

# École Pour l'Informatique et les Techniques Avancées – EPITA

BSc L1 – 15 May 2024

Course: Introduction to Computer Networks

# Introduction to Computer Networks

Date & Time	No.	Topics	Duration (hours)
Fri 19/04/24 – 10:00–13:00	1	Primer, Network protocols, types, topology, architecture	3
Fri 26/04/24 – 10:00–13:00	2	Network models, TCP/IP model, Packet switching	3
Sat 27/04/24 – 10:00–13:00	3	Physical Layer (Function, Signals, Modulation, Multiplexing, Transmission media & Hardware, Optical networks)	3
Sat 27/04/24 – 14:00–17:00	4	Data Link Layer (Function, Framing, Protocols, Flow control, Access control, Error correction, Hardware)	3
Fri 03/05/24 – 14:30–17:30	5	Network Layer (Function, IP addressing and subnets)	3
Sat 04/05/24 – 10:00–13:00	6	Network Layer (Routing algorithms and protocols), Internet Control Message Protocol	3
Tue 14/05/24 – 16:30–19:30	7	Network Layer (IGP & EGP), Autonomous System, Border Gateway Protocol	3
Wed 15/05/24 – 14:30–17:30	8	Transport Layer (Function, Flow and congestion controls, Protocols)	3
Thu 16/05/24 – 11:15–13:15	9	Application Layer (Function, Protocols)	2

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Fri 17/05/24 – 14:00–17:00	10	Cross-layer process: Access Control Lists	3
Sat 18/05/24 – 14:00–17:00	11	Cross-layer process: Network Address Translation	3
Fri 24/05/24 – 10:00–13:00	12	Review / Open-session	3
<b>Total</b>			<b>35</b>
Fri 31/05/24 – 14:30–15:30		EXAM	1

## GRADING criteria :

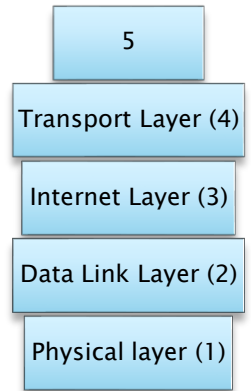
- Class participation comprising **attendance & reactivity**): 10%
- **Exercises** (practical work): 40%
- Final evaluation (**Quiz & Exercises**): 50%

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# Lecture 13 Outline

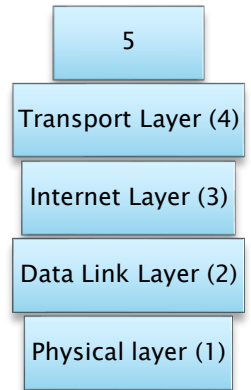
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# Transport Layer (Function)



- ▶ Layer-4 of TCP/IP model
- ▶ Primary function is **host-to-host (or source to destination) data transfer** using segments or datagrams
- ▶ Provides:
  - Addressing is done using port numbers
  - TCP provides reliable data transfer with error detection (through checksum), correction (through retransmissions), and flow control

# Transmission Control Protocol (TCP)

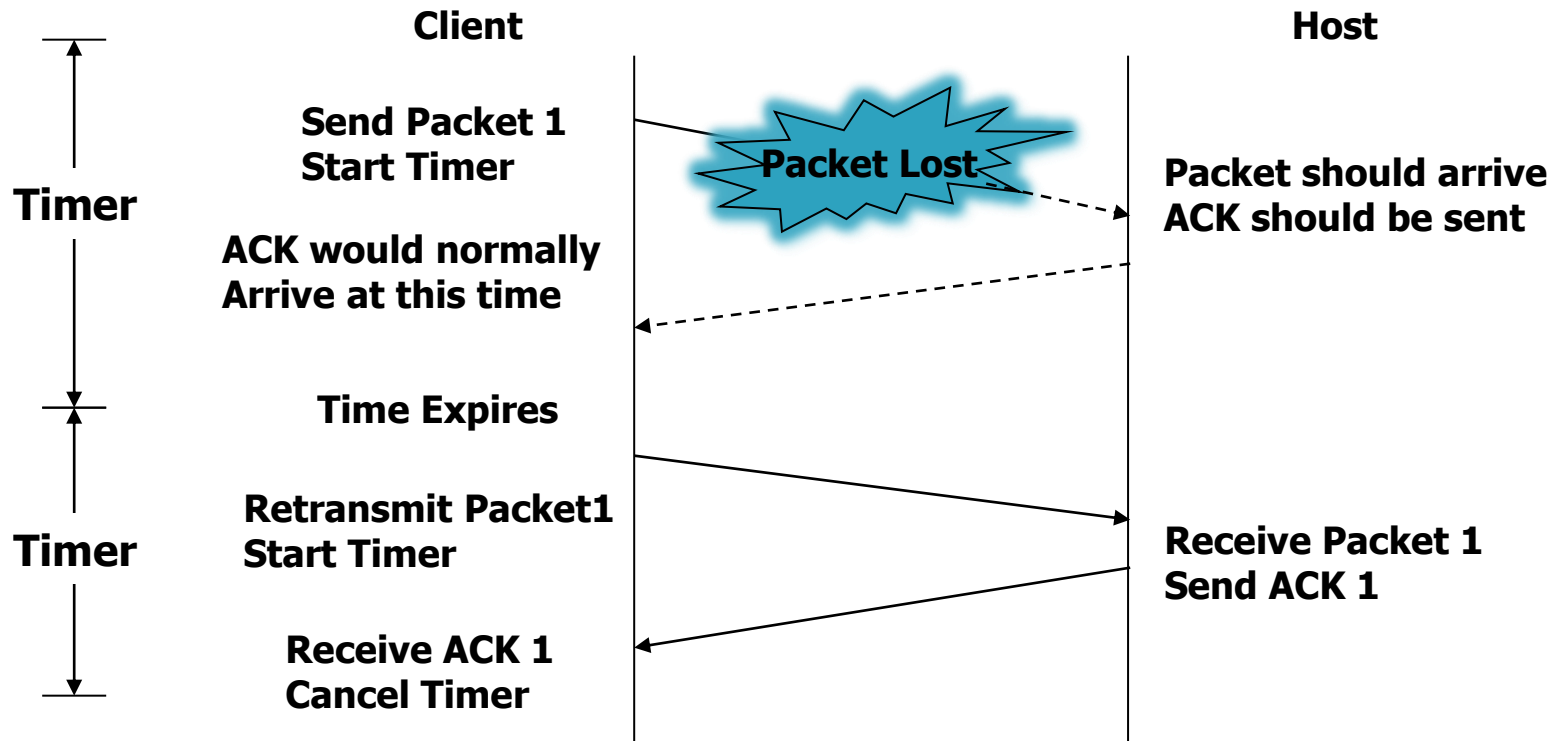


- ▶ Reliable and the backbone of most of today's protocols based on IP address, which make the communication possible
- ▶ Connections are:
  - Full-duplex
  - Stream-oriented (data can be delivered as stream of bytes)
  - Connection-oriented
- ▶ Protocols that use TCP:
  - HTTP, FTP, SMTP...

# TCP operations

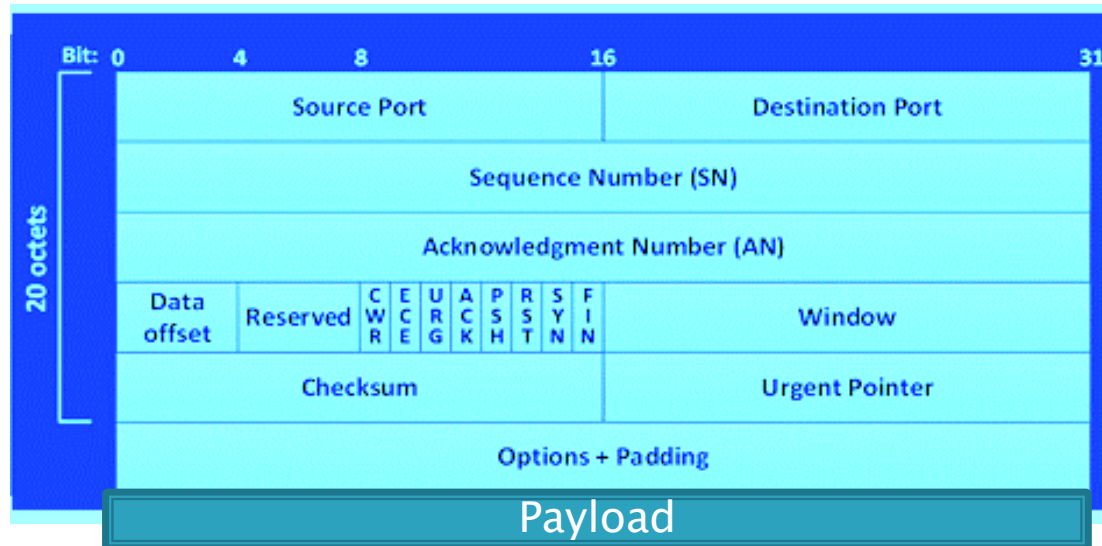
- ▶ Connections are established using a *three-way handshake* (*Client: Syn, Server: Syn/Ack, Client:Ack*)
- ▶ Data is divided into packets (payload) on OS/application level
- ▶ Packets are sequentially numbered, and received packets are acknowledged
- ▶ Connections are explicitly closed (or may abnormally terminate)

# TCP: Data transfer with Timer





# TCP Header (1 / 2)



Max. size?  
(depends  
on the MTU  
length)

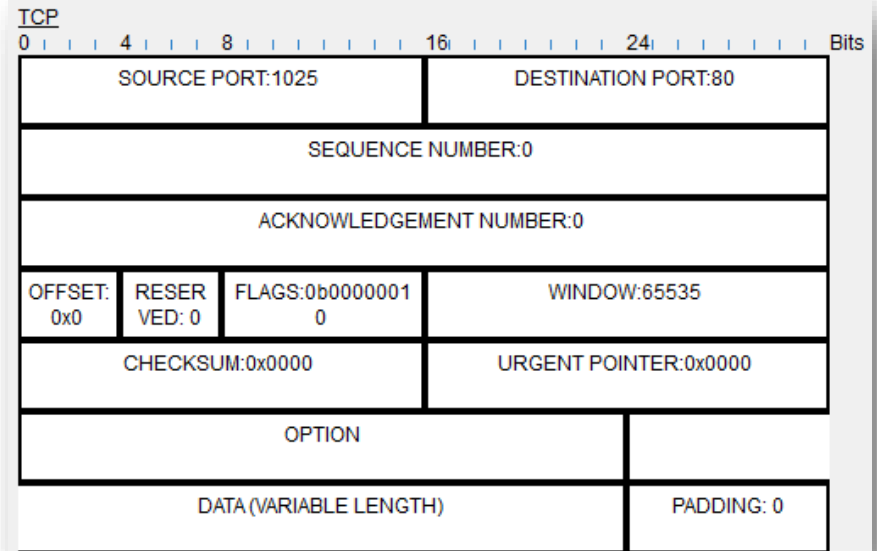
Field	Purpose
Source Port	Identifies originating application
Destination Port	Identifies destination application
Sequence Number	Sequence number of first octet in the segment
Acknowledgment #	Sequence number of the next expected octet (if ACK flag set)
Flags	TCP flags: [SYN, FIN, RST](connection man.), PSH (push now), ACK (valid), URG (urgent)
Window	Number of octets from ACK that sender will accept for flow control
Checksum	Checksum of IP pseudo-header + TCP header + data
Urgent Pointer	Pointer to end of "urgent data" (with URG flag), from the first byte, for priority transfer
Options	Special TCP options such as MSS and Window Scale / variable length
Payload	Transmitted data of variable length

# TCP Header (2 / 2)

## Wireshark

```
Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 443, Dst Port: 50288, Seq: 2066761, Ack: 1, Len: 1412
  Source Port: 443
  Destination Port: 50288
  [Stream index: 2]
  [Conversation completeness: Incomplete (12)]
  [TCP Segment Len: 1412]
  Sequence Number: 2066761 (relative sequence number)
  Sequence Number (raw): 3963077055
  [Next Sequence Number: 2068173 (relative sequence number)]
  Acknowledgment Number: 1 (relative ack number)
  Acknowledgment number (raw): 3362890618
  0101 .... = Header Length: 20 bytes (5)
  Flags: 0x010 (ACK)
    000. .... = Reserved: Not set
    ...0 .... = Nonce: Not set
    ....0... = Congestion Window Reduced (CWR): Not set
    ....0... = ECN-Echo: Not set
    ....0... = Urgent: Not set
    ....1... = Acknowledgment: Set
    ....0... = Push: Not set
    ....0... = Reset: Not set
    ....0... = Syn: Not set
    ....0... = Fin: Not set
  [TCP Flags: .....A....]
  Window: 245
  [Calculated window size: 245]
  [Window size scaling factor: -1 (unknown)]
  Checksum: 0x2234 [unverified]
  [Checksum Status: Unverified]
  Urgent Pointer: 0
  [Timestamps]
    [Time since first frame in this TCP stream: 6.595641000 seconds]
    [Time since previous frame in this TCP stream: 0.000000000 seconds]
  [SEQ/ACK analysis]
    [Bytes in flight: 4236]
    [Bytes sent since last PSH flag: 25416]
  TCP payload (1412 bytes)
  [Reassembled PDU in frame: 3400]
  TCP segment data (1412 bytes)
```

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# TCP/IP versions

- ▶ TCP/IP Versions
  - Version 4 (current)
  - Version 5
  - Version 6 (future)
- ▶ IPv6 has been slow to arrive
- ▶ IPv6 requires new software; IT staffs must be retrained; ...
  - Per some experts, IPv6 will most likely coexist with IPv4 for years to come

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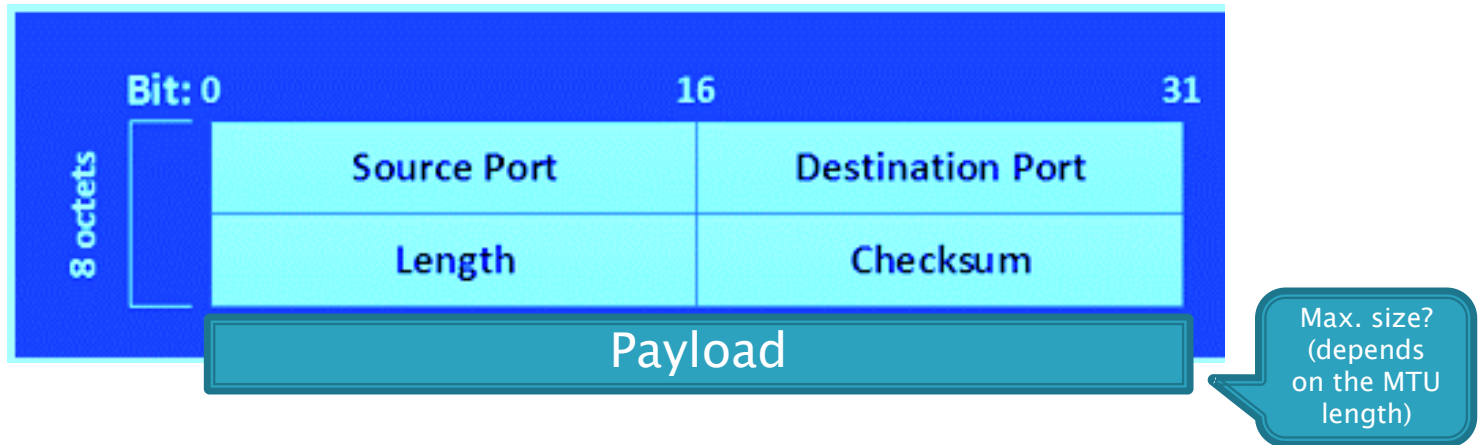
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# User Datagram Protocol (UDP)

- ▶ UDP is connectionless, and does not establish any end-to-end connection manager to check on the received packets
  - Packet loss is better handled by application than the network stack (due to no need of unwanted connection setup overhead)
- ▶ It provides port information for application connection
- ▶ Protocols that use UDP:
  - DNS, SNMP, ...

# UDP Header (1 / 2)

- ▶ It provides source and destination port numbers for application connection
  - Length: Length field contains the length of the entire UDP segment (UDP header & data)

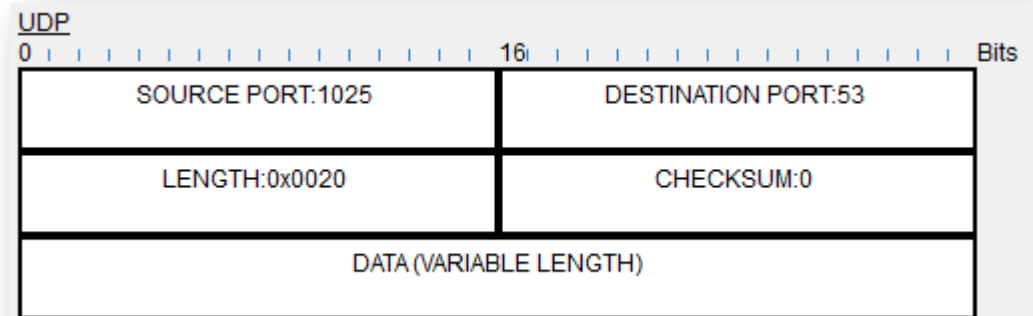


# UDP Header (2 / 2)

## Wireshark

```
▼ User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 53, Dst Port: 50180
  Source Port: 53
  Destination Port: 50180
  Length: 174
  Checksum: 0x8786 [unverified]
  [Checksum Status: Unverified]
  [Stream index: 24]
  ▼ [Timestamps]
    [Time since first frame: 0.320422000 seconds]
    [Time since previous frame: 0.275256000 seconds]
  UDP payload (166 bytes)
```

## Cisco Packet tracer



# UDP Header (cont.)

## Checksum detects bit errors in the UDP header

- It uses the same error checking algorithm as used in TCP and IPv4 headers *i.e. One's complement*

E.g. Bit stream: 11100110011001101101010101010101

1. Divide bit stream into two parts of 16-bit each:

1110011001100110 and 1101010101010101

2. Add these two bit streams:

1110011001100110

1101010101010101 +

11011101110111011 (wrap around)

1011101110111100 (sum)

3. Apply one's complement (inverse) to the result:

0100010001000011 (checksum)

4. Receiver will add the **sum** and **checksum** value to get all 1's

If an error is detected, the packet is discarded, and no error recovery action is taken

Use of the checksum field in UDP is optional (e.g., all bits can be set to zero or off when transmitting data over LAN, since transmission errors can be obtained from Ethernet protocol checksum)



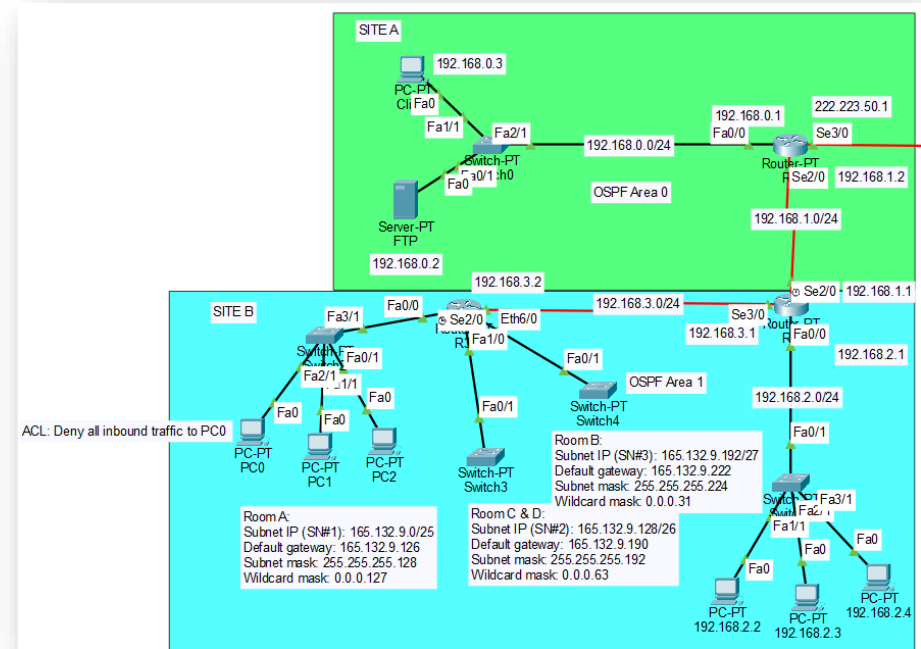
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# Exercise 13: Practical work

- ▶ Use your existing cisco packet tracer file (from last class exercise):

1. Generate following packets:
  1. TCP
  2. UDP
2. View the network packet in simulation mode, take screenshots and place them in a document file including your observations [e.g., What do you see in a specific header field? Does the field value corresponds to a specific octet? If yes, which one is it (e.g., last, first?)]



**Alternatively, you can use Wireshark**

**Verify using PING and TRACERT/TRACEROUTE**

# Lecture 8 ends here

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'Introduction to Computer Networks – Spring 2024 | BSc'  
-> Files section
- ▶ Send your questions by email:  
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OR via direct message using MS Teams
- ▶ Thank You!