

Week 7: Transport Layer

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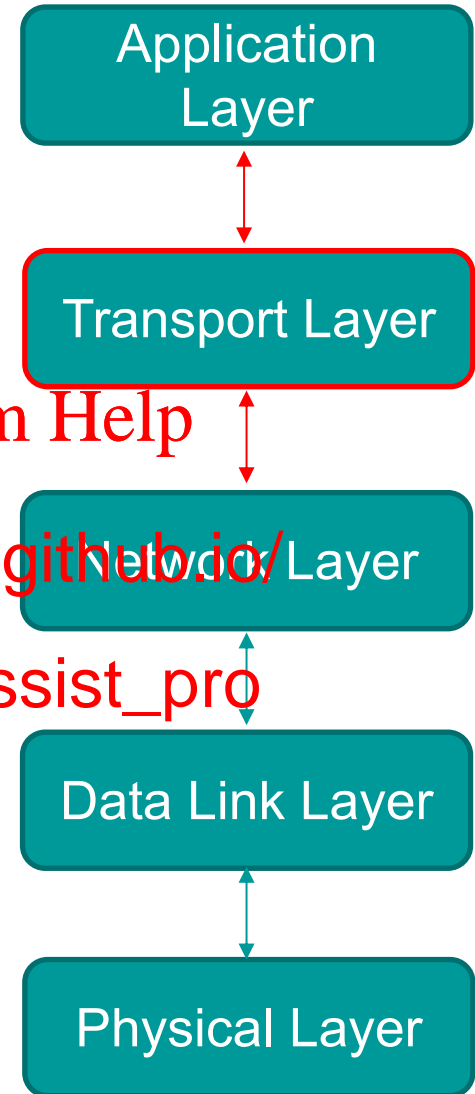
Layered Network

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Transport Layer Function

- Main function
 - provide **efficient, reliable & cost-effective data transfer in the app** **the processes** **pendent** of physical or data network
- Recall: To Achieve this
 - It calls services provided by the network layer

Transport Layer Services

- Transport Layer **Services** provide interfaces between the Application Layer and the Network Layer
- Transport **Entities** (the hardware or software which actually does the work) can exist in multiple locations:
- **Where and what sometimes is)?**
 - OS kernel
 - System library (library package network applications)
- Not so much...
 - User process
 - Network interface card

Services Contd.

- Transport layer adds **reliability** to the network layer
 - ▣ Offers connectionless (e.g., UDP) in addition to **connection-oriented** (e.g, TCP) services to applications
- Relationship between network, transport and application layers:

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Transport Layer and Network Layer Services Compared

- If **Transport** and **Network** layers are so similar, why are there two layers?
- Transport layer code runs entirely on hosts, Network layer code runs entirely on routers.....
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- *Users have no real control over the network* layer – Transport layer: we can improve QoS
- Transport layer **fixes reliability problems** caused by the Network layer (e.g., delayed, lost or duplicated packets)

Position of the Transport Layer

- The Transport Layer occupies a key position in the layer hierarchy because it clearly delineates
 - **providers** of data transmissions services
 - at the network, data link, and physical layers
 - **users** of reliable services
 - at the application layer
- In particular, **connection-oriented transport services** for a reliable service on top of an unreliable network

Example:

Your First Network (Pseudo)Code

```
Socket A_Socket = createSocket("TCP");
```

```
connect(A
```

```
send(A_socket, "My first m
```

```
disconnect(A_socket);
```

*... there is also a server component for this client
that runs on another host...*

Features of a *Simple* Transport Layer

- Abstraction and primitives provide a **simpler API** for application developers independent of network layer

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Transport Layer Encapsulation

- Abstract representation of messages sent to and from transport entities
 - Transport Protocol Data Unit (TPDU)
- Encapsulation
layer units (to form network layer units to network layer units)

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Segment

Transport Service Primitives/ Segments

- Primitives that applications might call to transport data for a simple connection-oriented service:
 - Server executes **LISTEN**
 - Client executes **CONNECT**
 - Sends CONNECTION REQUEST TPDU to Server
 - Receives CONNECTION ACCEPTED TPDU to Client
 - Data exchanged
 - Either party exec

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Segment

Simple Connection Illustrated

- Solid lines
(right) show
client state
sequence

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- Dashed lines
(left) show
server state
sequence

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- Transitions in
italics are due
to segment
arrivals

Elements of Transport Protocols

- ❑ Connection establishment

- ❑ Connection release

- ❑ Address

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Connection Establishment in the Real World

- When networks can lose, store and duplicate packets, connection establishment can be complicated
 - congested networks may delay acknowledgments
 - incurring repeated transmissions
 - any of which may not arrive out of sequence – delayed duplicates
 - applications degenerate with such congestion (eg. imagine duplication of bank withdrawals)

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Reliable Connection Establishment

- Key challenge is to ensure reliability even though packets may be lost, corrupted, delayed, and duplicated
 - ❑ Don't treat an old or duplicate packet as new
 - ❑ (Use repeat transmissions for loss/corruption)
- Approach:
 - ❑ Don't reuse sequence numbers within maximum segment lifetime
 - ❑ Use a sequence number space large enough that it will not wrap, even when sending at full rate
 - ❑ Three-way handshake for establishing connection..

Three Way Handshake

- Three-way handshake
used for initial packet

- ❑ Since no state from previous co
- ❑ Both hosts c
fresh seq. numbers
- ❑ CR = Connect Request

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Three Way Handshake Contd.

- Three-way handshake protects against odd cases:

a) Duplicate CR. Spurious ACK
does not connect

a)

b) Duplicate CR
Same plus D
rejected (wrong ACK).

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b)

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