

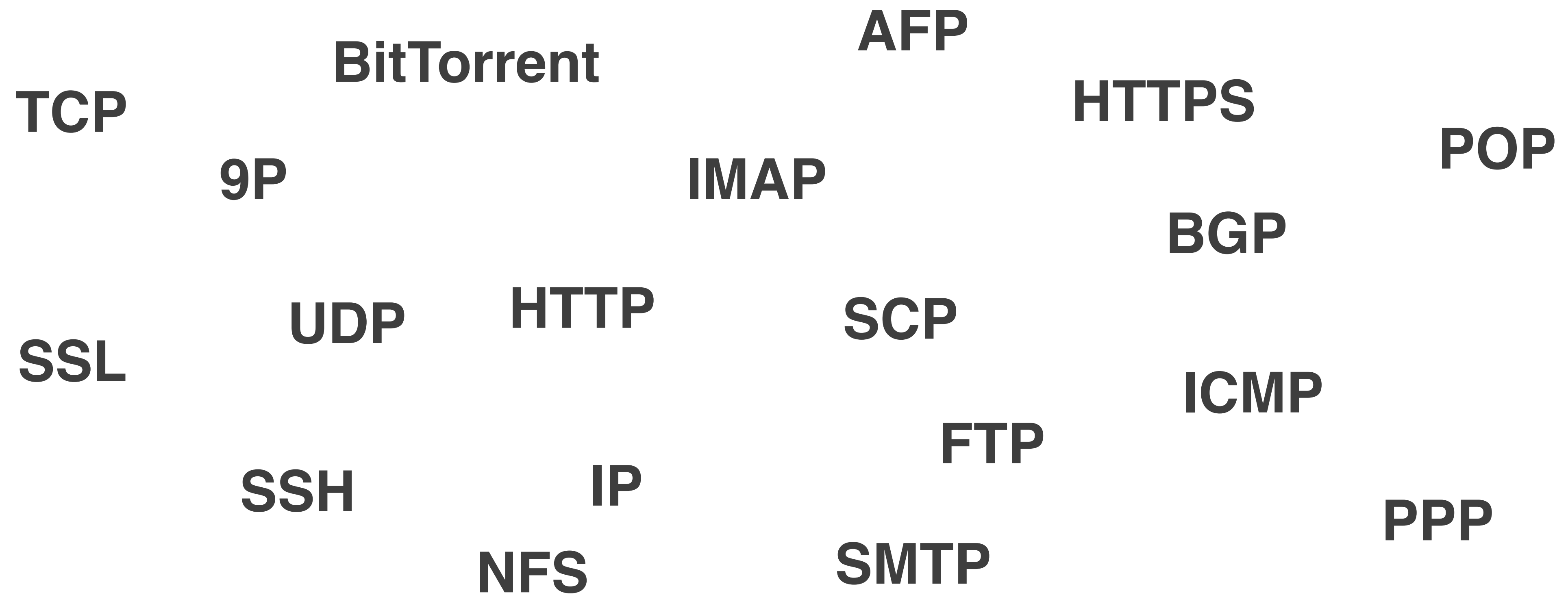


/EXPRESS.JS

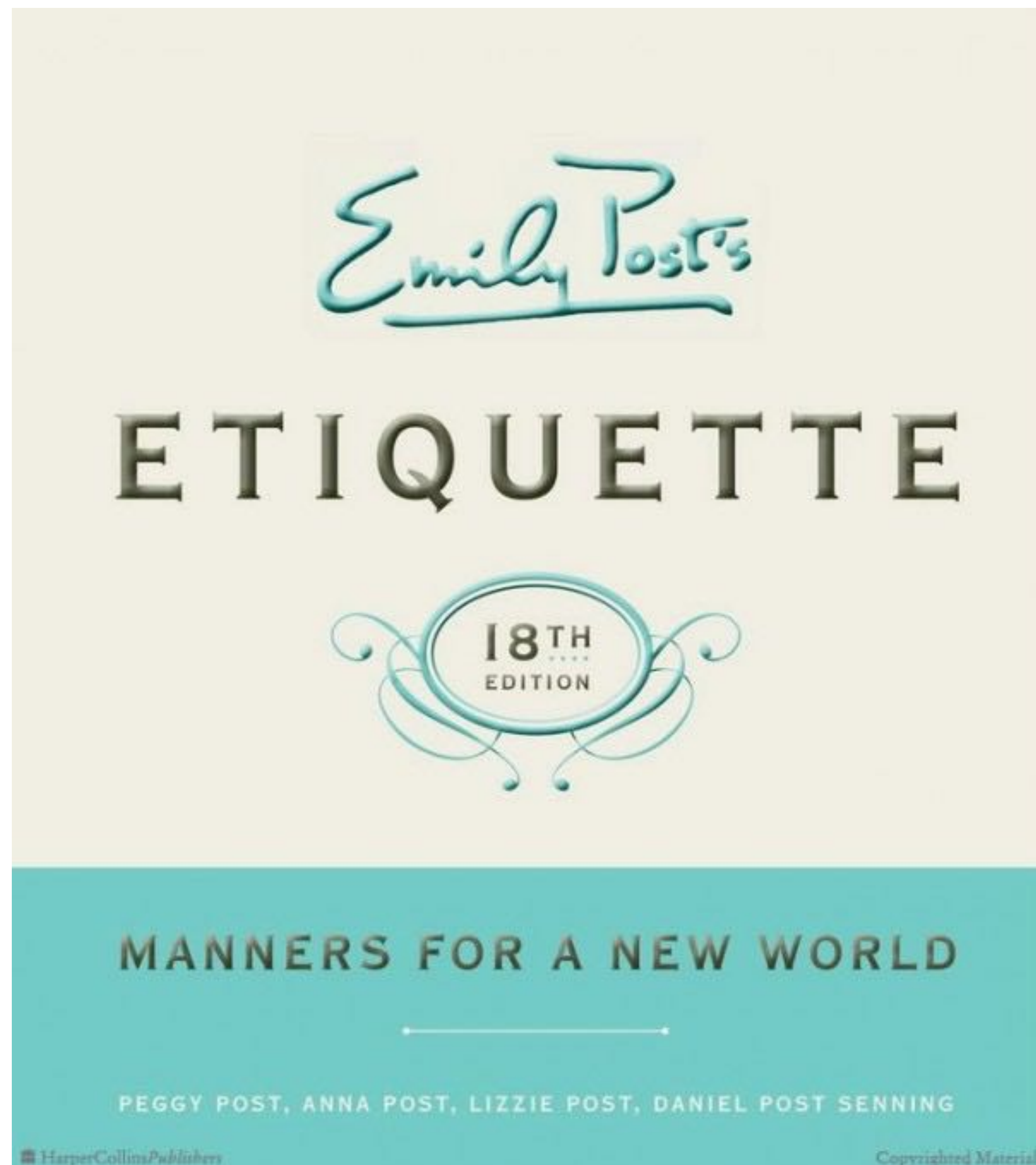
“You think, you can”



INTERNET COMMUNICATION

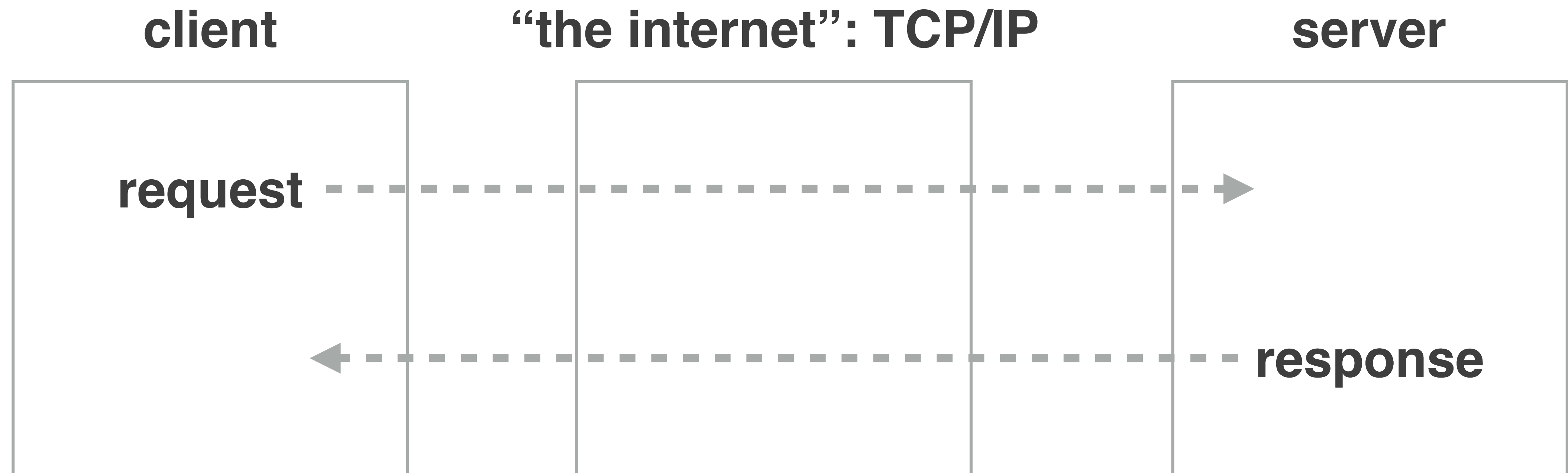








HTTP





HTTP

Every request gets exactly one response



PROTOCOL

- Rules
- Specification, NOT implementation
- Often used for communication

node's **http** library is an implementation of HTTP



HTTP REQUEST

just a message with a certain format

verb URI

headers

```
POST /docs/1/related HTTP/1.1
```

```
Host: www.test101.com
```

```
Accept: image/gif, image/jpeg, */*
```

```
Accept-Language: en-us
```

```
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
```

```
User-Agent: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.0; Windows NT 5.1)
```

```
bookId=12345&author=Nimit
```

body

(from http://www.ntu.edu.sg/home/ehchua/programming/webprogramming/HTTP_Basics.html)



COMMON VERBS

GET

“read”

POST

“create”

PUT

“update”

DELETE

“delete”



HTTP RESPONSE

status

headers

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Sun, 18 Oct 2009 08:56:53 GMT
Server: Apache/2.2.14 (Win32)
Last-Modified: Sat, 20 Nov 2004 07:16:26 GMT
ETag: "10000000565a5-2c-3e94b66c2e680"
Accept-Ranges: bytes
Content-Length: 44
Connection: close
Content-Type: text/html
X-Pad: avoid browser bug

<html><body><h1>It works!</h1></body></html>
```

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payload/body



COMMON STATUSES

200	“OK”
201	“created”
304	“cached”
400	“bad request”
401	“unauthorized”
404	“not found”
500	“server error”



EXPRESS

A node library for request handling

<CODE>



`</CODE>`





EXPRESS

- **Treats requests as objects, created by event**
- **Matches on verb AND route**
- **Allows chaining of many handlers**
- **Enables modular layering with “routers”**

POP QUIZ



CLIENT

Something that makes (HTTP) requests



SERVER

Something that responds to (HTTP) requests



REQUEST

*A formatted message sent over the network by a client.
Contains VERB, URI (route), headers, and body.*



RESPONSE

*A server's reply to a request (formatted message).
Contains headers, payload, and status.*



REQUEST-RESPONSE CYCLE

*The client **always** initiates by sending a request, and the server completes it by sending **exactly one** response*



EXPRESS MIDDLEWARE

A function that handles responding to requests.

*Of the form: **function(req, res, next){...}***



REQUEST QUERY STRING

A way to pass data from client to server.

verb

route

```
POST /docs/index?x=123&foo=that HTTP/1.1
```

```
Host: www.test101.com
```

```
Accept: image/gif, image/jpeg, */*
```

```
Accept-Language: en
```

```
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
```

```
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.0; Windows NT 5.1)
```

```
bookId=12345&author=Nimit
```

body

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headers

In express...

```
request.query = {x:123, foo: 'that'}
```



REQUEST BODY

A way to pass data from client to server.

verb

route

```
POST /docs/index?x=123&foo=that HTTP/1.1
```

```
Host: www.test101.com
```

```
Accept: image/gif, image/jpeg, */*
```

```
Ac
```

```
Ac
```

```
Us
```

In express...

```
request.body = {bookId:12345, author: 'Nimit'}
```

```
bookId=12345&author=Nimit
```

body

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headers



REQUEST PARAMS

A variable portion of the URI.



ROUTER

A “layer” of route handlers (middlewares).



GOTCHAS

- **app.use** v **app.get**
- routes are not file paths
- order matters
- **req.params** v **req.query** v **req.body**