## Local Area Networks

- Aloha
- Slotted Aloha
- CSMA (non-persistent, 1-persistent, p-persistent)
- CSMA/CD
- Ethernet
- Token Ring



## Ethernet

Networks: Ethernet

## Ethernet [DEC, Intel, Xerox]



- 1-persistent, CSMA-CD with Binary Exponential Backoff.
- Manchester encoding.


# Ethernet 

 [operational in 1974]
## Initially 3 Mbps baseband coaxial cable (thick Ethernet).

## Operational Description

- Ethernet stations sense the channel.
- When the channel is free, the station transmits a frame.
- The stations monitor the 'ether' during the transmission.
- If a collision is detected by any station, the transmission is terminated immediately and a jam signal is sent.
- Upon collision, transmitting stations backoff using a local counter and then retransmit.


## Collision Detection [worst case]

A begins to transmit at
$t=0$

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { A }{ }^{\mathrm{mm}} \rightarrow \\
& \text { B begins to } \\
& \text { transmit at }
\end{aligned}
$$

$\begin{aligned} & t=t_{\text {prop }}-\delta ; \\ & \text { B detects }\end{aligned}$
collision at
$t=t_{\text {prop }}$

A detects collision at It takes $2 t_{\text {prop }}$ to find out if channel has been captured $t=2 t_{\text {prop }}-\delta$

## Ethernet

frame contention frame


- A frame seizes the channel after $2 t_{\text {prop }}$
- On 1 km Ethernet, $t_{\text {prop }}$ is approximately 5 microseconds.
- Contention interval $=2 \boldsymbol{t}_{\text {prop }}$
- Interframe gap $=9.6$ microseconds
- Modeled as slotted scheme with slot $=\mathbf{2} \boldsymbol{t}_{\text {prop }}$


## Binary Exponental Backoff

- Upon a collision, the sending stations increment a local counter K. The backoff interval is randomly selected using a uniform distribution over the $L=2^{\mathrm{K}}$ slots.
- $K$ is initially set to 0 .
- Thus upon collision, the value of L is doubled locally for each sending station.


# Binary Exponential Backoff (BEB) 

Slotted ALOHA has been shown to be unstable when

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p>1 / n
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Since Ethernet permits up to 1024 stations, backoff continues until $\mathrm{K}=10, \mathrm{~L}=2^{10}$, and $\mathrm{p}=1 / 2^{10}$

Normally $K$ is incremented up to 10 , but BEB is set for 16 retries. After 16 retries, MAC gives up trying to send the frame.
\{The IP packet is now considered lost\}.

| 7 | 1 | 2 or 6 | 2 or 6 | 2 |  |  | 4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Preamble | SD | Destination Address | Source Address | Length | Information | Pad | FCS |
| Synch | frame | 64 to 1518 bytes |  |  |  |  |  |


| 0 | Single address |
| :--- | :--- |


| 1 | Group address |
| :--- | :--- |


| 0 | Local address |
| :--- | :--- |


| 1 | Global address |
| :--- | :--- |

- Destination address is either single address or group address (broadcast $=111 \ldots 111$ )
- Addresses are defined on local or universal basis
- $2^{46}$ possible global addresses

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## Ethernet Frame

| 7 | 1 | 2 or 6 | 2 or 6 | 2 |  |  | 4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Preamble | SD | Destination Address | Source Address | Type | Information | Pad | FCS |
| Synch | Start frame | 64 to 1518 bytes |  |  |  |  |  |



| 802.3 <br> Frame | MAC <br> Header |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | FCS |  |



## Ethernet Evolution

## 10BASE5

- 10 Mbps
- 500 meter segment length
- Signal-regenerating repeaters
- Thick Coax
- Advantages: Low attenuation, excellent noise immunity, superior mechanical strength
- Disadvantages: Bulky, difficult to pull, transceiver boxes too expensive
* Wiring represented a significant part of total installed cost.


Figure 1.5 Thick Coax Installation

MAU device is physically hooked on main cable.
50 meter AUI cable from MAU to station.

## Ethernet Evolution

## 10BASE2 Cheapernet

- 10 Mbps
- 185 meter segment length
- Signal-regenerating repeaters
- Transceiver was integrated onto the adapter
- Thin Coax (coax thinner and lighter)
- Advantages: Easier to install, reduced hardware cost, BNC connectors widely deployed $\boldsymbol{\rightarrow}$ lower installation costs.
- Disadvantages: Attenuation not as good, could not support as many stations due to signal reflection caused by BNC Tee Connector.


Figure 1.6 Cheapernet Installation


## Ethernet Evolution

## 1BASE5 StarLAN

- 1 Mbps
- 250 meter segment length
- Signal-regenerating repeaters
- Transceiver integrated onto the adapter
- Hub-and-Spoke topology (star topology)
- Two pairs of unshielded twisted pair
- Advantages: Since four or more UTP are ubiquitous in buildings, it is easier to use installed wiring in the walls. Telephone wiring is hierarchical $\boldsymbol{\rightarrow}$ can use wiring closets.


## Ethernet Evolution

## 10BASET $\{1990\}$ **Most popular

- 10 Mbps
- 100 meter segment length
- Signal-regenerating repeaters
- Transceiver integrated onto adapter
- Two pairs of UTP
- Hub-and-spoke topology \{Hub in the closet\}
- Advantages: could be done without pulling new wires. Each hub amplifies and restores incoming signal.


## The Hub Concept

- Separate transmit and receive pair of wires.
- The repeater in the hub retransmits the signal received from any input pair onto ALL output pairs.
- Essentially the hub emulates a broadcast channel with collisions detected by receiving nodes.


Figure 1.7 10BASE-T Hub-and-Spoke Architecture

## Twisted Pair Ethernet

(a)



## Switched Ethernet

* Basic idea: improve on the Hub concept
- The switch learns destination locations by remembering the ports of the associated source address in a table.
- The switch may not have to broadcast to all output ports. It may be able to send the frame only to the destination port.
- $\rightarrow$ a big performance advantage over a hub, if more than one frame transfer can go through the switch concurrently.


Figure 7.2
Ethernet switching: (a) switching hub schematic;
(b) switching hub derivative.

## Switched Ethernet

- The advantage comes when the switched Ethernet backplane is able to repeat more than one frame in parallel (a separate backplane bus line for each node).
- The frame is relayed onto the required output port via the port's own backplane bus line.
- Under this scheme collisions are still possible when two concurrently arriving frames are destined for the same station.
- Note - each parallel transmission can take place at 10 Mbps !!


## Switched Ethernet



Figure 4-20.A simple example of switched Ethernet.

## Switched Ethernet Hub

- Since servers are often shared by multiple nodes, one can employ a switching hub with a port which operates at a higher rate than the other ports.
$\rightarrow$ This requires extra buffering inside the hub to handle speed mismatches.
- Can be further enhanced by higher rated port full-duplex.


