Logistics: April 17th (Week 3 Monday) lecture will be on Zoom

* Last week: best effort datagram - IP implementation
  + IP impl: (destination IP address, payload) -> Internet datagram {src IP address, dst address, TTL, payload, protocol}
  + Best-effort delivery
    - Delivered once
    - Never delivered
    - Delivered n > 1 times
    - Delivered with altered or truncated payload
    - Delivered to wrong destination
    - Delivered after another datagram that was sent later
  + User datagram protocol impl: (dst IP address, dst port #, payload) (UDPSocket::sendto(...))-> User datagram {contains src port, dst port, payload} (becomes payload of IP impl input)
  + Both provides best-effort delivery of datagrams (“unreliable”)
    - The fundamental difference between UDP and IP is that UDP is port-to-port (between unprivileged user programs) and IP is host-to-host/computer-to-computer (entities have internet addresses),
    - UDP and IP are in the OS kernel, but whatever that is on the top of UDP can be in user-space. Unprivileged user programs would not affect each other if the OS assigns a different port address to each user programs.
  + Q: what if datagrams are altered during transmission?  
    A: UDP and IP have light checksum field for detecting alteration, and delivery to a wrong destination is something that could happen under “best-effort”.
  + Q: how does Firefox know which dst port to send UDP to?  
    A: This is the same as how Firefox knows the dst IP address. (this question is deferred to later lecture)  
    (/etc/protocols: protocol index, /etc/services: port number)
  + Q: how does Firefox know its own port number?  
    A: The OS kernel assigns a src port to Firefox that won’t conflict with any other user program.
  + Q: how does Firefox know the source address of incoming datagrams?  
    A: UDPSocket::recv: (src address &, payload &)
  + Q: Do I have to listen to the port as specified by /etc/services?  
    A: It is possible to run a service not on a well-assigned port number.
* The protocol stack is a sequence of modules where each module only communicates with the layer 1-level upper and lower from it through service abstraction.
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* What can be built on top of UDP?
  + Unreliable text messaging
  + Voice over UDP (VoIP)
  + IP over UDP (VPN: Virtual Private Network)  
    Netflix -> UDP -> IP -> VPN Software -> UDP -> IP  
    Some machine in France: VPN Software <- UDP <- IP, and send the upper-layer IP datagram over the Internet.  
    When Netflix receives the datagram, it sees the src address as from France
* What if we want something more than “unreliable”? What if we want a “reliable retrievable short piece of data”?
  + Asker: request -> response can be built on top of UDP. Asker keeps sending until it gets an answer. Asker would eventually returns a response, and is “reliable”
  + host cs144.keithw.org is built as a user-program on top of UDP, and provides asker’s reliability (either returns or time-out)
  + For certain kind of requests, it is ok to make the request more than one time, but this is not the case for all requests.
  + What is the difference between reliable retrieval (“host cs144.keithw.org”) and reliable action (“Fire a torpedo”)? The kind of reliability that the service provides dictates how we design the service.