

Summing up: How the Internet Works

Important protocols we haven't got time for
 We haven't said nearly enough about security
 How things fit together
 Guiding principles
 Questions?

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8 short-answer questions

100 marks total

12 for part 1

Material covered includes

All the lecture slides

Assignments

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Other infrastructure topics

Background slide

PPP (point-to-point protocol)

EAP, RADIUS, DIAMETER

Authentication, authorisation

IPSec, IKE (Shay 11.3)

Applies to IPv4 or IPv6

VPN (virtual private networks)

NAT

Network address translation

Firewalls

SOCKS (firewall traversal)

Multicast (Shay 11.2)

Mobile IP, mobility in
general

SASL (simple auth & security)

SLP (service location)

RSVP (Shay 11.2)

ROHC (header compression)

iSCSI (SCSI over IP)

RDMA (remote DMA)

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Other application topics

Background slide

MIME (multimedia formats)

SIP, ENUM

standards for voice over IP

Video over IP

PGP, S/MIME (secure email)

Internationalised email

Anti-spam solutions

LDAP (directory)

NTP (network time protocol)

IPP (Internet printing protocol)

NFS, AFS

Remote file systems

NNTP (network news)

RSS, ATOMPUB (feeds)

Instant messaging

Language tags

Web Services

XML-based distributed computing
over SOAP+HTTP

Peer to Peer protocols

Grid computing protocols

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The kitchen sink - a list of topics

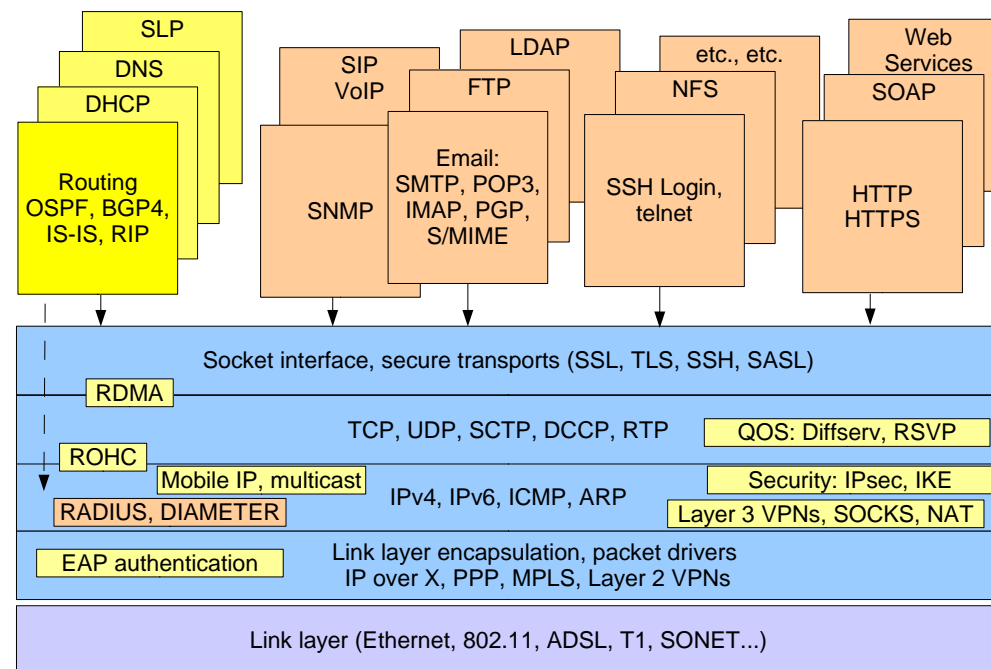
Background slide

This is only to illustrate the complexity and richness of Internet protocols; don't learn it ...

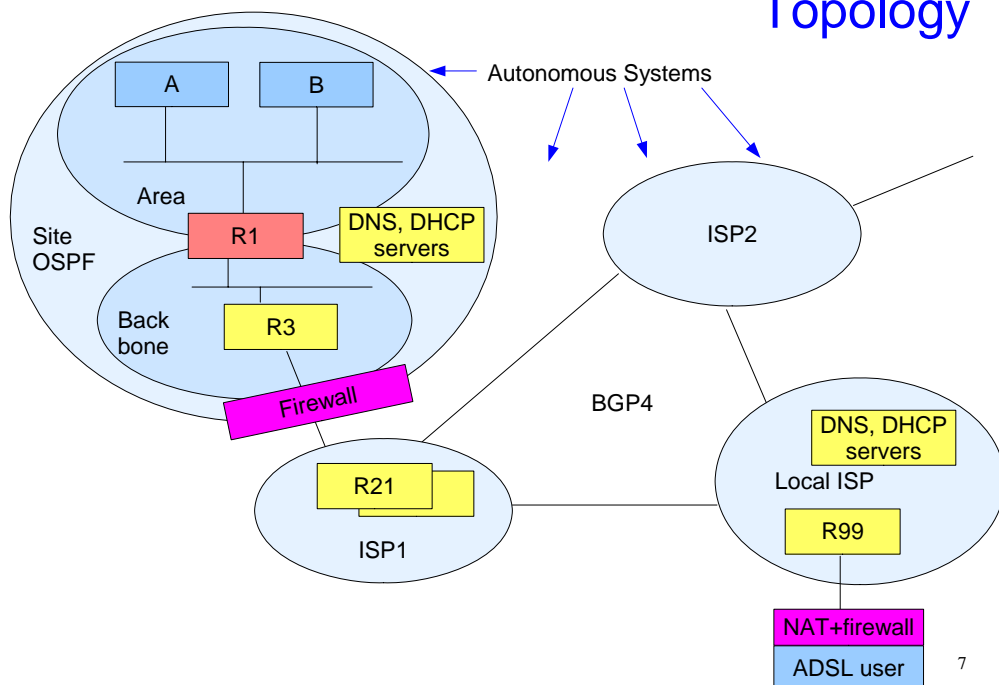
ACAP	TN3270	MANET/AUTOCONF	NETCONF
APEX	URI, URL, URN issues	MobileIP	POLICY
ATOM	VoIP	NEMO	SNMP
BEEP	WEBDAV	NETLMM	Traffic Engineering
CALSCH	WIDEX	OSPF	DIAMETER
CIP	FECFRAME	PPP	EAP
DKIM	ISCSI, iFCP	PTOMAINE	IDX
DNS	MIDCOM, STUN	PWE	IEPREP, ECRIT
EDIINT	ONCRPC	RIP	INCH
Email and MIME	RDDP	Router Discovery	IPSEC, IKE
ENLUM	ROHC	RSVP, IntegratedServices,	KERBEROS and GSS-API
FAX	RMT	NSIS	KEYPROV
FTP	RTP, RTSP, SDP	SOFTWAREs	LTANS
GEOPRIV	SCTP	UDLR	NEA
HTTP	TCP	VRP	OPENPGP
Instant messaging	UDP	ZEROCONF	OPSEC
IPP	BEHAVE	16ng (IP over IEEE 802.16)	OTP
LDAP	BFD	glowpan (IPv6 over 802.15.4)	PANA
Language Tags	BGP	GMPLS	PKI
Multimedia	DHCP	IP over X	RADIUS
NFS	DIFFSERV, PCN	IpoB	RPSEC, SIDR
NNTP	FORCES	IMSS	SACRED
NTP	GROW	MPLS	SASL
OPES	HIP	TRILL	SEND
RSERPOOL	ICMP	ANCP	SOCKS
SEAMOB	IPV4	BMWG	SSH
SIP, SIPING, PPSIP	IPV6	CAPWAP	SSL/TLS and HTTPS
SLP	IPMTUD iscovery	COPS	SYSLOG
TELNET	IP multicast	GSMF	S/MIME
TFTP	L2VPN, L3VPN	IPFIX, PSAMP	XMLDSIG
TIP		IPPM	
		MIBs	

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Protocol stack



Topology



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The end-to-end principle (1)

Background slide

Note how TCP works - it *assumes* that packets may be lost, delayed, corrupted or delivered out of order. The two ends of a TCP connection cooperate to overcome this

Note how SSH works - it *assumes* that messages may be intercepted and that attackers may try to insert false messages. The two ends of an SSH connection cooperate to overcome this

Note how DNS works - if a DNS (UDP) message is lost, no harm results except a delay.

These are all examples of the end-to-end principle at work

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The end-to-end principle* (2)

Background slide

Certain required end-to-end functions can only be performed correctly by the end-systems themselves

Any network, however carefully designed, will be subject to failures of transmission at some statistically determined rate. The best way to cope with this is to give responsibility for the integrity of communication to the end systems. A similar argument applies to intrusions

No solution buried inside the network can give the same level of assurance as the end systems

For example, *end-to-end* encryption is intrinsically safer than *router-to-router* encryption

* see References

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Other principles (1)

Background slide

Heterogeneity by design

Avoid duplicate solutions

Scaleable designs

Performance and cost must be considered as well as functionality

KISS (keep it simple, stupid!)

Modularity is good

Good enough is enough (don't seek perfection)

Minimise use of options

Be strict when sending and tolerant when receiving

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Other principles (2)

Background slide

Be parsimonious with unsolicited packets, especially multicasts and broadcasts

Circular dependencies must be avoided

Objects should be self-describing (type and size)

Nothing gets fully standardised until there are multiple instances of running code

Avoid design that requires hard coded addresses

Addresses must be unambiguous (NAT breaks this!)

Designs should be fully international

All protocols need strong security (early ones didn't!)

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References

Background slide

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Questions?

What haven't you understood in this course?