Networking Technologies and Applications

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What is an IP Address?

- An IP address is a unique global address for a network interface

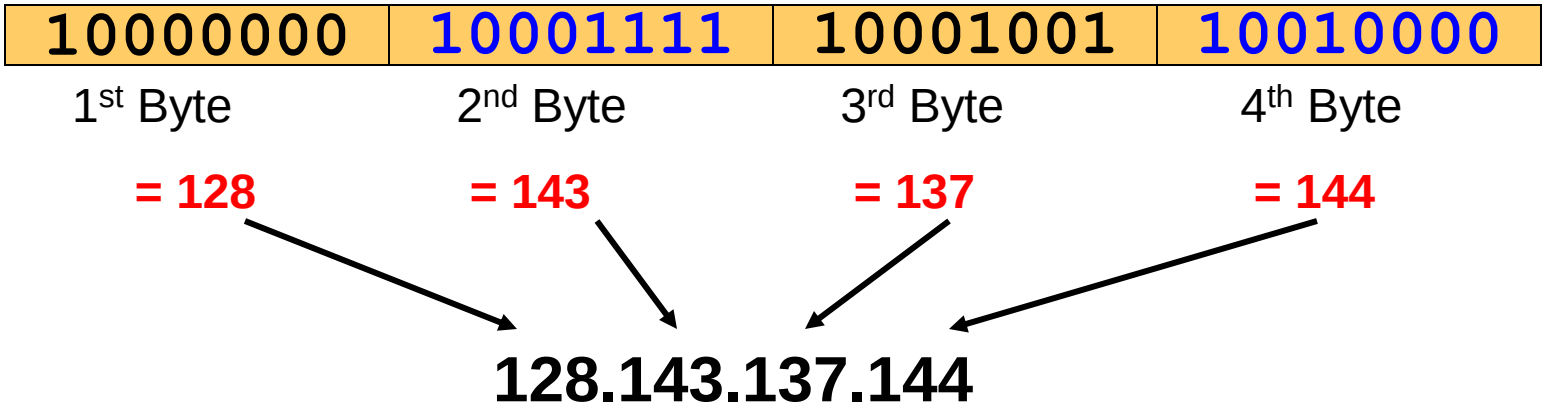
- An IP(v4) address:

  - is a **32 bit long** identifier
  - encodes a network number (**network prefix**) and a **host number**

Dotted Decimal Notation

- IP addresses are written in a so-called ***dotted decimal* notation**
- Each byte is identified by a decimal number in the range [0..255]:

- **Example:**



Network prefix and Host number

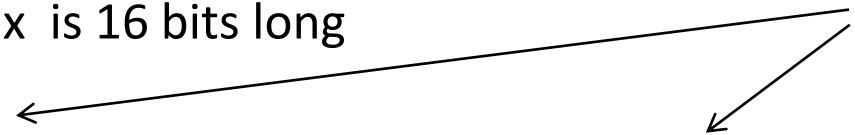
- The network prefix identifies a network and the host number identifies a specific host (actually, interface on the network).

- **How do we know how long the network prefix is?**
  - The network prefix **used** to be implicitly defined (**class-based addressing, A,B,C,D…**)
  - The network prefix now is flexible and is indicated by a **prefix**/**netmask (classless).**

Example

Example: argon.cs.virginia.edu

- IP address is 128.143.137.144
  - Is that enough info to route datagram??? -> No, need netmask or prefix at every IP device (host and router)
- Using Prefix notation IP address is: **128.143.137.144/16**
  - Network prefix is 16 bits long



- Network mask is: **255.255.0.0** or hex format: **ffff0000**

  -----> **Network id** (IP address **AND** Netmask) is: **128.143.0.0**

  -----> **Host number** (IP address **AND** inverse of Netmask) is: **137.144**

The old way: Classful IP Adresses

- When Internet addresses were standardized (early 1980s), the Internet address space was divided up into classes:
  - **Class A:** Network prefix is 8 bits long
  - **Class B:** Network prefix is 16 bits long
  - **Class C:** Network prefix is 24 bits long
- Each IP address contained a key which identifies the class:
  - **Class A:** IP address starts with "0"
  - **Class B:** IP address starts with "10"
  - **Class C:** IP address starts with "110"

	Number of networks	Maximum nr. of hosts on a network	Value of first byte
Class A	126	16,777,214	1 – 126
Class B	16,384	65,534	128 – 191
Class C	2,097,152	254	192 - 223

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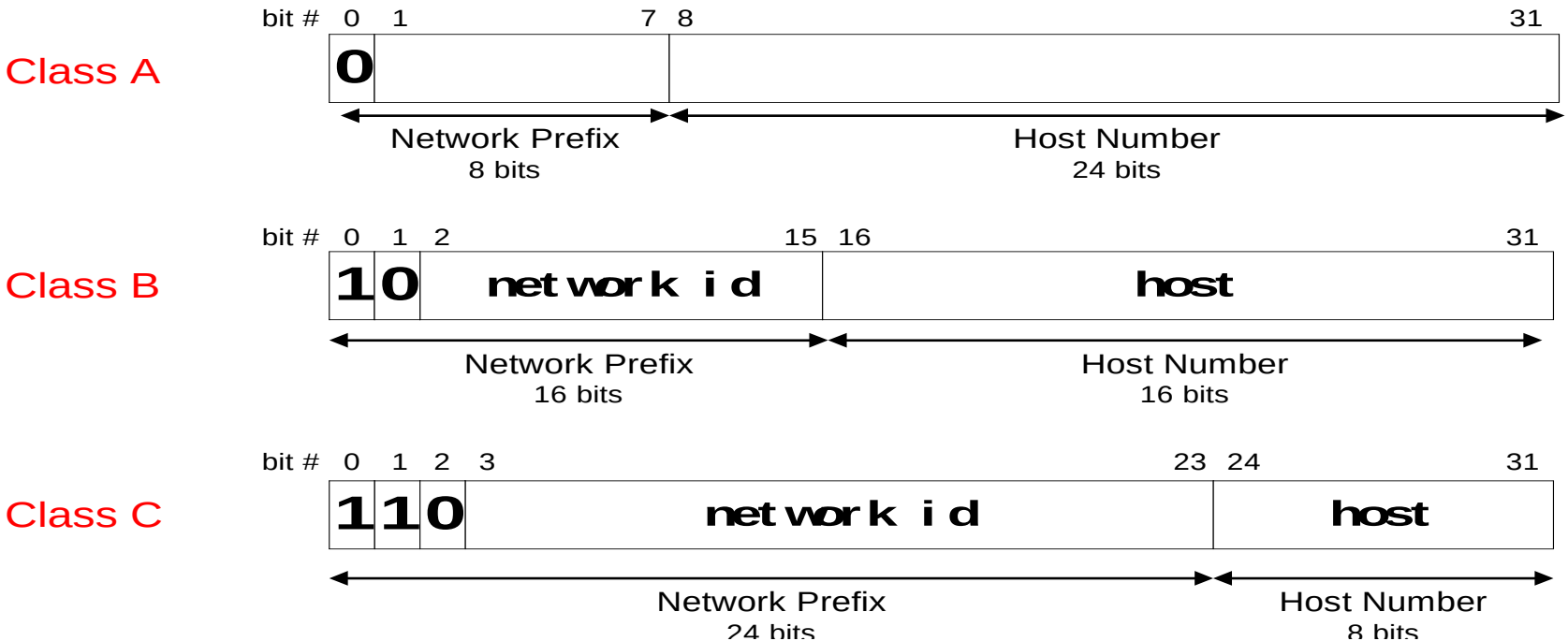


The old way: Internet Address Classes

- We will learn about multicast addresses later in this course.

Addressing rules

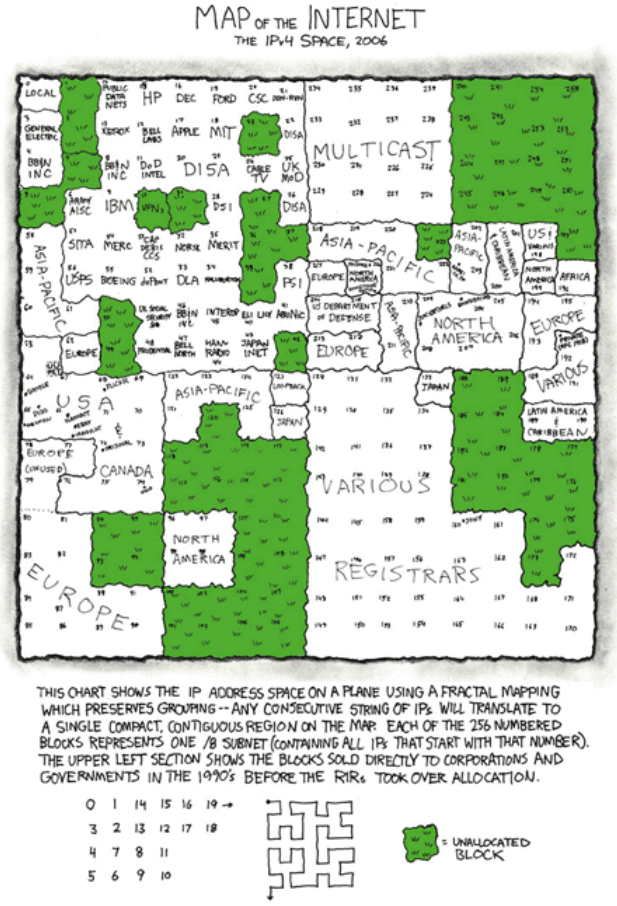
- The Network ID cannot be 127
  - Reserved for the loop-back interface
- The host ID cannot be 255
  - 255 a broadcast address
- The host ID cannot be 0
  - 0 means „this network”
- The host ID has to unique on the given network

Problems with Classful IP Addresses

- The original classful address scheme had a number of problems

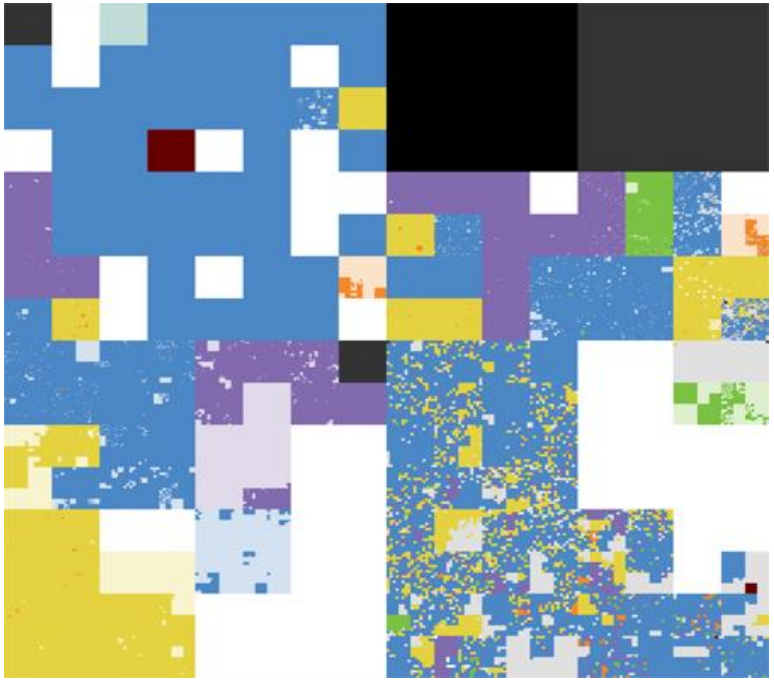
Problem 1. Too few network addresses for large networks

- Class A and Class B addresses are gone
- Initially given to institutions
  - Upper left corner
  - HP, Apple, MIT, IBM, Ford, etc
- Later RIRs are created
  - Regional Internet Registrar



IPv4 addresses (2006)

- Blue: ARIN – North America
- Yellow: RIPE NCC – Europe
- Magenta: APNIC – Asia-Pacific
- Green: LACNIC – Latin-America
- Orange: AfriNIC – Africa
- Black: Multicast
- Grey: Special addresses
  - Loopback, private, class E, etc.
- White: free



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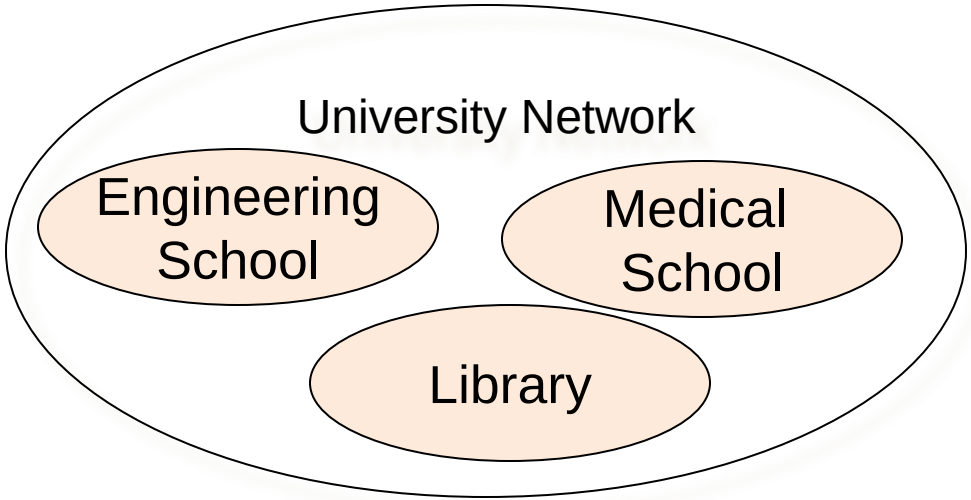
Problem 2. Two-layer hierarchy is not appropriate for large networks with Class A and Class B addresses.

  - **Fix #1: Subnetting**

Subnetting

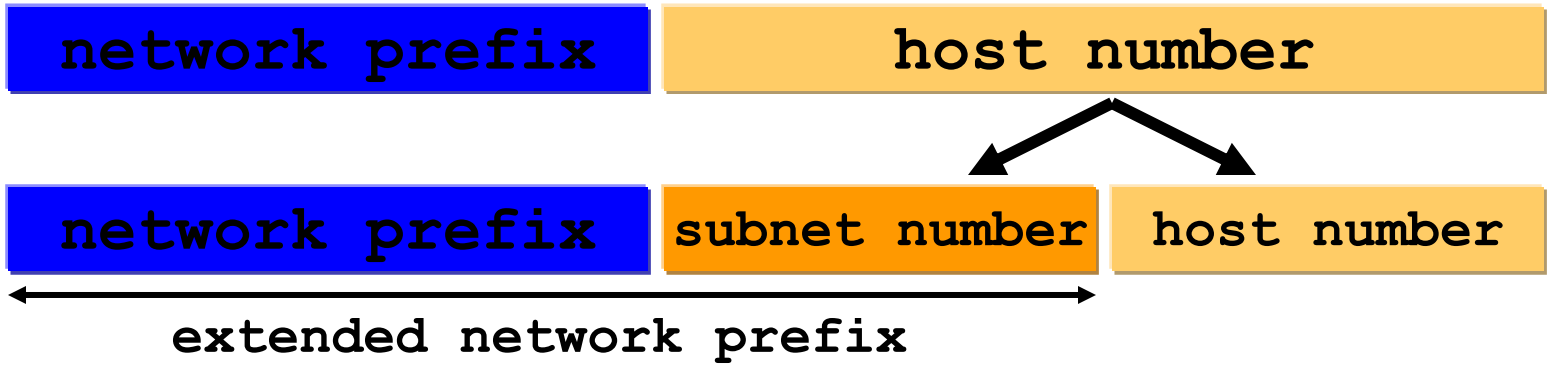
- **Problem**: Organizations have multiple networks which are independently managed
  - **Solution 1:** Allocate an address for each network
    - Difficult to manage
    - From the outside of the organization, each network must be addressable, must have an identifiable address.
  - **Solution 2:** Add another level of hierarchy to the IP addressing structure



→ **Subnetting**

Basic Idea of Subnetting

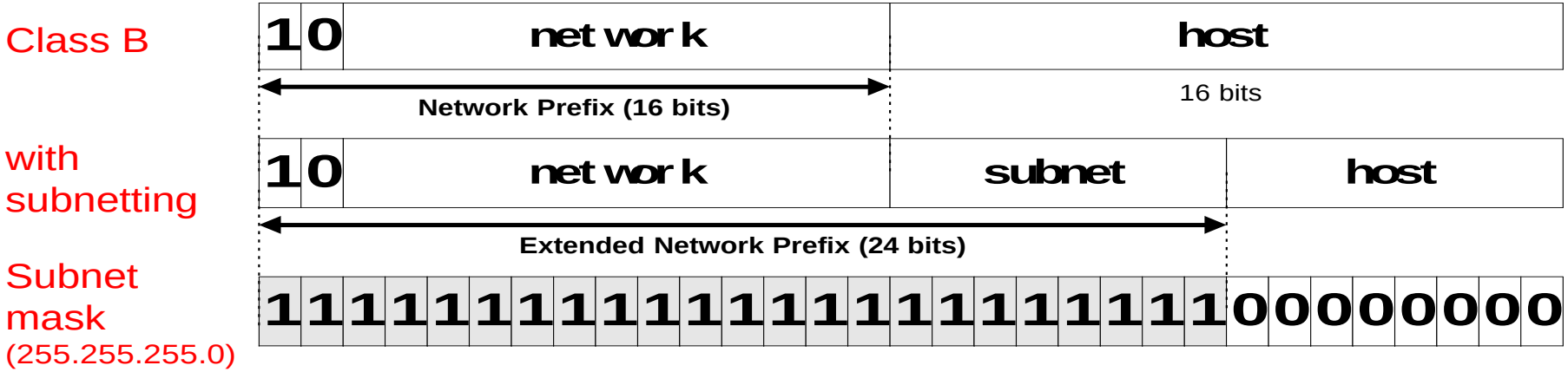
- Split the host number portion of an IP address into a **subnet number** and a (smaller) **host number**.
- Result is a 3-layer hierarchy



- Then:
  - Subnets can be freely assigned within the organization
  - Internally, subnets are treated as separate networks
  - Subnet structure is not visible outside the organization

Subnet Masks

- Routers and hosts use an **extended network prefix** (**subnet mask)** to identify the start of the host numbers



* There are different ways of subnetting. Commonly used netmasks for university networks with /16 prefix (Class B) are 255.255.255.0 and 255.255.0.0

Advantages of Subnetting

- With subnetting, IP addresses use a 3-layer hierarchy:
  - Network
  - Subnet
  - Host
- Improves efficiency of IP addresses by not consuming an entire address space for each physical network.
- Reduces router complexity. Since external routers do not know about subnetting, the complexity of routing tables at external routers is reduced.

- Note: Length of the subnet mask need not be identical at all subnetworks.

Subnetting Example

- An organization with 4 departements has the following IP address space: 10.2.22.0/23. As the systems manager, you are required to create subnets to accommodate the IT needs of 4 departments. The subnets have to support to 200, 61, 55, and 41 hosts respectively. What are the 4 **subnet network** numbers?

- Solution:
  - 10.2.22.0/24 (256 addresses > 200)
  - 10.2.23.0/26 (64 addresses >61)
  - 10.2.23.64/26 (64 addresses > 55)
  - 10.2.23.128/26 (64 addresses > 41)

Problems with Classful IP Addresses

Problem 3. Inflexible. Assume a company requires 2,000 addresses

- Class A and B addresses are overkill
- Class C address is insufficient (requires 8 Class C addresses)

Problem 4: Exploding Routing Tables: Routing on the backbone Internet needs to have an entry for each network address. In 1993, the size of the routing tables started to outgrow the capacity of routers.

Fix #2 (to both of these problems): Classless Interdomain Routing (CIDR)

CIDR - Classless Interdomain Routing

- **Goals:**
  - Restructure IP address assignments to increase efficiency
  - Hierarchical routing aggregation to minimize route table entries

Key Concept: The length of the network id (prefix) in IP addresses is arbitrary/flexible and is defined by the network hierarchy.

- Consequence:
  - Routers use the IP address **and** the length of the prefix for forwarding.
  - All advertised IP addresses must include a prefix

CIDR Example

- CIDR notation of a network address:

  192.0.2.0/18

  - "18" says that the first 18 bits are the network part of the address
- The network part is called the network prefix
- Example:
  - Assume that a site requires an IP network domain that can support 1000 IP host addresses
  - With CIDR, the network is assigned a continuous block of 1024 = 2^{10} (>1000) addresses with a 32-10 = 22-bit long prefix

CIDR: Prefix Size vs. Host Space

CIDR Block Prefix	# of Host Addresses
/27	32 hosts
/26	64 hosts
/25	128 hosts
/24	256 hosts
/23	512 hosts
/22	1,024 hosts
/21	2,048 hosts
/20	4,096 hosts
/19	8,192 hosts
/18	16,384 hosts
/17	32,768 hosts
/16	65,536 hosts
/15	131,072 hosts
/14	262,144 hosts
/13	524,288 hosts

CIDR and Address assignments

- IANA – Internet Assigned Numbers Authority
  - The RIRs get short prefix CIDR blocks
    - Regional Internet Registries
  - E.g., 62.0.0.0/8 assigned to RIPE NCC
    - Réseaux IP Européens Network Coordination Centre
- RIRs fragment and redistribute parts of the address space
  - Backbone ISPs obtain large blocks of IP address space and then reallocate portions of their address blocks to their customers.

Example:

- Assume that an ISP owns the address block 206.0.64.0/18, which represents 16,384 ($2^{32-18}=2^{14}$) IP host addresses
- Suppose a client requires 800 host addresses
  - $512=2^9<800<1024=2^{10}$ -> 32-10 = 22,
  - Assigning a /22 block, i.e., 206.0.68.0/22 -> gives a block of 1,024 (2^{10}) IP addresses to client.

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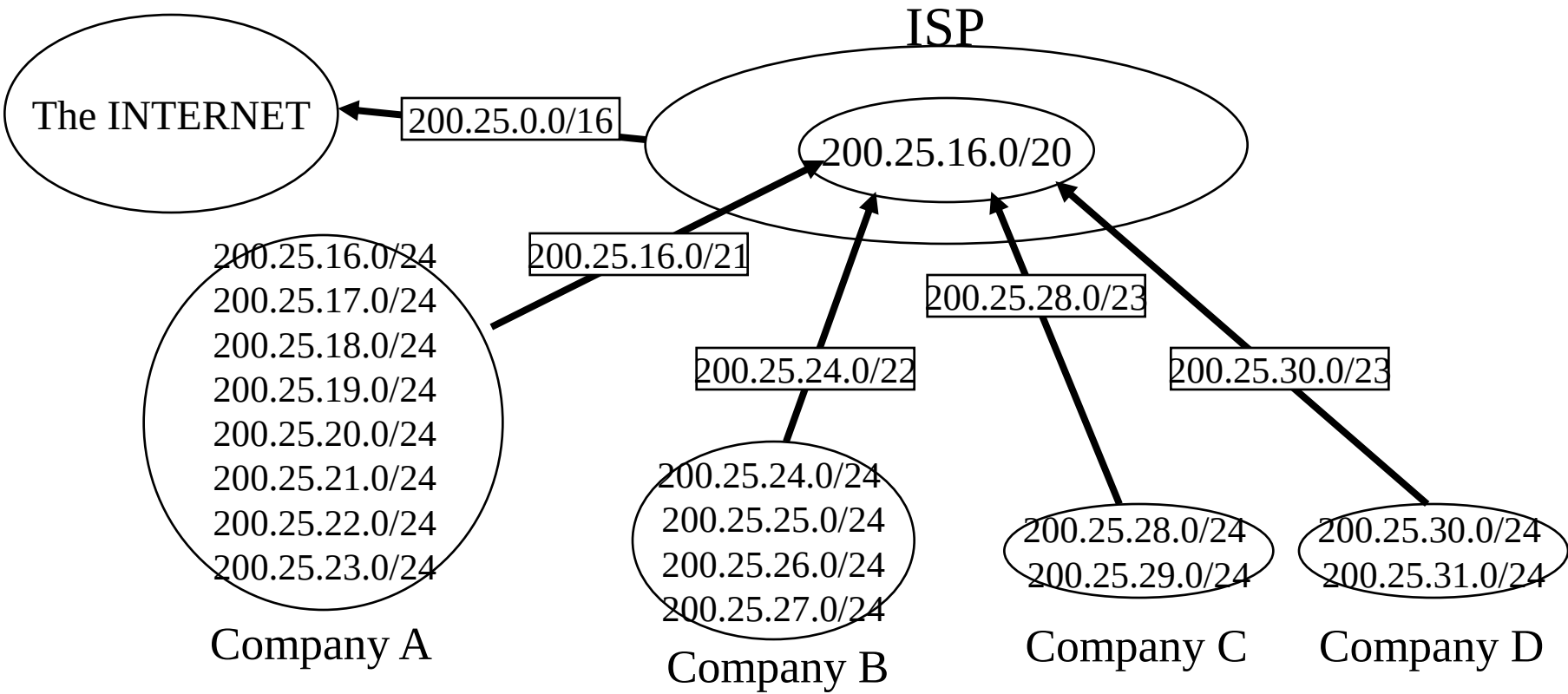
CIDR example



CIDR and Routing

- **Aggregation** of routing table entries:
  - 128.143.0.0/16 and 128.142.0.0/16 can be represented as 128.142.0.0/15 at a router.
    - 143 = 128.10001111.0.0 142 = 128.10001110.0.0
- **Longest prefix match**: Routing table lookup finds the routing entry that matches the longest prefix
  - Why?

E.g., What is the outgoing interface for destination IP address: 128.143.137.0?

Prefix	Interface/outgoing link
128.143.128.0/17	interface #1
128.128.0.0/9	interface #2
128.0.0.0/4	interface #5

Routing table

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Problem 5. The Internet is going to outgrow the 32-bit addresses

- **Fix #3:** IP Version 6