

Other approaches to solve address depletion problem:

- IPv6

- 128-bit addresses

- who wants it (or doesn't want it)?

- IPv4 still dominant

IPv4 has found real-world workarounds limiting necessity of IPv6 deployment

- repurposing of existing resources

- IPv6: complexity and overhead

- backward compatibility and cost

IPv6 header format:

version 4	traffic class 8	flow label 20	
payload length 16		next header 8	hop limit 8
source address 128			
destination address 128			

- traffic class: similar role as TOS field in IPv4
- flow label: flow label + source address
 - per-flow traffic management
 - significant extra bits
 - header size twice as large: 40 bytes

- next header: similar to IPv4 protocol field
 - plus double duty for option headers
 - integrated with IPsec: authentication, encryption
- hop limit: same role TTL
- missing fields
 - fragmentation header optional: only allowed at source

Key features of IPv4 global Internet:

- Classless (vs. classful) IP addressing
 - variable length subnetting
 - that is, $a.b.c.d/x$ (x : mask length)
 - e.g., 128.10.0.0/16, 128.210.0.0/16, 204.52.32.0/20

Prefix specifies organization: autonomous system

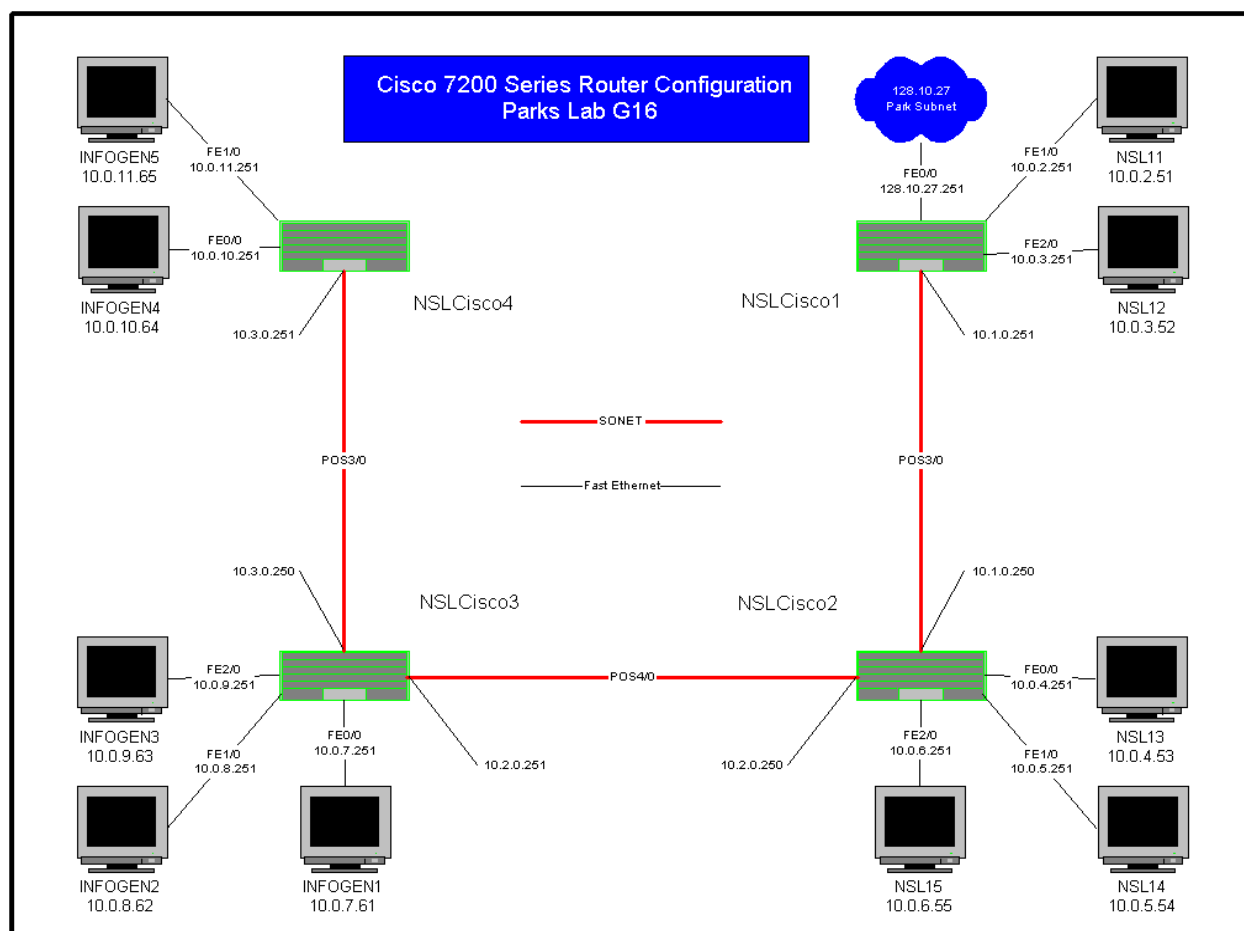
- IPv4 (and IPv6) addresses allocated to autonomous systems
- Purdue University: ASN 17
- AT&T: ASN 17
- used in inter-domain routing
- CIDR (classless inter-domain routing)
- de facto global Internet addressing standard

- Dynamically assigned IP addresses
 - share an IP address pool
 - reusable
 - e.g., DHCP (dynamic host configuration protocol)
 - UDP-based client/server protocol (ports 67/68)
 - used in access ISPs, enterprises, home networks, etc.
 - customer premises equipment: almost persistent IPv4 addresses

Note: WLANs, cellular connections, modem dial-up connections, etc. are more dynamic, temporary.

- Network address translation (NAT)
 - dynamically assigned + address translation
 - private vs. public IP address
 - private: Internet routers discard them
 - e.g., 192.168.0.0 is private
 - 10.x.x.x are also private
 - useful for home networks, small businesses
 - also industry and university research labs

Example: private intranet



- intranet NICs have 10.0.0.0/24 addresses
 - each interface: a separate subnet
- only one of the routers connected to Internet

- NAPT (NAT + port)

→ variant of NAT: borrow src port field as address bits

Ex.: 192.168.10.10 and 192.168.10.11 both map to 128.10.27.10

but

→ 192.168.10.10 maps to 128.10.26.10:6001

→ 192.168.10.11 maps to 128.10.26.10:6002

What about port numbers of 192.168.10.10 and 192.168.10.11?

→ e.g., client process bound to 192.168.10.10:22222

→ e.g., client process bound to 192.168.10.11:33333

Doesn't matter: NAPT translation table entries

→ 192.168.10.10:22222 maps to 128.10.26.10:6001

→ 192.168.10.11:33333 maps to 128.10.26.10:6002

For example:

if 192.168.10.10:22222 is a web browser (say Firefox) downloading web page from www.purdue.edu:80

→ web server knows client as 128.10.27.10:6001

→ no ambiguity or confusion

→ similarly for 192.168.10.11:33333

NAPT yields huge increase in effective IP address space

→ IP address bits are increased to 48 ($= 32 + 16$)

→ biggest factor preventing IP address depletion

Technical problems with NAPT?

Difficult to run servers behind DHCP intranet:

- how to discover server's dynamic IP address?
- how to discover server's dynamic port number?
- NAT traversal problem

Old solution: pay more to ISP to get fixed public IP address and port number

- not a good customer solution
- lots of P2P apps, VoIP, gaming, etc.

Two methods:

1. Proxies/relays

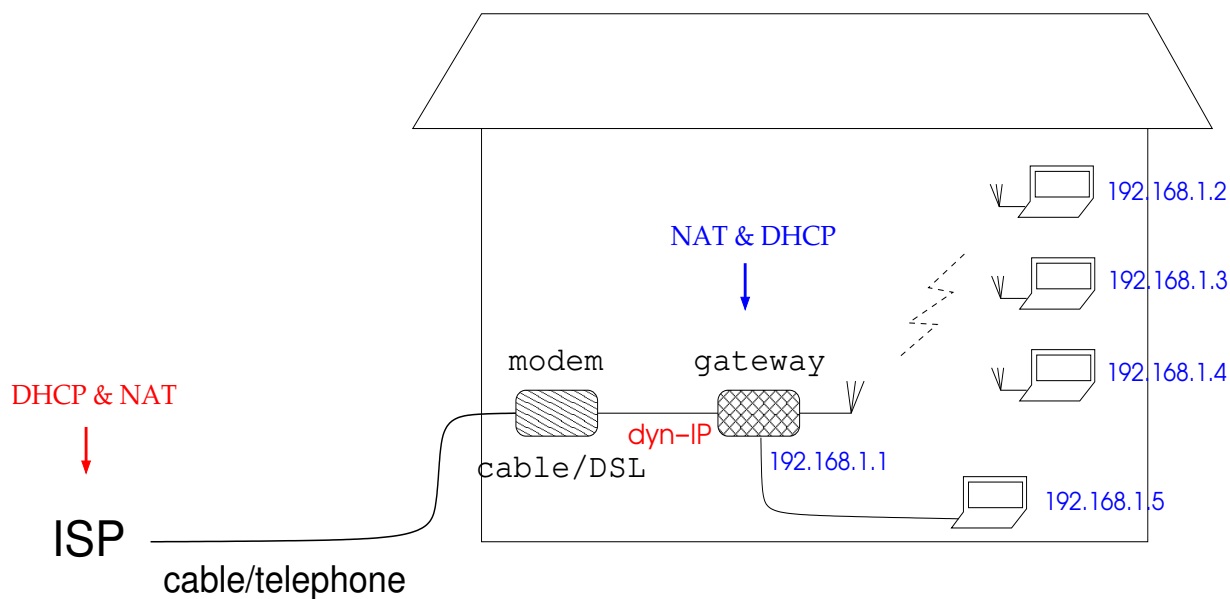
- e.g., Skype: clients contact well-known server—server knows their dynamic addresses
- server informs client its peer's dynamic IP address and port number
- peers can talk to each directly
- also called UDP/TCP hole punching

2. Enhanced gateway capabilities

- e.g., IGD (Internet Gateway Device) in UPnP
- IGD compliant router allows user to specify desired port number
- not much help with dynamic IP address
- user communicates desired port number via UPnP protocol

Ex.: SOHO (small office/home office)

→ now: home networking



- dynamic IP address provided by ISP is shared through NAT
- recall: private IP addresses

→ 10.0.0.0/8, 172.16.0.0–172.31.255.255, 192.168.0.0/16

DHCP: 2-phase protocol

1. Discovery

- client sends broadcast discovery message (UDP, client port 68, server port 67) on LAN
- one or more DHCP servers respond with dynamic IP address

2. Allocation

- client sends broadcast message requesting selected IP address
- DHCP server confirms assignment

DHCP does other network configuration chores:

- provides DNS server names
- first-hop router/gateway
- subnet mask

CIDR and dynamically assigned IP addresses with NAT

→ significant increase of Internet's effective address space

→ saved the day

Last free IPv4 address block allocated by IANA (suborganization of ICANN) to regional registries early 2011

→ RIRs: ARIN, RIPE, APNIC, LACNIC, AFRINIC

Last available/recovered address pool allocated mid-2014

→ from central Internet authorities to autonomous systems

→ ISPs manage their own address blocks

→ unused address blocks

Back to address space crunch?

- recurrent push for IPv6
- ISPs and companies reluctant
- technical, overhead, and cost issues
- not backward compatible with IPv4
- must use separate compatibility mechanisms (e.g., tunneling, hybrid sockets)
- not-so-pleasant history/memories