

# **Lecture 17:**

## **Protocols**

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- precise rules that govern communication between two parties
- TCP/IP: the basic Internet protocols
- IP: Internet protocol (bottom level)
  - all packets shipped from network to network as IP packets
  - no guarantees on quality of service or reliability: "best effort"
  - each physical network has its own format for carrying IP packets
- TCP: transmission control protocol
  - creates a reliable 2-way data stream using IP
    - errors are detected and corrected
  - most things we think of as "Internet" use TCP
- "application-level" protocols, mostly built from TCP
  - HTTP (web), SMTP (mail), SSH (secure login), FTP (file transfer), ...
- UDP: user datagram protocol
  - simple unreliable datagram protocol (errors not detected)
  - used in DNS, remote file systems, ...

# Packets

- **packet: a sequence of bytes carrying information**
  - usually over a network connection
- **bytes have a specific sequence, format, organization**
  - usually as specified in a protocol
- **typical network packet includes**
  - source (where it comes from)
  - destination (where it goes to)
  - size or length information (how big is the data part)
  - miscellaneous information (type, version, info to detect errors, ...)
  - the data itself ("payload")
- **typical sizes range from**
  - a few bytes
  - 150-1500 (Ethernet packets)
  - 100-65000 (IP packets)

# What's in an IP packet

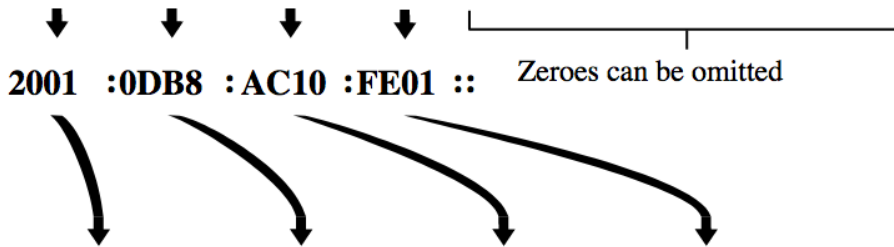
- a "header" that contains
  - protocol version, type of packet, length of header, length of data
  - fragmentation info in case it was broken into pieces
  - time to live: maximum number of hops before packet is discarded  
each gateway decreases this by 1
  - source & destination addresses (32 bits for IPv4, 128 bits for IPv6)
  - checksum of header information  
redundant info to detect errors in header information only, not data itself
  - etc.; about 20-40 bytes in header
- actual data
  - up to 64 KB of payload
  - IPv4:

version	type	hdr len	total len	frag	TTL	source address	dest address	chk	data...
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# IPv6 header

An IPv6 address (in hexadecimal)

**2001 :0DB8 :AC10 :FE01 :0000 :0000 :0000 :0000**



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00100000000000001:0000110110111000:1010110000010000:111111000000001:
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0000000000000000:0000000000000000:0000000000000000:0000000000000000

### Fixed header format

Offsets	Octet	0								1								2								3							
Octet	Bit	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
0	0	Version				Traffic Class						Flow Label																					
4	32	Payload Length																Next Header								Hop Limit							
8	64	Source Address																															
12	96																																
16	128																																
20	160																																
24	192	Destination Address																															
28	224																																
32	256																																
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# IP: Internet Protocol

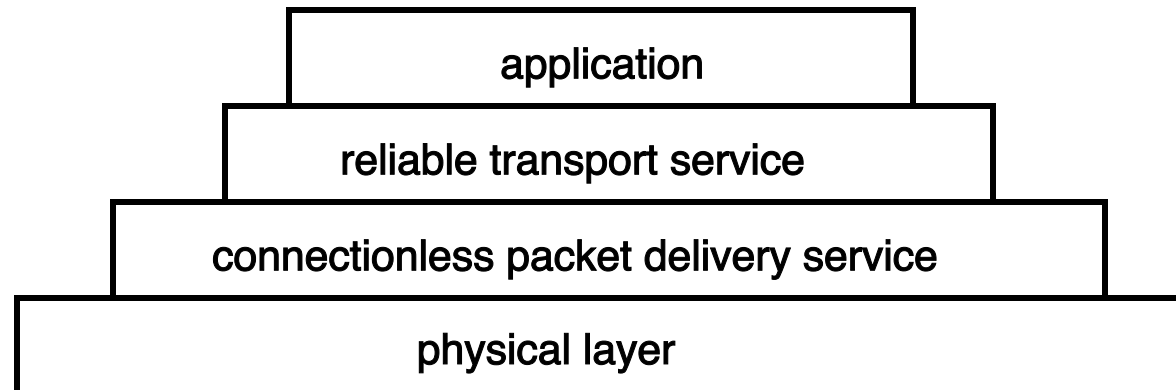
- **IP provides an unreliable connectionless packet delivery service**
  - every packet has full source & destination addresses
  - every packet is independent of all others
- **IP packets are *datagrams***
  - individually addressed packages, like postcards in the postal system  
"connectionless"
  - stateless: no memory from one packet to next  
each packet is independent of others, even if in sequence and going same place
  - unreliable: packets can be lost or duplicated ("best effort" delivery)
  - packets can be delivered out of order
  - contents can be wrong (though error rates are usually very low)
  - no speed control: packets can arrive too fast to be processed
  - limited size: long messages have to be split up and then reassembled
- **higher level protocols use IP packets to carry information**
- **IP packets are carried on a wide variety of physical media**

# TCP: Transmission Control Protocol

- a reliable 2-way byte stream built with IP
- a TCP connection is established to a specific host
  - and a specific "port" at that host
- each port provides a specific service
  - SSH = 22, SMTP = 25, HTTP = 80, ...
- a message is broken into 1 or more segments
- each TCP segment has a header (src, dest, etc) + data
  - header includes checksum for error detection, and sequence number to preserve order and detect missing or duplicated packets
- each TCP segment is wrapped in an IP packet and sent
  - has to be positively acknowledged to ensure that it arrived safely otherwise, re-send it after a time interval
- TCP is the basis of most higher-level protocols

# Higher level protocols

- SSH: secure login
- SMTP: mail transfer
- HTTP: hypertext transfer -> Web
- protocol layering:
  - a single protocol can't do everything
  - higher-level protocols build elaborate operations out of simpler ones
  - each layer uses only the services of the one directly below
  - and provides the services expected by the layer above
  - all communication is between peer levels: layer N destination receives exactly the object sent by layer N source

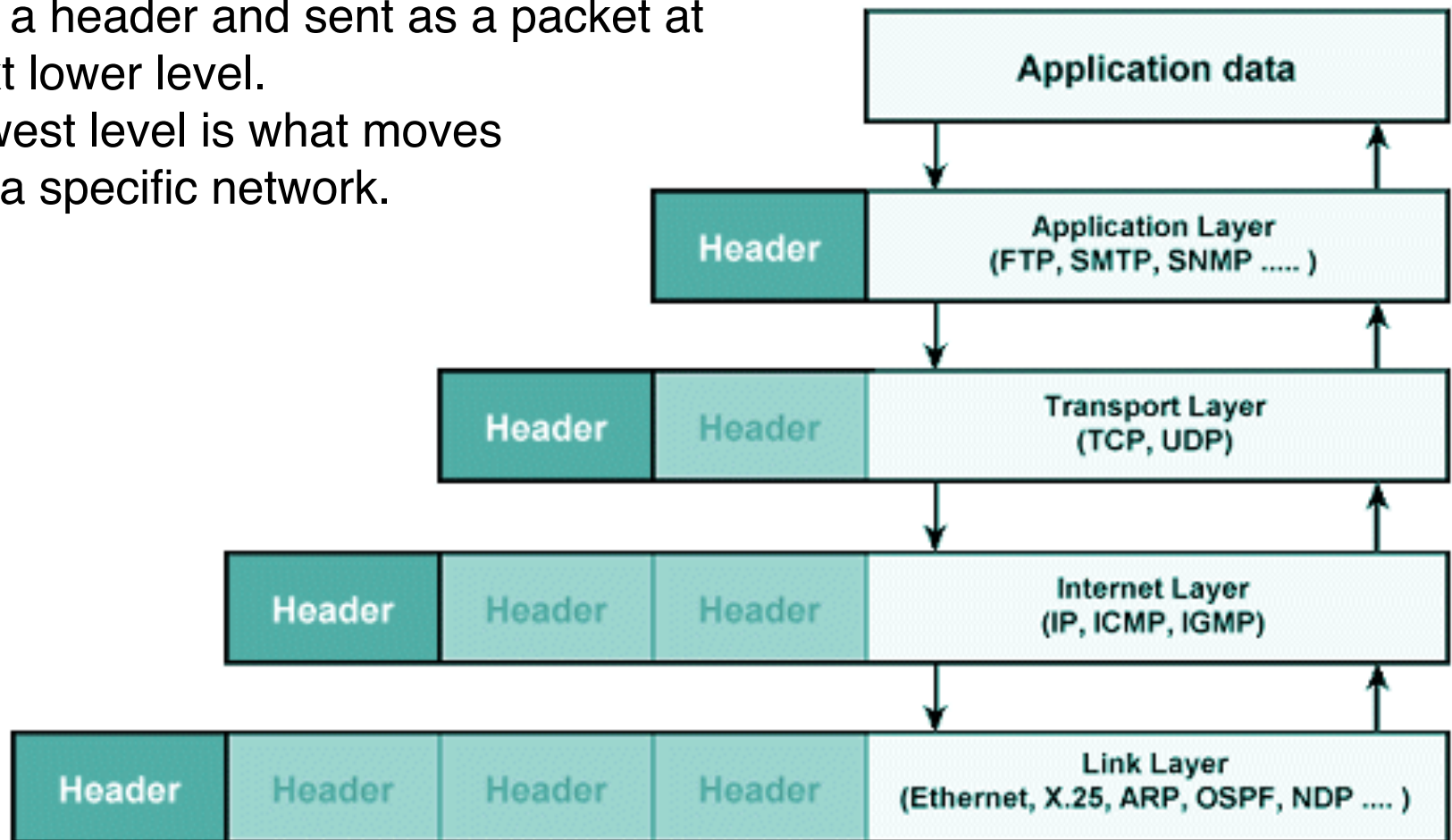




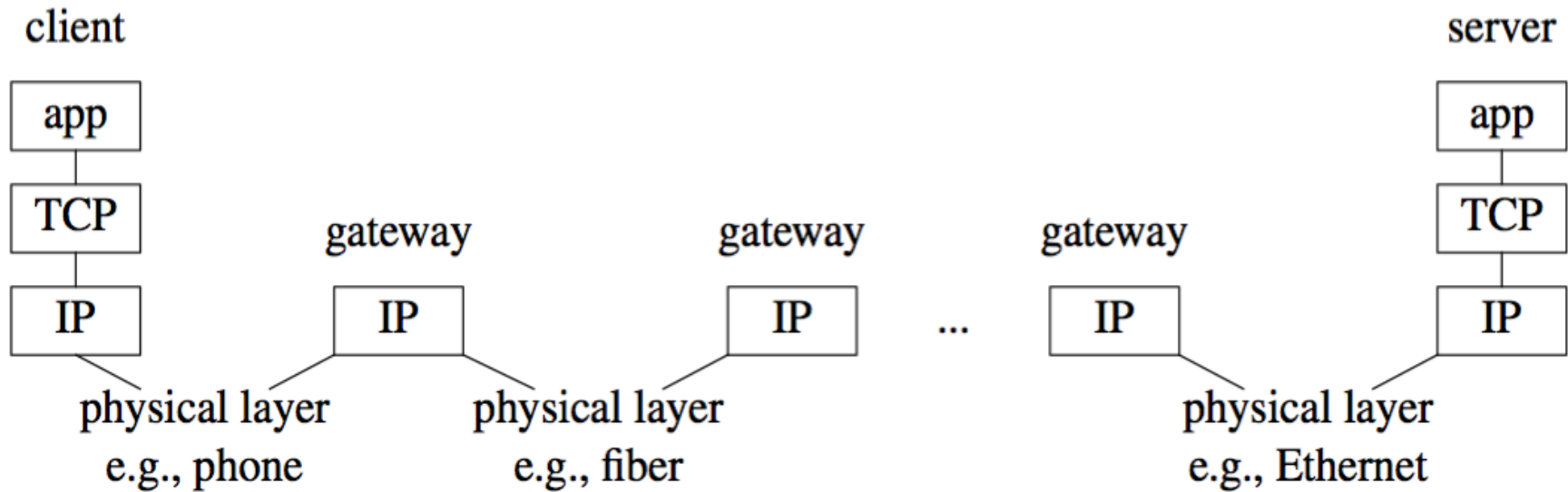
# Encapsulation

Each piece of data at one level is wrapped up with a header and sent as a packet at the next lower level.

The lowest level is what moves across a specific network.



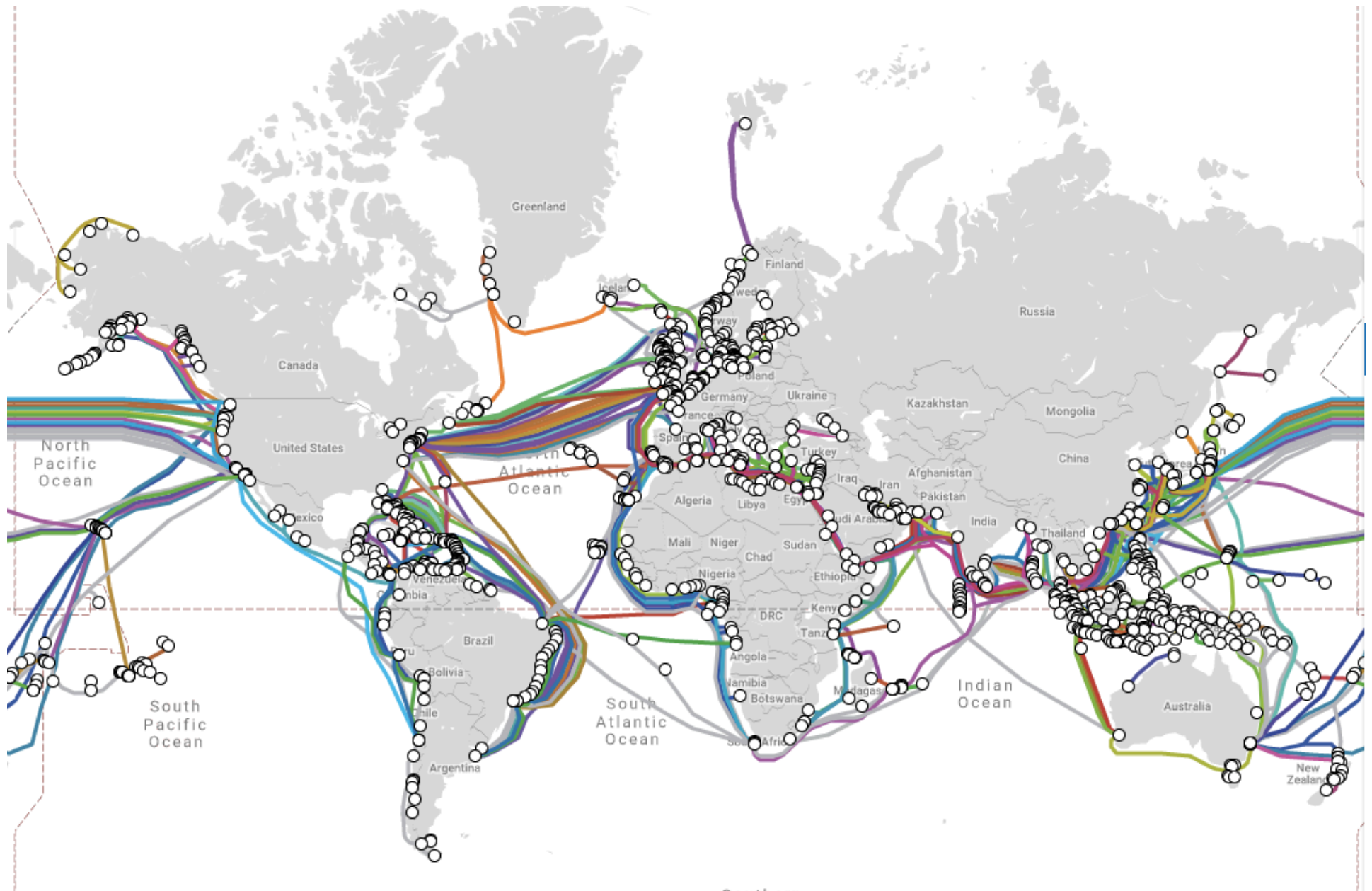
# How information flows



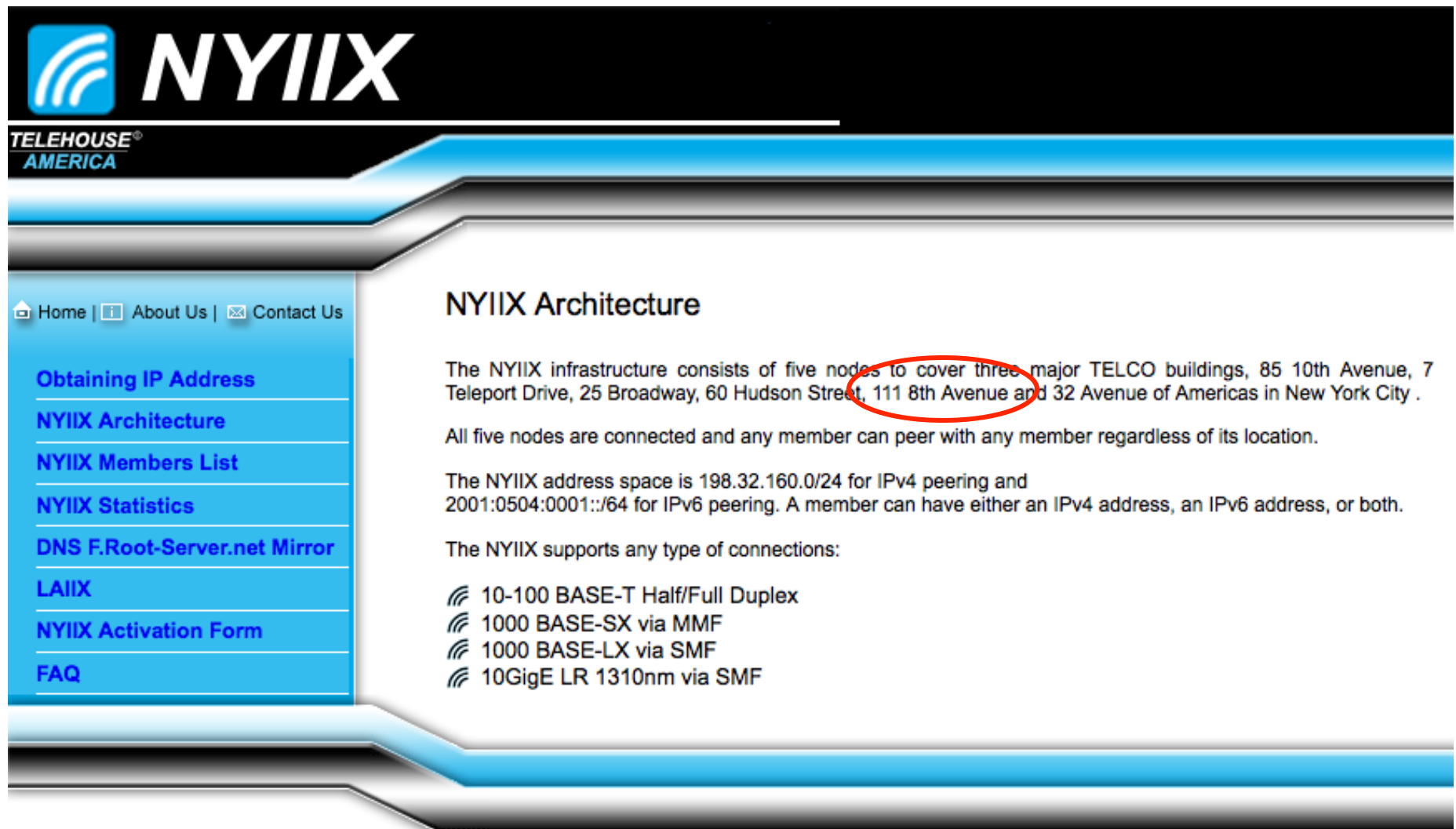
# How things are connected

- local nets connected to local Internet Service Provider (ISP)
- these in turn connect to regional ISPs
- and then to larger ones like Comcast, Verizon, AT&T, Sprint, ...
- traffic exchanged at Internet exchanges (IXP)
  - large and small, formal and informal, profit and non-profit
- bandwidth (bit-carrying capacity) of connections is usually higher for larger ISPs
  - cable, DSL: maybe 10-100 Mbps (you to your ISP)
  - optical fiber: 100 Mbps and up (large carriers)

[submarinecablemap.com](http://submarinecablemap.com)



# Internet Exchange Point (IXP)



The screenshot displays the NYIIX website interface. At the top left is the NYIIX logo, which includes a blue square with white curved lines and the text "NYIIX" in white. Below the logo is the "TELEHOUSE AMERICA" logo. A navigation bar on the left contains links: Home, About Us, and Contact Us. Below this is a list of menu items: Obtaining IP Address, NYIIX Architecture, NYIIX Members List, NYIIX Statistics, DNS F.Root-Server.net Mirror, LAIIX, NYIIX Activation Form, and FAQ. The main content area is titled "NYIIX Architecture" and contains text describing the infrastructure. A red circle highlights the phrase "to cover three major TELCO buildings" in the first paragraph. The second paragraph states that all five nodes are connected and any member can peer with any member regardless of its location. The third paragraph describes the address space for IPv4 and IPv6 peering. The fourth paragraph lists the types of connections supported by NYIIX.

**NYIIX Architecture**

The NYIIX infrastructure consists of five nodes to cover three major TELCO buildings, 85 10th Avenue, 7 Teleport Drive, 25 Broadway, 60 Hudson Street, 111 8th Avenue and 32 Avenue of Americas in New York City .

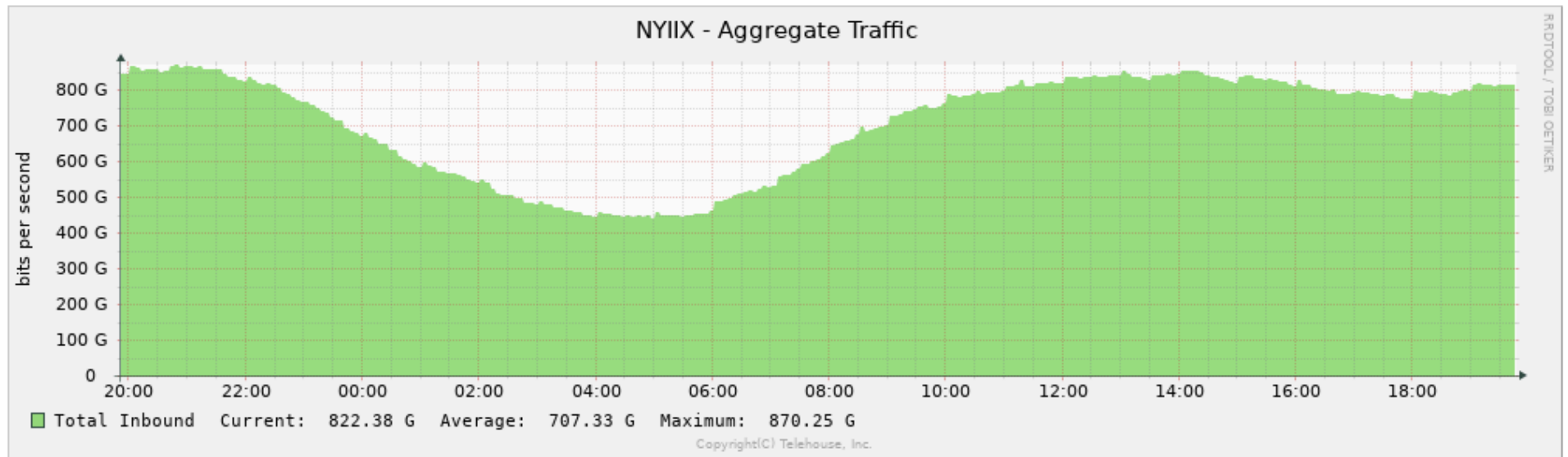
All five nodes are connected and any member can peer with any member regardless of its location.

The NYIIX address space is 198.32.160.0/24 for IPv4 peering and 2001:0504:0001::/64 for IPv6 peering. A member can have either an IPv4 address, an IPv6 address, or both.

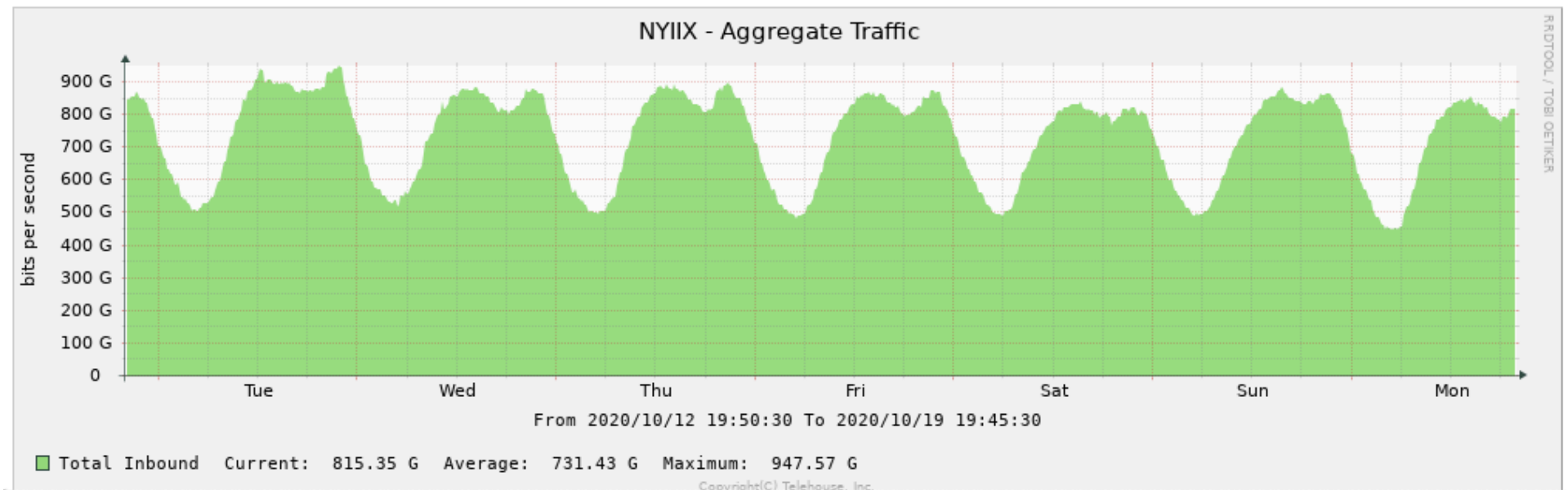
The NYIIX supports any type of connections:

- 10-100 BASE-T Half/Full Duplex
- 1000 BASE-SX via MMF
- 1000 BASE-LX via SMF
- 10GigE LR 1310nm via SMF

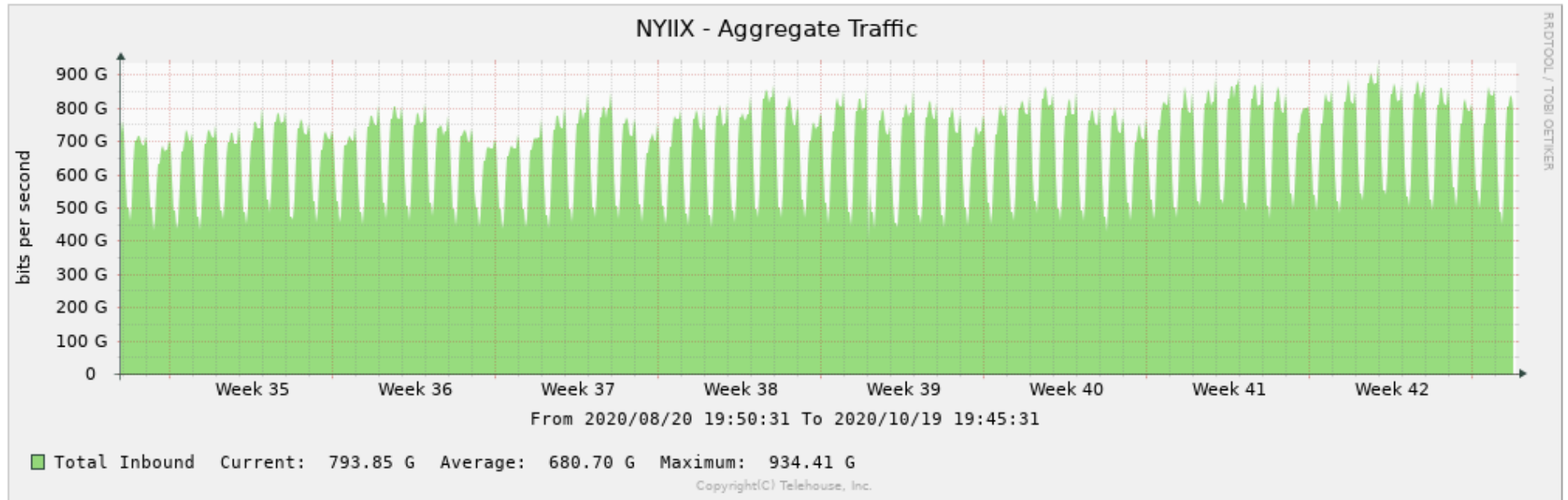
## 'Daily' Graph (5 Minute Average)



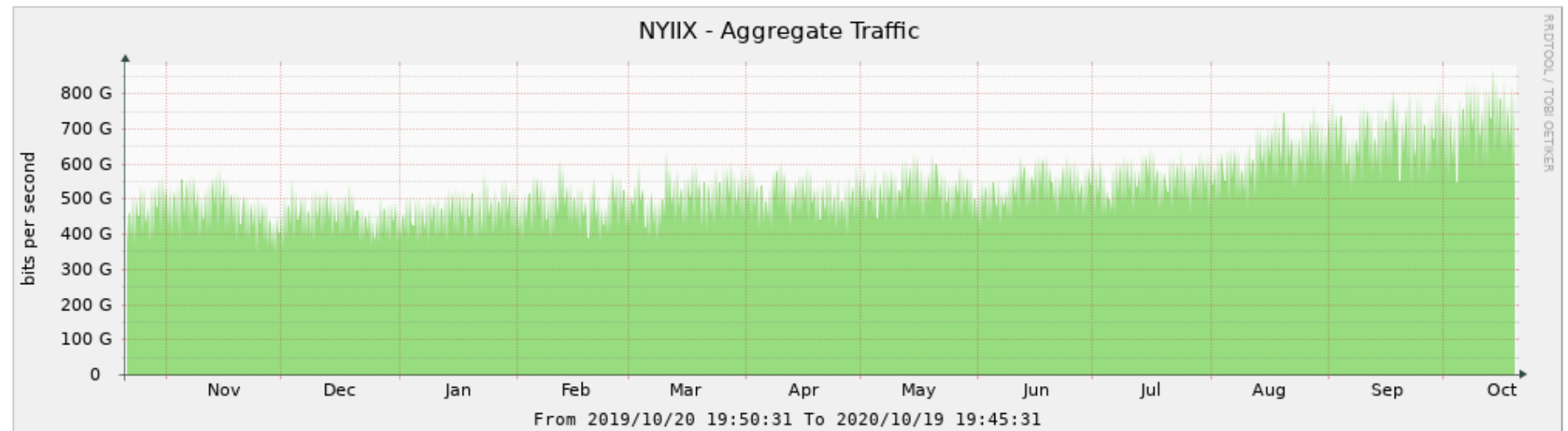
## 'Weekly' Graph (30 Minute Average)



## 'Monthly' Graph (2 Hour Average)



## 'Yearly' Graph (1 Day Average)

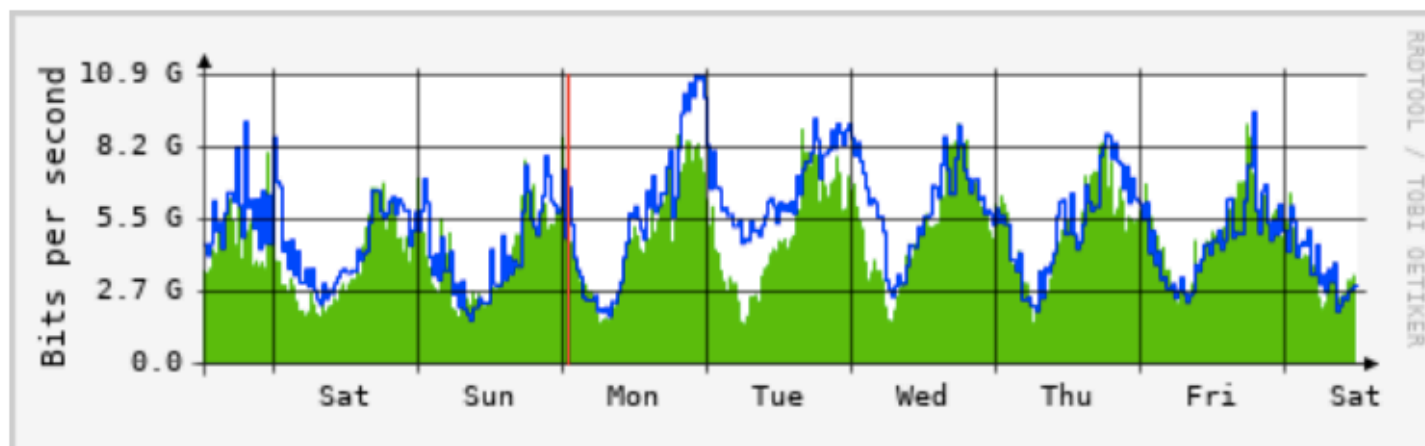




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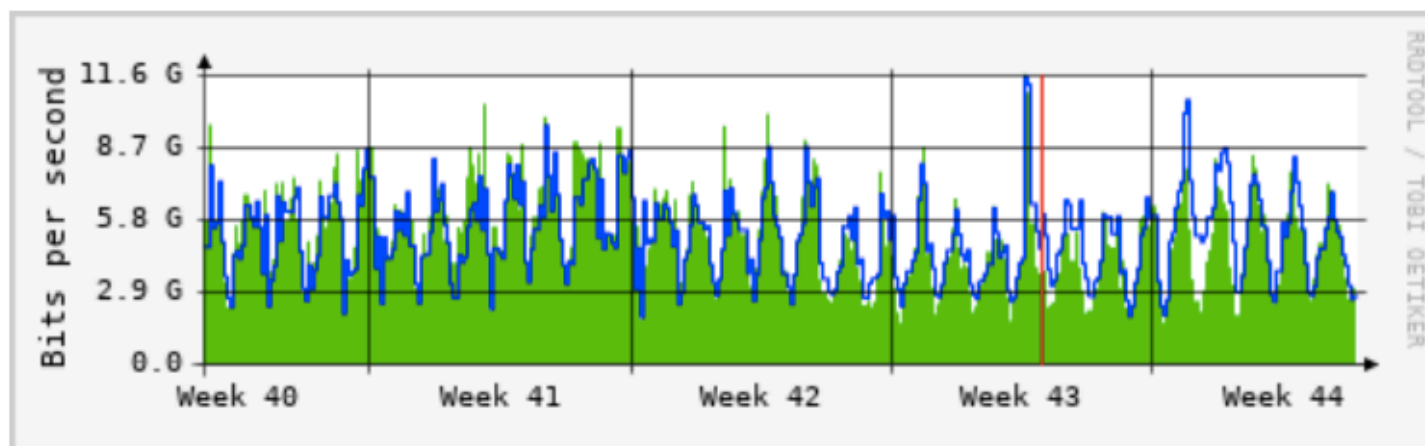
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### `Weekly' Graph (30 Minute Average)



Max **In**: 9014.1 Mb/s (11.3%)    Average **In**: 4606.7 Mb/s (5.8%)    Current **In**: 3284.8 Mb/s (4.1%)  
Max **Out**: 10.9 Gb/s (13.6%)    Average **Out**: 5217.0 Mb/s (6.5%)    Current **Out**: 2952.5 Mb/s (3.7%)

### `Monthly' Graph (2 Hour Average)



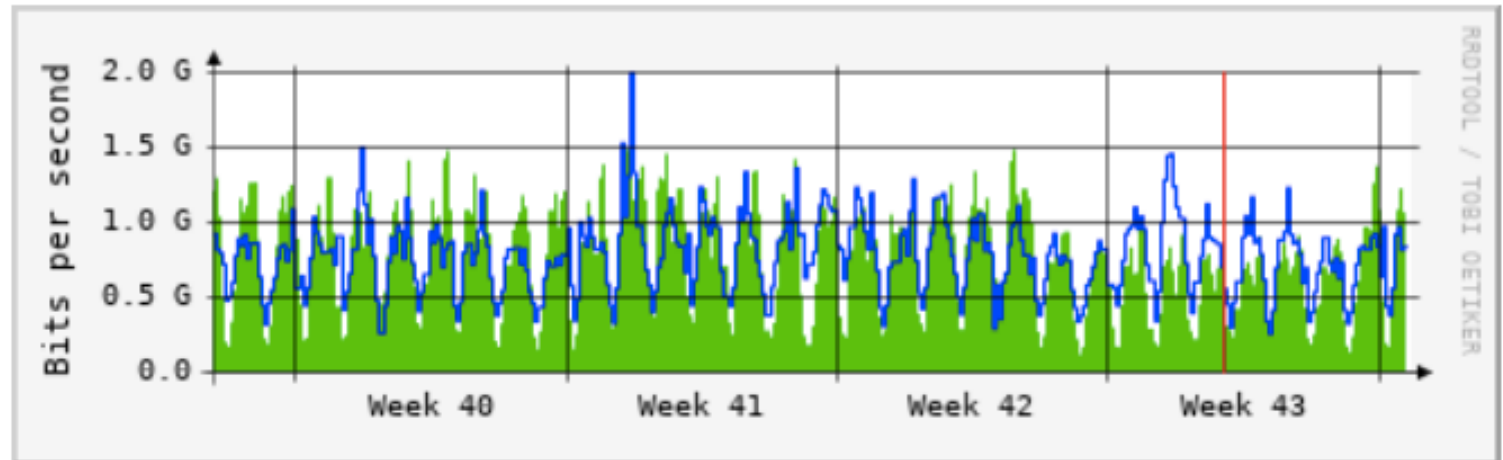
Max **In**: 11.6 Gb/s (14.5%)    Average **In**: 5133.0 Mb/s (6.4%)    Current **In**: 3014.9 Mb/s (3.8%)  
Max **Out**: 11.6 Gb/s (14.5%)    Average **Out**: 5186.1 Mb/s (6.5%)    Current **Out**: 2738.2 Mb/s (3.4%)



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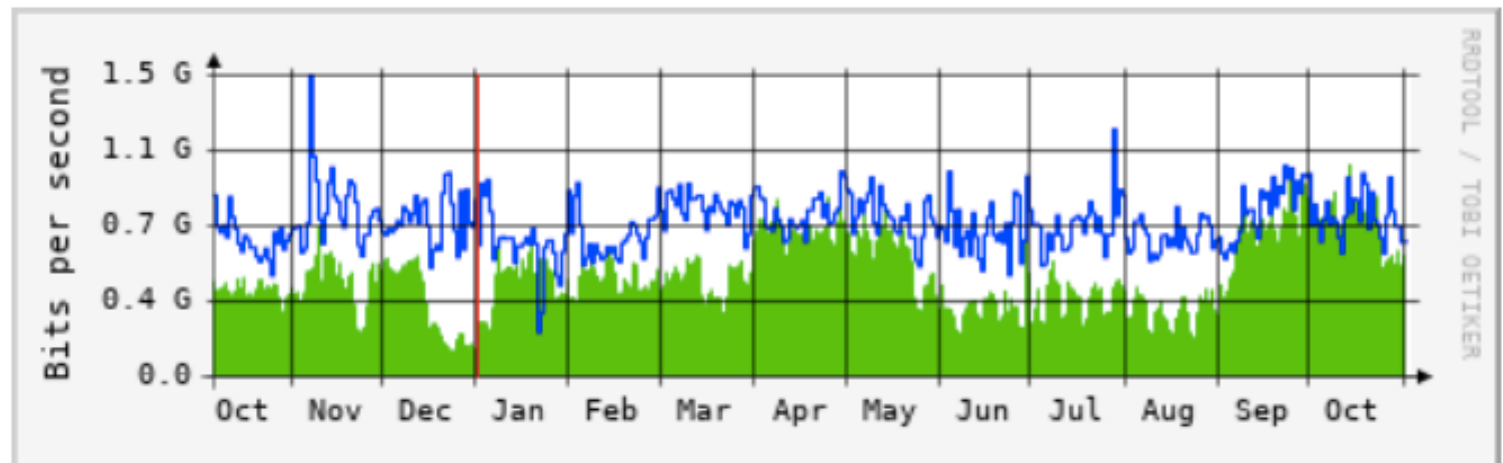
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### 'Monthly' Graph (2 Hour Average)

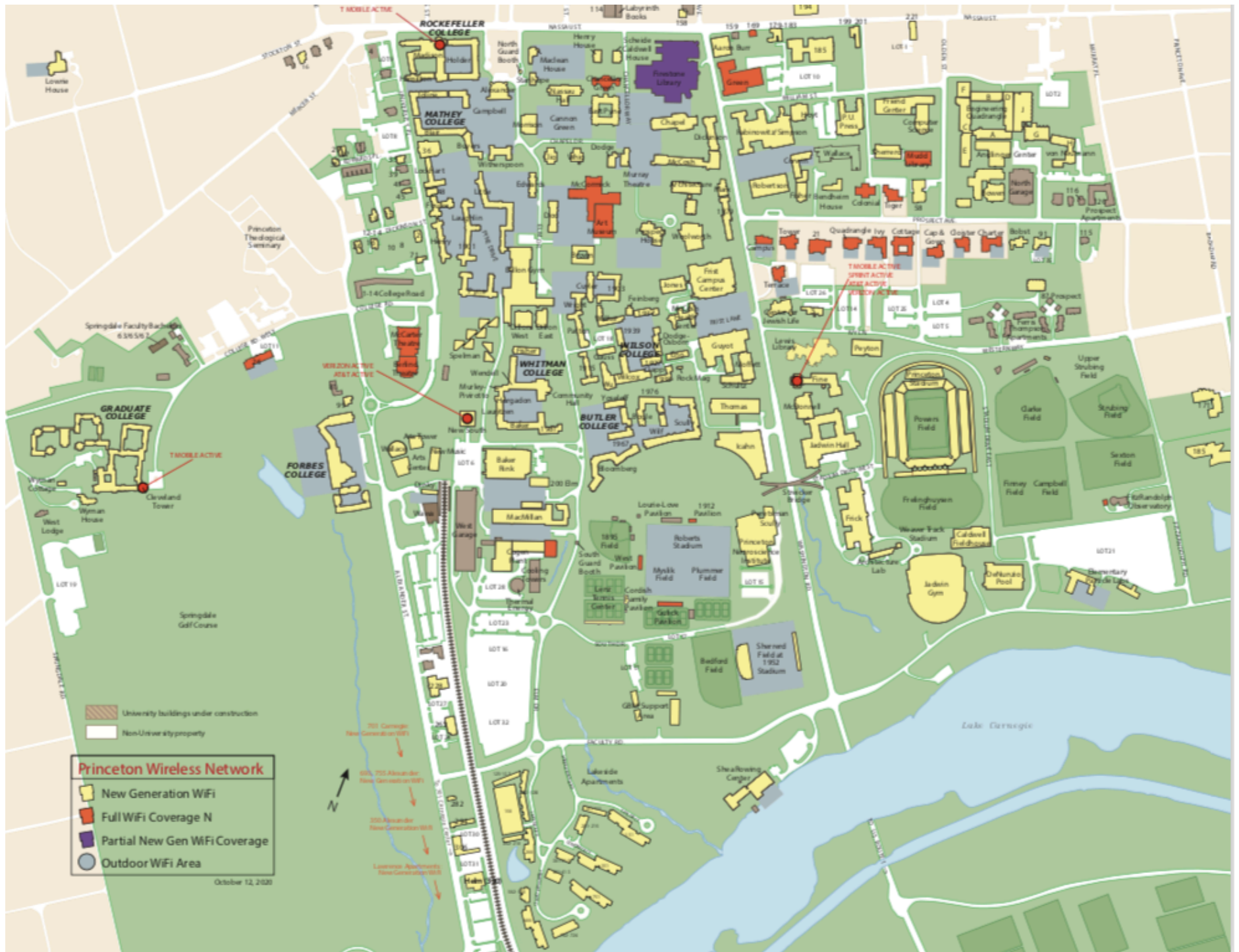


Max In: 1489.3 Mb/s Average In: 764.0 Mb/s Current In: 1065.6 Mb/s  
Max Out: 2023.4 Mb/s Average Out: 792.1 Mb/s Current Out: 845.2 Mb/s

### 'Yearly' Graph (1 Day Average)



Max In: 1046.4 Mb/s Average In: 507.8 Mb/s Current In: 595.8 Mb/s  
Max Out: 1497.8 Mb/s Average Out: 763.7 Mb/s Current Out: 670.1 Mb/s



# Coping with bandwidth limits

- data flows no faster than the slowest link
- limits to how much data can pass per unit time
  - no guarantees about packet delivery
  - no guarantees about bandwidth, delay or quality of service
    - IP telephony is hard because voice traffic requires limited delay and jitter
    - video is somewhat easier but needs a lot more bandwidth
- caching
  - save previous data so it doesn't have to be retrieved again
- compression, encoding
  - to improve use of available bandwidth
  - don't send redundant or unnecessary information
    - text, code, etc., can be compressed and recreated exactly
    - music, pictures, movies are compressed with some information discarded

# Internet Ideas

- **packets versus circuits**
  - different models (mail vs phone)
- **names and addresses**
  - what is a computer called, how to find it
- **routing**
  - how to get from here to there
- **protocols and standards**
  - Internet works because of IP as common mechanism
    - higher level protocols all use IP
    - specific hardware technologies carry IP packets
- **layering**
  - divide system into layers
    - each of which provides services to next higher level
    - while calling on service of next lower level
  - a way to organize and control complexity, hide details

# Internet technical issues:

- **privacy & security are hard**
  - data passes through shared unregulated dispersed media and sites scattered over the whole world
  - it's hard to control access & protect information along the way
  - many network technologies (e.g., Ethernet, wireless) use broadcast encryption necessary to maintain privacy
  - many mechanisms are not robust against intentional misuse
  - it's easy to lie about who you are
- **service guarantees are hard**
  - no assurance of reliable delivery, let alone of bandwidth, delay or jitter
- **some resources are running low**
  - IPv4 addresses are all assigned
  - IPv6 (the next generation) uses 128-bit addresses  
acceptance growing, by necessity
- **but it has handled exponential growth amazingly well**