

Communication Networks

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Last week on
Communication Networks



google.ch ↔ 172.217.16.131
(the end)

http://www.google.ch
(the beginning)



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Records	Name	Value
A	hostname	IP address
NS	domain	DNS server name
MX	domain	Mail server name
CNAME	alias	canonical name
PTR	IP address	corresponding hostname

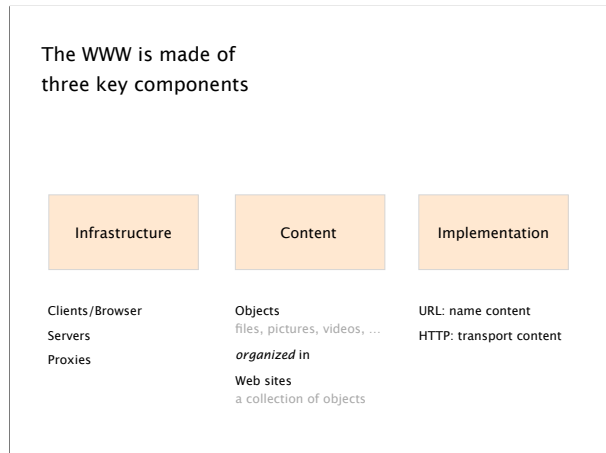
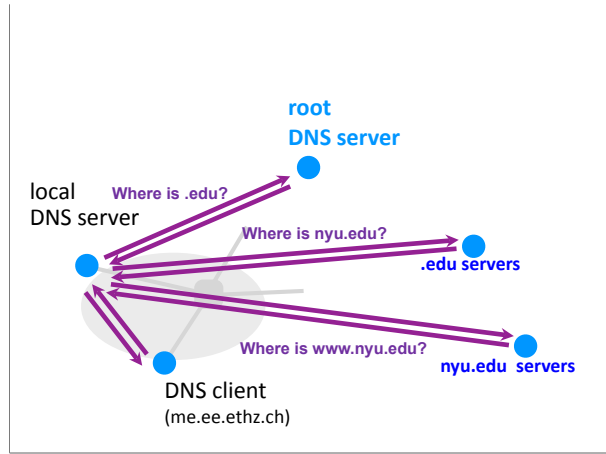
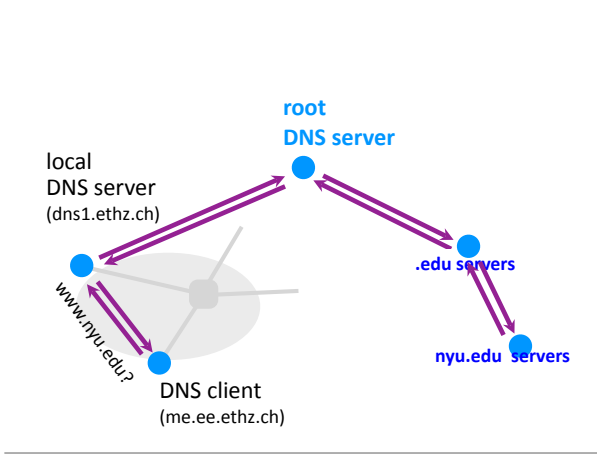
Using DNS relies on two components



trigger resolution process
send request to local DNS server

usually, near the endhosts
configured statically (`resolv.conf`)
or dynamically (DHCP)

DNS resolution can either be
recursive or **iterative**



A Uniform Resource Locator (URL) refers to an Internet resource

protocol://hostname[:port]/directory_path/resource

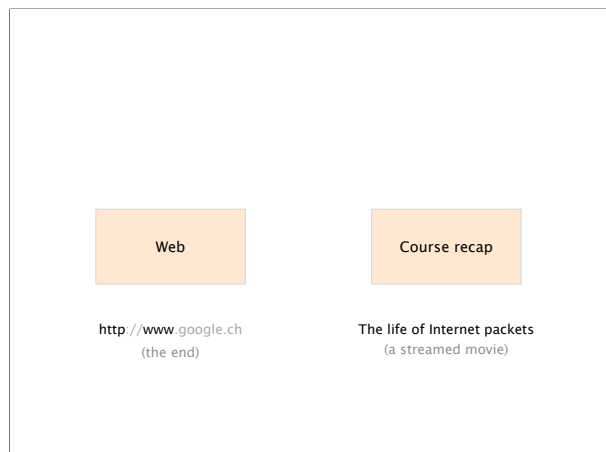
HTTP is a rather simple synchronous request/reply protocol

HTTP is layered over a bidirectional byte stream typically TCP, but QUIC is ramping up

HTTP is text-based (ASCII)
human readable, easy to reason about

HTTP is stateless
it maintains *no info* about past client requests

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Web

Course recap

<http://www.google.ch>
(the end)

Web

Course recap

The life of Internet packets
(a streamed movie)

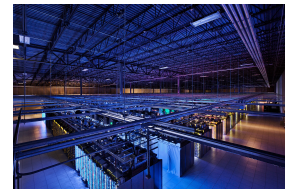


Knowledge

Understand **how** the Internet works and **why**



from your
network plug ...



...to the largest data-centers out there

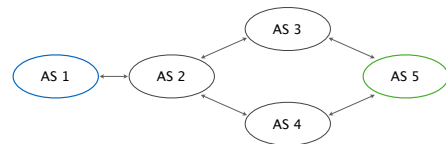
Let's do a quick recap of the lecture by dissecting
"The life of a few packets" together

Our goal: watch a video on `my.video.com`
A destination outside of our local network

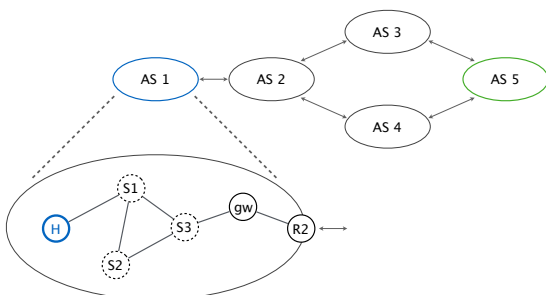
We consider a new host with clean state
I.e., network-wise nothing is configured/known

Which packets do we need to achieve that?

Our **host** belongs to AS 1,
`my.video.com` belongs to **AS 5**



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Problem: Who and where am I?

DHCP

The Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol provides:

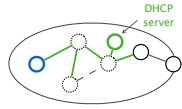
- an IP address
- the corresponding IP prefix
- the IP of the default gateway
- DNS server to use
- (many other options)

Manual

Alternatively, we can manually configure the host
You did that extensively during the routing project

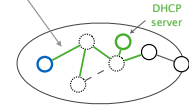
DHCP works within a broadcast domain
(i.e. a local L2 network)

```
src MAC: host H's MAC
dst MAC: ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
-----
DHCP discovery:
I want an IP
```



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src MAC: host H's MAC
dst MAC: ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
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DHCP discovery:
I want an IP
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Broadcasted along the layer 2
Spanning Tree computed by the switches



The DHCP server unicasts its answer
back to the sender

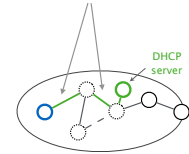
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src MAC: MAC of DHCP
dst MAC: host H's MAC
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DHCP offer:
Use 192.168.1.20/24
Default gw: 192.168.1.1
DNS server: 192.168.1.2
```



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The switches have learned over which
physical ports they can reach the MAC of H



These slides show a simplified version
of DHCP, see exercise 3 for more details

Problem: Who is my.video.com?

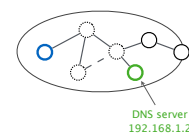
DNS	The Domain Name System translates names to IPs The opposite is also possible
Resource Records	A DNS server stores records for different resources For example domains, mail servers, aliases...
Manual	Alternatively, we can directly provide the IP But normally we do not know the IPs of external domains

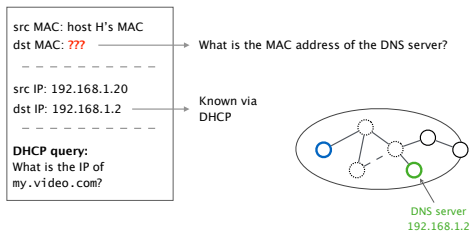
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We can also use external DNS servers
e.g. Google's

```
src MAC: host H's MAC
dst MAC: ???
-----
src IP: 192.168.1.20
dst IP: 192.168.1.2
-----
DHCP query:
What is the IP of
my.video.com?
```

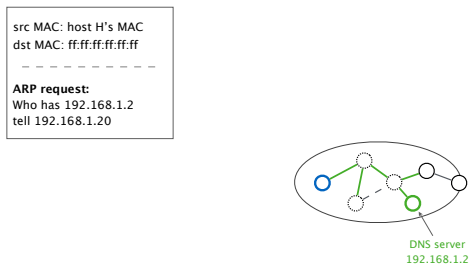




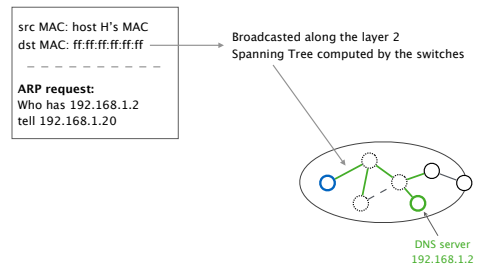
Problem: How to reach destinations in the same layer 2 network?

- ARP** **The Address Resolution Protocol discovers MACs of IPs**
Only works inside one layer 2 network
- ARP tables** **Hosts cache ARP replies in their local ARP table**
Entries will eventually expire
- Manual** **Alternatively, we can populate the ARP table statically**

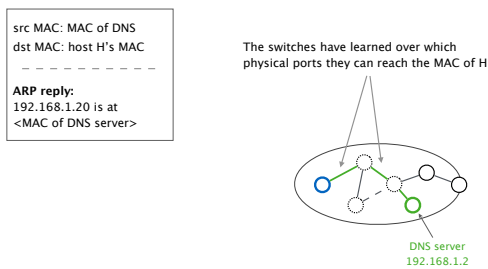
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The DNS server unicasts its MAC address



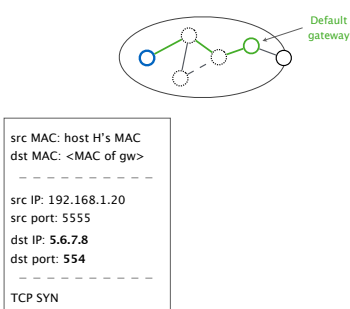
We can finally perform our DNS query (not shown in detail)

- The DNS server might contact other name servers** depending on what is in its cache
- We have seen two resolution strategies:**
 - *recursive*, by offloading it to other servers
 - *iterative*, by iteratively querying the "next servers"
- In our example, my.video.com has the IP: **5.6.7.8**

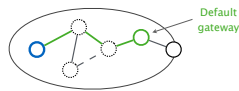
Problem: How to reach destinations outside of our local network?

- Default gateway** **We send the packets to our default gateway**
Known via DHCP (or statically configured)
- Routers** **The default gateway is normally a layer-3 router**
For example your "Internet box" at home
- How to reach the gateway?** **Already solved, we use ARP to find the MAC address**
Then forwarded over the layer 2 network

Our host can finally send a first packet towards my.video.com



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src MAC: host H's MAC	From ARP request for 192.168.1.1
dst MAC: <MAC of gw>	

src IP: 192.168.1.20	Randomly selected source port
src port: 5555	
dst IP: 5.6.7.8	
dst port: 443	

TCP SYN	

TCP-based data transmission	

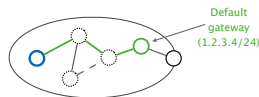
Problem: How to reach external destinations using a private IP as source address?

NAT Network Address Translation solves this problem
A single public IP is shared between hosts

Benefits NAT has multiple benefits:

- "solution" to the IPv4 address depletion
- better privacy and anonymization
- hosts not reachable from the outside

Here, we'll consider that the default gateway performs NAT



src MAC: host H's MAC	192.168.1.20:5555	src MAC: <MAC of gw>
dst MAC: <MAC of gw>		dst MAC: ???

src IP: 192.168.1.20	1.2.3.4:7744	src IP: 1.2.3.4
src port: 5555		src port: 7744
dst IP: 5.6.7.8		dst IP: 5.6.7.8
dst port: 554		dst port: 554

TCP SYN		

Mapping stored in NAT table

Problem: How to reach external destinations outside of our AS?

BGP Inter-domain routing using the Border Gateway Protocol
A path-vector protocol

Forwarding Based on the best-matching prefix (longest match)
One next hop for each prefix

iBGP & eBGP Two versions of BGP to distribute routes
eBGP distributes routes between ASes

Our packet is forwarded over multiple hops based on best-matching BGP routes

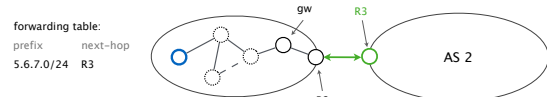


src MAC: <MAC of gw>	dst MAC: <MAC of R2>

src IP: 1.2.3.4	dst IP: 5.6.7.8
src port: 7744	
dst port: 554	

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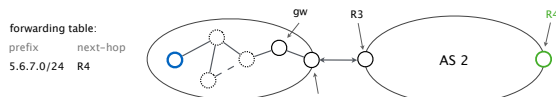


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TCP SYN	

Finally, we reach another AS



src MAC: <MAC of gw>	dst MAC: <MAC of R2>

src IP: 1.2.3.4	dst IP: 5.6.7.8
src port: 7744	
dst port: 554	

TCP SYN	

src MAC: <MAC of R2>	dst MAC: <MAC of R3>

src IP: 1.2.3.4	dst IP: 5.6.7.8
src port: 7744	
dst port: 554	

TCP SYN	

src MAC: <MAC of R3>	dst MAC: ???

src IP: 1.2.3.4	dst IP: 5.6.7.8
src port: 7744	
dst port: 554	

TCP SYN	

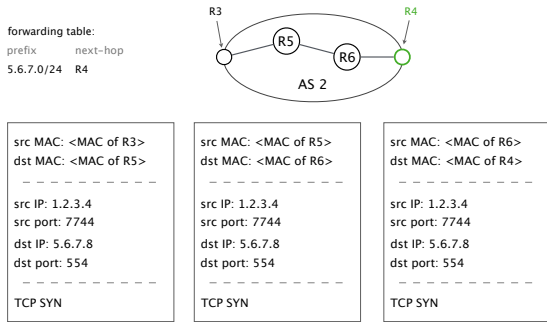
Problem: How to reach next hops which are not directly connected?

IGP Forwarding information from Interior Gateway Protocols
Used for intra-domain routing

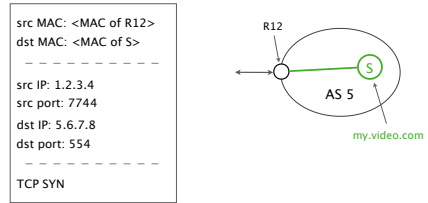
Two types We saw two different types of protocols:

- link-state protocols (e.g., OSPF)
- distance-vector protocols (e.g., RIP)

Using the shortest IGP path, our packet reaches R4



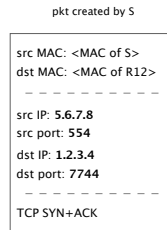
Skipping a few similar steps,
our packet finally reaches the my.video.com server



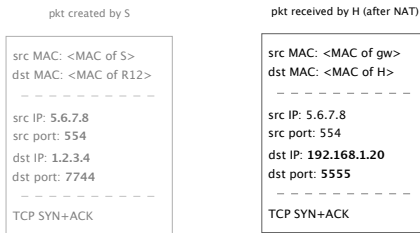
Problem: How does the server know to which application the packet belongs?

- Dst port** The virtual ports identify the target application
Completely different than physical ports on a device
- Well-known** Ports in the range 0-1023
For example our video streaming port 554
- Ephemeral** Most ports in the range 1024-65535
For example our source port(s): 7744 (5555 before NAT)

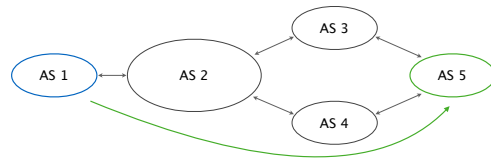
The server answers back with a SYN+ACK packet,
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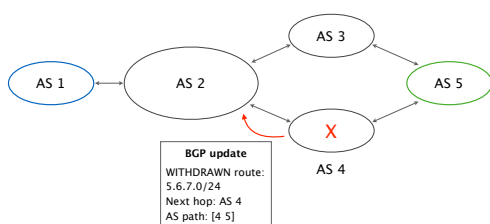
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Our host is now able to watch a video on my.video.com
using the AS path [1 2 4 5]



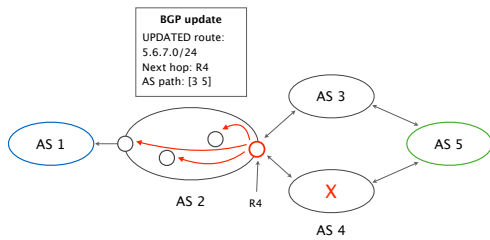
But suddenly AS 4 withdraws the route
due to internal link failures



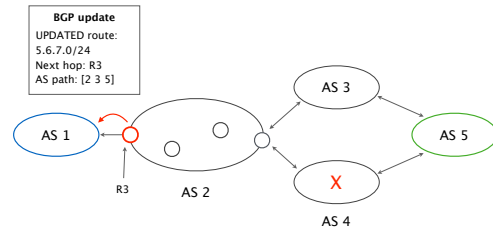
Problem: How to find new BGP routes
after failures or BGP attribute changes?

- BGP decision algorithm** The BGP decision algorithm finds a new best route
Based on all currently available routes towards a prefix
- Convergence** The new route is distributed over iBGP and eBGP
Unexpected forwarding behavior during the convergence

Router R4 selects a new best route via AS 3 and distributes it via iBGP



Finally, the new route is advertised via eBGP to AS 1 which now reaches 5.6.7.0/24 via [1 2 3 5]



What happens to our packets during the convergence?

Some packets are dropped immediately

E.g., on the failed links or in a buffer

Other packets might be part of a forwarding loop

They are eventually dropped once the TTL value reaches 0

Problem: How to handle lost or reordered packets?

Reliable Transport

TCP is the most-used Reliable Transport protocol
UDP is an example for an unreliable protocol

Features

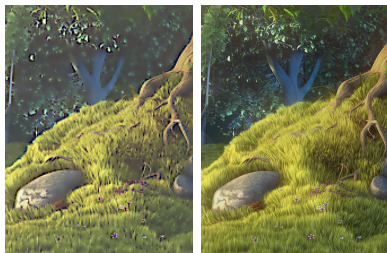
Reliable transport protocols provide:

- correctness, data is delivered in order & unmodified
- timeliness, minimized time until data is transferred
- efficiency, optimal use of bandwidth
- fairness, between concurrent flows

Transport Project

Your GBN sender and receiver provide some of these features
But for example, we do *not* provide fairness

Problem: How to guarantee the highest video quality?

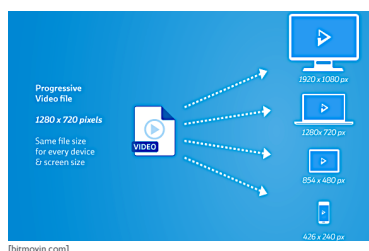


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Without seeing this ...



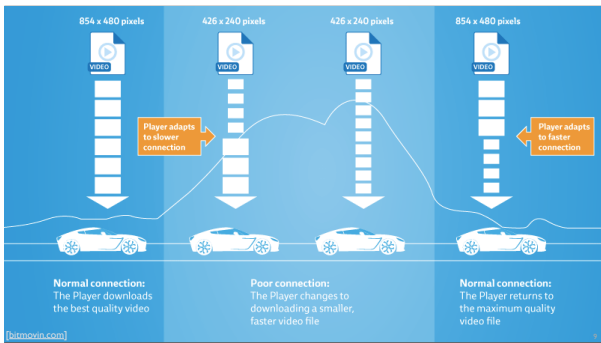
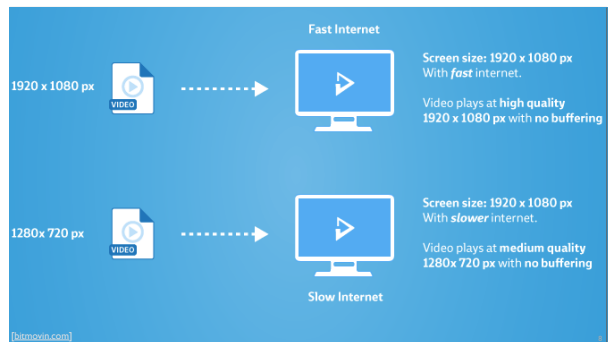
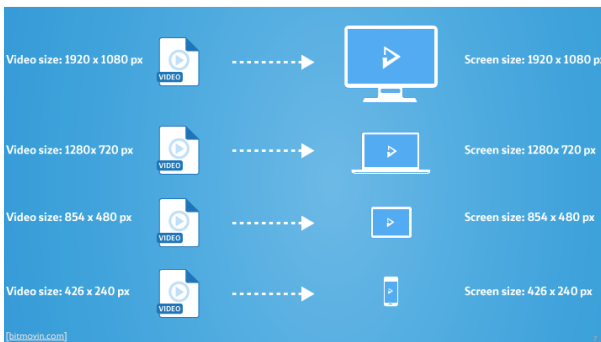
A naive approach: one-size-fits-all



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The three steps behind most contemporary solutions

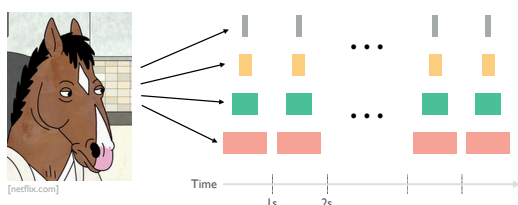
- Encode video in multiple bitrates
- Replicate using a content delivery network
- Video player picks bitrate adaptively
 - Estimate connection's available bandwidth
 - Pick a bitrate \leq available bandwidth



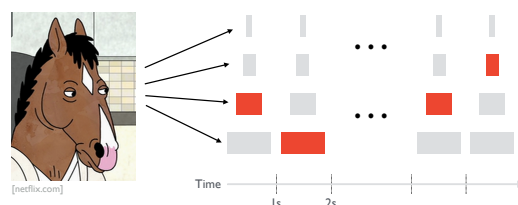
Simple solution for encoding: use a "bitrate ladders"

Bitrate (kbps)	Resolution
235	320x240
375	384x288
560	512x384
750	512x384
1050	640x480
1750	720x480
2350	1280x720
3000	1280x720
4300	1920x1080
5800	1920x1080

Your player download "chunks" of video at different bitrates



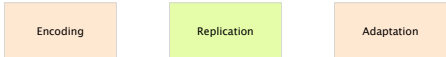
Depending on your network connectivity, your player fetches chunks of different qualities



Your player gets metadata about chunks via "Manifest"

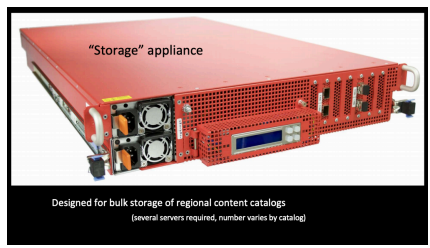
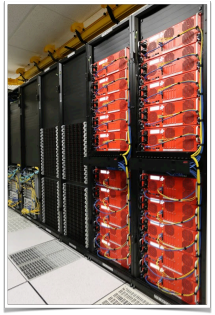
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NETFLIX Open Connect: Starting from a Greenfield (a mostly Layer 0 talk)

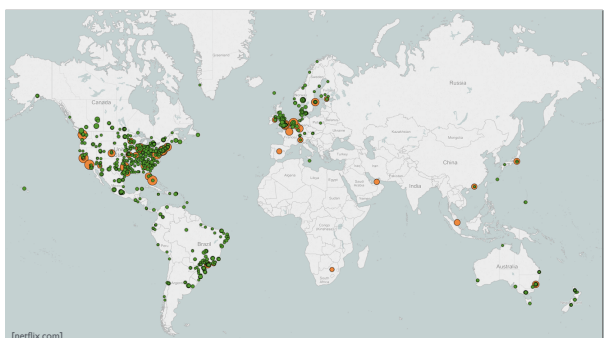
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Designed for bulk storage of regional content catalogs
(several servers required, number varies by catalog)

Storage Appliance focus areas	Storage appliance high-level specifications																								
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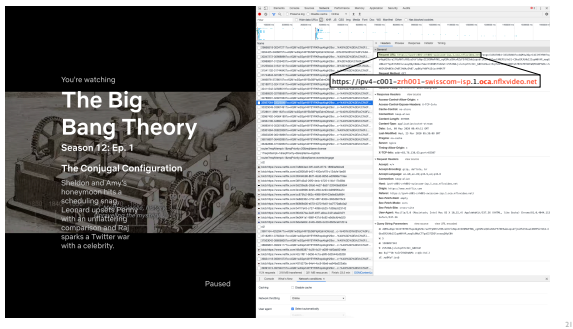


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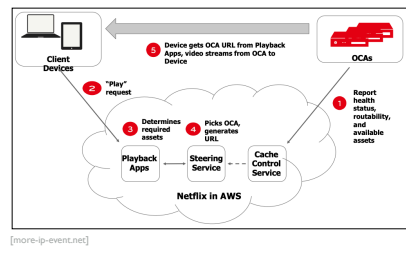


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Complete Playback Workflow @Netflix



How many OCA appliances in Swisscom? I found at least 35 of them

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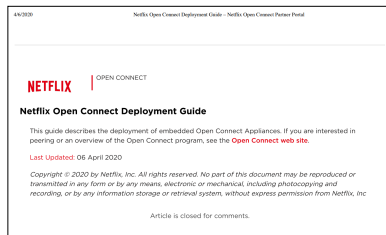
Assuming all of them are fully loaded → **10 080 TB of storage!!** (288 TB x 35)
 > 2 million 1080p movies, assuming 100 min encoded at 5 Mbps

Besides OCAs within ISPs, Netflix also hosts caches at various IXPs and datacenters

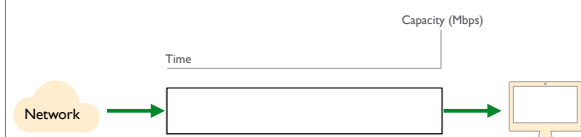
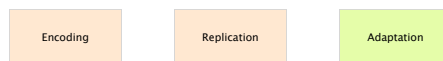
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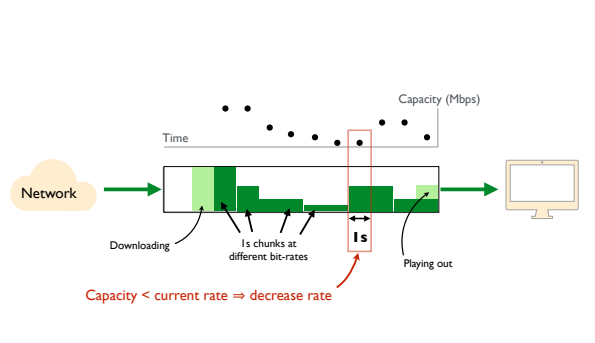
At least 24 instances in Zurich Equinix, see <https://openconnect.netflix.com/en/peering/#locations>

If you are interested in finding out more: check out <https://openconnect.netflix.com>



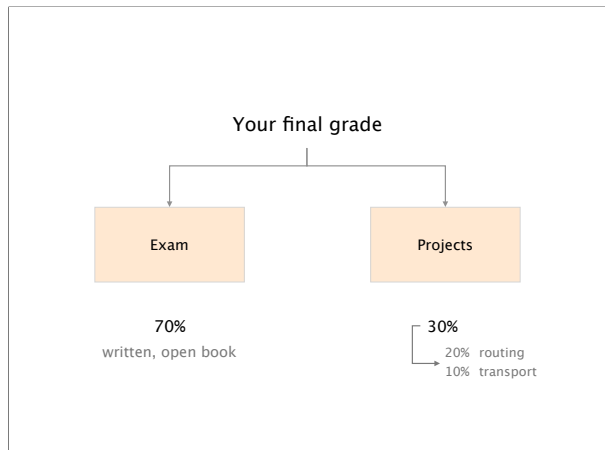
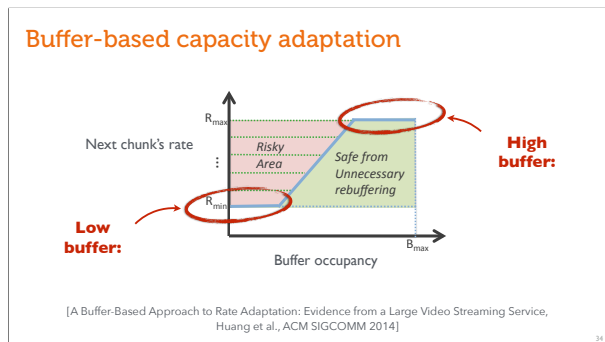
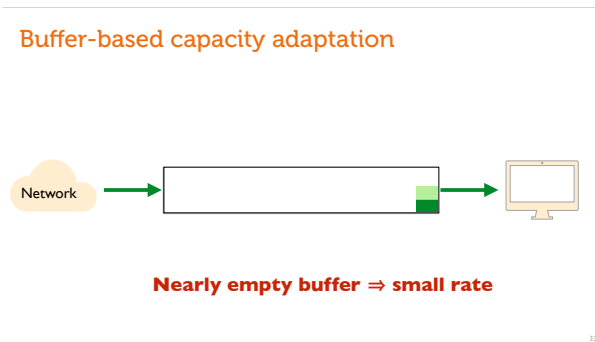
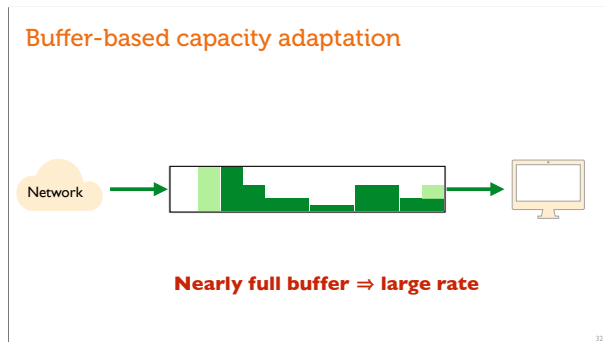
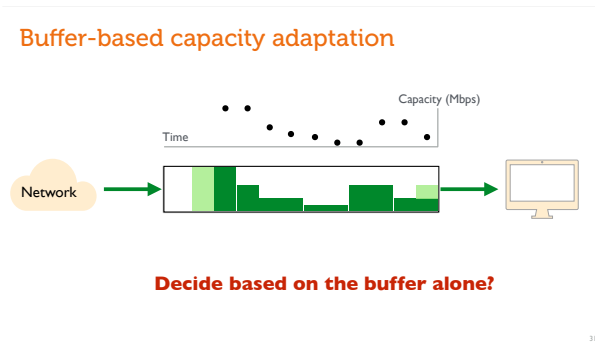
Deployment guide: <https://openconnect.netflix.com/deploymentguide.pdf>

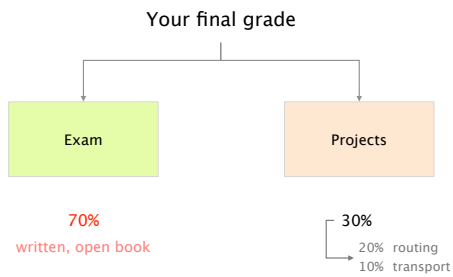




Common solution approach

- Encode video in multiple bitrates
- Replicate using a content delivery network
- Video player picks bitrate adaptively
 - Estimate connection's available bandwidth
 - Pick a bitrate \leq available bandwidth

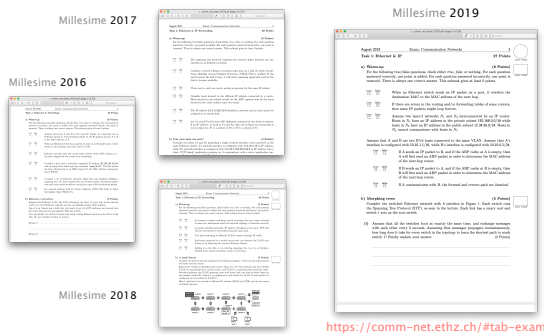




The exam will be open book, most of the questions will be open-ended, with **some multiple choices**

verify your understanding of the material

Make sure you can do *all* the exercises, especially the ones in previous exams



Don't forget the assignments, they matter

- No programming question no Python at the exam
- but** we could ask you to describe a procedure in English
- What would you change in your solution to achieve X?
- No configuration question no FRRouting at the exam
- but** we could ask you to describe a configuration in English
- How would you enforce policy X?

We'll organize another remote Q&A session closer to the exam (details to follow)



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