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- More depth, detail *later* in course
- Approach:
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What's the Internet: "Nuts and bolts" view





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 - Hosts = end systems
 - Running *network apps*





"Fun" Internet-connected devices



IP picture frame http://www.ceiva.com/





Slingbox: watch, control cable TV remotely



Internet refrigerator

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sensorized bed mattress

Web-enabled toaster + weather forecaster



Tweet-a-watt: monitor energy use







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PC *Billions* o server computing wireless laptop • Runr

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wireless links wired links

smartphone

Communication links

- Fiber, copper, radio, satellite
- Transmission rate: Bandwidth

router

Packet switches: forward packets (chunks of data)

Routers and switches



mobile network



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What's the Internet: "Nuts and bolts" view



- Internet: "Network of networks"
 - Interconnected ISPs
- Protocols control sending, receiving of messages
 - E.g., TCP, IP, HTTP, Skype, 802.11
- Internet standards
 - *RFC* : Request For Comments
 - *IETF* : Internet Engineering Task Force





What's the Internet: A service view

- Infrastructure that provides services to applications
 - Web, VoIP, email, games, ecommerce, social nets, ...
- Provides programming interface to apps
 - Hooks that allow sending and receiving app programs to "connect" to Internet
 - Provides service options, analogous to postal service





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What's a protocol?

Human protocols:

- "What's the time?"
- "I have a question"
- Introductions
- ... specific messages sent

Network protocols:

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

... specific actions taken when messages received, or other events

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





A human protocol & a computer network protocol





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