

The OSI Model and the TCP/IP Protocol Suite

Objectives

Upon completion you will be able to:

- Understand the architecture of the OSI model
- Understand the layers of the OSI model and their functions
- Understand the architecture of the TCP/IP Protocol Suite
- Differentiate between the OSI model and the TCP/IP Suite
- Differentiate between the three types of Internet addresses

2.1 The OSI Model

Established in 1947, the International Standards Organization (ISO) is a multinational body dedicated to worldwide agreement on international standards. An ISO standard that covers all aspects of network communications is the Open Systems Interconnection (OSI) model. It was first introduced in the late 1970s.

The topics discussed in this section include:

Layered Architecture
Peer-to-Peer Processes
Encapsulation



ISO is the organization. OSI is the model

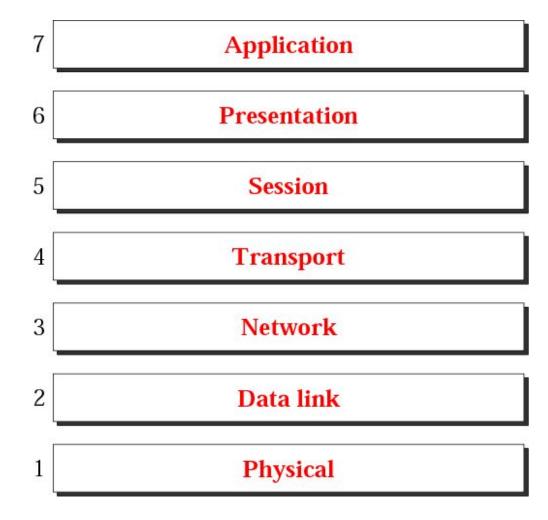


Figure 2.2 OSI layers

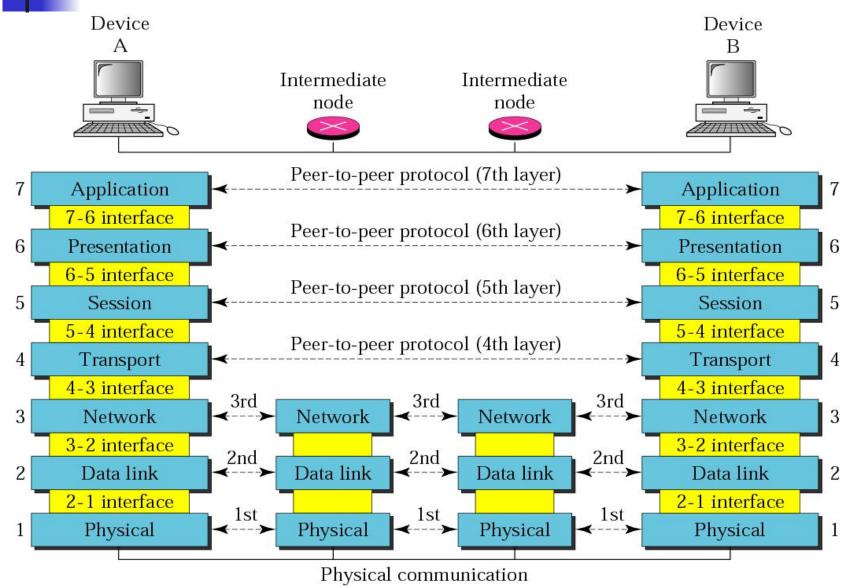
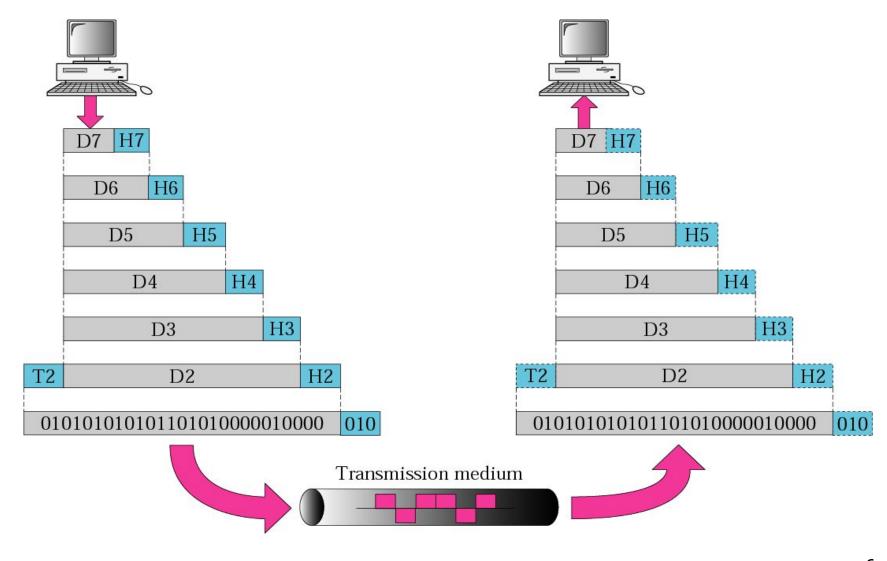


Figure 2.3 An exchange using the OSI model



2.2 Layers in the OSI Model

The functions of each layer in the OSI model is briefly described.

The topics discussed in this section include:

Physical Layer

Data Link Layer

Network Layer

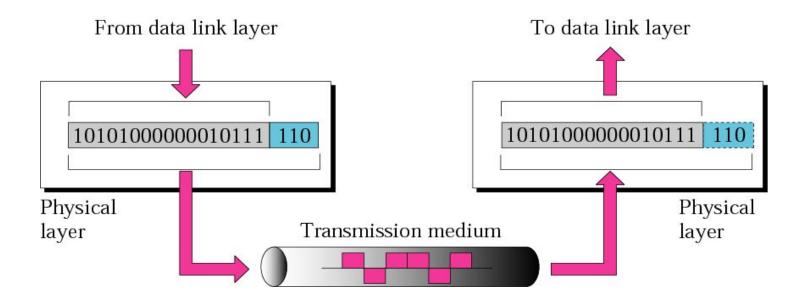
Transport Layer

Session Layer

Presentation Layer

Application Layer

Summary of Layers

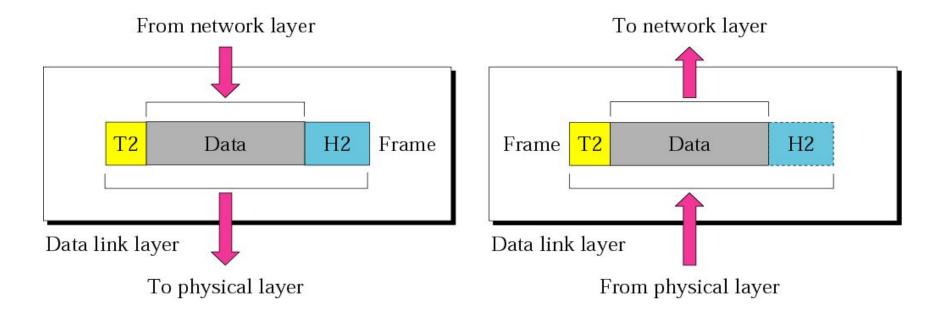




Note:

The physical layer is responsible for the movement of individual bits from one hop (node) to the next.



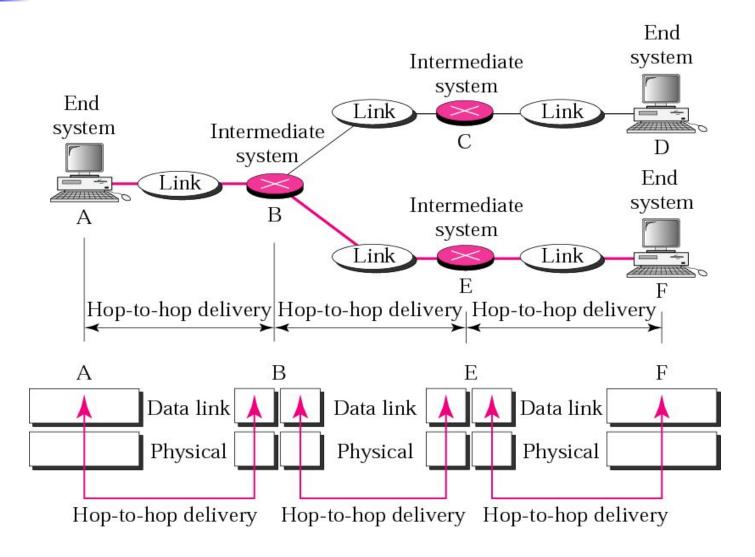




Note:

The data link layer is responsible for moving frames from one hop (node) to the next.

Figure 2.6 Hop-to-hop delivery



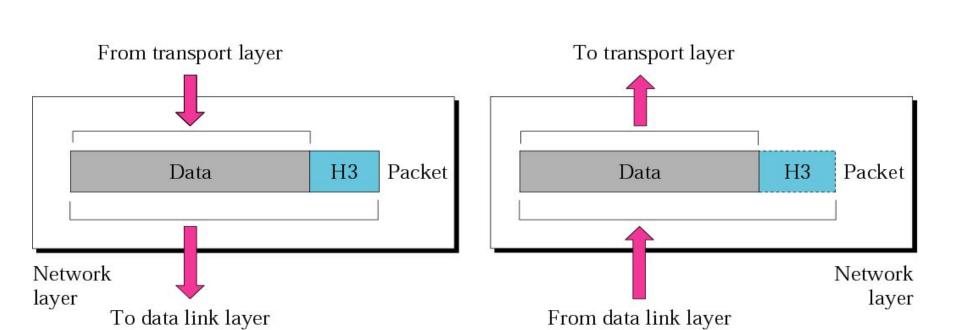
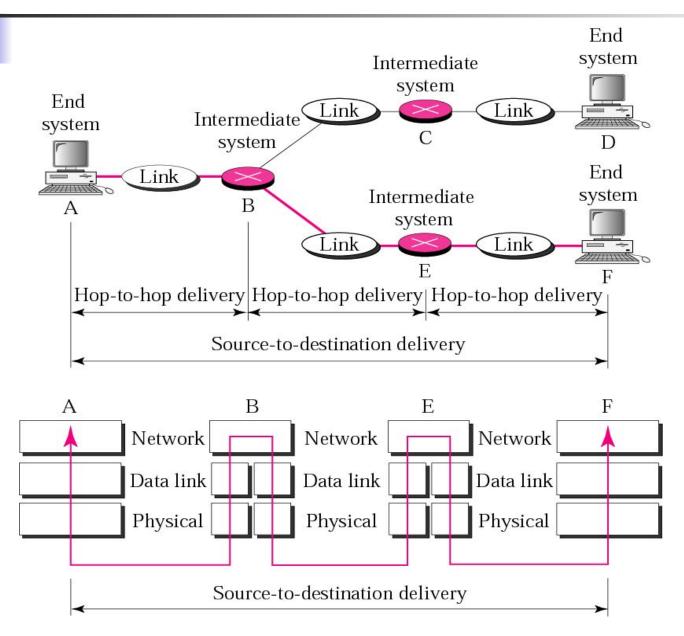


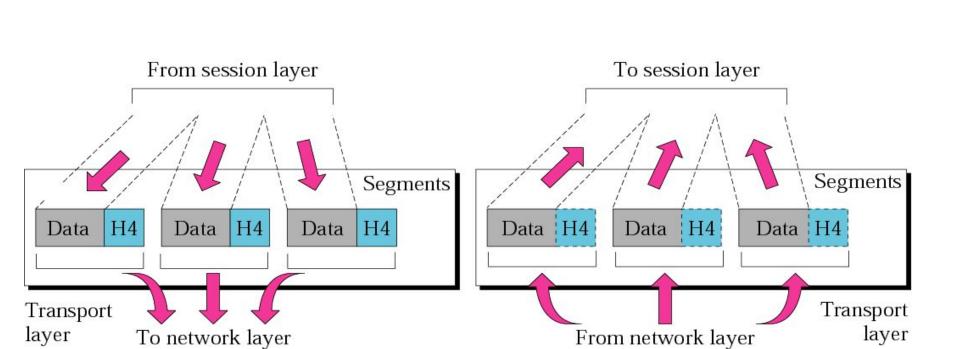
Figure 2.8 Source-to-destination delivery





Note:

The network layer is responsible for the delivery of individual packets from the source host to the destination host.

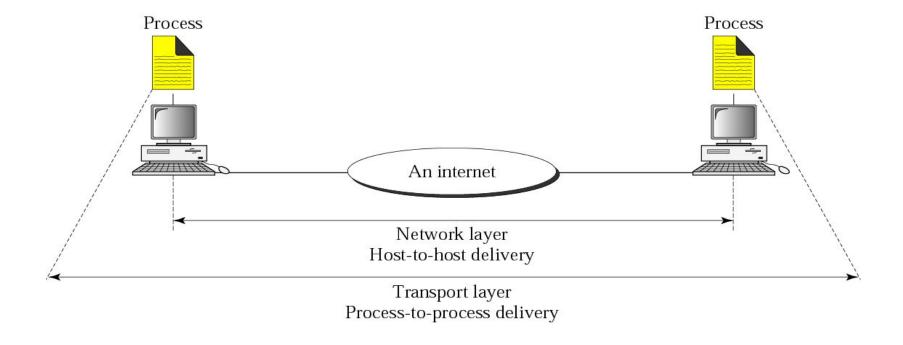




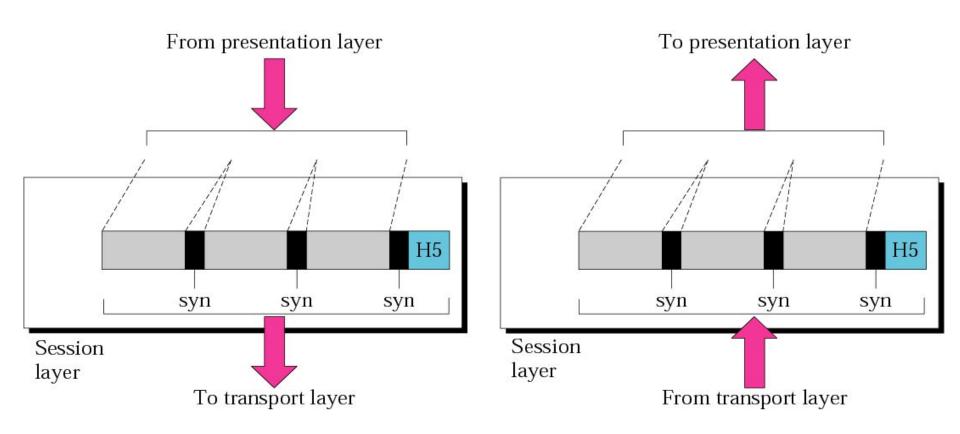
Note:

The transport layer is responsible for the delivery of a message from one process to another.

Figure 2.10 Reliable process-to-process delivery of a message







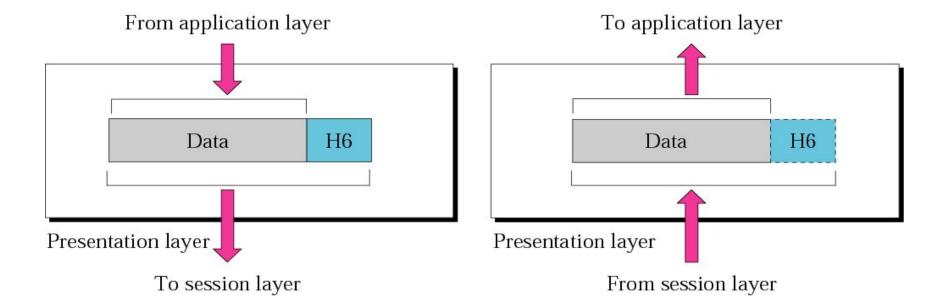


Figure 2.13 Application layer

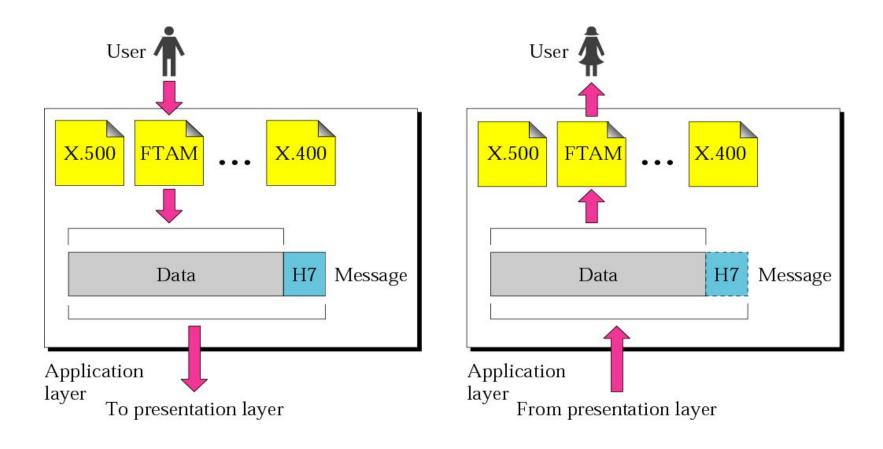
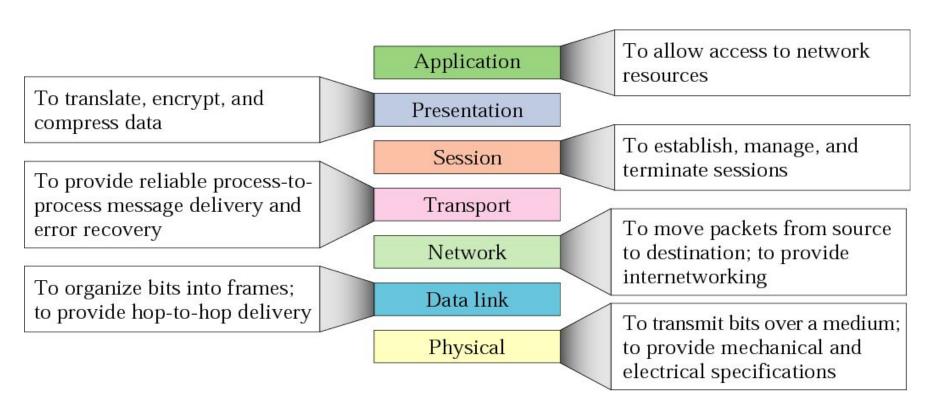


Figure 2.14 Summary of layers

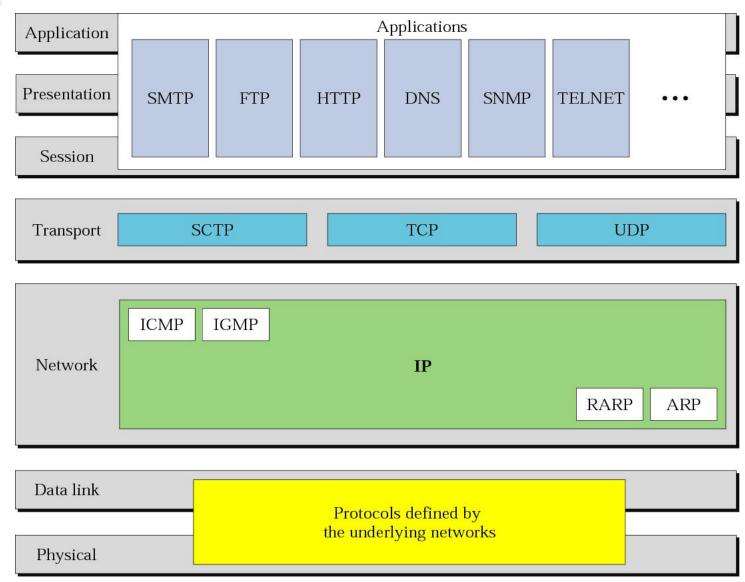


The TCP/IP protocol suite is made of five layers: physical, data link, network, transport, and application. The first four layers provide physical standards, network interface, internetworking, and transport functions that correspond to the first four layers of the OSI model. The three topmost layers in the OSI model, however, are represented in TCP/IP by a single layer called the application layer.

The topics discussed in this section include:

Physical and Data Link Layers
Network Layer
Transport Layer
Application Layer

Figure 2.15 TCP/IP and OSI model



2.4 Addressing

Three different levels of addresses are used in an internet using the TCP/IP protocols: physical (link) address, logical (IP) address, and port address.

The topics discussed in this section include:

Physical Address Logical Address Port Address

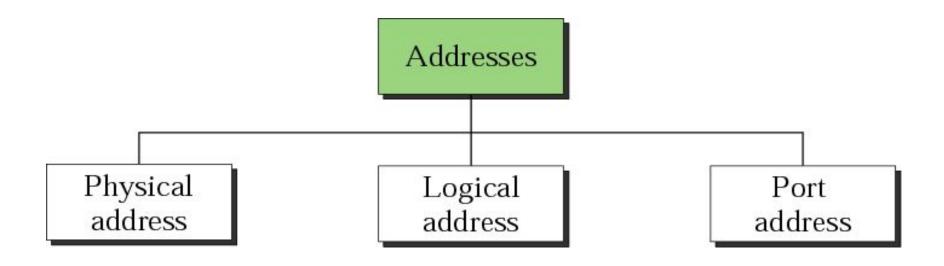
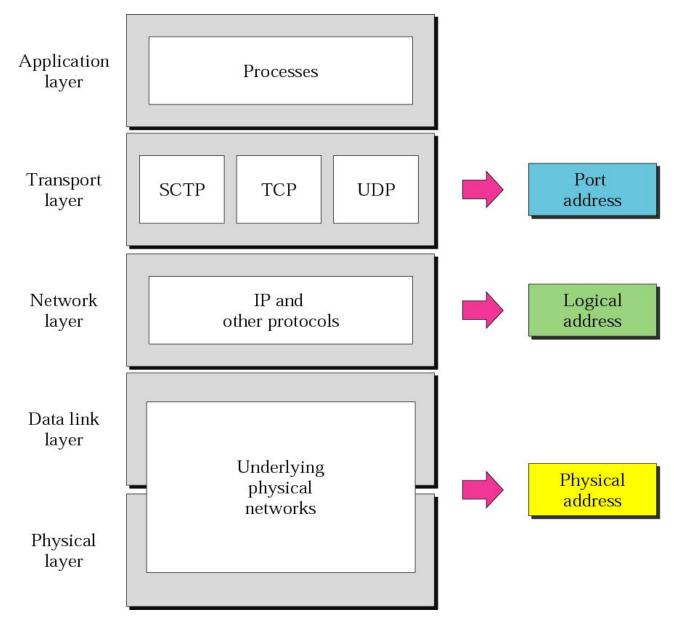


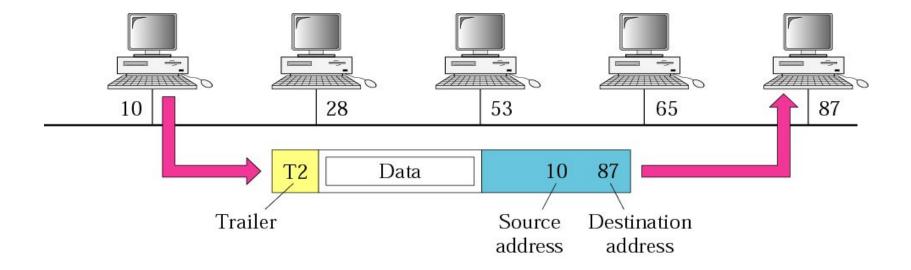
Figure 2.17 Relationship of layers and addresses in TCP/IP



EXAMPLE 1

In Figure 2.18 a node with physical address 10 sends a frame to a node with physical address 87. The two nodes are connected by a link. At the data link level this frame contains physical (link) addresses in the header. These are the only addresses needed. The rest of the header contains other information needed at this level. The trailer usually contains extra bits needed for error detection.

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As we will see in Chapter 3, most local area networks use a 48-bit (6 bytes) physical address written as 12 hexadecimal digits, with every 2 bytes separated by a colon as shown below:

07:01:02:01:2C:4B

A 6-byte (12 hexadecimal digits) physical address.

EXAMPLE 3

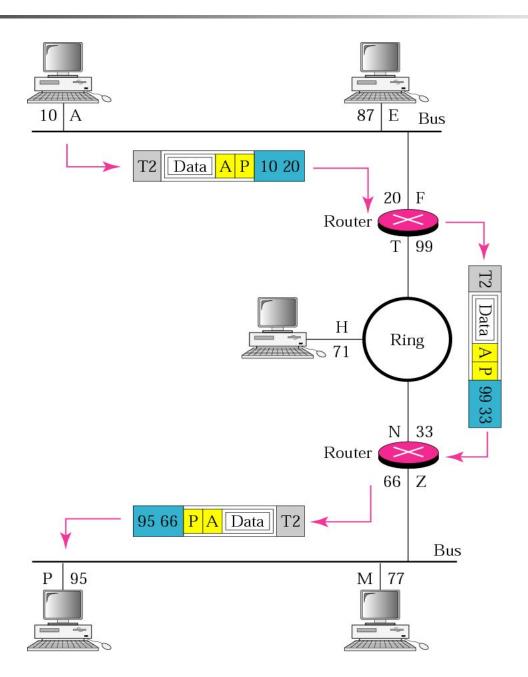
In Figure 2.19 we want to send data from a node with network address A and physical address 10, located on one LAN, to a node with a network address P and physical address 95, located on another LAN. Because the two devices are located on different networks, we cannot use link addresses only; the link addresses have only local jurisdiction. What we need here are universal addresses that can pass through the LAN boundaries. The network (logical) addresses have this characteristic.

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EXAMPLE 3 (Continued)

The packet at the network layer contains the logical addresses, which remain the same from the original source to the final destination (A and P, respectively, in the figure). They will not change when we go from network to network. However, the physical addresses will change as the packet moves from one network to another. The boxes labeled routers are internetworking devices, which we will discuss in Chapter 3.

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EXAMPLE 4

As we will see in Chapter 4, an Internet address (in IPv4) is 32 bits in length, normally written as four decimal numbers, with each number representing 1 byte. The numbers are separated by a dot. Below is an example of such an address.

132.24.75.9

An internet address in IPv4 in decimal numbers

EXAMPLE 5

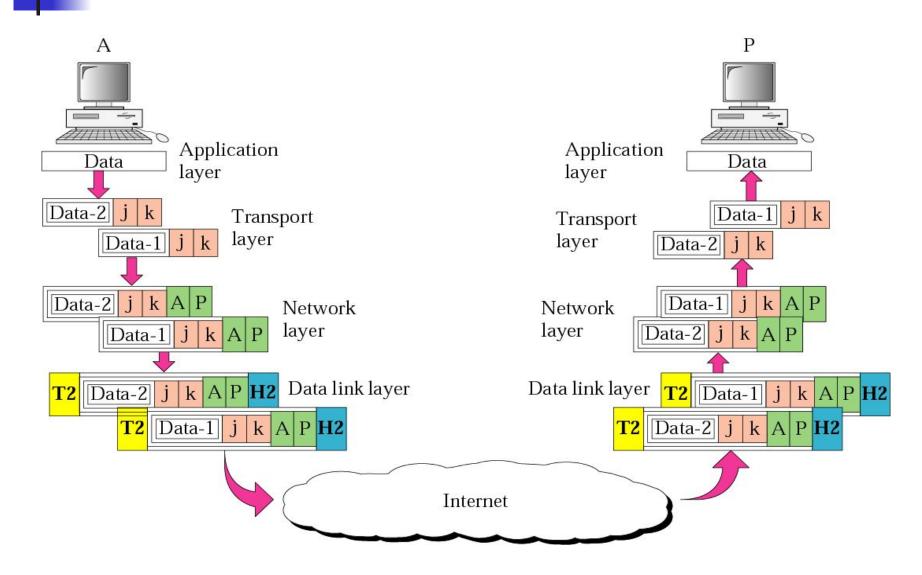
Figure 2.20 shows an example of transport layer communication. Data coming from the upperlayers have port addresses j and k (j is the address of the sending process, and k is the address of the receiving process). Since the data size is larger than the network layer can handle, the data are split into two packets, each packet retaining the service-point addresses (j and k). Then in the network layer, network addresses (A and P) are added to each packet.

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The packets can travel on different paths and arrive at the destination either in order or out of order. The two packets are delivered to the destination transport layer, which is responsible for removing the network layer headers and combining the two pieces of data for delivery to the upper layers.

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EXAMPLE 6

As we will see in Chapters 11, 12, and 13, a port address is a 16-bit address represented by one decimal number as shown below.

753

A 16-bit port address represented as one single number.

TCP/IP Transport Layer

- TCP and UDP introduce the concept of ports
- Common ports and the services that run on them:

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FTP 21 and 20
telnet 23
SMTP 25
http 80
POP3 110
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2.5 IP Versions

IP became the official protocol for the Internet in 1983. As the Internet has evolved, so has IP. There have been six versions since its inception. We look at the latter three versions here.

The topics discussed in this section include:

Version 4

Version 5

Version 6