

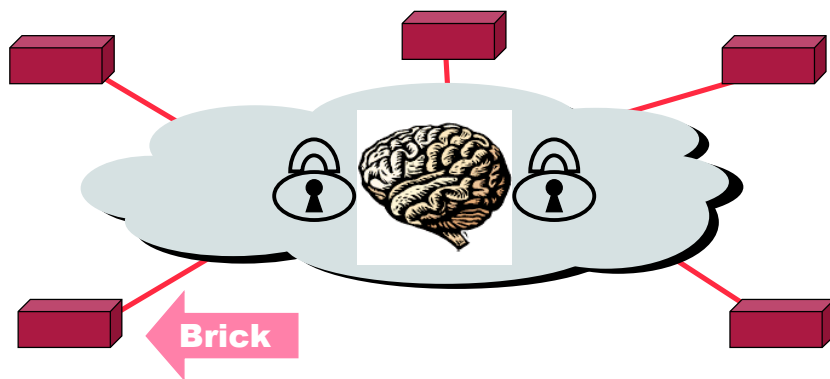
Internet Routing Protocols Lecture 01

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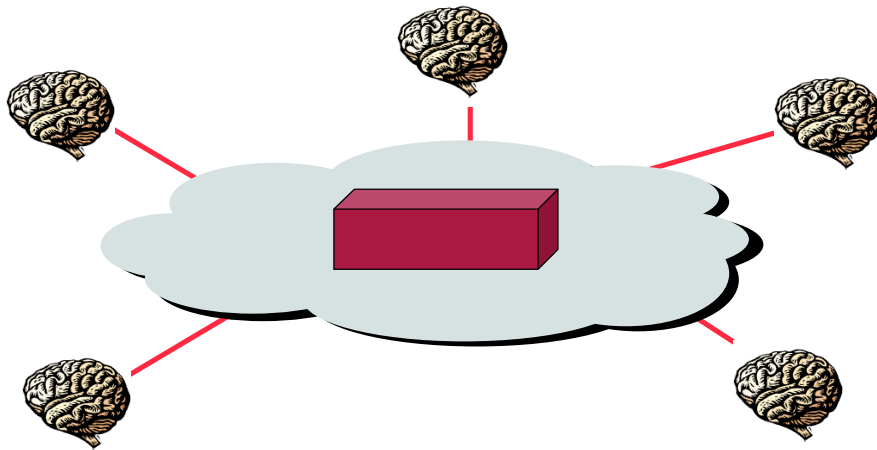
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Common View of the Telco Network



Common View of the IP Network (Layer 3)

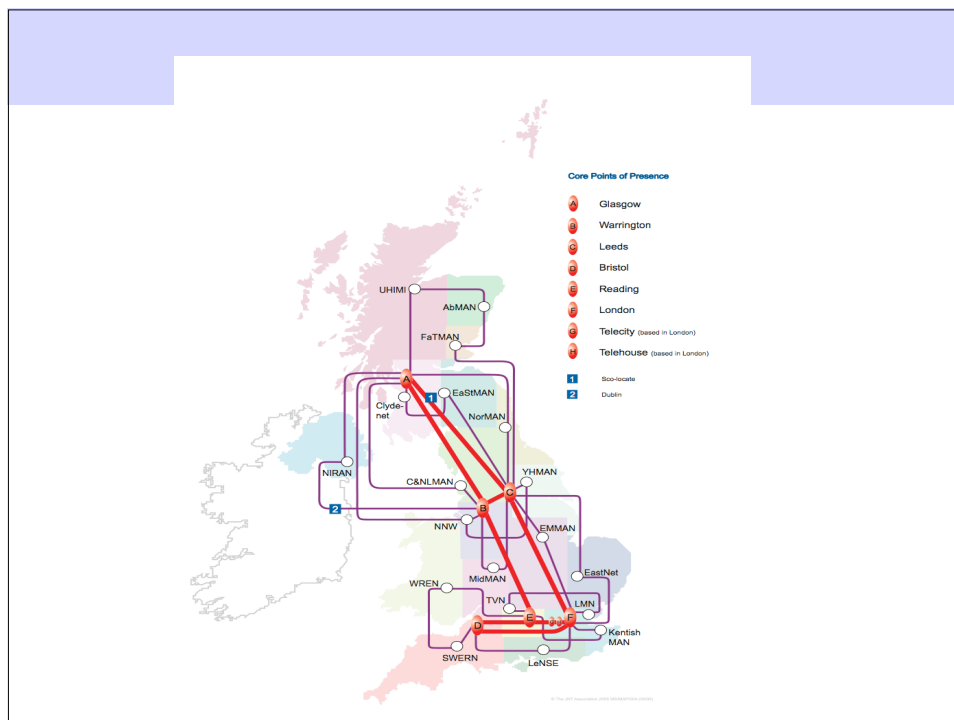


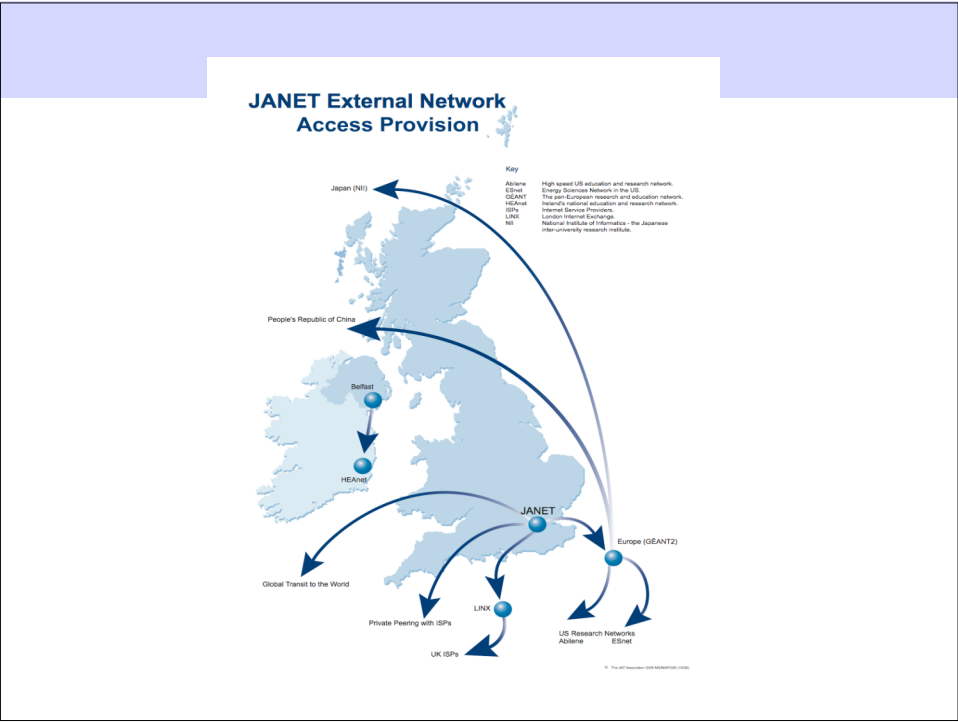
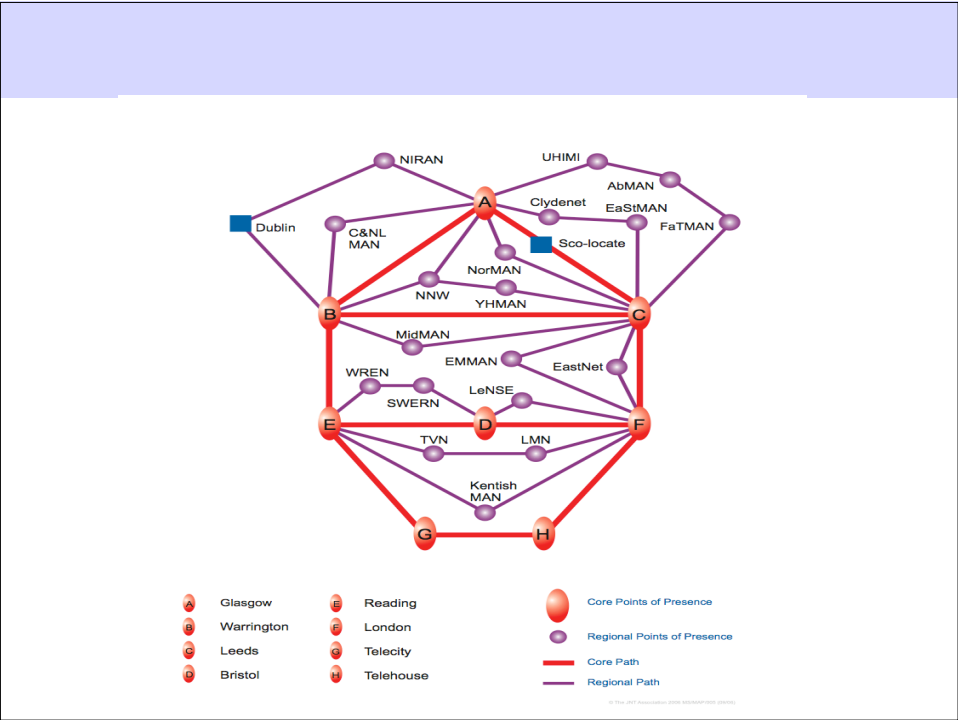
IP routing is the little bit-o-smarts left in the IP network layer

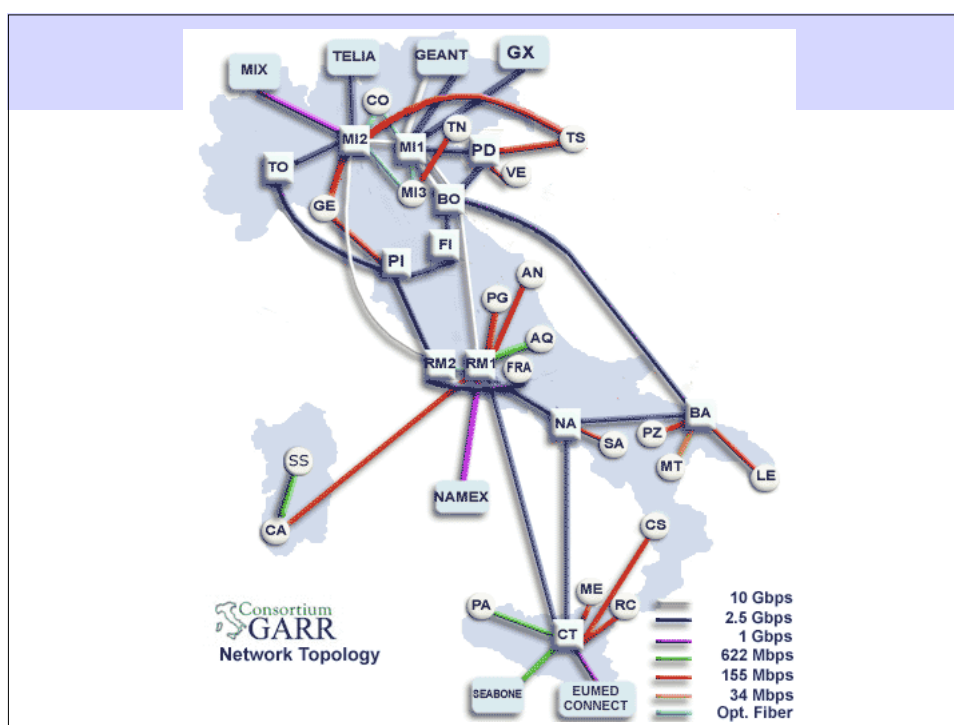
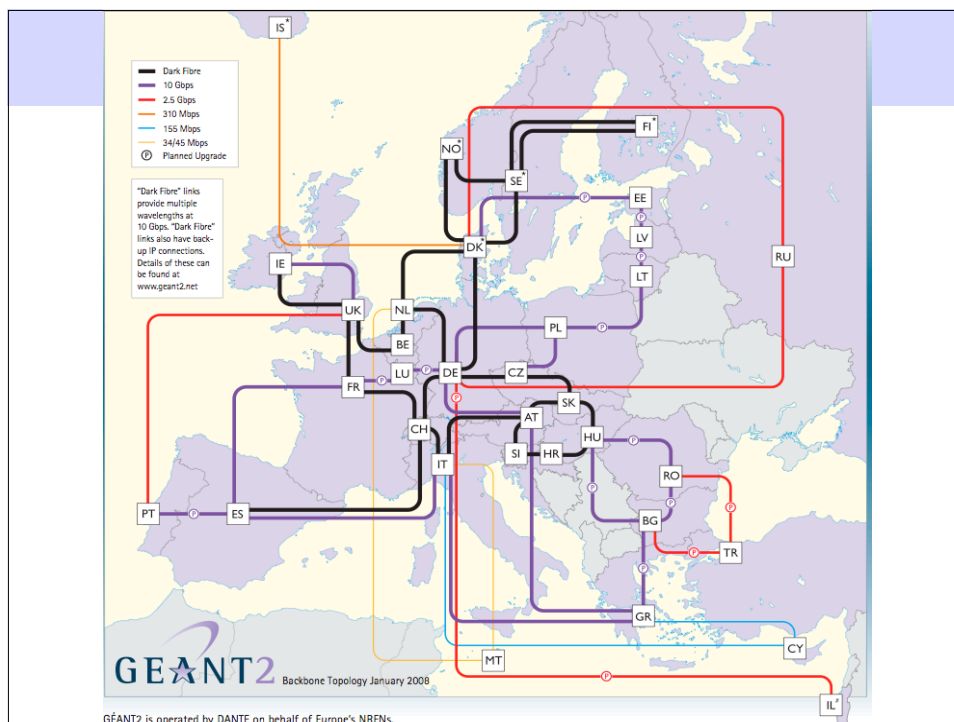
- **Dynamic Routing protocols are used to implement and maintain connectivity in the Internet.**
- **Which protocols are used?**
- **How do they work?**
- **How do they behave?**
- **What are some of the fundamental tradeoffs in the design space of routing protocols?**

Outline

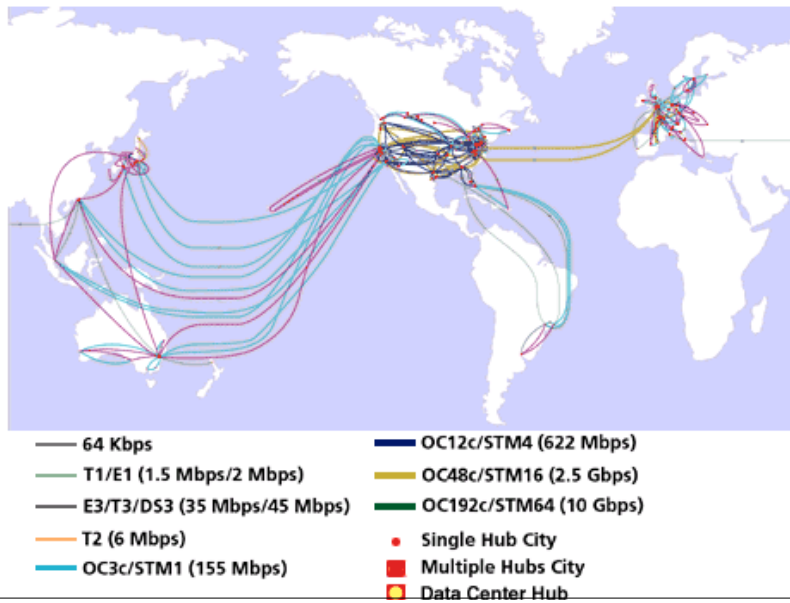
- **Lecture 1 : Routing vs. Forwarding. Internet routing architecture**
- **Lecture 2: Intra-domain routing with “shortest paths”. Link-state vs. distance-vector.**
- **Lecture 3 : Inter-domain routing. The Border Gateway Protocol (BGP)**
- **Lecture 4 : BGP continued**
- **Lecture 5 : BGP dynamics**
- **Lecture 6 : BGP routing anomalies**



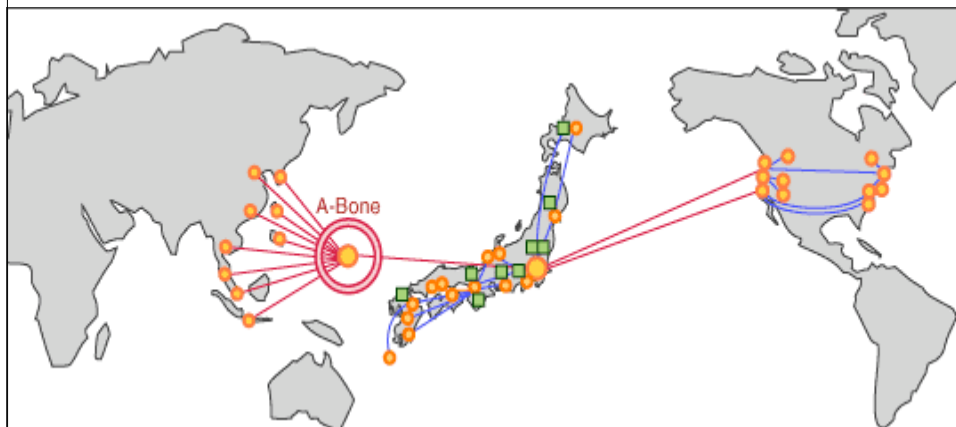




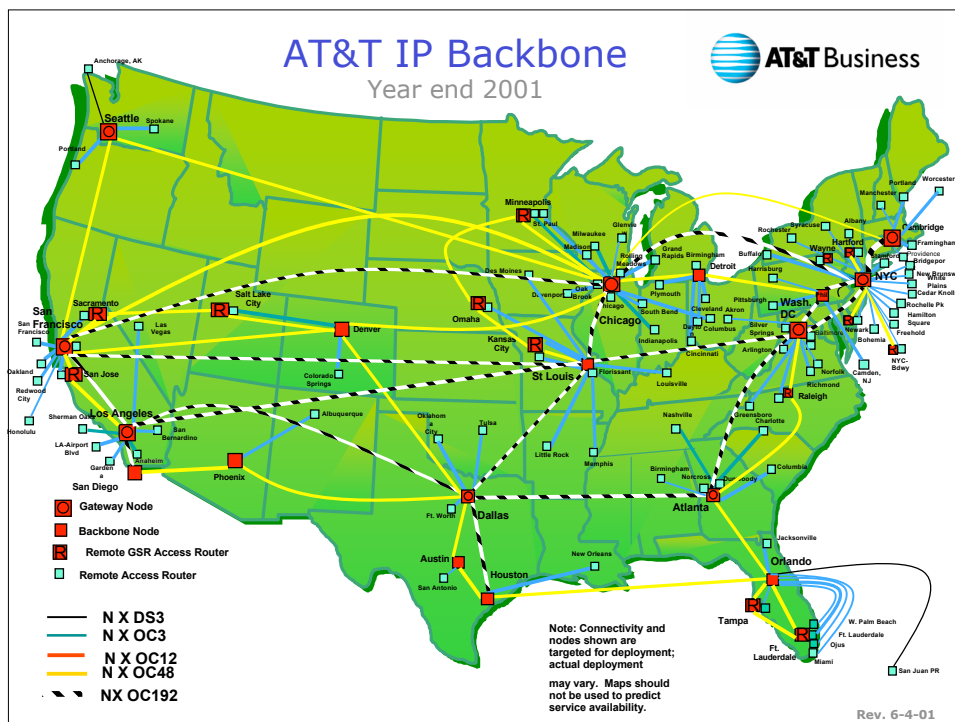
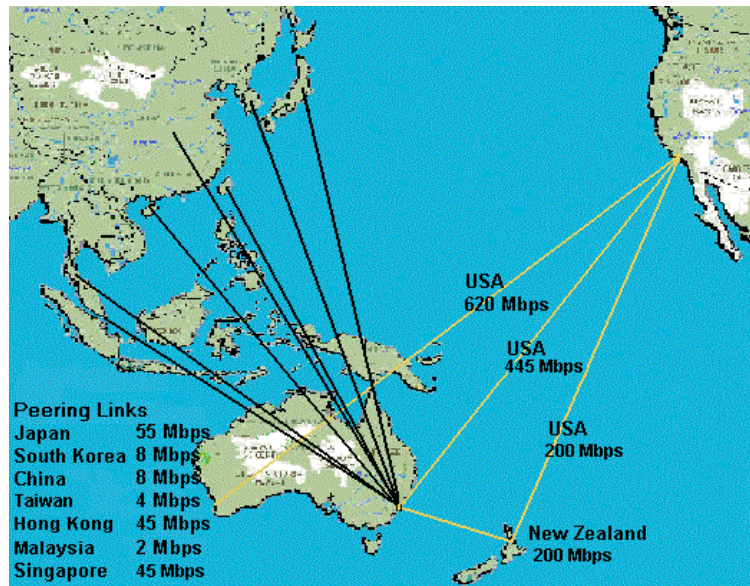
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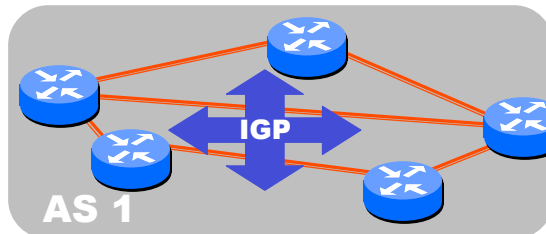
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Architecture of Dynamic Routing



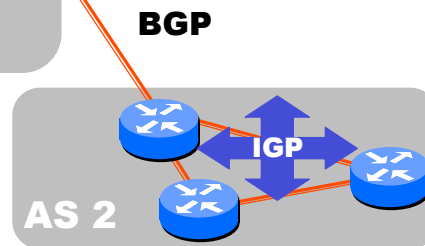
IGP = Interior Gateway Protocol.
Metric based.

OSPF, IS-IS, RIP, EIGRP (cisco)

EGP = Exterior Gateway Protocol.
Policy Based.

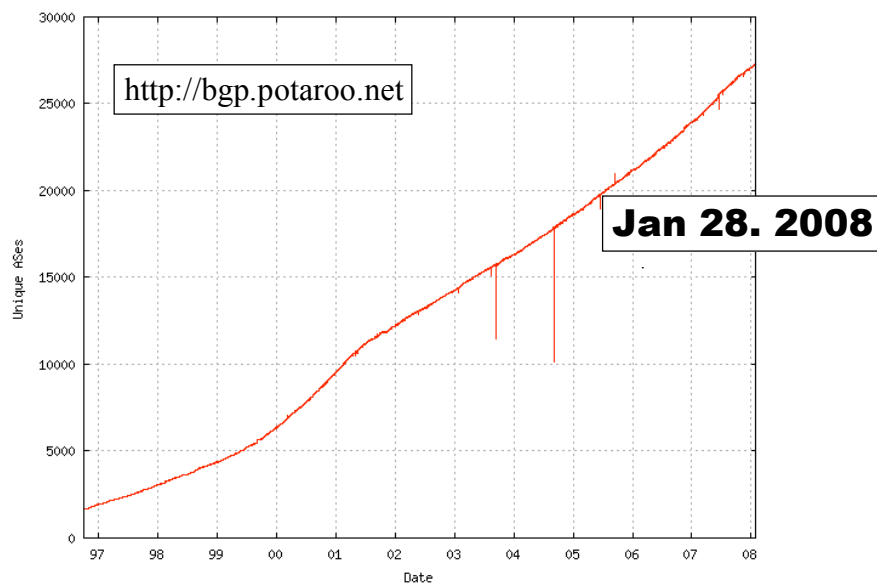
Only one: BGP

The Routing Domain of BGP is the entire Internet

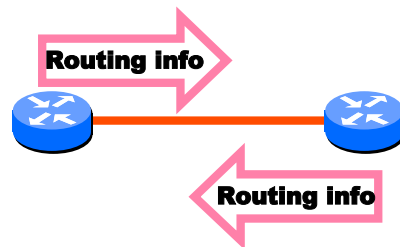


BGP

How many ASN are used today?



Routers Talking to Routers (The “control plane”)



- Routing computation is distributed among routers within a routing domain
- Computation of best next hop based on routing information is the most CPU/memory intensive task on a router
- Routing messages are usually not routed, but exchanged via layer 2 between physically adjacent routers (internal BGP and multi-hop external BGP are exceptions)

Technology of Distributed Routing

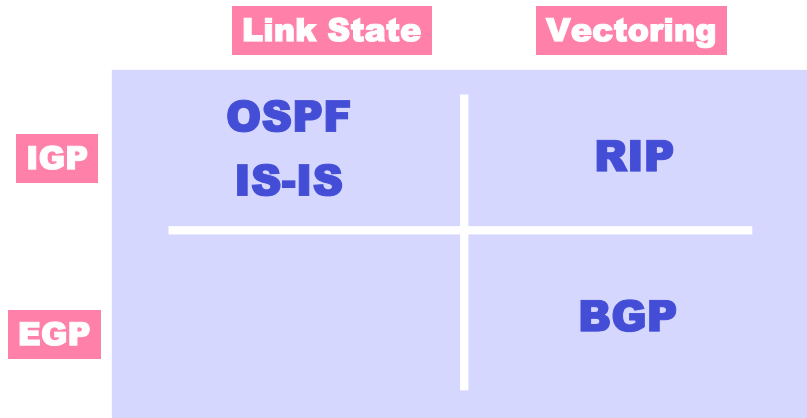
Link State

- Topology information is flooded within the routing domain
- Best end-to-end paths are computed locally at each router.
- **Best end-to-end paths determine next-hops.**
- Based on minimizing some notion of distance
- Works only if policy is shared and uniform
- Examples: OSPF, IS-IS

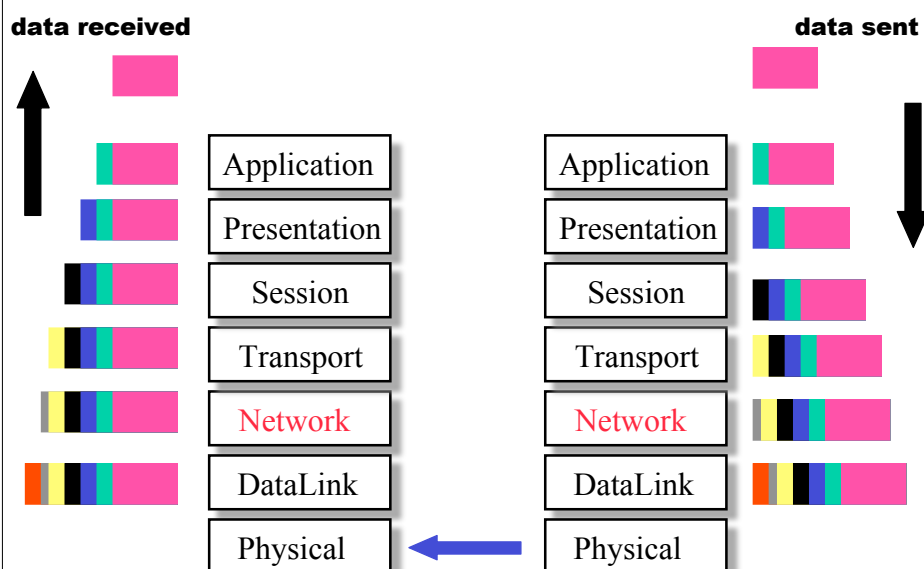
Vectoring

- Each router knows little about network topology
- Only best next-hops are chosen by each router for each destination network.
- **Best end-to-end paths result from composition of all next-hop choices**
- Does not require any notion of distance
- Does not require uniform policies at all routers
- Examples: RIP, BGP

The Gang of Four

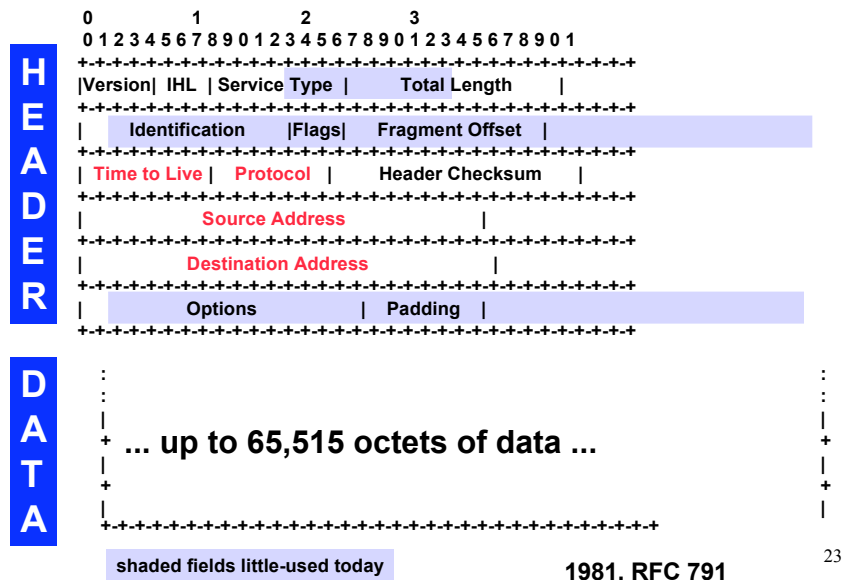


The standard model

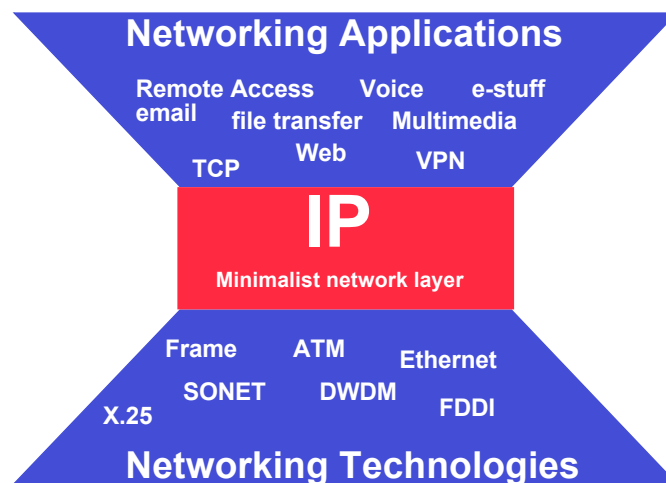


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All Hail the IP Datagram!



IP Hour Glass



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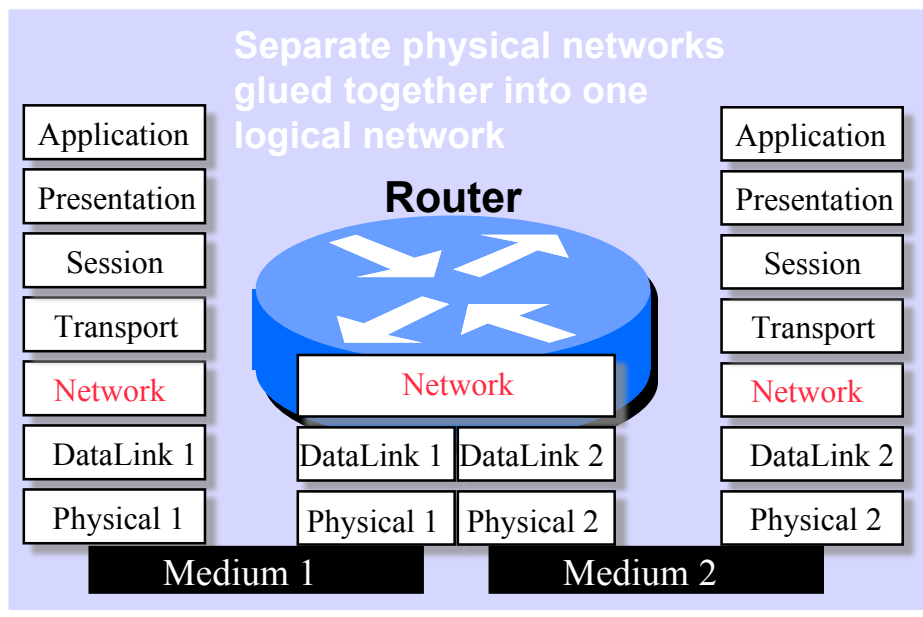
Best Effort, Connectionless, Connectivity



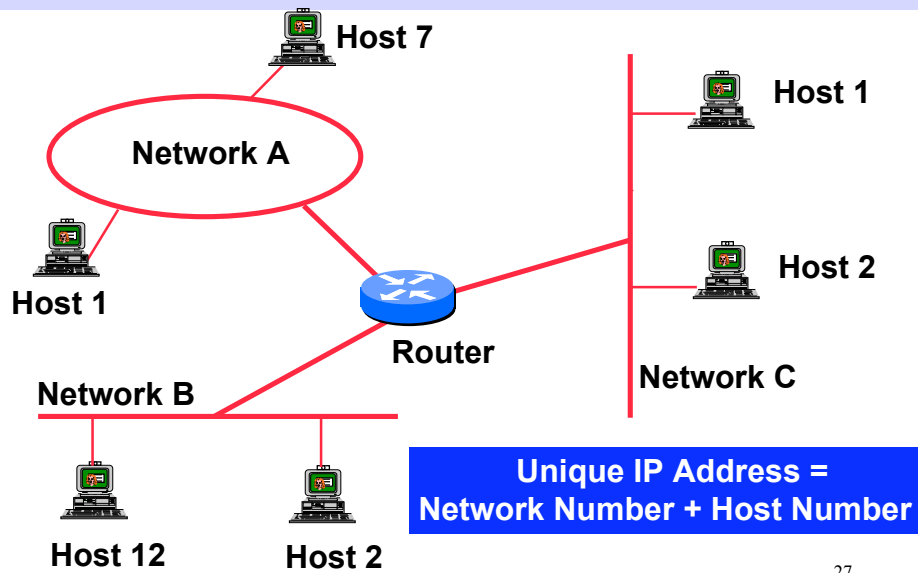
This is the fundamental service provided by Internet Service Providers (ISPs)

**All other IP services depend on connectivity:
DNS, email, VPNs, Web Hosting, ...**

IP is a Network Layer Protocol

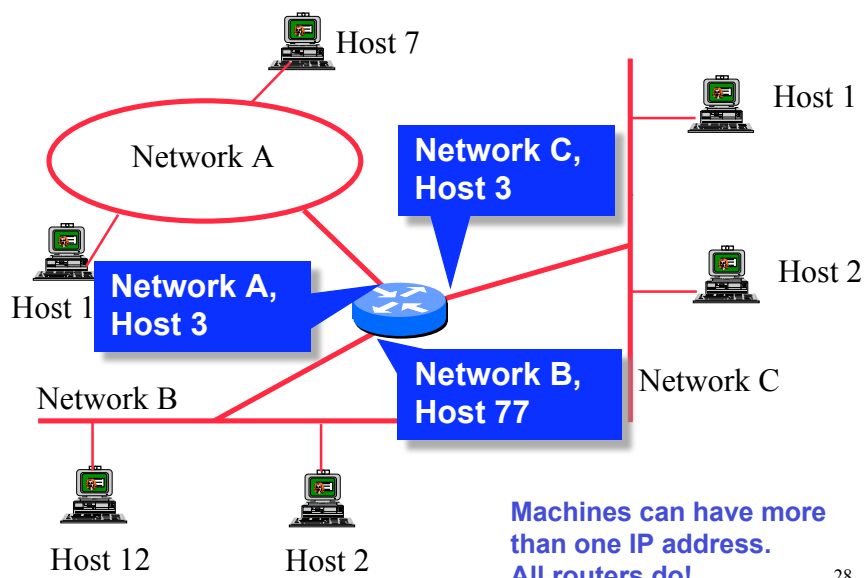


Hosts, Networks, and Routers



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Actually, IP addresses identify Interfaces



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IP Forwarding Table

Destination	Next Hop	Interface
Net A	Router 1	INT 7
Net B	Direct	INT 4
Net C, Host 3	Router 2	INT 3
Net C	Router 1	INT 7

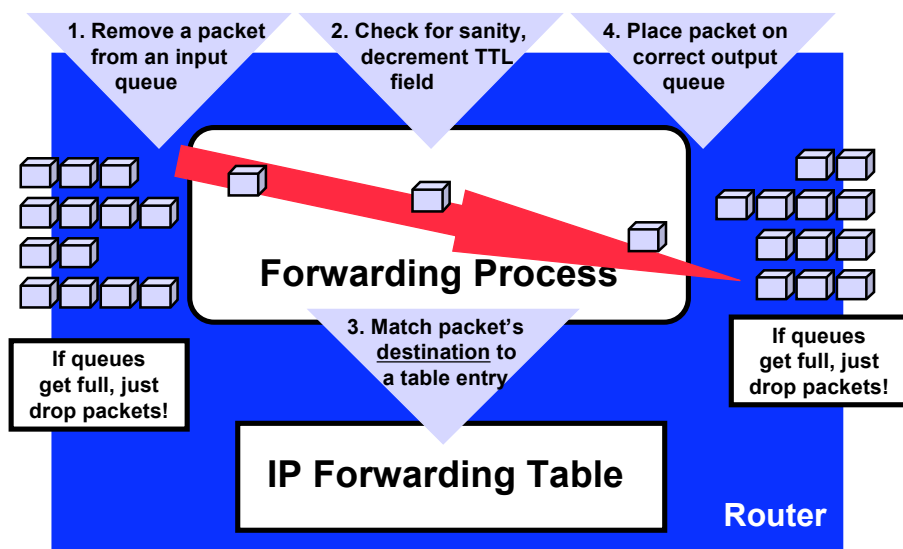
A destination is usually a network. May also be a host, or a "gateway of last resort" (default)

The next hop is either a directly connected network or a router on a directly connected network

A physical interface

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IP Forwarding Process



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IPv4 Addresses are 32 Bit Values

11111111	00010001	10000111	00000000
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255 17 134 0

↘ ↘ ↘ ↘

255.17.134.0

Dotted quad notation

IPv6 addresses have 128 bits

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IP Addresses come in two parts

11111111	00010001	10000111	00000000
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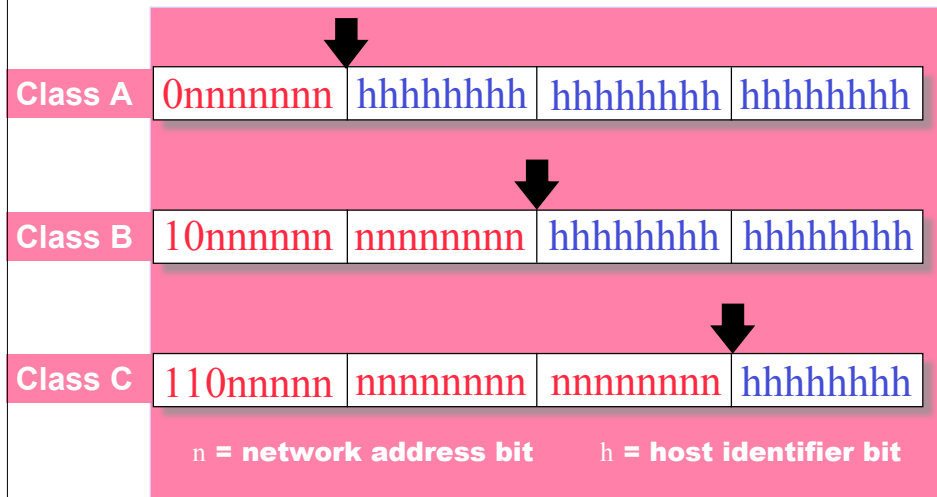
← Network Number → | ← Host Number →



Where is this dividing line?
Well, that depends

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Classful Addresses



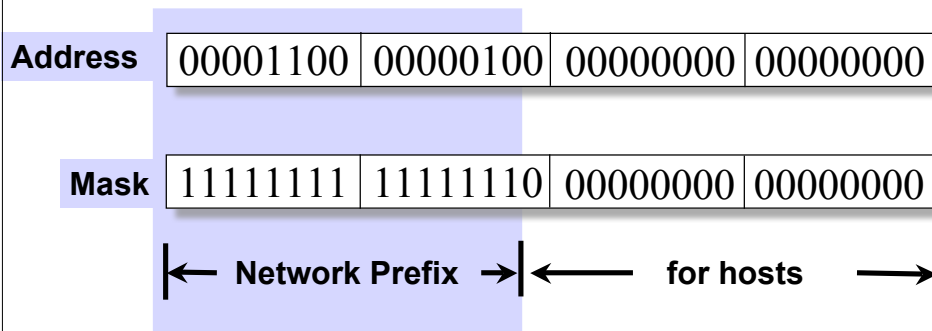
Leads to a rigid, flat, inefficient use of address space ...

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RFC 1519: Classless Inter-Domain Routing (CIDR)

Use two 32 bit numbers to represent a network.
Network number = IP address + Mask

IP Address : 12.4.0.0 IP Mask: 255.254.0.0



Usually written as 12.4.0.0/15

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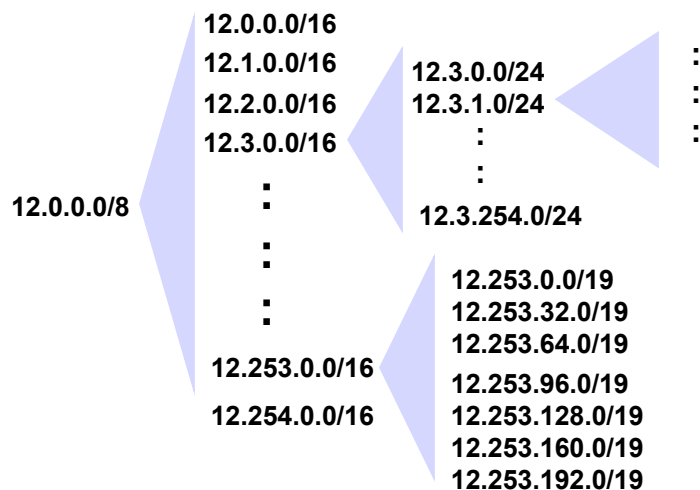
Which IP Addresses are Covered by a Prefix?

12.5.9.16 is covered by prefix 12.4.0.0/15

12.5.9.16	00001100	00000101	00001001	00010000
	00001100	00000100	00000000	00000000
12.4.0.0/15	11111111	11111110	00000000	00000000
	00001100	00000111	00001001	00010000
12.7.9.16	00001100	00000111	00001001	00010000

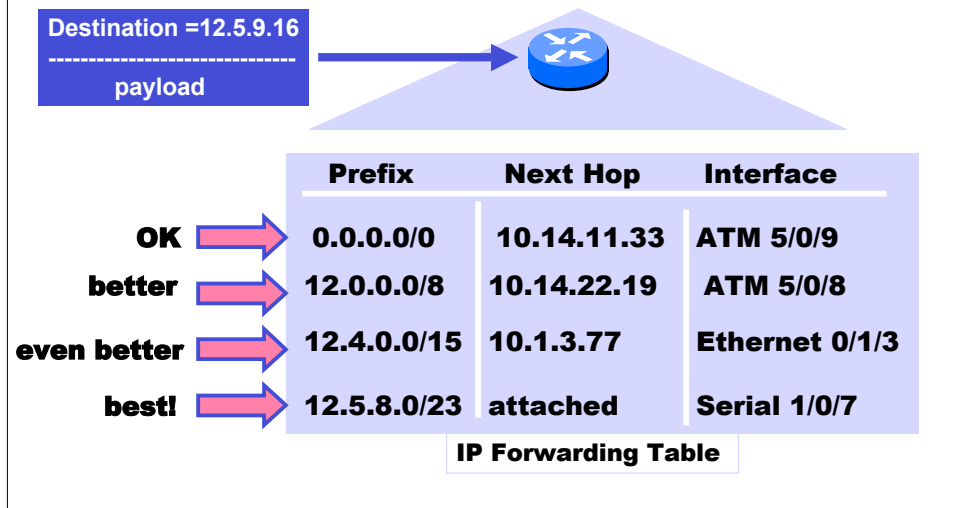
12.7.9.16 is not covered by prefix 12.4.0.0/15

CIDR allows Hierarchy in Addressing



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Classless Forwarding



How Are Forwarding Tables Populated to implement Routing?

Statically

Administrator manually configures forwarding table entries

- + More control
- + Not restricted to destination-based forwarding
- Doesn't scale
- Slow to adapt to network failures

Dynamically

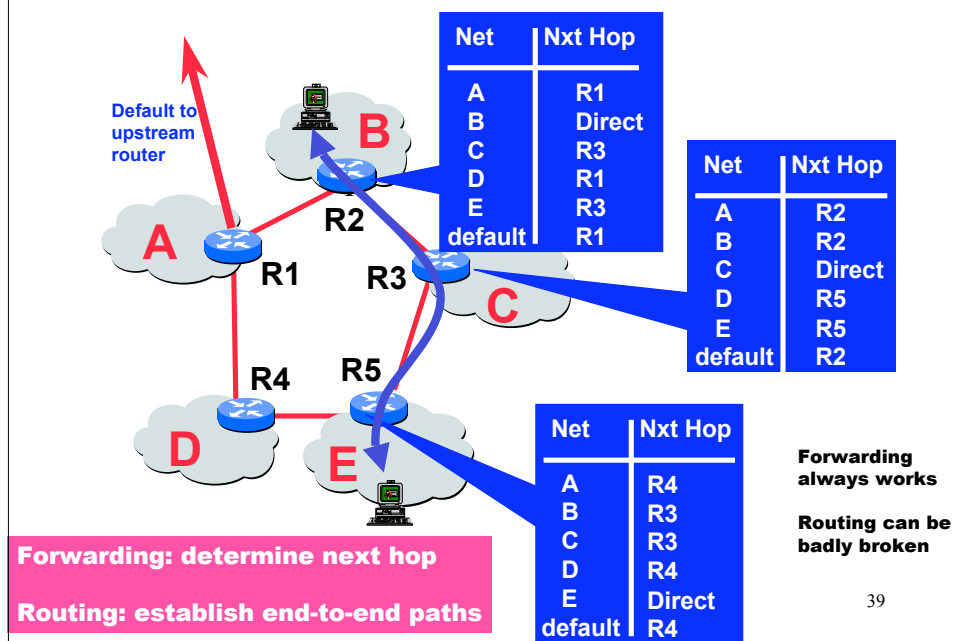
Routers exchange network reachability information using ROUTING PROTOCOLS. Routers use this to compute best routes

- + Can rapidly adapt to changes in network topology
- + Can be made to scale well
- Complex distributed algorithms
- Consume CPU, Bandwidth, Memory
- Debugging can be difficult
- Current protocols are destination-based

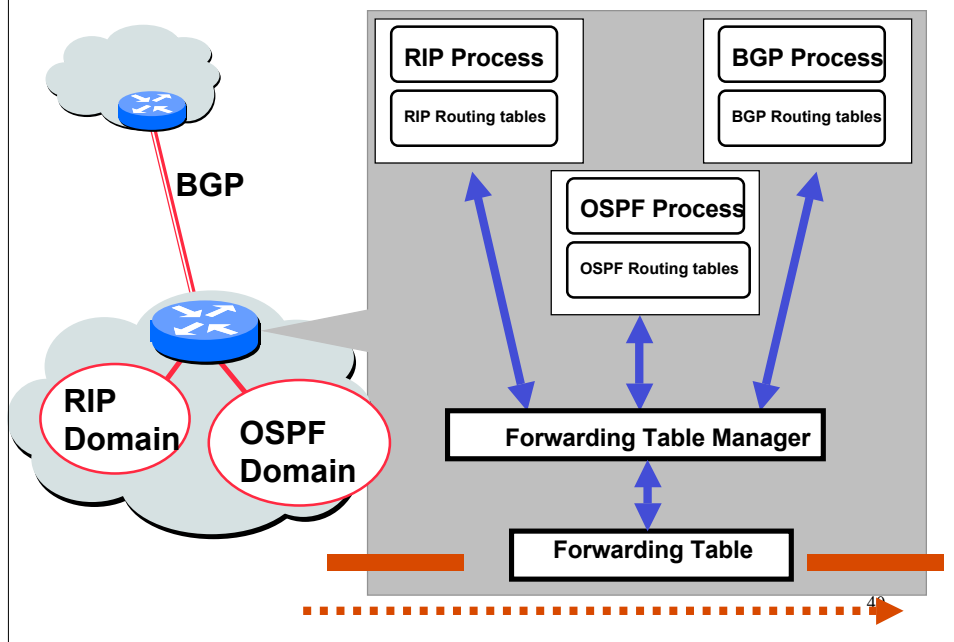
**In practice : a mix of these.
Static routing mostly at the "edge"**

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Routing vs. Forwarding



Happy Packets: The Internet Does Not Exist Only to Populated Routing Tables



Before We Go Any Further

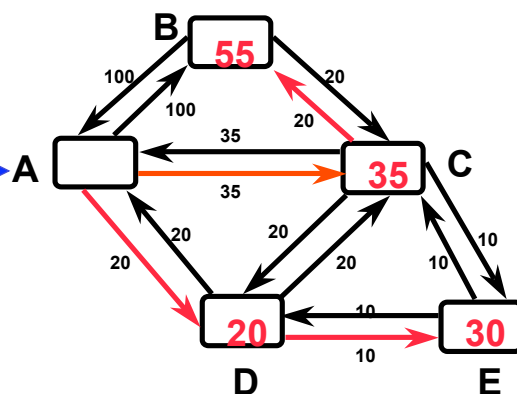
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**IP ROUTING PROTOCOLS DO NOT
DYNAMICALLY ROUTE AROUND
NETWORK CONGESTION**

- **IP traffic can be very bursty**
- **Dynamic adjustments in routing typically operate more slowly than fluctuations in traffic load**
- **Dynamically adapting routing to account for traffic load can lead to wild, unstable oscillations of routing system**

Next Lecture: Shortest Path Routing

Dest.	Nxt Hop
B	C
C	C
D	D
E	D



This is what IS-IS, OSPF, and RIP do, more or less.

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