

Internet Engineering

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Network Layer

- ◊ Requirements
 - Addressing
 - Packet transport
 - Between systems identified by addresses
 - With some kind of packet importance
 - Packet Lifetime
 - TCP requires old packets die
 - Not loop forever
 - So does network sanity!
 - Transport Protocol Identification
 - TCP or UDP or ...
 - Error Detection
 - Very limited error detection
 - Relates to packet delivery only
 - Packet Length
 - Link Layer Interface
 - Cope with many different link layers

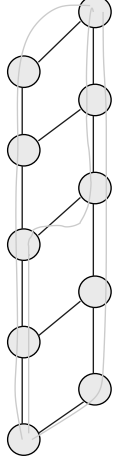
Network Layer Addressing

- ◊ Requirements
 - Identify a network entity
 - (host)
 - Allow network to find it
 - So packets can be sent there
 - Vanity free
 - So any address is OK
 - No-one wants to buy particular address
- ◊ Identify
 - Just by unique numbers
 - 1 2 3 4 5 6 ...
 - Mostly Vanity free
 - But
 - How to locate system 17204 ?
 - Where is it?
- Not an address
 - A name

Network Layer Addressing (2)

◊ Address needs to specify location

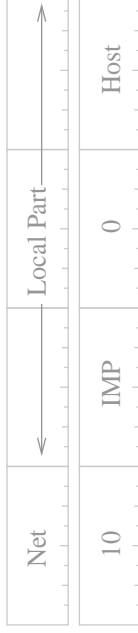
- Where something is to be found
- Not (necessarily) how to get there
 - That depends upon where we start



Links
Some Possible Paths

◊ For Internet (originally)

- Specify network system connects to
- Give network specific info
 - how to find host on that network

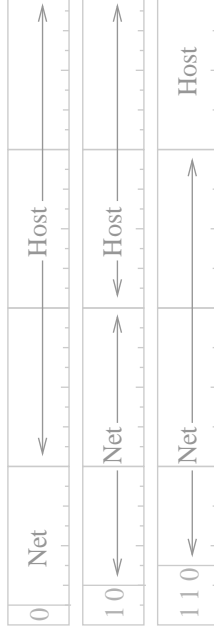


Network Layer Addressing (3)

◊ Assumed

- Not very many networks
 - Maximum 256
 - But 0 reserved, so 255
- networks quite large

◊ Revision



Address Classes (A)

◊ Class A

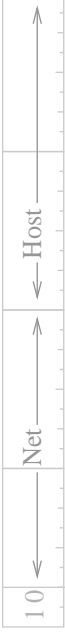
- 127 Network Numbers
 - 1 .. 127
- Up to 16 million hosts on each network
 - 2^{24} (16777216)



◊ For very big networks

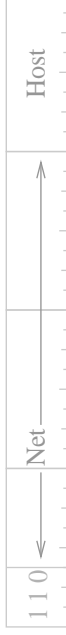
- Public access networks
- Very large companies
- (etc)

Address Classes (B)



- ◊ **Class B**
 - 16384 Network Numbers
 - ▷ 32768 .. 49151
 - Up to 65 thousand hosts on each network
- 2^{16} (65536)
- ◊ **For average networks**
 - University
 - Average (medium sized) companies
 - (etc)

Address Classes (C)



- ◊ **Class C**
 - 2097152 Network Numbers
 - ▷ 12582912 .. 14680063
 - Up to 256 hosts on each network
- ◊ **For small networks**
 - Homes
 - Small Companies
 - (etc)

Problems with addresses

- ◊ **Notation**
 - 0 Reserved
 - 1 .. 127 Class A
 - 32768 .. 49151 Class B
 - 12582912 .. 14680063 Class C
- ◊ **Very Ugly**
 - Want something better



I ● J ● K ● L

▷ Each I J K L value 0 .. 255

- ◊ **Notation**
 - 0 Reserved
 - 1.0.0.0 .. 127.0.0.0 Class A
 - 128.0.0.0 .. 191.255.0.0 Class B
 - 192.0.0.0 .. 223.255.255.0 Class C

Problems with addresses (2)

- ◇ **Not Enough Addresses**
 - 2 Million + 16 thousand + 1 hundred
 - To number every network in the world
 - ▷ Every ethernet (etc)
- ◇ **Inefficient allocations**
 - 3 hosts
 - ▷ Class C: 253 wasted addresses
 - 300 hosts
 - ▷ Class B: 16,000 wasted addresses
 - 50000 hosts
 - ▷ Class A: 16,000,000 wasted addresses

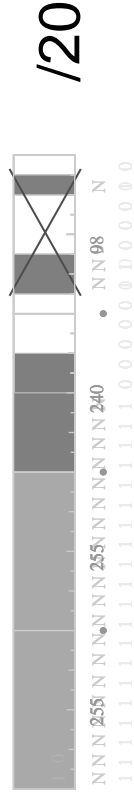
- ◇ **First update**
 - Organisations have many ethernets
 - Need many network numbers
 - Create sub-networks (subnet)
 - ▷ One network divided

Subnets



- ◇ **Class B**
 - 16 network number bits
- ◇ **Plus Subnet**
 - 6 more network bits (this example)
- ◇ **Organisation has**
 - 1 Class B network number
 - 64 internal network numbers
 - Each with 1024 addresses available
- ◇ **Subnets only visible inside organisation**
 - Outside just sees 1 class B network
 - ▷ How many (if any) subnets unknown
 - So, all subnets must be connected
 - ▷ Return to this with routing

Identifying Subnets



- ◇ **Inside network**
 - need to know which bits are network number
 - not necessarily all together
 - ▷ because of existing numbering schemes
 - mark network bits somehow
 - ▷ each bit of address is either
 - Network bit, or local number on network
 - Binary choice
 - ▷ Use binary values (1 -> Network Number, 0 -> Local Part)
 - Then write mask
 - ▷ Just like network number 255.255.255.240.98 (0xFFFFF062)
- ◇ **These days**
 - All network bits required to be adjacent
 - Can simply count network bits -- 20 bit subnet mask here

The Local Part

- ◊ Network part identifies a network
- ◊ Local part selects host on that network
 - 1, 2, 3, ...
 - Any value that fits
 - Except
 - All zero bits
 - The network number itself
 - Number for unknown host
 - All one bits
 - Every host
 - Broadcast
- ◊ So
 - /24 network
 - 8 local part bits (32 - 24) 12 local part bits
 - 256 available numbers (2⁸) 4096 numbers (2¹²)
 - 254 hosts can be connected 4094 hosts
 - 256 - 2 (reserved numbers)
 - 4096 - 2

Source: [RFC 1918](#)

Network Numbers

- ◊ Network number 0 (Class A)
 - Reserved
 - Unknown
 - In particular IP address 0.0.0.0
 - Unknown IP address
 - Meaningless as destination address
 - Some rare uses as source address
- ◊ Network number 255 (Not Class A B or C)
 - Reserved anyway
 - In particular IP address 255.255.255.255
 - Local subnet broadcast
 - Send to all hosts on net
 - without knowing network address
- ◊ Network number 127 (Class A)
 - Host local networking (Packets never leave host)
 - In particular IP address 127.0.0.1
 - Loopback address
 - Send to myself whatever my real address is

Network Numbers (2)

- ◊ With subnets
 - Generally need just 1 net number / organisation
- ◊ But still just 2,000,000 (and a few) net numbers
 - Many more than 2M organisations
- ◊ In 1980's early 1990's
 - Many organisations used IP networking
 - So need IP address(es)
 - Few connected to internet
 - Only communicate locally
 - Consuming many of the network addresses
 - Or just "borrowing" someone else's address
 - Copying documentation
- ◊ RFC1918
 - Private Use Addresses
 - Addresses not to be connected to Internet
 - Available for anyone to use
 - for their local (disconnected) network

RFC1918 Addresses

- ◇ 10.0.0.0/8
 - 1 Class A network (ARPANET)
- ◇ 172.16.0.0/12
 - 16 Class B networks
- ◇ 192.168.0.0/16
 - 256 Class C networks
- ◇ **Eventually with even greater address shortage**
 - Organisations only able to obtain
 - very small number of addresses
- ◇ **RFC1918 addresses used by connected organisations**
 - Number all their hosts
- ◇ **Network Address Translation (NAT)**
 - Converts private address
 - to an available public address
 - When packet leaves organisation's network
 - and the reverse for incoming packets