

CS 60: Computer Networks

Transport layer: TCP and UDP

Review from last class

The Application Layer (Layer 7) sends messages over the Internet between processes running on different hosts

The protocol (format and expected ordering) of the message varies by application

You can often find the message protocol in a Request for Comment (RFC)

Some Application Layer applications with defined protocols

- RFC 1035: Domain Name System (DNS) looks up IP address given a host name like google.com
- RFC 5321: Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP) Send email messages <u>to</u> (and between) mail servers; use IMAP (or POP or HTTP) to get message <u>from</u> mail servers
- RFC 9112: HyperText Transfer Protocol (HTTP) web servers and browser applications format messages to request and return web pages

Review: Transport layer moves segments (or datagrams) across a network

Conceptual network layers

7) Application

Interacts with application programs to send *messages*Applications assigned a port, multiple instances can run (many browser pages)
Examples: HTTP, SSH, FTP, SMTP, DNS

4) Transport

Moves **segments** (or datagrams)

May provide error control, flow control, application addressing (ports)
Examples: TCP (connection-oriented), UDP (connectionless)
TCP provides sequencing, dropped packet resend, traffic congestion routing

3) Network (IP)

Moves *packets* between local area networks (routing)
Each computer on the Internet identified by an IP address (IP v4 or v6)
Also called Layer 3 or IP layer (ICMP Ping is here)

2) Link (MAC)

Moves *frames* within a local area network (switching)
Each computer identified by a MAC address on its Network Interface Card (NIC)
Also called Layer 2, MAC layer, Data Link layer, or Ethernet layer

1) Physical

How data is physically transmitted

- Transmitter converts logical 1 and 0 bits to electrical/light pulses or phase/amplitude of radio frequency (RF) and sends down wire or over air
- Receiver converts electrical/light or RF back to logical 1 and 0 bits

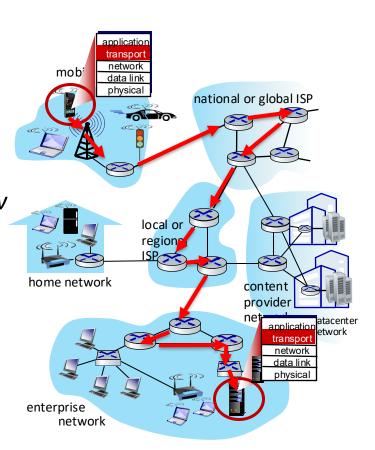
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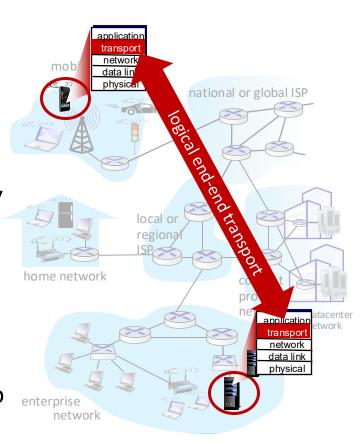
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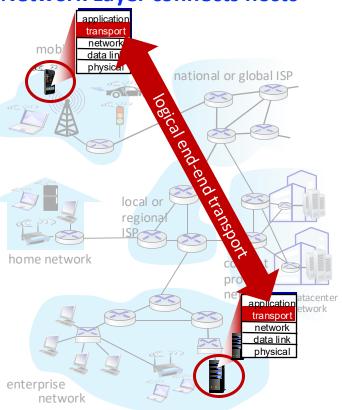
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Router determine path through network Routers do not look at

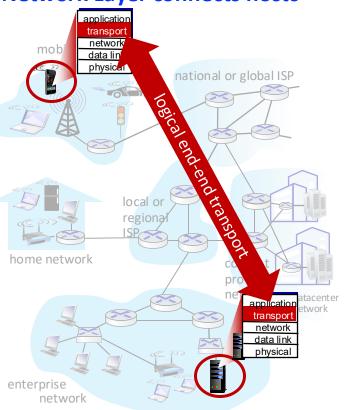
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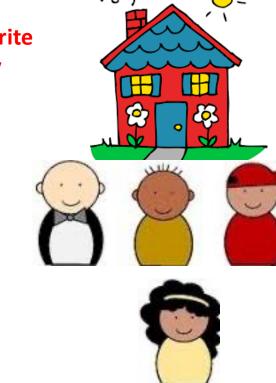
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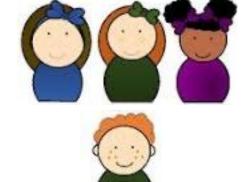
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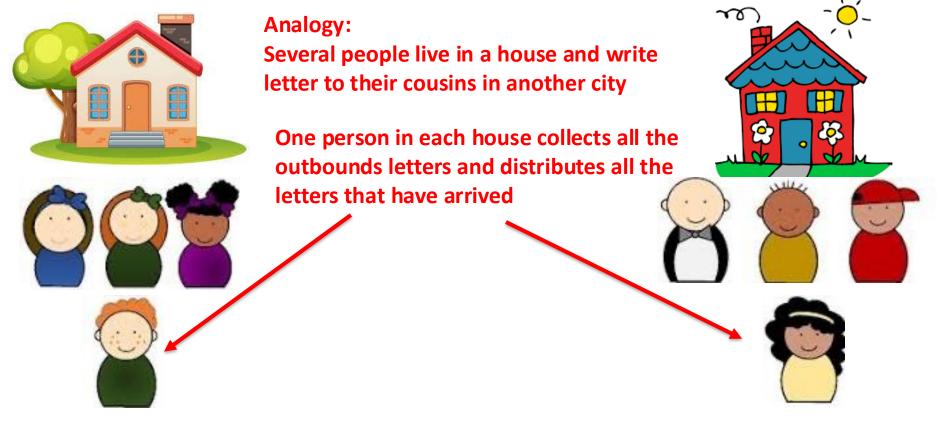


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That person gives the Postal Service each outbound letter and gets each arriving letter













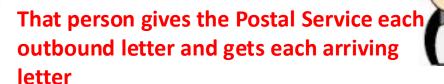




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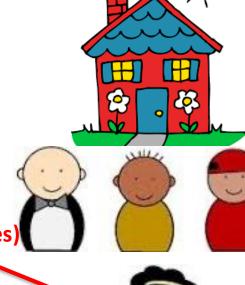
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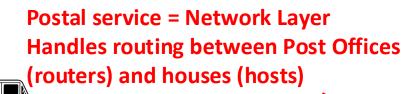
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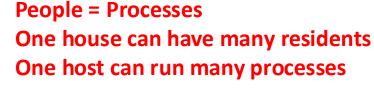






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Handles routing between Post Offices
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Trucks = Physical layer









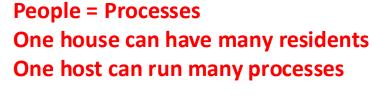








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One person = Transport Layer
Gets messages to/from people (processes)



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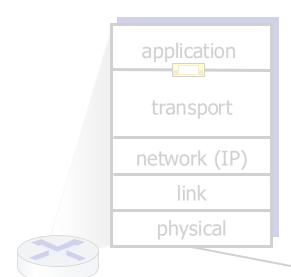






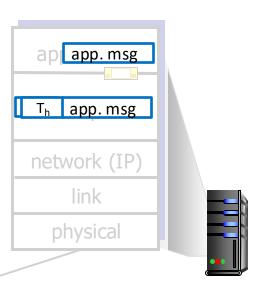
Transport layer actions: Sender adds transport headers to app message

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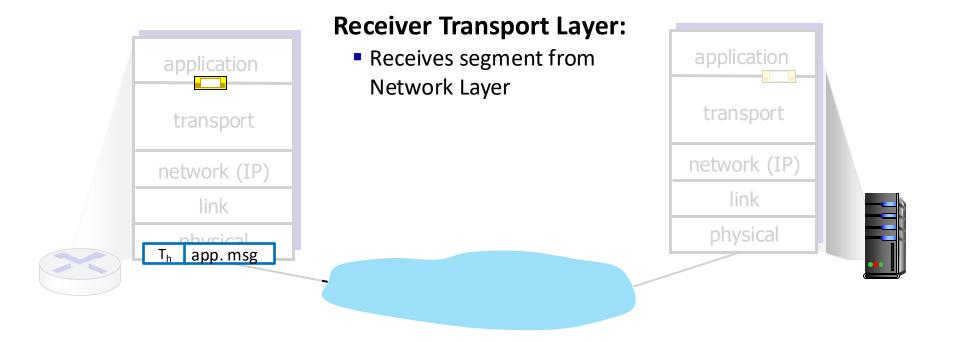
Sender Transport Layer:

- Is passed an applicationlayer message via Socket
- Calculates segment header fields values
- Creates segment
- Passes segment to Network Layer

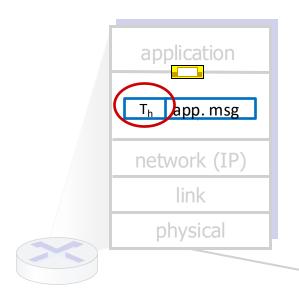


Primary header fields are source and destination port (plus error detection checksum) Ports identify specific applications on hosts Recall a host may run many copies of an application (e.g., multiple web browsers or tabs) Adapted from Kurose and Ross: Computer Networking: A Top-Down Approach

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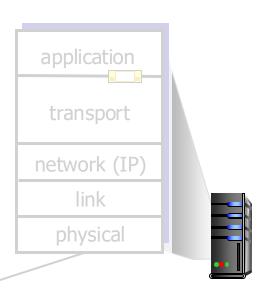


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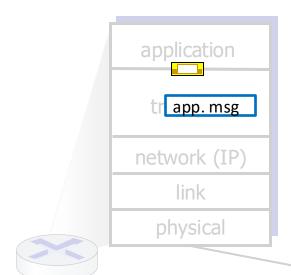


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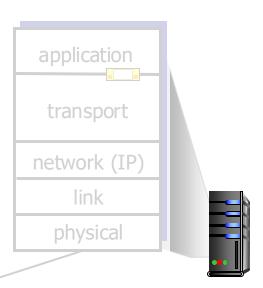


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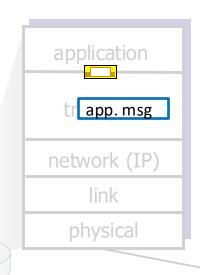


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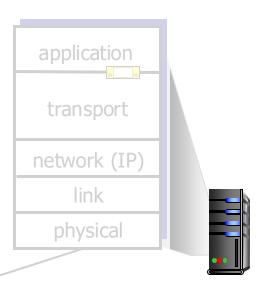


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- Demultiplexes message up to application via Socket



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Review: Layer 4 ports identify an application running on a host

Ports

Your computer is running multiple applications at the same time (email, web browsing, others)

Without a means to differentiate, all received data would go to the same place (e.g., web browser gets email traffic and vice versa)

Ports identify applications by a number that ranges from 0 to $65,535 = 2^{16}-1$

Servers run applications that listen for
connections on well-known ports

Well known ports		
Port	Service	
20 and 21	FTP	
22	SSH	
53	DNS	
80	HTTP	
443	Encrypted HTTP	
587 (old 25)	Email (SMTP)	

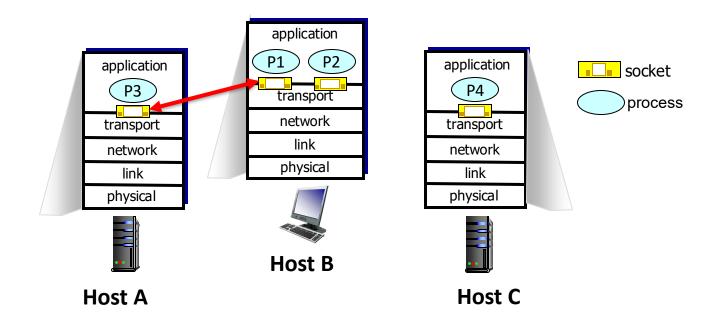
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0 - 1023 are well-known ports Commonly reserved for system apps 1024-49,151 user or registered ports 49,152-65,535 ephemeral ports

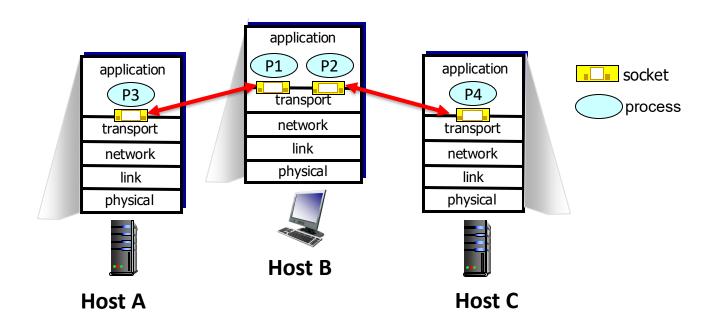
Clients connect to servers on these ports

Find known ports at /etc/services

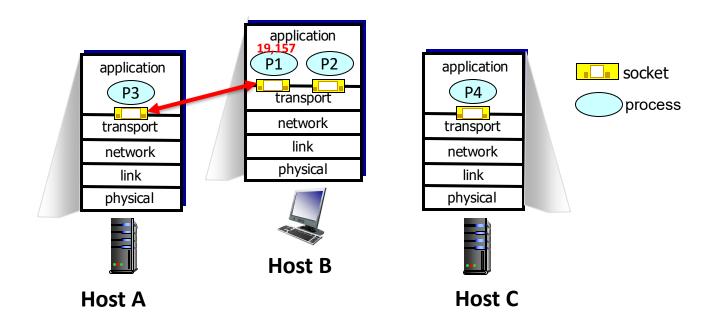
P1 on Host B talks to P3 on Host A through a Socket



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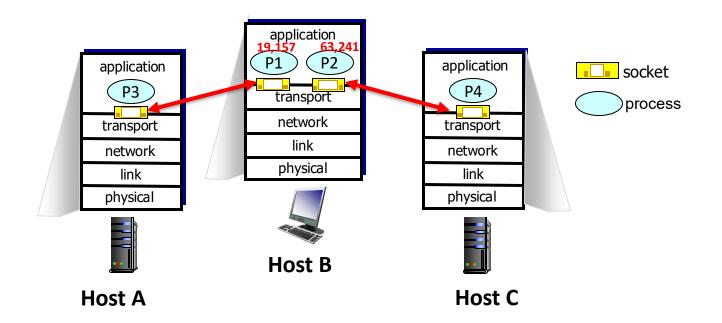


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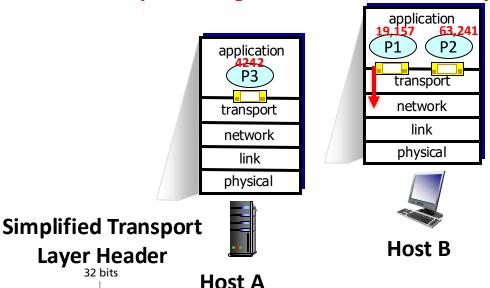
Likewise, Host B created a different Socket with a different Port number for P4 (63,241)

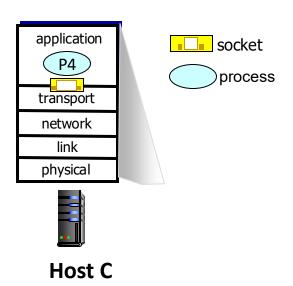


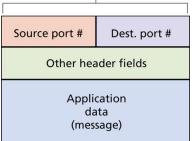
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Then passes Segment to the Network Layer



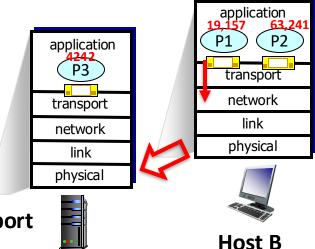


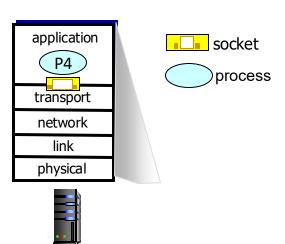


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19,157 Source port # **4242** Dest. port # Other header fields Application data (message)

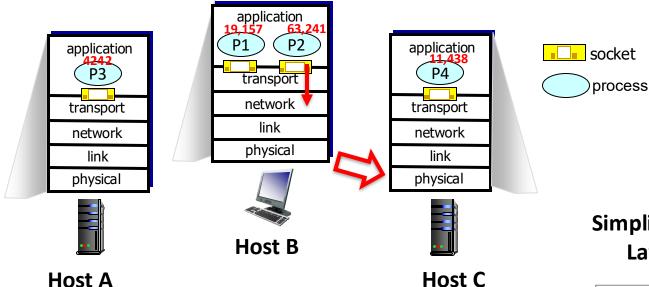
Host C

Network layer sends Segment to Link Layer Link Layer sends frame to Physical Layer Physical Layer sends data across the network

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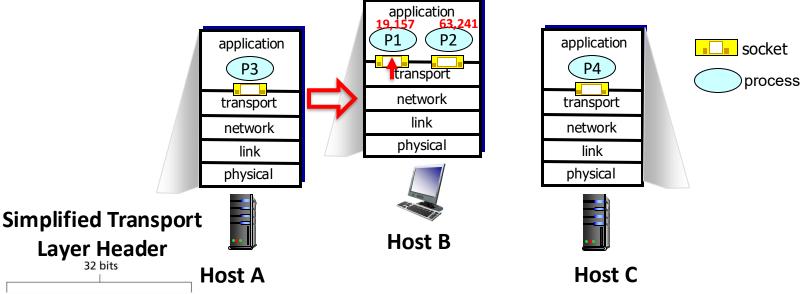
Source port # Dest: port #

Other header fields

Application data (message)

When Host B <u>receives</u> a Segment, it examines the Transport Layer headers

- Finds the destination port in the Transport header (19,157)
- Sends data to the Socket with that port number
- (Technically it also checks the IP address, but we will cover that soon)



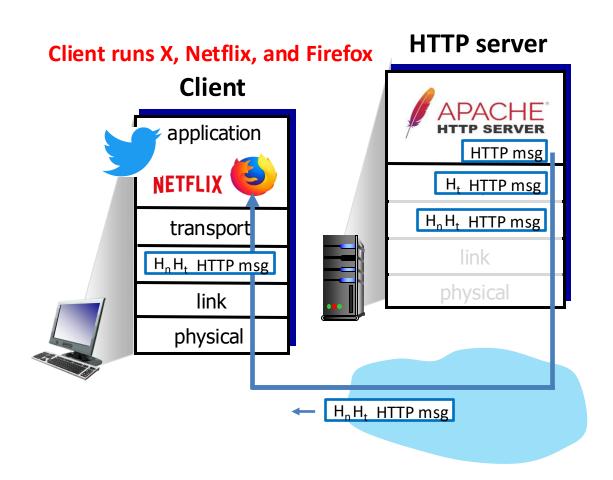
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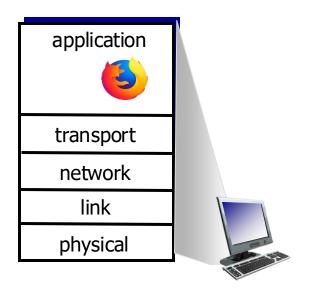
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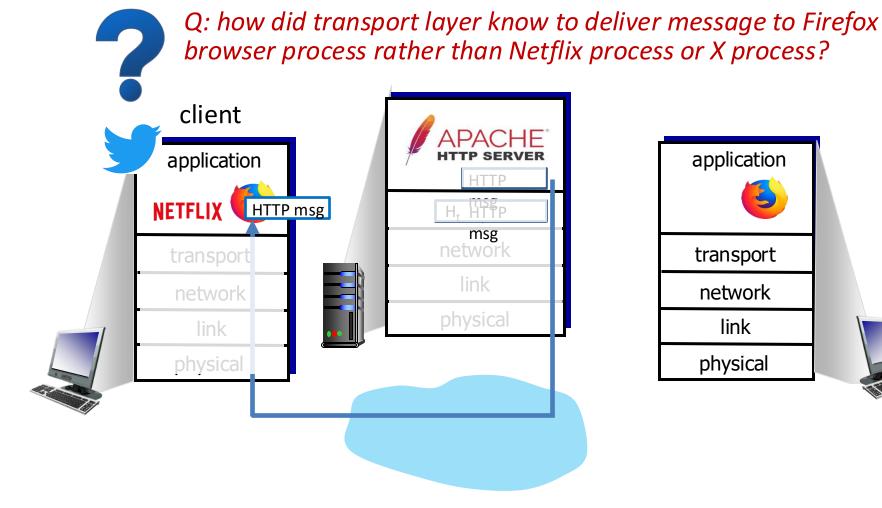
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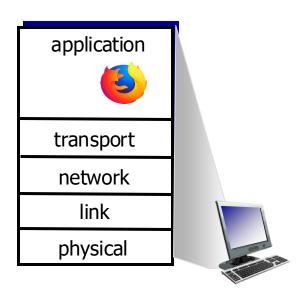
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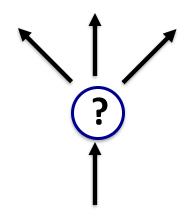


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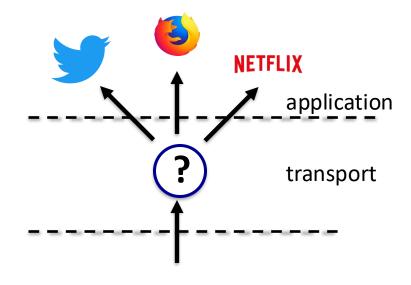


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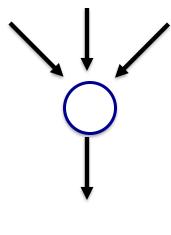


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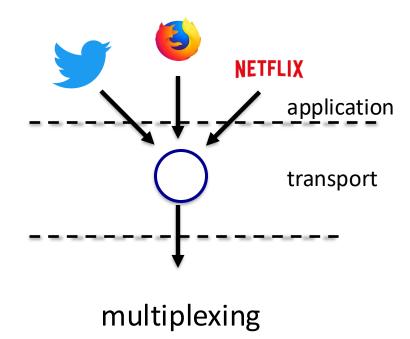
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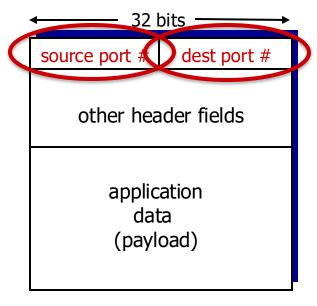


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How demultiplexing works

- Host receives Layer 3 IP datagrams
 - Each Layer 3 datagram has source IP address, destination IP address
 - If destination IP is this host, send to Layer 4
- Each Layer 3 datagram carries one Layer 4 transport-layer Segment as its payload
 - Each Segment has source and destination port numbers
- Host uses IP addresses & port numbers to direct segment to appropriate Socket



TCP/UDP segment format

UDP connectionless demultiplexing

Recall:

When creating Socket to <u>listen</u> for connections, must specify <u>source</u> port number:

sock.bind((ip_addr,9090))

Note: if not specified with bind, OS chooses random, unused source port

 When creating datagram to <u>send</u> into UDP Socket, must specify destination IP address and port number

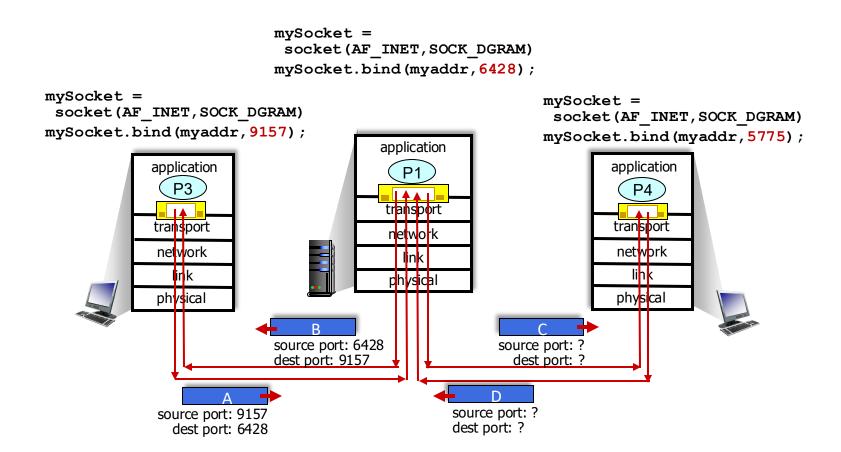
When receiving host receives *UDP* segment:

- Checks destination port number in Segment
- Directs UDP segment to
 Socket with that port number



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

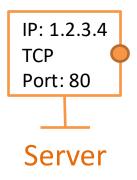
UDP connectionless demultiplexing example



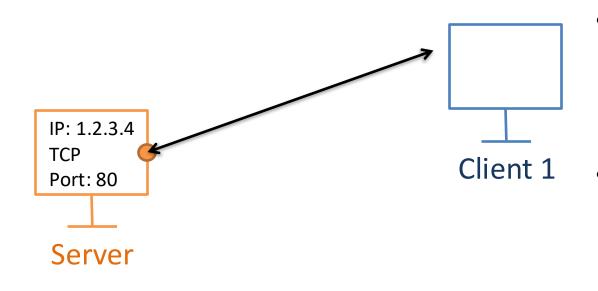
TCP connection-oriented demultiplexing

- TCP socket identified by 4-tuple:
 - Source IP address
 - Source port number
 - Dest IP address
 - Dest port number
- Demux: receiver uses all four values (4-tuple) to direct segment to appropriate socket

- Server may support many simultaneous TCP sockets:
 - Each socket identified by its own 4-tuple
 - Each socket associated with a different connecting client



```
Server is listening on
a socket
(socket = address
+ protocol
+ port)
```



Server receives

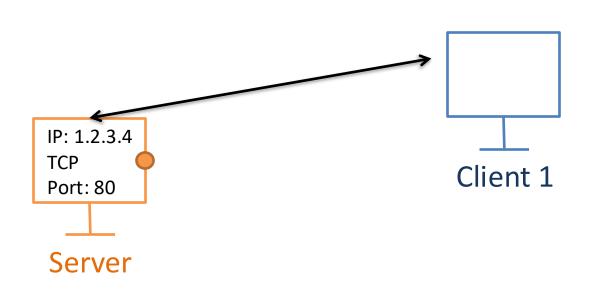
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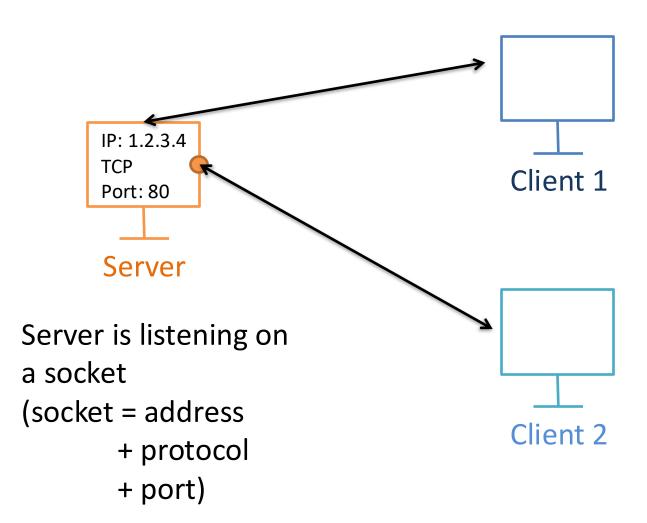
Server is listening on a socket (socket = address + protocol + port)

connection, moves communications to own socket

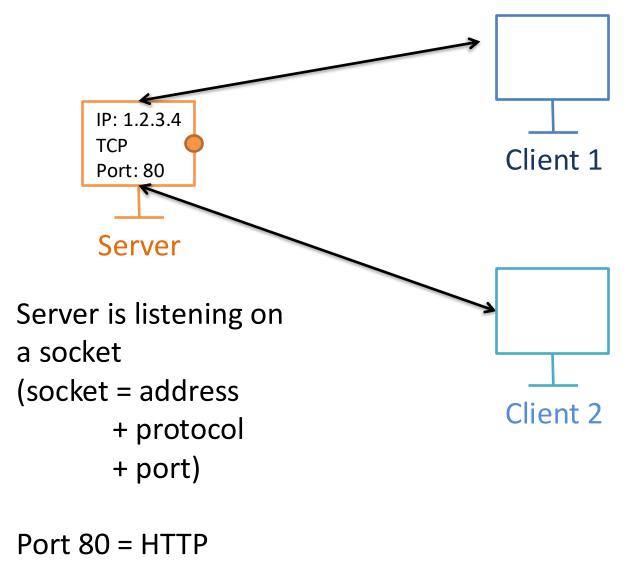


- Client 1 makes connection over socket
- Server receives connection, moves communications to own socket
- Server returns to listening
- Server talking to Client 1 and ready for others

- Server is listening on a socket (socket = address
 - + protocol
 - + port)
- Port 80 = HTTP



 Client 2 makes connection over socket



- Client 2 makes connection over socket
- Server receives connection, moves communications to own socket
- Server returns to listening
- Server talking to client 1 and 2 ready for others

Single client TCP <u>server</u> example (non-multithreaded)

```
Server is running any localhost interface
                                                                                                receive_tcp.py
#define host ip and port
                                            Will listen on port 9090
HOST = '0.0.0.0' #any localhost interface
                                                                            SOCK_STREAM is a TCP socket
PORT = 9090
                                                                            SOCK_DGRAM for UDP
#create TCP socket listening on ip address and port
server_socket = socket.socket(socket.AF INET, socket.SOCK STREAM)
server socket.bind((HOST, PORT))
                                           Server binds to IP address and port
#listen for connections
                                           Client typically has random port
server socket.listen()
print(f"Server listening on {HOST}:{PORT}...")
                                                           Listen for TCP connections to port 9090
try:
                                                                accept() blocks until client connects
 client socket, addr = server socket.accept()
 print(f"Connected by {addr}")
                                                                Returns a socket just for that client
 while True:
                                                                What does UDP do for accept?
   data = client socket.recv(1024)
                                                             Receive data from client
   if not data:
     break
                                                             Print to console (break if client hangs up)
   print(f"Received: {data.decode()}")
   client socket.sendall(b"Message received: " + data)
                                                                             Send reply back to client
finally:
                             Sendall sends multiple packets if needed over client_socket
 client socket.close()
  erver socket.close()
                                $ python3 receive tcp.py
                                                                       $ nc -t localhost 9090
```

hello

Message received: hello

Message received: another message

another message

Message received: hello

message

Message received: another

Close both sockets

when done

Single client TCP <u>server</u> example (non-multithreaded)

receive_tcp.py

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#define host ip and port
HOST = '0.0.0.0' #any localhost interface
PORT = 9090
#create TCP socket listening on ip address and port
server socket = socket.socket(socket.AF INET, socket.SOCK STREAM)
server socket.bind((HOST, PORT))
#listen for connections
server socket.listen()
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    data = client socket.recv(1024)
    if not data:
      break
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    client socket.sendall(b"Message received: " + data)
finally:
  client socket.close()
  server socket.close()
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TCP server socket comprises

- 1. Source IP (localhost here)
- 2. Source port (9090 here)
- 3. Destination IP (client IP)
- 4. Destination port (client port)

All four used for demux'ing when using TCP

If this were a multithreaded example, we would need all four to identify a socket because each client (with own ip and port) would get its own socket from socket.accept()! 54

Single *client* TCP Server example

```
send_tcp.py
                                        Server is running on localhost and
#define server's ip and port
HOST = '127.0.0.1'
                                         listening on port 9090
                                                                             SOCK_STREAM is a TCP socket
PORT = 9090
                                                                             SOCK_DGRAM for UDP
#create TCP socket to connect to server
client socket = socket.socket(socket.AF INET, socket.SOCK STREAM)
client socket.connect((HOST, PORT))
                                          Connect to server on ip and port using TCP
                                                            Send message over socket
try:
                                                            sendall() sends all chunks (send() only one)
 message = "Hello, Server!"
 client socket.sendall(message.encode()) #encode converts to bytes
 data = client socket.recv(1024) #get server's response
 print(f"Received from server: {data.decode()}")
finally:
                                                                Get and print server's response
 client socket.close()
                                        Close socket
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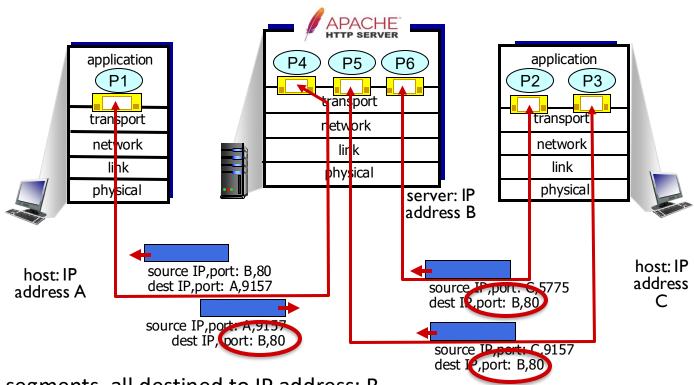
Received from server: Message received: Hello, Server!

\$ python3 receive_tcp.py

Message received: Hello,

Server!

TCP connection-oriented demultiplexing example



Three segments, all destined to IP address: B, dest port: 80 are demultiplexed to *different* sockets on Host B based on 4-tuple

- src IP
- src port
- dst IP
- dst port

Summary

- Multiplexing, demultiplexing: based on segment, datagram header field values
- UDP: demultiplexing using destination port number (only)
- TCP: demultiplexing using 4-tuple: source and destination IP addresses, and port numbers

Agenda

- 1. Transport (Layer 4) services
- 2. Multiplexing and Demultiplexing: How does data get to the right application?



3. Connectionless Transport: UDP

We will focus on TCP next class

4. Exercises

Why UDP: User Datagram Protocol

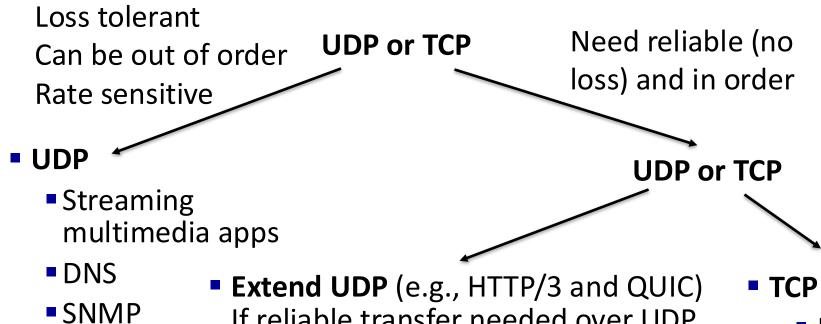
- "No frills," "bare bones"
 Internet transport protocol
- "Best effort" service, UDP segments may be:
 - Lost
 - Delivered out-of-order to app
- Connectionless:
 - No handshaking between UDP sender, receiver (so it is fast)
 - Each UDP segment handled independently of others

Other than providing Mux/Demux services to get data to the proper application, UDP is essentially Layer 3 (Network Layer)

Why is there a UDP?

- No connection establishment (which can add RTT delay)
- Simple: no connection state at sender, receiver
- Small header size (8 bytes vs 20 bytes for TCP)
- No congestion control
 - UDP can blast away as fast as desired!
 - Can function in the face of congestion

Use UDP when it is not critical all Segments are delivered (or delivered in order) quickly



- If reliable transfer needed over UDP
 - Can add needed reliability at application layer

HTTP/3

- Can add congestion control at application layer too
- But, UDP does not provide these functions out of the box

- Reliable
- In order
- Slower than others

UDP: User Datagram Protocol RFC is simple



UDP is defined in Request For Comment (RFC) 768

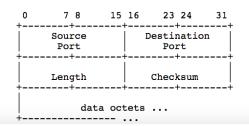
User Datagram Protocol

Introduction

This User Datagram Protocol (UDP) is defined to make available a datagram mode of packet-switched computer communication in the environment of an interconnected set of computer networks. This protocol assumes that the Internet Protocol (IP) [1] is used as the underlying protocol.

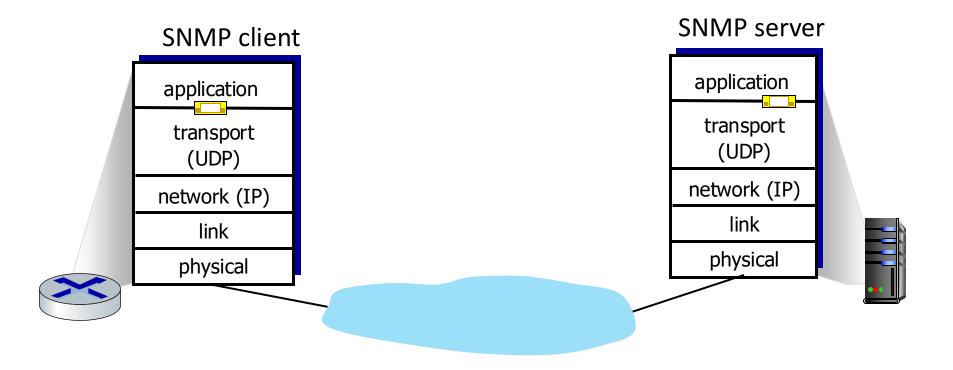
This protocol provides a procedure for application programs to send messages to other programs with a minimum of protocol mechanism. The protocol is transaction oriented, and delivery and duplicate protection are not guaranteed. Applications requiring ordered reliable delivery of streams of data should use the Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) [2].

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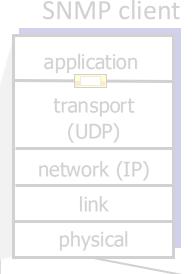


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UDP transport layer actions



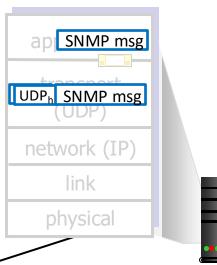
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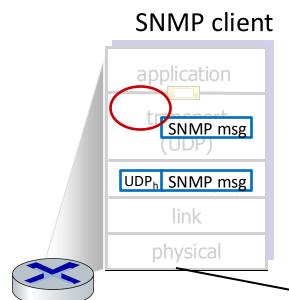
UDP sender actions:

- is passed an applicationlayer message
- determines UDP segment header fields values
- creates UDP segment
- passes segment to IP





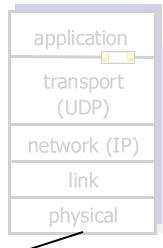
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UDP receiver actions:

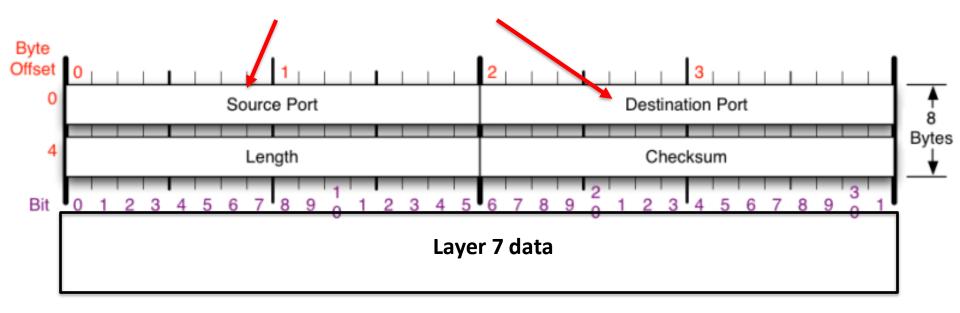
- receives segment from IP
- checks UDP checksum header value
- extracts application-layer message
- demultiplexes message up to application via socket

SNMP server

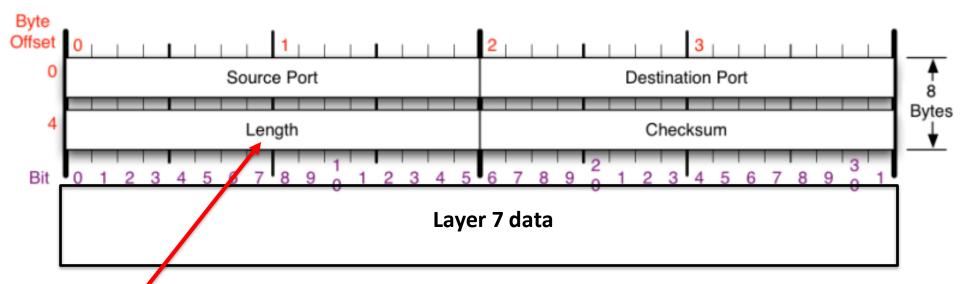


UDP Header is only 32 bits (8 bytes) long; port numbers connect applications

Port numbers range between 0 and 65,535 (=2¹⁶ bits =2 bytes)



Length is the number of bytes in the header plus the Layer 7 data



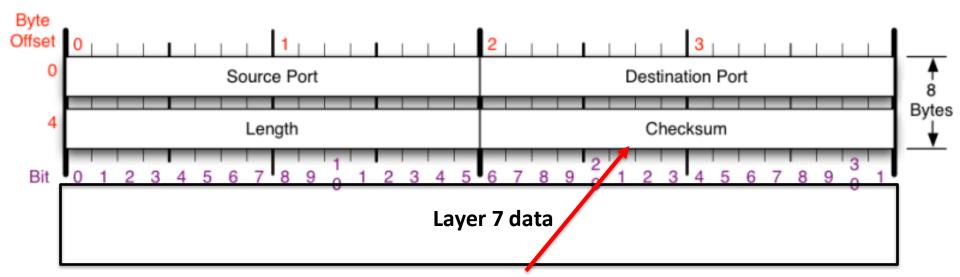
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So, if we send 20 bytes of Application Layer 7 data using UDP, the length field is set to:

8 header bytes + 20 data bytes = 28

Theoretical max UDP Segment is 2¹⁶-1 = 65,535 bytes Subtract 8 bytes for header = 65,527 bytes of data

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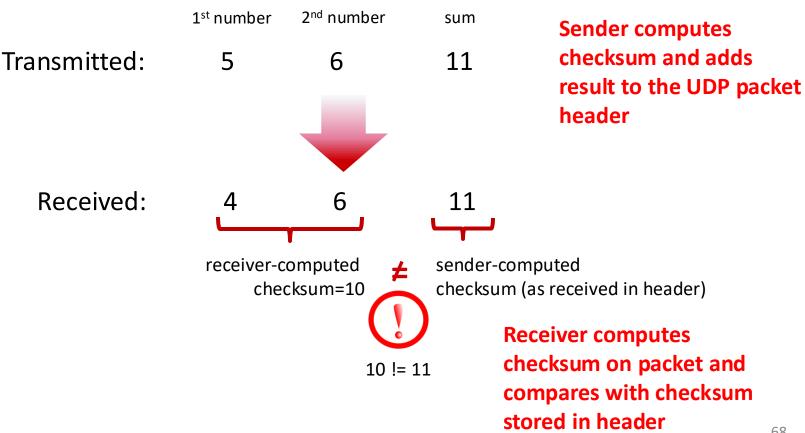


Checksum does error detection (but not error correction!)

Detects (some of the time) whether bits have been altered in transit (for example: by noisy links or while stored in routers) as the Segment moved from source to destination

UDP checksum helps detect bit errors

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Internet checksum

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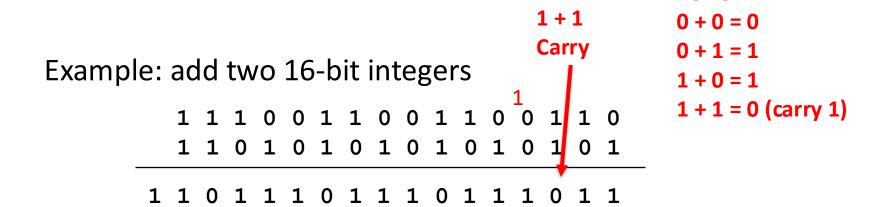
Sender:

- Treat contents of UDP segment (including UDP header fields and IP addresses) as sequence of 16-bit integers
- Checksum: bit addition (one's complement sum) of segment content
- Checksum value put into UDP checksum field

Receiver:

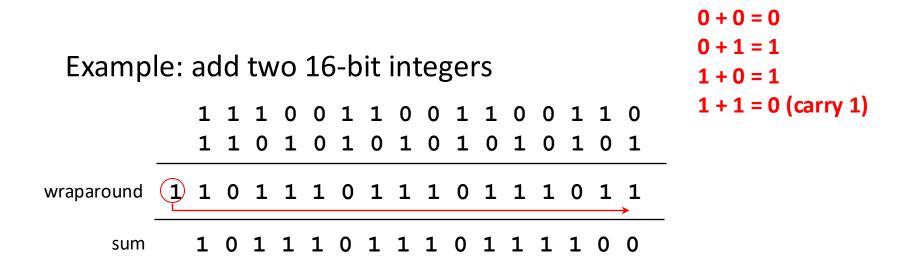
- Compute checksum of received segment
- Check if computed checksum equals checksum field value:
 - Not equal error detected
 - Equal no error detected. But maybe errors nonetheless?
 More later

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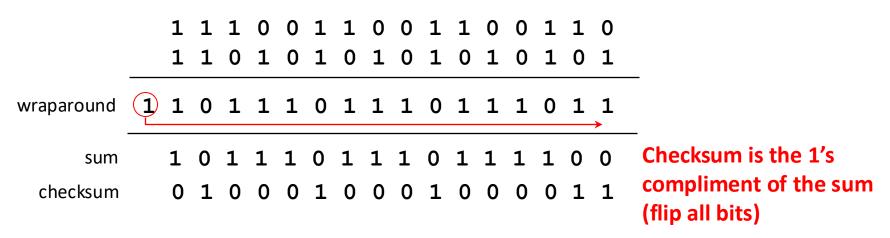


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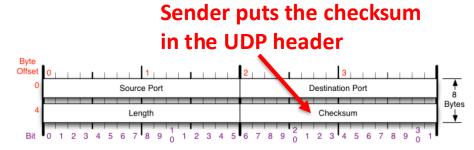
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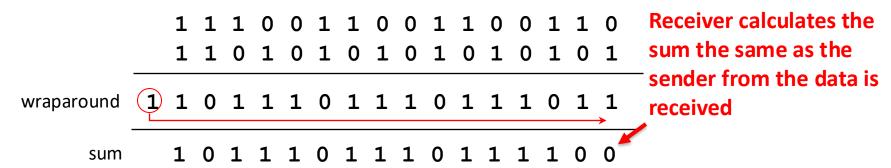


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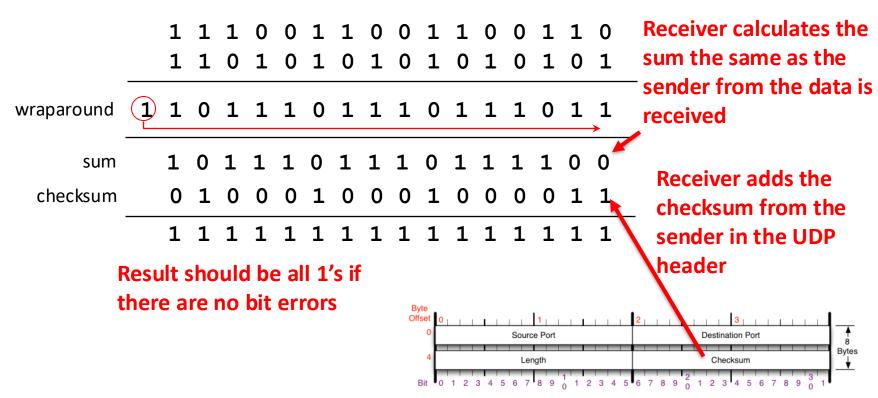
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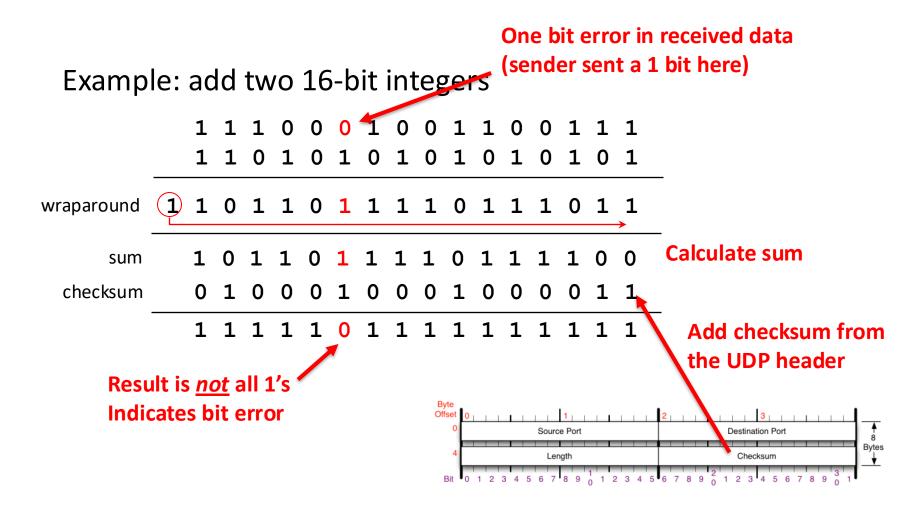
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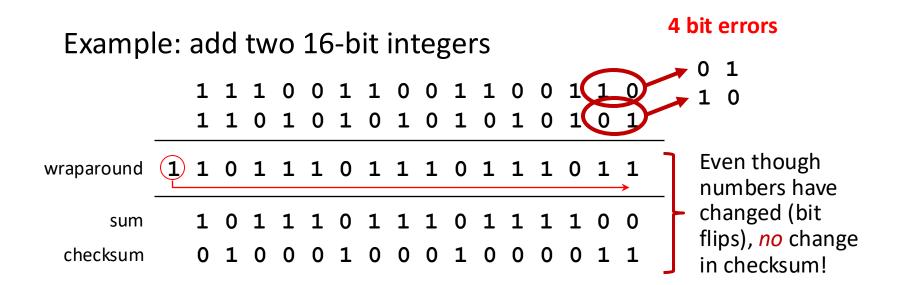


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Internet checksum has weak protection



Checksum calculation may indicate no errors if there are an even number of bit errors

UDP summary

- "No frills" protocol:
 - Segments may be lost, delivered out of order
 - Best effort service: "send and hope for the best"
- UDP has its plusses:
 - No setup/handshaking needed (no RTT incurred)
 - Can function when network service is compromised
 - Helps with reliability (checksum)
- Can build additional functionality on top of UDP in application layer (e.g., HTTP/3 or QUIC)

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Exercise

Implement a chat program where:

- VPN to Dartmouth's network first (Dartmouth blocks traffic)!
- The client takes input from the keyboard and sends it to the server over TCP
- Server responds back to client with message converted to all uppercase
- Start with send_tcp.py/receive_tcp.py

Time permitting

- Implement the same in C
- Start with send_udp.c/receive_udp.c