

ELEC / COMP 177 – Fall 2012

# Computer Networking

## → Address Resolution Protocol

Some slides from Kurose and Ross, *Computer Networking*, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition

# Schedule

- Thursday, Nov 1<sup>st</sup> – **Homework #4 Due**
- Tuesday, Nov 6<sup>th</sup> – **Project #2 Due**

# Recap – IP Addresses

- IPv4 addresses are usually displayed in dotted decimal notation
  - Each byte represented by decimal value
  - Bytes are separated by a period
  - IP address  $0x8002C2F2 = 128.2.194.242$
- IP addresses are hierarchical
  - Contain information on *where* a host is in the world
  - Address composed of **network ID** and **host ID**
  - `www.pacific.edu`: **138.9.110.12**

# Recap – CIDR

- Classless InterDomain Routing
  - Meant to provide more flexible routing
- Break up IP address space into prefixes
- Each prefix has its own routing entry
  - All traffic to Pacific (138.9/16) within the Internet should be routed the same way, regardless of how Pacific subnets its address space

■ 138.9/16 =

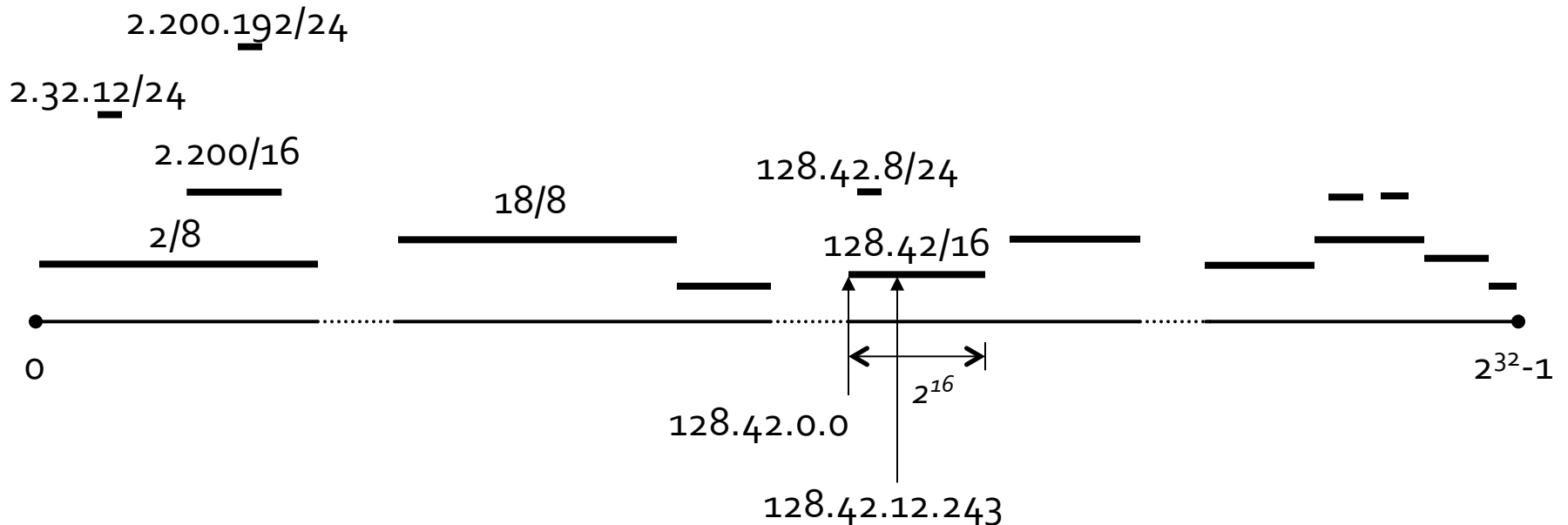
10001010 00001001 xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx



Prefix (138.9) is **16 bits long**

16 bits remain to represent hosts in this prefix (aka subnet)

# Reap – IP Prefixes



- IP address space can be viewed as a number line
  - Each segment represents an aggregated route
  - Segments can overlap
- Look for smallest segment that matches the destination address

# Recap – Longest Prefix Match

- Allow more specific entries to supersede more general ones
  - 128.42.8/24
    - Route this traffic to Hawaii
  - 128.42/16
    - Route this traffic to Stockton
    - Except for addresses that match a route with a longer prefix (i.e., 128.42.8/24)
- Allows significantly more route aggregation
- Simplifies things if companies move (physically or to another ISP) their block of IP addresses

# Address Resolution Protocol

# Routing

- IP routers determine next hop IP address using longest prefix match
  - Given a destination IP address, what is the IP address of the router to which the datagram should be forwarded next?
- Why do they need the next hop IP address?
  - Destination IP address remains unchanged in the datagram
  - Actually need the next hop *Ethernet* address!



# IP vs. Ethernet Addresses

- Why store next hop IP address?
- Why not just store next hop Ethernet address?
- Ethernet address
  - Unique identifier for a piece of hardware
- IP address
  - Unique identifier for a system performing a function

# Address Resolution Protocol

- Find link layer address given a network layer address
  - i.e., what is the Ethernet address for a given IP address?
- Every IP node (hosts and routers) has an ARP table
  - Mapping from IP to Ethernet addresses on their LAN
  - May be incomplete
  - Can include both static and dynamic entries

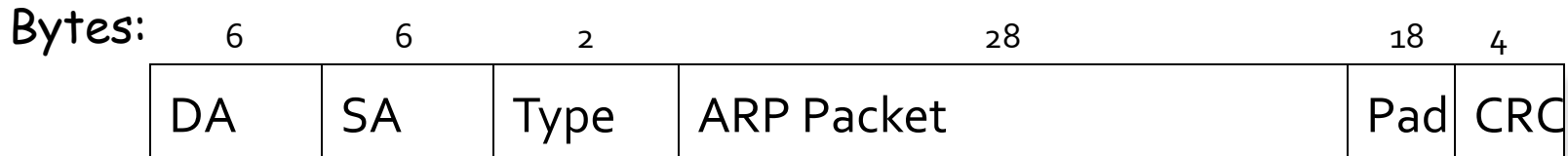
# Static ARP Entries

- IP address 128.42.6.32 has Ethernet address 00:E0:81:5A:71:AB
- Must be managed by the system administrator
  - What if that NIC fails and is replaced?
  - What if that system's IP address is changed?
- Actively managing IP → Ethernet address mappings for all nodes in a LAN will get pretty tedious pretty fast

# Dynamic ARP Entries

- Systems “discover” IP → Ethernet address mappings, as needed
- Each entry has an IP address, an Ethernet address, and a timeout (typically around 20 minutes)
- ARP packets are broadcast on the LAN to discover mappings
  - ARP packets are encapsulated in Ethernet frames
  - **Why broadcast?**

# Encapsulated ARP Request



- Ethernet destination
  - If you knew the Ethernet address, you wouldn't need to send an ARP request!
  - Broadcast address: `ff : ff : ff : ff : ff : ff`
- Ethernet type
  - ARP: `0x0806`

# ARP Request

- Hardware Type (2 bytes)
  - Ethernet 0x0001
- Protocol Type (2 bytes)
  - IP: 0x0800
- Hardware Address Length (1 byte)
  - Ethernet: 6
- Protocol Address Length (1 byte)
  - IPv4: 4
- Opcode (2 bytes)
  - Request: 1 (Response: 2)
- Source address (hardware and protocol)
- Destination address (hardware (unknown) and protocol)

# Full ARP Request

|   |  |                                    |
|---|--|------------------------------------|
| Destination MAC Address (ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff) |  |                                    |
| Destination MAC Address                     |  | Source MAC Address                 |
| Source MAC Address                          |  |                                    |
| Type (0x0806)                               |  | HW Type (Ethernet: 0x0001)         |
| Protocol Type (IP: 0x0800)                  |  | HW AddrLen (6)    Prot AddrLen (4) |
| Opcode (Request: 1)                         |  | Source HW Address                  |
| Source HW Address                           |  |                                    |
| Source IP Address                           |  |                                    |
| Destination HW Address                      |  |                                    |
| Destination HW Address                      |  | Destination IP Address             |
| Destination IP Address                      |  | Padding                            |
| Ethernet CRC                                |  |                                    |

# Sending a Packet from a Host

- Host setup
  - IP address
  - Subnet – what IP addresses are on the same LAN
  - Gateway – where to send traffic outside the LAN



# Sending a Packet from a Host

- Example:
  - My IP = 183.19.205.67
  - My Netmask = 255.255.254.0
  - DestIP = 183.19.204.83 – **Same subnet or not?**
- What is my subnet?
  - MyIP= 10110011 00010011 11001101 01000011
  - Netm= 11111111 11111111 11111110 00000000
- Is the destination on the same subnet?
  - DestIP = 10110011 00010011 11001100 01010011
  - Netm = 11111111 11111111 11111110 00000000
  - **Yes! The subnet addresses match**

# Sending a Packet from a Host

- Destination **on LAN**
  - Create ARP request for *destination IP*
  - Broadcast to everyone on the LAN
  - Destination should reply with its MAC address
- Destination **not on LAN**
  - Create ARP request for *gateway router IP*
  - Broadcast to everyone on the LAN
  - Gateway should reply with its MAC address

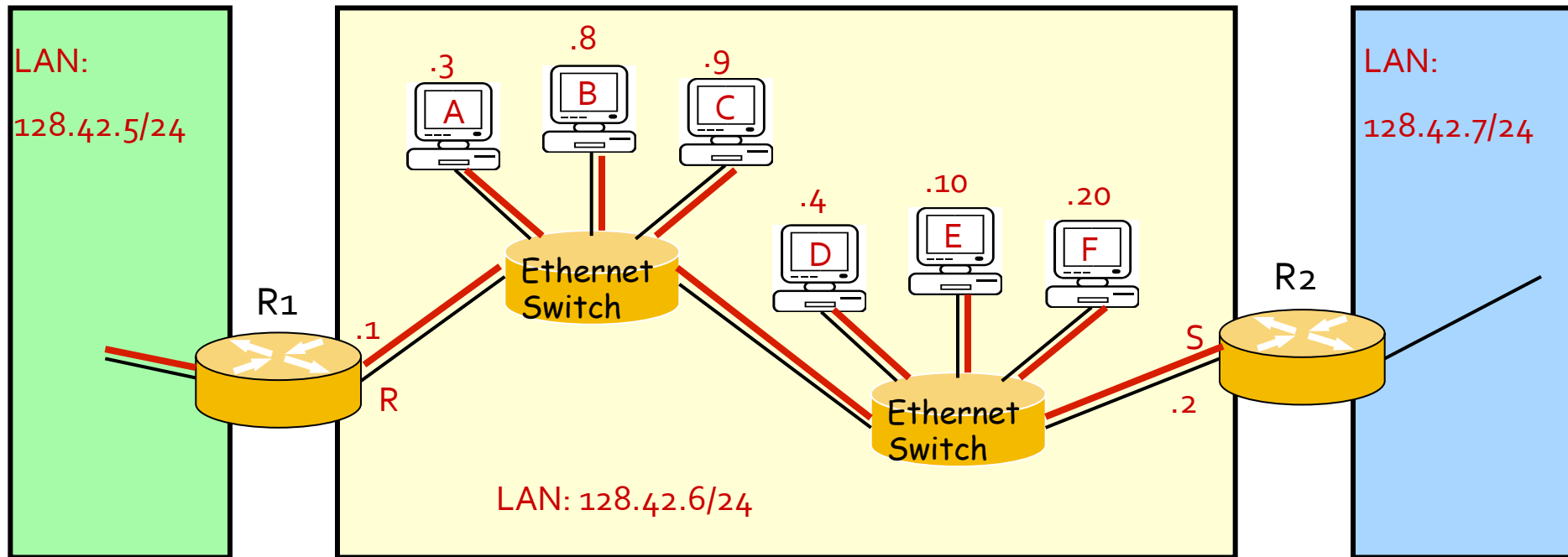
# Learning MAC addresses

- Hosts learn IP → Ethernet address mappings
  - ARP responses are stored in ARP tables
  - ARP requests are stored in ARP tables (whether the host is the target or not!)
- ARP entries time out
  - Allow machines to change IP and/or MAC addresses transparently
  - Eliminate stale entries (machines turn off, move, crash, etc.)

# Forwarding a Packet in a Router

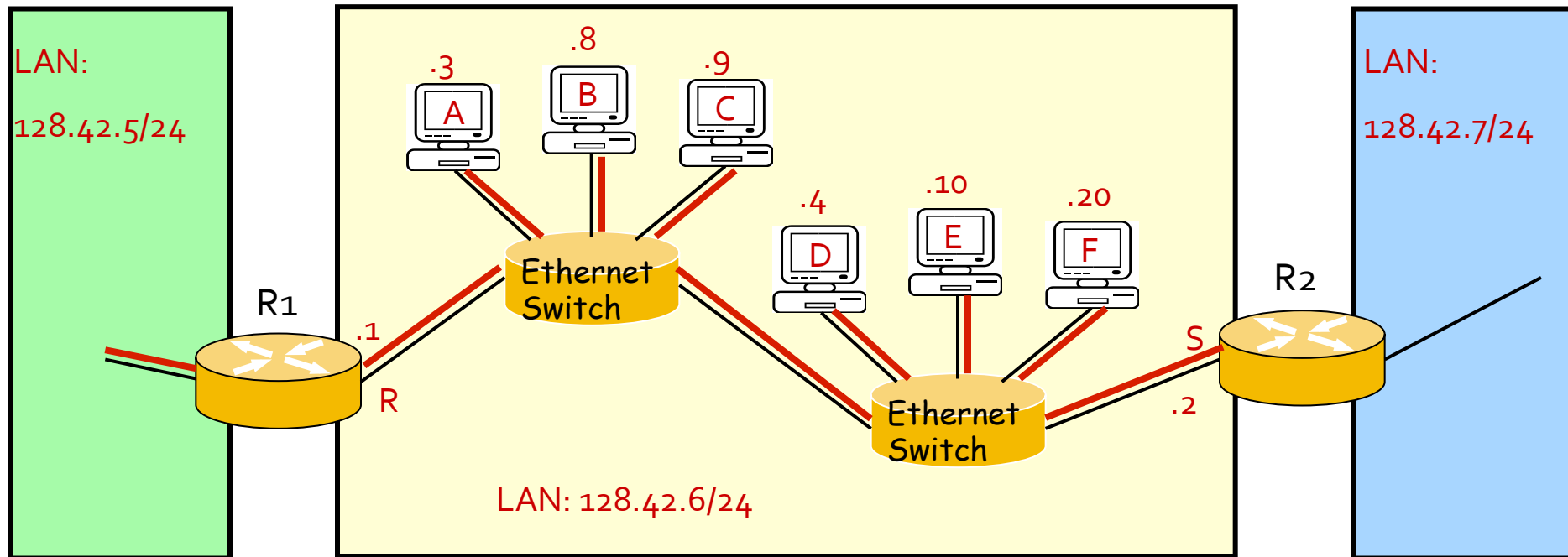
- Lookup destination IP address in forwarding table
  - Yields a next hop port and IP address
  - What if it doesn't?
- Lookup next hop IP address in ARP table
  - Yields a next hop MAC address
  - What if it doesn't?
- Forward modified packet out the next hop port with the next hop MAC address

# Forwarding Packets



6. Router R1 looks up its routing table for 128.42.7/24 and determines that the next hop is Router R2. It forwards the packet to R2.  
 Result: next hop: 128.42.6.9, port: 128.42.6.1

# Forwarding Packets



6. Router R1 finds the next hop (R2) for 128.42.7/24. Result: next hop: 128.42.6.2, port: 128.42.6.1