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# Networking 101

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# IP NETWORKING



- Do you use one of these?



# IP NETWORKING



- Everything you think of when you imagine a home network

127.0.0.1



# AUDIO IP NETWORKING



- Do you use one of these?

**Spotify**



**skype™**

# WHY?

- Digital?
  - Copper!



# WHY?

- Networking?
  - Digital Transport
    - Multiple channels of audio via a single connection

# DIGITAL TRANSPORT

- S/PDIF (2 channels, optical or electrical cable)
- ADAT (8 channels, optical cable)
- AES3 (2 channels, electrical (balanced))

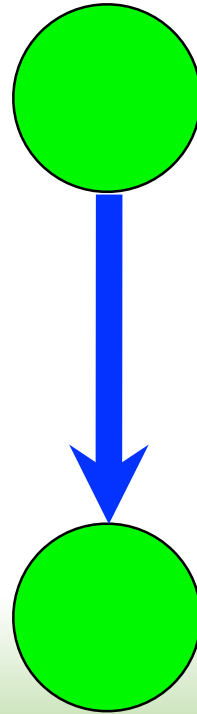




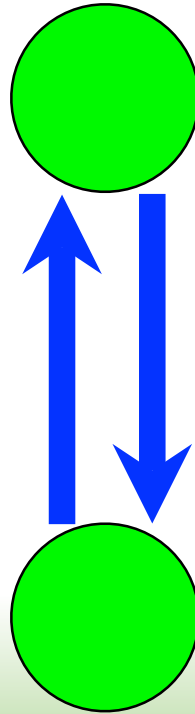
# WHY?

- Networking?
  - Allows for easy routing of multiple sources to multiple destinations logically, without lots of wires

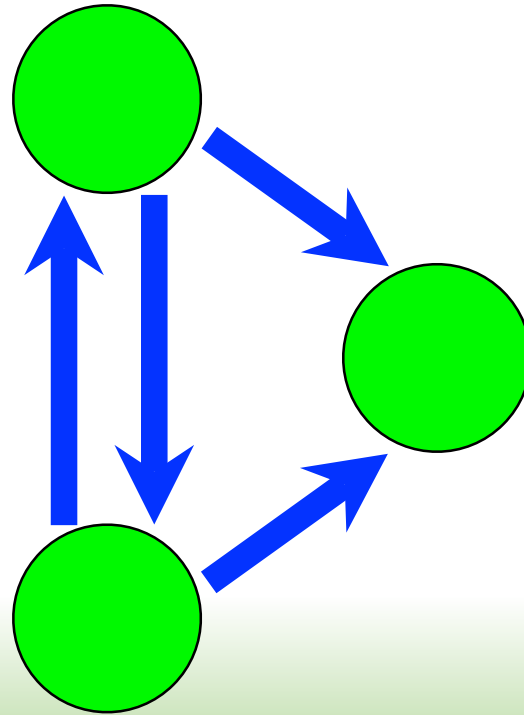
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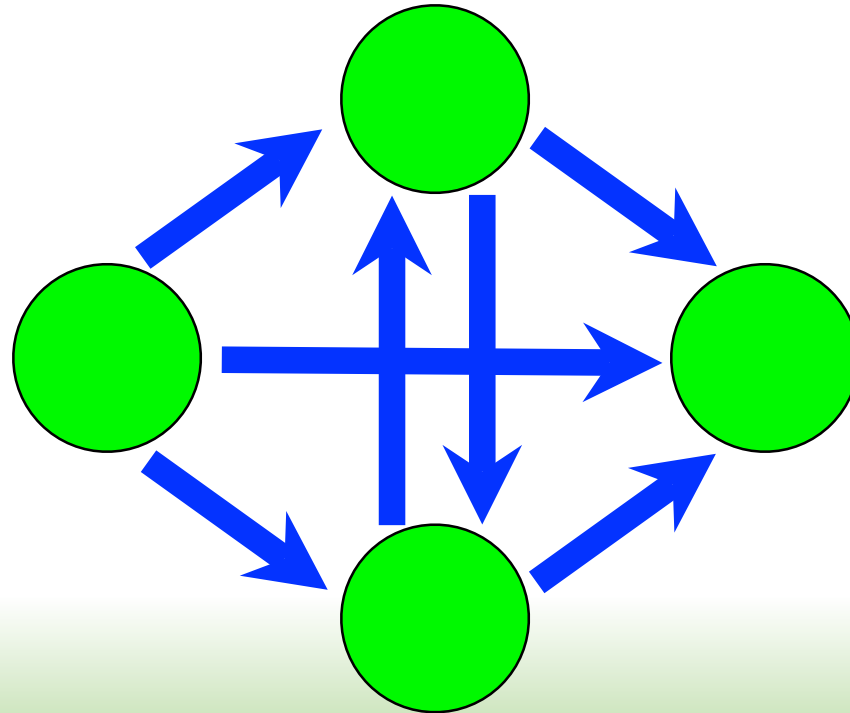
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# WHY?

- Networking?



# IP NETWORKS

- Packet switched

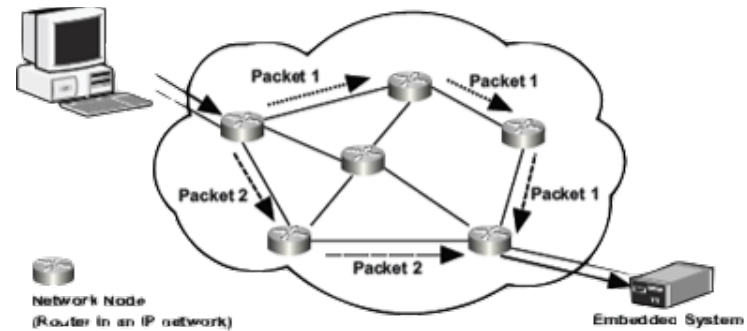
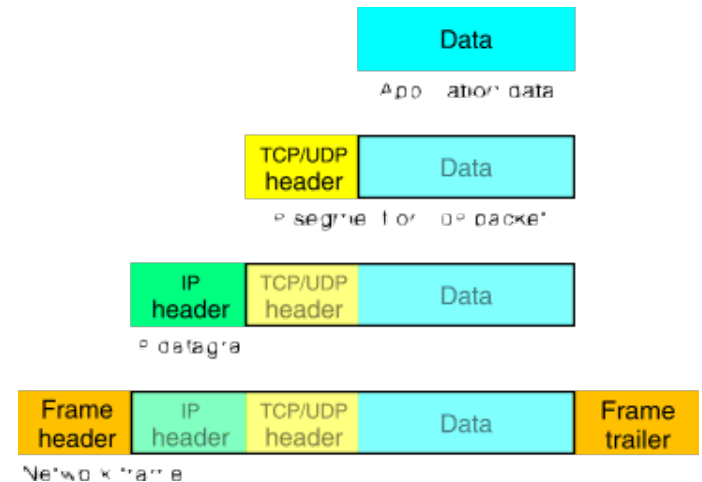


Figure 2.2 Packet switched Network

- Messages (packets) are transmitted through cables
  - Switches receive and re-transmit messages

# IP NETWORKS

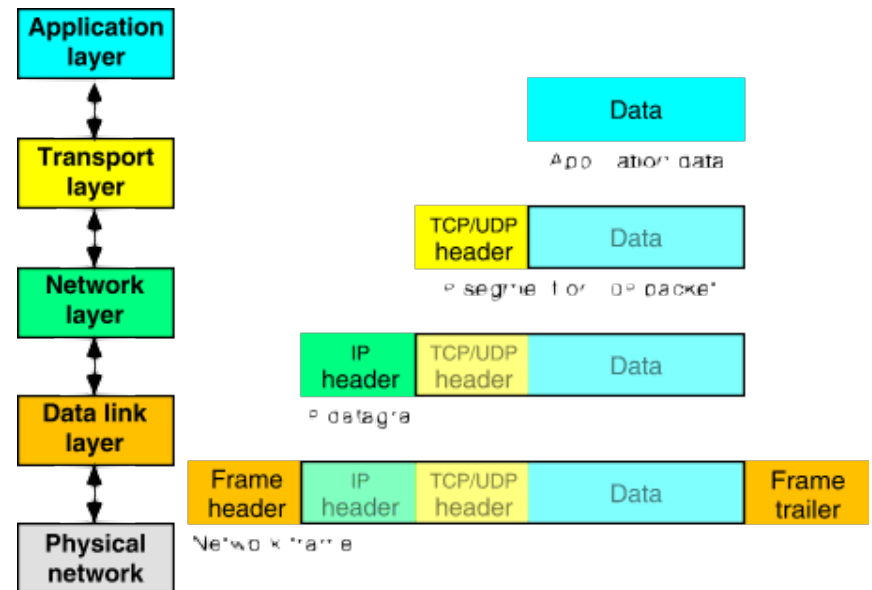
- Messages are wrapped in several headers
  - Called encapsulation
    - Like putting a letter inside an addressed envelope





# IP NETWORKS

- Encapsulation often described as network layers
- Allows a link to support many applications and services



# VOCABULARY

- Understanding the terminology

**jar·gon**<sup>1</sup>

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*noun*

special words or expressions that are used by a particular profession or group and are difficult for others to understand.

"legal jargon"

*synonyms:* specialized language, slang, cant, idiom, argot, patter; [More](#)

# THE OSI MODEL

INTERNATIONAL  
STANDARD

**ISO/IEC  
7498-1**

Second edition  
1994-11-15

Corrected and reprinted  
1996-06-15

- ISO/IEC 7498-1



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**Information technology — Open Systems  
Interconnection — Basic Reference Model:  
The Basic Model**

*Technologies de l'information — Modèle de référence de base pour  
l'interconnexion de systèmes ouverts (OSI): Le modèle de base*

# THE OSI MODEL

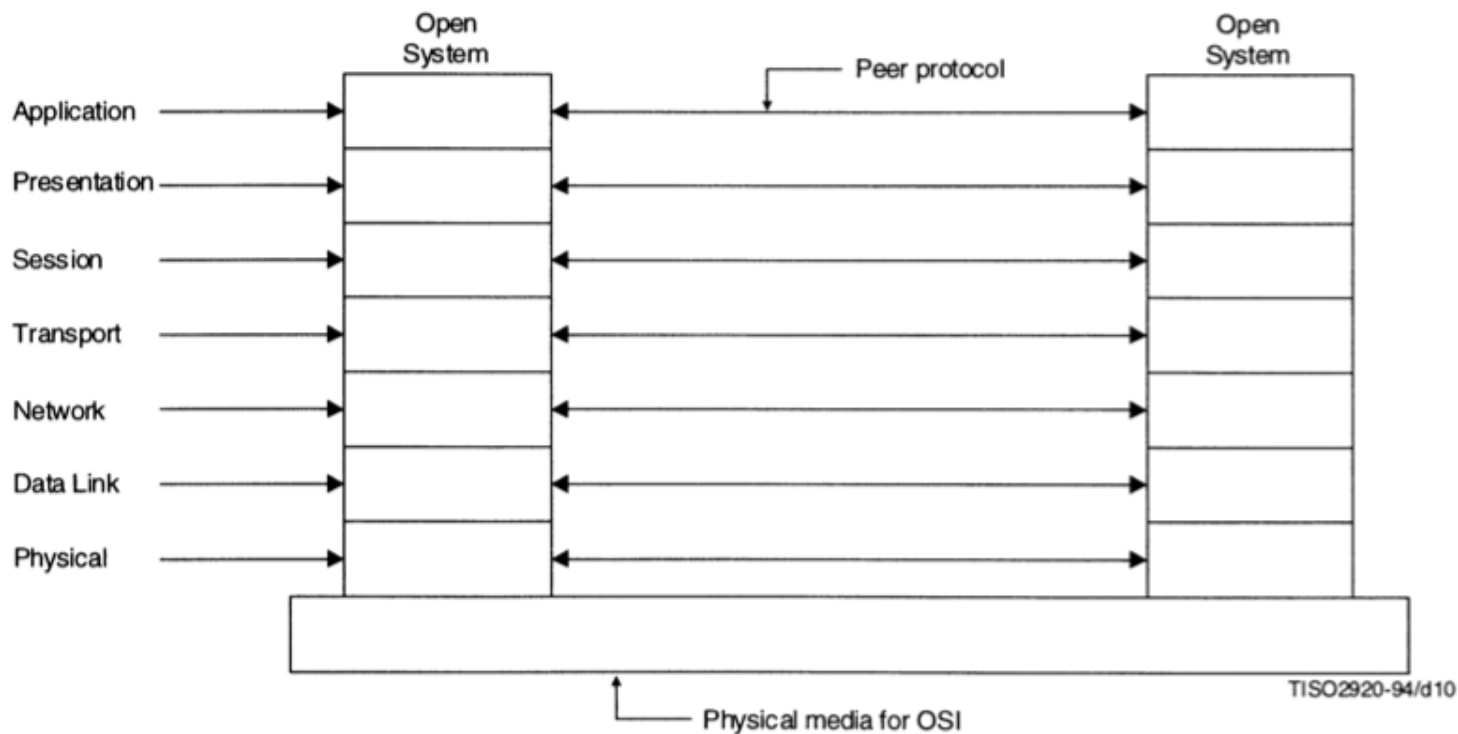
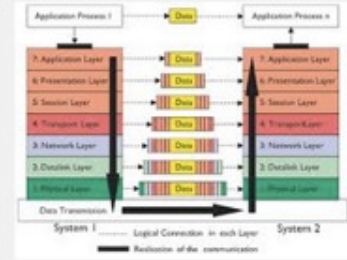
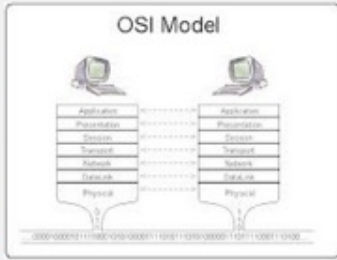
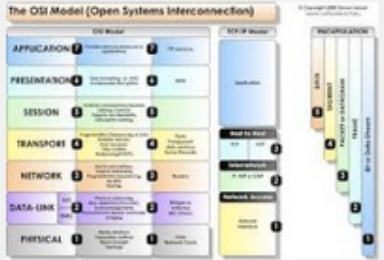
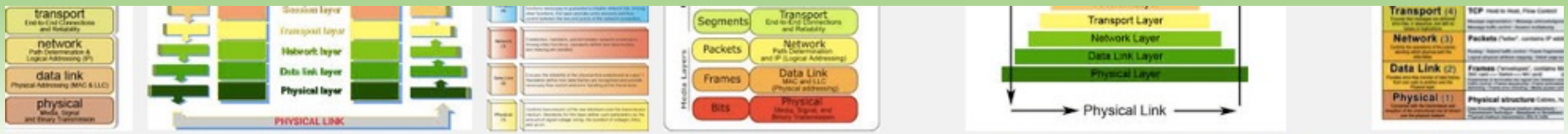
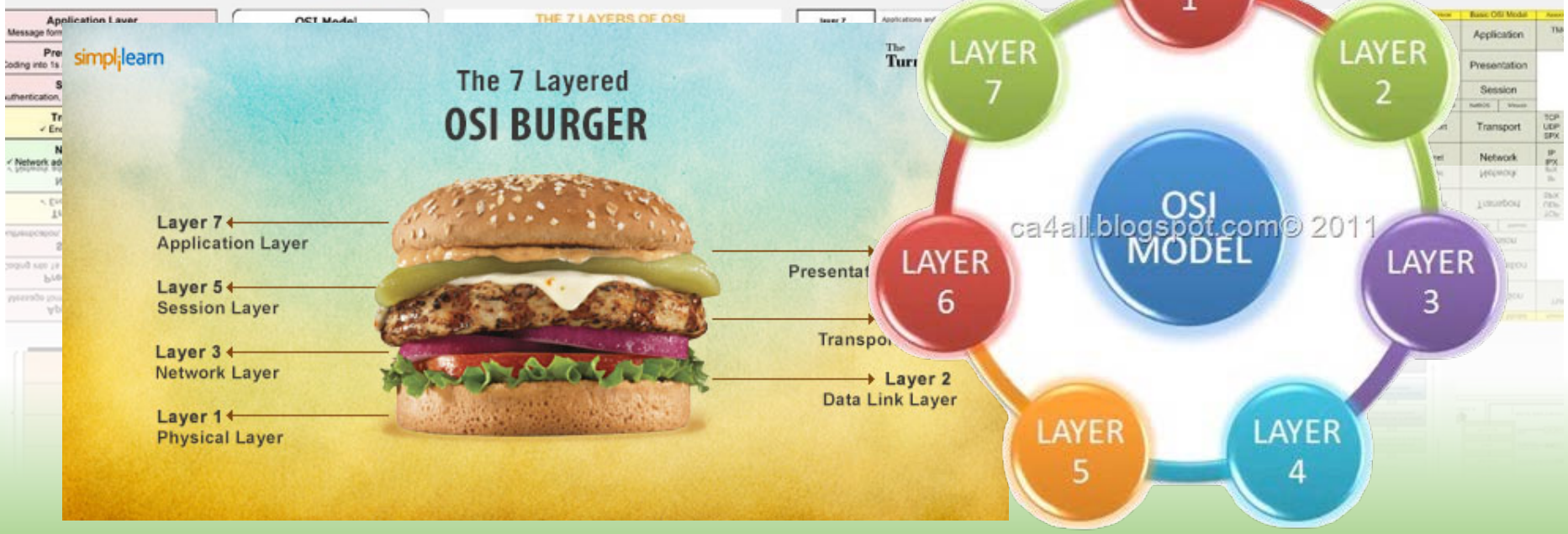
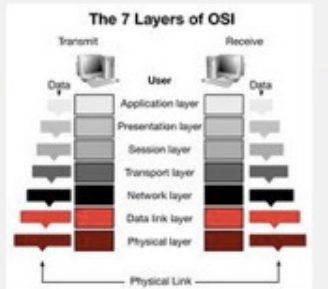


Figure 11 – Seven layer reference model and peer protocols



Application	HTTP, FTP, SMTP
Presentation	JPEG, GIF, MPEG
Session	AppleTalk, WinSock
Transport	TCP, UDP, SPX
Network	IP, ICMP, IPX
Data Link	Ethernet, ATM switch, bridge
Physical	Ethernet, Token Ring hub, repeater

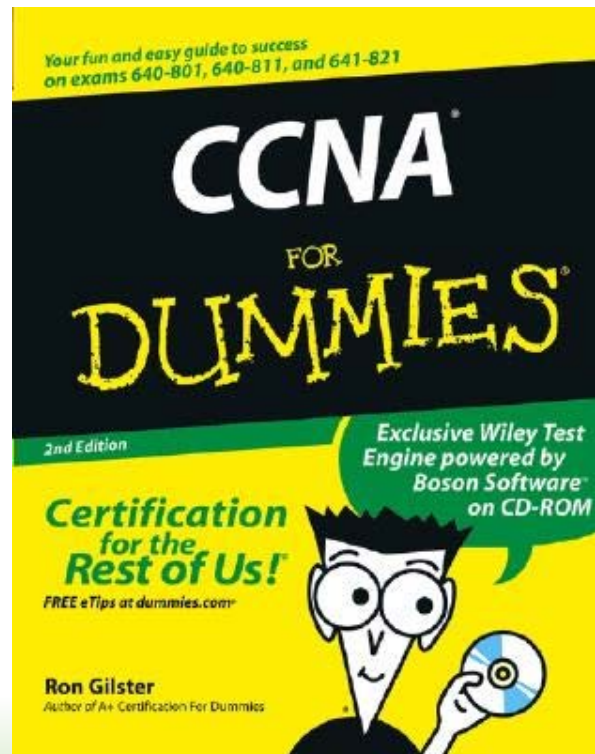


# CCNA

Cisco Certified Network Administrator



# CCNA FOR DUMMIES



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The CCNA exam asks you to provide at least three reasons that the "industry" uses layered interconnection models. Examples of layered networking models include the seven-layer OSI model (which you need to know inside and out) and the Department of Defense (DOD) five-layer model (which you don't). The basic reason for using a layered networking approach is that a layered model takes a task, such as data communications, and breaks it into a series of tasks, activities, or components, each of which is defined and developed independently.



# CCNA FOR DUMMIES

## OSI model

- data communications
  - components
    - defined independently

# OSI MODEL AS A

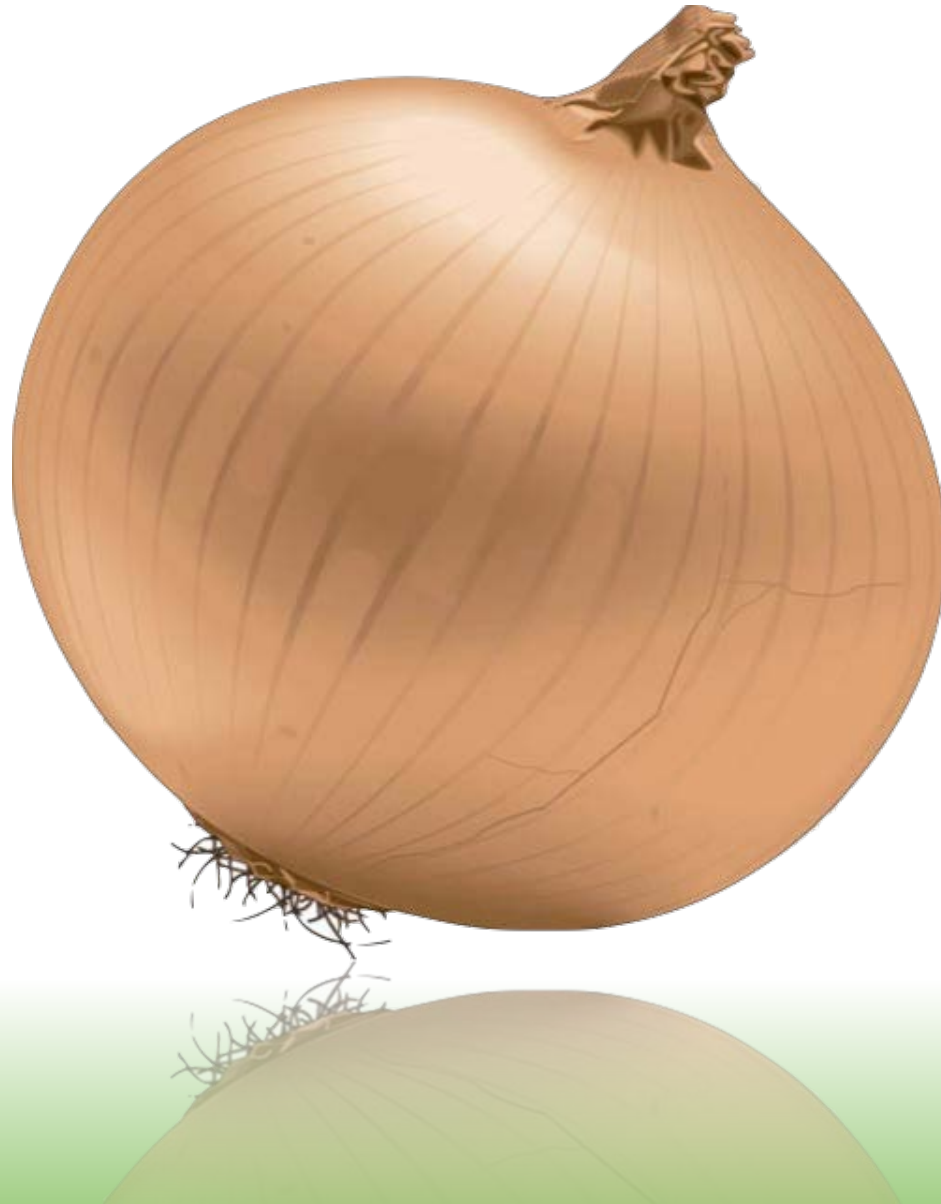


- Hundreds of examples
- Shown this way because it is always shown this way?
- Useful from a developers view, but...



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# LAYER 1 - PHYSICAL

- You can say it is the cable:
  - CAT5/6
  - fiber optic
  - RF



# LAYER 1 - PHYSICAL

- It is really the “electrical” signaling
- It is different from the other layers
  - Every other layer is logical and deals with chunks of data
  - This one is all “bits”, 1s and 0s

# LAYER 1 - PHYSICAL

- Layer 1 Audio?
  - AES50

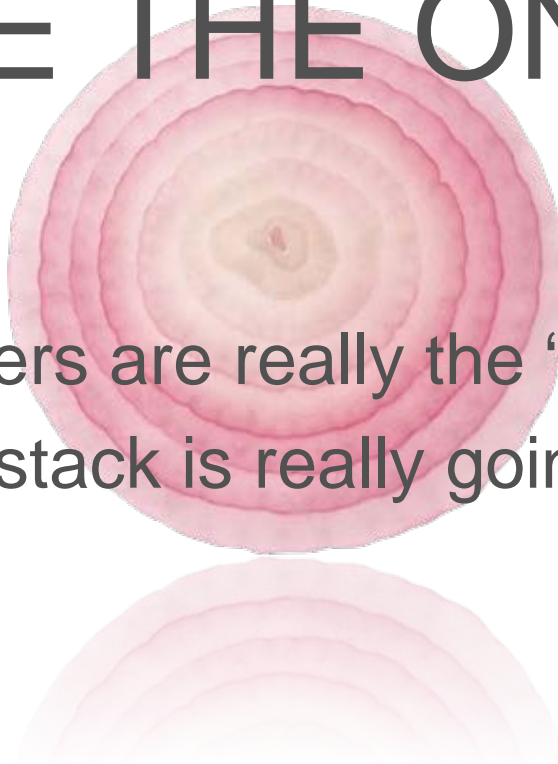


# LAYER 1 - PHYSICAL

- This is the “skin” of my OSI Model onion
  - Like an onion, I’m going to discard it (from my talk)

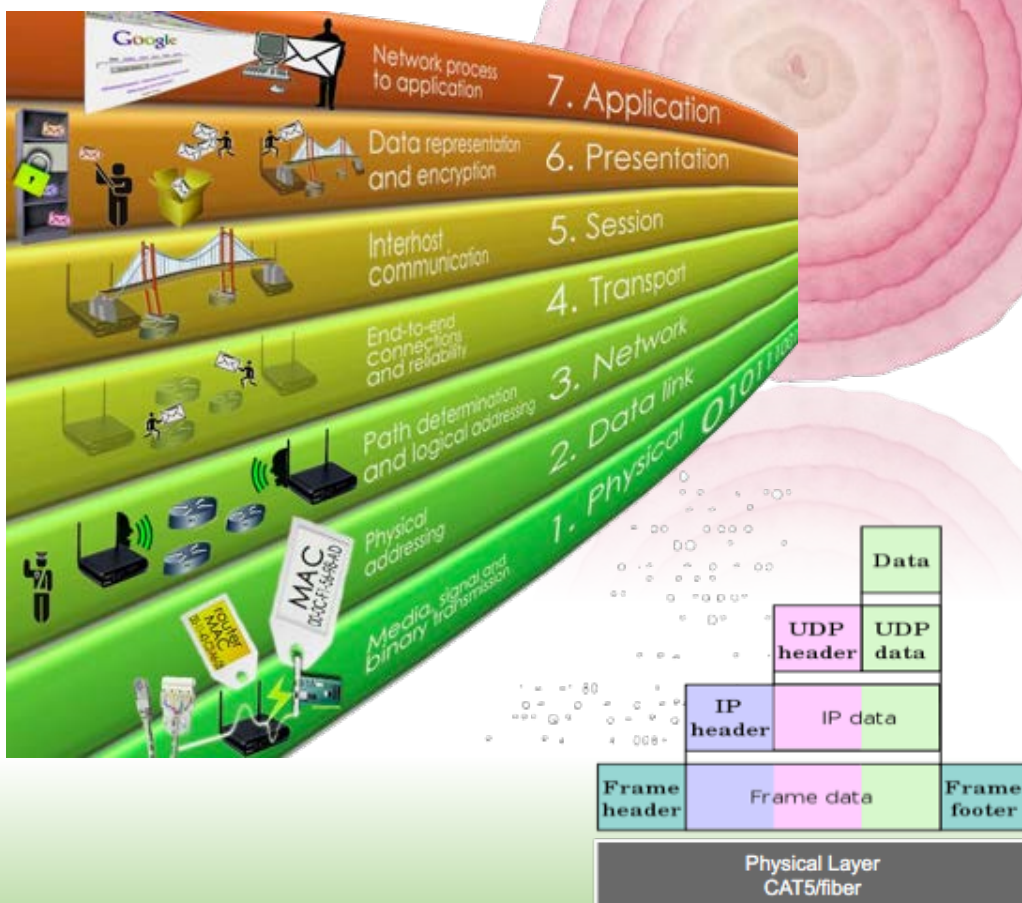
# SLICE THE ONION

- The “lower” layers are really the “outer” layers
- Going “up” the stack is really going “in” to the center



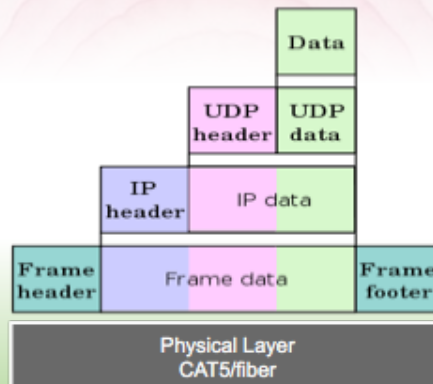


# SLICE THE ONION



# LAYER 2 - DATALINK

- The “lowest” logical layer
  - The “outer most” wrapper of a chunk of data
    - (remember the onion)



# LAYER 2 - DATALINK

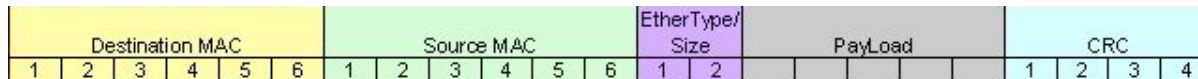
- Responsible for reliable transmission of data over the communication medium
  - Detect bit transmission errors
- Local Area Network (LAN)

# LAYER 2 - DATALINK

- Ethernet (IEEE802.3)
  - Other - IEEE802.11, ITU-T G.hn

# LAYER 2 - DATALINK

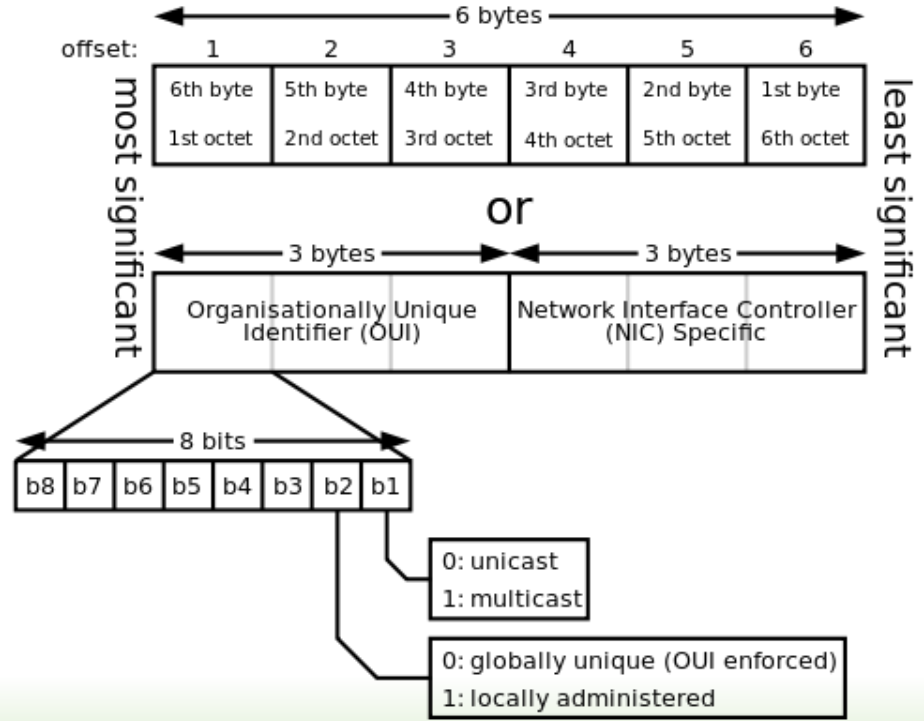
- Ethernet
  - “Frames”



# LAYER 2 - DATALINK

- MAC Addresses  
 (Media Access Control)

- e.g. 00-0F-1F-FE-3A-F8
- Unicast, globally unique)



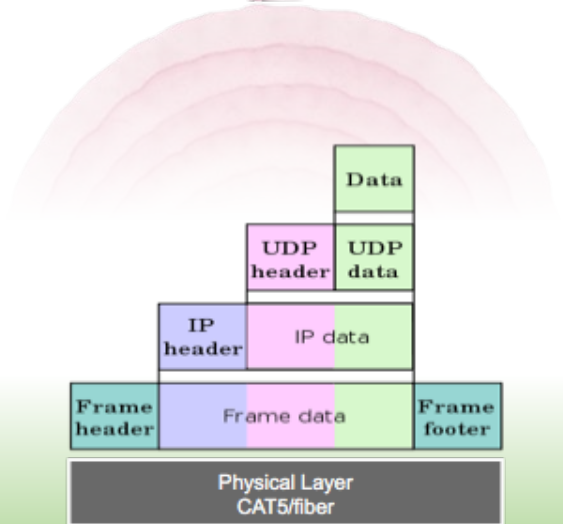
# LAYER 2 - DATALINK

- Layer 2 Audio?
  - CobraNet
  - EtherSound
  - AVB



# LAYER 3 NETWORK

- This is where people are familiar



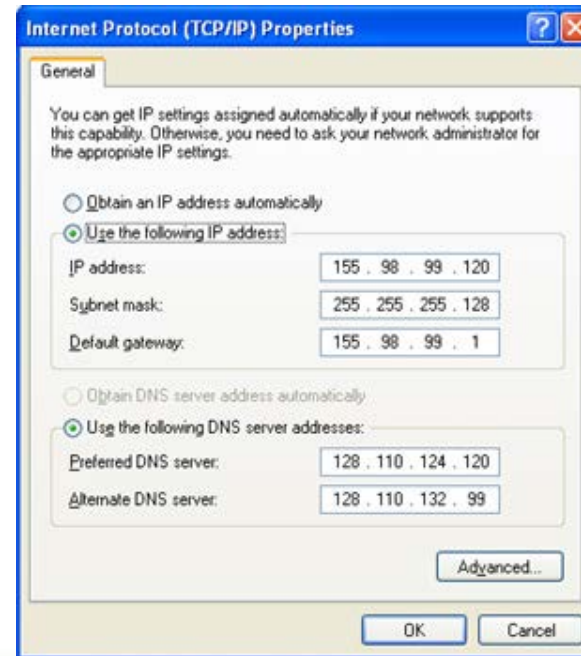


# LAYER 3 - NETWORK

- Responsible for:
  - Addressing
  - Fragmentation and reassembly of data streams
  - Maintaining “Types of Service”
  - “Best effort” delivery

# LAYER 3 - NETWORK

- IP Addresses





# IP ADDRESSING

- Addresses managed by Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA)
- Legacy approach was to divide IPv4 into classes with a fixed network address

# IP ADDRESSING

Class	First Octet Range	Default Subnet Mask	Max Hosts	Format												
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# IP ADDRESSING

- Reserved by the IETF / IANA:
  - Private address ranges:
    - 192.168.0.0, 10.0.0.0, 172.16.0.0
  - Zeroconf address range: 169.254.0.0
  - Multicast range: 224.0.0.0 - 239.255.255.255

# IP ADDRESSING

- Classless Inter-Domain Routing (CIDR) was introduced to greatly expand the number of addresses
  - Allow the netmask to be variable length
  - Addresses written in the format: a.b.c.d/24
  - Seamless upgrade from legacy approach

# IP ADDRESSING

- For example:
  - 192.168.1.0 with a netmask 255.255.255.0 becomes 192.168.1.0/24
  - The “old” Class A, B and C ranges are now:
    - /8, /16 and /24



# IP ADDRESSING

- Addresses can be set static (manual) or dynamic
  - Static schemes require someone to design, manage, configure, and maintain
    - Error prone, time consuming

# IP ADDRESSING

- DHCP (Dynamic Host Control Protocol)
  - Most devices will use DHCP if one is present on the network
- Often DHCP servers will also allow you to create a “reservation” for a particular address

# IP ADDRESSING

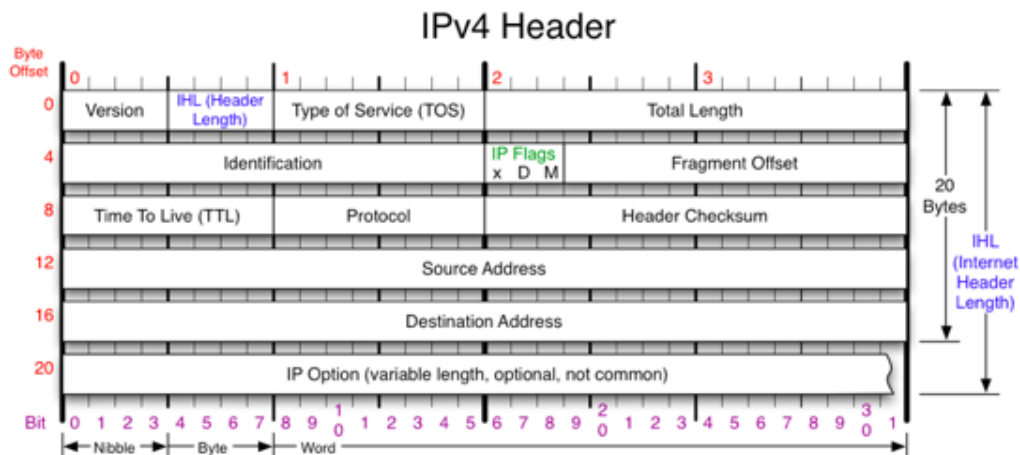
- What if there is no DHCP server?
- IPv4 Link Local is an automatic scheme for zeroconf networks
  - Supported by OSX and Windows

# IP ADDRESSING

- Hosts use an algorithm to find an IP address in the range of: 169.254.X.Y
  - Ask if the address is already in use
    - If the address is in use, the owner responds
  - If no response, free to start using

# LAYER 3 - NETWORK

- IP Header



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# LAYER 3 - NETWORK

- Layer 3 enables “routing” of data
  - Routing is how networks are connected together
- Layer 3 enables the creation of "logical" networks
  - Separate networks can share physical infrastructure

# LAYER 3 - NETWORK

- Layer 3 Audio?
  - Dante
  - AES67
  - RTP



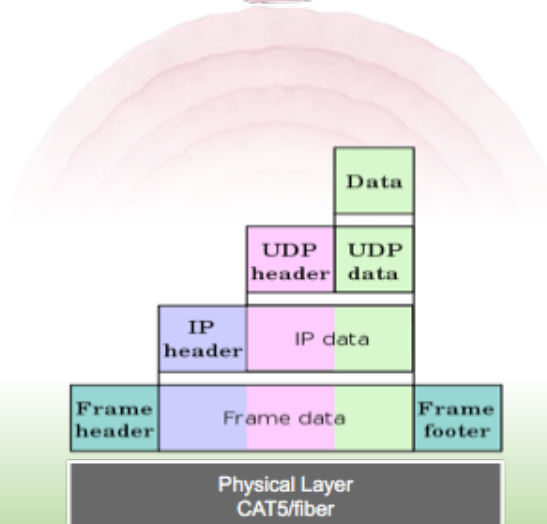
# LAYERS 1,2,3

- The level of detail in the OSI model is largely unnecessary for most
- These three layers are the most useful to the AV engineer
- There is very little practical choice or configuration available to the user above Layer 3



# LAYER 4 - TRANSPORT

- The “TCP” in TC



# TCP

- Makes sure that data arrives
  - Re-transmits lost data
- Takes care of packet ordering
  - Presents data to the application in the order that it was transmitted, not necessarily the order it was received
- Flow control
  - Only transmit at a rate that the network can support

# UDP

- Lightweight
- No re-transmitting lost packets by the protocol
- Good for streaming media

# LAYER 4 - TRANSPORT

- Layer 4 Audio?
  - All Layer 3 Audio is actually “full stack”
    - Layer 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7

# LAYER 5 - SESSION

- How we identify the start and end, defines a “conversation”

# TCP

- TCP (yes it is both Layer 4 and Layer 5)

# LAYER 6 - PRESENTATION

- The context with which data is presented
  - Encryption
    - SSL

# LAYER 7 - APPLICATION

- What you are actually doing!
  - HTTP







# NETWORKING CONCEPTS

- Unicast
- Multicast
- QoS

# NETWORKING CONCEPTS

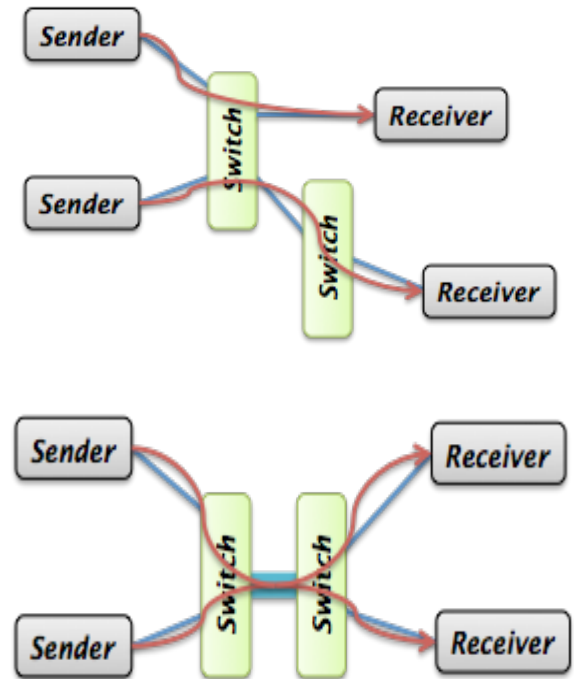
- Unicast 
  - Useful for point-to-point signals
- Multicast 
  - Useful for one-to-many signals

# UNICAST

- Point-to-point efficiency
  - Channels are transmitted once for each receiver

# UNICAST

- Packets stay on a narrow path between the sender and the receiver
- Packets only interfere with each other when paths cross
  - Make cross points gigabit!

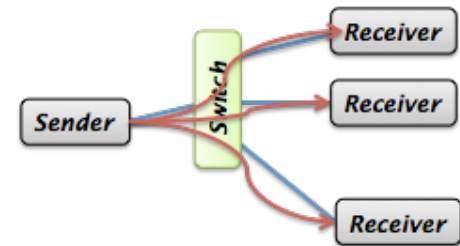
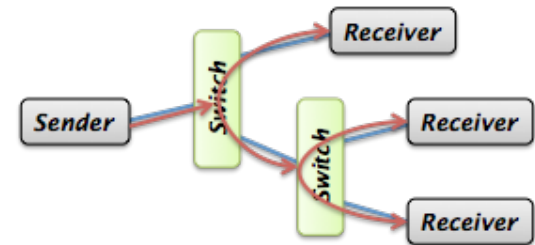


# MULTICAST

- One-to-many efficiency
  - Channels are transmitted once to all receivers

# MULTICAST

- Packets flood throughout the network, duplicated by switches
- Assume that multicast channels will use up bandwidth on all network links
- Compare to multi-Unicast



# IGMP

- Internet Group Management Protocol
  - Manages membership of multicast groups
  - Used between IP hosts and multicast router

# IGMP SNOOPING

- Allows a layer 2 (Ethernet) switch to listen in on IGMP protocol messages
- Switch can then route multicast traffic instead of broadcasting it to every port



# QOS

## QUALITY OF SERVICE

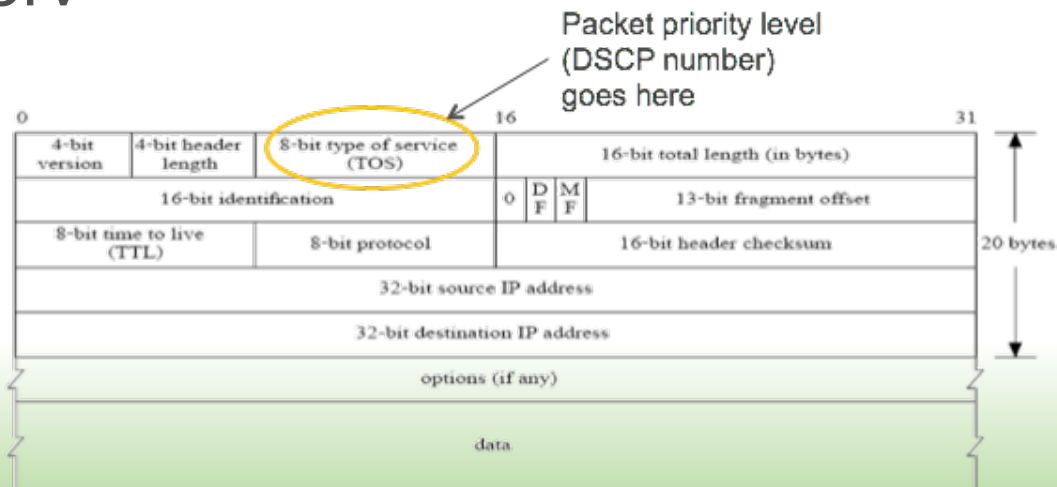
- QoS is a large area with lots of jargon
  - Bottom line is to ensure that some application traffic gets preferred treatment from the network

# QOS

- Usually achieved by marking packets with a priority field
  - Just a number which reflects the relative importance of each packet
  - E.g. Diffserv Code Point (DSCP)

# QOS

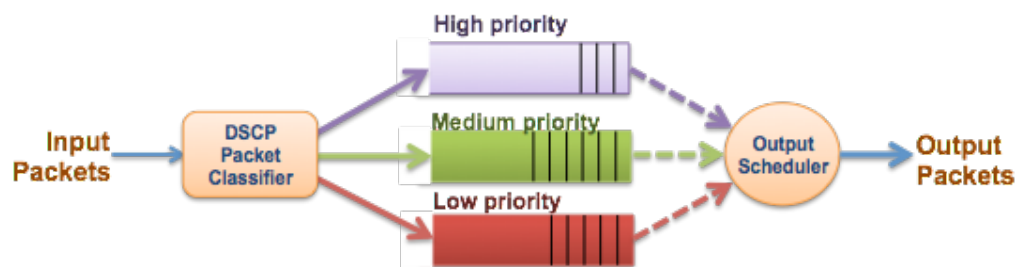
- Diffserv Code Point (DSCP)
- TCP/IP Priority
  - Diffserv



# QOS

- Switches can look at the priority value and:
  - Prioritize some packets over others
  - Assign high priority to important traffic
    - E.g. voice packets in a VoIP system
  - The method used in VoIP today

# QOS



- Packets can be prioritized and forwarded preferentially

# QOS

- Strict Priority
  - Packets are drained from higher priority queues before lower priority queues

# EXAMPLE

- Adding networked audio to expand or replace existing
  - Either a common use network or dedicated infrastructure
    - IT will own or manage the infrastructure
- Of course, it will be a Dante networked system

# EXAMPLE

- Does Dante require any special network infrastructure?
  - No, special network infrastructure is not required.
    - Since Dante is based upon universally accepted networking standards, Dante-enabled devices can be connected using inexpensive off-the-shelf Ethernet switches and cabling



# EXAMPLE

- Does Dante require a dedicated network infrastructure?
  - No, a dedicated network infrastructure is not required.
    - Dante-enabled devices can happily coexist with other equipment making use of the network, such as general purpose PCs sending and receiving email and other data

# EXAMPLE

- Dante uses DHCP for addressing when available, and will auto-assign an IP address if it is not, exactly like a PC/Mac
  - Dante devices will continue to "look" for DHCP even after auto-assigning an IP address
- Some, but not all, Dante devices allow the setting of static IP addresses

# EXAMPLE

- Dante uses mDNS and DNS-SD for discovery and enumeration of other Dante devices
  - Including Dante Controller and Dante Virtual Soundcard
  - Originally known as Apple's Bonjour, this is a low traffic, multicast protocol.

# EXAMPLE

- Dante uses Precision Time Protocol (PTP) for time synchronization
  - Dante uses the IEEE1588-2002 version, which uses both unicast and multicast UDP transport
  - This is generally a few small packets a few times a second

# EXAMPLE

- Dante uses UDP for audio distribution, both unicast and multicast
  - By default they are sent using unicast addressing, but the user can change this to multicast using Dante Controller
  - Typical bandwidth is about 5Mbps for each audio flow, which can contain up to 8 audio channels, but 4 channels per flow is typical

# EXAMPLE

- When does it make sense to use multicast rather than unicast?
  - When a particular audio channel or group of audio channels is being sent to multiple receivers (typically three or more)
  - It is a more efficient use of available network bandwidth to send a single multicast packet to many receivers than to send individual packets with identical payloads to each receiver

# EXAMPLE

- Dante implements IGMP to assist with multicast management
  - Support for IGMP is not required in a network
  - It is in Dante to make integration into mixed-use networks simpler

# EXAMPLE

- Dante uses standard Voice over IP (VoIP) Quality of Service (QoS) switch features to prioritize clock sync and audio traffic over other network traffic
- Any switch that supports Diffserv (DSCP) QoS with strict priority and 4 queues, and has Gigabit ports for inter-switch connections should be appropriate for use with Dante



# EXAMPLE

- Dante will tag packets and its tags can be integrated into an existing IT network QoS scheme

Priority	Usage	DSCP Label	Hex	Decimal	Binary
High	Time critical PTP events	CS7	0x38	56	111000
Medium	Audio, PTP	EF	0x2E	46	101110
Low	(reserved)	CS1	0x08	8	001000
None	Other traffic	BestEffort	0x00	0	000000



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