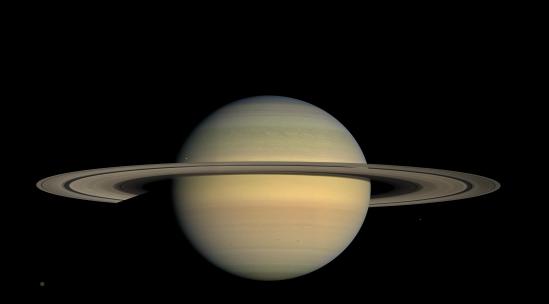
# DS-FTP: Deep Space File Transfer Protocol

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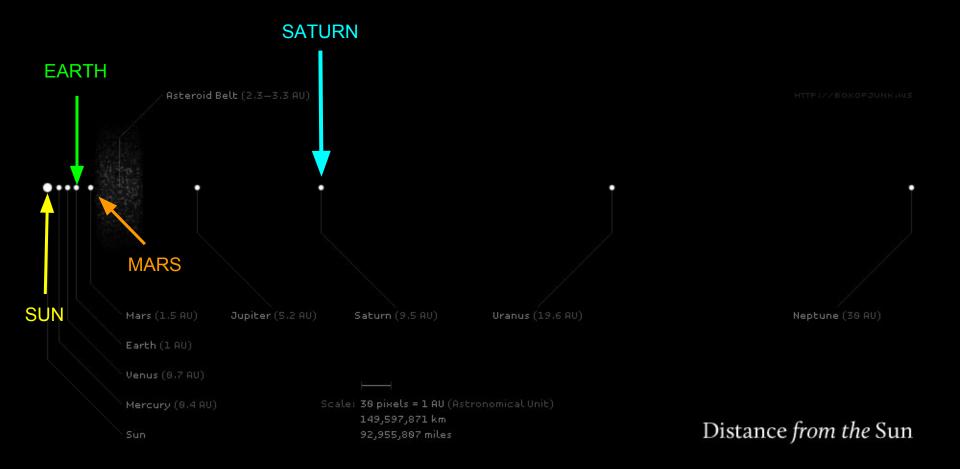




Saturn, as seen by the Cassini craft in 2008

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Saturn's second-largest moon, Titan. Solid surface, lakes of methane (rocket fuel) and nitrogen-atmosphere



## Introduction and Motivation

The year is 2563, and "Fast and Furious 482: Asteroid Drift" just came out back on Earth. You want to watch it, but how can you get a copy?

- Saturn is 4,260 light-seconds (~71 light-minutes) away from the earth
- Propagation delay = 4,260 seconds
- RTT = 8,520 seconds (2 hours 22 minutes)
- How do we send an IP-based message back and forth?

# Related Work (copies in github repo)

"Deep Space Transport Protocol: A novel transport scheme for Space DTNs", Papastergiou, Psaras, Tsaoussidis

"A Reconfigurable Context-Aware Protocol Stack for Interplanetary Communication", Peoples, Parr, Scotney, Moore

"Space for Internet and Internet for Space", Burleigh, Cerf, Crowcroft, Tsaoussidis

"The Interplanetary Internet implemented on a terrestrial testbed", Mukherjee, Ramamurthy

"Communication Technologies and Architectures for Space Network and Interplanetary Internet", Mukherjee, Ramamurthy

# Data Structures + Messages Message Block Ack Block

**UDP** Header

DS-FTP Message: Data

(4 bytes) checksum

(4 bytes) flags

int: messageNumber

int : messageSize
int : totalMessages

char [messageSize] : message

**UDP** Header

DS-FTP Message: ACK

(4 bytes) checksum

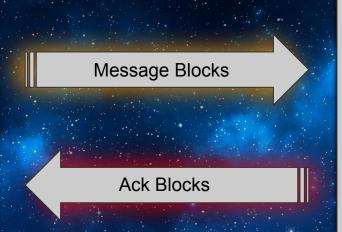
(4 bytes) flags

int [256] : AckBuf

# Sending and Receiving

#### Client (Sender)

- Read data from file and create messages
- 2. Send messages into link with dynamic redundancy
- 3. Wait for Ack packets and re-requests



#### Server (Receiver)

- Listen for incoming messages
- Write messages to file and mark in "messageTrackingTable"
- 3. Create AckBlock
  messages and send
  once 256 messages
  recieved or no messages
  recieved for 10 seconds

# Predictive Re-sending

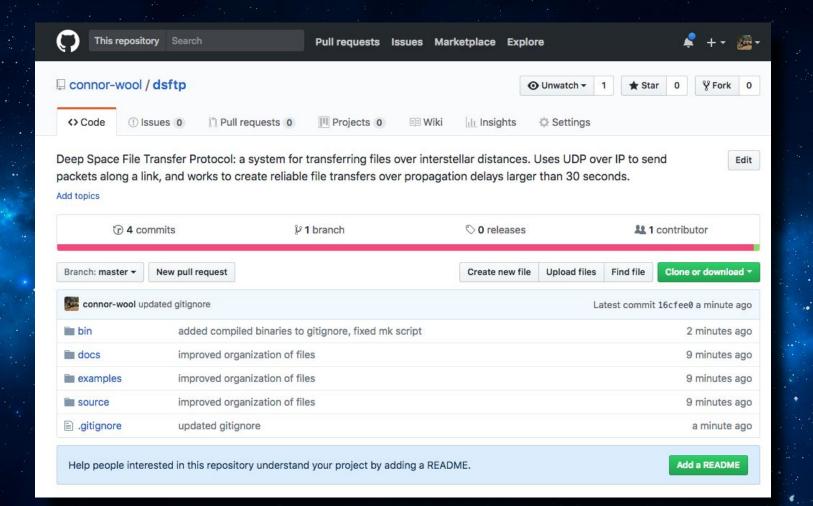
- The biggest enemy is dropped packets
- Instead of waiting for server to re-request packets, preemptively resend packets based on available bandwidth of link
- Could be implemented with NAT on the server side to cause extra packets to be dropped once connection is complete and server has closed port
- Server tracks message number associated with each packet, can identify duplicates

# File Management

- Uses the <fcntl.h> library for binary-level read/write to files
- All messages except final message are of MSG\_BLK\_MAX\_SIZE
  - Allows server-side process to seek through output file and arbitrarily write messages to their proper location in the final output file
- All messages have a "message size" field as a safeguard, server side uses this value to control # of bytes written to file

# Internet vs. Galaxy-net

- What does this mean for the future of the Internet?
- Internet
  - A group of interconnected hosts running the IP protocol, for which the propagation delay from any host A to any host B is at most 30 seconds
  - Allows for high-orbit spacecraft and nearby objects (moons, satellites, Imperial Star Destroyers) to be a part of the local planet's Internet system
- Galaxy-net
  - A group of Internets connected by EM/Optical long-distance transmission links
  - Communicate via file-transfer
  - Replicate important files across links and store cache files locally in each Internet



# Conclusions + Future Work

- Currently checksums are un-implemented (relying on link-level CRC)
- Current system only allows transfer of single file per connection
  - Add field for tracking which file a message is attached to, for constant stream of data between client and server