Network transports

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Topic of this video: Network transports

IP address and the port number

- Each service has a 16-bit port number
- HTTPS = 443, DNS = 53, SSH = 22, etc.
- A pair of IP address and port number defines an endpoint of communication

UDP and TCP

- Two major transport protocols on the internet
- User Datagram Protocol (UDP): connection-less
- Transport Control Protocol (TCP): connection-oriented

Packet exchange limitation

- Packets are not always delivered
- Sending sequence is not preserved
- The same packet may be received multiple times
- The content of the packet may get altered or damaged
- Packet size has the limitation

What UDP does

- Add a header with the port number
- Send it in an IP packet
- ... and that's it

Application Data UDPUDP Transport header data IPIP data Internet header Frame Frame Link Frame data footer header 0210622 topic08

UDP's pros and cons

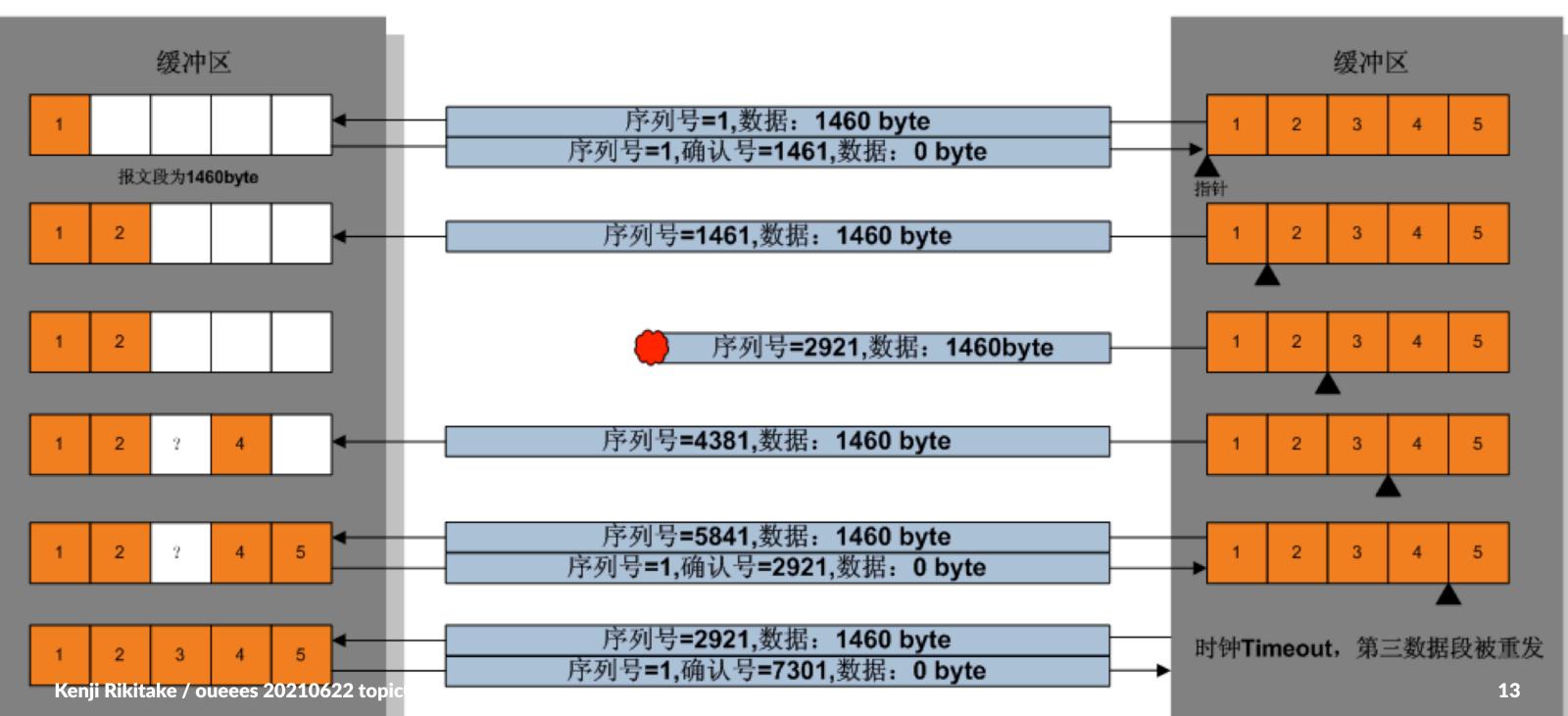
- UDP datagrams are still not always delivered and may get lost
- Sequence is not preserved
- The same datagram may be received multiple times and may cause duplicate delivery
- The errors in the contents of UDP datagrams are detectable
- UDP datagram has the size limit: suitable for relatively small messages
- Very small additional latency

Transport control protocol (TCP)

- Detect packet loss by timeout
- Split stream into segments
- Put sequence numbers to the segments
- Reassemble segments to the stream
- Perform congestion control







TCP's pros and cons

- Loss is detected and recovered so long as the connection is alive
- Sequence is preserved
- No content repetition
- Errors are detected and fixed by retransmission
- The stream will accept data so long as the connection is alive
- Data delivery may delay if retransmission occurs

Web: HTTP/2 (TCP) and QUIC (UDP) -> HTTP/3

- People wants speed and smaller latency
- HTTP/2 (RFC7540): TCP-bound, stream aggregation and content compression
- QUIC (RFC9000): UDP-based, tightly integrated to HTTP/2 and specific congestion control
- HTTP/2 had head-of-line blocking problem by TCP
- Major browsers have already supported HTTP/3 (= HTTP/2 over QUIC)

Buffering and head-of-line (HOL) blocking

- Buffering causes only the oldest packets to be forwarded
- Newer packets could be forwarded without HOL blocking
- In this example, moving buffers to output ports will avoid the delay for Output 3 at Input 1, blocked by the contention of Output 4

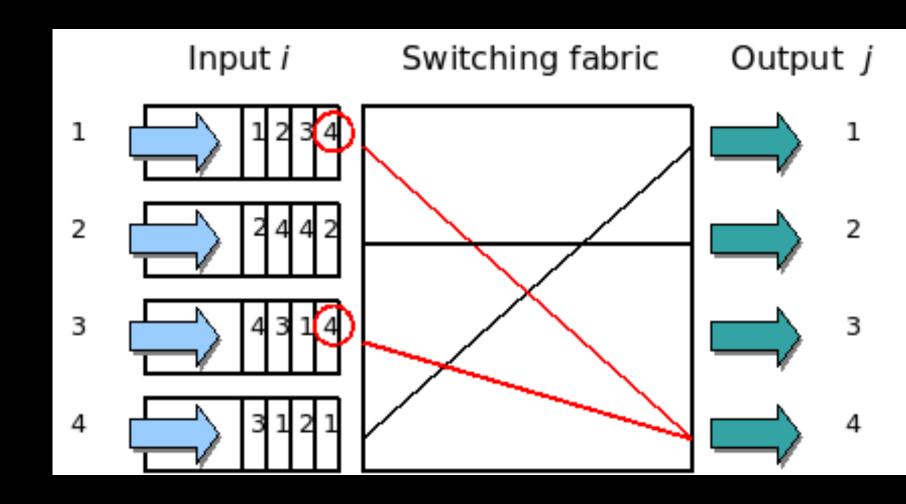


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