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【Ch1】 Computer Networks and the Internet

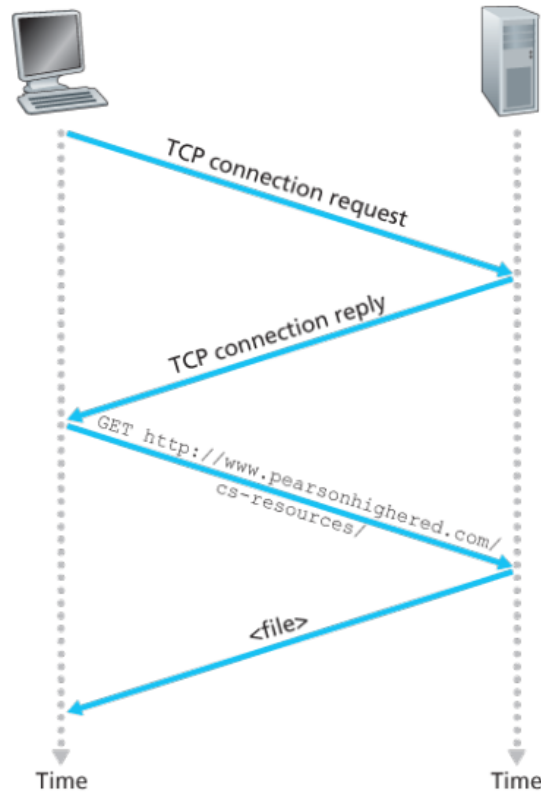
1.1.3 What is a Protocol?

It takes two(or more) communicating entities **running the same protocol in order to accomplish a task.**

Network Protocols

All activities in the Internet that involves two or more communicating remote entities is governed by a protocol.

As an example, consider what happens when we make a request to a Web server, that is, when we type the URL of a Web page into the Web browser.



First, our computer will **send a connection request message to the Web server** and wait for a reply. The Web server will receive our connection request message and **return a connection reply message**.

Knowing that it is now OK to request the Web document, our computer then sends the name of the Web page it wants to fetch from that Web server in a **GET message**.

Finally, **the Web server returns the Web page(file)** to our computer.

A **protocol** defines the format and the order of messages exchanged between two or more communicating entities, as well as the actions taken on the transmission and/or receipt of a message or other event.