

## Internetworking

- **Internetworking** is the concept of creating large-scale networks by connecting multiple networks of dissimilar (heterogeneous) technologies
- Terminology:
  - An **internet** (little i):
  - An **internetwork** :
  - A **physical network** :
- Internetworking requires:
  1. **Hardware** : between physical networks to connect them
  2. **Software** : running on each attached computer to create the illusion of a single large network

## So What's New?

- Has the same scalability/routing/forwarding problems as homogeneous WANs
- New problem is **heterogeneity** .
- Must switch packets between heterogeneous networks
- Why is that hard?

## Chapter 17 Internetworking

### Motivation: Universal Service

- The objective of chapter 12 was to design a large-scale wide area network technology
- However, we assumed a switch could copy the packet from one network to the other.
- This implies that all the links in a WAN must be of the same type (e.g., all point-to-point, all ethernet, all FDDI, ...).
- This may work for a WAN that connects a single large organization
- But, if we want to build a network that provides **Universal Service** , we must be able to handle **heterogeneity** .

### Universal Service: (continued)

- **Universal Service:**
  
- **Heterogeneity**

## Routers: (continued)

- a router is a hardware component (to handle the physical/data link layer protocols) and hardware/software to handle the networking layer protocols
- Routers must somehow transform an incoming packet into the appropriate outgoing packet
- An internetwork is composed of arbitrarily many physical networks interconnected by routers

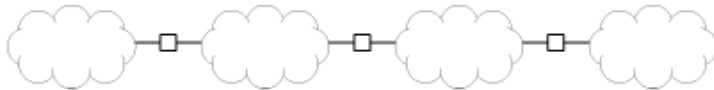


Figure 2: Multiple Physical Networks connected by Routers

## Routers: (continued)

- Routers can have more than two interfaces

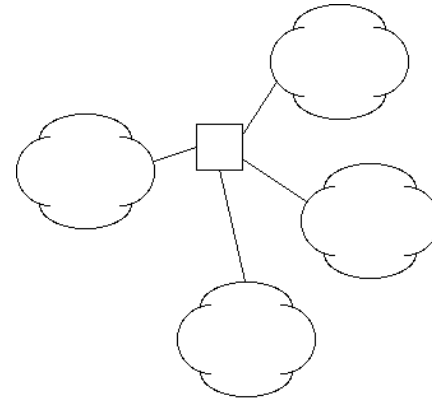


Figure 3: Router with multiple interfaces

## Routers

- internets use **routers** to connected heterogeneous physical networks together
- have also been called gateways, IMPs, PSNs, Fuzzballs, ...
- **routers** differ from **switches** in the fact that the networks they connect, need not be the same.

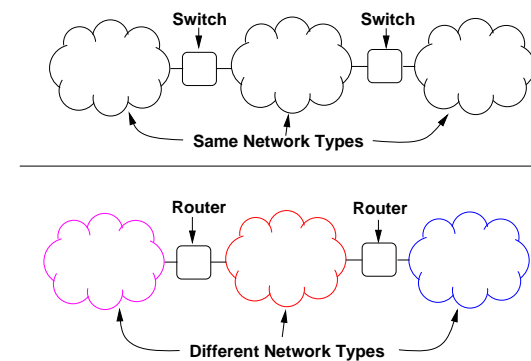


Figure 1: Switches vs. Routers

## Methods of Internetworking

- There are many ways to build internets
- Possible ways include the IPX protocol by Novel, the XNS protocol by Xerox, and the IP protocol by ARPA
- IP is by far the most widely used
- IP is vendor and platform independent
- Used in the **Internet** (big I)

## IP Protocol Objectives

1. Connect physical networks of every possible type (even future network technologies not yet developed)
  2. Scale to a WAN connecting many hosts
    - How many is “many”?
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- To succeed, IP had to make minimal assumptions about the physical networks it connects

## Virtual Networks

- Internetworking software builds a single, seamless virtual network out of multiple physical networks
  - Universal addressing scheme
  - Universal service
- All details of physical networks hidden from users and application programs

