

Chapter 3: Transport Layer

Our goals:

- understand principles behind transport layer services:
 - multiplexing/demultiplexing
 - reliable data transfer
 - flow control
 - congestion control

- learn about transport layer protocols in the Internet:
 - UDP: connectionless transport
 - TCP: connection-oriented transport
 - TCP congestion control

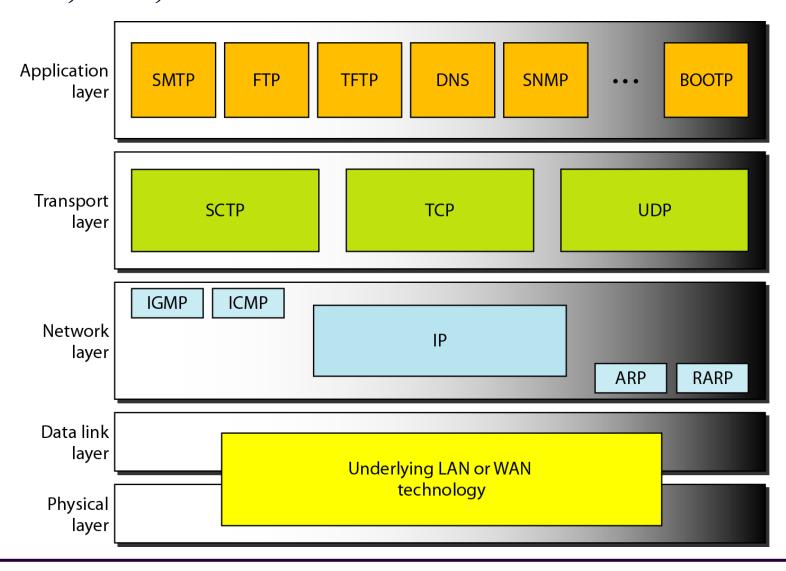


Transport layer: roadmap

- Transport-layer services
- Multiplexing and demultiplexing
- Connectionless transport: UDP
- Principles of reliable data transfer
- Connection-oriented transport: TCP
- Principles of congestion control
- TCP congestion control
- Evolution of transport-layer functionality

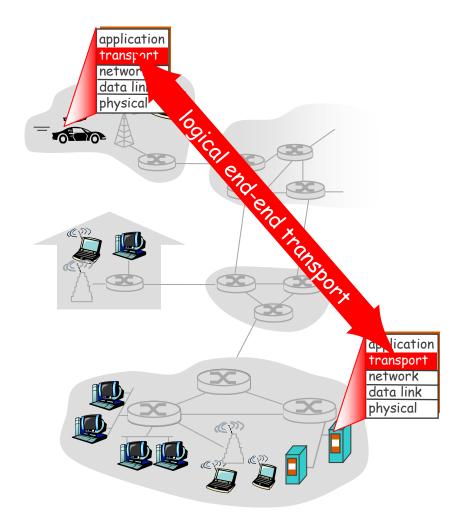


Position of UDP, TCP, and SCTP in TCP/IP suite



Transport services and protocols

- provide *logical communication* between app processes running on different hosts
- transport protocols run in end systems
 - send side: breaks app messages into segments, passes to network layer
 - rcv side: reassembles segments into messages, passes to app layer
- more than one transport protocol available to apps
 - Internet: TCP and UDP



Transport vs. network layer services and protocols

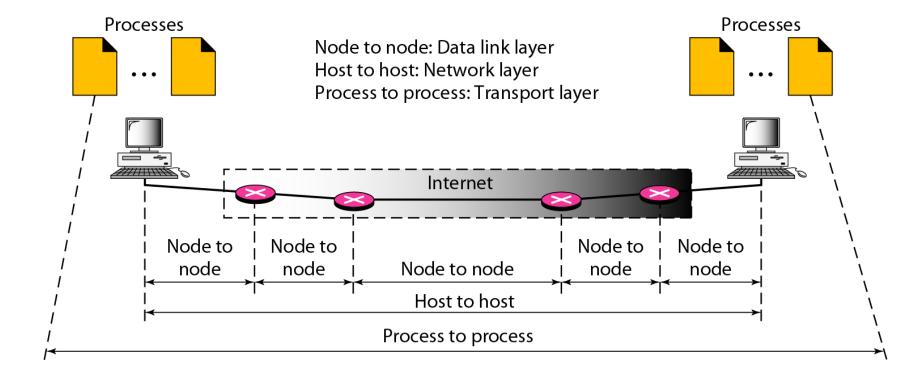


- network layer: logical communication between hosts
- transport layer:
 logical
 communication
 between processes
- relies on, enhances, network layer services

household analogy:

- 12 kids in Ann's house sending letters to 12 kids in Bill's house:
- hosts = houses
- processes = kids
- app messages = letters in envelopes

Process to process delivery



Transport vs. network layer

Addressing:

Data link – MAC address

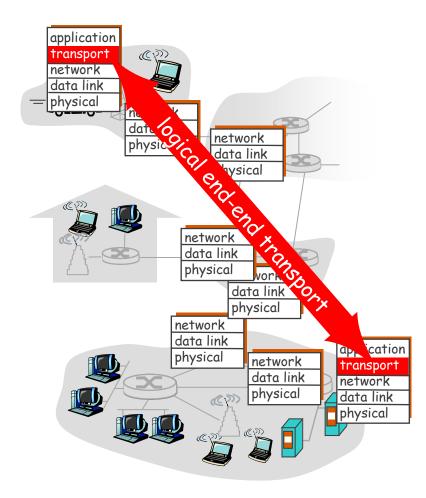
Network – IP address

Transport – port number

16 bit integer – 0-16 535 Client port – ephemeral port number Server port – not random

Internet transport-layer protocols

- reliable, in-order delivery (TCP)
 - congestion control
 - flow control
 - connection setup
- unreliable, unordered delivery: UDP
 - no-frills extension of "best-effort"
 IP
- services not available:
 - delay guarantees
 - bandwidth guarantees



Chapter 3 outline

- 3.1 Transport-layer services
- 3.2 Multiplexing and demultiplexing
- 3.3 Connectionless transport: UDP
- 3.4 Principles of reliable data transfer

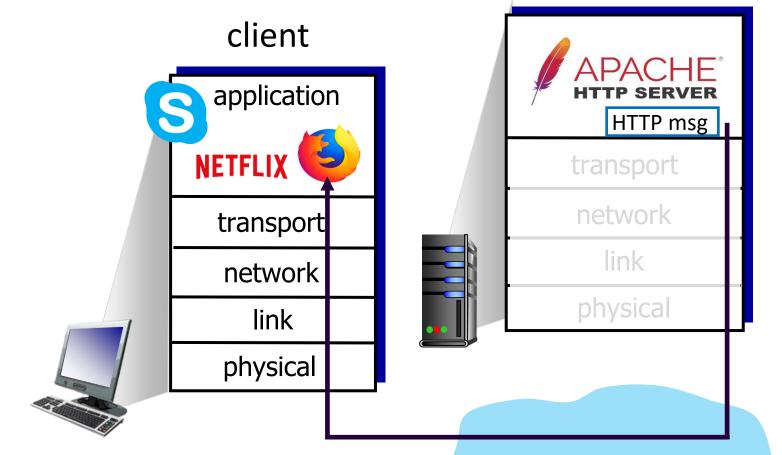
3.5 Connection-oriented transport:

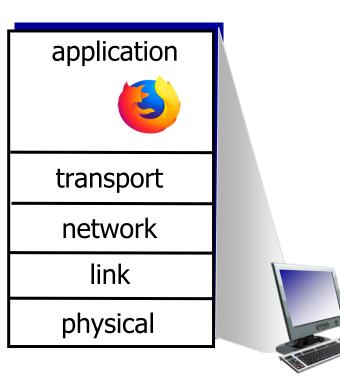
TCP

- segment structure
- reliable data transfer
- flow control
- connection management
- 3.6 Principles of congestion control
- 3.7 TCP congestion control

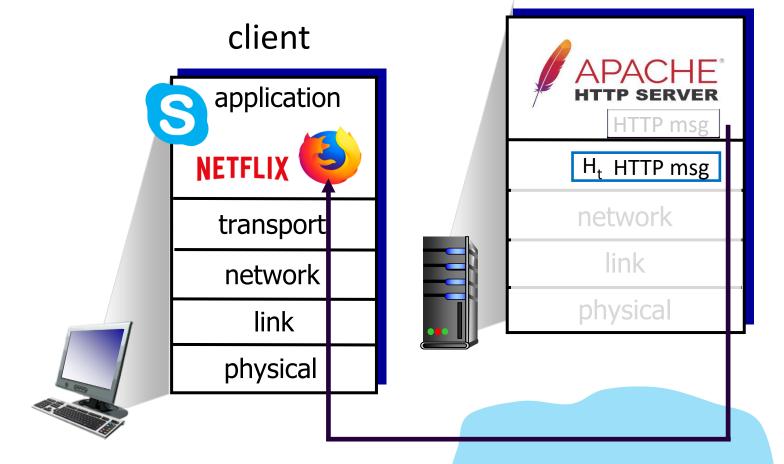


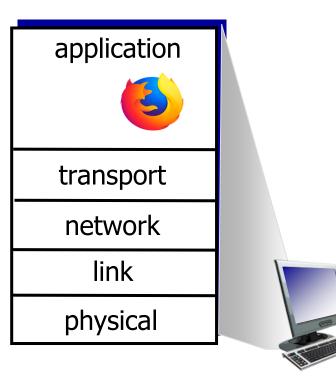
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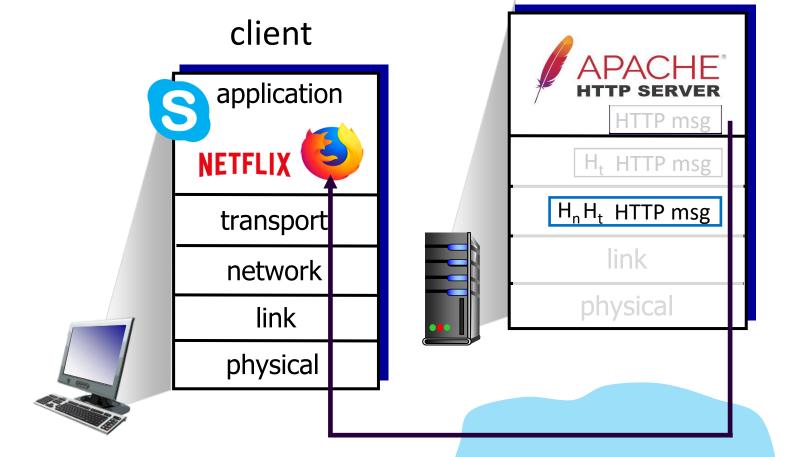


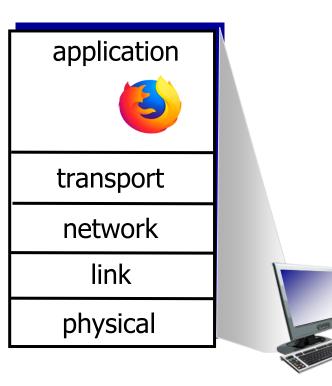
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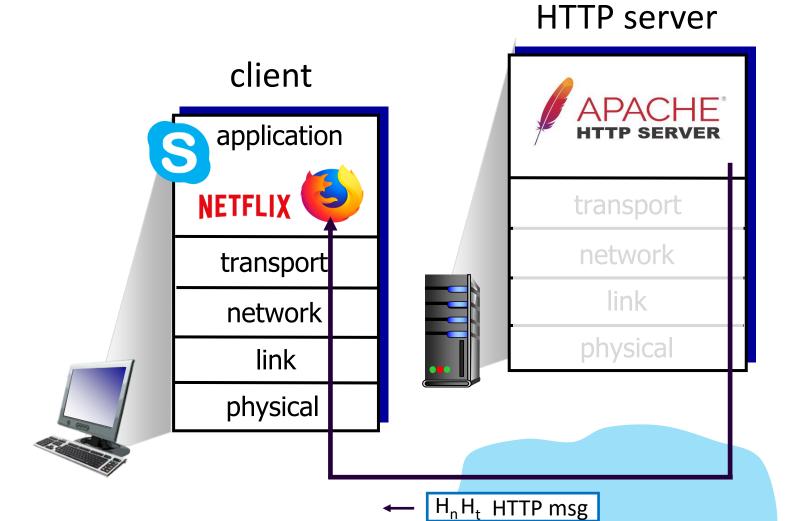


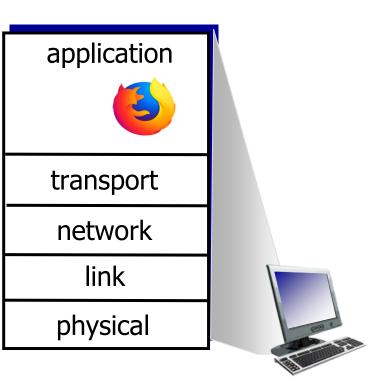


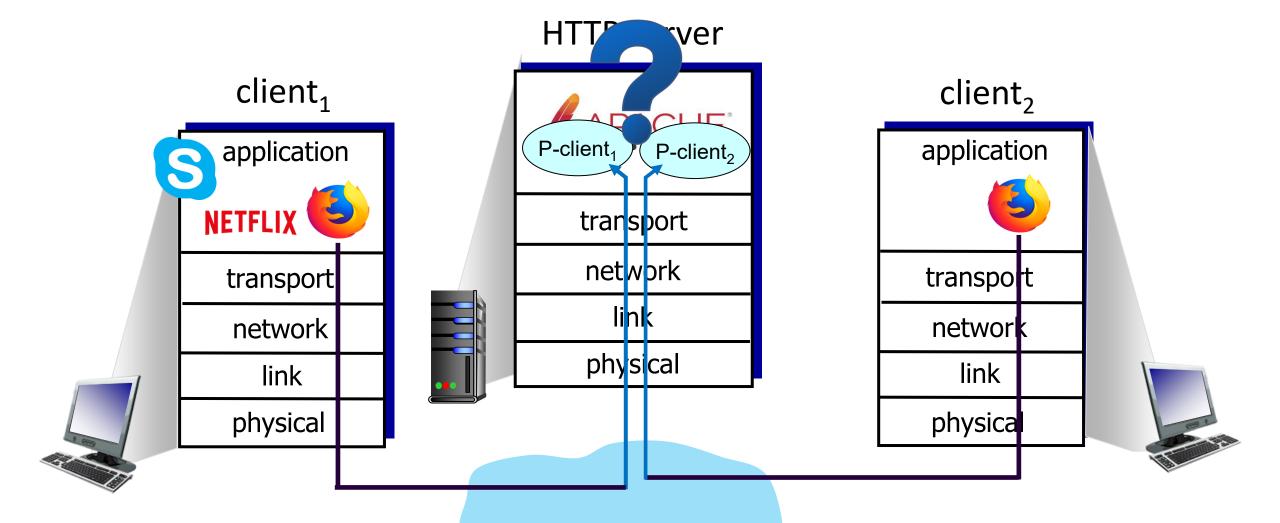
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Multiplexing/demultiplexing

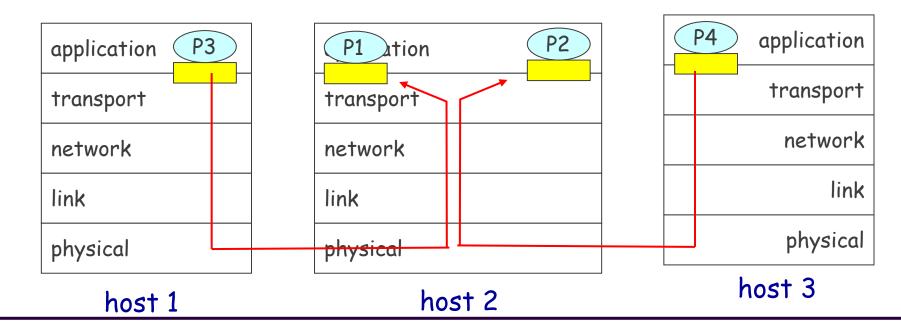
Demultiplexing at rcv host:

delivering received segments to correct socket

Multiplexing at send host:

gathering data from multiple sockets, enveloping data with header (later used for demultiplexing)

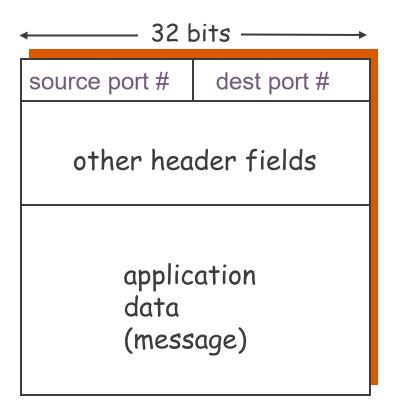




How demultiplexing works

- host receives IP datagrams
 - each datagram has source IP address, destination IP address
 - each datagram carries 1 transportlayer segment
 - each segment has source, destination port number
- host uses IP addresses & port numbers to direct segment to appropriate socket

TCP/UDP segment format





Connectionless demultiplexing

Recall:

when creating socket, must specify *host-local* port #:

- when creating datagram to send into UDP socket, must specify
 - destination IP address
 - destination port #

when receiving host receives *UDP* segment:

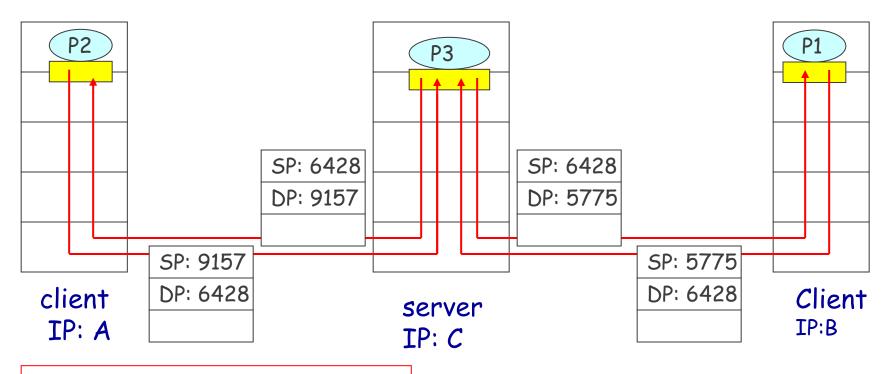
- checks destination port # in segment
- directs UDP segment to socket with that port #



IP/UDP datagrams with same dest. port #, but different source IP addresses and/or source port numbers will be directed to same socket at receiving host

Connectionless demux (cont)

DatagramSocket serverSocket = new DatagramSocket(6428);

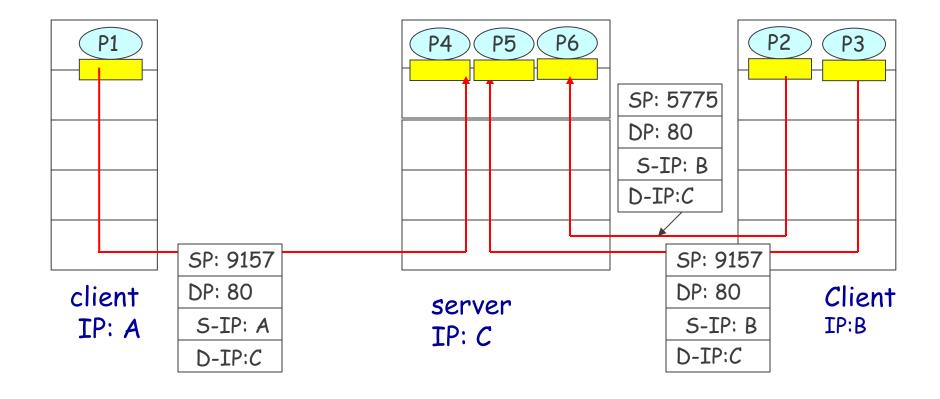


SP provides "return address"

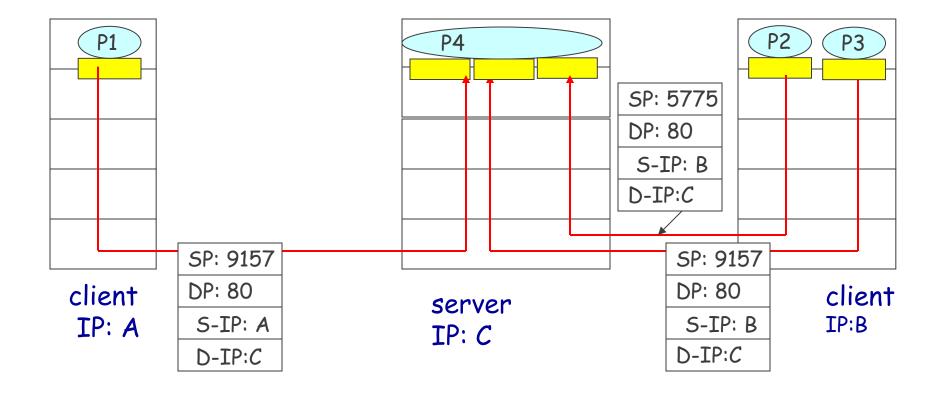
Connection-oriented demux

- TCP socket identified by 4-tuple:
 - source IP address
 - source port number
 - dest IP address
 - dest port number
- recv host uses all four values to direct segment to appropriate socket
- server host may support many simultaneous TCP sockets:
 - each socket identified by its own 4-tuple
- web servers have different sockets for each connecting client
 - non-persistent HTTP will have different socket for each request

Connection-oriented demux (cont)



Connection-oriented demux: Threaded Web Server



Summary

- Multiplexing, demultiplexing: based on segment, datagram header field values
- UDP: demultiplexing using destination port number (only)
- TCP: demultiplexing using 4-tuple: source and destination IP addresses, and port numbers
- Multiplexing/demultiplexing happen at all layers

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UDP: User Datagram Protocol [RFC 768]

- "no frills," "bare bones" Internet transport protocol
- "best effort" service, UDP segments may be:
 - lost
 - delivered out of order to app

connectionless:

- no handshaking between UDP sender, receiver
- each UDP segment handled independently of others

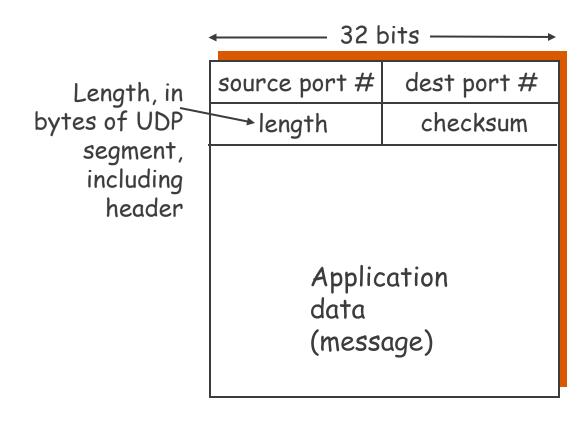
Why is there a UDP?

- no connection establishment (which can add delay)
- simple: no connection state at sender, receiver
- small segment header
- no congestion control: UDP can blast away as fast as desired



UDP: more

- often used for streaming multimedia apps
 - loss tolerant
 - rate sensitive
- other UDP uses
 - DNS
 - SNMP
- reliable transfer over UDP: add reliability at application layer
 - application-specific error recovery!



UDP segment format

UDP checksum

Goal: detect "errors" (e.g., flipped bits) in transmitted segment

Sender:

- treat segment contents as sequence of 16-bit integers
- checksum: addition (1's complement sum) of segment contents
- sender puts checksum value into UDP checksum field

Receiver:

- compute checksum of received segment
- check if computed checksum equals checksum field value:
 - NO error detected
 - YES no error detected. *But maybe* errors nonetheless? More later



Internet Checksum Example

Note: when adding numbers, a carryout from the most significant bit needs to be added to the result

Example: add two 16-bit integers

