## UNIT-3

## The Network Layer

## Connecting Networks



A collection of interconnected networks.

## How Networks Differ

| Item | Some Possibilities |
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| Service offered | Connection oriented versus connectionless |
| Protocols | IP, IPX, SNA, ATM, MPLS, AppleTalk, etc. |
| Addressing | Flat (802) versus hierarchical (IP) |
| Multicasting | Present or absent (also broadcasting) |
| Packet size | Every network has its own maximum |
| Quality of service | Present or absent; many different kinds |
| Error handling | Reliable, ordered, and unordered delivery |
| Flow control | Sliding window, rate control, other, or none |
| Congestion control | Leaky bucket, token bucket, RED, choke packets, etc. |
| Security | Privacy rules, encryption, etc. |
| Parameters | Different timeouts, flow specifications, etc. |
| Accounting | By connect time, by packet, by byte, or not at all |

## Some of the many ways networks can differ.

## How Networks Can Be Connected


(a) Two Ethernets connected by a switch.
(b) Two Ethernets connected by routers.

## Concatenated Virtual Circuits



Internetworking using concatenated virtual circuits.

## Connectionless Internetworking



A connectionless internet.

## Tunneling


field of the WAN packet

Tunneling a packet from Paris to London.

## Tunneling (2)



Tunneling a car from France to England.

## Internetwork Routing


(a)

(b)
(a) An internetwork. (b) A graph of the internetwork.

## Fragmentation


(b)

## (a) Transparent fragmentation.

(b) Nontransparent fragmentation.

## Thank YOU

