

Chapter 3 Transport Layer

3.1 Transport layer services

- provide logical communication between app processes
- end system
 - send: breaks message into segments, pass to network layer
 - recv: reassemble segments from network layer, pass to application layer

Transport layer vs. Network layer

Network layer: logical communication between hosts

Transport layer: logical communication between processes

Transport layer protocols

- TCP (reliable, in-order delivery)
 - congestion control
 - flow control
 - connection setup
- UDP (unreliable, unordered delivery)
 - no-frills extension of “best-effort” IP
- services not available
 - delay guarantees
 - bandwidth guarantees

3.2 Multiplexing and Demultiplexing

- Multiplexing (sender): handle data for multiple sockets, add transport header for identification
- demultiplexing (receiver): use header info to deliver received segments to correct socket

Demultiplexing

Host uses IP addresses & port numbers to direct segment to appropriate socket.

1. Connectionless, identify with (UDP socket)
 - dest. IP, 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.

2. Connection - oriented demux, identify with (TCP socket)

- src. IP, port
- dest. IP, port

3.3 Connectionless transport: UDP

Usage: DNS, SNMP, streaming multi - media apps

- best effort, lost and out - of - order delivery may occur
- connectionless: no handshaking, segments handled independently

Reliable transfer over UDP:

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

UDP checksum

Goal: detect errors in transmitted segment.

1. Sender:

- treat segment content as 16 - bit integer
- checksum: addition of segment content
- checksum value into UDP checksum field

2. Receiver:

- compute checksum of received segment
- check if computed checksum equals checksum field value