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File Systems and Network Programming

15-213/15-503: Introduction to Computer Systems
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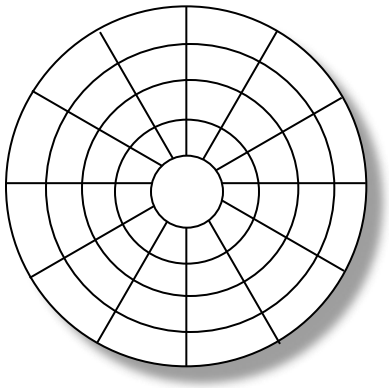
Today

- **File Systems**
- Network types and structures
- Locating a host
- Setting up a connection

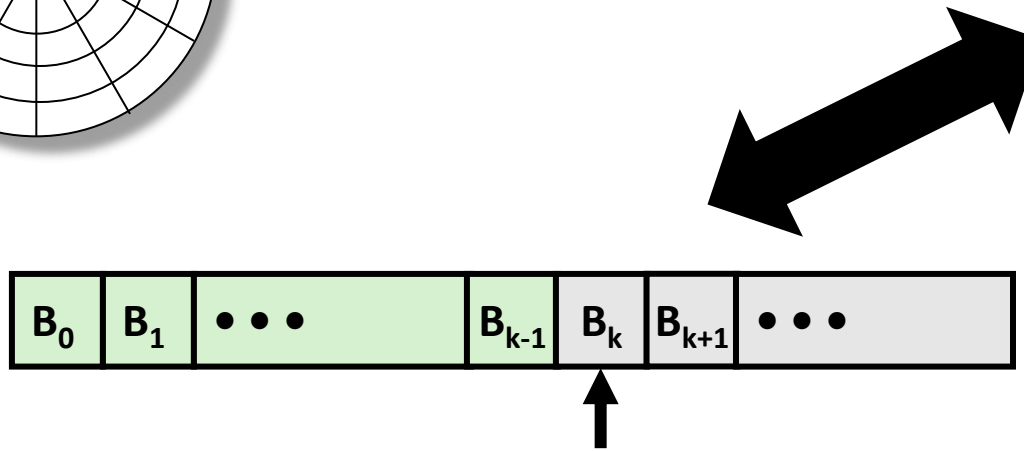
File System

- Manages disk blocks to provide a file abstraction



Surface* organized into tracks

Tracks divided into sectors



*Durable storage has many architectures, but ultimately they expose "blocks"

Making a File System

- **File systems start by formatting raw disk blocks**
  - Designate one (or more) blocks as “super”
  - Record the rest of the blocks as free

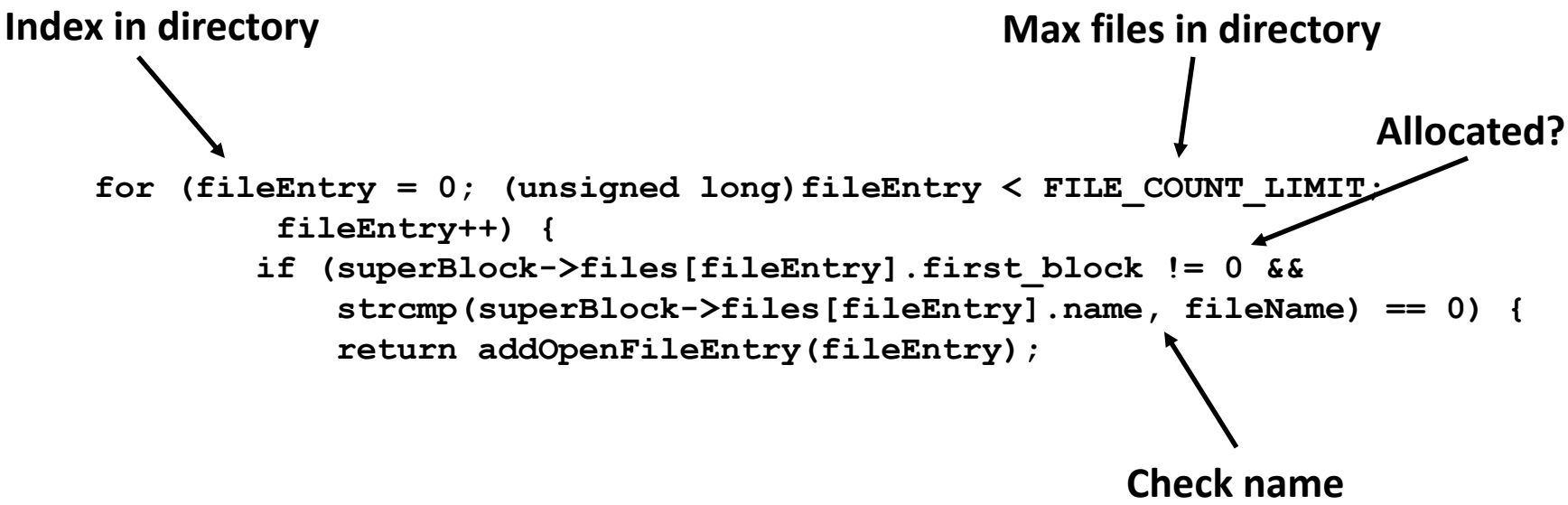
Managing a File System

- **"Super" block is the master block with information**
  - Type information
  - Size
  - Root directory
  - Free blocks

- **SFS has a flat directory structure, so the root directory is part of the superblock**

Finding a File

- **A directory is a special file**
  - Maps strings to files
  - Those files could also be directories



Opening a File

- **Find the file**
- **Create the three table entries**
  - Find an available file descriptor
  - Allocate an open file table entry
    - Pos, permissions, etc
  - Load file info into memory
    - *SFS is always in-memory, so this is implicit

Reading a File

- **The file system will map file pos to disk blocks**
- **Lots of ways to map**
  - Contiguous
  - Linked / FAT ← **SFS**
  - Indexed

Writing a File

- **Like reading, but the file could grow**
  - SFS preallocates space
  - Interesting synchronization

Deleting a File

- **Like free(), but …**
  - Can open files be deleted?

- **Two steps:**
  - Removing the mapping
  - Putting the blocks into the free list

SFS Specific Notes

- **“Shark” File System**
  - Uses mmap to bring the entire “disk” file into memory
  - Treats the disk as an array of 512-byte blocks
  - Block 0 is the superblock, other references to 0 are NULLs
  - Flat directory structure

Further Notes

- https://tcpp.cs.gsu.edu/curriculum/sites/default/files/Edupar115.pdf

- **Scope of assignment:**
  - Average of 200 lines of additional code
  - 13 hours to complete (9 days of assigned work)

- **The tricky part is identifying critical sections**
  - Critical sections are defined by the shared variable / resource
  - That can be two (or more) threads calling the same or different functions

Part of sfs_open

```
    sfs_filesystem_t *superBlock = accessSuperBlock();
    int fileEntry;
    int emptyEntry = -1;
    for (fileEntry = 0; (unsigned long)fileEntry <
FILE_COUNT_LIMIT;
         fileEntry++)
    {
        if (superBlock->files[fileEntry].first_block != 0 &&
            strcmp(superBlock->files[fileEntry].name, fileName)
== 0)
        {
            return addOpenFileEntry(fileEntry);
        }
        else if (emptyEntry == -1 &&
                 superBlock->files[fileEntry].first_block == 0)
        {
            emptyEntry = fileEntry;
        }
    }
```

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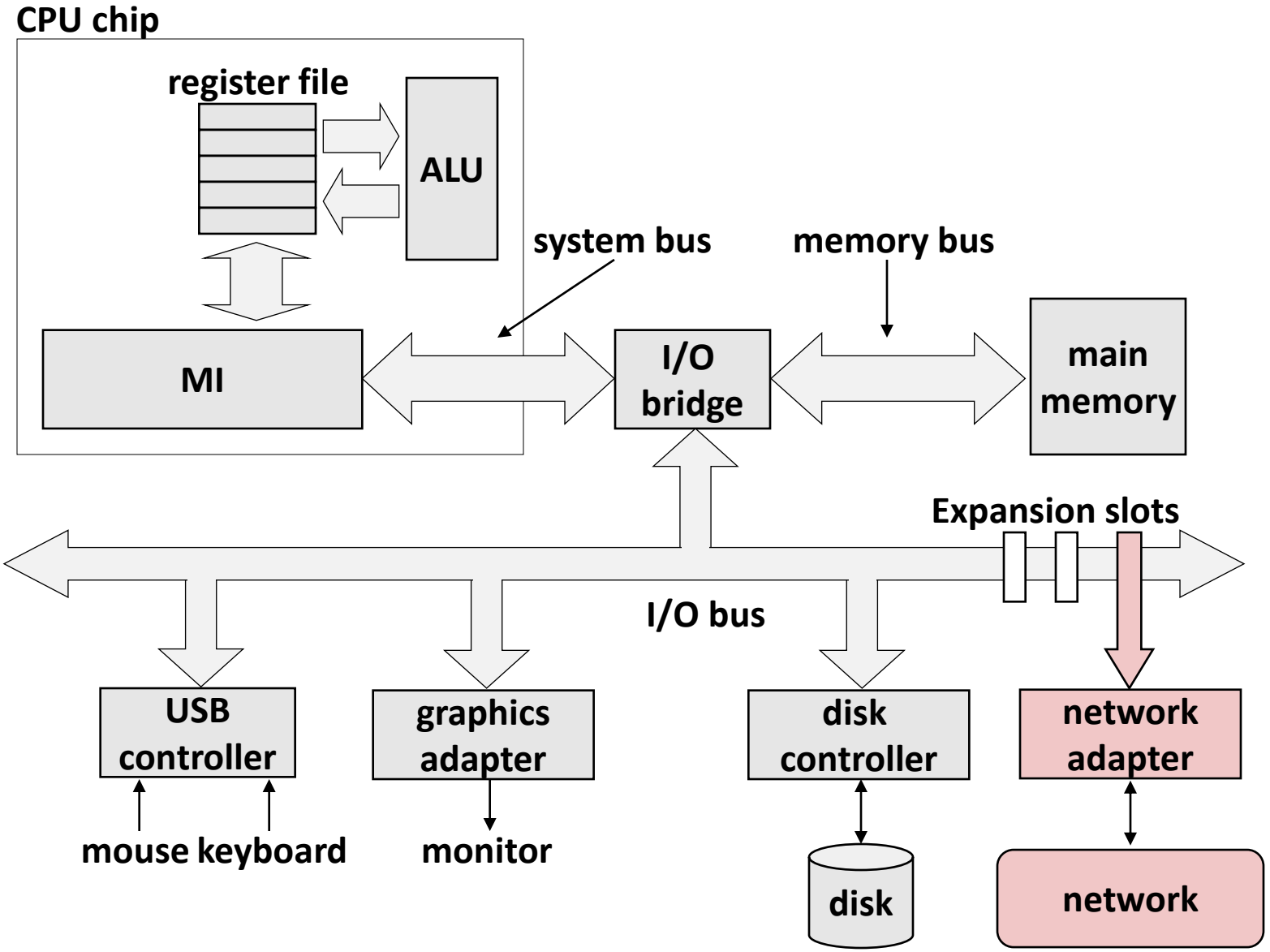
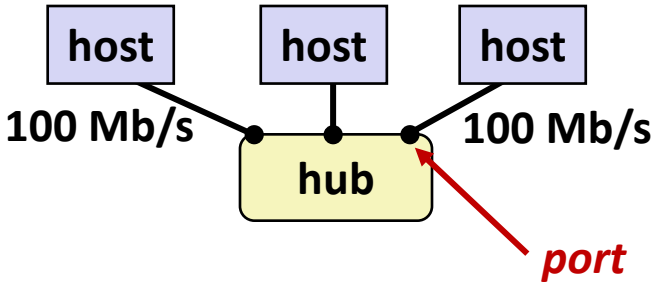
Computer Networks

- **A *network* is a hierarchical system of boxes and wires organized by geographical proximity**
  - LAN (Local Area Network) spans a building or campus
    - Ethernet is most prominent example
  - WAN (Wide Area Network) spans country or world
    - Typically high-speed point-to-point (mostly optical) links
  - Also: SAN (Storage area network), MAN (Metropolitan), etc., etc.
- **An *internetwork* (*internet*) is an interconnected set of networks**
  - The Global IP Internet (uppercase "I") is the most famous example of an internet (lowercase "i")
- **Let's see how an internet is built from the ground up**

Hardware Organization of a Network Host

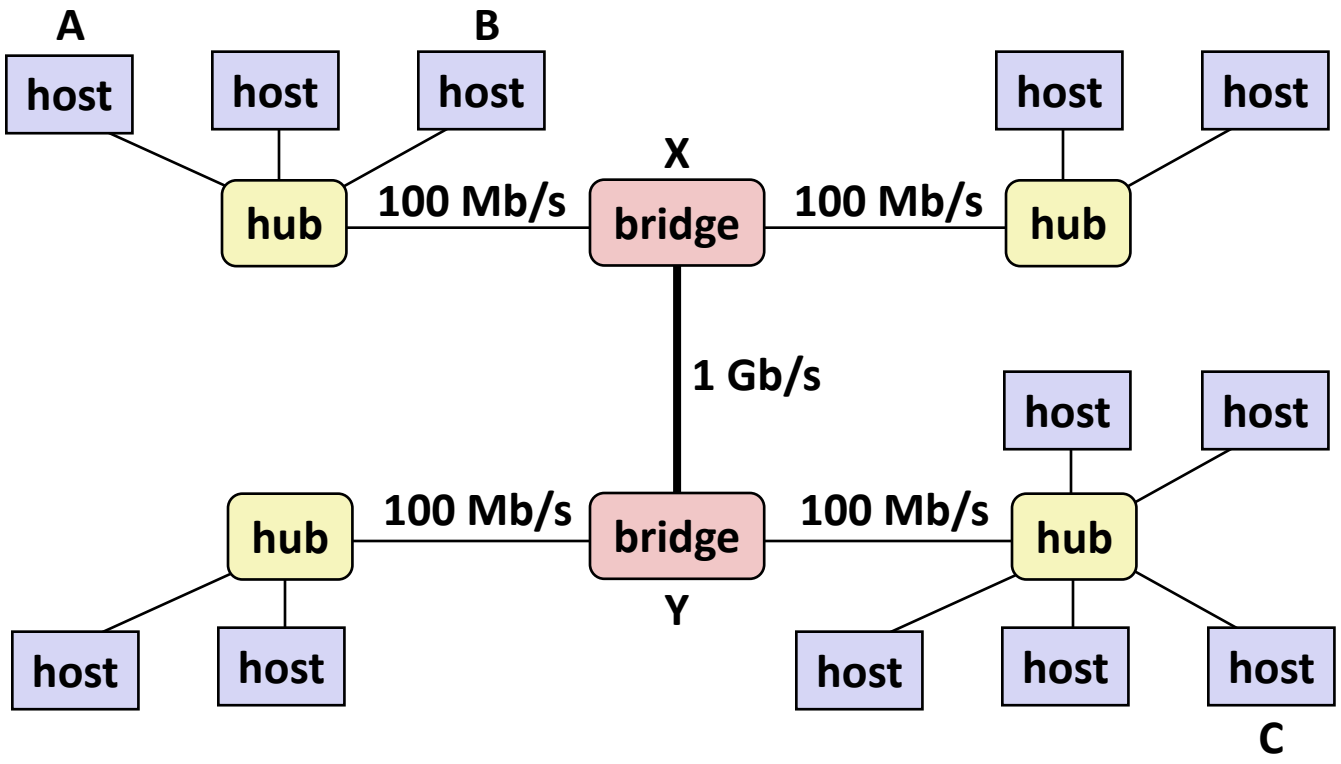


Example Lowest Level: Ethernet



- Ethernet segment consists of a collection of *hosts* connected by wires (twisted pairs) to a *hub*
- Spans room or floor in a building
- Operation
  - Each Ethernet adapter has a unique 48-bit address (MAC address)
    - E.g., 00:16:ea:e3:54:e6

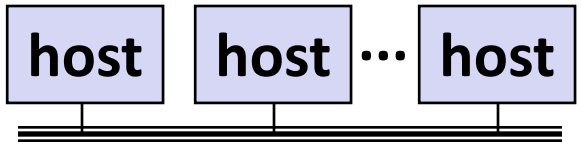
Next Level: Bridged Ethernet Segment



- Spans building or campus
- Bridges cleverly learn which hosts are reachable from which ports and then selectively copy frames from port to port

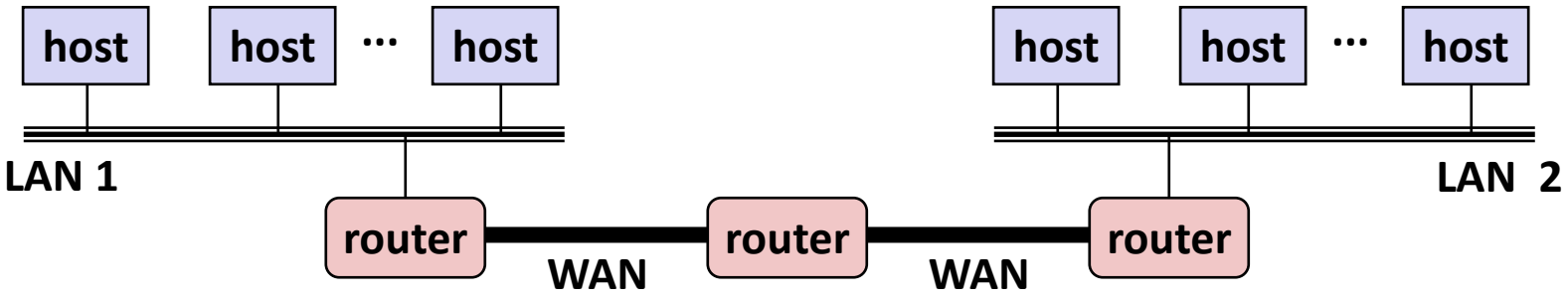
Conceptual View of LANs

- For simplicity, hubs, bridges, and wires are often shown as a collection of hosts attached to a single wire:



Next Level: internets

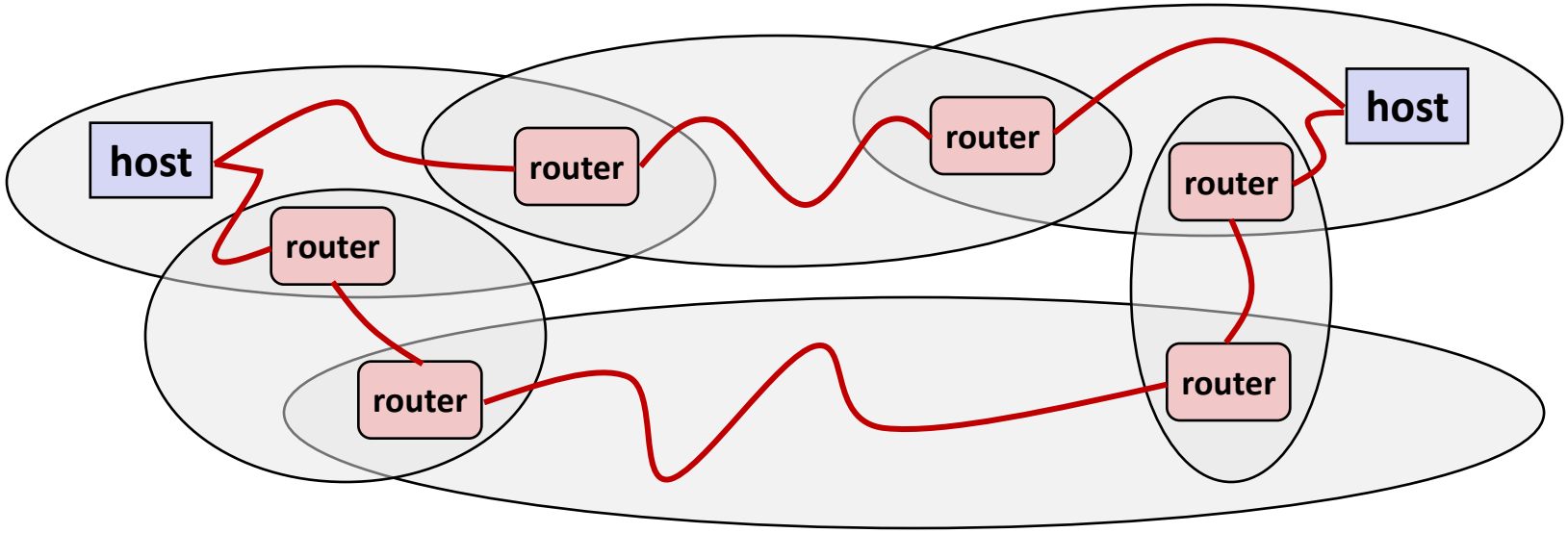
- Multiple incompatible LANs can be physically connected by specialized computers called *routers*
- The connected networks are called an *internet* (lower case)



LAN 1 and LAN 2 might be completely different, totally incompatible

(e.g., Ethernet, Fibre Channel, 802.11, T1-links, DSL, …)*

Logical Structure of an internet



- **Ad hoc interconnection of networks**
  - No particular topology
  - Vastly different router & link capacities
- **Send packets from source to destination by hopping through networks**
  - Router forms bridge from one network to another
  - Different packets may take different routes

The Notion of an internet Protocol

- **How is it possible to send bits across incompatible LANs and WANs?**

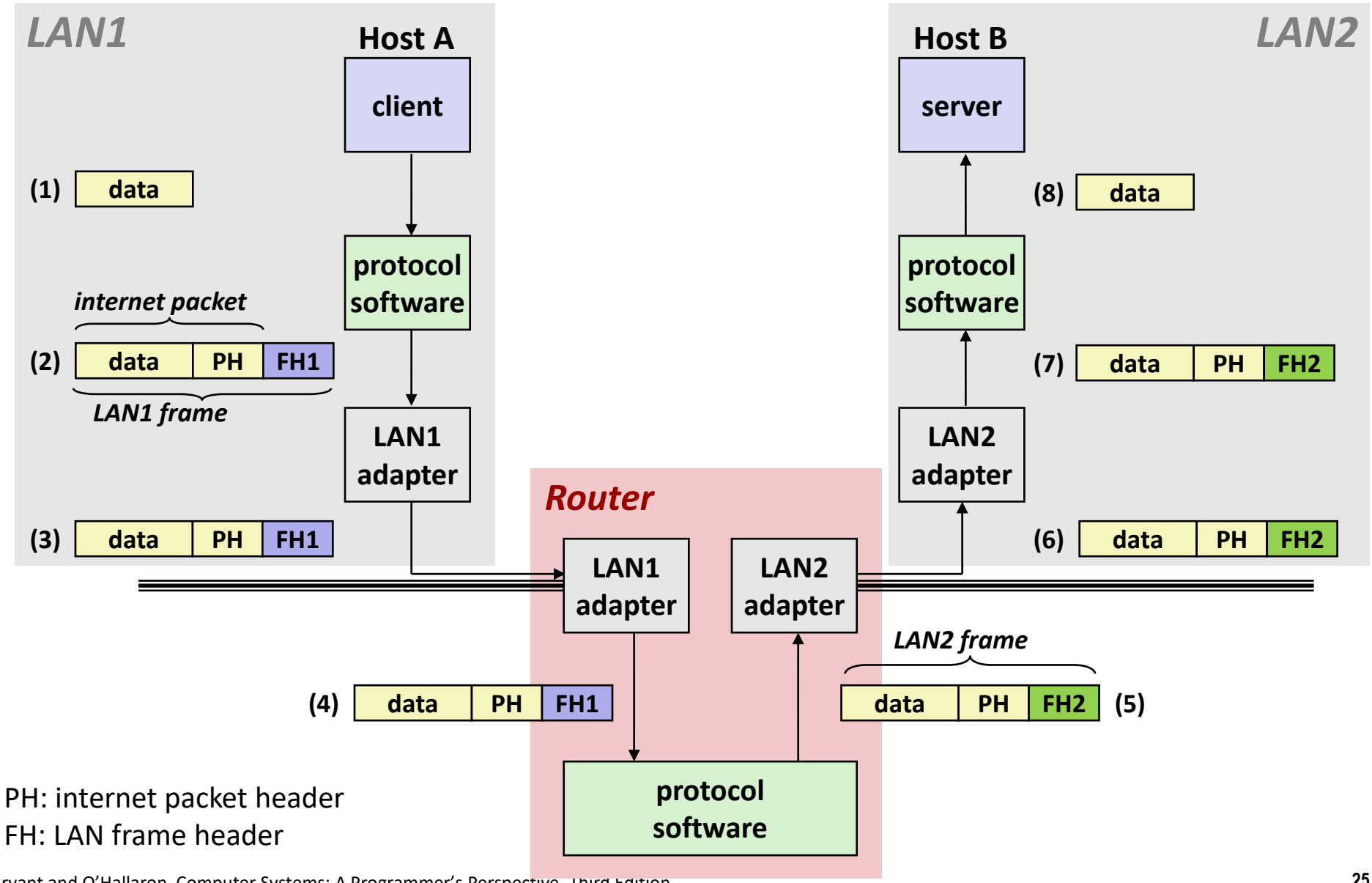
- **Solution: *protocol* software running on each host and router**
  - Protocol is a set of rules that governs how hosts and routers should cooperate when they transfer data from network to network.
  - Smooths out the differences between the different networks

What Does an internet Protocol Do?

- **Provides a *naming scheme***
  - An internet protocol defines a uniform format for ***host addresses***
  - Each host (and router) is assigned at least one of these internet addresses that uniquely identifies it

- **Provides a *delivery mechanism***
  - An internet protocol defines a standard transfer unit (***packet***)
  - Packet consists of ***header*** and ***payload***
    - Header: contains info such as packet size, source and destination addresses
    - Payload: contains data bits sent from source host

Transferring internet Data Via Encapsulation



PH: internet packet header
FH: LAN frame header

Other Issues

- **We are glossing over a number of important questions:**
  - What if different networks have different maximum frame sizes? (segmentation)
  - How do routers know where to forward frames?
  - How are routers informed when the network topology changes?
  - What if packets get lost?

- **These (and other) questions are addressed by the area of systems known as *computer networking***

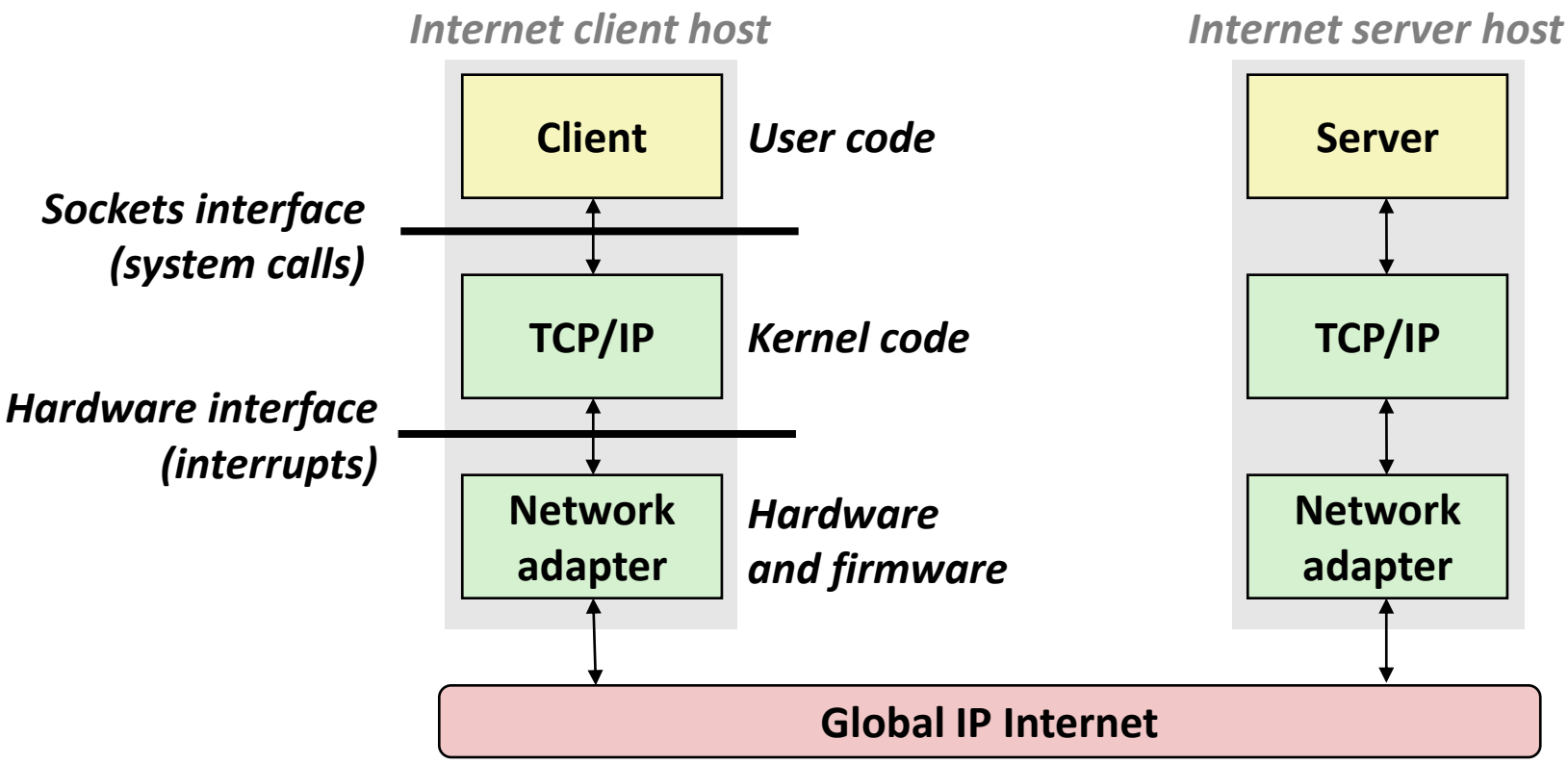
Global IP Internet (upper case)

- **Most famous example of an internet**

- **Based on the TCP/IP protocol family**
  - IP (Internet Protocol)
    - Provides *basic naming scheme* and unreliable *delivery capability* of packets (datagrams) from *host-to-host*
  - UDP (User Datagram Protocol)
    - Uses IP to provide *unreliable* datagram delivery from *process-to-process*
  - TCP (Transmission Control Protocol)
    - Uses IP to provide *reliable* byte streams from *process-to-process* over *connections*

- **Accessed via a mix of Unix file I/O and functions from the *sockets interface***

Hardware and Software Organization of an Internet Application



A Programmer's View of the Internet

1. Hosts are mapped to a set of 32-bit *IP addresses*

- 128.2.203.179
- 127.0.0.1 (always *localhost*)

2. As a convenience for humans, the Domain Name System maps a set of identifiers called Internet *domain names* to IP addresses:

- www.cs.cmu.edu "resolves to" 128.2.217.3

3. A process on one Internet host can communicate with a process on another Internet host over a *connection*

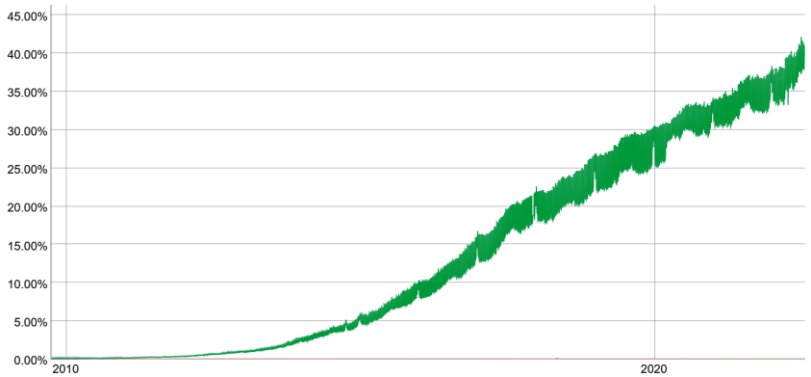
Aside: IPv4 and IPv6

- ***IPv4*** **(Internet Protocol version 4) specified 1981**
  - 32-bit host addresses (192.0.2.43)
  - Known to not be enough for everyone since ~1990
- **IPv6 (Internet Protocol version 6) specified 1996**
  - 128-bit addresses (2001:0db8:0:0:0:0:cafe:la7e)
  - Intended to replace IPv4
  - Very slow adoption due to need to replace routers (CMU's network doesn't support IPv6 at all!)

- **Application programmers mostly don't have to care**
  - Sockets API makes it easy to write code that seamlessly uses either, as necessary

IPv6 traffic to Google

https://www.google.com/intl/en/ipv6/statistics.html



(1) IP Addresses

- **32-bit IP addresses are stored in an *IP address struct***
  - IP addresses are always stored in memory in *network byte order* (big-endian byte order)
  - True in general for any integer transferred in a packet header from one machine to another.
    - E.g., the port number used to identify an Internet connection.

```
/* Internet address structure */
struct in_addr {
    uint32_t  s_addr; /* network byte order (big-endian) */
};
```

Dotted Decimal Notation

- **By convention, each byte in a 32-bit IP address is represented by its decimal value and separated by a period**
  - IP address: `0x8002C2F2 = 128.2.194.242`

- **Use `getaddrinfo` and `getnameinfo` functions (described later) to convert between IP addresses and dotted decimal format.**

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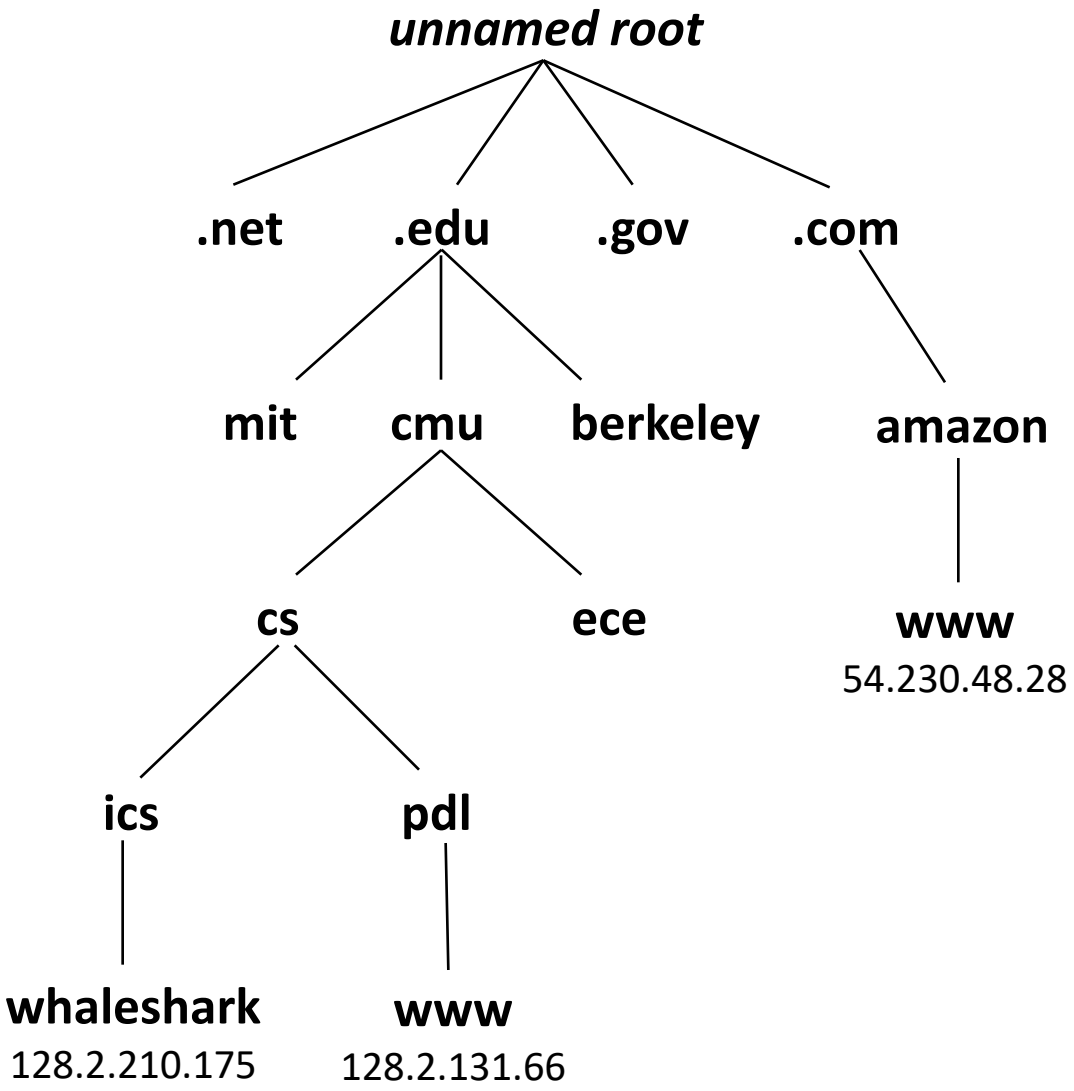
(2) Internet Domain Names



First-level domain names

Second-level domain names

Third-level domain names

Domain Naming System (DNS)

- **The Internet maintains a mapping between IP addresses and domain names in a worldwide distributed database called *DNS***

- **Conceptually, programmers can view the DNS database as a collection of millions of *host entries.***
  - Each host entry defines the mapping between a set of domain names and IP addresses.
  - In a mathematical sense, a host entry is an equivalence class of domain names and IP addresses.

Properties of DNS Mappings

- **Can explore properties of DNS mappings using `nslookup`**
  - (Output edited for brevity)

- **Each host has a locally defined domain name `localhost` which always maps to the *loopback address* `127.0.0.1`**

```
linux> nslookup localhost
Address: 127.0.0.1
```

- **Use `hostname` to determine real domain name of local host:**

```
linux> hostname
whaleshark.ics.cs.cmu.edu
```

Properties of DNS Mappings (cont)

- Simple case: one-to-one mapping between domain name and IP address:

```
linux> nslookup whaleshark.ics.cs.cmu.edu
Address: 128.2.210.175
```

- Multiple domain names mapped to the same IP address:

```
linux> nslookup cs.mit.edu
Address: 18.25.0.23
linux> nslookup eecs.mit.edu
Address: 18.25.0.23
```

- And backwards:

```
linux> nslookup 18.25.0.23
23.0.25.18.in-addr.arpa    name = eecs.mit.edu.
```

Properties of DNS Mappings (cont)

- **Multiple domain names mapped to multiple IP addresses:**

```
linux> nslookup www.twitter.com
Address: 104.244.42.65
Address: 104.244.42.129
Address: 104.244.42.193
Address: 104.244.42.1

linux> nslookup www.twitter.com
Address: 104.244.42.129
Address: 104.244.42.65
Address: 104.244.42.193
Address: 104.244.42.1
```

- **Some valid domain names don't map to any IP address:**

```
linux> nslookup ics.cs.cmu.edu
(No Address given)
```

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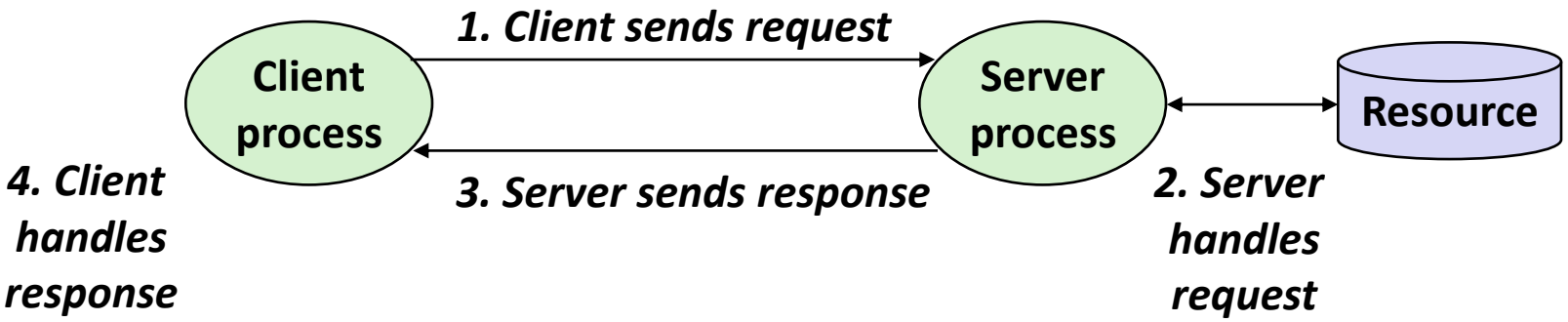
A Client-Server Transaction

- **Most network applications are based on the client-server model:**
  - A ***server*** process and one or more ***client*** processes
  - Server manages some ***resource***
  - Server provides ***service*** by manipulating resource for clients
  - Server activated by request from client (vending machine analogy)



Note: clients and servers are processes running on hosts (can be the same or different hosts)

(3) Internet Connections

- **Clients and servers most often communicate by sending streams of bytes over TCP *connections*. Each connection is:**
  - *Point-to-point*: connects a pair of processes.
  - *Full-duplex*: data can flow in both directions at the same time,
  - *Reliable*: stream of bytes sent by the source is eventually received by the destination in the same order it was sent.

- ***A socket* is an endpoint of a connection**
  - *Socket address* is an `IPaddress:port` pair

- **A *port* is a 16-bit integer that identifies a process:**
  - ***Ephemeral port*: Assigned automatically by client kernel when client makes a connection request.**
  - ***Well-known port:* Associated with some *service* provided by a server (e.g., port 80 is associated with Web servers)**

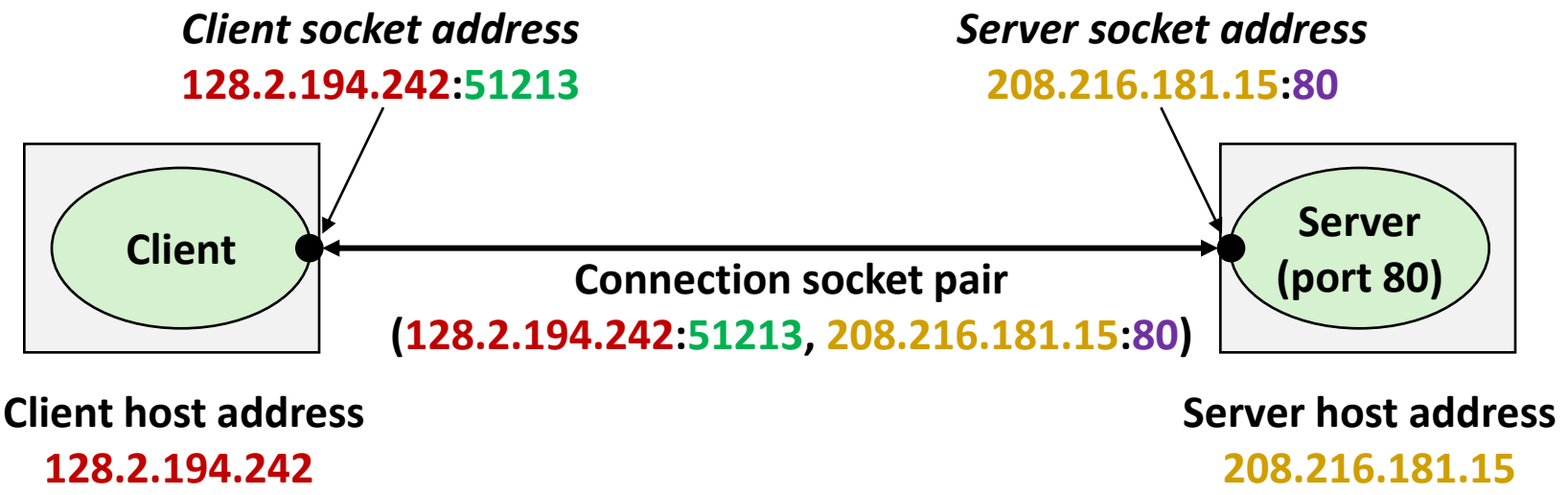
Well-known Service Names and Ports

- **Popular services have permanently assigned *well-known ports* *and* corresponding *well-known service names*:**
  - echo servers: echo 7
  - ftp servers: ftp 21
  - ssh servers: ssh 22
  - email servers: smtp 25
  - Unencrypted Web servers: http 80
  - SSL/TLS encrypted Web: https 443

- **Mappings between well-known ports and service names is contained in the file `/etc/services` on each Linux machine.**

Anatomy of a Connection

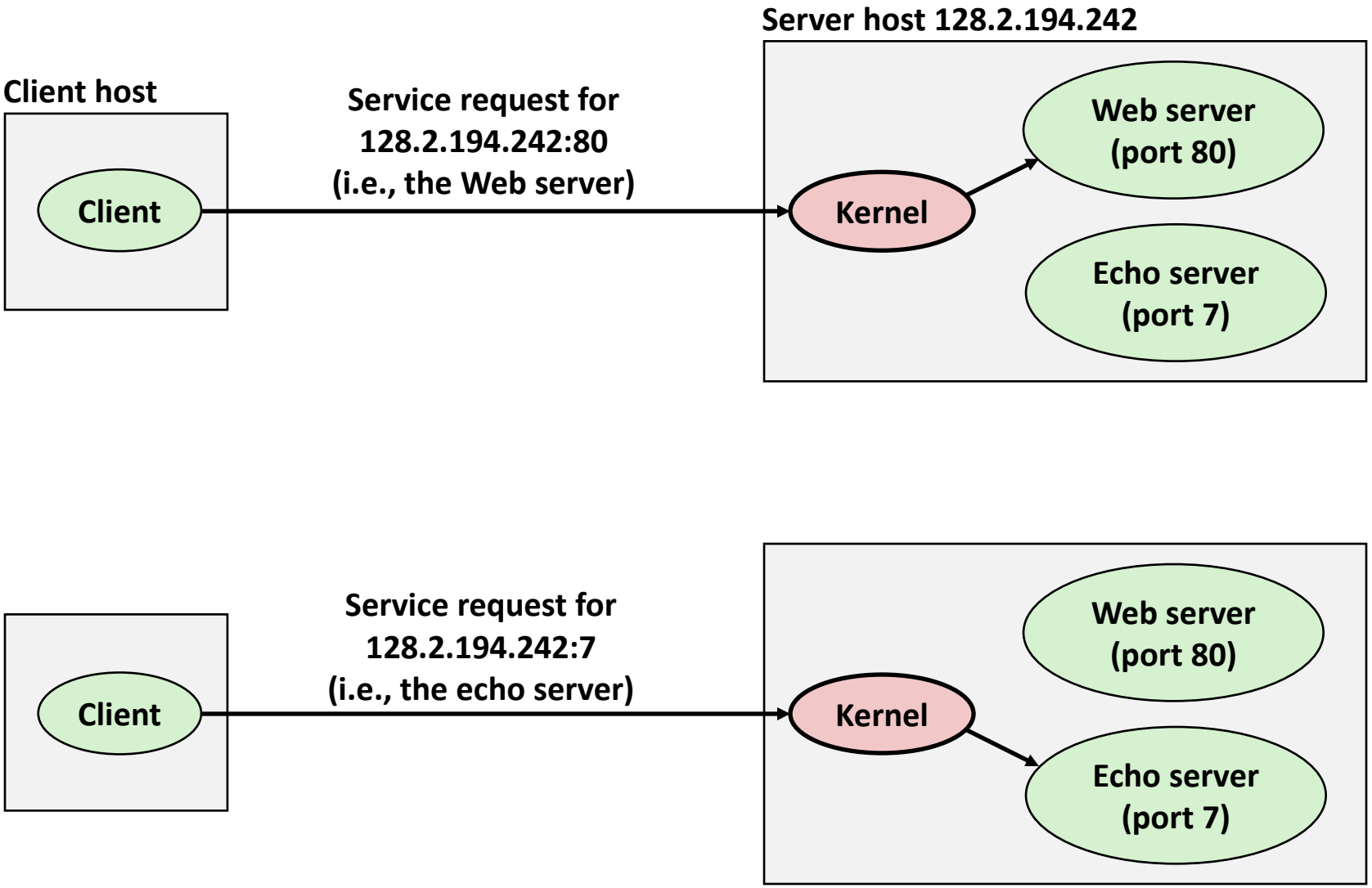
- A connection is uniquely identified by the socket addresses of its endpoints (*socket pair*)
  - `(cliaddr:cliport, servaddr:servport)`



51213 is an ephemeral port allocated by the kernel

80 is a well-known port associated with Web servers

Using Ports to Identify Services



Sockets Interface

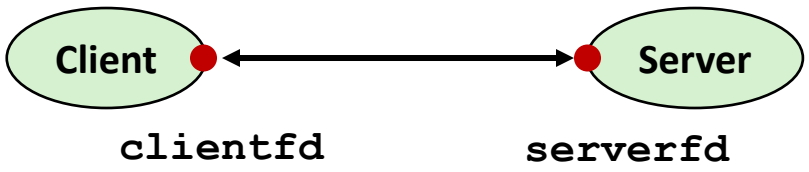
- **Set of system-level functions used in conjunction with Unix I/O to build network applications.**

- **Created in the early 80's as part of the original Berkeley distribution of Unix that contained an early version of the Internet protocols.**

- **Available on all modern systems**
  - Unix variants, Windows, OS X, IOS, Android, ARM

Sockets

- **What is a socket?**
  - To the kernel, a socket is an endpoint of communication
  - To an application, a socket is a file descriptor that lets the application read/write from/to the network
  - Using the FD abstraction lets you reuse code & interfaces
- **Clients and servers communicate with each other by reading from and writing to socket descriptors**



- **The main distinction between regular file I/O and socket I/O is how the application "opens" the socket descriptors**

Socket Programming Example

- **Echo server and client**
- **Server**
  - Accepts connection request
  - Repeats back lines as they are typed
- **Client**
  - Requests connection to server
  - Repeatedly:
    - Read line from terminal
    - Send to server
    - Read reply from server
    - Print line to terminal

Echo Server/Client Session Example

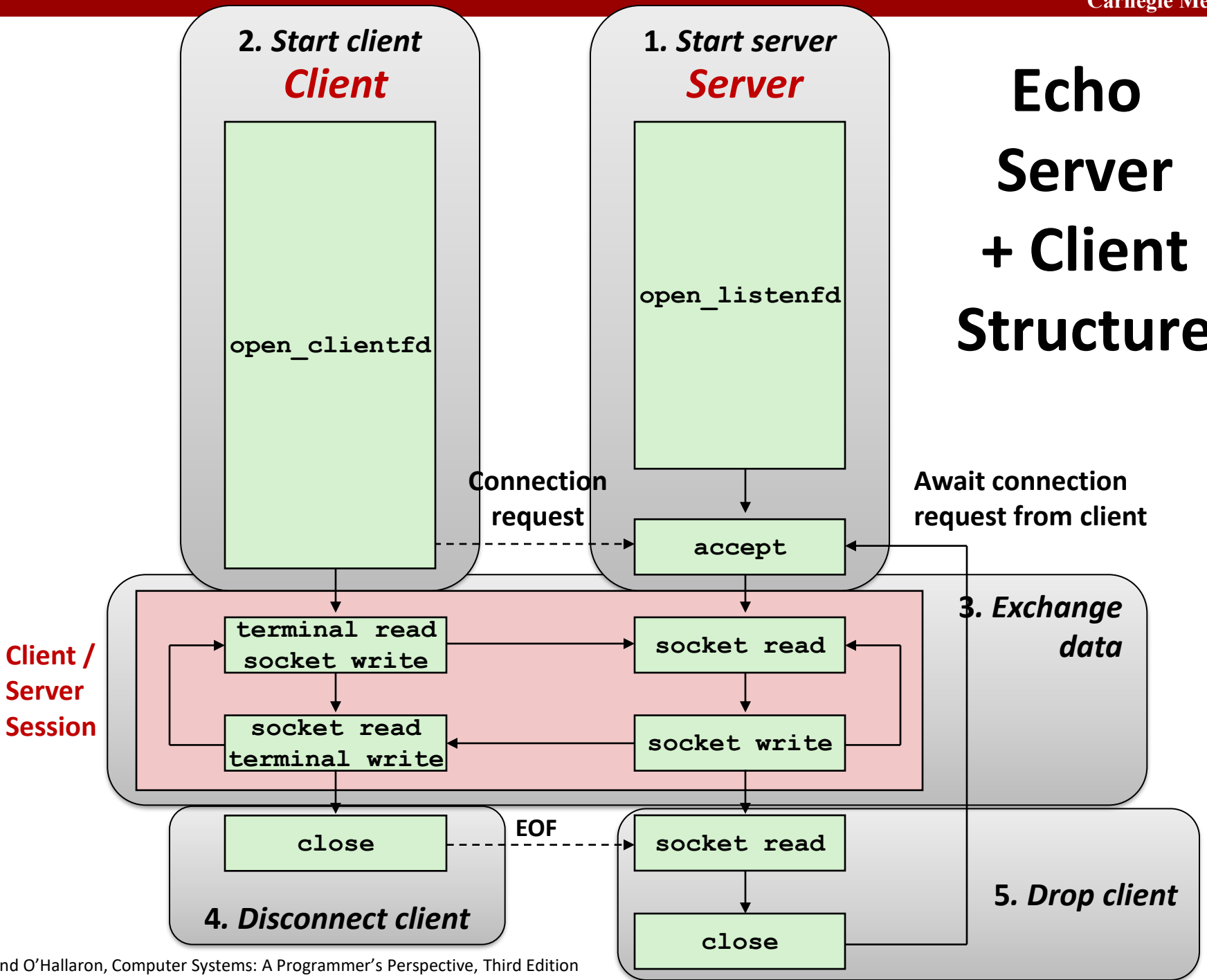
Client

```
bambooshark: ./echoclient whaleshark.ics.cs.cmu.edu 6616        (A)
This line is being echoed                                       (B)
This line is being echoed
This one is, too                                                (C)
This one is, too
^D
bambooshark: ./echoclient whaleshark.ics.cs.cmu.edu 6616        (D)
This one is a new connection                                    (E)
This one is a new connection
^D
```

Server

```
whaleshark: ./echoserveri 6616
Connected to (BAMBOOSHARK.ICS.CS.CMU.EDU, 33707)        (A)
server received 26 bytes                                (B)
server received 17 bytes                                (C)
Connected to (BAMBOOSHARK.ICS.CS.CMU.EDU, 33708)        (D)
server received 29 bytes                                (E)
```

Echo Server + Client Structure



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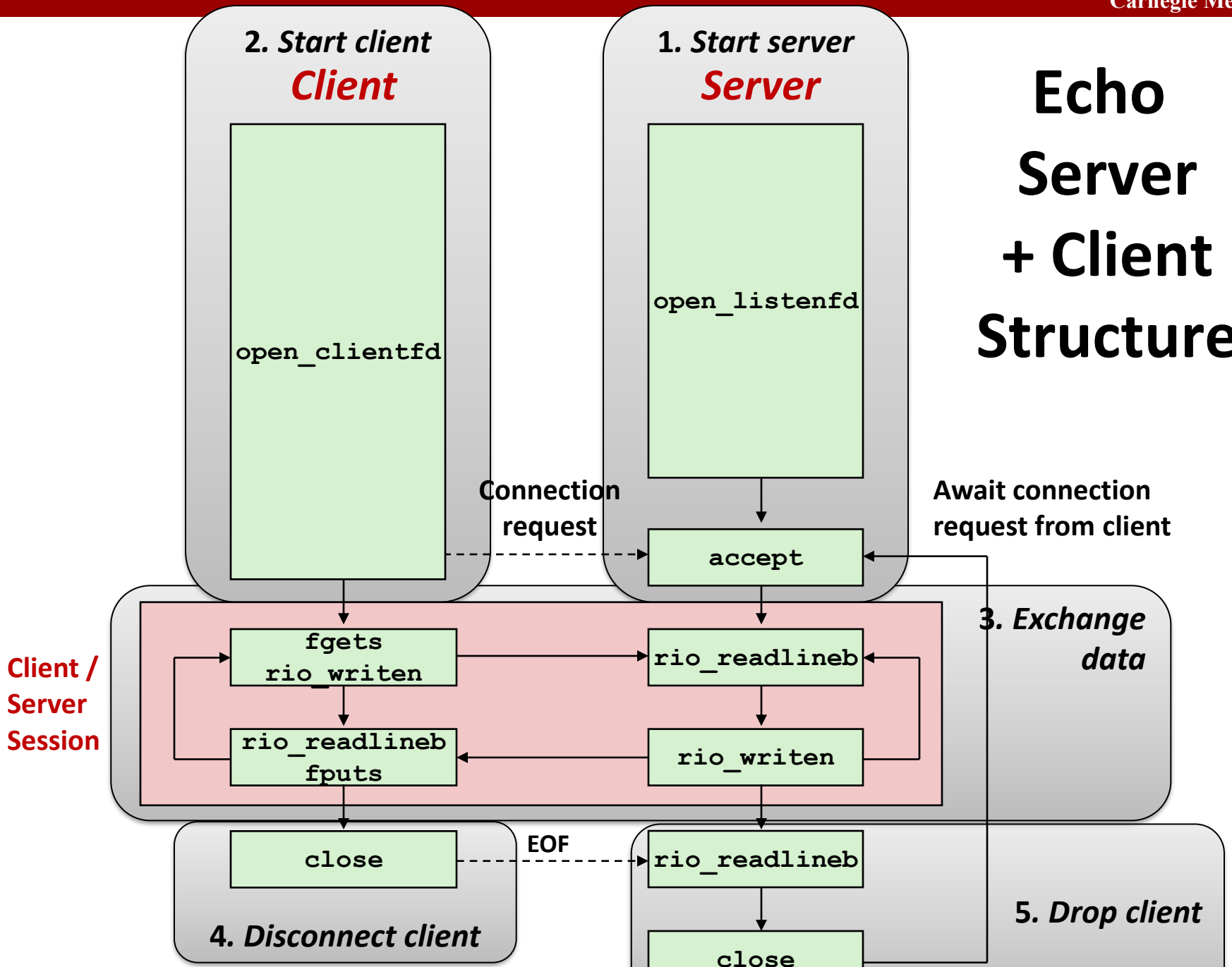

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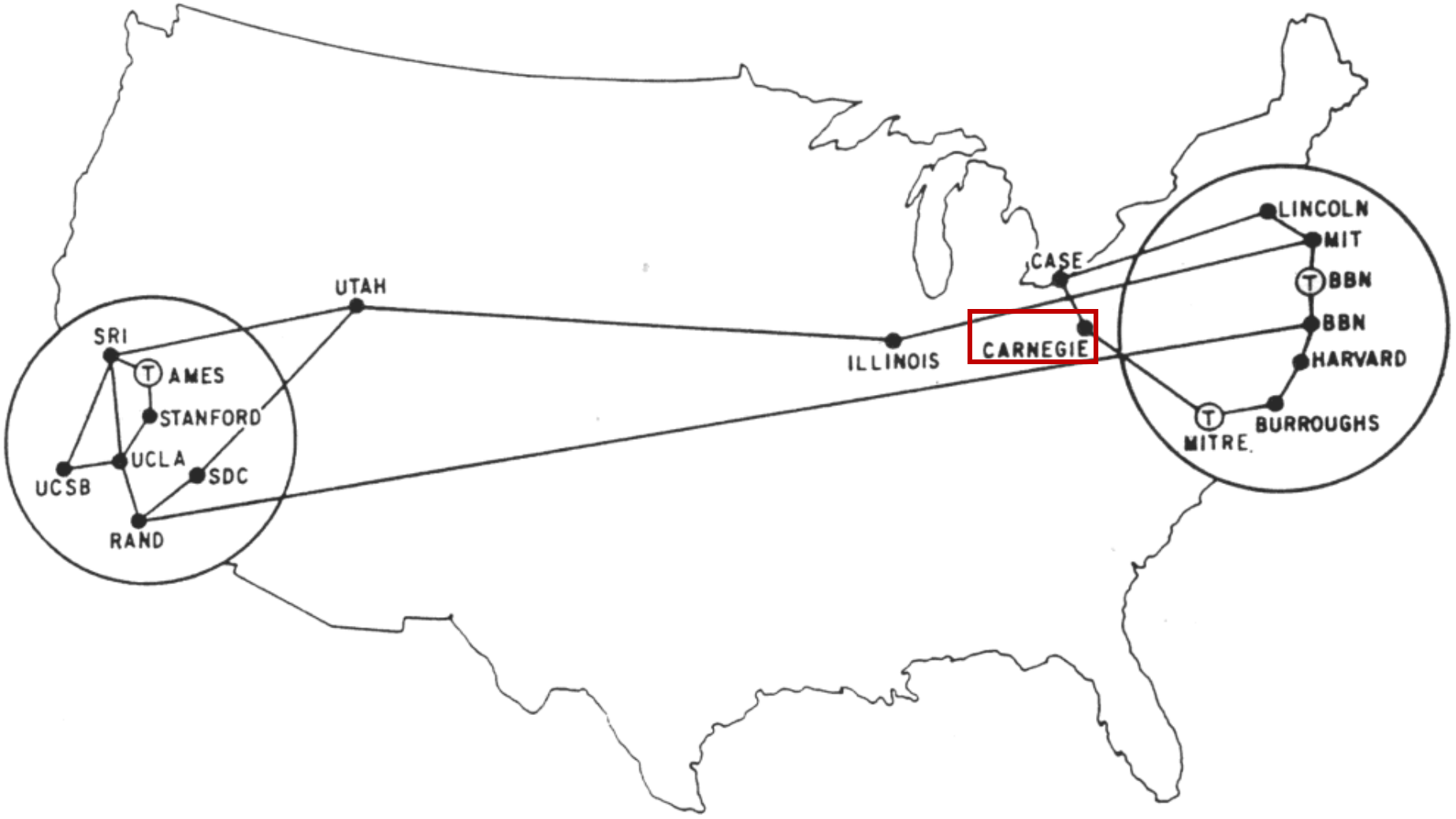

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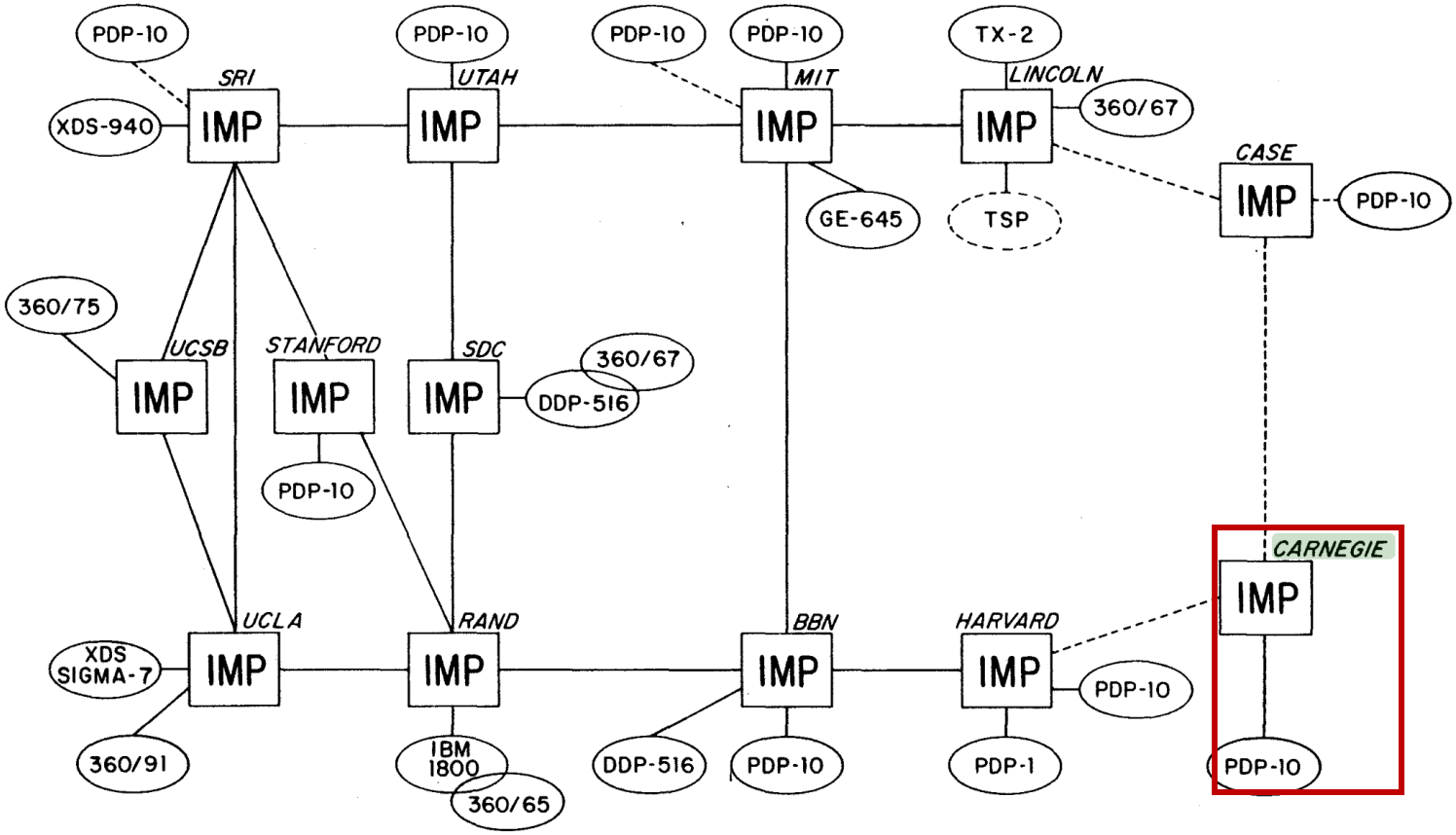

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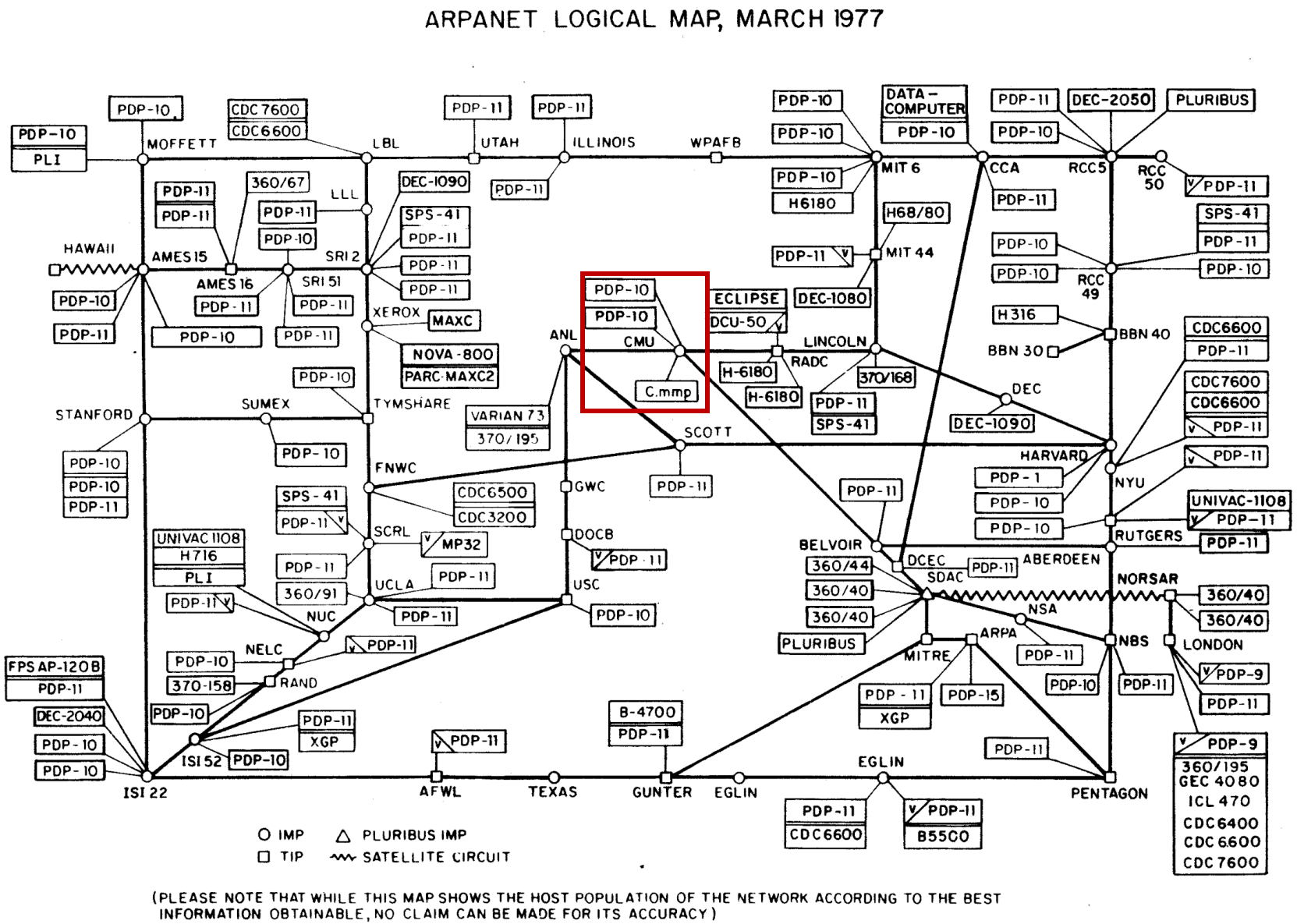
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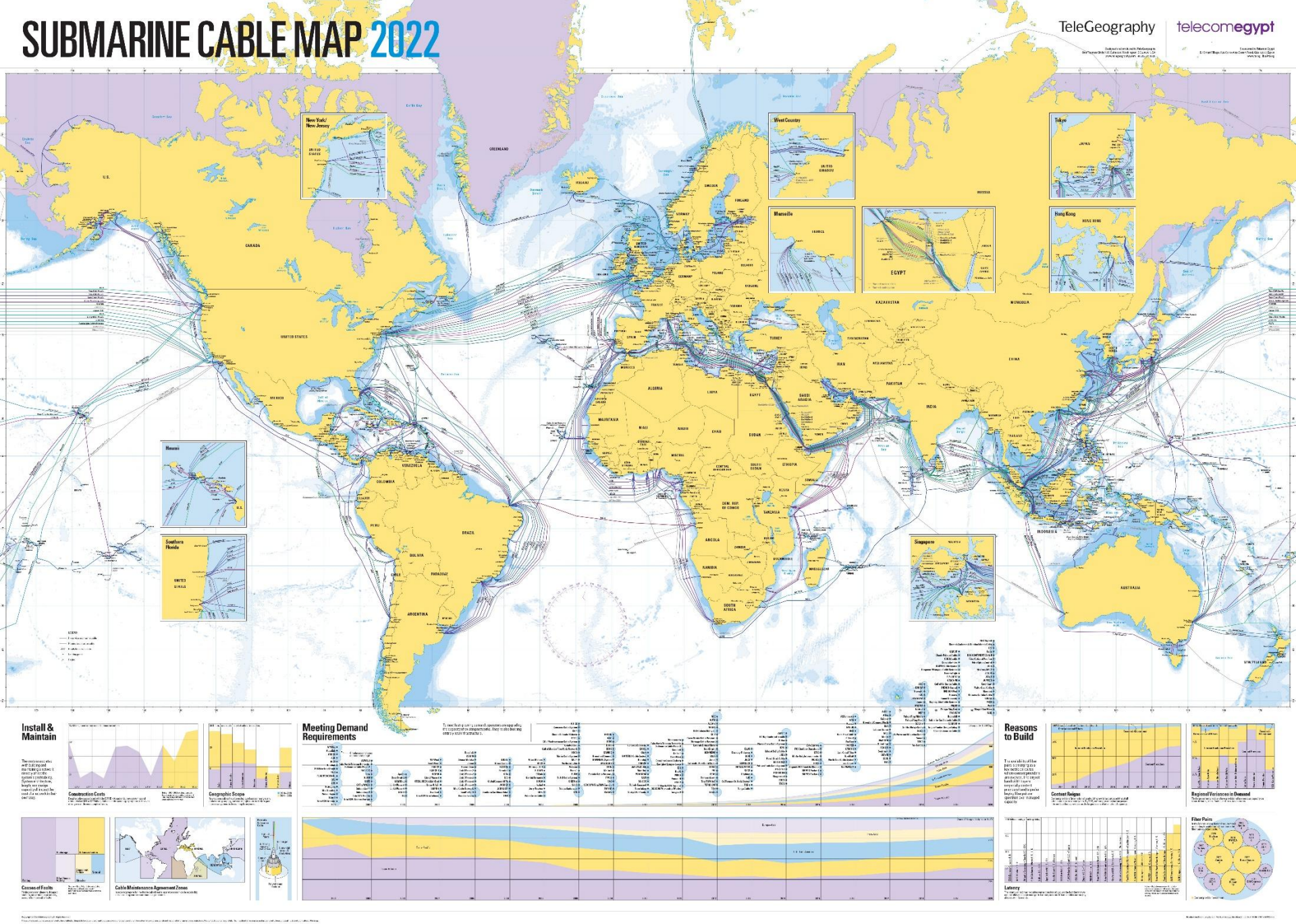
360/195
GEC 4080
ICL 470
CDC 6400
CDC 6600
CDC 7600
ISI 22
AFWL
TEXAS
GUNTER
EGLIN
EGLIN
PENTAGON
PDP-11
CDC6600
PDP-11
B5500
IMP
TIP
PLURIBUS IMP
SATELLITE CIRCUIT
(PLEASE NOTE THAT WHILE THIS MAP SHOWS THE HOST POPULATION OF THE NETWORK ACCORDING TO THE BEST INFORMATION OBTAINABLE, NO CLAIM CAN BE MADE FOR ITS ACCURACY)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TeleGeography
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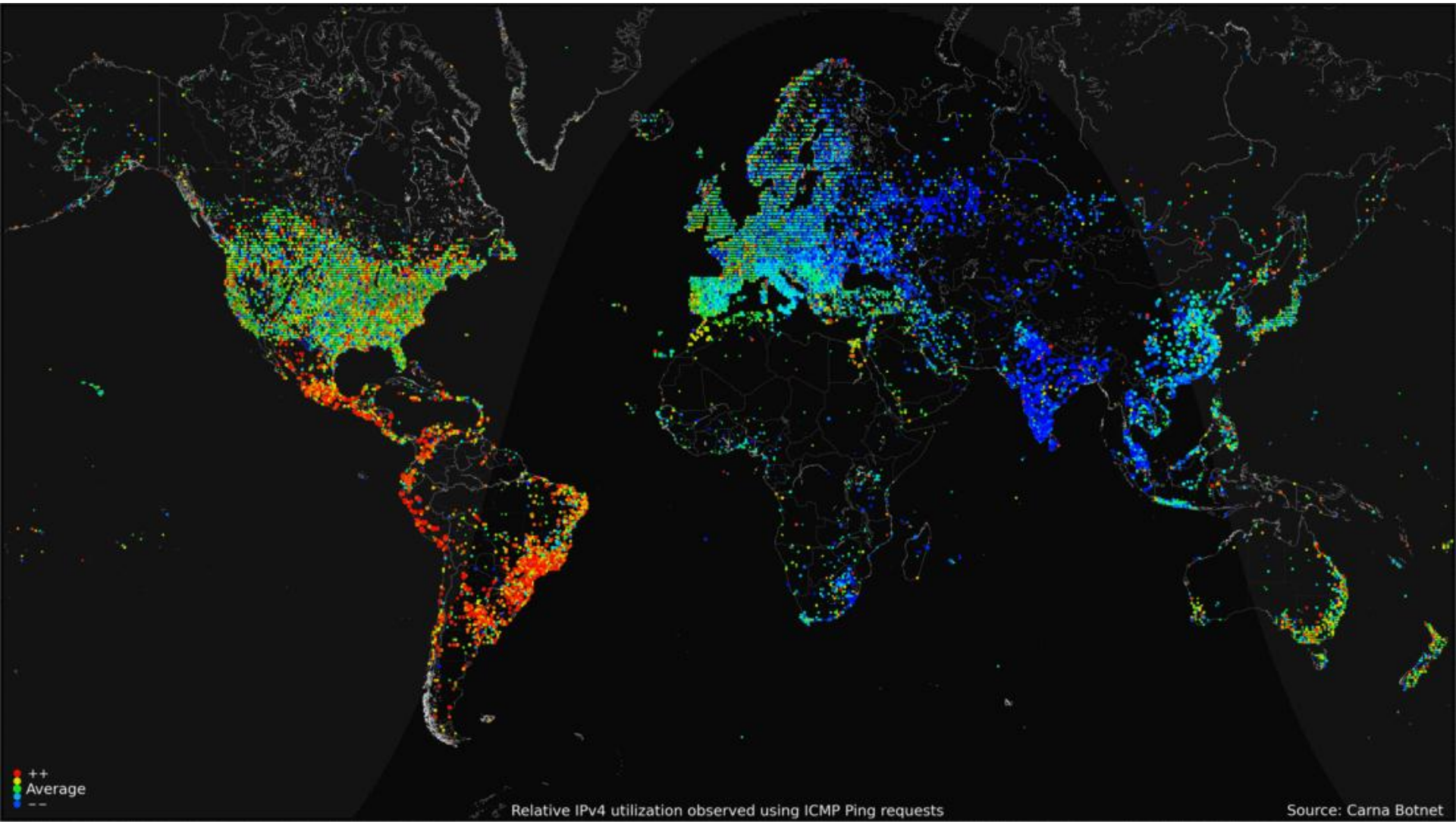
New York/ New Jersey
West Country
Tokyo
Marseille
EGYPT
Hong Kong
Hawaii
Southern Florida
Singapore
Install & Maintain
Construction Costs
Geographic Scope
Meeting Demand Requirements
Reasons to Build
Content Reigns
Regional Variances in Demand
Corridors of Faults
Cable Maintenance Agreement Zones
Latency
Fiber Pairs

A Map of 460 Billion Device Connections to the Internet collected by the Carna Botnet



Basic Internet Components

- **Internet backbone:**
  - collection of routers (nationwide or worldwide) connected by high-speed point-to-point networks
- **Internet Exchange Points (IXP):**
  - router that connects multiple backbones (often referred to as peers)
  - Also called Network Access Points (NAP)
- **Regional networks:**
  - smaller backbones that cover smaller geographical areas (e.g., cities or states)
- **Point of presence (POP):**
  - machine that is connected to the Internet
- **Internet Service Providers (ISPs):**
  - provide dial-up or direct access to POPs

Internet Connection Hierarchy