Computer Networks

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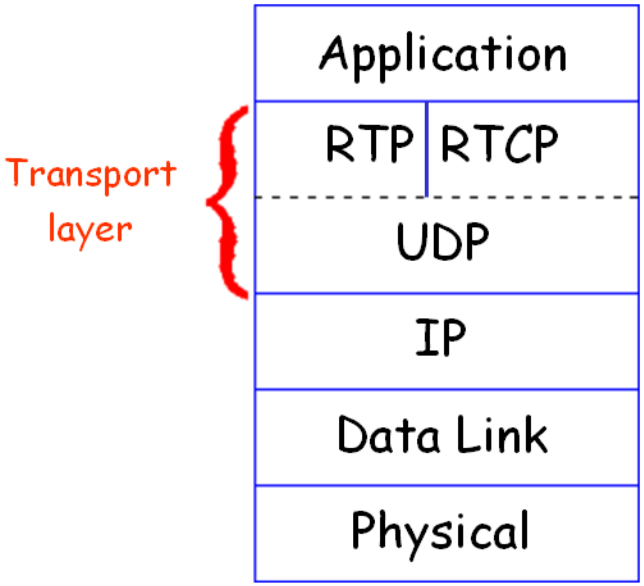
Chapter 5. End-to-End Protocols

- Transport Services and Mechanisms
- User Datagram Protocol (UDP)
- Transmission Control Protocol (TCP)
- TCP Congestion Control
- Real-time Transport Protocol (RTP)
- Session Initiation Protocol (SIP)
- Real Time Streaming Protocol (RTSP)

Real-time Transport Protocol (RTP)

- RFC 3550
  - Built upon UDP, i.e. RTP packets encapsulated in UDP segments
  - Specifies packet structure for packets carrying audio, video data
- RTP packet provides
  - Payload type identification
  - Packet sequence numbering
  - Time stamping



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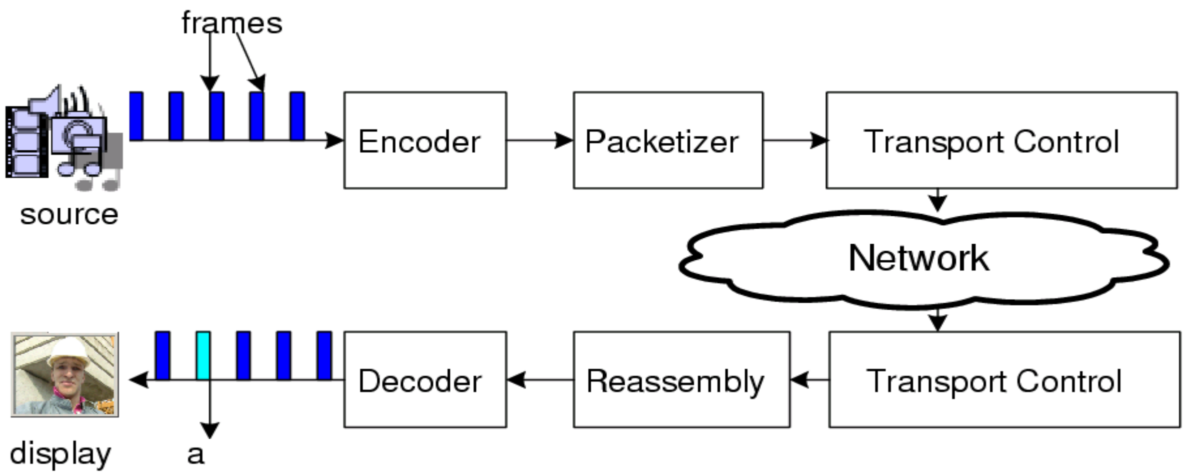

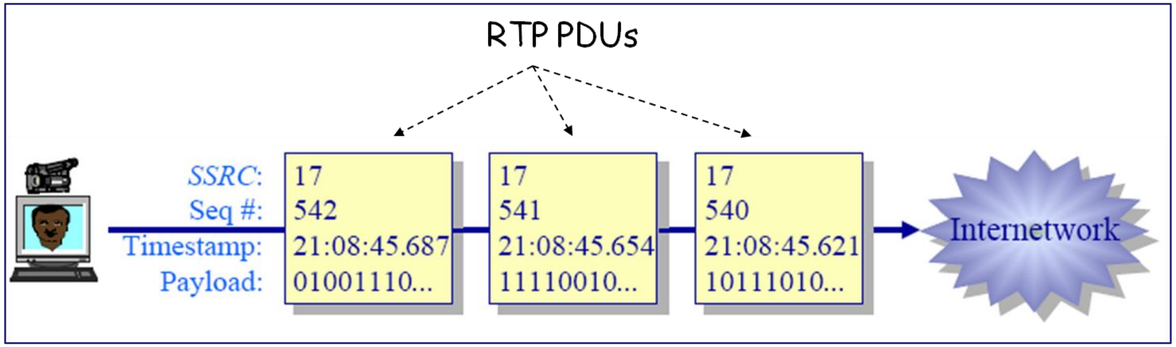

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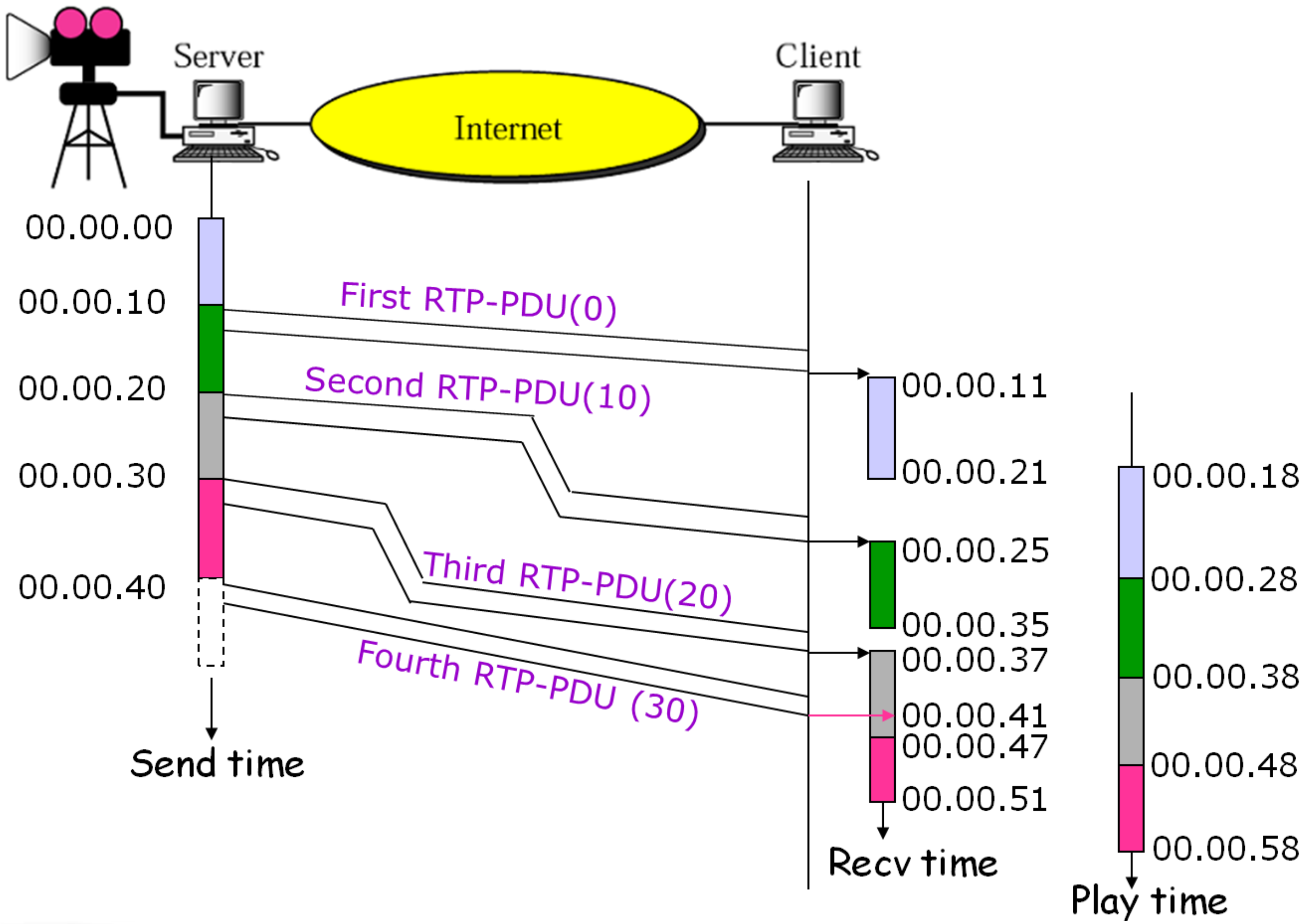
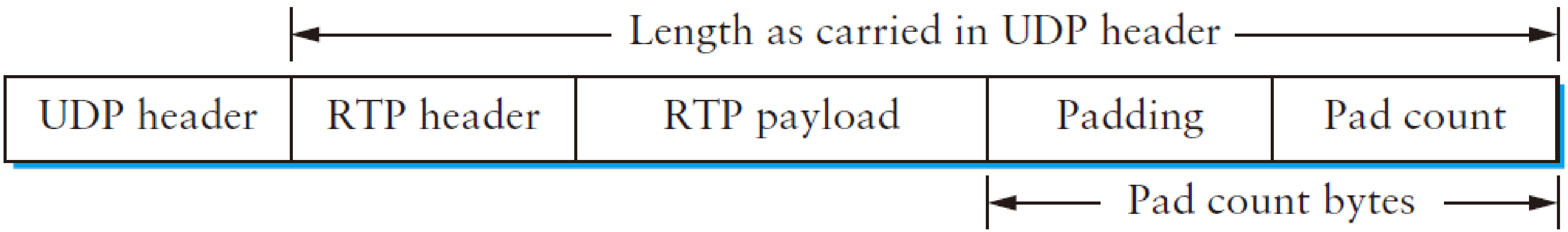
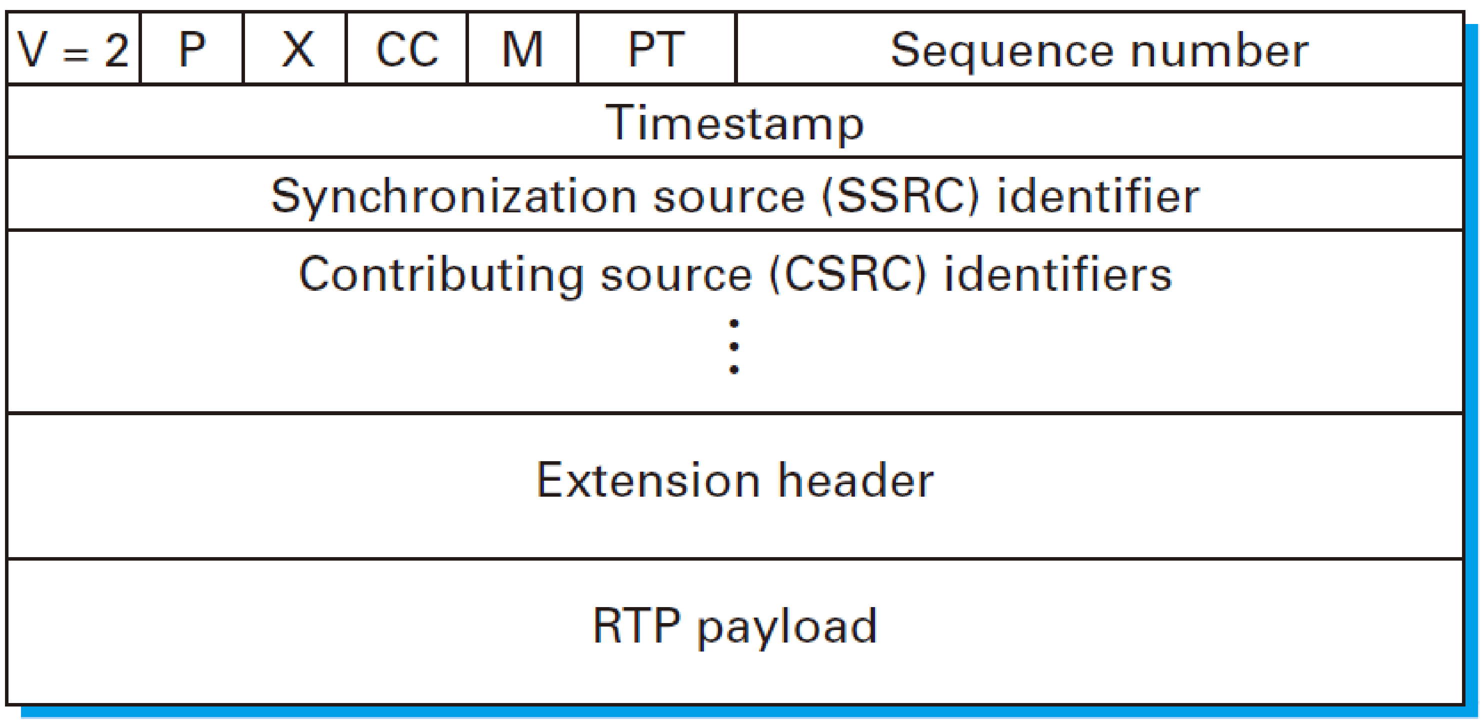


RTP and QoS

- RTP does not provide any mechanism to ensure timely data delivery
- RTP encapsulation is only seen at end systems, and unseen by intermediate routers
- Routers make no special effort for RTP packets

RTP Packets


Length as carried in UDP header
UDP header
RTP header
RTP payload
Padding
Pad count
Pad count bytes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RTP Header

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Timestamp						
Synchronization source (SSRC) identifier						
Contributing source (CSRC) identifiers ⋮						
Extension header						
RTP payload						

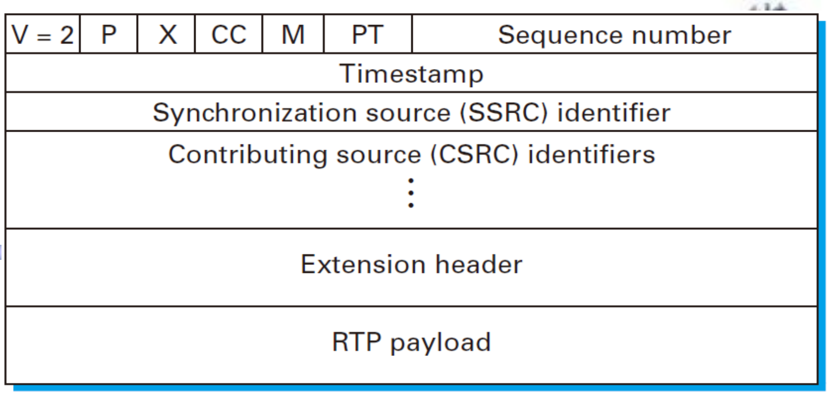
- Version (2 bits)
  - Version of the protocol, Current 2
- P (Padding) (1 bit)
  - Indicates if there are extra padding octets
- X (Extension) (1 bit)
  - Indicates presence of an extension header
- CC (CSRC Count) (4 bits)
  - Number of CSRC identifiers
- M (Marker) (1 bit)
  - Indicates special relevance for the application

RTP Header

V = 2	P	X	CC	M	PT	Sequence number
Timestamp						
Synchronization source (SSRC) identifier						
Contributing source (CSRC) identifiers ⋮						
Extension header						
RTP payload						

- Payload Type (7 bits)
  - Indicates type of encoding currently being used
  - Sender can change encoding in middle of session
- Example payload:
  - 0: PCM mu-law, 64 kbps
  - 3: GSM, 13 kbps
  - 7: LPC, 2.4 kbps
  - 26: Motion JPEG
  - 31: H.261
  - 33: MPEG2 video

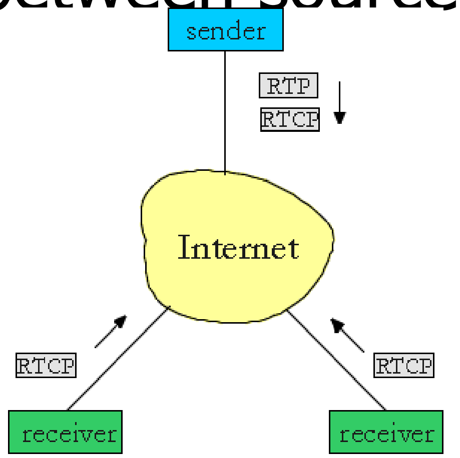
RTP Header



- Sequence Number (16 bits)
  - Increment by 1 for each RTP data packet sent
- Timestamp: (32 bits)
  - Sampling instant of first octet, used for play-back
- SSRC (Synchronization source identifier) (32 bits)
  - Uniquely identifies the source of a stream in a RTP session
- CSRC (Contributing source IDs) (32 bits)
  - Enumerate contributing sources to a stream
- Extension header
  - Specific header for certain payload type

RTP Control Protocol (RTCP)

- Specifies report PDUs exchanged between sources and destinations
  - Receiver reception report
  - Sender report
  - Source description report

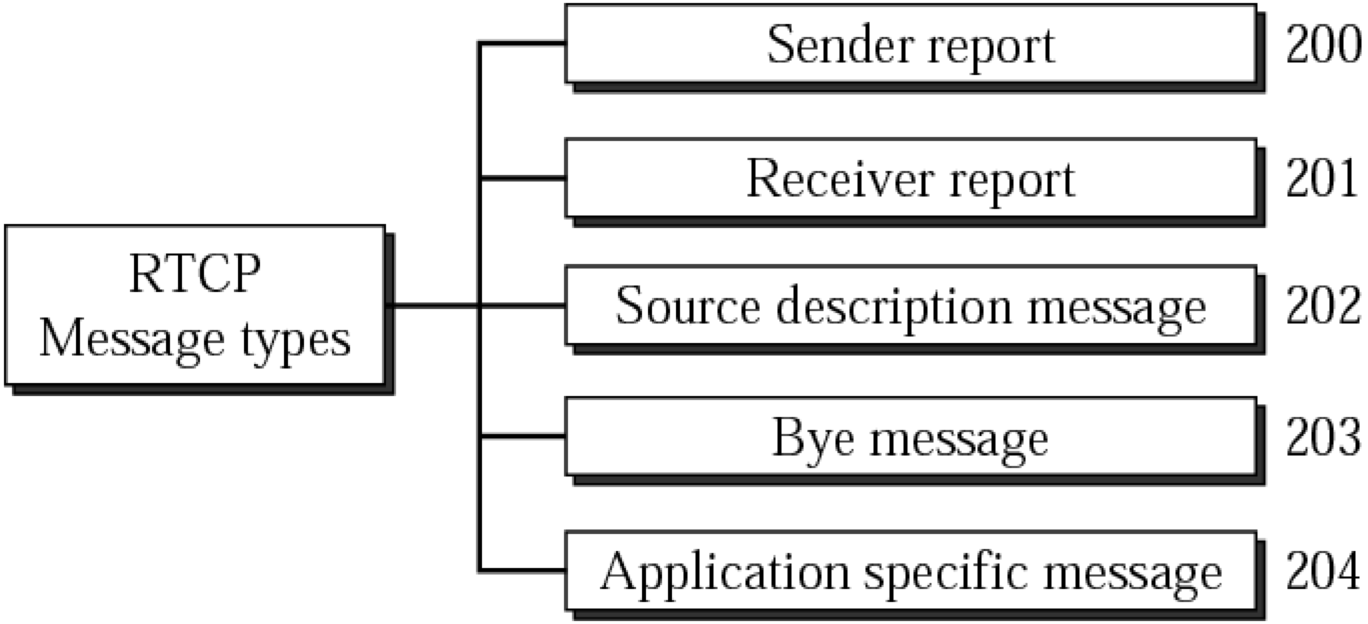


- Reports contain statistics such as the number of RTP-PDUs sent, number of RTP-PDUs lost, inter-arrival jitter

- Used by application to modify sender transmission rates and for diagnostics purposes

RTCP Message Types

- Several RTCP PDUs of different types can be transmitted in a single UDP segment



Sender/Receiver Report PDUs

Fields					Block
V	P	RC	PT=200/201 → SR/RR	Length (16 bits)	Header
SSRC of Sender					
NTP Timestamp, most significant word					Sender Info
NTP Timestamp, least significant word					
RTP Timestamp					
Sender's PDU Count					
Sender's Octet Count					
SSRC_1 (SSRC of the 1st Source)					Report Block 1
Fraction Lost	Cumulative Number of PDU Lost				
Extended Highest sequence Number Received					
Interarrival Jitter					
Last SR (LSR)					
Delay Since Last SR (DLSR)					
SSRC_2 (SSRC of the 2nd Source)					Report Block 2
… …					
Profile-Specific Extensions					

Session Initiation Protocol (SIP)

- RFC 3261 – an application level protocol
  - A signaling protocol used for controlling multimedia communication sessions such as voice and video calls over IP
  - For create, modify and terminate two-party (unicast) or multiparty (multicast) sessions consisting of one or several media streams
  - An alternative to ITU's H.323, used for IP Telephony since 1994

- Application examples
  - Video conferencing
  - Streaming multimedia distribution
  - Instant messaging
  - Online games

SIP Services

- Setting up a call
  - Determine current IP address of callee by SIP address
  - Let callee know caller wants to establish a call
  - Caller, callee agree on media type, encoding
- Call management
  - Add new media streams during call
  - Change encoding during call
  - Invite others, transfer and hold calls

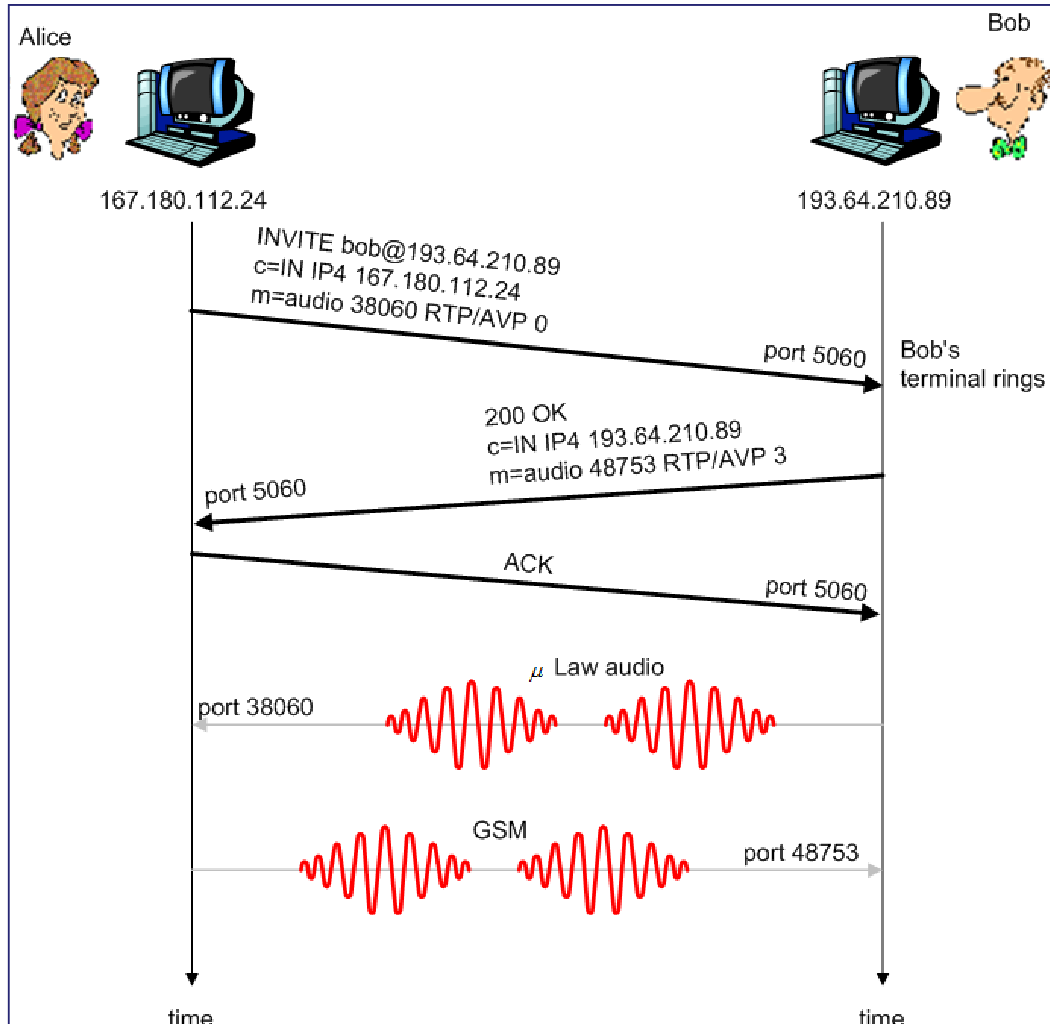
SIP Addressing

- Uses Internet URLs
  - Uniform Resource Locators
  - Supports both Internet and PSTN addresses
  - General form is user@host

- Examples
  - sip:alan@wcom.com
  - sip:J.T. Kirk <kirk@starfleet.gov>
  - sip:+1-613-555-1212@wcom.com;user=phone
  - sip:guest@10.64.1.1
  - sip:790-7360@wcom.com;phone-context=VNET

Setting up a Call

- Alice's SIP agent *invite* msg, indicates her port, IP address, encoding she prefers to receive (PCM μlaw)
- Bob's agent 200 *OK* msg, indicates his port, IP address, preferred encoding (GSM)
- SIP msgs can be sent over TCP or UDP, here sent over RTP/UDP
- Default SIP port number is 5060



Other Possible Reply

- Rejecting a call
  - Bob' agent rejects with "600 busy", "503 unavailable", "302 gone", "401 unauthorized"
- Further negotiation
  - Bob replies with "606 Not Acceptable", listing his encoders
  - Alice can then send new "INVITE" message, advertising different encoder

A SIP Request Message

```
INVITE sip:bob@domain.com SIP/2.0
Via: SIP/2.0/UDP 167.180.112.24:5060
From: sip:alice@hereway.com
To: sip:bob@domain.com
Call-ID: a2e3a@pigeon.hereway.com
CSeq: 1 INVITE
Content-Type: application/sdp
Content-Length: 885
… … …
c=IN IP4 167.180.112.24
m=audio 38060 RTP/AVP 0
```

- Use HTTP message syntax
- Via: Shows route taken by request
- Call-ID: unique identifier generated by client
- CSeq: Command Sequence number, incremented for each successive request

A SIP Response Message

```
SIP/2.0 200 OK
Via: SIP/2.0/UDP 167.180.112.24:5060
From: sip:alice@hereway.com
To: sip:bob@domain.com
Call-ID: a2e3a@pigeon.hereway.com
CSeq: 1 INVITE
```

- *Via*, *From*, *To*, *Call-ID*, and *CSeq* are copied exactly from Request
  - To and From are NOT swapped

Finding a Callee

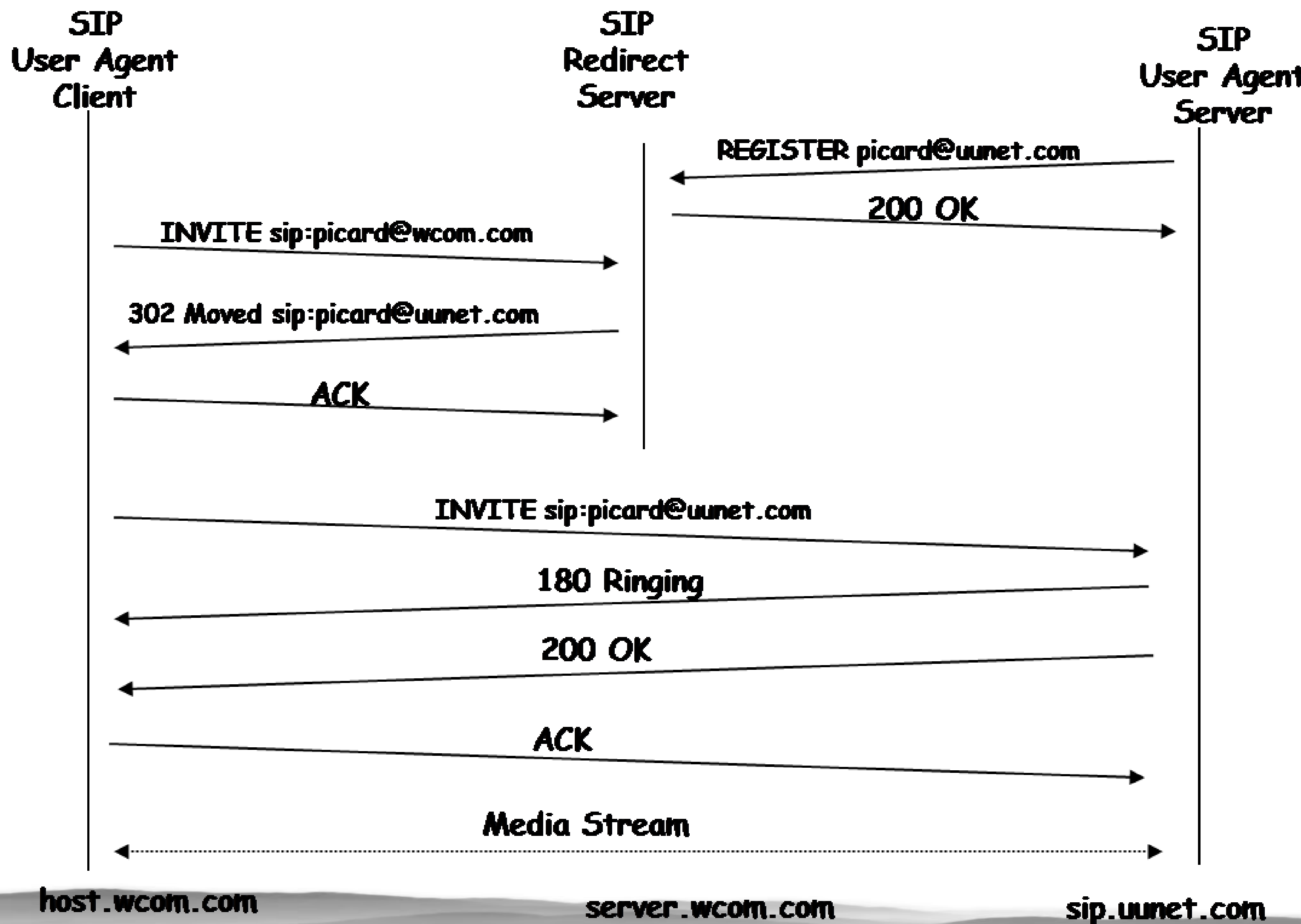
- SIP address must be transformed to IP address of callee's current host
  - Bob may move around, getting different IP addresses (using mobile devices)
- Different SIP servers to handle this
  - Registrar: Accepts REGISTER requests from clients (caller or callee)
  - Redirect: Sends address of next hop towards callee back to caller
  - Proxy: Decides next hop and forwards request (as a broker)

SIP Registrar

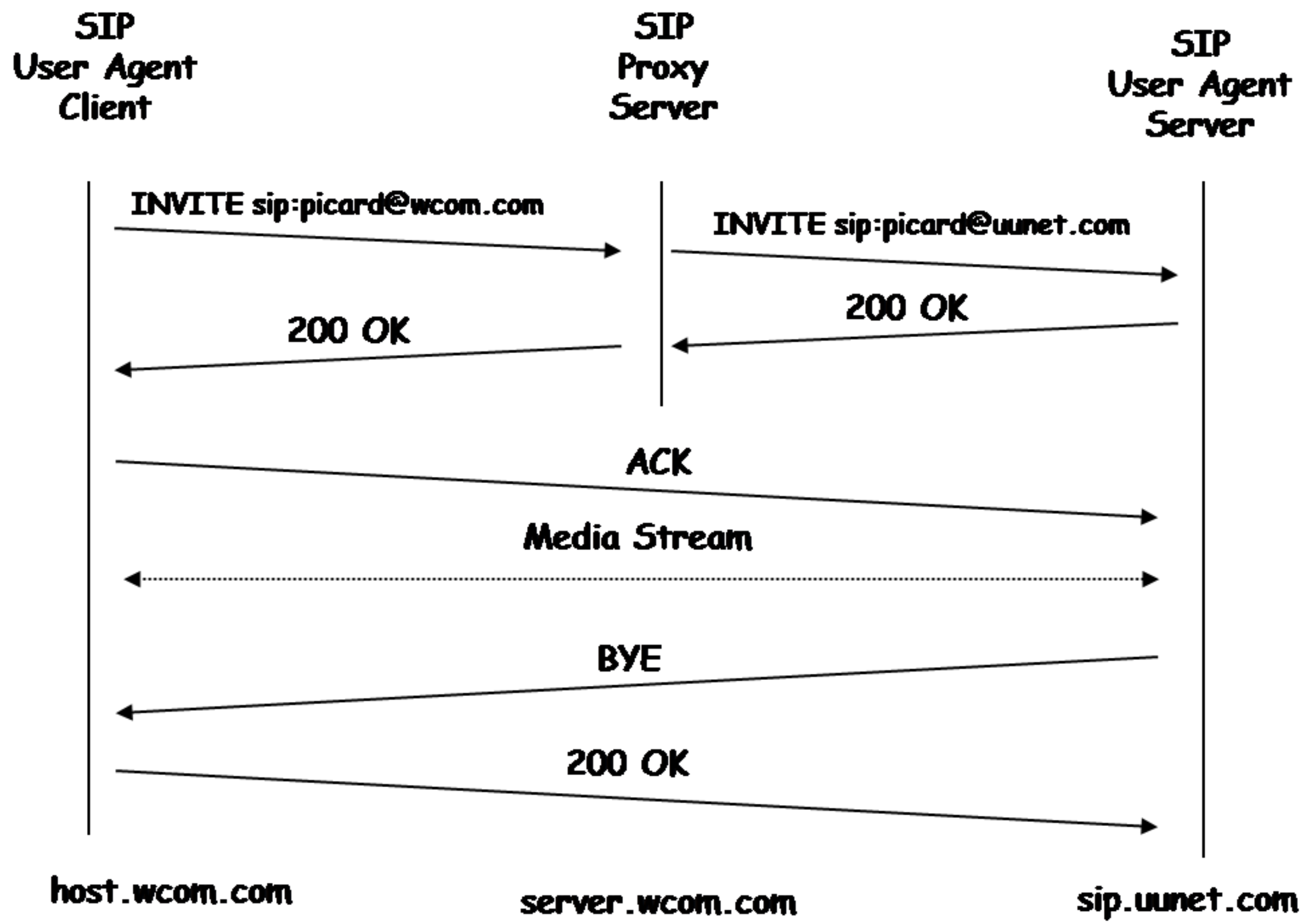
- When Bob starts SIP agent, agent sends SIP REGISTER message to Bob's registrar server
- Similar function needed by Instant Messaging

```
REGISTER sip:domain.com SIP/2.0
Via: SIP/2.0/UDP 193.64.210.89
From: sip:bob@domain.com
To: sip:bob@domain.com
Expires: 3600
```

Using Redirect Server



Using Proxy Server

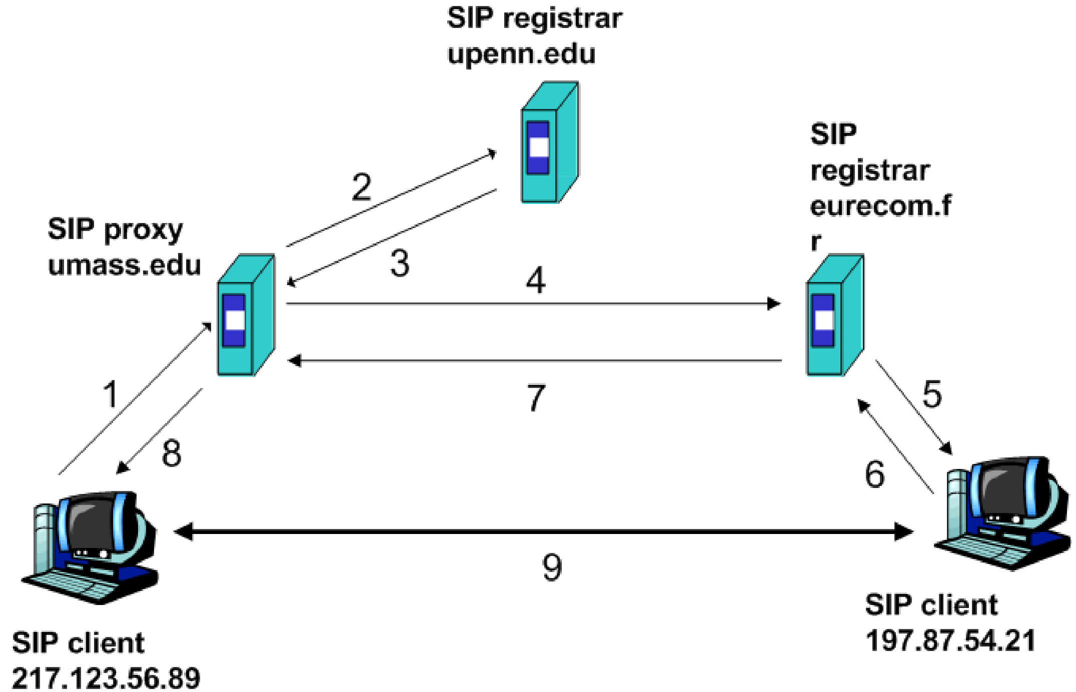


A More Complicated Example

Caller: Bob@umass.edu
Callee: Alice@upenn.edu

(1) Bob's agent sends INVITE message to umass SIP proxy
(2) Proxy forwards request to upenn registrar server

(3) upenn server returns redirect response, indicating that it should try Alice@eurecom.fr
(4) umass proxy sends INVITE to eurecom registrar



(5) eurecom registrar forwards INVITE to 197.87.54.21, which is running Alice's SIP agent
(6-8) SIP response sent back

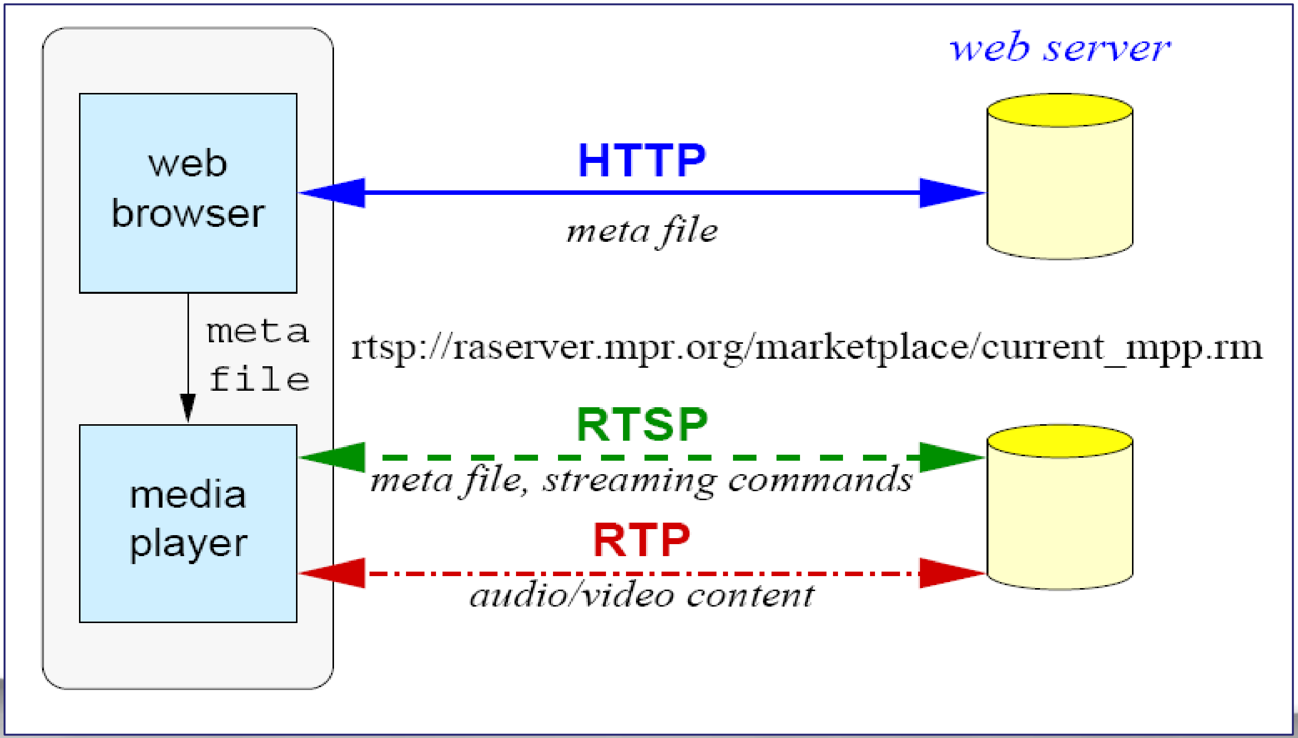
(9) media sent directly between SIP agents

Real Time Streaming Protocol (RTSP)

- RFC 2326
  - An app-level protocol that establishes and controls media sessions between end points
  - Support VCR commands: rewind, fast forward, pause, resume, repositioning, etc…
  - Can built upon UDP or TCP, commands sent in ASCII text
  - Integration with web architecture, separate stream channel and control channel

RTSP Scenario

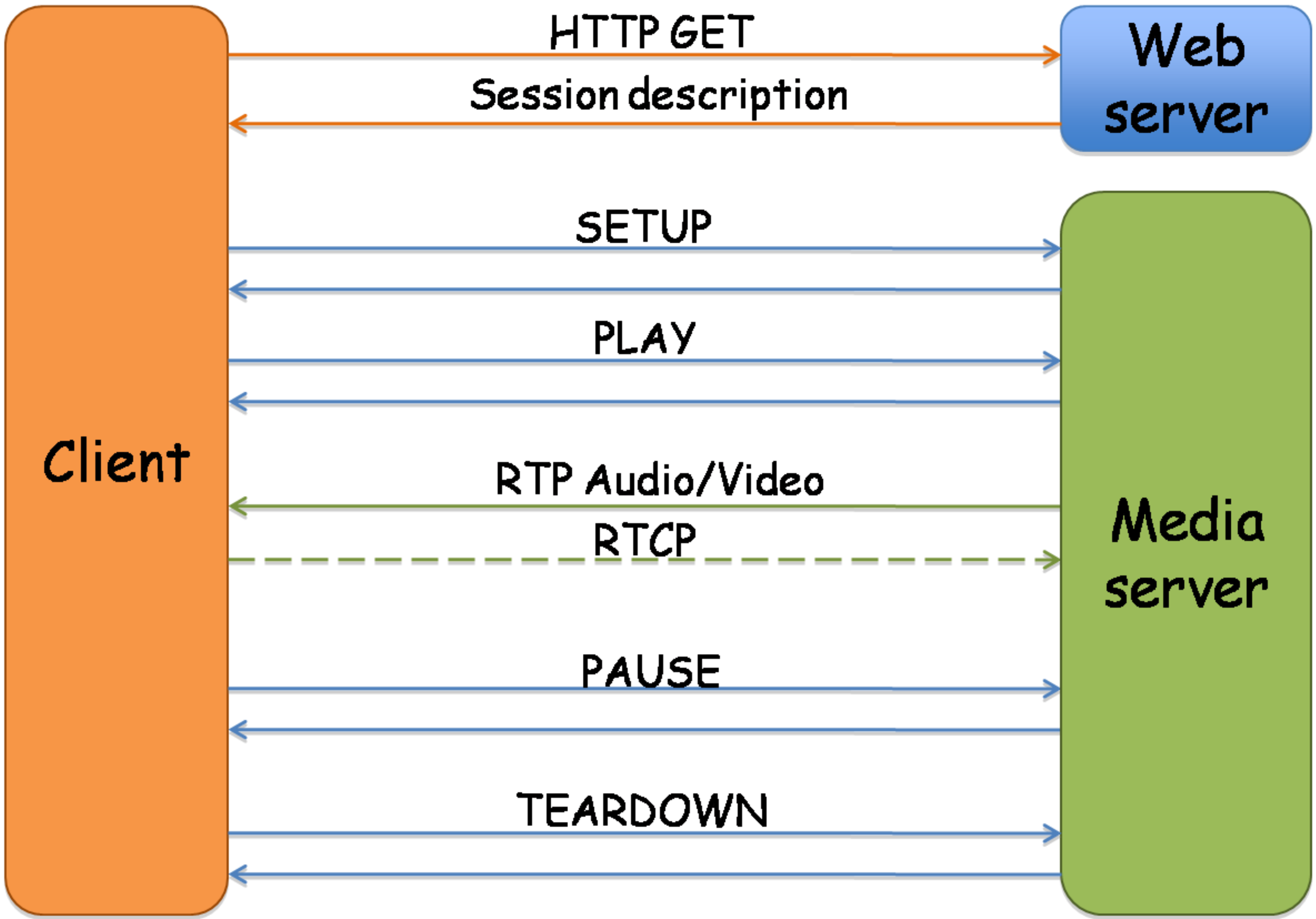
- Metafile communicated to web browser using HTTP
- Browser launches player
- Player sets up an RTSP control connection, data connection to streaming server



A Meta-File Example

```
<title>Twister</title>
<session>
    <group language=en lipsync>
        <switch>
            <track type=audio
                e="PCMU/8000/1"
                src = "rtsp://audio.example.com/twister/audio.en/lofi">
            <track type=audio
                e="DVI4/16000/2" pt="90 DVI4/8000/1"
                src="rtsp://audio.example.com/twister/audio.en/hifi">
        </switch>
        <track type="video/jpeg"
            src="rtsp://video.example.com/twister/video">
    </group>
</session>
```

RTSP Operation



SETUP Example

- Specifies the transport mechanism used for streaming media
- Client can issue SETUP to change parameters for already started media

Client -> Server:

SETUP rtsp://audio.example.com/twister/audio RTSP/1.0
CSeq: 302
Transport: RTP/UDP; compression; unicast; client_port=4588-4589

Server -> Client:

RTSP/1.0 200 OK
Cseq: 302
Date: 23 Jan 1997 15:35:06 GMT
Session: 47112344
Transport: RTP/UDP; compression; unicast;
client_port=4588-4589;server_port=6256-6257

PLAY Example

- Plays from beginning to end of range specified
- Scale header can be used to change viewing rate

Client -> Server:

```
PLAY rtsp://audio.example.com/twister.en RTSP/1.0
CSeq: 833
Session: 12345678
Range: smpte=0:10:20-;time=19970123T153600Z
```

Server -> Client:

```
RTSP/1.0 200 OK
CSeq: 833
Date: 23 Jan 1997 15:35:06 GMT
Range: smpte=0:10:22-;time=19970123T153600Z
```

Pause and Teardown

- Pause
  - May contain Range header to specify when to pause
  - Server will terminate session after timeout period expires
- Teardown
  - Frees up resources on the server

```
Client -> Server
PAUSE rtsp://audio.example.com/twister/audio.en/lofi RTSP/1.0
CSeq: 887
Session: 12345678
Range: smpte=0:15:27
… …
TEARDOWN rtsp://audio.example.com/twister/audio.en/lofi RTSP/1.0
CSeq: 892
Session: 12345678

Server->Client
RTSP/1.0 200 OK
CSeq: 892
```

RTSP Reliability

- If using TCP message is sent just once
- If using UDP, RTSP will retransmit if not receive ACK
  - Timeout is initially set to 500 ms
  - Can re-compute timeout based on RTT like TCP
- Sequence no is not incremented for retransmission
  - Timestamp is used to overcome retransmission ambiguity

A Little More

- Stream Control Transmission Protocol (RFC 4960)
  - Message-based multi-streaming, preserves msg order in each stream
- Session Announcement Protocol (RFC 2974)
  - Broadcasting multicast session information
- Session Description Protocol (RFC 4566)
  - Format for describing streaming media initialization parameters
- Synchronized Multimedia Integration Language (SMIL)
  - XML based language for describing multimedia presentations
  - Timing, layout, animations, visual transitions, and media embedding