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Module 6
IP Addressing

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Last Time: Addresses Imply Location

Routing table

- All 128.208 addresses are this way
- ...
This Lecture

IP Addressing
- Allocation and discovery
  - DHCP
  - ARP
  - NAT
- Hierarchy (prefixes, class A, B, C, subnets)

Address Allocation and Discovery

The yellow node boots. It has a MAC address.
- It needs an IP address.
- It needs to know to use router R3.
- R3 needs to discover the new host's MAC address.

DHCP is used.
ARP is used.
Topic 1: Obtaining an IP address

- Old fashioned way: sysadmin configured each machine
  - E.g., a local file contained the IP address to use
  - Imagine deploying 50 new machines in one of the labs...

- Future fashioned way (IPv6): Stateless Autoconfiguration
  - Addresses are wide / plentiful
  - Form IPv6 address by concatenating “network’s address” (prefix) with your own MAC address
  - Learn “network address” portion from router

- Current (IPv4) way: Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP)
  - Addresses are narrow (32-bits) / scarce
  - Have to hand them out carefully
  - Use a DHCP server that provides bootstrap info to hosts
    - Host's IP address, gateway address, ...
    - An immediate problem: how does a host without an IP address communicate with the DHCP server?

The DHCP Problem

Host  DHCP Server

- The host doesn’t have an IP address
- The host doesn’t know the address of the DHCP server
- The host wants to contact the DHCP server
- We want to use IP packets to talk with the server
  - Why? Why not talk using link layer packets?

Solution: link and IP layer multicast
The DHCP Problem Solution

Host

DHCP Server

(As always, the actual protocol is richer than what is shown here.)

- Client is responsible for all retransmissions. (Why?)
- What dangers are there for losing IP addresses?
Topic 2: Discovering MAC's from IP's

- Host has an IP (e.g., for the gateway). It needs a MAC address to send a frame to it.
- Solution: Address Resolution Protocol (ARP)
- Exploits the physical multicast of Ethernet

The IP->MAC Problem Solution

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<tr>
<th>Host</th>
<th>Target host</th>
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<tr>
<td>Ethernet</td>
<td>Src: host's MAC address</td>
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<tr>
<td>ARP</td>
<td>My MAC is...</td>
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<td>My IP is...</td>
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Topic 3: Network Address Translation (NAT)

- Turns out that there aren't all that many 32-bit strings (i.e., IP addresses)
  - The world needs more...
  - An individual network needs more...
  - You need more...
    - Your ISP will give you only one (using DHCP), but you want to connect
      five machines to the internet

- NAT exploits non-routable addresses to let you build your own
  private network "behind the NAT box"
  - Non-routable addresses are, well, never routed
  - do not have to be globally unique (just locally unique)

- The NAT box substitutes its own IP address for outgoing
  packets, and the local address of the actual destination for
  incoming packets
**NAT and Peer-to-Peer (P2P)**

- STUN (Simple Traversal of UDP through NATs)
  - Heuristic designed to discover “ routable” address (NAT entry) for hosts behind NATs

**Topic 4: IP Addresses**

- Routing burden grows with size of an internetwork
  - Size of routing tables
  - Volume of routing messages
  - Amount of routing computation

- To scale to the size of the Internet, apply:
  - Hierarchical addressing
  - Use of structural hierarchy
  - Route aggregation
IP Addresses: Hierarchy

- Hierarchy is used for routing
  - IP addresses reflect some properties of location in topology
    - Interfaces on the same network share prefix
    - Local delivery in a single network doesn’t involve router
    - Routers advertise prefixes to each other
  - Unlike “flat” Ethernet addresses
    - Like hierarchical file names (e.g., /home/tobu/courses/cse461/lec466/lec466),
      - What are the similarities / differences?

- Hierarchy is used for network management
  - Prefix administratively assigned (IANA or ISP)
    - Addresses globally unique
  - Full host IP assigned locally
    - Distributes burden over users

IPv4 Address Formats

- Class A
  - 7 bits Network
  - 24 bits Host
  - 126 networks / 16M hosts each

- Class B
  - 14 bits Network
  - 16 bits Host
  - 16K networks / 64K hosts each

- Class C
  - 21 bits Network
  - 8 bits Host
  - 2M networks / 255 hosts each

- 32 bits written in “dotted quad” notation, e.g., 18.31.0.135
- Given an IP address, it’s easy to determine the network number
IPv6 Address Format

- 128 bits written in 16 bit hexadecimal chunks
- Still hierarchical, just more levels – roughly
  - World owner of this address range (e.g., IANA)
  - Backbone provider
  - ISP
  - End-client organization
  - Interface (host)

IPv4 Network Example

Network number: 128.96.0.0

128.96.0.15
H1
128.96.0.1
R1
128.97.0.2
128.97.0.1
128.97.0.139
R2
128.98.0.14
128.98.0.0
H3

Network number: 128.97.0.0

128.97.0.0

Network number: 128.98.0.0
Internet Router Forwarding Routine: Take 1

- With bridging, it used to be “look up destination address to determine next hop”

- Now addresses have network and host portions:
  - **Host**: if destination network is the same as the host network, then deliver locally (without router). Otherwise send to the router
  - **Router**: look up destination network in routing table to find next hop and send to next router. If destination network is directly attached then deliver locally.

Take 2: Subnetting

- Split up one network number into multiple physical networks
- Helps allocation efficiency -- can hand out subnets
- Rest of internet does not see subnet structure
  - subnet is purely internal to network
  - aggregates routing info

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<th>Host number</th>
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<td>Class B address</td>
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<td>11111111111111111111111111111111</td>
<td>00000000</td>
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Subnet mask (255.255.255.0)

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Subnet Example

- Subnet mask: 255.255.255.128
- Subnet number: 128.96.34.0
  - H1
  - R1
  - H2
  - R2

- Subnet mask: 255.255.255.128
- Subnet number: 128.96.34.128
  - H3

- Subnet mask: 255.255.255.0
- Subnet number: 128.96.33.0

Updated Forwarding Routine

- Used to know network from address (class A, B, C)
- Now need to “search” routing table for right subnet
  - **Host**: easy, just substitute “subnet” for “network”
  - **Router**: search routing table for the subnet that the destination belongs to, and use that to forward as before
Take 3: CIDR (Supernetting)

- CIDR = Classless Inter-Domain Routing
- Generalize class A, B, C into prefixes of arbitrary length; now must carry prefix length with address
- Aggregate adjacent advertised network routes
  - e.g., ISP has class C addresses 192.4.16 through 192.4.31
  - Really like one larger 20 bit address class …
  - Advertise as such (network number, prefix length)
  - Reduces size of routing tables
- But IP forwarding is more involved
  - Based on Longest Matching Prefix operation

CIDR Example

- X and Y routes can be aggregated because they form a bigger contiguous range.
  - But aggregation isn’t always possible
    - can only aggregate power of 2
IP Forwarding Revisited

- Routing table now contains routes to “prefixes”
  - IP address and length indicating what bits are fixed

- Now need to “search” routing table for longest matching prefix, only at routers
  - Search routing table for the prefix that the destination belongs to, and use that to forward as before
  - There can be multiple matches; take the longest prefix

- This is the IP forwarding routine used at routers.

Key Concepts

- Hierarchical address allocation helps routing scale
  - Technical Issues:
    - Addresses are constrained by topology
    - Advertise and compute routes for networks, not each host
    - Separate internet view of networks from local implementation via subnets
    - Keep host simple and let routers worry about routing
  - Network Administration Issue:
    - Distribute workload of assigning IP addresses to clients

- DHCP provides convenient management of host startup information

- ARP learns the mapping from IP to MAC address

- NAT hides local names behind a single global name