Lecture 4 (Jan 29, 2004)

Outline

Review of CIDR and Data forwarding (check last lecture)

ARP, RARP (self study)

IP Service Model

Routing Basics and Distance Vector

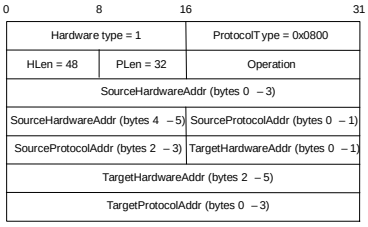
Address Translation

- Map IP addresses into physical addresses
  - destination host
  - next hop router
- Techniques
  - encode physical address in host part of IP address
  - table-based
- ARP
  - table of IP to physical address bindings
  - broadcast request if IP address not in table
  - target machine responds with its physical address
  - table entries are discarded if not refreshed

ARP Details

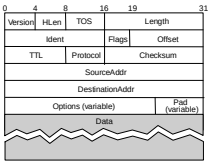
- Request Format
  - HardwareType: type of physical network (e.g., Ethernet)
  - ProtocolType: type of higher layer protocol (e.g., IP)
  - HLEN & PLEN: length of physical and protocol addresses
  - Operation: request or response
  - Source/Target-Physical/Protocol addresses
- Notes
  - table entries timeout in about 10 minutes
  - update table with source when you are the target
  - update table if already have an entry
  - do not refresh table entries upon reference

ARP Packet Format



IP Service Model

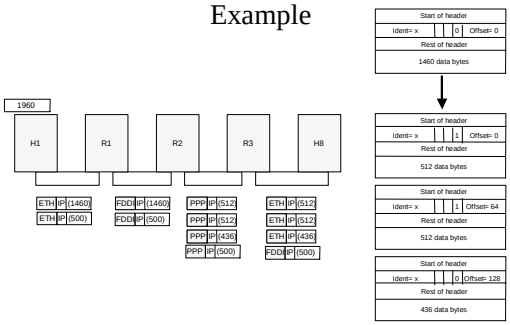
- Connectionless (datagram/packet-based)
- Best-effort delivery (unreliable service)
  - packets are lost
  - packets are delivered out of order
  - duplicate copies of a packet are delivered
  - packets can be delayed for a long time
- Datagram format



Fragmentation and Reassembly

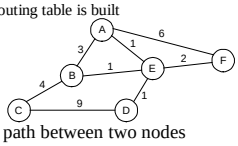
- Each network has some MTU
- Design decisions
  - fragment when necessary (MTU < Datagram)
  - try to avoid fragmentation at source host
  - re-fragmentation is possible
  - fragments are self-contained datagrams
  - delay reassembly until destination host
  - do not recover from lost fragments

Example



Overview

- Forwarding vs Routing
  - forwarding: to select an output port based on destination address and routing table
  - routing: process by which routing table is built
- Network as a Graph



- Problem: Find lowest cost path between two nodes
- Factors
  - static: topology
  - dynamic: load

Distance Vector

- Each node maintains a set of triples
  - **`(Destination, Cost, NextHop)`**
- Directly connected neighbors exchange updates
  - periodically (on the order of several seconds)
  - whenever table changes (called *triggered* update)
- Each update is a list of pairs:
  - **`(Destination, Cost)`**
- Update local table if receive a "better" route
  - smaller cost
  - came from next-hop
- Refresh existing routes; delete if they time out

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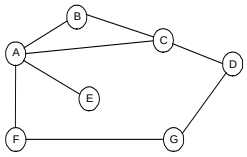

Routing table for B

Destination	Cost	NextHop
A	1	A
C	1	C
D	2	C
E	2	A
F	2	A
G	3	A