IP Addresses: Classful Addressing

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INTRODUCTION

An IP address is a 32-bit address.

The IP addresses are unique.

RULE:

If a protocol uses N bits to define an address, the address space is 2^N because each bit can have two different values (0 and 1) and N bits can have 2^N values.

The address space of IPv4 is

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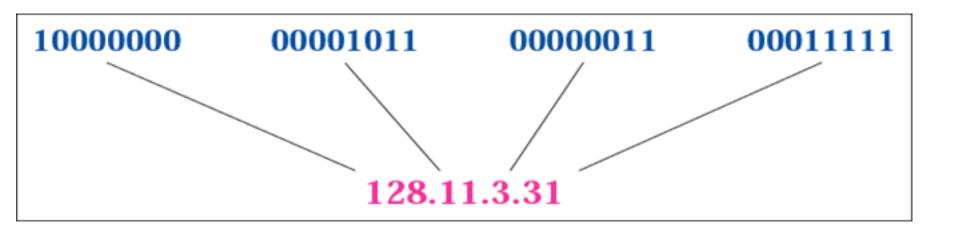
or

4,294,967,296.

Binary Notation

01110101 10010101 00011101 11101010

Dotted-decimal notation



Hexadecimal Notation

0111 0101 1001 0101 0001 1101 1110 1010

75 95 1D EA

0x75951DEA

The binary, decimal, and hexadecimal number systems are reviewed in Appendix B.

Change the following IP address from binary notation to dotted-decimal notation.

10000001 00001011 00001011 11101111

Solution

129.11.11.239

Change the following IP address from dotted-decimal notation to binary notation.

111.56.45.78

Solution

01101111 00111000 00101101 01001110

Find the error, if any, in the following IP address:

111.56.045.78

Solution

There are no leading zeroes in dotted-decimal notation (045).

Example 3 (continued)

Find the error, if any, in the following IP address:

75.45.301.14

Solution

In dotted-decimal notation, each number is less than or equal to 255; 301 is outside this range.

Change the following IP addresses from binary notation to hexadecimal notation.

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Solution

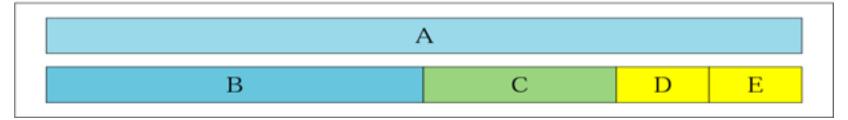
0X810B0BEF or 810B0BEF₁₆

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CLASSFUL ADDRESSING

Occupation of the address space

Address space

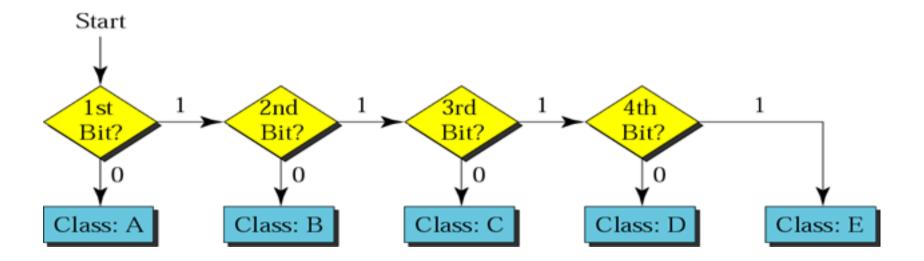


In classful addressing, the address space is divided into five classes: A, B, C, D, and E.

Finding the class in binary notation

	First byte	Second byte	Third byte	Fourth byte
Class A	0			
Class B	10			
Class C	110			
Class D	1110			
Class E	1111			

Finding the address class



How can we prove that we have 2,147,483,648 addresses in class A?

Solution

In class A, only 1 bit defines the class. The remaining 31 bits are available for the address. With 31 bits, we can have 2³¹ or 2,147,483,648 addresses.

Find the class of the address:

00000001 00001011 00001011 11101111

Solution

The first bit is 0. This is a class A address.

Example 6 (Continued)

Find the class of the address:

11000001 10000011 00011011 11111111

Solution

The first 2 bits are 1; the third bit is 0. This is a class C address.

Finding the class in decimal notation

	First byte	Second byte	Third byte	Fourth byte
Class A	0 to 127			
Class B [128 to 191			
Class C [192 to 223			
Class D [224 to 239			
Class E	240 to 255			

Find the class of the address:

227.12.14.87

Solution

The first byte is 227 (between 224 and 239); the class is D.

Example 7 (Continued)

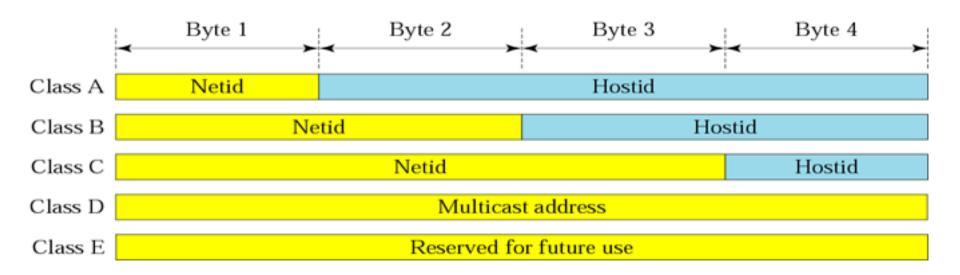
Find the class of the address:

193.14.56.22

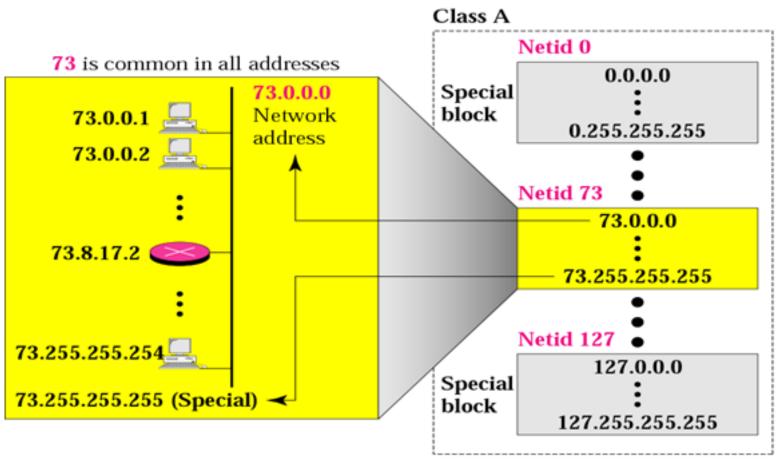
Solution

The first byte is 193 (between 192 and 223); the class is C.

Netid and hostid



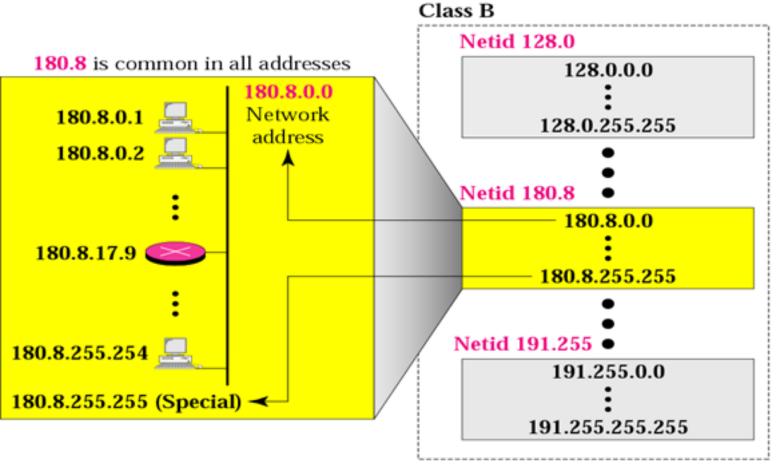
Blocks in class A



128 blocks: 16,777,216 addresses in each block

Millions of class A addresses are wasted.

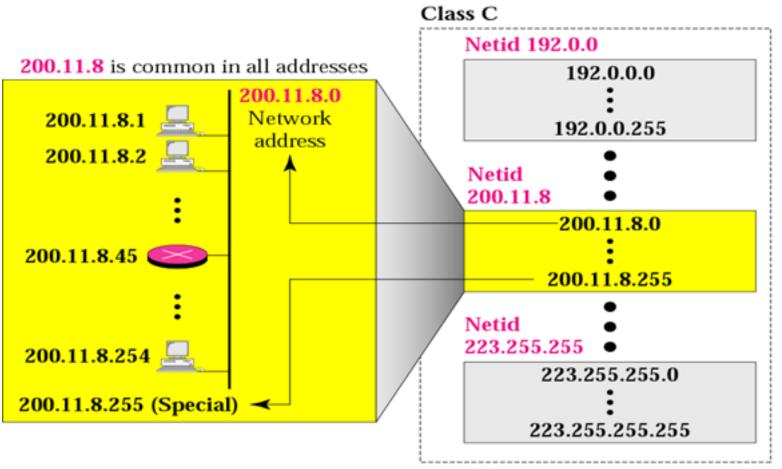
Blocks in class B



16,384 blocks: 65,536 addresses in each block

Many class B addresses are wasted.

Blocks in class C



2,097,152 blocks: 256 addresses in each block

The number of addresses in a class C block is smaller than the needs of most organizations.

Class D addresses

are used for multicasting;

there is only

one block in this class.

Class E addresses are reserved for special purposes; most of the block is wasted.

Network Addresses

The network address is the first address.

The network address defines the network to the rest of the Internet.

Given the network address, we can find the class of the address, the block, and the range of the addresses in the block

Note

In classful addressing,
the network address
(the first address in the block)
is the one that is assigned
to the organization.

Given the network address 132.21.0.0, find the class, the block, and the range of the addresses.

Solution

The class is B because the first byte is b/w 128 and 191. The block has a netid of 132.21. The addresses range from 132.21.0.0 to 132.21.255.255.

Given the network address 17.0.0.0, find the class, the block, and the range of the addresses.

Solution

The class is A because the first byte is between 0 and 127. The block has a netid of 17. The addresses range from 17.0.0.0 to 17.255.255.255.

Given the network address 220.34.76.0, find the class, the block, and the range of the addresses.

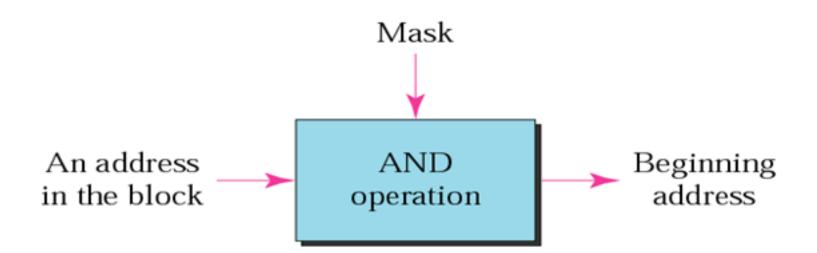
Solution

The class is C because the first byte is between 192 and 223. The block has a netid of 220.34.76. The addresses range from 220.34.76.0 to 220.34.76.255.

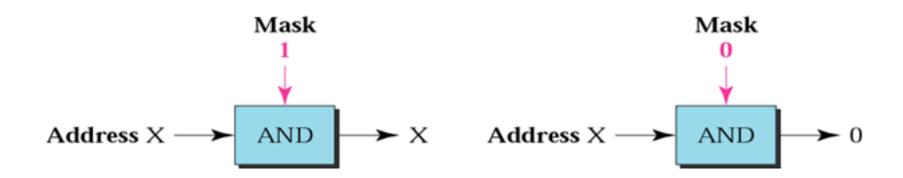
Mask

A mask is a 32-bit binary number that gives the first address in the block (the network address) when bitwise ANDed with an address in the block.

Masking concept



AND operation



The network address is the beginning address of each block. It can be found by applying the default mask to any of the addresses in the block (including itself). It retains the netid of the block and sets the hostid to zero.

Given the address 23.56.7.91 and the default class A mask, find the beginning address (network address).

Solution

The default mask is 255.0.0.0, which means that only the first byte is preserved and the other 3 bytes are set to 0s.

The network address is 23.0.0.0.

Given the address 132.6.17.85 and the default class B mask, find the beginning address (network address).

Solution

The default mask is 255.255.0.0, which means that the first 2 bytes are preserved and the other 2 bytes are set to 0s.

The network address is 132.6.0.0.

Given the address 201.180.56.5 and the class C default mask, find the beginning address (network address).

Solution

The default mask is 255.255.255.0, which means that the first 3 bytes are preserved and the last byte is set to 0. The network address is 201.180.56.0.

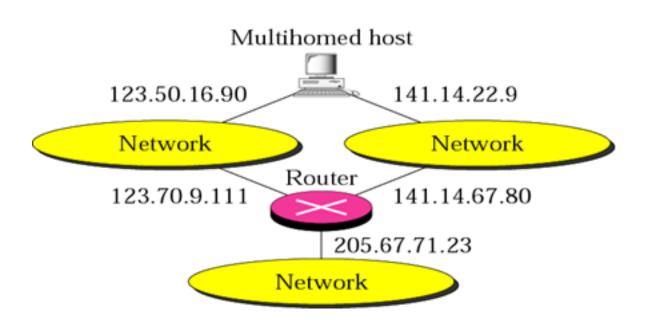
Note

We must not apply the default mask of one class to an address belonging to another class.

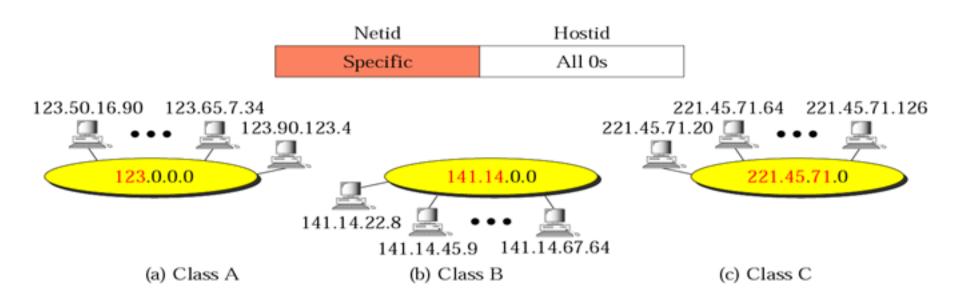
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OTHER ISSUES

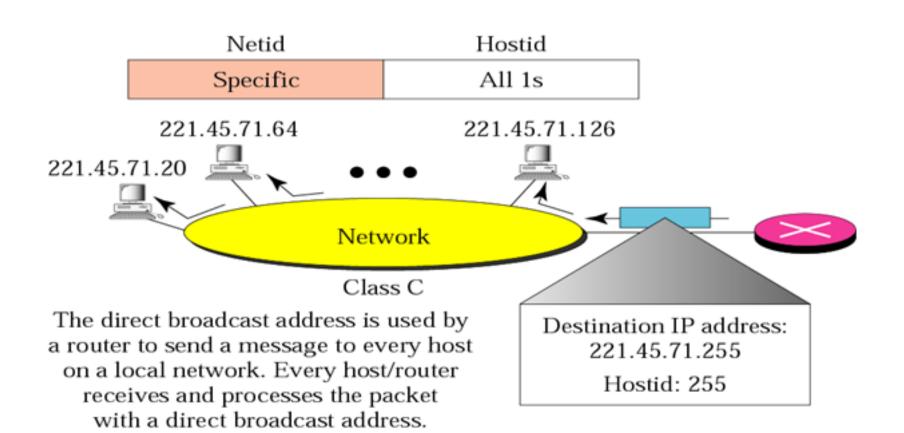
Multihomed devices



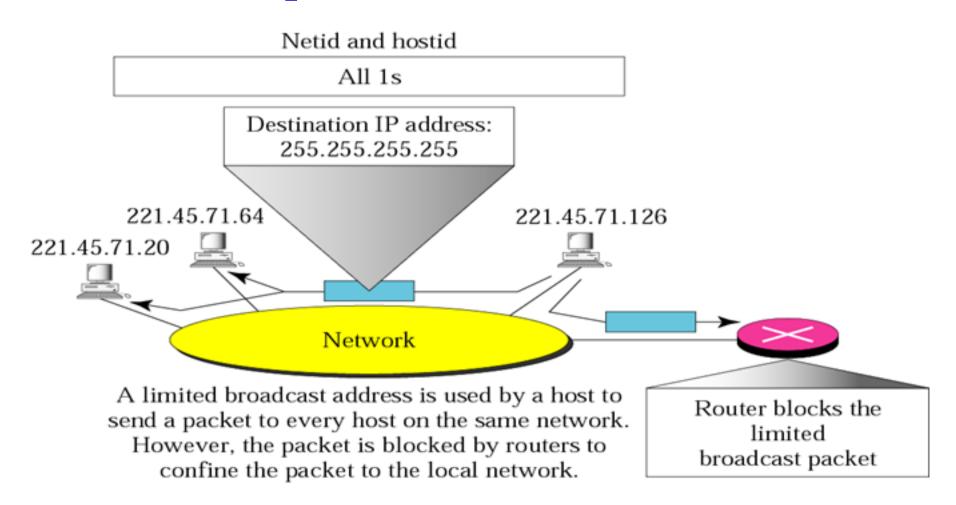
Network addresses



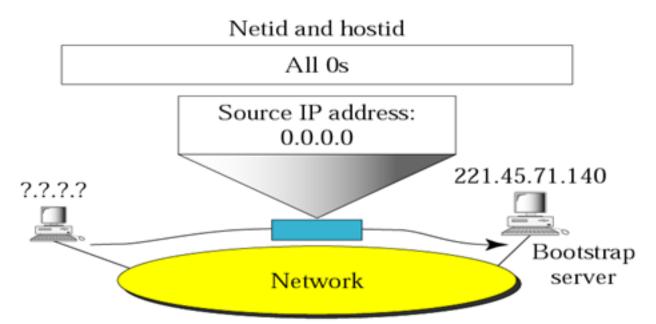
Example of direct broadcast address



Example of limited broadcast address

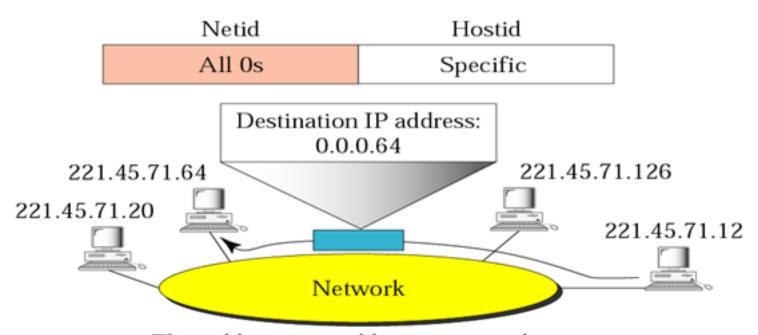


Example of *this* host on *this* address



A host that does not know its IP address uses the IP address 0.0.0.0 as the source address and 255.255.255.255 as the destination address to send a message to a bootstrap server.

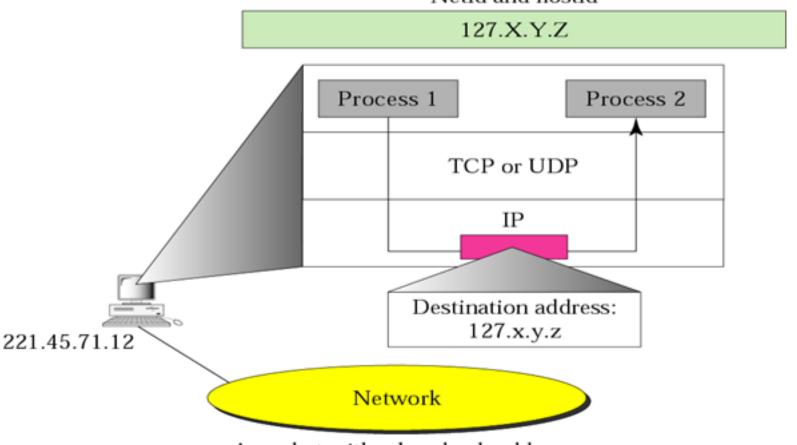
Example of specific host on *this* network



This address is used by a router or host to send a message to a specific host on the same network.

Example of loopback address

Netid and hostid



A packet with a loopback address will not reach the network.

Private Addresses

A number of blocks in each class are assigned for private use. They are not recognized globally.

Unicast, Multicast, and Broadcast Addresses

Unicast communication is one-to-one.

Multicast communication is *one-to-many*.

Broadcast communication is *one-to-all*.

4.4 **A SAMPLE** INTERNET WITH **CLASSFUL ADDRESSES**

Figure 4-19

