

IK1203

Networks and Communication

Recitation 1 – Introduction and Application Layer

1. Answer the following short questions.
 - a) What is a communication protocol?
 - b) Name the different layers in the Internet protocol stack, and place the following protocols/functions/concepts at the correct layer: IP, TCP, Ethernet, HTTP, bit coding, FTP, IEEE 802.11 WLAN, TP Category 6, Routing, UDP.
 - c) What layer in the Internet protocol stack is responsible for the transfer of a data packet over a single link, between two directly connected devices?
 - d) A router has two main functions, which can be described by the two terms “routing” and “forwarding”. What is the difference between routing and forwarding?
 - e) What service does the transport layer describe? Give a short answer.
2. Describe shortly how an e-mail message is sent from a sending to a receiving e-mail client (user agent), such as MS Outlook or Mozilla Thunderbird. From the description, it should be clear what application protocols and what systems are involved in the transfer.
3. An e-mail message is sent from an e-mail client (MUA) to a server for outgoing e-mail.
 - a) Which protocol is used for the transfer?
 - b) The communication delay between the client and the server is 2.5 milliseconds (in other words, it takes 2.5 milliseconds from that the sender has started sending the message until the complete message has reached the receiver). How long time does it take before the entire transfer of the e-mail message to the outgoing server has been completed? The time it takes to set up and tear down a TCP connection should not be included in the calculation. The message has one recipient.
 - c) Suppose that the message has four recipients. How long time does it take then?
4. According to the SMTP protocol, the end of the message is indicated by a line with only a single period ‘.’. Does that mean that it is not possible to send an e-mail message that contains a line with a single period? Explain!
5. Suppose that the following request is sent to an HTTP server:

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GET / HTTP/1.1
Host: www.kth.se
Connection: keep-alive
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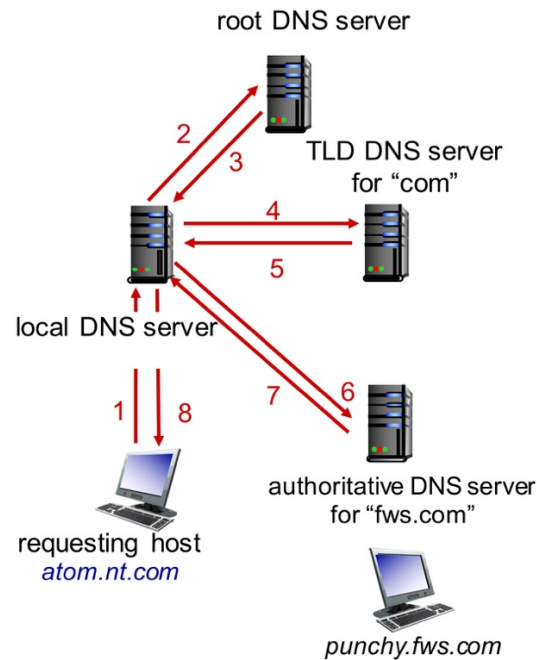
The answer is:

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HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2015 21:42:31 GMT
Server: Apache/2.2.15 (Red Hat)
Set-Cookie: JSESSIONID=00DFBC112EABCE74FAB714A56ABF3282; Path=/; Secure;
HttpOnly
Content-Language: sv-SE
Content-Length: 60044
Connection: close
Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8

<html>
<head>
<title>KTH | Välkommen till KTH</title>
A lot of information removed...
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Answer the following questions:

- a) What is the complete URL for the requested object?
 - b) Was the request successful?
 - c) How large is the requested object?
 - d) Explain the header field "Connection:" that appears both in the request and in the response. What does the client want, and what is the response from the server?
 - e) What are the first five characters in the returned object?
6. Answer the following questions about peer-to-peer protocols.
- a) What does "tit-for-tat" mean in BitTorrent?
 - b) BitTorrent uses a method called "rarest chunk first". Explain what "rarest chunk first" means and give two advantages with the method.
7. The figure below illustrates what happens when a host computer "atom.nt.com" at the fictive company Newton Technologies ("nt.com") does a DNS lookup of the domain name of a computer "punchy.fws.com" at the (also fictive) company Future Web Services ("fws.com"). The numbers on the arrows in the figure indicate the order in which the operations are done.



- Based on the figure, explain what happens during the DNS lookup. From the description, the different types of DNS servers should be clear.
 - There are two different kinds of lookup schemes procedures: recursive and iterative. Which of the DNS queries are done recursively, and which are done iteratively?
 - Suppose that Newton Technologies has a web server with the domain name “www.nt.com”. The company does now want the web server to have a second name in the “.biz”-domain, “www.nt.biz”. Is this possible? Can a web server have domain names in different top level domains?
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8. DNS is used for translating host names to IP addresses. But DNS is really more general: it is a distributed database for storing Resource Records. IP addresses represent one type of resource records. A DNS query has two parts, a name and a type, and the response contains one or more resource records. Which of the entries in the table below describes valid queries that are support by DNS? For the valid queries, write the corresponding query type. (The textbook may not be sufficient to answer this question; you may need to consult the web.)

Query description	Query type
IP version 4 address for “www.kth.se”	
IP version 6 address for “www.kth.se”	
TCP port number for HTTP server at “www.kth.se”	

Incoming mail server for “kth.se”	
Outgoing mail server for “kth.se”	
Authoritative name server for “kth.se”	
Web server for “kth.se”	
Main (canonical) name for alias “www.kth.se”	
Host name with address “130.237.28.40”	