

**CSCE 463/612**

**Networks and Distributed Processing**

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## **Introduction**

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# Updates

- Recv loop reminder
  - timeout.tv\_usec must be initialized to zero
  - NULL-terminate buf before searching with strchr or strstr

```
while (true) {
    if ((ret = select (0, &fd, ..., &timeout)) > 0)
    {
        // new data available; now read the next segment
        int bytes = recv (sock, buf + curPos, allocatedSize - curPos, ...);
        if (errors)
            // print WSAGetLastError() & return false;
        if (connection closed)
        {
            buf[curPos] = NULL;
            return true; // normal completion
        }
        curPos += bytes; // adjust where the next recv goes
        if (allocatedSize - curPos < THRESHOLD)
            // realloc() buf to double its size
    }
    else if (timeout)
        // report timeout & return false;
    else
        // print WSAGetLastError() & return false;
}
```

commonly forgotten

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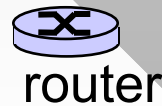
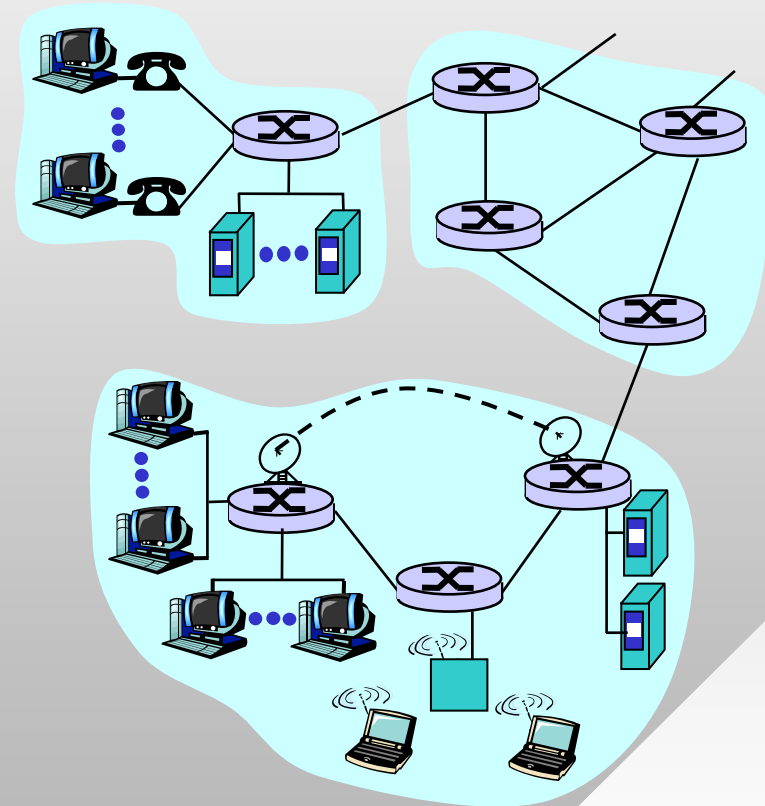
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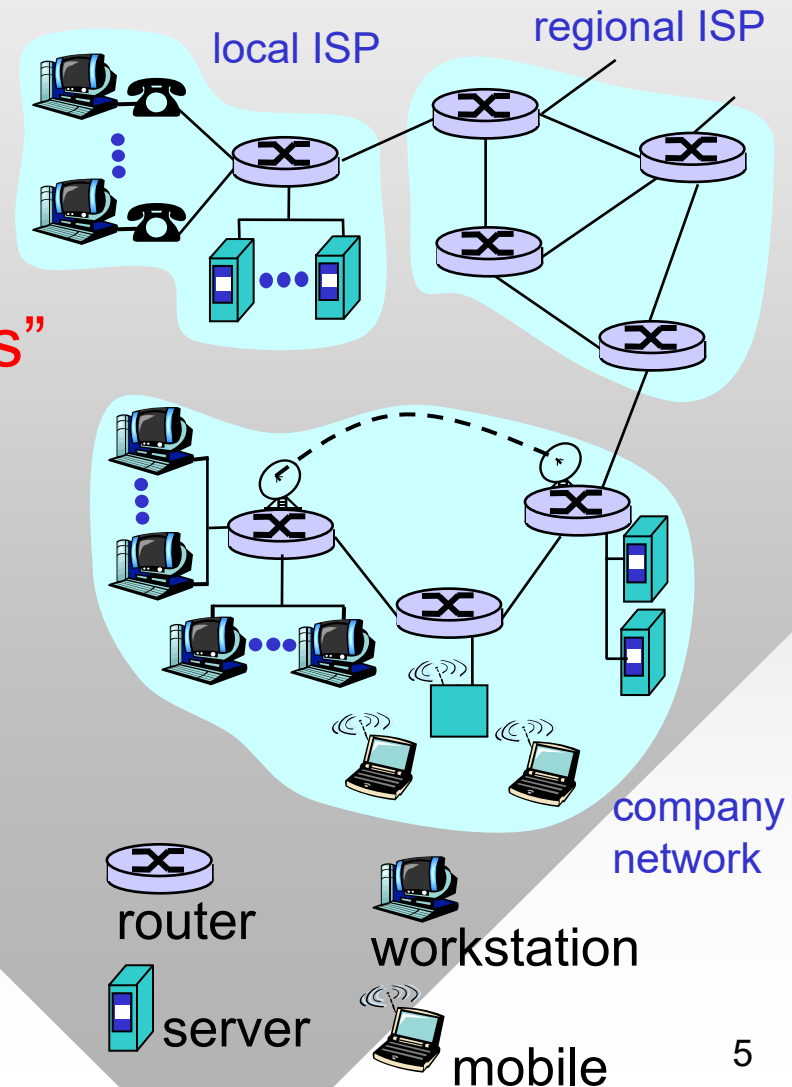
# The Internet: “Nuts and Bolts” View

- 1) **Hosts** (end systems)
  - Computing devices (servers, desktops, phones, laptops)
  - Run network apps
- 2) **Routers**
  - Forward **packets** (chunks of data) to destinations
- 3) **Communication links**
  - Connect hosts & routers
  - Fiber, copper, radio, satellite
  - Transmission rate = **bandwidth**



# The Internet: “Nuts and Bolts” View

- 4) **Protocols**
  - Control sending/receiving of messages (e.g., TCP, IP, HTTP, FTP, SMTP)
- *Internet: “network of networks”*
  - Loosely hierarchical
- Who rules the Internet?
  - No single authority, mostly decentralized
- Internet standards
  - IETF: Internet Engineering Task Force
  - RFC: Request for comments



# What's a Protocol?

## Human protocols:

- “What’s the time?”
- “I have a question”
- Introductions

... specific msgs sent

... specific actions taken  
when msgs received or  
other events take place

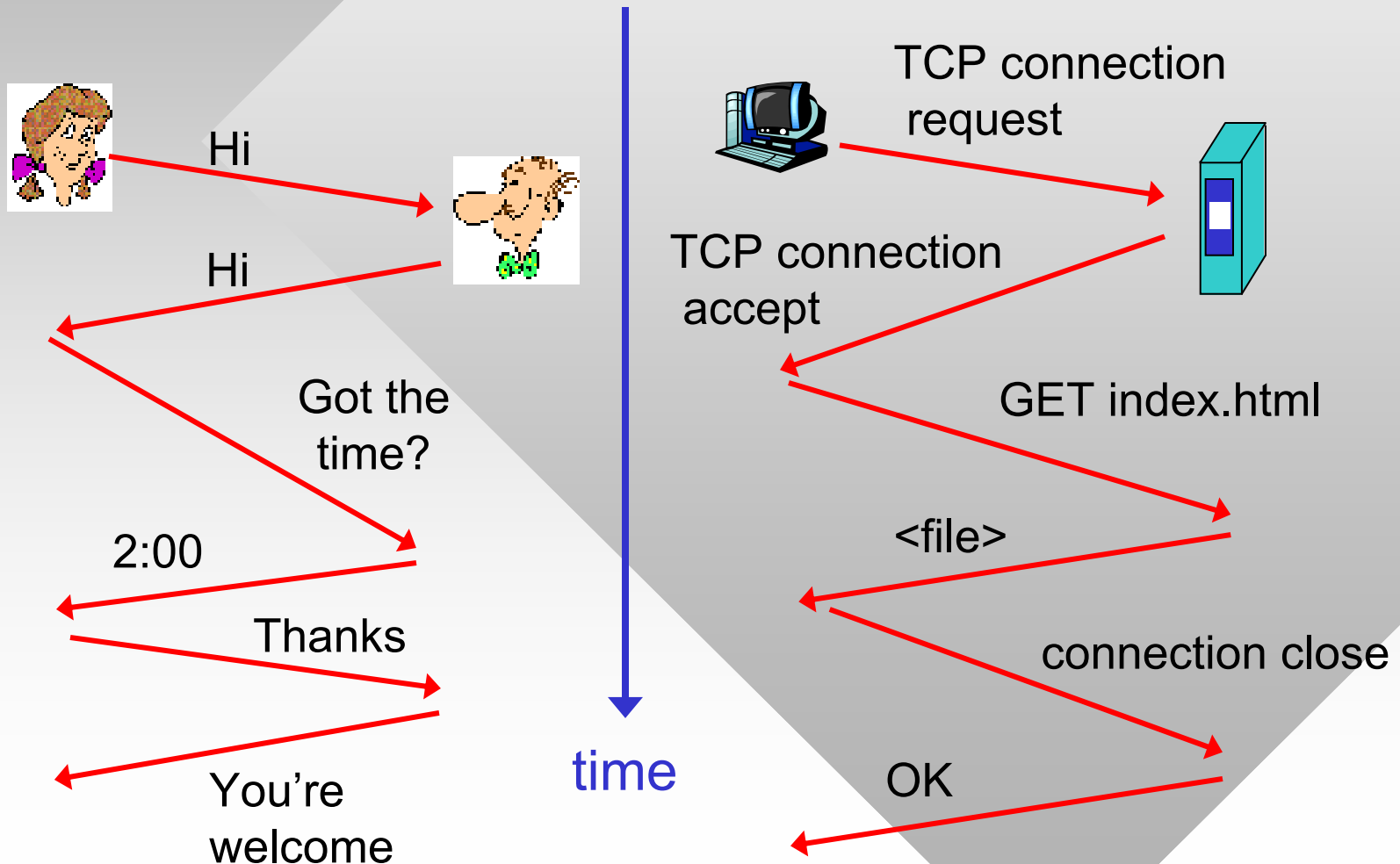
## Network protocols:

- Machines rather than humans
- All communication activity in the Internet governed by protocols

*Protocols define format, order of messages sent and received among network entities, and actions taken on message transmission/receipt*

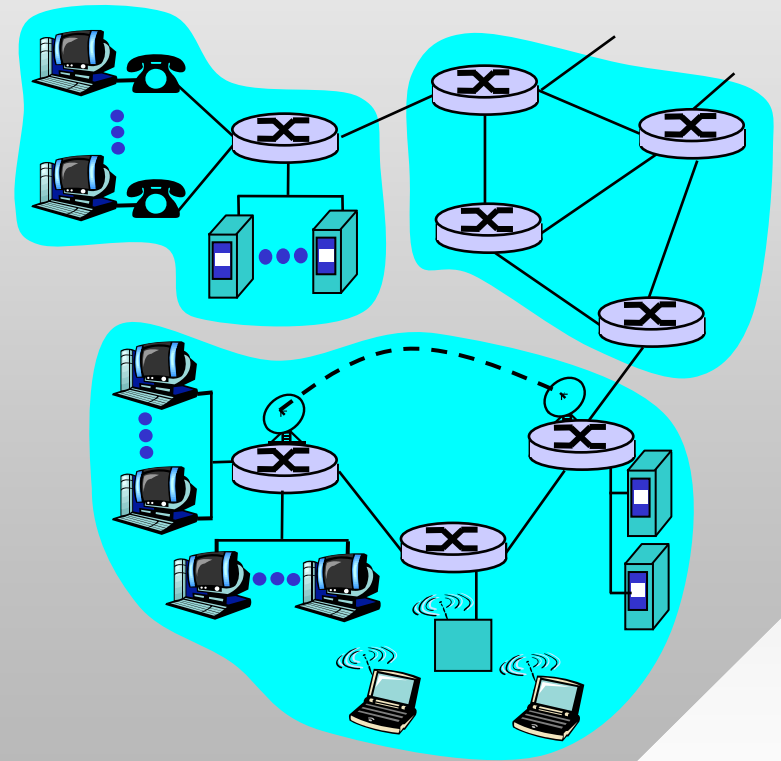
# What's a Protocol?

A human protocol and a computer network protocol:



# Closer Look at Network Structure

- Network **edge**:
  - Applications and hosts
- Network **core**:
  - Routers
  - Links
- How large is the edge?
  - Billions of hosts, trillions of web pages, zettabytes of information
- Large ISPs form the Internet **backbone**
  - Terabits per second router speed





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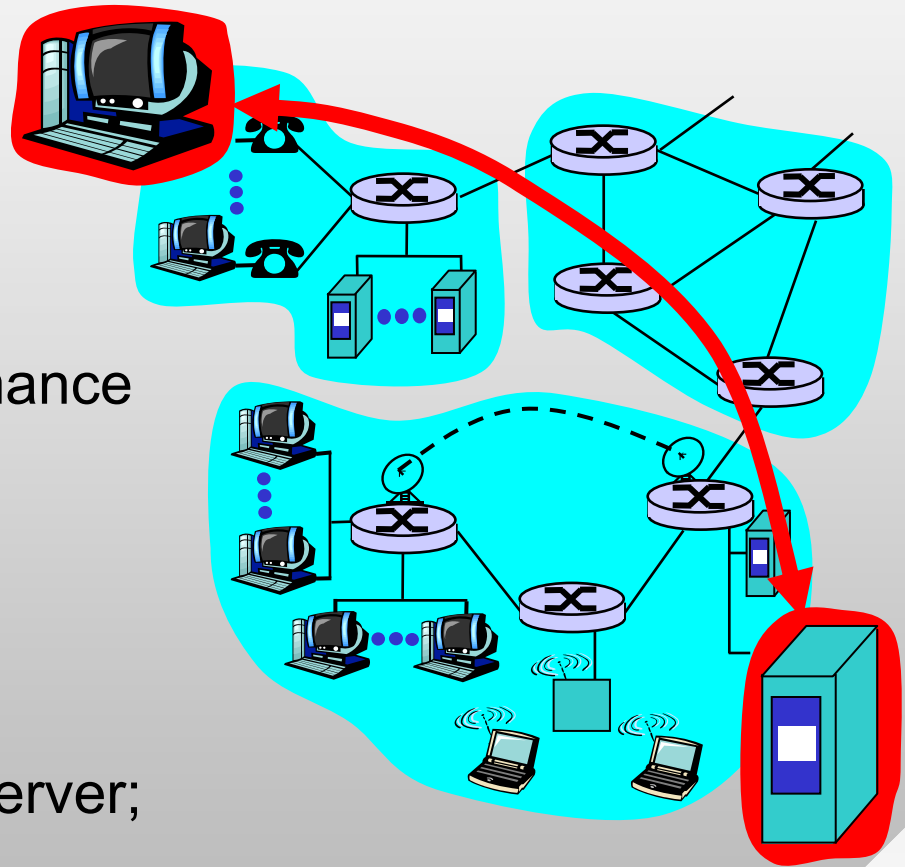
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# Network Edge

- **The edge:**
  - Responsible for almost all data supply/demand
  - Protocols impact performance
- **Client/server model**
  - Client host requests, receives service from always-on server
  - Example: web browser/server; email client/server
- **Peer-to-peer (P2P) model:**
  - Minimal use of dedicated servers; user hosts talk to each other
  - Example: BitTorrent



# Network Edge: Reliable Service

- Goal: data transfer between sockets
  - TCP – Transmission Control Protocol
    - Internet’s reliable service
  - **Connection-oriented**
    - *Handshaking*: send connection messages (prepare) for data transfer ahead of time
    - Set up *state* in two communicating hosts
- TCP service** [RFC 793]
- *Reliable, in-order* byte-stream data transfer
    - Packet loss handled through acknowledgements and retransmissions
  - *Flow control*:
    - Sender won’t overwhelm receiver
  - *Congestion control*:
    - Senders reduce transmission rate when network becomes congested

# Network Edge: Unreliable Service

- Goal: data transfer between sockets
  - Same as before!
- **UDP** – User Datagram Protocol [RFC 768]:
  - Connectionless
  - Unreliable data transfer
  - No flow control
  - No congestion control
- Less overhead and delay
  - TCP connection setup & termination is 7 packets
  - TCP retransmission delay is potentially unbounded

## Apps using TCP:

- HTTP (Web), FTP (file transfer), SSH (remote login), SMTP (email)

## Apps using UDP:

- DNS, SNMP
  - Short (single-packet) transfers
  - No need for congestion management
- Streaming media, online games, IP telephony
  - More sensitive to delay than packet loss

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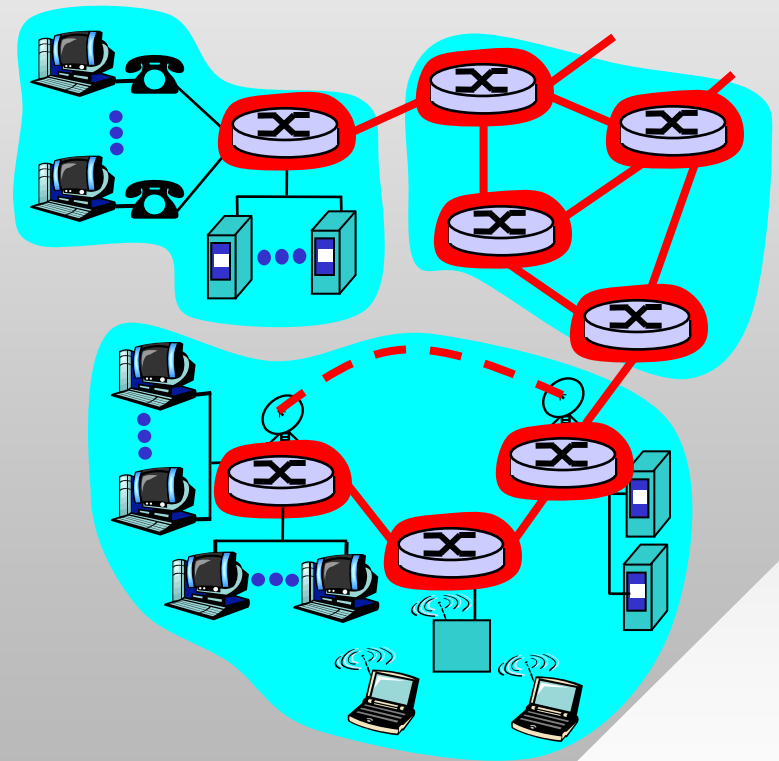
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# The Network Core

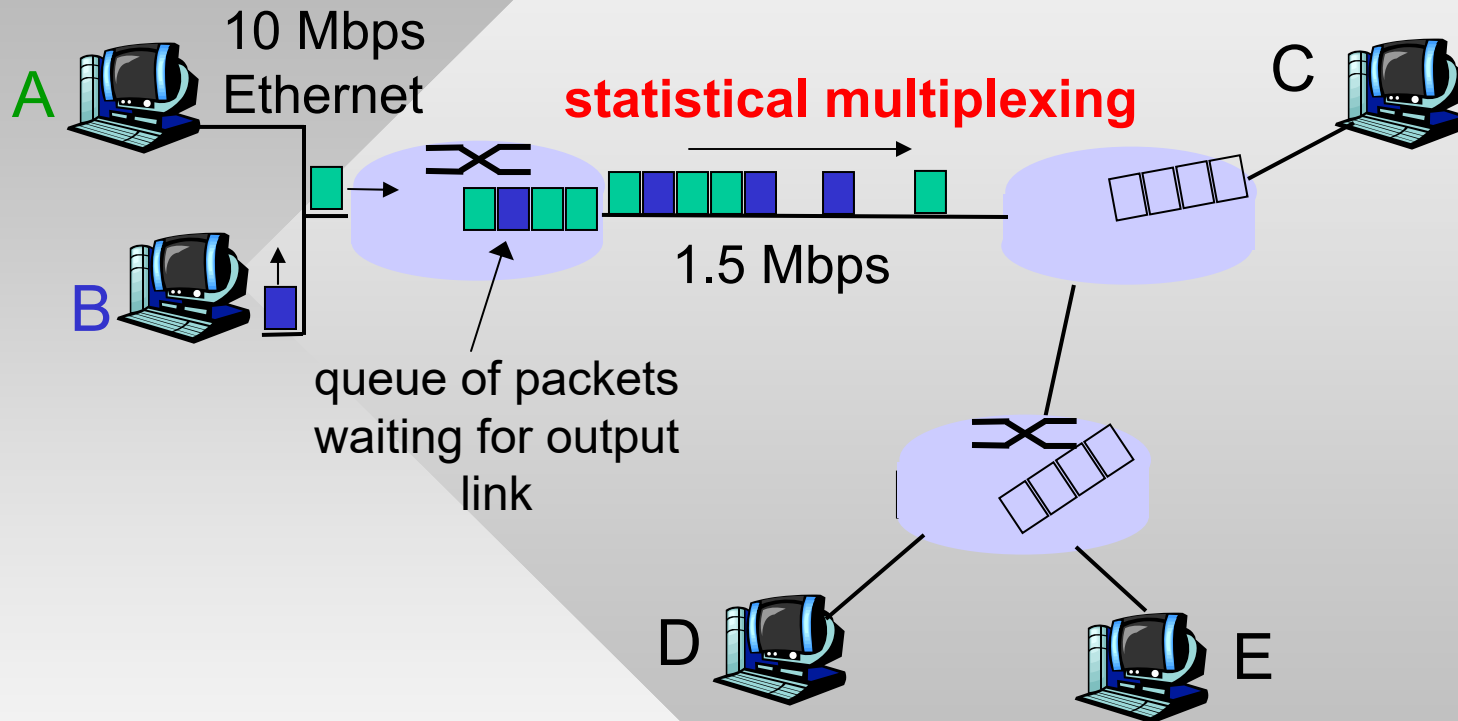
- Supports end-host communication
- **Fundamental question:** how is data transferred through the network?
  - **Circuit switching:** dedicated circuit per call (telephone network, origin 1800s)
  - **Packet-switching:** data sent in discrete “chunks” (1960s)
- Notation
  - Call = connection = flow



# Network Core: Packet Switching

- End-to-end data stream divided into *packets*
  - Packets of users A and B *share* network resources
  - Each packet uses full link bandwidth
- **Resource contention:**
  - Aggregate resource demand can exceed amount available
  - **Congestion:** packets queue, wait for link use
- **Store-and-forward:**
  - Packets move one hop (router) at a time
  - Node receives complete packet before forwarding

# Packet Switching: Statistical Multiplexing



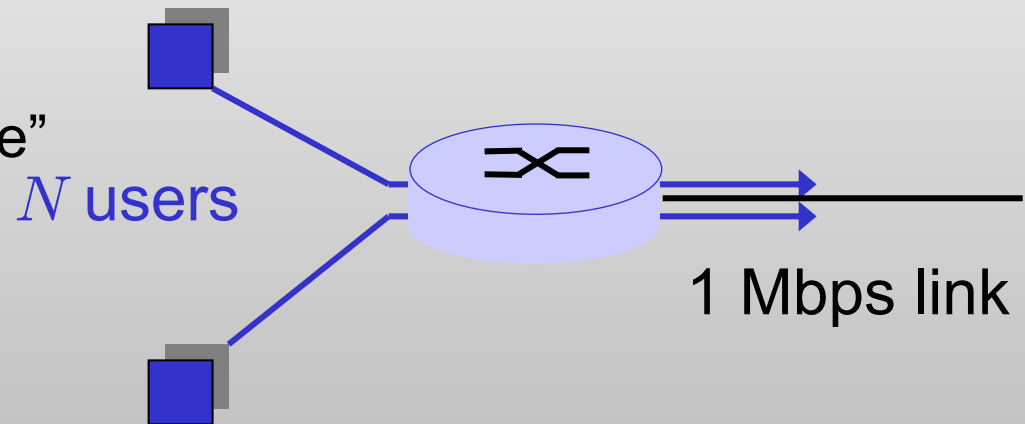
- Sequence of A's and B's packets does not have a fixed pattern → **statistical multiplexing**



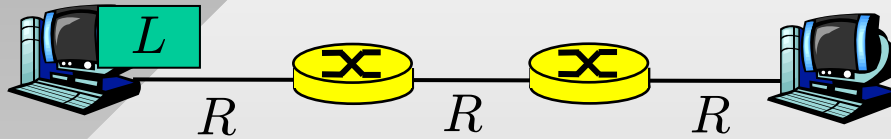
# Packet Switching vs. Circuit Switching

Packet switching allows more users than circuit switching

- 1 Mbps link
- Each user:
  - 100 Kbps when “active”
  - Active 10% of time
- Circuit-switching:
  - Supports 10 users
- Packet switching:
  - With 35 users, probability that more than 10 are active is 0.0424%; with 50 users – 0.94%
  - Max 100 users (if perfectly interleaved)



# Packet Switching: Store-and-Forward



- Takes  $L/R$  seconds to transmit (push out) packet of  $L$  bits on to link of  $R$  bps
- Entire packet must arrive at router before it can be transmitted on next link: *store and forward*
- Path delay =  $3L/R$

## Example:

- $L = 7.5$  Mbits
- $R = 1.5$  Mbps
- End-to-end delay = 15 sec