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Lecture 8

Chapter 5: The Network Layer—Part 2

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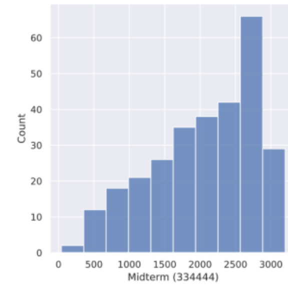

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Quick Links for Today

1. IPv4
2. NAT
3. Subnets
4. Token Bucket

Challenges Addressed by IPv4 Protocol Design

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IP version 4

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← 32 bits wide →

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Check the book for the detailed view!

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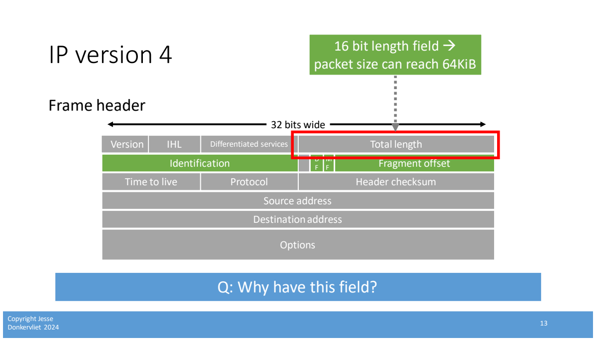
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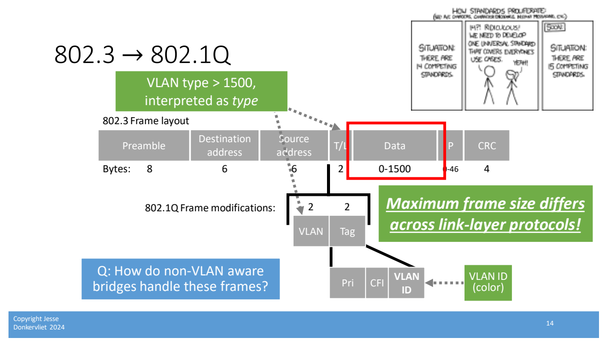
802.3 → 802.1Q
VLAN type > 1500, interpreted as *type*
802.3 Frame layout
Preamble
Destination address
Source address
T/L
Data
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CRC
Bytes: 8
6
6
2
0-1500
0-46
4
802.1Q Frame modifications:
2
2
VLAN
Tag
Maximum frame size differs across link-layer protocols!
Q: How do non-VLAN aware bridges handle these frames?
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CFI
VLAN ID
VLAN ID (color)
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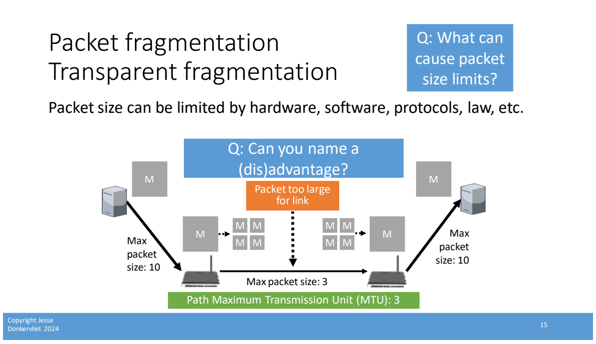
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Transparent fragmentation
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Packet size can be limited by hardware, software, protocols, law, etc.
Q: Can you name a (dis)advantage?
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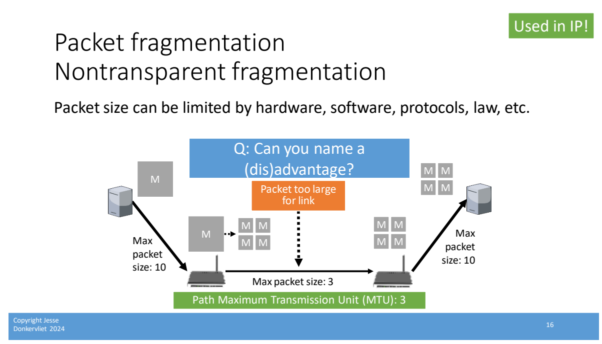
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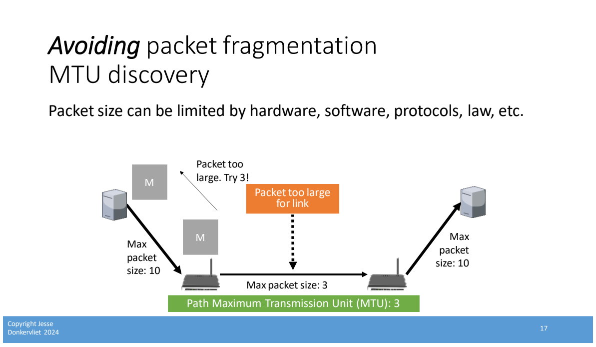
Avoiding packet fragmentation
MTU discovery
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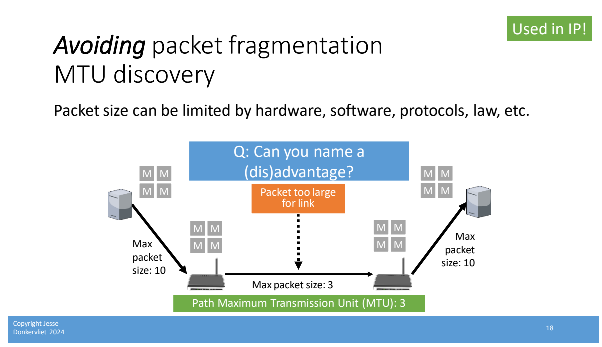
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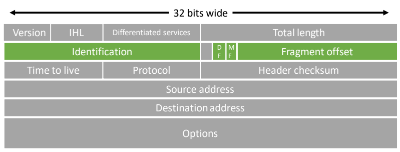

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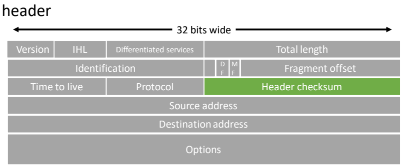

IPv4 does not use a CRC but a checksum.
Computed by adding all 16-bit half-words *in the header*

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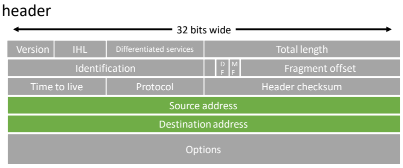
Q: What service does IP ***not*** provide?

Frame header



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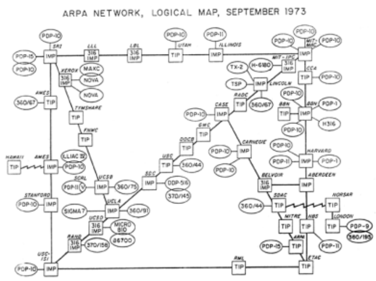
IPv4 addresses

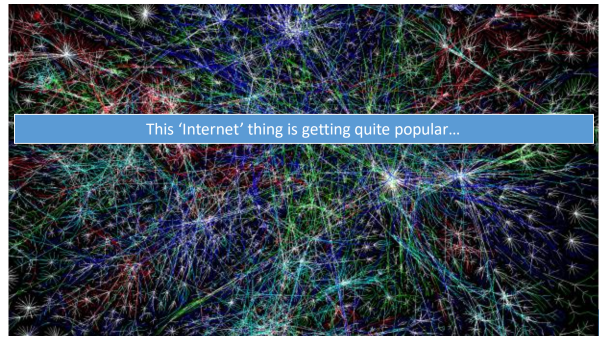
IPv4 uses 32-bit addresses.
Written in ***dotted decimal notation***.
Address 0x80D00297 is written as 128.208.2.151.

32-bit address gives $2^{32} > 4$ billion addresses.

Q: How to route packets to these addresses with latencies in the order of milliseconds?

Reduce routing table sizes using ***hierarchical routing***!

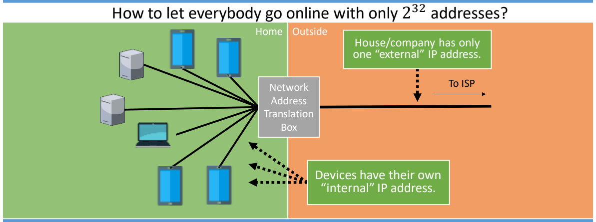




Network Address Translation (NAT)

Q: No headers left in IP header. How to implement this?

How to let everybody go online with only 2^{32} addresses?



Q: How to send something back to a_s?

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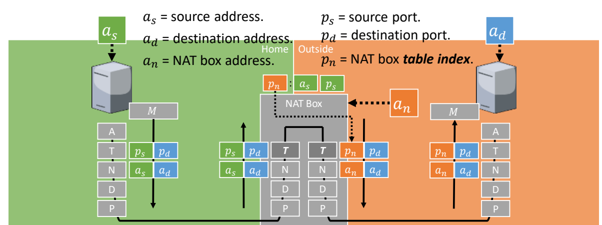

Q: Objections to this approach?

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IP version 6

Multiple improvements over IPv4.

1. ***Many*** more addresses!
2. Simplified header – improves bandwidth/latency.
3. Easier to add ***options*** in the header.
4. Improved security support. ← Backported to IPv4

IP version 6

IP version 4	IP version 6
Address size: 32 bits.	Address size: 128 bits.
Dotted decimal notation: 192.31.20.46	Hexadecimal notation: 8000::123:4567:89AB:CDEF
Number of addresses: $2^{32} = 4{,}294{,}967{,}296$	Number of addresses: $2^{128} =$

340,282,366,920,938,463,463,374,607,431,768,211,456

That's a lot!

Hit the 40% milestone in 2022!

Hit the 30% milestone in 2020!

Q: Why is it taking so long?

Connecting Networks with Different Protocols

If source and destination networks use different protocols, they cannot communicate.

Network A: Uses 'cars' protocol.

Network B: Uses 'boats' protocol.

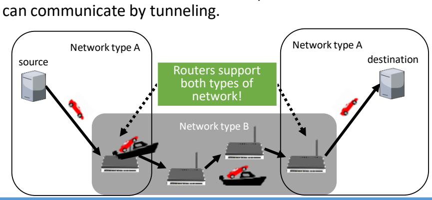
Network C: Uses 'planes' protocol.

Tunneling

Used to route IPv6 packets over IPv4 networks

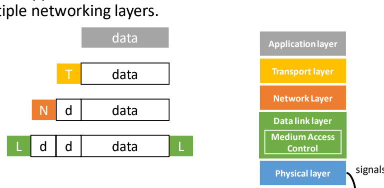
Q: Can you name a (dis)advantage?

If an intermediate network uses different protocols, they can communicate by tunneling.



Business as usual
Packets in packets in packets in …

Data wrapped in headers from multiple networking layers.



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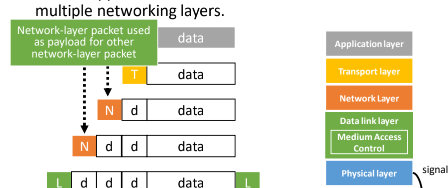

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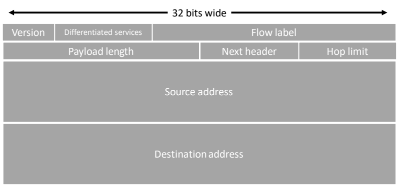

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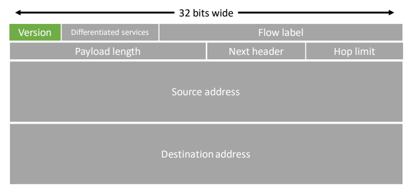
Value 0x06 to indicate IP version 6

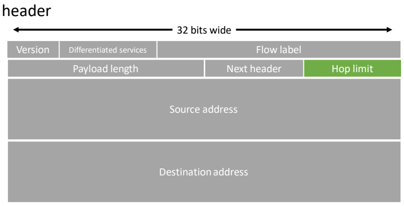
Frame header



IP version 6

"Time to live" renamed to "Hop limit"

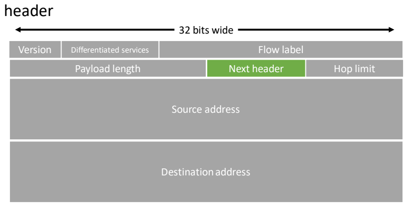
Frame header



IP version 6

Specifies transport layer protocol or extension header

Frame header



Addressing the Problem of Too Many Addresses to Route

Managing the size of routing tables

Routing algorithms can calculate routes to prefixes, instead of to every individual address

Internet Protocol Prefixes and Subnets

Vrije Universiteit given a *prefix*. E.g., all IP addresses that match ***37.60*.*x*.*y***.

Address starts with 37.60? If yes, route to VU.

Example address: 37.60.194.64.

00100101.00111100.11000010.01000000

Network Host

Prefixes handed out by single organization: ICANN

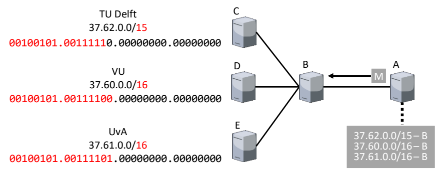
Organizations can further subdivide their prefix to create *subnets*

16 bits used by network

Prefix: 37.60.0.0/16

Subnet mask: 11111111.11111111.00000000.00000000

Internet Protocol - CIDR
Classless InterDomain Routing



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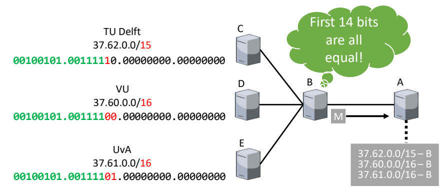

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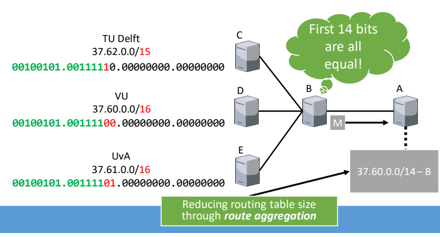


Longest Matching Prefix

Consider the following routing table:

Prefix	Port	Binary
✖ 137.70.32.192/26	A	10001001.01000110.00100000.11000000
✓ 137.70.32.0/20	B	10001001.01000110.00100000.00000000
137.64.0.0/10	C	10001001.01000000.00000000.00000000
0.0.0.0/0	D	00000000.00000000.00000000.00000000
137.70.32.128		10001001.01000110.00100000.10000000

An incoming IP packet carries the destination address 137.70.32.128. On which port is this packet forwarded? Assume that the router uses the *longest matching prefix*.

Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP)

Network Layer Protocol

Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP)

If something goes wrong, ***routers*** send these messages to ***senders***.

Some examples:

1. Destination unreachable
2. Time exceeded ← Used by the program `traceroute`
3. "Echo" and "echo reply" ← Used by the program `ping`
4. Router advertisement/solicitation
5. Packet needs fragmentation / packet too big

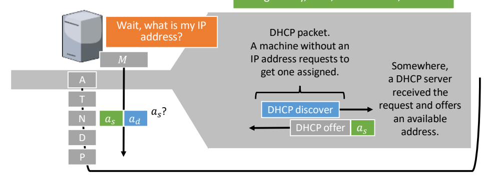
Dynamic Host Configuration (DHCP)

Network Layer Protocol

Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP)

MAC addresses are built into NICs. But network addresses are not.

Used to configure other settings such as: network mask, addresses of default gateway, DNS, time servers, etc.



Q: How to send DHCP offer back to machine without an address?

Address Resolution Protocol (ARP)

Network Layer Protocol

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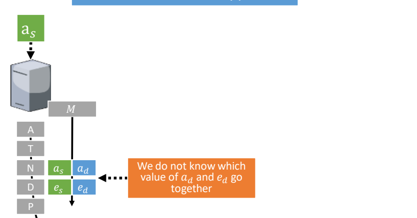
Q: Problems with this approach?



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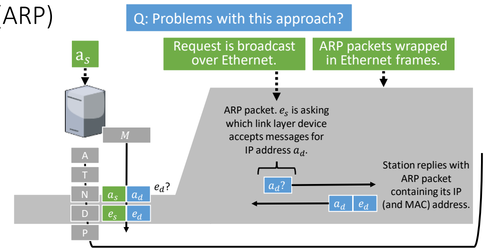
Request is broadcast over Ethernet.

ARP packets wrapped in Ethernet frames.

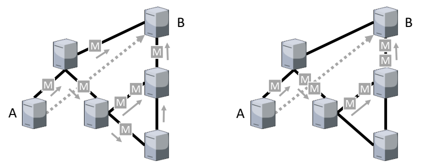


Network-Layer Resource Allocation

Two Main Service Types

Connectionless service:

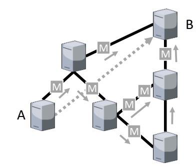
Connection-oriented service:



Connectionless Service Datagrams

Routers use routing algorithms to decide where to send each packet *individually*.

Used by the Internet Protocol (IP).

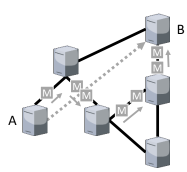


Connection-Oriented Service Virtual Circuits

Decide fixed route during connection setup.

All packets part of the connection follow this route.

ISPs can use this on top of IP.



Q: What kind of parameters are negotiated during connection setup?

Service comparison

The "best" service depends on your use case

Datagrams

- No setup required
- Router failures have low impact

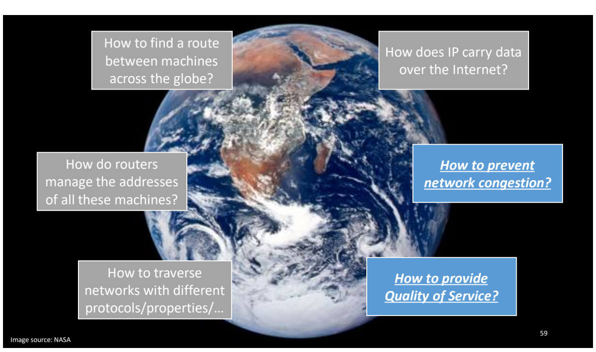
Packets contain full addressing information. Routers are stateless.

Virtual Circuits

- Easy congestion control
- Easy Quality of Service guarantees

Packets contain VC number. Routers keep track of active VCs.

Complexity moved. No free lunch



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Congestion control

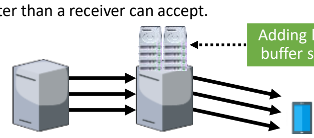
Preventing traffic jams

Looking back on flow control

Mechanism in data link layer.

Makes sure a sender does not send information faster than a receiver can accept.

Adding lots of buffer space.



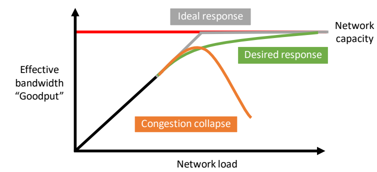
Q: What can go wrong?

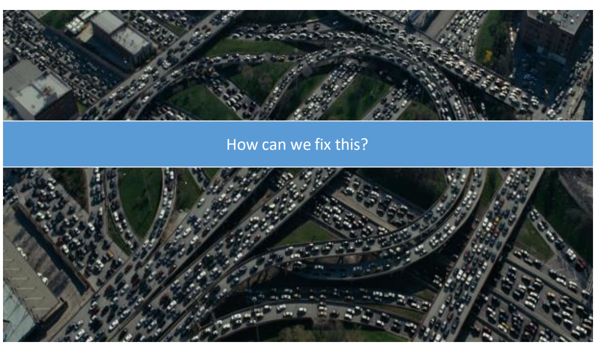
Q: Did we fix the issue?

Congestion control

Goodput: rate of useful packets arriving at the receiver

Combined responsibility of the ***network*** and ***transport*** layers.





Approaches to congestion control

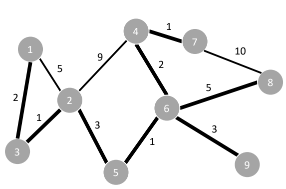
Can we do something smarter?

Simplest approach is *resource over-provisioning*.

Preventing congestion by installing more bandwidth.

Traffic-aware routing

If link costs are static, all traffic is routed over lowest-cost links.



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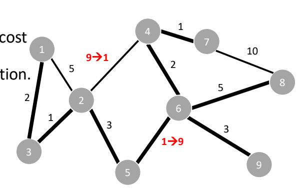

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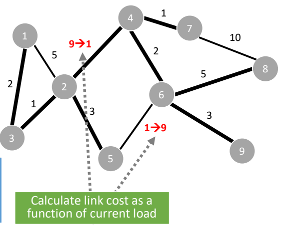

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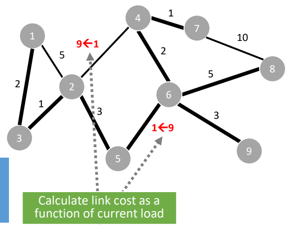

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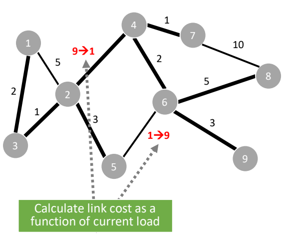

Need to prevent oscillations.

1. Small cost updates.
2. Multiple paths.

Admission Control

If there is congestion, new traffic has to wait!

Admission control

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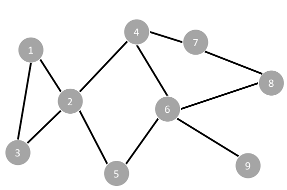

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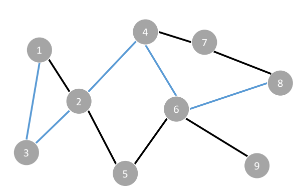

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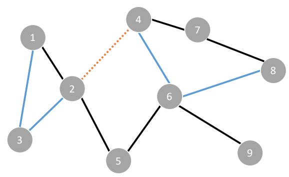

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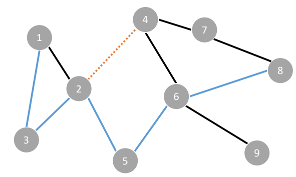

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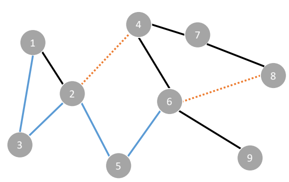

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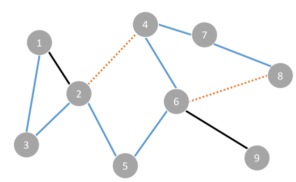

Q: Can think of a (dis)advantage?

Admission control

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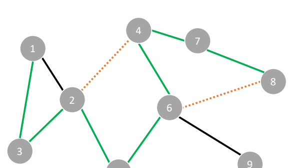
Yes: allow traffic.

No:
traffic must wait



Traffic throttling

Send messages in the opposite direction to explicitly indicate network congestion.

Most common implementation:

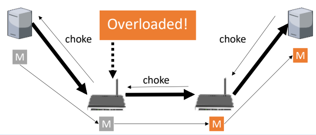
1. Set special bits in IP packet.
2. Inform sender of congestion through TCP.

Traffic throttling
End-to-end

Q: Can think of a (dis)advantage?

Send back a 'choke' signal. When ***the source*** receives this packet, it slows down transmission.

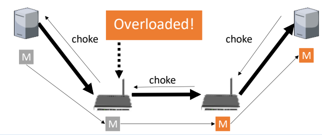
Used in TCP/IP via Explicit Congestion Notification (ECN).



Traffic throttling
Link-by-link

Q: Can think of a (dis)advantage?

Send back a 'choke' signal. ***Every router*** that receives this packet slows down transmission.



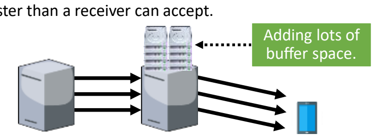
Traffic Shaping

Regulating Network Resource Usage

Looking back on flow control

Mechanism in data link layer.

Makes sure a sender does not send information faster than a receiver can accept.



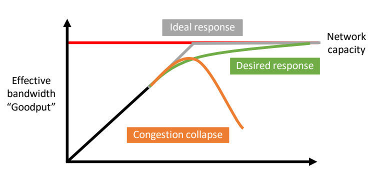
Q: What can go wrong?

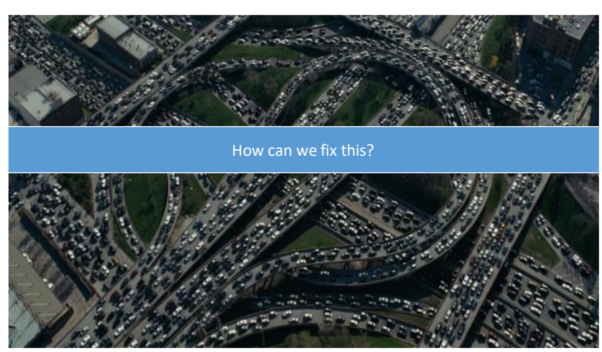
Q: Did we fix the issue?

Congestion control

Goodput: rate of useful packets arriving at the receiver

Combined responsibility of the ***network*** and ***transport*** layers.

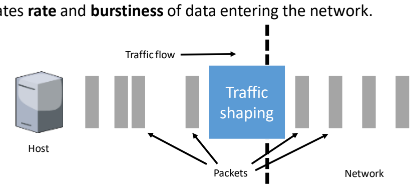




Traffic shaping

Challenge: limit available data data rate, but allow bursty traffic

Regulates **rate** and **burstiness** of data entering the network.

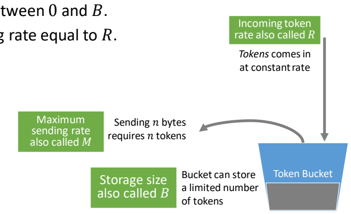


Traffic shaping
Token bucket

Maximum *burst duration* is $\frac{B}{M-R}$ seconds

Outgoing rate between 0 and B.

Average outgoing rate equal to R.



Traffic shaping
Token bucket example

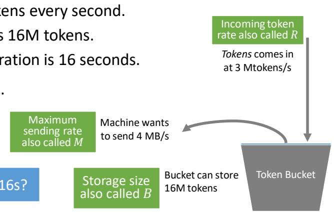
Maximum *burst duration* is $\frac{B}{M-R}$ seconds

Bucket loses 1Mtokens every second.

Full bucket contains 16M tokens.

Maximum burst duration is 16 seconds.

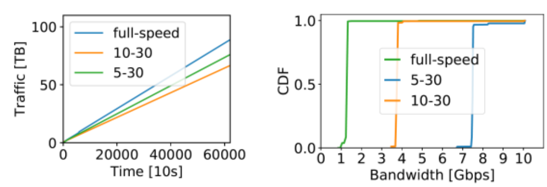
Or: $\frac{16}{4-3} = \frac{16}{1} = 16$s.



Q: What happens after 16s?

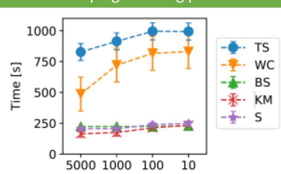
Traffic Shaping in Cloud Networks

Traffic shaping being used in practice



Traffic Shaping in Cloud Networks

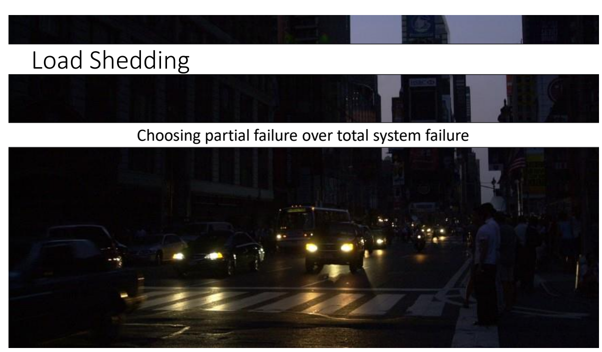
Traffic shaping affecting performance



(a) Average runtime.

Load Shedding

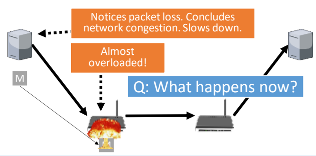
Choosing partial failure over total system failure



Load Shedding
Random Early Detection (RED)

Drop packets randomly if buffer space is ***almost*** full.

Sends an *implicit* signal to the sender: slow down!



Load shedding

Works if transmission errors are unlikely cause of packet loss.

Wired links are reliable (errors are unlikely)

Wireless channels (and other unreliable channels) need to solve transmission errors on the data link layer to hide them from network layer

Quality of Service

We will revisit this problem in later lectures. It is interesting that we encounter this problem at the link layer, but do not have the abililty to solve it without help from higher layers.

Computer networks traditionally offer *best-effort* service

Tries to get data from A to B, but no promises

Q: How is this solved in practice?

Hosts provide *reliable delivery* using retransmissions

Q: What is the problem with this approach?

Does not work (well) for many applications:

Quality of Service and its parameters

Bandwidth	Maximum data rate. Measured in ***bits per second***
Delay	Time it takes to get from source to destination
Jitter	Variation in packet delay. 0 jitter means delay is constant
Packet loss	Probability of packets being dropped

Different applications have different requirements

A ← B strict requirement

A ←--- B weak requirement

Bandwidth

Delay

Jitter

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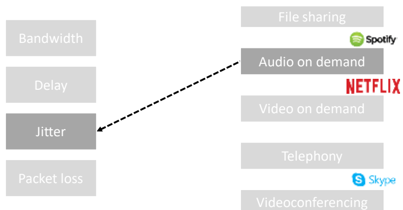

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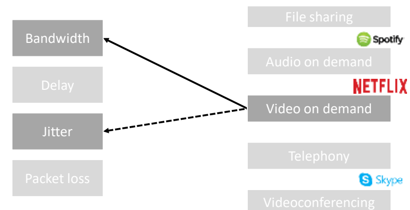

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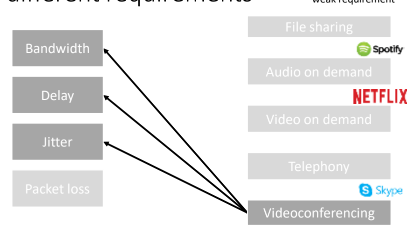

Quiz Time!

10-15(?) minutes

Correct answers without explanation do *not* get points!

Please ***do not*** use external resources, including:

- ChatGPT (forget AI, use and train your **RI** [Real Intelligence!])
- Anything on or via the Internet (the Web, chat apps, etc)
- Answers from your neighbors
- The book / slides

Network Layer Summary

Networking

- Routing Algorithms:
  - Distance Vector
  - Link State
  - Hierarchical
- Problem of scale: too many addresses
  - Not enough address space (solved by IPv6)
  - Routing tables too large (problem reduced by aggregation)
- Network configuration
  - Obtaining an address (DHCP)
  - Looking up corresponding MAC address (ARP)

Internetworking

- Different networks have different properties
- Using a common protocol (IP).
- Tunneling through networks with other protocols.
- MLPS supports multiple protocols, for faster switching
- Within Autonomous Systems (e.g., OSPF)
- Between Autonomous Systems (e.g., BGP)

Resource Management

- Connectionless and Connection-oriented approaches
- Congestion Control (RED, ECN, etc.)
- Traffic Shaping (Token Bucket, Leaky Bucket)