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Computer Network Architecture and Programming

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- Internet Layers
- Internet Data Packet transmission and Addressing
- Network Protocols
- A glimpse at the OSI model and Internet protocol suite

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Introduction 1/2

- **What is a network?** Set of nodes connected by communication links

➤ Components

- ✓ (Network edge) Computing devices (end hosts, PDAs, ...) connected to the network
- ✓ (Network core) Routers/switches that move data through the network
- ✓ (Media) Physical links that carry information (fiber, copper, radio, and satellite)
- ✓ Applications that communicate with each other to provide services (Email, file transfer, and Web browsing).

- **What is an internetwork?** A network of networks (an internet)

- Specific example is the *Internet*

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Introduction 2/2

- **Network physical topology**

➤ Geometric representation of the relationship of all the links and nodes to one another

➤ Categories: *mesh*, *star*, *bus*, and *ring*

- **Network Categories**

- Local-Area Network (LAN)
- Metropolitan-Area Network (MAN)
- Wide-Area Network (WAN)
- Personal-Area Network (PAN)

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The Internet 1/2

- **ARPA** (Advanced Research Projects Agency) in **DoD** wanted to find a way to connect computers that were stand-alone in mid 1960s

- In 1967, ARPA presented idea for ARPANET (an ACM meeting)

- In 1969, ARPANET was a reality (4 nodes → UCLA, UCSB, Stanford Research Institute SRI, and Univ. of Utah)

- In 1973, landmark paper (by Vint Cerf and Bob Khan) outlined protocols to achieve end-to-end delivery of packets (TCP)

- Split TCP into 2 protocols: **IP** to handle datagram routing, and **TCP** higher-level functions such as segmentation, reassembly, and error detection

- For Internet pioneers, see <http://www.ibiblio.org/pioneers/>

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The Internet 2/2

- Not a simple hierarchical structure (For a host count, see <http://www.isc.org/ops/ds/host-count-history.php>)

- Internet Service Providers

➤ International/National/Regional service providers versus Local service providers (direct service to end-users)

- Internet Standards → RFCs (Request For Comments) by IETF (Internet Engineering Task Force)

- Internet Protocols: control sending and receiving of messages (TCP, IP, HTTP, FTP, ...)

- Communication Services → **Connectionless** or **Connection-oriented**

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Connection-oriented versus Connectionless 1/2

•Connection-oriented

- Setup data transfer ahead of time (through *handshaking*)
- Internet's connection-oriented service is TCP (Transmission Control Protocol) [RFC 793]. It provides
 - ✓ reliable, in-order byte delivery
 - ✓ flow control
 - ✓ congestion control.
- Applications using TCP: Email (SMTP), web browsing (HTTP), and file transfer (FTP)

Connection-oriented versus Connectionless 2/2

•Connectionless

- Internet's connectionless service is UDP (User Datagram Protocol) [RFC 768] . It provides
 - ✓ unreliable data transfer
 - ✓ no flow control
 - ✓ no congestion control
- Applications using UDP: streaming media, video conferencing, and IP telephony

Network Protocols

- Applications to communicate across a computer network
 - Invent a *protocol* (an agreement how will communicate)
 - Which application is expected to initiate communicate and when responses are expected
 - ✓ **Syntax**: format of data
 - ✓ **Semantics**: meaning of each section of bits (How it is interpreted and what action (s) to be taken)
 - ✓ **Timing**: when data should be sent and how fast?
- Example: Web Server and Web client
- Other examples? Other modes of communication?

Protocol "Layers" 1/2

- Used in daily life! → 2 friends communicating through the mail (sender, receiver, and a carrier)
- Sender side
 - Layer 1: Write letter, insert letter in envelope, write sender and receiver address, drop letter in mailbox
 - Layer 2: letter picked up by carrier and delivered to post office
 - Layer 3: letter stored at post office, a carrier transports the letter
- On the way → Letter on the way to recipient's local post office (maybe through a central office), transported by truck, train, airplane, boat, or a mix
- Receiver Side → Layer3, then Layer 2, then Layer 1

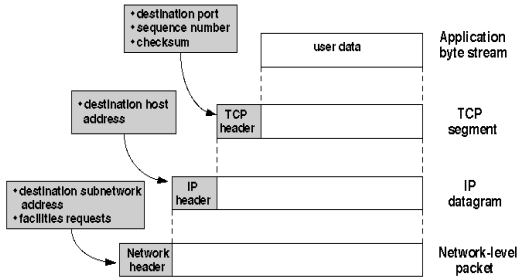
Protocol "Layers" 2/2

- Characteristics
 - Each layer implements a service
 - Via its own internal-layer actions (a layer is a *black-box*)
 - Relying on services provided by layer below
- Why layering?
 - explicit structure allows identification, relationship of complex system's pieces (modular approach)
 - ✓ layered **reference model** for discussion
 - modularization eases maintenance, updating of system
 - ✓ change of implementation of layer's service transparent to rest of system
 - layering considered harmful?
 - ✓ Different layers may duplicate functionality
 - ✓ Different layers may need access to same information

Internet Layers

Application	Supporting network applications (HTTP, FTP, DNS, ...)
Transport	Transporting application-layer <i>messages</i> between client and server sides of an application (TCP and UDP)
Network	Routing <i>datagrams</i> from one host to another (IP protocol: IPv4 and IPv6)
Data Link	Move entire <i>frames</i> from one network element to an <i>adjacent</i> network element (Ethernet, PPP, ...)
Physical	Move individual <i>bits</i> within the frame from one network element to an adjacent network element (coaxial cable, fiber optic, ...)

TCP/IP Data Packet Transmission and Addressing

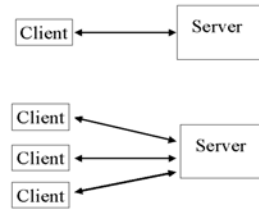


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Servers and Clients



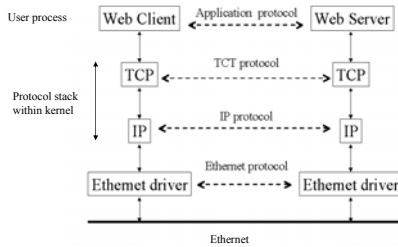
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Multiple Layers of Network Protocols

Client and Server on same Ethernet



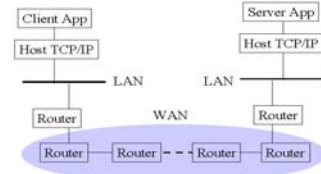
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Multiple Layers of Network Protocols

Client and server on different LANs connected through a WAN



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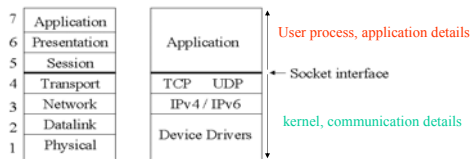
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Layers in OSI Model and Internet Protocol Suite

OSI: Open Systems Interconnection model for computer communications

ISO: International Organization for Standardization



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A look ahead

- How is data transferred through the network?
 - Circuit switching versus packet switching
- How do end systems connect to an edge router?
- Physical Media

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