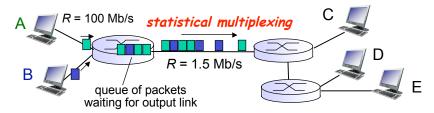
more on delay shortly ...

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### Packet Switching: queueing delay, loss



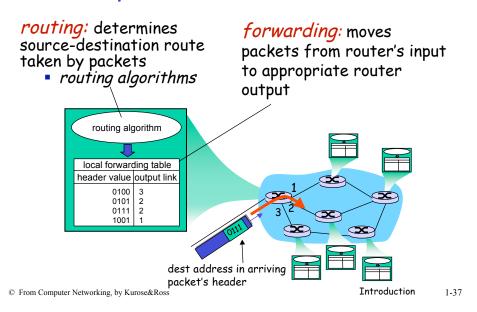
#### queuing and loss:

- If arrival rate (in bps) to link exceeds transmission rate of link for a period of time:
  - packets will queue, wait to be transmitted on link
- packets can be dropped (lost) if memory (buffer) fills up statistical multiplexing on link:
  - no fixed pattern, bandwidth shared on demand

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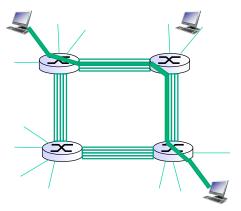
# Two key network-core functions



# Alternative core: circuit switching

End-end resources allocated to, reserved for "call" between source & dest:

- in diagram, each link has four circuits
  - call gets 2<sup>nd</sup> circuit in top link and 1<sup>st</sup> circuit in right link.
- dedicated resources: no sharing
  - circuit-like (guaranteed) performance
- circuit segment idle if not used by call (no sharing)
- commonly used in traditional telephone networks



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# Network Core: Circuit Switching

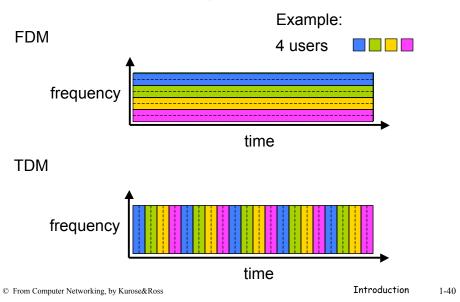
- network resources (e.g., bandwidth) divided into "pieces"
- pieces allocated to calls
- resource piece idle if not used by owning call (no sharing)
- dividing link bandwidth into "pieces"
  - frequency division
  - time division

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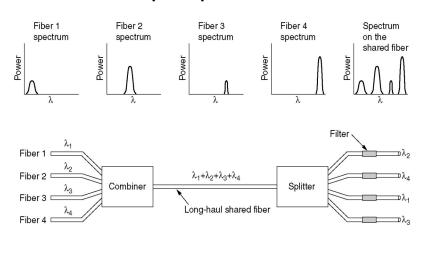
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# Circuit Switching: FDM versus TDM



### WDM: Wavelength Division Multiplexing

#### Same principle as FDM



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### Packet switching versus circuit switching

#### Packet switching allows more users to use network!

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- □ 1 Mb/s link
- each user:
  - ❖ 100 kb/s when "active"
  - active 10% of time
- □ circuit-switching:
  - 10 users
- packet switching:
  - with 35 users, probability > 10 active at same time is less than 0.0004
- 1 Mbps link
- Q: how did we get value 0.0004?
- Q: what happens if more than 35 users?

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#### Packet switching versus circuit switching

#### Is packet switching a "slam dunk winner?"

- great for bursty data
  - \* resource sharing
  - simpler, no call setup
- excessive congestion possible: packet delay and loss
  - protocols needed for reliable data transfer, congestion control
- Q: How to provide circuit-like behavior?
  - bandwidth guarantees needed for audio/video apps
  - still a not so well solved problem (see chapter 7)

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

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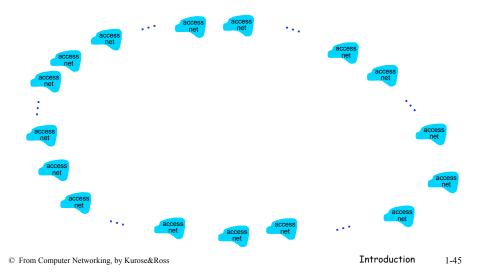
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### Internet structure: network of networks

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

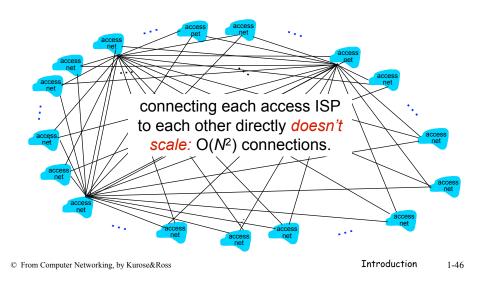
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 $\ensuremath{\textit{Question:}}$  given  $\ensuremath{\textit{millions}}$  of access ISPs, how to connect them together?

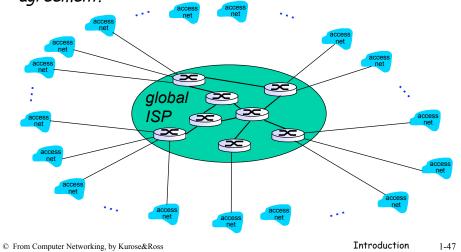


### Internet structure: network of networks

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

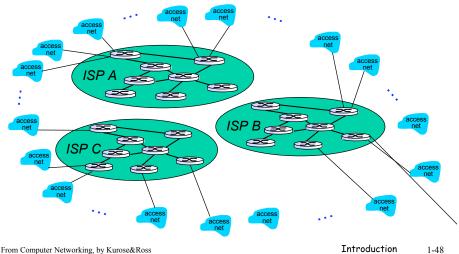






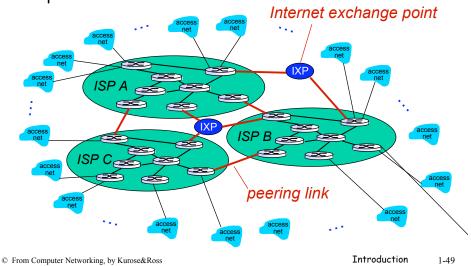
# Internet structure: network of networks

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



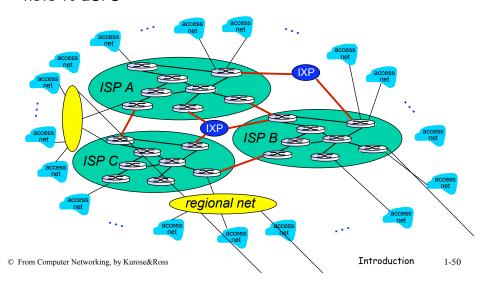
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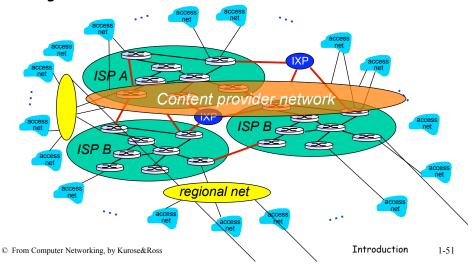


### Internet structure: network of networks

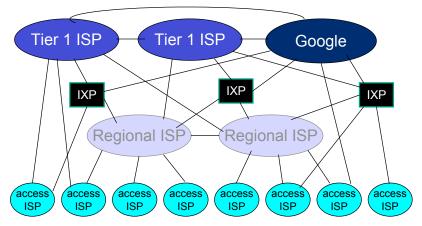
 $\dots$  and regional networks may arise to connect access nets to ISPS



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



### Internet structure: network of networks

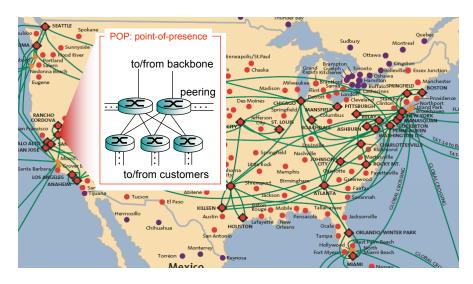


- at center: small # of well-connected large networks
  - \* "tier-1" commercial ISPs (e.g., Level 3, Sprint, AT&T, NTT), national & international coverage
  - content provider network (e.g, Google): private network that connects its data centers to Internet, often bypassing tier-1, regional ISPs

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# Tier-1 ISP: e.g., Sprint



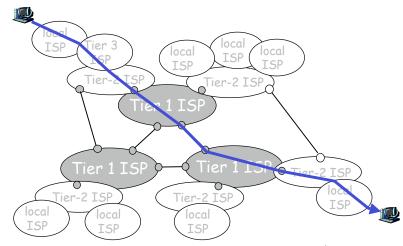
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### Internet structure: network of networks

a packet passes through many networks!



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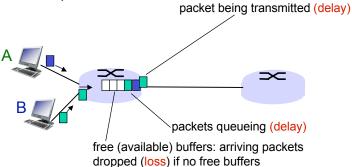
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# How do loss and delay occur?

#### packets queue in router buffers

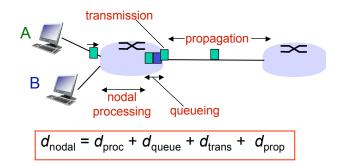
- packet arrival rate to link (temporarily) exceeds output link capacity
- packets queue, wait for turn



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# Four sources of packet delay



#### $d_{\text{proc}}$ : nodal processing

- check bit errors
- determine output link
- typically < msec</li>

#### dqueue: queueing delay

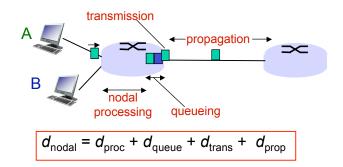
- time waiting at output link for transmission
- depends on congestion level of router

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# Four sources of packet delay



#### $d_{\text{trans}}$ : transmission delay:

- L: packet length (bits)
- R: link bandwidth (bps)
- $d_{trans} = L/R$  $d_{\text{trans}}$  and  $d_{\text{prop}}$ very different

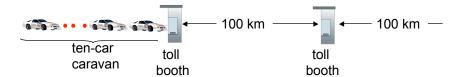
# d<sub>prop</sub>: propagation delay:d: length of physical link

- s: propagation speed in medium (~2x108 m/sec)
- $d_{prop} = d/s$

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# Caravan analogy



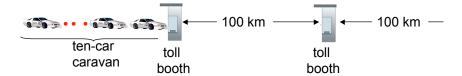
- cars "propagate" at 100 km/hr
- toll booth takes 12 sec to service car (bit transmission time)
- car~bit; caravan ~ packet
- Q: How long until caravan is lined up before 2nd toll booth?
- time to "push" entire caravan through toll booth onto highway = 12\*10 = 120 sec
- time for last car to propagate from 1st to 2nd toll both: 100km/(100km/hr)= 1 hr
- A: 62 minutes

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# Caravan analogy (more)

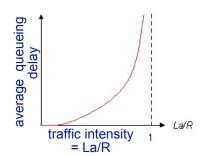


- □ suppose cars now "propagate" at 1000 km/hr
- and suppose toll booth now takes one min to service a car
- Q: Will cars arrive to 2nd booth before all cars serviced at first booth?
  - <u>A: Yes!</u> after 7 min, 1st car arrives at second booth; three cars still at 1st booth.

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### Queueing delay (revisited)

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



- ❖ La/R ~ 0: avg. queueing delay small
- ❖ La/R -> 1: avg. queueing delay large
- La/R > 1: more "work" arriving than can be serviced, average delay infinite!

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La/R ~ 0

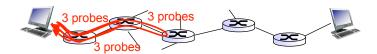
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### "Real" Internet delays and routes

- □ what do "real" Internet delay & loss look like?
- □ traceroute program: provides delay measurement from source to router along end-end Internet path towards destination.
- □ For all *i*:
  - sends three packets that will reach router i on path towards destination
  - router i will return packets to sender
  - sender times interval between transmission and reply.



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### "Real" Internet delays, routes

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

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3 delay measurements from gaia.cs.umass.edu to cs-gw.cs.umass.edu

1 cs-gw (128.119.240.254) 1 ms 1 ms 2 ms

2 border1-rt-fa5-1-0.gw.umass.edu (128.119.3.145) 1 ms 1 ms 2 ms

3 cht-vbns.gw.umass.edu (128.119.3.130) 6 ms 5 ms 5 ms

4 jn1-at1-0-0-19.wor.vbns.net (204.147.132.129) 16 ms 11 ms 13 ms

5 jn1-so7-0-0-0.wae.vbns.net (204.147.136.136) 21 ms 18 ms 18 ms

6 abilene-vbns.abilene.ucaid.edu (198.32.11.9) 22 ms 18 ms 22 ms

7 nycm-wash.abilene.ucaid.edu (198.32.8.46) 22 ms 22 ms 22 ms

8 62.40.103.253 (62.40.103.253) 104 ms 109 ms 106 ms

9 de2-1.de1.de.geant.net (62.40.96.129) 109 ms 102 ms 104 ms

10 de.fr1.fr.geant.net (62.40.96.50) 113 ms 121 ms 114 ms

11 renater-gw.fr1.fr.geant.net (62.40.103.54) 112 ms 114 ms 112 ms

12 nio-n2.cssi.renater.fr (193.51.206.13) 111 ms 114 ms 116 ms

13 nice.cssi.renater.fr (195.220.98.102) 123 ms 125 ms 124 ms

14 r3t2-nice.cssi.renater.fr (195.220.98.110) 126 ms 126 ms 124 ms

15 eurecom-valbonne.r3t2.ft.net (193.48.50.54) 135 ms 128 ms 133 ms

16 194.214.211.25 (194.214.211.25) 126 ms 128 ms 126 ms

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* means no response (probe lost, router not replying)

19 fantasia.eurecom.fr (193.55.113.142) 132 ms 128 ms 136 ms
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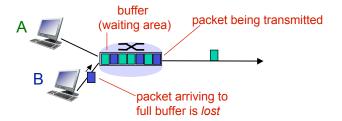
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### Packet loss

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

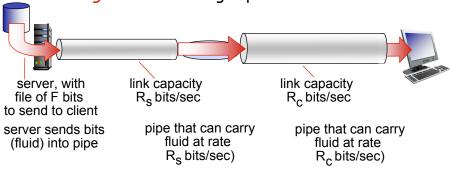


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# **Throughput**

- throughput: rate (bits/time unit) at which bits transferred between sender/receiver
  - \* instantaneous: rate at given point in time
  - \* average: rate over longer period of time



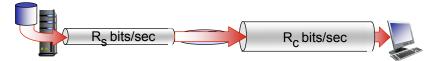
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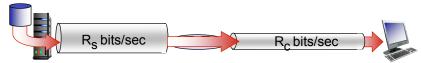
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# Throughput (more)

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



❖ R<sub>s</sub> > R<sub>c</sub> What is average end-end throughput?



#### bottleneck link

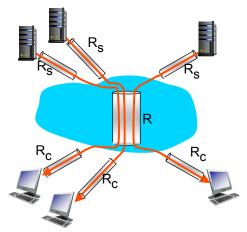
link on end-end path that constrains end-end throughput

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### Throughput: Internet scenario

- per-connection end-end throughput: min(R<sub>c</sub>,R<sub>s</sub>,R/10)
- in practice:
   R<sub>c</sub> or R<sub>s</sub> is often
   bottleneck



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

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- 1.5 Protocol layers, service models
- 1.6 History

# Protocol "Layers"

#### Networks are complex!

- many "pieces":
  - hosts
  - routers
  - links of various media
  - applications
  - protocols
  - hardware, software

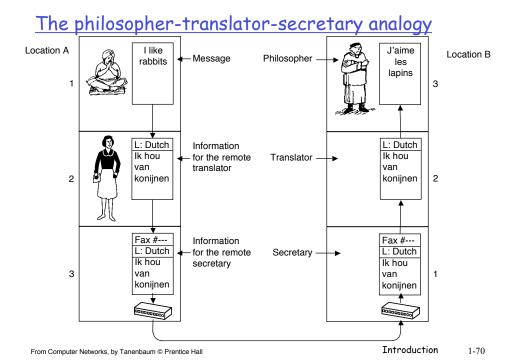
#### Question:

Is there any hope of organizing structure of network?

Or at least our discussion of networks?

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### Organization of air travel

ticket (purchase)

baggage (check)

gates (load)

runway takeoff

airplane routing

airplane routing

airplane routing

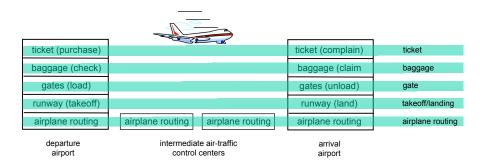
#### a series of steps

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# Layering of airline functionality



Layers: each layer implements a service

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

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# Why layering?

#### Dealing with complex systems:

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

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# Internet protocol stack

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

application

transport

network

link

physical

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### ISO/OSI reference model

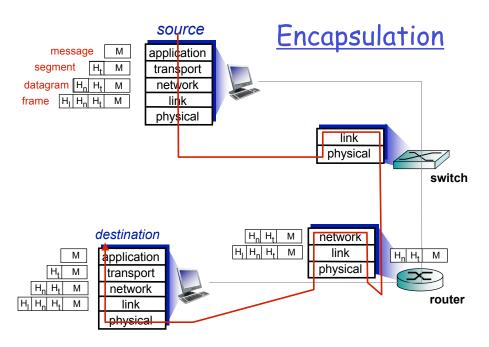
- presentation: allow applications to interpret meaning of data, e.g., encryption, compression, machinespecific conventions
- session: synchronization, checkpointing, recovery of data exchange
- □ Internet stack "missing" these layers!
  - these services, if needed, must be implemented in application
  - needed?

application
presentation
session
transport
network
link
physical

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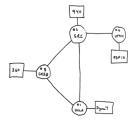
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### **Internet History**

#### 1961-1972: Early packet-switching principles

- 1961: Kleinrock queueing theory shows effectiveness of packetswitching
- □ 1964: Baran packetswitching in military nets
- 1967: ARPAnet conceived by Advanced Research Projects Agency
- 1969: first ARPAnet node operational

- **1972**:
  - ARPAnet public demonstration
  - NCP (Network Control Protocol) first host-host protocol
  - first e-mail program
  - ARPAnet has 15 nodes

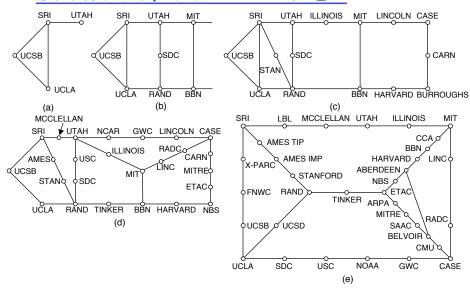


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# Growth of the ARPANET



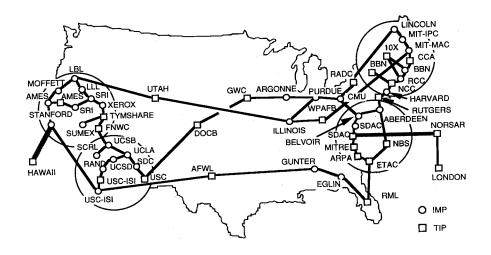
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# **ARPANET in 1975**



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### **Internet History**

1972-1980: Internetworking, new and proprietary nets

- 1970: ALOHAnet satellite network in Hawaii
- 1974: Cerf and Kahn architecture for interconnecting networks
- □ 1976: Ethernet at Xerox PARC
- late 70's: proprietary architectures: DECnet, SNA, XNA
- late 70's: switching fixed length packets (ATM precursor)
- □ 1979: ARPAnet has 200 nodes

# Cerf and Kahn's internetworking principles:

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

define today's Internet architecture

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### **Internet History**

1980-1990: new protocols, a proliferation of networks

- 1983: deployment of TCP/IP
- □ 1982: smtp e-mail protocol defined
- 1983: DNS defined for name-to-IPaddress translation
- 1985: ftp protocol defined
- 1988: TCP congestion control

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

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### **Internet History**

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

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

#### Late 1990's - 2000's:

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

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# Internet History

#### 2005-present

- ~750 million hosts
  - Smartphones and tablets
- Aggressive deployment of broadband access
- Increasing ubiquity of high-speed wireless access
- Emergence of online social networks:
  - \* Facebook: soon one billion users
- Service providers (Google, Microsoft) create their own networks
  - Bypass Internet, providing "instantaneous" access to search, email, etc.
- □ E-commerce, universities, enterprises running their services in "cloud" (e.g., Amazon EC2)

#### 2011

- ~2 billion Internet users
- ~5 billion mobile telephony users

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# Introduction: Summary

#### Covered a "ton" of material!

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

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#### You now have:

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

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