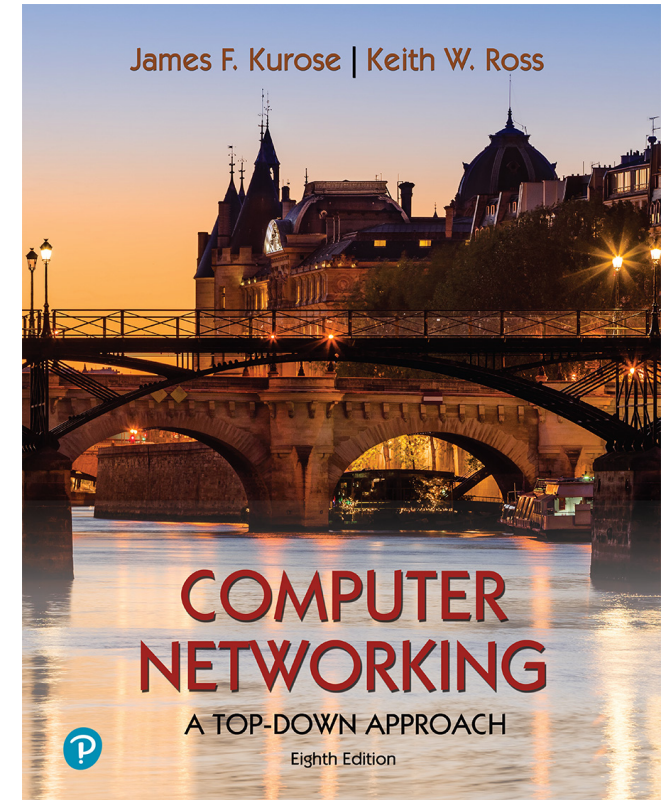


Chapter 5

Network Layer: Control Plane



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Network layer: “control plane” roadmap

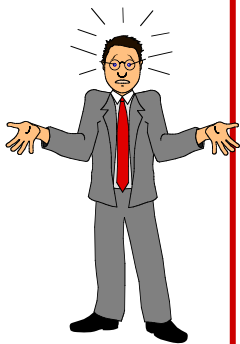
- introduction
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- network management, configuration
 - SNMP
 - NETCONF/YANG

What is network management?

- autonomous systems (aka “network”): 1000s of interacting hardware/software components
- other complex systems requiring monitoring, configuration, control:
 - jet airplane, nuclear power plant, others?



"**Network management** includes the deployment, integration and coordination of the hardware, software, and human elements to monitor, test, poll, configure, analyze, evaluate, and control the network and element resources to meet the real-time, operational performance, and Quality of Service requirements at a reasonable cost."

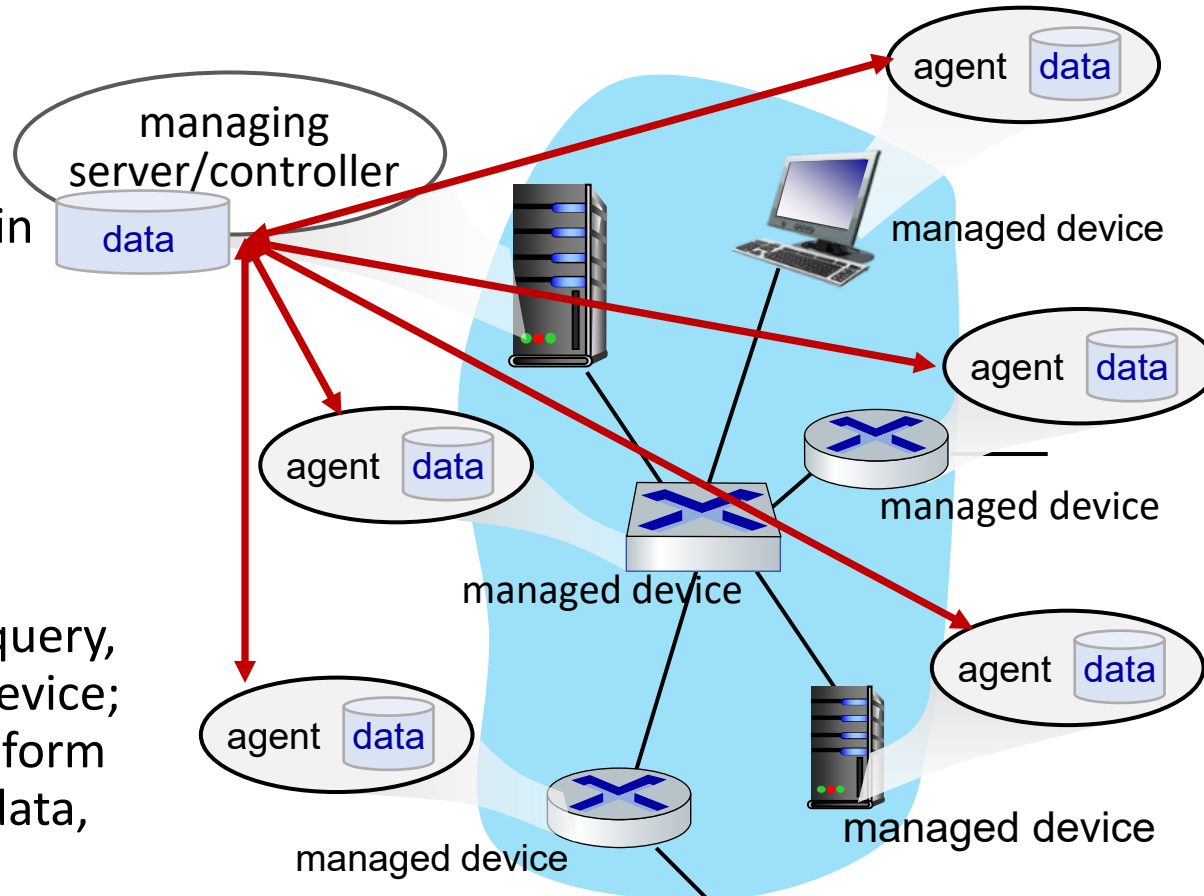
Components of network management

Managing server:

application, typically with network managers (humans) in the loop

Network management protocol:

used by managing server to query, configure, manage device; used by devices to inform managing server of data, events.



Managed device:

equipment with manageable, configurable hardware, software components

Data:

device “state”
configuration data,
operational data,
device statistics

Network operator approaches to management

CLI (Command Line Interface)

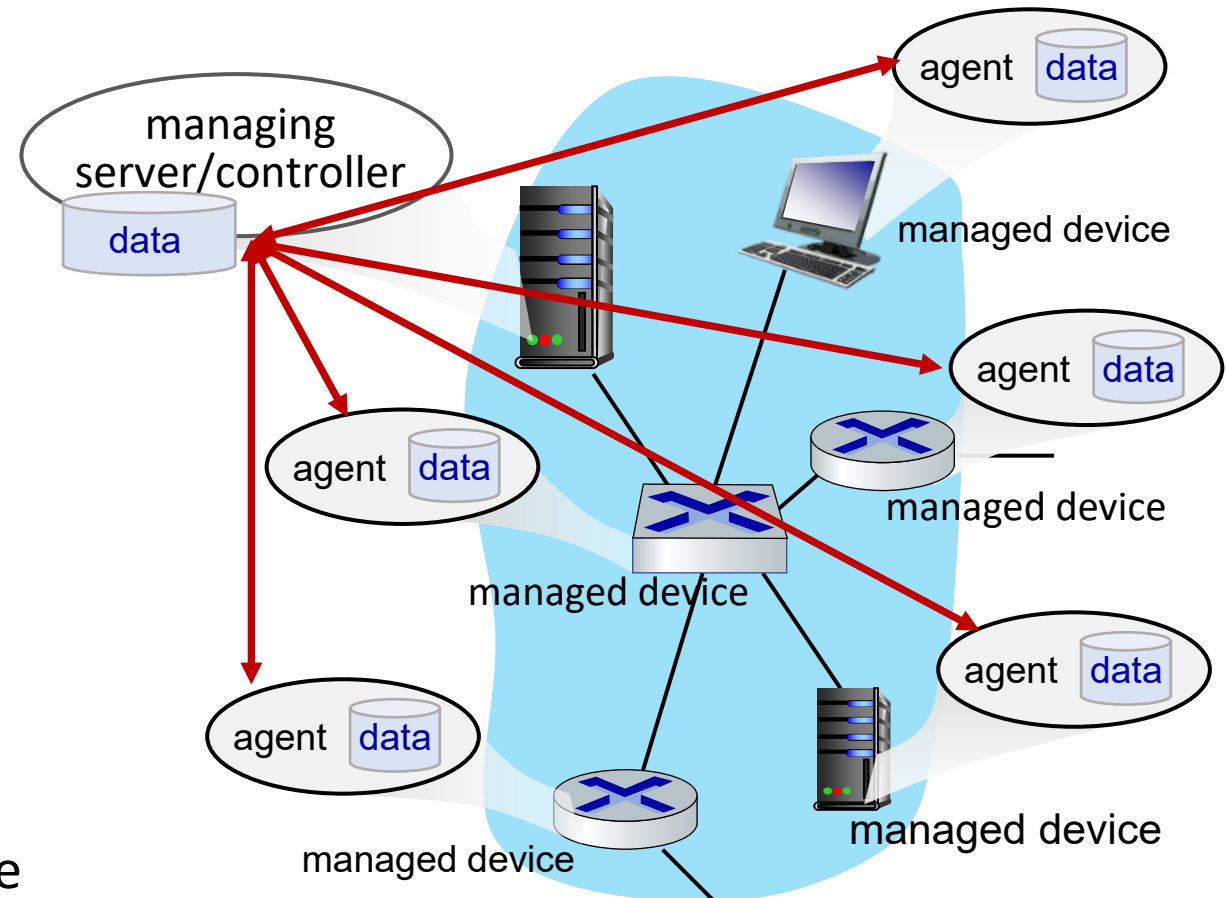
- operator issues (types, scripts) direct to individual devices (e.g., vis ssh)

SNMP/MIB

- operator queries/sets devices data (MIB) using Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP)

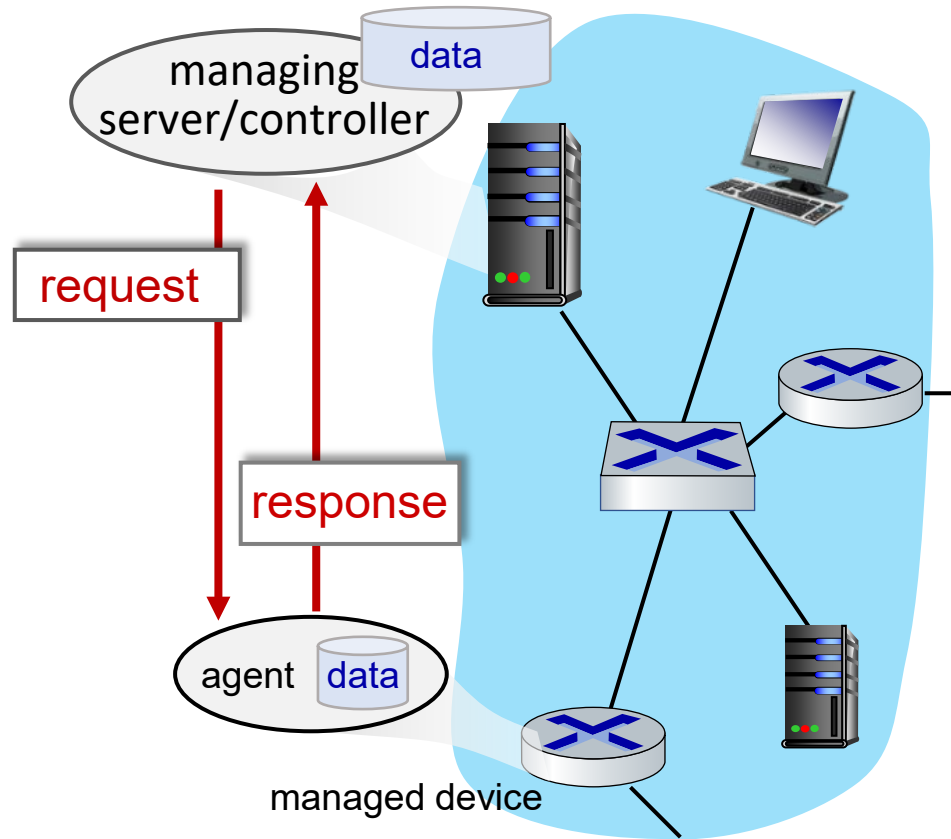
NETCONF/YANG

- more abstract, network-wide, holistic
- emphasis on multi-device configuration management.
- YANG: data modeling language
- NETCONF: communicate YANG-compatible actions/data to/from/among remote devices

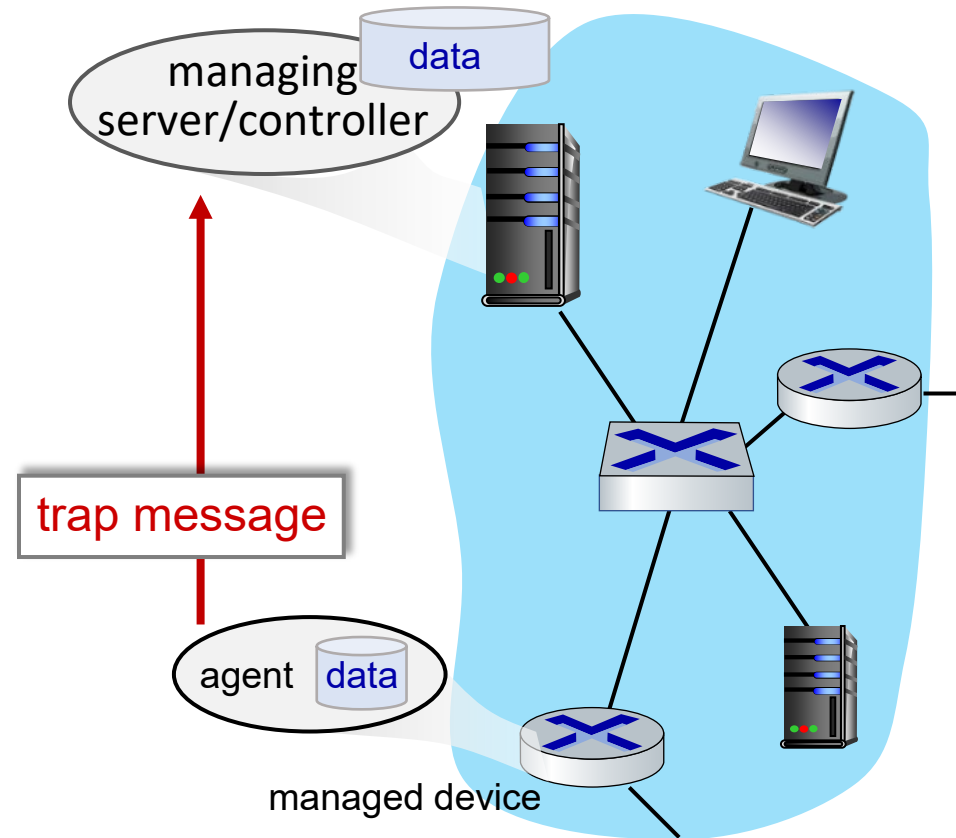


SNMP protocol

Two ways to convey MIB info, commands:



request/response mode



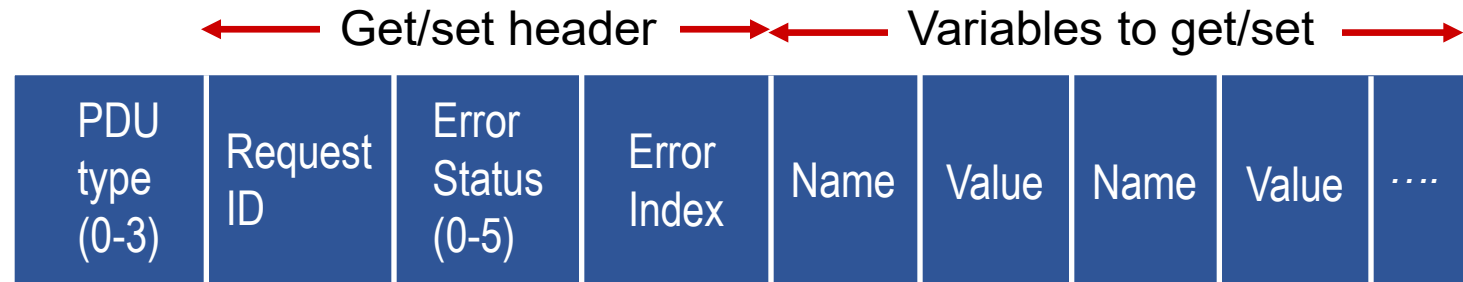
trap mode

SNMP protocol: message types

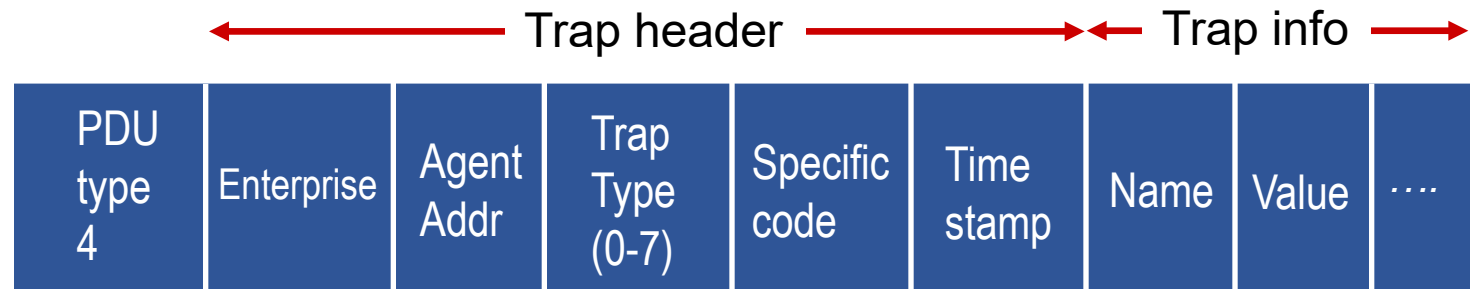
Message type	Function
GetRequest GetNextRequest GetBulkRequest	manager-to-agent: “get me data” (data instance, next data in list, block of data).
SetRequest	manager-to-agent: set MIB value
Response	Agent-to-manager: value, response to Request
Trap	Agent-to-manager: inform manager of exceptional event

SNMP protocol: message formats

message types 0-3

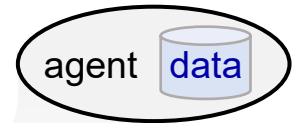


message type 4



SNMP: Management Information Base (MIB)

- managed device's operational (and some configuration) data
- gathered into device **MIB module**
 - 400 MIB modules defined in RFC's; many more vendor-specific MIBs
- **Structure of Management Information (SMI)**: data definition language
- example MIB variables for UDP protocol:

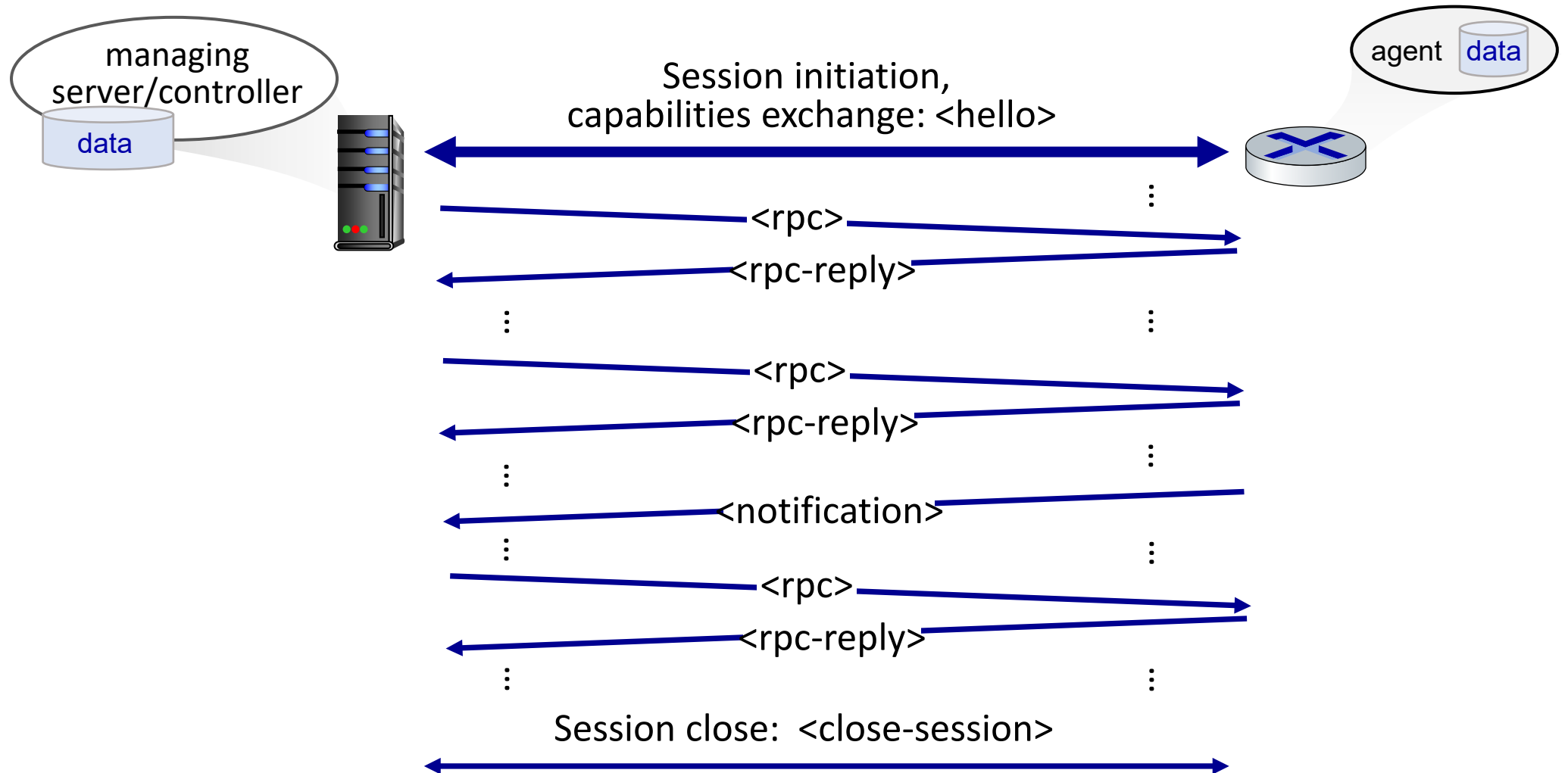


Object ID	Name	Type	Comments
1.3.6.1.2.1.7.1	UDPInDatagrams	32-bit counter	total # datagrams delivered
1.3.6.1.2.1.7.2	UDPNoPorts	32-bit counter	# undeliverable datagrams (no application at port)
1.3.6.1.2.1.7.3	UDInErrors	32-bit counter	# undeliverable datagrams (all other reasons)
1.3.6.1.2.1.7.4	UDPOutDatagrams	32-bit counter	total # datagrams sent
1.3.6.1.2.1.7.5	udpTable	SEQUENCE	one entry for each port currently in use

NETCONF overview

- **goal:** actively manage/**configure** devices network-wide
- operates between managing server and managed network devices
 - actions: retrieve, set, modify, activate configurations
 - **atomic-commit** actions over multiple devices
 - query operational data and statistics
 - subscribe to notifications from devices
- remote procedure call (RPC) paradigm
 - NETCONF protocol messages encoded in XML
 - exchanged over secure, reliable transport (e.g., TLS) protocol

NETCONF initialization, exchange, close



Selected NETCONF Operations

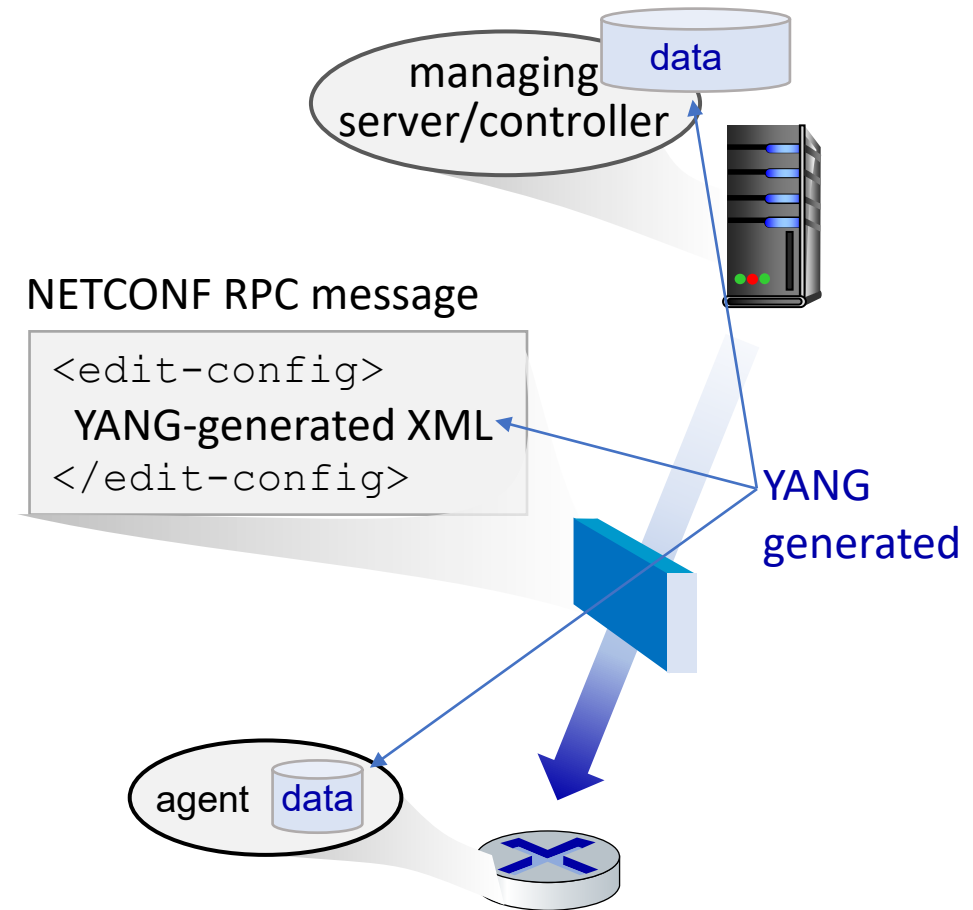
NETCONF	Operation Description
<get-config>	Retrieve all or part of a given configuration. A device may have multiple configurations.
<get>	Retrieve all or part of both configuration state and operational state data.
<edit-config>	Change specified (possibly running) configuration at managed device. Managed device <rpc-reply> contains <ok> or <rpcerror> with rollback.
<lock>, <unlock>	Lock (unlock) configuration datastore at managed device (to lock out NETCONF, SNMP, or CLIs commands from other sources).
<create-subscription>, <notification>	Enable event notification subscription from managed device

Sample NETCONF RPC message

```
01 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
02 <rpc message-id="101"  note message id
03   xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0">
04   <edit-config>      change a configuration
05     <target>
06       <running/>  change the running configuration
07     </target>
08     <config>
09       <top xmlns="http://example.com/schema/
10         1.2/config">
11         <interface>
12           <name>Ethernet0/0</name>  change MTU of Ethernet 0/0 interface to 1500
13           <mtu>1500</mtu>
14         </interface>
15       </top>
16     </config>
17   </edit-config>
18 </rpc>
```

YANG

- data modeling language used to specify structure, syntax, semantics of NETCONF network management data
 - built-in data types, like SMI
- XML document describing device, capabilities can be generated from YANG description
- can express constraints among data that must be satisfied by a valid NETCONF configuration
 - ensure NETCONF configurations satisfy correctness, consistency constraints



Network layer: Summary

we've learned a lot!

- approaches to network control plane
 - per-router control (traditional)
 - logically centralized control (software defined networking)
- traditional routing algorithms
 - implementation in Internet: OSPF , BGP
- SDN controllers
 - implementation in practice: ODL, ONOS
- Internet Control Message Protocol
- network management

next stop: link layer!

Network layer, control plane: Done!

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