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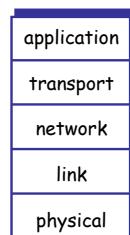
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## Layered Protocol Architecture

- What is a layered architecture?
  - Motivation
  - Terminology
  - Reference Models
  - Implementation Issues



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## Advantages of Layering

- Decomposition
    - Masters complexity
  - Encapsulation
    - Hiding of implementation details
  - Evolution
    - Layers can change/be replaced
    - Alternative implementations can be added, possibly coexist
  - Robustness
    - Testing layers independently increases confidence

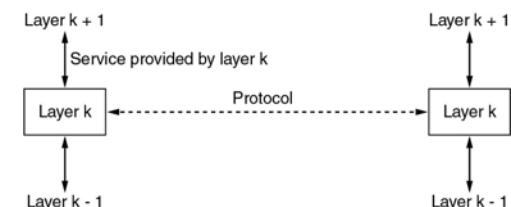
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## Services vs Protocols



- Layer  $k$  may interact with peer layer  $k$  **only** via protocols

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# Interfaces vs Protocols

- Duality
    - Both describe rules regarding order and format of “communication” between entities
  - Difference:
    - Interface – vertical: between layers
    - Protocol – horizontal: between peers
  - NB: Term “protocol” is sometimes used to describe module implementing a layer

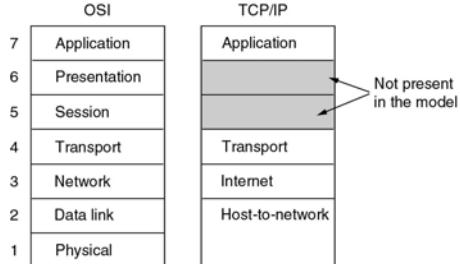
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## TCP/IP Reference Model



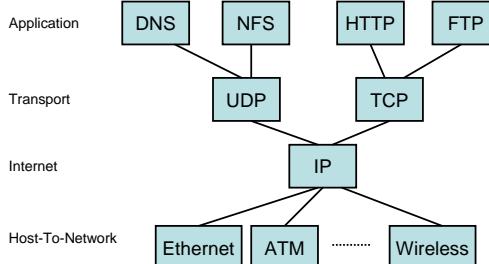
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## TCP/IP Hourglass View



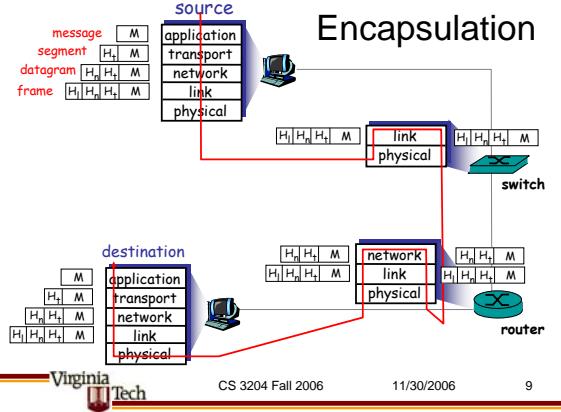
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## Encapsulation



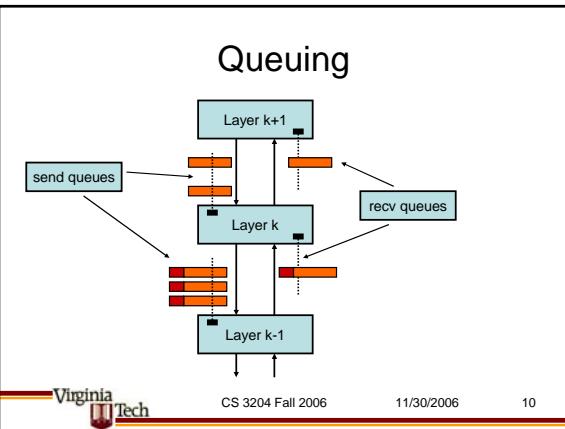
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## Queuing



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## General Implementation Issues

- Who schedules a layer's processing:
  - On send: application thread
    - What if queues are full? Blocking vs. nonblocking
    - Who does retransmit if necessary?
  - On receive: interrupt-driven
    - Not all processing done right away: some delayed processing
    - Sometimes interrupts can be too slow; polling based approach used instead
- Memory management/Protection Issues:
  - How do you prepend headers?
  - How do you strip headers?
  - When are copies needed?
  - Who allocates and frees packet buffers?

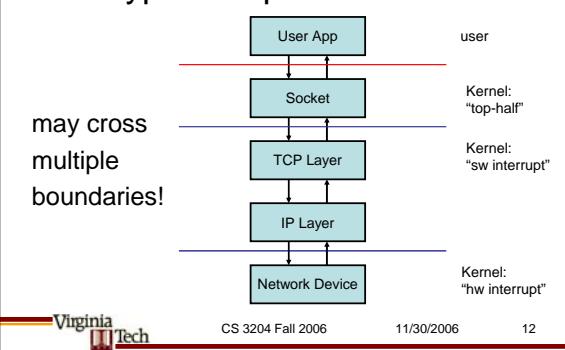
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## Typical Implementation



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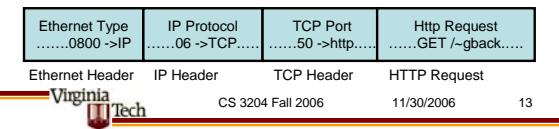
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## Demultiplexing

- End systems must decide which layer instances should process an incoming packet.
- Layer k has “type information” in header to say which instance of layer k+1 to pick.
- Issues: speed and flexibility

Ethernet Frame as received



## Socket Programming

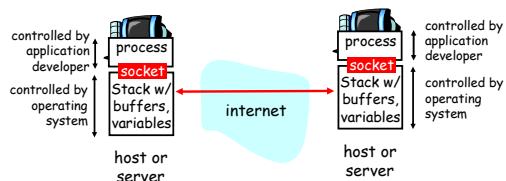
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## Network Socket Programming

**Socket:** (narrow definition:) a door between application process and end-end-transport protocol (UDP or TCP)



## Socket Programming

### Socket API

- introduced in BSD 4.1 UNIX, 1981
- explicitly created, used, released by apps
- used for both local and remote communication

socket  
a *host-local, application-created, OS-controlled* interface (a “door”) into which application process can *both send and receive* messages to/from another application process

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## BSD Socket API

- API – Application Programming Interface
  - Provides access to services
  - Specified in C language
  - Implemented on many platforms in one way or the other
    - (Windows: WinSock2, CSocket MFC classes for BSD-like look)
- Sockets (in Unix) are file descriptors
  - General idea: writing to the socket is sending data to network, reading from socket is receiving data
  - Good because read(2), write(2), close(2) and others (select(2), poll(2), ioctl(2), SIGIO, fcntl(2)) can be reused
  - Bad because suggest orthogonality if where there is none
- Other languages provide separate mapping, often thin veneers over BSD sockets (e.g., java.net.Socket)

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## Addressing

- For UDP/IP or TCP/IP socket communication, generally need 4 parameters:
  - Source Identifier (32-bit IP Address)
  - Source Port (16-bit)
  - Destination Identifier (32-bit IP Address)
  - Destination Port (16-bit)
- Notice that the relationship of “local” and “remote” (also called “peer”) to source/destination depends on direction of communication
- Note:
  - UDP uses only Destination (IP+Port) for demultiplexing
  - TCP uses Source + Destination
    - (quadruple: Src IP, Src Port, Dst IP, Dest Port)

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