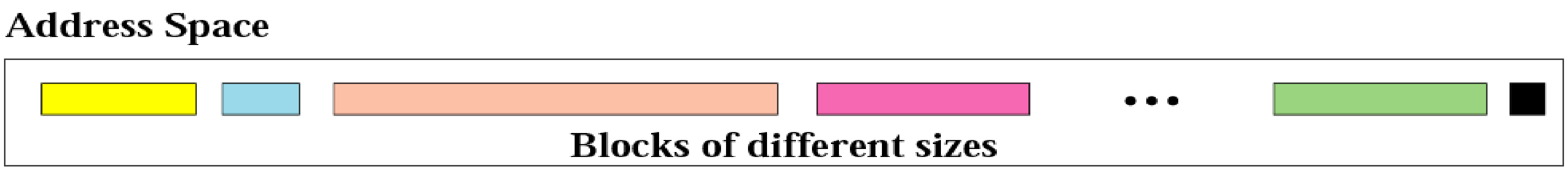
CLASSLESS ADDRESSING

Figure 5-13

Variable-length blocks



Number of Addresses in a Block

There is only one condition on the number of addresses in a block; it must be a power of 2 (2, 4, 8, . . .). A household may be given a block of 2 addresses. A small business may be given 16 addresses. A large organization may be given 1024 addresses.

Beginning Address

The beginning address must be evenly divisible by the number of addresses. For example, if a block contains 4 addresses, the beginning address must be divisible by 4. If the block has less than 256 addresses, we need to check only the rightmost byte. If it has less than 65,536 addresses, we need to check only the two rightmost bytes, and so on.

Example 9

Which of the following can be the beginning address of a block that contains 16 addresses?

205.16.37.32
190.16.42.44
17.17.33.80
123.45.24.52

Solution

The address 205.16.37.32 is eligible because 32 is divisible by 16. The address 17.17.33.80 is eligible because 80 is divisible by 16.

Example 10

Which of the following can be the beginning address of a block that contains 1024 addresses?

205.16.37.32

190.16.42.0

17.17.32.0

123.45.24.52

Solution

To be divisible by 1024, the rightmost byte of an address should be 0 and the second rightmost byte must be divisible by 4. Only the address 17.17.32.0 meets this condition.

Slash notation

A.B.C.D/*n*

Note

Slash notation is also called
CIDR
notation.

Example 11

A small organization is given a block with the beginning address and the prefix length **205.16.37.24/29** (in slash notation). What is the range of the block?

Solution

The beginning address is 205.16.37.24. To find the last address we keep the first 29 bits and change the last 3 bits to 1s.

Beginning: **11001111 00010000 00100101 00011**000

Ending : **11001111 00010000 00100101 00011**111

There are only 8 addresses in this block.

Example 12

We can find the range of addresses in Example 11 by another method. We can argue that the length of the suffix is 32 – 29 or 3. So there are $2^3 = 8$ addresses in this block. If the first address is 205.16.37.24, the last address is 205.16.37.31 (24 + 7 = 31).

Note

A block in classes A, B, and C can easily be represented in slash notation as

A.B.C.D/ *n*

where *n* is either 8 (class A), 16 (class B), or 24 (class C).

Example 13

What is the network address if one of the addresses is 167.199.170.82/27?

Solution

The prefix length is 27, which means that we must keep the first 27 bits as is and change the remaining bits (5) to 0s. The 5 bits affect only the last byte. The last byte is 01010010. Changing the last 5 bits to 0s, we get 01000000 or 64. The network address is 167.199.170.64/27.

Example 14

An organization is granted the block 130.34.12.64/26. The organization needs to have four subnets. What are the subnet addresses and the range of addresses for each subnet?

Solution

The suffix length is 6. This means the total number of addresses in the block is 64 (2^6). If we create four subnets, each subnet will have 16 addresses.

Solution (Continued)

Let us first find the subnet prefix (subnet mask). We need four subnets, which means we need to add two more 1s to the site prefix. The subnet prefix is then /28.

Subnet 1: 130.34.12.64/28 to 130.34.12.79/28.

Subnet 2 : 130.34.12.80/28 to 130.34.12.95/28.

Subnet 3: 130.34.12.96/28 to 130.34.12.111/28.

Subnet 4: 130.34.12.112/28 to 130.34.12.127/28.

See Figure 5.15

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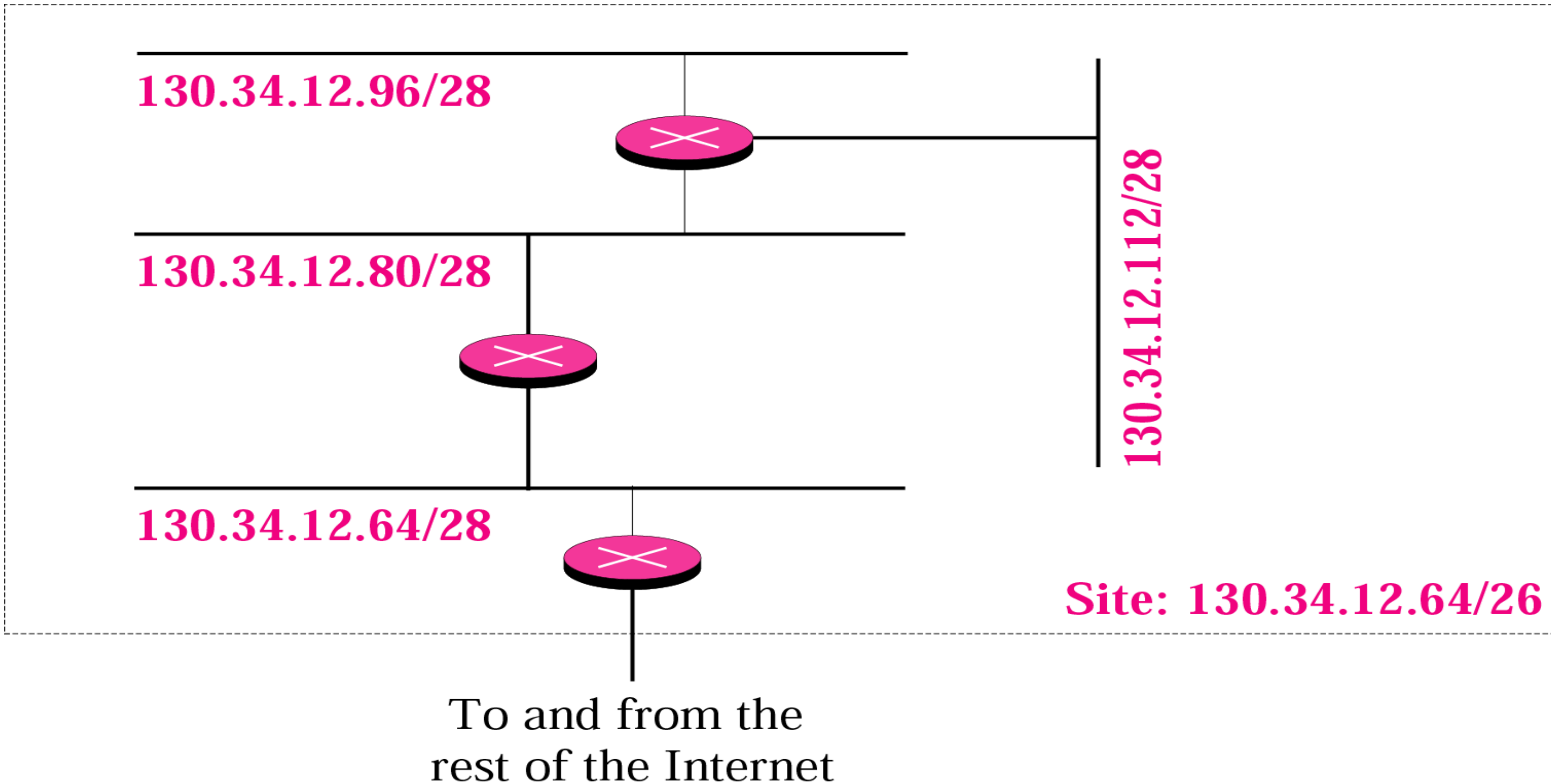
Example 14



Example 15

An ISP is granted a block of addresses starting with 190.100.0.0/16. The ISP needs to distribute these addresses to three groups of customers as follows:

1. The first group has 64 customers; each needs 256 addresses.
2. The second group has 128 customers; each needs 128 addresses.
3. The third group has 128 customers; each needs 64 addresses.

Design the subblocks and give the slash notation for each subblock. Find out how many addresses are still available after these allocations.

Solution

Group 1

For this group, each customer needs 256 addresses. This means the suffix length is 8 ($2^8 = 256$). The prefix length is then $32 - 8 = 24$.

01: 190.100.0.0/24 → 190.100.0.255/24

02: 190.100.1.0/24 → 190.100.1.255/24

…………………………………

64: 190.100.63.0/24 → 190.100.63.255/24

Total = $64 \times 256 = 16{,}384$

Solution (Continued)

Group 2

For this group, each customer needs 128 addresses. This means the suffix length is 7 ($2^7 = 128$). The prefix length is then 32 – 7 = 25. The addresses are:

001: 190.100.64.0/25 → 190.100.64.127/25

002: 190.100.64.128/25 → 190.100.64.255/25

003: 190.100.127.128/25 → 190.100.127.255/25

Total = 128 × 128 = 16,384

Solution (Continued)

Group 3

For this group, each customer needs 64 addresses. This means the suffix length is 6 ($2^6 = 64$). The prefix length is then $32 - 6 = 26$.

001:190.100.128.0/26 → 190.100.128.63/26

002:190.100.128.64/26 → 190.100.128.127/26

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128:190.100.159.192/26 → 190.100.159.255/26

Total = 128 × 64 = 8,192

Solution (Continued)

Number of granted addresses: 65,536

Number of allocated addresses: 40,960

Number of available addresses: 24,576