Internet History

1961-1972: Early packet-switching principles

- **1961**: Kleinrock - queueing theory shows effectiveness of packet-switching
- **1964**: Baran - packet-switching in military nets
- **1967**: ARPAnet conceived by Advanced Research Projects Agency
- **1969**: first ARPAnet node operational

- **1972**:
  - ARPAnet demonstrated publicly
  - NCP (Network Control Protocol) first host-host protocol
  - first e-mail program
  - ARPAnet has 15 nodes
Internet History

1972-1980: Internetworking, new and proprietary nets

- **1970**: ALOHAnet satellite network in Hawaii
- **1973**: Metcalfe’s PhD thesis proposes Ethernet
- **1974**: Cerf and Kahn - architecture for interconnecting networks
- **late 70’s**: proprietary architectures: DECnet, SNA, XNA
- **late 70’s**: switching fixed length packets (ATM precursor)
- **1979**: ARPAnet has 200 nodes

Cerf and Kahn’s internetworking principles:

- minimalism, autonomy - no internal changes required to interconnect networks
- best effort service model
- stateless routers
- decentralized control

define today’s Internet architecture
Internet History

1980-1990: new protocols, a proliferation of networks

- 1983: deployment of TCP/IP
- 1982: smtp e-mail protocol defined
- 1983: DNS defined for name-to-IP-address translation
- 1985: ftp protocol defined
- 1988: TCP congestion control
- New national networks: Csnet, BITnet, NSFnet, Minitel
- 100,000 hosts connected to confederation of networks
Internet History

1990’s: commercialization, the WWW

- Early 1990’s: ARPAnet decomissioned
- Early 1990s: WWW
  - hypertext [Bush 1945, Nelson 1960’s]
  - HTML, http: Berners-Lee
  - 1994: Mosaic, later Netscape
  - Late 1990’s: commercialization of the WWW

Late 1990’s:

- est. 50 million computers on Internet
- est. 100 million+ users
- Backbone links running at 1 Gbps