Chapter 9

Subneting IP Networks

Subnetting

Subnetting is the process of segmenting a network into smaller network spaces called subnetworks or subnets.

The purpose of subnetting

- to control traffic by containing broadcast traffic within each subnetwork.
- Reduce overall network traffic and improve network performance.

Reasons for Subnetting

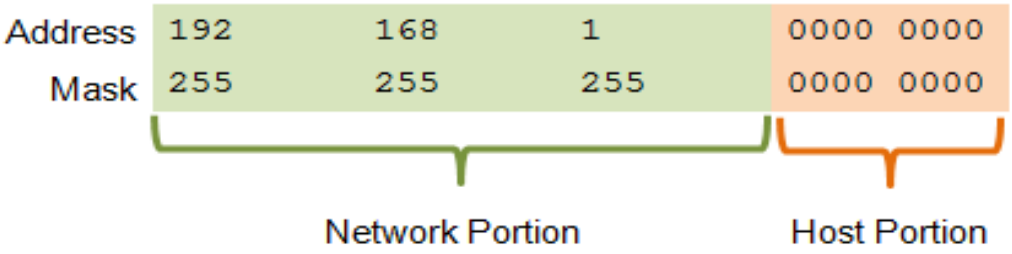
Communication Between Subnets

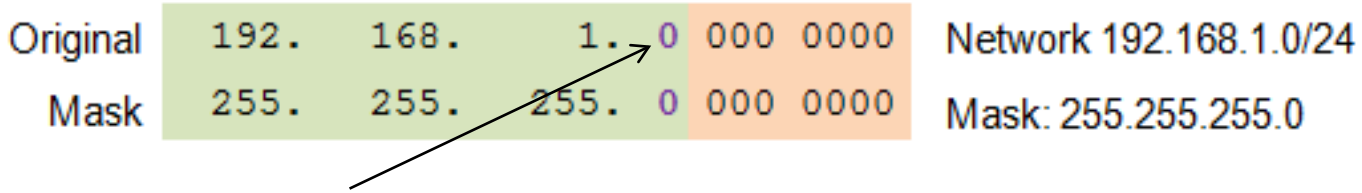
- A subnet is a group of machines which can speak directly to each other without needing to talk to a router/gateway machines
- A router is necessary for devices on different networks and subnets to communicate.
- Each router interface must have an IPv4 host address that belongs to the network or subnet that the router interface is connected.
- Devices on a network and subnet use the router interface attached to their LAN as their default gateway.

Subnetting an IPv4 Network

Basic Subnetting

- Borrowing Bits to Create Subnets
- Borrowing 1 bit, NUMBER OF subnets = 2^1 = 2 subnets





Borrowing 1 Bit from the host portion creates 2 subnets with the same subnet mask

Subnet 0

Network 192.168.1.**0-127**/**25**

Mask: 255.255.255.**128**

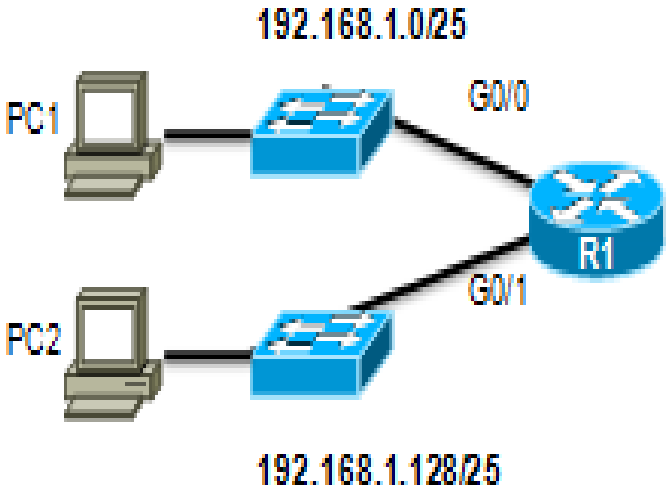
Subnet 1

Network 192.168.1.**128-255**/**25**

Mask: 255.255.255.**128**

Subnet 0

Network 192.168.1.**0-127**/**25**



Subnet 1

Network 192.168.1.**128-255**/**25**

Address Range for 192.168.1.0/25 Subnet

Network Address

192. 168. 1. 0 000 0000 = 192.168.1.0

First Host Address

192. 168. 1. 0 000 0001 = 192.168.1.1

Last Host Address

192. 168. 1. 0 111 1110 = 192.168.1.126

Broadcast Address

192. 168. 1. 0 111 1111 = 192.168.1.127

Address Range for 192.168.1.128/25 Subnet

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First Host Address

192. 168. 1. 1 000 0001 = 192.168.1.129

Last Host Address

192. 168. 1. 1 111 1110 = 192.168.1.254

Broadcast Address

192. 168. 1. 1 111 1111 = 192.168.1.255

Subnetting Formulas

Calculate number of subnets

Subnets = 2^n
(where n = bits borrowed)

192. 168. 1. 0 000 0000

1 bit was borrowed

2^1 = 2 subnets

Calculate number of hosts

Hosts = 2^n
(where n = host bits remaining)

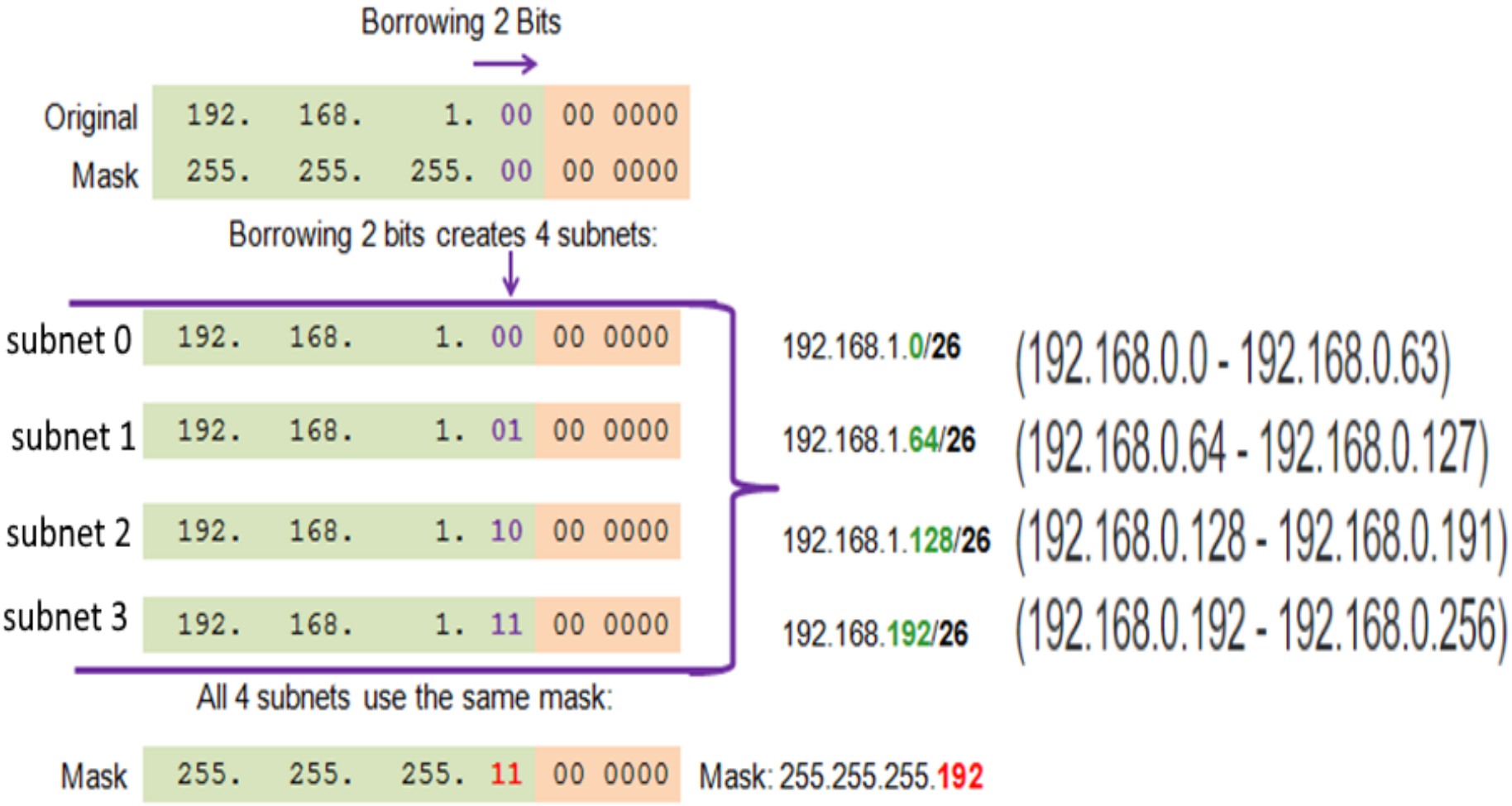
192. 168. 1. 0 000 0000

7 bits remain in host field

2^7 = 128 hosts per subnet
2^7 - 2 = 126 valid hosts per subnet

Creating 4 Subnets

Borrowing 2 bits to create 4 subnets. **2^2 = 4 subnets**



Creating Eight Subnets

Borrowing 3 bits to **Create 8 Subnets.** $2^3 = 8$ **subnets**

Net 0	Network	192.	168.	1.	000	0 0000	192.168.1.1
	Fist	192.	168.	1.	000	0 0001	192.168.1.1
	Last	192.	168.	1.	000	1 1110	192.168.1.30
	Broadcast	192.	168.	1.	000	1 1111	192.168.1.31
Net 1	Network	192.	168.	1.	001	0 0000	192.168.1.32
	Fist	192.	168.	1.	001	0 0001	192.168.1.33
	Last	192.	168.	1.	001	1 1110	192.168.1.62
	Broadcast	192.	168.	1.	001	1 1111	192.168.1.63
Net 2	Network	192.	168.	1.	010	0 0000	192.168.1.64
	Fist	192.	168.	1.	010	0 0001	192.168.1.65
	Last	192.	168.	1.	010	1 1110	192.168.1.94
	Broadcast	192.	168.	1.	010	1 1111	192.168.1.95
Net 3	Network	192.	168.	1.	010	0 0000	192.168.1.96
	Fist	192.	168.	1.	010	0 0001	192.168.1.97
	Last	192.	168.	1.	010	1 1110	192.168.1.126
	Broadcast	192.	168.	1.	010	1 1111	192.168.1.127

Creating Eight Subnets (Cont.)

Net 4	Network	192.	168.	1.	100	0 0000	192.168.1.128
	Fist	192.	168.	1.	100	0 0001	192.168.1.129
	Last	192.	168.	1.	100	1 1110	192.168.1.158
	Broadcast	192.	168.	1.	100	1 1111	192.168.1.159
Net 5	Network	192.	168.	1.	101	0 0000	192.168.1.160
	Fist	192.	168.	1.	101	0 0001	192.168.1.161
	Last	192.	168.	1.	101	1 1110	192.168.1.190
	Broadcast	192.	168.	1.	101	1 1111	192.168.1.191
Net 6	Network	192.	168.	1.	110	0 0000	192.168.1.192
	Fist	192.	168.	1.	110	0 0001	192.168.1.193
	Last	192.	168.	1.	110	1 1110	192.168.1.222
	Broadcast	192.	168.	1.	110	1 1111	192.168.1.223
Net 7	Network	192.	168.	1.	111	0 0000	192.168.1.224
	Fist	192.	168.	1.	111	0 0001	192.168.1.225
	Last	192.	168.	1.	111	1 1110	192.168.1.254
	Broadcast	192.	168.	1.	111	1 1111	192.168.1.255

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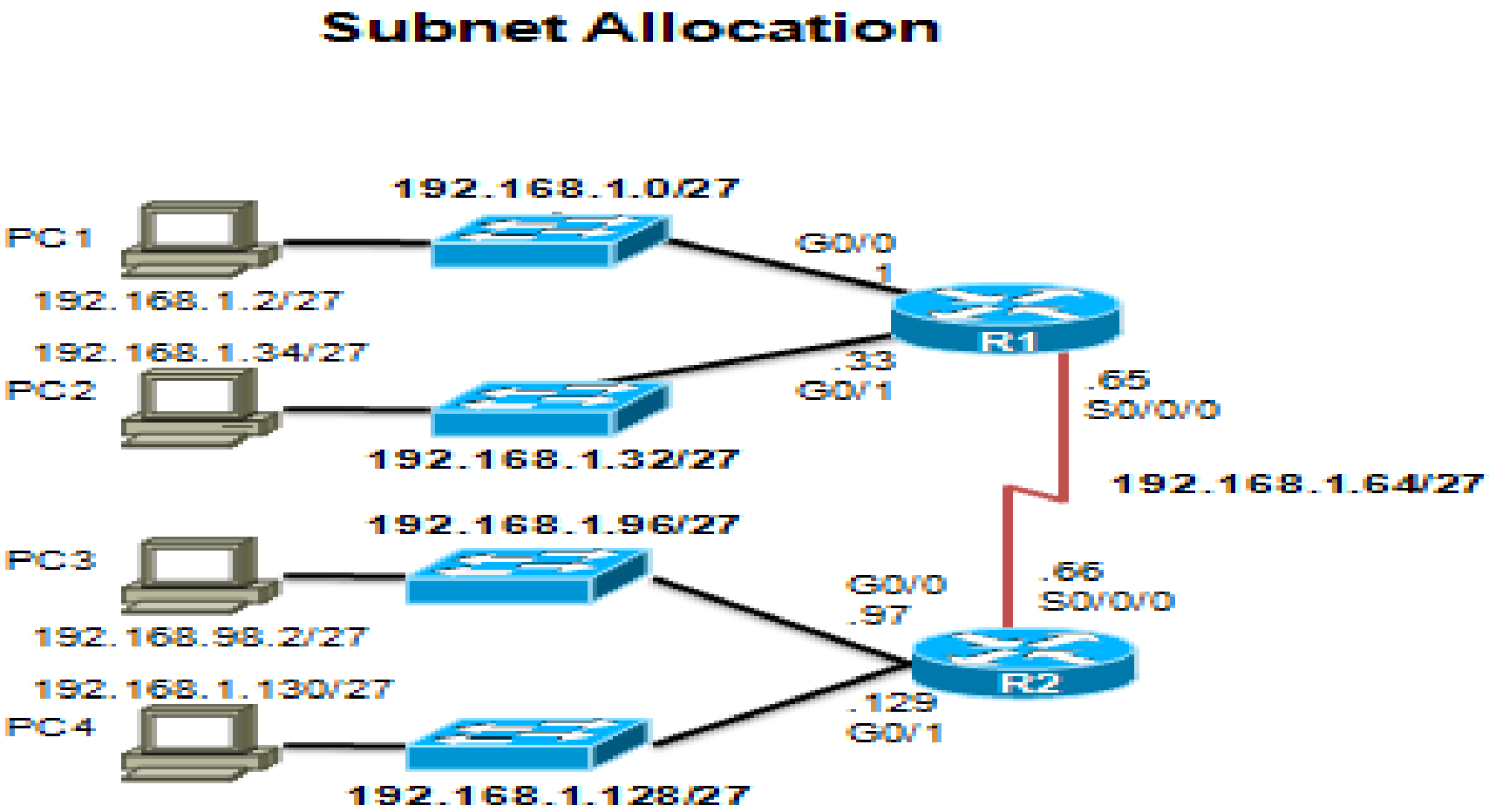


Subnetting Based on Host Requirements

Two considerations when planning subnets:

- Number of subnets required
- Number of host addresses required

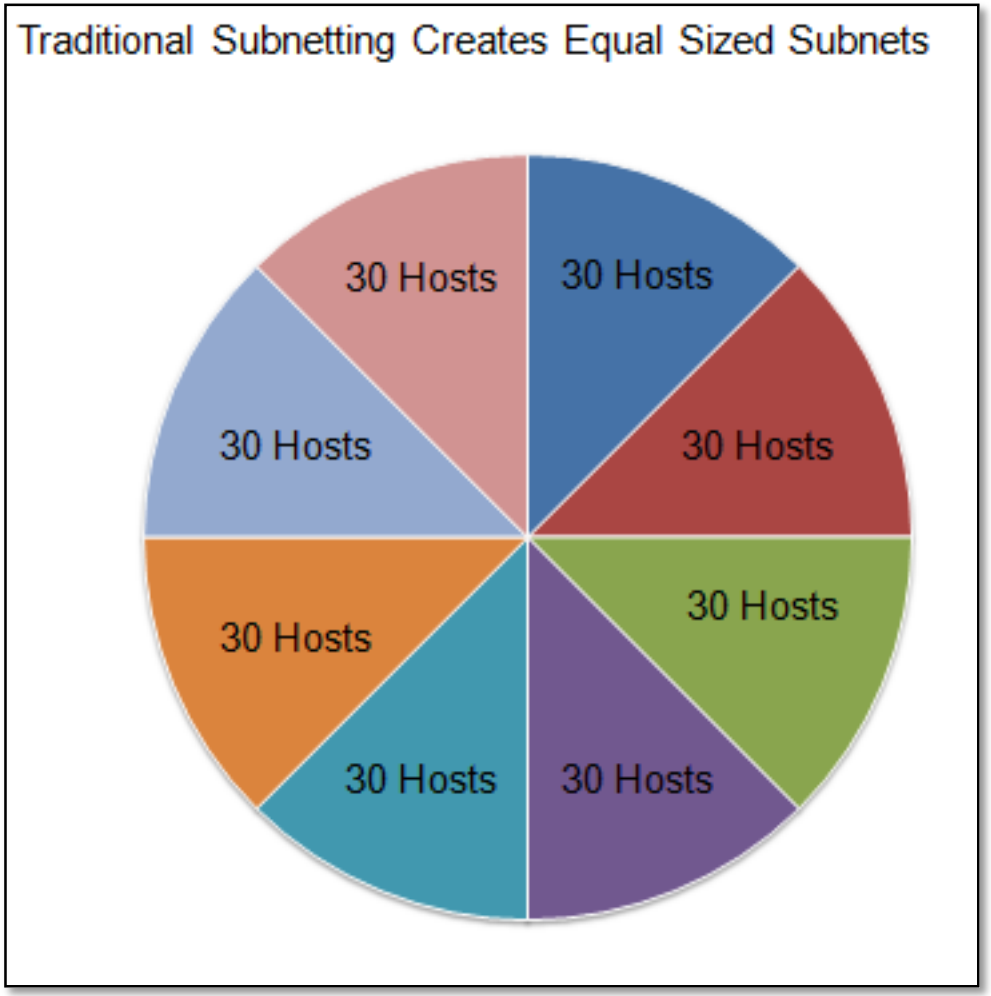
Formula to determine number of usable hosts: 2^H-2

- **2^H** (where H is the number of remaining host bits) is used to calculate the number of hosts.
- -2 (The subnetwork ID and broadcast address cannot be used on each subnet.)

Benefits of Variable Length Subnet Masking

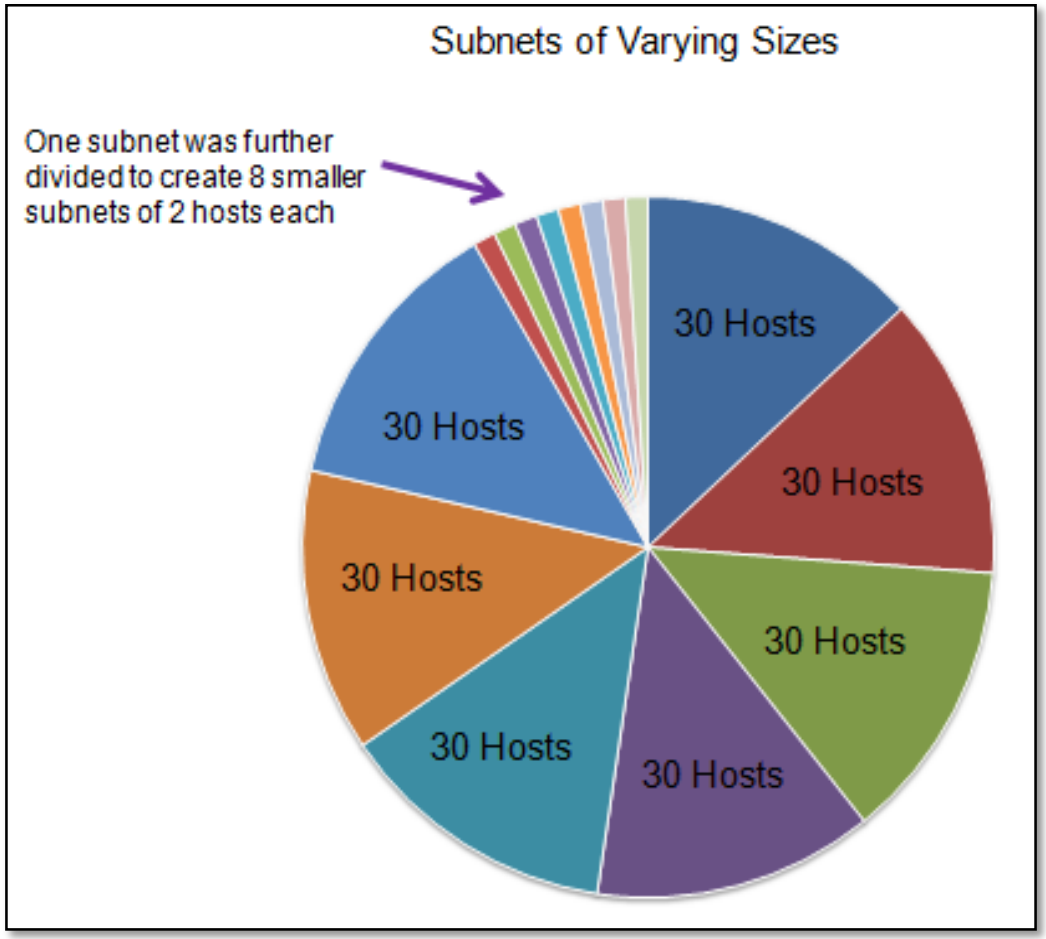
Traditional Subneting Wastes Addresses

- Traditional subnetting – Equal number of addresses is allocated for each subnet.
- Subnets that require fewer addresses have unused (wasted) addresses



Variable Length Subnet Masks (VLSM)

- The variable-length subnet mask (VLSM) or subnetting a subnet provides more efficient use of addresses.
- VLSM allows a network space to be divided in unequal parts.
- Subnet mask varies, depending on how many bits have been borrowed for a particular subnet.
- Network is first subnetted, and then the subnets are resubnetted.



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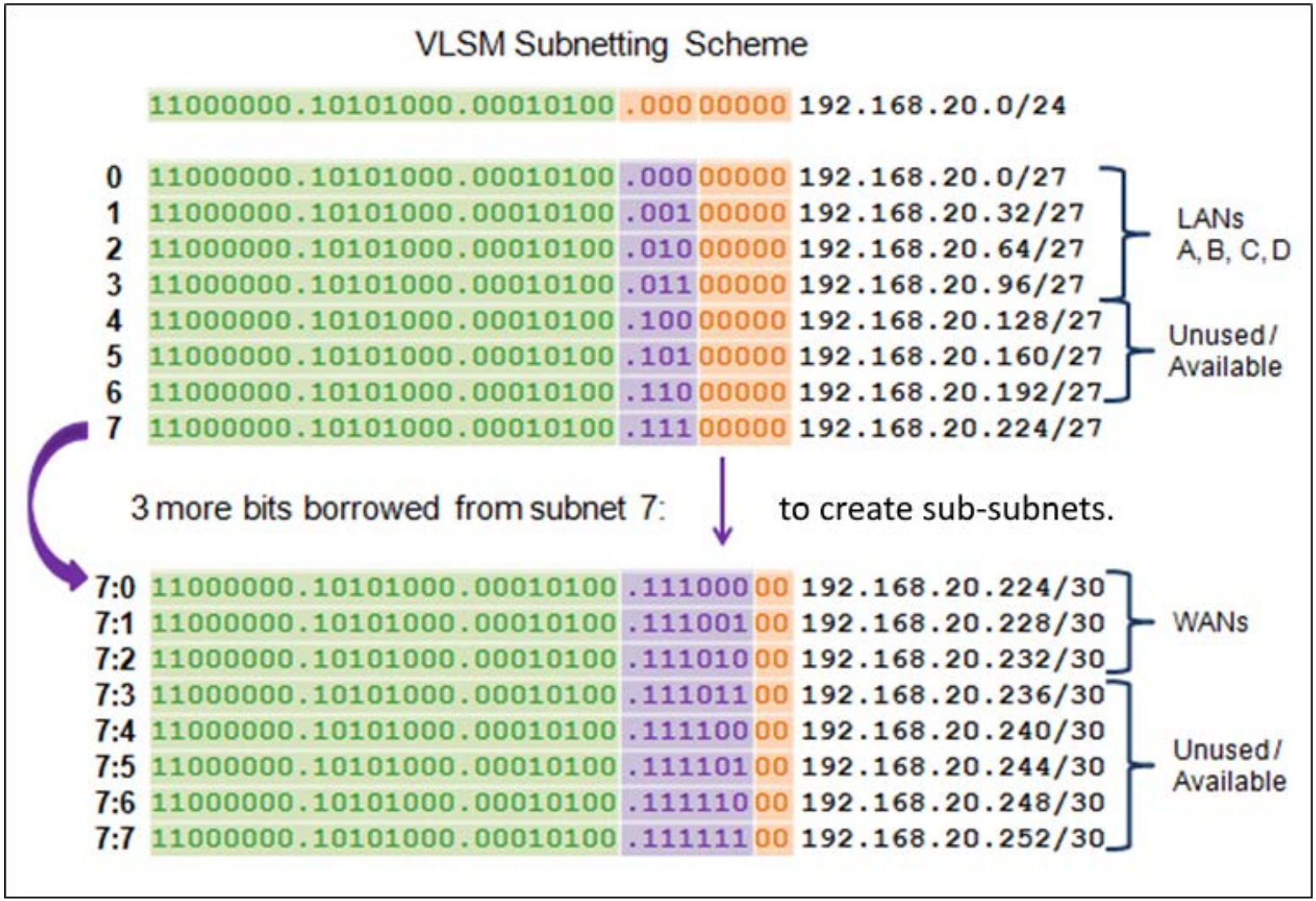
Basic VLSM



Planning to Address the Network

Allocation of network addresses should be planned and documented for the purposes of:

- Preventing duplication of addresses
- Providing and controlling access
- Monitoring security and performance

Client addresses are usually dynamically assigned using the Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP).

Sample Network Addressing Plan

Network: 192.168.1.0/24

Use	First	Last
Host Devices	.1	.229
Servers	.230	.239
Printers	.240	.249
Intermediary Devices	.250	.253
Gateway (router LAN interface)	.254	

Subnetting an IPv6 Network

Subnetting Using the Subnet ID

An IPv6 Network Space is subnetted to support design of the network