

# Packet Switching vs Circuit switching

The fundamental question in networking;

*How is data transferred through the net?*

## *circuit switching:*

- End to end transfer
- all resources used
- Dedicated allocation
- reserved resources

## *packet switching:*

- chunks sent over the line at a time
- resources used in chunks
- If the number of packets arriving exceeds the number that can be serviced, they are dropped
- on-demand allocation

Great for: bursty data — > resource sharing, simpler, no call setup

Bad for: Applications with hard resource requirements

Excessive congestion: packet delay and loss

Need protocols for reliable data transfer, and congestion control

How can we provide circuit-like behavior?

Bandwidth guarantees needed for audio/video apps

Common solution: over-provision

## Packet Switching: Statistical Multiplexing

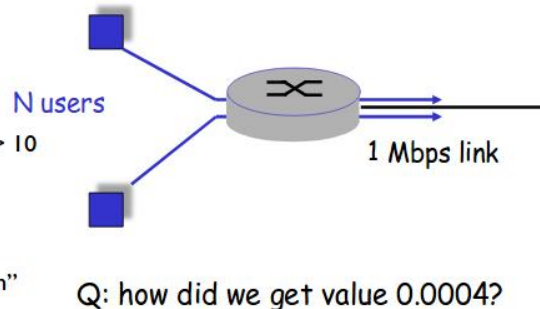
We can use statistics to pick the best option for scheduling of packets. This will lower the amount of time that is wasted while elevating the speed things are transmitted

**Packet Switching** allows more users to use the network by exploiting the randomness of the users.

### Packet switching versus circuit switching

Packet switching allows more users to use network!

- ❖ N users over 1 Mb/s link
- ❖ each user:
  - 100 kb/s when “active”
  - active 10% of time
- ❖ circuit-switching:
  - 10 users
- ❖ packet switching:
  - with 35 users, probability > 10 active less than .0004
  - Allows more users to use network
  - “Statistical multiplexing gain”



Q: how did we get value 0.0004?

Figure 1: all the math

1 Mbps / Each user needs 100 kbps =  $10^6$  bps /  $100 \times 10^3$  bps  
 Probability that a user is active: 10%

## 4 Types of delay

**processing** -- > determine output link, check bit errors

**queueing** -- > biggest portion of delay, it is the slowest  
 -- > time waiting at output link for transmission

**transmission**

R -- > link bandwidth in bits per second

L -- > packet length in bits

$$D_t = L/R$$

**propagation**

d = length of physical link

s = propagation speed in medium

$$D_{prop} = d/s$$

EX; Propagation Delay:

Packet of length 1024 bytes

-- > 1024 \* 8 bits

-- > 8192 bits

Over 27 kbps dial up modem access limit

-- >  $\frac{8192}{27 * 10^3}$  sec

-- > 0.303 sec

Over 10 Gbps Ethernet

-- >  $\frac{8192 \text{ bits}}{10 * 10^9 \text{ bits/sec}}$

-- > 8192 nano sec

-- >  $8192 * 10^{-7}$

$$\text{Nodal Delay} = D_N = D_p + D_q + D_t + D_{prop}$$

EX; Queueing Delay:

$$\text{traffic intensity} = \frac{La}{R}$$

## Overview

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## Network apps

Client Server architecture

EX. Google Data Centers

Pure Peer to Peer architecture

no always on servers

Arbitrary end systems directly communicate

peers are intermittently connected and change IP addresses

Pro: Highly scalable

Con: Difficult to manage

Unreliable

Lookup/Discovery

Hybrid of client-server and P2P

Skype: Voice over is p2p

Chat/messages is client-server

Processes communication

Sockets

Process sends/receives messages to and from it's socket

Sockets are like doors; messages can come or go from them

Addressing processes

To receive messages, process must have identifier

host device a 32 bit IP address

Identifier includes both IP address and port numbers associated to process on host

HTTP server: Port 80

Mail server: Port 25

App Layer Protocol defines

What transport services does an app need? **Data Loss** audio can tolerate some loss file transfers require 100% reliable data transfer

**Timing** some apps require low delay to be effective EX. Gaming

**Throughput**

some apps require minimum amount of throughput to be effective

other apps make use of what they get

EX. Tweet; does not require strong throughput EX. Video streaming MUST have strong throughput

### Security

Encryption, data integrity

Transport service requirements of common apps

Jitter: variation in average delay

### Application

Internet Transport protocols services

TCP service

connection oriented reliable transport flow control

UDP service

Streaming multimedia -- > TCP, UDP, or SCTP

SCTP -- > TCP friendly congestion control but not reliable data transfer

## Application Layer

Web and HTTP

web page consists of objects

base HTML file which includes several referenced objects

Each object is addressable by a URL

HTTP Overview

HTTP: hypertext transfer protocol

client: browser that requests, receives, displays web objects

server: web server sends objects in response to requests

Uses TCP

HTTP is 'stateless'

-- > Protocols that maintain state are complex

Client sends a TCP SYN Server sends an ack, client sends an http request.

non persistent HTTP

At most, one object is sent over TCP connection

Non persistent HTTP without pipelining:

Client sends TCP SYN

Server sends TCP SYN and ACK

C sends HTTP Request

s sends object

c sends TCP FIN

c decides if it needs to ask for more objects;

C sends TCP SYN

s sends TCP SYN and ACK

c requests object 1

s sends object 1

c sends TCP FIN

c sends TCP SYN

s sends TCP SYN and ACK

c requests object 2

s sends object 2

c sends TCP FIN

Every time the client receives it's at 1RTT, so it totaled upto 6RTT for the whole interaction

persistent HTTP

Multiple objects can be sent over single TCP connection between a client and server

Client sends TCP SYN

Server sends TCP SYN and ACK

c requests http

s sends http

c requests object 1

s sends object 1

c requests object 2

s sends object 2

c sends TCP FIN

4 RTT for this interaction

Non persistent HTTP with pipelining C sends syn

s sends syn and ack



c sends http request  
s sends http  
c sends TCP FIN  
Client sees there are two objects;  
C sends SYN  
S sends SYN and ACK  
C requests object 1  
c requests object 2  
s sends object 1  
s sends object 2  
c sends TCP FIN  
4 RTT for this interaction

The best option is persistent with pipelining.  
With pipelining, the most objects we can request/send is 3 objects

If the objects are varied in size, you have to look at adding the transmission times for all 3 objects separately

HTTP response status codes:  
200 Ok  
301 Moved Permanently

*User Server State: Cookies*  
Cookies are used to keep state

## Overview

NS record; (domain name, authoritative name, NS)

A record; (authoritative name, IP address, A)

MX record; (domain name, authoritative, MX)