Computer Networks - *Xarxes de Computadors*

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- **DNS**
- Email
- Web
- Charsets
- HTML

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Domain Name System DNS (RFC 1034, 1035)

- Allows users to use names instead of IP addresses: e.g. rogent.ac.upc.edu instead of 147.83.31.7, www.upc.edu instead of 147.83.194.21, etc.
- Names consists of a node-name and a domain-name
  - e.g. rogent.ac.upc.edu, www.upc.edu
- DNS consists of a worldwide distributed data base.
- DNS data base entries are referred to as Resource Records (RR).
- The information associated with a name is composed of 1 or more RRs.
- Names are case insensitive (e.g. www.upc.edu and WWW.UPC.EDU are equivalent).

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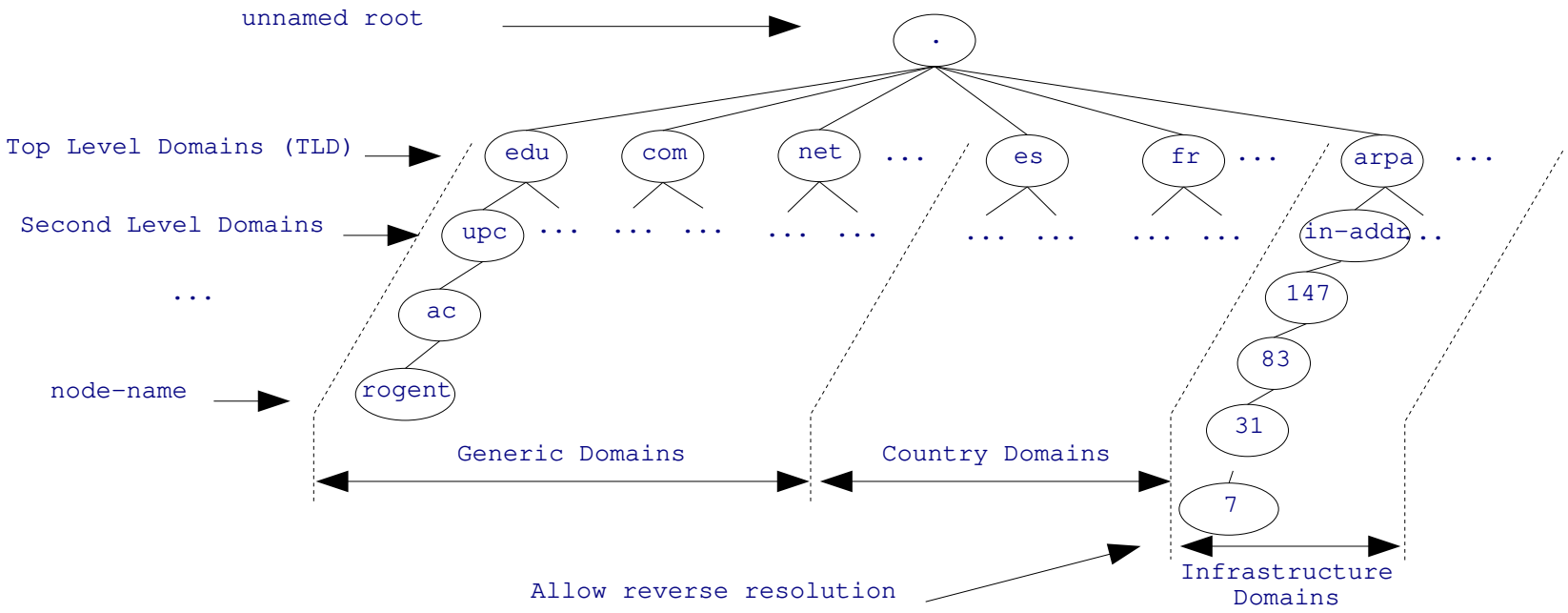
DNS – Domain Hierarchy

- DNS data base is organized in a tree:



List of TLDs https://data.iana.org/TLD/tlds-alpha-by-domain.txt

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DNS – Domain Hierarchy

- The *Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers* (ICANN) is responsible for managing and coordinating the DNS.
- ICANN delegates Top Level Domains (TLD) administration to registrars (list of accredited registrars: https://www.icann.org/en/accredited-registrars)
- Domains delegate the administration of subdomains.

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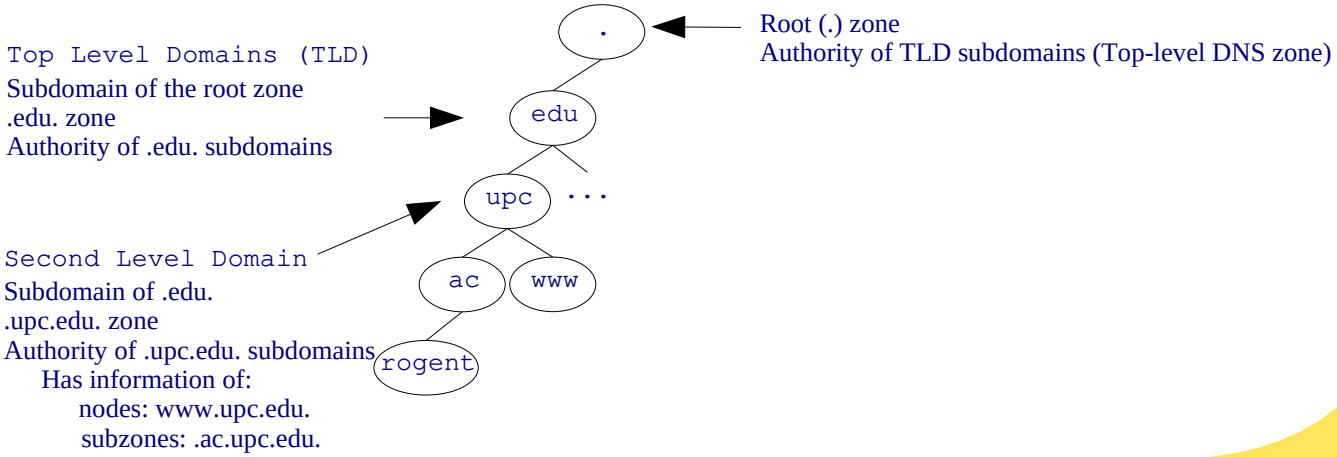
DNS – Data Base Organization

- Access to DNS data base is done using *Name Servers* (NS).
- NSs may hold permanent and cached RRs. Cached RRs are removed after a timeout.
- Each subdomain has an *authority* which consists of a primary and backup NSs.
- In this context, subdomains are referred to as *zones*, and delegated subdomains *subzones*.
- An authority has the complete information of a zone:
  - Names and addresses of all nodes within the zone.
  - Names and addresses of all subzone authorities.



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DNS – Data Base Organization

- Root Servers are the entry point to the domain hierarchy.
- Root Servers are distributed around the world and have the TLD addresses:
  http://www.root-servers.org
- Root server addresses are needed in a NS configuration.

Source: http://www.root-servers.org

The root zone 13 root name servers clusters operated by 12 independent organizations.
Official name of the clusters: a.root-servers.net to m.root-servers.net.
As of May 2023 there are ~1700 instances in total.

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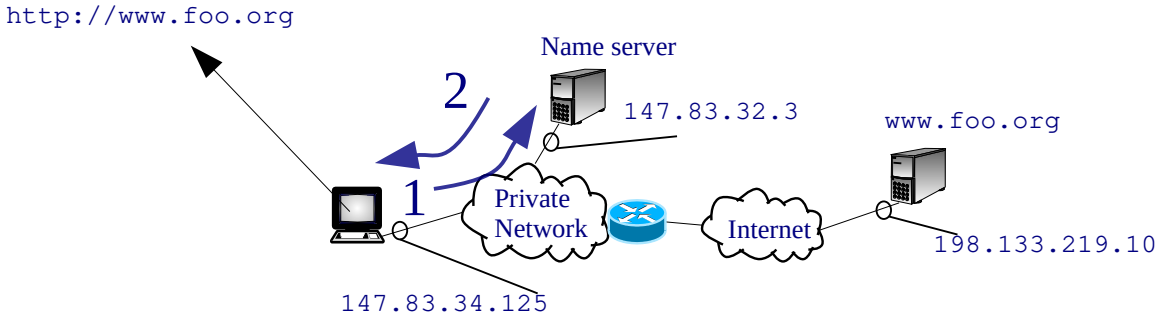
DNS - Protocol

- Client-server paradigm
- UDP/TCP. Short messages uses UDP.
- well-known port: 53



1 `18:36:00.322370 IP (proto: UDP) 147.83.34.125.1333 > 147.83.32.3.53: 53040+ A? www.foo.org. (31)`

2 `18:36:00.323080 IP (proto: UDP) 147.83.32.3.53 > 147.83.34.125.1333: 53040 1/2/2 www.foo.org. A 198.133.219.10 (115)`

Server-client paradigm:
Client side

DNS - Unix example: The resolver

- The applications use the calls (*resolver* library):

```
struct hostent *gethostbyname(const char *name) ;
struct hostent *gethostbyaddr(const void *addr, int len, int type);
```

- The resolver first looks the /etc/hosts file:

```
# hosts         This file describes a number of hostname-to-address
#               mappings for the TCP/IP subsystem.  It is mostly
#               used at boot time, when no name servers are running.
#               On small systems, this file can be used instead of a
#               "named" name server.
# Syntax:
# IP-Address  Full-Qualified-Hostname  Short-Hostname
127.0.0.1       localhost
10.0.1.1        massanella.ac.upc.edu massanella
```

- Otherwise a *name server* is contacted using /etc/resolv.conf file:

```
search ac.upc.edu
nameserver 147.83.32.3
nameserver 147.83.33.4
```

`search` Domain attached by the OS if not specified by the user (e.g. 'ping rogent' → ''ping rogent.ac.upc.edu''

`nameserver` Name servers to be used by preference (subsequent NS is only used if the precedent has timed out

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Server-client paradigm:
Server side

DNS – Unix example: Basic NS configuration

- Unix NS implementation is BIND (Berkeley Internet Name Domain), http://www.isc.org.
- named is the BIND NS daemon.
- BIND basic configuration files:
  - `/etc/named.conf` global configuration
  - `/var/lib/named/root.hint` root servers addresses
  - `/var/lib/named/*.db` zone files

Source of truth:
https://www.internic.net/domain/named.root

Source of truth of the root-zone:
https://www.internic.net/domain/root.zone

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Server-client paradigm:
Server side

DNS – Unix example: root servers addresses

```
linux # cat /var/lib/named/root.hint

;       This file holds the information on root name servers needed to
;       initialize cache of Internet domain name servers
;       (e.g. reference this file in the "cache  .  <file>"
;       configuration file of BIND domain name servers).
;
;       This file is made available by InterNIC
;       under anonymous FTP as
;           file                /domain/named.root
;           on server           FTP.INTERNIC.NET
;       -OR-                    RS.INTERNIC.NET
.                        3600000  IN  NS    A.ROOT-SERVERS.NET.
A.ROOT-SERVERS.NET.      3600000  IN  A     198.41.0.4
.                        3600000  IN  NS    B.ROOT-SERVERS.NET.
B.ROOT-SERVERS.NET.      3600000  IN  A     192.228.79.201
.                        3600000  IN  NS    C.ROOT-SERVERS.NET.
C.ROOT-SERVERS.NET.      3600000  IN  A     192.33.4.12

...
.                        3600000  IN  NS    M.ROOT-SERVERS.NET.
M.ROOT-SERVERS.NET.      3600000  IN  A     202.12.27.33
```

comments

Resource Records (RR)
pointing to root-servers

address of a name
NS name

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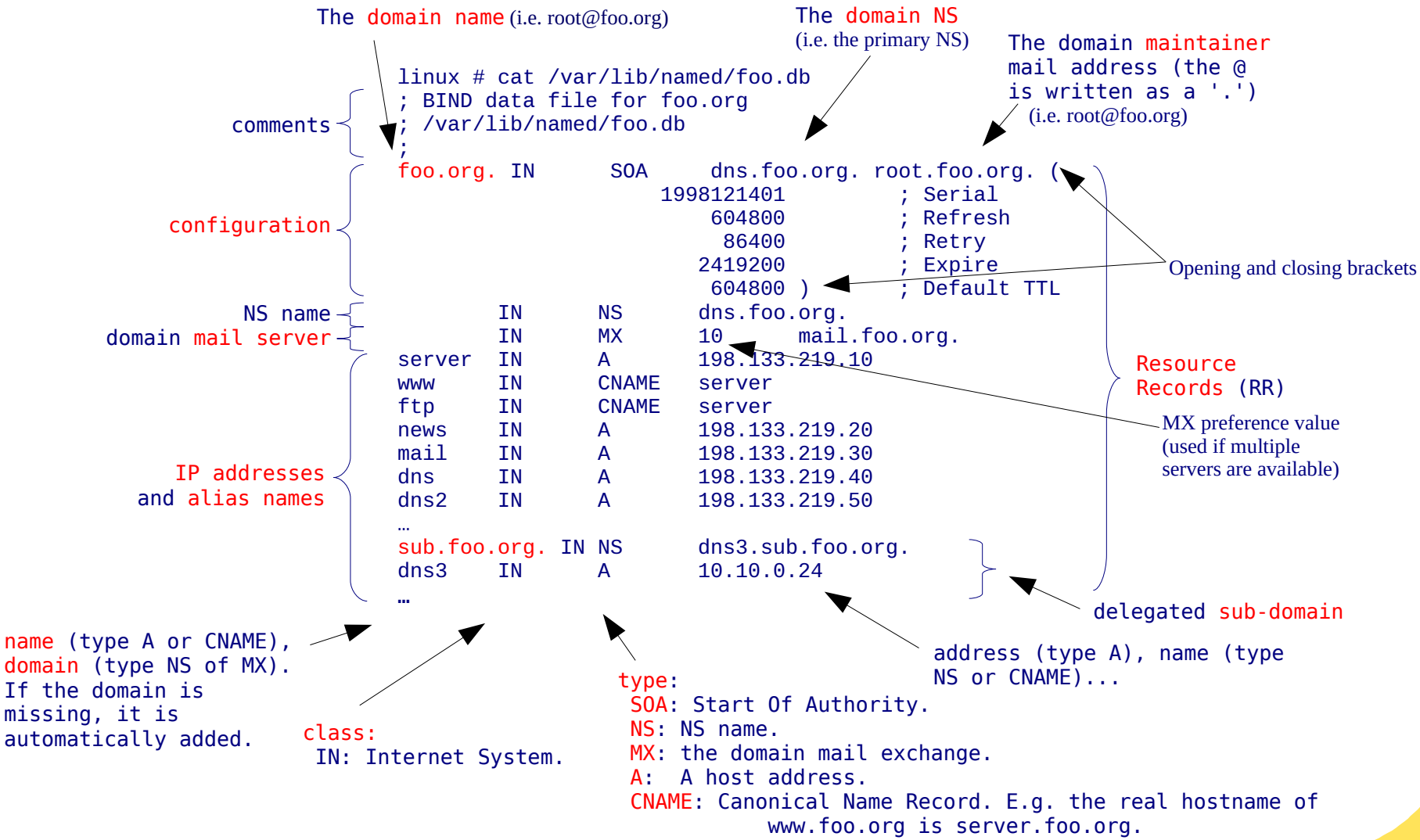
Server-client paradigm:
Server side

DNS – Unix example: zone file



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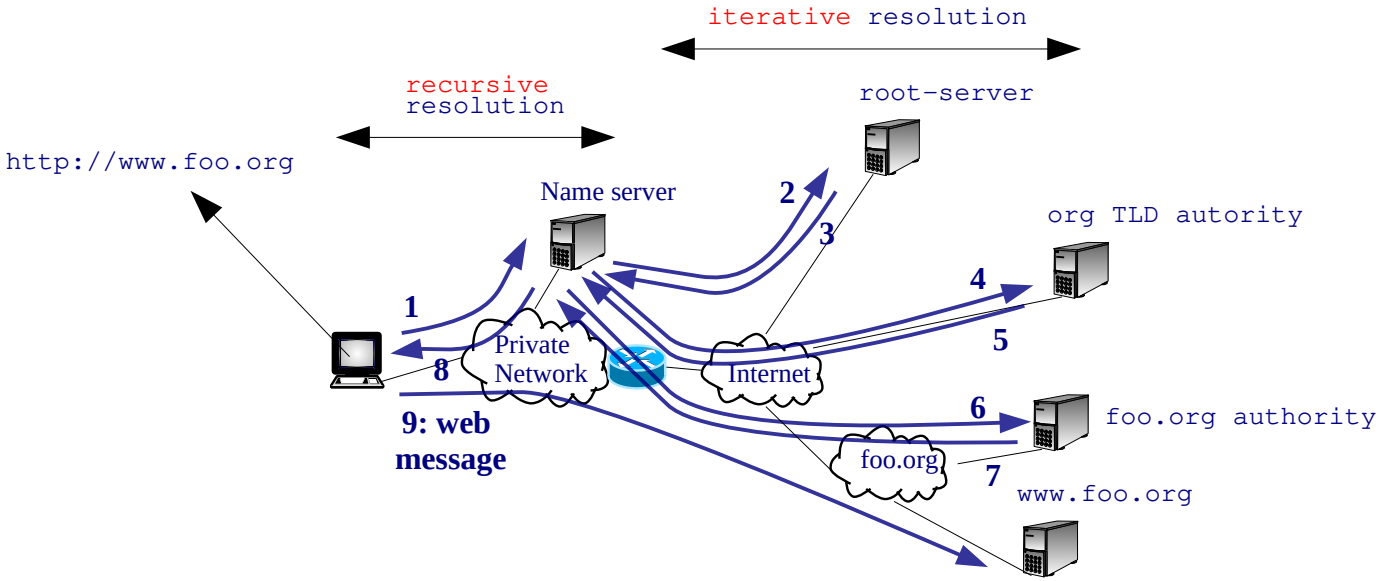
DNS – Resolution

- NSs cache name resolutions.
- A cached RR is returned without looking for in the NS authority.
- The same name may be associated with several IP addresses (e.g. load balancing).
- The addresses of a common domain may not belong to the same IP network (e.g. Content Distribution Networks).



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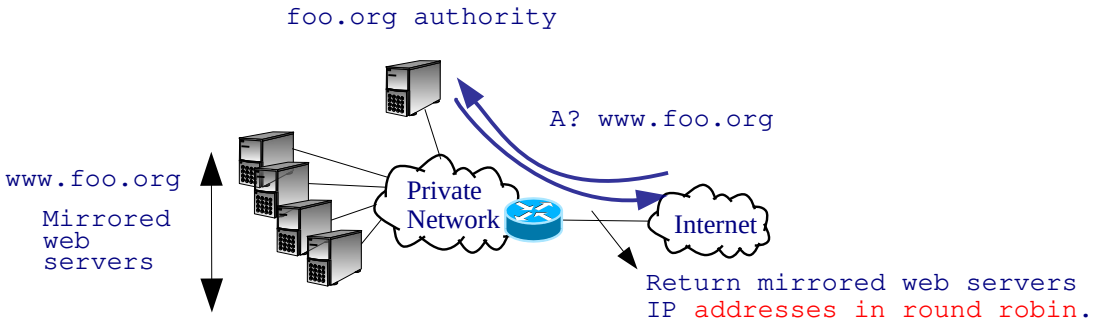
DNS – Load balancing, example



- Example using dig:

```
linux ~> dig www.microsoft.com

; <<>> DiG 9.3.2 <<>> www.microsoft.com
;; global options:  printcmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 31808
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 9, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 0

;; QUESTION SECTION:
;www.microsoft.com.             IN      A

;; ANSWER SECTION:
www.microsoft.com.      3135    IN      CNAME   toggle.www.ms.akadns.net.
toggle.www.ms.akadns.net. 181   IN      CNAME   g.www.ms.akadns.net.
g.www.ms.akadns.net.    181     IN      CNAME   lb1.www.ms.akadns.net.
lb1.www.ms.akadns.net.  181     IN      A       207.46.19.60
lb1.www.ms.akadns.net.  181     IN      A       207.46.18.30
lb1.www.ms.akadns.net.  181     IN      A       207.46.20.60
lb1.www.ms.akadns.net.  181     IN      A       207.46.19.30
lb1.www.ms.akadns.net.  181     IN      A       207.46.198.30
lb1.www.ms.akadns.net.  181     IN      A       207.46.225.60

;; Query time: 42 msec
;; SERVER: 192.168.1.1#53(192.168.1.1)
;; WHEN: Sun Mar 11 10:48:11 2007
;; MSG SIZE  rcvd: 203
```

```
linux ~> dig www.microsoft.com

; <<>> DiG 9.3.2 <<>> www.microsoft.com
;; global options:  printcmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 17923
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 9, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 0

;; QUESTION SECTION:
;www.microsoft.com.             IN      A

;; ANSWER SECTION:
www.microsoft.com.      3469    IN      CNAME   toggle.www.ms.akadns.net.
toggle.www.ms.akadns.net. 215   IN      CNAME   g.www.ms.akadns.net.
g.www.ms.akadns.net.    215     IN      CNAME   lb1.www.ms.akadns.net.
lb1.www.ms.akadns.net.  215     IN      A       207.46.198.30
lb1.www.ms.akadns.net.  215     IN      A       207.46.199.30
lb1.www.ms.akadns.net.  215     IN      A       207.46.18.30
lb1.www.ms.akadns.net.  215     IN      A       207.46.19.60
lb1.www.ms.akadns.net.  215     IN      A       207.46.198.60
lb1.www.ms.akadns.net.  215     IN      A       207.46.20.60

;; Query time: 43 msec
;; SERVER: 192.168.1.1#53(192.168.1.1)
;; WHEN: Sun Mar 11 10:42:38 2007
;; MSG SIZE  rcvd: 203
```

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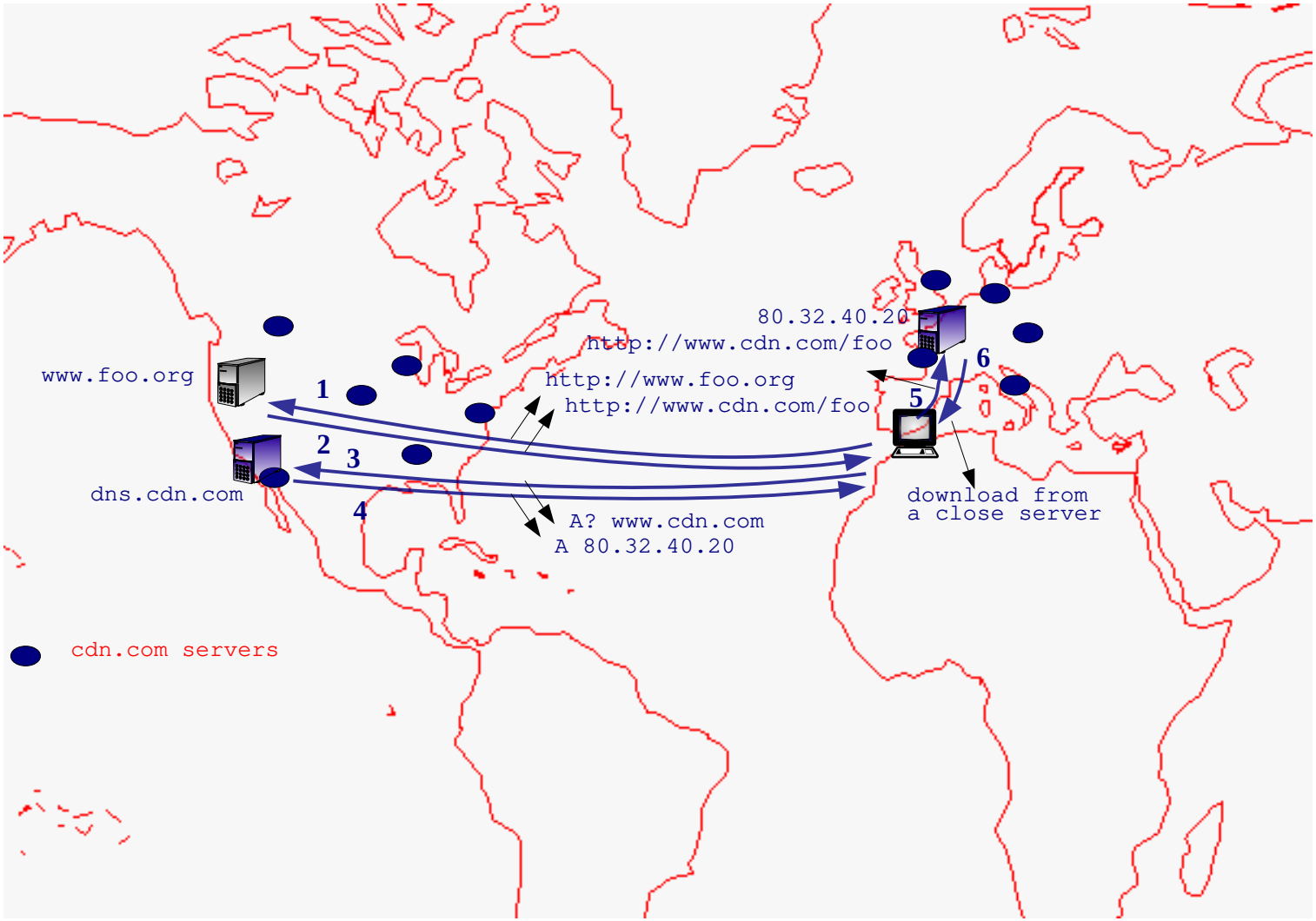
DNS - Content Distribution Networks, example



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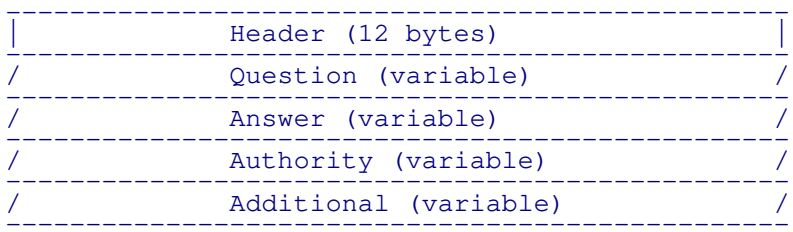
DNS – Messages: Message Format

- All DNS messages have the same format:
  - Header: type of message.
  - Question: What is to be resolved.
  - Answer: Answer to question.
  - Authority: Domain authority names.
  - Additional: Typically, the authority name's addresses.



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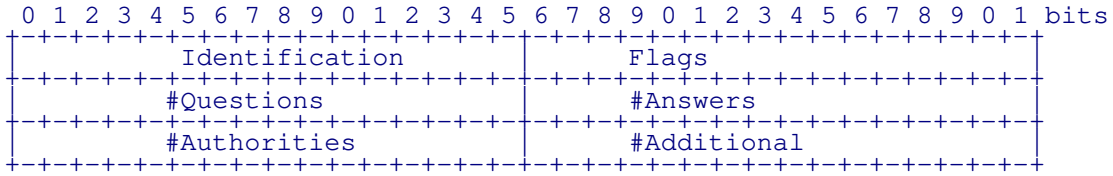
DNS – Messages: Header

- Identification: 16 random bits used to match query/response
- Flags. Some of them:
  - Query-Response, QR: 0 for query, 1 for response.
  - Authoritative Answer, AA: When set, indicates an authoritative answer.
  - Recursion Desired, RD: When set, indicates that recursion is desired.
- The other fields indicate the number of Questions, Answer, Authority and Additional fields of the message.



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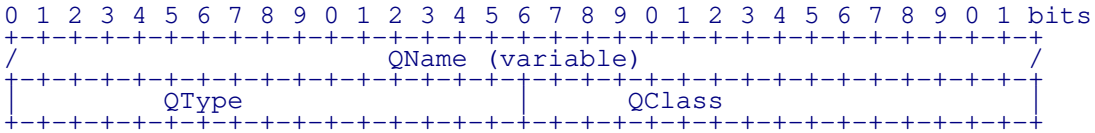
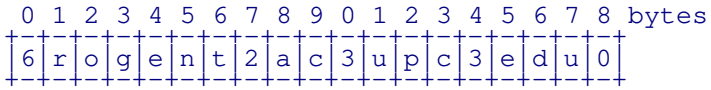
DNS – Messages: Question

- QName: Indicates the name to be resolved.
- QType: Indicates the question type:
  - Address, A.
  - Name Server, NS.
  - Pointer, PTR: For an inverse resolution.
  - Mail Exchange, MX: Domain Mail Server address.
- Qclass: For Internet addresses is 1.





QName codification example of `rogent.ac.upc.edu`

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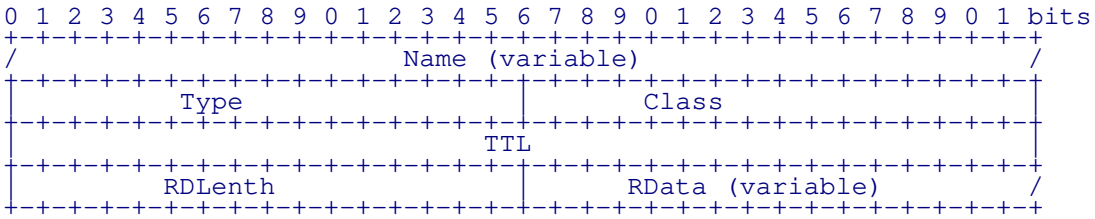
DNS – Messages: Resource Records (RRs)

- The fields Answer, Authority and Additional are composed of RRs:
  - Name, Type, Class: The same as in the Question field.
  - TTL (Time To Live): Number of seconds the RR can be cached.
  - RDLenth: RR size in bytes.
  - Rdata: E.g. An IP address if the Type is 'A', or a name if the Type is 'NS', 'MX' or 'CNAME'.



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DNS – Messages: Example

```
# tcpdump -s1500 -vvpni eth0 port 53
tcpdump: listening on eth0, link-type EN10MB (Ethernet), capture size 200 bytes
11:17:30.769328 IP (UDP, length: 55) 147.83.30.137.1042 > 147.83.30.70.53: 36388+ A? ns.uu.net. (27)
11:17:30.771324 IP (UDP, length: 145) 147.83.30.70.53 > 147.83.30.137.1042: 36388
                  q: A? ns.uu.net. 1/2/2 ns.uu.net. A 137.39.1.3
                  ns: ns.uu.net. NS auth00.ns.uu.net., ns.uu.net. NS auth60.ns.uu.net.
                  ar: auth00.ns.uu.net. A 198.6.1.65, auth60.ns.uu.net. A 198.6.1.181 (117)
```

Query message:

- 36388: Identifier.
- +: Recursion-Desired is set.
- A?: Qtype = A.
- ns.uu.net.: Name to resolve.

Response message:

- 36388: Identifier.
- q: A? ns.uu.net.: Repeat the Question field.
- 1/2/2: 1 Answers, 2 Authorities, 2 Additional follows.
- ns.uu.net. A 137.39.1.3: The answer (RR of type A, address: 137.39.1.3).
- ns: ns.uu.net. NS auth00.ns.uu.net., ns.uu.net. NS auth60.ns.uu.net.: 2 Authorities (RRs of type NS: the domain ns.uu.net. authorities are auth00.ns.uu.net. and auth60.ns.uu.net).
- ar: auth00.ns.uu.net. A 198.6.1.65, auth60.ns.uu.net. A 198.6.1.181: 2 Additional (RRs of type A: authorities IP addresses).

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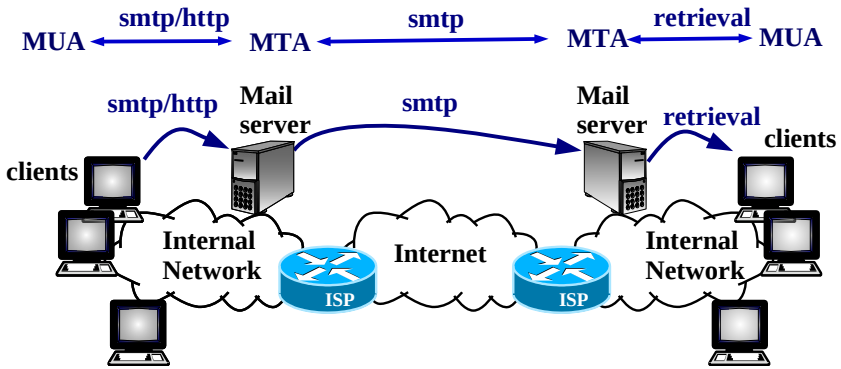
- DNS
- **Email**
- Web
- Charsets
- HTML

Unit 5. Network applications

Email

- Electronic mail (email): One of the first applications used in the Internet to electronic messaging.
- Components:
  - Transport layer: TCP, well-known port: 25.
  - Application layer protocol: Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP). First defined by RFC-821 and last updated by RFC-5321.
  - Retrieval protocols (IMAP, POP, HTTP).

MUA: Mail User Agent
MTA: Mail Transfer Agent



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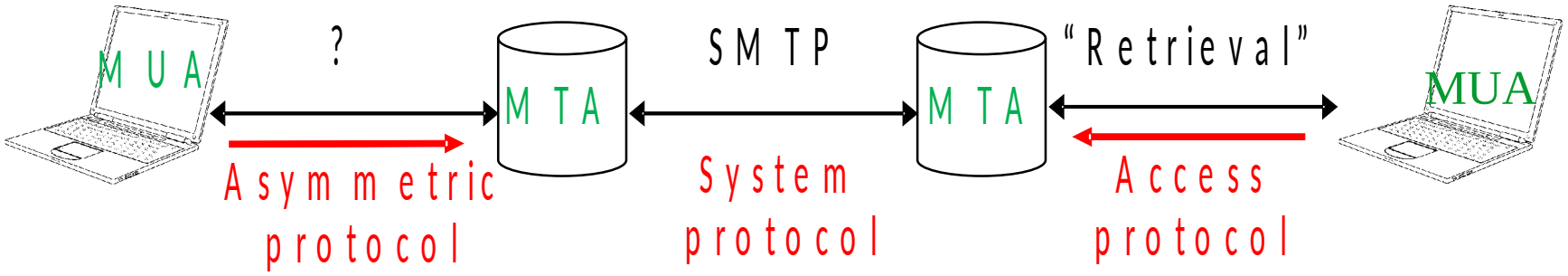
Email – Architecture



- **MUA: Mail User Agent**
- **MTA: Mail Transfer Agent**

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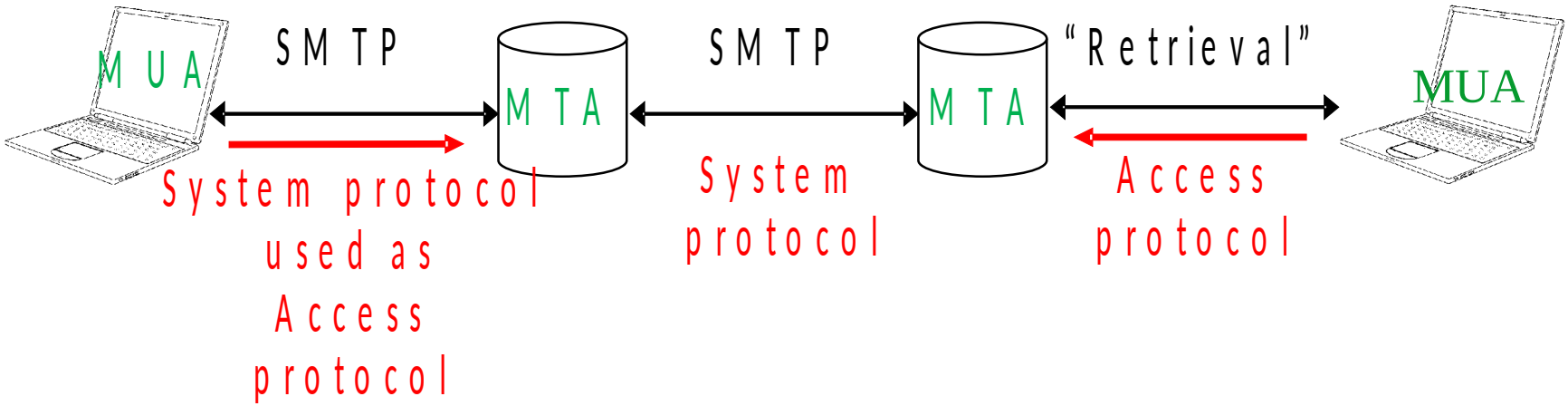
Email – Protocols



- **"Retrieval" protocols (mailbox access):**
  - Post Office Protol (POP3)
  - Internet Message Access Protocol (IMAP)
- **Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMPT)**

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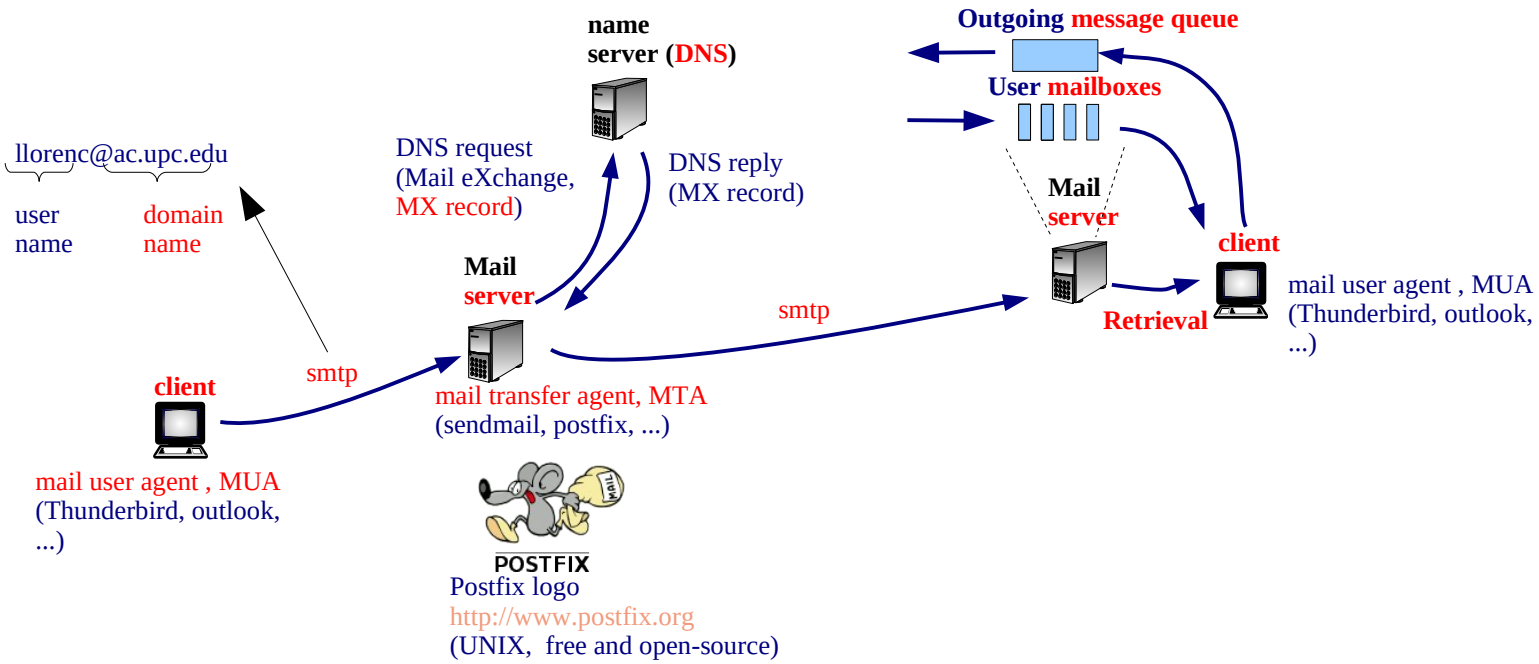
Email - SMTP processing model



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Email - SMTP protocol (RFC-821, last update RFC-5321)

- Designed as a simple (few commands) and text-based protocol (ASCII).
  - Client basic commands: HELO (identify SMTP client), MAIL FROM: (identify sender mailbox), RCPT TO: (identify recipient mailbox), DATA (mail message), QUIT (close transaction).
  - Server replies: Three digit number (identify what state the client to enter next), and a human understandable message.
- Example: Manually send an email using telnet to port 25.

Other possible ports: 587 (TLS - STARTTLS), 465 (SSL: outdated)

Try `telnet mail.guifi.net 587`

SMTP transaction

CLIENT	`linux ~> telnet relay.upc.edu 25`
	`Trying 147.83.2.12...`
	`Connected to relay.upc.edu.`
	`Escape character is '^]'.`
SERVER	`220 dash.upc.es ESMTP Sendmail 8.14.1/8.13.1; Fri, 4 Feb 2011 14:57:15 +0100`
COMMANDS	**`HELO`** `linux.ac.upc.edu`
	`250 dash.upc.es Hello linux.ac.upc.edu [147.83.34.125], pleased to meet you`
	`MAIL FROM:` `<llorenc@ac.upc.edu>`
	`250 2.1.0 <llorenc@ac.upc.edu>... Sender ok`
	`RCPT TO:` `<albert@ac.upc.edu>`
	`250 2.1.5 <albert@ac.upc.edu>... Recipient ok`
	`DATA`
	`354 Enter mail, end with "." on a line by itself`
	`Hello world`
	`.`
	`250 2.0.0 p14DvFOQ008320 Message accepted for delivery`
	`QUIT`
	`221 2.0.0 dash.upc.es closing connection`
	`Connection closed by foreign host.`
	`linux ~>`

With STARTTLS:

```
openssl s_client -debug -starttls smtp \
-crlf -connect mail.guifi.net:587
```

Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions: MIME

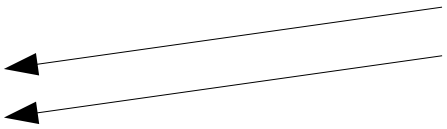
- Used in mail, web, etc
- Specification for “Transport” of composite multimedia objects
  - Transport type information (receiver can automatically present)
  - Encoding to enable/facilitate the transfer
- The internal format becomes invisible to users
- Include one or more objects, text in diverse alphabets, large objects (fragments, refs), alternatives, etc.

MIME: examples

```
From: Nathaniel Borenstein <nsb@thumper.bellcore.com>
To: Ned Freed <ned@innosoft.com>
Subject: Plain old email

This is a plain old email message.
It contains ASCII text, nothing more.
```

```
From: Nathaniel Borenstein <nsb@thumper.bellcore.com>
To: Ned Freed <ned@innosoft.com>
Subject: Plain text mail
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

This is plain text mail.
```

```
...Subject: French mail
Content-type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1
Content-transfer-encoding: quoted-printable

Le courrier =E9lectronique =E0 la fran=E7aise ...
```



```
...Content-type: image/gif
Content-Transfer-Encoding: base64

R0lGODdhSgGgAfUAAENDQ01NTTw8PEVF...
```

MIME: example multipart

```
From: Nathaniel Borenstein <nsb@bellcore.com>
To: Ned Freed <ned@innosoft.com>
Subject: A multipart example
Content-Type: multipart/mixed; boundary=CUT_HERE

--CUT_HERE
Content-type: text/plain

Hey, Ned, look at this neat picture:
--CUT_HERE
Content-type: image/gif
Content-Transfer-Encoding: base64

5WVlZ6enqqqqr....
--CUT_HERE
Content-type: text/plain

Wasn't that neat?
--CUT_HERE--
```

Note the ending '--' of the last boundary

MIME: content type

- Text:
  - Attribute: charset=iso-8859-1
  - text/plain (simple text), text/html ...
- Image: image/gif, image/jpeg, image/png ...
- Audio: sound, voice, music …
- Application: application specific content
  - Application/octet-stream: data without any associated application
  - Application/organization-product
- Multipart: a set of objects
  - Mixed: a combination of several objects
  - Alternative: an object in several formats to select one (text/html/rtf)
  - Parallel: several objs for simultaneous presentation (e.g. audio+video)
  - Digest: collection of messages
  - Related: set of objects part of a single object (web page)
- Message:
  - RFC822: a complete message (eg. resent message)
  - Partial: a fragment …
  - External-Body: a reference to an external object

Registration scheme Type/subtype: mantained by IANA

MIME: transfer encoding

Ways to encode content: (to “get through” a 7 bit transport)

- Quoted-Printable:
  - The majority of text is 7 bits, transform some characters € → =E4
  - The result “almost" legible without decoding. Depends on table (charset)
- Base64:
  - 3 bytes (24 bits) <=> 4 ASCII (32 bits)
  - A-Za-z0-9+/=
  - '=' as padding, other are ignored (\r, \n, …)
- Binary: No encoding: any character and lines of any length
- 7Bit: No character encoding (all 7 bits) and lines of appropriate length
- 8Bit: No character encoding (8 bits) and lines of appropriate length
- In the heading:

```
MIME-Version: 1.0
Subject: =?iso-8859-1?Q?acentuaci=F3n=20t=EDpica?=
```

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Email - retrieval protocols

- Post Office Protocol (POP), RFC-1939:
  - POP server listens on well-known port 110
  - User normally deletes messages upon retrieval.

- Internet Message Access Protocol (IMAP) RFC-3501:
  - IMAP server listens on well-known port 143
  - Messages remain on the server until the user explicitly deletes them.
  - Provide commands to create folders, move messages, download only parts of the messages (e.g. only the headers)

- Web based Email (HTTP)
  - A web server handles users mailboxes. User agent is a web browser, thus, using HTTP to send and retrieve email messages.

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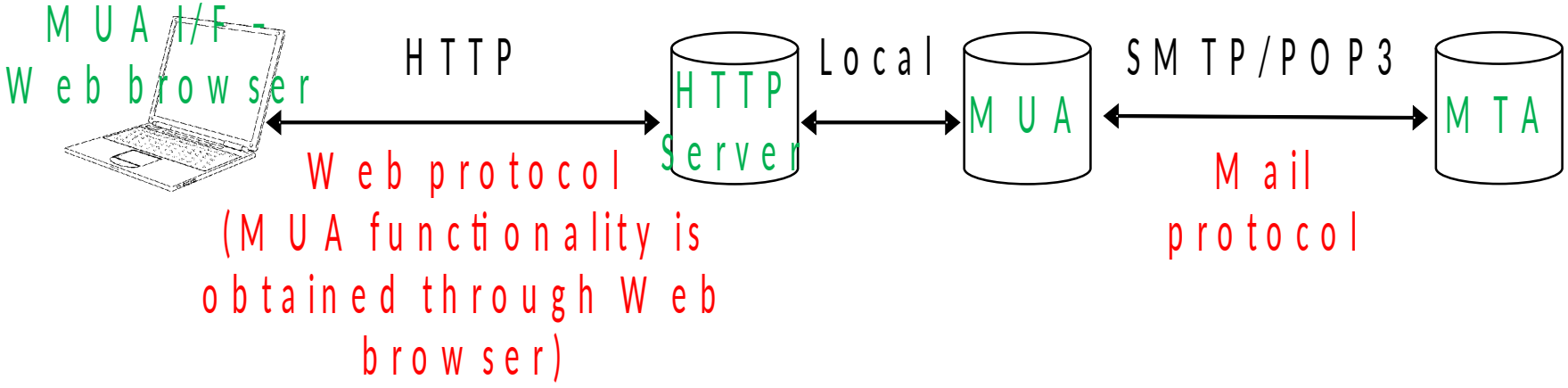
Email - Webmail



- Web front-end for mail services. The MUA is a web browser.
- Real protocol to access the services: HTTP (web).
- The HTTP server machine uses SMTP or POP3, as required.

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Web – links

- Uniform Resource Identifier (URI) RFC3986
  - Generic syntax to identify a resource.
- Uniform Resource Locator (URL) RFC1738
  - Subset of URIs identifying the locating a resource in the Internet.
- The URL general syntax is

  scheme://username:password@domain:port/path?query_string#fragment_id

  - scheme: Purpose, and the syntax of the remaining part. http, gopher, file, ftp...
  - domain name or IP address gives the destination location. The port is optional.
  - query_string: contains data to be passed to the server.
  - fragment_id: specifies a position in the html page.
  - Examples:
    - http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc1738
    - http://147.83.2.135
    - http://studies.ac.upc.edu/FIB/grau/XC/#Practs
    - file:///home/llorenc/gestio/2010/cd/autors.html
    - http://www.amazon.com/product/03879/refs9?pf_ra=ATVPD&pf_rd=07HR2

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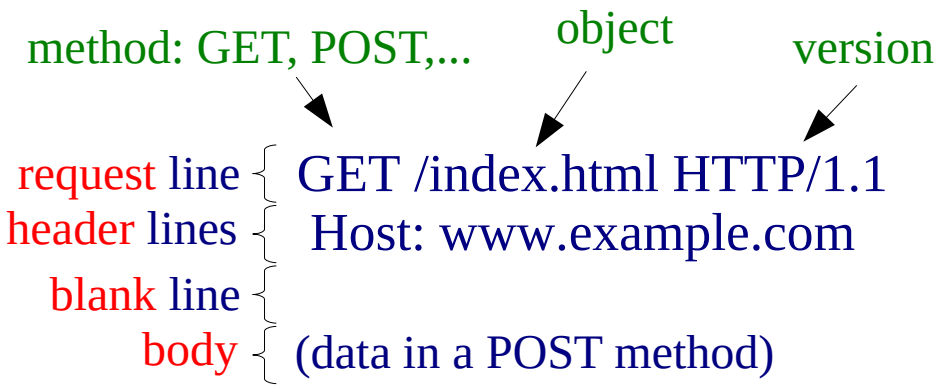
Web – HTTP Messages, RFC2616

- Client (HTTP request):



- Header: Allows the client to give additional information about the request and the client itself.
  - Host:
    - host of the resource being requested
    - mandatory in HTTP/1.1

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- **Methods:**
  - GET Typical command. Requests an object.
  - POST Request an object qualified by the data in the body. This data is the contents of the HTML form fields, provided by the client.
  - HEAD the server returns only the header
  - OPTIONS request communication options
  - PUT store entity
  - PATCH modify an existing resource
  - DELETE delete entity
  - TRACE final recipient echoes the received message back
  - CONNECT used with a proxy
- NOTES
  - Most used: GET, POST
  - Safe and mandatory: GET, HEAD — Any server must implement these methods at least

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- POST uses MIME types: application/octet-stream, to send raw binary data, and application/x-www-form-urlencoded, to send name-value pairs. Example:

request line { POST /login.jsp HTTP/1.1

header lines {
- Host: www.mysite.com
- User-Agent: Mozilla/4.0
- Content-Length: 27
- Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded

blank line {

body { userid=llorenc&password=mypassword

POST vs. GET

GET is used to request data from a specified resource. The query string (name/value pairs) is sent in the URL of a GET message (e.g. `/test/demo_form.php?name1=value1&name2=value2`)

POST is used to send data to a server to create/update a resource. The data sent to the server with POST is stored in the request body of the HTTP request (as show in the example below)

Example ('| jq' is ancillary):

```
curl https://gw1.vocdoni.net/dvote -X POST -H Content-Type:application/json –data \
'{"id": "req00'$RANDOM'", "request": {"method": "getStats", "timestamp":'$(date + \
%s)'}}' | jq
```

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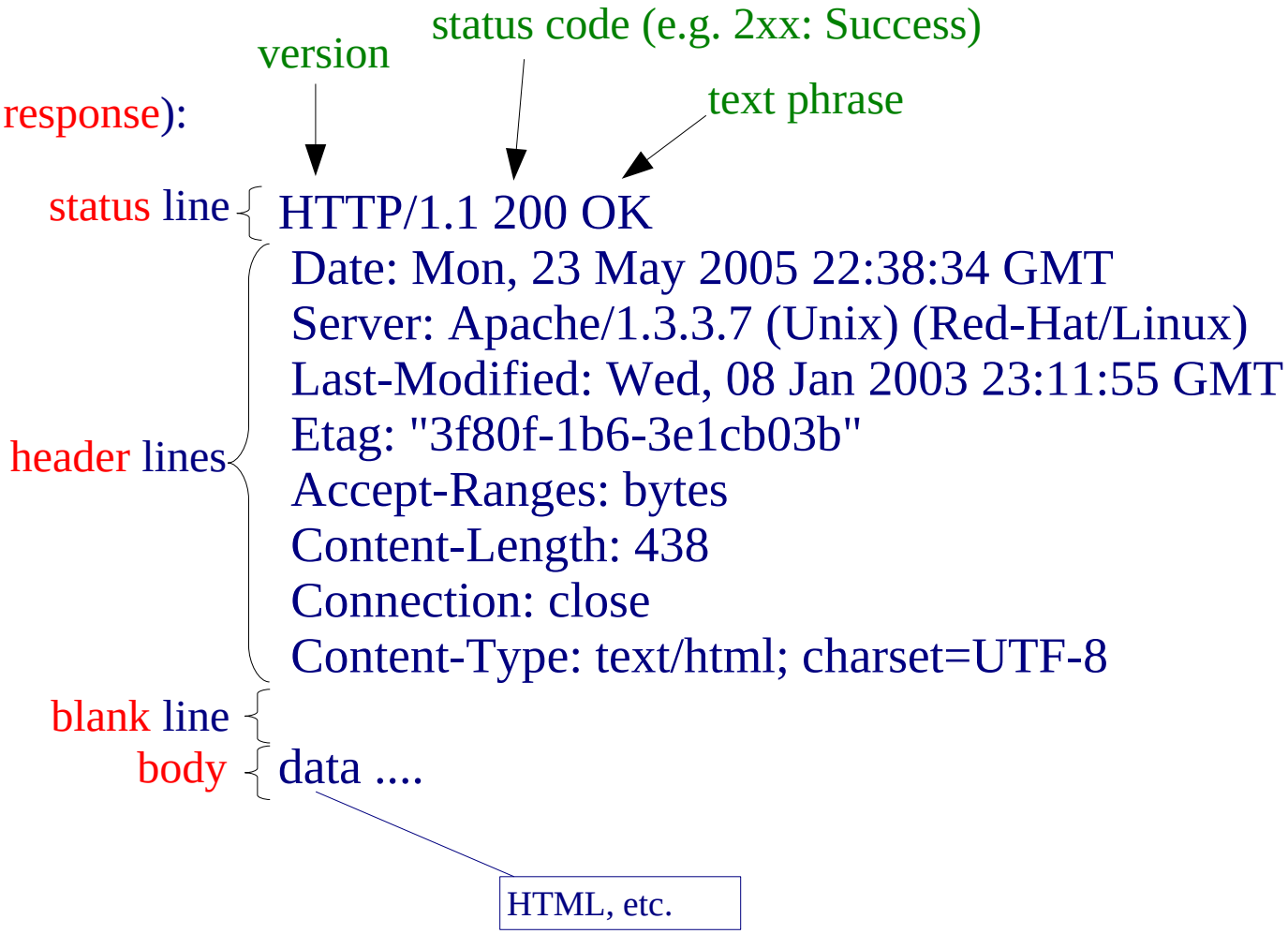
- Server (HTTP response):



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- Status codes:
  - 1xx informational response – the request was received, continuing process
  - 2xx successful – the request was successfully received, understood, and accepted
  - 3xx redirection – further action needs to be taken in order to complete the request
  - 4xx client error – the request contains bad syntax or cannot be fulfilled
  - 5xx server error – the server failed to fulfill an apparently valid request

- Some well-know status codes:
  - 200 OK
  - 304 Not Modified ——— Used by proxies
  - 400 Bad Request
  - 403 Forbidden
  - 404 Not Found
  - 500 Internal Server Error
  - 502 Bad Gateway

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- Header
  - Last-Modified: date, used in conditional retrieval.
  - Etag: id, used in conditional retrieval.
  - Connection: keep-alive/close, controls whether or not the network connection stays open after the current transaction.
  - Accept: <MIME_type>/<MIME_subtype>, acceptable mime types.
  - ...

Example HTTP 1.0 interactive sessions (double intro needed):

```
$ telnet www.google.com 80
Trying 2a00:1450:4003:80d::2004...
Connected to www.google.com.
Escape character is '^]'.
GET / HTTP/1.0

HTTP/1.0 200 OK
Date: Thu, 26 May 2022 09:57:36 GMT
Expires: -1
...
```

Example HTTP 1.1 interactive session (Host is mandatory in HTTP 1.1):

```
$ telnet www.google.com 80
Trying 2a00:1450:4003:80d::2004...
Connected to www.google.com.
Escape character is '^]'.
GET / HTTP/1.1
Host: www.google.com

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Thu, 26 May 2022 09:59:59 GMT
Expires: -1
...
```

GET commands must be manually typed

Example HTTP 1.1 TLS interactive session:

```
$ openssl s_client -connect \
www.upc.edu:443
CONNECTED(00000003)
depth=2 C = US, O = DigiCert Inc, OU =
www.digicert.com, CN = DigiCert
Assured ID Root CA
verify return:1
...
    Extended master secret: yes
---
GET /ca HTTP/1.1
Host: www.upc.edu

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Wed, 25 May 2022 18:31:52 GMT
...
```

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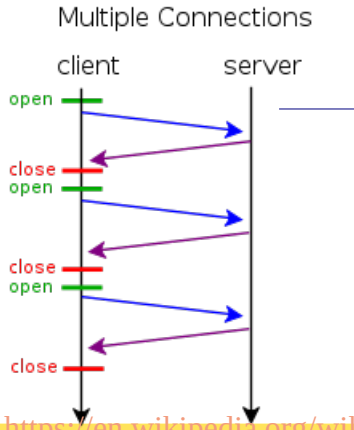
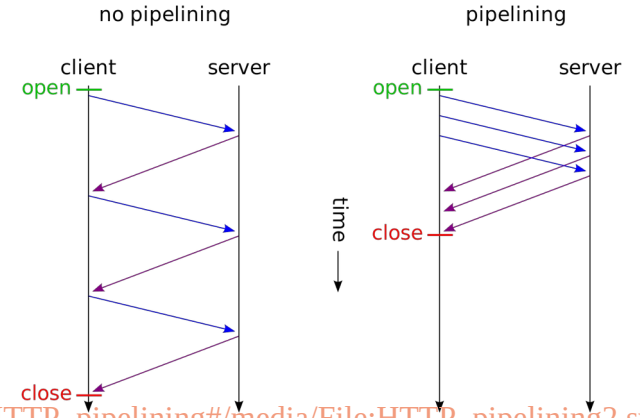
Web – Persistent/non Persistent connections

- Non persistent (default in HTTP/1.0): The server close the TCP connection after every object. E.g, for an html page with 10 jpeg images, 11 TCP connections are sequentially opened.
- Persistent (default in HTTP/1.1) : The server maintains the TCP connection opened until an inactivity time. In the example: All 11 objects would be sent over the same TCP connection.
- Persistent connections with pipelining (supported only in HTTP/1.1): The client issues new requests as soon as it encounter new references, even if the objects have been not completely downloaded. In the example: All 11 objects would be sent over the same TCP connection.



Parallel TCP connections are possible. In fact, many browsers do it.

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:HTTP_persistent_connection.svg



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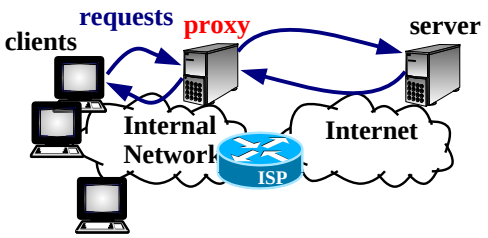
Web – Caching and Proxies

- Caching: The client stores downloaded pages in a local cache. Conditional GET requests are used to download pages if necessary. It can use the Date and/or Etag:

```
GET /index.html HTTP/1.1
Host: www.example.com
If-Modified-Since: October 21, 2002 4:57 PM
If-None-Match: "686897696a7c876b7e"
```

- Proxy server: Acts as an intermediary for requests from clients.
  - Advantages:
    - Security (the proxy may reject the access to unauthorized servers)
    - Logs
    - Caching
    - Save public IP addresses (only the proxy may have access to the Internet)
    - ...



Drawback: cannot work in HTTPS due to end-to-end encryption

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Web – web based applications

- Components:
  - Presentation: A web browser (client side).
  - Engine generating “on the fly” HTML pages (server side).
  - Storage: a database (e.g. mysql).

- Benefits:
  - Fast to deploy and upgrade (only server side).
  - Only a compatible browser is required at the client side.
  - Provide cross-platform compatibility (i.e., Windows, Mac, Linux, etc.)

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Languages, cultures, alphabets

7400 million people (2016)

22% speak Chinese, 11% English, 7% Spanish, 0,1% Catalan

Apart from languages, there are cultures and alphabets

- Language with several cultures: es_ES, es_CO ("locale")
- Alphabet shared by several languages (e.g. català & français)

Culture:

- Messages, character sets, transliteration, ordering, search in strings, hours and dates, numbers and currency, pronunciation, …

Interaction between agents in different languages and cultures: alphabets and character sets

Languages, cultures, alphabets

Internacionalization (i18n), Localization (l10n)

Alphabets

- "base": ascii
- National: e.g.: latin-1 (includes ascii), kanji
- International: e.g.: unicode (includes latin-1 and “all” languages)

Expression or language negotiation (in HTTP):

Accept-Language: es, ca, en-gb, en
Accept-Charset: iso-8859-15, unicode-9-0
. . .

English is the default …

Content-Language: ca
Content-Type: text/html; charset=utf-8
. . .

Character sets

Characters are encoded following several conventions:

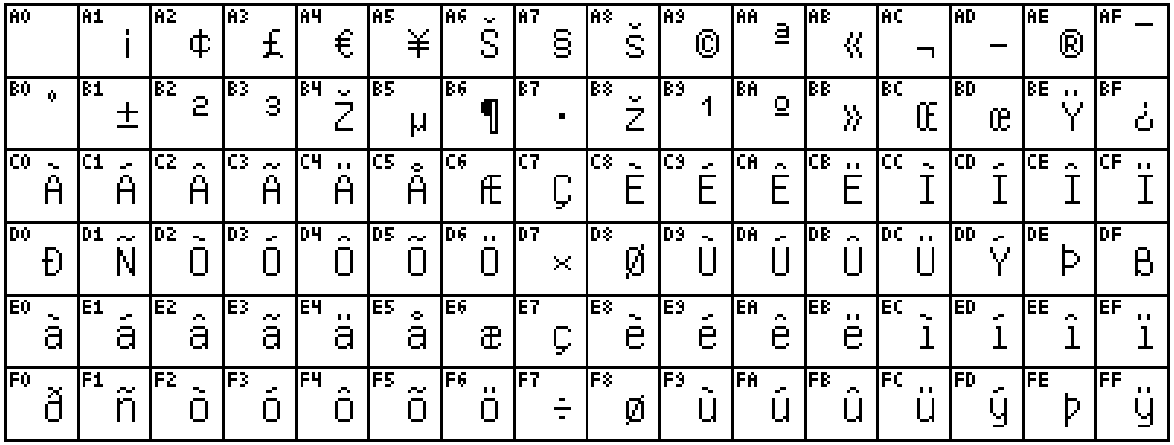
- **repertoire**: a set of characters (name and representation (glyph))
- **code**: correspondence between repertoire and natural numbers.
- **encoding**: method (algorithm) to convert code numbers into a sequence of octets (> 256 characters)
- US-ASCII: 95 characters + control=128: 7 bits (1 octet sent)

USASCII code chart

Bits b7 b6 b5 →	0 0 0	0 0 1	0 1 0	0 1 1	1 0 0	1 0 1	1 1 0	1 1 1
b4 b3 b2 b1 ↓ Row / Column →	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0 0 0 0	0	NUL	DLE	SP	0	@	P	`	p
0 0 0 1	1	SOH	DC1	!	1	A	Q	a	q
0 0 1 0	2	STX	DC2	"	2	B	R	b	r
0 0 1 1	3	ETX	DC3	#	3	C	S	c	s
0 1 0 0	4	EOT	DC4	$	4	D	T	d	t
0 1 0 1	5	ENQ	NAK	%	5	E	U	e	u
0 1 1 0	6	ACK	SYN	&	6	F	V	f	v
0 1 1 1	7	BEL	ETB	'	7	G	W	g	w
1 0 0 0	8	BS	CAN	(	8	H	X	h	x
1 0 0 1	9	HT	EM	)	9	I	Y	i	y
1 0 1 0	10	LF	SUB	*	:	J	Z	j	z
1 0 1 1	11	VT	ESC	+	;	K	[	k	{
1 1 0 0	12	FF	FS	,	<	L	\	l	|
1 1 0 1	13	CR	GS	-	=	M	]	m	}
1 1 1 0	14	SO	RS	.	>	N	^	n	~
1 1 1 1	15	SI	US	/	?	O	_	o	DEL

ISO 8859

- ISO 8859-1 (ISO Latin 1): 190 + control = 256: 1 octet Western European, default for HTTP



- More variants

ISO 8859-15 extends -1 + Ÿ, €

ISO 8859-2 (Central European)

ISO 8859-4 (North European)

ISO 8859-5 (Cyrillic)

ISO 8859-6 (Arabic) — Most common Arabic glyphs

ISO 8859-7 (Greek)

ISO 8859-8 (Hebrew) — modern Hebrew.

ISO 8859-9 (Turkish, Kurdish)

ISO 8859-11 (Thai) — Contains most glyphs needed

Universal Coded Character Set
Unicode

All characters from all written languages + math + emoticons +
+=Universal Character set (ucs)

Encoding: UCS-4 bytes (fixed length)

Proportional spacing, language independent

Unicode consortium: synchronized with ISO,

- Unicode 9.0.0 (7/2016): 140,186 symbols (2023/05/29)
- U+hex code: U+0020 = ' '

Character Encoding: Universal Transformation Format (UTF)

- Difficulty or impossibility to transport 8 o 16 bits data in Internet protocols:
- **UTF-8**, UTF-16, UTF-32 (variable length)

http://www.unicode.org

Variable length encodings

- UTF-8 (8 bits) (rfc2044)
  - One to four 8-bit code units
  - Most common in the Internet
  - Preserves ASCII codes

```
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=UTF-8

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit

CatalÃ , FranÃ§ais, TÃ¤mÃ¤ on testi.
```

- UTF-16 (16 bits)
  - One or two 16-bit code units
- UTF-32 (32 bits)
  - Fixed-length 32-bit code units

Universal Coded Character Set Unicode

- **UTF-8 Encoding**
  - Determine high-order bits from the number of octets
  - Fill in the bits marked x

Char. number range (hexadecimal)	UTF-8 octet sequence (binary)
0000 0000-0000 007F	0xxxxxxx
0000 0080-0000 07FF	110xxxxx 10xxxxxx
0000 0800-0000 FFFF	1110xxxx 10xxxxxx 10xxxxxx
0001 0000-0010 FFFF	11110xxx 10xxxxxx 10xxxxxx 10xxxxxx

  - Example
    - character: €
    - code point: U+20AC
    - code point in binary (12 bits): 10 0000 1010 1100
    - 3 code units required:
    - UTF-8: 11100010 10000010 10101100
    - UTF-8 in hex: E282AC

• Self-synchronization => it is possible to identify any character at any time (no need to restart reading from the beginning of the communication -it is not the case in ASCII):
The number of bytes of the character is determined by the combination of the initial bits

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HTML – Hyper-Text Markup Language, HTML

- Tim Berners-Lee defined HTML in 1989. HTML design mail goal was displaying formated text documents with hyperlinks (including links to other documents) in web browsers.
- Based on tags e.g. <head> data </head>
- Example:

```
<html>
<head>
 <title>Basic html document</title>
</head>
<body>
  <h1><font color="red">First Heading</font></h1>
  <p>first paragraph.</p>
</body>
</html>
```

First Heading

first paragraph.

Terminology:

- element
- attribute
- text

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HTML – Hyper-Text Markup Language, HTML

- HTML features (1):
  - Hyperlinks: Click on a link and jump to another document
  - Forms: The document accept user inputs that are sent to the server
  - Scripting: Allow adding programs. The program executes on the client's machine when the document loads, or at some other time such as when a link is activated.

HTTP GET

HTTP POST

JavaScript

- Hyperlinks
  - <a> tag defines an hyperlink
  - Syntax:
    - » link text
  - Example:
    - » XC-GRAU

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HTML – Hyper-Text Markup Language, HTML

- HTML features (2):
  - javascript example:

```
<html>
<head>
<script type="text/javascript">
 function displaymessage() {
   alert("Hello World!");
 }
</script>
</head>
<body>
 <form>
  <input type="button"
   value="Click me!" onclick="displaymessage()" />
 </form>
</body>
</html>
```

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WEB & HTML – Example: "Hello, world!"

1) Create (copy & paste) index.html and index2.html files (source code from previous slides)

2) In terminal 1 run Wireshark and observe the captured traces while working in terminal 3 and the web browser:

```
wireshark -n -i any -k -f "host 127.0.1.1"
```

3) In terminal 2 run the Python http module (server):

```
python3 -m http.server -d <path> -b 127.0.1.1 8080
```

Path to directory of index.html and index2.html

4) In terminal 3 run a telnet client (GET … commands must be explicitly typed and intro pushed twice):

```
telnet 127.0.1.1 8080
...
GET / HTTP/1.0
...
```

5) In terminal 3 run a telnet client:

```
telnet 127.0.1.1 8080
...
GET /index2.html HTTP/1.1
...
```

6) Open a web browser and visit http://127.0.1.1:8080 and http://127.0.1.1:8080/index2

index.html

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index2.html

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</script>
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