

# User Datagram Protocol (UDP)

## *Header*

TCP/IP Guide: [http://www.tcpipguide.com/free/t\\_UDPMessageFormat.htm](http://www.tcpipguide.com/free/t_UDPMessageFormat.htm)

## *Characteristics*

- Simple
- Fast

## *Uses*

- when performance is more important than completeness
- short messages
- broadcasts

## *Some applications that use UDP*

- DNS
- DHCP