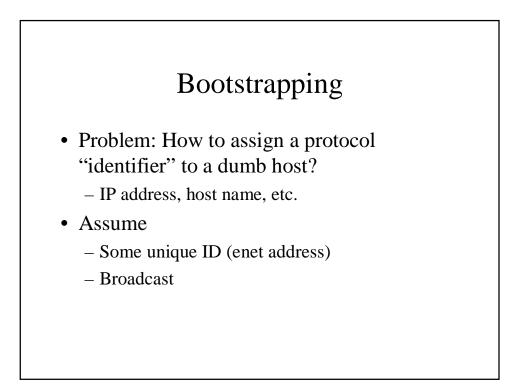


Protocol "Leakage"

- Translators only work well if they translate everything that needs to be translated.
- What if the data portion of the conversation "reveals" something about the part that is being translated
 - Active vs. Passive mode FTP
- Forces us to make smarter and smarter ("statefuller") NATters



DHCP

1. What is DHCP?

DHCP stands for "Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol".

2. What is DHCP's purpose?

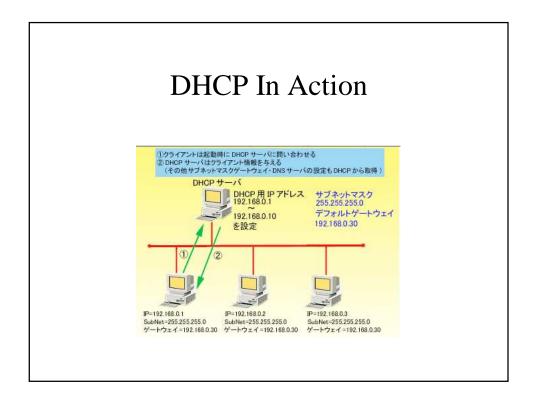
DHCP's purpose is to enable individual computers on an IP network to extract their configurations from a server (the 'DHCP server') or servers, in particular, servers that have no exact information about the individual computers until they request the information. The overall purpose of this is to reduce the work necessary to administer a large IP network. The most significant piece of information distributed in this manner is the IP address.

4. Who Created It? How Was It Created?

DHCP was created by the Dynamic Host Configuration Working Group of the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF; a volunteer organization which defines protocols for use on the Internet). As such, it's definition is recorded in an Internet RFC and the Internet Activities Board (IAB) is asserting its status as to Internet Standardization. As of this writing (June 1998), DHCP is an Internet Draft Standard Protocol and is Elective. BOOTP is an Internet Draft Standard Protocol and is Recommended. For more information on Internet standardization, see RFC2300 (May 1998)

5. How is it different than BOOTP or RARP?

DHCP is based on BOOTP and maintains some backward compatibility. The main difference is that BOOTP was designed for manual pre-configuration of the host information in a server database, while DHCP allows for dynamic allocation of network addresses and configurations to newly attached hosts. Additionally, DHCP allows for recovery and reallocation of network addresses through a leasing mechanism.



DHCP+NAT

- One gives you an address that's potentially always changing
- Another conceals your internal addressing structure from the outside world
- Where is this great?
- Where is this lousy?
 - Think dns

