User Datagram Protocol



UDP: User Datagram Protocol



- In TCP/IP protocol suite, using IP to transport datagram (similar to IP datagram).
- Allows a application to send datagram to other application on the remote machine.
- Delivery and duplicate detection are not guaranteed.
- Low overhead: faster than TCP

UDP Characteristics



- End-to-End: an application sends/receives data to/from another application.
- Connectionless: Application does not need to preestablish communication before sending data; application does not need to terminate communication when finished.
- Message-oriented: application sends/receives individual messages (UDP datagram), not packets.
- Best-effort: same best-effort delivery semantics as IP. I.e. message can be lost, duplicated, and corrupted.
- Arbitrary interaction: application communicates with many or one other applications.
- Operating system independent: identifying application does not depend on O/S.

Identifying An Application



- UDP cannot extend IP address
 - No unused bits
- Cannot use OS-dependent quantity
 - Process ID, Task number, Job name
- Must work on all computer systems
- Technique
 - Each application assigned unique integer
 - Called <u>protocol port number</u>

Protocol Port Number

- UDP uses Port Number to identify an application as an endpoint.
- UDP messages are delivered to the port specified in the message by the sending application
- In general, a port can be used for any datagram, as long as the sender and the receiver agrees
- In practice, a collection of well-known ports are used for special purposes such as telnet, ftp, and email. E.g. port 7 for Echo application.
- Local operating system provides an interface for processes to specify and access a port.

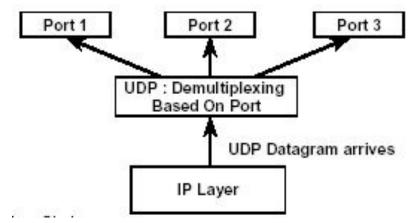




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discard	9/udp	#discard
daytime	13/udp	#daytime
chargen	19/udp	#character generator
time	37/udp	#timserver
name	42/udp	#host nameserver
domain	53/udp	#domain name server
bootps	67/udp	# BOOTP/DHCP server
bootpc	68/udp	# BOOTP/DHCP client
tftp	69/udp	#trivial file transfer
ntp	123/udp	# Network Time Protocol

UDP Multiplexing & Demultiplexing





- Sender: multiplexing of UDP datagrams.
 - UDP datagrams are received from multiple application programs.
 - A single sequence of UDP datagrams is passed to IP layer.
- Receiver: demultiplexing of UDP datagrams.
 - Single sequence of UDP datagrams received from IP layer.
 - UDP datagram received is passed to appropriate application.

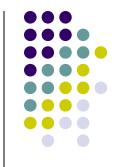




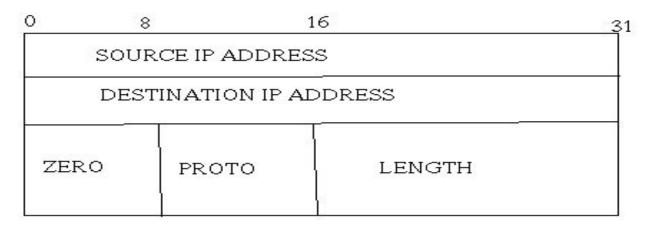
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SOURCE PORT	DESTINATION PORT
MESSAGE LENGTH	CHECKSUM
DATA	

- Source Port 16 bit port number
- Destination Port 16 bit port number
- Length (of UDP header + data) 16 bit count of octets
- UDP checksum 16 bit field. if 0, then there is no checksum, else it is a checksum over a pseudo header + UDP data area

Checksum and Pseudo Header



 UDP uses a pseudo-header to verify that the UDP message has arrived at both the correct machine and the correct port.

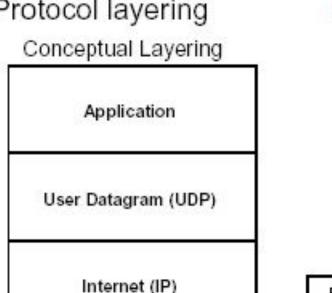


- Proto: IP protocol type code.
- Length: Length of the UDP datagram.

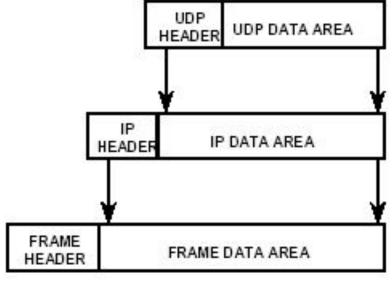
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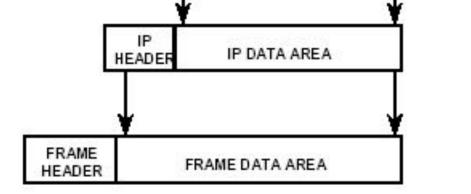
Protocol layering





Network Interface





- UDP message is encapsulated into an IP datagram.
- IP datagram in turn is encapsulated into a physical frame for actually delivery.

