

# Computer Networks - *Xarxes de Computadors*

## Outline

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- Unit 1: Introduction
- Unit 2. IP Networks
- Unit 3. TCP
- Unit 4. LANs
- **Unit 5. Network applications**

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They include some modifications and some new slides.

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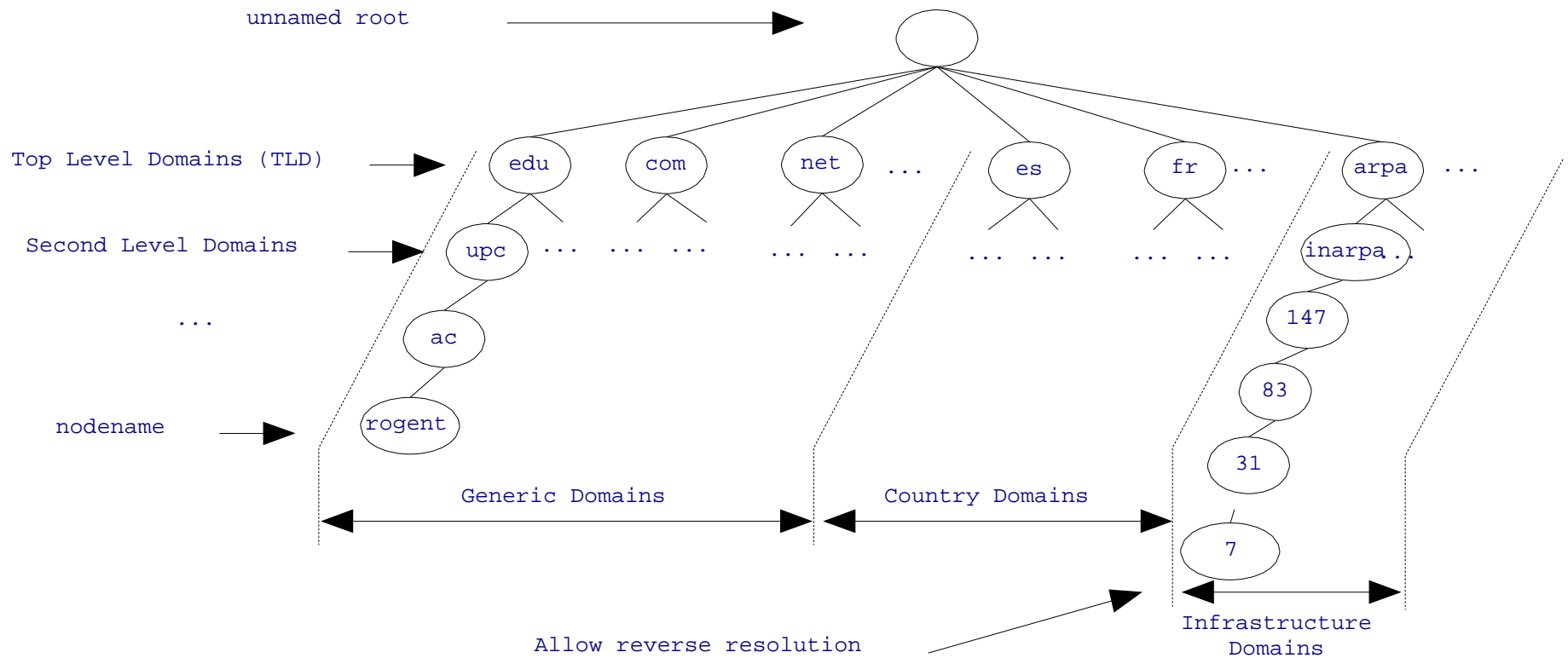
- **DNS**
- Charsets
- Email (SMTP)
- Web (HTTP)
- HTML

# Domain Name System DNS (RFC 1034, 1035, Y1987)

- Allows users to use **names instead of IP addresses**: e.g. rogent.ac.upc.edu instead of 147.83.31.7, [www.upc.edu](http://www.upc.edu) instead of 147.83.194.21, etc.
- Names consists of a **node-name** and a **domain-name**:  
[rogent.ac.upc.edu](http://rogent.ac.upc.edu), [www.upc.edu](http://www.upc.edu)
- DNS consists of a **worldwide distributed data base**.
- DNS data base entries are referred to as **Resource Records (RR)**.
- The information associated with a name is composed of 1 or more RRs.
- Names are **case insensitive** (e.g. [www.upc.edu](http://www.upc.edu) and [WWW.UPC.EDU](http://WWW.UPC.EDU) are equivalent).

# DNS – Domain Hierarchy

DNS data base is organized in a tree:



# DNS – Domain Hierarchy

- The *Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers* (**ICANN**) is responsible for managing and coordinating the DNS.
- ICANN delegates **Top Level Domains** (TLD) administration to **registrars**: <http://www.internic.net>
- Domains delegate the administration of **subdomains**.



**InterNIC**

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## InterNIC—Public Information Regarding Internet Domain Name Registration Services

### Do you have a complaint or dispute?

Your Registrar or Domain Name:

- [Domain Name Transfer Dispute](#)
- [Unsolicited Renewal or Transfer Solicitation](#)
- [Your Registrar is Not on the Accredited List](#)
- [Unauthorized Transfer of Your Domain Name](#)
- [Trademark Infringement](#)
- [Registrar Services Dispute](#)
  - [Failure to answer phones or respond to email messages](#)
  - [Financial Transaction Issues](#)
- [Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution \(UDRP\) Intake Report System](#)

### Information about Registrars

- [Search Accredited Registrar Directory](#)
  - [Alphabetical List](#)
  - [List by Location](#)
  - [List by Language Supported](#)
- Have a Problem with a Registrar?
  - [Complaint Form](#)
  - [Helpful Hints](#)

### Information about Whois

- [Search Whois](#)
- [Report Inaccurate Whois Listing](#)

# DNS – Data Base Organization

- Access to DNS data base is done using *Name Servers (NS)*.
- NSs may hold permanent and *cached RRs*. Cached RRs are removed after a timeout.
- Each subdomain has an *authority* which consists of a primary and backup NSs.
- In this context, subdomains are referred to as *zones*, and delegated subdomains *subzones*.
- An authority has the complete *information of a zone*:
  - Names and addresses of all nodes within the zone.
  - Names and addresses of all subzone authorities.

# DNS - Unix example: The resolver

- The applications use the calls (*resolver* library):

```
struct hostent *gethostbyname(const char *name) ;  
struct hostent *gethostbyaddr(const void *addr, int len, int type);
```

- The resolver first looks the */etc/hosts* file:

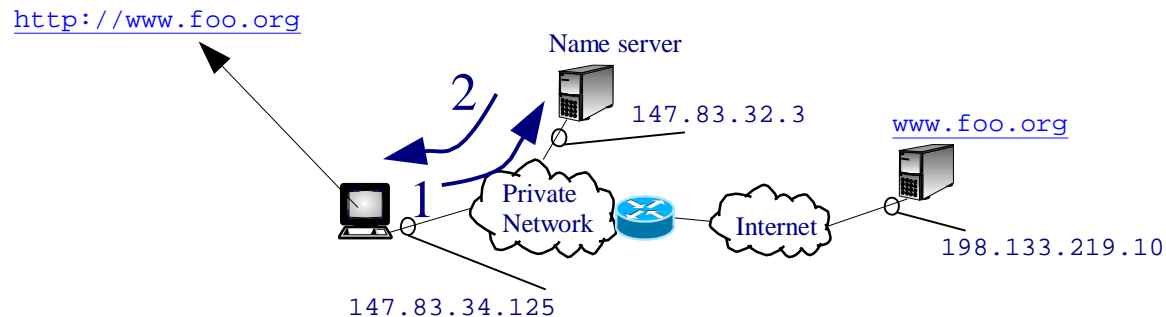
```
# hosts          This file describes a number of hostnametoaddress  
#               mappings for the TCP/IP subsystem.  It is mostly  
#               used at boot time, when no name servers are running.  
#               On small systems, this file can be used instead of a  
#               "named" name server.  
# Syntax:  
# IPAddress      FullQualifiedHostname      ShortHostname  
127.0.0.1        localhost  
10.0.1.1         massanella.ac.upc.edu massanella
```

- Otherwise a *name server* is contacted using */etc/resolv.conf* file:

```
search ac.upc.edu  
nameserver 147.83.32.3  
nameserver 147.83.33.4
```

# DNS - Protocol

- Client-server paradigm
- UDP/TCP. **Short messages use UDP**
- **well-known port: 53**



```
1 18:36:00.322370 IP (proto: UDP) 147.83.34.125.1333 >
    147.83.32.3.53: 53040+ A? www.foo.org. (31)
2 18:36:00.323080 IP (proto: UDP) 147.83.32.3.53 > 147.83.34.125.1333:
    53040 1/2/2 www.foo.org. A 198.133.219.10 (115)
```

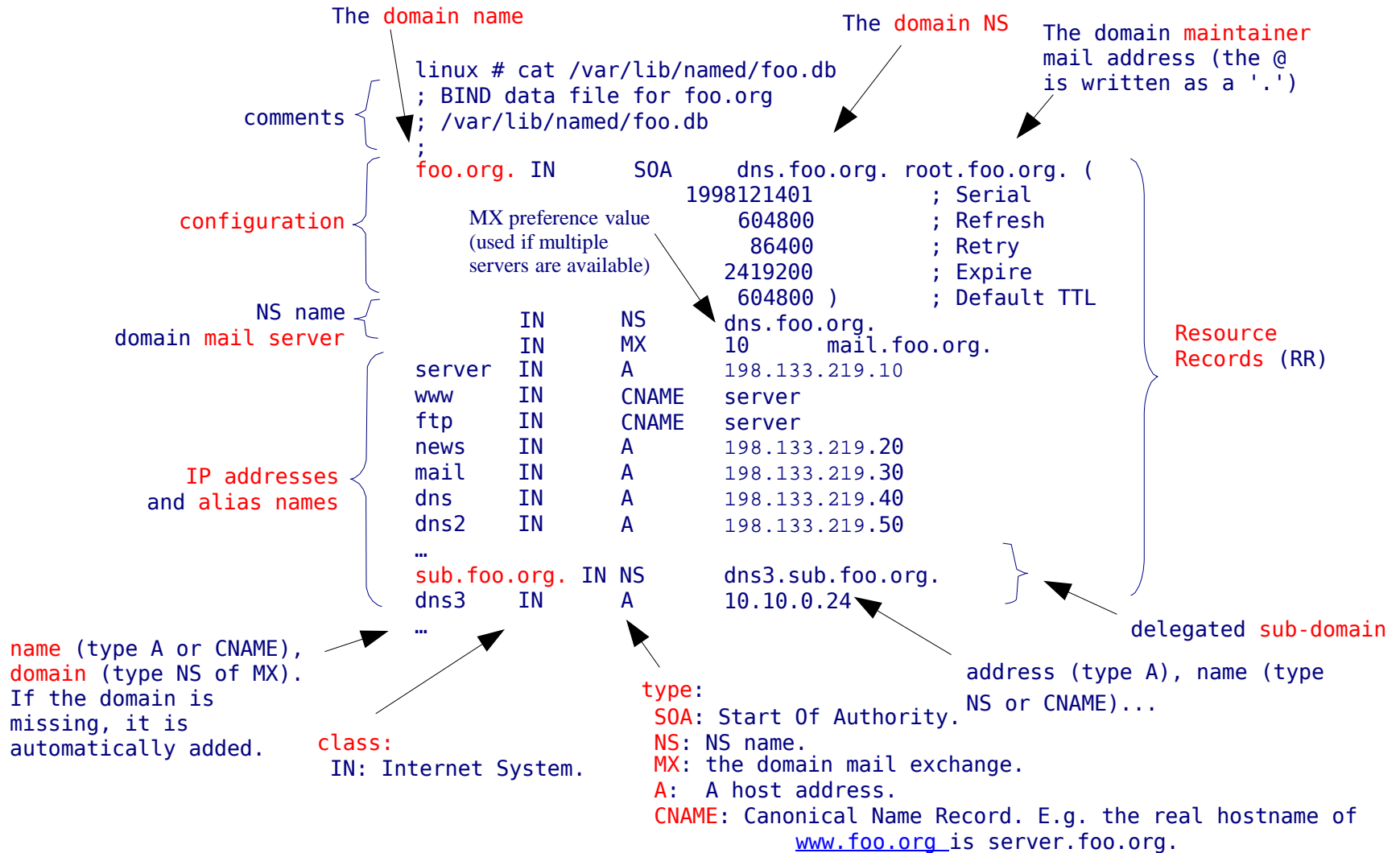


# DNS – Unix example: Basic NS configuration

- Unix NS implementation is **BIND** (Berkeley Internet Name Domain), <http://www.isc.org>.
- **named** is the BIND NS daemon.
- BIND basic **configuration files**:

<code>/etc/named.conf</code>	global configuration
<code>/var/lib/named/root.hint</code>	root servers addresses
<code>/var/lib/named/*.db</code>	zone files

# DNS – Unix example: zone file



# DNS – Unix example: root servers addresses

```
linux # cat /var/lib/named/root.hint
```

```
;      This file holds the information on root name servers needed to
;      initialize cache of Internet domain name servers
;      (e.g. reference this file in the "cache . <file>"
;      configuration file of BIND domain name servers).
```

comments

```
;      This file is made available by InterNIC
;      under anonymous FTP as
;      file          /domain/named.root
;      on server     FTP.INTERNIC.NET
;      -OR-          RS.INTERNIC.NET
```

```
.      3600000      IN      NS      A.ROOT-SERVERS.NET.
A.ROOT-SERVERS.NET. 3600000      IN      A      198.41.0.4
.      3600000      IN      NS      B.ROOT-SERVERS.NET.
B.ROOT-SERVERS.NET. 3600000      IN      A      192.228.79.201
.      3600000      IN      NS      C.ROOT-SERVERS.NET.
C.ROOT-SERVERS.NET. 3600000      IN      A      192.33.4.12
```

Resource Records (RR)  
pointing to root-servers

```
...
```

```
.      3600000      IN      NS      M.ROOT-SERVERS.NET.
M.ROOT-SERVERS.NET. 3600000      IN      A      202.12.27.33
```

address of a name  
NS name

# DNS – Data Base Organization

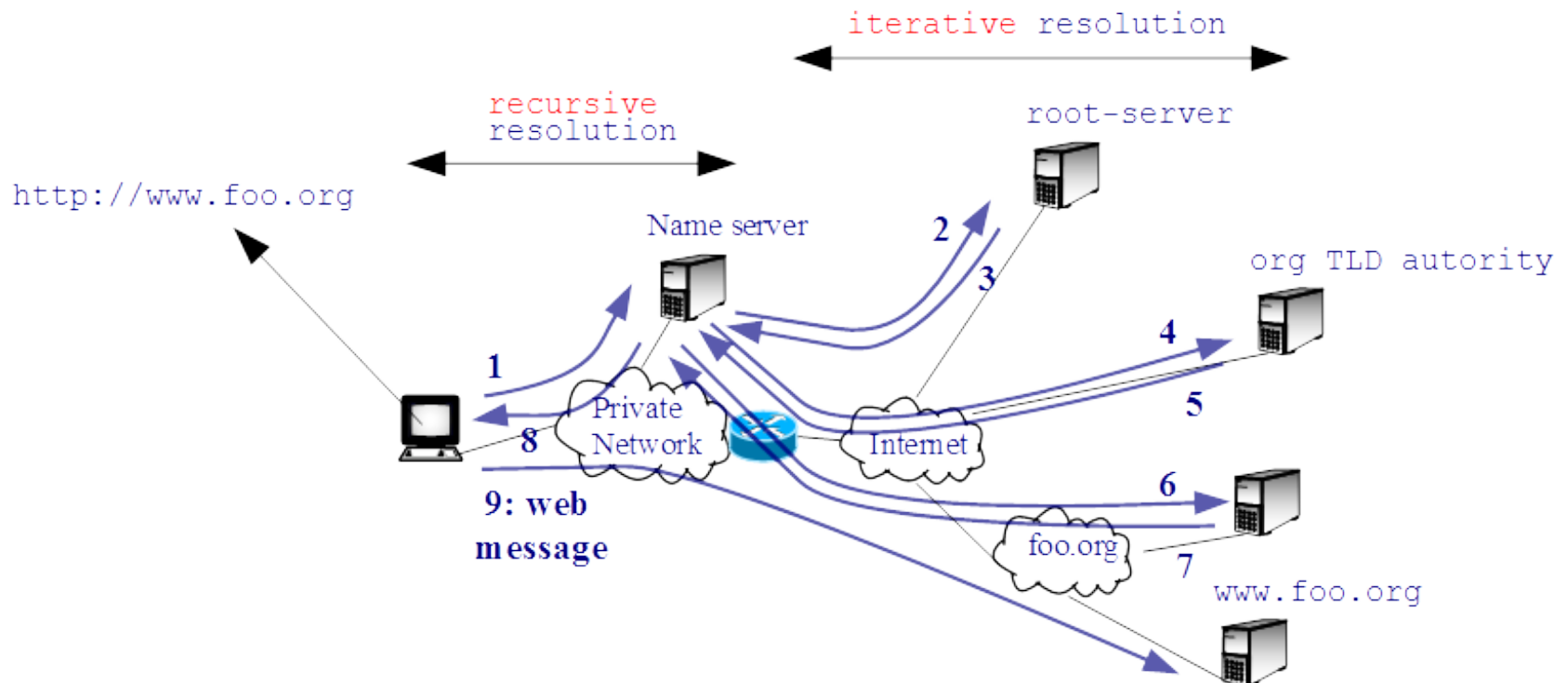
- **Root Servers** are the entry point to the domain hierarchy.
- Root Servers are distributed around the world and have the TLD addresses:  
<http://www.root-servers.org>
- Root server addresses are needed in a NS configuration.



Source: <http://www.root-servers.org>

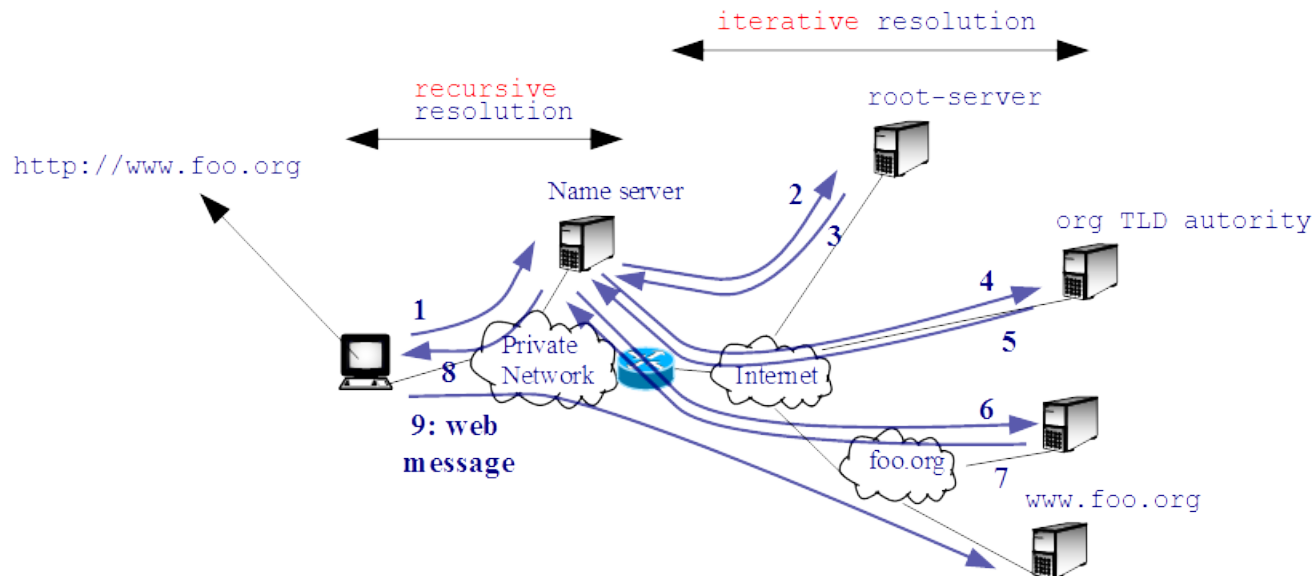
# DNS – Resolution

- NSs **cache** name resolutions.
- A cached RR is returned without looking for in the NS authority.

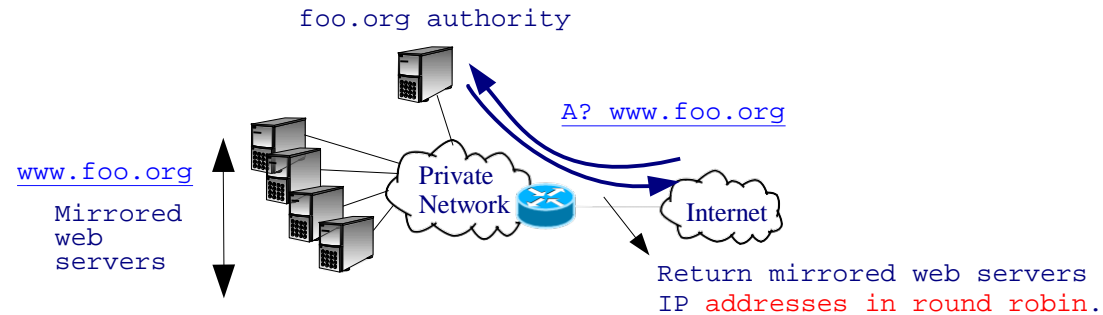


# DNS – Resolution

- The same name may be associated with **several IP addresses** (e.g. load balancing).
- The addresses of a common domain may not belong to the same IP network (e.g. **Content Distribution Networks**).



# DNS – Load balancing, example



## • Example using dig:

linux ~> dig www.microsoft.com

```
;; <<>> DiG 9.3.2 <<>> www.microsoft.com
;; global options: printcmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 31808
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 9, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 0

;; QUESTION SECTION:
;www.microsoft.com.          IN      A

;; ANSWER SECTION:
www.microsoft.com.          3135    IN      CNAME   toggle.www.ms.akadns.net.
toggle.www.ms.akadns.net.  181     IN      CNAME   g.www.ms.akadns.net.
g.www.ms.akadns.net.       181     IN      CNAME   lb1.www.ms.akadns.net.
lb1.www.ms.akadns.net.     181     IN      A        207.46.19.60
lb1.www.ms.akadns.net.     181     IN      A        207.46.18.30
lb1.www.ms.akadns.net.     181     IN      A        207.46.20.60
lb1.www.ms.akadns.net.     181     IN      A        207.46.19.30
lb1.www.ms.akadns.net.     181     IN      A        207.46.198.30
lb1.www.ms.akadns.net.     181     IN      A        207.46.225.60

;; Query time: 42 msec
;; SERVER: 192.168.1.1#53(192.168.1.1)
;; WHEN: Sun Mar 11 10:48:11 2007
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 203
```

linux ~> dig www.microsoft.com

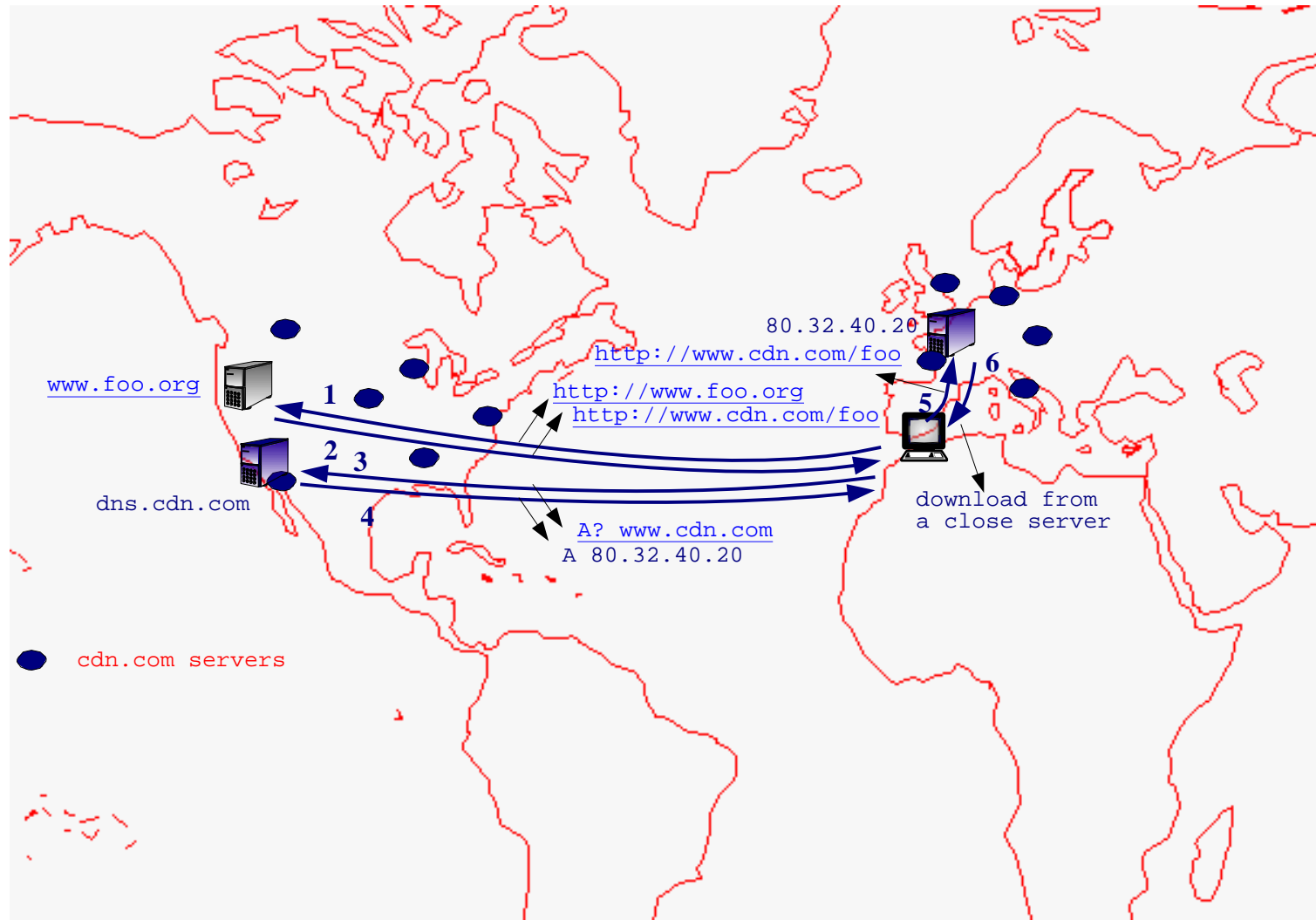
```
;; <<>> DiG 9.3.2 <<>> www.microsoft.com
;; global options: printcmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 17923
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 9, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 0

;; QUESTION SECTION:
;www.microsoft.com.          IN      A

;; ANSWER SECTION:
www.microsoft.com.          3469    IN      CNAME   toggle.www.ms.akadns.net.
toggle.www.ms.akadns.net.  215     IN      CNAME   g.www.ms.akadns.net.
g.www.ms.akadns.net.       215     IN      CNAME   lb1.www.ms.akadns.net.
lb1.www.ms.akadns.net.     215     IN      A        207.46.198.30
lb1.www.ms.akadns.net.     215     IN      A        207.46.199.30
lb1.www.ms.akadns.net.     215     IN      A        207.46.18.30
lb1.www.ms.akadns.net.     215     IN      A        207.46.19.60
lb1.www.ms.akadns.net.     215     IN      A        207.46.198.60
lb1.www.ms.akadns.net.     215     IN      A        207.46.20.60

;; Query time: 43 msec
;; SERVER: 192.168.1.1#53(192.168.1.1)
;; WHEN: Sun Mar 11 10:42:38 2007
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 203
```

# DNS - Content Distribution Networks, example





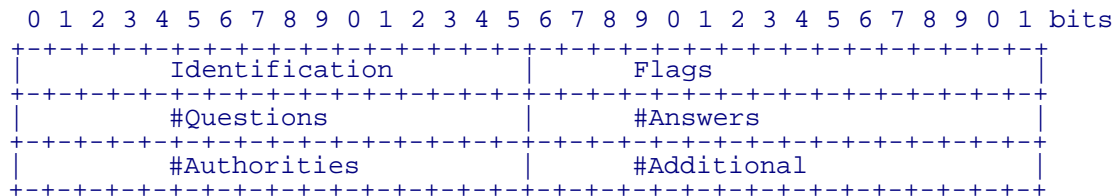
# DNS – Messages: Message Format

- All DNS messages have the same **format**:
  - **Header**: type of message.
  - **Question**: What is to be resolved.
  - **Answer**: Answer to question.
  - **Authority**: Domain authority names.
  - **Additional**: Typically, the authority name's addresses.

	Header (12 bytes)	
/	Question (variable)	/
/	Answer (variable)	/
/	Authority (variable)	/
/	Additional (variable)	/

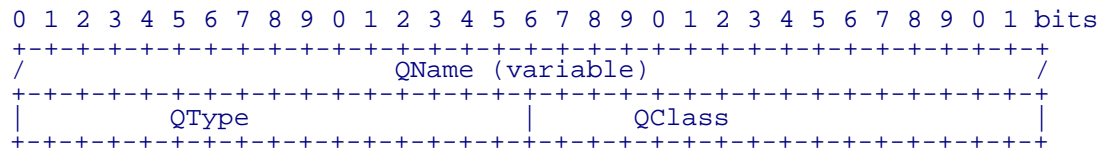
# DNS – Messages: Header

- **Identification**: 16 random bits used to match query/response
- **Flags**. Some of them:
  - Query-Response, **QR**: 0 for query, 1 for response.
  - Authoritative Answer, **AA**: When set, indicates an authoritative answer.
  - Recursion Desired, **RD**: When set, indicates that recursion is desired.
- The other fields indicate the **number** of Questions, Answer, Authority and Additional fields of the message.



## DNS – Messages: Question

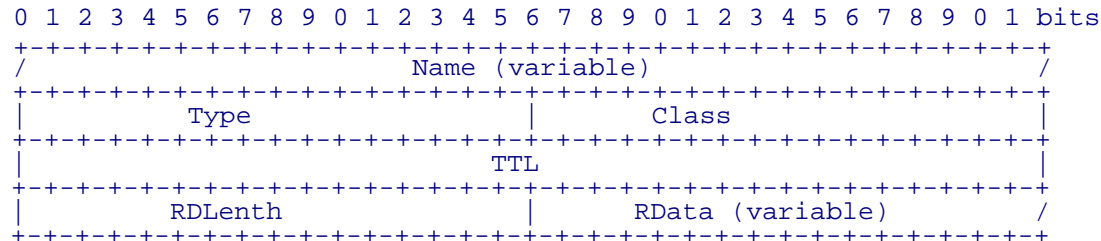
- **QName**: Indicates the name to be resolved.
- **QType**: Indicates the question type:
  - Address, **A**. Name
  - Server, **NS**.
  - Pointer, **PTR**: For an inverse resolution.
  - Mail Exchange, **MX**: Domain Mail Server address.
- **Qclass**: For Internet addresses is 1.



# Codification example of rogent.ac.upc.edu

# DNS – Messages: Resource Records (RRs)

- The fields Answer, Authority and Additional are composed of **RRs**:
  - **Name, Type, Class**: The same as in the Question field.
  - **TTL** (Time To Live): Number of seconds the RR can be cached.
  - **RDLength**: RR size in bytes.
  - **Rdata**: E.g. An IP address if the Type is 'A', or a name if the Type is 'NS', 'MX' or 'CNAME'.



# DNS – Messages: Example

```
# tcpdump s1500 vvpni eth0 port 53
tcpdump: listening on eth0, linktype EN10MB (Ethernet), capture size 200 bytes
11:17:30.769328 IP (UDP, length: 55) 147.83.30.137.1042 > 147.83.30.70.53: 36388+ A? ns.uu.net. (27)
11:17:30.771324 IP (UDP, length: 145) 147.83.30.70.53 > 147.83.30.137.1042: 36388
      q: A? ns.uu.net. 1/2/2 ns.uu.net. A 137.39.1.3
      ns: ns.uu.net. NS auth00.ns.uu.net., ns.uu.net. NS auth60.ns.uu.net.
      ar: auth00.ns.uu.net. A 198.6.1.65, auth60.ns.uu.net. A 198.6.1.181 (117)
```

## Query message:

- 36388: Identifier.
- +: RecursionDesired is set.
- A?: Qtype = A.
- ns.uu.net.: Name to resolve.

## Response message:

- 36388: Identifier.
- q: A? ns.uu.net.: Repeat the Question field.
- 1/2/2: 1 Answers, 2 Authorities, 2 Additional follows.
- ns.uu.net. A 137.39.1.3: The answer (RR of type A, address: 137.39.1.3).
- ns: ns.uu.net. NS auth00.ns.uu.net., ns.uu.net. NS auth60.ns.uu.net.: 2 Authorities (RRs of type NS: the domain ns.uu.net. authorities are auth00.ns.uu.net. and auth60.ns.uu.net).
- ar: auth00.ns.uu.net. A 198.6.1.65, auth60.ns.uu.net. A 198.6.1.181: 2 Additional (RRs of type A: authorities IP addresses).

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- DNS
- **Charsets**
- Email (SMTP)
- Web (HTTP)
- HTML

# Languages, cultures, alphabets

7400 million people (2016)

22% speak Chinese, 11% English, 7% Spanish, 0,1% Catalan

Apart from languages, there are cultures and alphabets

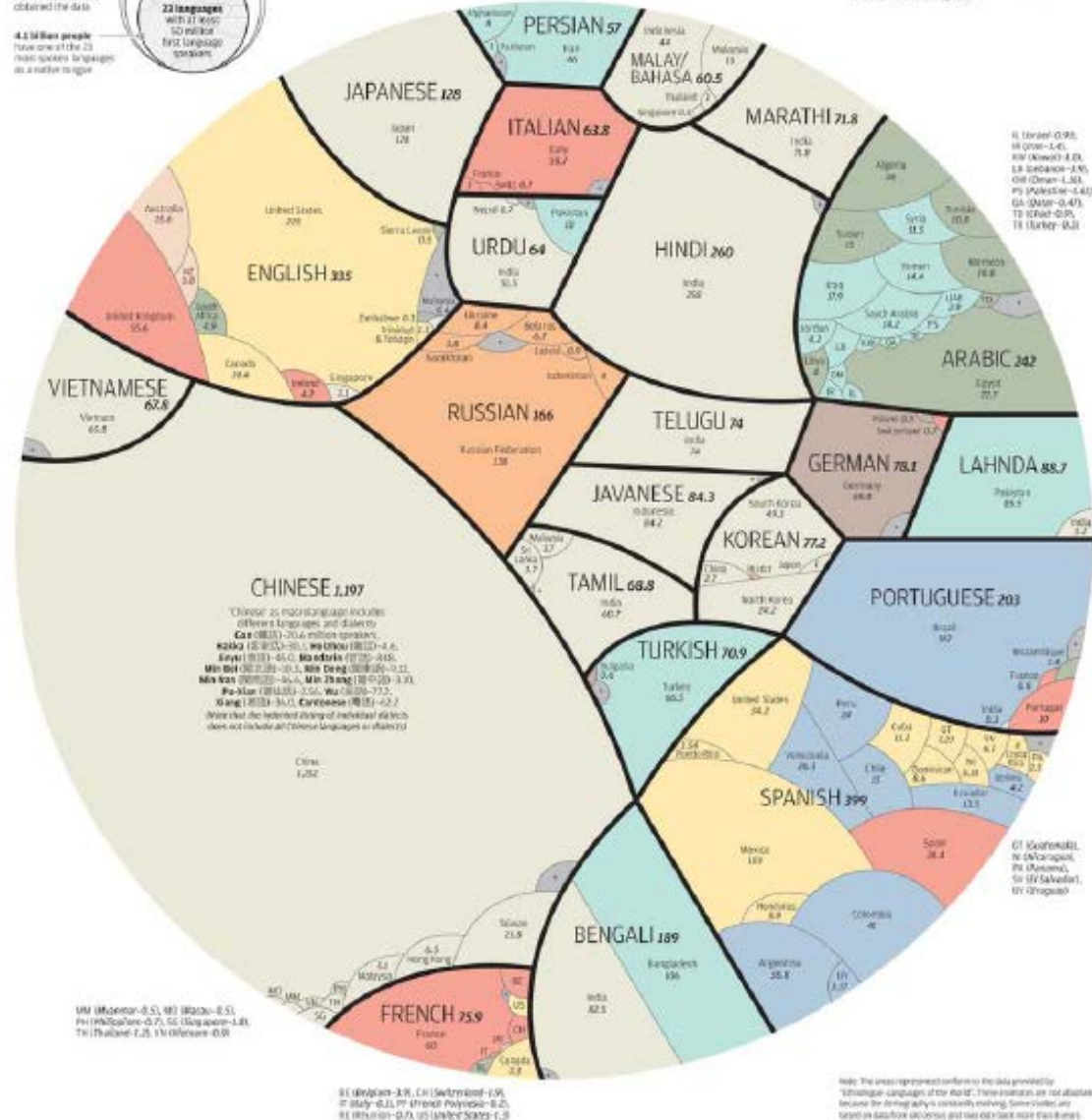
- Language with several cultures: es\_ES, es\_CO ("locale")
- Alphabet shared by several languages (e.g. català & français)

Culture:

- Messages, character sets, transliteration, ordering, search in strings, hours and dates, numbers and currency, pronunciation, ...

Interaction between agents in different languages and cultures:  
alphabets and character sets

There are at least 7,000 known languages alive in the world today. Twenty-three of these languages are a mother tongue for more than 30 million people. The 25 languages make up the native tongue of 4.1 billion people. We represent each language within black borders and then provide the numbers of native speakers (in millions) by country. The colour of these countries shows how languages have taken root in many different regions.





# Languages, cultures, alphabets

Internacionalization (i18n), Localization (l10n)

## Alphabets

- "base": ascii
- National: e.g.: latin-1 (includes ascii), kanji
- International: e.g.: unicode (includes latin-1 and “all” languages)

Expression or language negotiation (in HTTP):

**Accept-Language:** es, ca, en-gb, en  
**Accept-Charset:** iso-8859-15, unicode-9-0  
...



**Content-Language:** ca  
**Content-Type:** text/html; charset=utf-8  
...

English is the default ...




# Character sets

Characters are encoded following several conventions:

- **repertoire**: a set of characters (name and representation (glyph))
- **code**: correspondence between repertoire and natural numbers.
- **encoding**: method (algorithm) to convert code numbers into a sequence of octets (> 256 characters)
- US-ASCII: 95 characters + control=128: 7 bits (1 octet sent)

USASCII code chart



Row \ Column	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	NUL	DLE	SP	@	P	\	p	
1	SOH	DC1	!	A	Q	a	q	
2	STX	DC2	"	B	R	b	r	
3	ETX	DC3	#	C	S	c	s	
4	EOT	DC4	\$	D	T	d	t	
5	ENQ	NAK	%	E	U	e	u	
6	ACK	SYN	&	F	V	f	v	
7	BEL	ETB	'	G	W	g	w	
8	BS	CAN	(	H	X	h	x	
9	HT	EM	)	I	Y	i	y	
10	LF	SUB	:	J	Z	j	z	
11	VT	ESC	+	K	[	k	{	
12	FF	FS	,	L	\	l		
13	CR	GS	-	M	]	m	}	
14	SO	RS	.	N	^	n	~	
15	SI	US	/	O	_	o	DEL	

# ISO 8859

- ISO 8859-1 (ISO Latin 1): 190 + control = 256: 1 octet  
Western European, default for HTTP

- More variants

A0	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6	A7	A8	A9	AA	AB	AC	AD	AE	AF
	í	í	í	í	í	í	í	í	í	í	í	í	í	í	í
B0	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	B8	B9	BA	BB	BC	BD	BE	BF
°	±	²	³	¼	½	¾	¸	¹	º	»	¼	½	¾	¸	¹
C0	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	CA	CB	CC	CD	CE	CF
À	Á	Â	Ã	Ä	Å	Æ	Ç	È	É	Ê	Ë	Ì	Í	Î	Ï
D0	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7	D8	D9	DA	DB	DC	DD	DE	DF
Ð	Ñ	Ò	Ó	Ô	Õ	Ö	×	Ø	Ù	Ú	Û	Ü	Ý	Þ	ß
E0	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6	E7	E8	E9	EA	EB	EC	ED	EE	EF
à	á	â	ã	ä	å	æ	ç	è	é	ê	ë	ì	í	î	ï
F0	F1	F2	F3	F4	F5	F6	F7	F8	F9	FA	FB	FC	FD	FE	FF
ð	ñ	ò	ó	ô	õ	ö	÷	ø	ù	ú	û	ü	ý	þ	ÿ

ISO 8859-15 extends -1 + ÿ, €

ISO 8859-2 (Central European)

ISO 8859-4 (North European)

ISO 8859-5 (Cyrillic)

ISO 8859-6 (Arabic) — Most common Arabic glyphs

ISO 8859-7 (Greek)

ISO 8859-8 (Hebrew) — modern Hebrew.

ISO 8859-9 (Turkish, Kurdish)

ISO 8859-11 (Thai) — Contains most glyphs needed

# Universal Coded Character Set Unicode

All characters from all written languages + math + emoticons  
= Universal Character Set (UCS)

Encoding: UCS-4 bytes (fixed length)

Proportional spacing, language independent

Unicode consortium: synchronized with ISO,

- Unicode 9.0.0 (7/2016): 128,172 symbols 🤪 🍕
- U+hex code: U+0020 = ' ' (*code points* of 21 bits)

Character Encodings: Universal Transformation Format (UTF)

- Difficulty or impossibility to transport 8 or 16 bits data in Internet protocols:
- UTF-7, **UTF-8**, UTF-16, UTF-32 (variable length)  
UTF-8 uses 1..4 “*code units*” (bytes)



# Universal Coded Character Set Unicode



## • UTF-8 Encoding

- Determine high-order bits from the number of octets
- Fill in the bits marked x

Char. number range (hexadecimal)	UTF-8 octet sequence (binary)
0000 0000–0000 007F	0xxxxxxx
0000 0080–0000 07FF	110xxxxx 10xxxxxx
0000 0800–0000 FFFF	1110xxxx 10xxxxxx 10xxxxxx
0001 0000–0010 FFFF	11110xxx 10xxxxxx 10xxxxxx 10xxxxxx

## • Example

- character: €
- code point: U+20AC
- code point in binary (12 bits): 10 0000 1010 1100
- 3 code units required:
- UTF-8: 11100010 10000010 10101100
- UTF-8 in hex: E282AC

# UTF-8

## *Unicode (or Universal Coded Character Set) Transformation Format – 8-bit*

This table shows UTF-8 as it is since 2003 (the `x` characters are replaced by the bits of the code point):

UTF-8 (2003)

Number of bytes	Bits for code point	First code point	Last code point	Byte 1	Byte 2	Byte 3	Byte 4
1	7	U+0000	U+007F	0xxxxxxx			
2	11	U+0080	U+07FF	110xxxxx	10xxxxxx		
3	16	U+0800	U+FFFF	1110xxxx	10xxxxxx	10xxxxxx	
4	21	U+10000	U+10FFFF	11110xxx	10xxxxxx	10xxxxxx	10xxxxxx

Character	Octal code point	Binary code point	Binary UTF-8	Octal UTF-8	Hexadecimal UTF-8
\$ U+0024	044	010 0100	00100100	044	24
¢ U+00A2	0242	000 1010 0010	11000010 10100010	302 242	C2 A2
€ U+20AC	020254	0010 0000 1010 1100	11100010 10000010 10101100	342 202 254	E2 82 AC
Ⓞ U+10348	0201510	0 0001 0000 0011 0100 1000	11110000 10010000 10001101 10001000	360 220 215 210	F0 90 8D 88

Source: Wikipedia

# Variable length encodings

- UTF-8 (8 bits) (rfc2044)

ContentType: text/plain; charset=UTF8

ContentTransferEncoding: 8bit

CatalÃ , FranÃ§ais, TÃmÃ on testi.

- UTF-7 (7 bits) (smtp ...)

ContentType: text/plain; charset=UTF7

ContentTransferEncoding: 7bit on testi.

Catal+AOA, Fran+AOcais, T+AOQm+AOQ

<https://www.charset.org/utf8-to-latin-converter>

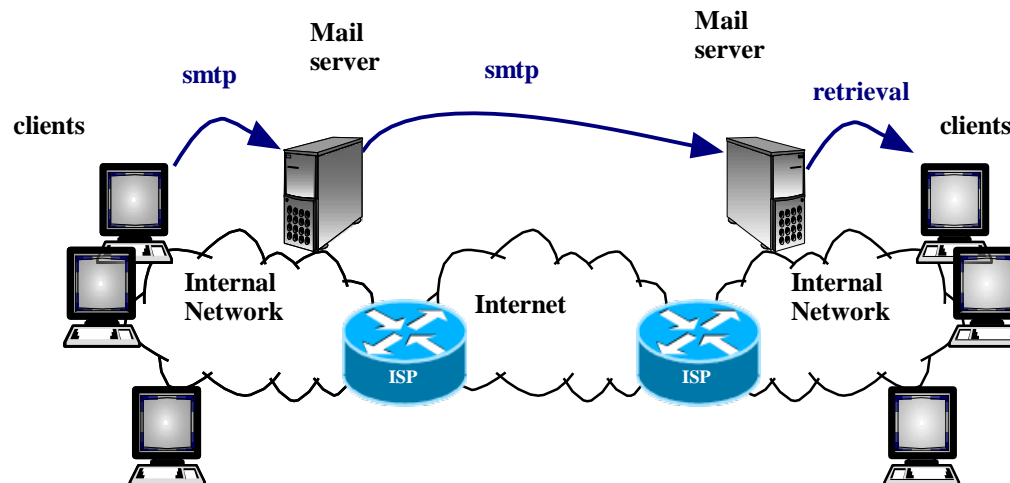
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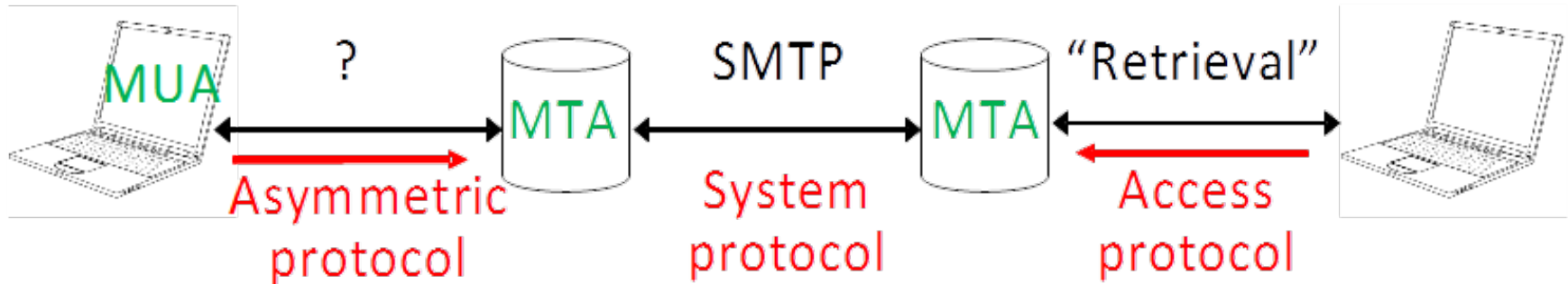
# Email

- **Electronic mail** (email): One of the first applications used in the Internet to electronic messaging.
- **Components:**
  - Transport layer: **TCP**, well-known port: **25**.
  - Application layer protocol: Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (**SMTP**). First defined by RFC-821 (Y 1982) and last updated by RFC-5321 (Y 2008).
  - Retrieval protocols (**IMAP, POP, HTTP**).



# Unit 5. Network applications

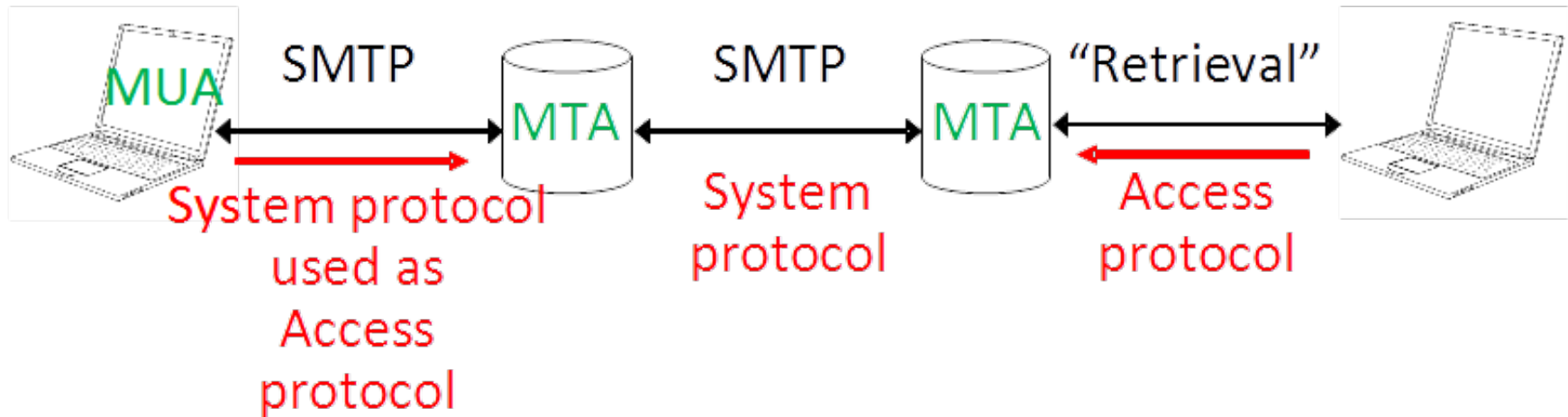
## Email - Architecture



- MUA: Mail User Agent
- MTA: Mail Transfer Agent
- *SMTP: Simple Mail Transfer Protocol*

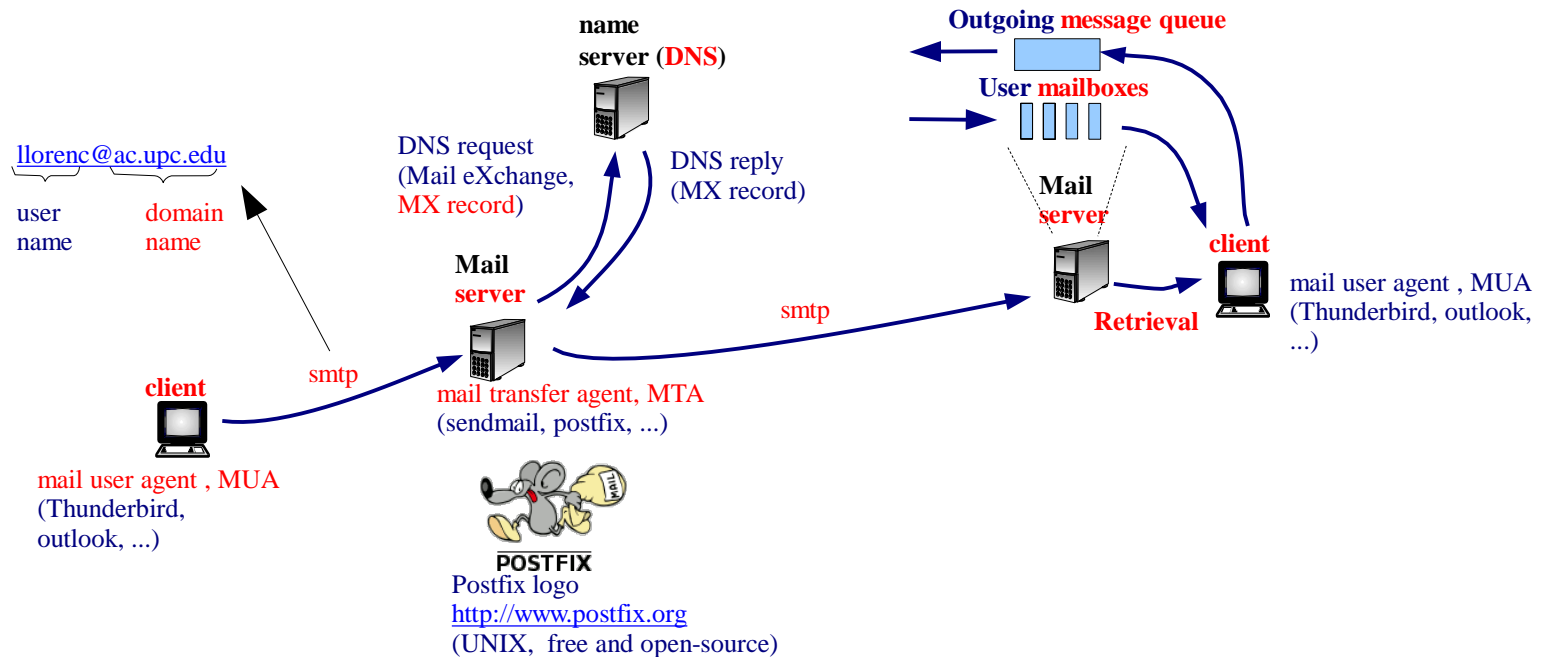
# Unit 5. Network applications

## Email - Protocols



- “Retrieval” protocols (mailbox access):
  - POP3 (*Post Office Protocol*)
  - IMAP (*Internet Message Access Protocol*)
- SMTP: Simple Mail Transfer Protocol

# Email - SMTP processing model



# Email - SMTP protocol (RFC-821, last update RFC-5321)

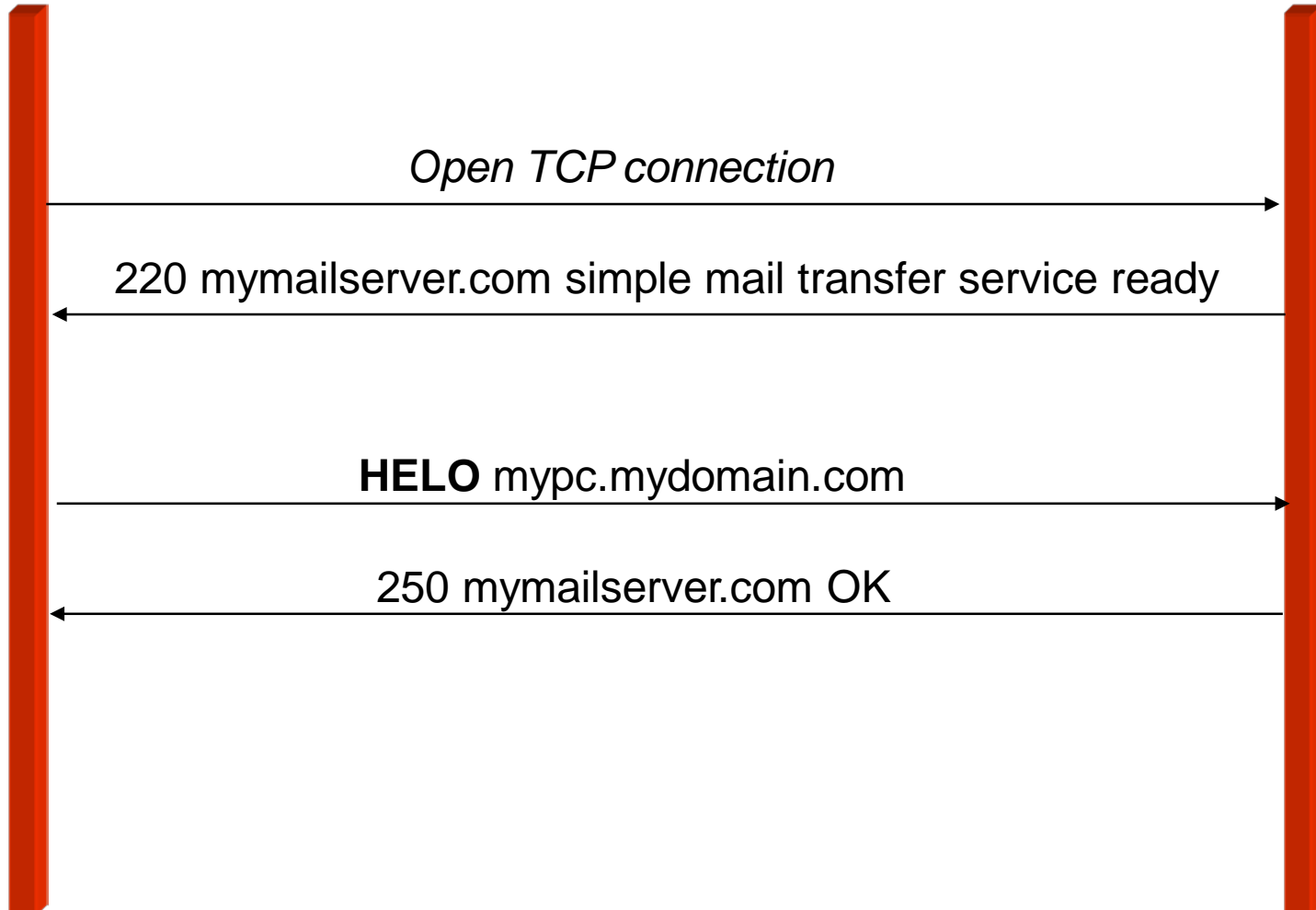
- Designed as a simple (few commands) and **text-based protocol** (ASCII).
  - **Client basic commands:**
    - HELO** (identify SMTP client)
    - MAIL FROM:** (identify sender mailbox)
    - RCPT TO:** (identify recipient mailbox)
    - DATA** (mail message)
    - QUIT** (close transaction)
  - **Server replies:** **Three digit** number (identify what state the client to enter next), and a **human understandable message**.

# SMTP protocol

Sender

Receiver

“Connection” establishment

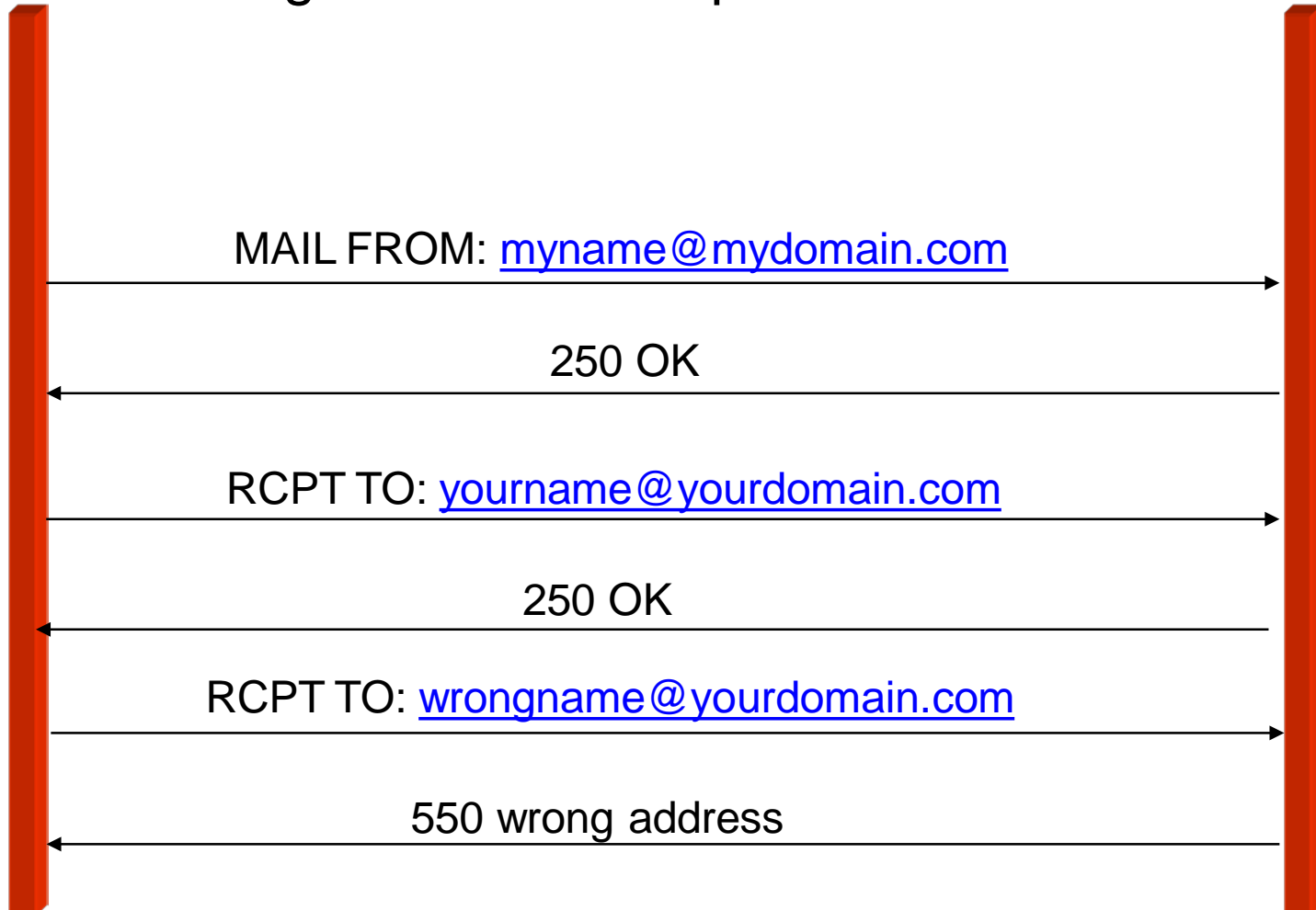


# SMTP protocol

Sender

Originator and Recipient information

Receiver

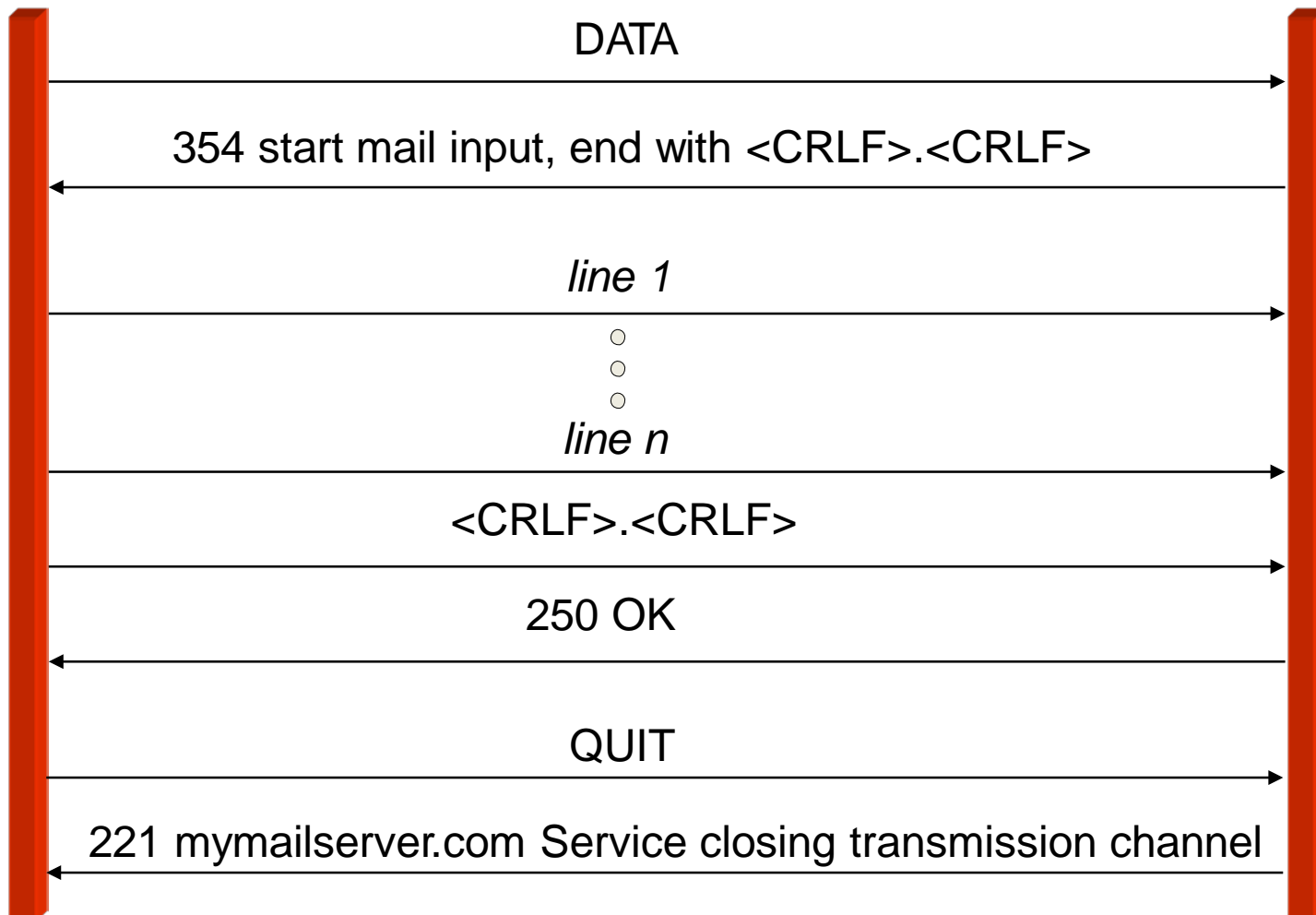


# SMTP protocol

Sender

Message transmission and Close

Receiver





# Email – message formats

- Format described in RFC-822 (update RFC-5322) **Internet Message Format**
- Example (extracted from the RFC):

```
From: John Doe <jdoe@machine.example>  
To: Mary Smith <mary@example.net>  
Subject: Saying Hello  
Date: Fri, 21 Nov 1997 09:55:06 0600  
MessageID: <1234@local.machine.example>
```

```
This is a message just to say hello. So,  
"Hello".
```

**Header:** gives information about the message. Fields defined in RFC-5322

**Empty line**

**Body**

# Email - SMTP protocol (RFC-5321, originally RFC-821)

Example: Manually send an email using telnet to port 25.

**CLIENT** linux ~> telnet relay.upc.edu 25  
Trying 147.83.2.12...  
Connected to relay.upc.edu.  
Escape character is '^['.

SMTP transaction

<b>SERVER</b>	220 dash.upc.es ESMTP Sendmail 8.14.1/8.13.1; Fri, 4 Feb 2011 14:57:15 +0100
<b>COMMANDS</b>	<b>HELO</b> linux.ac.upc.edu
	250 dash.upc.es Hello linux.ac.upc.edu [147.83.34.125], pleased to meet you
	<b>MAIL FROM:</b> <llorenc@ac.upc.edu>
	250 2.1.0 <llorenc@ac.upc.edu>... Sender ok
	<b>RCPT TO:</b> <albert@ac.upc.edu>
	250 2.1.5 <albert@ac.upc.edu>... Recipient ok
	<b>DATA</b>
	354 Enter mail, end with "." on a line by itself
	 Hello world . 250 2.0.0 p14DvFOQ008320 Message accepted for delivery
	<b>QUIT</b>
	221 2.0.0 dash.upc.es closing connection
	Connection closed by foreign host.
	linux ~>

Encrypted SMTP: port 465

# Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions: MIME

- Used in mail, web, etc.
- Specification for “Transport” of composite multimedia objects
  - Transport type information (receiver can automatically present)
  - Encoding to enable/facilitate the transfer
- The internal format becomes invisible to users
- Include one or more objects, text in diverse alphabets, large objects (fragments, refs), alternatives, etc.

# MIME: examples

From: Nathaniel Borenstein <[nsb@thumper.bellcore.com](mailto:nsb@thumper.bellcore.com)>  
To: Ned Freed <[ned@innosoft.com](mailto:ned@innosoft.com)>  
Subject: Plain old email

This is a plain old email message.  
It contains ASCII text, nothing more.

.....

From: Nathaniel Borenstein <[nsb@thumper.bellcore.com](mailto:nsb@thumper.bellcore.com)>  
To: Ned Freed <[ned@innosoft.com](mailto:ned@innosoft.com)>  
Subject: Plain text mail  
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

This is plain text mail.

.....

...Subject: French mail  
Content-type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1  
Content-transfer-encoding: quoted-printable  
  
Le courrier =E9lectronique =E0 la fran=E7aise ...

■

...Content-type: image/gif  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: Base64  
R0lGODdhSgGgAfUAAENDQ01NTTw8PEVF...

# MIME: example multipart

From: Nathaniel Borenstein <[nsb@bellcore.com](mailto:nsb@bellcore.com)>  
To: Ned Freed <[ned@innosoft.com](mailto:ned@innosoft.com)>  
Subject: A multipart example  
Content-Type: multipart/mixed; boundary=CUT\_HERE

--CUT\_HERE

Content-type: text/plain

Hey, Ned, look at this neat picture:

--CUT\_HERE

Content-type: image/gif

Content-Transfer-Encoding: base64

5WVlZ6enqqqqr....

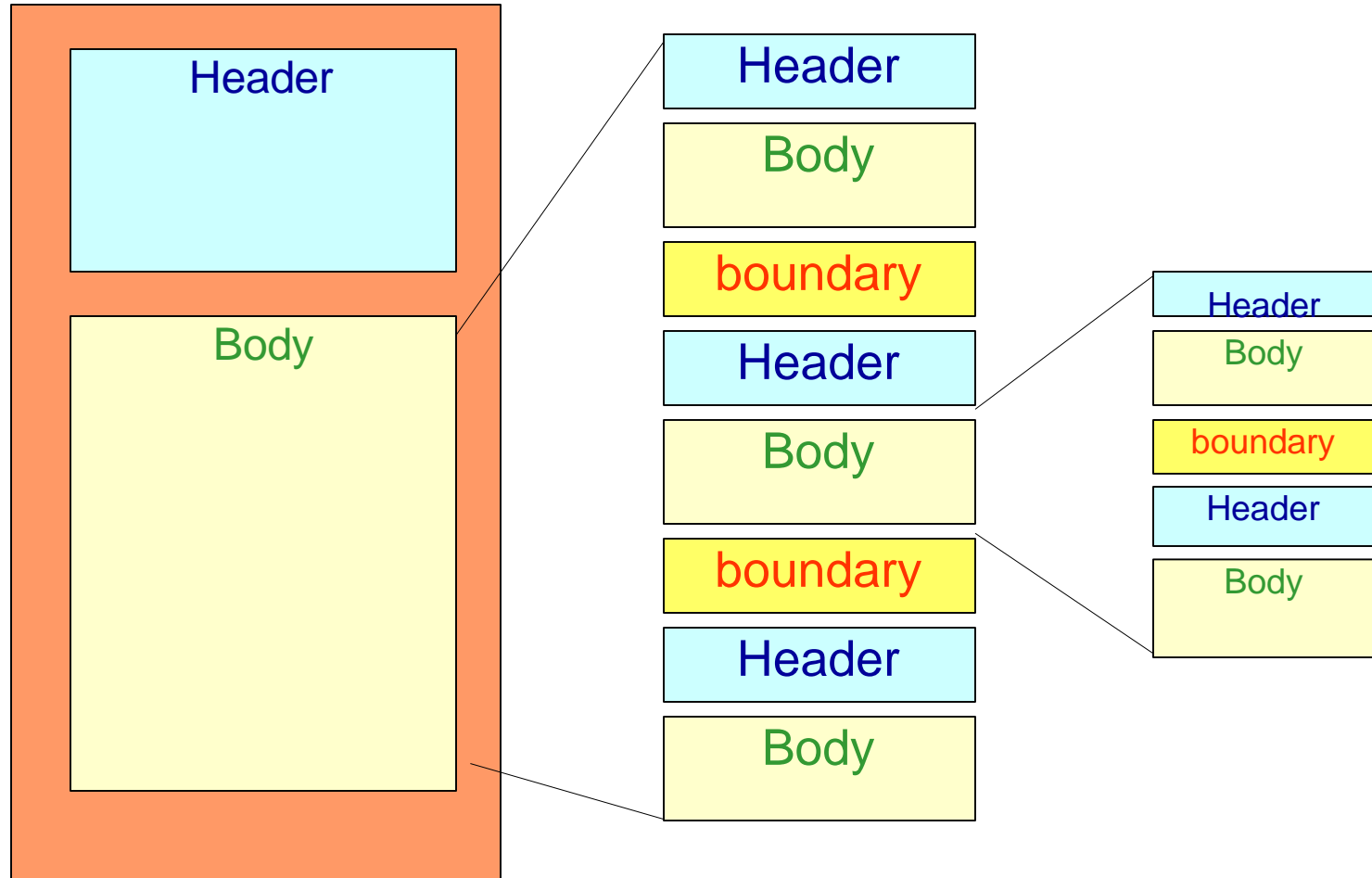
--CUT\_HERE

Content-type: text/plain

Wasn't that neat?

--CUT\_HERE--

# MIME multipart message



# MIME: content type

- Text: ...
  - Attribute: charset=iso-8859-1 text/plain
  - (simple text), text/html ...
- Image: image/gif, image/jpeg, image/png ...
- Audio: sound, voice, music ... Application:
- application specific content
  - Application/octet-stream: data without any associated application
  - Application/organization-product
- Multipart: a set of objects
  - **Mixed**: a combination of several objects
  - **Alternative**: an object in several formats to select one (text/html/rtf)
  - Parallel: several objects for simultaneous presentation (e.g. audio+video)
  - Digest: collection of messages
  - Related: set of objects part of a single object (web page)
- Message:
  - RFC822: a complete message (eg. resent message) Partial:
  - a fragment ...
  - External-Body: a reference to an external object

Registration scheme  
Type/subtype:  
maintained by IANA

# MIME content types

- Content-Type element structure:
  - **type/subtype**
- Examples of type/subtype:
  - application/pdf, application/msword, application/soap+xml, application/vnd.ms-powerpoint, application/vnd.nokia.radio-preset, ...
  - audio/GSM, audio/mpeg, audio/vnd.dolby.mps, ...
  - image/gif, image/jpeg, image/png, image/vnd.adobe.photoshop, ...
  - text/plain, text/html, text/vnd.dvb.subtitle, ...
  - message/rfc822, message/http, ...
  - model/iges, ...
  - multipart/mixed, multipart/alternative, ...
  - video/H264, video/mp4, video/vnd.nokia.videovoip, ...



# MIME: content transfer encoding

Ways to encode content: (to “get through” a 7 bit transport)

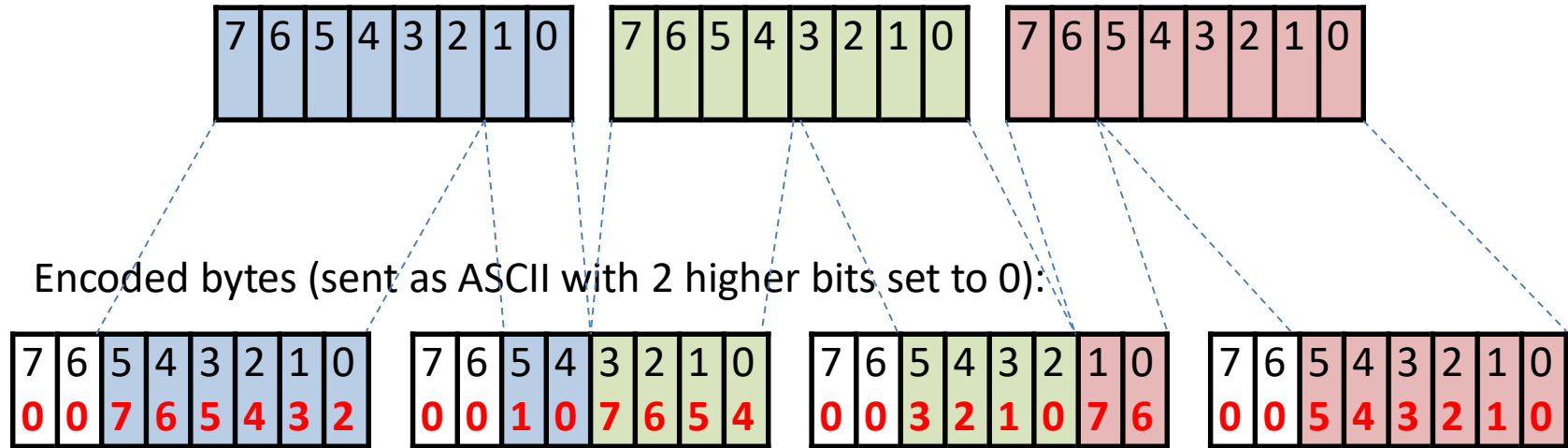
- Quoted-Printable:
  - The majority of text is 7 bits, transform some characters € → =E4
  - The result “almost” legible without decoding. Depends on the charset
- Base64:
  - 3 bytes (24 bits) <=> 4 ASCII (32 bits)
  - A-Za-z0-9+/=
  - '=' as padding, other are ignored (\r, \n, ...)
- Binary: No encoding: any character and lines of any length
- 7Bit: No character encoding (all 7 bits) and lines of appropriate length
- 8Bit: No character encoding (8 bits) and lines of appropriate length
- In the heading (exemple):

MIME-Version: 1.0

Subject: =?iso-8859-1?Q?acentuaci=F3n=20t=EDpica?=  
=

# Base64 encoding

Bytes to transmit (8 bits either 0 or 1):



Only ASCII values from 0 to 63  
(**64** possible values)

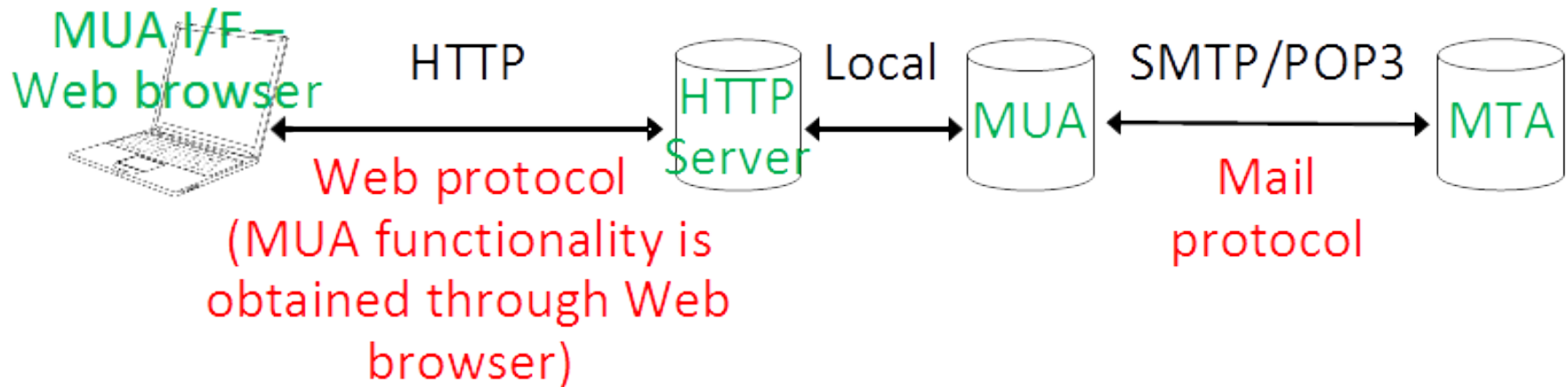
Inefficiency: 4 bytes transmitted for every 3 bytes!

# Mailbox Access protocols

- Post Office Protocol (POP) version 3 (POP3)
  - RFC 1939 (1996)
  - Client-server protocol (Asymmetric)
  - Messages retrieved from the mail server (copied locally).
- Internet Message Access Protocol (IMAP)
  - RFC 3501 (2003). 1<sup>st</sup> version 4 in RFC 1730 (1994). 1<sup>st</sup> RFC (version 2) in 1988 (RFC 1064).
  - Client-server protocol (Asymmetric)
  - Messages accessed and managed (folders, ...) at the server

# Unit 5. Network applications

## Email - Webmail



- Web front-end for mail services. The MUA is a web browser.
- Real protocol to access the services: HTTP (web).
- The HTTP server machine uses SMTP or POP3, as required.

# Unit 5. Network applications

## Email - retrieval protocols

- Post Office Protocol (**POP**), RFC-1939:
  - POP server listens on **well-known port 110**
  - **POPS port 995**
  - User normally **deletes messages** upon retrieval
- Internet Message Access Protocol (**IMAP**) RFC-3501:
  - IMAP server listens on **well-known port 143 (IMAPS port 993)**
  - **Messages remain on the server** until the user explicitly deletes them.
  - Provide **commands** to create folders, move messages, download only parts of the messages (e.g. only the headers)
- **Web based Email (HTTP)**
  - A web server handles users mailboxes. User agent is a web browser, thus, using HTTP to send and retrieve email messages.

## CORREO ENTRANTE

### IMAP

**Nombre de usuario / email:**

antonio.garcia@tudominio.ext

**Contraseña:** la que escogiste durante la activación

**Puerta:** 143

**Nombre del Servidor:** pop.tudominio.ext

### POP3

**Nombre de usuario / email:**

antonio.garcia@tudominio.ext

**Contraseña:** la que escogiste durante la activación

**Puerta:** 110

**Nombre del Servidor:** pop.tudominio.ext

## CORREO SALIENTE

### SMTP (correo electrónico)

**Nombre de usuario / email:**

antonio.garcia@tudominio.ext

**Contraseña:** la que escogiste durante la activación

**Puerta:** 25

**Nombre del Servidor:** authsmtp.tudominio.ext

### SMTP (dominio)

**Nombre de usuario / email:** smtp@tudominio.ext

**Contraseña:** la que escogiste durante la activación

**Puerta:** 25

**Nombre del Servidor:** authsmtp.tudominio.ext

No SSL ☒ SSL

[¿Qué es SSL?](#)

## CORREO ENTRANTE

### IMAP

**Nombre de usuario / email:**

antonio.garcia@tudominio.ext

**Contraseña:** la que escogiste durante la activación

**Puerta:** 993

**Nombre del Servidor:** pop.securemail.pro

### POP3

**Nombre de usuario / email:**

antonio.garcia@tudominio.ext

**Contraseña:** la que escogiste durante la activación

**Puerta:** 995

**Nombre del Servidor:** pop.securemail.pro

## CORREO SALIENTE

### SMTP (correo electrónico)

**Nombre de usuario / email:**

antonio.garcia@tudominio.ext

**Contraseña:** la que escogiste durante la activación

**Puerta:** 465

**Nombre del Servidor:** authsmtp.securemail.pro

### SMTP (dominio)

**Nombre de usuario / email:** smtp@tudominio.ext

**Contraseña:** la que escogiste durante la activación

**Puerta:** 465

**Nombre del Servidor:** authsmtp.securemail.pro

No SSL  SSL

[¿Qué es SSL?](#)

SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) es un protocolo para transmitir información de manera segura.



**Baixada POP:**  
[Més informació](#)

**1. Estat: POP està inhabilitat**

- ☐ Activa POP per a tots els missatges
- ☐ Activa POP als missatges que arribin a partir d'ara

**2. Quan s'accedeix als missatges a través de POP** conserva la còpia de Gmail a la Safata d'entrada ▼

**3. Configureu el vostre client de correu electrònic** (per exemple, Outlook, Eudora, Netscape Mail)  
[Instruccions de configuració](#)

**Accés IMAP:**  
(accedeix a Gmail des d'altres clients amb IMAP)  
[Més informació](#)

**Estat: IMAP està habilitat**

- ☒ Activa IMAP
- ☐ Desactiva IMAP

**Quan marco un missatge a IMAP com a suprimir:**

- ☒ Eliminació automàtica activada: actualitza immediatament el servidor. (predeterminat)
- ☐ Eliminació automàtica desactivada: s'espera que el client actualitzi el servidor.

**Quan un missatge es marca com a suprimir i s'elimina de l'última carpeta IMAP visible:**

- ☒ Arxiva el missatge (predeterminat)
- ☐ Mou el missatge a la Paperera
- ☐ Suprimeix el missatge de manera immediata i definitiva

**Limits de mida de les carpetes**

- ☒ No limitis el nombre de missatges en una carpeta IMAP (predeterminat)
- ☐ Limita les carpetes IMAP perquè continguin aquesta quantitat de missatges com a màxim 1.000 ▼

**Configureu el vostre client de correu electrònic** (per exemple, Outlook, Thunderbird, iPhone)  
[Instruccions de configuració](#)



Utilitzeu la taula següent per actualitzar el vostre client amb la informació correcta. Si necessiteu ajuda per actualitzar la configuració d'IMAP, cerqueu les instruccions al Centre d'ajuda del client de correu electrònic corresponent.

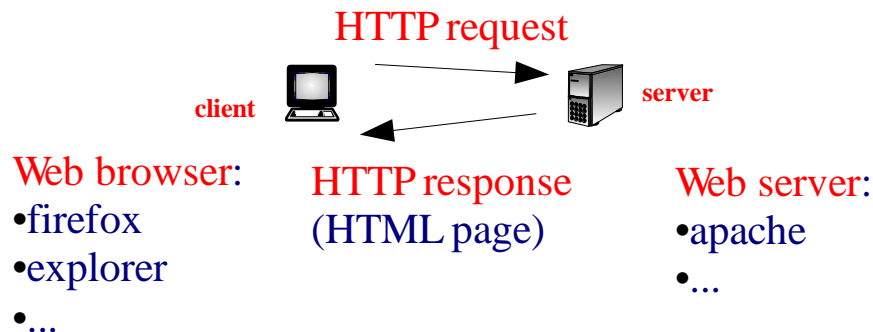
Servidor de correu entrant (IMAP)	imap.gmail.com  Requereix SSL: sí  Port: 993
Servidor de correu sortint (SMTP)	smtp.gmail.com  Requereix SSL: sí  Requereix TLS: sí (si està disponible)  Requereix autenticació: sí  Port per a SSL: 465  Port per a TLS/STARTTLS: 587
Nom complet o visible	El vostre nom
Nom del compte, nom d'usuari o adreça electrònica	La vostra adreça electrònica completa
Contrasenya	La vostra contrasenya de Gmail

# Outline

- DNS
- Charsets
- Email (SMTP)
- **Web (HTTP)**
- HTML

# Web

- **World Wide Web, www**: was started by Tim John Berners-Lee in 1989 and developed in the 90s to provide an easy access to information in the Internet.
- **Components**:
  - Transport layer: **TCP**, well-known port: **80**.
  - Application layer protocol: HyperText Transfer Protocol (**HTTP**). RFC1945 (HTTP-1.0 Y1996), RFC2616 (HTTP-1.1 Y1999).
  - HyperText Markup Language (**HTML**): Language used to format web documents.



```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<!-- created 2010-01-01 -->
<head>
<title>sample</title>
</head>
<body>
<p>Voluptatem accusantium
totam rem aperiam.</p>
</body>
</html>
```

HTML

Source: wikipedia

# Web elements

- Protocol
  - **HTTP** (HyperText Transfer Protocol)
- Information (format)
  - **HTML** (HyperText Markup Language)
- LINK to information
  - **URI** (Uniform Resource Identifier):
    - URN** (Name), **URL** (Locator)

## Web – links

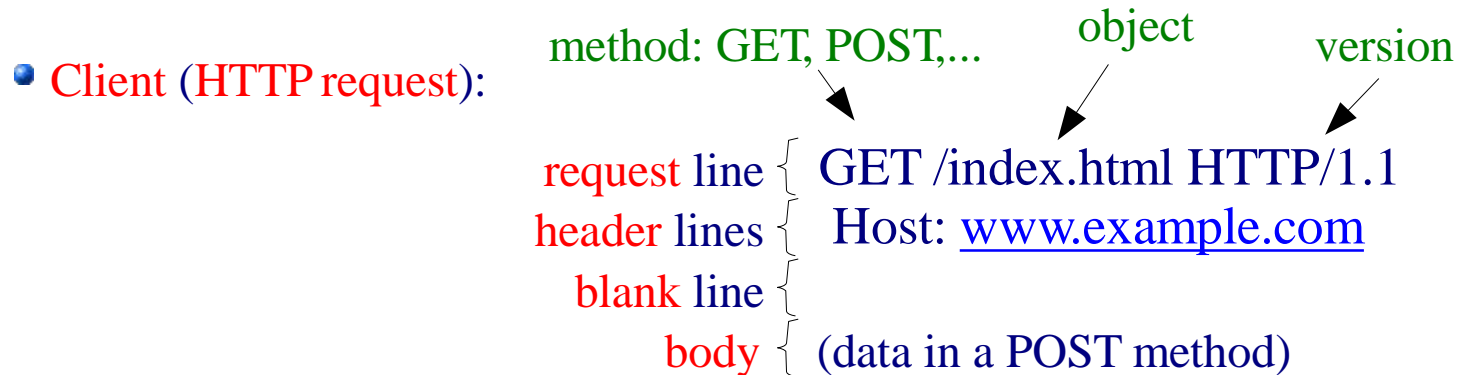


- Uniform Resource Identifier (**URI**) RFC3986
  - Generic syntax to identify a resource.
- Uniform Resource Locator (**URL**) RFC1738
  - Subset of URIs identifying the locating a resource in the Internet.
- The **URL general syntax** is

**scheme://username:password@domain:port/path?query\_string#fragment\_id**

- **scheme**: Purpose, and the syntax of the remaining part. http, gopher, file, ftp...
- **domain** name or IP address gives the destination location. The port is optional.
- **query\_string**: contains data to be passed to the server.
- **fragment\_id**: specifies a position in the html page.
- **Examples**:
  - <http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc1738>
  - <http://147.83.2.135>
  - <http://studies.ac.upc.edu/FIB/grau/XC/#Practs>
  - <file:///home/llorenc/gestio/2010/cd/autors.html>
  - [http://www.amazon.com/product/03879/refs9?pf\\_ra=ATVPD&pf\\_rd=07HR2](http://www.amazon.com/product/03879/refs9?pf_ra=ATVPD&pf_rd=07HR2)

# Web – HTTP Messages, RFC2616



- **Header:** Allows the client to give additional information about the request and the client itself.
  - Host:
    - host of the resource being requested
    - mandatory in HTTP/1.1

# Web – HTTP Messages, RFC2616

- **Methods:**

- **GET** Typical command. Requests an object.
- **POST** Request an object qualified by the data in the body. This data is the contents of the HTML form fields, provided by the client.
- **HEAD** the server returns only the header
- **OPTIONS** request communication options
- **PUT** store entity
- **PATCH** modify an existing resource
- **DELETE** delete entity
- **TRACE** final recipient echoes the received message back
- **CONNECT** used with a proxy

- **NOTES**

- **Most used:** GET, POST
- **Safe and mandatory:** GET, HEAD

# Web – HTTP Messages, RFC2616

- **POST** uses **MIME** types: **application/octet-stream**, to send raw binary data, and **application/x-www-form-urlencoded**, to send name-value pairs. Example:

request line { **POST** /login.jsp HTTP/1.1

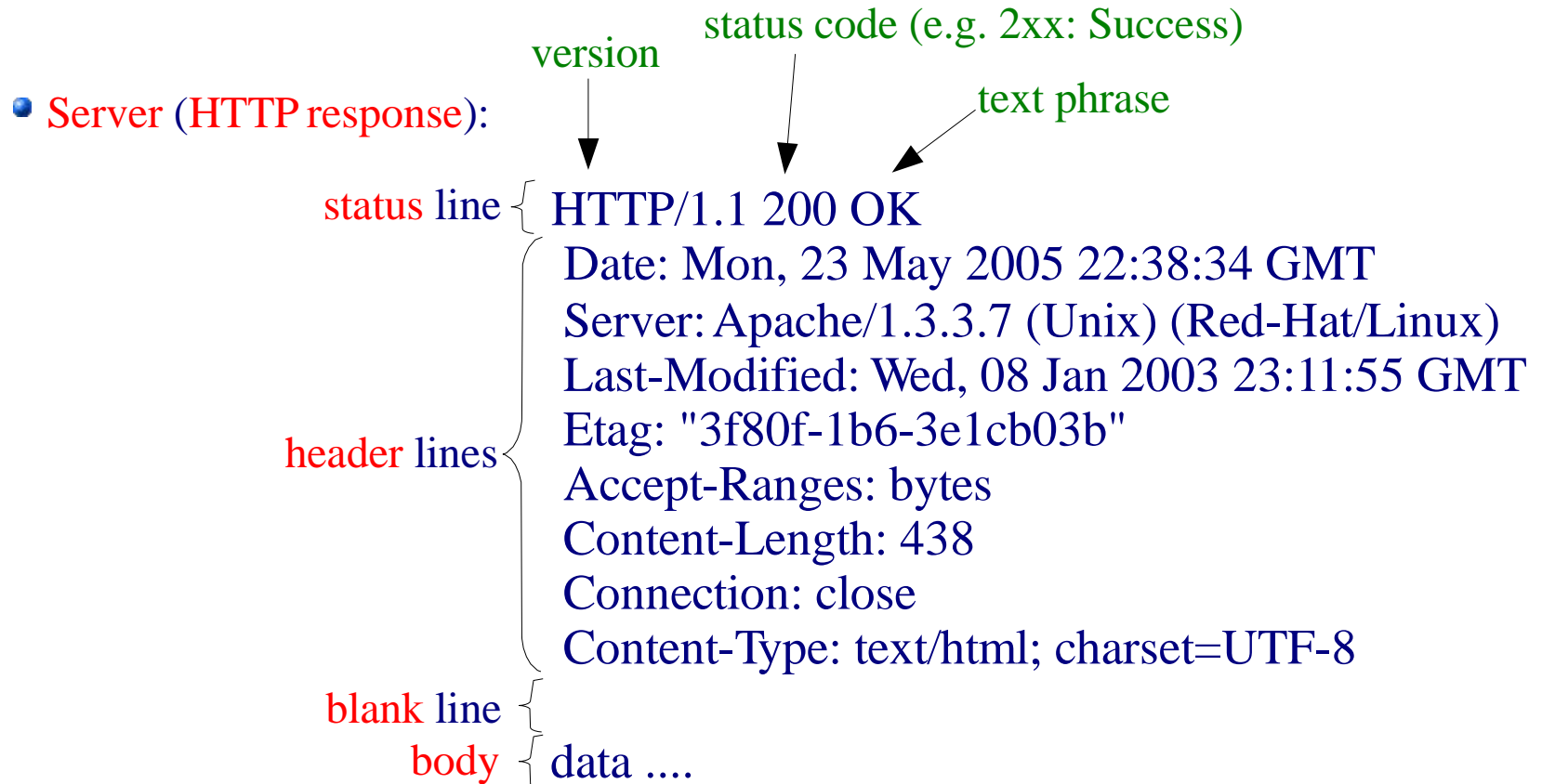
header lines { Host: [www.mysite.com](http://www.mysite.com)  
User-Agent: Mozilla/4.0  
Content-Length: 27  
**Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded**

blank line {

body { userid=llorenc&password=mypassword



# Web – HTTP Messages, RFC2616



# Web – HTTP Messages, RFC2616

- **Header**
  - **Last-Modified**: date, used in conditional retrieval.
  - **Etag**: id, used in conditional retrieval.
  - **Connection**: keep-alive/close, controls whether or not the network connection stays open after the current transaction.
  - **Accept**: <MIME\_type>/<MIME\_subtype>, acceptable mime types.
  - ...

## Web – Persistent/non Persistent connections

- **Non persistent** (default in HTTP/1.0): The server closes the TCP connection after every object. E.g, for an html page with 10 jpeg images, 11 TCP connections are sequentially opened.
- **Persistent** (default in HTTP/1.1) : The server maintains the TCP connection open until an inactivity time. All 11 objects would be sent over the same TCP connection.
- Persistent connections with **pipelining** (supported only in HTTP/1.1): The client issues new requests as soon as it encounters new references, even if the objects have been not completely downloaded.

## Web – Caching and Proxies

- **Caching**: The client stores downloaded pages in a local cache. **Conditional GET** requests are used to download pages if necessary. It can use the **Date** and/or **Etag**:

GET /index.html HTTP/1.1

Host: [www.example.com](http://www.example.com)

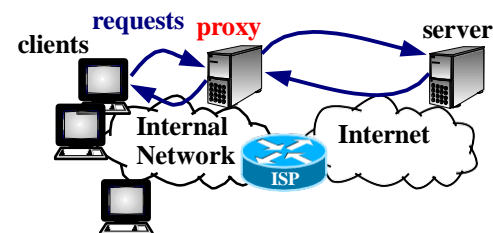
**If-Modified-Since**: October 21, 2002 4:57 PM

**If-None-Match**: "686897696a7c876b7e"

- **Proxy server**: Acts as an intermediary for requests from clients.

- **Advantages:**

- Security (the proxy may reject the access to unauthorized servers)
- Logs
- Caching
- Save public IP addresses (only the proxy may have access to the Internet)
- ...



# Web – web based applications

- **Components:**

- **Presentation:** A web browser (client side).
- **Engine** generating “on the fly” HTML pages (server side).
  - Languages:
    - Java.
    - Hypertext Preprocessor (PHP): Embedded program language and HTML code (<http://www.php.net>).
    - Other: ASP, CGI, ColdFusion, Perl, Python...
- **Storage:** a database (e.g. mysql).

- **Benefits:**

- Fast to deploy and upgrade (only server side).
- Only a compatible browser is required at the client side.
- Provide cross-platform compatibility (i.e., Windows, Mac, Linux, etc.)