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Chapter 2

Application Layer

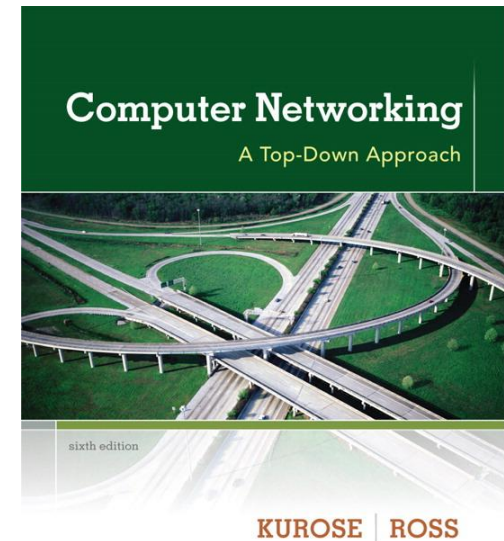
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Chapter 2: outline

2.1 principles of network applications

- app architectures
- app requirements

2.2 Web and HTTP

2.3 FTP

2.4 electronic mail

- SMTP, POP3, IMAP

2.5 DNS

2.6 P2P applications

2.7 socket programming with UDP and TCP

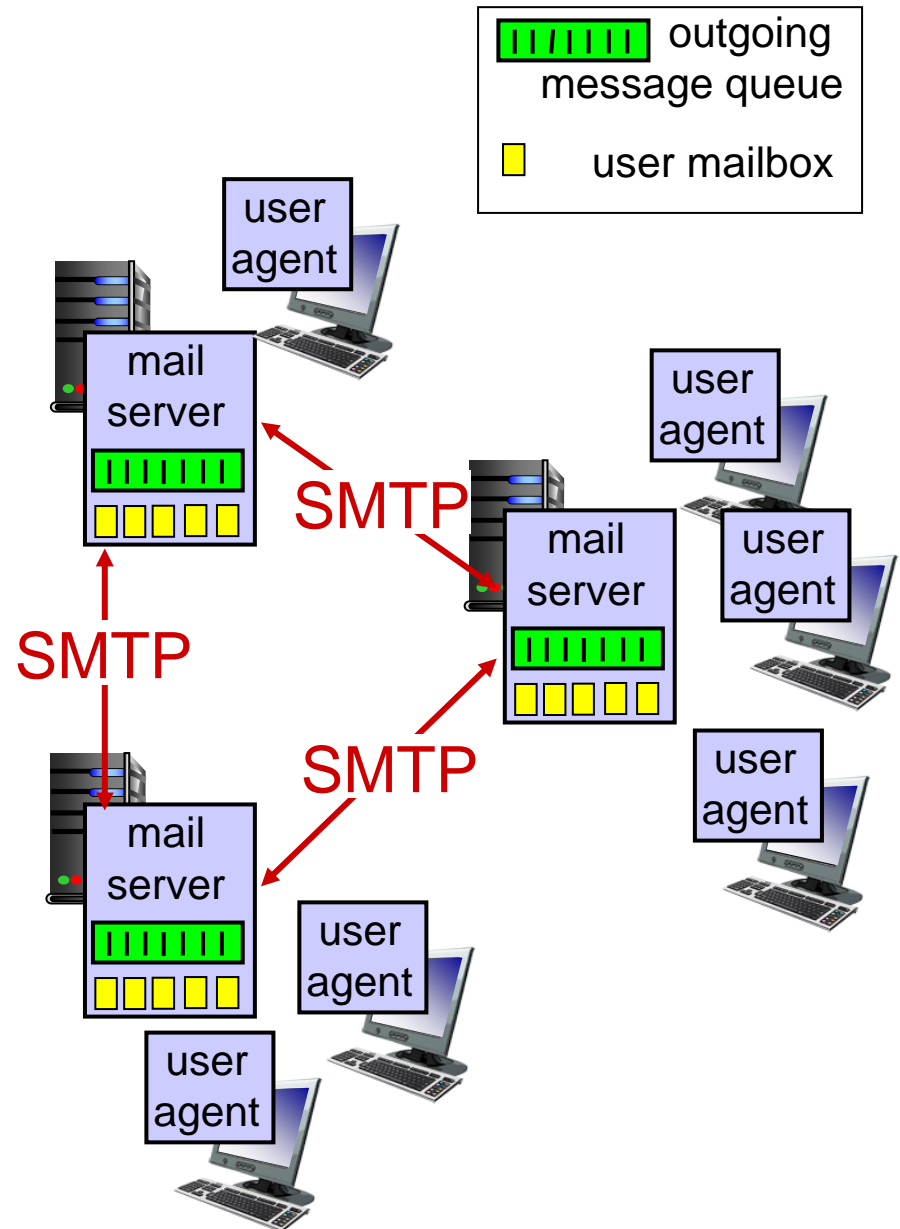
Electronic mail

Three major components:

- ❖ user agents
- ❖ mail servers
- ❖ simple mail transfer protocol: SMTP

User Agent

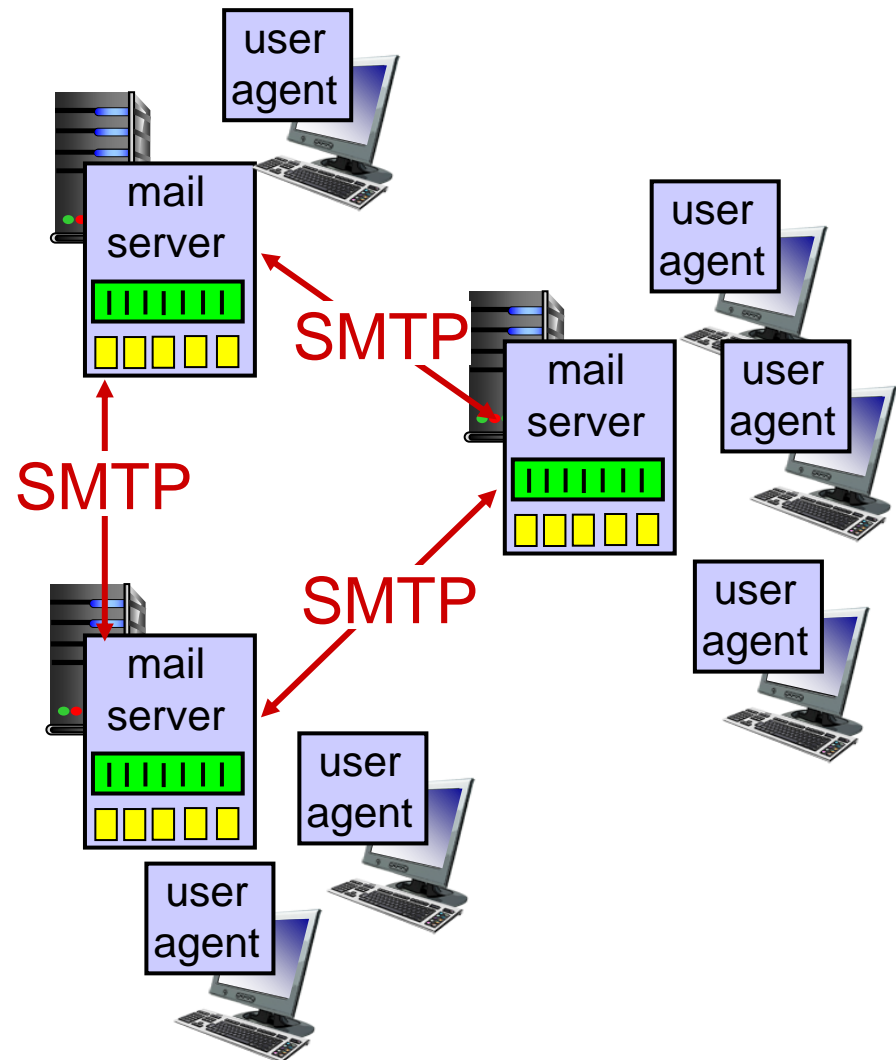
- ❖ a.k.a. “mail reader”
- ❖ composing, editing, reading mail messages
- ❖ e.g., Outlook, Thunderbird, iPhone mail client
- ❖ outgoing, incoming messages stored on server



Electronic mail: mail servers

mail servers:

- ❖ *message queue* of outgoing (to be sent) mail messages
- ❖ *mailbox* contains incoming messages for user
- ❖ *SMTP protocol* between mail servers to send email messages
 - client: sending mail server
 - “server”: receiving mail server

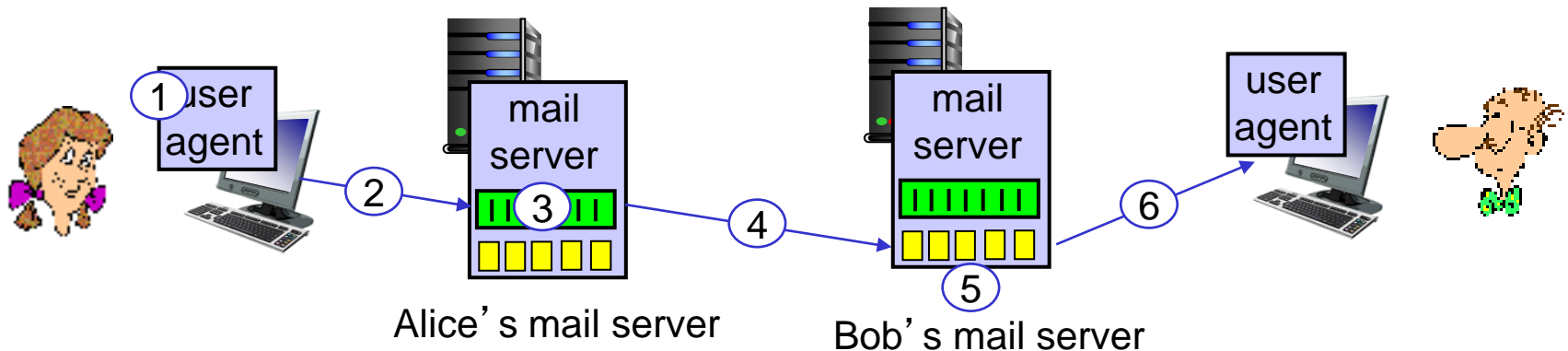


Electronic Mail: SMTP [RFC 2821]

- ❖ Client / Server
- ❖ uses TCP to reliably transfer email message from client to server, port 25
- ❖ direct transfer: sending server to receiving server
- ❖ three phases of transfer
 - handshaking (greeting)
 - transfer of messages (persistent TCP, many messages over the same TCP connection can be sent.)
 - closure
- ❖ command/response interaction (like HTTP, FTP)
 - **commands:** ASCII text
 - **response:** status code and phrase
- ❖ messages must be in 7-bit ASCII

Scenario: Alice sends message to Bob

- 1) Alice uses UA to compose message “to”
`bob@someschool.edu`
- 2) Alice’s UA sends message to her mail server; message placed in message queue
- 3) client side of SMTP opens TCP connection with Bob’s mail server
- 4) SMTP client sends Alice’s message over the TCP connection
- 5) Bob’s mail server places the message in Bob’s mailbox
- 6) Bob invokes his user agent to read message



Sample SMTP interaction

```
S: 220 hamburger.edu
C: HELO crepes.fr
S: 250 Hello crepes.fr, pleased to meet you
C: MAIL FROM: <alice@crepes.fr>
S: 250 alice@crepes.fr... Sender ok
C: RCPT TO: <bob@hamburger.edu>
S: 250 bob@hamburger.edu ... Recipient ok
C: DATA
S: 354 Enter mail, end with "." on a line by itself
C: Do you like ketchup?
C: How about pickles?
C: .
S: 250 Message accepted for delivery
C: QUIT
S: 221 hamburger.edu closing connection
```


SMTP Interaction

Postmark

SENDING MAIL SERVER (SMTP CLIENT)

RECEIVING MAIL SERVER (SMTP SERVER)

1 Hi there, I want to send an email.

HELO

250 OK

3 Here's who that email is from.

MAIL FROM: hello@homers-dohnuts.com

250 OK

5 Here's who this email is going to.

RCP TO: mary@sweettooth.com

250 OK

7 Alright, here's the message content.

DATA

354

9 That was all the message content.

250 OK

11 That's it! We're done.

QUIT

221

2 Got it! Let's do this.

4 That sender looks good to me.

6 Yep, that recipient looks fine to me.

8 Got it!

10 Cool! The email is on its way!

12 I'm closing the connection.

Try SMTP interaction for yourself:

- ❖ `telnet servername 25`
- ❖ see 220 reply from server
- ❖ enter HELO/EHLO, MAIL FROM, RCPT TO, DATA, QUIT commands

above lets you send email without using email client (reader)

SMTP: final words

- ❖ SMTP uses persistent **TCP** connections
- ❖ SMTP requires message (header & body) to be in 7-bit ASCII
- ❖ SMTP server uses CRLF.CRLF to determine end of message
- ❖ **MIME**: Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions: is an internet standard that extends the format of email to support non text attachments as well as text that non-ASCII

comparison with HTTP:

- ❖ HTTP: pull
- ❖ SMTP: push
- ❖ both have ASCII command/response interaction, status codes
- ❖ HTTP: each object encapsulated in its own response msg
- ❖ SMTP: multiple objects sent in multipart msg

Mail message format

SMTP: protocol for exchanging email msgs

RFC 822: standard for text message format:

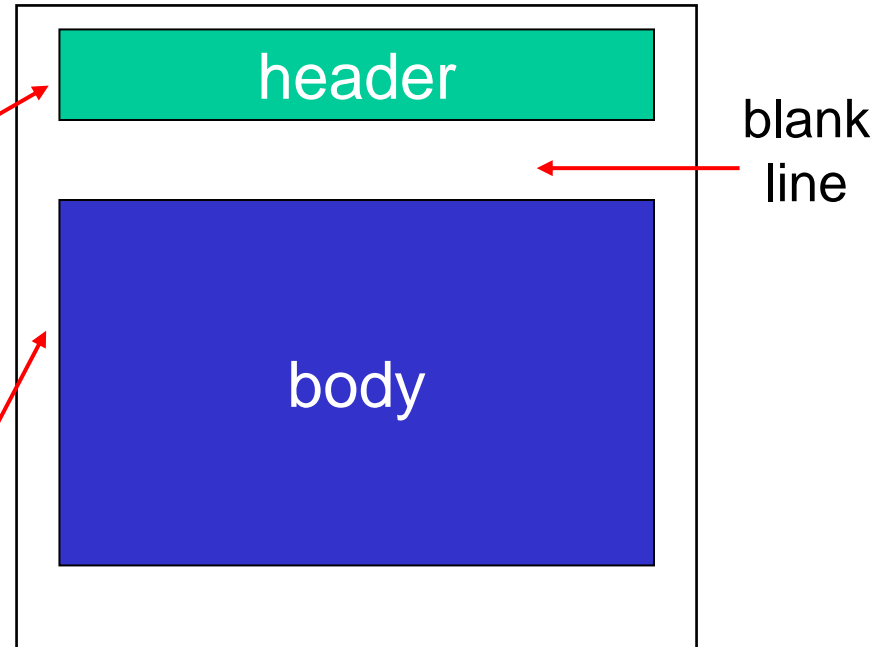
❖ header lines, e.g.,

- To:
- From:
- Subject:

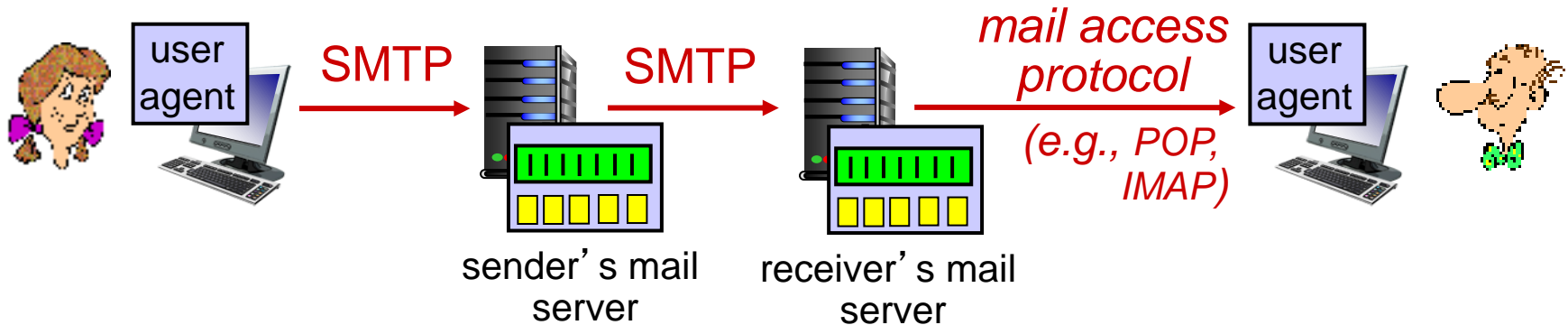
different from SMTP MAIL FROM, RCPT TO: commands! (The commands in SMTP were part of the SMTP handshaking protocol; the header lines examined in this section are part of the mail message itself)

❖ Body: the “message”

- ASCII characters only



Mail access protocols



- ❖ **SMTP**: delivery/storage to receiver's server
- ❖ mail access protocol: retrieval from receiver's server
 - **POP**: Post Office Protocol [RFC 1939]: authorization, download
 - **IMAP**: Internet Mail Access Protocol [RFC 1730]: more features, including manipulation of stored msgs on server
 - **HTTP**: gmail, Hotmail, Yahoo! Mail, etc.

POP3 protocol

authorization phase

- ❖ client commands:
 - **user**: declare username
 - **pass**: password
- ❖ server responses
 - **+OK**
 - **-ERR**

```
S: +OK POP3 server ready
C: user bob
S: +OK
C: pass hungry
S: +OK user successfully logged on
```

transaction phase, client:

- ❖ **list**: list message numbers
- ❖ **retr**: retrieve message by number
- ❖ **dele**: delete
- ❖ **quit**

```
C: list
S: 1 498
S: 2 912
S: .
C: retr 1
S: <message 1 contents>
S: .
C: dele 1
C: retr 2
S: <message 1 contents>
S: .
C: dele 2
C: quit
S: +OK POP3 server signing off
```

POP3 (more) and IMAP

more about POP3

- ❖ previous example uses POP3 “download and delete” mode
 - Bob cannot re-read e-mail if he changes client
- ❖ POP3 “download-and-keep”: copies of messages on different clients
- ❖ POP3 is stateless across sessions

IMAP

- ❖ keeps all messages in one place: at **recipient mail** server
- ❖ allows user to organize messages in folders
- ❖ keeps user state across sessions:
 - names of folders and mappings between message IDs and folder name

The difference between IMAP and POP is that IMAP uses a cloud server so emails can be authenticated and categorized by any device. Many email users prefer IMAP to POP because of the convenience and efficiency.

Chapter 2



Assignment # 2 (Chapter - 2)

- *2nd Assignment will be uploaded on Google Classroom after the lecture in the Stream Section, on 22nd September, 2022*
- *Due Date: Tuesday, 4th October 2022 (During the lecture)*
- *Hard copy of the handwritten assignment to be submitted directly to the Instructor during the lecture.*
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- *Please read all the instructions carefully in the uploaded Assignment document, follow & submit accordingly*

Chapter 3: Transport Layer

our goals:

- ❖ understand principles behind transport layer services:
 - multiplexing, demultiplexing
 - reliable data transfer
 - flow control
 - congestion control
- ❖ learn about Internet transport layer protocols:
 - UDP: connectionless transport
 - TCP: connection-oriented reliable transport
 - TCP congestion control

Chapter 3 outline

3.1 transport-layer services

3.2 multiplexing and demultiplexing

3.3 connectionless transport: UDP

3.4 principles of reliable data transfer

3.5 connection-oriented transport: TCP

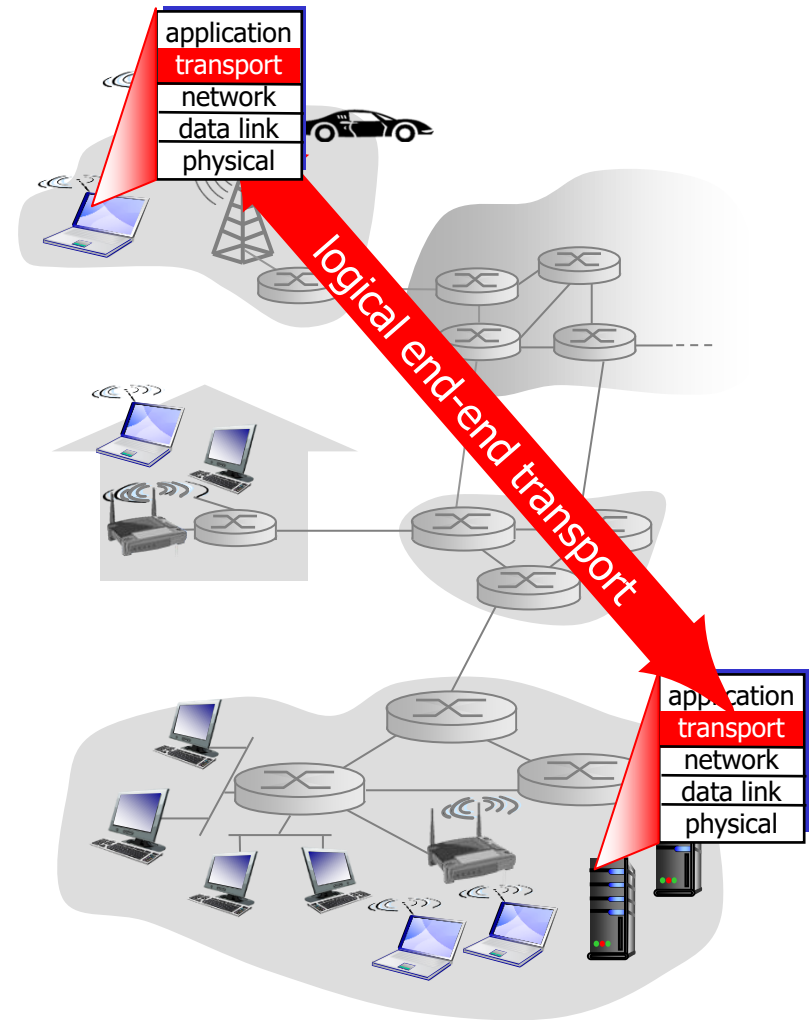
- segment structure
- reliable data transfer
- flow control
- connection management

3.6 principles of congestion control

3.7 TCP congestion control

Transport services and protocols

- ❖ provide *logical communication* between app processes running on different hosts
- ❖ transport protocols run in end systems
 - send side: breaks app messages into *segments*, passes to network layer
 - rcv side: reassembles segments into messages, passes to app layer
- ❖ more than one transport protocol available to apps
 - Internet: TCP and UDP, **SCTP** etc...

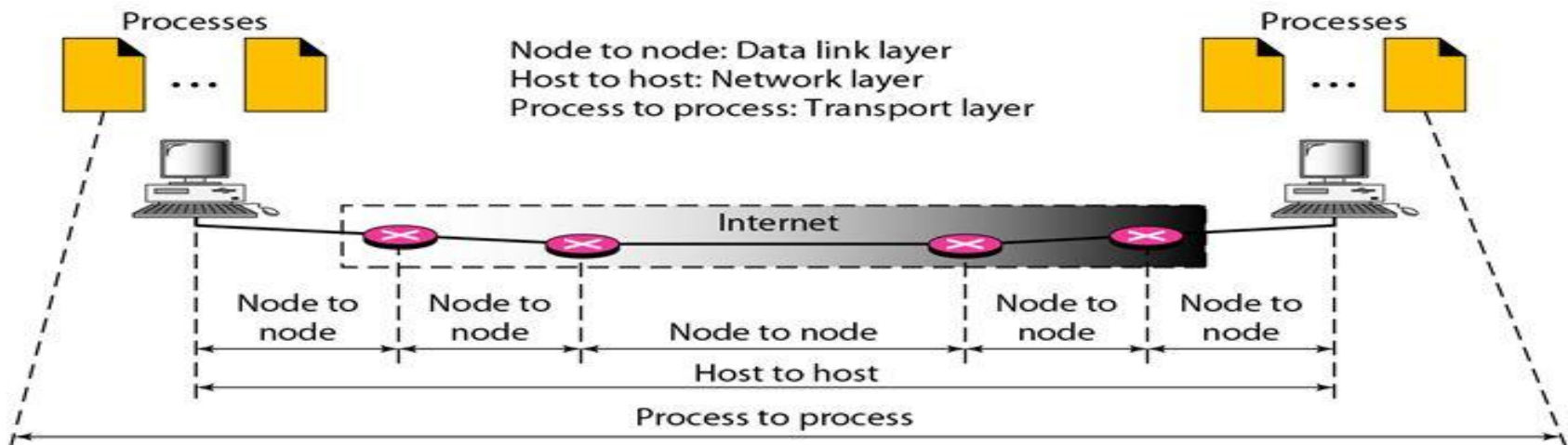


Transport Layer vs Network Layer & Data Link Layer

- The **Data Link Layer** is responsible for delivery of frames between two neighboring nodes over a link. This can be called node-to-node delivery.
- The **network layer** is responsible for delivery of datagrams between two hosts. This can be called host-to-host delivery.

Communication on the Internet is not defined as the exchange of data between two nodes or between two hosts. Real communication takes place between two processes.

- The **Transport Layer** is responsible for the process-to-process delivery.



Transport vs. network layer

- ❖ *network layer*: logical communication between hosts
- ❖ *transport layer*: logical communication between processes
 - relies on, enhances, network layer services

household analogy:

12 kids in Ann's house sending letters to 12 kids in Bill's house:

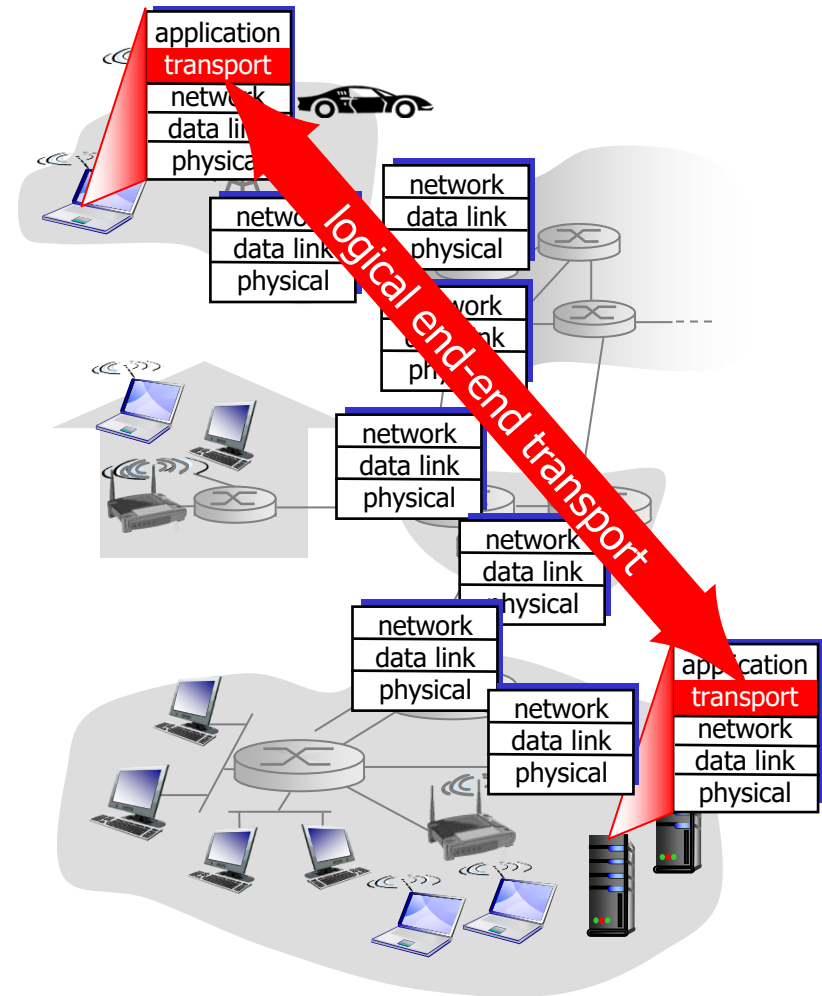
- ❖ hosts = houses
- ❖ processes = kids
- ❖ app messages = letters in envelopes
- ❖ transport protocol = Ann and Bill who demux to in-house siblings
- ❖ network-layer protocol = postal service

Functions of Transport Protocols

- Functions of the transport layer protocols include:
 - Provide for Process-to-Process communications. To accomplish this task, Port Numbers are used to identify the process, at both the client and at the server side
 - Provide for end-to-end Error Checking (both TCP and UDP), Error Control and Flow and Congestion control (only TCP)
 - TCP is a reliable protocol, UDP is an unreliable Protocol
- Neither TCP nor UDP provides for "Guaranteed Delay" or Guaranteed Bandwidth"

Internet transport-layer protocols

- ❖ reliable, in-order delivery (TCP)
 - congestion control
 - flow control
 - connection setup
- ❖ unreliable, unordered delivery: UDP
 - no-frills extension of “best-effort” IP
- ❖ services not available:
 - delay guarantees
 - bandwidth guarantees



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