

Computer Networks

Exercise Session 09

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General Schedule

All exercises will follow this general schedule

- Identify potential understanding problems
 - Ask your questions
 - Recap of the lecture
- Address the understanding problems
 - Answer your questions
 - Repeat certain topics
- Walk through the exercises/solutions → Some hints and guidance
 - Work time or presentation of results

Network Layer: Addressing

You have seen . . .

- the **purpose** and **format** of **IPv4** and **IPv6** addresses
- the original **classes** of IPv4 networks, what **CIDR** and what **subnets** are
- how to connect **private networks** to the Internet using **NAT**
- that IP datagrams can be **fragmented** if they are too big for a single frame on the data link layer
- why a successor for IPv4 was needed and how **IPv6** tackles the challenges

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Exercise 2: Forwarding Process

- The OS uses a **forwarding table** (or **forwarding information base (FIB)**) to select the appropriate interface for sending a packet
- The **selector** is the destination IP address of the outgoing (or forwarded) packet
- The FIB contains at least two columns:
 - The destination **network address**
 - The **interface**
- Optionally it may contain a **gateway**
- The OS performs a **longest prefix match** on the selector

Exercise 2: Longest Prefix Matching

- The longest (*best*) matching prefix from the FIB is chosen
- The destination IP address is compared bit by bit with the network addresses in the FIB
- The number of compared bits depends on the prefix length of the FIB entry
- The longest matching prefix is selected and the according interface will be chosen
- There is typically a **default** entry (0.0.0.0/0 for IPv4) that always matches

Exercise 2: Inspect the FIB

- On Linux you can query your routing table with *iputils* (→ `ip route show` or simply `ip r`)
- On Windows and Linux you can also use `netstat -r [n]`
- The result may look like this:

Kernel IP routing table

Destination	Gateway	Genmask	Flags	MSS	Window	irtt	Iface
default	10.51.0.1	0.0.0.0	UG	0	0	0	wlan0
10.2.0.0	0.0.0.0	255.255.255.0	U	0	0	0	enp0s31f6
10.51.0.0	0.0.0.0	255.255.0.0	U	0	0	0	wlan0
192.168.0.0	0.0.0.0	255.252.0.0	U	0	0	0	wlan0

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■ IP address AND (NOT subnet mask) = host ID

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Inverse subnet mask	000.000.000.31	00000000	00000000	00000000	00011111
Host ID	26	00000000	00000000	00000000	00011010

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Pinging broadcast addresses

```
user@host> ping -b 10.0.34.255
PING 10.0.34.0 (10.0.34.0) from 10.0.34.197 : 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 10.0.34.197: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.049 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.34.236: icmp_seq=1 ttl=255 time=0.163 ms (DUP!)
64 bytes from 10.0.34.206: icmp_seq=1 ttl=255 time=0.211 ms (DUP!)
64 bytes from 10.0.34.196: icmp_seq=1 ttl=255 time=0.213 ms (DUP!)
64 bytes from 10.0.34.181: icmp_seq=1 ttl=255 time=0.220 ms (DUP!)
64 bytes from 10.0.34.174: icmp_seq=1 ttl=255 time=0.243 ms (DUP!)
64 bytes from 10.0.34.133: icmp_seq=1 ttl=255 time=0.245 ms (DUP!)
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Exercise 5: Fragmenting IP Packets

- Any router can fragment (unless the DF bit is not set)
- Only the receiver reassembles
- In IPv4:
 - Any router “must be able to forward a datagram of 68 octets without further fragmentation”³
 - Any host “must be able to receive a datagram of 576 octets either in one piece or in fragments to be reassembled”³
- “IPv6 requires that every link in the internet have an MTU of 1280”⁴ octets or greater

³RFC 791

⁴RFC 2460

Exercise 6: Fragmenting IP Packets

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
3	1.686621	192.168.12.192	192.168.1.192	IPv4	1508	Fragmented IP protocol (proto=UDP 17, off=0, ID=02ba) [Reassembled in #4]
4	1.686674	192.168.1.192	192.168.1.192	UDP	91	Source port: 13744, Destination port: 53 (DNS)
5	1.686874	192.168.1.192	192.168.12.192	IPv4	1508	Fragmented IP protocol (proto=UDP 17, off=0, ID=3054) [Reassembled in #6]
6	1.686891	192.168.1.192	192.168.12.192	UDP	91	Source port: safetymetp Destination port: scp-config


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# Frame 4: 91 bytes on wire (728 bits), 91 bytes captured (728 bits)
# Ethernet II, Src: b8:ca:3a:5f:24:d2 (b8:ca:3a:5f:24:d2), Dst: InspurE1_13:7e:0b (6c:92:bf:13:7e:0b)
# Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.55.205.215 (10.55.205.215), Dst: 10.55.205.228 (10.55.205.228)
# 0100 ... = Version: 4
# Header Length: 20 bytes
# Differentiated Services Field: 0x00 (DSCP 0x00: Default; ECN: 0x00: Not-ECT (Not ECN-Capable Transport))
# Total Length: 77
# Identification: 0x431b (17179)
# Flags: 0x00
# Fragment offset: 0
# Time to live: 64
# Protocol: UDP (17)
# Header checksum: 0x875b [correct]
# Source: 10.55.205.215 (10.55.205.215)
# Destination: 10.55.205.228 (10.55.205.228)
# [Source GeoIP: unknown]
# [Destination GeoIP: unknown]
# User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 53834 (53834), Dst Port: otv (8472)
# Virtual extensible Local Area Network
# Ethernet II, Src: a2:36:11:af:b9:a4 (a2:36:11:af:b9:a4), Dst: b2:8b:8e:60:e6:b9 (b2:8b:8e:60:e6:b9)
# Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.12.192 (192.168.12.192), Dst: 192.168.1.192 (192.168.1.192)
# 0100 ... = Version: 4
# Header Length: 20 bytes
# Differentiated Services Field: 0x00 (DSCP 0x00: Default; ECN: 0x00: Not-ECT (Not ECN-Capable Transport))
# Total Length: 27
# Identification: 0x02ba (698)
# Flags: 0x00
# Fragment offset: 1424
# Time to live: 64
# Protocol: UDP (17)
# Header checksum: 0xe795 [correct]
# Source: 192.168.12.192 (192.168.12.192)
# Destination: 192.168.1.192 (192.168.1.192)
# [Source GeoIP: unknown]
# [Destination GeoIP: unknown]
# [2 IPv4 Fragments (1431 bytes): #3(1424), #4(7)]
# [Frame 3, payload: 0-1423 (1424 bytes)]
# [Frame 4, payload: 1424-1430 (7 bytes)]
# [Fragment count: 2]
# [Reassembled IPv4 Length: 1431]
# User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: scp-config (10001), Dst Port: safetymetp (40000)
# Data (1423 bytes)
  
```

Source: <https://hustcat.github.io/>