

Chapter 15
Network Services and Performance

Defining the Services

- So far we have focused on the problem of getting data from one machine on a LAN to another machine on the same LAN
- Although this is an important service, networks typically provide lots of additional services
- In this chapter we will investigate what types of services network users would like from the network

Communication Services

- Applications often need more services from the network than simple packet delivery
- Not all networks offer all services
- Which services do applications need?
- Which services should a network implement?

The rest of this chapter describes useful services. The next chapter describes techniques for implementing these services.

Connection-Oriented Communication

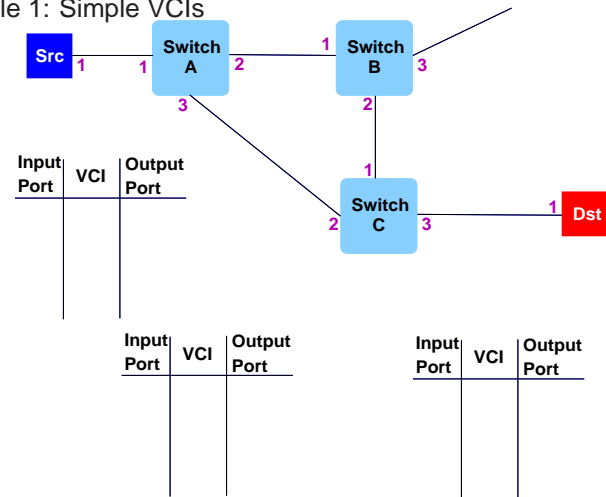
- Communication between exactly two machines
- Similar to telephone system; endpoints establish and maintain a connection as long as they have data to exchange
- One endpoint tries to start the connection
- The other endpoint agrees to the connection
- All further data exchange occurs over the pre-established connection
- Typically accessed via a **stream interface**
- Data transmission doesn't need to be continuous; like telephones, the connection remains in place even when no data is being transmitted
- So how do you stop a connection?

What exactly is a “Connection”?

- ATM provides connection-oriented service (we will use it as an example)
- recall that an ATM cell is ___ octets long with ___ octets of header and ___ octets of payload
- recall that an NSAP address is ___ octets long
- Question: How are ATM cells addressed? The header is not large enough to hold the destination NSAP address.
- Answer:

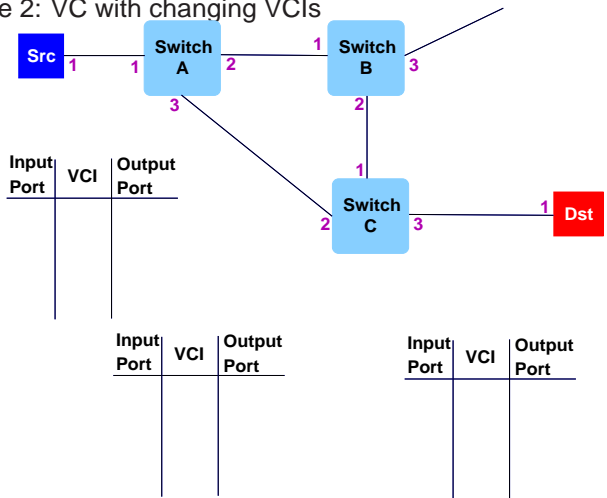
Virtual Circuits

- Example 1: Simple VCIs



Virtual Circuits: (continued)

- Example 2: VC with changing VCIs



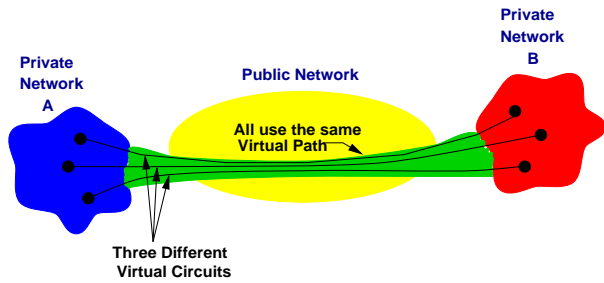
Virtual Circuits: (continued)

- Example 3: Hierarchical VCIs

- Each VC identifier broken into two parts:
 1. **VPI** (Virtual Path Identifier)
 2. **VCI** (Virtual Circuit Identifier)
- VPI used for similar destination traffic

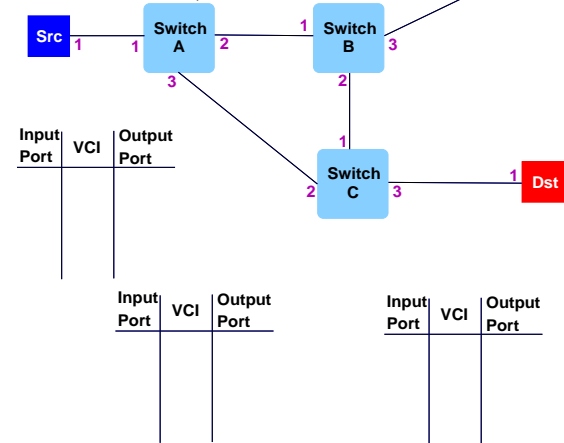
- VCI used with VPI to uniquely identify a VC

Virtual Circuits: (continued)



Virtual Circuits: (continued)

- Example 3 (continued): ATM Hierarchical VCs
 - Switch-Switch use VPI, Host-Switch use VPI/VCI



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Connectionless Communication

- No connection necessary
- Source of data adds destination information to data and gives it to the network to deliver
- Network delivers each packet individually

- Packets can be delivered to multiple recipients

Communication Direction

- communication may be **uni-directional**
- communication may be **bi-directional**

Reliable Communication

- some apps may require **reliable delivery**
- other apps may be happy with **best-effort delivery**
- some apps may require that packets be delivered in the order they were sent (**ordered delivery**)
- other apps may not care about the ordering (**out-of-order delivery**)
- How reliable should reliable delivery be?

- We will revisit the issue of reliable delivery in the next chapter

Miscellaneous Services

- Request/Reply style communication
- Secure packet delivery
- Compressed/Encoded packet delivery
- Guaranteed bandwidth (what does this mean?)

- Guaranteed max delay
- Jitter bounded delivery
- ... etc ...

Performance

- users will want the network to delivery certain performance
- how do we define performance?
- what are the factors influencing performance?

Bandwidth/Throughput

- **Bandwidth** describes the number of bits that can be transmitted over the network in some period of time. Usually measured in Millions of bits/sec (Mbps).
- Really a measure of how fast we can send data out of a machine
- Thus you could think of it as the amount of time it takes to send out one bit
- In the analog world it is typically measured in Hertz (Hz)
- “b” vs. “B”

Latency/Delay

- **Latency** describes how long it takes a single bit to propagate from one machine to another machine.
- Measured in terms of time
- We can also use computer instructions to measure it (which is important since it tells how much work the computer can get done during the latency).
- Sometimes we are really more interested in **Round-Trip-Time (RTT)** as an alternate way to measure latency.

- Why are we interested in RTT?

Types of Latency

- **Propagation Latency**: The time it takes for 1 bit to travel across the wire.
 - cannot go faster than the speed of light
 - the speed of light depends on the media; The speed of light is:

– the speed of light can even vary for the same basic type of media

Types of Latency: (continued)

- **Transmission Latency:** The time it takes to send a packet out of the machine.
- This depends on
 - the bandwidth of the network, and
 - the amount of data you want to send (i.e., packet size).
- may depend on operating system efficiency too

Types of Latency: (continued)

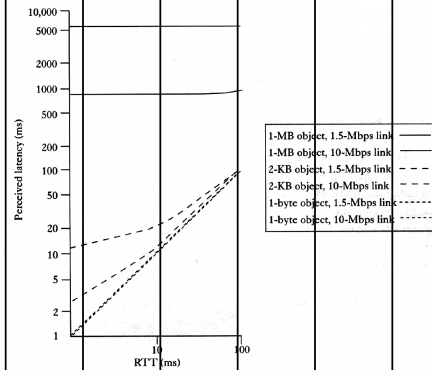
- Store-n-forward packet switches store packets for a (hopefully) brief amount of time before forwarding the packet.
- Usually the packet is stored in a *queue of packets* all waiting to be forwarded.
- Thus each bridge/switch/router between the source and destination adds a **Queuing Delay** to the overall latency.
- some people define a related term, **Access Latency**, as the time required to get access to the media. Others lump access latency in with the queueing delays.

Types of Latency: (continued)

Summary

- **Latency** = Propagation Delay + Transmission Delay + Queuing Delay
- **Propagation Delay** = Wire Distance / Speed-of-Light-on-wire
- **Transmission Delay** = Packet Size / Link Bandwidth
- **Queuing Delay** = (depends but) Avg Switch/Router Delay × Number of Routers on Path
- **USA Latency** (min over 3000 miles) = 24 ms

Types of Latency: (continued)



Delay x Bandwidth Product

How much data can be in transit at any given time? The Delay \times Bandwidth Product gives the volume of the network “pipe”.

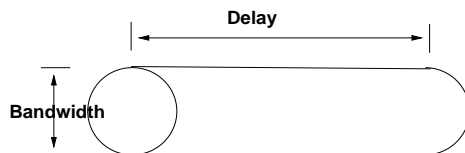


Figure 2: DelayxBandwidth Product

Delay x Bandwidth Examples: (continued)

Ethernet: Delay = 0.5 ms

Bandwidth = 10 Mbps

Holds = $(0.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ sec}) \times (10 \times 10^6 \text{ bits/sec}) = 5 \times 10^3 = 5 \text{ Kbps} = 0.625 \text{ KBps}$

Modem Line: Delay = 85 ms

Bandwidth = 28.8 Kbps

Holds = $(85 \times 10^{-3} \text{ sec}) \times (28.8 \times 10^3 \text{ bits/sec}) = 2.448 \times 10^3 = 2.5 \text{ Kbps} = 0.31 \text{ KBps}$

Cross Country DS3 Line: Delay = 50 ms

Bandwidth = 45 Mbps

Holds = $(50 \times 10^{-3} \text{ sec}) \times (45 \times 10^6 \text{ bits/sec}) = 2.25 \times 10^6 = 2.25 \text{ Mbps} = 0.28 \text{ MBps}$

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Delay x Bandwidth: (continued)

- The **Delay x Bandwidth** product is important because it is the amount of data the source will transmit before the first bit arrives at the destination!
- If we consider the **RTT**, a sender will transmit **2 x Delay x Bandwidth** amount of data before hearing anything back from the destination.
- Thus, **A sender might transmit a lot of data before it finds out if an error occurred.**