Week3: Transport Layer Pt1

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Transport Layer Overview

- **Goals:** Understand principles behind transport layer services and learn about Internet transport layer protocols (UDP and TCP).
- Topics Covered:
 - Transport-layer services
 - Multiplexing and demultiplexing
 - Connectionless transport (UDP)
 - Principles of reliable data transfer
 - Connection-oriented transport (TCP)
 - Principles of congestion control
 - TCP congestion control
 - Evolution of transport-layer functionality

Key Concepts

- Process-to-Process Communication
- Multiplexing and Demultiplexing
- Connection-oriented vs Connectionless Services
- Flow Control and Error Control

Main Protocols

 TCP (Transmission Control Protocol) - Reliable, connection-oriented protocol-Provides flow control and congestion control - Used for applications requiring

guaranteed delivery

 UDP (User Datagram Protocol) - Unreliable, connectionless protocol-Lightweight, no overhead for connection setup - Suitable for real-time applications

Transport Layer Services

- 1. Addressing using ports
- 2. Segmentation and reassembly
- 3. Connection establishment (for TCP)
- 4. Flow control mechanisms
- 5. Error detection and handling

Transport Services and Protocols

- **Functions:** Provide logical communication between application processes on different hosts.
- **Protocols:** TCP (reliable, in-order delivery, congestion control, flow control, connection setup) and UDP (unreliable, unordered delivery).

Multiplexing and Demultiplexing

- Multiplexing: Handling data from multiple sockets, adding transport headers.
- **Demultiplexing:** Using header info to deliver received segments to the correct socket.

Connectionless Transport: UDP - User Datagram Protocol

- Characteristics: Unreliable, unordered delivery, no setup needed, used in streaming multimedia apps, DNS, SNMP, and HTTP/3.
- UDP Segment Format: Includes source port, destination port, length, and checksum.

Reliable Data Transfer

ACK - Acknowledgment message sent by the receiver to confirm successful receipt of data. This forms a crucial part of reliable data transfer protocols by providing feedback to the sender about transmission status.

NAK - Negative Acknowledgment message sent by the receiver to indicate that a data segment was received with errors or was not received at all. NAKs trigger retransmission of the affected data segment from the sender.

- **Protocols:** RDT 2.0 (handles bit errors with ACKs and NAKs), RDT 2.1 (handles corrupted ACK/NAKs with sequence numbers), RDT 2.2 (NAK-free protocol), and RDT 3.0 (handles packet loss with timers and retransmissions).
- Techniques: Stop-and-wait, pipelining, Go-Back-N, and Selective Repeat.

Connection-Oriented Transport: TCP - Transport Control Protocol

- Features: Reliable data transfer, flow control, connection management.
- TCP Segment Structure: Includes sequence numbers, acknowledgment numbers, and various flags for managing connections.

Principles of Congestion Control

• **TCP Congestion Control:** Mechanisms to avoid network congestion, ensuring efficient data transfer.

Port Numbers

- Well-known ports (0-1023)
- Registered ports (1024-49151)
- Dynamic/Private ports (49152-65535)

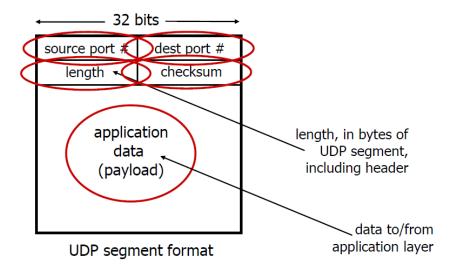
Summary

- Multiplexing/Demultiplexing: Based on segment header values.
- **UDP**: Simple, no-frills protocol, suitable for applications that can tolerate loss.
- **TCP:** Reliable, connection-oriented protocol with mechanisms for error recovery and congestion control.

Key Takeaways

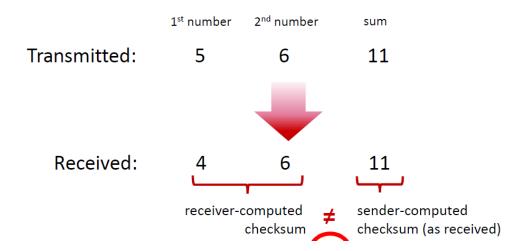
- Transport layer bridges application and network layers
- Provides essential services for reliable data transfer
- Choice between TCP and UDP depends on application requirements
- Port numbers enable multiple applications to communicate simultaneously

UDP segment header



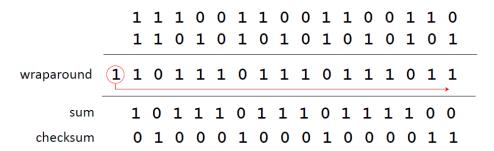
UDP checksum

Goal: detect errors (i.e., flipped bits) in transmitted segment



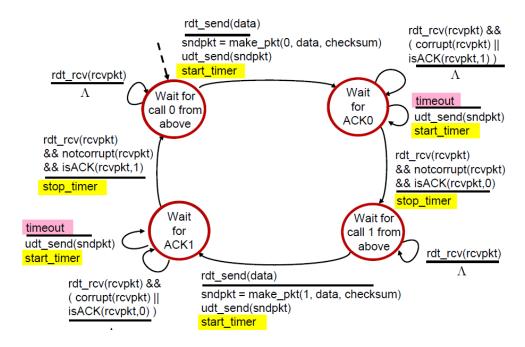
Internet checksum: an example

example: add two 16-bit integers

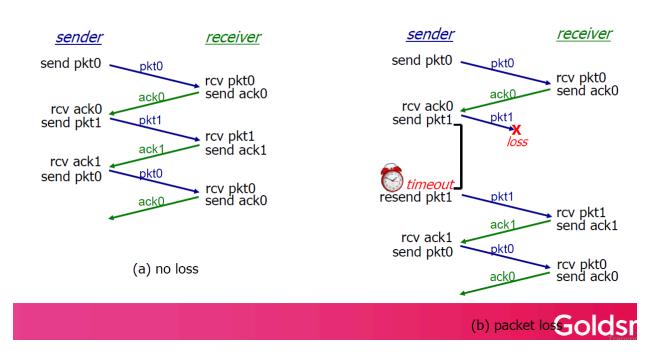


Note: when adding numbers, a carryout from the most significant bit needs to be added to the result

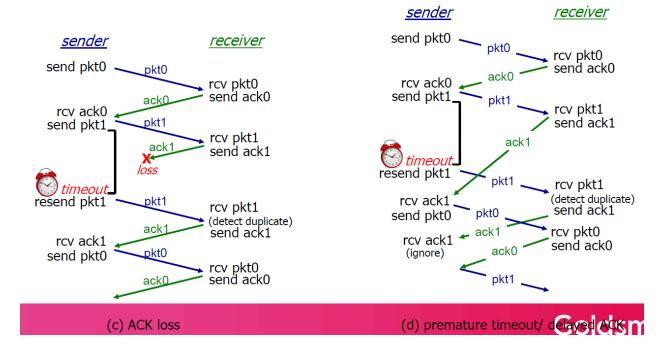
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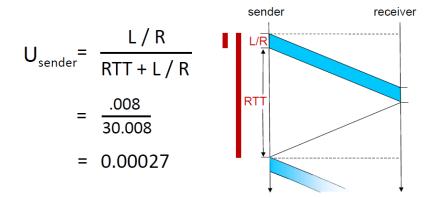
rdt3.0 in action



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rdt3.0: stop-and-wait operation



- rdt 3.0 protocol performance stinks!
- Protocol limits performance of underlying infrastructure (channel)