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Course: Network Security	**Course Code: CS3403**	**Semester: VI**
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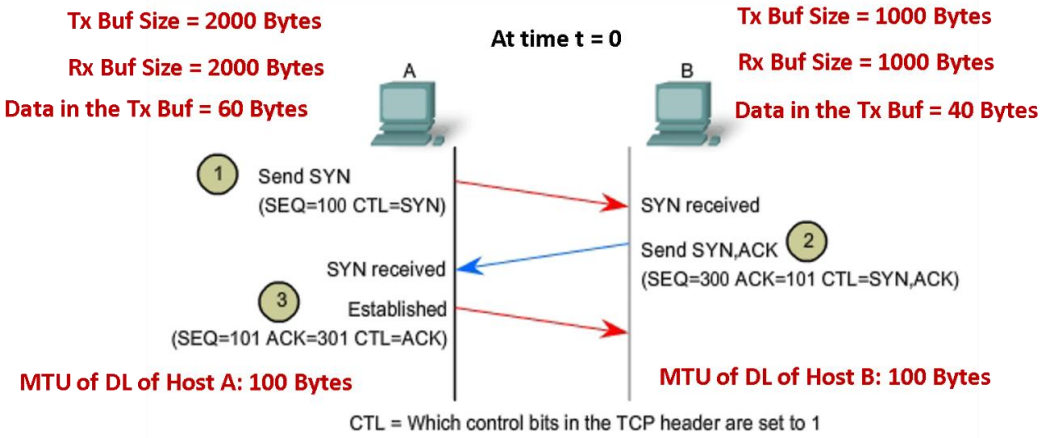
Sl. No.	Questions	Marks	L1-L6	CO
1.	Suppose computers A and B have IP addresses 10.120.**1**.114 and 10.120.1.125 respectively and they both use the same network mask N. Which of the values of N given below should not be used if A and B belong to the same network? A) 255.255.255.0 B) 255.255.255.224 C) 255.255.255.248 D) 255.255.0.0	**2**	**L4**	**1**
2.	Which is the most optimal and the most suitable subnet mask for a point-to-point link? Give all the valid host IDs in this subnet. Provide supporting explanation for your choice.	**2**	**L3**	**1**
3.	Assume two TCP connections are established from a Server with an IP address IPS to a Client machine with an IP address IPC. The TCP Port ID on IPS is PS1, and TCP Ports on the Client machine of these TCP connections are PC1 and PC2. Explanation is required. Choose the correct 4-tuple values [Src IP, Dest IP, Src Port, Dest Port] of one of the TCP segments going from the Server to the Client. **A) [**IPS, IPC, PC1, PS1] B) [IPS, IPC, PS1, PC2] C) [IPC, IPS, PS1, PC2]	**2**	**L3**	**1**
4.	Choose the TCP header field(s) which is/are always valid in any TCP segment. A) Acknowledgement no. B) Sequence no. C) Urgent pointer **Note**: Supporting explanation is required.	**2**	**L4**	**1**
5.	Explain why TCP is considered to be a reliable protocol.	**1**	**L2**	**1**
6.	In TCP, identify the significance of the TIME_WAIT state and how is it achieved by having this state? A) It avoids any new incoming connections between the same set of hosts and ports. B) It allows the receiver to request more data from the sender. C) It indicates that a connection is in progress and waiting for more data.	**1**	**L2**	**1**
7.	Give the functionality of the below function calls. Which one is a blocking call? socket.bind((HOST, PORT)) socket.listen()	**1**	**L3**	**1**
8.	Explain the functionality of the PSH flag in TCP.	**1**	**L2**	**1**

L1- Remember, L2- Understand, L3 – Apply, L4- Analyse, L5 – Evaluate, L6 – Create

Q9: L4 level CO1 **4 Marks**

The connection establishment between hosts A and B is as shown below. The buffer parameters and MTU values at each host at time = 0 are also given below. List of events **after time t=0** are:

a. After the connection establishment the Host A transmits the data first after t = 0.
b. Host A transmits next data only after it receives the ACK from the Host B, for the pervious data it sent. Host B transmits any data only when there is no data in transit from the Host A.
c. Host B while acknowledging the data from the Host A, it also sends its own data if available.
d. At any time, only one TCP segment is in transit between the Hosts A and B.
e. Assume any data sent by both the hosts are received at the other end without any error or loss.
f. Assume, the applications at both the ends do not interact at all with their respective TCP/IP stacks, after the below data were loaded prior to the time t = 0.

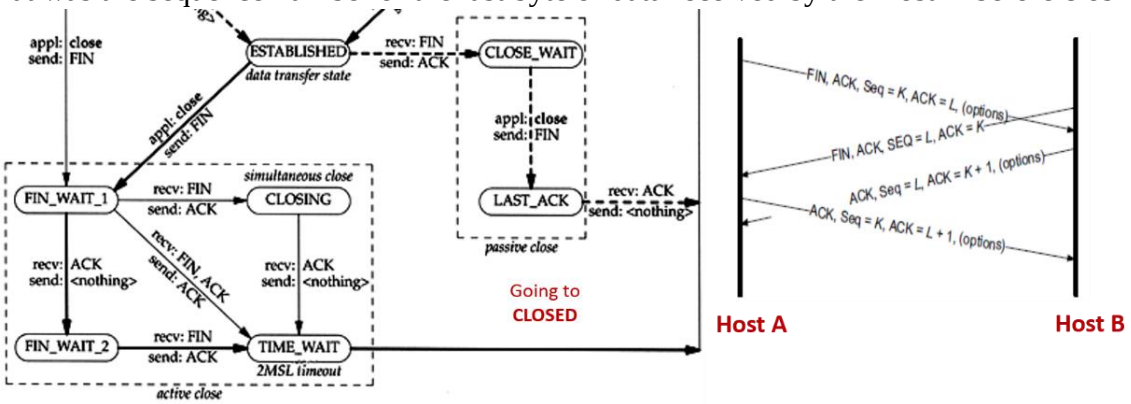


Give the following header values of **every TCP** segment that gets **transmitted** between the hosts in the **time order**, starting **from time = 0**, till all the data at the hosts get transmitted and acknowledged. Give the direction of each TCP segment, either from **Host AtoB or Host BtoA**.

1.Sequence number 2. TCP data length 3. Ack number 4. Window size 5. CTL bits (set)

Q10: L4 level CO1 **4 Marks**

a) Give the state transitions at Host A because of the message exchanges shown above.
b) Give the state transitions at Host B because of the message exchanges shown above.
c) What was the sequence number of the last byte of data received by the Host A before closing?
d) What was the sequence number of the last byte of data received by the Host B before closing?



Course Outcomes

1. Analyze the working principles and characteristics of TCP and its role in providing reliable networking applications.
2. Analyze the implementation details of RIP and OSPF routing protocols adapted by large enterprise networks.
3. Explain various multimedia transport protocols and the need for QoS in networks
4. Describe the working principles and the purpose of cryptographic algorithms used to provide secure communication
5. Apply IP security and Web security concepts in real-life scenarios for creating secure networks

Marks Distribution										
L1	L2	L3	L4	L5	L6	CO1	CO2	CO3	CO4	CO5
0	3	5	12	0	0	20	0	0	0	0

L1- Remember, L2- Understand, L3 – Apply, L4- Analyse, L5 – Evaluate, L6 – Create

Answers

1. **IP addresses assigned to A and B are: 10.120.1.114 and 10.120.1.125**
   114 → 0x74 → 0111 0100 and 125 → 0x7D → 0111 1101

Need to choose the subnet mask when applied to these IP addresses the Net ID part of the addresses should not be different.
Options A 255.255.255.0 and **D 255.255.0.0** when applied yield Net IDs as 10.120.1.0 and 10.120.1.0, which are the same, so these two are valid subnet masks.
Option B 255.255.255.224 → FF.FF.FF.E0 yields the same Net ID 10.120.1.96
Option C: 255.255.255.248 → FF.FF.FF.F8 yields different Net IDs: 10.120.1.112 and 10.120.1.120
So, Option C 255.255.255.248 cannot be used as subnet mask.
Note: Without proper explanation no marks will be awarded even if the correct option is chosen.

2. For a point-to-point link, there are only two valid IP addresses are required to be provided to the two ends of the link, for router interfaces. The most **optimal** and **suitable subnet mask is the /30** which can accommodate **maximum two host addresses**, which will be sufficient for the two interfaces of routers. Subnet mask → **/30** → 255.255.255.252 → 0xFF.FF.FF.FC - **1 mark (including for the explanation) valid host IDs are 1 and 2. – 1 mark**

3. **B is the correct option.**
The 4-tuple values are: [Src IP, Dest IP, Src Port, Dest Port] of a TCP segment going from the **Server to Client :**
A) [IPS, IPC, PC1, PS1] - Not valid because Src Port is shown to be PC1 which should have been PS1
B) [IPS, IPC, PS1, PC2] – Valid values because both the IP and port addresses match with the direction of the segment, going from the Server to the client.
C) [IPC, IPS, PS1, PC2] – Not a valid values because IP addresses are swapped.

4. **Only Sequence number is valid in all the TCP segments**. Because starting from the SYN segment to FIN segment, a given sequence number is valid. Whereas, if ACK bit is not set, Acknowledgement number is not valid. Especially when the first SYN segment is sent, there is no acknowledgment to be sent from the client. Similarly Urgent pointer is not set if the data is not carrying any urgent data to the other end.

Note: **Full 2 marks only if Sequence number is mentioned,** with a suitable explanation.
1.5 marks with a valid explanation, for mentioning both Seq no, Ack no. as the answers.

5. TCP is considered to be a reliable protocol because it guarantees data delivery through mechanisms like data sequencing, acknowledgments (ACK), retransmissions for the lost packets, and flow control. This ensures that data is transmitted accurately and delivered to the application in order, even though the L3 IP layer below it is unreliable and guarantees only a best effort delivery.

6. **A) It avoids any new incoming connections between the same set of hosts and ports.**
TIME_WAIT ensures that any delayed or duplicate segments from the closed connection are discarded and do not interfere with future connections that might reuse the same socket pair (IP address and port numbers). Also helps in receiving the delayed ACK from the other end, related to connection closure.

7. **socket.bind((HOST, PORT))**
This call associates the socket with a specific network interface and port number.
socket.listen()
This call tells the socket to start listening for incoming connection requests.

8. **PSH flag:**
The PSH (Push) flag in TCP is used to instruct the receiving TCP stack to immediately push any buffered data up to the application, rather than waiting to accumulate a larger segment of data. It

9.

1. First TCP segment: **From Host A to Host B**
    a. Sequence number: 101
    b. Length of TCP data transmitted: 60 Bytes
    c. Acknowledgement number: 301
    d. Window size: 2000 (its Rx buf is empty)
    e. Any associated control bits which are set: ACK = 1
2. Second TCP segment: **From Host B to Host A**
    a. Sequence number: 301
    b. Length of TCP data transmitted: 40 Bytes
    c. Acknowledgement number: 161
    d. Window size: 940 (its Rx buf is now filled with 60 bytes)
    e. Any associated control bits which are set: ACK = 1
3. Third TCP segment (only ACK, no data): **From Host A to Host B**
    a. Sequence number: 161
    b. Length of TCP data transmitted: 0 Bytes
    c. Acknowledgement number: 341
    d. Window size: **1960** (is Rx buf is now filled with 40 bytes)
    e. Any associated control bits which are set: ACK = 1

10.

a) Give the state transitions at Host A.

Both sides close at the same time:
ESTABLISHED → FIN_WAIT_1 → CLOSING → TIME_WAIT → CLOSED.

b) Give the state transitions at Host B.

Both sides close at the same time:
ESTABLISHED → FIN_WAIT_1 → CLOSING → TIME_WAIT → CLOSED.

c) What was the sequence number of the last byte of data received by the Host A?
ANS: L - 1

d) What was the sequence number of the last byte of data received by the Host B?
ANS: K - 1

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