

## Advanced Networking

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- Exam Rules
- Exam Details ... should be on ESSE3, but ...
- Generic (useful) information
- Teaching Material: normally posted at least the day before the lesson
- Additional Material and links
- News, Bulletin, How to find and meet me, etc.
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## Program

- **Course Perspective**
  - what do we learn and what we do not
  - are there other "networks"
- **Reharsal of basics**
  - Internet and TCP/IP
  - THE network? or YetAnother network
  - IP
  - UDP/TCP



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## Program

- **IP and routing**
  - OSPF and link-state protocols
    - Intra AS routing
    - performance driven routing
  - BGP and policy-based protocols
    - External routing
    - Cost (economical!) based routing
  - Global routing and Internet topology
    - How things look and works end-to-end



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## Program

- **Multicast**
  - Abstract multicasting
  - Multicast groups and addresses
  - Internet and multicast: IGMP
  - Multicast routing
  - Application level multicast
    - why it's absurd ...
    - ... why it works!!!



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## Program

- **Network congestion**
  - Network load and stability
  - Call Admission Control
  - Reactive congestion control
    - Closed-loop systems
    - Implicit/Explicit
    - Forward
    - Backward
  - TCP
    - How it really works
  - TCP stabilization methods: myth and reality
    - RED, RIO, ...



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## Program

- **Internet multimedia communications**
  - Voice and Video services on packet-based networks
  - Transport: RTP/RTCP
  - SIP standard
  - H.323 standard
  - Skype and P2P approaches
- **IP TV**
  - VoD/Broadcast/Live
  - Traditional approach
  - P2P systems



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- **Recalling known topics:**

- **Internet**
- **IP**
- **UDP/TCP**

**Acknowledgment:**

The following slides are based on the slides developed by J.Kurose and K.Ross to accompany their book "Computer Networks: A Top Down Approach Featuring the Internet" by Wiley eds.

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## Internet

What we see:

- Services
- Applications we use
- Some "application level" protocols
- Throughput
- Losses
- Delay (sometimes)
- Delay Jitter (if we're really skilled!)

What is it:

- A collection of protocols
- Mainly centered around two centerpieces:
  - **IP** (network layer)
  - **UDP/TCP** (transport layer)
- Does not mandate a physical medium or format
- Does not mandate or limit the services/applications above (integrates services)



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## IP: The Network Layer

### Goals:

- recall principles behind network layer services:
  - routing (path selection)
  - dealing with scale
  - how a router works
- instantiation and implementation in the Internet

### Overview:

- network layer services
- routing principle: path selection
- IP
- Internet routing protocols reliable transfer
  - intra-domain
  - inter-domain
- what's inside a router?




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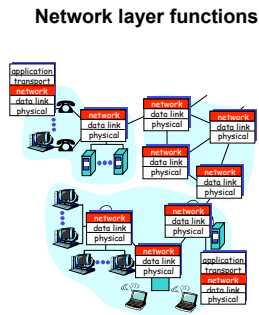
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- transport packet from sending to receiving hosts
- network layer protocols in every host, router

### three important functions:

- path determination:** route taken by packets from source to dest. *Routing algorithms*
- switching:** move packets from router's input to appropriate router output
- call setup:** some network architectures require router call setup along path before data flows




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## Network service model

**Q:** What *service model* for "channel" transporting packets from sender to receiver?

service abstraction

- guaranteed bandwidth?
- preservation of inter-packet timing (no jitter)?
- loss-free delivery?
- in-order delivery?
- congestion feedback to sender?

The most important abstraction provided by network layer:

virtual circuit  
or  
datagram?




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## Virtual circuits

“source-to-dest path behaves much like telephone circuit”

- performance-wise
- network actions along source-to-dest path

- call setup, teardown for each call *before* data can flow
- each packet carries VC identifier (not destination host ID)
- every router on source-dest path s maintain “state” for each passing connection
  - transport-layer connection only involved two end systems
- link, router resources (bandwidth, buffers) may be *allocated* to VC
  - to get circuit-like perf.



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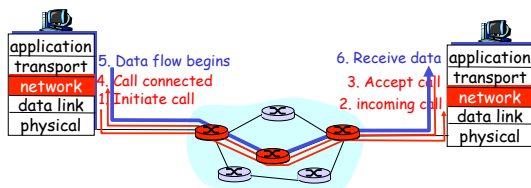
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## Virtual circuits: signaling protocols

- used to setup, maintain teardown VC
- used in ATM, frame-relay, X.25
- not used in today's Internet



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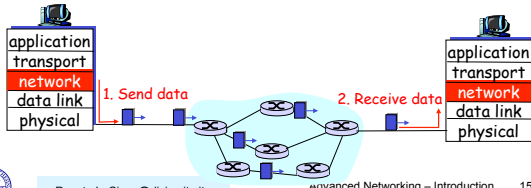
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## Datagram networks: the Internet model

- no call setup at network layer
- routers: no state about end-to-end connections
  - no network-level concept of “connection”
- packets typically routed using destination host ID
  - packets between same source-dest pair may take different paths



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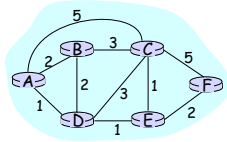
## Routing

### Routing protocol

Goal: determine "good" path (sequence of routers) thru network from source to dest.

Graph abstraction for routing algorithms:

- graph nodes are routers
- graph edges are physical links
  - link cost: delay, \$ cost, or congestion level



- "good" path:
  - typically means minimum cost path
  - other def's possible




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## Routing Algorithm classification

### Global or decentralized information?

#### Global:

- all routers have complete topology, link cost info
- "link state" algorithms

#### Decentralized:

- router knows physically-connected neighbors, link costs to neighbors
- iterative process of computation, exchange of info with neighbors
- "distance vector" algorithms

### Static or dynamic?

#### Static:

- routes change slowly over time

#### Dynamic:

- routes change more quickly
  - periodic update
  - in response to link cost changes




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## A Link-State Routing Algorithm

### Dijkstra's algorithm

- net topology, link costs known to all nodes
  - accomplished via "link state broadcast"
  - all nodes have same info
- computes least cost paths from one node ("source") to all other nodes
  - gives routing table for that node
- iterative: after k iterations, know least cost path to k dest.'s

### Notation:

- $C(i,j)$ : link cost from node  $i$  to  $j$ . cost infinite if not direct neighbors
- $D(v)$ : current value of cost of path from source to dest.  $V$
- $p(v)$ : predecessor node along path from source to  $v$ , that is next  $v$
- $N$ : set of nodes whose least cost path definitively known




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## Dijkstra's Algorithm

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1 Initialization:
2 N = {A}
3 for all nodes v
4   if v adjacent to A
5     then D(v) = c(A,v)
6     else D(v) = infy
7
8 Loop
9   find w not in N such that D(w) is a minimum
10  add w to N
11  update D(v) for all v adjacent to w and not in N:
12    D(v) = min( D(v), D(w) + c(w,v) )
13    /* new cost to v is either old cost to v or known
14     shortest path cost to w plus cost from w to v */
15 until all nodes in N
    
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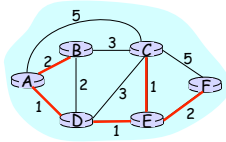
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## Dijkstra's algorithm: example

Step	start N	D(B),p(B)	D(C),p(C)	D(D),p(D)	D(E),p(E)	D(F),p(F)
→ 0	A	2,A	5,A	1,A	infinity	infinity
→ 1	AD	2,A	4,D		2,D	infinity
→ 2	ADE	2,A	3,E			4,E
→ 3	ADEB		3,E			4,E
→ 4	ADEBC					4,E
5	ADEBCF					



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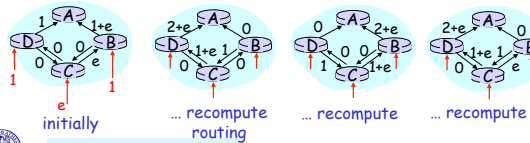
## Dijkstra's algorithm, discussion

### Algorithm complexity: n nodes

- each iteration: need to check all nodes, w, not in N
- $n*(n+1)/2$  comparisons:  $O(n^2)$
- more efficient implementations possible:  $O(n \log n)$

### Oscillations possible:

- e.g., link cost = amount of carried traffic



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## Distance Vector Routing Algorithm

### iterative:

- continues until no nodes exchange info.
- self-terminating*: no "signal" to stop

### asynchronous:

- nodes need *not* exchange info/iterate in lock step!

### distributed:

- each node communicates *only* with directly-attached neighbors

### Distance Table data structure

- each node has its own
- row for each possible destination
- column for each directly-attached neighbor to node
- example: in node X, for dest. Y via neighbor Z:

$$D^X(Y,Z) = \text{distance from X to Y, via Z as next hop} \\ = c(X,Z) + \min_w \{D^Z(Y,w)\}$$




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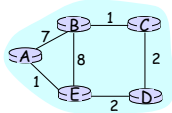
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## Distance Table: example



$$D^E(C,D) = c(E,D) + \min_w \{D^D(C,w)\} \\ = 2+2 = 4$$

$$D^E(A,D) = c(E,D) + \min_w \{D^D(A,w)\} \\ = 2+3 = 5 \text{ loop!}$$

$$D^E(A,B) = c(E,B) + \min_w \{D^B(A,w)\} \\ = 8+6 = 14 \text{ loop!}$$

		cost to destination via		
$D^E()$		A	B	D
destination	A	1	14	5
	B	7	8	5
	C	6	9	4
	D	4	11	2




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## Distance table gives routing table

		cost to destination via		
$D^E()$		A	B	D
destination	A	1	14	5
	B	7	8	5
	C	6	9	4
	D	4	11	2

		Outgoing link to use, cost	
$D^E()$		link	cost
destination	A	A	1
	B	D	5
	C	D	4
	D	D	4

Distance table → Routing table




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## Distance Vector Routing: overview

### Iterative, asynchronous:

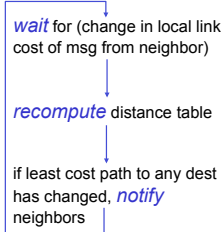
each local iteration caused by:

- local link cost change
- message from neighbor: its least cost path change from neighbor

### Distributed:

- each node notifies neighbors *only* when its least cost path to any destination changes
  - neighbors then notify their neighbors if necessary

### Each node:




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## Distance Vector Algorithm:

### At all nodes, X:

- 1 Initialization:
- 2 for all adjacent nodes v:
- 3  $D_X^*(v) = \text{infty}$  /\* the \* operator means "for all rows" \*/
- 4  $D_X^*(v,v) = c(X,v)$
- 5 for all destinations, y
- 6 send  $\min_w D_X^*(y,w)$  to each neighbor /\* w over all X's neighbors \*/




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## Distance Vector Algorithm (cont.):

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8 loop
9  wait (until I see a link cost change to neighbor V
10   or until I receive update from neighbor V)
11
12  if (c(X,V) changes by d)
13   /* change cost to all dest's via neighbor v by d */
14   /* note: d could be positive or negative */
15   for all destinations y:  $D_X^*(y,V) = D_X^*(y,V) + d$ 
16
17  else if (update received from V wrt destination Y)
18   /* shortest path from V to some Y has changed */
19   /* V has sent a new value for its  $\min_w DV(Y,w)$  */
20   /* call this received new value is "newval" */
21   for the single destination y:  $D_X^*(Y,V) = c(X,V) + \text{newval}$ 
22
23  if we have a new  $\min_w D_X^*(Y,w)$  for any destination Y
24   send new value of  $\min_w D_X^*(Y,w)$  to all neighbors
25
26 forever
    
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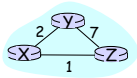
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### Distance Vector Algorithm: example



cost via		cost via		cost via	
D <sup>X</sup>	Y Z	D <sup>X</sup>	Y Z	D <sup>X</sup>	Y Z
d	Y	d	Y	d	Y
e	2	e	2	e	2
s	∞	s	8	s	∞
t	7	t	3	t	7

cost via		cost via		cost via	
D <sup>Y</sup>	X Z	D <sup>Y</sup>	X Z	D <sup>Y</sup>	X Z
d	X	d	X	d	X
e	2	e	2	e	2
s	∞	s	9	s	∞
t	1	t	1	t	1

cost via		cost via		cost via	
D <sup>Z</sup>	X Y	D <sup>Z</sup>	X Y	D <sup>Z</sup>	X Y
d	X	d	X	d	X
e	7	e	7	e	7
s	∞	s	9	s	∞
t	1	t	1	t	1




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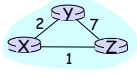
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### Distance Vector Algorithm: example



cost via		cost via	
D <sup>X</sup>	Y Z	D <sup>X</sup>	Y Z
d	Y	d	Y
e	2	e	2
s	∞	s	8
t	7	t	7

cost via	
D <sup>Y</sup>	X Z
d	X
e	2
s	∞
t	1

cost via	
D <sup>Z</sup>	X Y
d	X
e	7
s	∞
t	1

$$D^X(Y,Z) = c(X,Z) + \min_W(D^Z(Y,W)) = 7+1=8$$

$$D^X(Z,Y) = c(X,Y) + \min_W(D^Y(Z,W)) = 2+1=3$$




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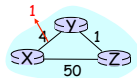
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### Distance Vector: link cost changes

#### Link cost changes:

- node detects local link cost change
- updates distance table (line 15)
- if cost change in least cost path, notify neighbors (lines 23,24)



“good news travels fast”

via		via		via		via	
D <sup>Y</sup>	X Z	D <sup>Y</sup>	X Z	D <sup>Y</sup>	X Z	D <sup>Y</sup>	X Z
x	4	x	1	x	1	x	1
6	6	6	6	6	6	3	3

via		via		via		via	
D <sup>Z</sup>	X Y	D <sup>Z</sup>	X Y	D <sup>Z</sup>	X Y	D <sup>Z</sup>	X Y
x	50	x	50	x	50	x	50
5	5	5	5	2	2	2	2

time: t<sub>0</sub> → t<sub>1</sub> → t<sub>2</sub>

c(X,Y) change

algorithm terminates




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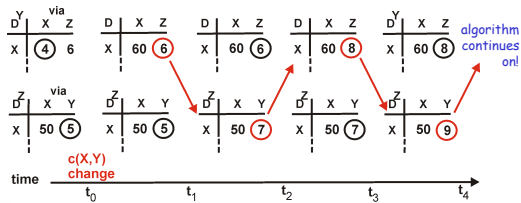
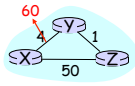
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### Distance Vector: link cost changes

#### Link cost changes:

- good news travels fast
- bad news travels slow - "count to infinity" problem!




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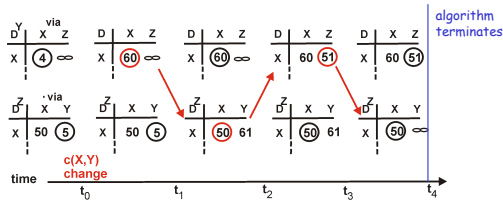
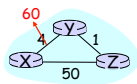
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### Distance Vector: poisoned reverse

If Z routes through Y to get to X :

- Z tells Y its (Z's) distance to X is infinite (so Y won't route to X via Z)
- will this completely solve count to infinity problem?




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### Comparison of LS and DV algorithms

#### Message complexity

- **LS:** with  $n$  nodes,  $E$  links,  $O(nE)$  msgs sent each
- **DV:** exchange between neighbors only
  - convergence time varies

#### Speed of Convergence

- **LS:**  $O(n^2)$  algorithm requires  $O(nE)$  msgs
  - may have oscillations
- **DV:** convergence time varies
  - may be routing loops
  - count-to-infinity problem

#### Robustness: what happens if router malfunctions?

##### LS:

- node can advertise incorrect *link* cost
- each node computes only its *own* table

##### DV:

- DV node can advertise incorrect *path* cost
- each node's table used by others
  - error propagate thru network




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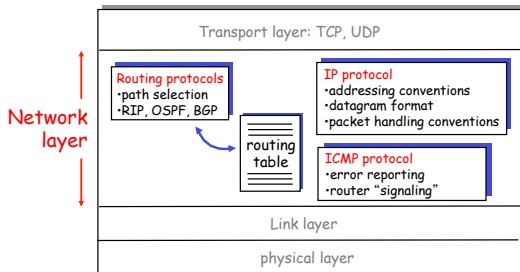
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## The Internet Network layer

Host, router network layer functions:




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## Why different Intra- and Inter-AS routing ?

- **Policy:** Inter is concerned with policies (which provider we must select/avoid, etc). Intra is contained in a single organization, so, no policy decisions necessary
- **Scale:** Inter provides an extra level of routing table size and routing update traffic reduction above the Intra layer
- **Performance:** Intra is focused on performance metrics; needs to keep costs low. In Inter it is difficult to propagate performance metrics efficiently (latency, privacy etc). Besides, policy related information is more meaningful.

We need **BOTH!**




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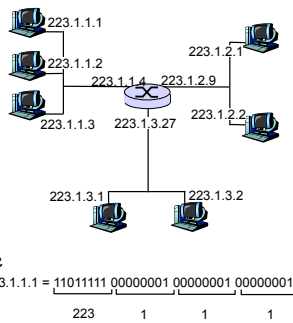
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## IP Addressing

- **IP address:** 32-bit identifier for host, router interface
- **interface:** connection between host, router and physical link
  - router's typically have multiple interfaces
  - host may have multiple interfaces
  - IP addresses associated with interface, not host, router, ...
- Address mng & resolution + DNS must be known well we do not repeat it




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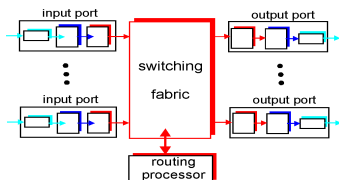
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## Router Architecture Overview

- Router main functions: *routing* algorithms and protocols processing, *switching* datagrams from an incoming link to an outgoing link



### Router Components




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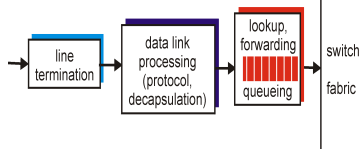
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## Input Ports



- **Decentralized switching:** perform routing table lookup using a copy of the node routing table stored in the port memory
- Goal is to complete input port processing at 'line speed', ie processing time  $\ll$  frame reception time (eg, with 2.5 Gbps line, 256 bytes long frame, router must perform about 1 million routing table lookups in a second)
- Queuing occurs if datagrams arrive at rate higher than can be forwarded on switching fabric




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## Speeding Up Routing Table Lookup

- Table is stored in a tree structure to facilitate binary search
- Content Addressable Memory (associative memory), eg Cisco 8500 series routers
- Caching of recently looked-up addresses
- Compression of routing tables




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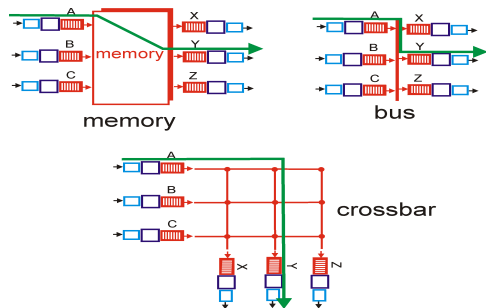
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## Switching Fabric




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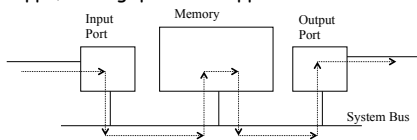
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## Switching Via Memory

- *First generation routers:* packet is copied under system's (single) CPU control; speed limited by Memory bandwidth. For Memory speed of  $B$  packet/sec or pps, throughput is  $B/2$  pps



- *Modern routers:* input ports with CPUs that implement output port lookup, and store packets in appropriate locations (= switch) in a shared Memory; eg Cisco Catalyst 8500 switches




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## Switching Via Bus

- Input port processors transfer a datagram from input port memory to output port memory via a shared bus
- Main resource contention is over the bus; switching is limited by bus speed
- Sufficient speed for access and enterprise routers (not regional or backbone routers) is provided by a Gbps bus; eg Cisco 1900 which has a 1 Gbps bus




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## Switching Via An Interconnection Network

- Used to overcome bus bandwidth limitations
- Banyan networks and other interconnection networks were initially developed to connect processors in a multiprocessor computer system; used in Cisco 12000 switches provide up to 60 Gbps through the interconnection network
- Advanced design incorporates fragmenting a datagram into fixed length cells and switch the cells through the fabric; + better sharing of the switching fabric resulting in higher switching speed




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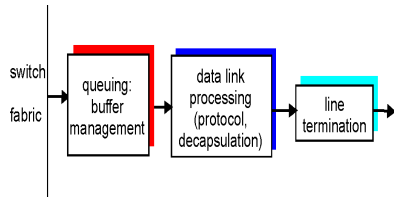
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## Output Ports



Buffering is required to hold datagrams whenever they arrive from the switching fabric at a rate faster than the transmission rate




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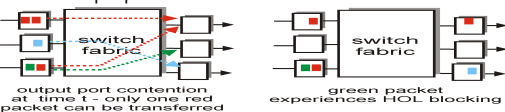
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## Queuing At Input and Output Ports

- Queues build up whenever there is a rate mismatch or blocking. Consider the following scenarios:
  - Fabric speed is faster than all input ports combined; more datagrams are destined to an output port than other output ports; queuing occurs at output port
  - Fabric bandwidth is not as fast as all input ports combined; queuing may occur at input queues;
  - HOL blocking: fabric can deliver datagrams from input ports in parallel, except if datagrams are destined to same output port; in this case datagrams are queued at input queues; there may be queued datagrams that are held behind HOL conflict, even when their output port is available




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## Transport Layer: UDP & TCP

### Goals:

- Recall principles behind transport layer services:
  - multiplexing/demultiplexing
  - reliable data transfer
  - flow control
  - congestion control
- instantiation and implementation in the Internet

### Overview:

- transport layer services
- multiplexing/demultiplexing
- connectionless transport: UDP
- principles of reliable data transfer
- connection-oriented transport: TCP
  - reliable transfer
  - flow control
  - connection management




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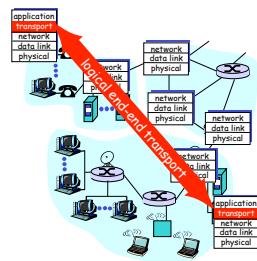
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## Transport services and protocols

- provide *logical communication* between app' processes running on different hosts
- transport protocols run in end systems (primarily)

### transport vs network layer services:

- network layer*: data transfer between end systems
- transport layer*: data transfer between processes
  - relies on, enhances, network layer services




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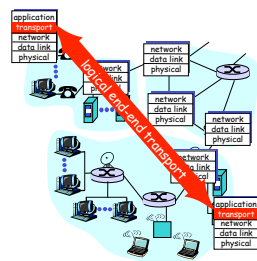
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## Transport-layer protocols

### Internet transport services:

- reliable, in-order unicast delivery (TCP)
  - congestion
  - flow control
  - connection setup
- unreliable ("best-effort"), unordered unicast or multicast delivery: UDP
- services not available:
  - real-time
  - bandwidth guarantees
  - reliable multicast




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## UDP: User Datagram Protocol [RFC 768]

- “no frills,” “bare bones” Internet transport protocol
- “best effort” service, UDP segments may be:
  - lost
  - delivered out of order to app
- **connectionless:**
  - no handshaking between UDP sender, receiver
  - each UDP segment handled independently of others

### Why is there a UDP?

- no connection establishment (which can add delay)
- simple: no connection state at sender, receiver
- small segment header
- no congestion control: UDP can blast away as fast as desired




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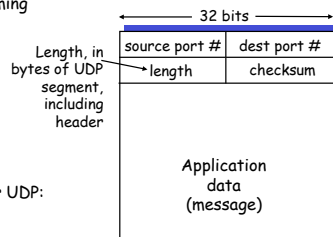
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## UDP: more

- often used for streaming multimedia apps
  - loss tolerant
  - rate sensitive
- other UDP uses (why?):
  - DNS
  - SNMP
- reliable transfer over UDP: add reliability at application layer
  - application-specific error recover!



UDP segment format




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## UDP checksum

**Goal:** detect “errors” (e.g., flipped bits) in transmitted segment

### Sender:

- treat segment contents as sequence of 16-bit integers
- checksum: addition (1’s complement sum) of segment contents
- sender puts checksum value into UDP checksum field

### Receiver:

- compute checksum of received segment
- check if computed checksum equals checksum field value:
  - NO - error detected
  - YES - no error detected. *But maybe errors nonetheless?*




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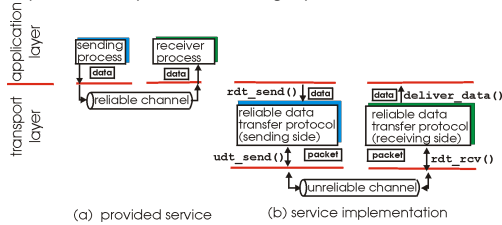
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## Principles of Reliable data transfer

- important in app., transport, link layers
- top-10 list of important networking topics!



- characteristics of unreliable channel will determine complexity of reliable data transfer protocol (rdt)



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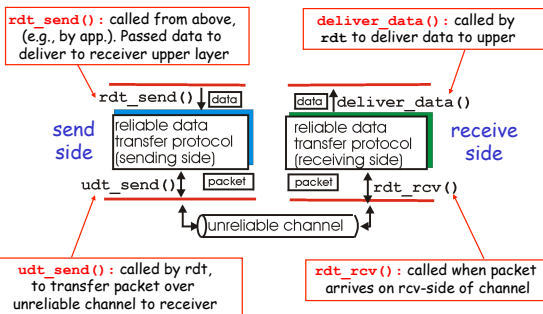
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## Reliable data transfer: getting started



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## Reliable data transfer: getting started

### We'll:

- incrementally develop sender, receiver sides of reliable data transfer protocol (rdt)
- consider only unidirectional data transfer
  - but control info will flow on both directions!
- use finite state machines (FSM) to specify sender, receiver



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## rdt: channels with errors and loss

**Assumption:** underlying channel can lose packets (data or ACKs)

- checksum, seq. #, ACKs, retransmissions will be of help, but not enough

**Q:** how to deal with loss?

- sender waits until certain data or ACK lost, then retransmits
- yuck: drawbacks?

**Approach:** sender waits "reasonable" amount of time for ACK

- retransmits if no ACK received in this time
- if pkt (or ACK) just delayed (not lost):
  - retransmission will be duplicate, but use of seq. #'s already handles this
  - receiver must specify seq # of pkt being ACKed
- requires countdown timer




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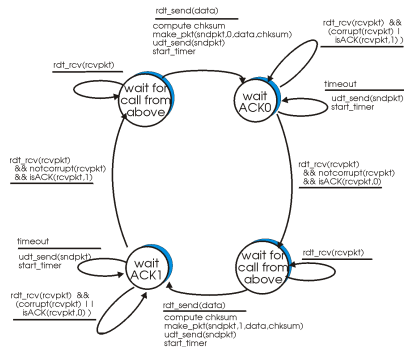
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## rdt: sender




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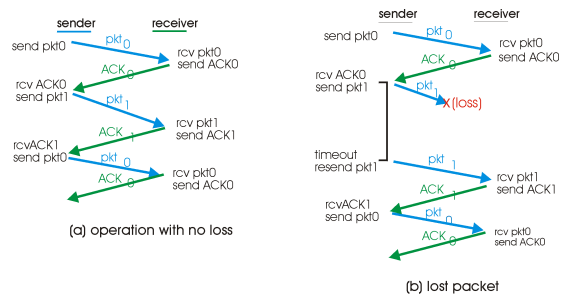
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## rdt in action




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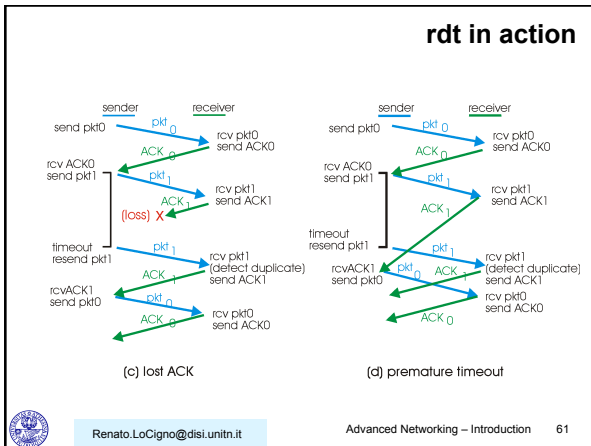
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### Performance of rdt

- rdt works, but performance stinks
- example: 1 Gbps link, 15 ms e-e prop. delay, 1KB packet:

$$T_{\text{transmit}} = \frac{8\text{kb}/\text{pkt}}{10^{**9} \text{ b/sec}} = 8 \text{ microsec}$$

**Utilization** =  $U = \frac{\text{fraction of time sender busy sending}}{30.016 \text{ msec}} = \frac{8 \text{ microsec}}{30.016 \text{ msec}} = 0.00015$

- 1KB pkt every 30 msec → 33kB/sec thruput over 1 Gbps link
- network protocol limits use of physical resources!

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### Pipelined Protocols

- Channel utilization under a Stop&Wait protocol is not high when the propagation time is long relative to the transmission time
- Solution: pipelined protocols, where more than one packet can be sent without waiting for feedback, thus filling the 'pipeline'
- Two major versions (and lots of variations on the theme):
  - Go-Back-N
  - Selective Repeat
- New requirements:
  - Buffering more than one packet at sender, and possibly at receiver too
  - Larger sequence numbers for identifying packets in transit

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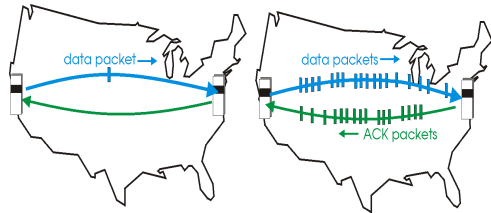
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## Filling the Pipeline



(a) a stop-and-wait protocol in operation

(b) a pipelined protocol in operation



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## Stop&Wait Efficiency

$$U = \frac{T_{datatrans}}{T_{datatrans} + 2 * T_{prop} + T_{proc} + T_{acktrans}}$$

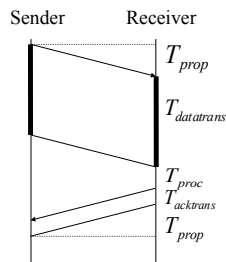
For relatively small  $T_{proc}$  and  $T_{acktrans}$

$$U \approx \frac{T_{datatrans}}{T_{datatrans} + 2 * T_{prop}}, \text{ or}$$

$$U \approx \frac{1}{1 + 2 * a}, \text{ where } a = \frac{T_{prop}}{T_{datatrans}}$$

$T_{datatrans} = \frac{L}{C}$ , where L is the Packet length and C is the Transmission Speed.

For one bit of data,  $T_{datatrans} = 1/C$ ; in this case  $a = CT_{prop}$ , which is called the "Bandwidth-Delay" product



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## Go-Back-N

- Sender can go ahead and transmit packets without waiting for feedback up to some number of packets (for flow control reasons, details later)
- Definitions:

**N:** maximum allowable number of transmission without feedback

**Base:** lowest sequence number of unacked packets



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## Go-Back-N Window

- From definitions and figure above:
  - $[0, base-1]$  transmitted and acked
  - $[base, nextseqnum-1]$  transmitted and waiting for feedback, or 'outstanding'
  - $[nextseqnum, base+N-1]$  numbers that can be used when packets are provided by higher layer for transmission
  - $[base+N, maxseqnum]$  numbers that cannot be used until more packets are acked




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## Go-Back-N Window (Cont.)

- Because of the window metaphor, these protocols are also referred to as *sliding window protocols*
- Stop&Wait can be viewed as a sliding window protocol, with window size  $N = 1$ , and sequence space =  $[0,1]$
- Sequence number is carried in a fixed length field in the packet header; with  $k$  bits in the Sequence number field, the sequence space is
- Since sequence numbers must wrap around, all sequence number arithmetic is modulo




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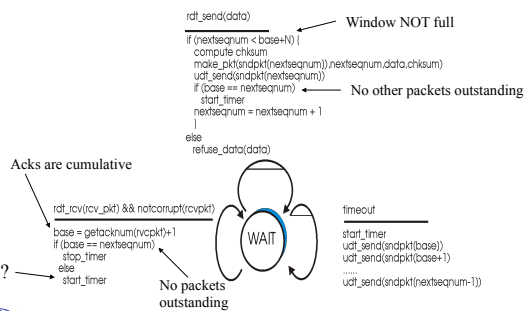
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## Go-Back-N Sender




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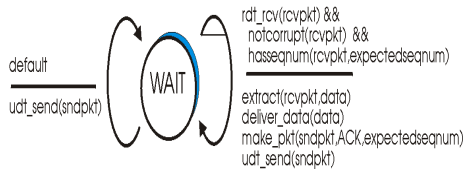
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## Go-Back-N Receiver

- Receiver accepts packets in order only! out-of-order packets are simply dropped



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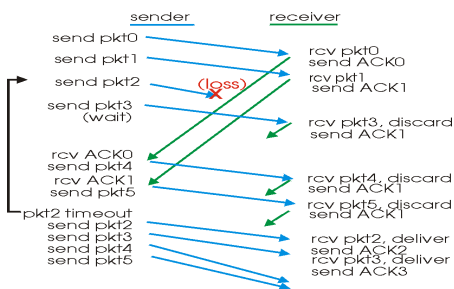
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## Go-Back-N Example (N=4)



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## Go-Back-N Performance

- Bandwidth-Delay Product* (ie “pipeline size”) is defined as the product of the channel transmission speed and the propagation delay
- As transmission speed or propagation delay increases, more packets can be transmitted to “fill the pipeline”
- For channels with high Bandwidth-Delay product, Go-Back-N performance may deteriorate: the number of outstanding packets may be large and all these packets will be unnecessarily retransmitted when an error occurs



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## Selective Repeat

- Selective Repeat addresses the performance limitation of Go-back-N mentioned above
- Receiver indicates to sender which packet needs to be retransmitted; sender retransmits only that packet
- Receiver accepts and buffers packets received out of order within a limit imposed by a receiver window
- Groups of packets with consecutive sequence numbers (or completed sequences) are delivered to the higher layer at the sender
- A timer must be associated with each packet (but we can use one hardware timer to implement multiple logical timers)




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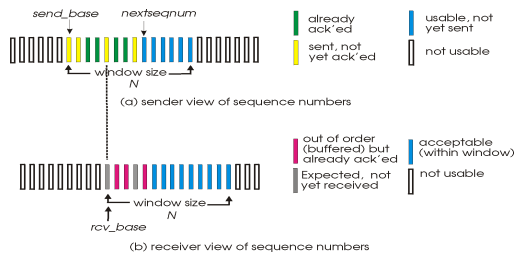
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## Selective Repeat Windows




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## Selective Repeat Sender Event-Driven Algorithms

- Higher layer calls to transmit data:  
if there are unused sequence numbers  
then packetize and transmit;  
else reject the data;
- Timeout occurs:  
transmit the (single) packet which timed out;
- Ack is received:  
mark packet acked;  
if base can be moved  
then move it to the unacked packet with the lowest sequence number;




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## Selective Repeat Receiver Event-Driven Algorithms

- Packet received, not corrupted, within current receive window:  
Ack the received packet;  
if not previously received  
    **then** buffer the packet;  
deliver consecutively sequenced received packets to higher layer;  
move window forward;
- Packet received, not corrupt, sequence number below window base:  
Ack the received packet; /\* packet previously acked and already delivered to higher layer\*/
- Packet received, corrupt, or sequence number beyond window:  
Ignore the packet




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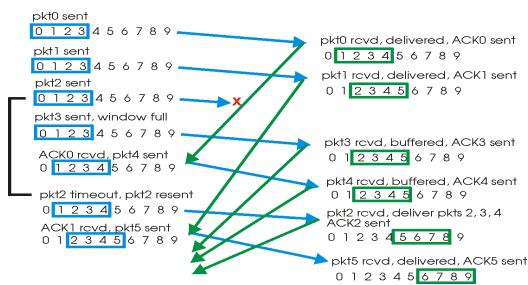
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## Selective Repeat Example




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## Setting The Window Size

- The window size  $N$  is an important parameter
- $N$  should be large enough to allow filling the pipeline, thus making better utilization of the channel
- On the other hand,  $N$  is limited by the protocols (ensure receiver correctly identifies packets)
- It was found that  $N$  cannot be larger than half the sequence space length




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## Flow/Congestion Control

- Flow Control (strict definition): regulate TCP flow so as to prevent receive buffer overflow at destination
- Flow Control (more general definition): regulate TCP flow so as to prevent buffer overflow anywhere along the path
- Congestion Control: regulate TCP flow(s) so as to avoid congestion in the entire network and to achieve efficient, fair sharing of resources.
- Key TCP flow/congestion mechanism: adjustable sender window



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## TCP Connection Management

- TCP connection is set up using the *three way handshake* protocol
- Special segments (SYN segment, SYNACK segment) exchange initial client and server sequence numbers and allocate buffers
- Three Way Handshake protocol allows to detect and eliminate “old” connection requests (more robust than two separate handshakes)
- Another Three Way Handshake (with FIN flag turned on) is used to close the connection, releasing all resources



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