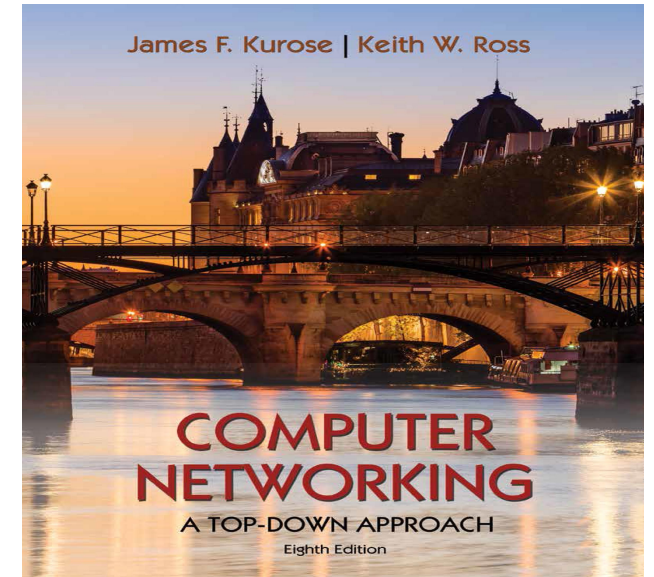


# The Link Layer

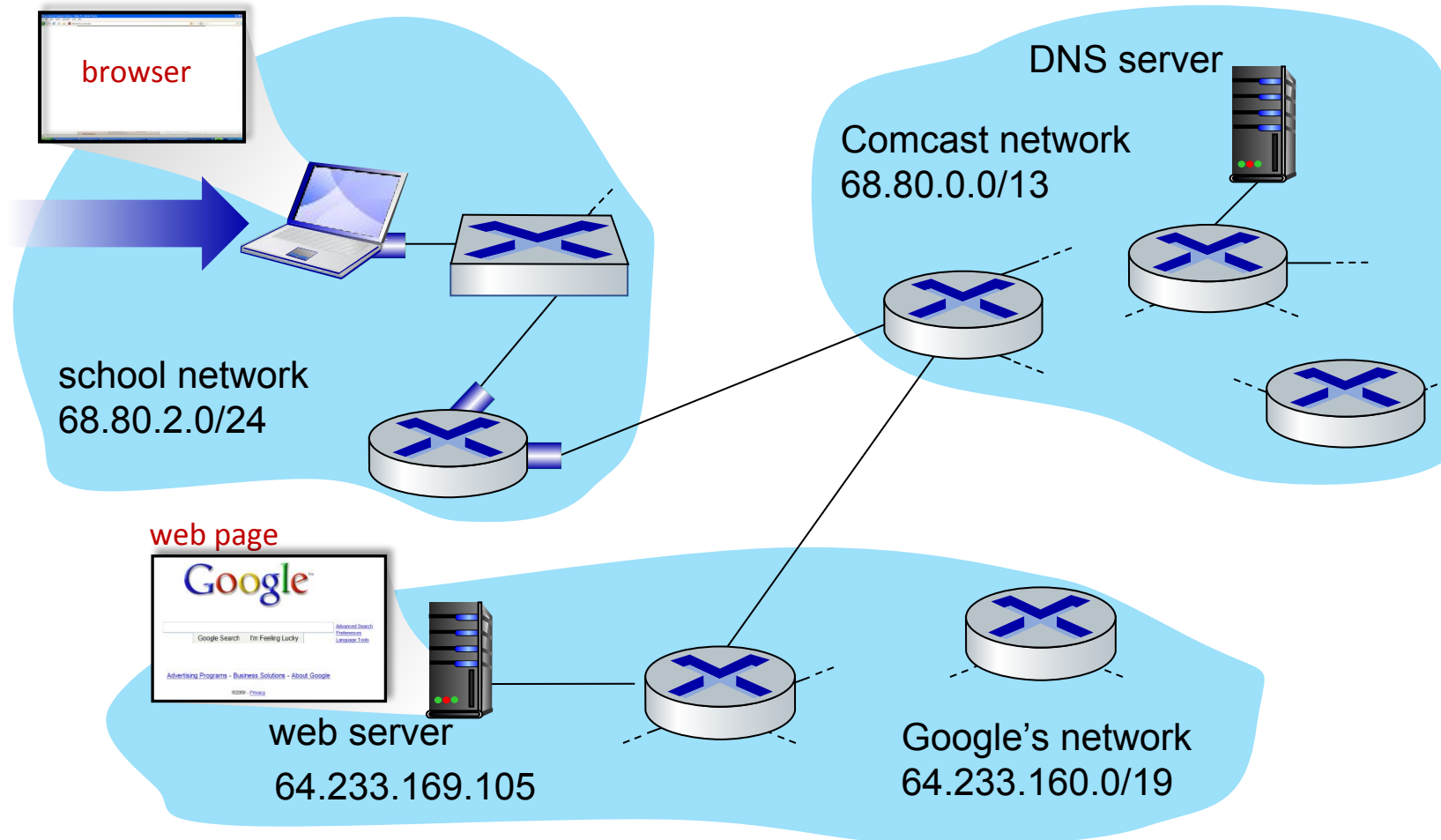
- Introduction to the Link Layer
- Error-detection and -correction Techniques
- Multiple Access Links and Protocols
- Switched Local Area Networks
- Link Virtualization: a Network as a Link Layer
- Data Center Networking
- Retrospective: A Day in the Life of a Web Page Request



# Synthesis: a day in the life of a web request

- our journey down the protocol stack is now complete!
  - application, transport, network, link
- putting-it-all-together: synthesis!
  - *goal*: identify, review, understand protocols (at all layers) involved in seemingly simple scenario: requesting www page
  - *scenario*: student attaches laptop to campus network, requests/receives `www.google.com`

# A day in the life: scenario

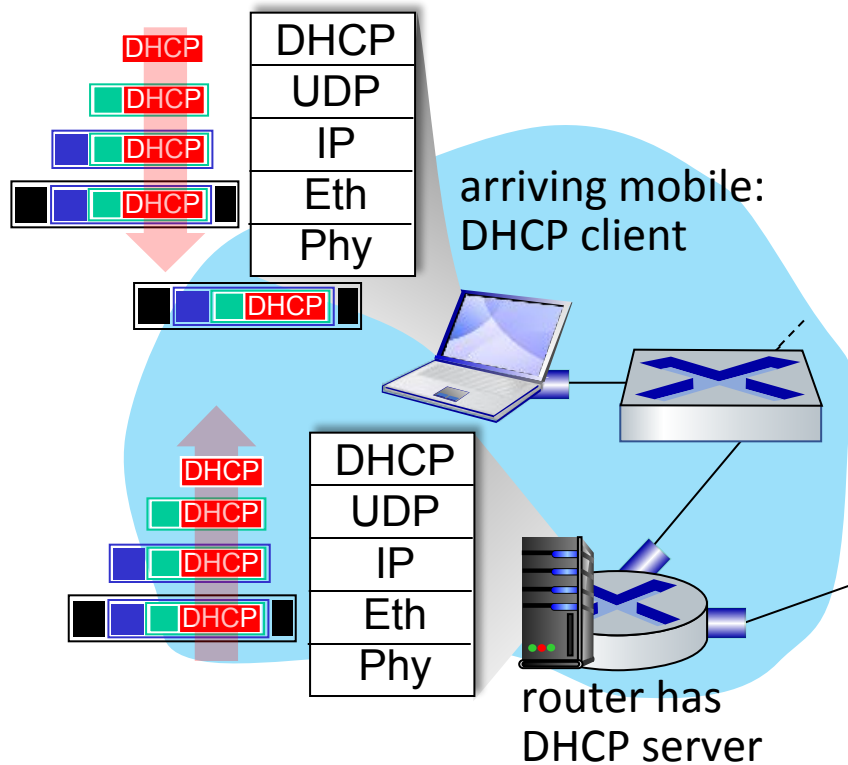


scenario:

- arriving mobile client attaches to network ...
- requests web page:  
`www.google.com`

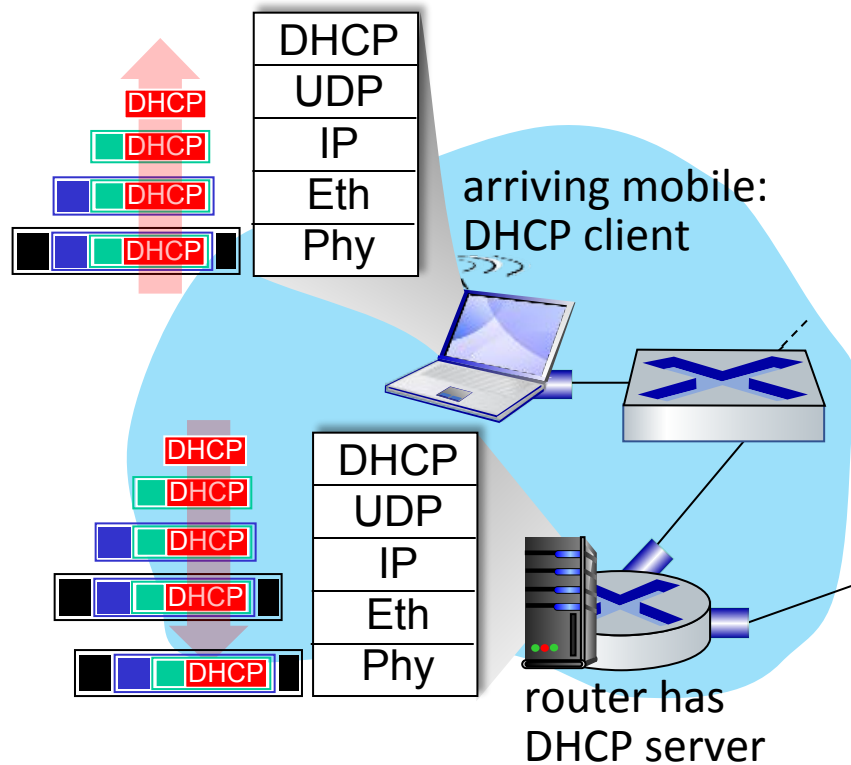
*Sounds simple!* 

# A day in the life: connecting to the Internet



- connecting laptop needs to get its own IP address, addr of first-hop router, addr of DNS server: use **DHCP**
- DHCP request encapsulated in **UDP**, encapsulated in **IP**, encapsulated in **802.3 Ethernet**
- Ethernet frame broadcast (dest: FFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF) on LAN, received at router running **DHCP** server
- Ethernet **demuxed** to IP demuxed, UDP demuxed to DHCP

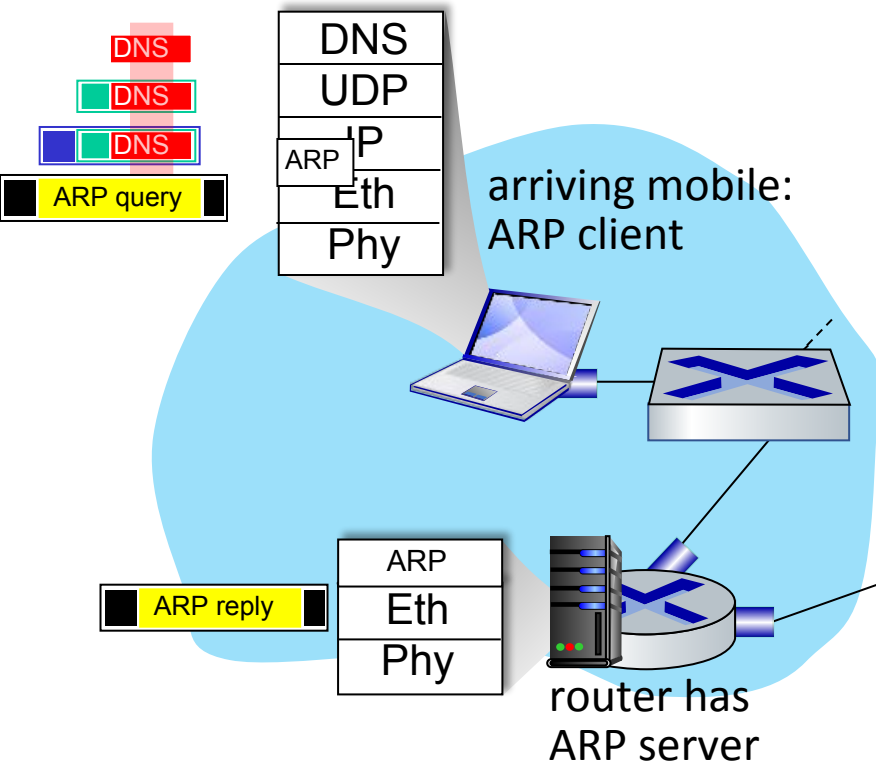
# A day in the life: connecting to the Internet



- DHCP server formulates **DHCP ACK** containing client's IP address, IP address of first-hop router for client, name & IP address of DNS server
- encapsulation at DHCP server, frame forwarded (**switch learning**) through LAN, demultiplexing at client
- DHCP client receives DHCP ACK reply

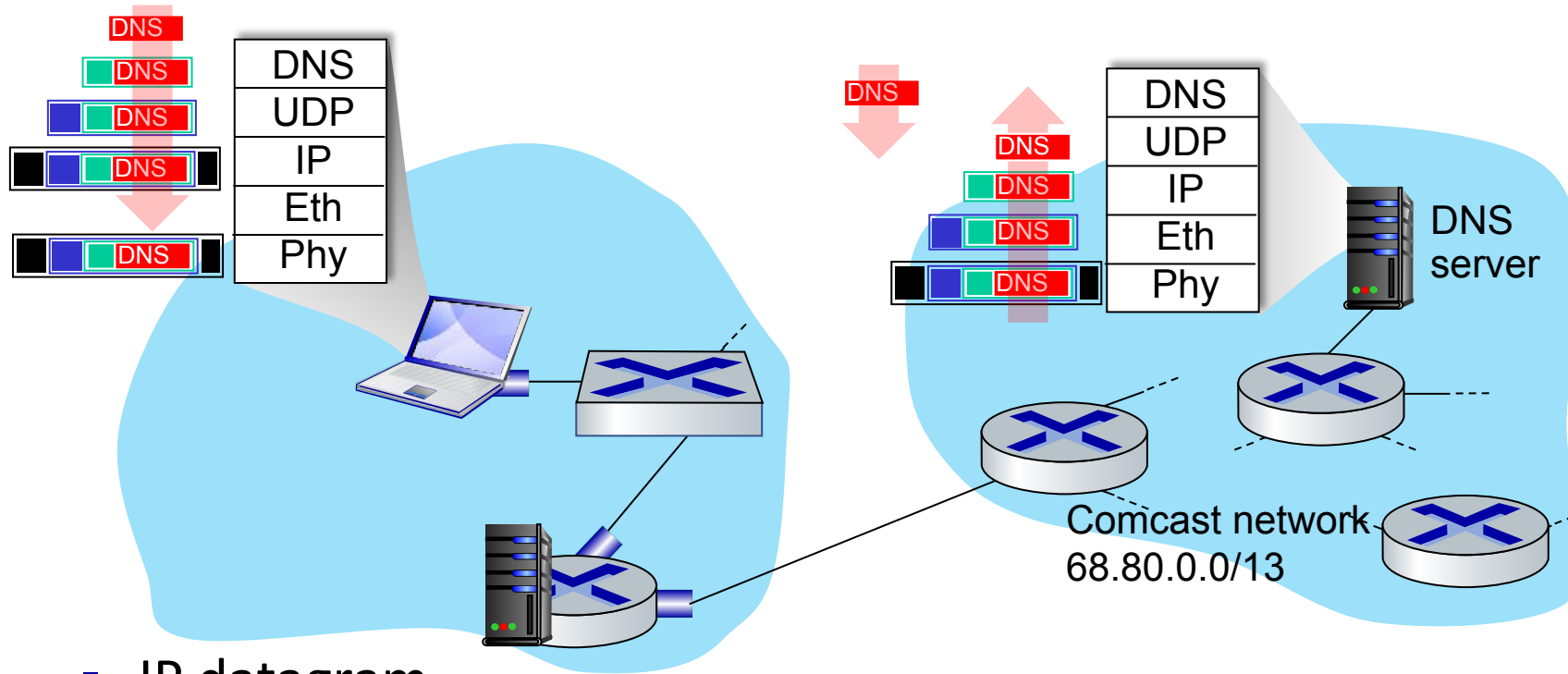
*Client now has IP address, knows name & addr of DNS server, IP address of its first-hop router*

# A day in the life... ARP (before DNS, before HTTP)



- before sending **HTTP** request, need IP address of `www.google.com`: **DNS**
- DNS query created, encapsulated in UDP, encapsulated in IP, encapsulated in Eth. To send frame to router, need MAC address of router interface: **ARP**
- **ARP query** broadcast, received by router, which replies with **ARP reply** giving MAC address of router interface
- client now knows MAC address of first hop router, so can now send frame containing DNS query

# A day in the life... using DNS

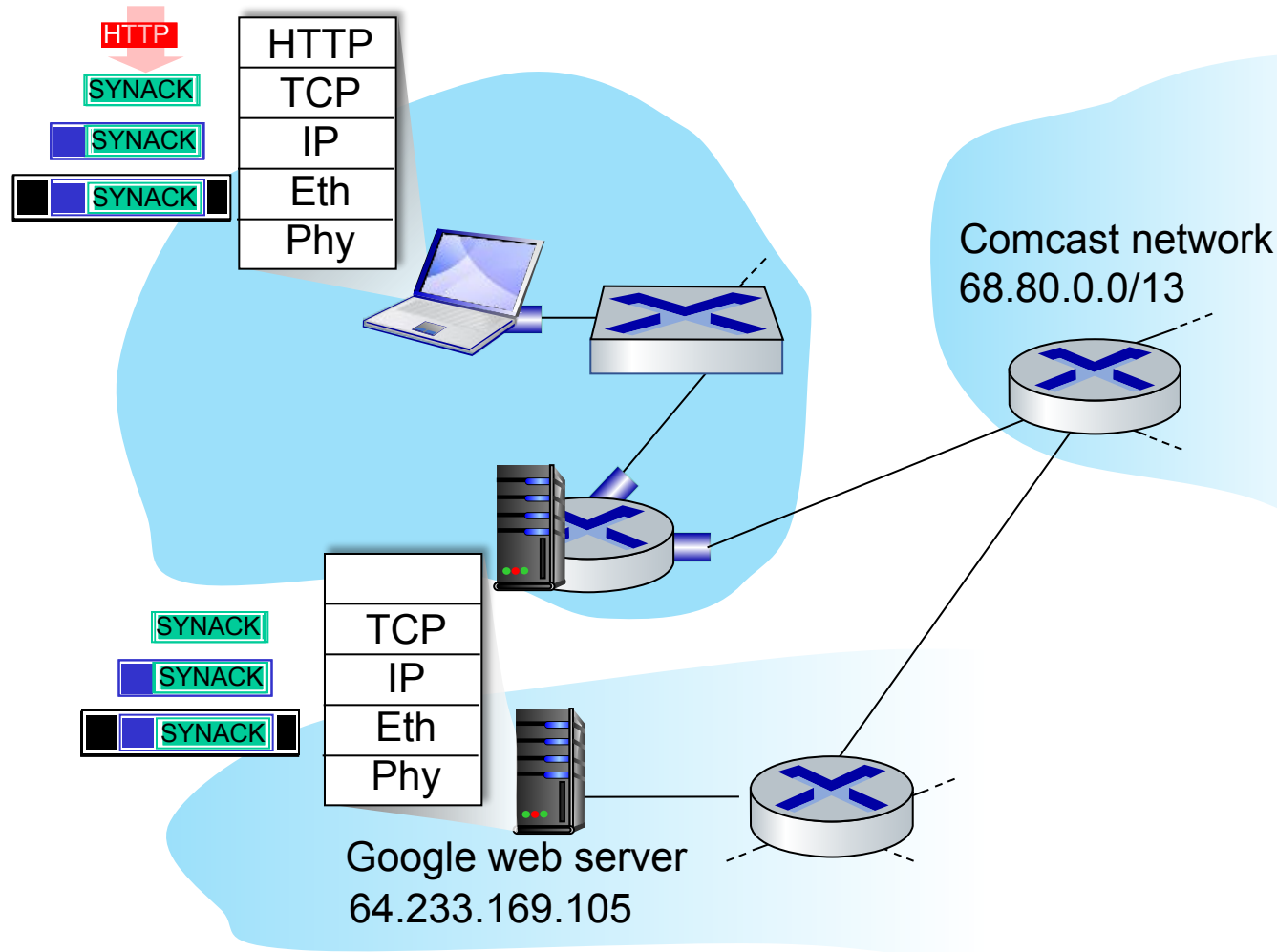


- IP datagram containing DNS query forwarded via LAN switch from client to 1<sup>st</sup> hop router

- IP datagram forwarded from campus network into Comcast network, routed (tables created by **RIP**, **OSPF**, **IS-IS** and/or **BGP** routing protocols) to DNS server

- demuxed to DNS
- DNS replies to client with IP address of [www.google.com](http://www.google.com)

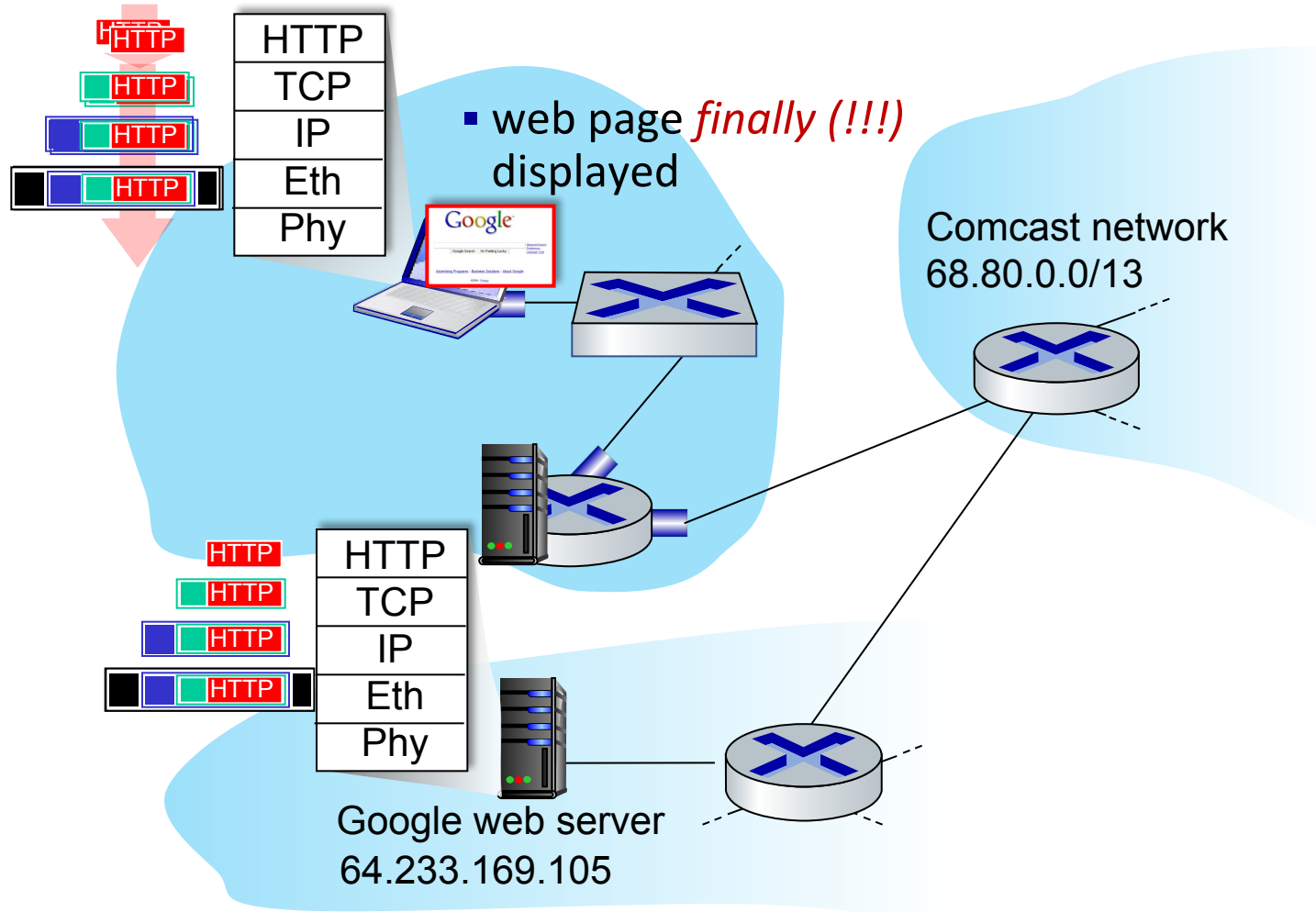
# A day in the life...TCP connection carrying HTTP



- to send HTTP request, client first opens **TCP socket** to web server
- TCP **SYN segment** (step 1 in TCP 3-way handshake) inter-domain routed to web server
- web server responds with **TCP SYNACK** (step 2 in TCP 3-way handshake)
- TCP **connection established!**



# A day in the life... HTTP request/reply



- **HTTP request** sent into TCP socket
- IP datagram containing HTTP request routed to `www.google.com`
- web server responds with **HTTP reply** (containing web page)
- IP datagram containing HTTP reply routed back to client

# Chapter 6: Summary

- principles behind data link layer services:
  - error detection, correction
  - sharing a broadcast channel: multiple access
  - link layer addressing
- instantiation, implementation of various link layer technologies
  - Ethernet
  - switched LANS, VLANs
  - virtualized networks as a link layer: MPLS
- synthesis: a day in the life of a web request

# Chapter 6: let's take a breath

- journey down protocol stack *complete* (except PHY)
- solid understanding of networking principles, practice!
- ..... could stop here .... but *more* interesting topics!
  - wireless
  - security