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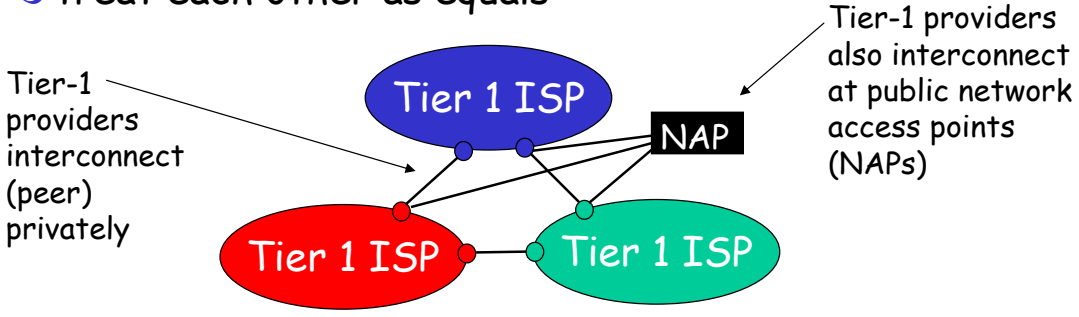
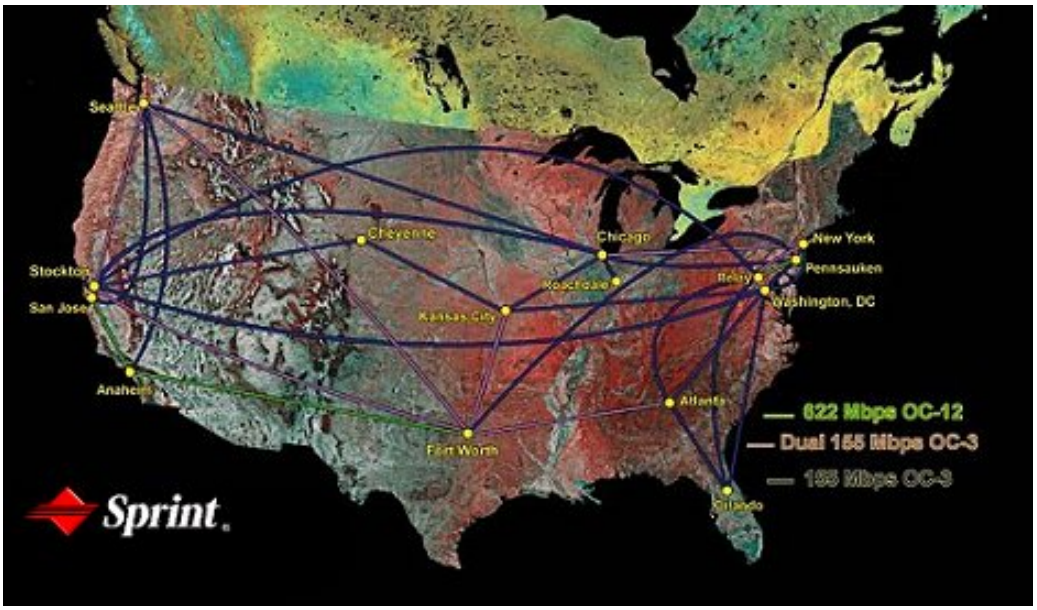
Internet structure: network of networks

- roughly hierarchical
- at center: "tier-1" ISPs (e.g., UUNet, BBN/Genuity/level3, Sprint, AT&T, QWest), national/international coverage
  - treat each other as equals



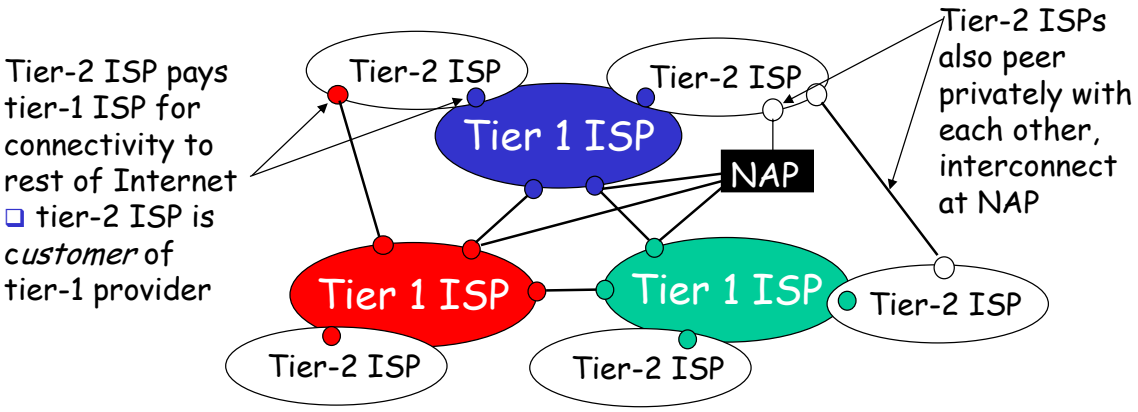
Tier-1 ISP: e.g., Sprint

Sprint US backbone network



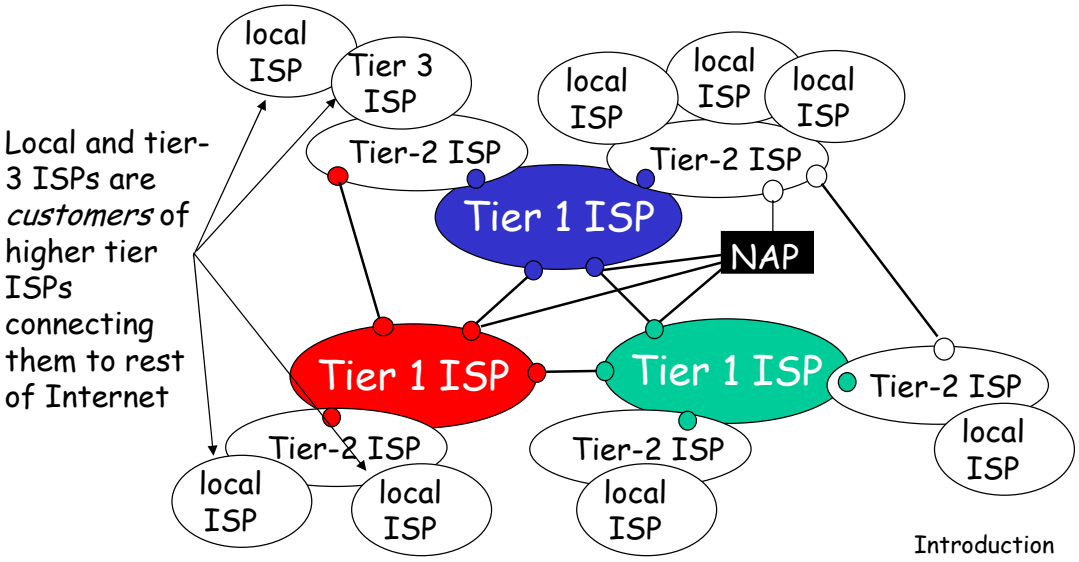
Internet structure: network of networks

- "Tier-2" ISPs: smaller (often regional) ISPs
  - Connect to one or more tier-1 ISPs, possibly other tier-2 ISPs



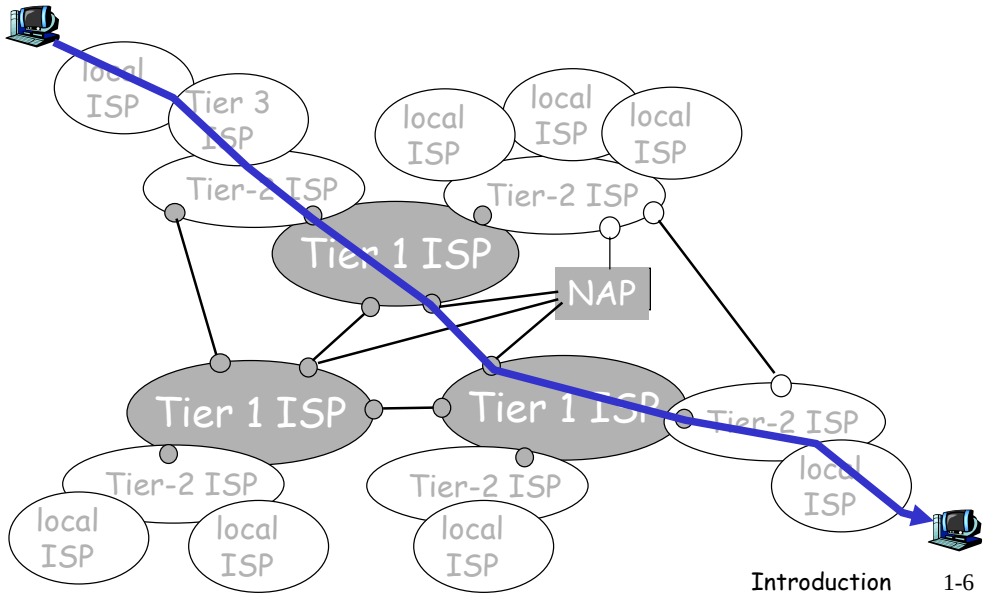
Internet structure: network of networks

- "Tier-3" ISPs and local ISPs
  - last hop ("access") network (closest to end systems)



Internet structure: network of networks

- a packet passes through many networks!



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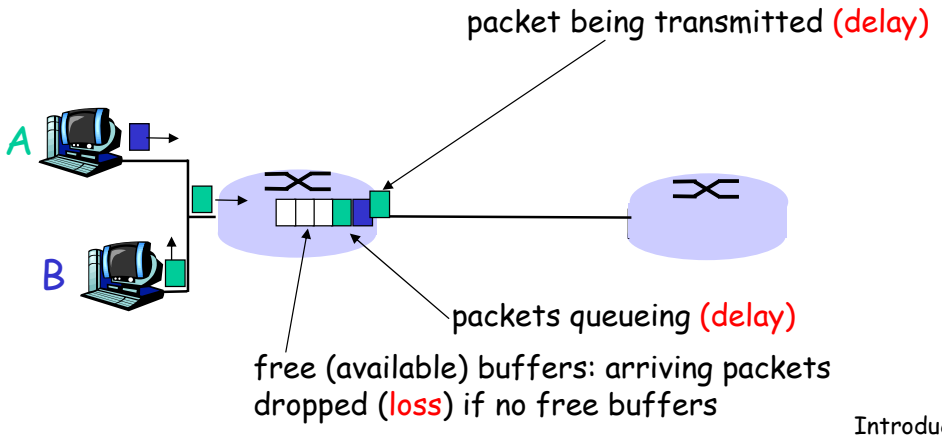
How do loss and delay occur?

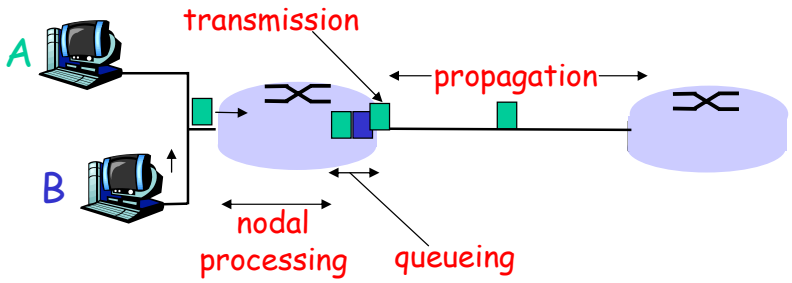
packets *queue* in router buffers

- packet arrival rate to link exceeds output link capacity
- packets queue, wait for turn



Four sources of packet delay

- 1. nodal processing:
  - check bit errors
  - determine output link
- 2. queueing
  - time waiting at output link for transmission
  - depends on congestion level of router

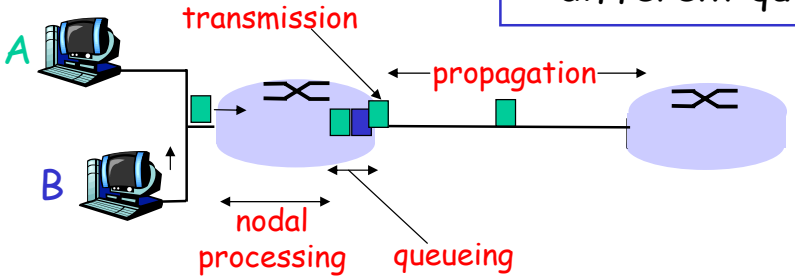


Delay in packet-switched networks

3. Transmission delay:
- R=link bandwidth (bps)
- L=packet length (bits)
- time to send bits into link = L/R

4. Propagation delay:
- d = length of physical link
- s = propagation speed in medium (~2x10^8 m/sec)
- propagation delay = d/s

Note: s and R are *very* different quantities!



Nodal delay

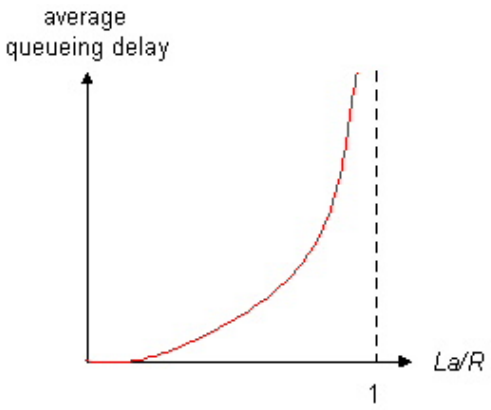
$$d_{\text{nodal}} = d_{\text{proc}} + d_{\text{queue}} + d_{\text{trans}} + d_{\text{prop}}$$

- d_{proc} = processing delay
  - typically a few microsecs or less
- d_{queue} = queuing delay
  - depends on congestion
- d_{trans} = transmission delay
  - = L/R, significant for low-speed links
- d_{prop} = propagation delay
  - a few microsecs to hundreds of msecs

Queueing delay (revisited)

- R=link bandwidth (bps)
- L=packet length (bits)
- a=average packet arrival rate

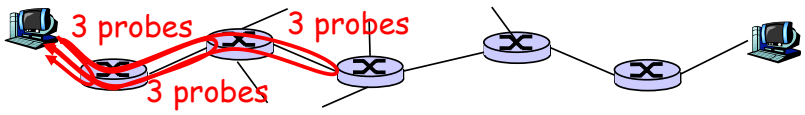
traffic intensity = La/R



- La/R ~ 0: average queueing delay small
- La/R -> 1: delays become large
- La/R > 1: more "work" arriving than can be serviced, average delay infinite!

"Real" Internet delays and routes

- What do "real" Internet delay & loss look like?
- **Traceroute program:** provides delay measurement from source to router along end-end Internet path towards destination. For all *i*:
  - sends three packets that will reach router *i* on path towards destination
  - router *i* will return packets to sender
  - sender times interval between transmission and reply.



"Real" Internet delays and routes

traceroute: gaia.cs.umass.edu to www.eurecom.fr

Three delay measements from gaia.cs.umass.edu to cs-gw.cs.umass.edu

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1  cs-gw (128.119.240.254)  1 ms  1 ms  2 ms
2  border1-rt-fa5-1-0.gw.umass.edu (128.119.3.145)  1 ms  1 ms  2 ms
3  cht-vbns.gw.umass.edu (128.119.3.130)  6 ms 5 ms 5 ms
4  jn1-at1-0-0-19.wor.vbns.net (204.147.132.129)  16 ms 11 ms 13 ms
5  jn1-so7-0-0-0.wae.vbns.net (204.147.136.136)  21 ms 18 ms 18 ms
6  abilene-vbns.abilene.ucaid.edu (198.32.11.9)  22 ms  18 ms  22 ms
7  nycm-wash.abilene.ucaid.edu (198.32.8.46)  22 ms  22 ms  22 ms
8  62.40.103.253 (62.40.103.253)  104 ms 109 ms 106 ms
9  de2-1.de1.de.geant.net (62.40.96.129)  109 ms 102 ms 104 ms
10  de.fr1.fr.geant.net (62.40.96.50)  113 ms 121 ms 114 ms
11  renater-gw.fr1.fr.geant.net (62.40.103.54)  112 ms  114 ms  112 ms
12  nio-n2.cssi.renater.fr (193.51.206.13)  111 ms  114 ms  116 ms
13  nice.cssi.renater.fr (195.220.98.102)  123 ms  125 ms  124 ms
14  r3t2-nice.cssi.renater.fr (195.220.98.110)  126 ms  126 ms  124 ms
15  eurecom-valbonne.r3t2.ft.net (193.48.50.54)  135 ms  128 ms  133 ms
16  194.214.211.25 (194.214.211.25)  126 ms  128 ms  126 ms
17  * * *
18  * * *
19  fantasia.eurecom.fr (193.55.113.142)  132 ms  128 ms  136 ms
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trans-oceanic link

* means no reponse (probe lost, router not replying)

Packet loss

- queue (aka buffer) preceding link in buffer has finite capacity
- when packet arrives to full queue, packet is dropped (aka lost)
- lost packet may be retransmitted by previous node, by source end system, or not retransmitted at all

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Protocol "Layers"

Networks are complex!

- many "pieces":
  - hosts
  - routers
  - links of various media
  - applications
  - protocols
  - hardware, software

Question:

Is there any hope of *organizing* structure of network?

Or at least our discussion of networks?

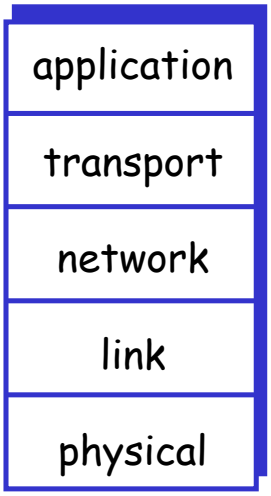
Why layering?

Dealing with complex systems:

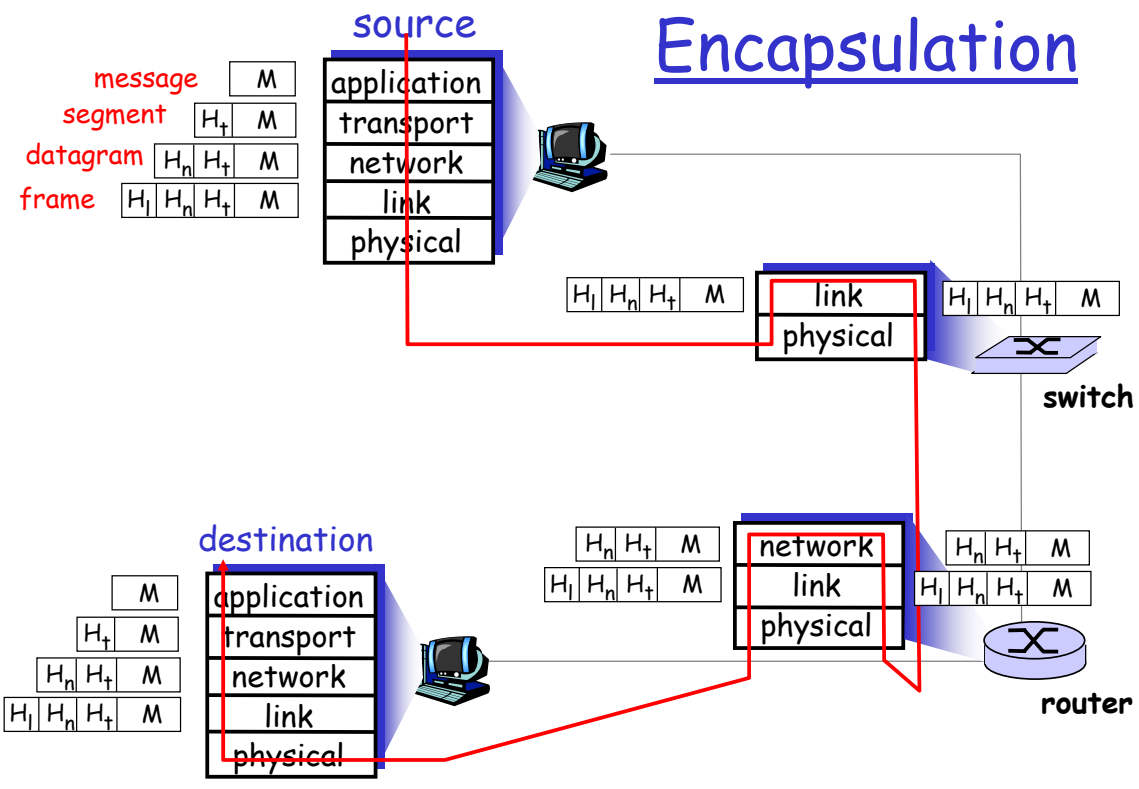
- explicit structure allows identification, relationship of complex system's pieces
  - layered reference model for discussion
- modularization eases maintenance, updating of system
  - change of implementation of layer's service transparent to rest of system
  - e.g., change in one procedure doesn't affect rest of system
- layering considered harmful?

Internet protocol stack

- application: supporting network applications
  - FTP, SMTP, STTP
- transport: host-host data transfer
  - TCP, UDP
- network: routing of datagrams from source to destination
  - IP, routing protocols
- link: data transfer between neighboring network elements
  - PPP, Ethernet
- physical: bits "on the wire"



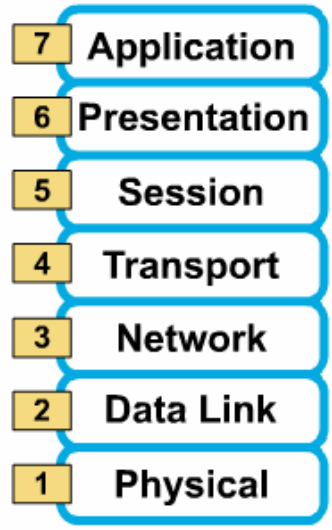
Encapsulation



OSI Reference Model

The International Standards Organization (ISO) proposal for the standardization of the various protocols used in computer networks (specifically those networks used to connect open systems) is called the Open Systems Interconnection Reference Model (1984), or simply the OSI model.

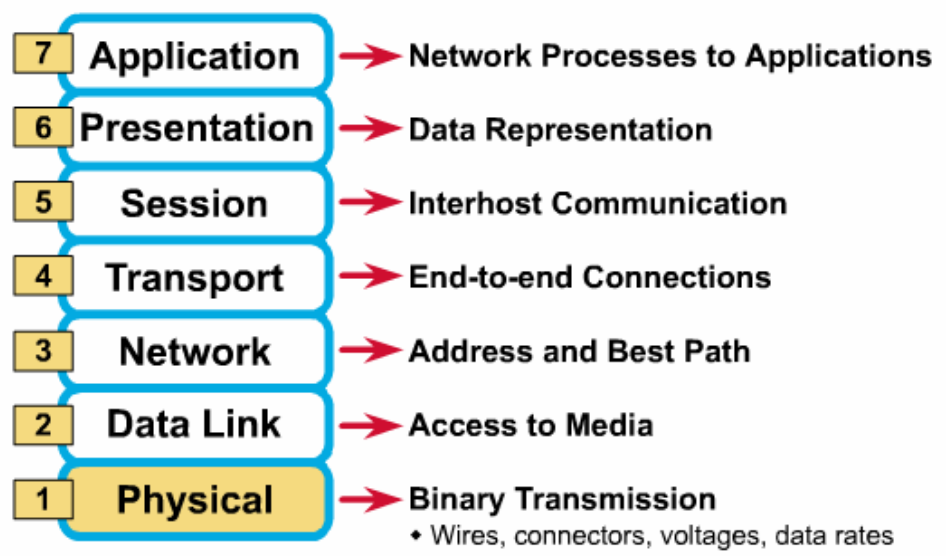
Why a Layered Model?



- Reduces complexity
- Standardizes interfaces
- Facilitates modular engineering
- Ensures interoperable technology
- Accelerates evolution
- Simplifies teaching and learning

All People Seem To Need Data Processing

Layers with Functions



Introduction: Summary

Covered a "ton" of material!

- Internet overview
- what's a protocol?
- network edge, core, access network
  - packet-switching versus circuit-switching
- Internet/ISP structure
- performance: loss, delay
- layering and service models

You now have:

- context, overview, "feel" of networking
- more depth, detail *to follow!*