



Networking 101

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Outline

- Internet in a nutshell and the OSI model
 - Ethernet, ARP, IP, TCP, BGP, *etc.*
- Different types of attacks
 - Plain old attacks
 - Off-path *vs.* in/on-path



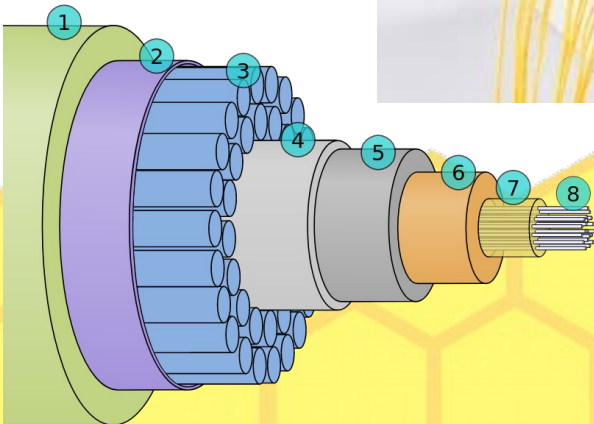


Internet in a nutshell...



You want to connect two machines...

- Machines = desktops, laptops, mobile devices, routers, embedded devices, ...



A “hop”

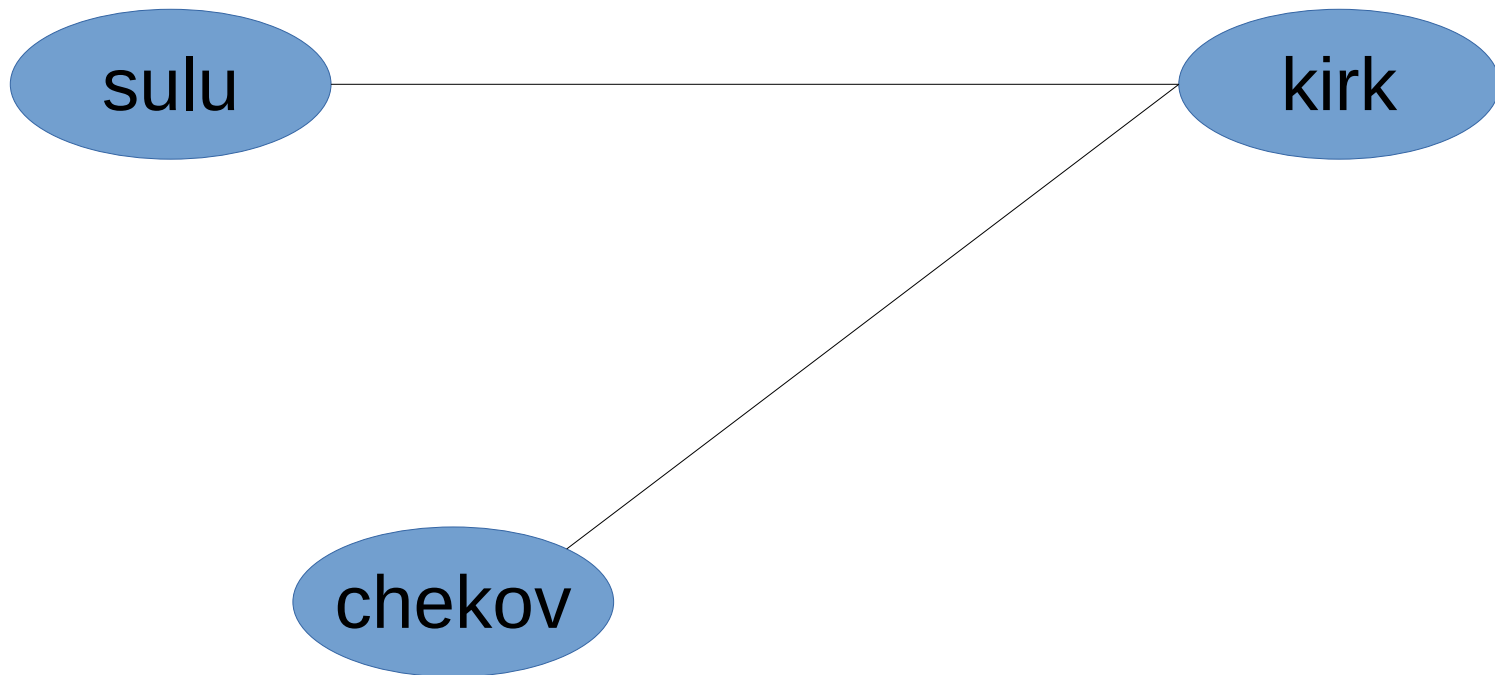


A “hop”

Ethernet

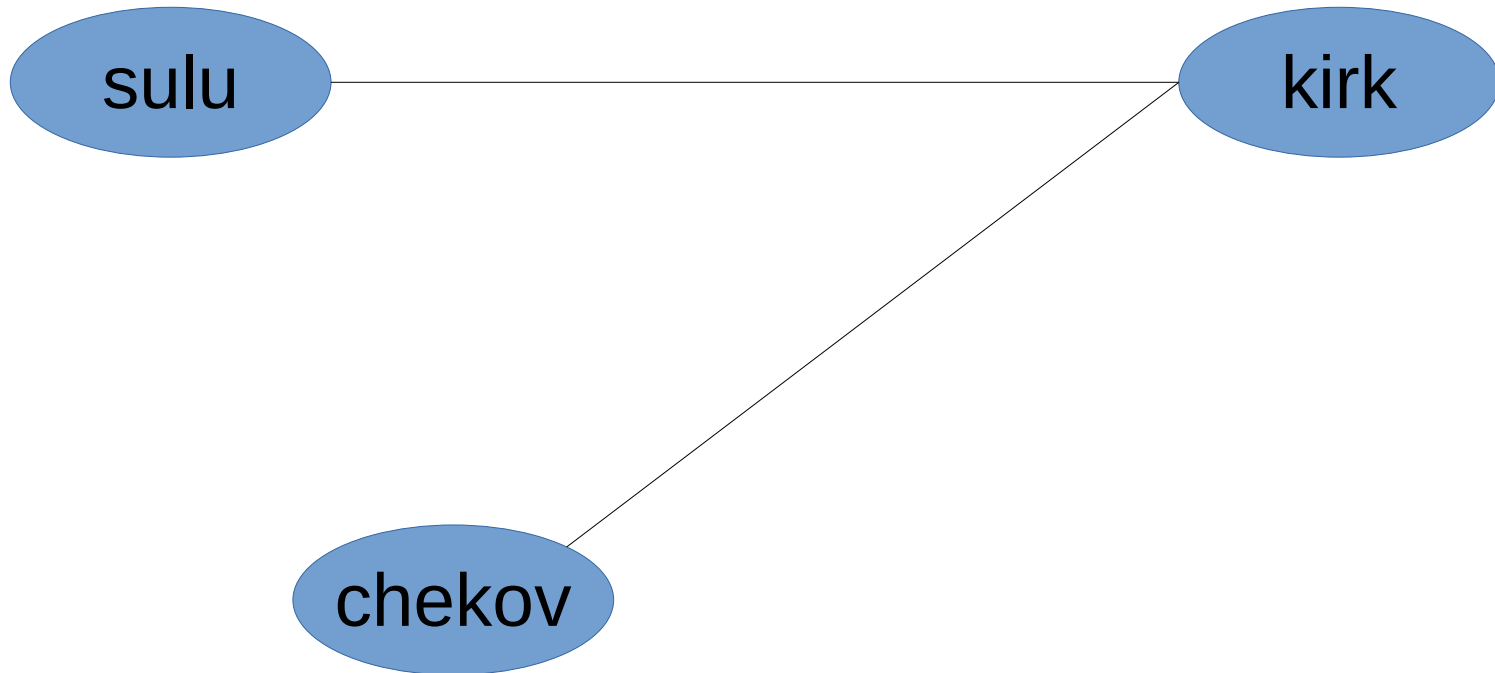


A “subnet”

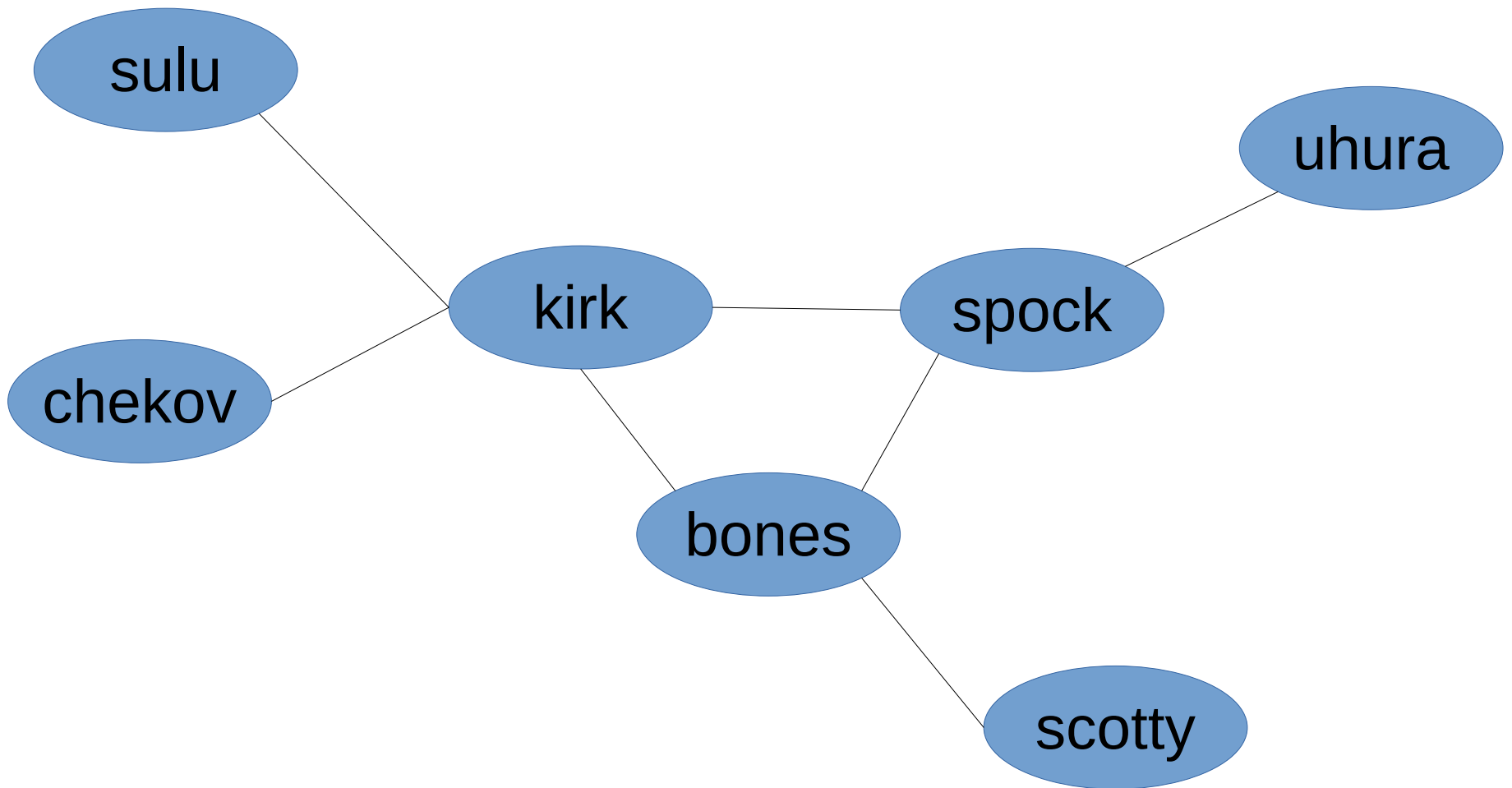


A “subnet”

ARP = Address Resolution Protocol



A network with routers



More terminology

- IP = Internet protocol
- Forwarding, or “routing”
 - How packets get across the network
- Interface
 - WiFi, cellular, ...
- Path (or “route”), reverse path



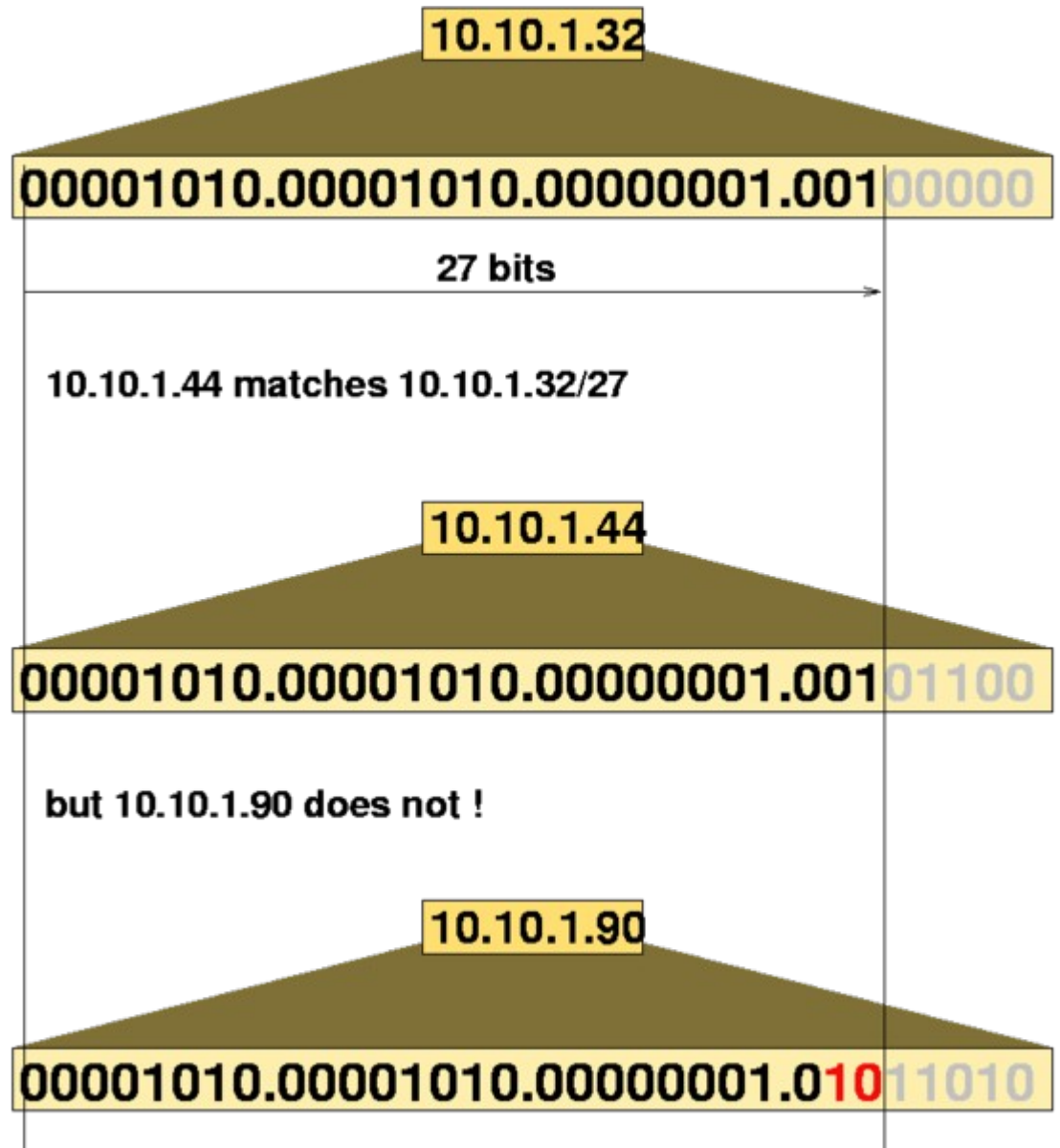
IP address

- IPv4 is 32-bits, broken into 4 bytes
 - 192.168.7.8
 - 64.106.46.20
 - 8.8.8.8
- IPv6 is 128 bits
 - 2001:0db8:85a3:0000:0000:8a2e:0370:7334



CIDR

- Classless Inter-Domain Routing
- /27 has a net mask of 255.255.255.224



From Wikipedia

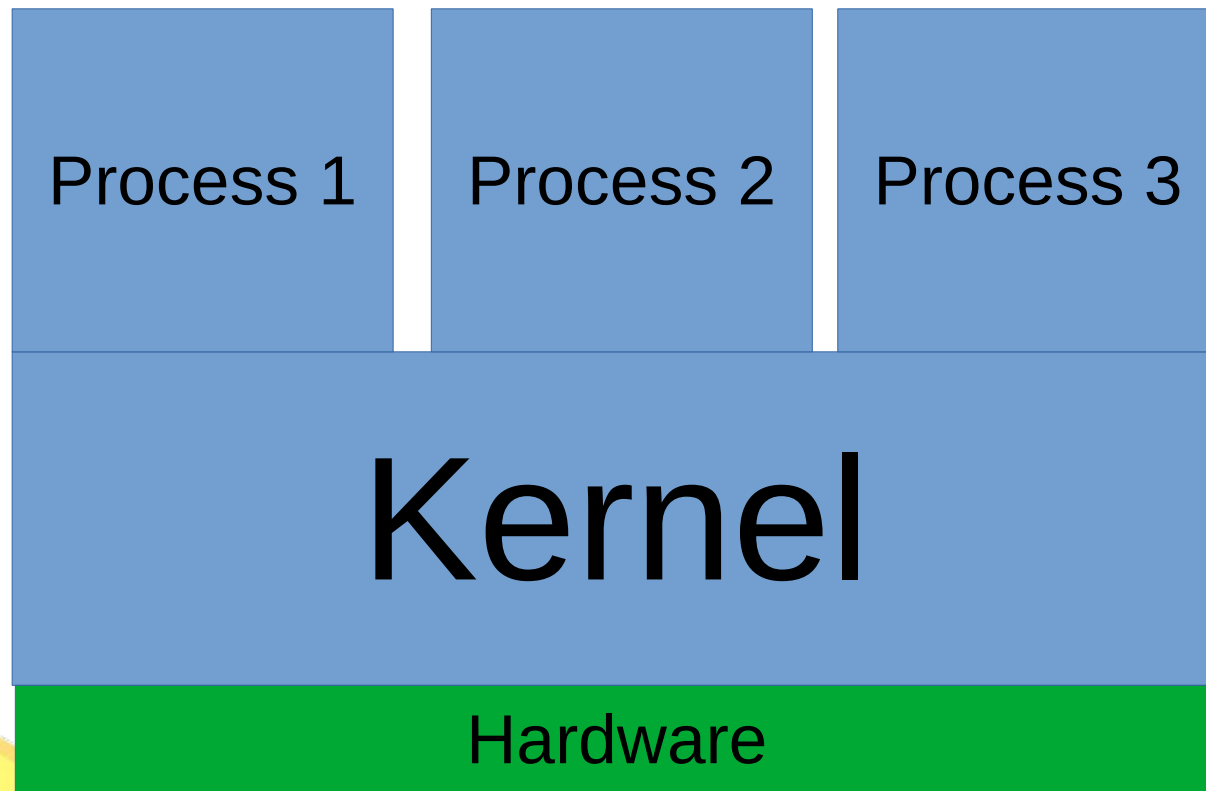
A connection

- For now, just know TCP, UDP, and ICMP
 - Stream sockets vs. datagrams
- TCP and UDP have “ports”
 - Port helps identify a process for incoming packets
 - Open port == “listening”
- Three-way handshake



Process?

Separated by virtual memory, access system resources *via* system calls.

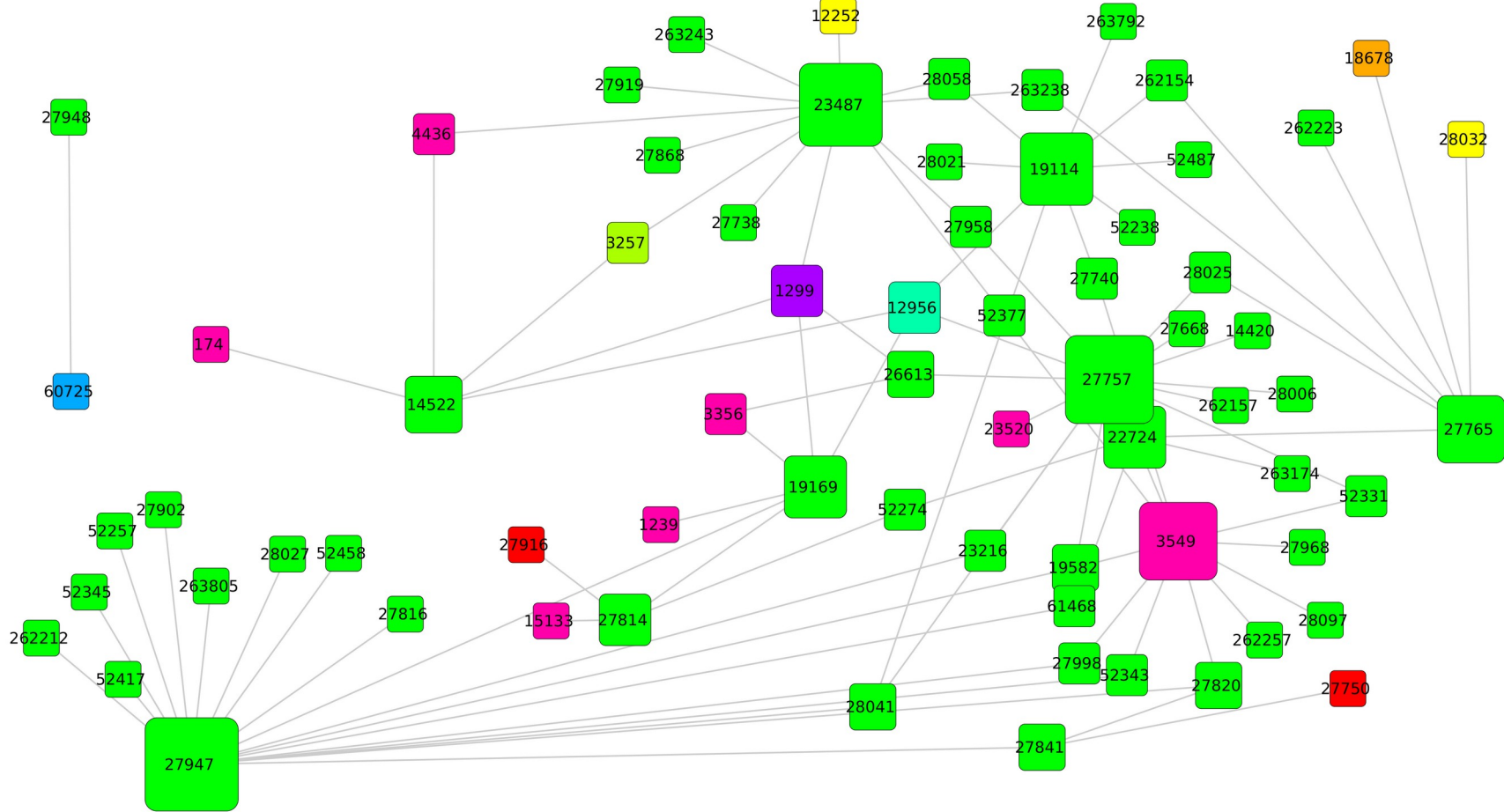


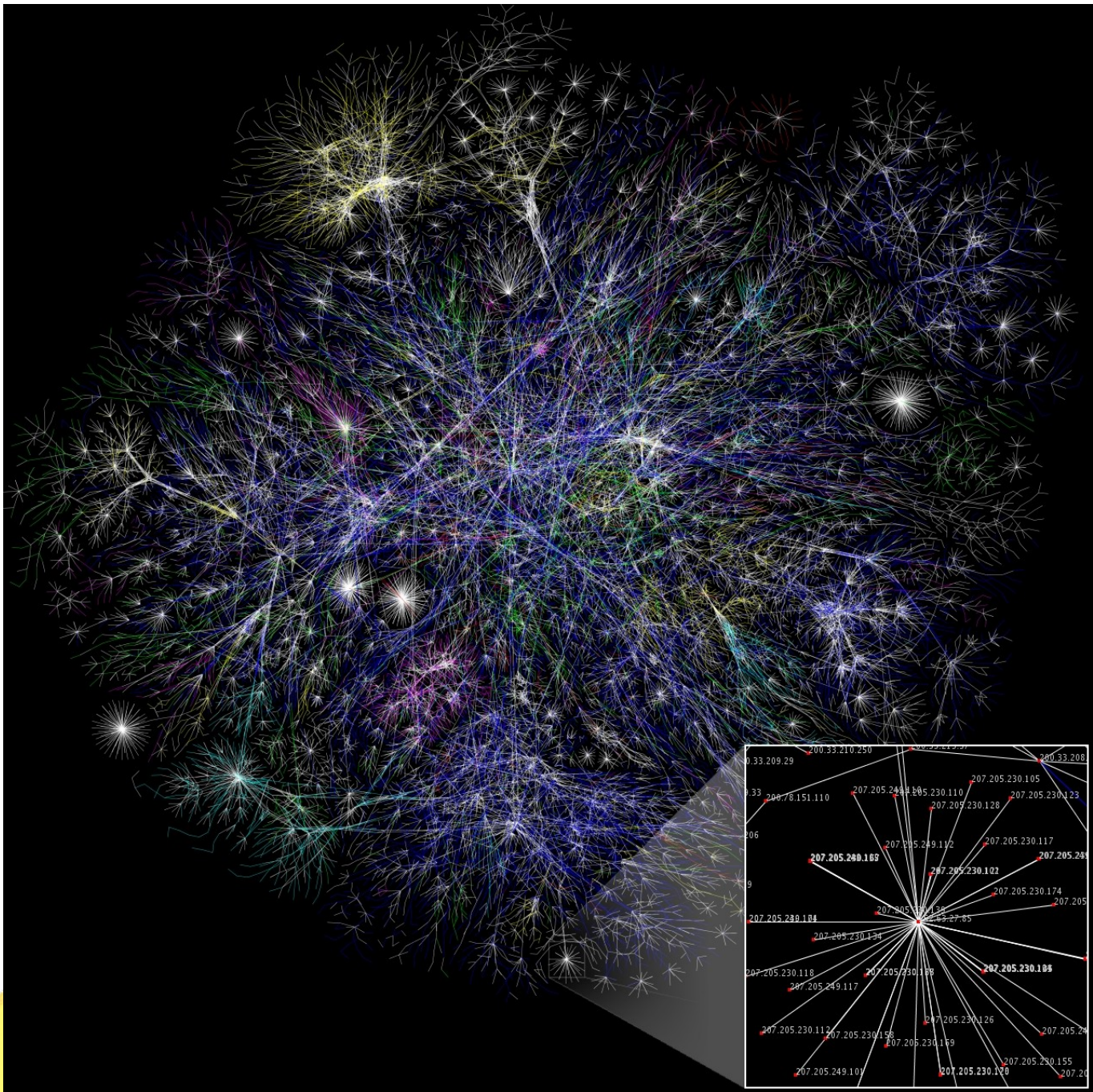
Almost there...

- DNS for resolving hostnames to IPs
 - breakpointingbad.com becomes 149.28.240.117
- BGP to scale to the size of the Internet
 - Path vector protocol
- HTTP as another example of an application layer protocol



Internet in Ecuador...





OSI model

- 1. Physical
- 2. Link
- 3. Network
- 4. Transport
- 5. Session
- 6. Presentation
- 7. Application



Different types of attacks



Physical and link

- “Network adjacent”
- Can sniff (promiscuous mode)
- Can spoof
 - ARP cache poisoning
 - Goal is often to pretend to be the gateway



IP and transport layer

- Can spoof
- Can hijack



BGP or DNS

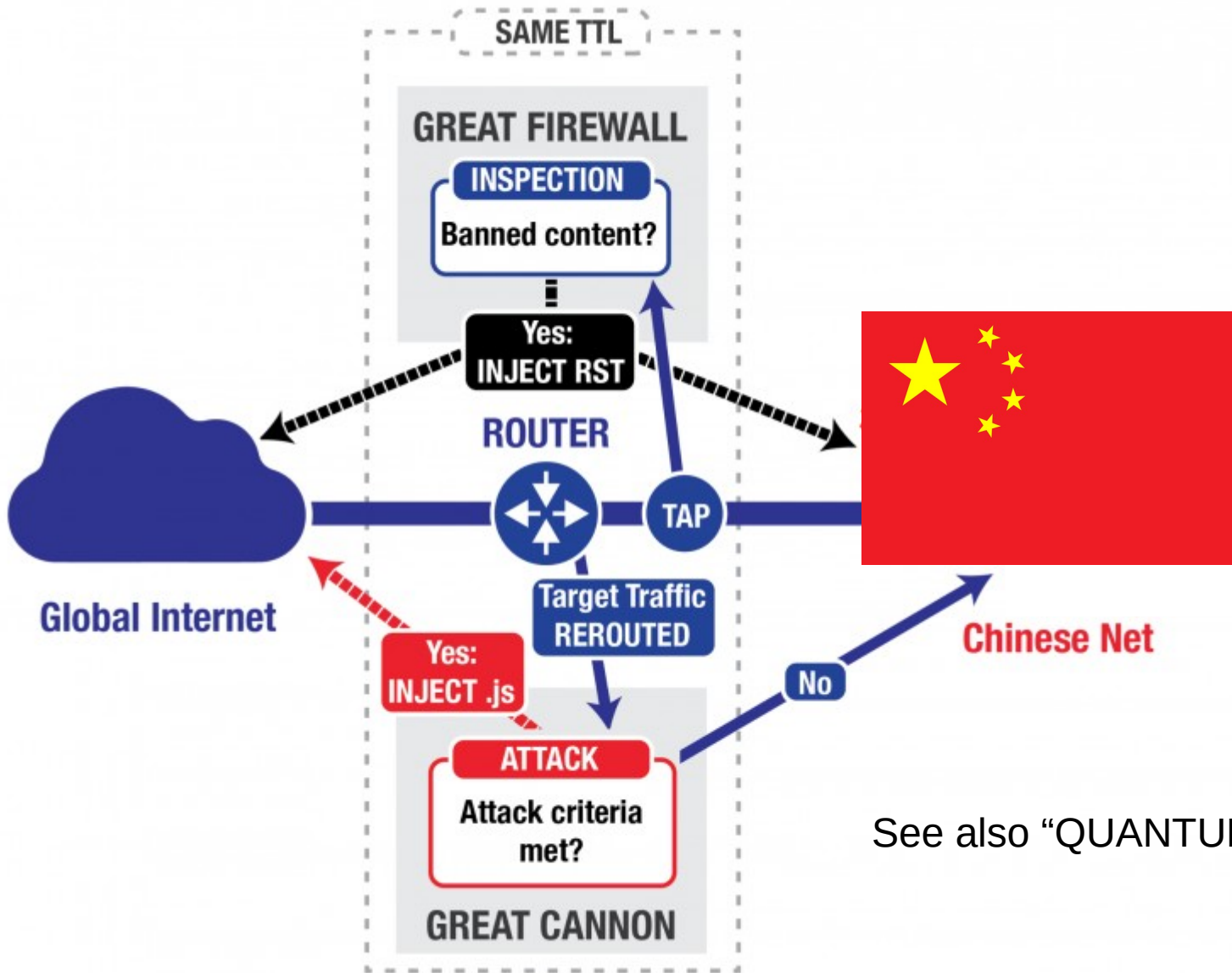
- Can spoof anything that doesn't have crypto
- DNS cache poisoning
- BGP prefix attacks



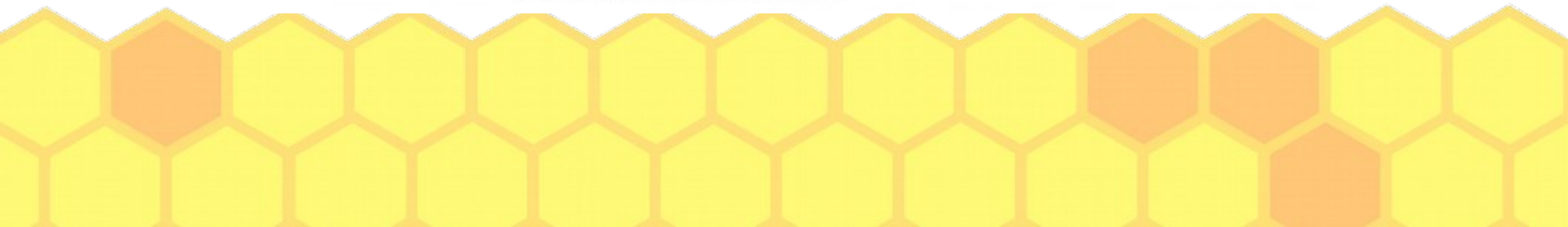
In- vs. On-path

- In-path ... Attacker (or “security” device) gets to hold on to the packet and look at it, or modify it, before forwarding it
- On-path ... Attacker (or “security” device) gets a copy, *via* something like a port mirror, but the packet has already been forwarded





See also "QUANTUM Insert"



Off-path attacks

<https://jedcrandall.github.io/INFOCOM2018.pdf>

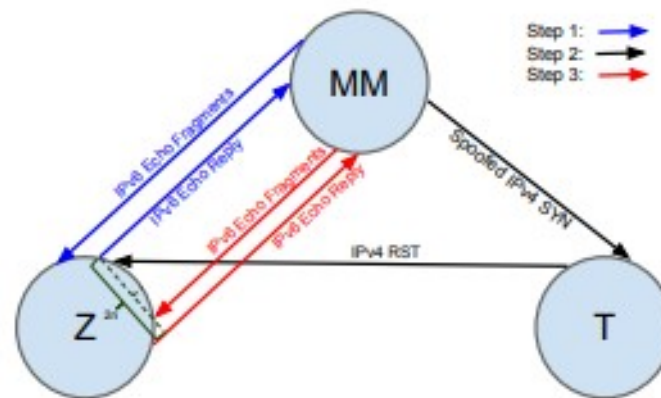


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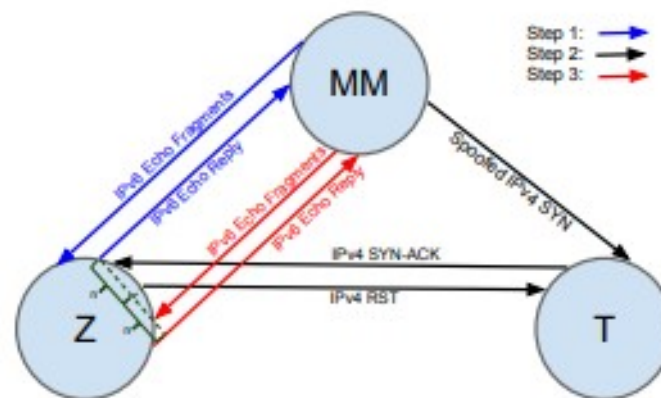


Fig. 5. Scan of an open port with a dual stack zombie using ONIS.

“Information only has meaning in that it is subject to interpretation”

–Computer Viruses, Theory and Experiments by Fred Cohen, 1984



“The only laws on the Internet are
assembly and RFCs”

–Phrack 65 article by julia@winstonsmith.info



“Information is inherently physical”

--(*Lots of people said this, but see Richard Feynman's Lectures on Computation*)

