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## Internetworking

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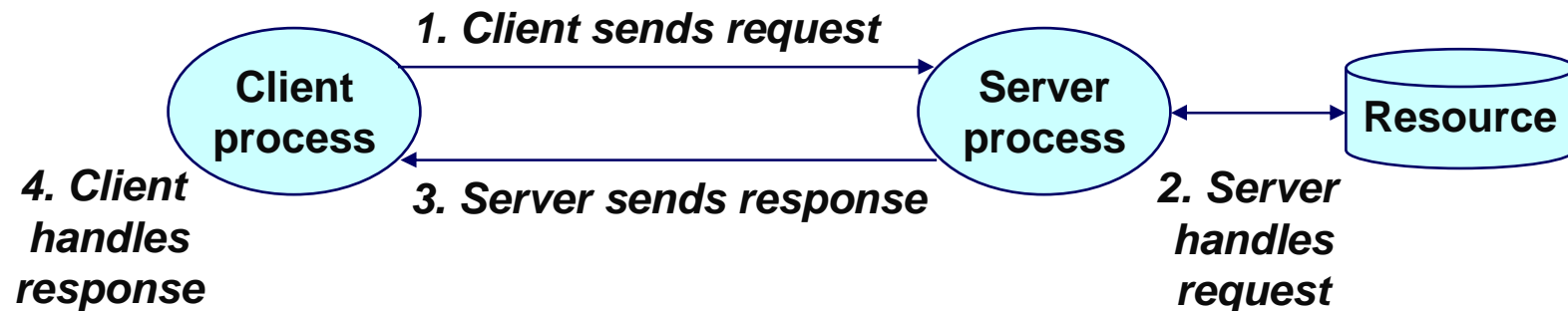
#### Topics

- Client-server programming model
- Networks
- Internetworks
- Global IP Internet
  - IP addresses
  - Domain names
  - Connections

# A Client-Server Transaction

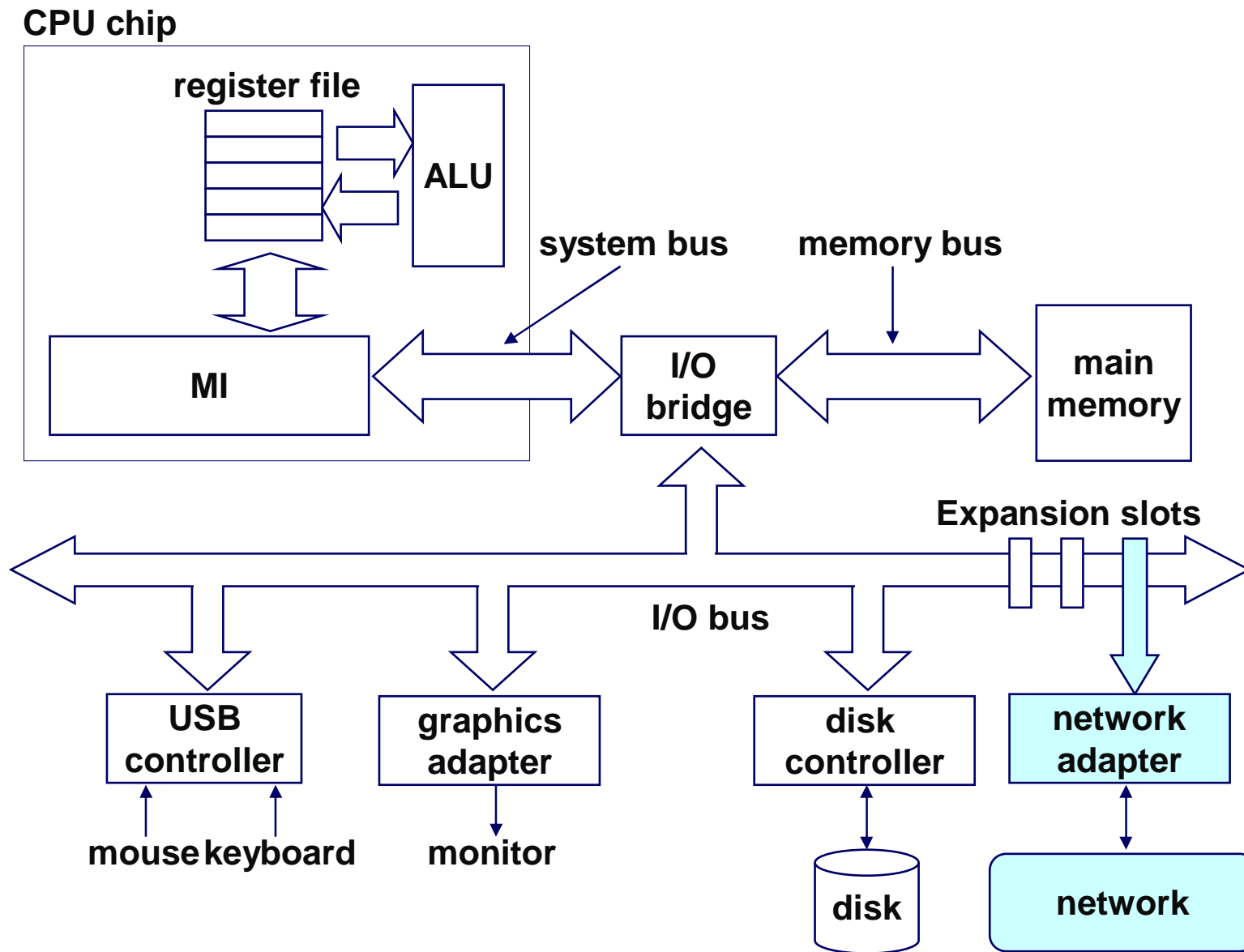
Most network applications are based on the client-server model:

- 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).

# Hardware Org of a Network Host



# Computer Networks

**A network is a hierarchical system of boxes and wires organized by geographical proximity**

- **SAN (System Area Network) spans cluster or machine room**  
Switched Ethernet, Quadrics QSW, ...
- **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 phone lines.

**An *internetwork (internet)* is an interconnected set of networks.**

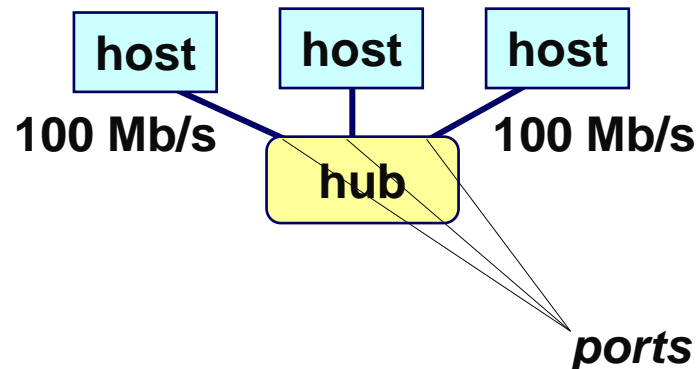
- **The Global IP Internet (uppercase “I”) is the most famous example of an internet (lowercase “i”)**

**Let’s see how we would build an internet from the ground up.**

# Lowest Level: Ethernet Segment

Ethernet segment consists of a collection of *hosts* connected by wires (twisted pairs) to a *hub*.

Spans room or floor in a building.



## Operation

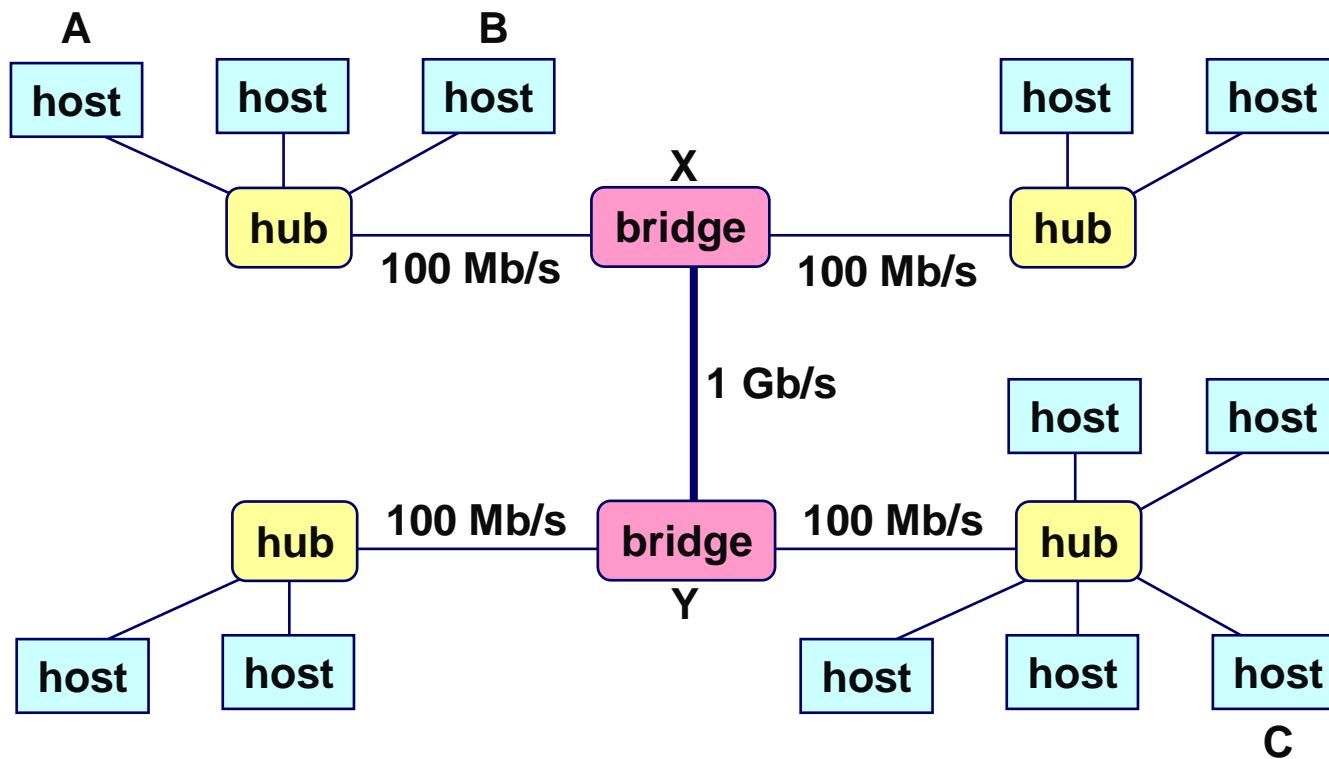
- Each Ethernet adapter has a unique 48-bit address.
- Hosts send bits to any other host in chunks called *frames*.
- Hub slavishly copies each bit from each port to every other port.  
Every host sees every bit.

**Note:** Hubs are on their way out. Bridges (switches, routers) became cheap enough to replace them (means no more broadcasting)

# Next Level: Bridged Ethernet Segment

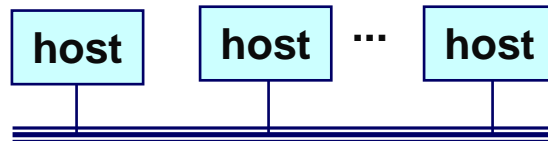
Spans building or campus.

Bridges cleverly learn which hosts are reachable from which ports and then selectively copy frames from port to port.



# Conceptual View of LANs

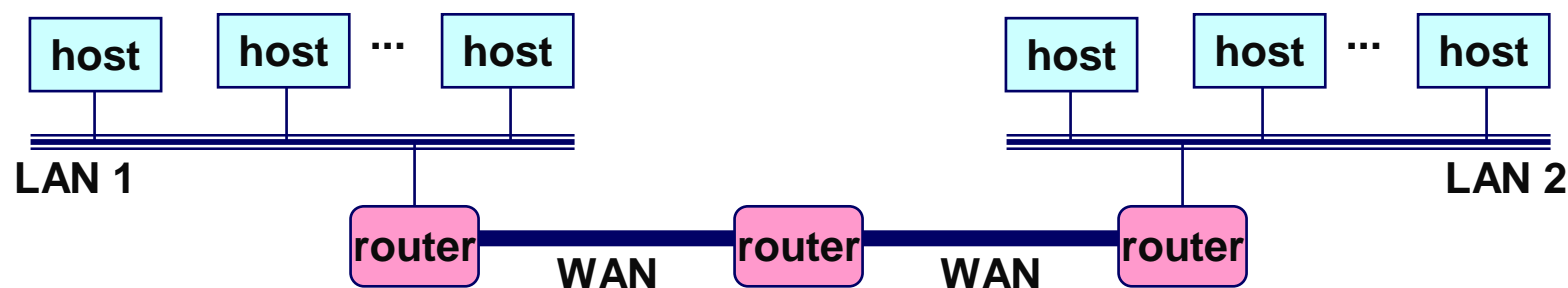
For simplicity, hubs, bridges, and wires are often shown as a collection of hosts attached to a single wire:



# Next Level: internets

Multiple incompatible LANs can be physically connected by specialized computers called *routers*.

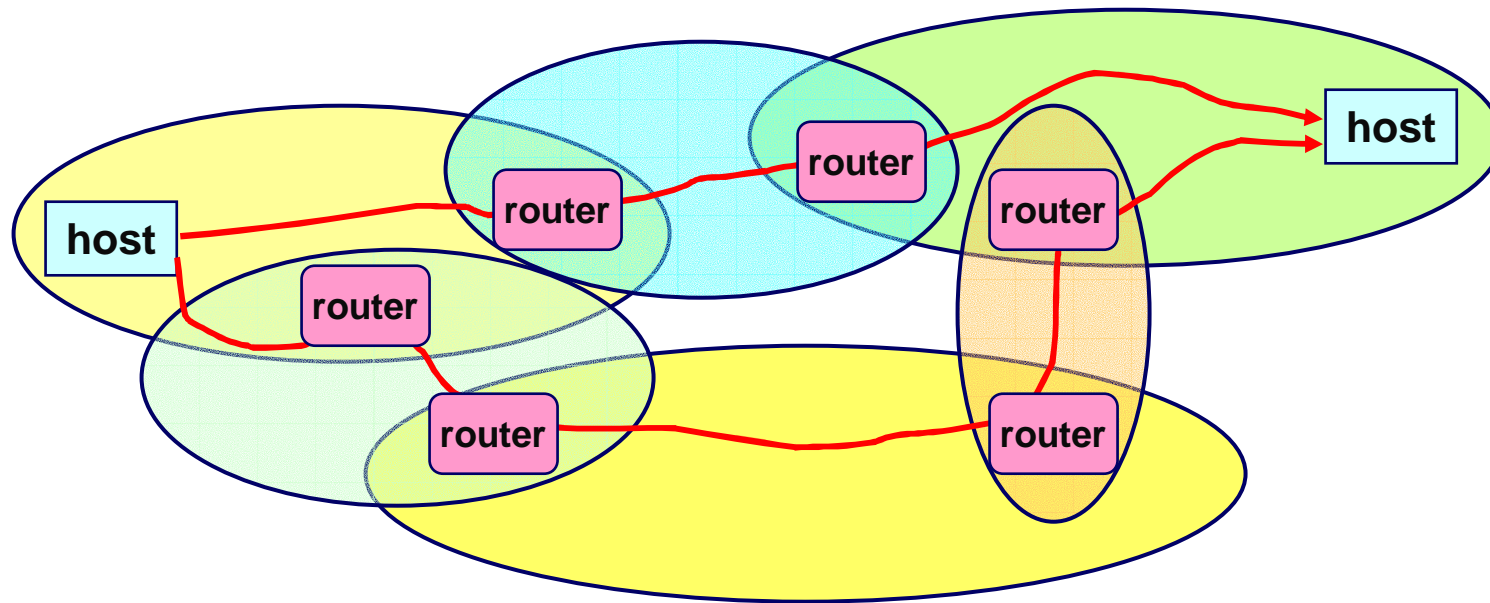
The connected networks are called an *internet*.



LAN 1 and LAN 2 might be completely different, totally incompatible LANs (e.g., Ethernet and Wifi, 802.11\*, T1-links, DSL, ...)



# Logical Structure of 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 smoothes out the differences between the different networks.**

**Implements an internet protocol (i.e., set of rules) that governs how hosts and routers should cooperate when they transfer data from network to network.**

- **TCP/IP is the protocol for the global IP Internet.**

# What Does an internet Protocol Do?

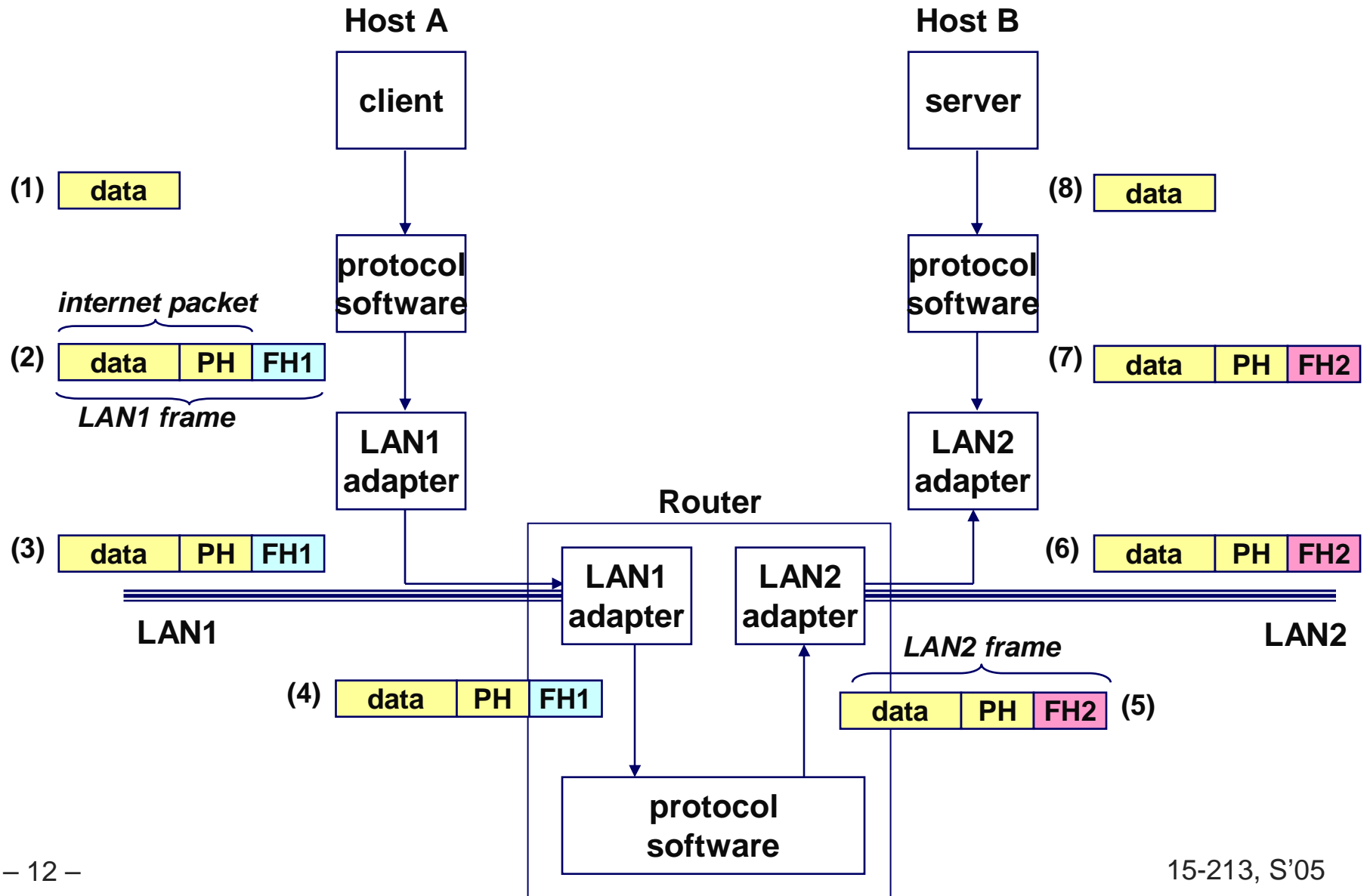
## 1. Provides a naming scheme

- 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.

## 2. 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 Data Over an internet



# 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

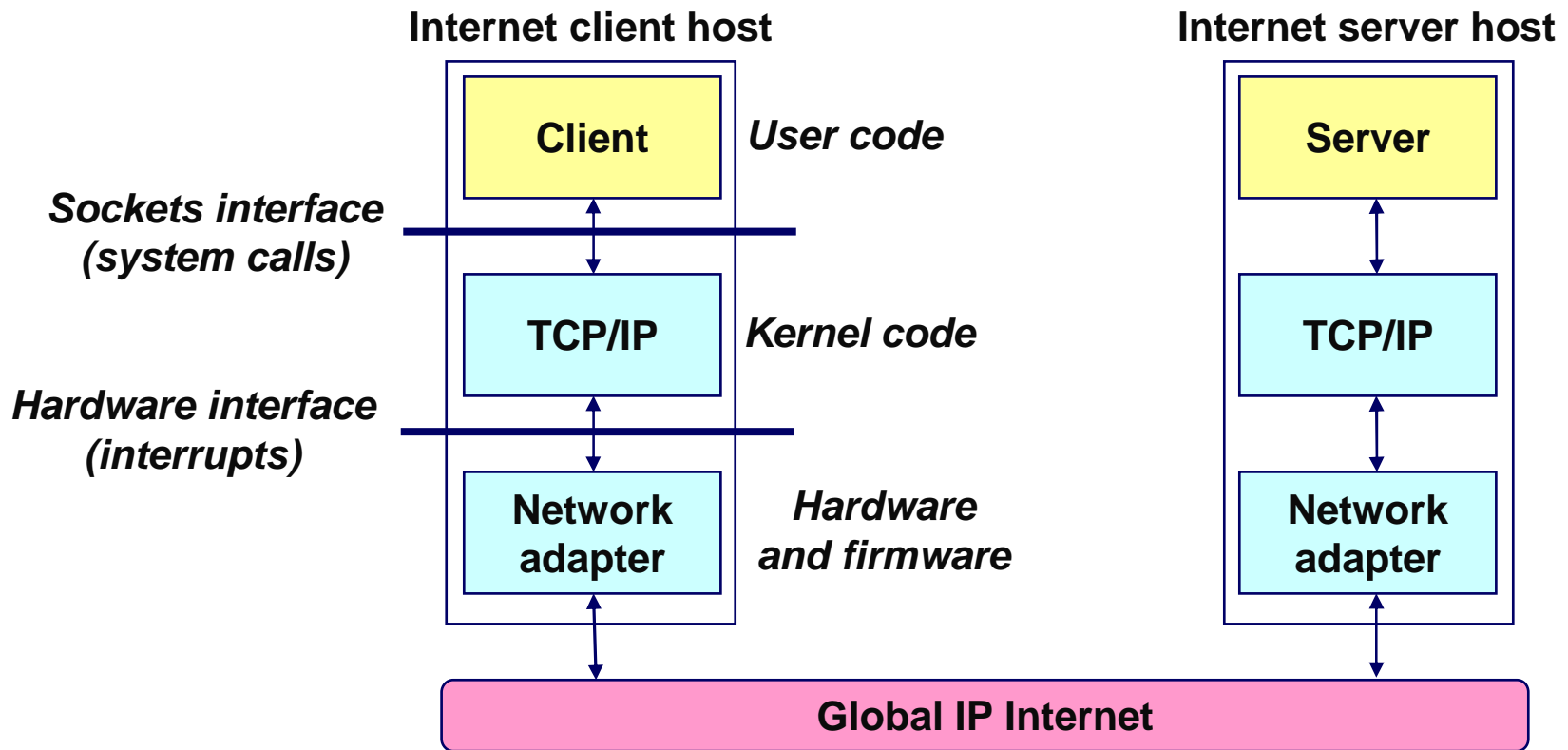
**Most famous example of an internet.**

**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 (Unreliable 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 Org of an Internet Application



# Basic Internet Components

**An *Internet backbone* is a collection of routers (nationwide or worldwide) connected by high-speed point-to-point networks.**

**A *Network Access Point (NAP)* is a router that connects multiple backbones (sometimes referred to as *peers*).**

***Regional networks* are smaller backbones that cover smaller geographical areas (e.g., cities or states)**

**A *point of presence (POP)* is a machine that is connected to the Internet.**

***Internet Service Providers (ISPs)* provide dial-up or direct access to POPs.**



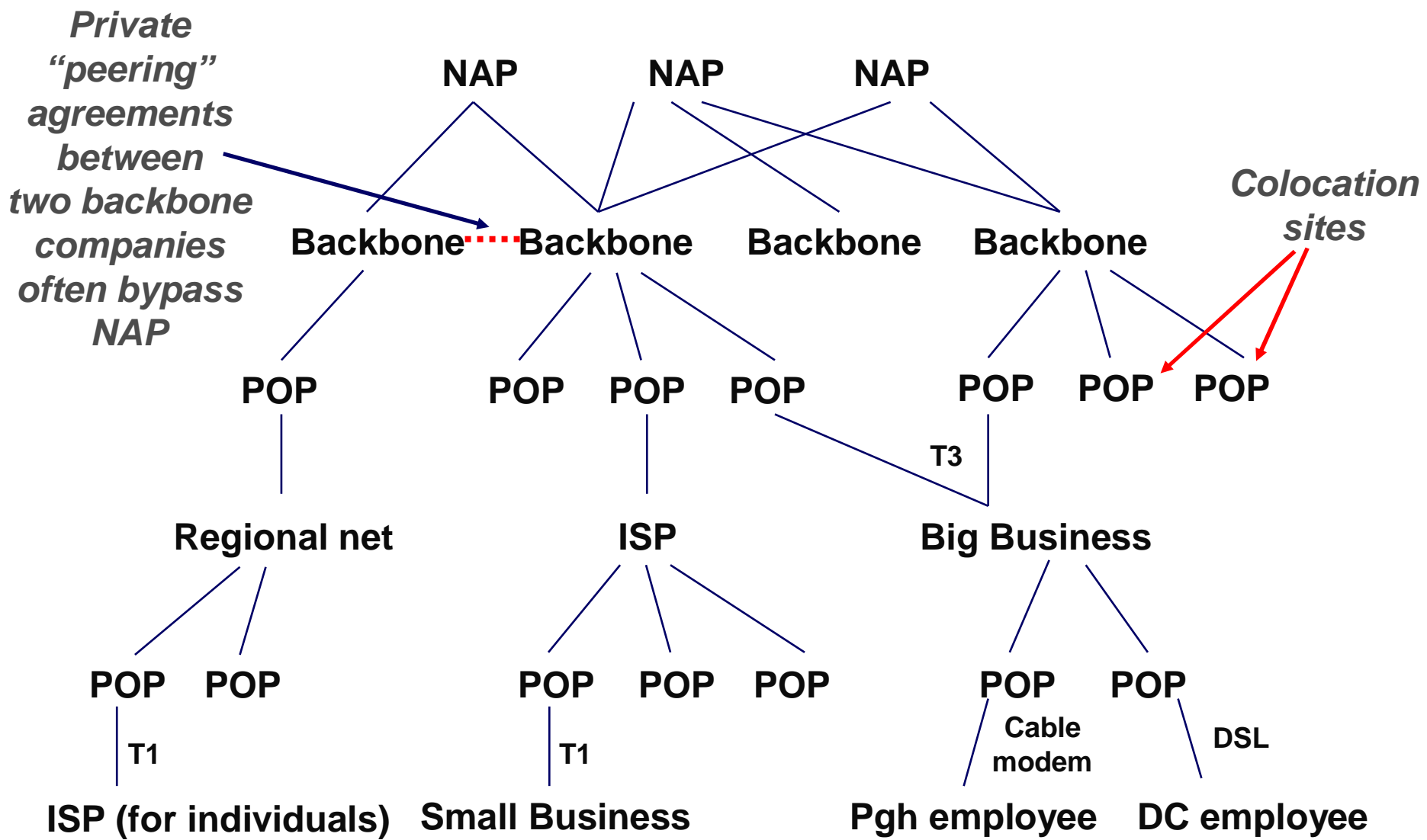
# **NAP-Based Internet Architecture**

**NAPs link together commercial backbones provided by companies such as AT&T and Worldcom**

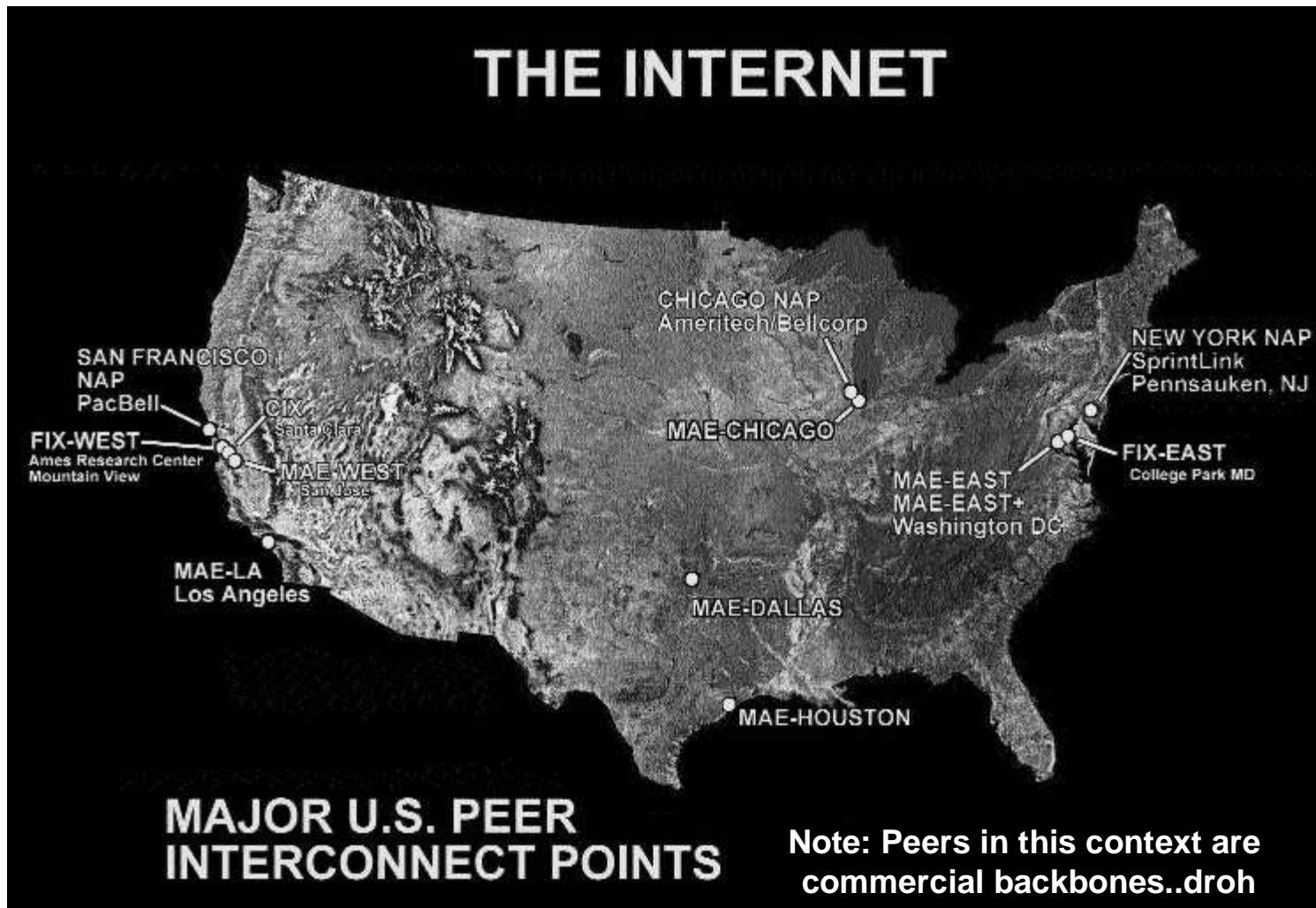
**Currently in the US there are about 50 commercial backbones connected by ~12 NAPs (peering points).**

**Similar architecture worldwide connects national networks to the Internet.**

# Internet Connection Hierarchy



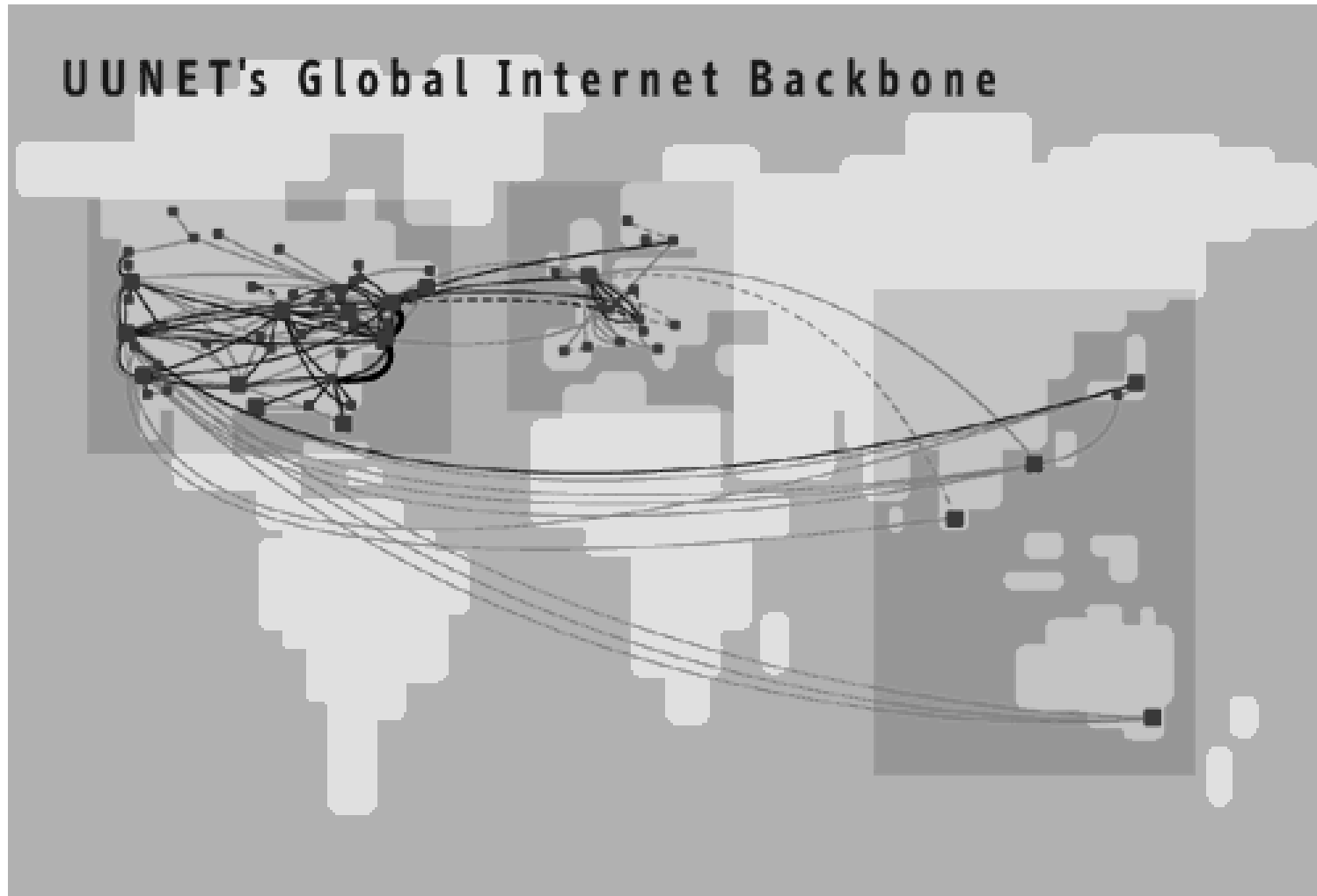
# Network Access Points (NAPs)



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# MCI/WorldCom/UUNET Global Backbone



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# Naming and Communicating on the Internet

## Original Idea

- Every node on Internet would have unique IP address
  - Everyone would be able to talk directly to everyone
- No secrecy or authentication
  - Messages visible to routers and hosts on same LAN
  - Possible to forge source field in packet header

## Shortcomings

- There aren't enough IP addresses available
- Don't want everyone to have access or knowledge of all other hosts
- Security issues mandate secrecy & authentication

# Evolution of Internet: Naming

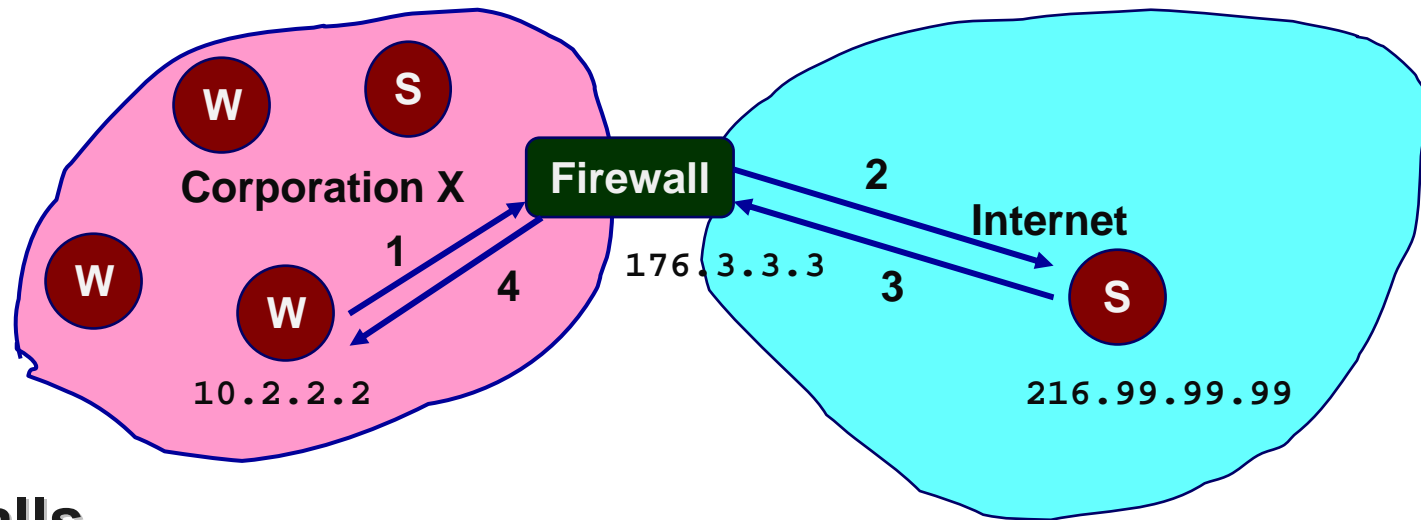
## Dynamic Address Assignment

- Most hosts don't need to have known address
  - Only those functioning as servers
- DHCP protocol
  - Local ISP assigns address for temporary use

## Example:

- My laptop at CMU
  - IP address 128.237.230.16 (`bunt.wv.cs.cmu.edu`)
  - Assigned statically
- My laptop at home
  - IP address 205.201.7.7 (`dhcp-7-7.dsl.telera.com`)
  - Assigned dynamically by my ISP for my DSL service

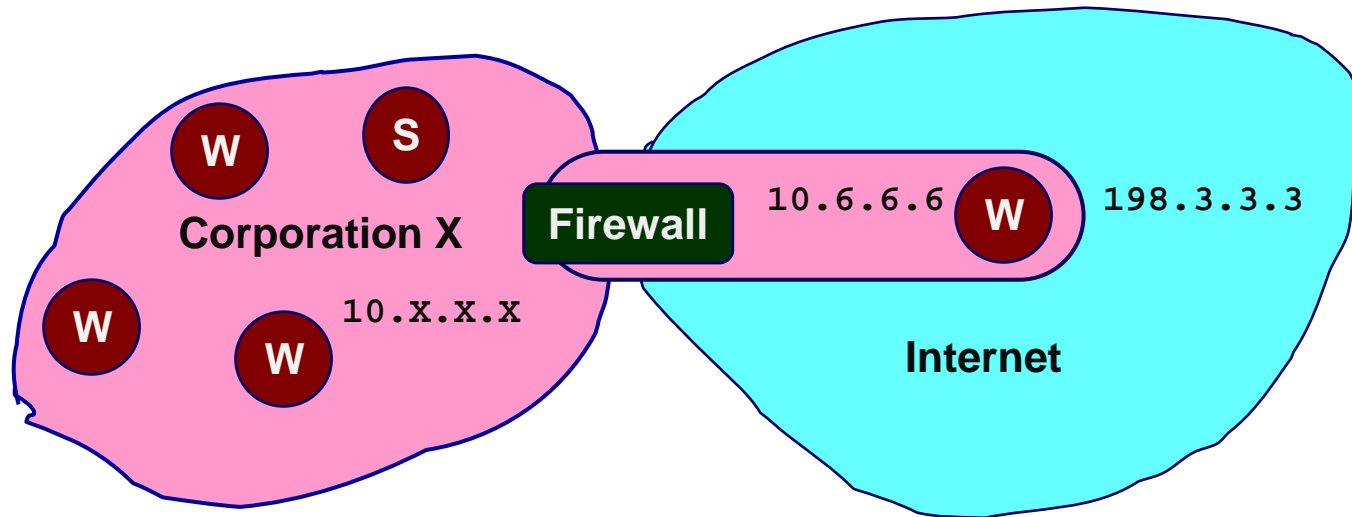
# Evolution of Internet: Firewalls



## Firewalls

- Hides organizations nodes from rest of Internet
- Use local IP addresses within organization
- For external service, provides proxy service
  1. Client request: src=10.2.2.2, dest=216.99.99.99
  2. Firewall forwards: src=176.3.3.3, dest=216.99.99.99
  3. Server responds: src=216.99.99.99, dest=176.3.3.3
  4. Firewall forwards response: src=216.99.99.99, dest=10.2.2.2

# Virtual Private Networks



## Supporting Road Warrior

- Employee working remotely with assigned IP address 198.3.3.3
- Wants to appear to rest of corporation as if working internally
  - From address 10.6.6.6
  - Gives access to internal services (e.g., ability to send mail)

## Virtual Private Network (VPN)

- Overlays private network on top of regular Internet



# A Programmer's View of the Internet

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

- 128.2.203.179

2. The set of IP addresses is mapped to a set of identifiers called Internet *domain names*.

- 128.2.203.179 is mapped to `www.cs.cmu.edu`

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

# 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 {  
    unsigned int s_addr; /* network byte order (big-endian) */  
};
```

**Handy network byte-order conversion functions:**

**htonl: convert long int from host to network byte order.**

**htons: convert short int from host to network byte order.**

**ntohl: convert long int from network to host byte order.**

**ntohs: convert short int from network to host byte order.**

# Dotted Decimal Notation

By convention, each byte in a 32-bit IP address is represented by its decimal value and separated by a period

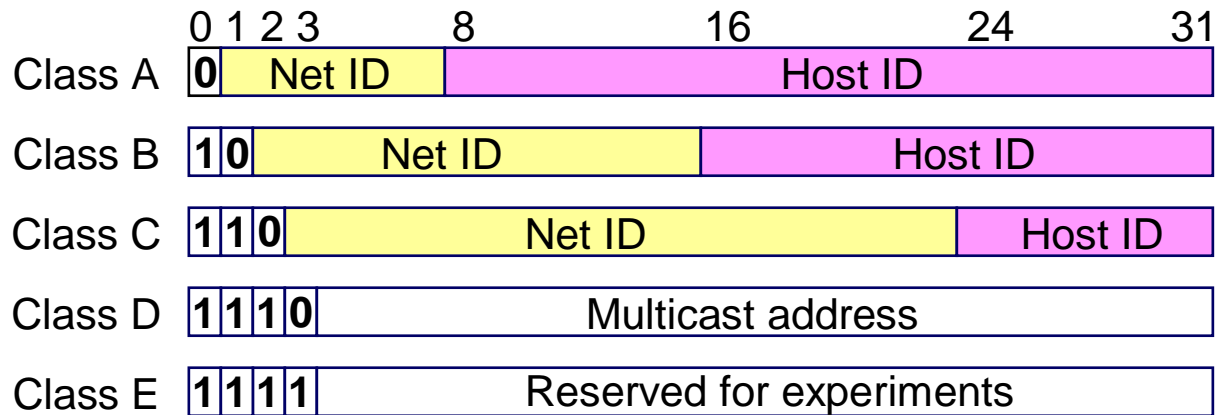
- IP address `0x8002C2F2` = `128.2.194.242`

Functions for converting between binary IP addresses and dotted decimal strings:

- `inet_aton`: converts a dotted decimal string to an IP address in network byte order.
- `inet_ntoa`: converts an IP address in network byte order to its corresponding dotted decimal string.
- “n” denotes network representation. “a” denotes application representation.

# IP Address Structure

IP (V4) Address space divided into classes:



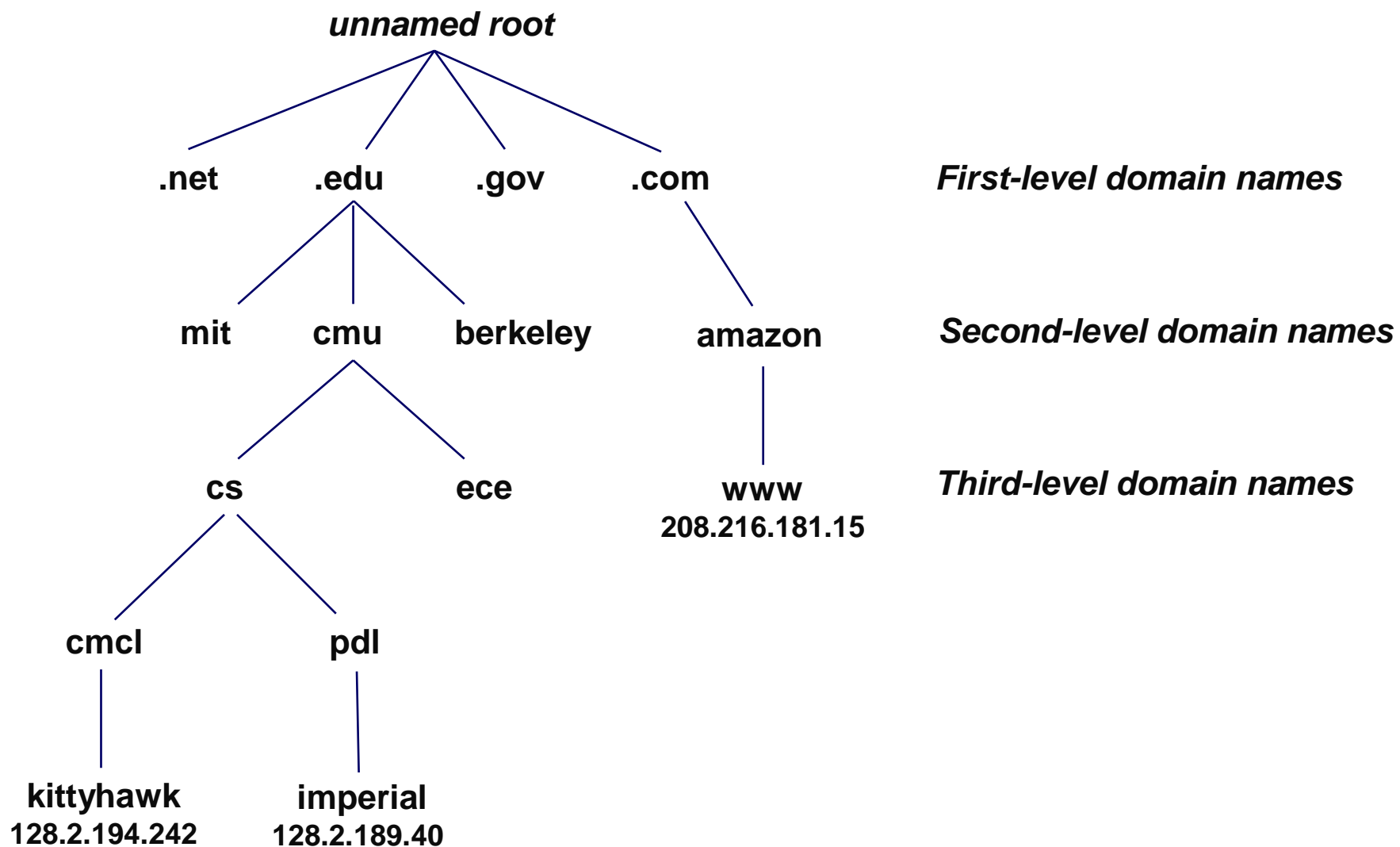
Network ID Written in form  $w.x.y.z/n$

- $n$  = number of bits in host address
- E.g., CMU written as 128.2.0.0/16
  - Class B address

Unrouted (private) IP addresses:

10.0.0.0/8    172.16.0.0/12    192.168.0.0/16

# 2. Internet Domain Names



# Domain Naming System (DNS)

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

- Conceptually, programmers can view the DNS database as a collection of millions of *host entry structures*:

```
/* DNS host entry structure */
struct hostent {
    char    *h_name;          /* official domain name of host */
    char    **h_aliases;     /* null-terminated array of domain names */
    int     h_addrtype;      /* host address type (AF_INET) */
    int     h_length;        /* length of an address, in bytes */
    char    **h_addr_list;   /* null-terminated array of in_addr structs */
};
```

## Functions for retrieving host entries from DNS:

- `gethostbyname`: query key is a DNS domain name.
- `gethostbyaddr`: query key is an IP address.

# Properties of DNS Host Entries

Each host entry is an equivalence class of domain names and IP addresses.

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

Different kinds of mappings are possible:

- Simple case: 1-1 mapping between domain name and IP addr:
  - `kittyhawk.cmcl.cs.cmu.edu` maps to `128.2.194.242`
- Multiple domain names mapped to the same IP address:
  - `eecs.mit.edu` and `cs.mit.edu` both map to `18.62.1.6`
- Multiple domain names mapped to multiple IP addresses:
  - `aol.com` and `www.aol.com` map to multiple IP addrs.
- Some valid domain names don't map to any IP address:
  - for example: `cmcl.cs.cmu.edu`

# A Program That Queries DNS

```
int main(int argc, char **argv) { /* argv[1] is a domain name */
    char **pp;                    /* or dotted decimal IP addr */
    struct in_addr addr;
    struct hostent *hostp;

    if (inet_aton(argv[1], &addr) != 0)
        hostp = Gethostbyaddr((const char *)&addr, sizeof(addr),
                               AF_INET);
    else
        hostp = Gethostbyname(argv[1]);
    printf("official hostname: %s\n", hostp->h_name);

    for (pp = hostp->h_aliases; *pp != NULL; pp++)
        printf("alias: %s\n", *pp);

    for (pp = hostp->h_addr_list; *pp != NULL; pp++) {
        addr.s_addr = *((unsigned int *)*pp);
        printf("address: %s\n", inet_ntoa(addr));
    }
}
```



# Querying DNS from the Command Line

Domain Information Groper (`dig`) provides a scriptable command line interface to DNS.

```
linux> dig +short kittyhawk.cmcl.cs.cmu.edu
128.2.194.242
linux> dig +short -x 128.2.194.242
KITTYHAWK.CMCL.CS.CMU.EDU.
linux> dig +short aol.com
205.188.145.215
205.188.160.121
64.12.149.24
64.12.187.25
linux> dig +short -x 64.12.187.25
aol-v5.websys.aol.com.
```

# 3. Internet Connections

Clients and servers communicate by sending streams of bytes over *connections*:

- Point-to-point, full-duplex (2-way communication), and reliable.

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 on client 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)

A connection is uniquely identified by the socket addresses of its endpoints (*socket pair*)

- `(cliaddr:cliport, servaddr:servport)`

# Putting it all Together: Anatomy of an Internet Connection



# **Next Time**

**How to use the sockets interface to establish Internet connections between clients and servers**

**How to use Unix I/O to copy data from one host to another over an Internet connection.**