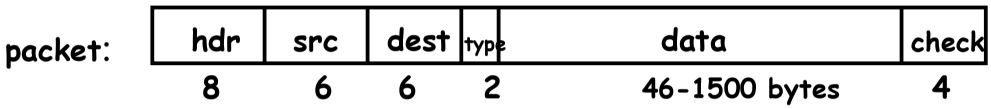
Communications and networking

- **history and background**
  - telephone system
  - local area networks
- **Internet**
  - architecture: what the pieces are and how they fit together
  - names and addresses: what's your name and number?
    Domain Name System, IP addresses
  - routing: how to get from here to there
    traceroute, ping
  - fundamental protocols and layers
    IP, TCP
  - higher level protocols and services:
    HTTP, SSH, SMTP, IMAP, ...; web, email, instant messaging, peer to peer, ...
- **Web**
  - what makes it work: URL, HTTP, HTML, browser

Local Area Networks; Ethernet

- **a LAN connects computers ("hosts") in a small geographical area**
- **Ethernet is the most widely used LAN technology**
  - developed by Bob Metcalfe & David Boggs at Xerox PARC, 1973
  - each host has a unique 48-bit identification number
  - data sent from one host to another in "packets" of 100-1500 bytes
    including source and destination address and error checking bits
    typical data rate 10-1000 Mbits/sec; limits on cable length



- **"broadcast" technology: data sent to all connected hosts**
  - sender broadcasts, but if it detects someone else sending, stops, waits a random interval, tries again
- **wireless Ethernet uses radio to carry signals**
  - logical behavior is exactly like a wired Ethernet

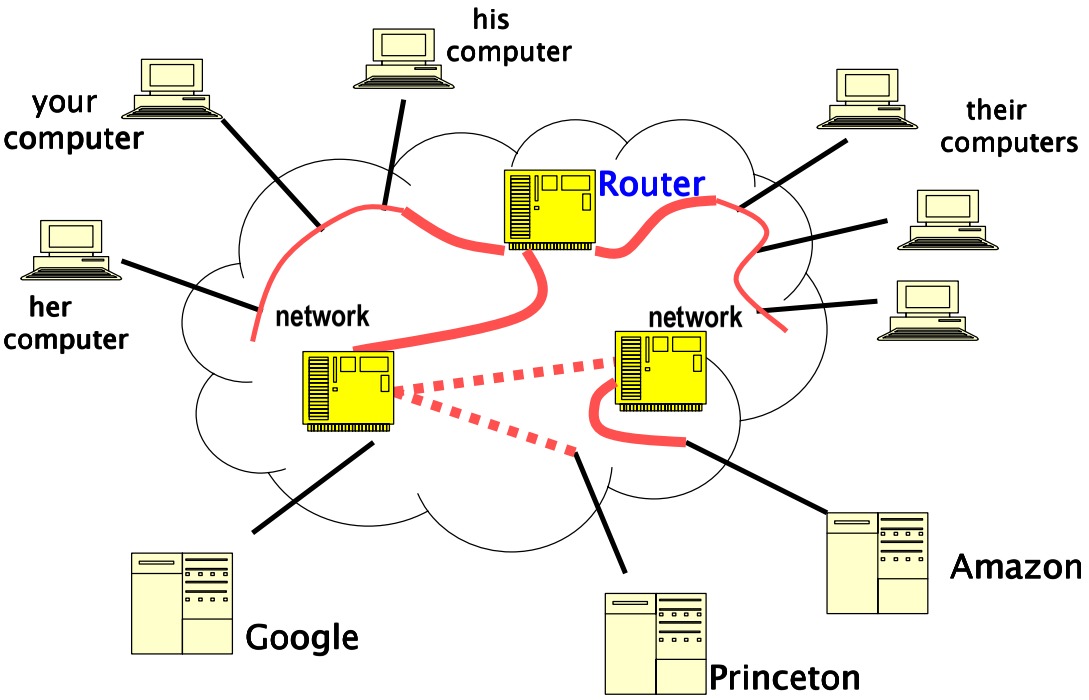
Connecting networks (wide area networks / WAN)

- **how do we connect LANs to each other?**
  - LANs may have different properties
  - may be far away

- **names & addresses now needed to find other networks and hosts**
- **routing needed to find a path if multiple networks are involved**
  - can't have each network connected directly to all others
- **need to agree on format of information and how it is exchanged**
  - especially if networks are different kinds that use
    - different format for packets
    - different physical and electrical properties
    - different names and addresses themselves

- **how do we handle errors, delays, overload, etc.?**
- **how does it scale as the number of networks gets really big?**

Gateways and Routers



The Internet

- **a huge number of independent networks that are connected**
  - NOT a giant computer or a single network
  - each network may serve many host computers
- **nearby computers are connected by a local area network**
  - most often Ethernet
- **information travels through networks in small "packets"**
  - each packet independent of all others
    like individual envelopes through the mail
  - all packets have the same format
  - standard protocols for format of info and behavior
- **networks connected by specialized gateway computers (routers)**
  - route packets of information from one network to the next
  - gateways continuously exchange routing information
- **each packet passes through multiple gateways**
  - gateway passes packet to gateway that is closer to ultimate destination
  - gateways usually operated by different companies

Internet History

- **1961: packet switching concept (Leonard Kleinrock, MIT, UCLA)**
- **1960's: ARPANET, funding from DARPA (Dept of Defense)**
- **1969: first Internet communication**
- **1972: first network email**
- **1973: basic protocols: TCP/IP (Bob Kahn *64, Vint Cerf)**
- **1980's: National Science Foundation funding, NSFNet (Al Gore)**
- **1980's: Internet Engineering Task Force for technical decisions**
- **1990's: commercialization, Web, dot-com boom**
- **2000: dot-com bust**
- **2010: universal availability**

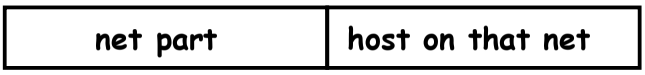
- **for lots more, http://www.isoc.org/internet/history/**

Basic mechanisms

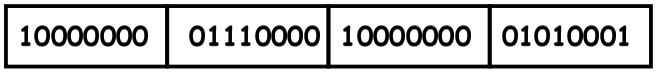
- **names** for computers
  - princeton.edu, finance.yahoo.com, www.whitehouse.gov, kernighan.net, ...
- **addresses** for identifying networks and computers
  - each has a unique number like 128.112.128.81 (IP address)
  - central authority assigns numbers to networks
  - each host computer has unique address (32 bit integer in IPv4), assigned locally according to what network it's on
- **Domain Name System** to convert names to addresses
- **routing** for finding paths from network to network
- **protocols** (rules) for packaging and transporting information
  - IP, or "Internet Protocol": a uniform transport mechanism
    at IP level, all information is in a common format
  - below IP, different hardware uses different protocols
  - above IP, higher-level protocols for handling web pages, mail, login ...

Internet (IP) addresses

- **each network and each connected computer has an IP address**
- **IP address: a unique 32-bit number in IPv4 (IPv6 is 128 bits)**
  - 1st part is network id, assigned centrally in blocks
    (Internet Assigned Numbers Authority -> Internet Service Provider -> you)
  - 2nd part is host id within that network
    assigned locally, often dynamically



- **written in "dotted decimal" notation: each byte in decimal**
  - e.g., 128.112.128.81 = www.princeton.edu



Domain names

- **a hierarchical naming scheme**
  - central authority (ICANN) manages top level of names
- **top level domains include .com, .edu, .gov, .xx for country XX**
  - and newer domains like .biz, .info, .name , …
- **each domain delegates responsibilities to levels below**
  - for administration and translation into addresses
- **each level is responsible for names within it**
  - princeton.edu handles all of princeton
  - delegates cs.princeton.edu to a CS machine
  - CS department manages names within, e.g., bolle.cs.princeton.edu
- **names impose logical structure, not physical or geographical**

ICANN

- **Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers**
  - non-profit corporation, established 1998 by Dept of Commerce
  - technical coordination of the Internet
  - www.icann.org
- **"coordinates the assignment of the following identifiers that must be globally unique for the Internet to function:**
  - Internet domain names
  - IP address numbers
  - protocol parameter and port numbers
- **"coordinates the stable operation of the Internet's root server system"**

Domain name system (DNS)

- **DNS converts names to IP addresses and vice versa**
  - www.princeton.edu == 128.112.128.81
  - carnegiehall.org == 63.131.135.199
  - kernighan.org == 67.18.147.42
- **hierarchical searching for addresses**
  - central authority controls top level domain names (.com, etc.)
  - delegates responsibilities for searching to levels below
  - each level responsible for names and addresses within it
    princeton.edu handles address lookup for all of princeton
    delegates cs.princeton.edu to a CS machine
- **top level domains handled by 13 root servers**
- **lookup for a name asks a local name server first**
  - if not known locally, asks a server higher up, …, to root server
  - recently-used names are cached to speed up access
- **names impose logical structure, not physical or geographical**

Routing

- **networks are connected by gateways or routers**
- **routing rules direct packets from gateway to gateway**
  trying to get closer to ultimate destination
- **routers exchange information frequently about routes**
- **bottom-up view:**
  - gateways move packets from one network to another based on network id
  - if destination on the same network, use physical address
  - otherwise send to a gateway, which passes it to another network
- **top-down view:**
  - networks connected only through gateways
  - core has a small set of gateways that exchange complete routing info
    about which nets it knows about and number of hops to reach them
  - autonomous system: group of networks under single authority
  - passes reachability info to core for use by other autonomous systems
  - interior gateway protocols exchange routing info within a single AS
- **traceroute: how do you get from here to there?**