

## TCP/IP over ATM (Asynchronous Transfer Mode)

### ATM Background

Based in telco technology  
Analog --> ISDN (STM) --> BISDN(ATM)

### Motivation

Telco's were *early* users of digital (vs. analog) transmission  
(but its easy to get locked into a mindset that is not advantageous for the long term!)

Long distance trunks multiplexed PCM (synchronous – 1960's) channels

ISDN (It Still Does Nothing) provided these digital channels to end users in the 1980's

Disadvantages of ISDN:

Not possible to take advantage of audio compression  
(which was not (economically) feasible when PCM was developed).

The 64Kb synchronous channel is wasteful (and costly) for bursty data circuits.

Objectives of ATM:

Provide QoS guarantees to multiple traffic classes  
CBR (still stuck in PCM mindset).  
Real time VBR traffic (compressed video).  
Non-realtime VBR traffic (traditional packet data).

Support *very* high switching rates  
Giga cells / second  
=> No 10,000 entry table lookups

Avoid "Head of Line" blocking problems of packet switched nets.

Services provided by ATM:

Connection oriented  
Unreliable (packet loss and corruption possible)  
QoS guaranteed.

## Mechanism

Hierarchical connection orientation (vpi, vci) with connection id based switching

=> No 10,000+ entry table lookup  
12 bit index makes hardware lookup possible in routers.

Connection identifier (vpi, vci) is  
dynamic (changes from hop to hop)  
independent of the ATM address of either end point

ATM addresses vs. IP addresses

In IP we saw that two distinct address classes were used  
IP addresses routed the packet to the target LAN  
The ARP mechanism mapped IP to MAC level addresses for final delivery

In ATM the "global" and "local" parts are combined into a 20 byte! internationally unique addresses.

ATM addresses come in three formats

DCC (0x39)(Domain country code)

AFI DCC HO-DSP ESI SEL

ICD (0x47)(International code designator)

AFI ICD HO-DSP ESI SEL

E.164 (0x45)(Telephone number)

AFI E.164 HO-DSP ESI SEL

AFI = Address format identifier (1 byte)

DCC = Domain country code (2 bytes)

ICD = International code designator (2 bytes)

E.164 = Phone number 10 BCD bytes

HO-DSP = High order domain specific (like an IP (V6) address)

ESI = End System Identifier (6 bytes like a MAC address)

SEL = Selector (Allows an endsystem to support 255 connections (1 Byte))

```
47.0203.04050607080900000104.0004AC6C28F1.00 atm-atm
47.0203.04050607080900000104.0004AC6C308A.00 chat-atm
47.0203.04050607080900000101.111111111111.11 arpsrv-atm
47.0203.04050607080900000201.999999999999.00 fd8285-atm
47.0203.04050607080900000201.0004AC6C2B7F.00 homer-atm
47.0203.04050607080900000201.0004ac6c28ef.00 bart-atm
```

## **Bottom Line**

ATM equipped end systems should be able to connect worldwide using ATM enabled routers

IP should just quietly *go away* (but a TCP derivative is needed to provide a reliable transport.)

Problem: Haven't we heard this (X.25 ISDN) before.

## **The *REAL* obstacle**

Massive installed application base

=> eliminating TCP/IP is just about as difficult (but not nearly so beneficial) as eliminating the M\$/W\*ndows family of Operating Systems

## **The "Interim" solution**

Use ATM as a "virtual" link level protocol connecting IP routers

There are two levels at which this is being done

Transport backbones (e.g. the vBNS)  
Local LAN's

The main (unresolved) problems with doing so

Preserving ATM's QoS guarantee's across IP routers  
Provide IP's (allegedly) efficient multicast capability

## Low level ATM details

The basic unit of transfer is the *cell*

Cells are fixed in size at 53 bytes and have a 5 byte header

Header fields:

UNI		NNI
GFC	4	
VPI	8	12
VCI	16	16
PTI	3	3
CLP	1	1
HEC	8	8

The cell is routed via (vpi, vci) fields

NNI routing is vpi based

UNI routing is (vpi, vci) based

vpi and vci are *switch* assigned and may vary long the path.

"Real" routing must be done during circuit setup..

There exist protocols for routing in both public and private networks

The standard for private networks is called PNNI

## ATM Adaptation layers

Transport like protocols used to *adapt* the raw cell pipe provided by ATM to needs of a particular application

AAL1 – CBR

AAL2 – RT/VBR (But hopelessly broken and since withdrawn)

AAL3/4 Connection oriented/connection less NRT/VBR

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AAL5 – Connection oriented VBR

In practice only AAL1 and AAL5 are of interest in computer networks

AAL5 is used for IP over ATM



## Classical IP over ATM (CLIP / CIP)

### Important RFC's

RFC 1577 Classical IP and ARP over ATM  
RFC 1626 Default IP MTU for IP over ATM with AAL5  
RFC 1755 ATM Signaling support for IP over ATM  
RFC 1932 Comparison of various models for IP over ATM.

### CLIP is based on the Logical IP Subnet (LIS)

Each LIS must have its own network/subnet address  
Each LIS must be connected to the rest of the internet through an IP router  
The Router must have an interface on the LIS.  
All elements of the LIS must belong to the same ATM network  
(it must be possible to establish an ATM SVC or PVC between them)  
Any element that is NOT on the ATM network cannot belong to the LIS  
(modulo the gateway router)  
Each element must know via ARP how to contact every other element.

### Encapsulation of PDUs

Two basic approaches

Use IEEE 802.2 LLC encapsulation to provide protocol ID  
LLC/SNAP header is used  
Use VCC based multiplexing... dedicate a channel for each network protocol

### Classical IP over PVC's

Sys admin configures a full mesh of vcc's  
Typical mechanism: `setup_vcc (vpi, vci) port port`  
For example one switch 8 stations:  
need 32 (vpi, vci's)  
Must be unique within switch  
within constraints of the workstation (e.g. vpi = 0; vci = 1,..63)  
-- not too hard here  
Problem: add another switch with 8 attached workstations

## Mapping between VC's and IP addresses

In linux this is done by the combination of the atmarp server and atmarp daemon

## Configuring CLIP over PVC's on Linux

Start the arp daemon

-b => background

-d => create debugging log

Create the interface

Configure the interface

Define routing

Specify binding of remote IP/PVC

#Run this script on host 1

```
IPADDR="192.168.1.1"
DEST_IPADDR="192.168.1.2"
NET_IPADDR="192.168.1.0"
PVC="0.0.32"
```

```
/usr/local/sbin/atmarpd -b -d >> startip.log 2>&1
/usr/local/sbin/atmarp -c atm0 >> startip.log 2>&1
/sbin/ifconfig atm0 $IPADDR up mtu 2000 >> startip.log 2>&1
/sbin/route add -net $NET_IPADDR netmask 255.255.255.0 dev atm0
/usr/local/sbin/atmarp -s $DEST_IPADDR $PVC >> startip.log 2>&1
```

# Run this script on host 2

```
IPADDR="192.168.1.2"
DEST_IPADDR="192.168.1.1"
NET_IPADDR="192.168.1.0"
PVC="0.0.32"
```

```
/usr/local/sbin/atmarpd -b -d >> startip.log 2>&1
/usr/local/sbin/atmarp -c atm0 >> startip.log 2>&1
/sbin/ifconfig atm0 $IPADDR up >> startip.log 2>&1
/sbin/route add -net $NET_IPADDR netmask 255.255.255.0 dev atm0
/usr/local/sbin/atmarp -s $DEST_IPADDR $PVC >> startip.log 2>&1
```

## CLIP over SVC's

One machine on the LIS is designated *arpserver*

Each machine that comes up "calls" the arp server and registers its ATM and IP addresses  
ARP server entries expire after 20 minutes.

At that point the server revalidates with InATMARP (like RARP) or discards

Client entries expire after 15 minutes but may also be revalidate with InATMARP

A single VCC may (or may not) support multiple TCP sessions

```
#!/bin/sh
#
# atm.init
#
#       Bring up/down Classical IP over ATM using SVCs and signalling
#
# Notes:
# You must be superuser to execute this script.
# Run this script first on the host that is the arp server, then the others.
# In our case, atm is the arp server.
# mtu is set to 2000

# Edit for your configuration
NET_IPADDR="192.168.1.0"
IPADDR_ATM="192.168.1.2"
IPADDR_CHA="192.168.1.1"
ATMADDR_ATM="39.99.99.99.99.99.00.00.99.99.01.01.18.99.99.99.01.00"
ATMADDR_CHA="39.99.99.99.99.99.00.00.99.99.01.01.18.99.99.99.02.00"
#LOGPATH="/var/adm/atm"
LOGPATH="/h10/var/adm/atm"
MTU=2000

echo "Starting signalization daemon"
/usr/local/sbin/atmsigd -b
sleep 2

echo "Starting ilmi daemon"
/usr/local/sbin/ilmid -b
sleep 2

echo "Starting atmarp daemon"
/usr/local/sbin/atmarpd -b
sleep 3

echo "Creating atm interfaces"
/usr/local/sbin/atmarp -c atm0
/sbin/ifconfig atm0 $IPADDR_ATM up mtu $MTU
/sbin/route add -net $NET_IPADDR netmask 255.255.255.0 dev atm0

# The following was advised but does not seem to make a difference
/usr/local/sbin/atmarp -q $NET_IPADDR ubr:sdu=$MTU
```

On the system that doesn't run the arp server we have to say where to find it.

```
echo "Create an ARP server entry in local arp table"
/usr/local/sbin/atmarp -s $IPADDR_ATM $ATMADDR_ATM temp arpsrv
```

## **Lane Emulation (LANE) (ATM Forum)**

### **ATM network emulates**

- Ethernet
- Token Ring (IBM a major proponent)

### **Bridged ELAN can contain**

- ATM switches
- ATM hosts
- LANE bridges
- Ethernet segments

### **Components**

LECs	Client workstations (end systems)
LECS	Configuration server (switch or end system) Tells LEC who his LES is
LES	Server (switch or end system) ARP like functions
BUS	Broadcast and unknown server (switch or end system) Supports broadcasts

Only one LES / BUS per ELAN ==> put it in the switch

### **Operation**

#### **LECS connect phase**

- Get own ATM address and MAC address (part of ATM address)
- Find LECS address
  - Use ilmi (to switch)
  - Use well known address  
47:00:79:00:00:00:00:00:00:00:00:00:00:00:00:A0:3E:00:00:01:00
  - Use well know PVC (0, 17)
- Call the LECS and establish the *configuration direct VCC*

## Configuration phase

LEC ---- CFDVCC ----> LECS  
ATM address  
MAC address

LECS ---- CFDVCC ----> LEC  
LES ATM addresss  
ELAN type  
MTU

## Join Phase

Establish *control direct* VCC to LES  
LEC ---- CDVCC ----> LES  
LE\_JOIN\_REQUEST  
ATM address  
MAC address  
LES ---- CDVCC ----> LEC  
LE\_JOIN\_REPLY  
(and add LEC to *control distribute* VCC)

## BUS connect phase

LEC ---- CDVCC --> LES  
whois ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff  
LES ---- CDVCC --> LEC  
ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff is ATM addresss  
Establish *multicast send* VCC to BUS  
BUS adds LEC to its multicast forward VCC

## Data connects

LEC ---- CDVCC --> LES  
whois 00:12:34:65 (mac address)  
LES ---- CDVCC --> LEC  
00:12:34:65 is ATM addresss  
Establish *data direct* VCC to ATM address

## How is mac address learned??

Regular ARP  
How does regular ARP work  
Just like regular ARP -- via the BUS

**Here is a log of the signalling exchange required in creating an atm connection:**

```
4 16 (909619989.652531) FROM KERNEL:
5  as_connect (vcc 0xc0cbc600, listen_vcc 0x0)
6  reply 0, aal 5
7  pvc 0.0.0
8  local atm-atm
9  qos ubr,aal5:max_pcr=120,max_sdu=1516
10 svc 47.0203.04050607080900000101.0020359972B2.03
11 sap blli:l3=tr9577,ipi=snap,oui=0x00A03E,pid=0x0001

12 17 (909619989.653161) TO NETWORK:
13 _pdsc = 9 "Q.2931 user-network call/connection control message"
14 _cr_len = 3
15 call_ref = 1 (0x1)
16 msg_type = 0x05 "SETUP"
17 _ext = 1
18 _flag = 0 "instruction field not significant"
19 _action_ind = 0 "clear call"
20 msg_len = 104 (0x68)
21 _ie_id = 0x58 "ATM adaption layer parameters"
22 _ext = 1
23 _cs = 0 "ITU-T standardized"
24 _flag = 0 "instruction field not significant"
25 _action_ind = 0 "clear call"
26 _ie_len = 11 (0xb)
27 aal_type = 5
28 _id = 0x8c "Forward maximum CPCS-SDU size"
29 fw_max_sdu = 1516 (0x5ec)
30 _id = 0x81 "Backward maximum CPCS-SDU size"
31 bw_max_sdu = 1516 (0x5ec)
32 _id = 0x83 "AAL mode (UNI 3.0 only)"
33 aal_mode = 1 (0x1)
34 _id = 0x84 "SSCS type"
35 sscs_type = 0 (0x0)
36 _ie_id = 0x59 "ATM traffic descriptor"
37 _ext = 1
38 _cs = 0 "ITU-T standardized"
39 _flag = 0 "instruction field not significant"
40 _action_ind = 0 "clear call"
41 _ie_len = 9 (0x9)
42 _id = 0x84 "Forward peak cell rate (CLP=0+1)"
43 fw_pcr_01 = 120 (0x78)
44 _id = 0x85 "Backward peak cell rate (CLP=0+1)"
45 bw_pcr_01 = 120 (0x78)
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46     _id = 0xbe "Best effort indicator"
47   _ie_id = 0x5e "Broadband bearer capability"
48     _ext = 1
49     _cs = 0 "ITU-T standardized"
50     _flag = 0 "instruction field not significant"
51     _action_ind = 0 "clear call"
52     _ie_len = 3 (0x3)
53     bearer_class = 16 "BCOB-X"
54     _ext = 0
55     _ext = 1
56     trans_cap = 0x00 "Non-real time VBR (reception only)"
57     _ext = 1
58     susc_clip = 0 "not susceptible to clipping"
59     upcc = 0 "point-to-point"
60   _ie_id = 0x5f "Broadband low-layer information"
61     _ext = 1
62     _cs = 0 "ITU-T standardized"
63     _flag = 0 "instruction field not significant"
64     _action_ind = 0 "clear call"
65     _ie_len = 9 (0x9)
66     _lid = 3
67     uil3_proto = 0x0b "ISO/IEC TR 9577"
68     _ext = 0
69     _ext = 0
70     ipi_high = 0x40
71     _ext = 1
72     _ipi_low = 0
73     _ext = 1
74     _snap_id = 0
75     oui = 41022 (0xa03e)
76     pid = 1 (0x1)
77   _ie_id = 0x70 "Called party number"
78     _ext = 1
79     _cs = 0 "ITU-T standardized"
80     _flag = 0 "instruction field not significant"
81     _action_ind = 0 "clear call"
82     _ie_len = 21 (0x15)
83     _ext = 1
84     _plan = 2 "ATM endsystem address"
85     _type = 0 "unknown"
86     cdpn_esa = 47 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 0 1 1 0 20 35 99 72 b2 3
87   _ie_id = 0x6c "Calling party number"
88     _ext = 1
89     _cs = 0 "ITU-T standardized"
90     _flag = 0 "instruction field not significant"
91     _action_ind = 0 "clear call"

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92  _ie_len = 21 (0x15)
93  cgpn_plan = 2 "ATM endsystem address"
94  cgpn_type = 0 "unknown"
95  _ext = 1
96  cgpn = 47 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 0 1 4 0 4 ac 6c 28 f1 0
97  _ie_id = 0x5c "Quality of service parameter"
98  _ext = 1
99  _cs = 3 "Standard defined for the network"
100 _flag = 0 "instruction field not significant"
101 _action_ind = 0 "clear call"
102 _ie_len = 2 (0x2)
103 qos_fw = 0
104 qos_bw = 0

105 18 (909619989.731295) FROM NETWORK:
106 _pdsc = 9 "Q.2931 user-network call/connection control message"
107 _cr_len = 3
108 call_ref = 8388609 (0x800001)
109 msg_type = 0x02 "CALL PROCEEDING"
110 _ext = 1
111 _flag = 0 "instruction field not significant"
112 _action_ind = 0 "clear call"
113 msg_len = 9 (0x9)
114 _ie_id = 0x5a "Connection identifier"
115 _ext = 1
116 _cs = 0 "ITU-T standardized"
117 _flag = 0 "instruction field not significant"
118 _action_ind = 0 "clear call"
119 _ie_len = 5 (0x5)
120 _ext = 1
121 _vp_ass = 1 "explicit indication of VPCI"
122 _pref_exc = 0 "exclusive VPCI; exclusive VCI"
123 vpi = 0 (0x0)
124 vci = 48 (0x30)

125 19 (909619989.773095) FROM NETWORK:
126 _pdsc = 9 "Q.2931 user-network call/connection control message"
127 _cr_len = 3
128 call_ref = 8388609 (0x800001)
129 msg_type = 0x07 "CONNECT"
130 _ext = 1
131 _flag = 0 "instruction field not significant"
132 _action_ind = 0 "clear call"
133 msg_len = 9 (0x9)
134 _ie_id = 0x5a "Connection identifier"
135 _ext = 1

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136  _cs = 0 "ITU-T standardized"
137  _flag = 0 "instruction field not significant"
138  _action_ind = 0 "clear call"
139  _ie_len = 5 (0x5)
140  _ext = 1
141  _vp_ass = 1 "explicit indication of VPCI"
142  _pref_exc = 0 "exclusive VPCI; exclusive VCI"
143  vpi = 0 (0x0)
144  vci = 48 (0x30)

145 20 (909619989.773362) TO NETWORK:
146  _pdsc = 9 "Q.2931 user-network call/connection control message"
147  _cr_len = 3
148  call_ref = 1 (0x1)
149  msg_type = 0x0f "CONNECT ACKNOWLEDGE"
150  _ext = 1
151  _flag = 0 "instruction field not significant"
152  _action_ind = 0 "clear call"
153  msg_len = 0 (0x0)
154 21 (909619989.773731) TO KERNEL:
155  as_okay (vcc 0xc0cbc600, listen_vcc 0x0)
156  reply 0, aal 5
157  pvc 0.0.48
158  local atm-atm
159  qos ubr,aal5:max_pcr=120,max_sdu=1516
160  svc <invalid>
161  sap blli:l3=tr9577,ipi=snap,oui=0x00A03E,pid=0x0001

497 ilmid:IO: SNMP message received:
498 { -- SEQUENCE --
499   version 0,
500   community '494c4d49'H -- "ILMI" --,
501   data set-request { -- SEQUENCE --
502     request-id 10,
503     error-status 0,
504     error-index 0,
505     variable-bindings { -- SEQUENCE OF --
506       { -- SEQUENCE --
507         name {1 3 6 1 4 1 353 2 7 1 1 3 0 13 71 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 0 1 4},
508         value simple number 1
509       }
510     }
511   }
512 }

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530 ilmid:ILMI: switch registered a network prefix
531 ilmid:ILMI: entering state ADDRESS
532 ilmid:ILMI: setting the atm address on the switch
533 ilmid:IO: SNMP message sent:
534 { -- SEQUENCE --
535     version 0,
536     community '494c4d49'H -- "ILMI" --,
537     data set-request { -- SEQUENCE --
538         request-id 4,
539         error-status 0,
540         error-index 0,
541         variable-bindings { -- SEQUENCE OF --
542             { -- SEQUENCE --
543                 name {1 3 6 1 4 1 353 2 6 1 1 3 0 20 71 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 0 1 4 0 4 172
                    108 40 241 0},
544
545                 value simple number 1
546             }
547         }
548     }

566 ilmid:ILMI: received get response
567 ilmid:ILMI: ATM address registered
568 ilmid:IO: Primary ATM Address 47.0203.04050607080900000104.0004AC6C28F1.00
    added 1
569 ilmid:ILMI: entering state POLL
570 ilmid:ILMI: sending get-next request
571 ilmid:IO: SNMP message sent:

13 LAN Emulation Frame Xmitted: (143 bytes)
14
15     FF00 – Control Frame Marker
16     01 – Protocol
17     01 – Version
18     0002 – OpCode (LE_JOIN_REQUEST)
19     0000 – Status (Success)
20     00640305 – Transaction ID
21     0000 – Requestor LEC_ID
22     0000 – Flags
23     Source LAN Destination : MAC : 00-04-ac-6c-28-f1
24     Source ATM : pre:47020304050607080900000104 esi:00-04-ac-6c-28-f1 sel:00
25 CM     EVNT 'conn.c': Incoming call
26 LECCTL EVNT 'lec_ctrl.c': Accepting Control Distribute VCC.

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28 LAN Emulation Frame Received: (108 bytes)  
29  
30 FF00 – Control Frame Marker  
31 01 – Protocol  
32 01 – Version  
33 0102 – OpCode (LE\_JOIN\_RESPONSE)  
34 0000 – Status (Success)  
35 00640305 – Transaction ID  
36 000e – Requestor LEC\_ID  
37 0000 – Flags  
38 Source LAN Destination : MAC : 00-04-ac-6c-28-f1  
39 Source ATM : pre:47020304050607080900000104 esi:00-04-ac-6c-28-f1 sel:00  
40 LECCTL TRAN 'lec\_ctrl.c': (S\_JOIN\_WAIT, E\_RCV\_JOIN\_RSP) ->  
S\_BUS\_ARP\_WAIT

42 LAN Emulation Frame Xmitted: (108 bytes)  
43  
44 FF00 – Control Frame Marker  
45 01 – Protocol  
46 01 – Version  
47 0006 – OpCode (LE\_ARP\_REQUEST)  
48 0000 – Status (Success)  
49 00640306 – Transaction ID  
50 000e – Requestor LEC\_ID  
51 0000 – Flags  
52 Source LAN Destination : <Not Present>  
53 Target LAN Destination : MAC : ff-ff-ff-ff-ff-ff  
54 Source ATM : pre:47020304050607080900000104 esi:00-04-ac-6c-28-f1 sel:00  
55 Target ATM : pre:00000000000000000000000000000000 esi:00-00-00-00-00-00 sel:00

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57 LAN Emulation Frame Received: (108 bytes)
58
59     FF00 – Control Frame Marker
60     01 – Protocol
61     01 – Version
62     0106 – OpCode (LE_ARP_RESPONSE)
63     0000 – Status (Success)
64     00640306 – Transaction ID
65     000e – Requestor LEC_ID
66     0000 – Flags
67     Source LAN Destination : <Not Present>
68     Target LAN Destination : MAC : ff-ff-ff-ff-ff-ff
69     Source ATM : pre:47020304050607080900000104 esi:00-04-ac-6c-28-f1 sel:00
70     Target ATM : pre:47020304050607080900000101 esi:00-20-35-99-72-b2 sel:03
71 LECCTL TRAN 'lec_ctrl.c': (S_BUS_ARP_WAIT, E_RCV_BUS_ARP_RSP) ->
    S_BUS_SVC_WAIT
72 CM  EVNT 'conn.c': Outgoing call setup
73 CM  EVNT 'conn.c': Call to 47 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 00 00 01 01 00 20 35 99 7
74 LECCTL EVNT 'lec_ctrl.c': Multicast Send VCC Ready
75 LECCTL TRAN 'lec_ctrl.c': (S_BUS_SVC_WAIT, E_BUS_SVC_READY) ->
    S_OPERATIONAL
76 CM  EVNT 'conn.c': Incoming call
77 LECCTL EVNT 'lec_ctrl.c': Accepting Multicast Distribute VCC.
78 CM  EVNT 'conn.c': Call from 47 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 00 00 01 01 00 20 35 99

80 LAN Emulation Frame Xmitted: (108 bytes)
81
82     FF00 – Control Frame Marker
83     01 – Protocol
84     01 – Version
85     0006 – OpCode (LE_ARP_REQUEST)
86     0000 – Status (Success)
87     00640307 – Transaction ID
88     000e – Requestor LEC_ID
89     0000 – Flags
90     Source LAN Destination : MAC : 00-04-ac-6c-28-f1
91     Target LAN Destination : MAC : 00-e0-a3-55-58-00
92     Source ATM : pre:47020304050607080900000104 esi:00-04-ac-6c-28-f1 sel:00
93     Target ATM : pre:00000000000000000000000000000000 esi:00-00-00-00-00-00 sel:00

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