CS 352 Network Layer: Intro

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The network layer

- Main function: Move data from sending to receiving endpoint
- on sending endpoint: encapsulate transport segments into datagrams
- on receiving endpoint: deliver datagrams to transport layer
- The network layer also runs in every router
- The router examines header fields in all networklayer datagrams passing through it



Endpoint

Process



Network Layer



Two key network-layer functions

• Forwarding: move packets from router's input to appropriate router output

- Routing: determine route taken by packets from source to destination
 - routing algorithms
- The network layer solves the routing problem.

Analogy: taking a road trip

 Forwarding: process of getting through single interchange



 Routing: process of planning trip from source to destination



Data plane and Control Plane

Data plane = Forwarding

- local, per-router function
- determines how datagram arriving on router input port is forwarded to router output port



Control plane = Routing

- network-wide logic
- determines how datagram is routed along end-to-end path from source to destination endpoint
- two control-plane approaches:
 - Distributed routing algorithm running on each router
 - Centralized routing algorithm running on a (logically) centralized server

CS 352 Internet Addressing

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The Internet needs addresses

- Addresses allow endpoints to identify, and hence talk to each other
 E.g., like people have names
- Addresses allow routers to determine how to move a packet
 - E.g., like the postal system
- Network layer addresses are designed to help routers perform the forwarding and routing functions efficiently
 - Specifically, we'll look at Internet Protocol (IP) addresses.
 - Most popular: IP version 4 or IPv4. (Coming up later: IPv6)

IPv4 Addresses

- 32 bits long
- Identifier for a network interface
- An IP address corresponds to the point of attachment of an endpoint to the network.
- An IP address is NOT an identifier for the endpoint
- Dotted quad notation: each byte is written in decimal in MSB order, separated by dots. Example:

1000000 11000011 00000001 01010000

128 . 95 . 1 . 80

Grouping IP addresses by prefixes

- IP addresses can be grouped based on a shared prefix of a specified length
- Example: consider two IP addresses:
 - 128.95.1.80 and 128.95.1.4
 - The addresses share a prefix of (bit) length 24: 128.95.1
 - The addresses have different suffixes of (bit) length 8
- IP addresses: prefix corresponds to the network component and the suffix to an endpoint/host component of the address

IP addresses use hierarchy to scale routing

- IP addresses of endpoint interfaces in a network (e.g., Rutgers Busch campus) share a prefix of some length
- Each interface/endpoint has a different suffix, and hence a different 32-bit IP address
- Using prefixes reduces the amount of information needed to forward packets over the Internet
- IP prefixes are like zip codes: routers don't need to store info for each endpoint, just each prefix
- Prefixes also allow IP addresses to be delegated from one network to another (more on this later)



IP addresses use hierarchy to scale routing

- Postal envelopes should show clearly delineated zip codes.
- Q: How to identify the prefix from a 32-bit IP address?
- Two methods:
 - Old: Classful addressing
 - New: Classless addressing (also called classless inter-domain routing, or CIDR)



Classful IPv4 addressing

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0.x.x.x - 127.x.x.xUnicast: single endpoint dest 128.x.x.x - 191.x.x.xUnicast: single endpoint dest 192.x.x.x - 223.x.x.xUnicast: single endpoint dest 224.x.x.x - 239.x.x.xDestination is a group of hosts 240.x.x.x - 255.x.x.x

First octet of IP address gives you the prefix length.

Classful IPv4 addressing

- Class A:
 - For very large organizations
 - $2^{24} = 16$ million hosts allowed
- Class B:
 - For large organizations
 - $2^{16} = 65$ thousand hosts allowed
- Class C
 - For small organizations
 - $2^8 = 255$ hosts allowed
- Class D
 - Multicast addresses
 - No network/host hierarchy

Problems with classful addressing

- IP prefixes are allocated to organizations (e.g., Rutgers) by Internet Registry organizations (e.g., ARIN, in North America)
- Many organizations required something bigger than class C address, but smaller than a class A (or even B) address
- However, the Internet was running out of class B addresses
- Too many networks required multiple class C addresses
- Not enough nets in class A for large + medium organizations
- Key issue: Classful addressing is too coarse-grained: The addressing strategy must allow for greater diversity of network sizes

Classless IPv4 addressing (CIDR)

Classless IPv4 addressing

- Also called classless inter-domain routing (CIDR)
- Key idea: Network component of the address (ie: prefix) can have any length (usually from 8—32)
- Address format: a.b.c.d/x, where x is the prefix length
 - Customary to use 0s for all suffix bits



CIDR

- An ISP can obtain a block of addresses and partition this further to its customers
- Say an ISP has 200.8.0.0/16 address (65K addresses).
- The ISP has customer who needs only 64 addresses starting from 200.8.4.128
- Then that block can be specified as 200.8.4.128/26
- 200.8.4.128/26 is "inside" 200.8.0.0/16



Netmask (or subnet mask)

- An alternative to denote the IP prefix length of an organization
- 32 bits: a 1-bit denotes a prefix bit position. 0 is the host part.



Detecting addresses from same network

- Given IP addresses A and B, and netmask M.
 - 1. Compute logical AND (A & M).
 - 2. Compute logical AND (B & M).
 - 3. If (A & M) == (B & M) then A and B are on the same subnet.
- Ex: A = 165.230.82.52, B = 165.230.24.93, M = 255.255.128.0
- A and B are in the same network according to the netmask
- A & M == B & M == 165.230.0.0

Finding your own IP address(es)

• A small demo