

Internet Protocol



IP Address

- Class A: Address begins with bit 0. It has 8 bit network number (range 0.0.0.0-to-127.255.255.255), 24 bit host number.
- Class B: Address begins with bits 10. It has 16 bit network number (range 128.0.0.0-to-191.255.255.255), 16 bit host number.
- Class C : Address begins with bits 110. It has 24 bit network number (range 192.0.0.0-to-223.255.255.255), 8 bit host number.
- Class D : Begins with 1110, multicast addresses (224.0.0.0-to-239.255.255.255)
- Class E : Begins with 11110, unused

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Subnet Mask

- Consider IP address = 192.168.2.25
 - First few bits (left to right) identify network/subnet
 - Remaining bits identify host/interface
- Number of subnet bits is called subnet mask, e.g.
 - Subnet IP Address range is 192.168.2.0 192.168.2.255 or Mask = 255.255.255.0
 - Subnet IP Address range is 192.168.2.0 192.168.2.15 or Mask = 255.255.255.240

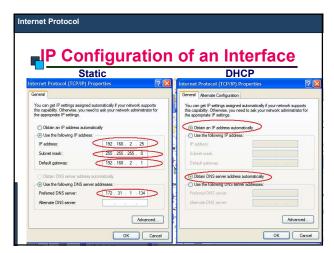
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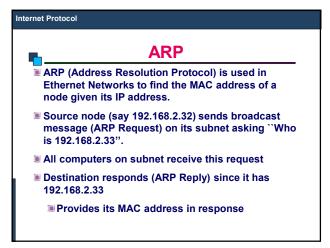
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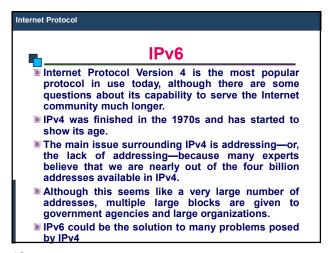
IP Address, Subnet Mask and Gateway



- IP Address and Subnet Mask define the Subnet
- For Example IP address 172.31.1.0 and Subnet Mask of 255.255.240.0 means that the subnet address ranges from 172.31.0.0 to 172.31.15.255
- Another notation is 172.31.1.0/28
- The first Address is the Network Address and the last Address is the Broadcast Address. They are reserved and cannot be assigned to any node.
- The Gateway Address is the Address of the router where the packet should be sent in case the destination host does not belong to the same subnet







	IPv6	
Pv6 uses 128	bit address instead of	32 bit address.
The IPv6 addresses are being distribut supposed to be used based on g location.		