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3) Threads are used in this application whenever a process needs to occur simult aneously to the main process. This means that there are two threads, the sender and the receiver. The sender will be waiting for data and source address from send() in LinkLayer, adding on the necessary frame bits, and sending it through the network. The receiver will be waiting for and receiving packets from the network and giving it to LinkLayer for use in itâ s recv().

4) send(): - Compares the length of the given â dataâ "buffer to the given â len - If â lenâ " is greater than â dataâ "â s length, it will gi ve all the bytes in â dataâ " to the sender thread to send in addition to the d estination address and the RF layer - If â dataâ ˝a ๋ s length is greater than â lenâ ˝, it will gi ve the first â lenâ "bytes of â dataā ' " to the sender thread to send in addit ion to the destination address and the RF layer - send() will then return with the amount of bytes that it passed to the sender thread - The sender thread, once given the data and destination address, will c reate a packet object to build the frame around the data. -this includes adding control, destination address, source addre ss, and CRC as well as the necessary bit manipulation before sending - Then the thread will go through the process drawn out on the finite st ate diagram. recv(Transmission t) {

//checks the boolean value "dataWaiting" from the packet that it shares

with the Receiver Thread

//if true, it fills the given transmission object with the data and sets
the "dataWaiting" variable to false

//The Receive thread waits for incoming data. If "dataWaiting" is tr
ue the thread will wait for it to be false and fills the packet with bytes comin
g from the RF layer,

//it then sets the boolean "dataWaiting" to true

//The number of bytes received, or -1 on error.
}