Introduction to Networks

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TDM in Telephone Networks

- Why 125 µsec for frame duration?
- Sampling Theorem: An analog signal can be reconstructed from samples taken at a rate equal to twice the signal bandwidth
- Bandwidth for voice signals is 4 Khz; for hi fidelity music, 22.05 Khz per channel

- Sampling rate for voice = 8000 samples/sec or one voice sample every 125 µsec
- Digital voice channel (uncompressed),
 8 bits x 8000/sec = 64 Kbps

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Other Multiplexing Techniques

- Space division multiplex
 - Same frequency used in different cables
 - Same frequency used in different (nonadjacent) cells



- Wavelength division multiplex
 - Light pulses sent at different wavelengths in optical fiber
- Code division multiplex

e.g., CDMA for cell phones

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The Network Core

- mesh of interconnected routers
- the fundamental question: how is data transferred through net?
 - circuit switching: dedicated circuit per call: telephone net
 - packet-switching: data sent thru net in discrete "chunks"



Network Core: Circuit Switching

- End-to-end resources reserved for each "call"
- E.g., link bandwidth
 FDM, TDM
- end-to-end circuit-like (guaranteed) performance
- call setup required
 - resource piece idle if not used by the call (no sharing)
 - state information each step along the way





Network Core: Packet Switching

each end-end data stream divided into packets

- packets of different users share network resources
- each packet uses full link bandwidth



resource contention:

- aggregate resource demand can exceed amount available
 - congestion: packets queue, wait for link use
- store and forward: packets move one hop at a time
 - Each node receives the complete packet before forwarding it





Packet switching versus circuit switching

Is packet switching a "slam dunk winner?"

great for bursty data

• resource sharing

simpler, no call setup

excessive congestion -> packet delay and loss

 protocols needed for reliable data transfer, congestion control

Q: How to provide circuit-like behavior?

bandwidth guarantees needed for

interactive audio/video apps

 providing virtual links to enterprise network customers (under service contracts)

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Internet structure: network of networks

Option: connect each access ISP to every other access ISP?



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1970-1991: connect each access ISP to a global transit ISP: 1. Financed by US government: ARPAnet, NSFnet























Delay in packet-switched networks







Packet loss

- buffer in router for each link has finite capacity
- I lost packet may be retransmitted by previous node, by source end system, or not at all



End of Introduction