

CMSC 417 Spring 2016 Lecture #20 4/20/2016

Agenda

⇒ p4 due Friday

⇒ finish up checksums / MAC

- jamming signals — no magic signal, just any signal

- why catch errors at L2?

- using only one register — jnz, not, jnz in assembly

- polynomial division rules

⇒ HTTP / REST

⇒ Software-Defined Networking (SDN)

⇒ caches, proxies, middleboxes

⇒ rich headers: user-agent, last-modified, etc.

HTTP - HyperText Transfer Protocol

- ⇒ protocol used to access web pages
- ⇒ generally fetches HTML and the other content needed to display it
 - images
 - audio
 - video
 - code - javascript
- ⇒ can transfer nearly anything

Protocol Outline

- ⇒ request/response, client/server protocol
- ⇒ spoken over TCP
- ⇒ text-based and thus easy for humans to read
- ⇒ message format:
 - <start-line> <cr lf>
 - <headers-one-per-line> <cr lf>
 - <cr lf>
 - <optional-body>
- start-line: either <action> <URL> <protocol> (request)
or <protocol> <code> <status> (response)
- headers: colon-separated key-value pairs, e.g.,
"Content-Length: 4096"
- body: empty for MOST requests, data encoded
using MIME for messages w/ bodies

HTTP actions

- ⇒ GET - give me the object at the URL
 - ⇒ HEAD - just give me the metadata about the object
 - ⇒ POST - put the body under the URL
 - ⇒ PUT - put the body at the URL
 - ⇒ DELETE - delete the object at the URL
 - ⇒ TRACE - send me the body back (see how/it modified)
 - ⇒ CONNECT - used to set up connections through others
 - ⇒ OPTIONS - figure out available options
- GET, HEAD, TRACE, CONNECT and OPTIONS are "safe" b/c they don't change server state

status codes

- ⇒ 1xx - informational
- ⇒ 2xx - success
- ⇒ 3xx - redirection
- ⇒ 4xx - client error
- ⇒ 5xx - server error

example

http://www.cs.umd.edu/index.htm

↳ protocol ↳ DNS to IP ↳ resource to talk about

1) establish TCP connection to the IP address

2) send "GET /index.htm HTTP/1.1"

2) recv "HTTP/1.1 200 OK ..."

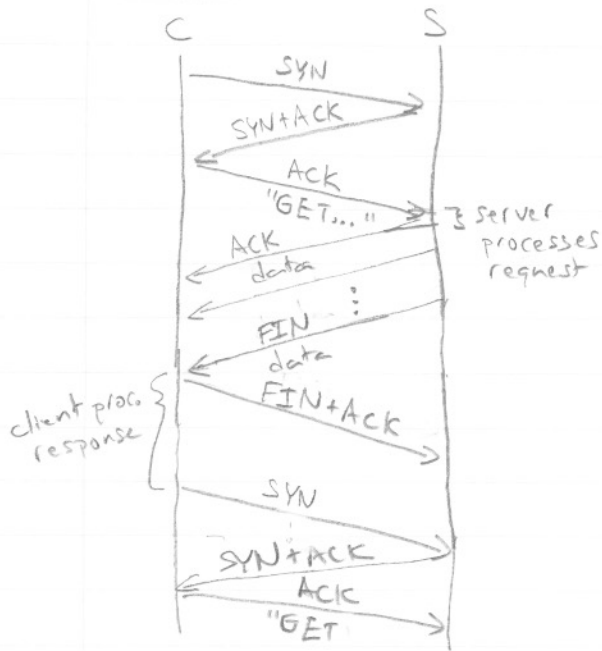
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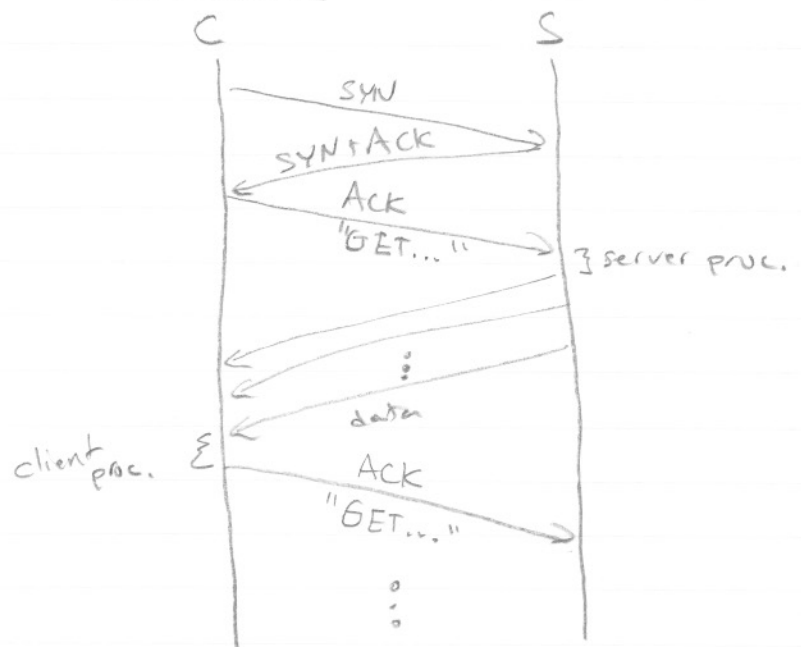
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HTTP 1.0



⇒ one TCP connection per item needed

HTTP 1.1 "persistent connections"



⇒ one TCP connection for many items

Persistent connections

- ⇒ reduce load on server ~ fewer connection establishments
- ⇒ congestion window works b/c connections last long enough for it to matter
- ⇒ save an RTT from every request after the first

- ⇒ Bad! server doesn't as easily know when it can close a connection b/c they don't know when a client is "done"
- expire them after a timeout and deal

REST - REpresentative State Transfer

- ⇒ Allow for Remote Procedure Calls (RPCs) over HTTP using existing actions
- ⇒ GET \approx getters in object oriented prog.
- ⇒ PUT \approx setters in " " "
- ⇒ POST \approx function call in " " "
- ⇒ DELETE has the obvious meaning
- ⇒ URLs become the objects

Good things about REST

- ⇒ HTTP is everywhere and has tons of good tools and libraries to work with it
- ⇒ Human readability makes troubleshooting, debugging, playing easy
- ⇒ pretty much everything has a REST API
 - github
 - facebook
 - twitter
 - ...

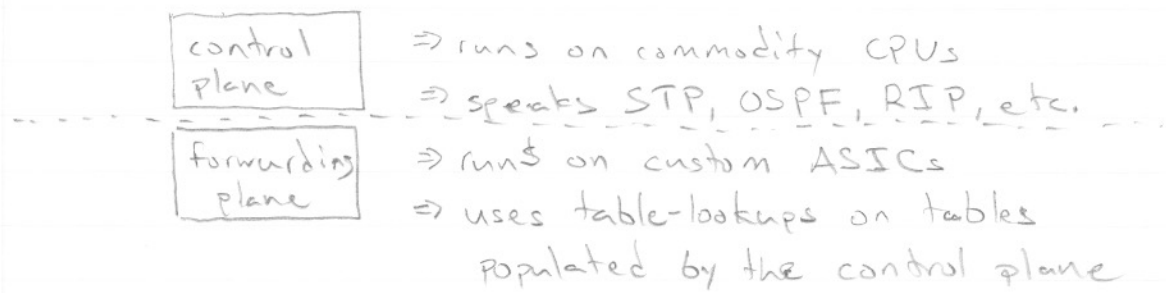
Bad things about REST

- ⇒ relatively high-overhead and expensive to parse, encode, and decode operations
- ⇒ deep application semantics can be hard to easily provide, and describe using only GET, PUT, POST and DELETE

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Software-Defined Networking (SDN)

⇒ traditional routers/switches:



⇒ key SDN realization:

- most of the new ideas in networking were modifying the control plane
- this is hard and slow b/c you need to do it to all switches/routers in a network and likely develop standards so it will work between diff. companies' switches/routers
- if we instead standardized the interface between the control and data planes, we could develop new stuff faster



⇒ control plane & data plane on every device

⇒ single, centralized control plane == controller
⇒ network devices only have data planes

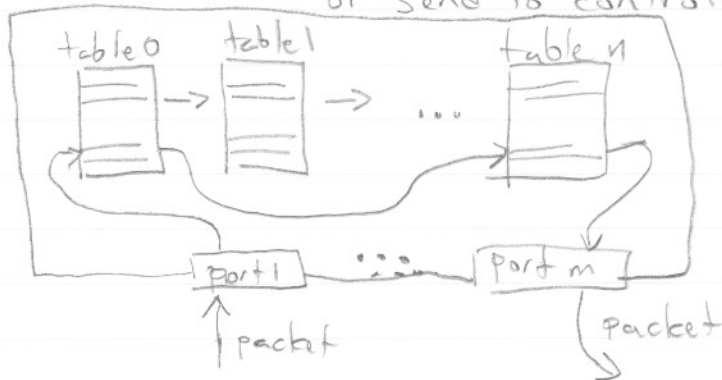
OpenFlow.

⇒ one standard protocol to speak between the control plane (controller) and data plane

⇒ model of a device is a sequence of tables with match-action rules as table entries

□ match: e.g., destination IP addr = 192.168.0.1,
or IP-proto = TCP or TCP port = 80,
or any combination

□ action: e.g., output port 4, or set src MAC to Y,
or send to controller



⇒ can also capture packets via "send to controller" action and then a packet-in message from the switch/router to controller

⇒ can send packets from controller to network using a packet-out message to the switch/router with the port(s) to send it out

⇒ controller can use capture/sending to replicate features of control planes

□ capture ARP to learn host IP, MAC, location

□ capture/send routing protocols to interoperate with non-SDN devices

□ ...