


Network technology
Introduction

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Introduction: learning goals



- Understand the technology and basic operation of various types of networks
- Including the types of networks used in today's enterprises and homes and, for history's sake, traditional telephone networks

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
Introduction: this module

- This module deals with technology

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Topics




- Layers – R
What are layers
OSI & Internet models
- Legacy telco networks – O
The technology used in the legacy telephone network
- New telco networks – R
The technology that is, or could be, used in new telephone networks



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Topics, contd.


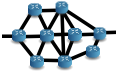

- Enterprise Layer 2 networks – R
E.g., Local area networks
- Enterprise Layer 3 networks – R
Routed IP networks
- Software defined networks – R
Networks whose logical topology is determined by software



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Topics, contd.

- Internet service provider networks – R
Architectures used in internet service provider networks
- MPLS overview – R
Multiprotocol Label Switching in the enterprise and within ISPs
- Cellular networks – R
Networks that underlie cellular telephone systems



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Layers

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Layers

- Network protocols are conceptualized in “layers”
Each layer has standard interfaces “up” and “down”
- A layer deals with a particular local or end-to-end path
E.g., a particular type of addressing (link vs. network vs. session) or function (presentation, application)
- May or may not relate to implementation

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Layers

7 - Application
6 - Presentation
5 - Session
4 - Transport
3 - Network
2 - Data-link
1 - Physical

- Each layer provides services only to the layer above it
- Each layer depends only on the layer below it
- Each layer isolates the layers above it from the differences in the layer below it
- Beware of “layer violations”
- OSI 7-layer model
- Internet 4-layer model

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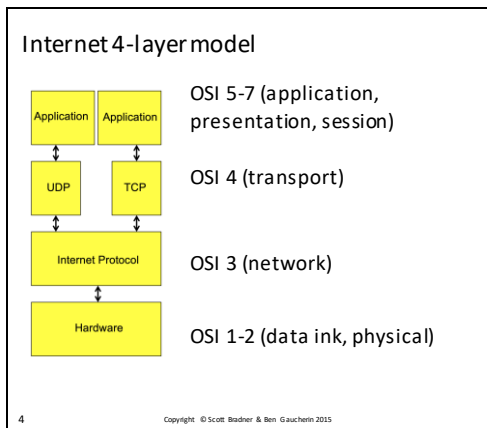


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Legacy telco network technology

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Legacy telco: carriers



- “carrier” “a company that provides facilities for conveying telecommunications messages”
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Structure: regulated monopoly



- By mid 1900s most countries had a single dominant telephone service provider operating as a regulated monopoly
In the US that was AT&T
E.g., “The Telephone Company”

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Telephone company reliability

99.999%



- Telephone service seen as a life safety requirement
 - Regulators demanded very high reliability
 - And allowed carriers to charge enough to ensure reliability
- “Five nines” seen as the requirement
 - Maximum of 5.26 minutes of (unplanned) outage per year
 - Disconnect when it came to cell phones

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Telephone company reliability, contd.

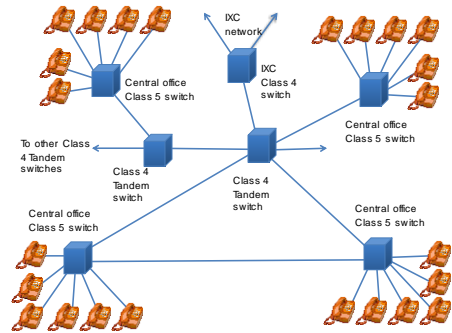


- But reachability reliability on land line phones quite poor anyway

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Legacy telephone network architecture



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Telephone network features



- Connections between local carriers via interexchange carriers (IXCs)
"long distance"
Some "local carriers" are now national in scope
- Telephone offices are self sufficient for power
Batteries & generators

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Telephone network features, contd.



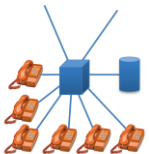
5ESS telephone switch

- Central office switch can serve 100s of thousands of customers
Mostly using direct "home runs"
- Therefore switch must be extremely reliable

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Telephone network: call flow



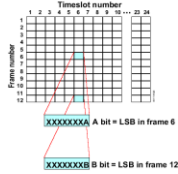
- Caller dials number
- Switch looks up dialed number in database (SCP)
- Returns actual # to be called
Translated number or dialed number
- Set up circuit to destination
Reserved bandwidth
- Call proceeds
- Circuit torn down when call complete

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Telephone carrier OAM

T1 robbed bit signaling



- Operations, administration and management
 - Provides for in-band monitoring of customer experience
- See the service from the customer point of view

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Telephone residential customer circuits



- Analog
 - Twisted-pair of copper wire between CO and phone
 - Traditional residential phone service
 - Power supplied by CO
 - works when local power fails
 - Supports a single phone call
 - Being replaced by fiber in many places
 - Requires local battery if reliability still needed

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Legacy telco line technology: point-to-point



- Time-division multiplexing (TDM)
 - Common speeds:
 - DS0 – 64Kbps – one phone call
 - T1 (a.k.a., DS1) – 1.544 Mbps – 24 phone calls
 - T3 – 44.736 Mbps – 672 phone calls
 - Internal telephone company links
 - Also used for enterprise voice/data circuit
- Microwave links
 - TDM over microwave radio
 - Largely replaced with fiber

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Legacy telco, multipoint, X.25

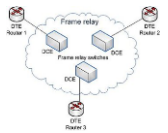


- Reliable packet switched data service
- Once seen as a TCP/IP “competitor”
- Mostly 64 Kbps
- Supports virtual circuits
 - Service is multipoint
 - Connections are p2p
- Various charging models
 - Flat rate
 - Per packet

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Legacy telco, multipoint, frame relay



- Packet switched data service
 - No reliability function
- Configurable Committed Information Rate (CIR)
 - Many carriers offered CIR 0 service
- Mostly DS0 to T1 speeds
- Supports virtual circuits
 - Service is multipoint
 - Connections are p2p

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Legacy telco, multipoint, SONET



- Synchronous Optical Networking (SONET)
- Dual ring-based, multiplexed data service
 - Provides multiple fixed rate p2p circuits
- Dual ring for L2 reliability
- Mostly replaced with L3 redundancy

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Legacy telco, multipoint, ATM



- Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM)
- Once assumed to be only data network in future
- Assumed there is an absolute QoS requirement
- Small fixed-length frames called cells
 - 53-byte cell with 5-byte header & 48-byte payload

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ATM, contd.



- Virtual circuit-based
- Permanent virtual circuit (PVC)
 - Manually set up
- Switched virtual circuit (SVC)
 - Set up on demand
 - Very rare, even in ATM's heyday

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ATM, services



The Lighthouse at the End of the World
Julio Verne

- Constant bit rate (CBR)
 - Fixed rate wire replacement
- Variable bit rate (VBR)
 - Not fixed rate but guaranteed up to configured rate
- Available bit rate (ABR)
 - Network admission control
- Unspecified bit rate (UBR)
 - Uses residual capacity

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ATM, reasons for failure



- Far too much hype
- Required a new physical network
- Required significant management
- “New technology”
- Far more expensive than alternatives
- Fixated on QoS

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New telco technology


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NGN: New telco – ITU Vision




- Next Generation Network (NGN)
- Replacement telephone carrier network
- Assumes absolute QoS requirement





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NGN: New telco – ITU Vision, contd.



- Assumes continued support for telco business and service model
 - Can also support best-effort Internet service
- Mixture of ITU-T, 3GPP & IETF technologies
 - IETF: MPLS, SIP, enum, ...
 - 3GPP: IMS



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ITU-TNGN, feature list



- Packet-based transfer
- Separation of control functions among bearer capabilities, call/session, and application/service
- Decoupling of service provision from transport, and provision of open interfaces
- Support for a wide range of services, applications and mechanisms based on service building blocks (including real time/streaming/non-real time services and multi-media)
- Broadband capabilities with end-to-end QoS and transparency
- Interworking with legacy networks via open interfaces
- Generalised mobility
- Unfettered access by users to different service providers
- A variety of identification schemes which can be resolved to IP addresses for the purposes of routing in IP networks

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ITU-TNGN, feature list

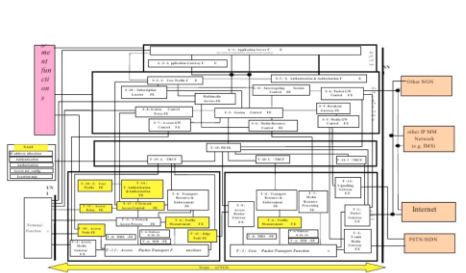


- Unified service characteristics for the same service as perceived by the user
- Converged services between Fixed and Mobile networks
- Independence of service-related functions from underlying transport technologies
- Support of multiple last mile technologies
- Compliant with all Regulatory requirements, for example concerning emergency communications and security/privacy, etc.

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ITU-TNGN, diagram



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New IP



Imagine a new IP packet as a FedEx-like Datagram



12 A packet carries a contract from an application to the network

13 The network and routers process the contract

- Replace current Internet to enable guaranteed services
- Top-down approach
Driven by Chinese government, Huawei & telcos, in ITU-T
- End system must have “contract” with network to send anything
- Gateways enforce contract requirement between nets

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New IP, contd.



- Assumes carriers run networks
- Puts carriers in control of services, i.e. not end-to-end
- Surveillance enabler
Contract requirement means all communications tied to individuals (not just IP addresses)
- Governments & carriers like it
Could be legally mandated in some countries

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New telco – alternative approach



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Enterprise layer 2 networks


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L2 Networks, Concepts




- A single local area network (LAN) is the “world”
- Use media access control (MAC) address for forwarding decisions
 - 48-bit globally unique address assigned to device during manufacturing process
 - All bits on = broadcast
 - Group bit on = multicast
- L2 wired network: “Ethernet”
- L2 wireless network: “WiFi”



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Ethernet

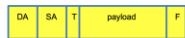


- Little in common between today's Ethernet and the Ethernet Bob Metcalfe invented
 - Other than frame size and format

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Ethernet, contd.

- Frame characteristics
 - 64 to 1518 bytes long
 - 14 byte header
 - Destination MAC address
 - Source MAC address
 - Field to indicate payload type in header
 - Trailing checksum (frame check sequence)



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Ethernet host interface operation

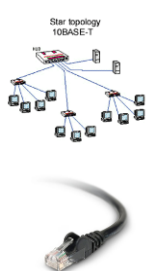


- The interface receives all frames on the LAN segment
- Interface checks destination MAC address
 - Passes frame to host if the MAC address is same as interface's preconfigured MAC address
 - Passes frame to host if the MAC address is the broadcast address
 - Passes frame to host if the MAC address is in a list of configured multicast MAC addresses
 - Otherwise discards frame

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Ethernet networks



- Ethernet was a multi-drop & CSMA/CD network when developed
 - Carrier Sense, Multiple Access/Collision Detect
- Ethernet is now always a cascaded star network
 - Direct connections from end nodes to switches
 - Not CSMA/CD anymore
 - Switches can be interconnected

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Ethernet switch operation



- Learning
 - look at source addresses in all frames
 - Add addresses to database, listing what port seen on
 - Update database entry if already in database

MAC	Port	time
XX:XX...XX	1	1234
XX:XX...XX	1	2345
XX:XX...XX	3	0234

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Ethernet switch operation, contd.

- Forwarding frames
 - Look at destination addresses in all frames
 - Flood frames if broadcast or multicast destination address
 - Some switches handle multicast specially
 - Flood frames if destination address not in database
 - Send frames to at most to one port
 - If destination address in database
- Management
 - Timeout old database entries

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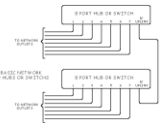
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Ethernet switch features




- Transparent operation
 - Automatically self configures
- Frame only goes where it needs to go
 - Unless destination node has never sent anything
 - Reduces load on LAN segment to what is required
 - Security advantage
 - But can be spoofed by node sending forged source address
- Frame not modified during forwarding



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Ethernet, virtual LAN (VLAN)



- Creates multiple virtual LANs on same physical LAN
- Add VLAN tag to frame
 - Devices & switch configured to only pay attention to frames with specific VLAN tag(s)
 - 4-byte VLAN tag
 - 2-byte tag type (8100x)
 - 3-bit priority
 - 1-bit format identifier (0 for Ethernet)
 - 12-bit VID (VLAN ID) – 4,096 possible VLANs

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Pseudowires




- Emulate Layer 2 networks over IP or MPLS
- First done by MCI in the early 1990s
 - Frame relay encapsulated in IP
 - Support for many Layer 2 technologies defined
 - Ethernet, TDM, HDLC, Frame Relay, ATM, SONET, ...

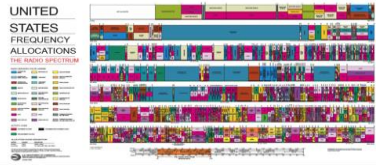
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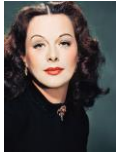


- Wireless LAN
 - “Looks like” a wireless Ethernet
- Non-licensed spectrum
 - Uses industrial, scientific and medical (ISM) radio bands



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Spread spectrum



Hedy Lamar



- Used by 802.11
- Three types
 - Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum (FHSS)
 - Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum (DSSS)
 - Orthogonal frequency-division multiplexing (OFDM)
- Allows sharing of single channel

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WiFi types & speeds



- 802.11b: 11 M, 2.4 GHz (1999)
- 802.11a: 54 M, 5 GHz (1999)
- 802.11g: 54 M, 2.4 GHz (2003)
- 802.11n: 450 M, 2.5 & 5 GHz (2009)
- 802.11ac: 1 G, 5 GHz (2014)
- 802.11ad: 7 GHz, 2.5, 5 & 60 GHz (2013)
- 802.11af: 27 M, White Space (2014)
- 802.11n, 802.11ac & 802.11ad use MIMO

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Multi Input Multi Output (MIMO)

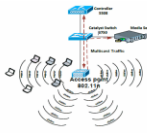
- Concept: send on multi channels where there are simultaneous multiple paths
Needs multiple paths
- Mathematically separate at receiver
- Increased data throughput with same spectrum



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WiFi - architecture



- Hosts connect to local "access points"
Radio transceivers, connected to wired network
Networks named with SSID (service set identifier)
Inserted in frame header
- Range: 100-300'
Much longer point-to-point with special antennas
Blocked by water (e.g. people) & some other materials

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CSMA/CA

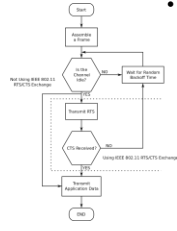


- WiFi uses CSMA/CA
Carrier Sense Multiple Access with Collision Avoidance
Original Ethernet scheme with tweaks for wireless

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CSMA/CA



- No synchronizer required
 - 1/ Listen for idle network (listen for carrier)
If carrier heard, delay, then go to 1
 - 2/ Send frame
 - 3/ Wait for ACK
Timeout means retransmission required
Done if ACK received
 - 4/ If retransmission required, use exponential back-off algorithm to determine wait time, then go to 1

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WiFi - issues



- Easily monitored
 - Supports link-level encryption
 - WEP is not better than nothing
 - 802.11i (WPA) better but is only local - not e2e
 - Can require password for WLAN access
- Easily disrupted
- Easily spoofed
- 802.1x mitigates many of these issues
- Disruption is hard (impossible?) to mitigate against

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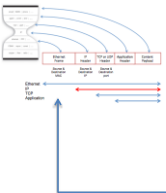
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Enterprise Layer 3 networks

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Layer 3 Networks, Concepts

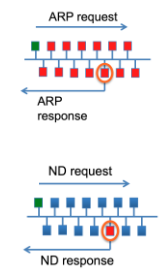


- Operates at network layer
- Frame includes internetwork (L3) addresses
- Use L3 addresses in forwarding decisions
 - 32- or 128-bit addresses
- Need to map L3 address to L2 address, because packets are delivered on the L2 network to the L2 address

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Mapping L3 addresses to L2 addresses



- IPv4 – Address Resolution Protocol (ARP)
 - Send LAN **broadcast** packet asking “are you IP address a.b.c.d”
 - response includes MAC address of that node
- IPv6 – Neighbor Discovery
 - Send LAN **multicast** packet asking “are you IP address a.b.c.d:e:f:g:h:i”
 - sent to “selected node multicast” address
 - response includes MAC address of that node

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Layer 3 networks, concepts

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OSI,
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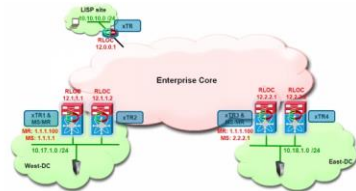
- Internet protocol (IP) is the only meaningful L3
There once were many
- The scope is the world
- Use IP addresses for forwarding decisions
Node address is administratively assigned when device configured
Or automatically assigned on device startup (DHCP)

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Layer 3 networks, concepts, contd.

- Network divided into “subnets”
Range of IP addresses assigned to a single L2 network



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L3 frame delivery on LAN




- L3 address used to forward frame between LANs
- L2 address required for LAN delivery
- Host or router must encapsulate L3 packet in a L2 packet with the MAC address of the L2 destination

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Routers



- L3 forwarding devices
- Exchange reachability information with other routers to maintain a routing table

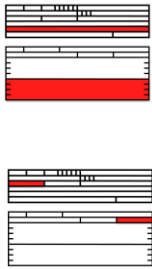
Routing protocol lecture later
Used in enterprises and ISPs

Prefix	Metric	Next hop	Bytes
128.103/16	123	140.248.5.18	4093
173.166.5/26	38593	140.248.5.1	82765
0.0.0.0	100	140.248.5.2	0

Enterprises assumed to be in same trust domain
ISPs assume to interconnect across trust domains

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Router operation



- Process frames sent to router's MAC address
Strip off L2 header & FCS
- Look at IP destination address in L3 frame
Send frame to router's CPU if address is the router's
- Decrement TTL & recalculate checksum
Send error message & discard frame if TTL = 0
Checksum calculation on IPv4 (no header checksum in IPv6)

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Router operation, contd.

Table:
128.103.1.36/32
128.103.1/24
128.103/16

Address:
128.103.8.36

- Find best match address range in routing table
If not found:
If default address defined, use that
If no default address defined, send error message & discard frame
- Build new L2 frame around L3 frame

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Router operation, contd.

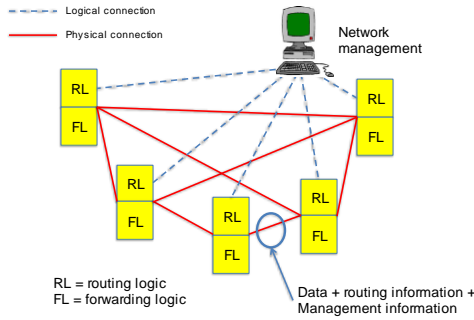


- Send frame on LAN to next hop on path to destination
Must be "adjacent" node (on the same LAN, or on point-to-point link)
Could be the destination itself
- Frame modified during forwarding
TTL/HC & checksum (IPv4)
- Routing information is generally in-band

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Router-based networks



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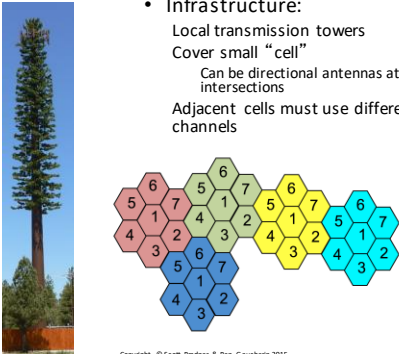
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Cellular networks

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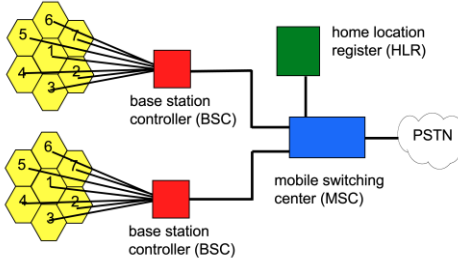
Cellular wireless

- Infrastructure:
 - Local transmission towers
 - Cover small "cell"
 - Can be directional antennas at cell intersections
 - Adjacent cells must use different channels



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Cellular Wireless: Process

- Phone contains a replaceable Subscriber Identity Card (SIM)
- Turn power on:
Phone scans control channels for strongest signal
Rescan if signal gets too weak
- Logging on:
Phone sends message to MSC
Includes electronic serial number (ESN) from SIM
If not in home service area, carrier retrieves billing info from home carrier's HLR (roaming)

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Cellular Wireless: Process, contd.

- Place call:
Phone sends ESN and called number to MSC
MSC validates request, connects to called party and tells BSC and phone what channels to use & tells phone what power to use
- Receive call:
MSC broadcasts phone # of mobile phone on all channels
Addressed phone responds
MSC tells BSC and phone what channels to use & tells phone what power to use

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Cellular Wireless: Process, contd.

- Handoff:
While a call is in progress MSC adjusts the transmitted power of phone and changes channels of phone and base stations as phone moves
Control signaling applied to voice channels to let phone be controlled by BSC & MSC

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The Gs



- Cellular transmission technology referred to as “generations”
 - 1G - 1979 – analog only
 - 2G – 1991 – 50 Kbps
 - 3G – 1998 – 200 Kbps
 - 4G – 2009 – 100 Mbps
 - a.k.a. Long-Term Evolution (LTE)
 - 5G – future – multi gigabit
- Specifications by ITU – technology by others
- Telco assumption since 3G has been LAN replacement

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Technology Narcotics



- Every decade or so a technology captures the tech press attention
- Generates expectations way out of line with reality
- E.g., ATM, 5G
 - Huge sums spent for little return
 - e.g., Full deployment of 5G would be 100s of billions of dollars in the U.S. alone
 - e.g., cells only a few hundred feet across

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5G

I tried 5G. It will change your life — if you can find it
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- Huge hype about 5G
 - High speed, low latency, high capacity, everything connected, replace WiFi, remote surgery, billions of devices, ...
- Reality is very different
 - Smart net with all its issues
 - Requires closely spaced base stations
 - Pay-per device model
 - Download caps

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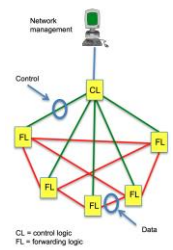
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Software defined networks

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Software Defined Networks (SDN)

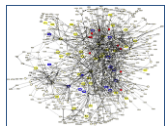


- Decouple control and forwarding functions in a network
Traditionally unified in routers and switches
- Control functions centrally programmable
E.g., by business logic or network management

CL = control logic
FL = forwarding logic

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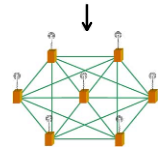
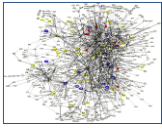
SDN, contd.



- Produces an overlay network that is not limited to physical connectivity
- Logical network architecture can be modified dynamically
e.g., subnets in a data center
- Used in data centers & WANs

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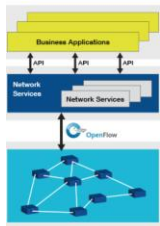


- SDN is essentially centralized VLAN management
- Central server pushes configuration to forwarding devices
- Single source for configuration means that network is more likely to be consistent
e.g. end-to-end consistency in ACLs
- Also rapid reconfiguration

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Control technologies



- “Standard” for control to forwarding logic communication
E.g., OpenFlow
- Supported by multiple switch & router vendors

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Network technology
Internet service providers (ISPs)

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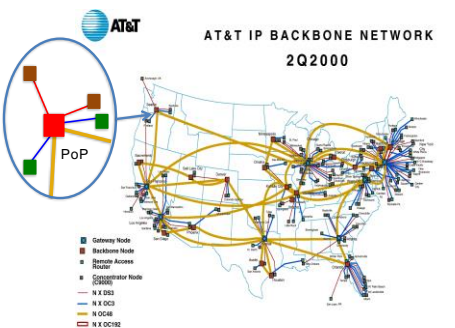
Internet Service Providers (ISPs)



- Initially, companies whose basic business was providing Internet service
- Currently residential ISPs mostly telephone or cable TV carriers
- Network architecture similar for similar-sized enterprises and ISPs
Except that ISPs have more “tail circuits”
Connections to customer locations

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Example ISP network



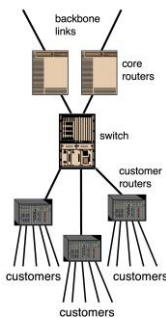
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Legend:
■ Gateway Node
■ Backbone Node
■ Remote Access Point
■ Provider Node
■ Computer Node
— N X DS3
— N X OC3
— N X OC48
— N X OC192

Note: map is not to scale.

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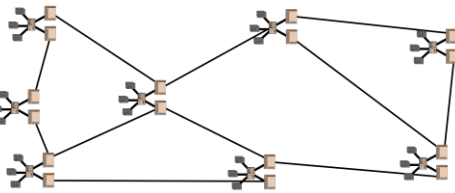
ISP PoP



- Point of presence (POP) e.g., in a city
- Parts
 - core routers
 - customer routers
 - DSLAMs etc

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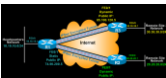
ISP network



- multiple POPs
- interconnected with backbone links
 - not full mesh

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ISP Service: Virtual Private Networks (VPN)



- ISP offered service
- Provides a virtual network to an enterprise
 - Can look like a collection of point to point lines or a isolated network
- Reasons
 - Address & traffic isolation for virtual enterprise network
 - Could include service guarantees
- Technically not required
 - Enterprise could build their own VPN using tunnels over Internet service

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Network technology
Multi Protocol Label Switching (MPLS)

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MPLS, History & Purpose



- Evolved by IETF from Cisco Tag Switching
Tag Switching – 1997
MPLS – 2001
- Purpose
Original: Improve price/performance of networks
Switching faster and cheaper than routing – or so people thought
Later: traffic isolation & traffic engineering
- Underlying concept
ATM-like forwarding for IP

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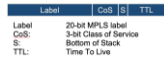
MPLS features



- Explicit path for (TE) traffic engineering
Direct packets in a way that routing would not have
- Enable packet forwarding decisions based on things other than destination IP address
- Aggregate traffic with some common characteristics
- Support VPN services

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MPLS, operation

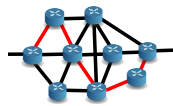


- Insert header in frame below IP
"layer 2.5"
- Header includes a 20-bit "label" & other info
Label is locally significant
i.e., it changes at each hop
- Labels used to select LSP

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Label-Switched Path (LSP)

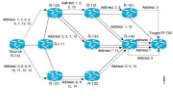


- LSP is a specific path through an MPLS network
i.e., a sequence of label switch routers to traverse
- LSPs are unidirectional

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MPLS "circuits" (label switched paths)



- Much MPLS use does not involve circuits as traditionally understood
Specific path not setup in advance
Path changes as the underlying routing changes
- TE MPLS & MPLS-TP do use pre established paths
Some as trunks - not individual sessions
Generally not end-to-end - LANs at edges

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MPLS operation

Label	CoS	TTL
Label	20-bit MPLS label	
CoS	3-bit Class of Service	
S	Bottom of Stack	
TTL	Time To Live	

- Header inserted at ingress removed at egress
Header includes a label
- Forwarding decisions based on label
Look incoming label up in LFIB
Includes label manipulation instructions, output label & next hop
- Most common manipulation
Replace input label with output label & forward frame

label values 0-15 are special, rest are just numbers

0	IPv4 Explicit NULL Label
1	Header Abort Label
2	IPv6 Explicit NULL Label
3	Implicit NULL Label - used for penultimate hop popping
4-12	reserved
13	IGMP Label
14	OSPF Label
15	reserved

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MPLS, operation, contd.

- Can have multiple labels in a stack
Push & pop label functions supported
Used for trunks

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Loading Label Forwarding Information Base

Label	CoS	Prefix	Bit	Next hop
43	95	1.1.1.2/32	3	10.1.1.2
74	pop	2.2.2.3/32	1	10.3.4.5
39	43	3.2.1.0/32	3	10.1.1.2

- LFIB can be loaded by Label Distribution Protocol (LDP)
LDP uses IP-level routing to determine paths through the network
- LFIB can be loaded manually or by traffic engineering application
Define fixed paths through the network for specific traffic

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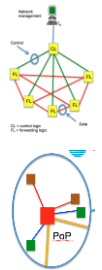
- Conceptual layer model
- Old telephone technology fading
 - Being replaced by Internet protocol networks
 - But trying to preserve old operating models
- Enterprise networks are comprised of LANs (subnets) and internets



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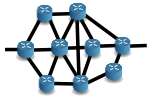
Network technology, contd.

- Software defined networks decouple logical and physical networks
- ISP networks use PoPs to aggregate customer connections and dual backbone connections for reliability



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Network technology, contd.



- MPLS provides for address isolation and, sometimes, direct traffic where routing would not have
- Cellular networks support mobility and roaming



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