

Computer Networks Basic Protocols

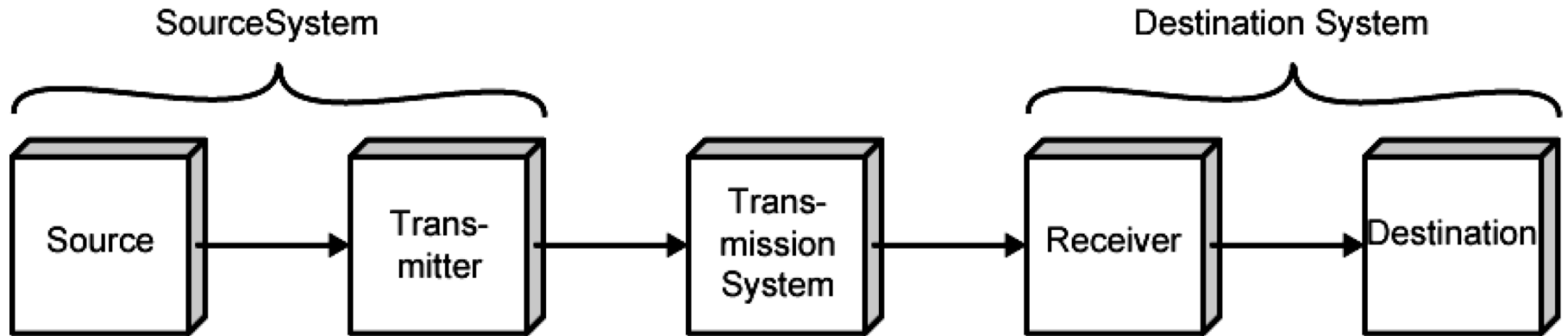
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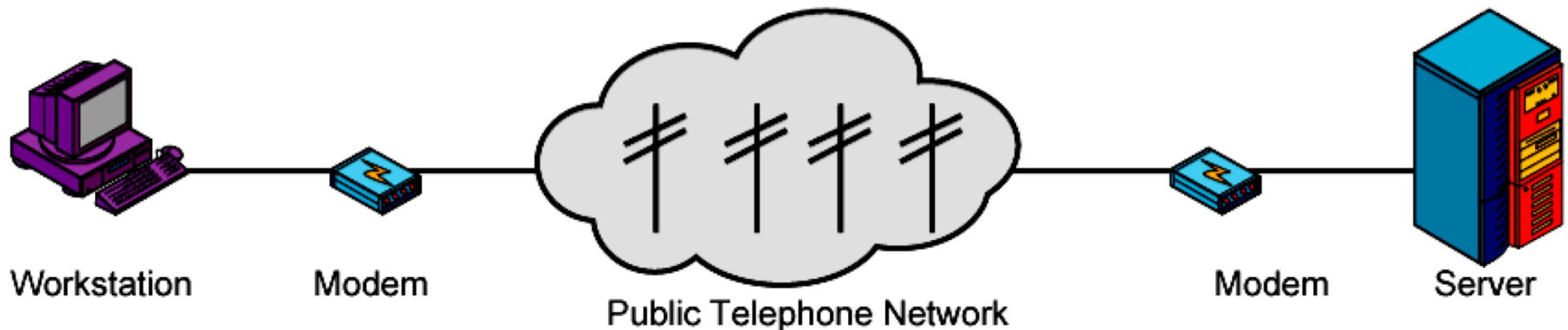
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Communications Model

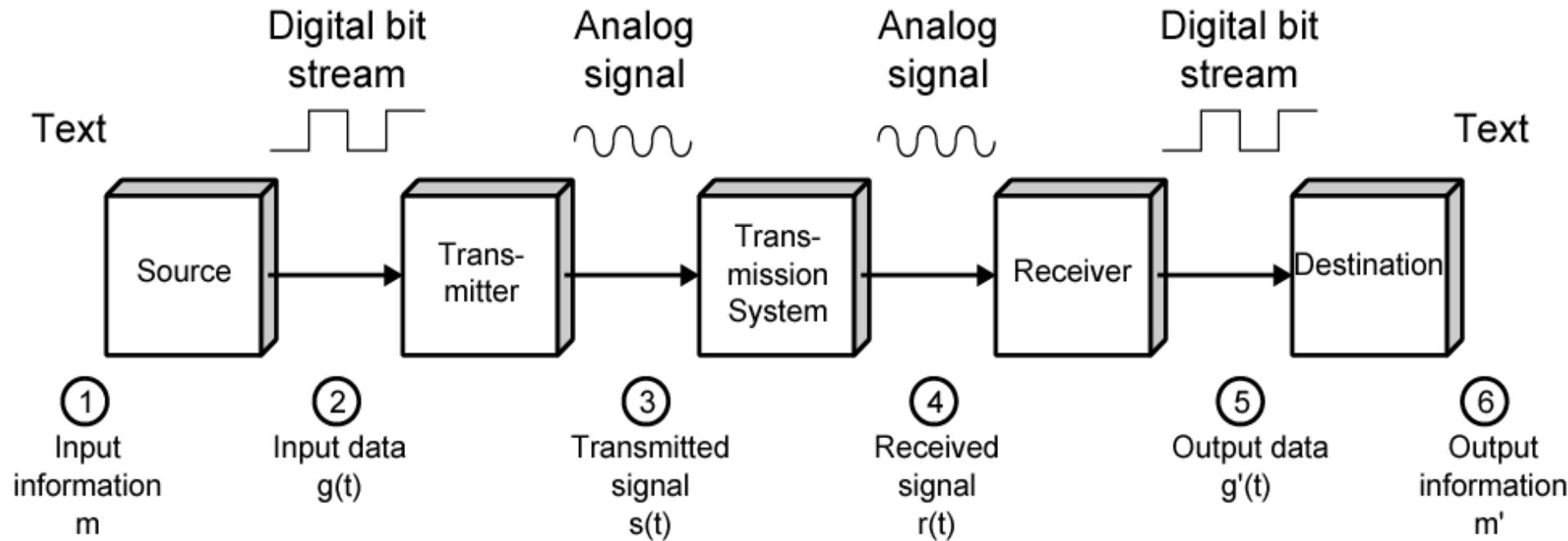


(a) General block diagram

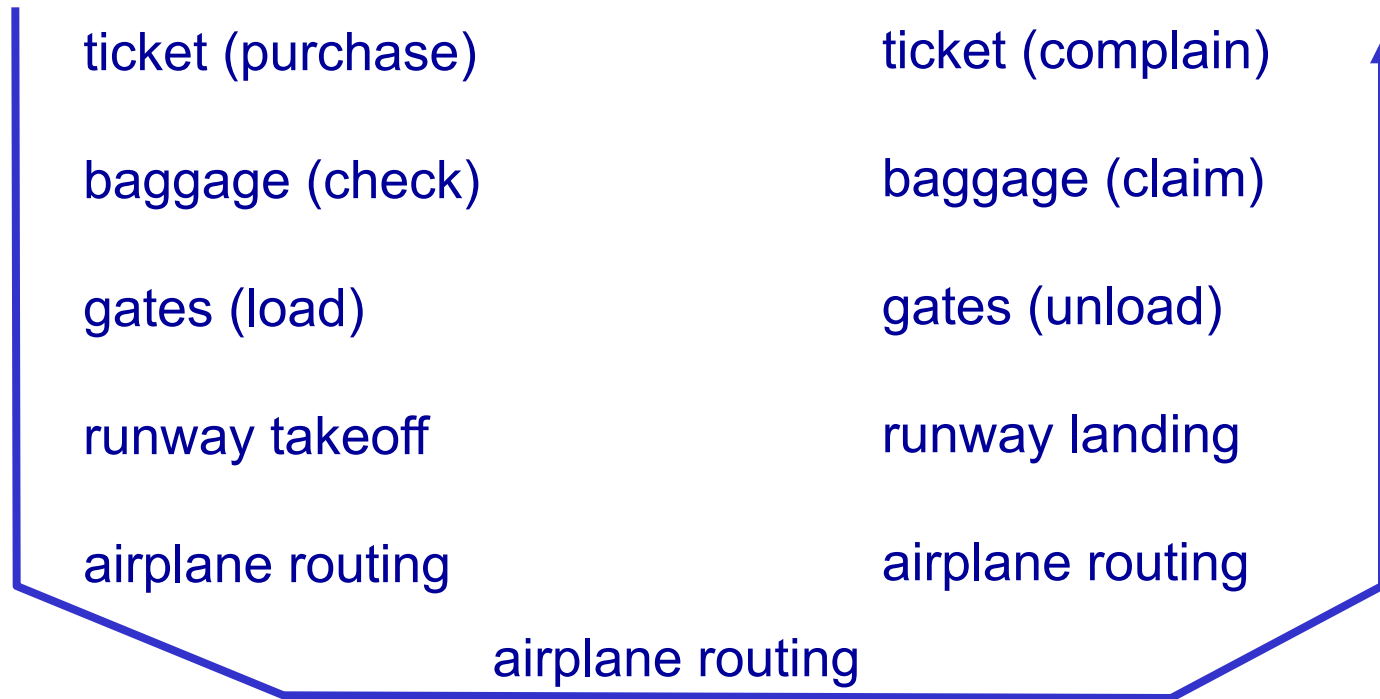


(b) Example

Data Communications Model

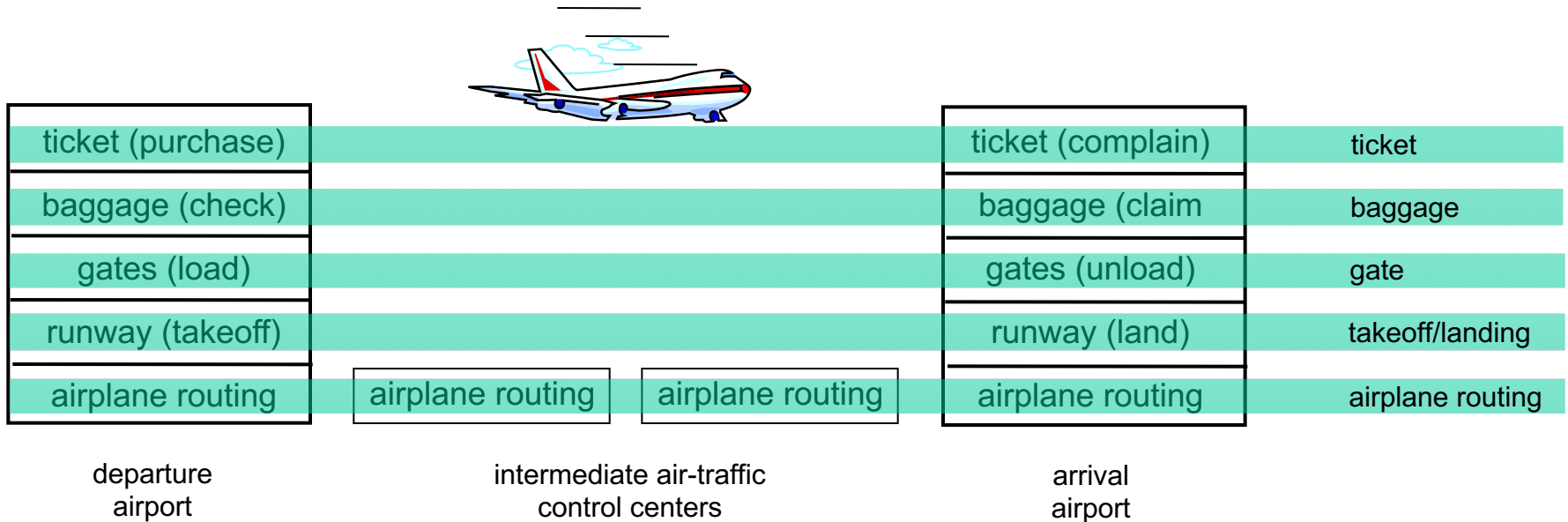


Organization of air travel



❖ a series of steps

Layering of airline functionality



layers: each layer implements a service

- via its own internal-layer actions
- relying on services provided by layer below

Why layering?

dealing with complex systems:

- ❖ explicit structure allows identification, relationship of complex system's pieces
 - layered *reference model* for discussion
- ❖ modularization eases maintenance, updating of system
 - change of implementation of layer's service transparent to rest of system
 - e.g., change in gate procedure doesn't affect rest of system
- ❖ layering considered harmful?

What's a protocol?

human protocols:

- ❖ “what's the time?”
 - ❖ “I have a question”
 - ❖ introductions
- ... specific msgs sent
- ... specific actions taken
when msgs received, or
other events

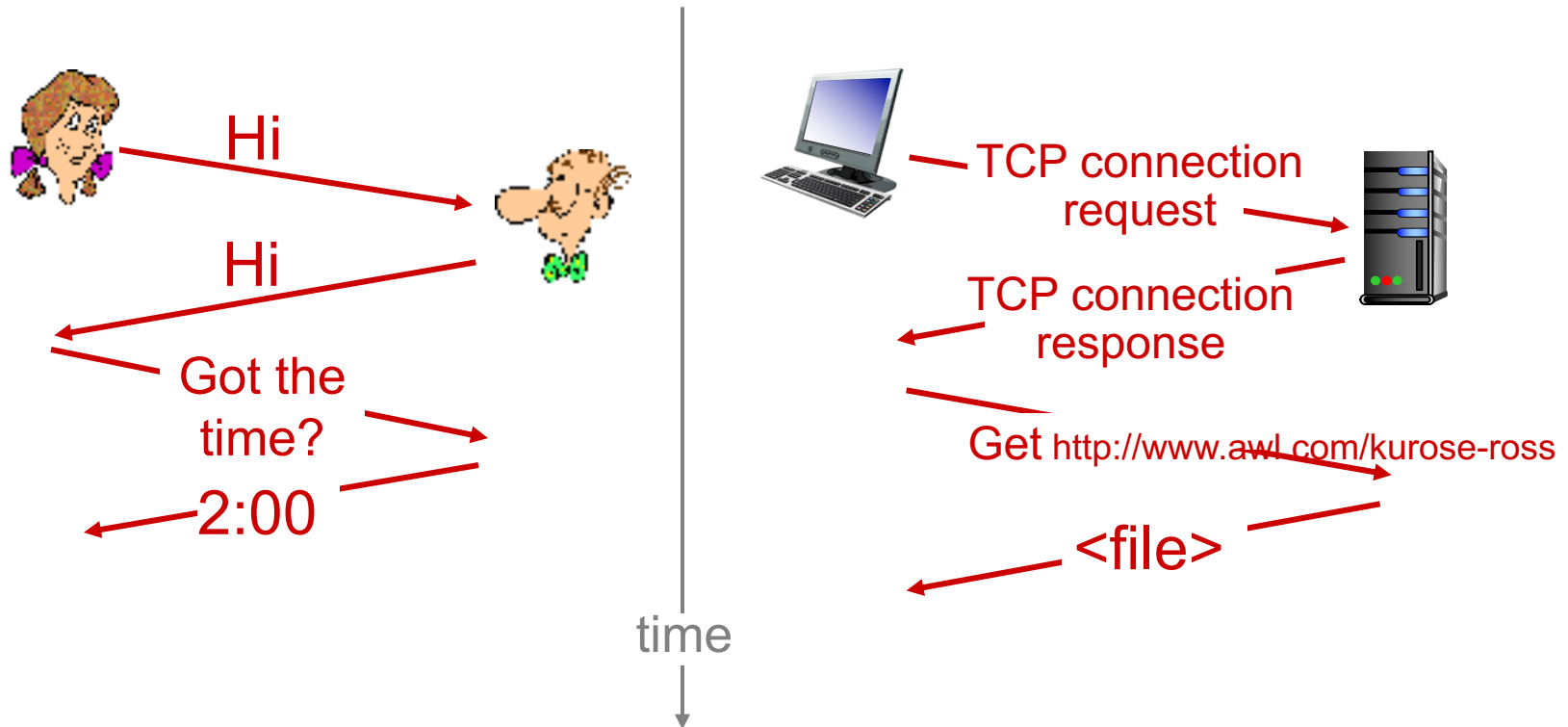
network protocols:

- ❖ machines rather than humans
- ❖ all communication activity in Internet governed by protocols

protocols define format, order of msgs sent and received among network entities, and actions taken on msg transmission, receipt

What's a protocol?

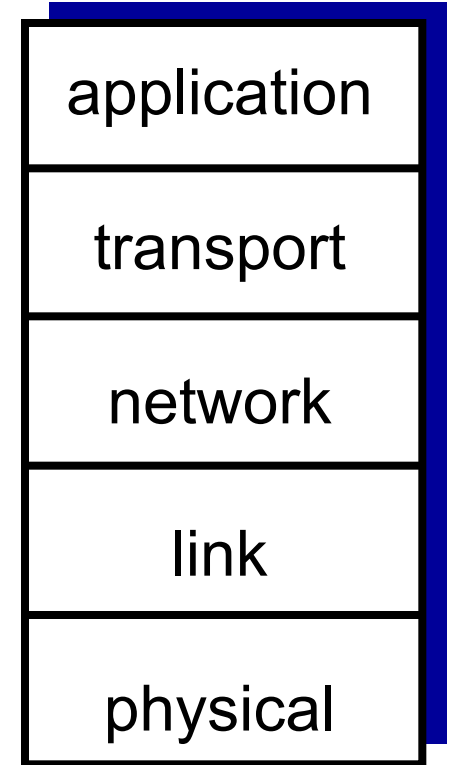
a human protocol and a computer network protocol:



Q: other human protocols?

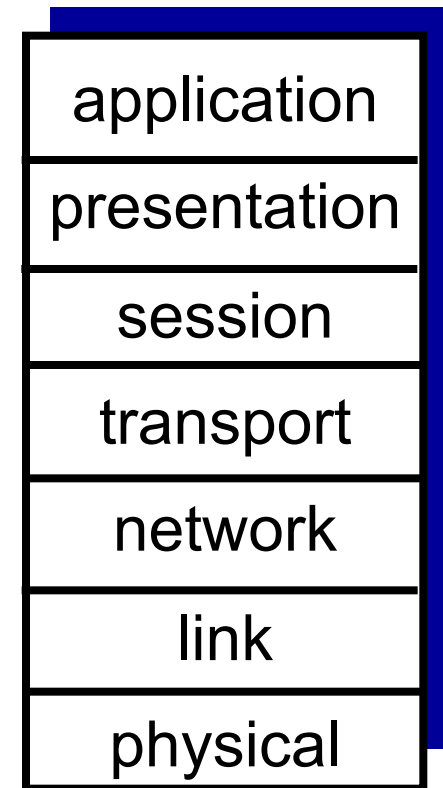
Internet protocol stack

- ❖ *application*: supporting network applications
 - FTP, SMTP, HTTP
- ❖ *transport*: process-process data transfer
 - TCP, UDP
- ❖ *network*: routing of datagrams from source to destination
 - IP, routing protocols
- ❖ *link*: data transfer between neighboring network elements
 - Ethernet, 802.111 (WiFi), PPP
- ❖ *physical*: bits “on the wire”

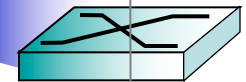
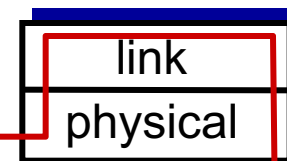
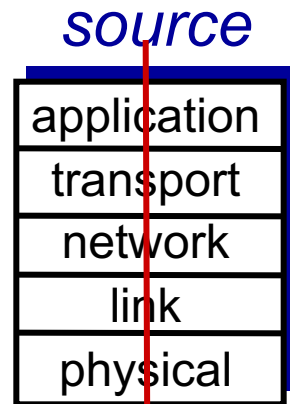
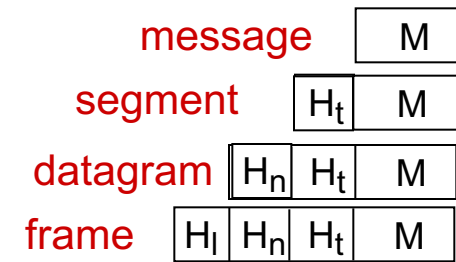


ISO/OSI reference model

- ❖ **presentation**: allow applications to interpret meaning of data, e.g., encryption, compression, machine-specific conventions
- ❖ **session**: synchronization, checkpointing, recovery of data exchange
- ❖ Internet stack “missing” these layers!
 - these services, *if needed*, must be implemented in application
 - needed?

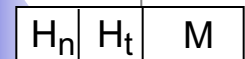
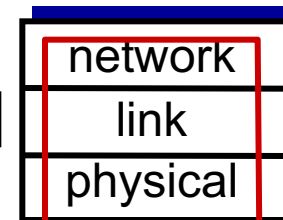
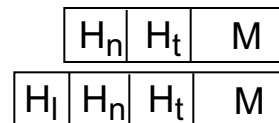
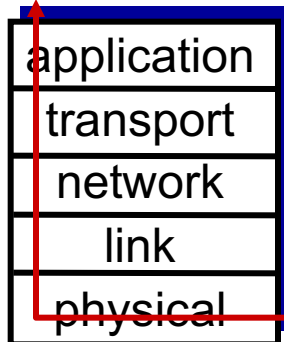
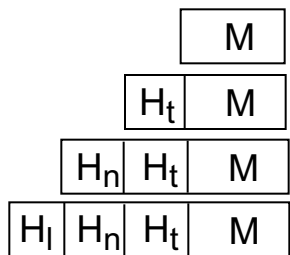


Encapsulation



switch

destination



router

A closer look at network structure:

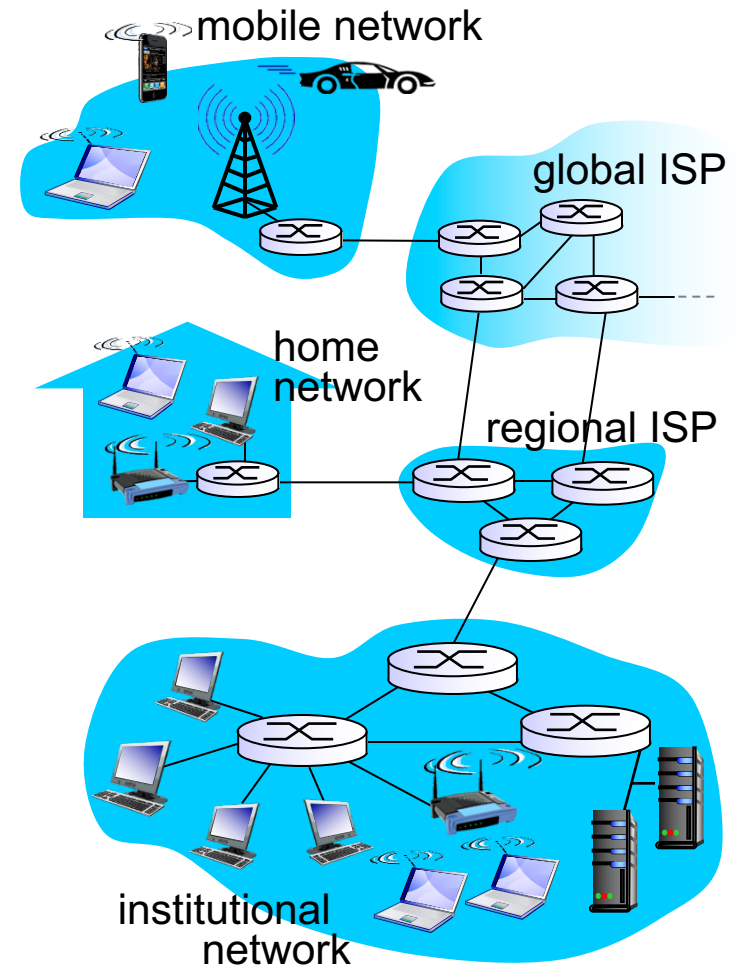
❖ *network edge:*

- hosts: clients and servers
- servers often in data centers

❖ *access networks, physical media:* wired, wireless communication links

❖ *network core:*

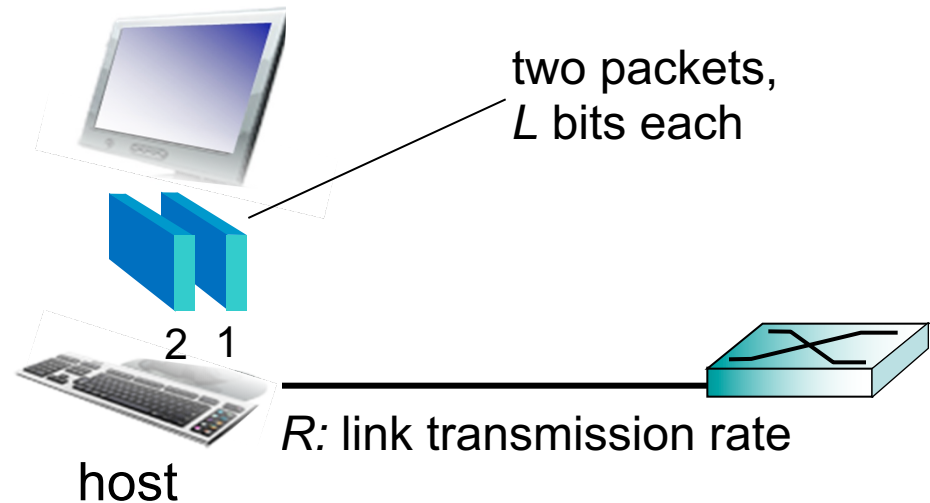
- interconnected routers
- network of networks



Host: sends *packets* of data

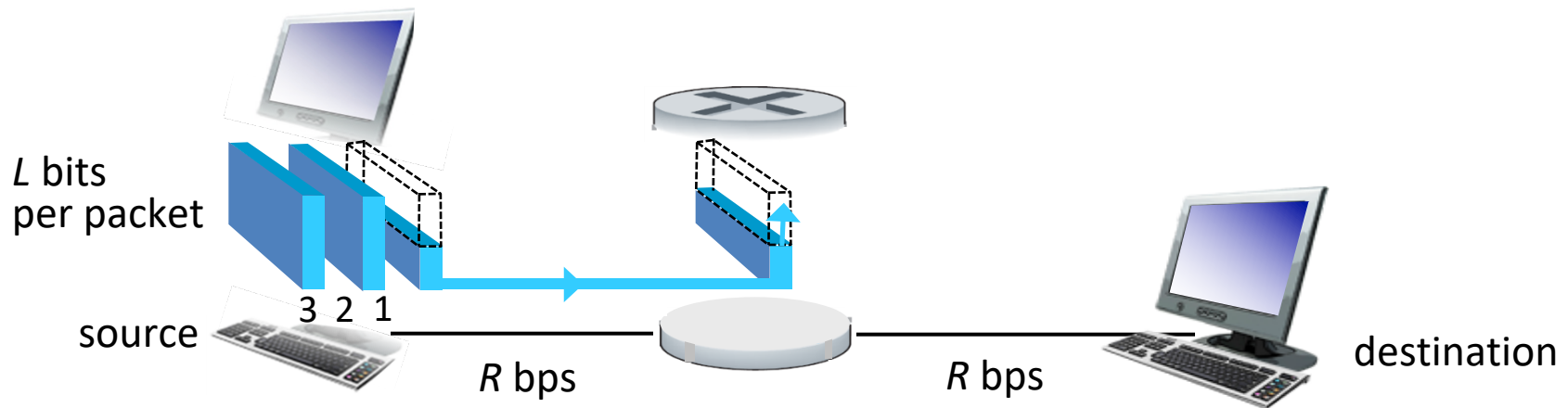
host sending function:

- ❖ takes application message
- ❖ breaks into smaller chunks, known as *packets*, of length L bits
- ❖ transmits packet into access network at *transmission rate R*
 - If this is max link transmission rate, then link *capacity*



$$\text{packet transmission delay} = \text{time needed to transmit } L\text{-bit packet into link} = \frac{L \text{ (bits)}}{R \text{ (bits/sec)}}$$

Packet-switching: store-and-forward



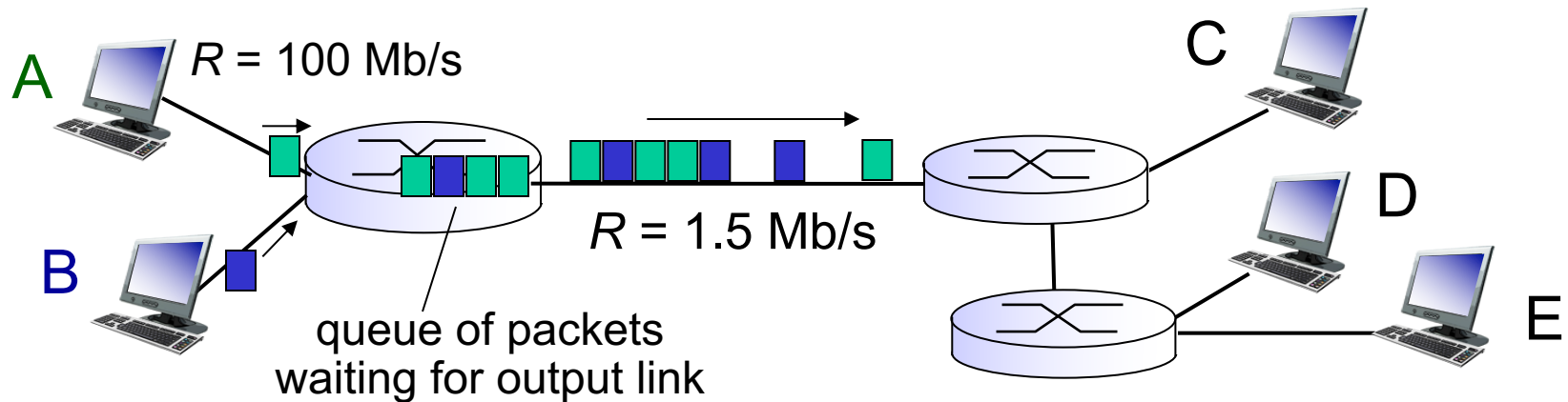
- ❖ takes L/R seconds to transmit (push out) L -bit packet into link at R bps
- ❖ **store and forward**: entire packet must arrive at router before it can be transmitted on next link
- ❖ end-end delay = $2L/R$ (assuming zero propagation delay)

one-hop numerical example:

- $L = 7.5$ Mbits
- $R = 1.5$ Mbps
- one-hop transmission delay = 5 sec

} more on delay shortly ...

Packet Switching: queueing delay, loss



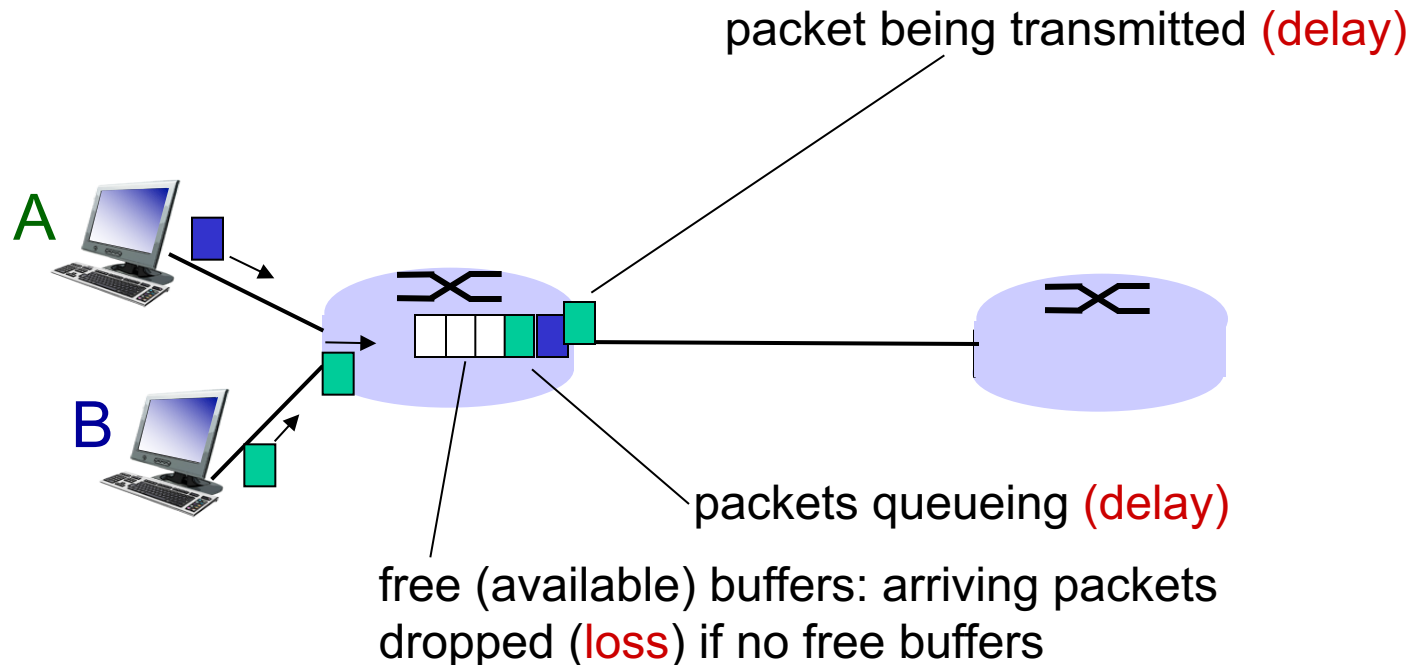
queuing and loss:

- ❖ If arrival rate (in bits) to link exceeds transmission rate of link for a period of time:
 - packets will queue, wait to be transmitted on link
 - packets can be dropped (lost) if memory (buffer) fills up

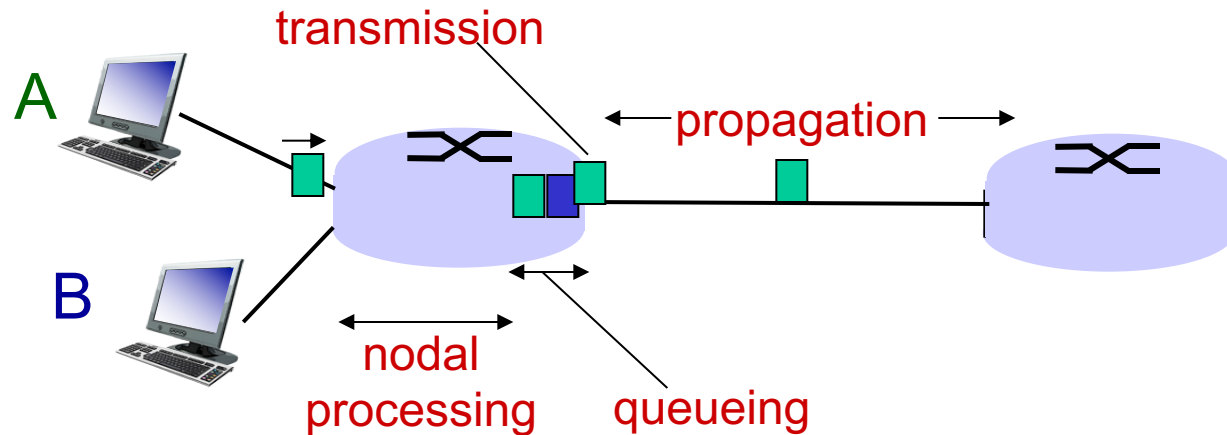
How do loss and delay occur?

packets *queue* in router buffers

- ❖ packet arrival rate to link (temporarily) exceeds output link capacity
- ❖ packets queue, wait for turn



Four sources of packet delay



$$d_{\text{nodal}} = d_{\text{proc}} + d_{\text{queue}} + d_{\text{trans}} + d_{\text{prop}}$$

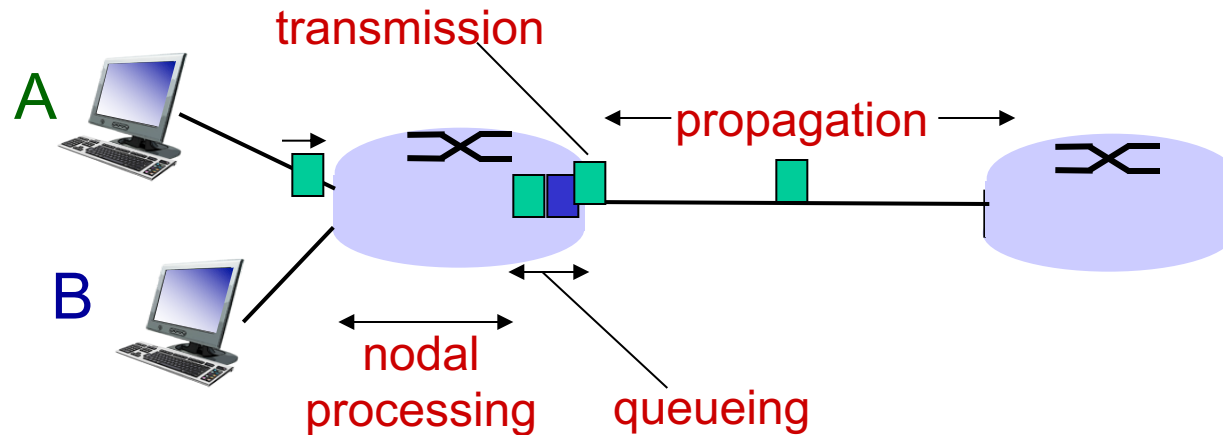
d_{proc} : nodal processing

- check bit errors
- determine output link
- typically < msec

d_{queue} : queueing delay

- time waiting at output link for transmission
- depends on congestion level of router

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d_{trans} : transmission delay:

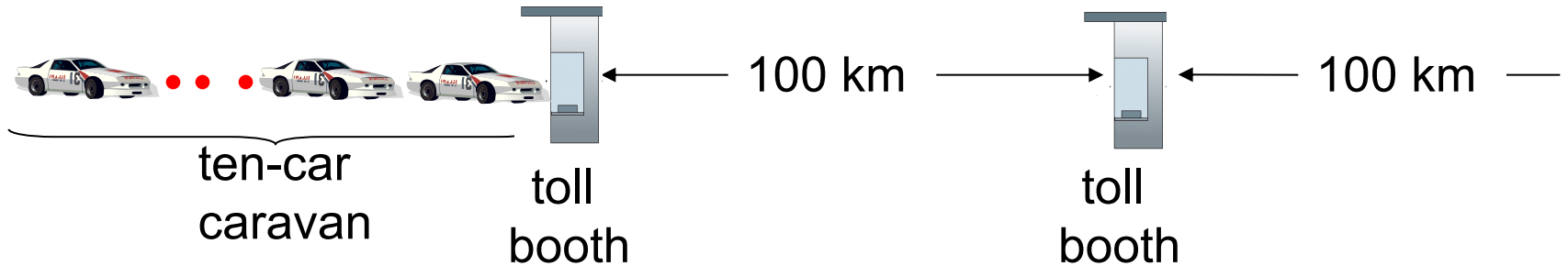
- L : packet length (bits)
- R : link bandwidth (bps)
- $d_{\text{trans}} = L/R$

d_{prop} : propagation delay:

- d : length of physical link
- s : propagation speed in medium ($\sim 2 \times 10^8$ m/sec)
- $d_{\text{prop}} = d/s$

d_{trans} and d_{prop}
very different

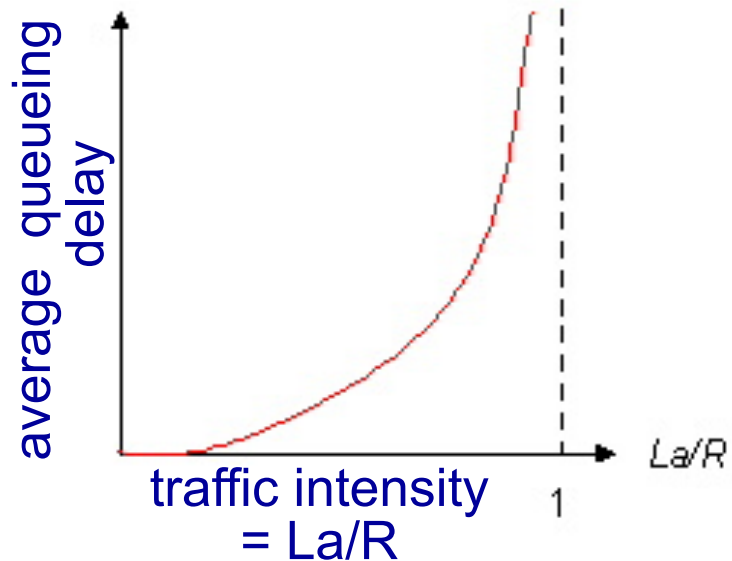
Caravan analogy



- ❖ cars “propagate” at 100 km/hr
 - ❖ toll booth takes 12 sec to service car (bit transmission time)
 - ❖ car ~ bit; caravan ~ packet
 - ❖ Q: How long until caravan is lined up before 2nd toll booth?
- time to “push” entire caravan through toll booth onto highway = $12 \times 10 = 120$ sec
 - time for last car to propagate from 1st to 2nd toll booth:
 $100 \text{ km} / (100 \text{ km/hr}) = 1 \text{ hr}$
 - A: 62 minutes

Queueing delay

- ❖ R : link bandwidth (bps)
- ❖ L : packet length (bits)
- ❖ a : average packet arrival rate: average occupancy of a server or resource during a specified period of **time**
- ❖ $La/R \sim 0$: avg. queueing delay small
- ❖ $La/R \rightarrow 1$: avg. queueing delay large
- ❖ $La/R > 1$: more “work” arriving than can be serviced, average delay infinite!



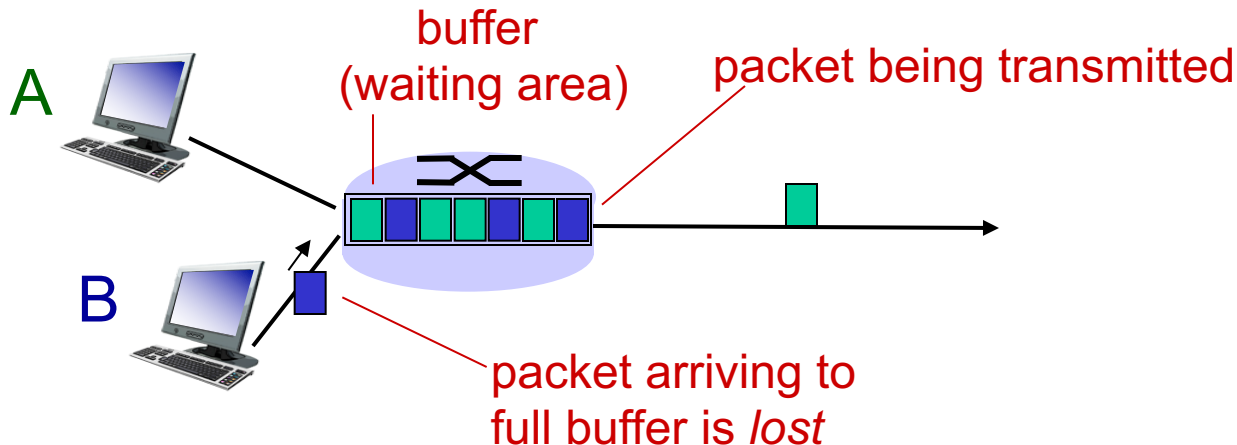
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Packet loss

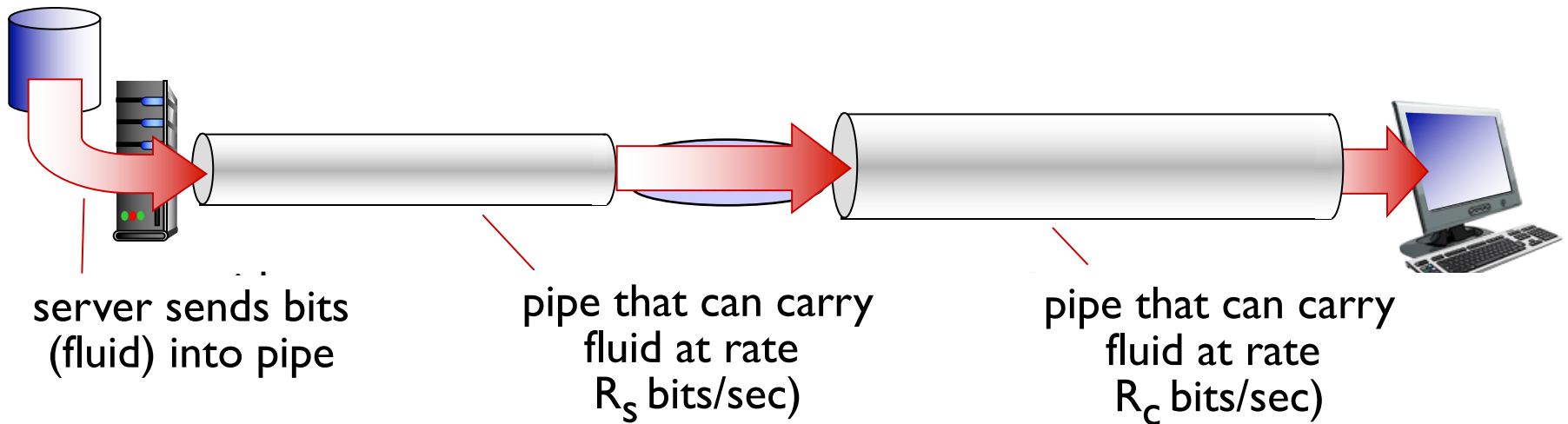
- ❖ queue (aka buffer) preceding link in buffer has finite capacity
- ❖ packet arriving to full queue dropped (aka lost)
- ❖ lost packet may be retransmitted by previous node, by source end system, or not at all



* Check out the Java applet for an interactive animation on queuing and loss

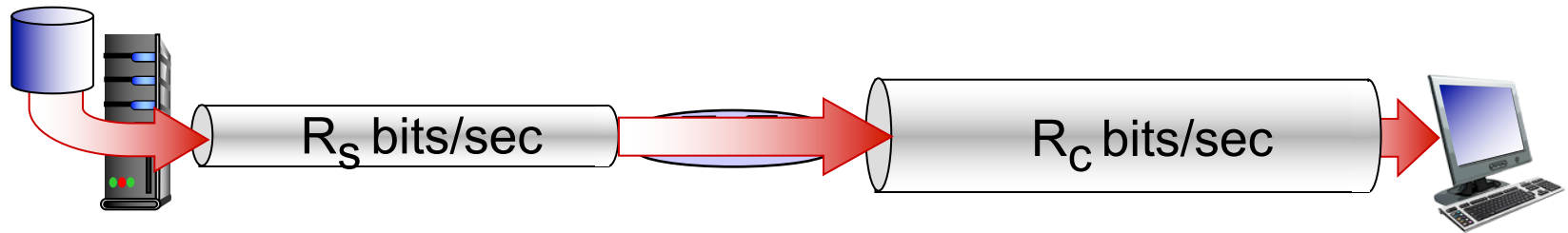
Throughput

- ❖ *throughput*: rate (bits/time unit) at which bits transferred between sender/receiver
 - *instantaneous*: rate at given point in time
 - *average*: rate over longer period of time

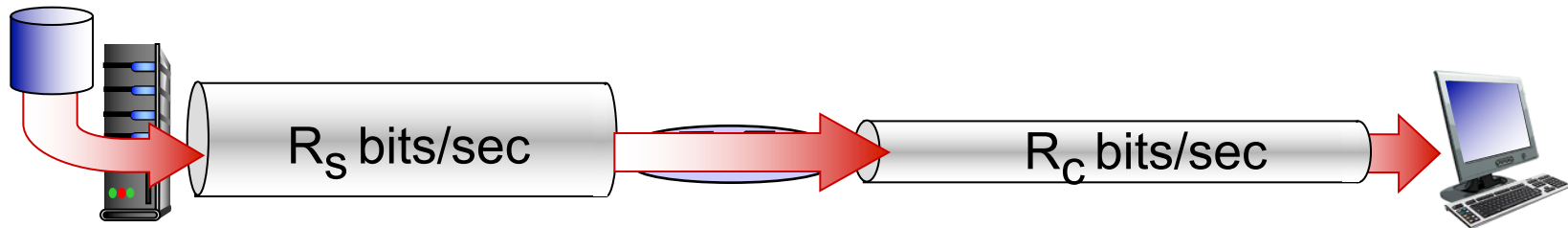


Throughput (more)

❖ $R_s < R_c$ What is average end-end throughput?



❖ $R_s > R_c$ What is average end-end throughput?



bottleneck link

link on end-end path that constrains end-end throughput