

Internet Control Protocols

Reading: Chapter 3

ARP - RFC 826, STD 37

DHCP - RFC 2131

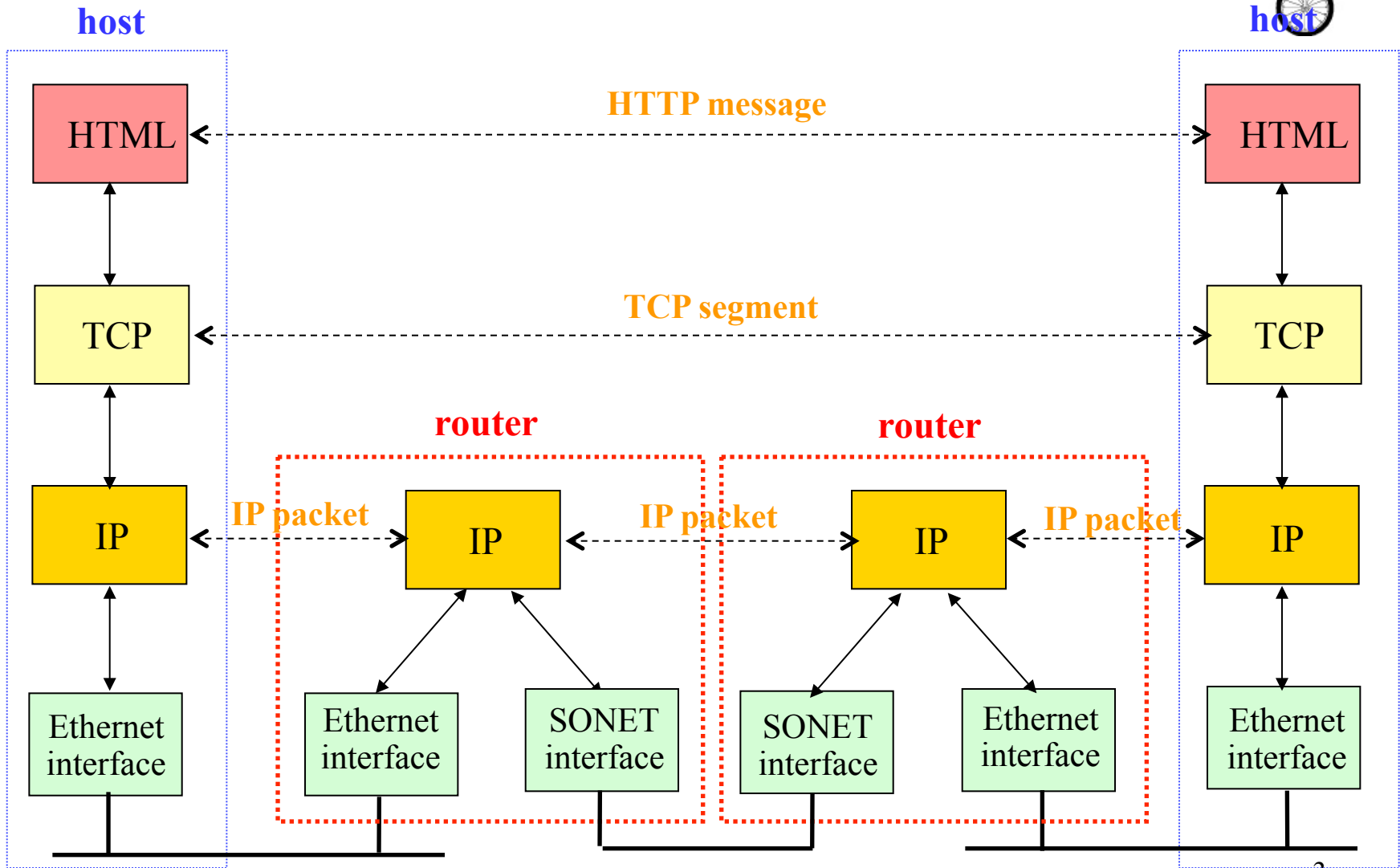
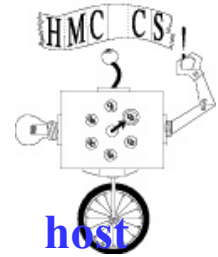
ICMP - RFC 0792, STD 05



Goals of Today's Lecture

- Bootstrapping an end host
 - Learning its own configuration parameters (DHCP)
- IP level issues
 - Error reporting and monitoring (with ICMP)
- Locating Host
 - Learning the link-layer addresses of other nodes (ARP)

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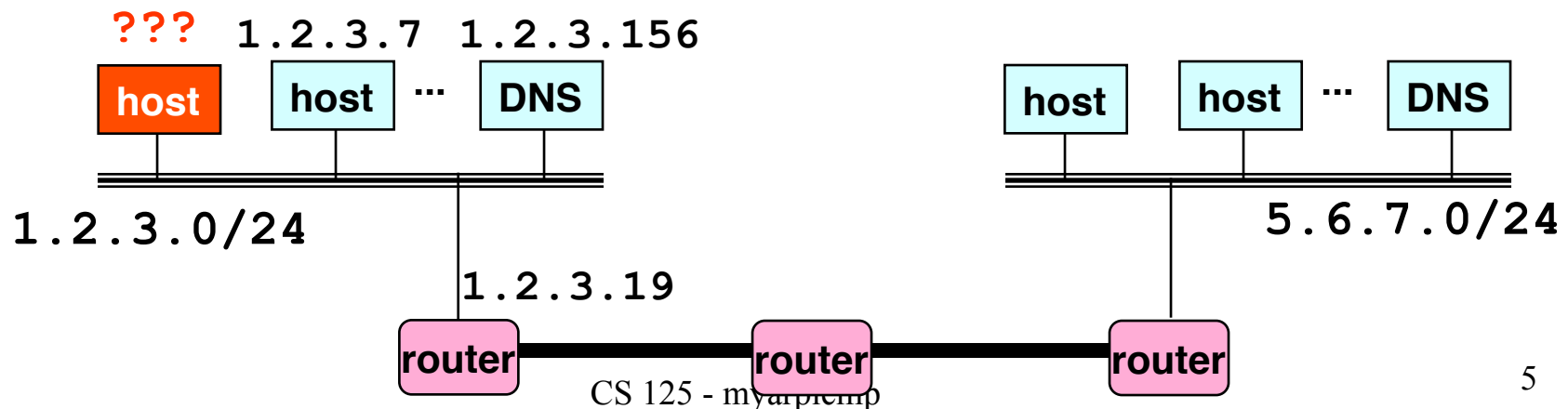


- Application protocols
 - SNMP - Simple Network Management Protocol
- Mentioned: Transport services built on IP
 - TCP: reliable byte stream with congestion control
 - UDP: unreliable message delivery
- Internet Protocol (IP)
 - Best-effort packet delivery service
 - IP addresses and IP prefixes
 - Packet forwarding based on longest-prefix match
- NOW
 - Try to set up communication via Addresses
 - Try to investigate IP traffic



How To Bootstrap an End Host?

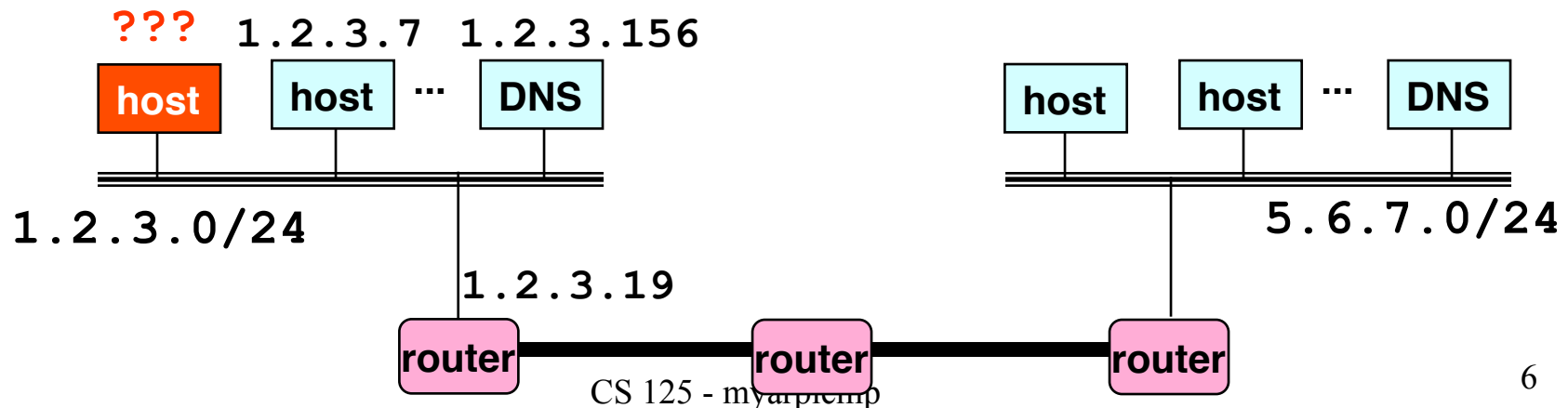
- What IP address the host should use? **Why?**
- What local Domain Name System server to use?
Why?
- How to send packets to remote destinations?
- How to ensure incoming packets arrive? **But best effort**



Avoiding Manual Configuration



- Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP)
 - End host learns how to send packets
 - Learn IP address, DNS servers, and gateway
- Address Resolution Protocol (ARP)
 - Others learn how to send packets to the end host
 - Learn mapping between IP address and MAC address
 - Why? ...All traffic is embedded in media (MAC) frames and delivered to host that way



Key Ideas in Both DHCP & ARP



- **Broadcasting:** when in doubt, shout!
 - Broadcast query to all hosts in the local-area-network
 - ... when you don't know how to identify the right one
- **Caching:** remember the past for a while
 - Store the information you learn to reduce overhead
 - Remember your own address & other host's addresses
- **Soft state:** eventually forget the past
 - Associate a time-to-live field with the information
 - ... and either refresh or discard the information
 - Key for robustness in the face of unpredictable change

LANs: Need Yet Another Kind of Identity



- LANs are designed for **arbitrary** network protocols
 - Not just for IP and the Internet
- Using IP address would require reconfiguration
 - Every time the adapter was moved or powered up
- Broadcasting all data to all adapters is expensive
 - Requires every host on the LAN to inspect each packet
- Do NOT know the media type

Motivates separate Medium Access Control (MAC) addresses
-- Media Level

Also motivated by IP riding on any media

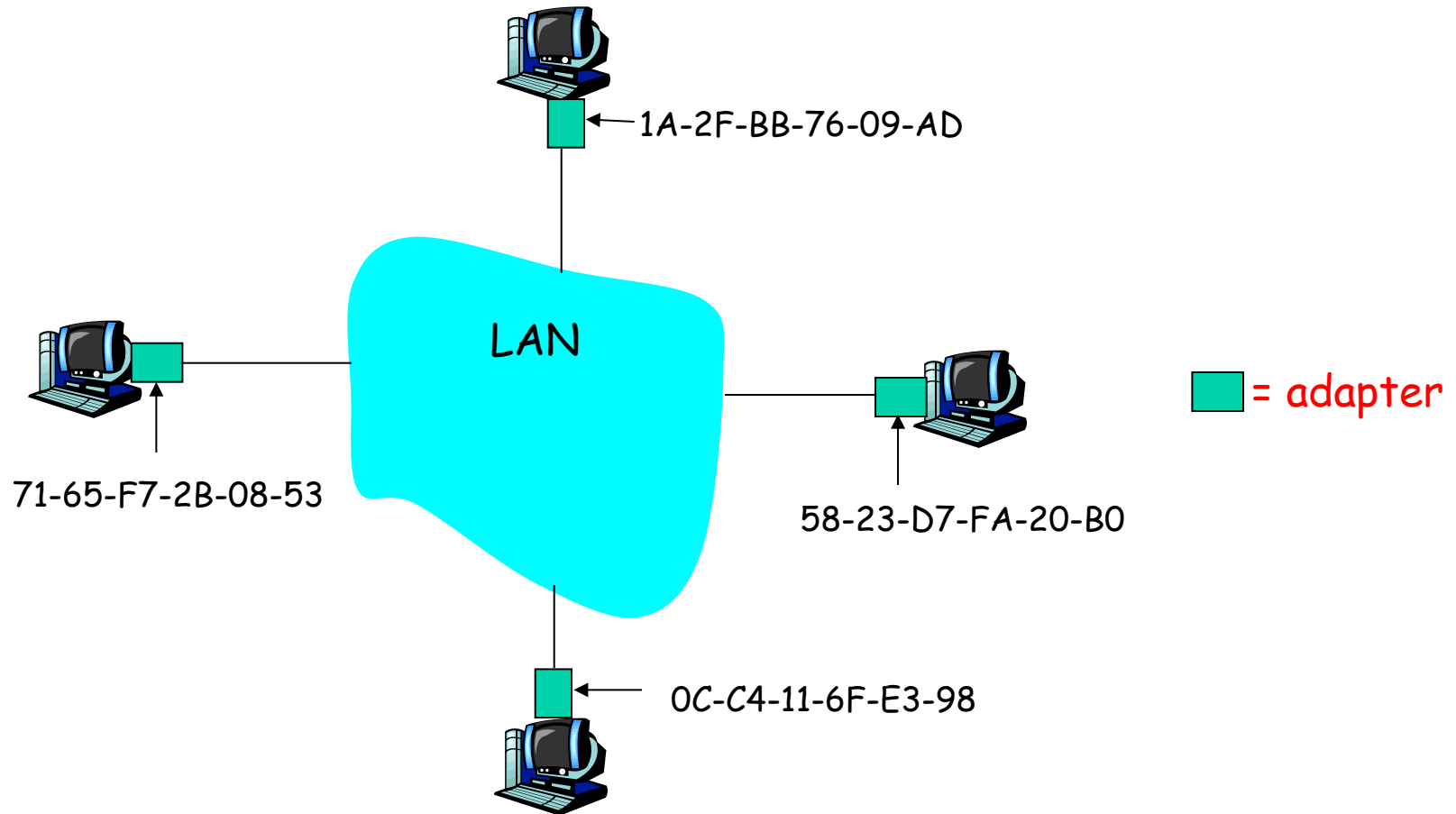
MAC Address vs. IP Address



- MAC addresses
 - Hard-coded (not really) in read-only memory when adaptor is built
 - Like a social security number
 - Flat name space of 48 bits (e.g., 00-0E-9B-6E-49-76) moving to 64
 - Portable, and can stay the same as the host moves
 - Used to get packet between interfaces on same network
- IP addresses
 - Configured, or learned dynamically
 - Like a postal mailing address
 - Hierarchical name space of 32 bits (e.g., 12.178.66.9)
 - Not portable, and depends on where the host is attached
 - Used to get a packet to destination IP subnet



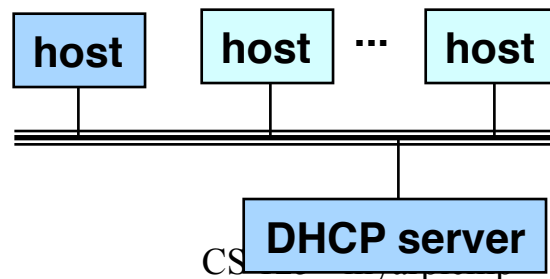
MAC Addresses on a LAN



Bootstrapping Problem



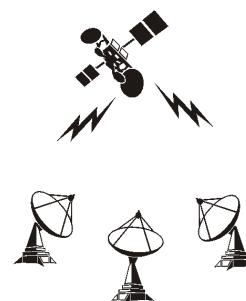
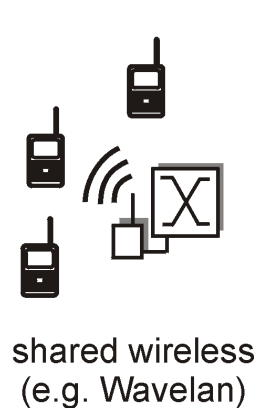
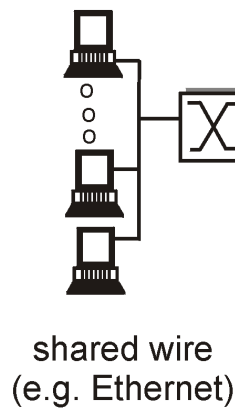
- Host doesn't have an IP address yet
 - So, host doesn't know what source IP address to use
- Host doesn't know who to ask for an IP address
 - So, host doesn't know what destination address to use
- Solution: shout to discover a server who can help
 - Broadcast a server-discovery message
 - Server sends a reply offering an address



Broadcasting



- Broadcasting: sending to everyone
 - Special destination address: FF-FF-FF-FF-FF-FF
 - All adapters on the LAN receive the packet
- Delivering a broadcast packet
 - Easy on a “shared media”
 - Like shouting in a room – everyone can hear you
 - E.g., Ethernet, wireless, and satellite links
 - **Switches MUST forward**



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Response from the DHCP Server



- DHCP “offer message” from the server
 - Configuration parameters (proposed IP address, mask, gateway router, DNS server, ...)
 - Lease time (the time the information remains valid)
- Multiple servers may respond
 - Multiple servers on the same broadcast media
 - Each may respond with an offer
 - The client can decide which offer to accept
- Accepting one of the offers
 - Client sends a DHCP request echoing the parameters
 - The DHCP server responds with an ACK to confirm
 - ... and the other servers see they were not chosen

Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol



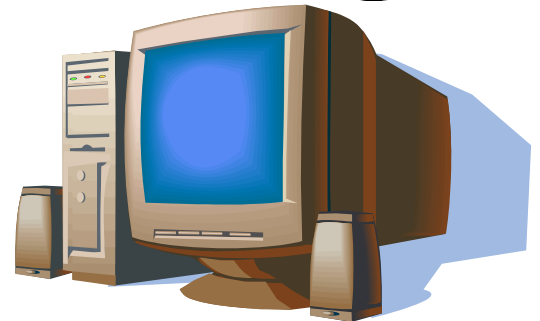
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client

DHCP discover
(broadcast)

DHCP offer

DHCP request
(broadcast)

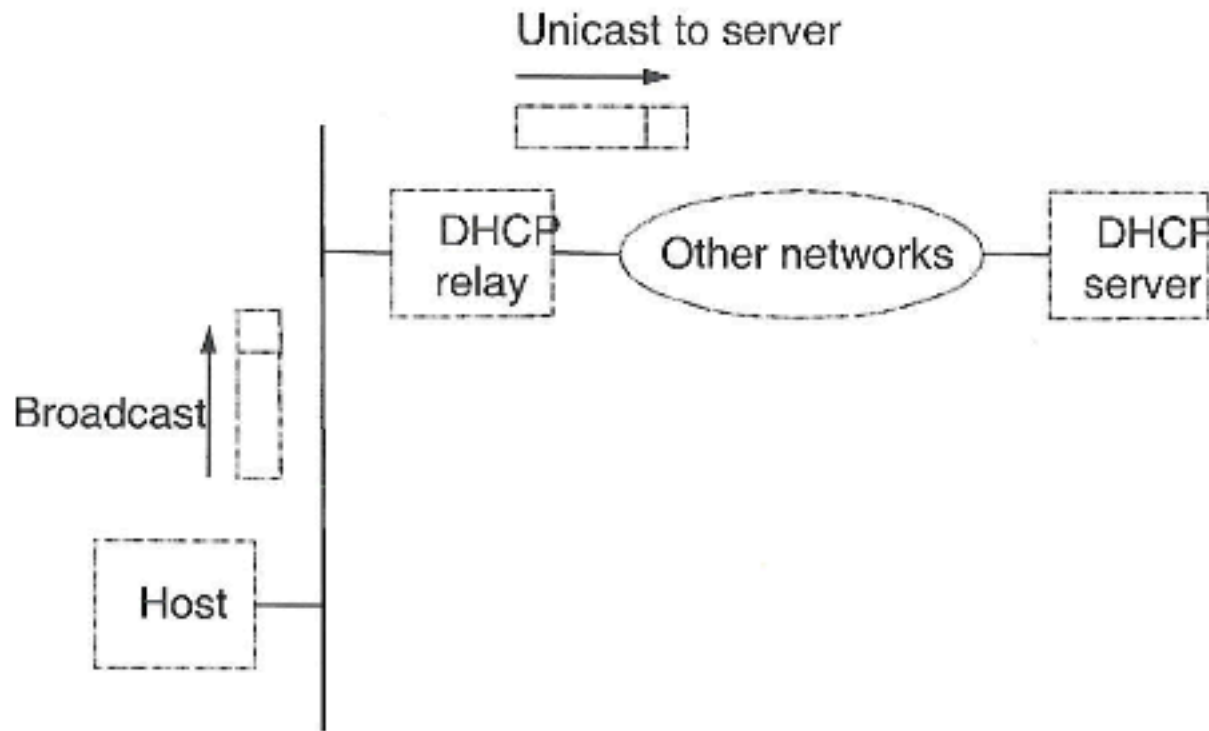
DHCP ACK



DHCP server
233.1.2.5

I accept

- DHCP in Operation



BROADCAST
DHCPDISCOVER - MSG

IP Address!

255.255.255.255

IP BROADCAST

Broadcast

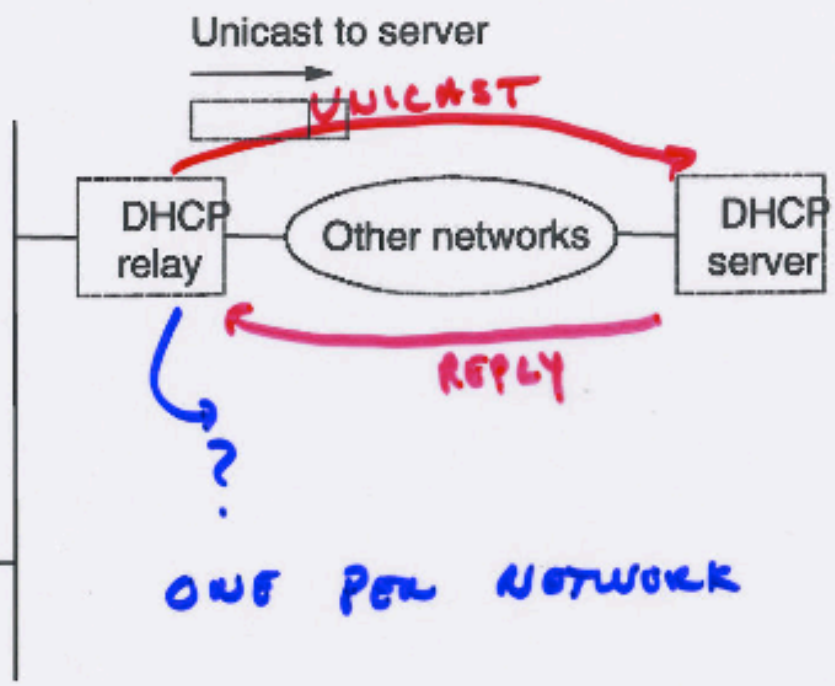
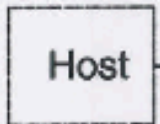


TABLE
600!

ONE PER NETWORK

Chapter 4, Figure

- DHCP Packet Format



Operation	HType	HLen	Hops
Xid			
Secs		Flags	
ciaddr			
yiaddr			
siaddr			
giaddr			
chaddr (16 bytes)			
sname (64 bytes)			
file (128 bytes)			
options			

REQUEST / REPLY

NETWORK TYPE
→ 5-3

Addr Length
→ 6-6

REPLY'S INCREMENT

swit. client host

Client Fits in All it knows

Operation	HType	HLen	Hops
TRANSACTION ID		Xid → MATCH REQ/RES.	
Secs	BI	Flags	
0000	• ciaddr	CLIENT	IP ADDRESS
↳ your IP	yiaddr	ASSIGNED BY	DHCP
	• siaddr	SERVER IP	
	giaddr	GATEWAY IP	
	chaddr (16 bytes)	CLIENT MAC ADDRESS	
	• sname (64 bytes)	SERVER HOST NAME	
WANT TO BOOT UNIX	file (128 bytes)	BOOT FILE NAME -	SERVER
options			

- DUELOS

~~IP ADDRESSES~~

DHCP

FLAGS

Broadcast

LEASING DNS

Deciding What IP Address to Offer



- Server as centralized configuration database
 - All parameters are statically configured in the server
 - E.g., a dedicated IP address for each MAC address
 - Avoids complexity of configuring hosts directly
 - ... while still having a permanent IP address per host
- Or, dynamic assignment of IP addresses
 - Server maintains a pool of available addresses
 - ... and assigns them to hosts on demand
 - Leads to less configuration complexity
 - ... and more efficient use of the pool of addresses
 - Though, it is harder to track the same host over time
- Or Mix of the two

Soft State: Refresh or Forget



- Why is a lease time necessary?
 - Client can release the IP address (DHCP RELEASE)
 - E.g., “ipconfig /release” at the DOS prompt
 - E.g., clean shutdown of the computer
 - But, the client might not release the address
 - E.g., the host crashes (blue screen of death!)
 - E.g., buggy client software
 - And you don’ t want the address to be allocated forever
- Performance trade-offs
 - Short lease time: returns inactive addresses quickly
 - Long lease time: avoids overhead of frequent renewals

So, Now the Host Knows Things



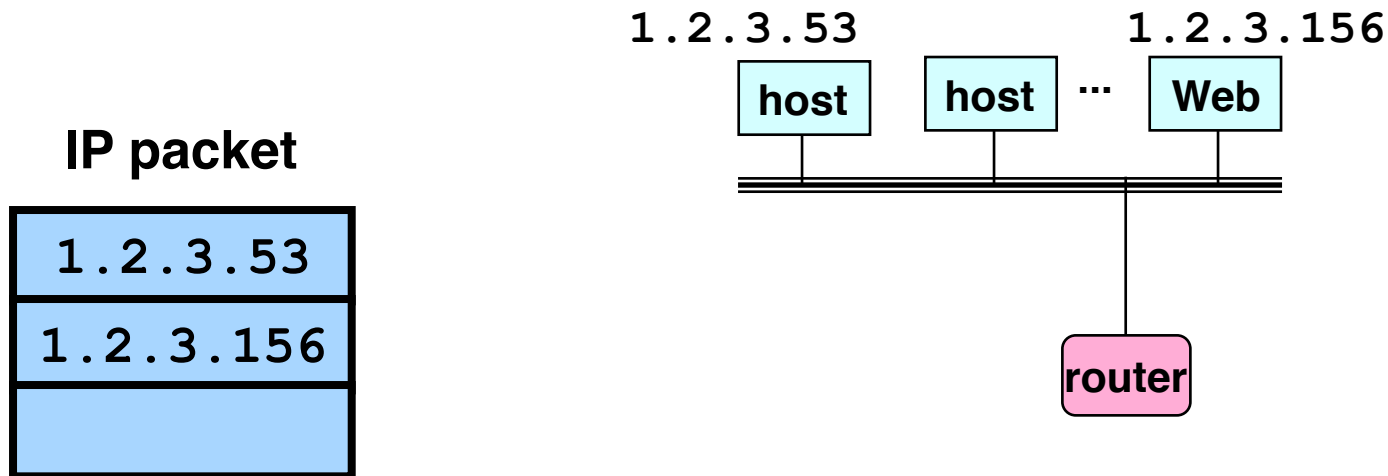
- IP address
- Mask
- Gateway router
- DNS server
- ...

Get from a DHCP server that knows all

- And can send packets to other IP addresses
 - But, **how** to learn the MAC address of the destination?

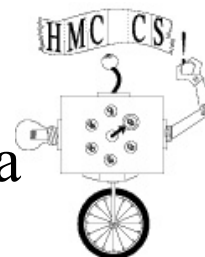


Sending Packets Over a Link



- Adaptors only understand MAC addresses
 - Translate the destination IP address to MAC address
 - Encapsulate the IP packet inside a link-level frame

Address Translation



- How, given an IP address does a host send a datagram to a physical address?
- Map IP addresses into physical addresses
 - destination host, or
 - next hop router
- Techniques
 - encode physical address in host part of IP address (IPv6)
 - table-based, need to build and maintain table
- ARP Address Resolution Protocol
 - returns physical address
 - table of IP to physical address bindings
 - broadcast request if IP address not in table
 - target machine responds with its physical address
 - table entries are discarded if not refreshed

ARP - Address Resolution Protocol Table



- Every **node maintains** an ARP table, ARP table at each host!!
 - (IP address, MAC address) pair
- Consult the table when sending a packet
 - Map destination IP address to destination MAC address
 - Encapsulate and transmit the data packet
- But, what if the IP address is not in the table?
 - Sender broadcasts: “Who has IP address 1.2.3.156?”
 - Receiver responds: “MAC address 58-23-D7-FA-20-B0”
 - Sender caches the result in its ARP table
- No need for network administrator to get involved

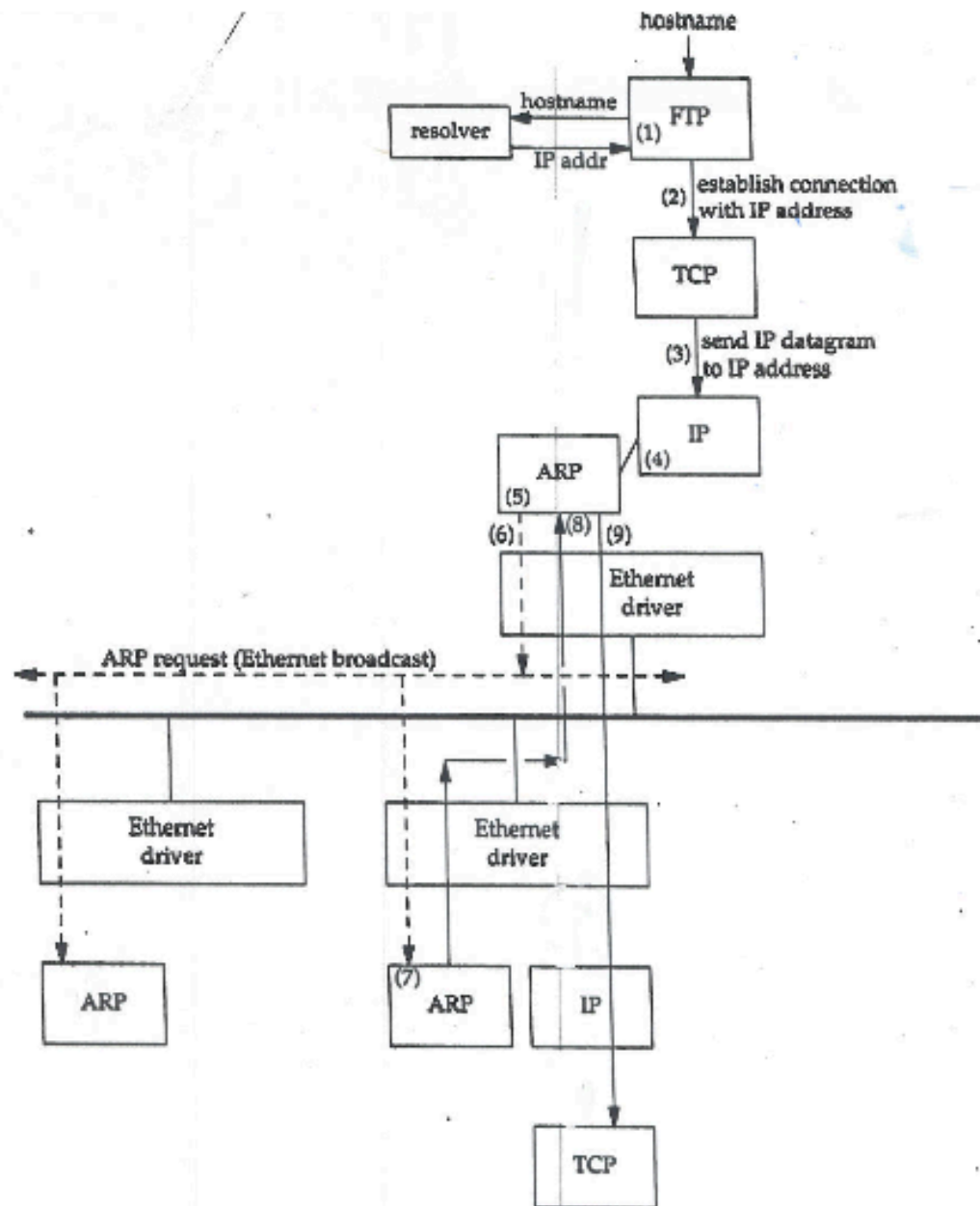
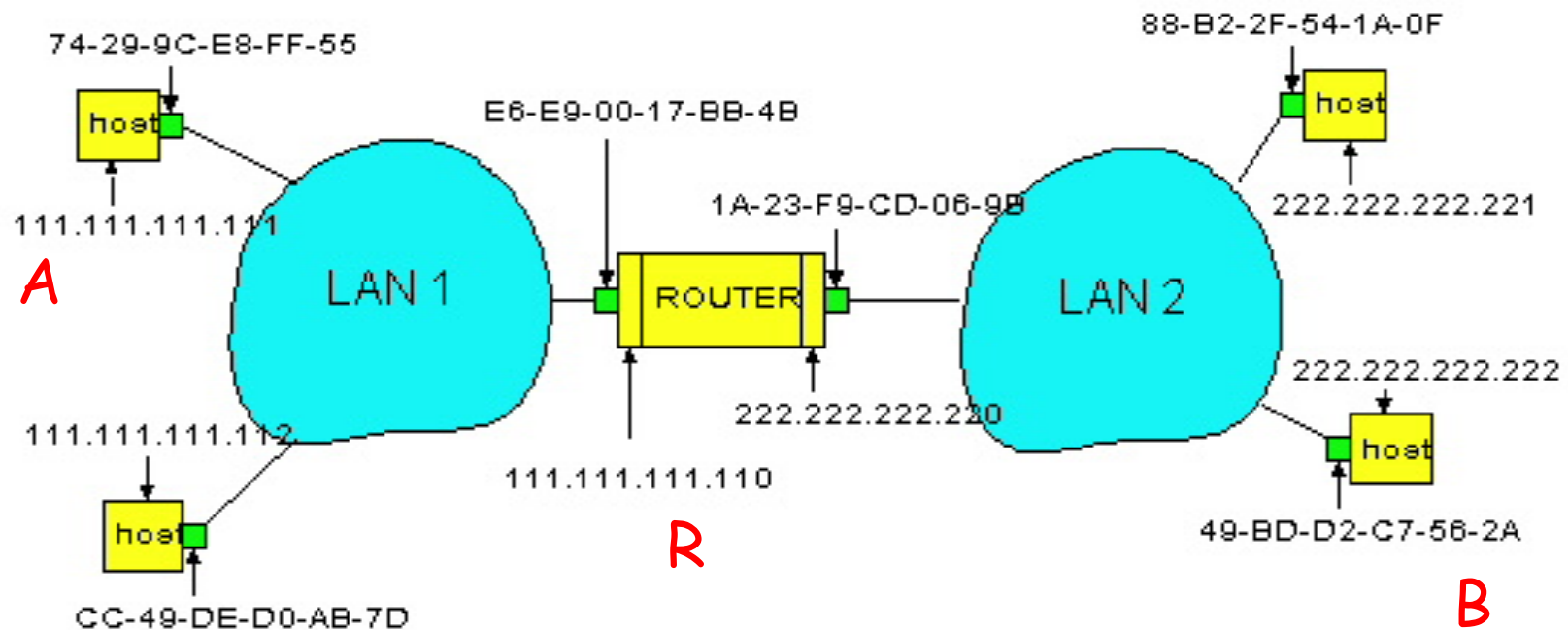


Figure 4.2 Operation of ARP when user types "ftp hostname".



Example: A Sending a Packet to B

How does host A send an IP packet to host B?

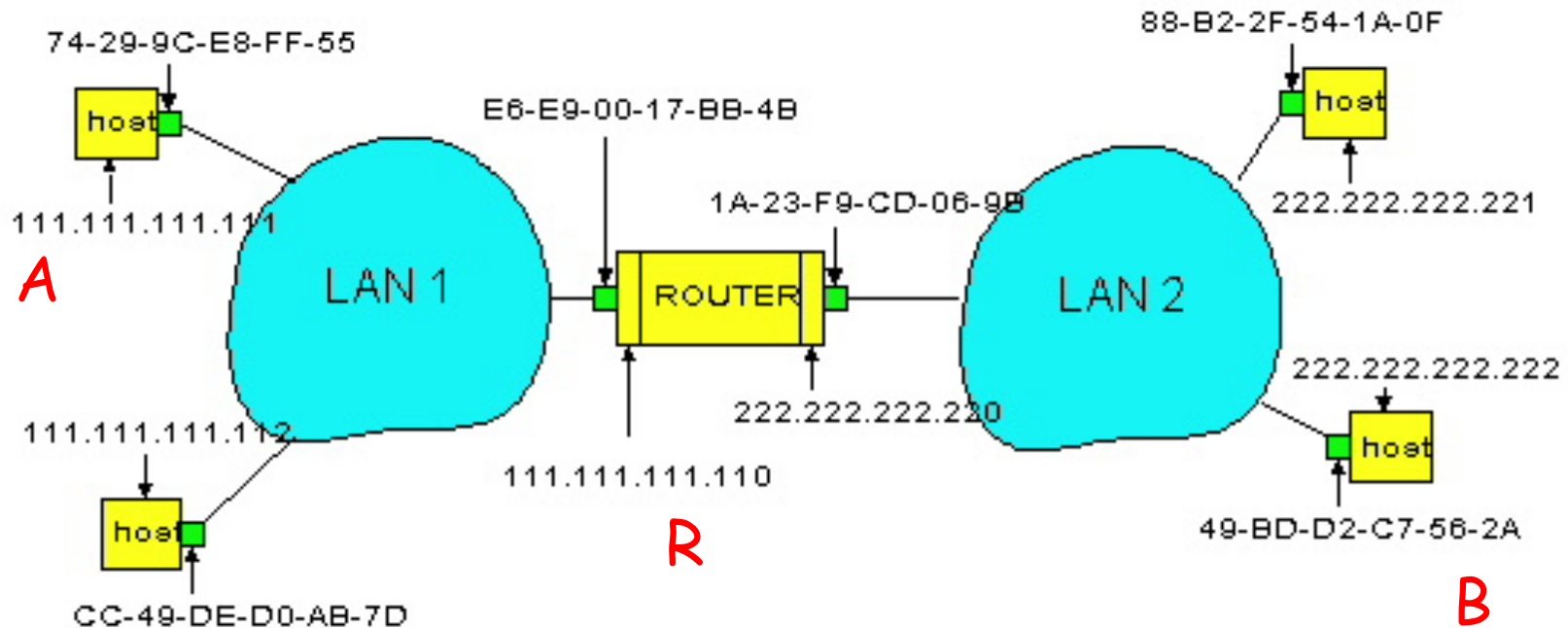


A sends packet to R, and R sends packet to B.

Host A Decides to Send Through R



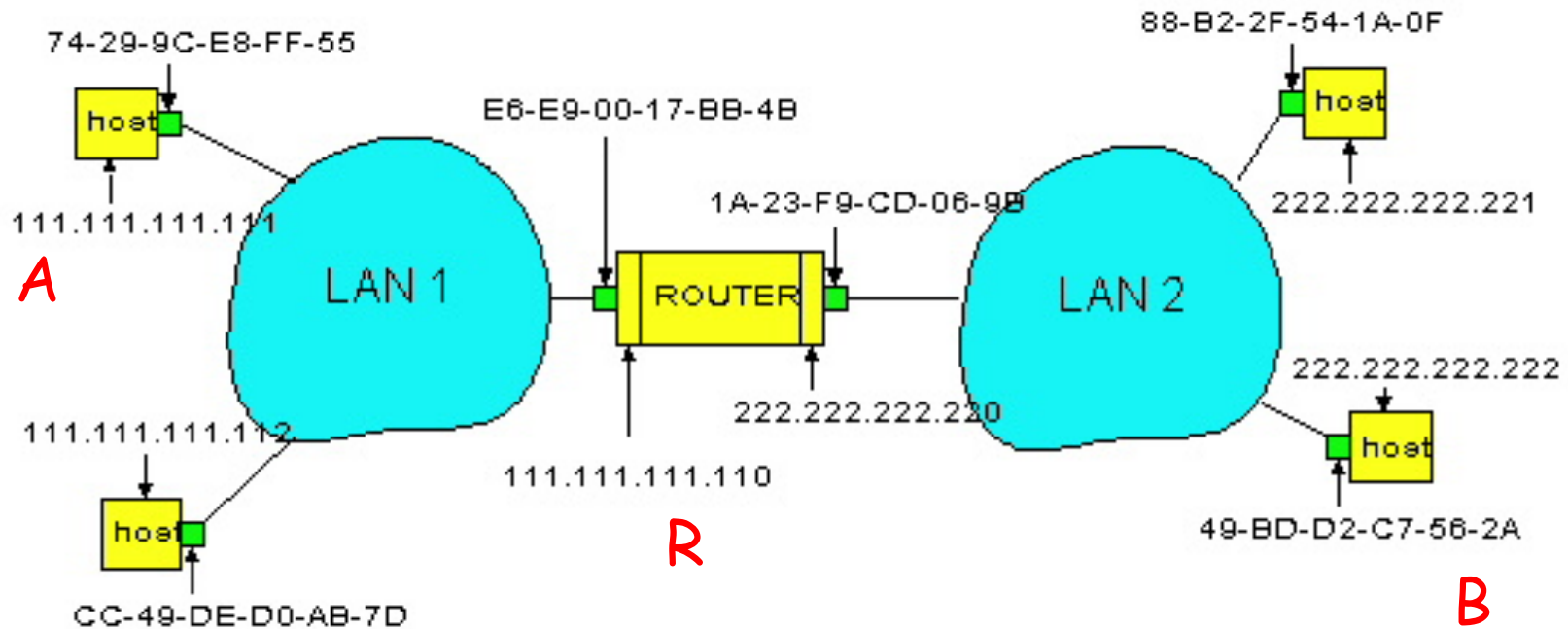
- Host A constructs an IP packet to send to B
 - Source 111.111.111.111, destination 222.222.222.222
- Host A has a gateway router R
 - Used to reach destinations outside of 111.111.111.0/24
 - Address 111.111.111.110 for R learned via DHCP



Host A Sends Packet Through R



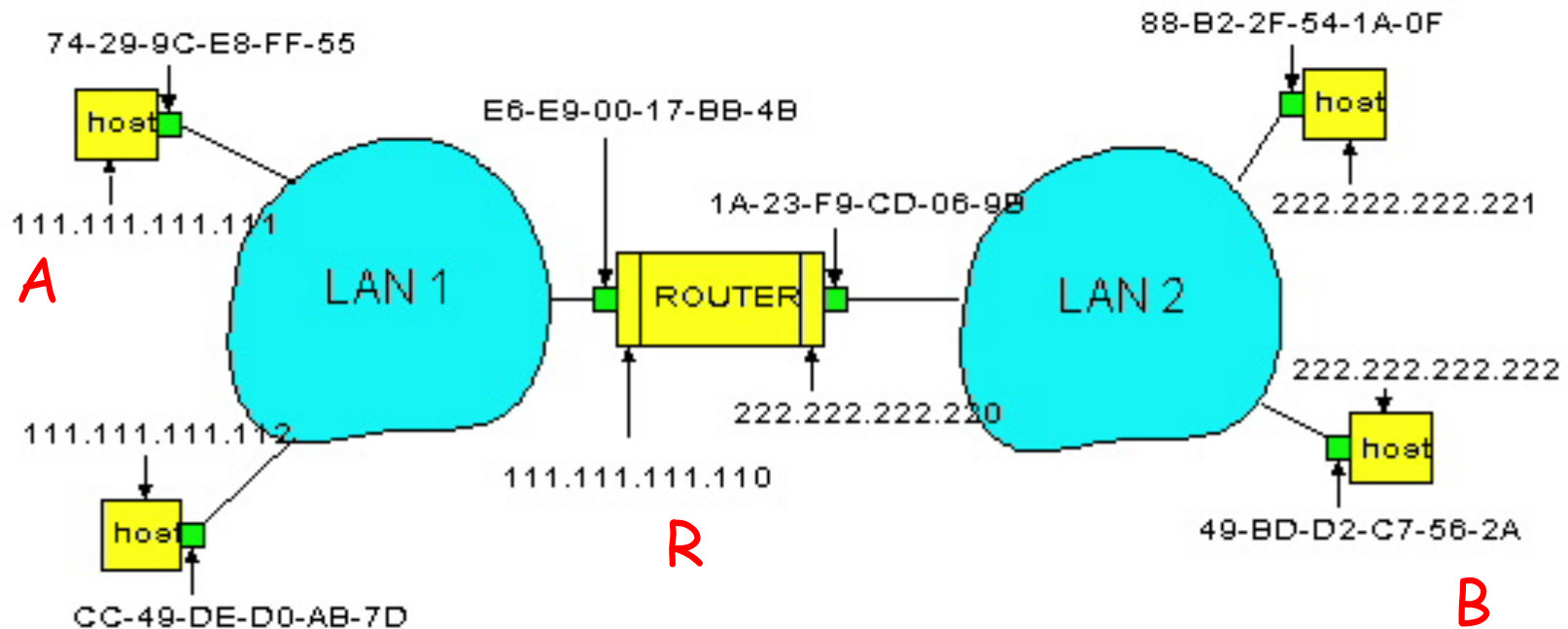
- Host A learns the MAC address of R's interface
 - ARP request: broadcast request for 111.111.111.110
 - ARP response: R responds with E6-E9-00-17-BB-4B
- Host A encapsulates the packet and sends to R



R Decides how to Forward Packet



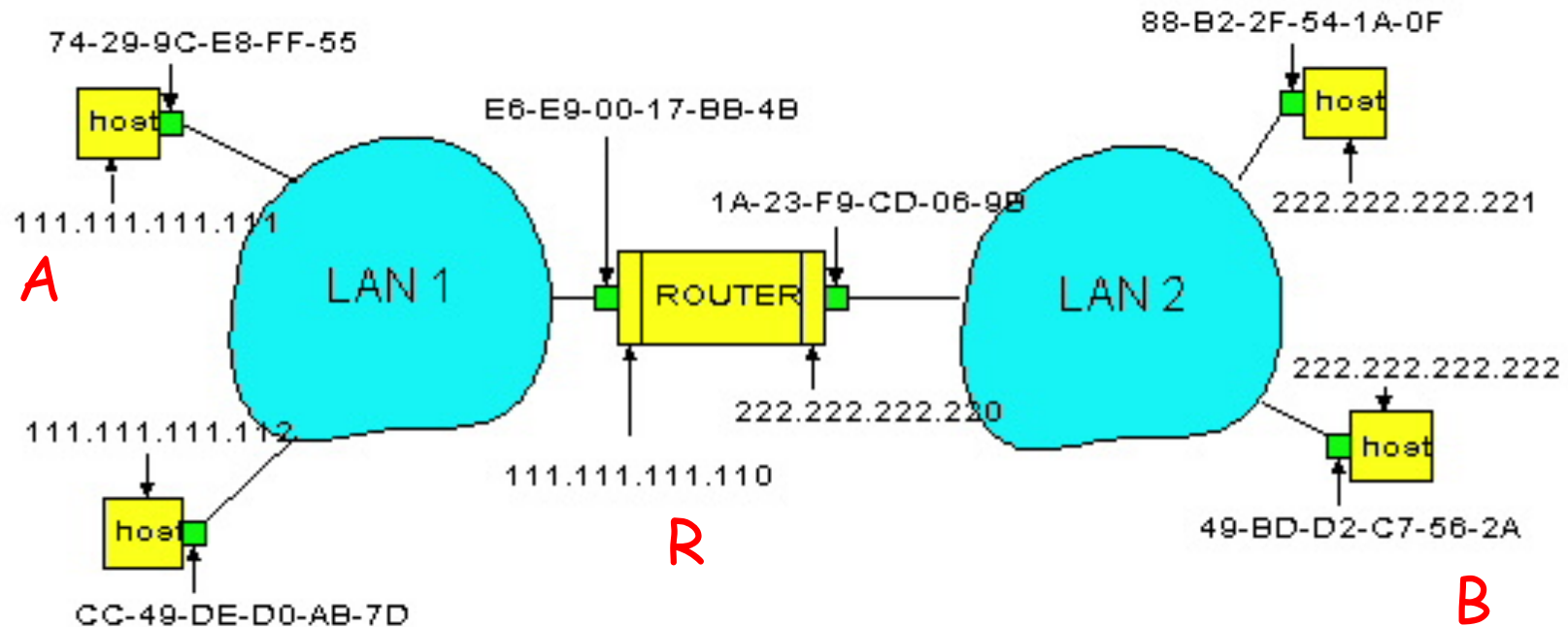
- Router R's adaptor receives the packet
 - R extracts the IP packet from the Ethernet frame
 - R sees the IP packet is destined to 222.222.222.222
- Router R consults its forwarding table
 - Packet matches 222.222.222.0/24 via other adaptor



R Sends Packet to B



- Router R's learns the MAC address of host B
 - ARP request: broadcast request for 222.222.222.222
 - ARP response: B responds with 49-BD-D2-C7-56-2A
- Router R encapsulates the packet and sends to B



ARP Details



- Request Format
 - HardwareType: type of physical network (e.g., Ethernet)
 - ProtocolType: type of higher layer protocol (e.g., IP)
 - HLEN & PLEN: length of physical and protocol addresses
 - Operation: request or response
 - Source/Target-Physical/Protocol addresses
- Notes
 - table entries timeout in about 10 minutes
 - update table with source when you are the target
 - update table if already have an entry
 - do not refresh table entries upon reference



ARP Packet Format

0	8	16	31
Hardware type = 1		ProtocolType = 0x0800	
HLen = 48	PLen = 32	Operation	
SourceHardwareAddr (bytes 0 — 3)			
SourceHardwareAddr (bytes 4 — 5)		SourceProtocolAddr (bytes 0 — 1)	
SourceProtocolAddr (bytes 2 — 3)		TargetHardwareAddr (bytes 0 — 1)	
TargetHardwareAddr (bytes 2 — 5)			
TargetProtocolAddr (bytes 0 — 3)			



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/* arp.n - SHA, SPA, THA, TPA */  
  
/* Internet Address Resolution Protocol (see RFCs 826, 920) *  
  
#define AR_HARDWARE 1 /* Ethernet hardware type code *  
  
/* Definitions of codes used in operation field of ARP packet */  
  
#define AR_REQUEST 1 /* ARP request to resolve address  
#define AR_REPLY 2 /* reply to a resolve request  
  
#define RA_REQUEST 3 /* reverse ARP request (RARP packets)  
#define RA_REPLY 4 /* reply to a reverse request (RARP *)  
  
struct arp {  
    short ar_hatype; /* hardware type  
    short ar_ptrtype; /* protocol type  
    char ar_hwlen; /* hardware address length  
    char ar_prllen; /* protocol address length  
    short ar_op; /* ARP operation (see list above)  
    char ar_addrs[1]; /* sender and target hw & proto addrs  
/* char ar_sha[???]; /* sender's physical hardware address  
/* char ar_spa[???]; /* sender's protocol address (IP addr.)  
/* char ar_tha[???]; /* target's physical hardware address  
/* char ar_tpa[???]; /* target's protocol address (IP)  
};  
  
#define SHA(p) (&p->ar_addrs[0])  
#define SPA(p) (&p->ar_addrs[p->ar_hwlen])  
#define THA(p) (&p->ar_addrs[p->ar_hwlen + p->ar_prllen])  
#define TPA(p) (&p->ar_addrs[(p->ar_hwlen*2) + p->ar_prllen])
```

Packet
Format

Start of
remainder
of packet



what for

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struct arpentry {
    short ae_state; /* format of entry in ARP cache */
    short ae_hwtype; /* state of this entry (see below) */
    short ae_prtype; /* hardware type - */
    char ae_hwlen; /* protocol type - */
    char ae_prlen; /* hardware address length */
    struct netif *ae_pni; /* protocol address length */
    int ae_queue; /* pointer to interface structure */
    int ae_attempts; /* queue of packets for this address */
    int ae_ttl; /* number of retries so far */
    char ae_hwa[MAXHWLEN]; /* time to live */
    char ae_pra[MAXPRLEN]; /* Hardware address */
    /* Protocol address */
};

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NI where mapping obtained → packets waiting

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#define AS_FREE 0 /* Entry is unused (initial value) */
#define AS_PENDING 1 /* Entry is used but incomplete */
#define AS_RESOLVED 2 /* Entry has been resolved */

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→ STATE

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/* RARP variables */

extern int rarpid; /* id of process waiting for RARP reply */
extern int rarpsem; /* semaphore for access to RARP service */

/* ARP variables */

extern struct arpentry arptable[ARP_TSIZE];

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↓ Table



Error Reporting & Other IP Issues

- Examples of errors a router may see
 - Router doesn't know where to forward a packet
 - Packet's time-to-live field expires
- Router doesn't really need to respond
 - Best effort means never having to say you're sorry
 - So, IP could conceivably just silently drop packets
- But, silent failures are really hard to diagnose
 - IP includes basic feedback about network problems
 - Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP)

Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP)



- Sent to Source Host - NOT Routers (why?)
- Echo (ping)
- Redirect (from router to source host)
- Destination unreachable (protocol, port, or host)
- TTL exceeded (so datagrams don't cycle forever)
- Checksum failed
- Reassembly failed
- Cannot fragment

Internet Control Message Protocol



- ICMP runs on top of IP
 - In parallel to TCP and UDP
 - Though still viewed as an integral part of IP
- Diagnostics
 - Triggered when an IP packet encounters a problem
 - E.g., time exceeded or destination unreachable
 - ICMP packet sent back to the source IP address
 - Includes the error information (e.g., type and code)
 - ... and an excerpt of the original data packet for identification
 - Source host receives the ICMP packet
 - And inspects the excerpt of the packet (e.g., protocol and ports)
 - ... to identify which socket should receive the error

IP Error Handling



What's a gateway to do?

Gateway/Router is autonomous

- No real coordination with source

- Destination machine could be off

- Time-to-Live gone

- Congestion at Router/Gateway

Use Internet Control Message Protocol - ICMP

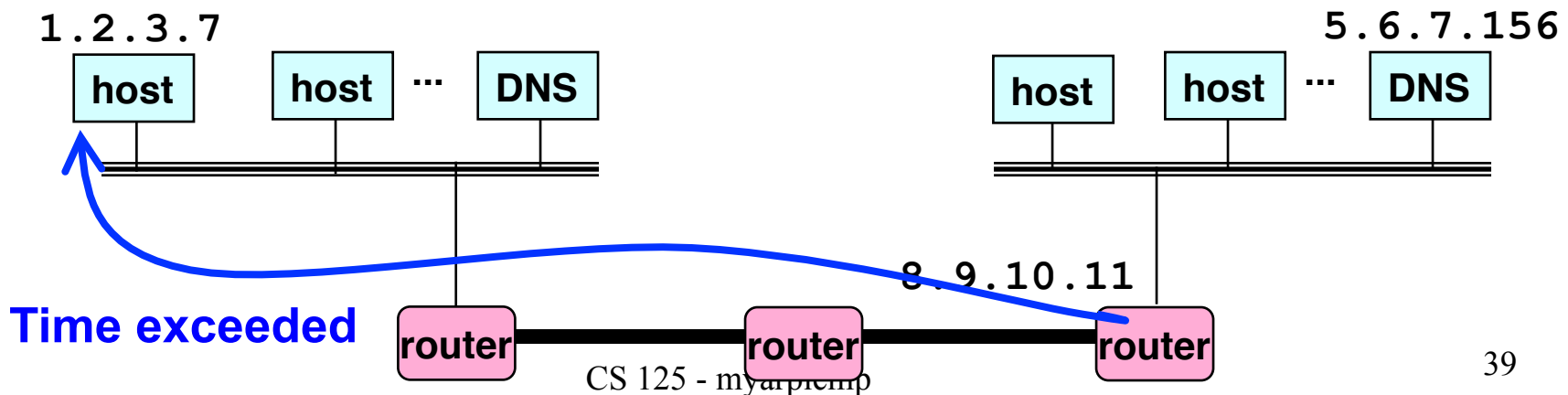
“Any IP device to any IP device”

Rides in IP



Example: Time Exceeded

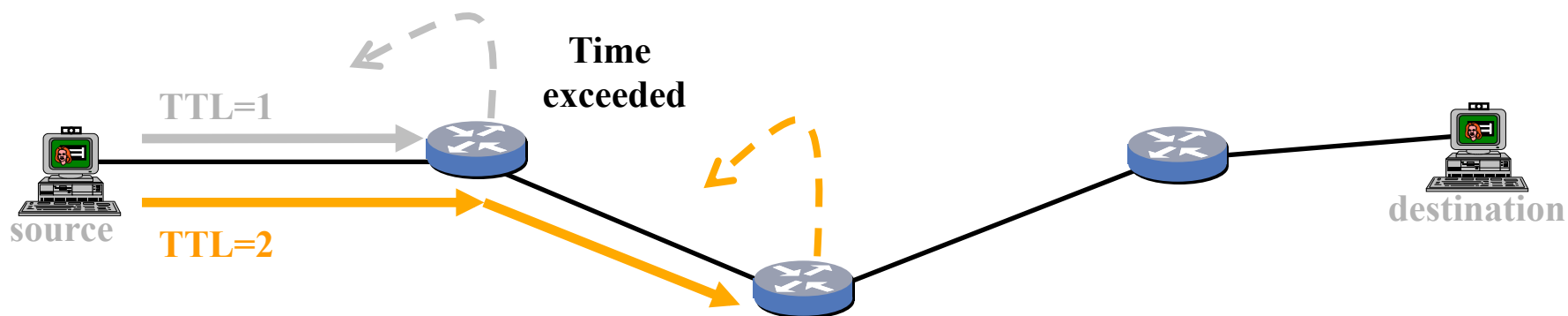
- Host sends an IP packet
 - Each router decrements the time-to-live field
- If time-to-live field reaches 0
 - Router generates an ICMP message
 - Sends a “time exceeded” message back to the source





Traceroute: Exploiting “Time Exceeded”

- Time-To-Live field in IP packet header
 - Source sends a packet with a TTL of n
 - Each router along the path decrements the TTL
 - “TTL exceeded” sent when TTL reaches 0
- Traceroute tool exploits this TTL behavior



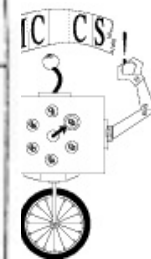
Send packets with TTL=1, 2, ... and record source of “time exceeded” message

Ping: Echo and Reply



- ICMP includes a simple “echo” function
 - Sending node sends an ICMP “echo” message
 - Receiving node sends an ICMP “echo reply”
- Ping tool
 - Tests the connectivity with a remote host
 - ... by sending regularly spaced echo commands
 - ... and measuring the delay until receiving the reply
- Pinging a host
 - “ping www.cs.princeton.edu” or “ping 12.157.34.212”
 - Used to test if a machine is reachable and alive
 - (However, some nodes have ICMP disabled... ☹)

<i>type</i>	<i>code</i>	Description	Query	Error
0	0	echo reply (Ping reply, Chapter 7)	•	
3		destination unreachable:		•
	0	network unreachable (Section 9.3)		•
	1	host unreachable (Section 9.3)		•
	2	protocol unreachable		•
	3	port unreachable (Section 6.5)		•
	4	fragmentation needed but don't-fragment bit set (Section 11.6)		•
	5	source route failed (Section 8.5)		•
	6	destination network unknown		•
	7	destination host unknown		•
	8	source host isolated (obsolete)		•
	9	destination network administratively prohibited		•
	10	destination host administratively prohibited		•
	11	network unreachable for TOS (Section 9.3)		•
	12	host unreachable for TOS (Section 9.3)		•
	13	communication administratively prohibited by filtering		•
	14	host precedence violation		•
	15	precedence cutoff in effect		•
4	0	source quench (elementary flow control, Section 11.11)		•
5		redirect (Section 9.5):		•
	0	redirect for network		•
	1	redirect for host		•
	2	redirect for type-of-service and network		•
	3	redirect for type-of-service and host		•
8	0	echo request (Ping request, Chapter 7)	•	
			•	



Conclusion



- Important control functions
 - Bootstrapping
 - Error reporting and monitoring
- Internet control protocols
 - Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP)
 - Address Resolution Protocol (ARP)
 - Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP)