



Welcome to INE's  
Presentation of:

# IP Routing Basics

# Course Objectives

- » Provide an understanding of what is meant by the term “Routing”, why it is necessary in networks, and the actual process involved of routing data.
- » Understand how routers learn the information needed to route, and where that information is stored.
- » Compare and contrast different routing protocols from a high-level perspective.

# Course Agenda

- » Why do we need routing?
- » What happens to a packet?
- » Where are routes stored?
- » How are routes selected?
- » **Contrasting Routing Protocols**
  - IGP vs EGP
  - High-Level Differences
  - Distance Vector
  - Link State
  - Advanced Distance Vector
  - Path Vector



# Why Do We Need Routing?

# When Routing Isn't Necessary

- » Devices need addresses to operate on a network
- » Non-Routable Addresses
- » Network applications that assume flat networks typically utilize broadcasts.
- » ZeroConf (IETF) is an example of this.
  - Bonjour by Apple
  - Airplay by Apple

# So what's the problem?

- » Each broadcast interrupts everyone.
- » Each broadcast consumes bandwidth.
- » No security...every device can see every other device.
- » Fault Isolation difficult to diagnose.
- » The solution...**break the network up into different broadcast domains...and allow devices to identify which broadcast domain they belong to.**

# Addressing with Broadcast Domains

- » **End-to-end reachability requires Routable addresses.**
- » **Protocols that use Routable Addresses must provide:**
  - Method for obtaining an address.
  - Method for determining the local network.
  - Method for determining the address of off-network destinations.
  - Method for sending packets off-network.
  - Devices that can route packets between networks.



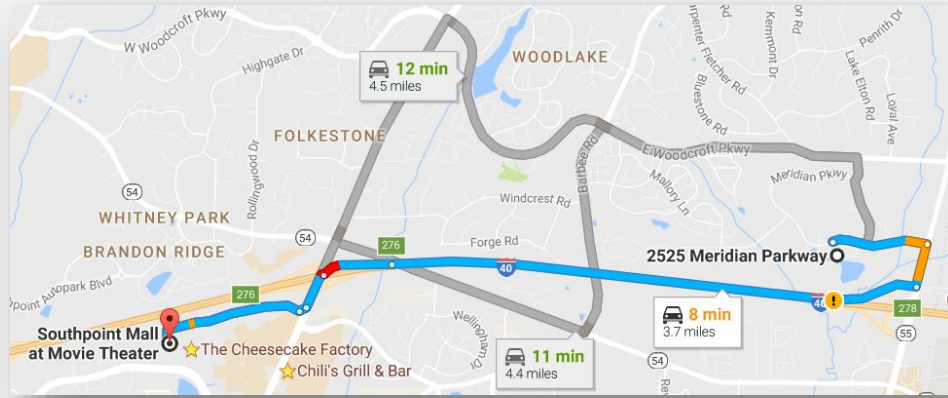
# Identifying Routable Addresses





# What Happens to a Packet?

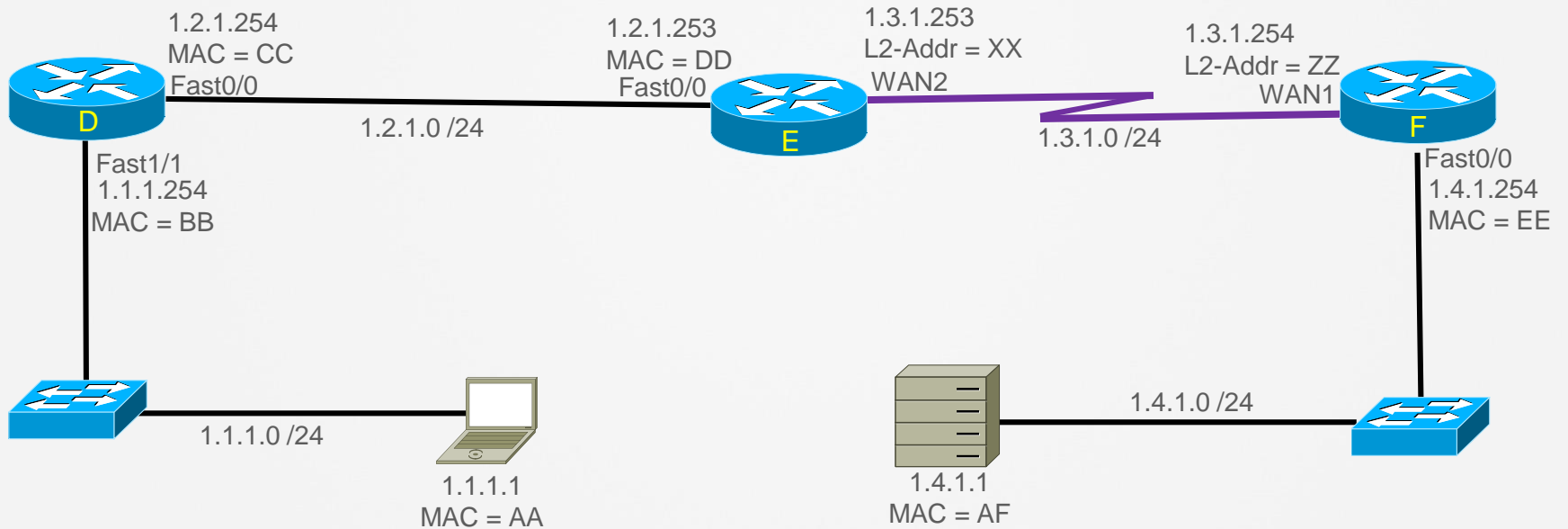
# What is it to ROUTE?



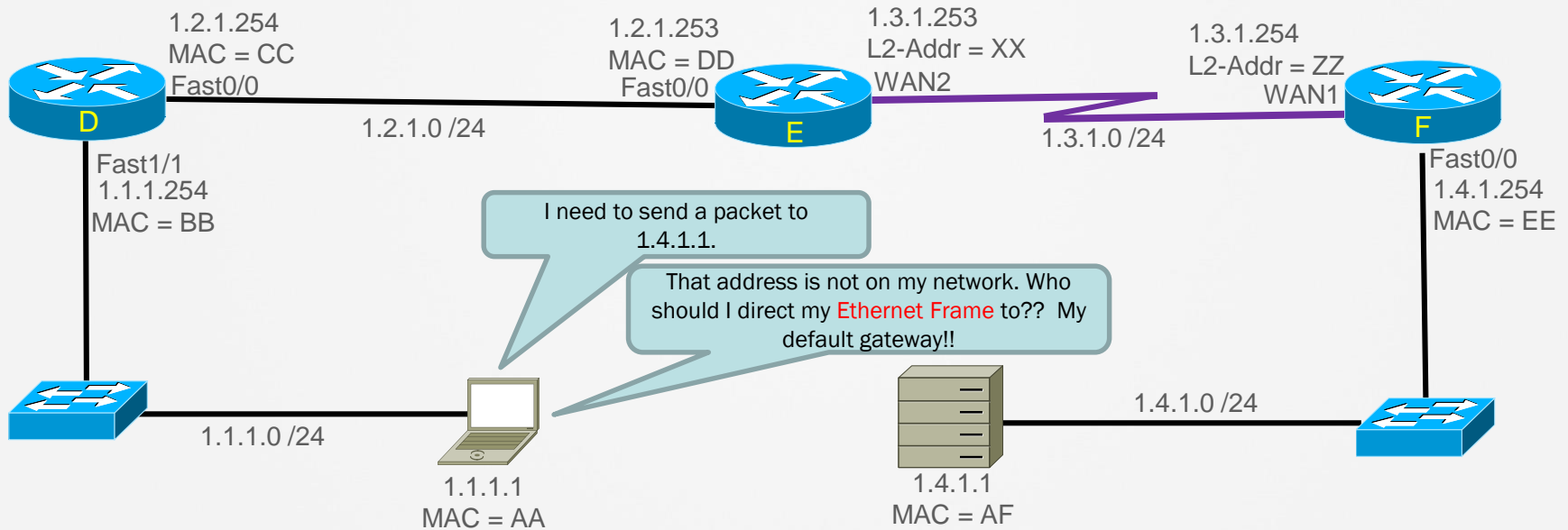
# What is “Routing”?

- » Process of forwarding packets between networks.
- » Basic components needed to route:
  - Routable Packet (IPv4, IPv6, etc)
  - Network address
  - Subnet mask
  - Next Hop
  - Egress Interface


# Routing: What Happens to the Packet (1)




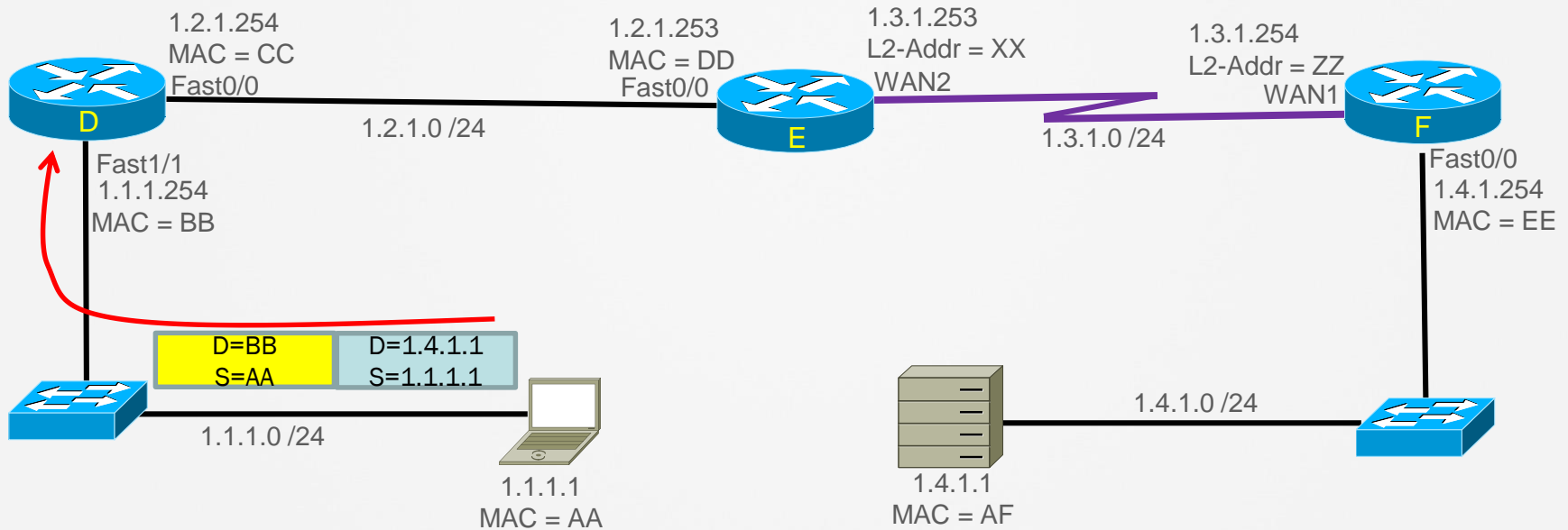
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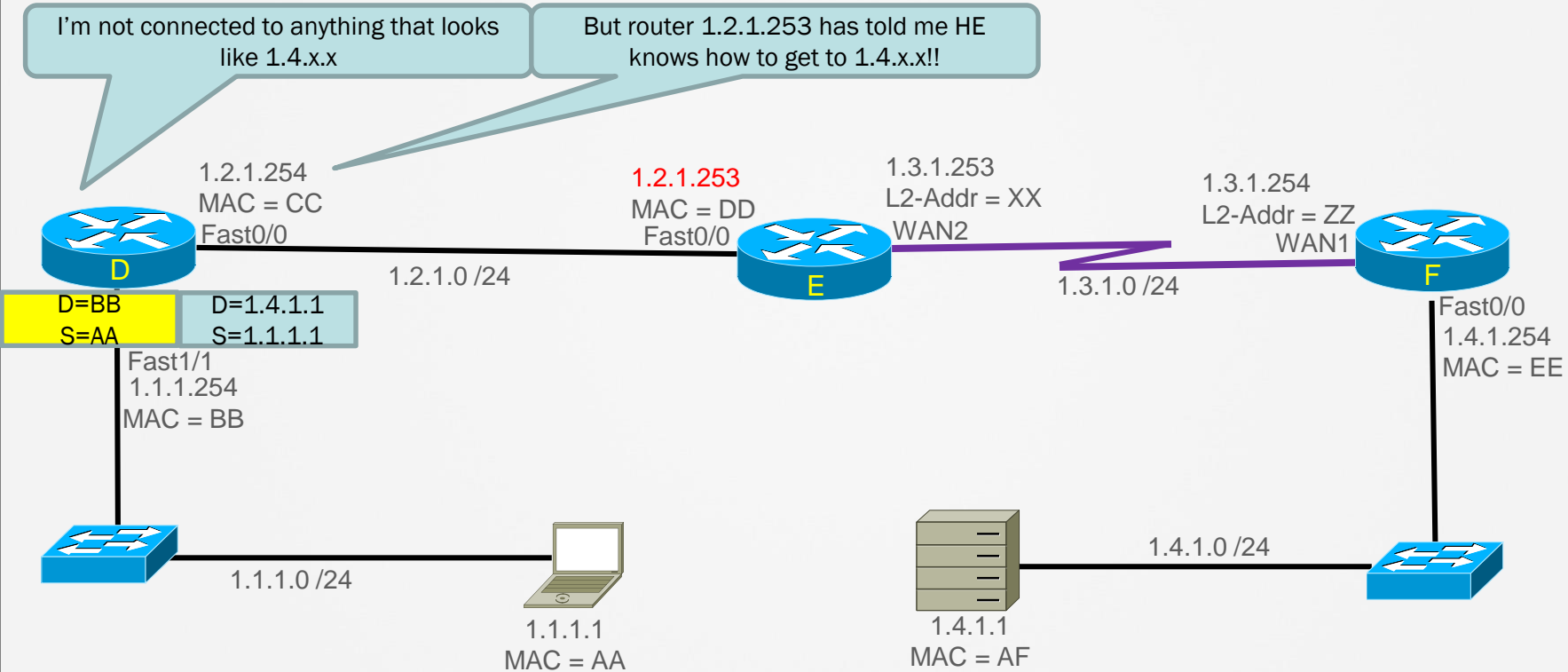
# Routing: What Happens to the Packet (3)

 = L2 Header

 = L3 Header



# Routing: What Happens to the Packet (4)

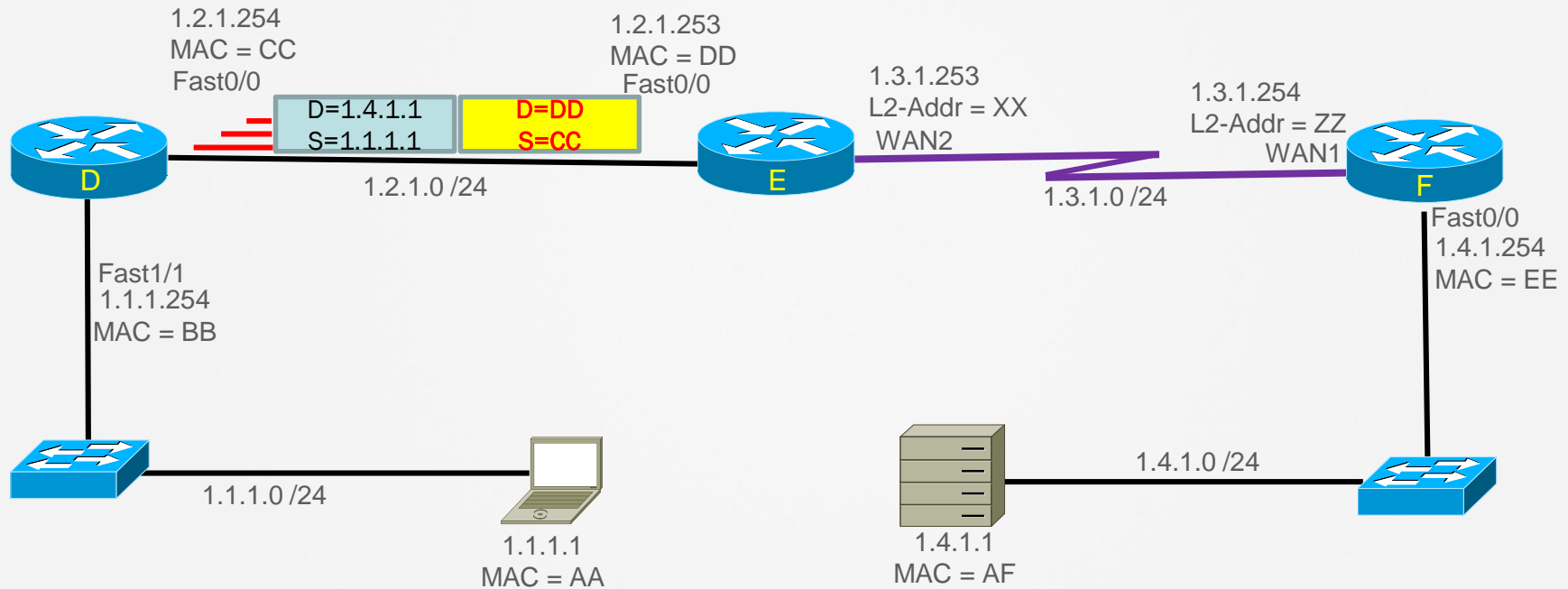


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# Routing: What Happens to the Packet (5)

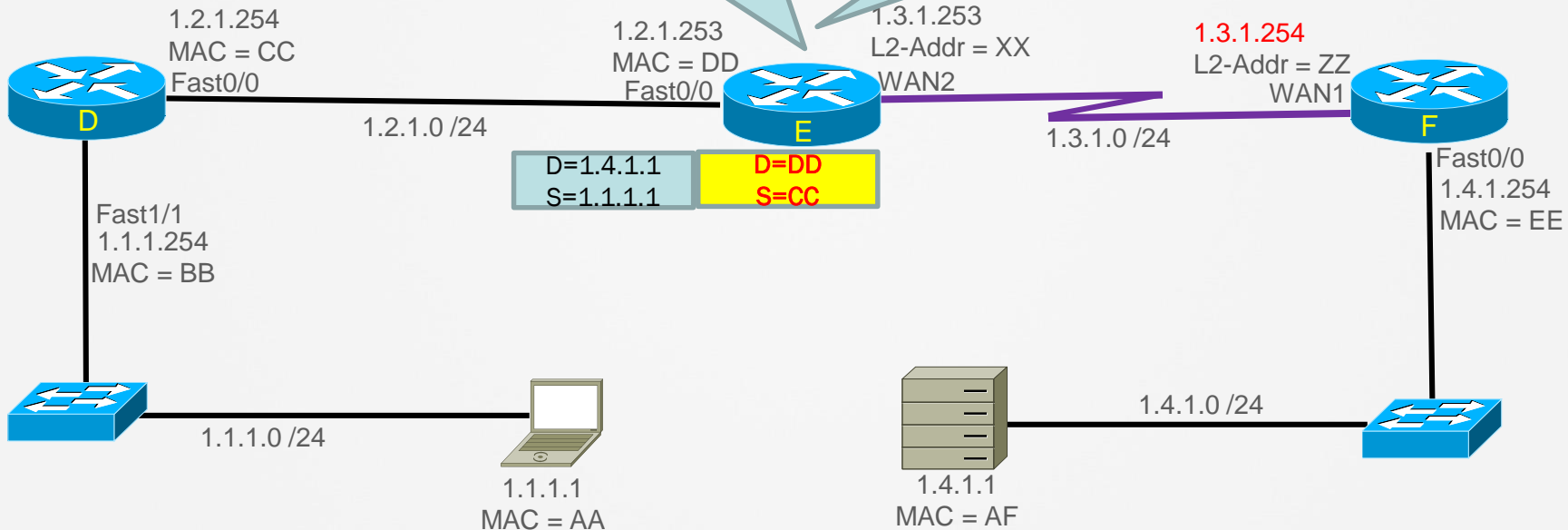




# Routing: What Happens to the Packet (6)

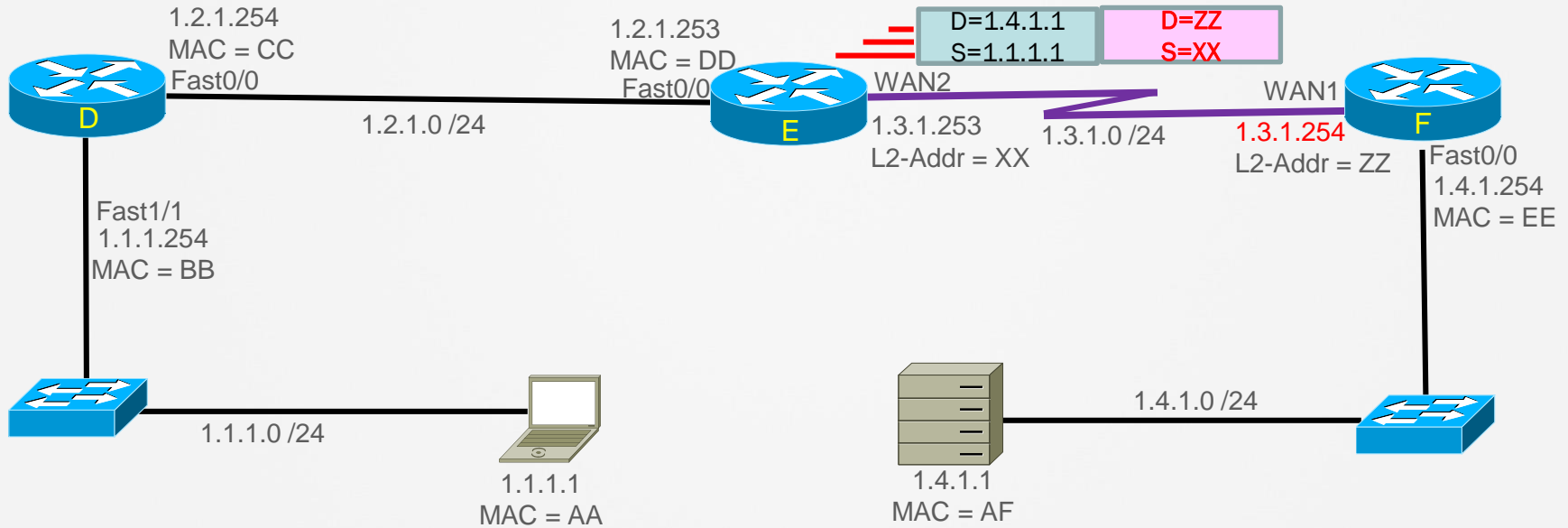
I'm not connected to anything that looks like 1.4.x.x

But router 1.3.1.254 has told me HE knows how to get to 1.4.x.x!!



 = L2 Header     = L3 Header

# Routing: What Happens to the Packet (7)

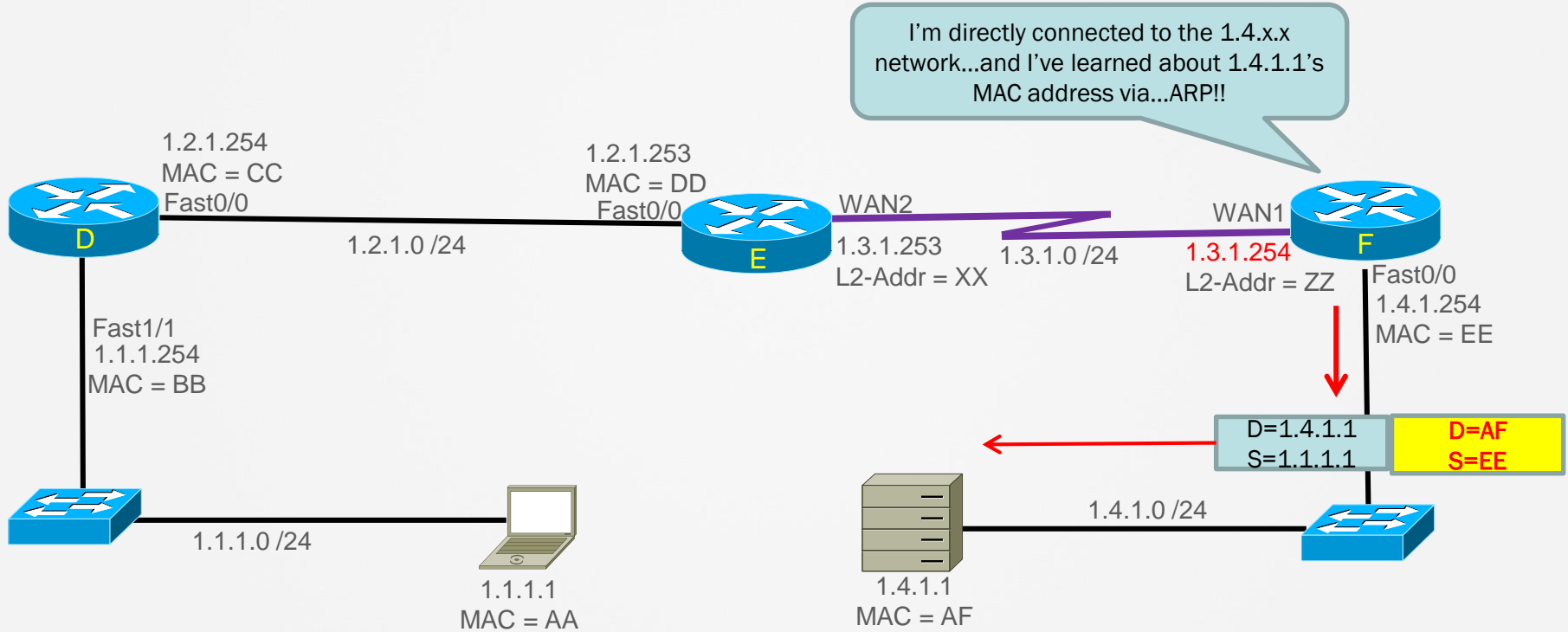


= L2 Header



= L3 Header

# Routing: What Happens to the Packet (8)



= L2 Header



= L3 Header



Where Are Routes Stored?

# Types of Routes

» **Connected**

» **Static**

» **Dynamic**

# General Rules of Routing

- » Router will only accept routes that match its own, active protocols
  - No IPv6 routes accepted if router not an IPv6 host
- » Router will only use routes with reachable “next hops”
- » Next-Hop must be paired with a usable L2 address.
- » Routers will only use the “best” routes
- » Routes must be “believable” (how do I know this route is still good?)



# Where Are Routes Stored? (Part-2)

# “Switching” within Routers

## » Switching methods in routers:

- Process-Based Switching

```
Rtr1#sho processes 87
Process ID 87 [IP Input] TTY 0
Memory usage [in bytes]
  Holding: 13204, Maximum: 13204, Allocated: 0, Freed: 2744
  Getbufs: 0, Retbufs: 0, Stack: 9616/12000
CPU usage
  PC: 612A53B0, Invoked: 7475, Giveups: 0, uSec: 3
  5Sec: 0.00%, 1Min: 0.00%, 5Min: 0.00%, Average: 0.00%
  Age: 444776752 msec, Runtime: 24 msec
  State: Waiting for Event, Priority: Normal
```

- Fast Switching
- Cisco Express Forwarding



# Forwarding Information Base

## » CEF Components (FIB)

- Forwarding Information Base
- Copy of IP Routing Table
  
- *Show ip cef [detail]*
- *Show ip cef <ip addr> <mask> detail*

## » CEF Components (**Adjacency Table**)

- Populated with L2 adjacency information
- Populated by L2 tables such as:
  - ARP Table
  - Frame-Relay Mapping Table
  - P2P Header Formats
- Show adjacency *< intf type/number >* [summary | detail]
- *Show adjacency detail*

# Adjacency Types

» Some adjacency types can't be CEF switched and must be dropped, or sent to CPU for processing:

- Glean
- Null
- Drop
- Discard
- Punt



# How Are Routes Selected?

# Prioritizing Route Sources

## » Administrative Distance (AD)

- Defines trustworthiness of a routing protocol
- 8-bit numbering system
- Ranges from 0 through 255

# Administrative Distance Values

Protocols	AD Value
Connected	0
Static	1
EIGRP (Internal routes)	90
OSPF	110
IS-IS	115
RIP	120
EIGRP (External routes)	170
iBGP/eBGP	200/20
Unreachable	255

# Routing Metric

- » Used for best path selection process
- » IGP's use metric for shortest path calculation
- » Lower value is preferred
- » Depends on the routing protocol architecture
  - EIGRP metric = composite formula utilizing link bandwidth + delay
  - RIP metric = hop count
  - OSPF metric = link bandwidth



# Contrasting Routing Protocols (IGP and EGP)



# Dynamic Protocols: IGP or EGP?

## » Autonomous System;

- Collection of networks all under one administrative authority.

## » IGP;

- Interior Gateway Protocol
- Designed to provide prefix reachability information **within** an Autonomous System

## » EGP;

- Exterior Gateway Protocol
- Designed to provide prefix reachability information **between different** Autonomous Systems.



# Contrasting Routing Protocols (High-Level Differences)

# Protocol Characteristics (1)

» RPs can be classified into one-of-four categories that broadly define operational characteristics;

- Distance Vector (IGPs)
- Link-State (IGPs)
- Advanced Distance Vector (Hybrid) (IGPs)
- Path Vector (EGP)

### » Once categorized, assumptions about the protocol can be made about such things as:

- Neighbor requirements
- Route Maintenance (is this route still believable after some prolonged time?)
- Visibility into network topology
- Necessity of different data structures (tables, databases, etc)

# Protocol Characteristics - Routing Updates

## » Incremental update

- Only changes are sent in the routing update

## » Full update

- All of the routing table is sent in the update

## » Periodic update

- Sent in the specified time interval

## » Triggered update

- Sent whenever change is detected



# Contrasting Routing Protocols (Distance Vector)

# Distance Vector

- » Neighbor requirements;
  - No neighborships required
- » Route Maintenance (is this route still believable after some prolonged time?)
  - Resend routes after defined interval
- » Visibility into network topology
  - Knowledge of topology only extends to directly-connected routers.
- » Necessity of different data structures (tables, databases, etc)
  - Database of learned routes
- » Protocol Examples:
  - **RIP (v1 and v2)**, IGRP (deprecated)



# Contrasting Routing Protocols (Link State)



# Link State (1)

## » Neighbor requirements;

- Neighborships required

## » Route Maintenance (is this route still believable after some prolonged time?)

- Periodic Hello's between neighbors
- Regenerate LSAs after defined interval

## » Visibility into network topology

- Complete visibility of entire topology for directly-connected areas.

## Link State (2)

### » Necessity of different data structures (tables, databases, etc)

- Database of learned LSAs (Link State Database)
- Neighbor Table
- SPF Tree

### » Protocol Examples:

- **OSPF, ISIS**



# Contrasting Routing Protocols (Advanced Distance Vector)

# Advanced Distance Vector / Hybrid (1)

## » Neighbor requirements;

- Neighborships required ([Link State characteristic](#))

## » Route Maintenance (is this route still believable after some prolonged time?)

- Periodic Hello's between neighbors ([Link State characteristic](#))

## » Visibility into network topology

- Knowledge of topology only extends to directly-connected routers. ([Distance Vector characteristic](#))

# Advanced Distance Vector / Hybrid (2)

## » Data structures (tables, databases, etc)

- Topology Table of learned routes (Distance Vector characteristic)
- Neighbor Table (Link State characteristic)

## » Protocol Examples:

- **EIGRP**



# Contrasting Routing Protocols (Path Vector)

# Path Vector

- » Neighbor requirements;
  - Neighborships required
- » Route Maintenance (is this route still believable after some prolonged time?)
  - Periodic Hello's between neighbors
- » Visibility into network topology
  - No Knowledge of topology. Relies on IGP's for this.
- » Necessity of different data structures (tables, databases, etc)
  - Not necessary to know at ICND1 level
- » Protocol Examples:
  - **BGP**

Thank you!!