

Ethernet LANs

Exercise 1: How many possible OUI's are there? How many devices can be manufactured for each OUI?

$$3 \text{ bytes} = 24 \text{ bits}$$

$$2^{24} \text{ possible OUIs}$$

but bit 0 is for broadcast

$$2^{23} \text{ possible non-broadcast OUIs} \approx 8 \text{ million}$$

$$2^{24} \approx 16 \times 10^6 \text{ devices per OUI}$$

$$2^{48} \approx 8 \times 10^{12} \leftarrow$$

Exercise 2: Classify each of a hub, learning bridge and switch according to the following: can operate in full-duplex mode, can have independent PHY rates, collisions can happen, can receive from multiple ports simultaneously.

	full duplex?	independent PHY rates?	collisions?	simultaneous receive?
hub	N	N	Y	N
learning bridge	Y	Y	N	Y
switch	Y	Y	N	Y