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- You can assume that the time it takes to transmit a **GET** message into the path is **zero**, but you should account for the time it takes to transmit the base file and the embedded objects into the "link." This means that the server-to-client "link" has both a **125 ms** one-way propagation delay, as well as a transmission delay associated with it. The time needed to setup up TCP connections is **1 RTT**.

NON PERSISTENT HTTP

1- Assuming non-persistent HTTP (and assuming no parallel connections are open between the browser and server). How long is the ***response time*** - the time from the when the user requests the URL to the point in time when the page and its embedded objects are displayed? Make sure you describe the various components that contribute to this delay.

2- Again assume non-persistent HTTP, but now assume that the browser can open as many parallel TCP connections to the server as it wants. What is the response time in this case?

SOLUTION

1- The transmission time of the 500 Kbits page
 $= L/R = 500 \times 10^3 / 100 \times 10^6 = 5 \times 10^{-3} = 5\text{ms}$

- The transmission time of each 100 Kbits image
 $= 100 \times 10^3 / 100 \times 10^6 = 10^{-3} = 1\text{ms}$

- The delays associated with this scenario are:
 $= 2 \times \text{RTT} \times 6 + \text{transmission time for file \& images}$
 $= 2 \times 250 \times 6 + 5\text{ms} + (5 \times 1)\text{ms} = 3.01 \text{ s}$

SOLUTION

2- The delays associated with this scenario are:

- 2 RTT for first object +
- 2 RTT for all images (parallel) +
- transmission time for file +
- transmission time for images

$$= 500 \text{ ms} + 500 \text{ ms} + 5 \text{ ms} + 5 \text{ ms} = 1010 \text{ ms} = 1.01 \text{ s}$$

PERSISTENT HTTP

3- Now assume persistent HTTP (i.e., HTTP1.1). What is the response time, assuming no parallel connections?

4- Now suppose persistent HTTP with parallel connections is used. What is the response time?

SOLUTION

3- 2RTT for base file + RTT*5 (for the 5 images) + transmission time for file + transmission time for images

$$= 500 + 250*5 + 5 + 5 = 1760 \text{ ms} = 1.76 \text{ s}$$

4- 2RTT for the base file + RTT for all images (parallel)+ transmission time for file + transmission time for images

$$= 500 + 250 + 5 + 5 = 76 \text{ ms} = 0.76 \text{ s}$$