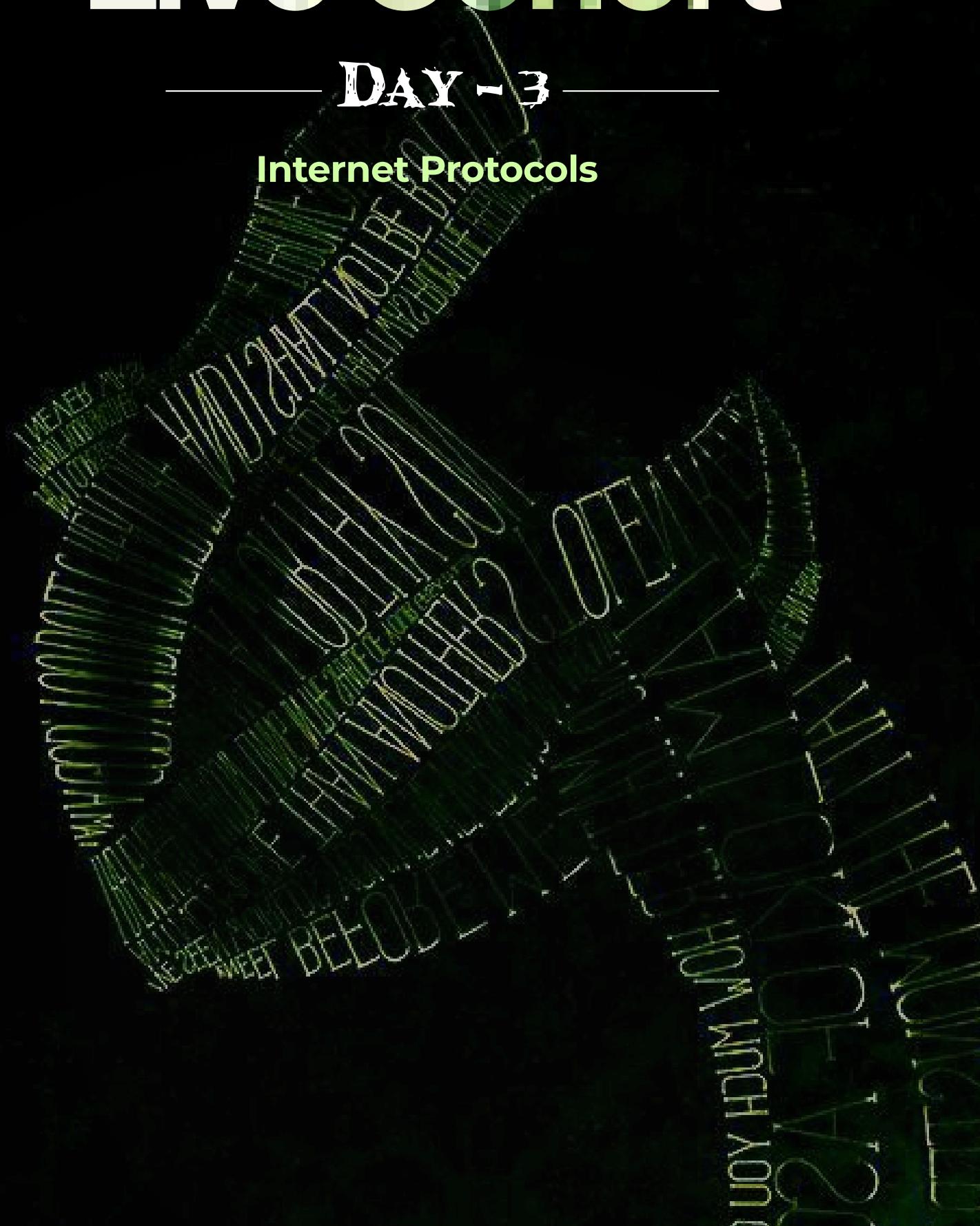


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1. What is TCP Protocol and Why It Is Widely Used

TCP (Transmission Control Protocol) is one of the core communication standards of the internet.

- It ensures **reliable, ordered, and error-checked** delivery of data.
- Large data is broken into smaller **packets**, and TCP makes sure they are reassembled in the **correct order** at the destination.
- If any packet is lost or corrupted, TCP automatically **resends** it.
- This is why TCP is known for **accuracy, reliability, and proper sequencing**.

◆ Example Use Cases:

Web browsing, sending emails, downloading files (FTP).

2. How Connection is Established Using TCP (3-Way Handshake)

Before sending data, TCP ensures that both client and server are ready by performing a **3-way handshake**:

1. **SYN (synchronize)** → Client sends a request to the server: “*Can we connect?*”
2. **SYN-ACK (synchronize-acknowledge)** → Server replies: “*Yes, I’m ready.*”
3. **ACK (acknowledge)** → Client confirms: “*Okay, let’s start.*”

👉 After these 3 steps, the connection is **established**.

This ensures **synchronization** and **reliability** between client and server.

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3. What is UDP and Why It Is Used for Fast Communication

UDP (User Datagram Protocol) is another major protocol, but unlike TCP, it focuses on speed over reliability.

- It sends packets directly **without checking** if they are received.
- There is no **error correction** and **no sequencing**.
- Packets may get lost or arrive in the wrong order, but communication remains **very fast**.

◆ Example Use Cases:

Video streaming, online gaming, voice and video calls — where speed matters more than 100% accuracy.

4. How UDP Works

UDP skips connection setup and directly sends packets:

- **No handshake** is required.
- Client → directly sends packets → Server.
- Some packets may be lost, but because of its **low latency**, it's ideal for **real-time communication**.

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5. Difference Between TCP and UDP

Feature	TCP (Transmission Control Protocol)	UDP (User Datagram Protocol)
Connection	Connection-oriented (3-way handshake)	Connectionless (no handshake)
Reliability	Reliable (error checking, retransmission)	Unreliable (no guarantee of delivery)
Speed	Slower (due to checks & confirmations)	Faster (no checks, direct send)
Use Cases	Web browsing, file transfer, email	Gaming, video streaming, voice calls
Packet Order	Maintains correct packet order	Packets may arrive out of order

