



Application Layer , HTTP(contd..)

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Non-Persistent HTTP: Response time

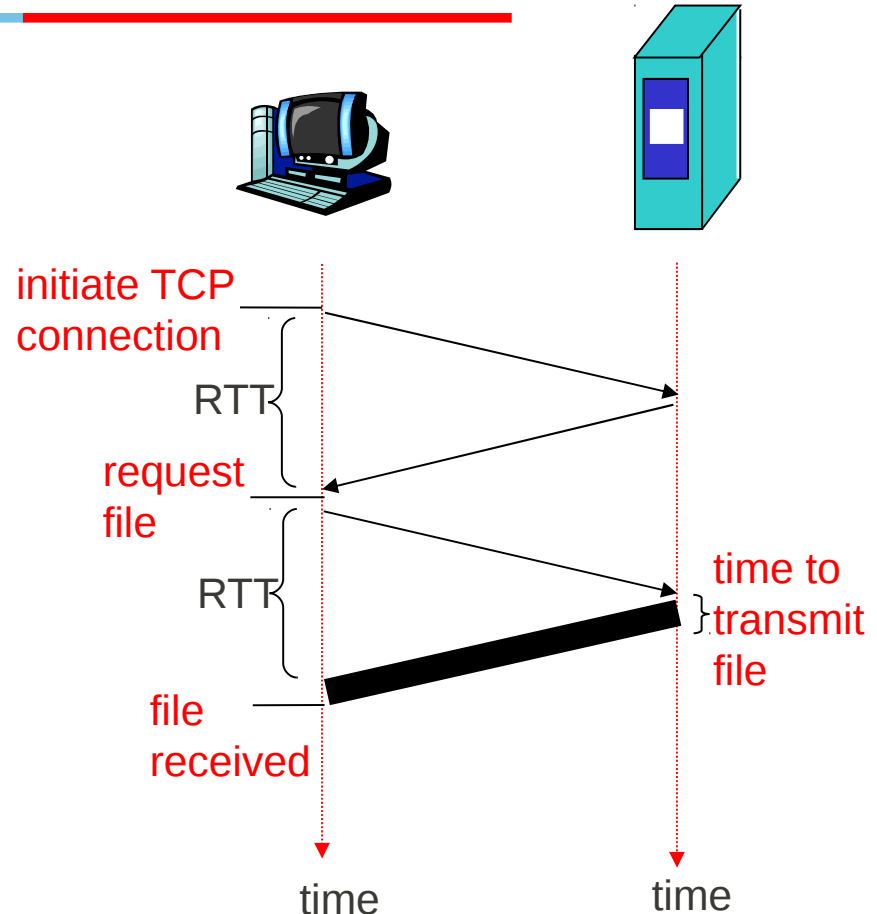


Definition of RTT: time to send a small packet to travel from client to server and back.

Response time:

- one RTT to initiate TCP connection
- one RTT for HTTP request and first few bytes of HTTP response to return
- file transmission time

total = 2RTT + transmit time



Persistent HTTP



Nonpersistent HTTP issues:

- requires 2 RTTs per object
- OS overhead for *each* TCP connection
- browsers often open parallel TCP connections to fetch referenced objects

Persistent HTTP

- server leaves connection open after sending response
- subsequent HTTP messages between same client/server sent over open connection

Persistent *without* pipelining:

- client issues new request only when previous response has been received
- one RTT for each referenced object

Persistent *with* pipelining:

- default in HTTP/1.1
- client sends requests as soon as it encounters a referenced object
- as little as one RTT for all the referenced objects

HTTP request message

- two types of HTTP messages: *request, response*
- **HTTP request message:**
 - ❖ ASCII (human-readable format)

request line
(GET, POST,
HEAD commands)

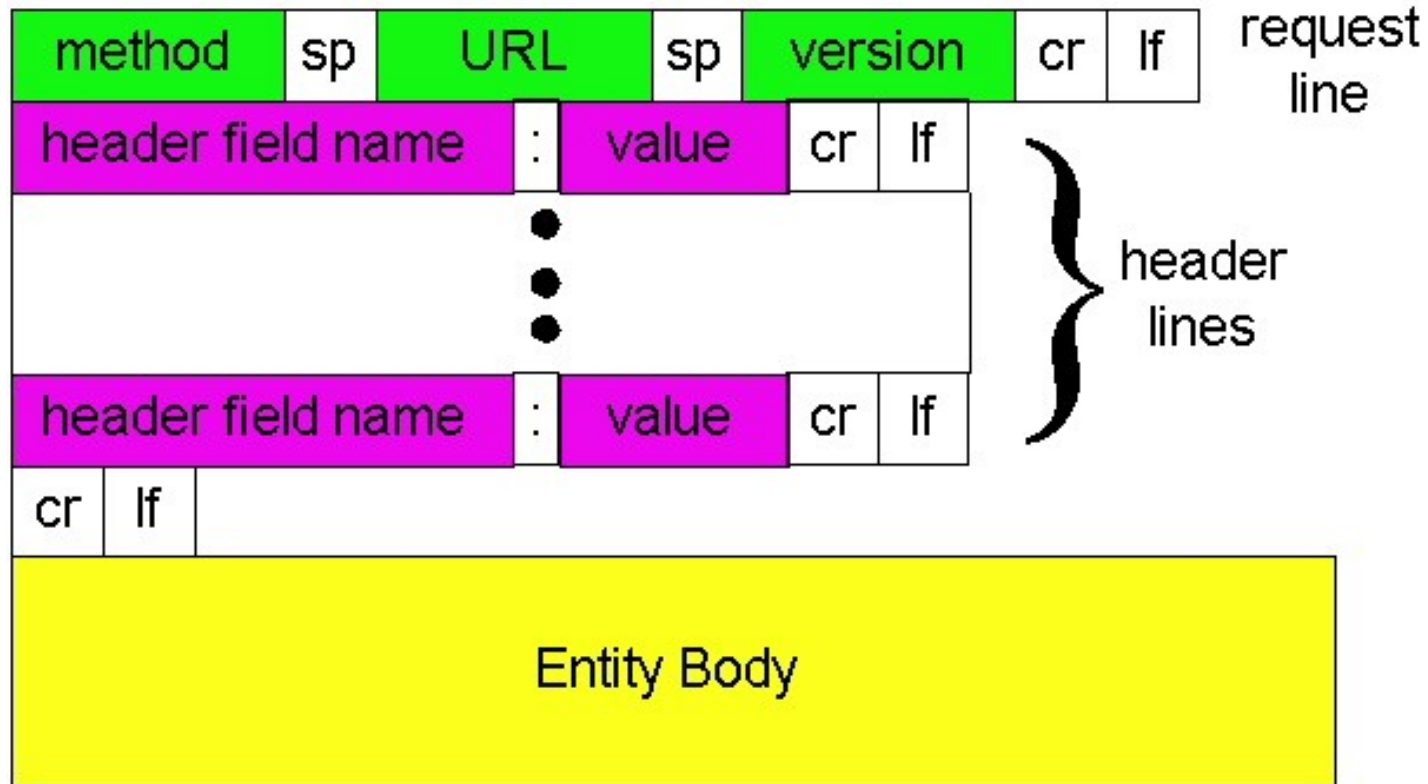
header
lines

```
GET /somedir/page.html HTTP/1.1
Host: www.someschool.edu
User-agent: Mozilla/4.0
Connection: close
Accept-language: fr
```

Carriage return,
line feed
indicates end
of message

(extra carriage return, line feed)

HTTP request message: general format



Uploading form input

Post method:

- Web page often includes form input
- Input is uploaded to server in entity body

URL method:

- Uses GET method
- Input is uploaded in URL field of request line:

`www.somesite.com/animalsearch?monkeys&banana`

Method types

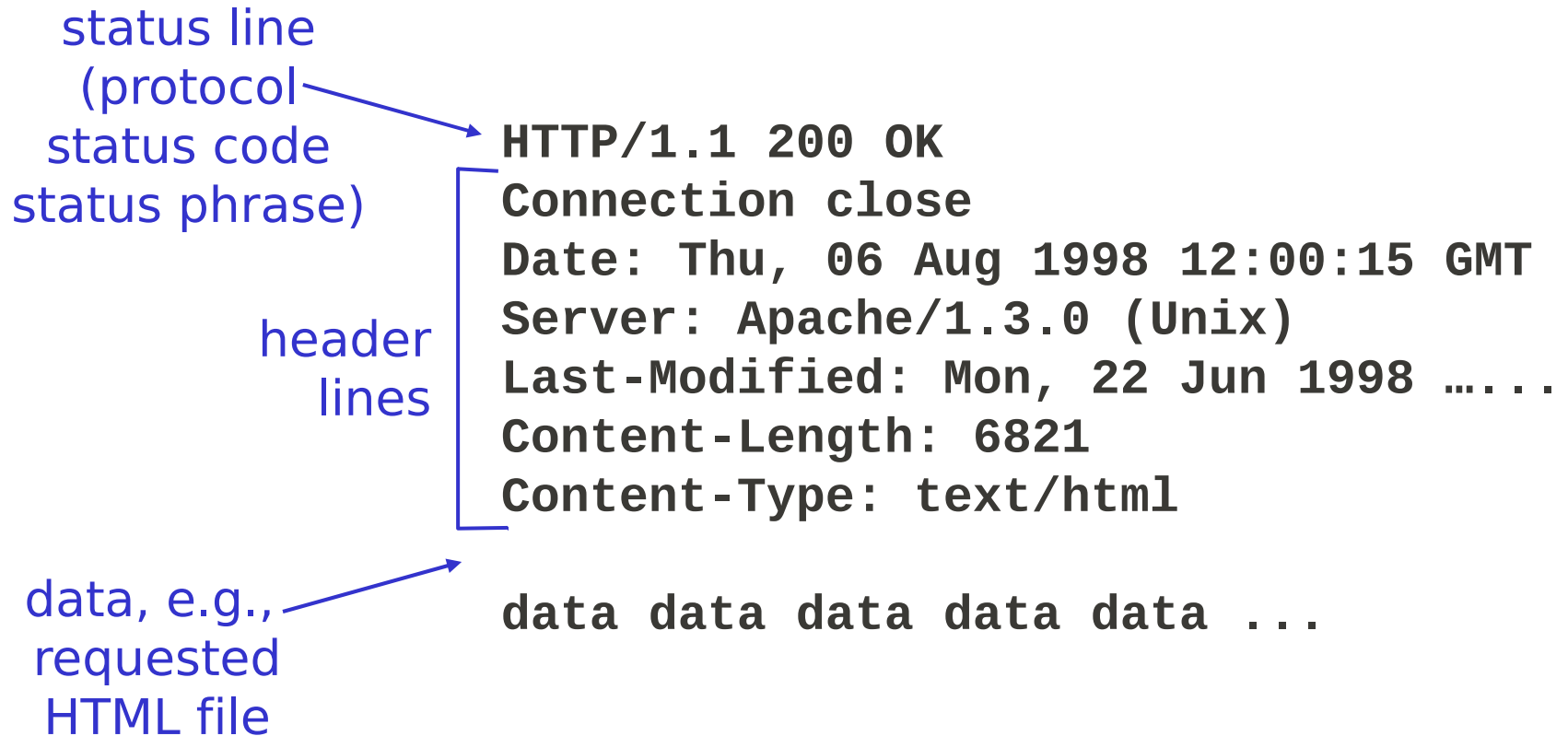
HTTP/1.0

- GET
- POST
- HEAD
 - ❖ asks server to leave requested object out of response

HTTP/1.1

- GET, POST, HEAD
- PUT
 - ❖ uploads file in entity body to path specified in URL field
- DELETE
 - ❖ deletes file specified in the URL field

HTTP response message



HTTP response status codes

200 OK

- ❖ request succeeded, requested object later in this message

301 Moved Permanently

- ❖ requested object moved, new location specified later in this message (Location:)

400 Bad Request

- ❖ request message not understood by server

404 Not Found

- ❖ requested document not found on this server

505 HTTP Version Not Supported