

***This lecture will be recorded!***

Welcome to

***CS 3516:***  
***Computer Networks***

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Time: 9:00am –9:50am M, T, R, and F  
Zoom lecture  
Fall 2020 A-term



# Update

## 1. Lab assignment #1

1. Starts today 9/1 and due on this Friday 9/4

## 2. Quiz #1

1. This Thursday 9/3 (8:55AM – 9AM)
2. Login to Zoom session while doing Quiz #1, so you can ask questions via Zoom chatbox.
3. Quiz topics (2 questions, 7 points):
  1. Packet Switching,
  2. Circuit switching: (Time Division Multiplexing (TDM) and Frequency Division Multiplexing (FDM))

## 3. Preference of accessing AK219

1. 91 students in Canvas
2. 64 responses
3. 17 “Yes” (prefer to access AK219)



# Lecture 1: roadmap

1.1 what is the Internet?

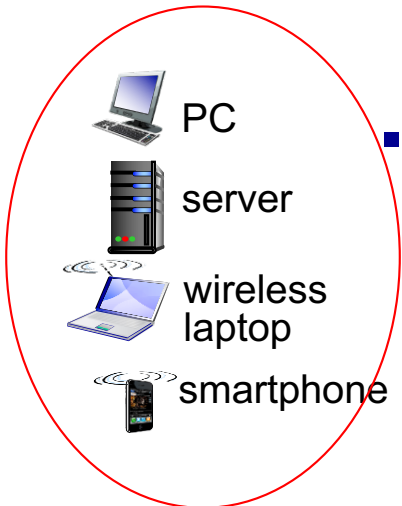
“nuts and bolts” view  
a service view

what's a protocol?

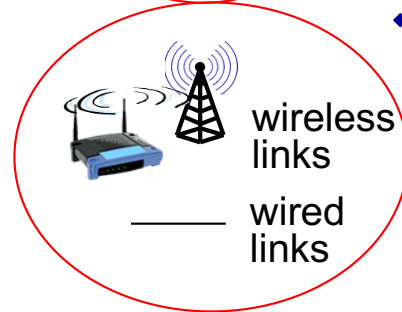
1.2 network edge

- hosts, access networks, physical media/links

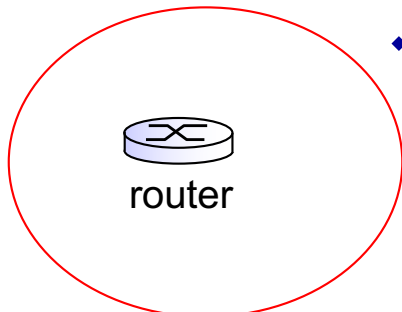
# What's the Internet: “nuts and bolts” view



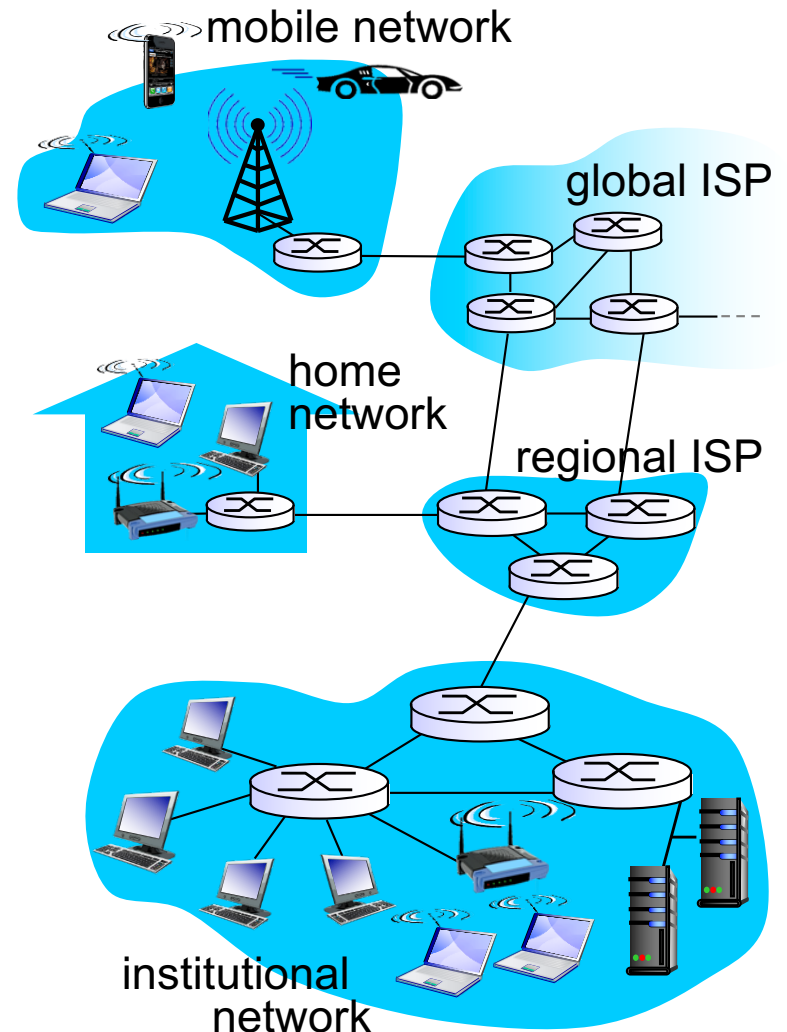
- millions of connected computing devices:
  - *hosts* = *end systems*
  - running *network apps*



- ❖ *communication links*
  - fiber, copper, radio, satellite
  - transmission rate: *bandwidth*



- ❖ *Packet switches*: forward packets (chunks of data)
  - *routers* and *switches*



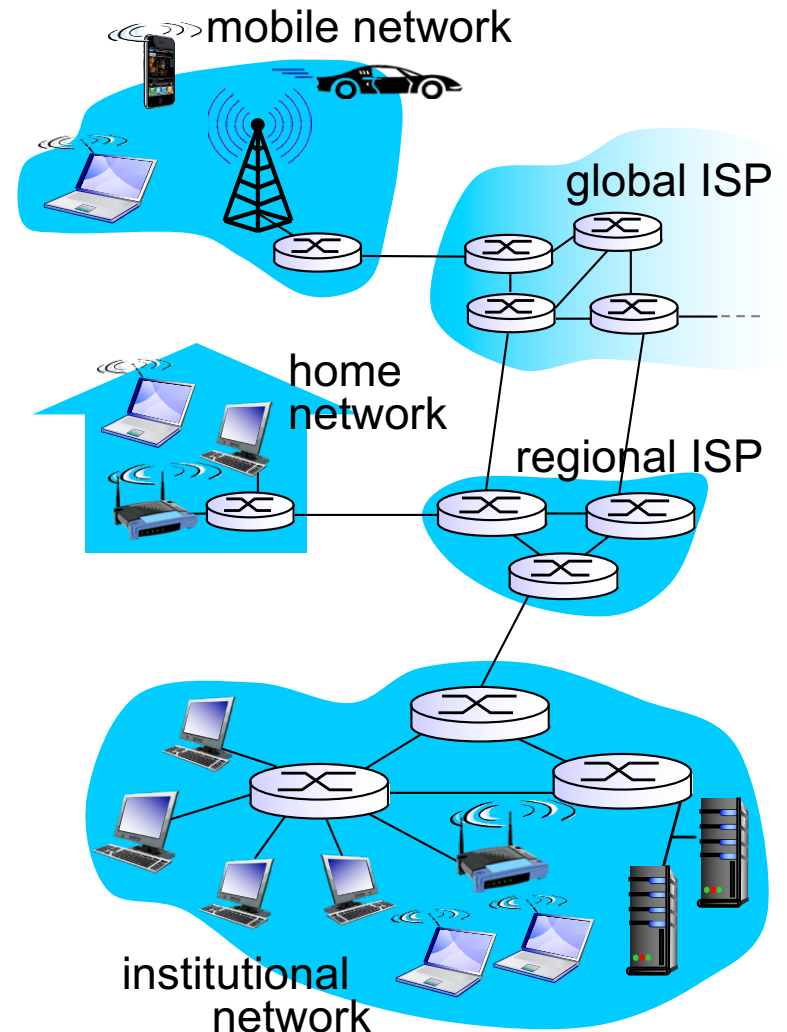
## Hardware components.



# What's the Internet: “nuts and bolts” view



- **Internet: “network of networks”**
  - Interconnected ISPs
- **protocols** control sending, receiving of msgs
  - e.g., TCP, IP, HTTP, Skype, 802.11
- **Internet standards**
  - RFC: Request for comments
  - IETF: Internet Engineering Task Force – an open international community of network designers



## Software components.

# Analogy to Road Networks



Software?

End systems=buildings

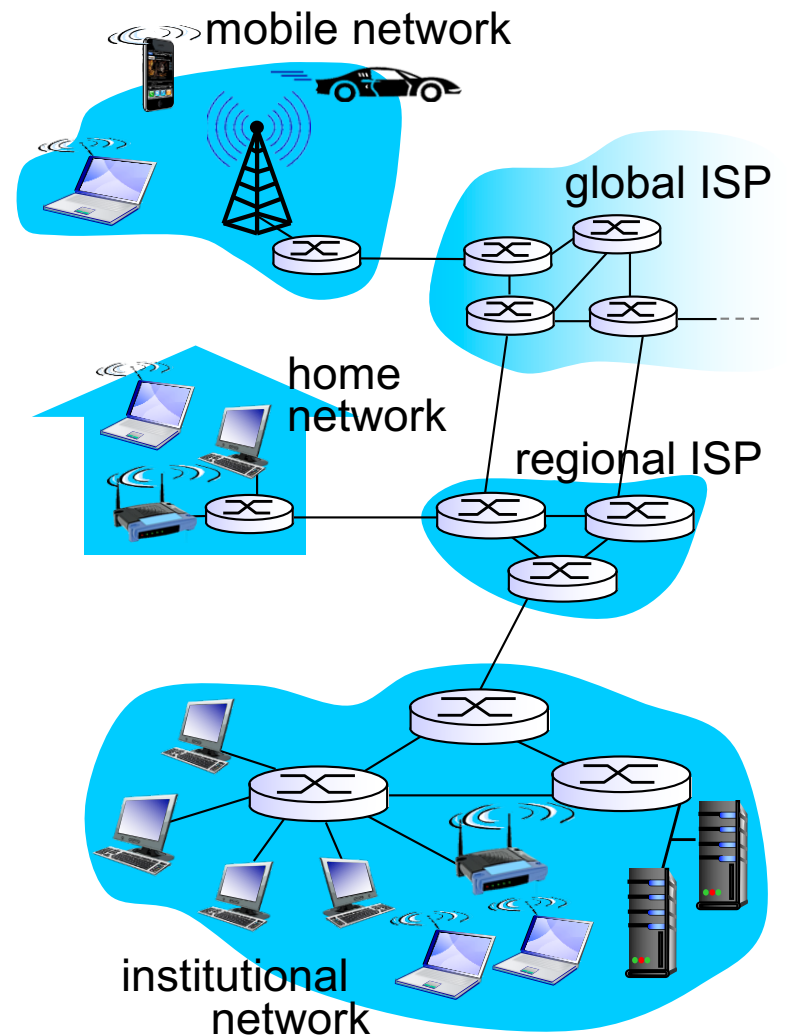
Packet switches=intersections

Links=road segments



# What's the Internet: a service view

- *Infrastructure that provides services to applications:*
  - Web, VoIP, email, games, e-commerce, social nets, ...
- *provides programming interface to apps*
  - hooks that allow sending and receiving app programs to “connect” to Internet
  - provides service options, analogous to postal service





# Analogy to Post Service



# What's a protocol?

## *human protocols:*

- “what's the time?”
  - “I have a question”
  - introductions
- ... specific msgs sent
- ... specific actions taken  
when msgs received, or  
other events

## *network protocols:*

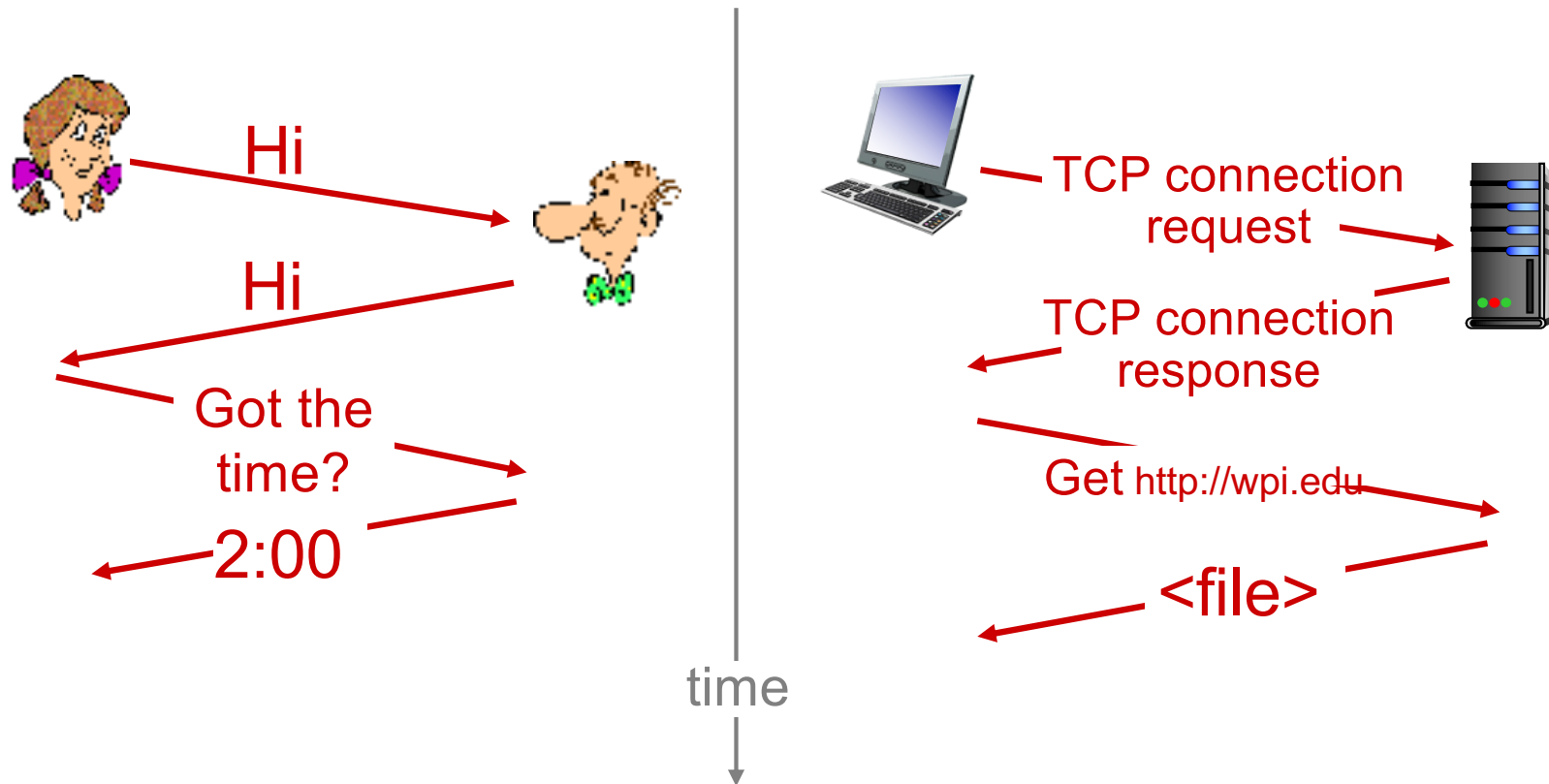
- machines rather than humans
- all communication activity in Internet governed by protocols

*protocols define format, order of msgs sent and received among network entities, and actions taken on msg transmission, receipt*



# What's a protocol?

a human protocol and a computer network protocol:



**Q:** other human protocols?

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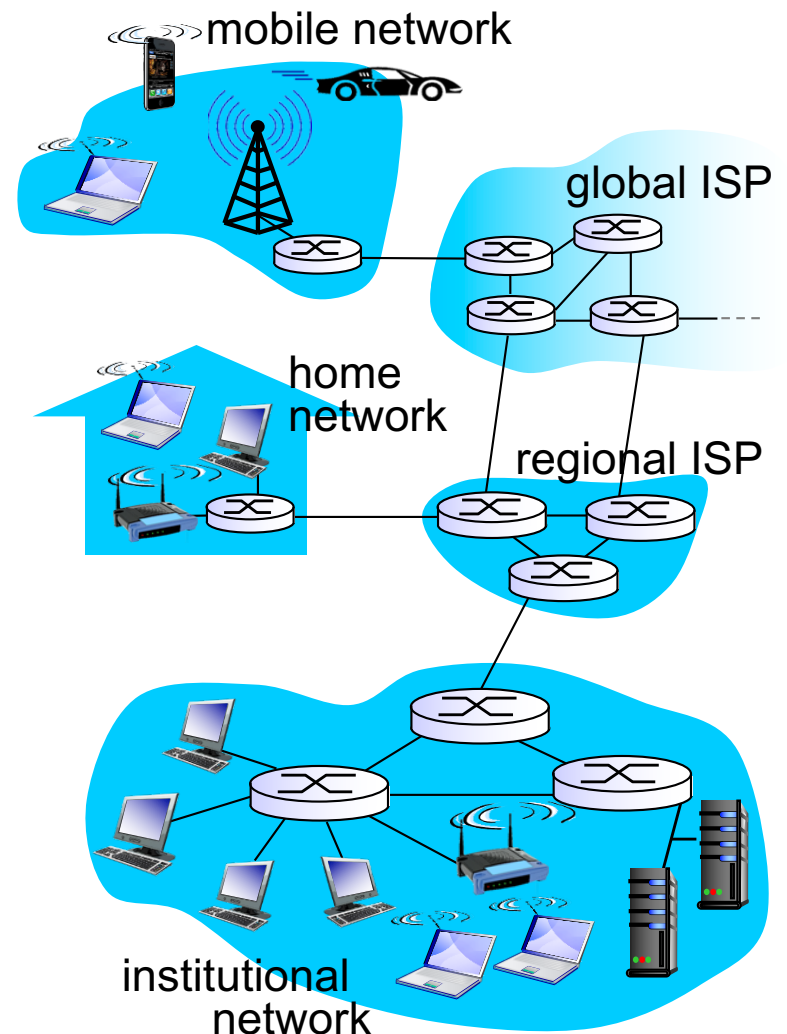
- end systems, access networks, links

1.3 network core

- packet switching, circuit switching, network structure

# A closer look at network structure:

- *network edge:*
  - hosts: clients and servers
  - servers often in data centers
- ❖ *access networks, physical media:* wired, wireless communication links
- ❖ *network core:*
  - interconnected routers
  - network of networks

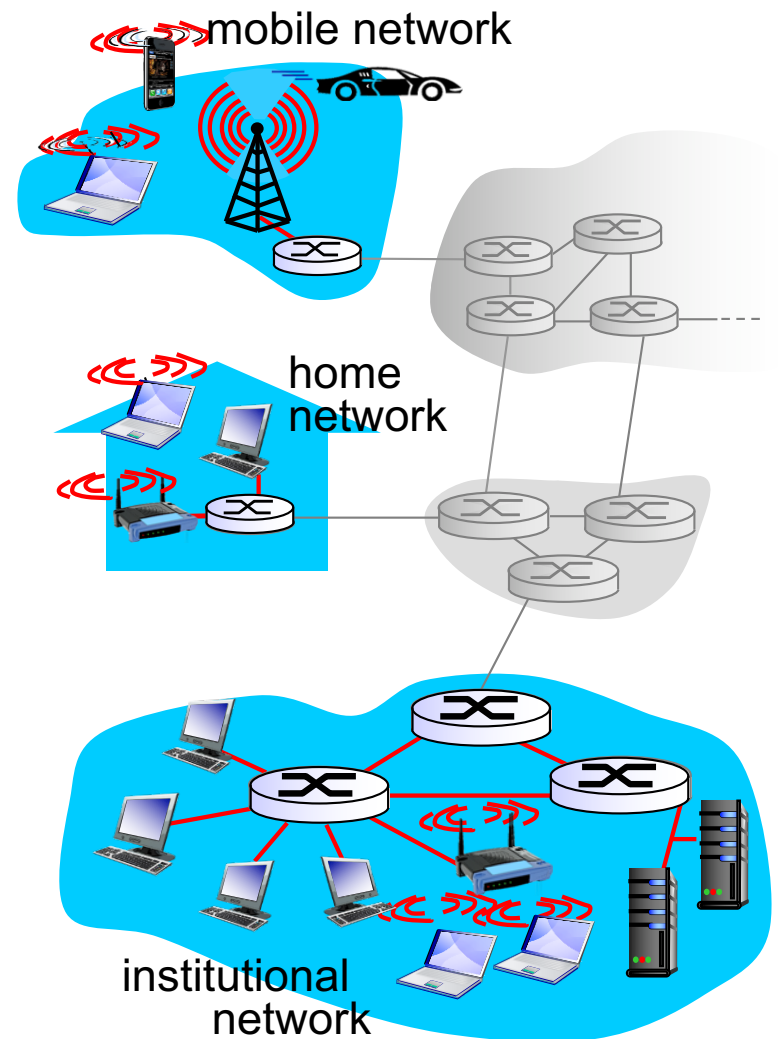




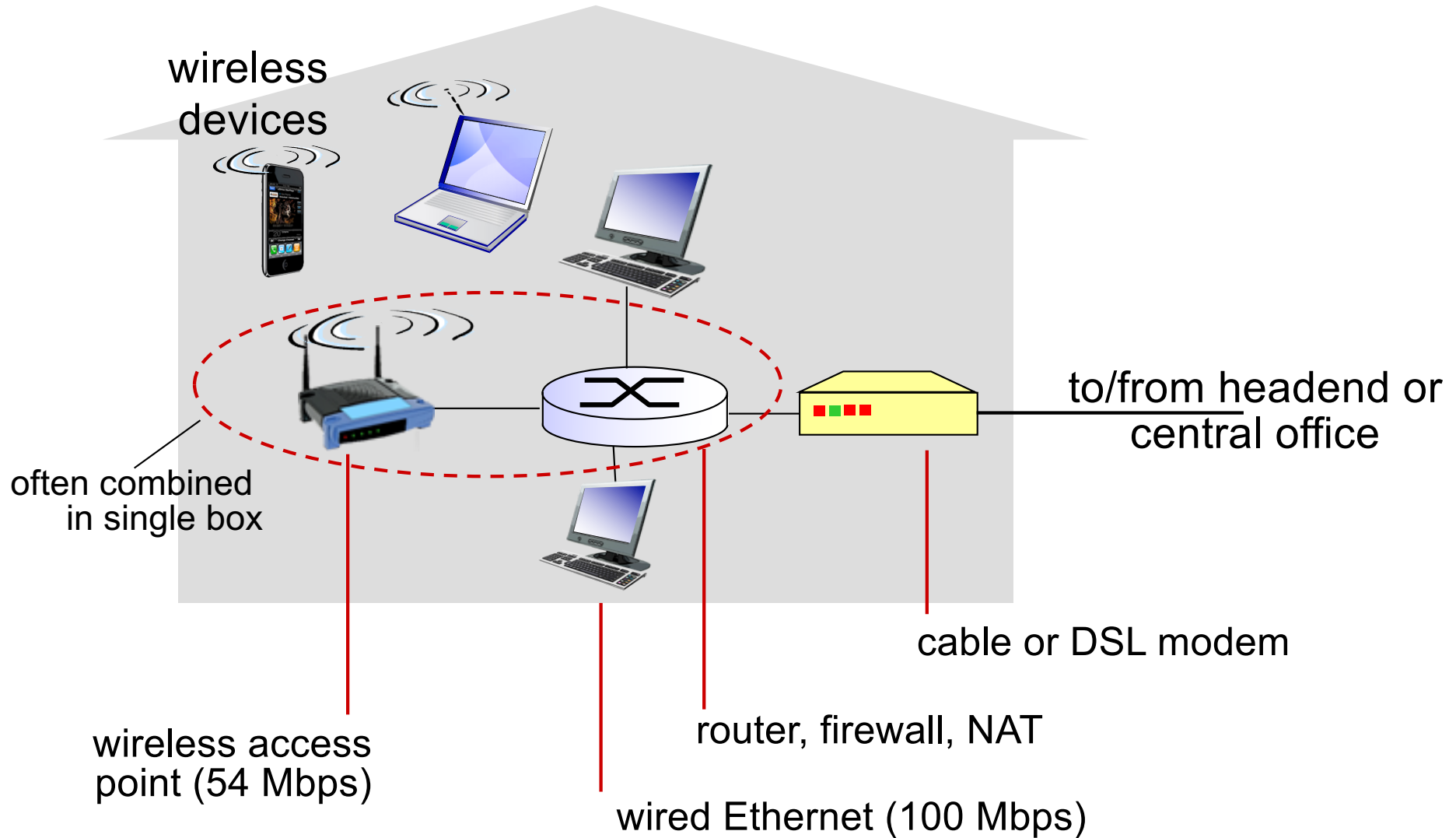
# Access networks and physical media

*Q: How to connect end systems to edge router?*

- residential access nets
- institutional access networks (school, company)
- mobile access networks



# Access net: home network



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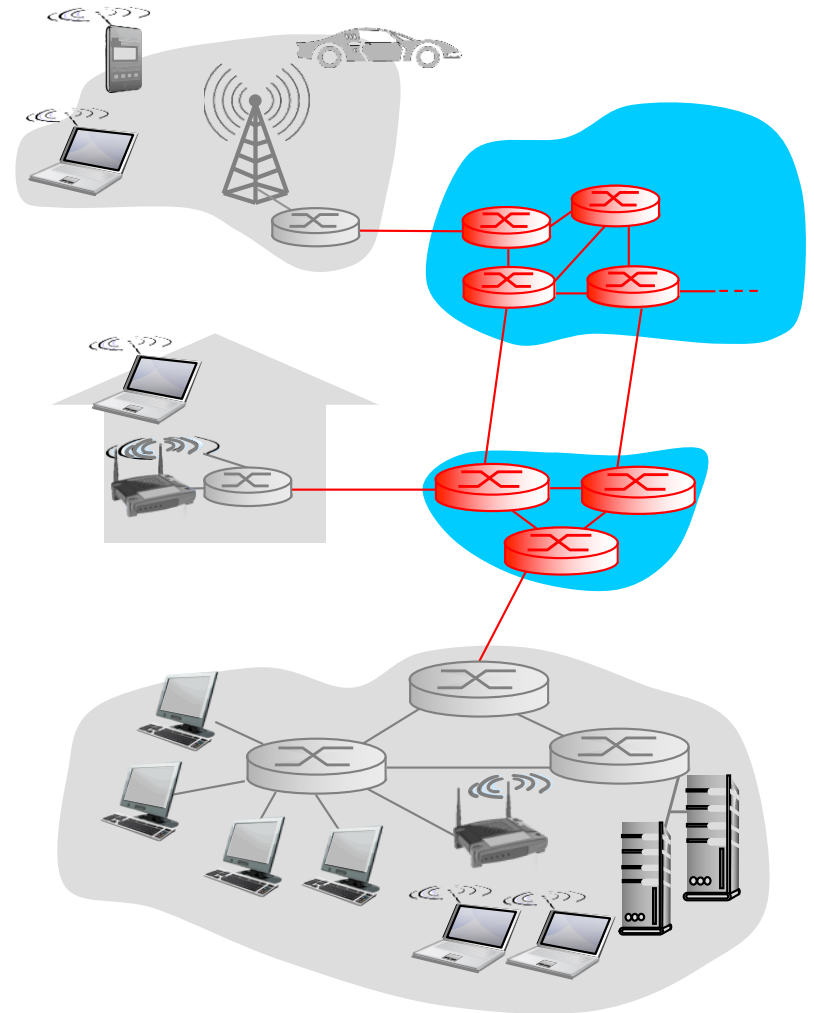
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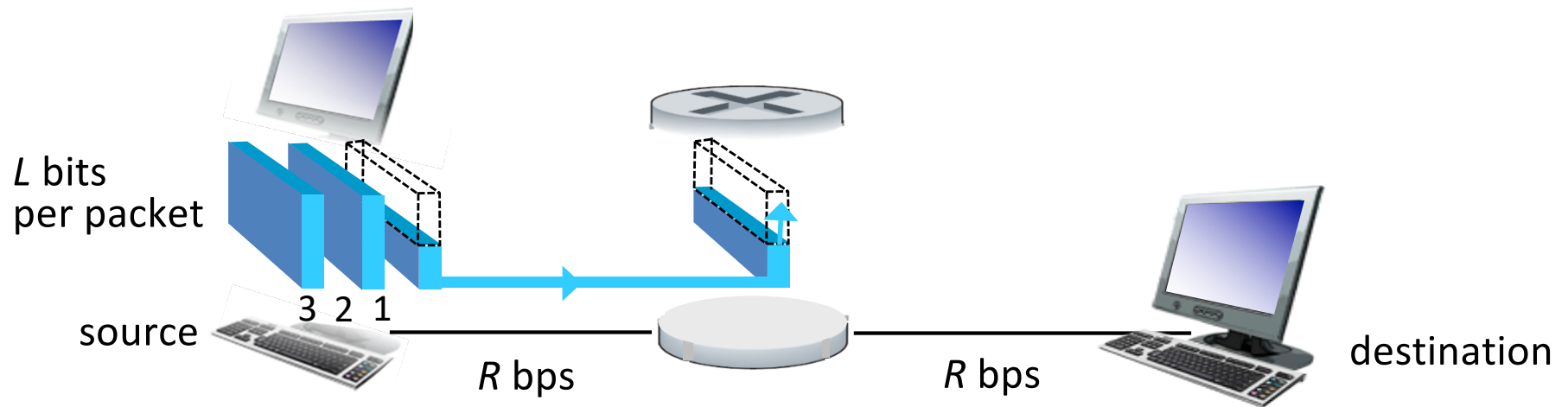
# The network core

mesh of interconnected routers with three key aspects in network core

- **Link:** Switching, Resource allocation (chp 1.3)
- **Node:** Routing & Forwarding (to be discussed in Network layer chp 4)
- **Network:** Network Core Structure / Management / Coordination (chp 1.3)



# Packet-switching: store-and-forward



- takes  $L/R$  seconds to transmit (push out)  $L$ -bit packet into link at  $R$  bps
- *store and forward*: entire packet must arrive at router before it can be transmitted on next link
- end-end delay =  $2L/R$  (assuming zero propagation delay)

## *one-hop numerical example:*

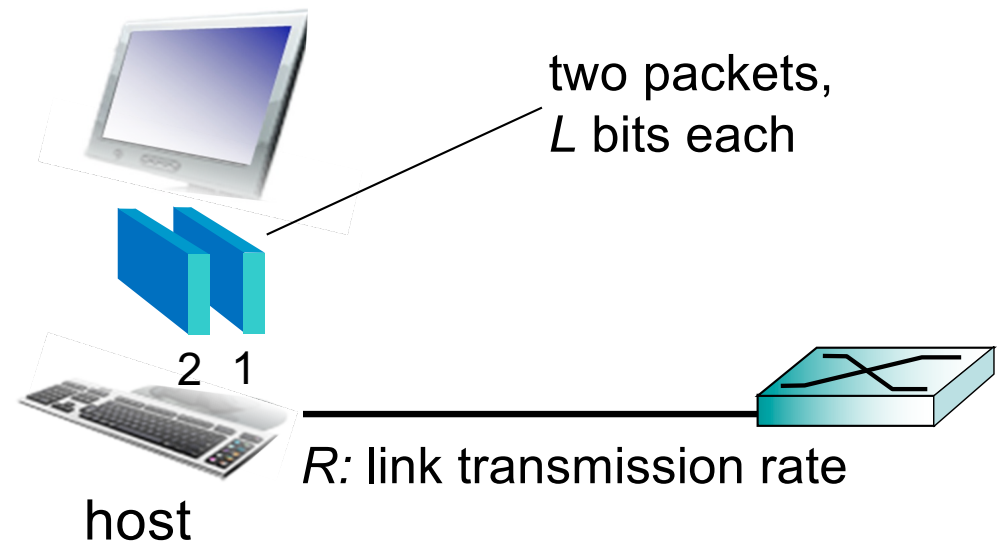
- $L = 7.5$  Mbits
- $R = 1.5$  Mbps
- one-hop transmission delay = 5 sec

} more on delay shortly ...

# Host: sends *packets* of data

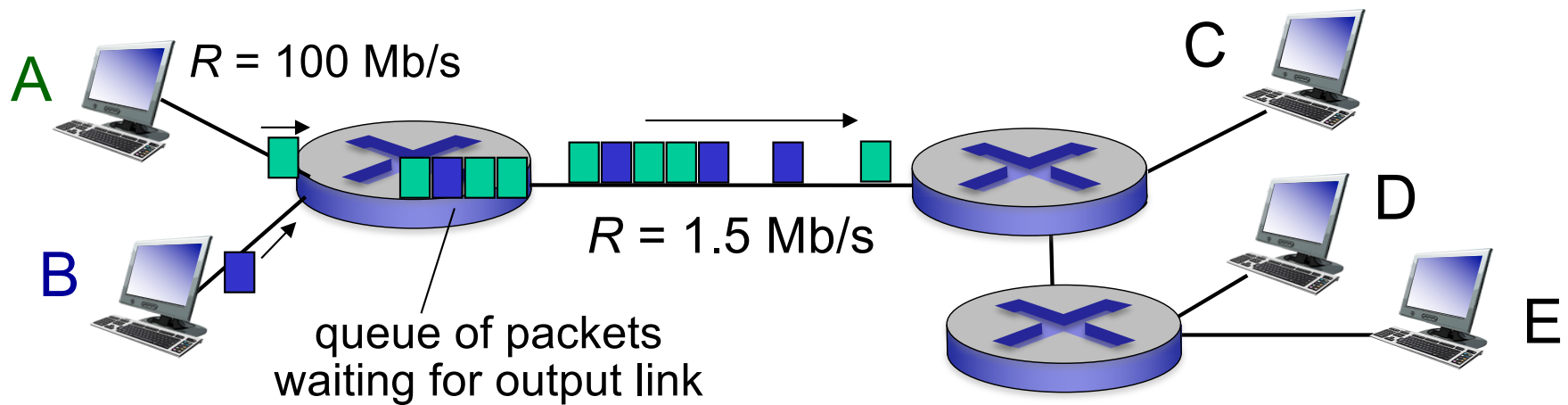
host sending function:

- takes application message
- breaks into smaller chunks, known as *packets*, of length  $L$  bits
- transmits packet into access network at *transmission rate  $R$* 
  - link transmission rate, aka link *capacity*, aka *link bandwidth*



$$\text{packet transmission delay} = \text{time needed to transmit } L\text{-bit packet into link} = \frac{L \text{ (bits)}}{R \text{ (bits/sec)}}$$

# Packet Switching: queueing delay, loss



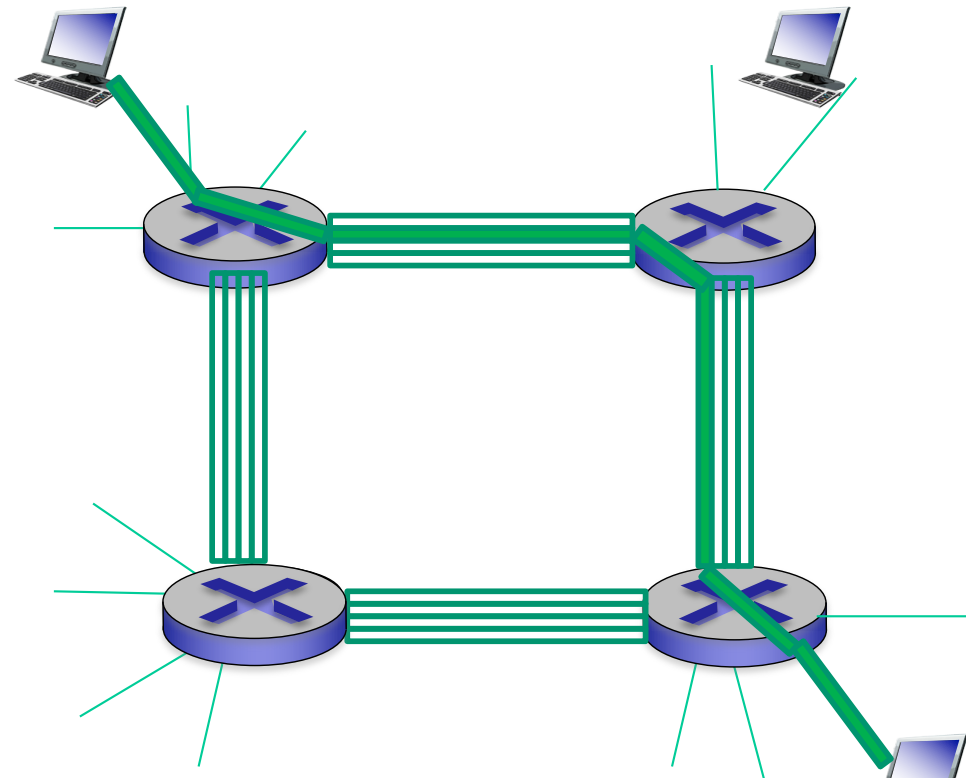
## queuing and loss:

- if arrival rate (in bits) to link exceeds transmission rate of link for a period of time:
  - packets will queue, wait to be transmitted on link
  - packets can be dropped (lost) if memory (buffer) fills up

# Alternative core: circuit switching

end-end resources allocated to, reserved for “call” between source & dest:

- in diagram, each link has four circuits.
  - call gets 2<sup>nd</sup> circuit in top link and 1<sup>st</sup> circuit in right link.
- dedicated resources: no sharing
  - circuit-like (guaranteed) performance
- circuit segment idle if not used by call (*no sharing*)
- commonly used in traditional telephone networks







# Circuit switching: FDM versus TDM

Example:

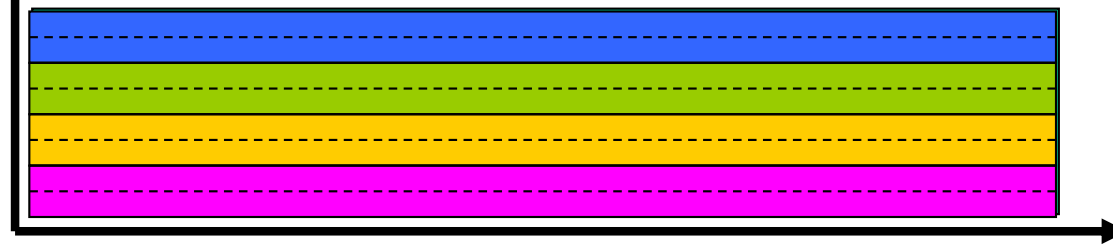
4 users



FDM

Frequency division multiplexing

frequency



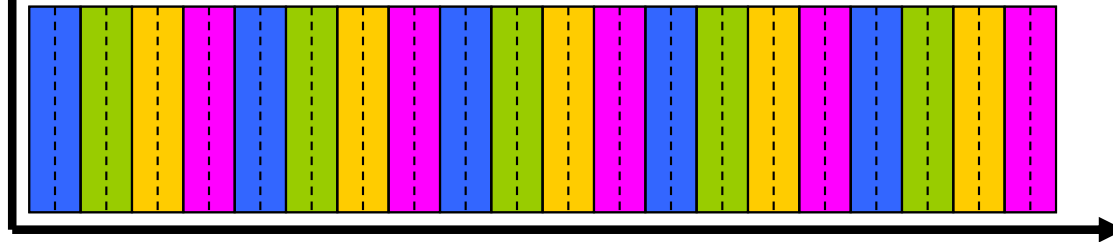
Dedicated bandwidth

time

TDM

Time division multiplexing

frequency



Dedicated time slots

time

# Analogy to Road Networks

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# Packet switching versus circuit switching



is packet switching a “slam dunk winner?”

- **Pros:** great for bursty data (advantages)
  - resource sharing
  - simpler, no call setup
- **Cons:** excessive congestion possible:
  - packet delay and loss
  - protocols needed for reliable data transfer, congestion control

**Q:** human analogies of reserved resources (circuit switching) versus on-demand allocation (packet-switching)?

**Like parking lots.**



# Packet switching versus circuit switching

*packet switching allows more users to use network? Yes.*

example:

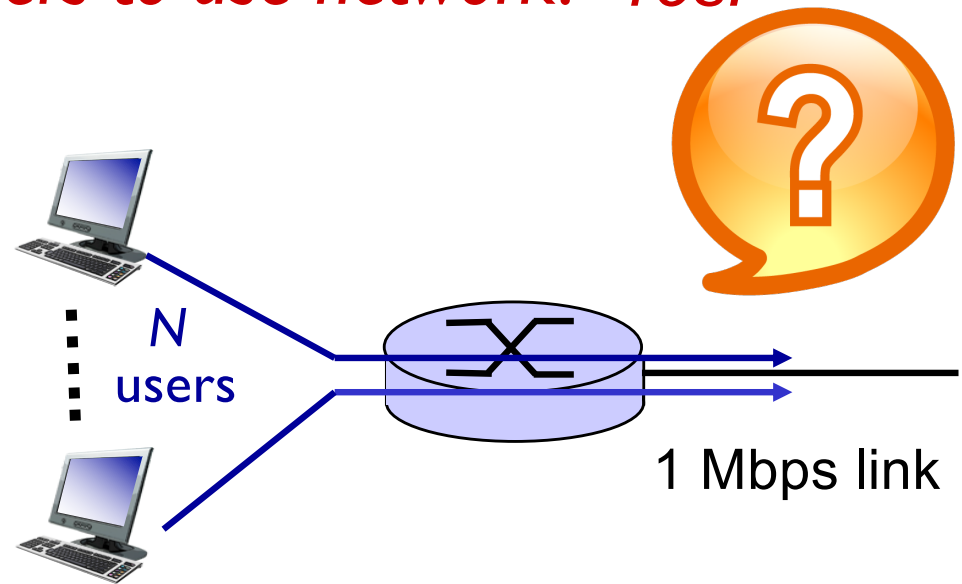
- 1 Mbps link
- each user:
  - 250 kbps when “active”
  - active 10% of time

- *circuit-switching:*

- 4 users

- *packet switching:*

- with 5 users, probability of all active at same time is small



**Q:** probability of  $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_5$  are active?  $(1/10)^5$

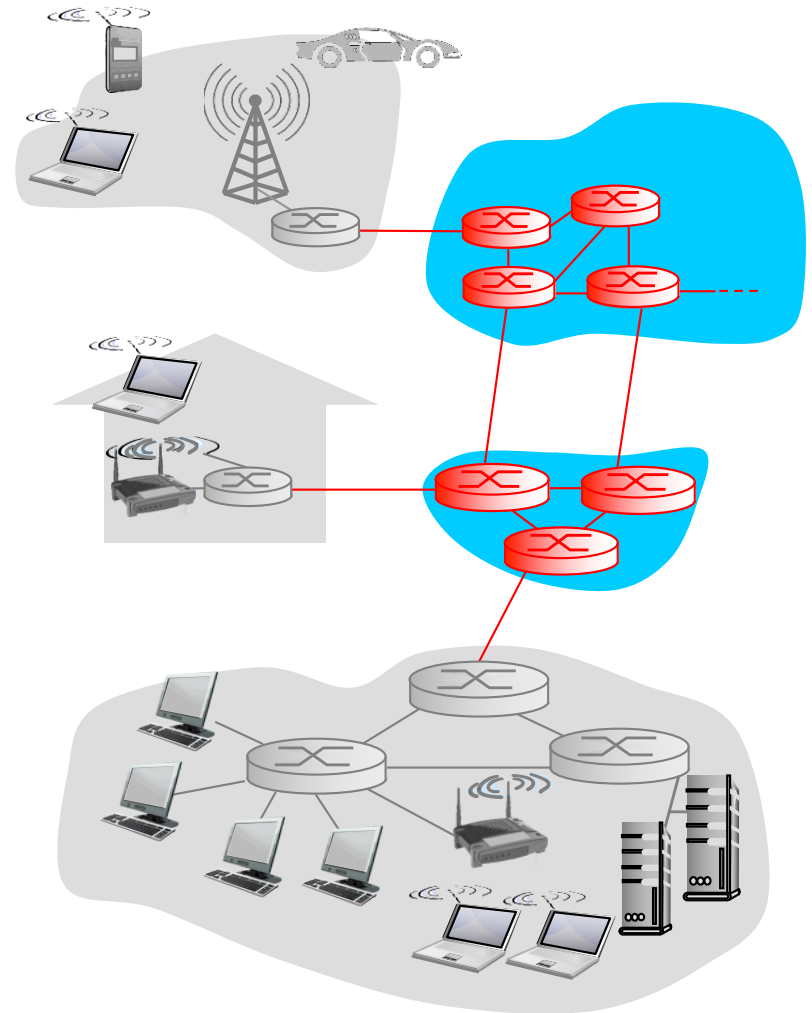
**Q:** probability of  $u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4$  are active,  $u_5$  is inactive

$(1/10)^4 * (9/10)$

# The network core

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# Lab-assignment I

Please watch my video [Lecture-2-0901-Part2](#) for a demo

<http://users.wpi.edu/~yli15/courses/CS3516Fall20A/labs/Lab1/lab1.html>

