

Comparison Between UDP and TCP

| Feature | UDP (User Datagram Protocol) | TCP (Transmission Control Protocol) |
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| Connection Type | Connectionless | Connection-oriented |
| Reliability | Unreliable (no guarantee of delivery) | Reliable (ensures delivery with acknowledgments) |
| Ordering | No guaranteed order of delivery | Guarantees order of delivery |
| Speed | Faster due to no connection establishment overhead | Slower due to connection establishment and checks |
| Header Size | 8 bytes | 20-60 bytes |
| Flow Control | No flow control | Flow control through windowing |
| Use Cases | Suitable for applications like streaming, gaming | Suitable for applications requiring reliability, like web browsing and file transfers |
| Error Checking | Basic checksum for error checking | Comprehensive error checking with retransmissions |



