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Unit 3-**Network layer** Topic 5 : IPv4 addressing





IPv4 ADDRESSES

The identifier used in the IP layer of the TCP/IP protocol suite to identify the connection of each device to the Internet is called the Internet address or IP address.

An IPv4 address is a 32-bit address that uniquely and universally defines the connection of a host or a router to the Internet. The IP address is the address of the connection, not the host or the router.







- •A protocol like IPv4 that defines addresses has an address space. An address space is the total number of addresses used by the protocol.
- •If a protocol uses b bits to define an address, the address space is 2^b because each bit can have two different values (0 or 1).
- •IPv4 uses 32-bit addresses, which means that the address space is 2^{32} or 4,294,967,296 (more than four billion).
- If there were no restrictions, more than 4 billion devices could be connected to the Internet.





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Hierarchy in addressing



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Defines connection



Classful Addressing

- •When the Internet started, an IPv4 address was designed with a fixed-length prefix, but to accommodate both small and large networks, three fixed-length prefixes were designed instead of one (n = 8, n = 16, and n = 24). •The whole address space was divided into five classes (class A, B, C, D, and E). This scheme is referred to as classful addressing.
- •Although classful addressing belongs to the past, it helps us to understand classless addressing.









Class	Prefixes	First byte		
А	n = 8 bits	0 to 127		
В	n = 16 bits	128 to 191		
С	n = 24 bits	192 to 223		
D	Not applicable	224 to 239		
E	Not applicable	240 to 255		





- •With the growth of the Internet, it was clear that a larger address space was needed as a long-term solution.
- •The larger address space, however, requires that the length of IP addresses also be increased, which means the format of the IP packets needs to be changed.
- Although the long-range solution has already been devised and is called IPv6, a short-term solution was also devised to use the same address space but to change the distribution of addresses to provide a fair share to each organization.
- The short-term solution still uses IPv4 addresses, but it is called classless addressing.



Variable-length blocks in classless addressing



			•	• •		• •
Block 1 Block 2			Block i			
				Address	spac	e
byte	•	byte	•	byte	•	b

Examples: 12.24.76.8/8 23.14.67.92/12 220.8.24.255/25

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Information extraction in classless addressing









A classless address is given as 167.199.170.82/27. We can find the above three pieces of information as follows. The number of addresses in the network is $2^{32-n} = 2^5 = 32$ addresses. The first address can be found by keeping the first 27 bits and changing the rest of the bits to 0s.

Address: 167.199.170.82/27	10100111	11000111	10101010	01010010
First address: 167.199.170.64/27	10100111	11000111	10101010	0100000

The last address can be found by keeping the first 27 bits and changing the rest of the bits to 1s.

Address: 167.199.170.82/2710100111110001111010101001011111Last address: 167.199.170.95/2710100111110001111010101001011111





Assessment

a) What is IPv4 addressing?b) What is Classless addressing?c) What is Classful addressing?





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