

Notice : The 802.11 frame has four address fields able to hold 6 byte MAC addresses.

Frame Control Field

For 802.11 network it is necessary to use three address fields for moving datagram from a wireless station through the Access Point to a router.

CRC

Data

The forth address is used in ad hoc networks

Version

. \Box Address 1 field holds the MAC address of the station that is suppose to receive the frame.

Address 2 field holds the MAC address of station that sends data.

 \Box Address field 3 contains the MAC address of the router to which AP is connected.

Sequence number helps to distinguishing between a newly transmitted frame and the retransmission of a previous frame. \Box The duration value field is used when transmitting station reserves the channel for the time to transmit data frame and ACK.

 \Box Frame control fields type and subtype are used to distinguish the association, RTS, CTS, ACK, and data frames.

 \Box The to and from fields are used to define the meaning of the address fields which meanings change depending whether it is an ad hoc or infrastructure network.

 \Box The WEP field specifies if encryption is being used or not.

More Frag field specifies that more fragments will come

One entry in the VC table on a single switch contains:

■ A virtual circuit identifier (VCI) that uniquely identifies the connection at this switch and which will be carried inside the header of the packets that belong to this connection

■ An incoming interface on which packets for this VC arrive at the switch

■ An outgoing interface in which packets for this VC leave the switch

■ A potentially different VCI that will be used for outgoing packets

Let's assume that a network administrator wants to manually create a new virtual connection from host A to host B. First, the administrator needs to identify a path through the network from A to B.

In the example network of Figure 3.3, there is only one such path, but in general this may not be the case. The administrator then picks a VCI value that is currently unused on each link for the connection.

For the purposes of our example, let's suppose that the VCI value 5 is chosen for the link from host A to switch 1, and that 11 is chosen for the link from switch 1 to switch 2. In that case, switch 1 needs to have an entry in its VC table configured as shown in Table 3.2.

FIGURE 3.4 A packet is sent into a virtual circuit network.

suppose that the VCI of 7 is chosen to identify this connection on the link from switch 2 to switch 3 and that a VCI of 4 is chosen for the link from switch 3 to host B. In that case, switches 2 and 3 need to be configured with VC table entries as shown in Table 3.3. Note that the "outgoing" VCI value at one switch is the "incoming" VCI value at the next switch.

There are several things to note about virtual circuit switching:

■ Since host A has to wait for the connection request to reach the far side of the network and return before it can send its first data packet, there is at least one roundtrip time (RTT) of delay before data is sent.3

■ While the connection request contains the full address for host B (which might be quite large, being a global identifier on the network), each data packet contains only a small identifier, which is only unique on one link. Thus, the per-packet overhead caused by the header is reduced relative to the datagram model.

■ If a switch or a link in a connection fails, the connection is broken and a new one will need to be established. Also, the old one needs to be torn down to free up table storage space in the switches.

■ The issue of how a switch decides which link to forward the connection request on has been glossed over. In essence, this

is the same problem as building up the forwarding table for datagram forwarding, which requires some sort of routing algorithm. Routing is described in Section 3.3, and the algorithms described there are generally applicable to routing setup requests as well as datagrams.

Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM)

Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM) is probably the most well-known virtual circuitbased networking technology, although it is now somewhat past its peak in terms of deployment.

ATM became an important technology in the 1980s and early 1990s for a variety of reasons, not the least of which is that it was embraced by the telephone industry, which had historically been less than active in data communications past its peak in terms of deployment.

ATM also happened to be in the right place at the right time, as a high-speed switching technology that appeared on the scene just when shared media like Ethernet and token

• Piconets and Scatternets

- Bluetooth enabled electronic devices connect and communicate wirelessly through shortrange devices known as **Piconets**. Bluetooth devices exist in small ad-hoc configurations with the ability to act either as master or slave the specification allows a mechanism for **master** and **slave** to switch their roles. Point to point configuration with one master and one slave is the simplest configuration.
- When more than two Bluetooth devices communicate with one another, this is called a **PICONET**. A Piconet can contain up to seven slaves clustered around a single master. The device that initializes establishment of the Piconet becomes the **master**.
- The master is responsible for transmission control by dividing the network into a series of time slots amongst the network members, as a part of **time division multiplexing** scheme which is shown below.

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The features of Piconets are as follows −

- Within a Piconet, the timing of various devices and the frequency hopping sequence of individual devices is determined by the clock and unique **48-bit address** of master.
- Each device can communicate simultaneously with up to seven other devices within a single Piconet.
- Each device can communicate with several piconets simultaneously.
- Piconets are established dynamically and automatically as Bluetooth enabled devices enter and leave piconets.
- There is no direct connection between the slaves and all the connections are essentially master-to-slave or slave-to-master.
- Slaves are allowed to transmit once these have been polled by the master.

In this example, the cost of each link is set to 1, so that a least-cost path is simply the one with the fewest hops.

each node sets a cost of 1 to its directly connected neighbors and ∞ to all other nodes. Thus, A initially believes that it can reach B in one hop and that D is unreachable.

The next step in distance-vector routing is that every node sends a message to its directly connected neighbors containing its personal list of distances.

For example, node F tells node A that it can reach node G at a cost of 1; A also knows it can reach F at a cost of 1, so it adds these costs to get the cost of reaching G by means of F. This total cost of 2 is less than the current cost of infinity, so A records

The process of getting consistent routing information to all the nodes is called convergence. Table 3.13 shows the final set of costs from each node to all other nodes when routing has converged. We must stress that there is no one node in the network that has all the information in this table—each node only knows about the contents of its own routing table.

Routing Information Protocol (RIP)

Rip is a distance vector routing protocol. Routing protocols in internetworks differ very slightly from the idealized graph model described.

In an internetwork, the goal of the routers is to learn how to forward packets to various networks. rather than advertising the cost of reaching other routers, the routers advertise the cost of reaching networks.

FIGURE 3.30 Example network running RIP.

For example, in Figure , router C would advertise to router A the fact that it can reach networks 2 and 3 (to which it is directly connected) at a cost of 0, networks 5 and 6 at cost 1, and network 4 at cost 2.

Routing Information Protocol (RIP) is a dynamic routing protocol which uses hop count as a routing metric to find the best path between the source and the destination network. It is a distance vector routing protocol which has AD value 120 and works on the application layer of OSI model. RIP uses port number 520.

HopCount:

Hop count is the number of routers occurring in between the source and destination network. The path with the lowest hop count is considered as the best route to reach a network and therefore placed in the routing table. RIP prevents routing loops by limiting the number of hopes allowed in a path from source and destination. The maximum hop count allowed for RIP is 15 and hop count of 16 is considered as network unreachable.

Features of RIP :

- 1. Updates of the network are exchanged periodically.
- 2. Updates (routing information) are always broadcast.
- 3. Full routing tables are sent in updates.

4. Routers always trust on routing information received from neighbor routers. This is also known as *Routing.*

RIP versions :

There are three vesions of routing information protocol – **RIP Version1**, **RIP Version2** and **RIPng**.

RIP v1 is known as *Classful* Routing Protocol because it doesn't send information of subnet mask in its routing update.

RIP v2 is known as *Classless* Routing Protocol because it sends information of subnet mask in its routing update.

RIP 2 Message Format:-

Command—Indicates whether the packet is a request or a response. The request asks that a router send all or a part of its routing table. The response can be an unsolicited regular routing update or a reply to a request. Responses contain routing table entries. Multiple RIP packets are used to convey information from large routing tables.

Version—Specifies the RIP version used. In a RIP packet implementing any of the RIP 2 fields or using authentication, this value is set to 2.

Address-family identifier (AFI)—Specifies the address family used. RIPv2's AFI field functions identically to RIP's AFI field, with one exception: If the AFI for the first entry in the message is 0xFFFF, the remainder of the entry contains authentication information. Currently, the only authentication type is simple password.

Route tag—Provides a method for distinguishing between internal routes (learned by RIP) and external routes (learned from other protocols).

IP address—Specifies the IP address for the entry.

Subnet mask—Contains the subnet mask for the entry. If this field is zero, no subnet mask has been specified for the entry.

Next hop—Indicates the IP address of the next hop to which packets for the entry should be forwarded.

Metric—Indicates how many internetwork hops (routers) have been traversed in the trip to the destination. This value is between 1 and 15 for a valid route, or 16 for an unreachable route.

