

Network Software Architecture and its Layers and Protocols

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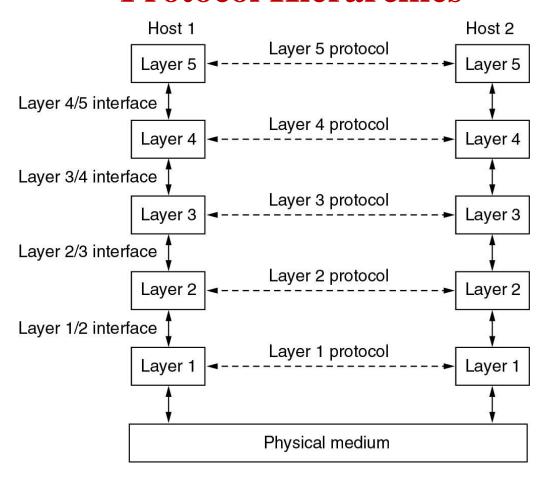
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Network Software

- Protocol Hierarchies
- Design Issues for the Layers
- Connection-Oriented and Connectionless Services
- Service Primitives
- The Relationship of Services to Protocols

Network Software Protocol Hierarchies





Layers, protocols, and interfaces- Network Architecture

• A **protocol** is an agreement between the communicating parties on how communication is to proceed.

• The entities comprising the corresponding layers on different machines are called **peers**. The peers may be software processes, hardware devices, or even human beings. In other words, it is the peers that communicate by using the protocol to talk to each other.

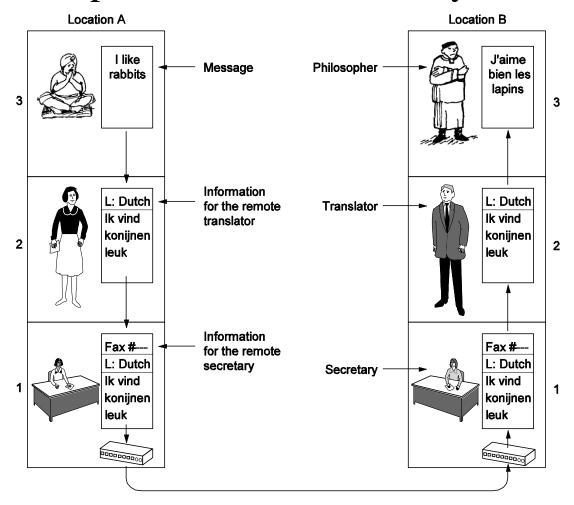
• A list of the protocols used by a certain system, one protocol per layer, is called a **protocol stack**.

Protocol Hierarchies (2)

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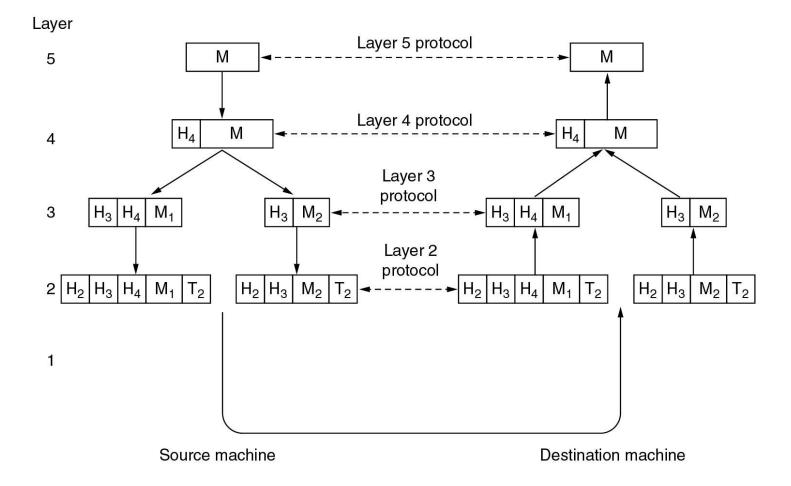


• The philosopher-translator-secretary architecture.





 Example information flow supporting virtual communication in layer 5.





Design Issues for the Layers

- Addressing or naming
- **Error Control**
- Flow Control---Congestion
- Statistical Multiplexing
- Routing
- Scalable
- QoS---real time
- Reliability
- Security

Connection-Oriented and Connectionless Services

- A circuit is another name for a connection with associated resources, such as a fixed bandwidth.
- This dates from the telephone network in which a circuit was a path over copper wire that carried a phone conversation.
- In contrast to connection-oriented service, **connectionless service** is modeled after the postal system.
- Each message (letter) carries the full destination address, and each one is routed through the intermediate nodes inside the system independent of all the subsequent messages.
- Store or forward switching
- Cut through switching



- Each kind of service can further be characterized by its reliability. Some services are reliable in the sense that they never lose data.
- Usually, a reliable service is implemented by having the receiver acknowledge the receipt of each message so the sender is sure that it arrived.
- Reliable connection-oriented service has two minor variations: message sequences and byte streams.
- The acknowledgement process introduces overhead and delays, which are often worth it but are sometimes undesirable.
- One such application is digitized voice traffic for voice over IP.
- Unreliable (meaning not acknowledged) connectionless service is often called **datagram service.**

Connection-Oriented and Connectionless Services

• Six different types of service.

Connectionoriented

Connectionless

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	Service	Example
	Reliable message stream	Sequence of pages
	Reliable byte stream	Remote login
	Unreliable connection	Digitized voice
	Unreliable datagram	Electronic junk mail
	Acknowledged datagram	Registered mail
	Request-reply	Database query



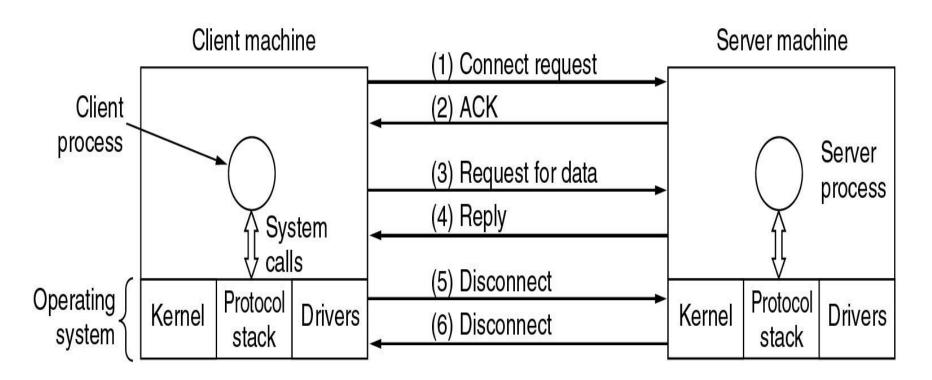
Service Primitives

Primitive	Meaning	
LISTEN	Block waiting for an incoming connection	
CONNECT	Establish a connection with a waiting peer	
RECEIVE	RECEIVE Block waiting for an incoming message	
SEND	Send a message to the peer	
DISCONNECT	Terminate a connection	

• Five service primitives for implementing a simple connection-oriented service.



Service Primitives (2)



• Packets sent in a simple client-server interaction on a connection-oriented network.



Services to Protocols Relationship

• The relationship between a service and a protocol.

