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Table 1: Week Outline

2 Lecture 1

- billions of connected computing devices
- transmission rate: **bandwidth**
- **Packet Switches:** Forward packets
  - **routers** and **switches**
- **Internet: "network of networks"** (Interconnected ISPs)
- **Protocols** control sending, receiving (e.g. TCP, IP, HTTP, Skype, 802.11)
- **Internet standards**
  RFC: Request for comments
  IETF: Internet Engineering Task Force

2.1 Network Structure

- **Network Edge**
  - hosts: clients and servers
  - servers often in data centers
- **Access networks, physical media:** wired, wireless communication links
- **network core:**
  - interconnected routers
  - network of networks

2.2 Access Network

2.2.1 Digital Subscriber Line (DSL)

- use **existing** telephone line to central office DSLAM
  - data over DSL phone line goes to Internet
  - voice over DSL phone line goes to telephone net
- < 2.5 Mbps upstream transmission rate (typically < 1 Mbps)
- < 24 Mbps downstream transmission rate (typically < 10 Mbps)

2.2.2 Cable Network

frequency division multiplexing: different channels transmitted in different frequency bands

- **HFC: hybrid fiber coax**
  - asymmetric: up to 30Mbps downstream transmission rate, 2 Mbps upstream transmission rate
- **network** of cable, fiber attaches homes to ISP router
  - homes **share access network** to cable head-end
  - unlike DSL, which has dedicated access to central office

wireless LANS:

- within building (30 meters)
- 802.11b/g/n (WiFi): 11,54,450 Mbps transmission rate

wide-area wireless access:

- provided by telco (cellular) operator, 10's km
- between 1 and 10 Mbps
- 3G, 4G, LTE

2.3 Sending

- takes application message
- breaks into smaller chunks, known as **packets**, of length L bits
- transmites packet into access network at **transmission rate** R
  - link transmission rate, aka link **capacity, aka link bandwidth**

Note 1: Packet Transmission Delay

$$\text{packet transmission delay} = \text{time needed to transmit } L\text{-bit packet into link} = \frac{L \text{ (bits)}}{R \text{ (bits/sec)}}$$

2.4 Physical Media

- **bit:** propagates between transmitter/receiver pairs
- **physical link:** what lies between transmitter and receiver
- **guided media:** signals propagate in solid media (copper, fiber, coax)
- **unguided media:** signals propagate freely, e.g. radio
- **twisted pair (TP):** two insulated copper wires
  - Category 5: 100 Mbps, 1 Gbps Ethernet
  - Category 6: 10 Gbps

2.4.1 Coax

- two concentric copper conductors
- bidirectional
- broadband: multiple channels on cable, HFC

2.4.2 Fiber Optic Cable

- glass fiber carrying light pulses, each pulse a bit
- high-speed operation: high-speed point-to-point transmission (e.g. 10's - 100's Gbps transmission rate)
- low error rate
  - repeaters spaced far apart
  - immune to electromagnetic noise

2.4.3 Radio

- signal carried in electromagnetic spectrum
- no physical "wire"
- bidirectional
- propagation environment effects:
  - reflection
  - obstruction by objects
  - interference

Radio Link Types:

- **terrestrial microwave:** up to 45 Mbps channels
- **LAN** (e.g. WiFi) 54 Mbps
- **wide-area** (e.g. cellular) 4G cellular: ~10 Mbps
- **satellite**
  - Kbps to 45 Mbps channel (or multiple smaller channels)
  - 270 msec end-end delay
  - geosynchronous versus low altitude

2.5 Packet-switching

2.5.1 Store-and-forward

L bits per packet
Source to destination: R bps

- takes $\frac{L}{R}$ seconds to transmit (push out) L-bit packet into link at R bps
- **store and forward:** entire packet must arrive at router before it can be transmitted on next link

Note 2: End-End delay

$$\text{delay} = 2\frac{L}{R}$$

(assuming zero propagation delay)

2.5.2 Packet switching versus circuit switching

Is packet switching a "slam dunk winner?"

- great for bursty data (resource sharing, simpler, no call setup)
- excessive congestion possible: packet delay and loss (protocols needed for reliable data transfer, congestion control)

2.6 Packet Loss

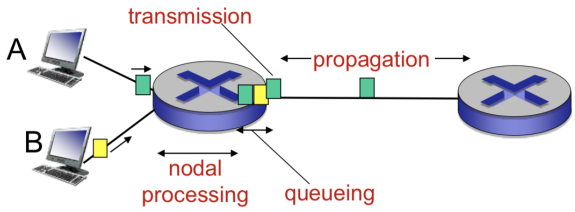

Figure 1: Packet Delay Algorithm Explanation

Note 3: Packet Delay Algorithm

$$d_{\text{nodal}} = d_{\text{proc}} + d_{\text{queue}} + d_{\text{trans}} + d_{\text{prop}}$$

2.6.1 Nodal Processing

$$d_{\text{proc}}$$

- check bit errors
- determine output link
- typically < msec

2.6.2 Queuing Delay

$$d_{\text{queue}}$$

- time waiting at output link for transmission
- depends on congestion level of router

2.6.3 Transmission Delay

$$d_{\text{trans}}$$

- L: packet length (bits)
- R: link bandwidth(bps)
- $d_{\text{trans}} = \frac{L}{R}$

2.6.4 Propagation Delay

$$d_{\text{prop}}$$

- d: length of physical link
- s: propagation speed ($\approx 2 \times 10^8$ m/sec)
- $d_{\text{prop}} = \frac{d}{s}$

2.7 Throughput

Rate (bits/time unit) at which bits transferred between sender/receiver

Instantaneous: rate at given point in time
Average: rate over longer period of time

Note 4: Bottleneck Link

Link on end-end path that constrains end-end throughput

2.8 Layering

2.8.1 Why Layering?

Dealing with complex systems:

- Explicit structure allows identification, relationship of complex system's pieces (layered **reference model** for discussion)
- Modularization eases maintenance, updating system
  - change of implementation of layer's service transparent to rest of system
  - e.g. change in gate procedure doesn't affect rest of system
- layering considered harmful?

2.8.2 Internet Protocol Stack

Application: supporting network applications (FTP, SMTP, HTTP)
Transport: process-process data transfer (TCP, UDP)
Network: routing of datagrams from source to destination (IP, routing protocols)
Link: data transfer between neighboring network elements (Ethernet, 802.111 (WiFi), PPP)
Physical: bits "on the wire"

2.8.3 ISO/OSI Reference Model

Internet stack "missing" these layers. These services, if needed, must be implemented in application.
Application:
Presentation: allow applications to interpret meaning of data, e.g. encryption, compression, machine-specific conventions
Session: synchronization, check-pointing, recovery of data exchange
Transport:
Network:
Link:
Physical:

2.9 Security

- Malware can get in host from:
  Virus: self-replicating infection by receiving/executing object (e.g. e-mail attachment)
  Worm: self-replicating infection by passively receiving object that gets itself executed
- **Spyware malware** can record keystrokes, web sites visited, upload info to collection site
- Infected host can be enrolled in **botnet**, used for spam. DDoS attacks

2.9.1 DoS: Denial of Service

Denial of Service (DoS): attackers make resources (server, bandwidth) unavailable to legitimate traffic by overwhelming resource with bogus traffic

1. select target
2. break into hosts around the network (botnet)
3. send packets to target from compromised hosts

2.9.2 Sniffing

- broadcast media (shared Ethernet, wireless)
- promiscuous network interface reads/records all packets (e.g. including passwords) passing by

2.9.3 IP Spoofing

Send packet with false source address

3 Lecture 2

3.1 Application Architectures

3.1.1 Client-Server

Server: Always-on host, Permanent IP address
Clients: Do not communicate directly with each other, May have dynamic IP addresses

3.1.2 Peer-to-Peer (P2P)

- No always-on server
- Peers request service from other peers, provide service in return to other peers
- **Self Scalability** – new peers bring new service capacity, as well as new service demands

- Pers are intermittently connected and change IP addresses

Note 5: App-layer protocol defines

- **type of messages exchanged** – e.g. request, response
- **message syntax** – what fields in messages and how fields are delineated
- **message semantics** – meaning of information in fields
- **rules** for when and how processes send and respond to messages
- **open protocols** – defined in RFCs, allows for interoperability (e.g. HTTP, SMTP)
- **proprietary protocols** – e.g. Skype

3.2 Transport Service is needed

Data Integrity: Some programs need 100% reliable data transfer (e.g. file transfer, web transactions), others can tolerate loss (e.g. audio)

Timing: Some programs require low delay to be "effective" (e.g. online games)

Throughput: Some programs require minimum amount of throughput to be "effective" (e.g. multimedia), some use whatever they have available ("elastic apps")

Security: Encryption, Data Integrity

3.3 Transport Protocol Services

3.3.1 TCP

Reliable Transport between sending and receiving process

Flow Control: sender won't overwhelm receiver

Congestion Control: throttle sender when network overloaded

Connection-Oriented: setup required between client and server processes

Does Not Provide: timing, minimum throughput guarantee, security

3.3.2 UDP

Unreliable Data Transfer between sending and receiving process

Does Not Provide: reliability, flow control, congestion control, timing, throughput guarantee, security, or connection setup

3.3.3 Securing TCP

TCP and UDP

- no encryption
- cleartext passwords sent into socket traverse Internet in cleartext

SSL

- provides encrypted TCP connection
- data integrity
- end-point authentication

SSL is at app layer

- app use SSL libraries, that "talk" to TCP

SSL socket API

- cleartext passwords sent into socket traverse Internet encrypted

3.4 HTTP: Hypertext Transfer Protocol

- Web's application layer protocol
- client/server model. Client request website and server serves HTTP object in response
- Uses TCP
- HTTP is stateless. Server maintains no information about past client requests
- **non-persistent HTTP:** one object sent over one TCP connection, downloading multiple object required multiple connections
- **persistent HTTP:** multiple object sent over single TCP connection

Non-persistent HTTP issues:

- requires 2 RTTs per object
- OS overhead for each TCP connection
- browsers often open parallel TCP connections to fetch referenced objects

Persistent HTTP:

- server leaves connection open after sending response
- subsequent HTTP messages between same client/server sent over open connection
- client sends requests as soon as it encounters a referenced object
- as little as one RTT for all the referenced objects

3.4.1 Method Types

HTTP/1.0: GET, POST, HEAD (asks server to leave requested object out of response)

HTTP/1.1: GET, POST, HEAD, PUT (uploads file in entity body to path specified in URL field), DELETE (deletes file specified in the URL field)

3.4.2 Response Codes

200 OK: request succeeded, requested object later in this msg
301 Moved Permanently: requested object moved, new location specified later in this msg
400 Bad Request: request msg not understood by server
404 Not Found: requested document not found on this server
505 HTTP Version Not Supported

3.5 Cookies

Uses: authorization, shopping carts, recommendations, user session state (Web, email)

3.6 Web Caches (proxy server)

Goal: satify client request without involving origin server

- Browsers requests object from cache, if in cache the object is sent back otherwise cache requests object from origin
- Cache acts as both client and server
- Reduce response time for client request
- Reduce traffic

3.6.1 Conditional GET

Goal: don't send object if cache has up-to-date cached version (lower link usage)

- **Cache:** specify date of cached copy in HTTP request `If-modified-since: <date>`
- **Server:** response contains no object if cached copy is up-to-date: `HTTP/1.0 Not Modified`

3.7 Electronic Mail: SMTP

RFC 2821

- uses TCP to reliably transfer email message from client to server, port 25
- direct transfer: sending server to receiving server
- three phases of transfer: handshaking, transfer of messages, closure
- command/response interaction
- messages must be in 7-bit ASCII
- uses persistent connections
- requires message to be in 7-bit ASCII
- uses `CRLF.CRLF` to determine end of message

Difference to HTTP being, HTTP is server sending data, SMTP is client connection sending data

SMTP: protocol for exchanging email messages
RFC 822: standard for text message format (To, From, Subject, Body)

3.7.1 Mail Access Protocols

SMTP: delivery/storage to receiver's server

POP: Post Office Protocol *(RFC 1939)*: authorization, download
- POP3 is stateless across sessions
- Two main modes; download and delete, download and keep (allows multiple clients to read the same email)

IMAP: Internet Mail Access Protocol *(RFC 1730)*: more features, including manipulation of stored message on server
- All messages stored on server
- Supports folders
- Keeps user state across sessions: names of folders and mappings between message IDs and folder name

HTTP: gmail, Hotmail, Yahoo, etc

3.8 DNS: Domain Name System

- Lookup between names (e.g. google.com) and IP addresses
- **Distributed Database** implemented in hierarchy of many **name servers**
- **Application-layer protocol:** hosts, name servers communicate to **resolve** names (address/name translation)

Why not centralize DNS? Single point of failure, traffic volume, doesn't scale

3.8.1 DNS Services

- hostname to IP address translation
- host aliasing (canonical, alias names)
- mail server aliasing
- load distribution (many IP addresses correspond to one name)

3.8.2 TLD, authoritative servers

top-level domain (TLD) servers:

- responsible for com, org, net, edu, aero, jos, io
- and top-level country domains au, uk, ca
- Network Solutions maintains servers for .com TLD
- Educause for .edu TLD

Authoritative DNS servers:

- organization's own DNS server(s), providing authorative hostname to IP mappings for organization's named hosts
- can be maintained by organization or service provider

3.8.3 Local DNS name server

- does not strictly belong to hierarchy
- each ISP (residential ISP, company, university) has one (also called "default name server")
- when host makes DNS query, query is sent to its local DNS server
  - has local cache of recent name-to-address translation pairs (but may be out of date!)
  - acts as proxy, forwards query into hierarchy

3.8.4 DNS Name Resolution

Iterated query: contacted server replies with name of server to contact. So root dns sends the ip of the next dns server to contact

Recursive query: puts burden of name resolution on contacted name server. So root dns server contacts the next levels down which contacts next level down.

3.8.5 Caching

Once (any) name server learns mapping, it **caches** mapping. Cache entries timeout (disappear) after some time (TTL). If name host changes IP address, the name servers might not update until TTLs expire.

> update/notify mechanisms proposed IETF standard RFC 2136

3.8.6 DNS Records

Note 6: RR Format

`(name, value, type, ttl)`

type=A `name` is hostname, `value` is IP address

type=NS `name` is domain (e.g. google.com), `value` is hostname of authoritative name server for this domain

type=CNAME `name` is alias name for some "canonical" (the real) name (`www.ibm.com` is really `servereast.backup2.ibm.com`), `value` is canonical name

type=MX `value` is name of mailserver associated with `name`

3.8.7 Protocol

Query and reply messages both follow same format

Table 2: Protocol Layout

2 bytes	2 bytes
identification	flags
# questions	# answer RRs
# authority RRs	# additional RRs
questions (variable # of questions)	
answers (variable # of RRs)	
authority (variable # of RRs)	
additional info (variable # of RRs)	

3.8.8 Attacking DNS

DDoS attacks

- bombard root servers with traffic. Not successful to date, traffic filtering, local DNS servers cache protecting root DNS
- bombard TLD server. Potentially more dangerous

Redirect Attacks

- man-in-middle (Intercept queries)
- DNS Poisoning (Send bogus relies to DNS server, which caches)

Exploit DNS for DDoS

- send queries with spoofed source address: target IP
- requires amplification

4 Acronyms

IP: Internet Protocol
TCP:
UDP:
HTTP: Hypertext Transfer Protocol
SMTP: Simple Mail Transfer Protocol
RDP: Remote Desktop Protocol
VOIP: Voice over IP
RTT:
POP: Post Office Protocol
IMAP: Internet Mail Access Procotol
DNS: Domain Name System
SSN:
TLD: Top-level Domain
TTL: Time To Live
RR: Resource Records
DDoS: