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Four levels of addresses are used in an internet employing the **TCP/IP protocols:**

Physical (link) addresses, logical (IP) addresses, Port addresses, Specific addresses



Each address is related to a specific layer in the TCPIIP architecture, as shown in



Physical Addresses

- The physical address, also known as the **link address** or **mac address**,
- Is the address of a node as defined by its LAN or WAN.
- It is included in the **frame** used by the **data link layer**.
- Ethernet Uses a **6-byte** (**48-bit**) physical address that is imprinted on the network interface card (NIC).

07:01:02:01 :2C:4B

A 6-byte (12 hexadecimal digits) physical address

Physical Addresses

• a node with physical address **10** sends a frame to a node with physical address

87.

- The two nodes are connected by a link (bus topology LAN).
- At the data link layer, this frame contains physical (link) addresses in the header.
- These are the only addresses needed.

Physical Addresses



Logical Addresses

- Logical addresses are necessary for universal communications.
- A logical address in the Internet is currently a **32-bit** address that can uniquely define a host connected to the Internet.
- No two publicly addressed and visible hosts on the Internet can have the same IP address.



Port Addresses

• Today, computers are devices that can run multiple processes at the same

time. The end objective of Internet communication is a process communicating with another process.

- we need a method to label the different processes. In other words, they need addresses.
- In the TCPIIP architecture, the label assigned to a process is called a **port address**. A port address in TCPIIP is 16 bits in length.

Port Addresses

- The sending computer is

running three processes at this time with port addresses a, b, and c.

The receiving computer is
running two processes at this
time with port addresses j and k.



Port Addresses

- Process a in the sending computer

needs to communicate with **process j** in the receiving computer.

• Note that although both computers are using the same application, FTP, for example, the port addresses are different because one is a client program and the other is a server

program

