CS 330: Network Applications & Protocols

Transport Layer

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Protocol Layers

Top-Down Approach

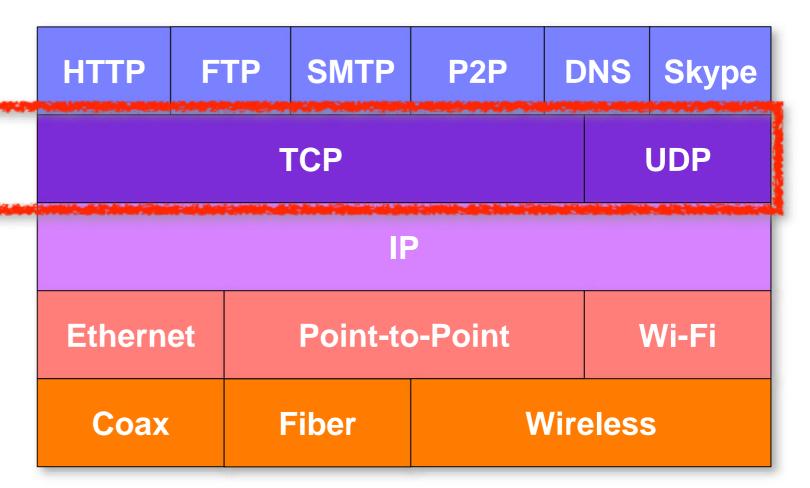
Layer 5: Application

Layer 4: Transport

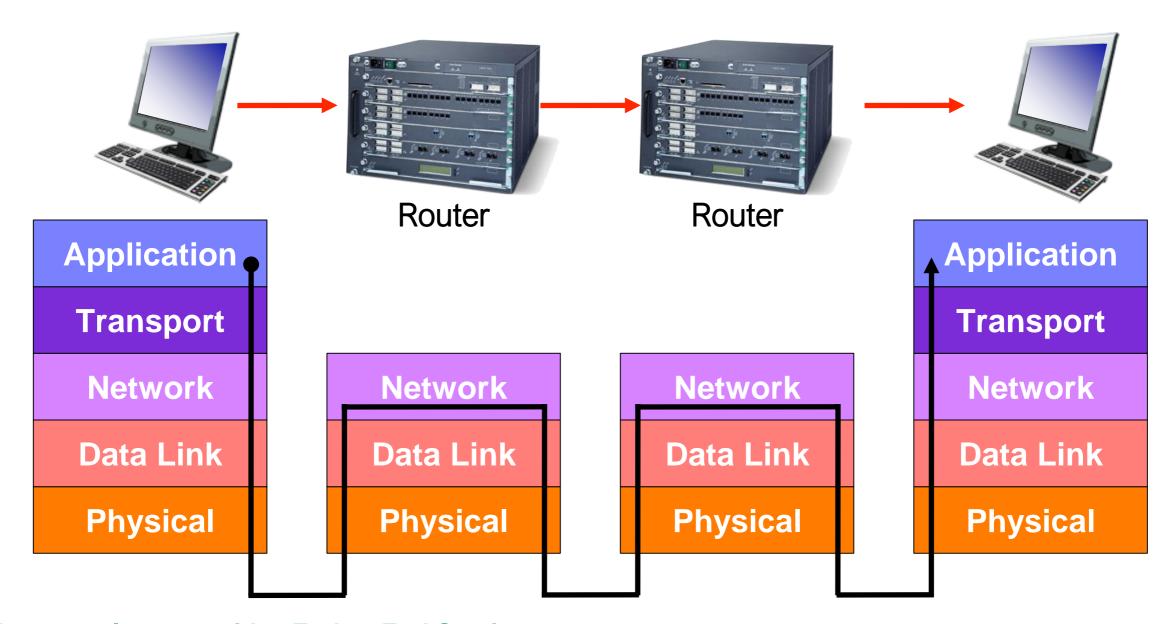
Layer 3: Network

Layer 2: Data Link

Layer 1: Physical



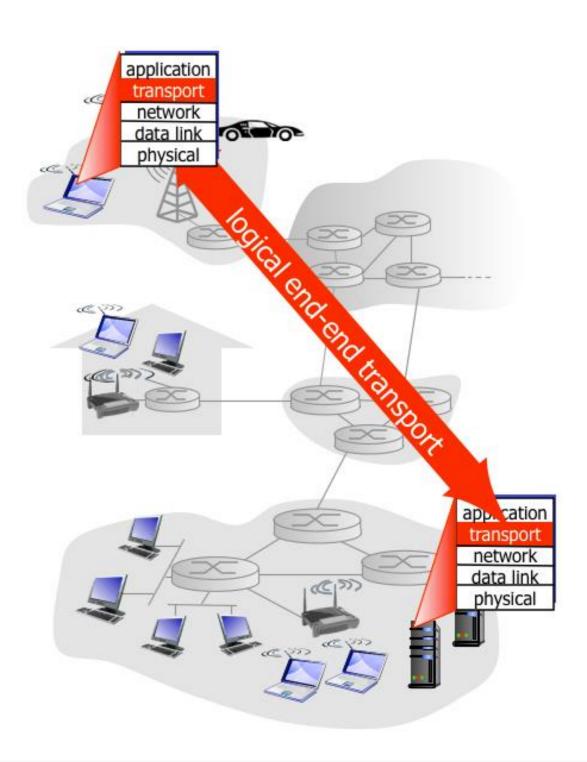
Transport Layer



- Transport layer provides End-to-End Services
 - Required at source and destination
 - Not required at intermediate hops

Transport Services and Protocols

- Provide logical communication between application processes running on different hosts
- Transport protocols run in end systems
 - Sending side: breaks application messages into segments, passes segments down to network layer
 - Receiving side: reassembles segments into messages, passes to application layer
- More than one transport protocol available to apps
 - Internet: TCP and UDP



Transport vs. Network layer

- Network layer: logical communication between hosts
- Transport layer: logical communication between processes
 - Relies on, enhances, network layer services

household analogy:

12 kids in Ann's house sending letters to

12 kids in Bill's house:

- hosts = houses
- processes = kids
- app messages = letters in envelopes
- transport protocol = Ann and Bill who demux to in-house siblings
- network-layer protocol = postal service

Internet Transport-layer Protocols

Reliable, in-order delivery: TCP

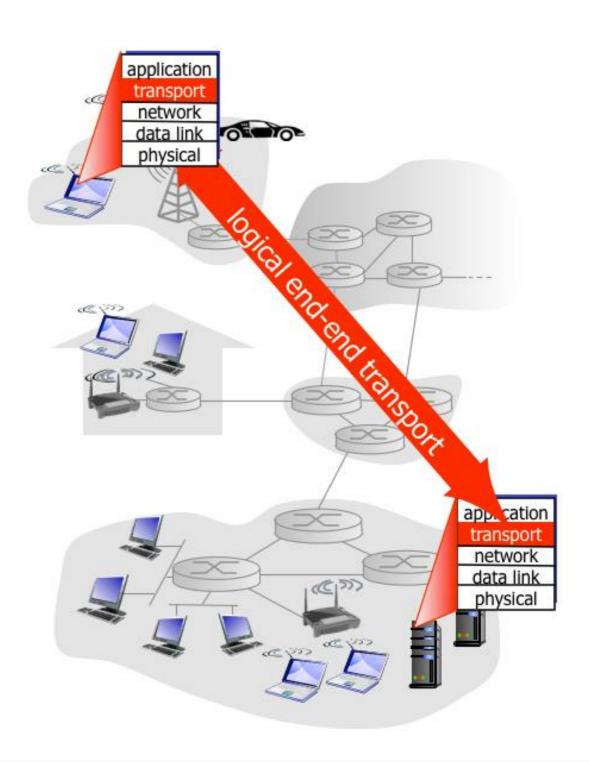
- Congestion control
- Flow control
- Connection setup

Unreliable, unordered delivery: UDP

- No-frills extension of "best-effort" IP

Services not available:

- Delay guarantees
- Bandwidth guarantees



Transport Layer Functions

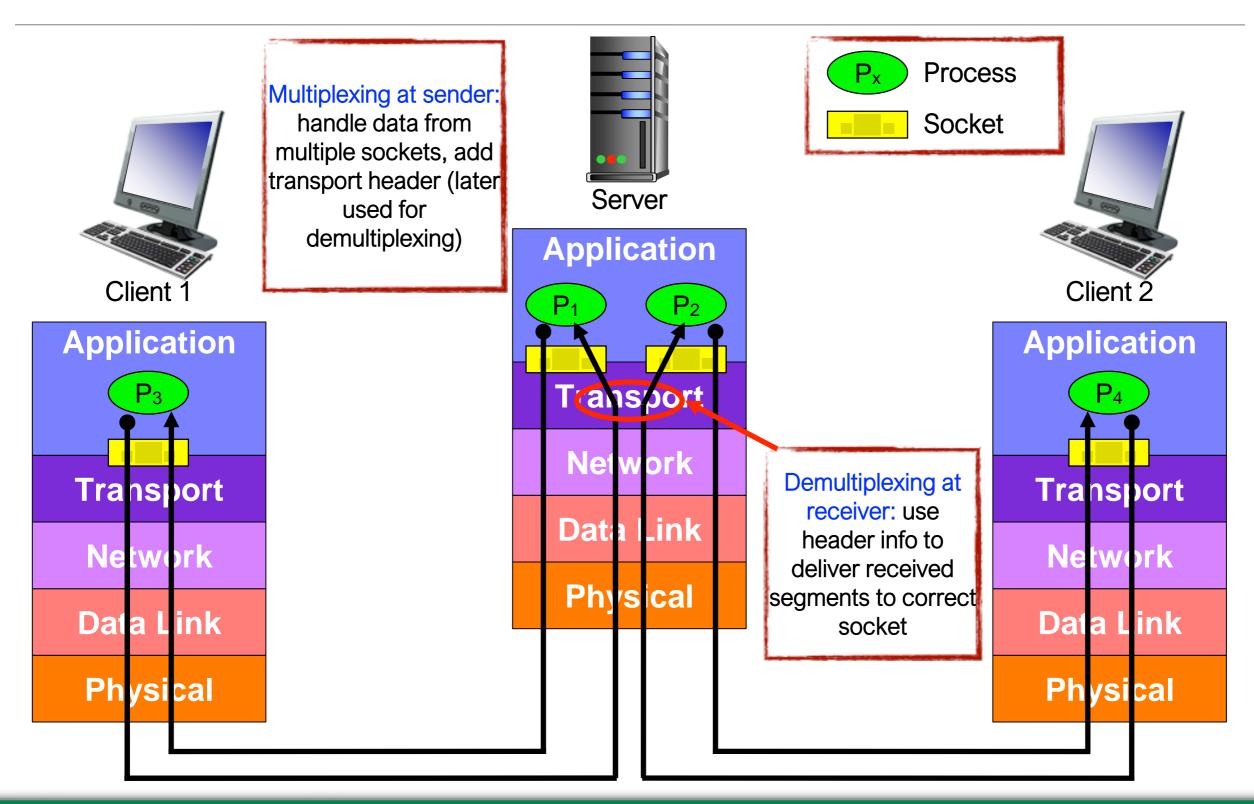
- Multiplexing and demultiplexing among applications and processes at end systems
- Error detection of bit errors
- Loss detection lost packets due to buffer overflow at intermediate systems
- Error/loss Recovery retransmissions
- Flow Control ensures receiver has buffer capacity to receive message
- Congestion Control ensure the network has the capacity to transmit data

Not all transport protocols provide all of the above functionality

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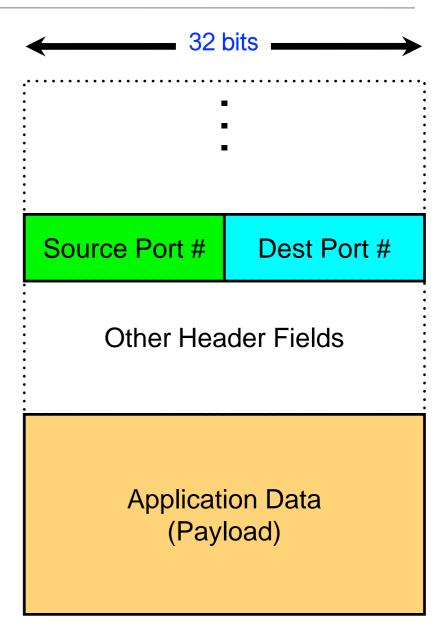
Multiplexing/Demultiplexing



How Demultiplexing Works

Host receives IP datagrams

- Each datagram has source IP address and destination IP address
- Each datagram carries one transport-layer segment
- Each segment has source and destination port number
- Host uses IP addresses & port numbers to direct segment to appropriate socket



TCP/UDP Segment Format

Connectionless demultiplexing

recall: created socket has host-local port #:

```
DatagramSocket mySocket1
= new DatagramSocket(12534);
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- recall: when creating datagram to send into UDP socket, must specify
 - destination IP address
 - destination port #

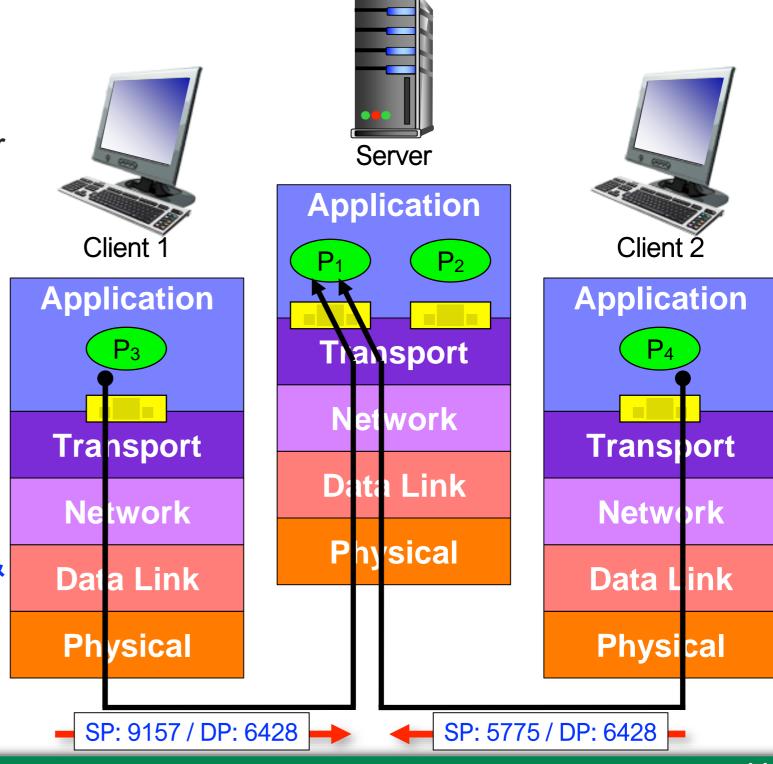
- when host receives UDP segment:
 - checks destination port # in segment
 - directs UDP segment to socket with that port #



IP datagrams with same dest. port #, but different source IP addresses and/or source port numbers will be directed to same socket at dest

Connectionless Demux: Example (UDP)

- Server UDP socket has a local port #
 - Same socket is shared for incoming connections destined for that port #
- Each client:
 - Creates own local socket with own local port #
 - When sending UDP datagram to server, client must specify IP address & port # of server's UDP socket



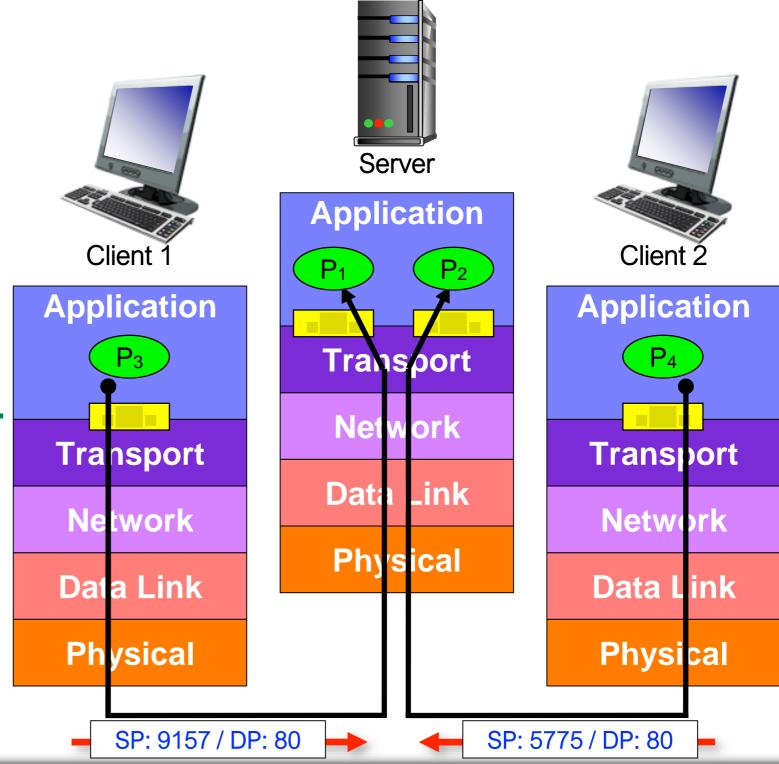
Connection-oriented demux

- TCP socket identified by 4-tuple:
 - source IP address
 - source port number
 - dest IP address
 - dest port number
- demux: receiver uses all four values to direct segment to appropriate socket

- server host may support many simultaneous TCP sockets:
 - each socket identified by its own 4-tuple
- web servers have different sockets for each connecting client
 - non-persistent HTTP will have different socket for each request

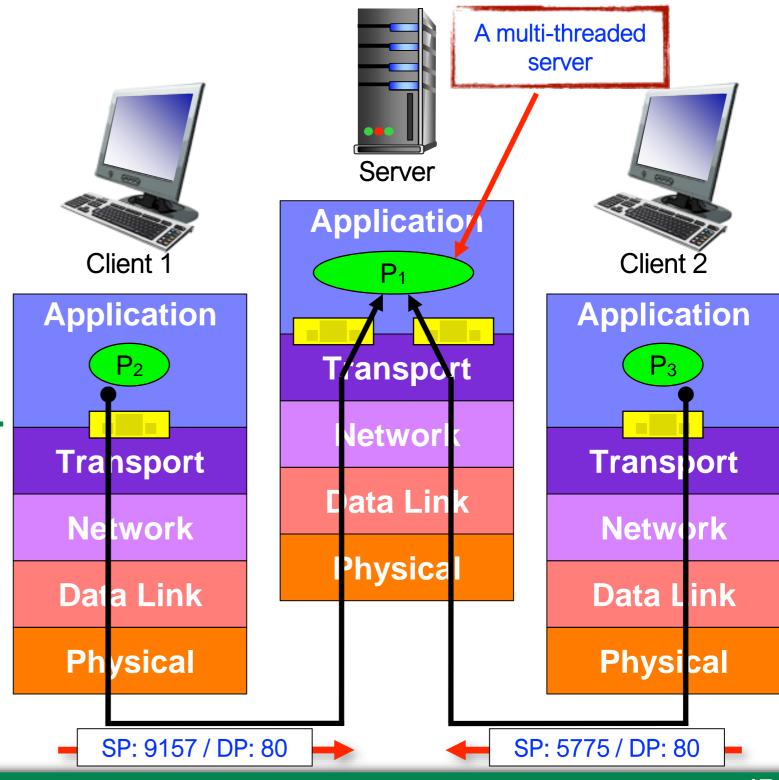
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UDP: User Datagram Protocol [RFC 768]

- "No frills" / "bare bones" Internet transport protocol
- Best effort service, UDP segments may be:
 - Lost
 - Delivered out-of-order to application
- Connectionless:
 - No handshaking between UDP sender and receiver
 - Each UDP segment is handled independently of others

UDP use:

- Streaming multimedia apps (loss tolerant, rate sensitive)
- DNS (Domain Name System)
- SNMP (Simple Network Management Protocol)

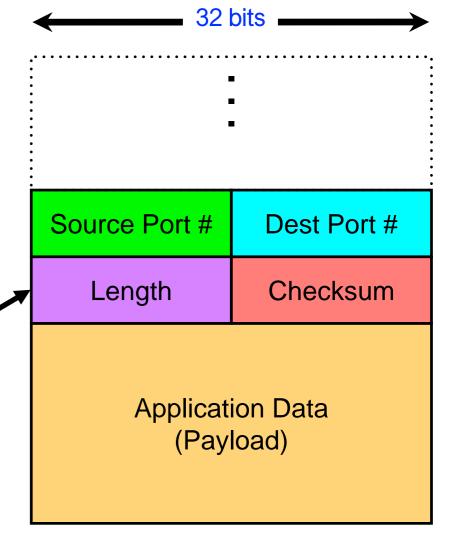
Reliable transfer over UDP:

- Must add reliability at application layer
- Application-specific error recovery!

UDP: User Datagram Protocol (Cont.)

- No connection establishment
 - Eliminates a source of delay
- Simple: no connection state at sender, receiver to maintain
- Small header size
- No congestion control: UDP can blast away as fast as desired

Length, in bytes, of the UDP segment, including the UDP header



UDP Segment Format

UDP Checksum

Used to detect errors (e.g. flipped bits) in transmitted data segment

Sender:

- Treat segment contents, including the header fields, as sequence of 16-bit integers
- Perform one's complement sum of segment contents, then take one's complement of that sum
- Insert checksum value into UDP checksum field

Receiver:

- Compute one's complement sum of received segment (including checksum field)
- Check if computed sum equals 0xFFFF
 - YES no error detected. But may have errors nonetheless? More later
 - NO error detected

Checksum: Example

Example: add two 16-bit integers (a UDP checksum would add many more 16-bit integers)



- In one's complement addition, add overflow back into the partial sum to get the sum
- Take one's complement (invert) of sum to get the checksum