NAT Traversal in SIP

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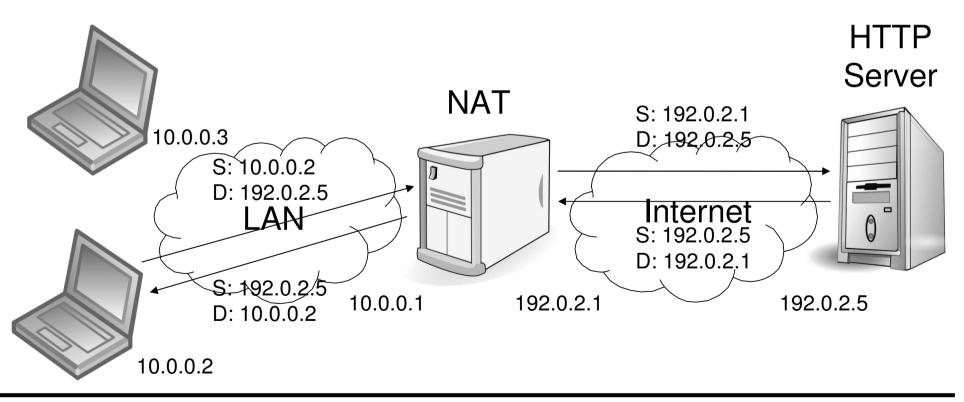
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Origin of NATs

S Created to resolve the IPv4 address exhaustion problem

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- S Designed with the web in mind
 - Client/server paradigm



Side-effects of NATs

- S Hosts behind NATs are not reachable from the public Internet
 - Sometimes used to implement security
 - Breaks peer-to-peer (as opposed to client/server) applications
- S NATs attempt to be transparent
 - Troubleshooting becomes more difficult
- S NATs are a single point of failure
- S NATs' behavior is not deterministic
 - Difficult to build applications that work through NATs

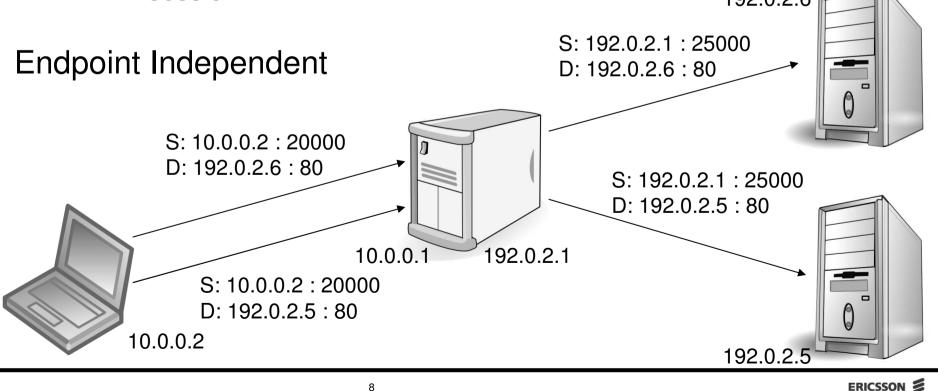
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- S Classification of current NAT behaviors
 - Existing terminology was confusing
 - S Full cone, restricted cone, port restricted cone, and symmetric
 - New terminology needed
- S Recommendations for NAT vendors
 - BEHAVE-compliant NATs are deterministic
 - Easier to build applications

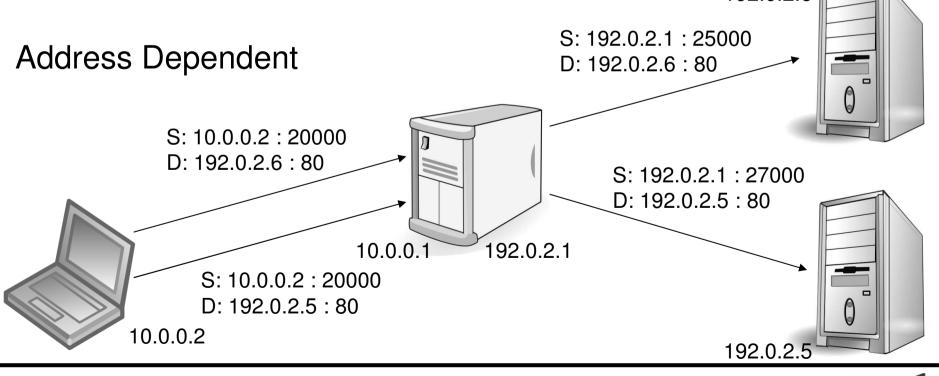
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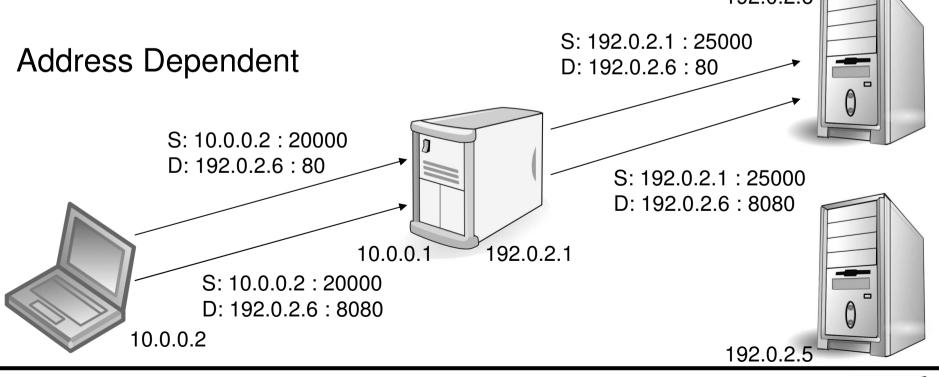
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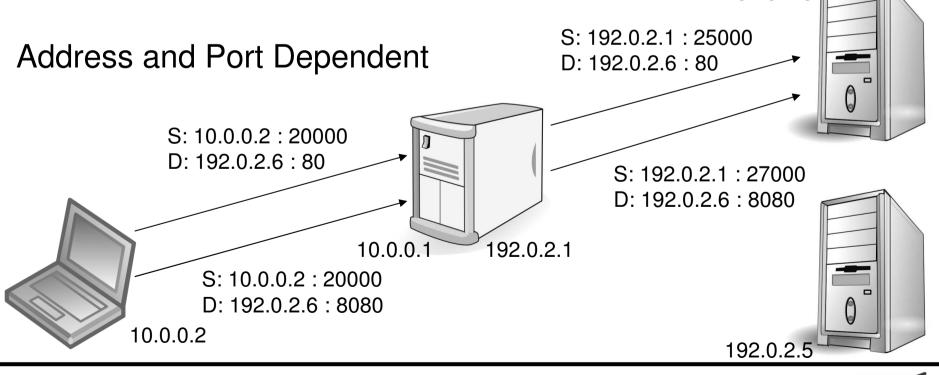


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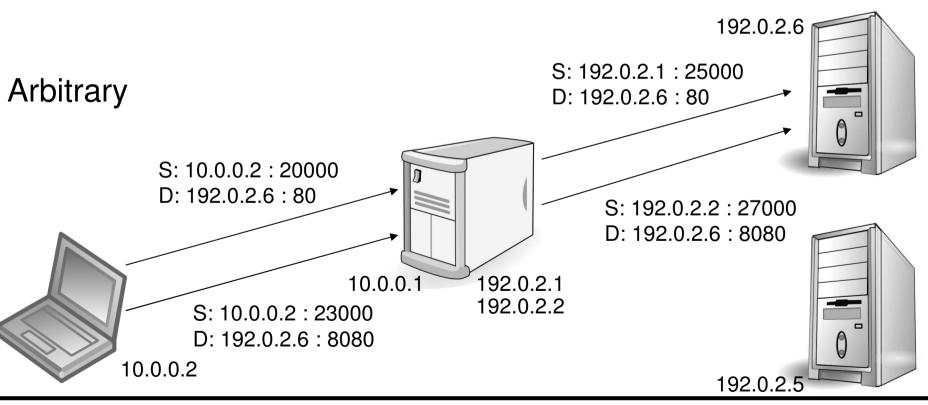


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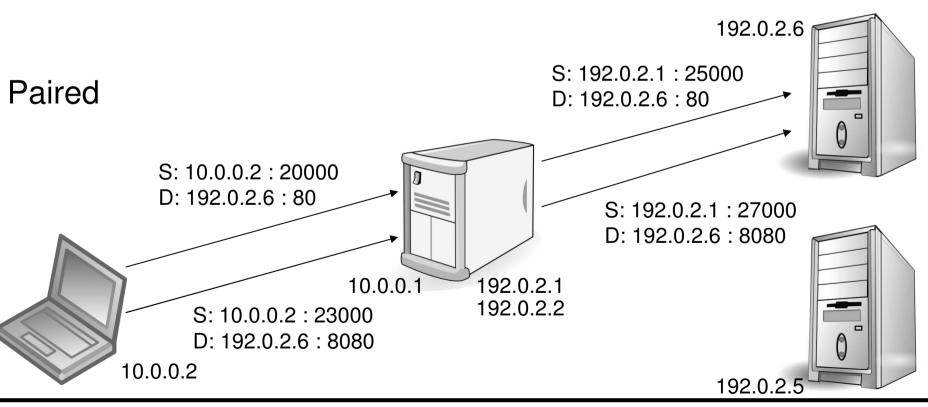


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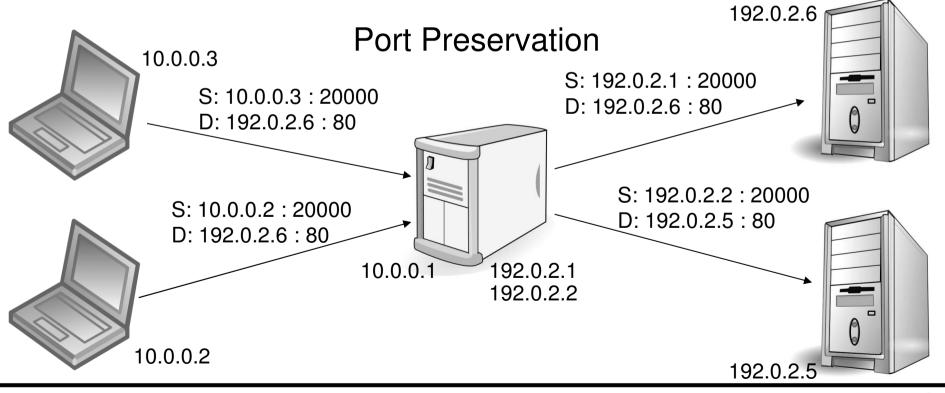
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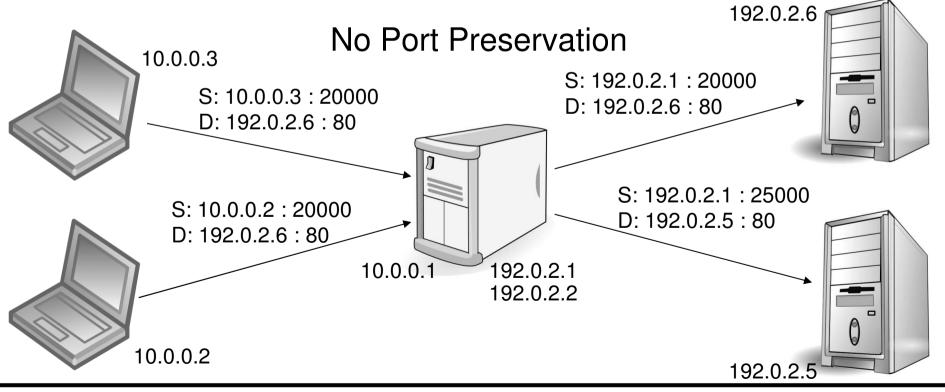
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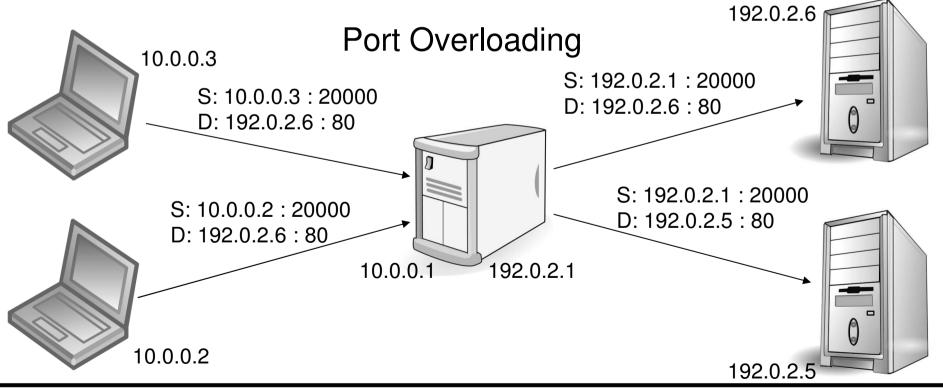
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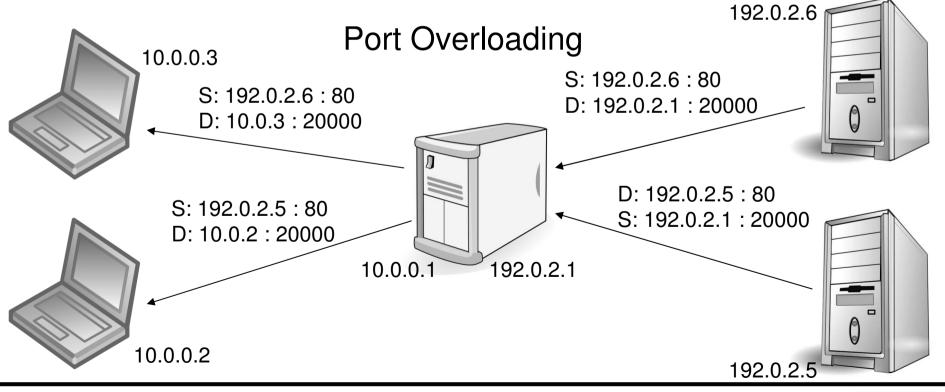
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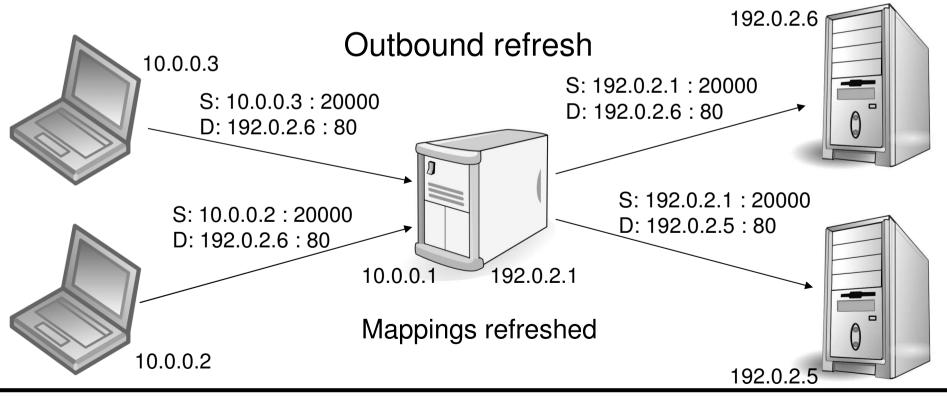
- § 1-1023 Well known
- § 1024 49151 Registered
- § 49152 65535 Dynamic / Private
- S RECOMMENDED to preserve the following ranges
 - 1 1023
 - 1024 65535
- S Port overloading MUST NOT be used
 - Problems when two internal hosts connect to the same external host
- S It is RECOMMENDED that NATs preserve port parity (even/odd)
- S No requirement for port contiguity

Mapping Timeout

- S A NAT UDP mapping MUST NOT expire in less than 2 minutes
- S NATs can have application-specific timers
 - Well-known ports
- § It is RECOMMENDED to use more than 5 minutes

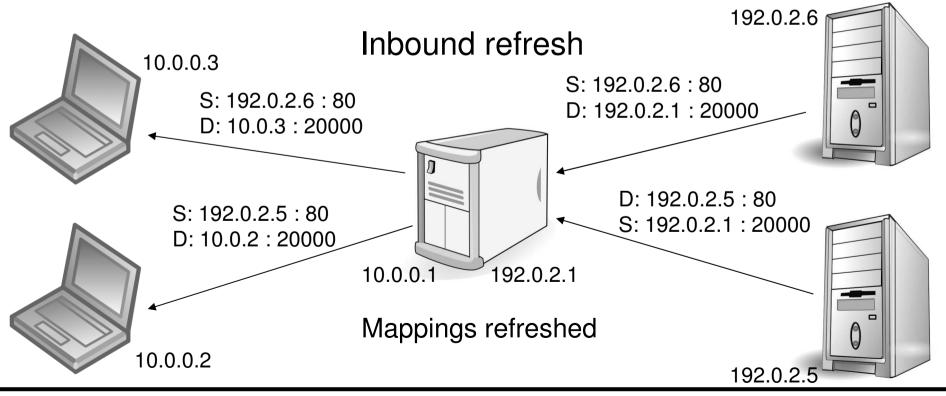
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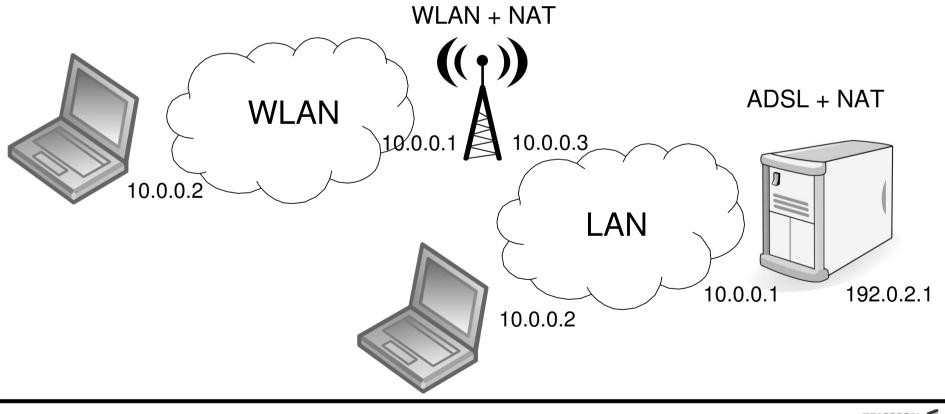
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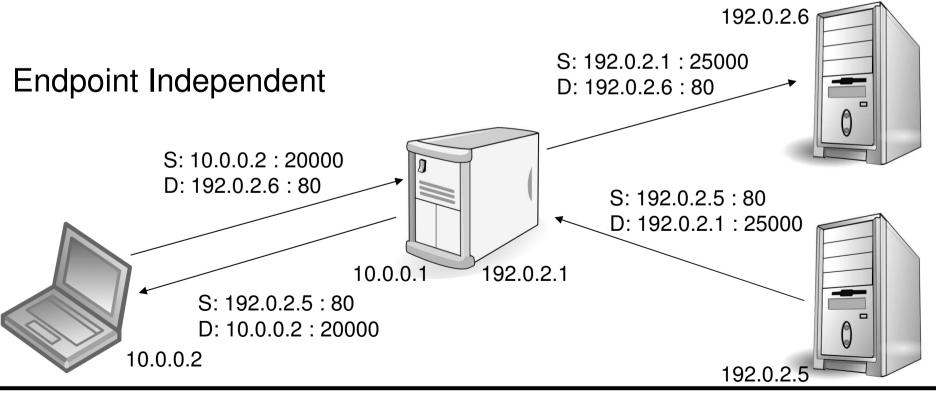


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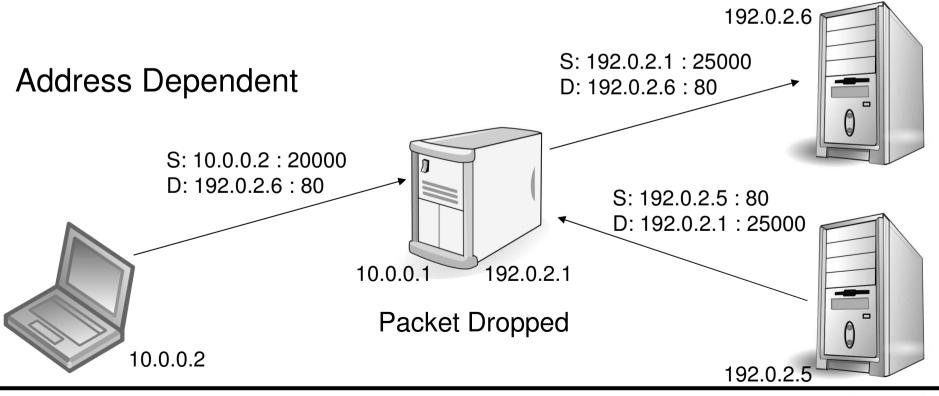
- S NATS MUST be able to handle external address spaces that overlap with the internal address space
 - Internal nodes cannot communicate directly with external nodes that have the same address as another internal node
 - However, they can use STUN techniques



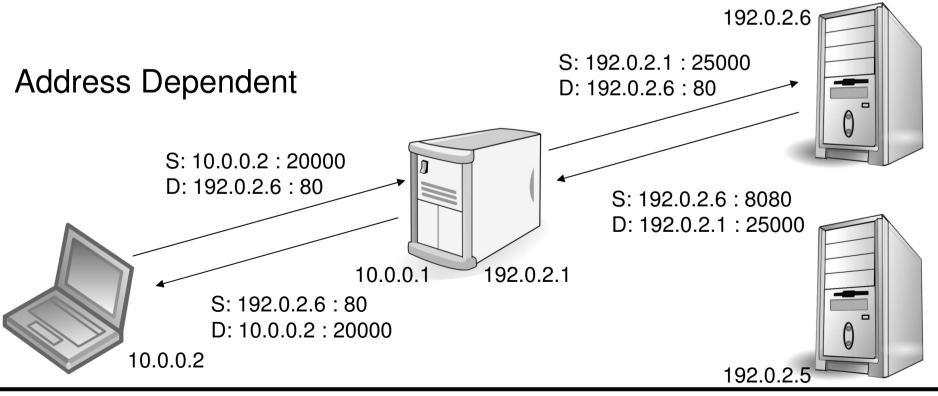
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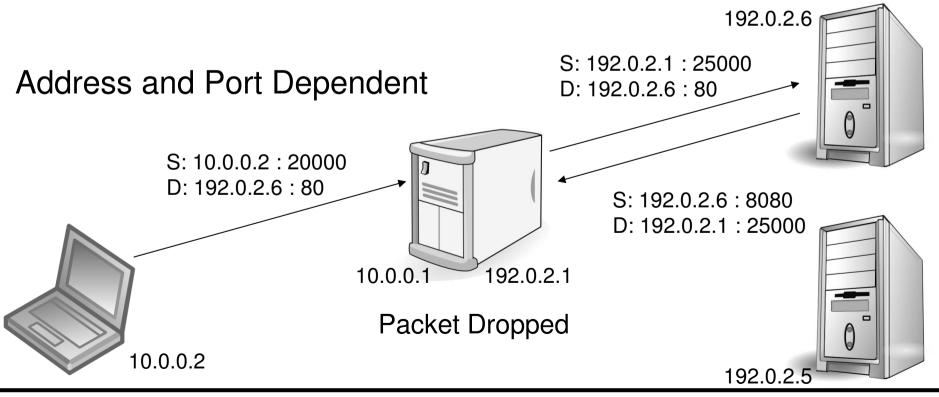
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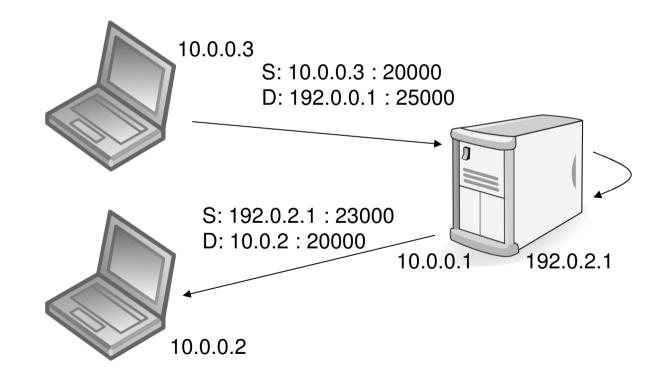


- § Endpoint independent filtering is RECOMMENDED
 - Opens up ports for attackers
- § If a more stringent filtering is required
 - Address dependent filtering is RECOMMENDED

Hairpinning

§ Internal hosts communicate using external addresses

- MUST be supported



Fragmented Packets

- S Receive fragments ordered
 - Only able to receive fragments in order
- S Receive fragments out of order
 - MUST be supported
 - As long as DoS attacks do not compromise the NAT's ability to process in order fragments and unfragmented packets
- S Receive fragments none

Various

- § ALGs SHOULD be turned off
 - MAY interfere with UNSAF methods
- S NATS MUST be deterministic
 - NATs MUST NOT change their mapping or filtering behavior

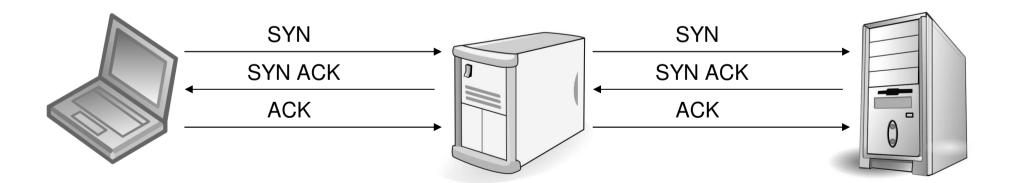
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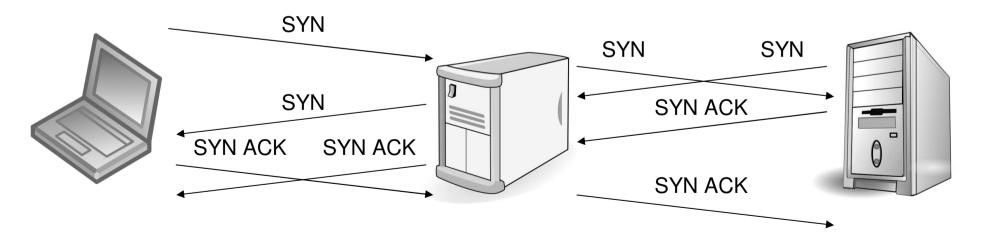
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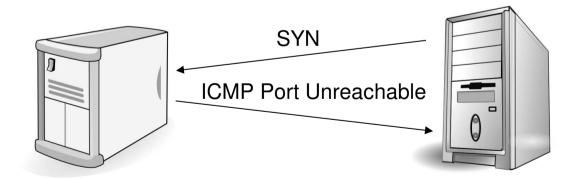


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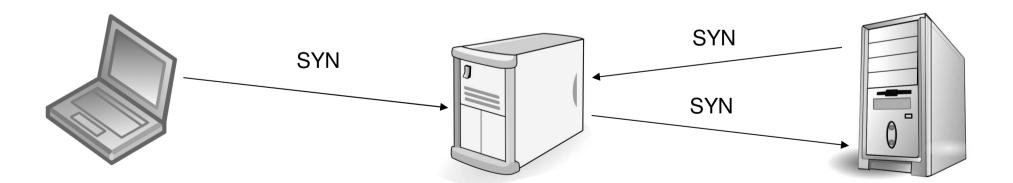




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- S RECOMMENDED to respond to unsolicited SYNs
 - With an ICMP error with a delay of at least 6 seconds
 - If a matching outbound SYN is received, cancel the sending of the ICMP error

NAT Session Timeout

- S Established connections
 - MUST NOT be less than 2 hours and 4 minutes
 - TCP sends keep alives every 4 hours
- S Partially opened or partially closed connections
 - MUST NOT be less than 4 minutes
- S TIME_WAIT timeout not specified

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UNSAF

- S Unilateral self-address fixing
- S An application needs to refer to itself with a valid IP address
- § Problems
 - Reflectors may be in a different domain than the destination
 - Solutions may circumvent security
 - NAT behavior is not deterministic
 - Midcom has not been successful
- Solutions need to have an exit strategy and a limited scope
- § Final goal is to get rid of NATs

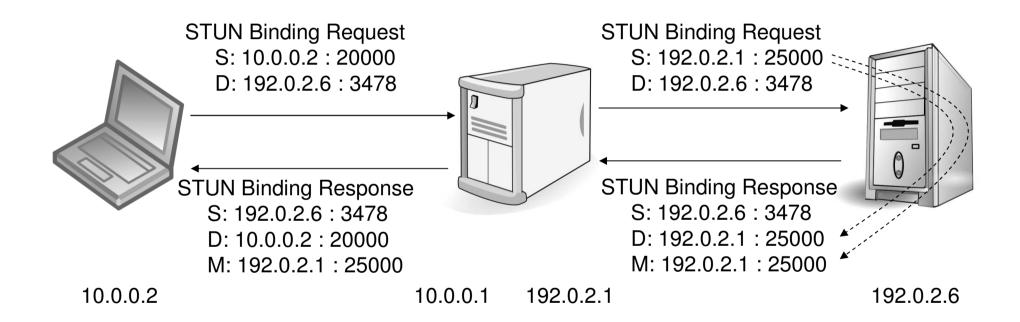
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Introduction to STUN

- S Originally a protocol between endpoints and reflectors
- S Revised specification defines usages
 - Binding discovery
 - NAT keep-alives
 - Short-term password
 - Relay (previously known as TURN)
- § TLV encoded
- S Can run on UDP, TCP, or TLS/TCP
- S STUN server located using DNS SRV
- § Transactions
 - Request/response
 - Indications (not delivered reliably)
- S Can be multiplexed with other protocols
 - Two first bits are zeros
 - Magic cookie
 - FIGERPRINT attribute

Binding Discovery



XOR-MAPPED-ADDRESS

- § In addition to the MAPPED-ADDRESS attribute
- Some NATs inspect packets and translate IP addresses known to them

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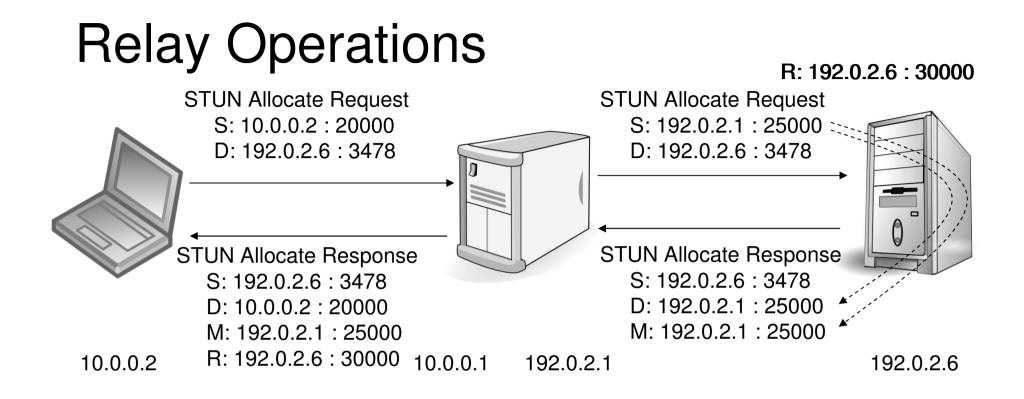
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Introduction to STUN Relay Usage

- S Previously known as TURN
- S Allocate request / response
 - Allocate an external address at the relay
 - Responses carry a MAPPED-ADDRESS
- Send indication
 - Send data to a remote endpoint through the relay
- S Data indication
 - Data received from remote endpoints through the relay
- S Set Active Destination request / response
 - Send and receive data to and from a single remote endpoint without using Send and Data wrappers
- S Connect request / response
 - Requests the relay to establish a TCP connection with the remote endpoint
- S Connection Status Indication
 - The relay informs the endpoint about the status of a TCP connection with the remote endpoint
 - LISTEN, ESTABISHED, CLOSĖD

Transport Protocols

- § STUN relay clients can use UDP, TCP, or TLS/TCP
 - UDP to TCP is not supported

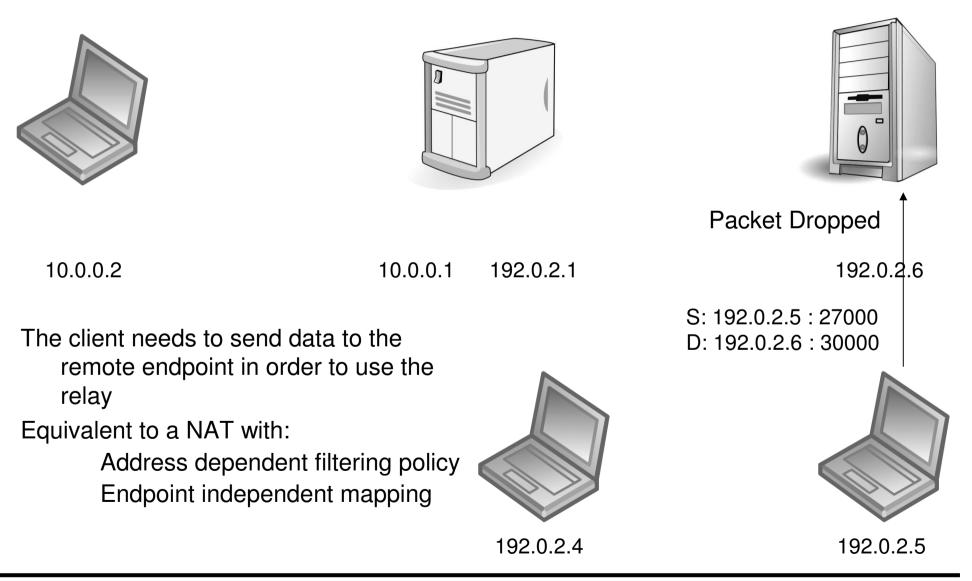


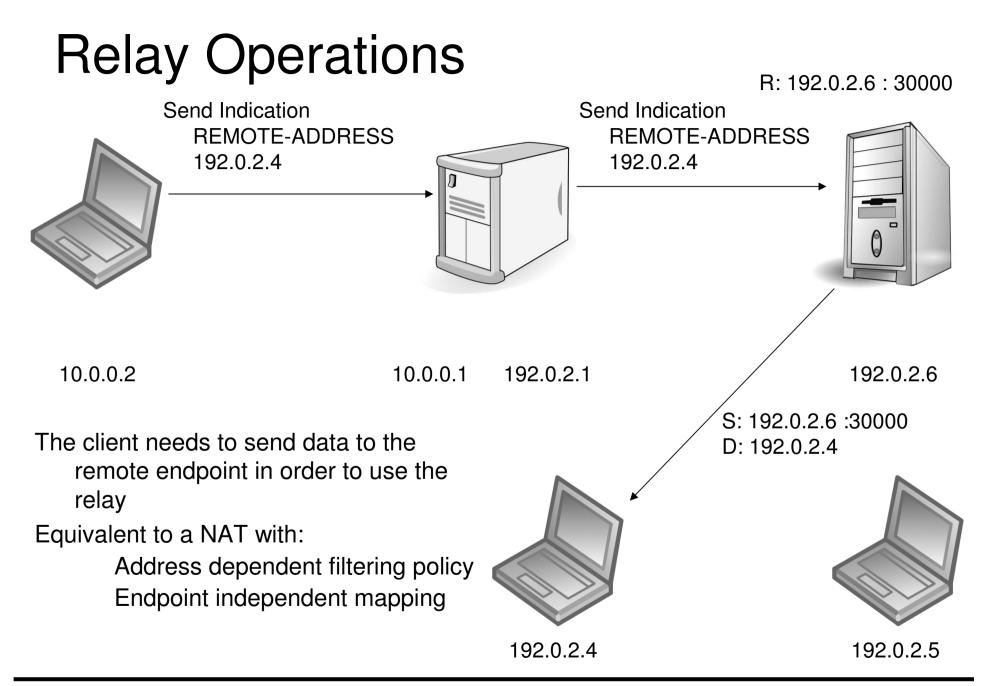


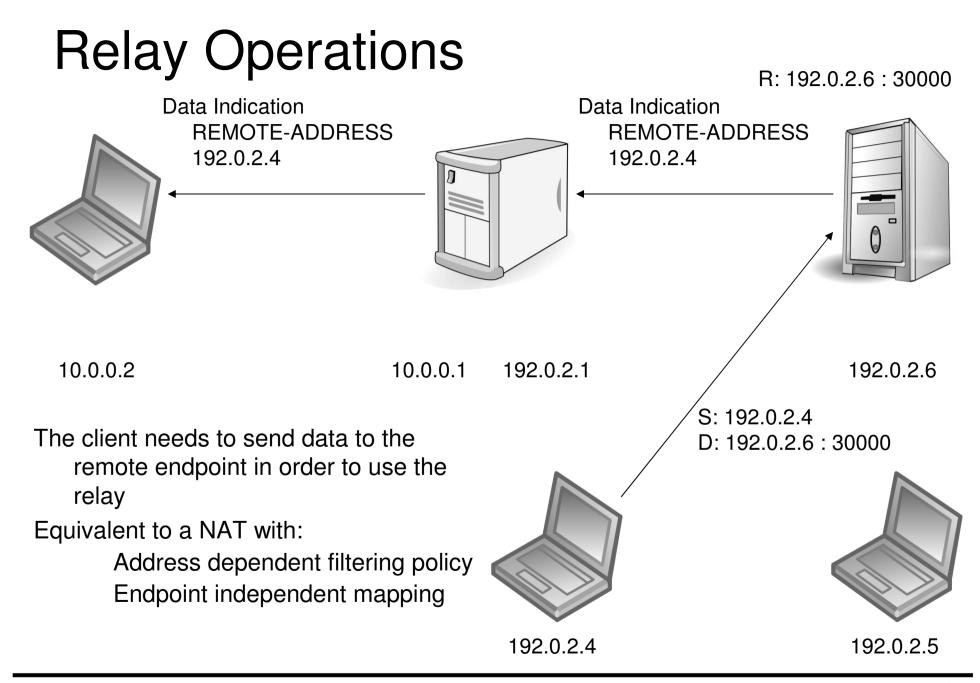
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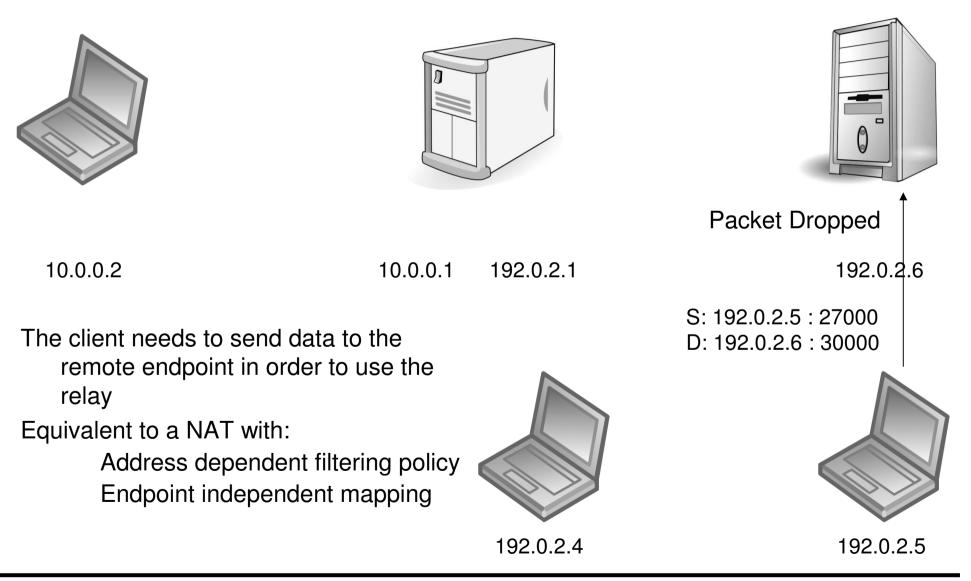


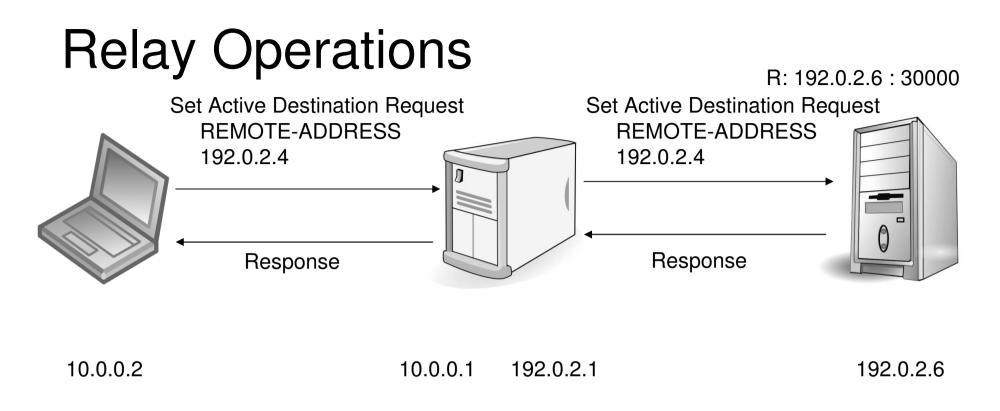




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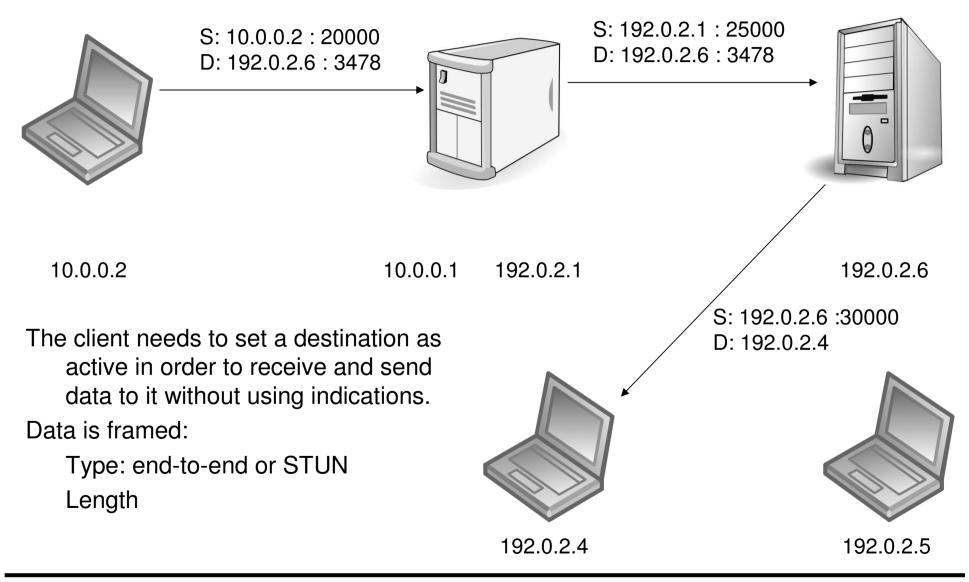
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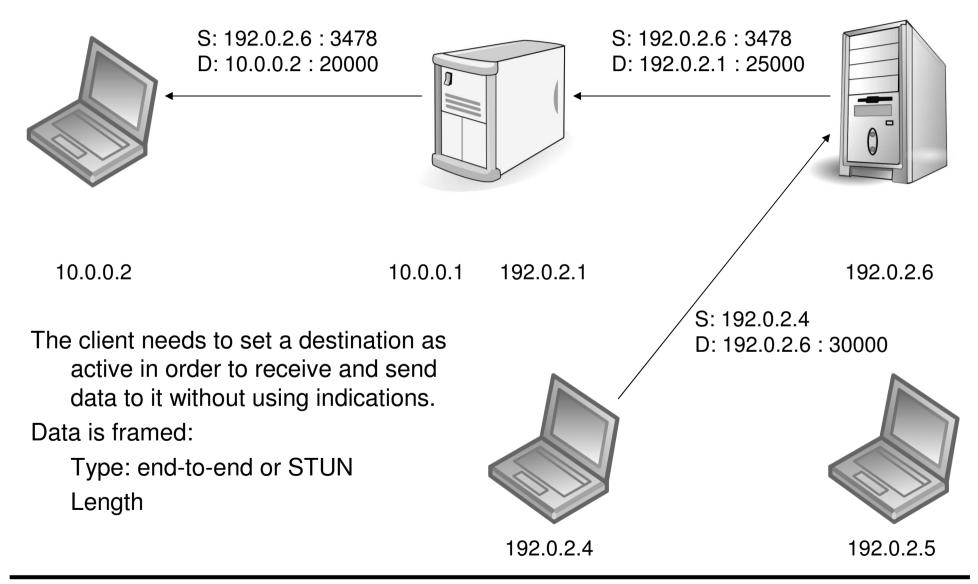
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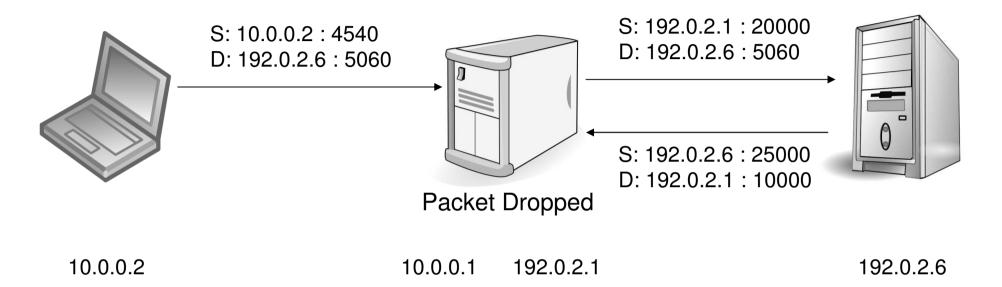
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Regular SIP Response Routing

- S Responses are sent to
 - Request's source IP address
 - Port in the Via entry
- S Responses are sent from
 - Typically the same IP address as the request was sent to
 - Any port

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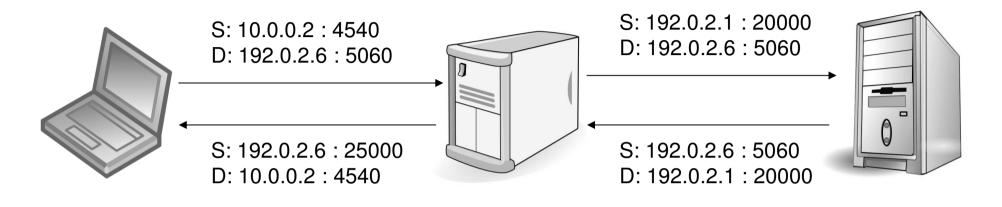


- § Request
 - Via: SIP/2.0/UDP 10.0.0.2:10000;branch=z9hG4bKkjshdyff
- § Response
 - Via: SIP/2.0/UDP 10.0.0.2:10000;
 received=192.0.2.1;branch=z9hG4bKkjshdyff

Symmetric SIP Response Routing

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 - Request's source port
- S Responses are sent from
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- § Request
 - Via: SIP/2.0/UDP 10.0.0.2:4540;
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- § Response
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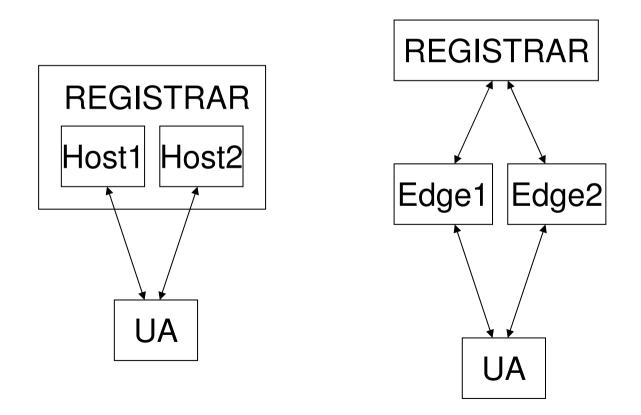
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User Agent Reachability

- S Proxy to user agent connections
 - Problems with NATs and firewalls
- S User agent always starts the connection
- S Keep alives to keep NAT bindings up
 - Different alternatives analyzed
 - STUN
 - S Multiplexed with SIP
 - S New registration if a new binding is discovered
- S User agent identification (e.g., for service profiles)
 - Instance identifier

Reliability and Scalability

S Different flows identified by their registration IDs



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Introduction to ICE

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- S They run connectivity checks between them
- S They choose the highest priority pair that works

Gathering Addresses

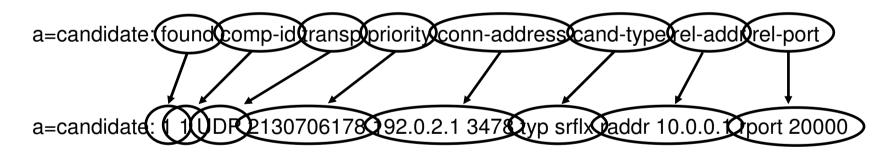
- § Address types
 - Host candidates
 - Server-reflexive candidates
 - Relayed candidates
 - Peer-reflexive candidates
- § A candidate's base: the address used to send data
 - The base for a reflexive candidate is a host candidate
- S Duplicated addresses are removed
 - Candidates with the same transport address but different base are considered different
- S Foundation: used to freeze addresses (related to connectivity checks)
 - Same type
 - Bases with the same IP address
 - Same STUN server

Prioritizing Addresses

- $\begin{array}{rll} \mbox{Priority} = & 2^{24} \mbox{ (type preference) +} \\ & 2^8 \mbox{ (local preference) +} \\ & 2 \mbox{ (256 component ID)} \end{array}$
- S Type preference [0-126]: preference for the type of candidate (e.g., server reflexive)
- S Local preference [0-65535]: preference for the interface the candidate was obtained from (e.g., multihomed hosts)
- S Component ID [1-256]: 1 for RTP and 2 for RTCP

Generation of an offer

- S The candidate with the highest probability to work goes into the m and c lines
 - A relayed address initially
- § The rest of the candidates go into 'candidate' attributes



- S User Attente and parts password for connectivity the checkes in ase ice-ufrage and ice-pwd' attributes
 - tcp-pass

Prioritizing Pairs

S After the offer/answer exchange

Pair Priority = 2^{32} MIN(O-P,A-P) + 2 MIN(O-P,A-P) + (O-P>A-P:1?0)

- § O-P: priority in the offer
- S A-P: priority in the answer

Connectivity Checks

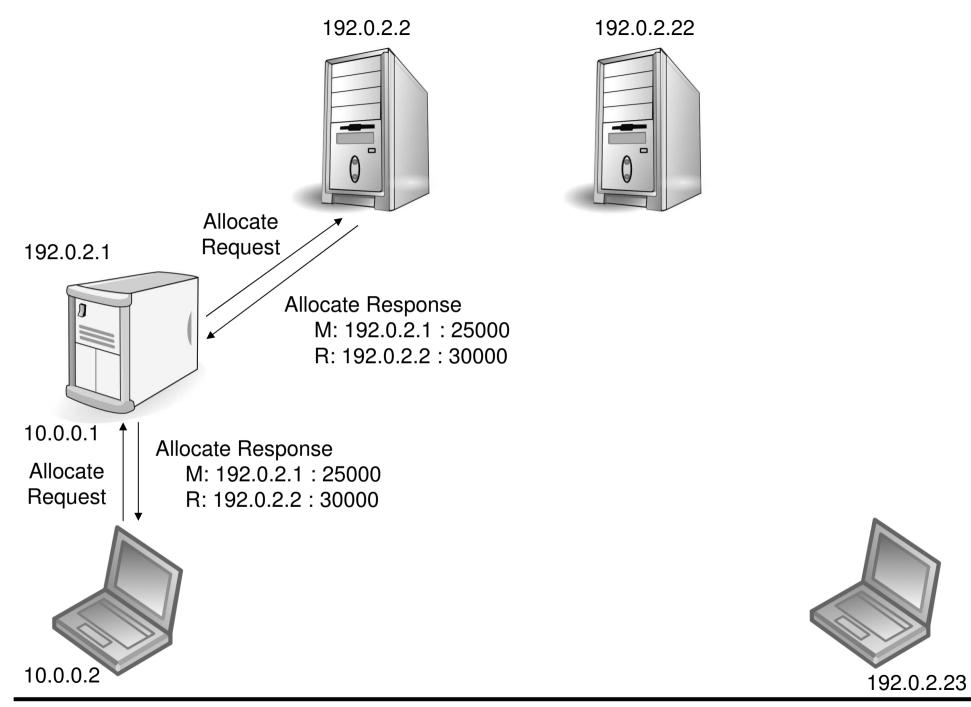
- § Five states for a pair:
 - Waiting, in progress, succeeded, failed, frozen
- S Periodic checks and triggered checks
 - Periodic checks performed in priority order
- S Connectivity is checked with STUN Binding Requests
 - Carry a concatenation of user names and the remote password

ICE Roles

- S Controlling agent
 - Selects which pair to use
 - USE-CADIDATE attribute
 - S Default algorithm: included in every check
 - Agent that generates the initial offer
- S Passive-only agents
 - They know they are not behind a NAT
 - § E.g., PSTN gateways, conferencing servers
 - Include 'a=ice-passive' in their session descriptions
 - Respond to checks
 - Generate triggered checks
 - Generate keepalives

ICE Example (1)

- § One endpoint is behind a NAT
- S One endpoint has a public IP address
- S Endpoints use STUN servers that support the relay usage





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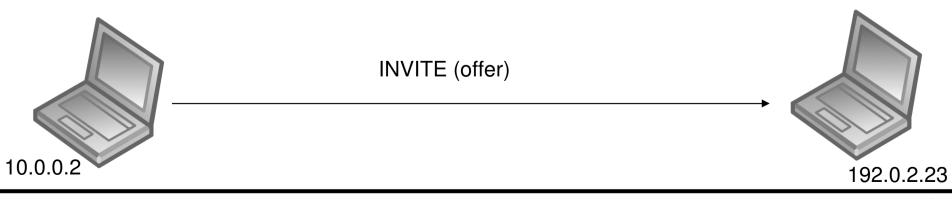


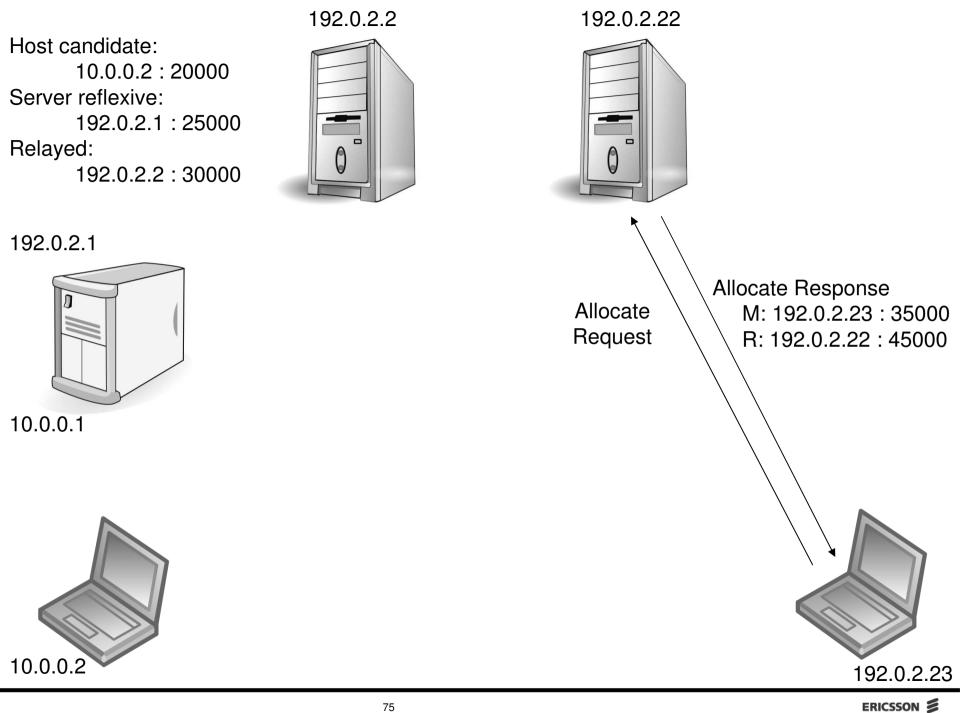
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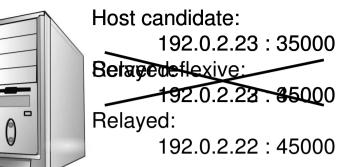
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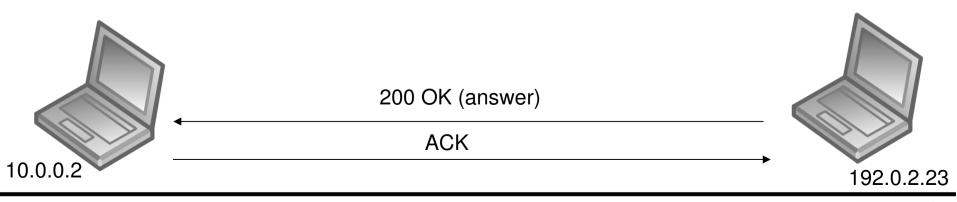


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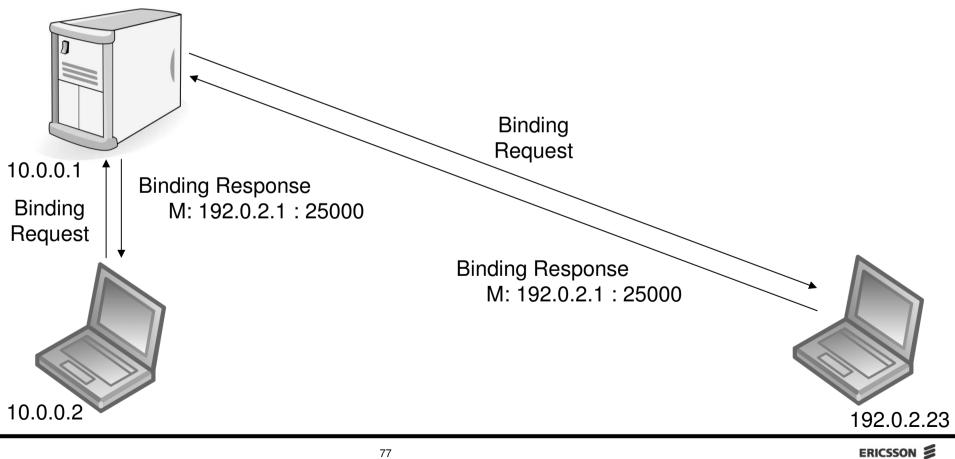




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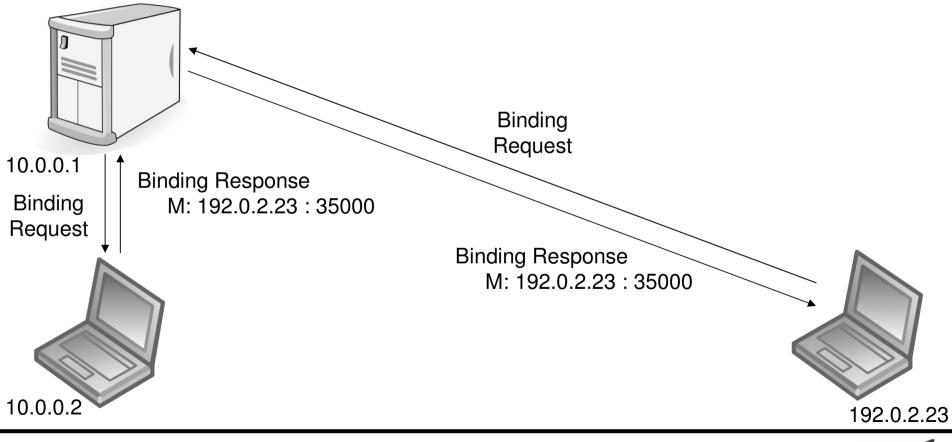




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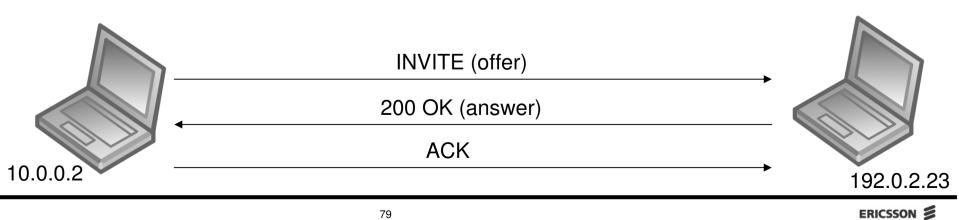


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192.0.2.1

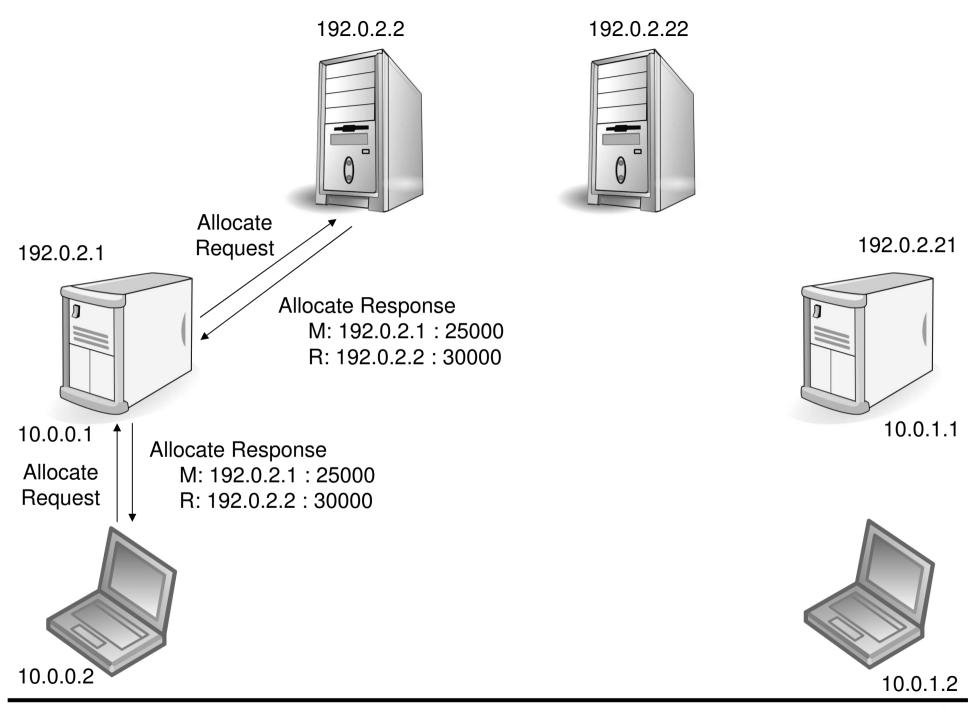


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ICE Example (2)

- § Both endpoint are behind NATs
- S Endpoints use STUN servers that support the relay usage

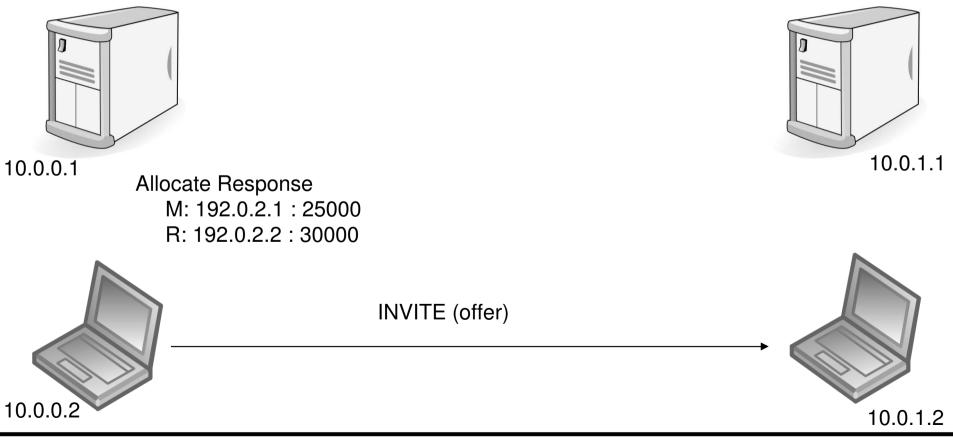


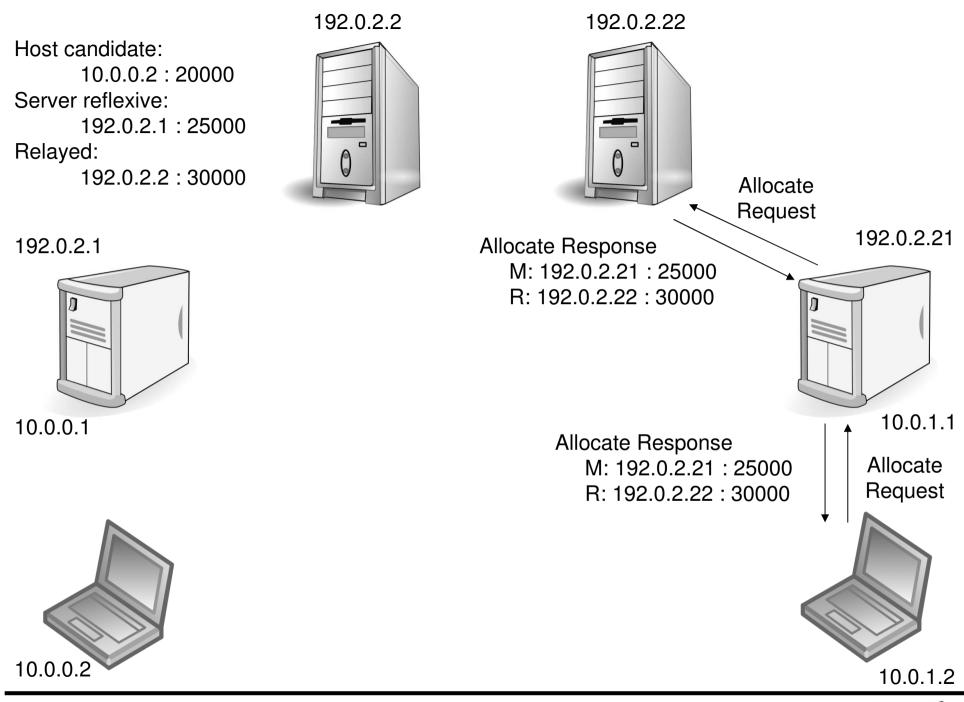


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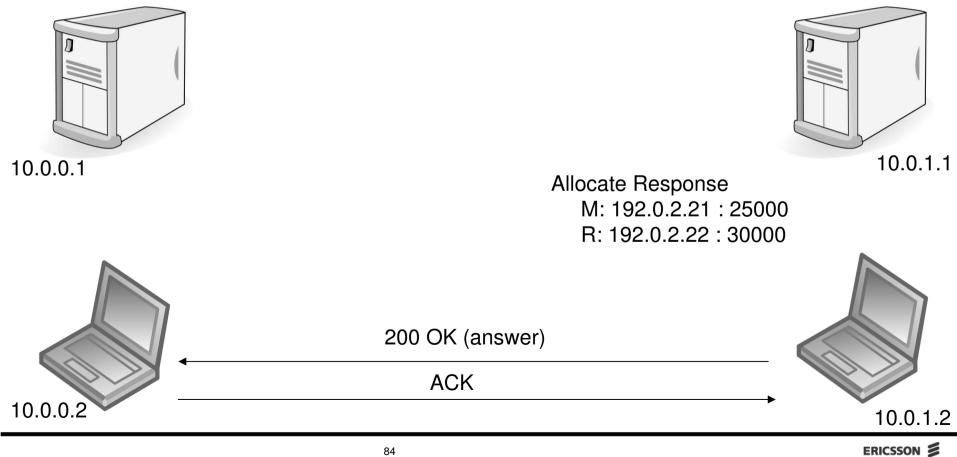
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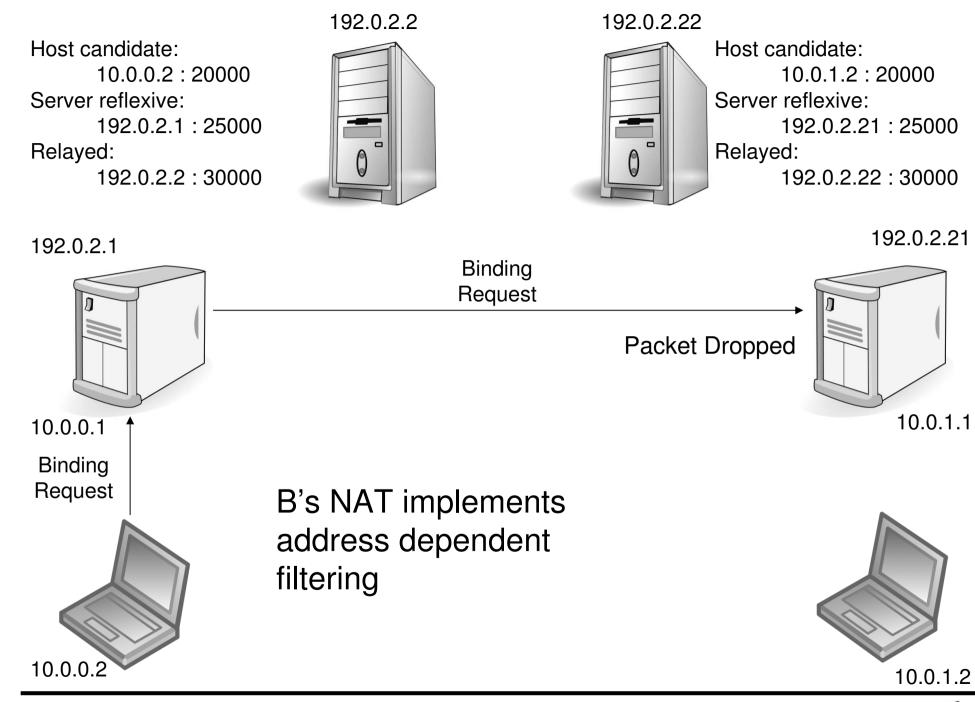


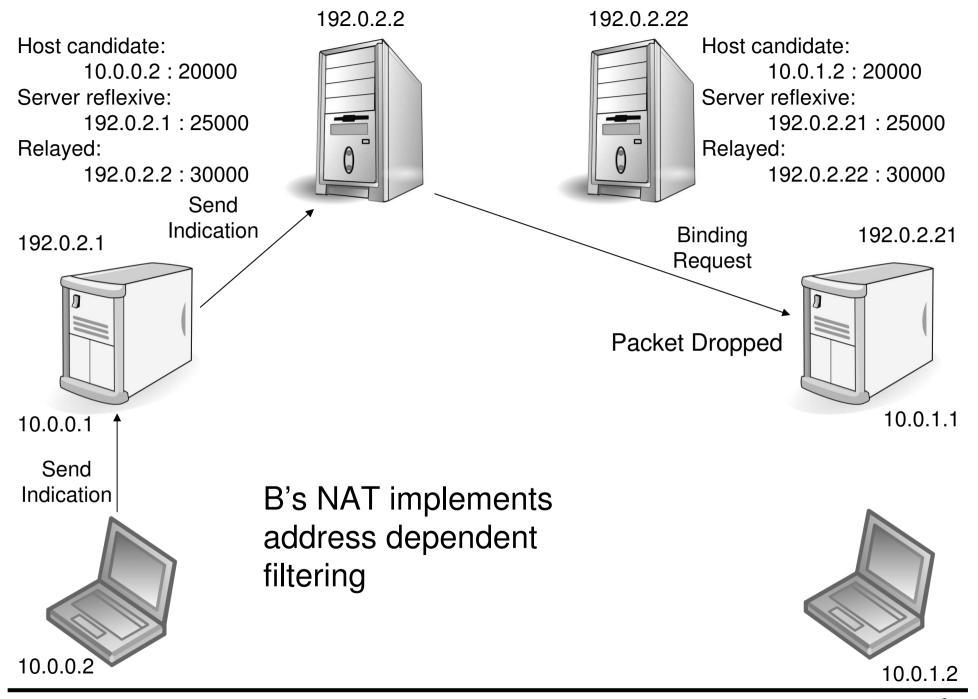
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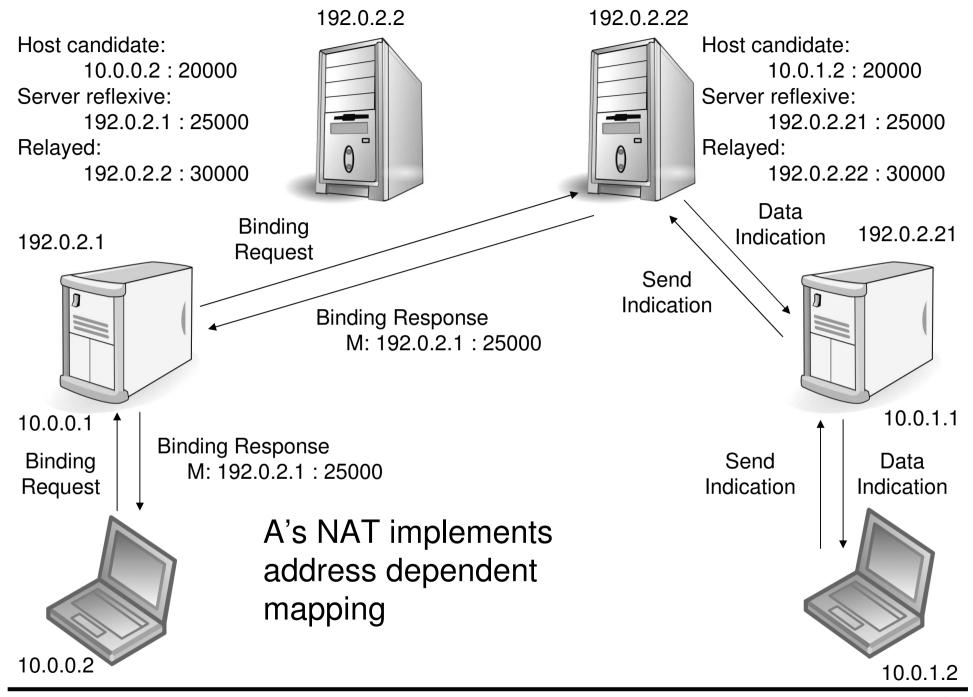


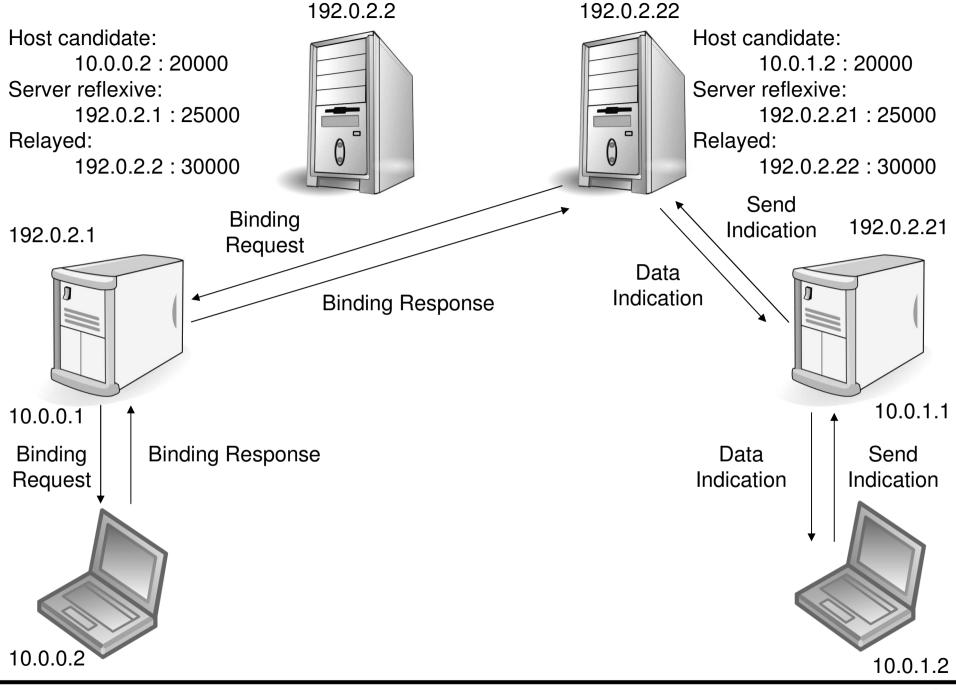
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192.0.2.22



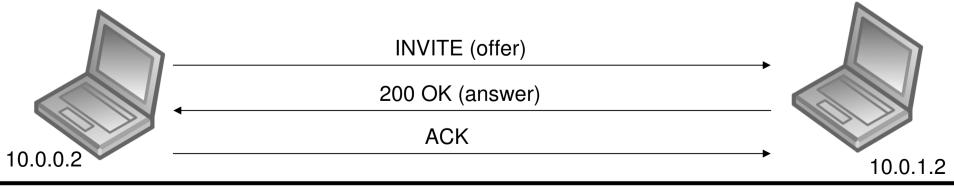
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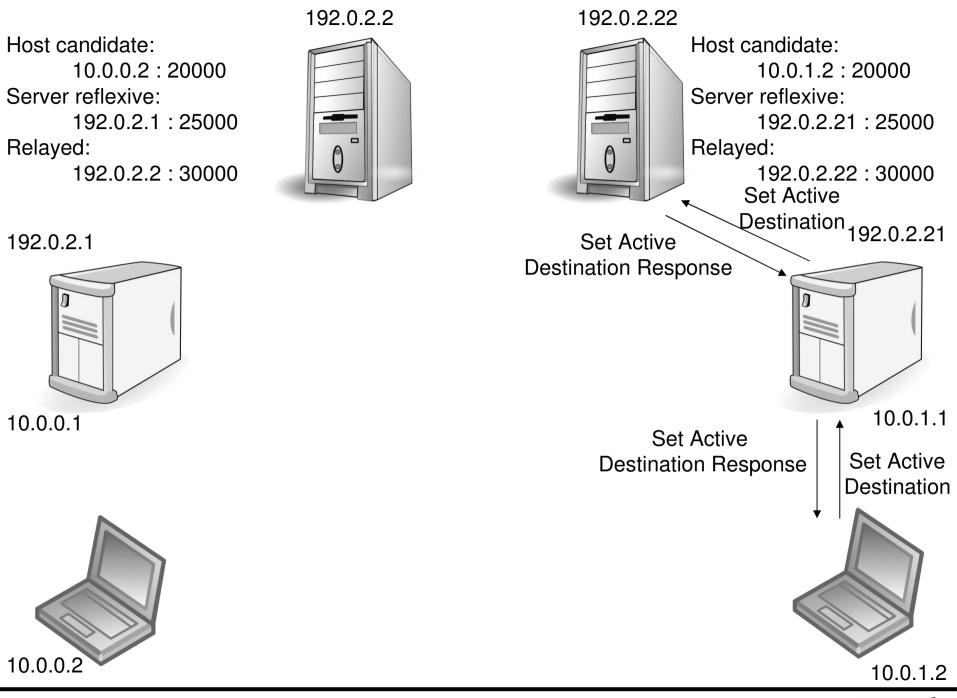
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