

# CLIENT-SERVER ARCHITECTURE & HTTP

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# CLIENTS & SERVERS

- **Client requests a resource**
- **Server responds with resource**
- **These are *roles* — not technical specs or computer types**



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DEAR ABBY:

## *My Dad Objects To a Pet Monkey*

**D**EAR ABBY: I am 10 years old and my Daddy said that when I saved enough money I could buy anything I wanted with it.

All my life, I have wanted a monkey. I have saved \$14. I asked Daddy if I could buy a pet monkey and he said no, because I wouldn't know how to take care of it. My Mom is the fussy type. You know, everything has to be just so. Do you know anyone who has a pet monkey, and can give me some advice?

WANTS A MONKEY

**DEAR WANTS:** I have had two pet monkeys (David and Bathsheba) and, although I love monkeys, your father is right. To quote my son (he was 4 at the time), "Monkeys should live with monkeys, and people should live with people."



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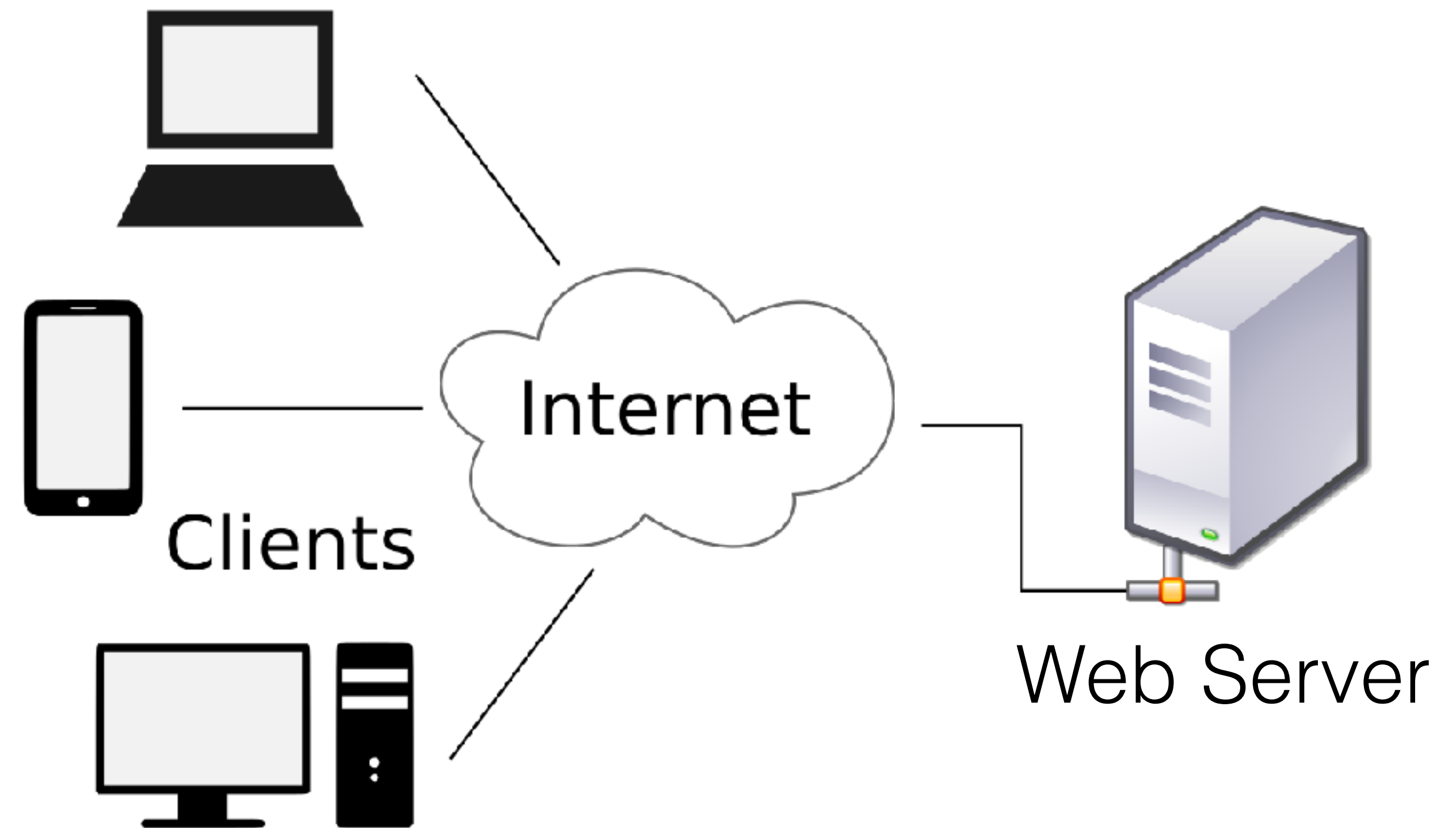






# WEB SERVERS

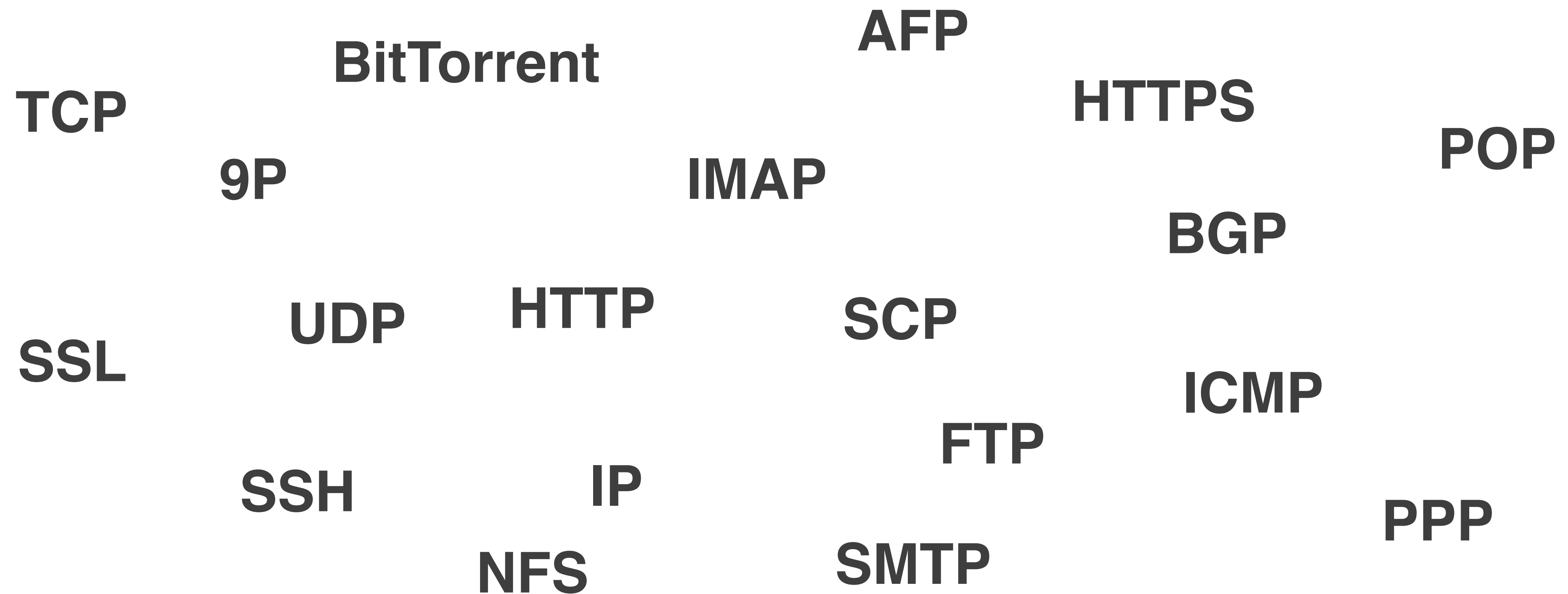
- Processes (running programs) not physical machines
  - Might be running on a laptop,
  - or a Raspberry Pi,
  - or an enterprise-grade workstation...
- Listening on a port for incoming requests
- Send back responses







# INTERNET COMMUNICATION PROTOCOLS





# PROTOCOL

- **Rules for interaction / communication**
- **Specification, not implementation**



# THE KNOCK-KNOCK MESSAGE PROTOCOL

- Joker opens connection with "knock, knock."
- Victim completes handshake with "who's there?"
- Joker transmits identity label: "<IDENTITY>"
- Victim requests clarification: "<IDENTITY> who?"
- Joker delivers payload: "<PUNCHLINE>"
- Joke is now delivered, close connection. Participants may optionally laugh and/or dodge fists.



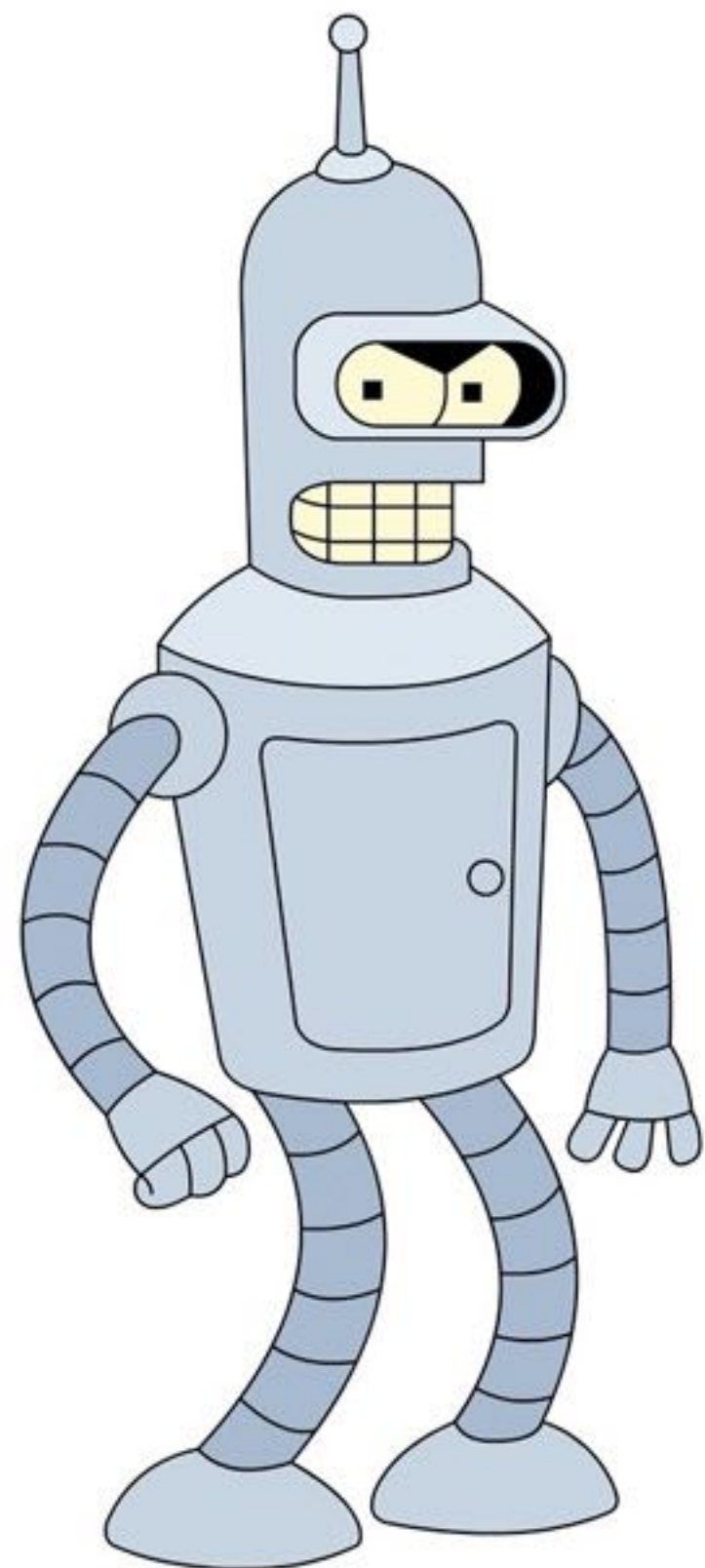
# MESSAGING / APP VS. TRANSMISSION

- KnockKnock is an *application level* protocol
- It specifies the sequence and content of messages
- It does NOT specify how those messages are transmitted





# KNOCK KNOCK OVER VOX



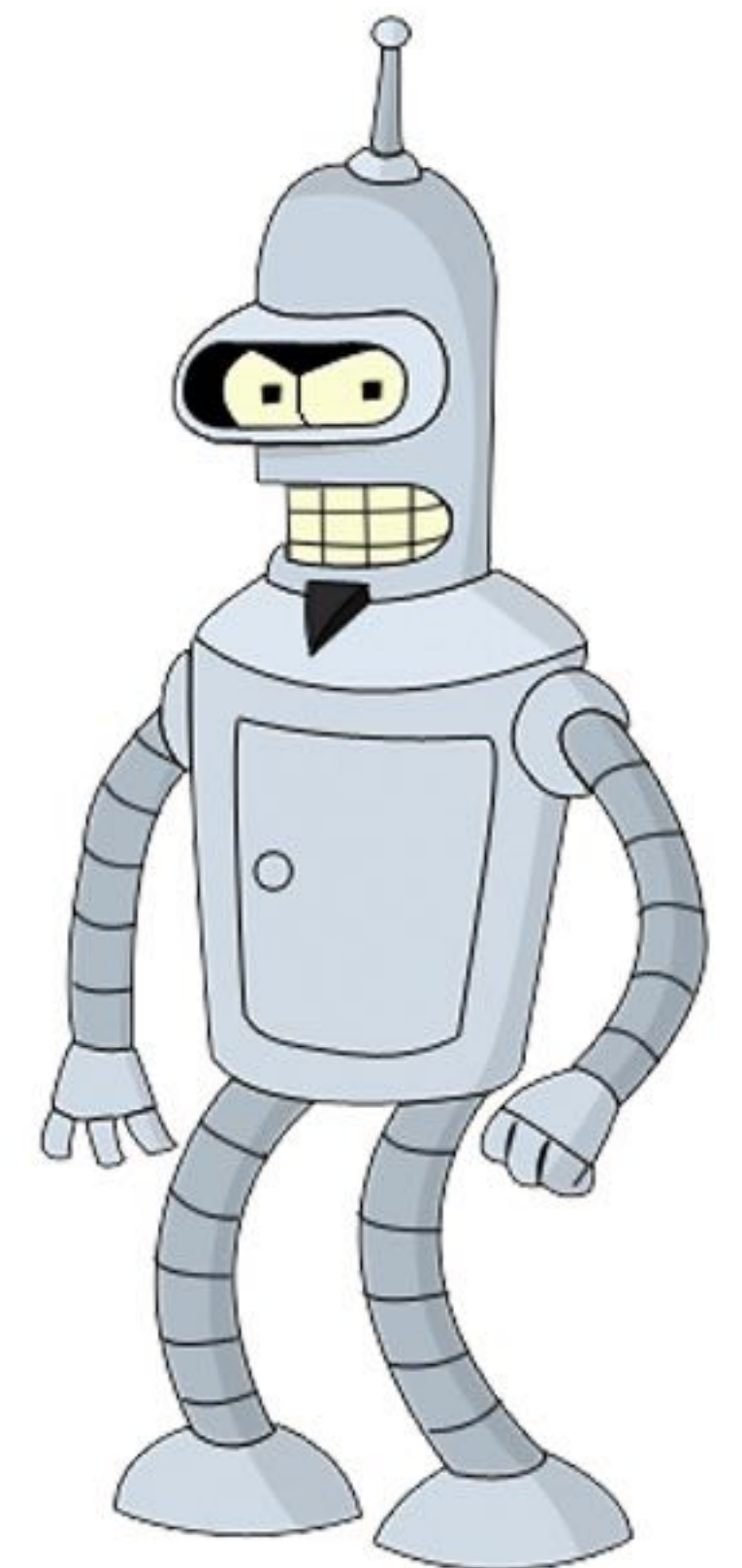
**Knock, knock.**

**Broken state machine.**

**Knock, knock.**

**Who's there?**

**Broken state machine,  
who?**





# KNOCK KNOCK OVER TEXT





# KNOCK KNOCK OVER BLACKBOARD

Knock, knock...

who's there?



# HTTP



# HTTP

- An *application-level* communications protocol. You might call it a *messaging* protocol.
- Specifies allowable *metadata* and *content* of messages.
- Does **NOT** specify *how* messages are transmitted!
- STATELESS: does *not* need to remember previous req-res!

# HTTP PROTOCOL

- RFC (Request For Comments) [7230 \(link\)](#)
- By the IETF (Internet Engineering Task Force)
- But a *generic* messaging protocol
  - *"HTTP is a generic interface protocol for information systems. It is designed to hide the details of how a service is implemented... independent of the types of resources provided."*



# HTTP CLIENTS & SERVERS

## ◉ Example Clients

- web browsers
- household appliances
- stereos
- firmware update scripts
- command-line programs
- mobile apps
- communication devices

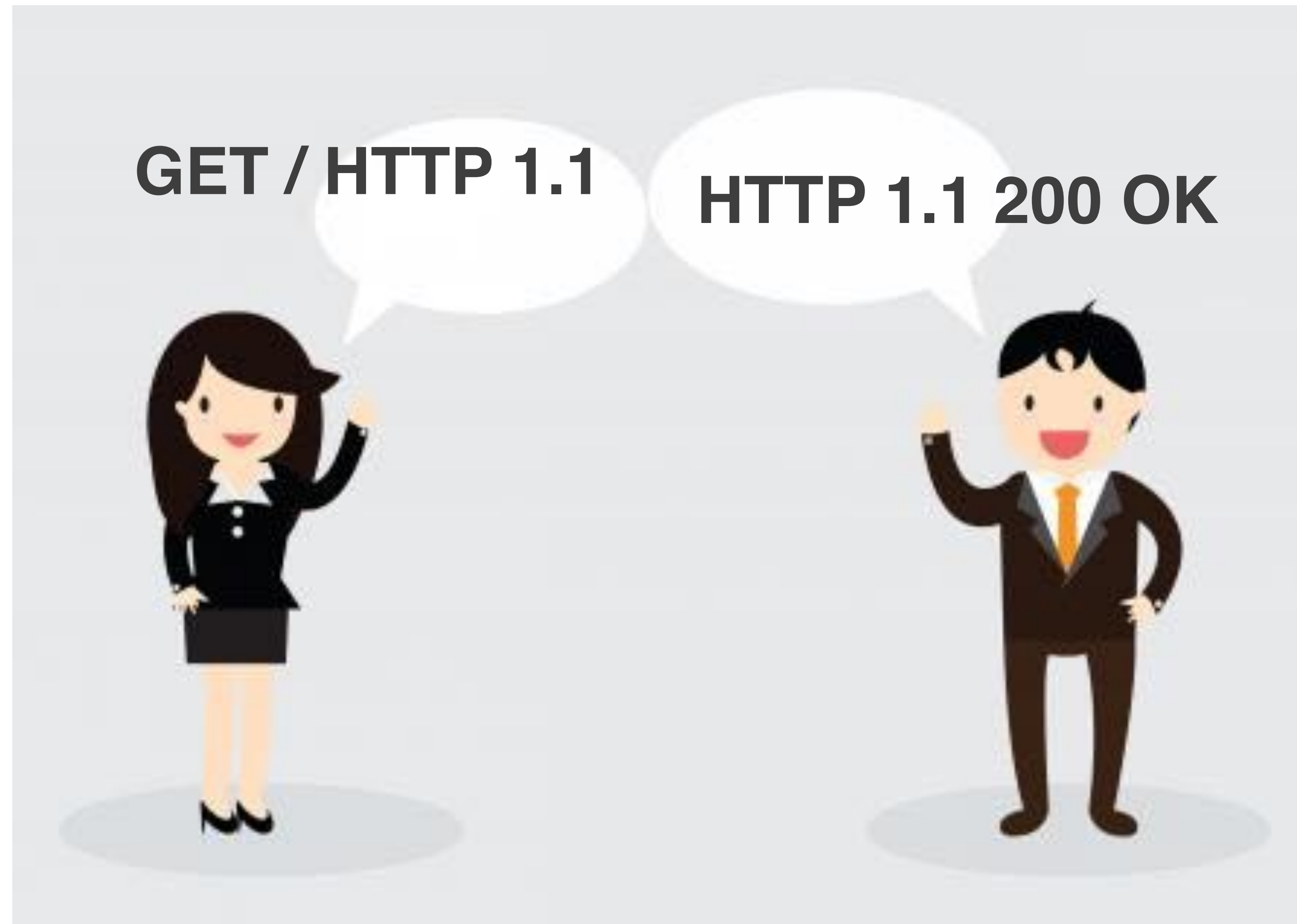
## ◉ Example Servers

- web servers
- home automation units
- ◉ networking components
- ◉ office machines
- ◉ autonomous robots
- ◉ news feeds
- ◉ traffic cameras

**NOT A TRANSMISSION  
PROTOCOL!**

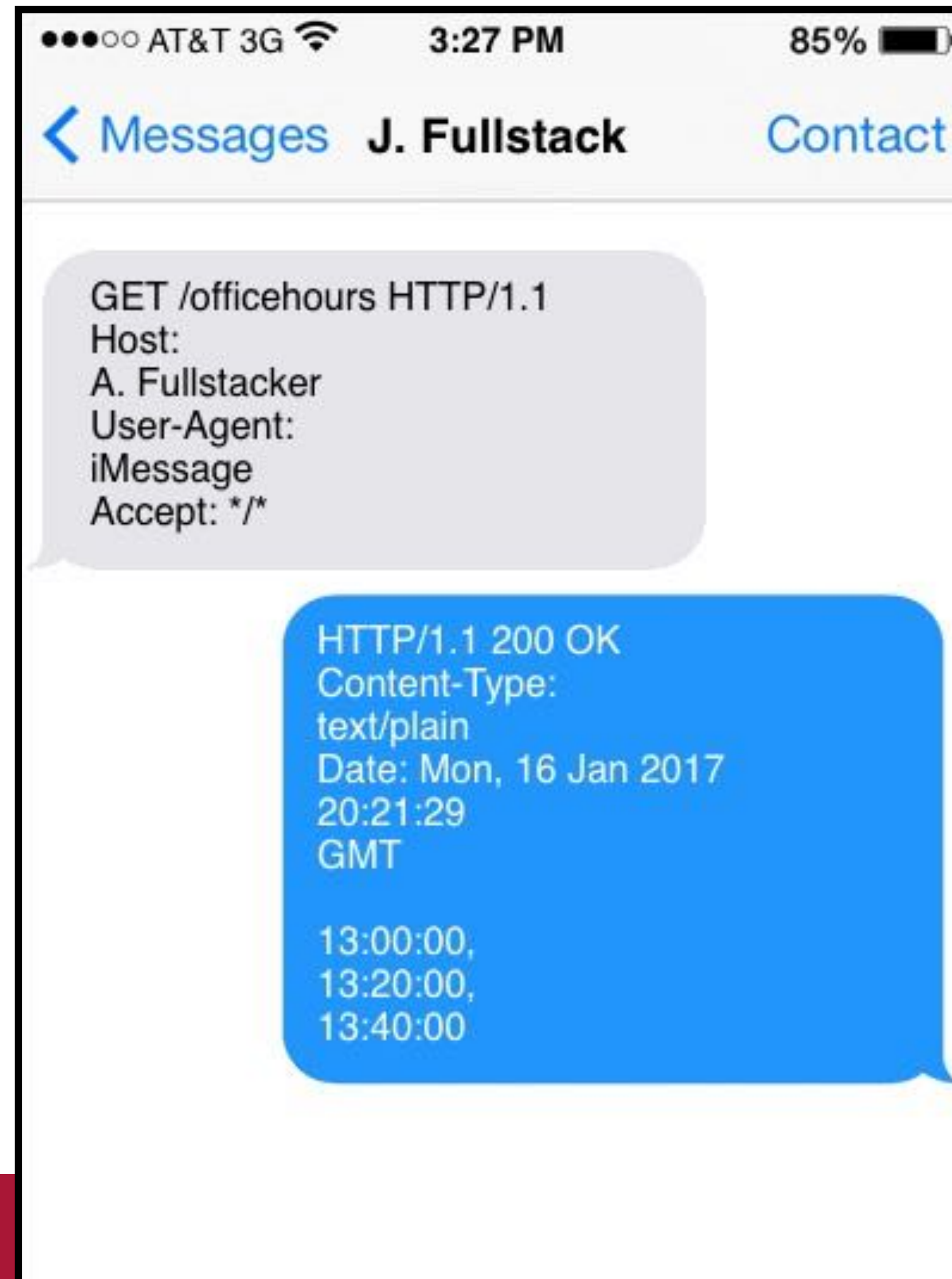


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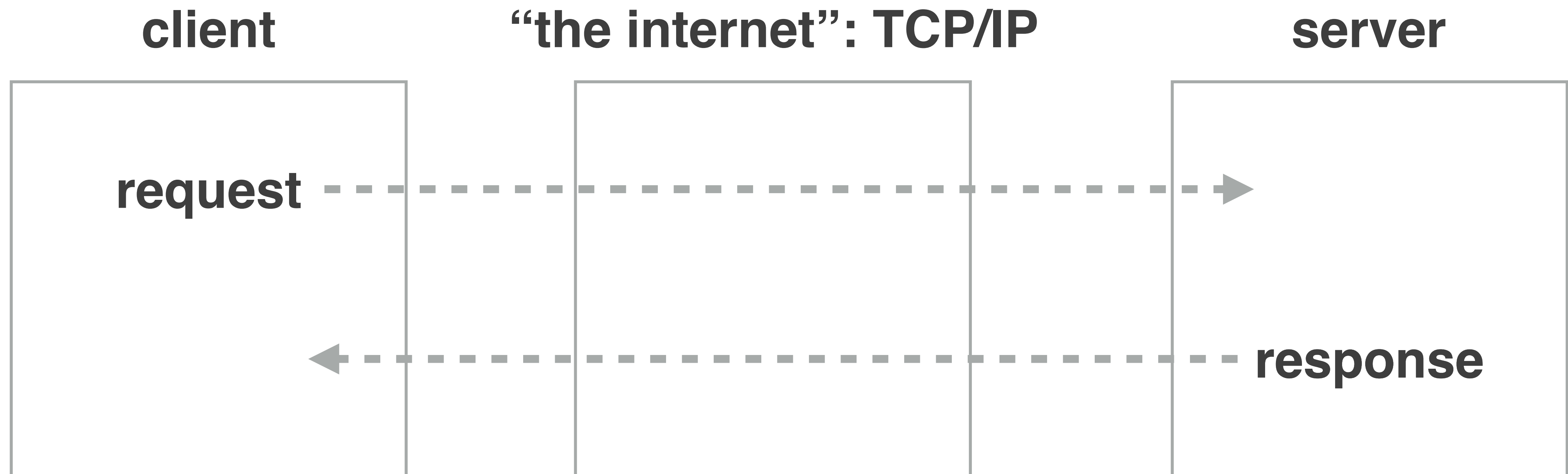


# HTTP OVER TEXT





# HTTP OVER TCP/IP











# HTTP

**Every request gets exactly one (total) response**  
(sometimes a response is broken up into chunks)



# HTTP REQUEST

*just a message with a certain format*

verb      URI

headers

```
POST /docs/1/related HTTP/1.1
Host: www.test101.com
Accept: image/gif, image/jpeg, */*
Accept-Language: en-us
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
User-Agent: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.0; Windows NT 5.1)
```

```
bookId=12345&author=Nimit
```

body

(from [http://www.ntu.edu.sg/home/ehchua/programming/webprogramming/HTTP\\_Basics.html](http://www.ntu.edu.sg/home/ehchua/programming/webprogramming/HTTP_Basics.html))





# COMMON VERBS

**GET**

**“read”**

**POST**

**“create”**

**PUT**

**“update”**

**DELETE**

**“delete”**



# HTTP RESPONSE

status

headers

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Sun, 18 Oct 2009 08:56:53 GMT
Server: Apache/2.2.14 (Win32)
Last-Modified: Sat, 20 Nov 2004 07:16:26 GMT
ETag: "10000000565a5-2c-3e94b66c2e680"
Accept-Ranges: bytes
Content-Length: 44
Connection: close
Content-Type: text/html
X-Pad: avoid browser bug

<html><body><h1>It works!</h1></body></html>
```

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payload/body





# COMMON STATUSES

<b>200</b>	<b>“OK”</b>
<b>201</b>	<b>“created”</b>
<b>304</b>	<b>“cached”</b>
<b>400</b>	<b>“bad request”</b>
<b>401</b>	<b>“unauthorized”</b>
<b>404</b>	<b>“not found”</b>
<b>500</b>	<b>“server error”</b>

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