

ARP



Full Picture



A's perspective



A's ARP request

Routing Table

Destination	Gateway	Mask	Iface
192.168.5.40	192.168.5.40	255.255.255.255	eth1
172.64.3.10	172.64.3.10	255.255.255.255	eth2
10.0.3.32	10.0.3.32	255.255.255.255	eth3

Router Interfaces

eth3	HWaddr	11:22:33:44:55:66
	inet addr	10.0.3.1
eth2	HWaddr	e6:74:1f:1b:44:33
	inet addr	172.64.3.1
eth1	HWaddr	AA:BB:CC:DD:EE:FF
	inet addr	192.168.5.1

Incoming Message

ETHERNET header:

destination: FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF
source: AA:AA:AA:11:11:11
type: 2054

ARP header

hardware type: 1
protocol type: 2048
hardware address length: 6
protocol address length: 4
opcode: 1
sender hardware address: AA:AA:AA:11:11:11
sender ip address: 10.0.3.32
target hardware address: 00:00:00:00:00:00
target ip address: 10.0.3.1

R's Perspective (upon receipt of request)



Stores A's mac address as it can assume A sent an ARP request to initialize a conversation

Mac address A is interested in

ARP request received

ARP request:

If Addressed to Router

- Add ip / mac addr of sender to ARP cache
- Send ARP reply

Otherwise

- Ignore

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(Broadcast address)

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ARP Reply

Router Interface Request Received

eth3

HWaddr 11:22:33:44:55:66

inet addr 10.0.3.1

Reply Message

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destination: AA:AA:AA:11:11:11

source: 11:22:33:44:55:66

type: 2054

ARP header

hardware type: 1

protocol type: 2048

hardware address length: 6

protocol address length: 4

opcode: 2

sender hardware address: 11:22:33:44:55:66

sender ip address: 10.0.3.1

target hardware address: AA:AA:AA:11:11:11

target ip address: 10.0.3.32

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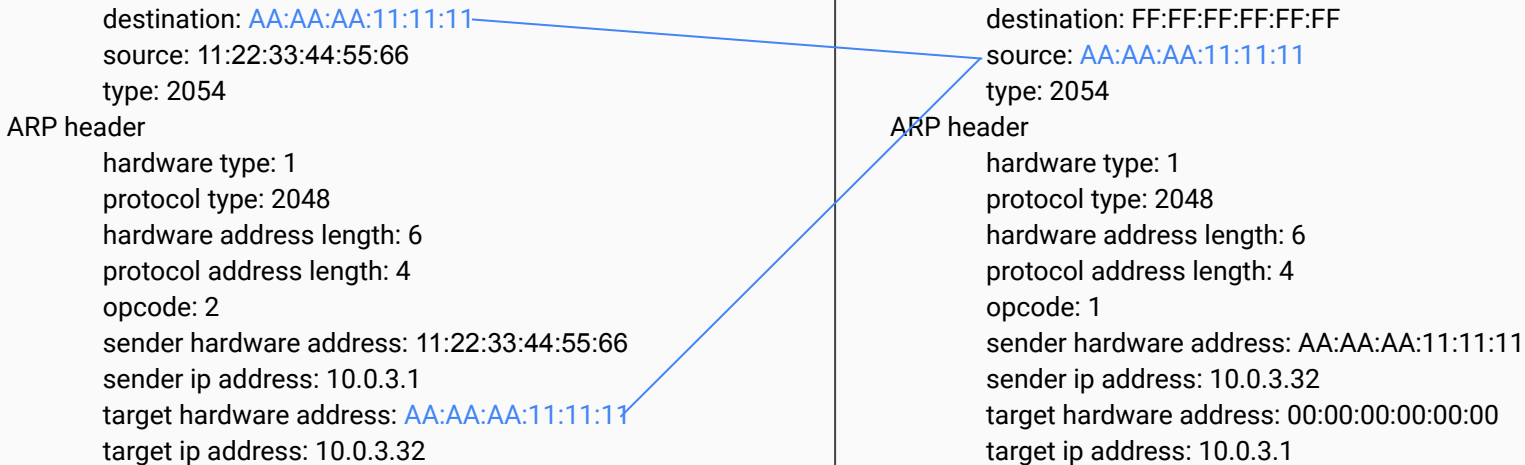
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ARP Reply

Router Interface Request Received On

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Mac address returned in reply

A now has all it needs to send IP packets
with first hop at 10.0.3.1

Incoming IP packet

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IP header:
version: 4
header length: 5
type of service: 0
length: 84
id: 13429
fragment flag: DF
fragment offset: 0
TTL: 63
protocol: 1
checksum: 9785
source: 10.0.3.32
destination: 192.168.5.40

ICMP header:
type: 8
code: 0
checksum: 6971

R's Perspective (upon receipt of request)



From the routing table R sees it should forward packet out Eth1 to 192.168.5.40

No entry for 192.168.5.40 in IP/Mac Addr table, so R will need to send ARP request out ETH1 and store the packet until a reply is received

ARP Request

Outgoing Router Interface

eth1 HWaddr AA:BB:CC:DD:EE:FF
 inet addr 192.168.5.1

Incoming IP Packet

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Awaiting a reply ...

Continuously loop over outstanding requests:

If (current time - request time) > 1s :

 If requests already sent count > 5:

 For packet waiting on request:

 Send out ICMP: 'host unreachable' to packet origin

 Else:

 Resend request, reset sent time stamp, and increment requests sent counter

R's Perspective upon receipt of B's reply

