

Networking with TCP and HTTP

OR

How To Build The Internet



AGENDA

Layers of the Internet

TCP/IP & Below

Simple Chat Server

HTTP Fundamentals

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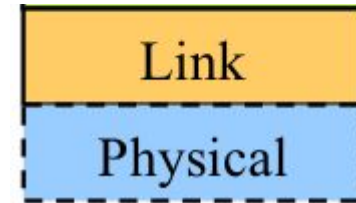
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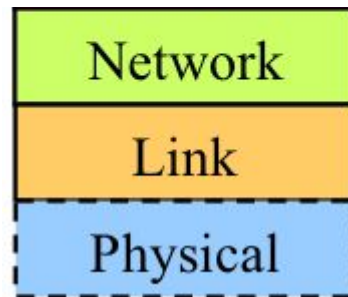
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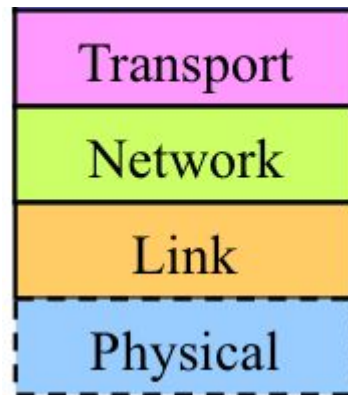
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3. The Software Network
 - a. IPv4 (192.168.0.1)
 - b. IPv6 (2001:0db8:85a3:0000:0000:8a2e:0370:7334)



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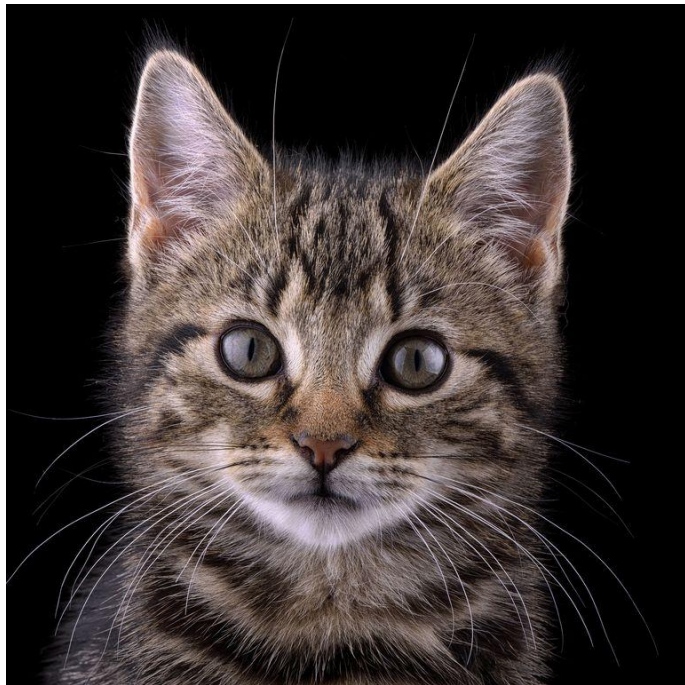
SEGMENTATION & PACKETS

TCP/IP Segmentation

It's much simpler to send fixed sized messages:

- Easy to confirm that the whole message has been received
- Each message takes less memory
- Less time tied up in sending/receiving

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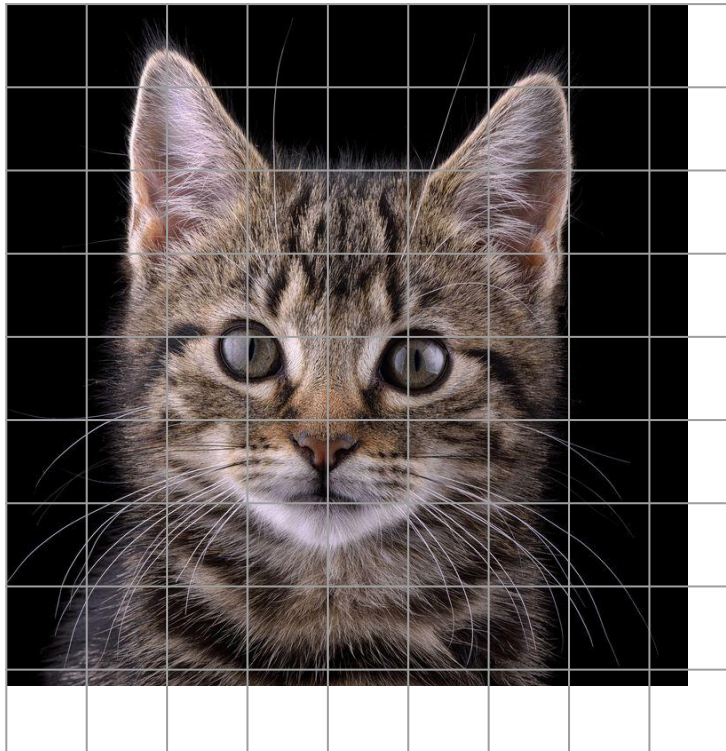
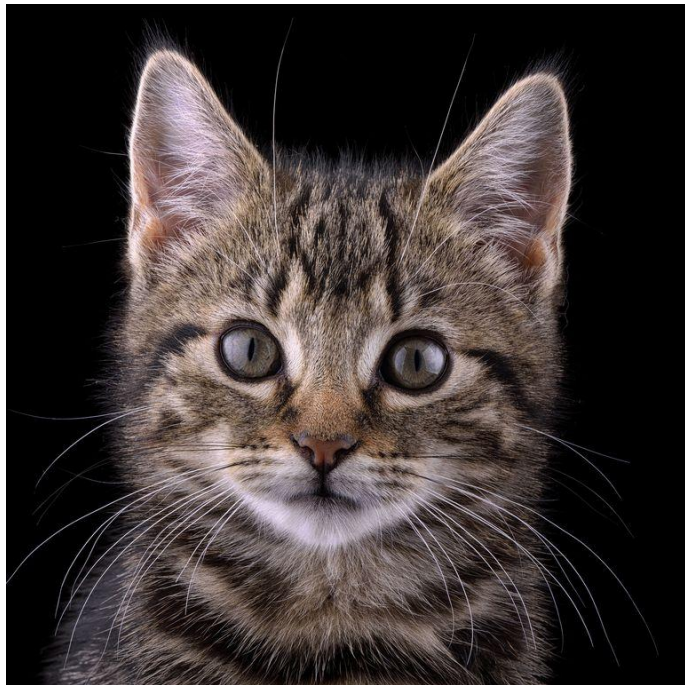
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Packets - like an envelope

- A packet is made up of the segment of data and a variety of headers
 - IP information - who sent it, and where is it destined?
 - Sequence number - what segment of data is this
 - Acknowledgement number - to ensure reception
 - Checksum data - to ensure data integrity



TCP/IP

TCP

- TCP allows us to send a message made of **many** packets with guarantees.
- Your message will arrive **quickly and reliably**
 - Unreliable network retransmission - Timeouts
 - Error Detection - Hash functions
 - Packet Ordering - Sequence Numbers
 - Flow Control - Network Speed Mismatches
 - Congestion Control - Various Mechanism

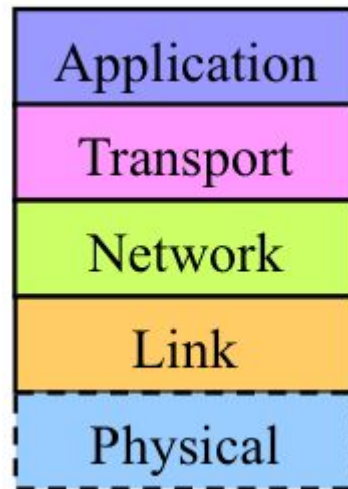
Client / Server Communication

Demo

HTTP

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 5. Application Layer [Software]
 - a. HTTP
 - b. FTP
 - c. telnet
 - d. NFS
 - e. SMTP
 - f. > SSH



What is HTTP

- HTTP is a request-response communication protocol
- It utilizes TCP for client-server communication

Your browser is the client:

- Request a website, image, js, css
- Upload a file
- Submit a form

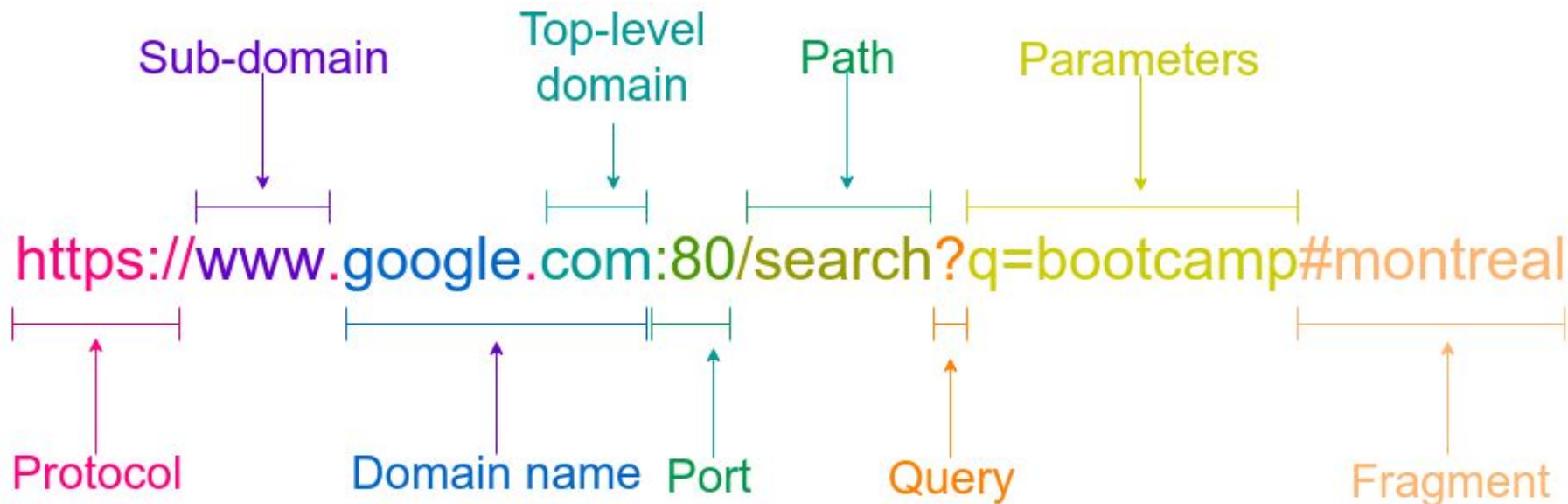
The website's backend is the server:

- Respond with website, image, js, css
- Receive a form submission or file upload

Anatomy of HTTP request

- A URL
- A METHOD
- HEADERS [optional]
- BODY [optional]

URL



METHOD

- GET - A request to **read** resource
- POST - A request to **write** resource
- PUT - A request to **update** resource
- PATCH - A request to **partially update** resource
- DELETE - A request to **delete** resource
- OPTION - A request to **read** information about a path

HEADERS

HTTP headers allow us to specify additional information in a request.

- Authorization - used to specify credentials
- Cookie - used to maintain session between client and server
- Caching - used to improve performance
- Accept - used to specify acceptable response types
- CORS - used to specify security preferences

BODY

HTTP allows you to specify a body along with your request.

- Usually used with POST/PUT/PATCH requests to **write** a resource
- This payload could contain
 - Form data - automatically generated from a form submission or through JS/AJAX
 - structured data like JSON through JS/AJAX
 - Multipart form data - for uploading larger images through your browser

Anatomy of HTTP response

- A STATUS
- HEADERS [optional]
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- 500 range: server error
 - 500 INTERNAL SERVER ERROR - something is wrong with the server

BODY

The body of an HTTP response is the data you requested

- HTML/CSS/JS
- JSON - structured data
- Image

Your browser will receive this data, and do it's best to display it to the user

Questions?

