

IP Addressing

- -Internetworking (with TCP/IP)
- -Classful addressing
- -Subnetting and Supernetting
- -Classless addressing

Internetworking

The concept of *internetworking*: we need to make different networks communicate with each other, even when they are physicall very different, in order to exchange information



Internetworking

To do this, we must add new devices called gateways or routers



Important (1)

- The <u>Internet</u> may be thought as a «big» network, similar to any other *physical* network.
- The big difference lies in the fact that the Internet is a virtual (logical) network, designed entirely «from scratch» and realized using exclusively software.
- For this reason, those who designed the Internet were perfectly free to choose packet length and format, delivery techniques, etc...

Important (2)

- It is important to understand the Interent is <u>not</u> a new type of physical network.
- Internet is, instead, a way to interconnect the physical networks that already exist, and a set of «rules» (protocols) that permit to use such networks, in order to allow end users to interact and exchange information.

Important (3)



The USER point of view: the user sees the TCP/IP network (the Internet); where each host (PC) is (or seems to be) connected to a single, big network.

This is the real structure of the Internet; with physical networks and routers that guarantee their interconnection

TCP/IP Networks

- Packet (or datagram) Networks
- Technology for interconnecting different networks and devices
- □ The core is the Internet Protocol (IP) (RFC 791, 1981)

IP Communication Services

- Addressing: assign a universal and unique address
- Best-effort (hop-by-hop) Transfer: delivery and integrity are not ensured
- Fragmentation/De-fragmentation: if required by the local network

Transport Layer Services

End To End Segments Delivery: from process to process

TCP (*Transport Control Protocol*, RFC 793, '81)
 Connection Oriented
 Reliable Delivery Flow Control
 UDP (*User Datagram Protocol*, RFC 768 '81)
 Connectionless
 Best Effort Delivery

A Sample Network



Addresses in TCP/IP Networks



IP Addressing

- Each host is characterized by one or more interfaces
- Need: uniqueness within the network
- Solution: one address for each interface



Source: Computer Networking, J. Kurose

IPv4 (RFC 791)

□ 32 bits, 4 groups of 8 bits each (byte)

- 2³² = 4,294,967,296 available addresses
- Addresses are usually represented with decimal notation (each field in the range 0-255)

131.175.123.242

IP Addressing

- □ The IP address points to an <u>interface</u> between a host and the network
- Multi-interface devices must have multiple IP addresses



Addresses Management: Classful Way

The address is divided into two fields (Hierarchical Structure)

- NetID (network ID) identifies the network
- HostID (host ID) identifies the host within the network



All the *hosts within the same network do have <u>the same</u> network ID*

Classes



Not all the addresses are available

Classful Addressing

□ The classes differentiate on the basis of the bits dedicated to the *NetID* and the *HostID*



Class	Addresses #	Percentage
Α	2 ³¹ =2,147483648	50%
В	2 ³⁰ =1,073,741,824	25%
С	2 ²⁹ =536,870,912	12.5%
D	2 ²⁸ =268,435,456	6.25%
E	2 ²⁸ =268,435,456	6.25%

- □ Same Network ID
 - HostID field set to 0
 - Identifies the network in the NetID
 - Used in the routing tables
- □ Examples:
 - □ class B : 131.175.0.0
 - □ class C: 193.17.31.0



□*Direct Broadcast*:

- HostID field set to 1
- Broadcast within the network specified by the NetID
- used as destination field of an IP packet
 example: 193.17.31.255



- □Limited *broadcast*:
 - An only 1s address (255.255.255.255)
 - Broadcast within the same network of the sender
 - The packet is filtered by the router
 - Used as destination field of an IP packet



NetID field set to "all 0s", points to the host within the same network of the sender whose address fills the host field

Used as destination field, filtered by routers

- example: 0.0.21.173 (class B network)
- □ An "all 0s" address points the sender of the packet
 - Used as source field when in the IP <u>address acquisition</u> <u>phase</u>
 - example: 0.0.0.0
- □ First byte set to 127 is the *loopback* address on the very same host
 - Used in the OS to test the operation of the network stack
 - example: 127.0.0.0



The first two addresses can be used only during startup phases, and they are NEVER a valid destination address
 The 3rd e 4th addresses are never a valid source address
 The 5th address should never be seen in a network

An Addressing Plan



Classful Addressing: Shortcomings

Class A:

- 125 NetID
- 16,777,216 HostID for each network (!!Too Many!!)
- Class B:
 - 16,368 NetID
 - 65,536 HostID for each network (!!Still Too Many!!)
- Class C:
 - 2,096,902 NetID
 - 256 HostID (!!Too Few!!)

Classful Addressing Limitation

- Low Flexibility (intrinsic)
- Limited Number of Addresses (intrinsic)
- Growing Demand for addresses (external)
- Possible Solutions:
 - Subnetting/Supernetting
 - Classless addressing
 - Private addressing (Intranet and NAT)

Subnetting (RFC 950)

Example: private organizations with a class B address assigned (2¹⁶ -2 = 65534 host addresses) may develop *Intranets* with few hundreds (tens) hosts subnets





- Basic Idea: split up the IP address introducing a further hierarchical level
- The host field is split into a subnet field and a new shorter host field



The splitting is performed through a *netmask* composed of a sequence of 1s (Net + Subnet) and a sequence of 0s (host)

Netmask

A way to get rid of classesRepresented in decimal notation



subnets: 131.175.0.0, 131.175.1.0, ..., 131.175.254.0, 131.75.255.0

Subnetting



Routers <u>outside</u> the *Intranet* know only the network 131.175.0.0

Internal routers (Interior Gateways, IG) must handle subnets and netmasks

Netmask

The decimal representation of continuous netmasks :

255	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
254	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
252	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
248	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
240	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
224	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
192	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
128	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Alternatively the *netmask* can be represented as the number of consecutive ones (prefix):
 131.175.21.0/24

Ordinary Phone Network Analogy

The hierarchical subdivision of the address is leveraged from the ordinary phone networks.



Subnetting Example (1)

- We are given the network address: 132.78.0.0
- We must create networks with at least 500 hosts each
 - The NetID is 16 bits long
 - 2⁹=512, so we need 9 bits for the hostID field
 - 16-9=7 bits are available for SubnetID field
 - The netmask is composed of 16+7=23 bits



255.255.254.0

Subnetting Example (1)

Number of available subnets: 2⁷=128, each of them containing up to 2⁹-2=510 hosts



132.78.5.255

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Subnetting Example (2)

- We are given the address: 128.234.0.0
- We must create <u>at least</u> 1000 «small» subnetworks
 - The NetID is 16 bits long
 - 2¹⁰=1024, so we need 10 bits for the subnetID field
 - We still have 16-10= 6 bits fot the HostID field
 - The netmask is therefore 16+10=26 bits long



255.255.255.192

Subnetting Example (2)

The maximum number of hosts in each of the 1024 subnetworks is equal to 2⁶-2=62 hosts



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When The Subnetting Fails..

- An organization is assigned a class C address and needs to set up 3 subnets with 60 hosts and 2 subnets with 30 hosts.
- □ Classical Subnetting fails:
 - Subnet with 2 bits: 4 nets with 64 hosts each
 - Subnet with 3 bits: 8 nets with 32 hosts each
- □ Way Out ??

Variable Length Subnet Masks (VLSM)

- It is possible to apply subnetting in a «recursive» (or «hierarchical») way
- **Example:**



Variable Netmask

- □ Apply two netmasks serially:
 - The first 255.255.255.192 with 26 1s defines 4 subnets with 64 host addresses
 - Take one of the subnets above and apply to it a netmask 255.255.255.224 dividing it into two subnets with 30 hosts each



Supernetting

- Opposite as subnetting
- Problem: class A and B addresses exhaustion, class C addresses can serve few hosts
- Solution: group several class Cs to define a bigger network (Supernetting)
- Realization: use of netmask



Supernetting

4 contiguous class C addresses can be grouped to form a network with 1024 hosts:





Classless Inter Domain Routing (CIDR)

- □ *Netmask* extension
- No more classes
- Flexible address assignment (power of two)
- Impact on routing

IP Addresses and Domain Names

IP addresses are globally assigned
 The Internet uses symbolic names also, still globally assigned

