



# Chapter 2:Application Layer

# Chapter 2: road map

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# *Some networks apps*

- E-mail
- Web
- Text messaging
- Remote login
- P2P file sharing
- Multi-user network game
- Streaming stored video (Youtube, Hulu, Netflix)
- Voice over IP(e.g. Skype)
- Real-time video conferencing
- Social Networking
- Search
- Etc...

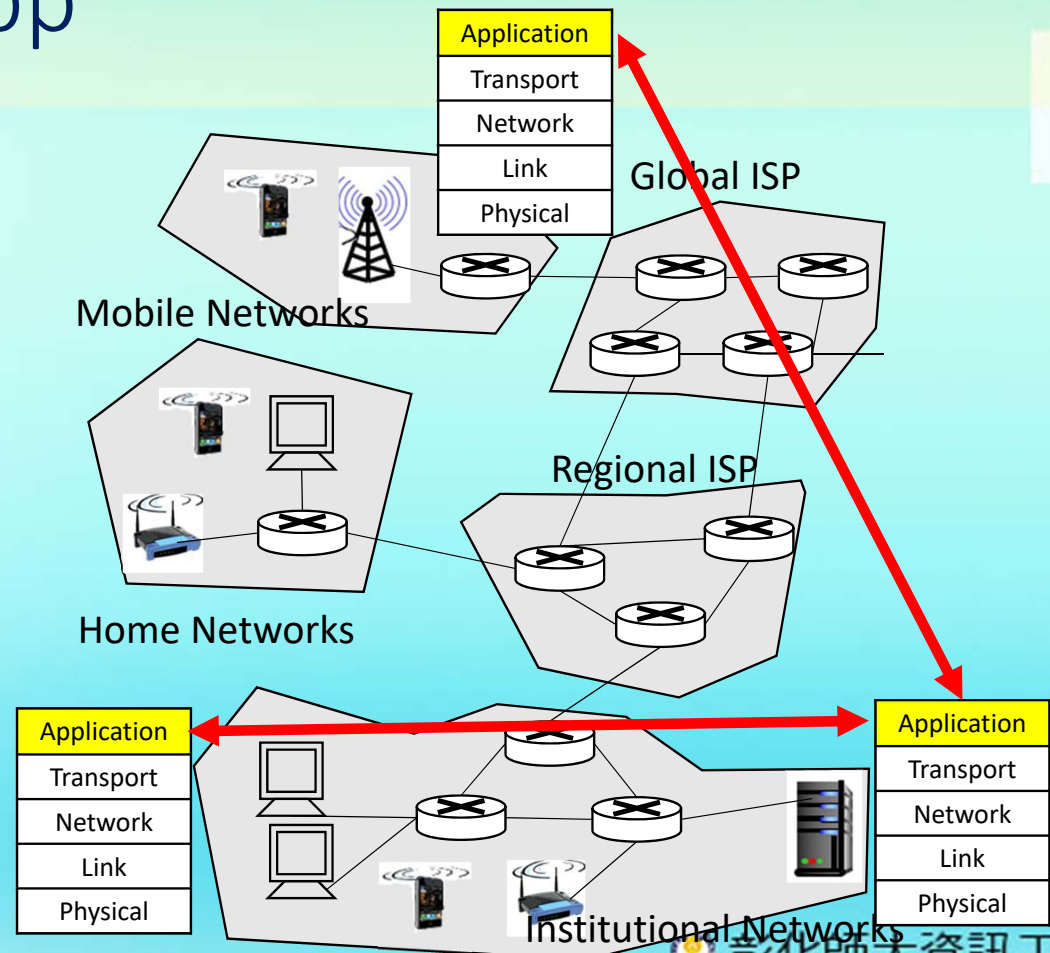
# Create a network app

- **Write program that:**

- Run on(different) *end systems*
- Communicate over network
- E.g. web server software communicates with browser software

**No need to write software for network-core devices**

- Network-core do not run user applications
- Applications on *end systems* allow for rapid app development, propagation



## 2.1 Principles of Network Applications

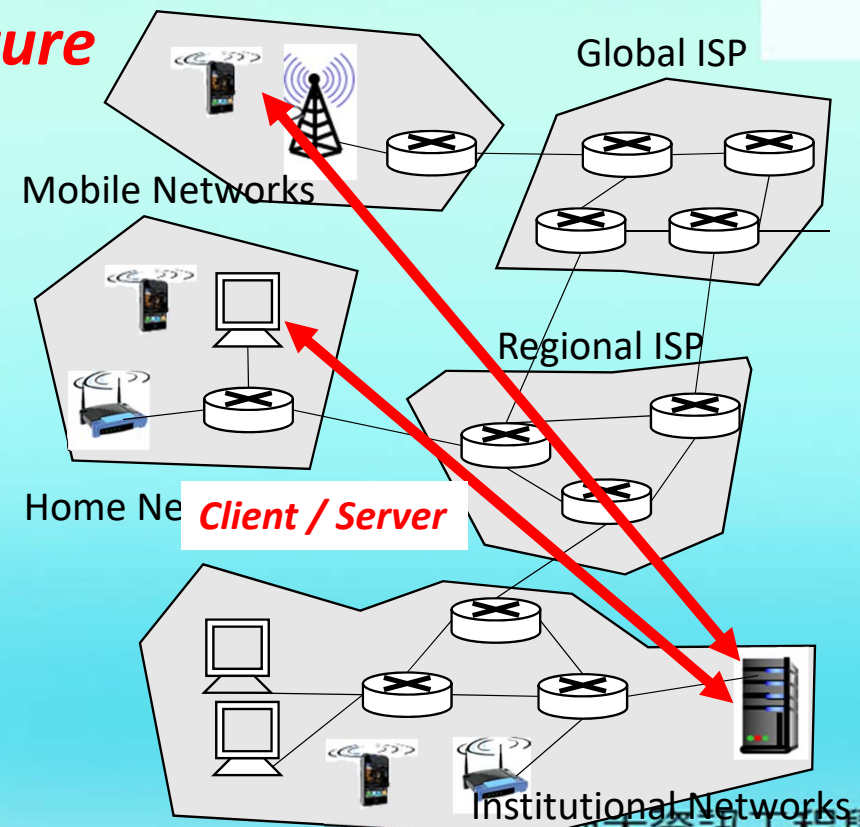
### 2.1.1 Network Application Architecture

- **Server :** *Client-Server architecture*

- Always-on host
- Permanent IP address
- *Data centers* for scaling

- **Clients:**

- Communicate with server
- May be intermittently connected
- May have dynamic IP
- Do not communicate directly with each other



## 2.1.2 Processes communicating

**Process** : program running within a host

- Within same host, two processes communicate using **inter-process communication** (defined by OS)
- Process in different hosts communicate by exchanging **messages**

### Client, Servers

**Client process**: process that initiates communication

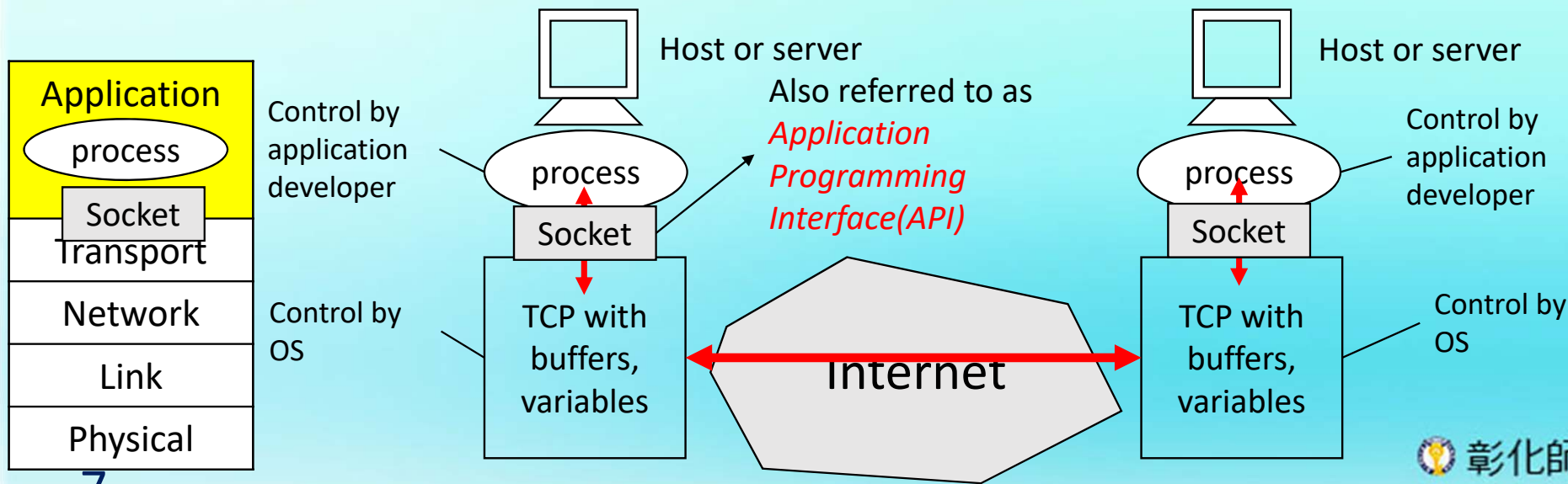
**Server process**: process that waits to be contacted

Aside: applications with P2P architectures have **client processes & sever processes**



## 2.1.2 Processes communicating – Sockets

- process sends/receives **messages** to/from its **sockets**
- Sockets analogous to door
  - Sending process shoves **message** out door
  - Sending process relies on transport infrastructure on other side of door to deliver **message** to **sockets** at receiving process



## 2.1.2 Processes communicating – Addressing Processes

- To receive messages, process must have *identifier*
- Host device has unique *32-bit IP address*
- **Q:** Does IP address of host on which process runs suffice for identifying the process?
  - **A:** *no, many processes can be running on same host*
- *Identifier* includes *IP address* and *port numbers* associated with process on host.
- Example port numbers:
  - HTTP server : 80
  - Mail server : 25
  - FTP: 21
- To send HTTP message to gaia.cs.umass.edu web server:
  - *IP address* : 128.119.245.12
  - *Port number*: 80



## 2.1.2 Processes communicating – *App-layer protocol defines...*

➤ **Types of messages exchanged,**

- E.g. request, response

➤ **Message syntax:**

- What fields in messages & how fields are delineated

➤ **Message semantics**

- Meaning of information in fields

➤ **Rules** for when and how process send & responds to **messages**

**Open protocols:**

- Defined in RFCs
- Allows for interoperability
- E.g. HTTP, SMTP

**Proprietary protocols:**

- E.g. Skype

## 2.1.3 Transport Services Available to applications

### *What transport service does an app need?*

#### **Data integrity**

- Some apps (e.g., file transfer, web transactions) require 100% **reliable data transfer**
- Other apps (e.g., audio) can tolerate some loss

#### **Timing**

- Some apps (e.g., Internet telephony, interactive games) require **low delay** to be “effective”

#### **Throughput**

- Some apps (e.g., multimedia) require minimum amount of throughput to be “effective”
- Other apps (“elastic app”) make use of whatever throughput they get

#### **Security**

- Encryption, data integrity  
...

## 2.1.4 Transport Services Provided by the Internet

### *Transport service requirements: common apps*

application	data loss	throughput	Time sensitive
File transfer	No loss	Elastic	No
E-mail	No loss	Elastic	No
Web document	No loss	Elastic	No
Real-time audio/video	Loss-tolerant	Audio:5kbps-1Mbps Video:10kbps-5Mbps	Yes,100's msec
Stored audio/video	Loss-tolerant	Same as above	
Interactive game	Loss-tolerant	Few kbps up	Yes few secs
Text messaging	No loss	Elastic	Yes, 100's msec <i>yes and no</i>

## 2.1.4 Transport Services Provided by the Internet

### *Internet transport protocols services*

#### **TCP Services:**

- **Reliable transport:** between sending and receiving process
- **flow control:** sender won't overwhelm receiver
- **Congestion control:** throttle sender when network overloaded
- **Does not provide:** timing, minimum throughput guarantee, security
- **Connection-oriented:** setup required between client and server processes

#### **UDP Services:**

- **Unreliable data transfer:** between sending and receiving process
- **Does not provide:** reliability, flow control, congestion control, timing, throughput guarantee, security, or connection setup,

**Q:** *why bother? Why is there a UDP?*

## 2.1.4 Transport Services Provided by the Internet

*Internet apps: application, transport protocols*

Application	Application layer protocol	Underlying transport protocol
Remote terminal access	Telnet[RFC 854]	TCP
E-mail	SMTP[RFC 2821]	TCP
Web	HTTP [RFC 2616]	TCP
File transfer	FTP [RFC 959]	TCP
Streaming multimedia	HTTP e.g. Youtube RTP [RFC 1889]	TCP or UDP
Internet telephony	SIR, RTP, proprietary (e.g. Skype)	TCP or UDP

## 2.1.5 Application-Layer Protocols

An application-layer protocol defines:

- *The types of messages exchanged*  
for example, request messages and response messages
- *The syntax of the various message types*  
such as the fields in the message and how the fields are delineated
- *The semantics of the fields*  
that is, the meaning of the information in the fields
- Rules for determining when and *how a process sends* messages and *responds to messages*



## 2.1.5 Application-Layer Protocols

### Securing TCP

#### TCP & UDP

- No encryption
- Cleartext passwords sent into sockets traverse Internet in cleartext

#### SSL

- Provides encrypted TCP connection
- Data integrity
- End-point authentication

#### SSL is at app layer

- Apps use SSL libraries, which “talk” to TCP

#### SSL socket API

- Cleartext passwords sent into socket traverse Internet encrypted
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## 2.2 The Web and HTTP

### 2.2.1 Overview of HTTP

*First a review...*

- *Web page consists of objects*
- *object can be HTML file, JPEG image, Java applet, audio file, ...*
- *Web page consists of base HTML-file which includes several reference objects*
- *each object is addressed by a URL, e.g.,*

*http://www.ncue.edu.tw/bin/home.php*

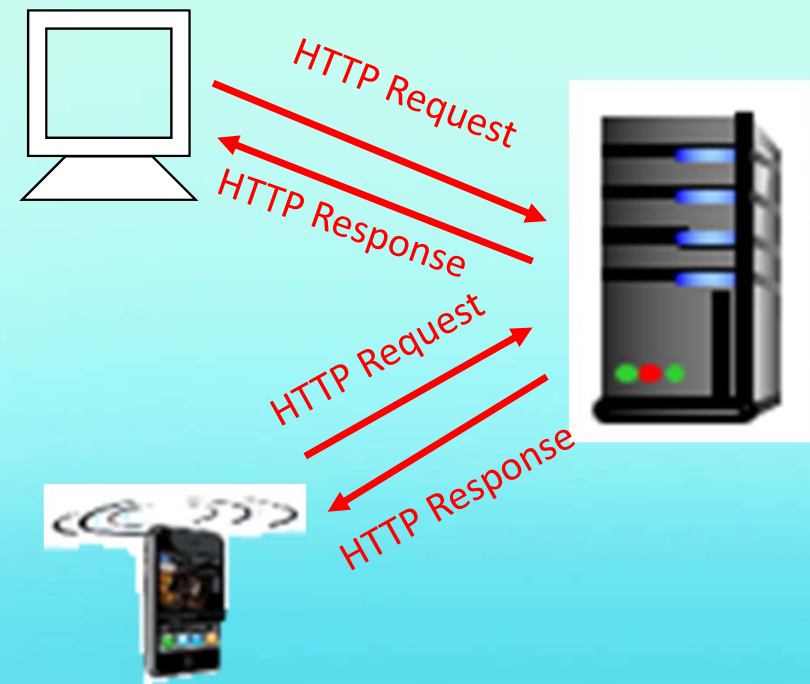
Host name

Path name

## 2.2.1 Overview of HTTP

### HTTP: Hypertext Transfer protocol

- Web's application layer protocol
- Client/server model
  - **Client:** browser that requests, receives, (using HTTP protocol) and "display" Web object
  - **Server:** Web server sends(using HTTP protocol) objects in response to requests



## 2.2.1 Overview of HTTP

### **Use TCP:**

- Client initiates TCP connection (creates socket) to server, port 80
- Server accepts TCP connection from client
- HTTP messages (application-layer protocol message) exchanged between browser (HTTP client) and Web browser(HTTP server)
- TCP connection closed

### **HTTP is “stateless”**

- Server maintains no information

### **Protocols that maintain “state” are complex!**

- Past history(state) must be maintained
- If server/client crashes, their views of “state” may be inconsistent, must be reconciled

## 2.2.2 Non-Persistent and Persistent Connections

### **Non-persistent HTTP**

- At most one object sent over TCP connection
  - Connection then closed
- Downloading multiple object required multiple connection

### **Persistent HTTP**

- Multiple objects can be sent over single TCP connection between client, server

## 2.2.2 Non-Persistent and Persistent Connections

Suppose user enters URL:

`www.ncue.edu.tw/bin/home.php`

(Contains text, references to 10 jpeg images)

1a. HTTP client initiates TCP connection to HTTP server(process) at `www.ncue.edu.tw/bin/home.php` On port 80

1b. HTTP server at host `www.ncue.edu.tw/bin/home.php` waiting for TCP connection at port 80. "accepts" connection, notifying client

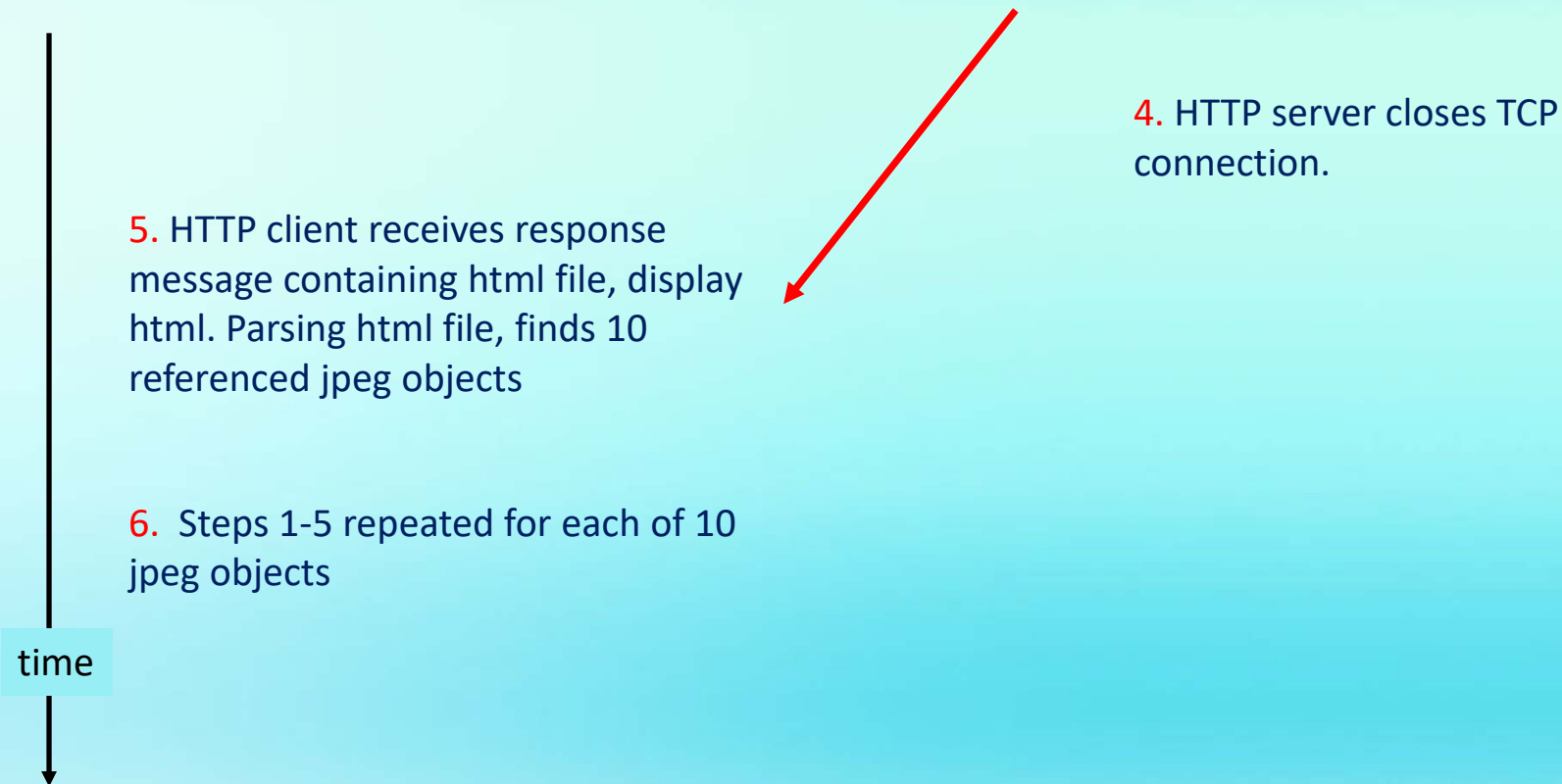
2. HTTP client sends HTTP **request message**(containing URL) into TCP connection sockets. Message indicates that client wants object `www.ncue.edu.tw/bin/home.php`

3. HTTP server receives request message, forms **response message** containing requested object , and sends message into its socket

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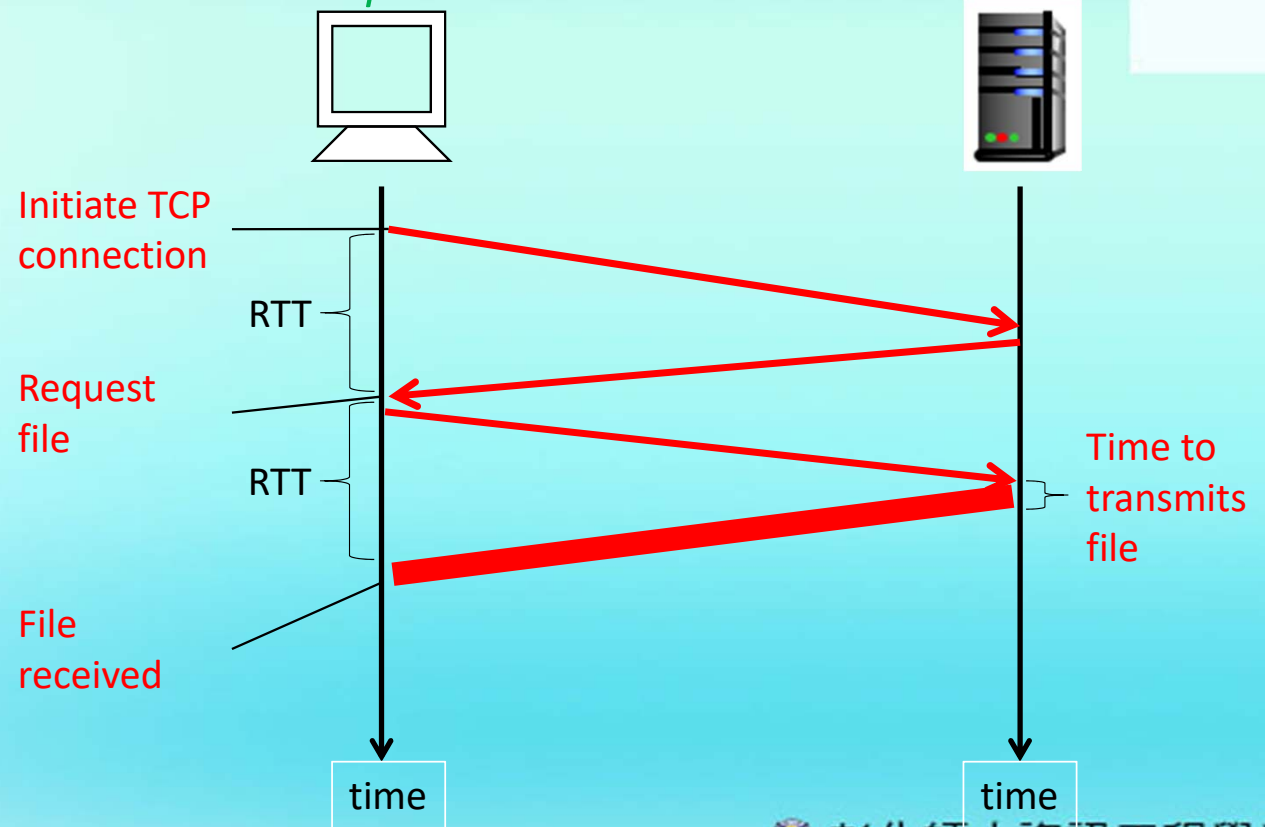
### Non-persistent HTTP: response time

#### RTT (definition):

time for a small packet to travel from client server and back

#### HTTP response time:

- one RTT to initiate TCP connection
- one RTT for HTTP request and first few bytes of HTTP response to return
- File transmission time
- Non-persistent HTTP response time =  $2RTT + \text{file transmission time}$



## 2.2.2 Non-Persistent and Persistent Connections

### *Persistent HTTP*

#### **Non-persistent HTTP issues:**

- Requires 2 RTTs per object
- OS overhead for **each TCP connection**
- Browsers often open parallel TCP connections to fetch referenced objects

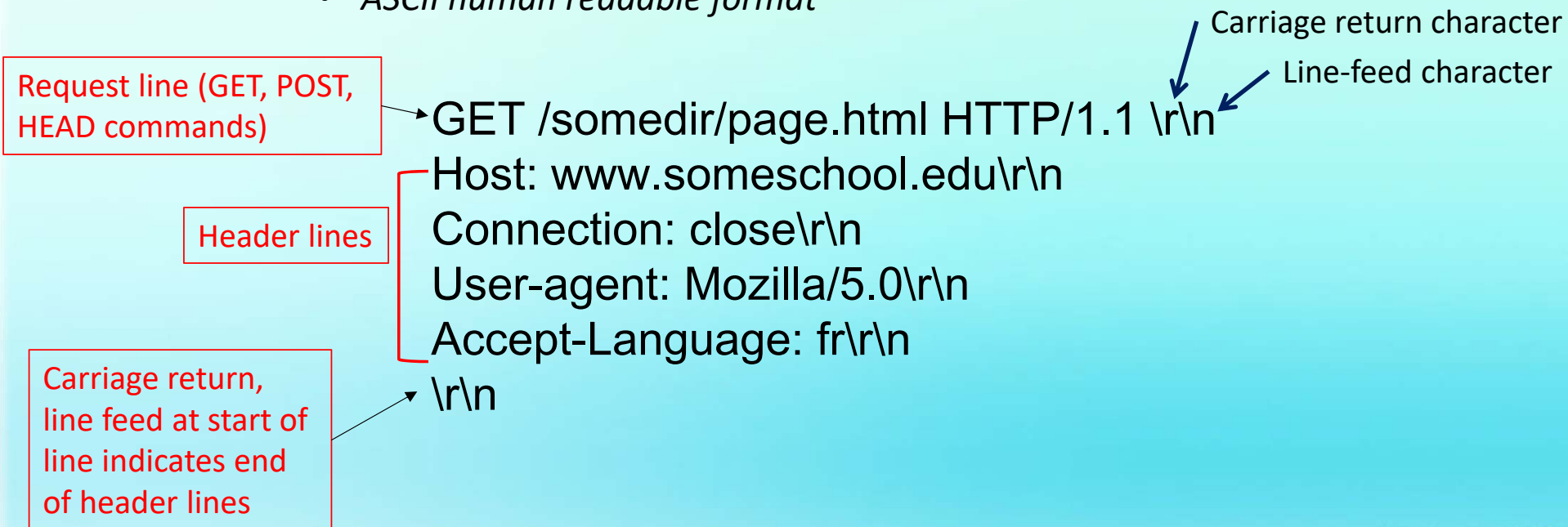
#### **Persistent HTTP:**

- Server leaves connection open after sending response
- Subsequent HTTP messages between same client/server over open connection
- Client sends requests as soon as it encounters a referenced object
- As little as one RTT for all the referenced objects

## 2.2.3 HTTP Message Format

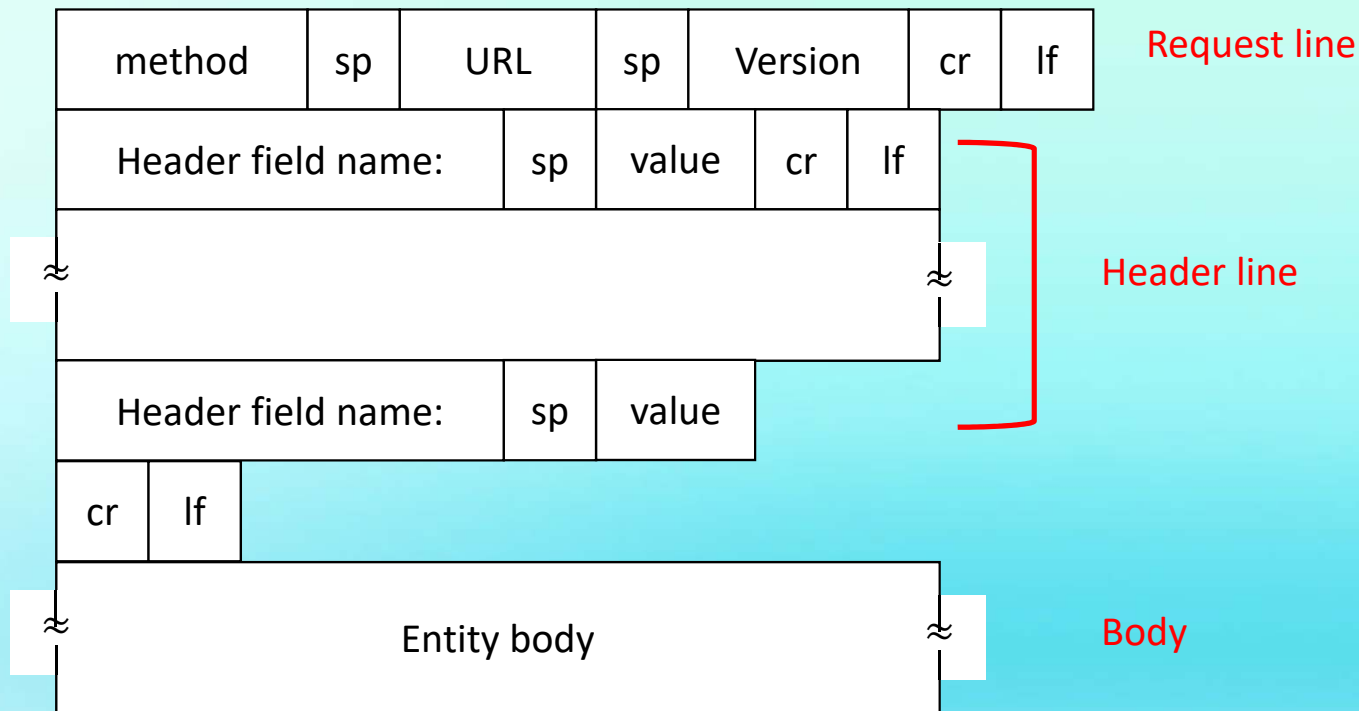
### HTTP request message

- Two types of HTTP messages: *request, response*
- HTTP request message:
  - ASCII human readable format



## 2.2.3 HTTP Message Format-

### *HTTP request message: general format*



## 2.2.3 HTTP Message Format-

### *HTTP request message: uploading from input*

#### **POST method:**

- Web page often includes form input
- Input is uploaded to server in entity body

#### **URL method:**

- Uses GET method
- Input is uploaded in URL field of request line



## 2.2.3 HTTP Message Format-

### *HTTP request message: method type*

#### **HTTP/1.0:**

- GET
- POST
- HEAD
  - Ask server to leave requested object out of response

#### **HTTP/1.1:**

- GET, POST, HEAD
- PUT
  - Uploads file in entity body to path specified in URL field
- DELETE
  - Delete file specified in the URL field

## 2.2.3 HTTP Message Format- *HTTP response message*

Status line (protocol  
status code phrase)

HTTP/1.1 200 OK \r\n

Connection: close \r\n

Date: Tue, 18 Aug 2015 15:44:04 GMT \r\n

Server: Apache/2.2.3 (CentOS) \r\n

Last-Modified: Tue, 18 Aug 2015 15:11:03 GMT \r\n

Content-Length: 6821 \r\n

Content-Type: text/html

Header  
line

Data, e.g.,  
requested  
HTML file

(data data data data ...)

## 2.2.3 HTTP Message Format- *HTTP response status codes*

- Status code appears in 1<sup>st</sup> line in server-to-client response message.

- Some sample codes:

### **200 OK**

- Request succeeded, requested object later in this msg

### **301 Moved Permanently**

- Requested object moved, new location specified later in this msg (Location:)

### **400 Bad Request**

- Request msg not understood by server

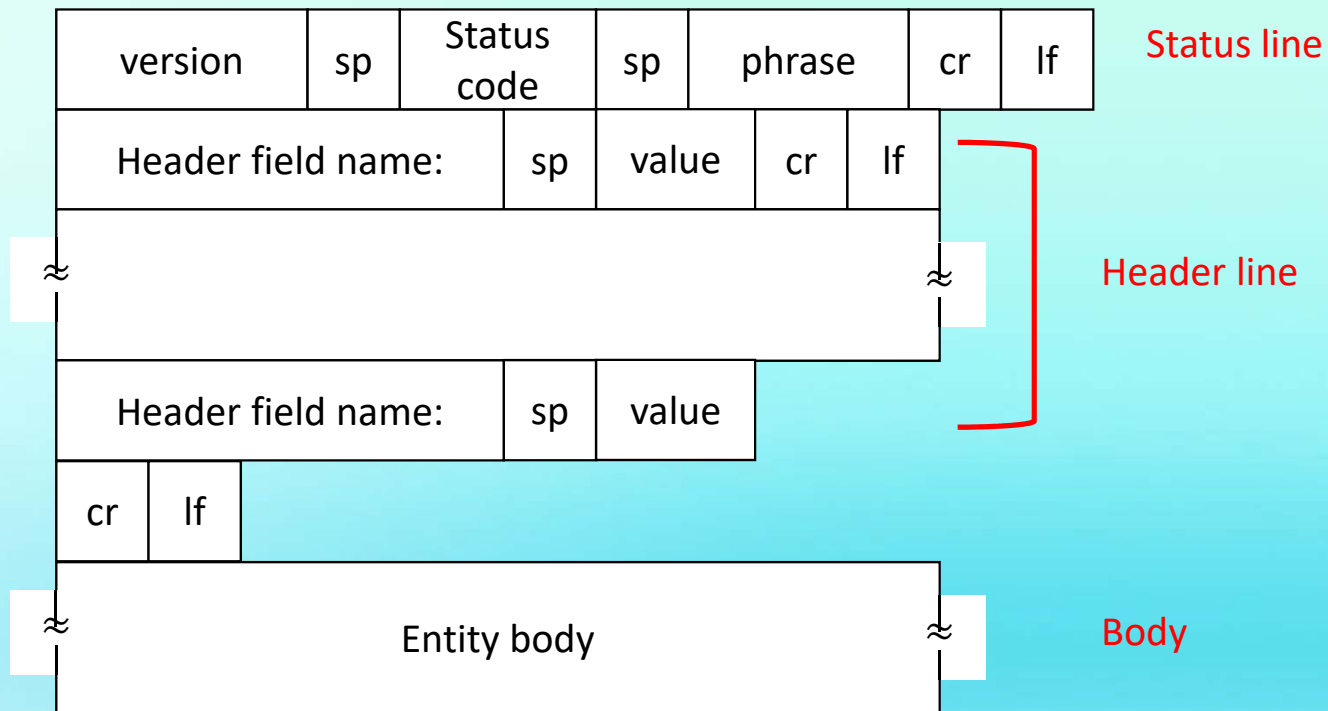
### **404 Not Found**

- Requested document not found on this server

### **505 HTTP Version Not Supported**

## 2.2.3 HTTP Message Format-

### *HTTP response message: general format*



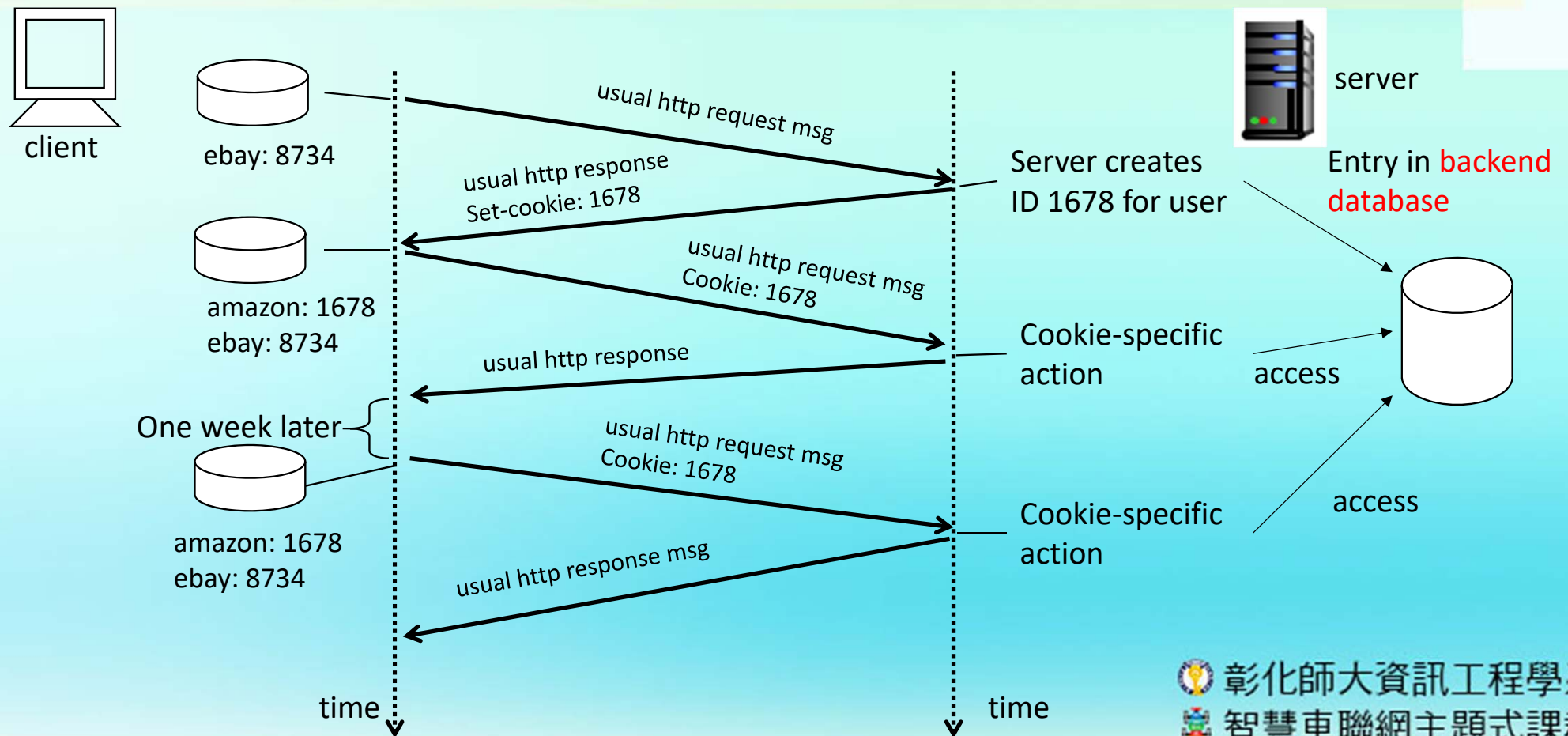
## 2.2.4 User-Server Interaction: Cookies

- Many Web sites use cookies *four components:*
  1. Cookie header line of HTTP *response* message
  2. Cookie header line in next HTTP *request* message
  3. Cookie file kept on user's host, managed by user's browser
  4. Back-end database at Web site

### Example :

- Susan always access Internet from PC
- Visit specific e-commerce site for first time
- When initial HTTP requests arrives at site, site creates:
  - Unique ID
  - Entry in backend database for ID

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### What cookies can be used for:

- Authorization
- Shopping carts
- Recommendations
- User session state(Web e-mail)

### How to keep “state”:

- Protocol endpoints : maintain state at sender/receiver over multiple transactions
- Cookies : http messages carry state

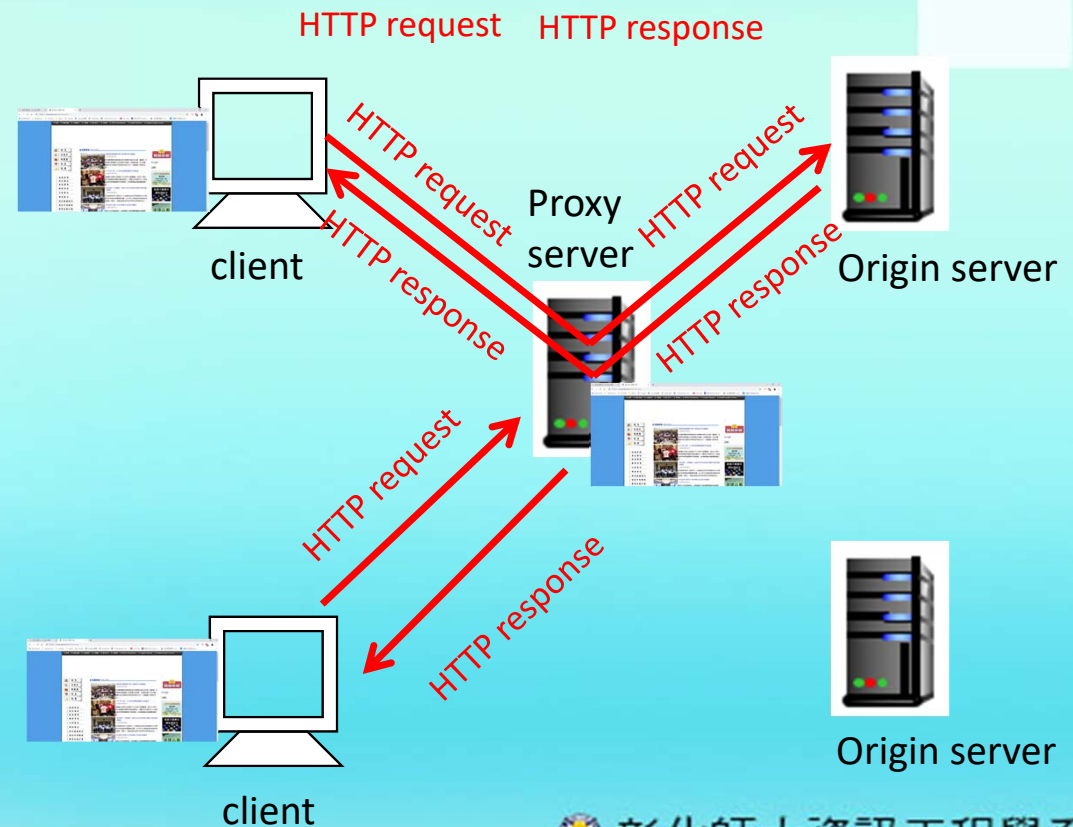
### *Cookie and privacy:*

- Cookies permit sites to learn a lot about you
- You may supply name and e-mail to sites

## 2.2.5 Web Caching (proxy server)

**Goal :** *satisfy client request without involving origin server*

- User sets browser: Web accesses via cache
- Browser sends all HTTP requests to cache
  - Object in cache: returns object
  - Else cache requests object from origin server, then returns object to client



## 2.2.5 Web Caching (proxy server)

- Cache acts as both client and server
  - Server for original requesting client
  - Client to origin server
- Typically cache is installed by ISP( university, company, residential ISP)

### **Why Web caching?**

- Reduce response time for client request
- Reduce traffic on an institution's access link
- Internet dense with caches: enables “poor” content providers to effectively deliver content (so too does P2P files)

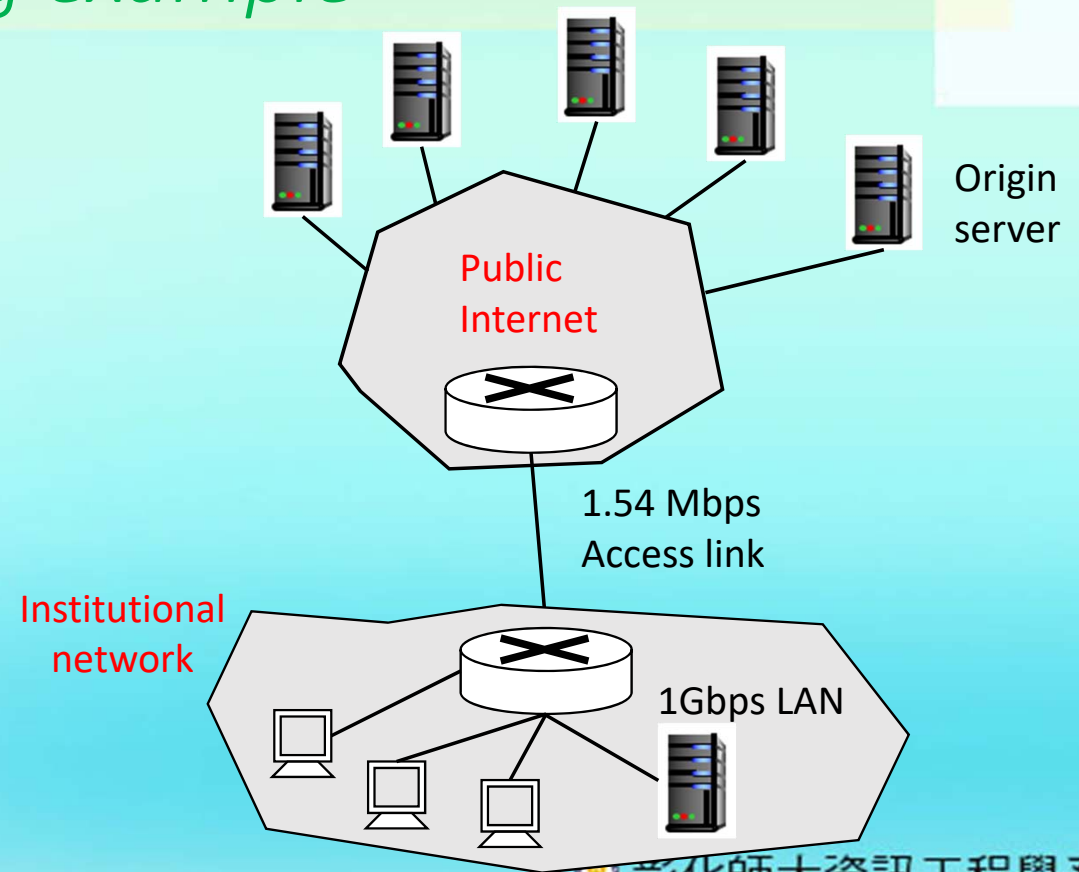
## 2.2.5 Web Caching (proxy server)- Caching example

### assumptions:

- Avg object size: 100K bits
- Avg request rate from browsers to origin servers: 15/sec
- Avg data rate to browsers: 1.50 Mbps
- RTT from institutional router to any origin server: 2 sec
- access link rate: 1.54 Mbps

### consequences:

- LAN utilization: 15% *Problem!*
- access link utilization = **99%**
- total delay = Internet delay + access delay + LAN delay  
= 2 sec + minutes + usecs



## 2.2.5 Web Caching (proxy server)- *fatter access link*

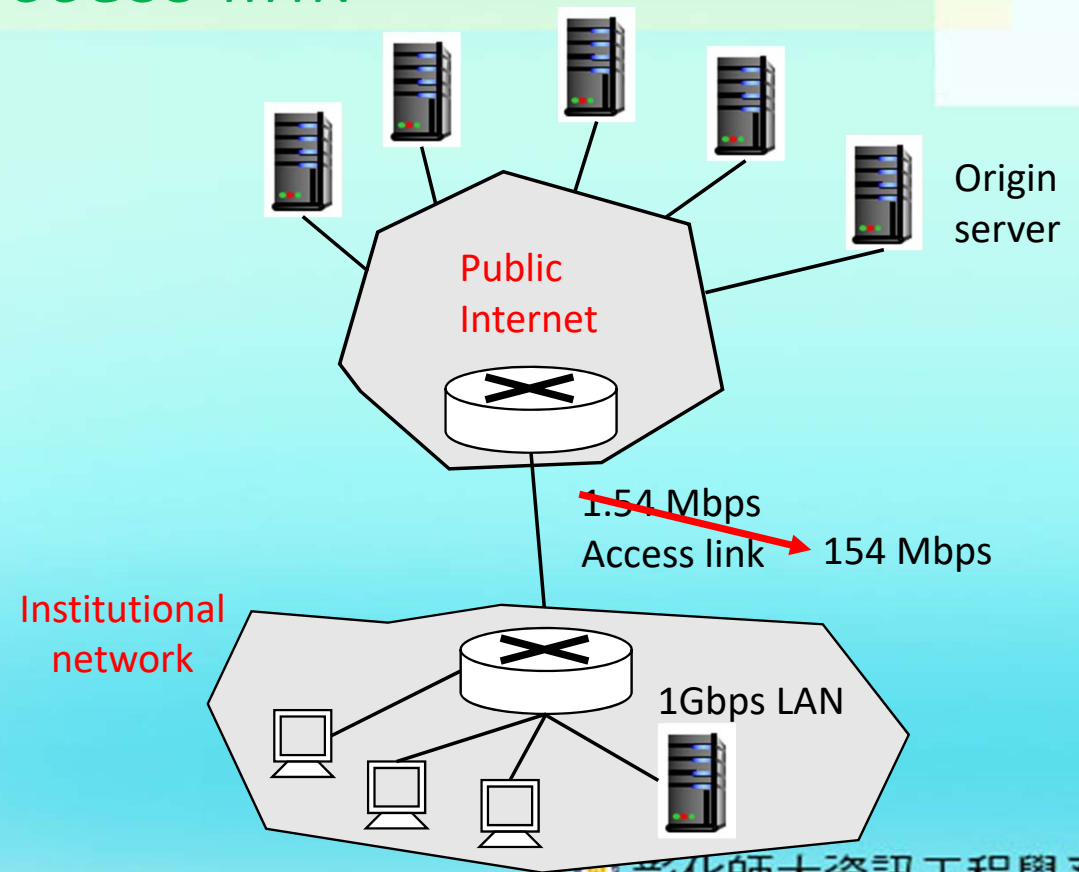
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- access link rate: ~~1.54 Mbps~~ → 154 Mbps

### **consequences:**

- LAN utilization: 15% *Problem!*
- access link utilization = ~~99%~~ → 9.9%
- total delay = Internet delay + access delay + LAN delay  
= 2 sec + ~~minutes~~ → msec

**Cost:** increased access link speed (not cheap)



## 2.2.5 Web Caching (proxy server)- install local cache

### assumptions:

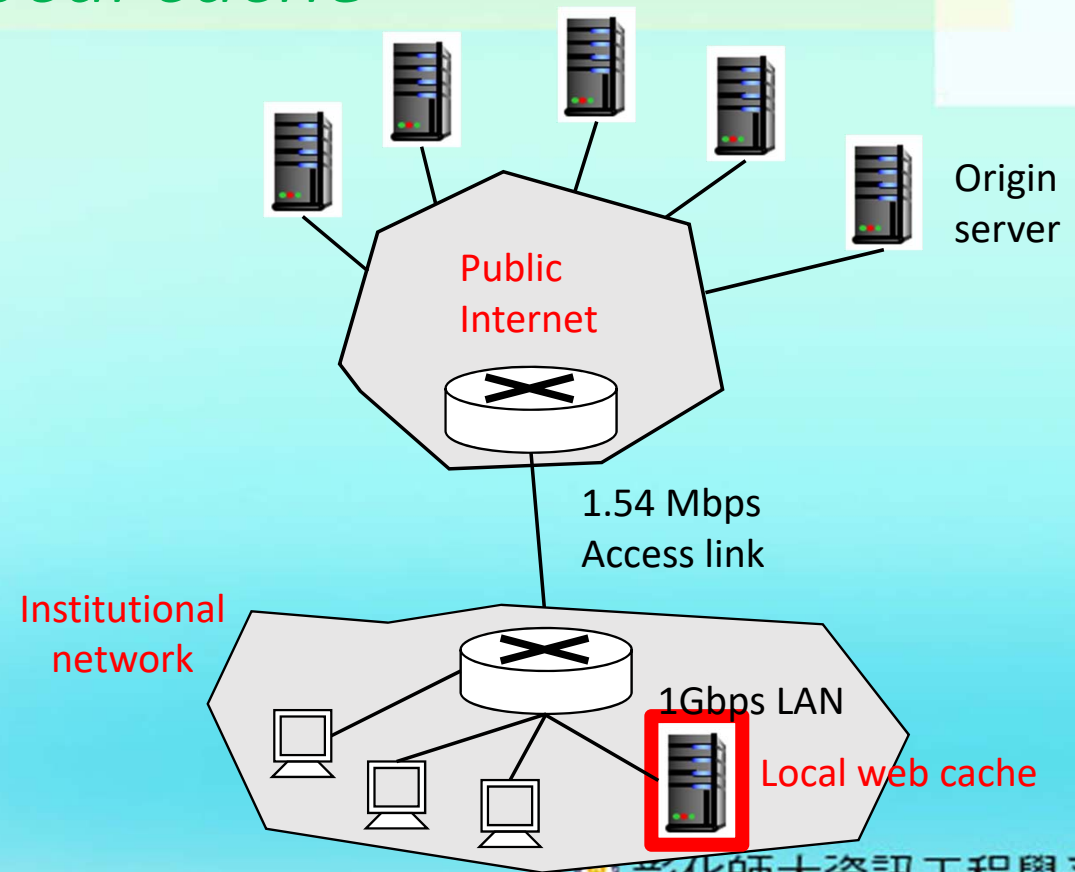
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### consequences:

- LAN utilization: 15%
- access link utilization = ?
- total delay = ?

**How to compute link utilization, delay?**

**Cost:** web cache (cheap!)

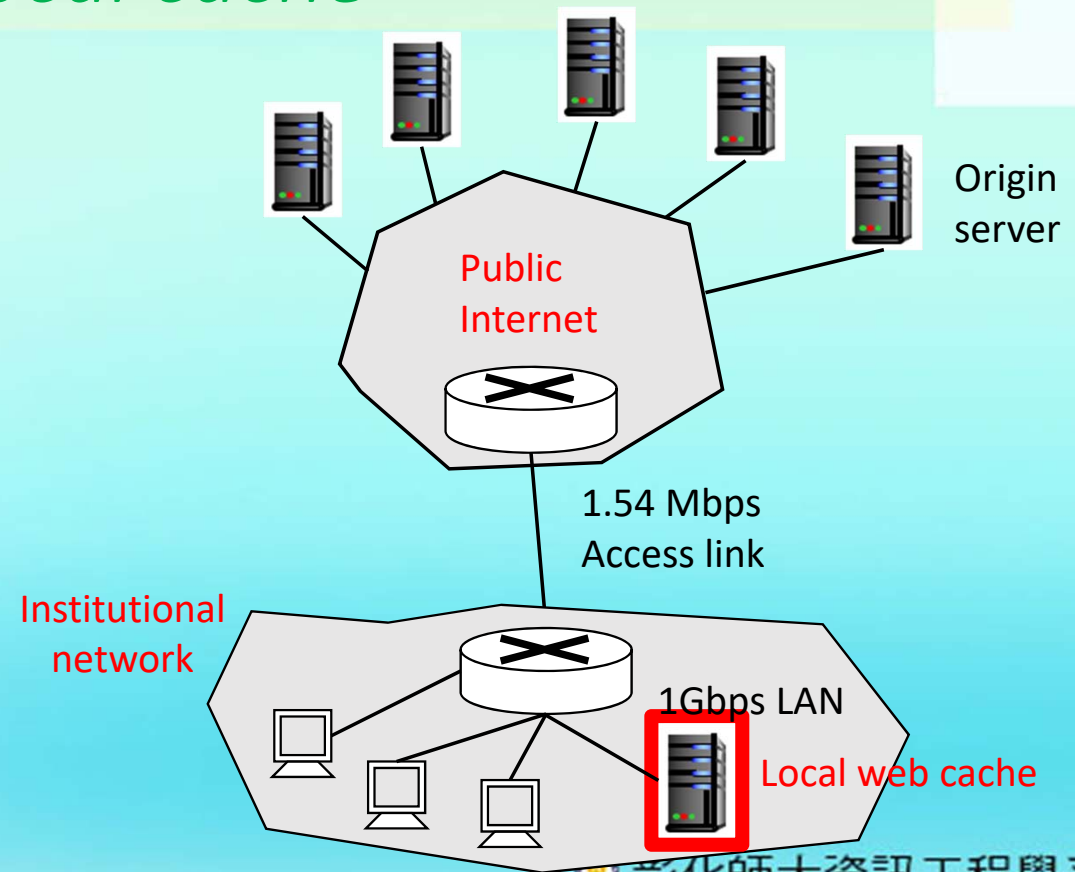




## 2.2.5 Web Caching (proxy server)- *install local cache*

### **Calculating access link utilization, delay with cache:**

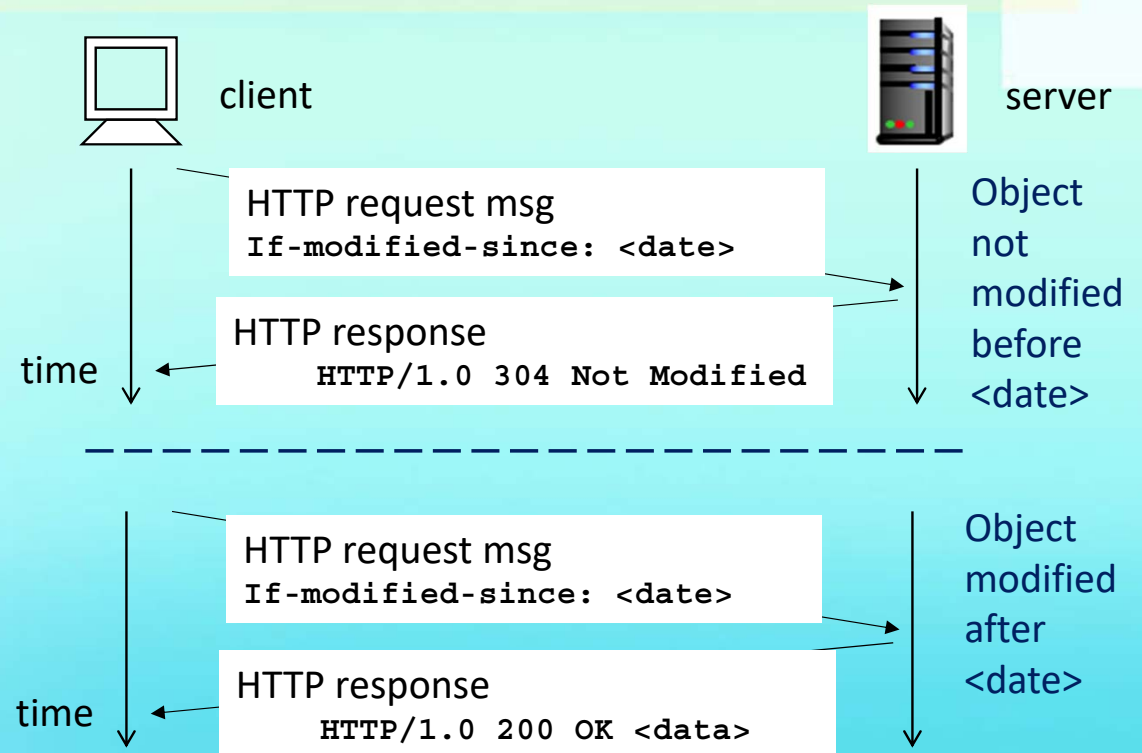
- suppose cache hit rate is 0.4
  - 40% requests satisfied at cache, 60% requests satisfied at origin
- access link utilization:
  - 60% of requests use access link
- data rate to browsers over access link  
 $= 0.6 * 1.50 \text{ Mbps} = .9 \text{ Mbps}$ 
  - utilization  $= 0.9 / 1.54 = .58$
- total delay
  - $= 0.6 * (\text{delay from origin servers}) + 0.4 * (\text{delay when satisfied at cache})$
  - $= 0.6 (2.01) + 0.4 (\sim \text{msecs})$
  - $= \sim 1.2 \text{ secs}$
  - less than with 154 Mbps link (and cheaper too!)



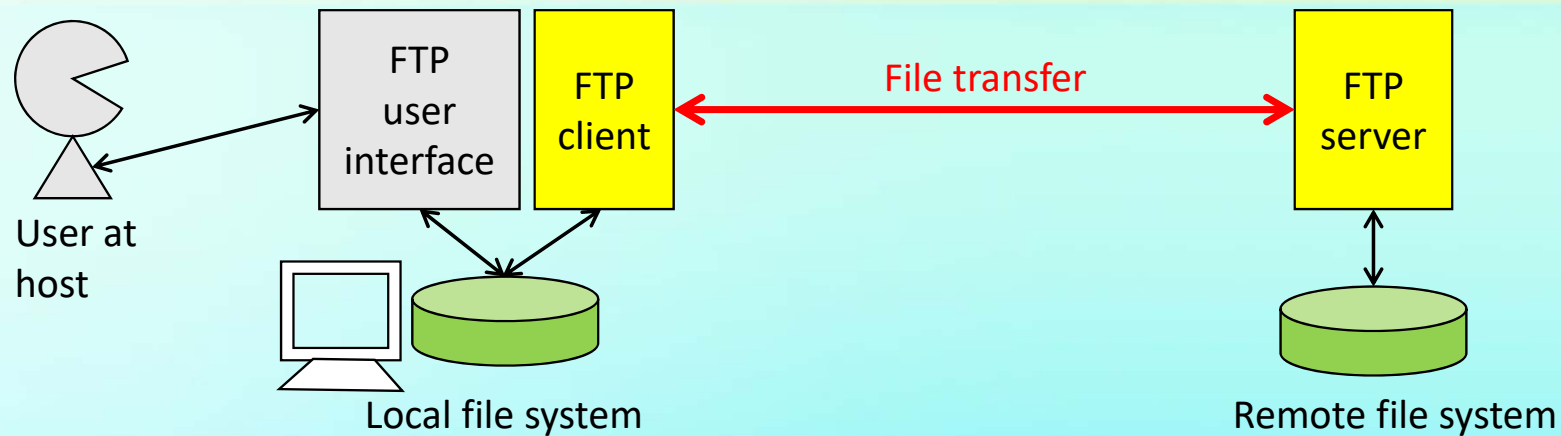


## 2.2.5 Web Caching (proxy server)- Conditional GET

- **Goal:** don't send object if cache has up-to-date cached version
  - no object transmission delay
  - lower link utilization
- **cache:** specify date of cached copy in HTTP request  
If-modified-since:  
<date>
- **server:** response contains no object if cached copy is up-to-date:  
HTTP/1.0 304 Not Modified



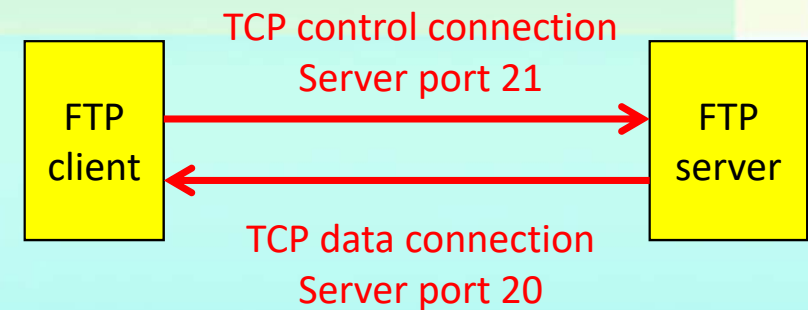
# FTP: the file transfer protocol



- transfer file to/from remote host
- client/server model
  - **client**: side that initiates transfer (either to/from remote)
  - **server**: remote host
- ftp: RFC 959
- ftp server: port 21

# FTP: separate control, data connections

- FTP client contacts FTP server at port 21, using TCP
- client authorized over control connection
- client browses remote directory, sends commands over control connection
- when server receives file transfer command, *server* opens 2<sup>nd</sup> TCP data connection (for file) to client
- after transferring one file, server closes data connection



- server opens another TCP data connection to transfer another file
- control connection: “*out of band*”
- FTP server maintains “state”: current directory, earlier authentication

# FTP: commands, responses

## *sample commands:*

- sent as ASCII text over control channel
- **USER *username***
- **PASS *password***
- **LIST** return list of file in current directory
- **RETR filename** retrieves (gets) file
- **STOR filename** stores (puts) file onto remote host

## *sample return codes*

- status code and phrase (as in HTTP)
- **331 Username OK, password required**
- **125 data connection already open; transfer starting**
- **425 Can't open data connection**
- **452 Error writing file**

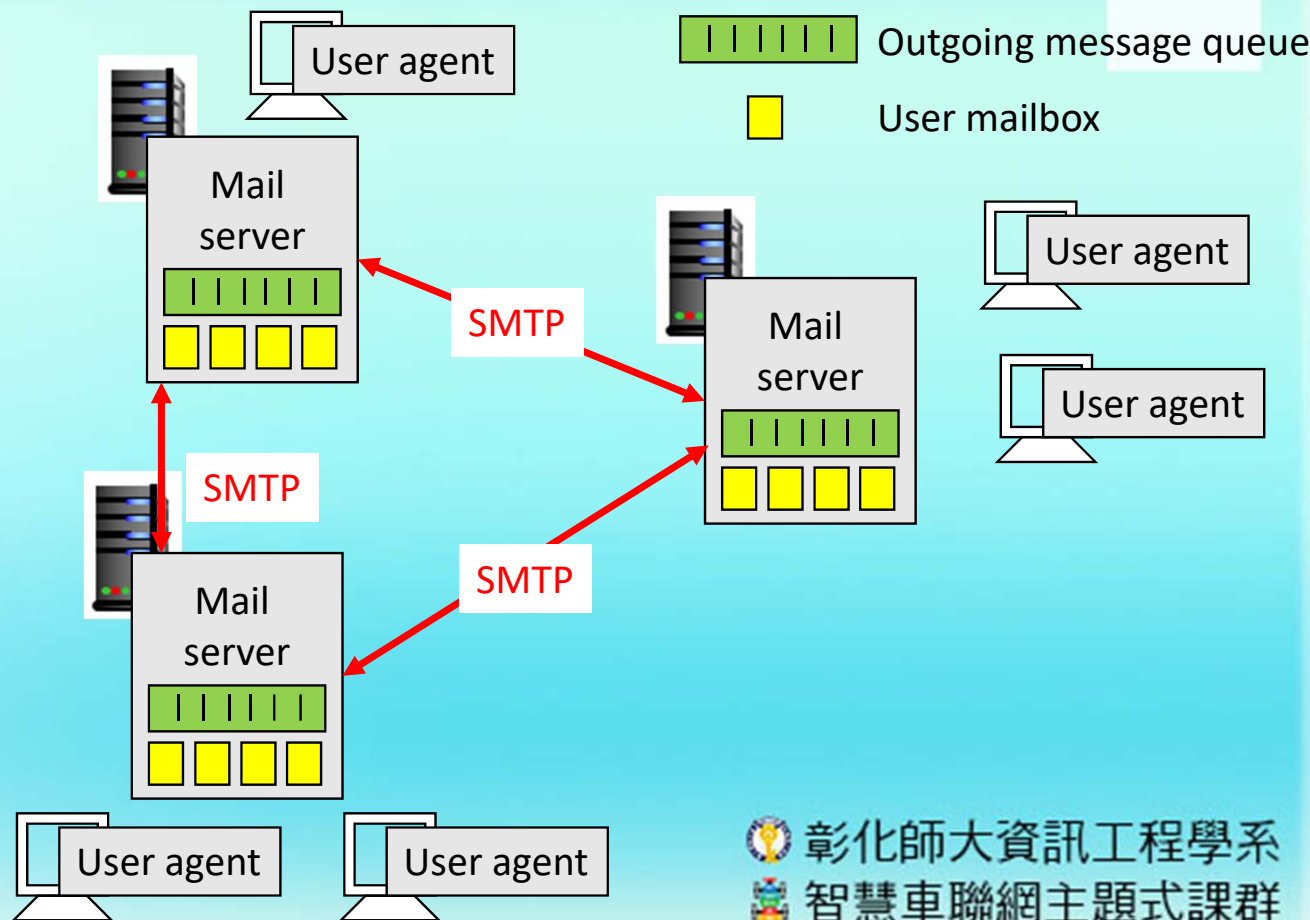
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### Three major components:

- user agents
- mail servers
- simple mail transfer protocol: SMTP

### User Agent

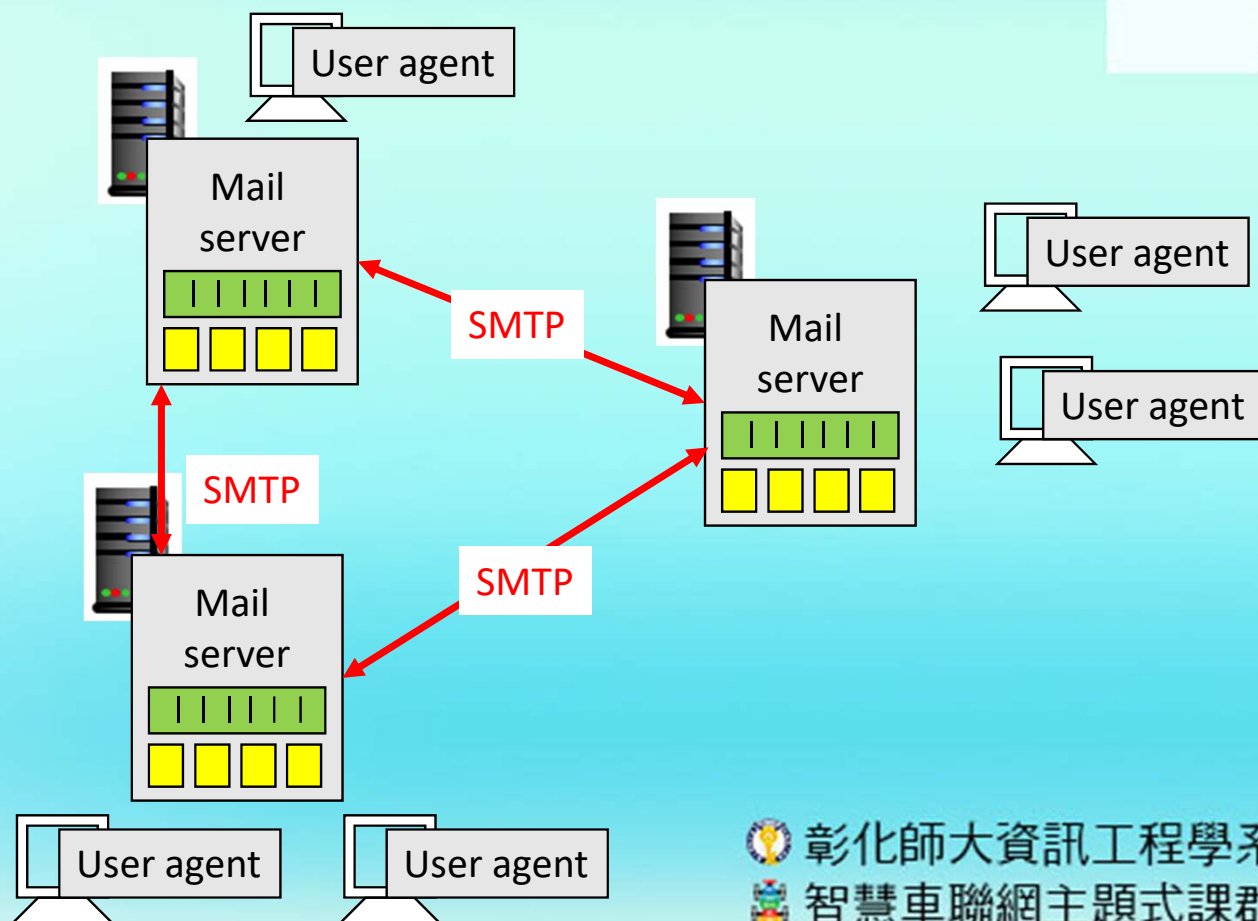
- a.k.a. “mail reader”
- composing, editing, reading mail messages
- e.g., Outlook, Thunderbird, iPhone mail client
- outgoing, incoming messages stored on server



## 2.3 Electronic Mail in the Internet

### mail servers:

- *mailbox* contains incoming messages for user
- *message queue* of outgoing (to be sent) mail messages
- *SMTP protocol* between mail servers to send email messages
  - client: sending mail server
  - “server”: receiving mail server





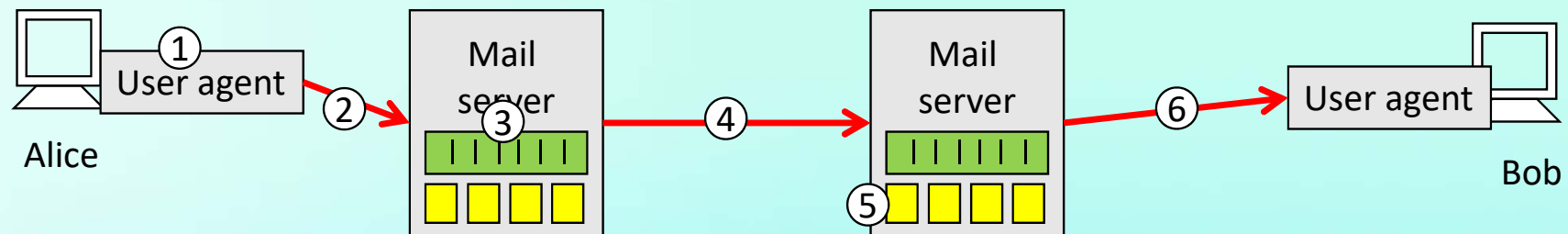
## 2.3 Electronic Mail in the Internet

### 2.3.1 SMTP (RFC 2821)

- uses TCP to reliably transfer email message from client to server, port 25
- direct transfer: sending server to receiving server
- three phases of transfer
  - handshaking (greeting)
  - transfer of messages
  - closure
- command/response interaction (like HTTP, FTP)
  - **commands**: ASCII text
  - **response**: status code and phrase
- messages must be in 7-bit ASCII



## 2.3.1 SMTP (RFC 2821)- *Scenario: Alice sends message to Bob*



- 1) Alice uses UA to compose message "to" bob@some school.edu
- 2) Alice's UA sends message to her mail server; message placed in message queue
- 3) client side of SMTP opens TCP connection with Bob's mail server

- 4) SMTP client sends Alice's message over the TCP connection
- 5) Bob's mail server places the message in Bob's mailbox
- 6) Bob invokes his user agent to read message

## 2.3.1 SMTP (RFC 2821)- *Sample SMTP interaction*

```
S: 220 hamburger.edu
C: HELO crepes.fr
S: 250 Hello crepes.fr, pleased to meet you
C: MAIL FROM: <alice@crepes.fr>
S: 250 alice@crepes.fr... Sender ok
C: RCPT TO: <bob@hamburger.edu>
S: 250 bob@hamburger.edu ... Recipient ok
C: DATA
S: 354 Enter mail, end with "." on a line by itself
C: Do you like ketchup?
C: How about pickles?
C: .
S: 250 Message accepted for delivery
C: QUIT
S: 221 hamburger.edu closing connection
```

## 2.3.2 Comparison with HTTP

- SMTP uses persistent connections
- SMTP requires message (header & body) to be in 7-bit ASCII
- SMTP server uses CRLF . CRLF to determine end of message
- HTTP: pull
- SMTP: push
- both have ASCII command/response interaction, status codes
- HTTP: each object encapsulated in its own response msg
- SMTP: multiple objects sent in multipart msg

## 2.3.3 Mail Message Formats

**SMTP**: protocol for exchanging email msgs

RFC 822: standard for text message format:

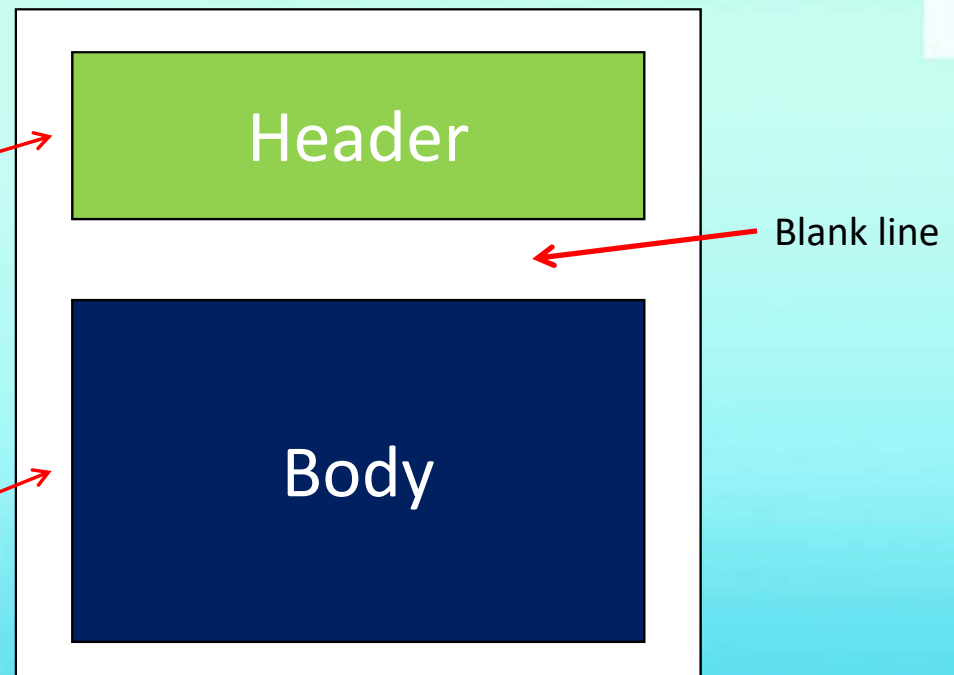
➤ header lines, e.g.,

- To:
- From:
- Subject:

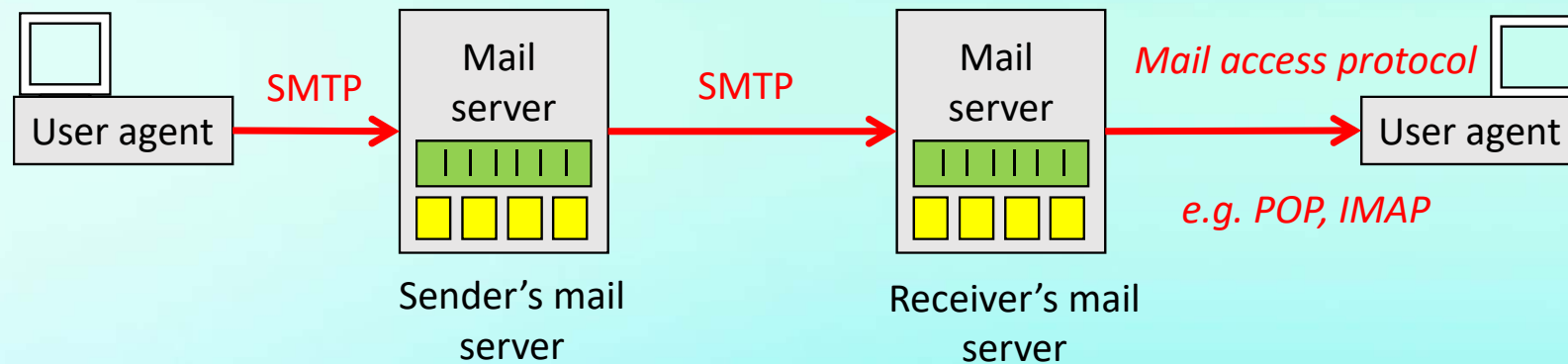
*different* from SMTP MAIL  
FROM, RCPT TO:  
commands!

➤ Body: the “message”

- ASCII characters only



## 2.3.4 Mail Access Protocols



- **SMTP**: delivery/storage to receiver's server
- mail access protocol: retrieval from server
  - **POP**: Post Office Protocol [RFC 1939]: authorization, download
  - **IMAP**: Internet Mail Access Protocol [RFC 1730]: more features, including manipulation of stored msgs on server
  - **HTTP**: gmail, Hotmail, Yahoo! Mail, etc.

## 2.3.4 Mail Access Protocols- *POP3 protocol*

### *authorization phase*

#### ➤ client commands:

- **user:** declare username
- **pass:** password

#### ➤ server responses

- **+OK**
- **-ERR**

### *transaction phase, client:*

- **list:** list message numbers
- **retr:** retrieve message by number
- **dele:** delete
- **quit**

```
S: +OK POP3 server ready
C: user bob
S: +OK
C: pass hungry
S: +OK user successfully logged on

C: list
S: 1 498
S: 2 912
S: .
C: retr 1
S: <message 1 contents>
S: .
C: dele 1
C: retr 2
S: <message 1 contents>
S: .
C: dele 2
C: quit
S: +OK POP3 server signing off
```

## 2.3.4 Mail Access Protocols- *POP3 protocol(more) and IMAP*

### **more about POP3**

- previous example uses POP3 “download and delete” mode
  - Bob cannot re-read e-mail if he changes client
- POP3 “download-and-keep”: copies of messages on different clients
- POP3 is stateless across sessions

### **IMAP**

- keeps all messages in one place: at server
- allows user to organize messages in folders
- keeps user state across sessions:
  - names of folders and mappings between message IDs and folder name



## 2.1 DNS – The Internet's Directory Service

### *DNS: Domain Name System*

*people*: many identifiers:

- SSN, name, passport #

*Internet hosts, routers*:

- IP address (32 bit) - used for addressing datagrams
- “name”, e.g.,  
www.yahoo.com - used by humans

**Q:** how to map between IP address and name, and vice versa ?

### **Domain Name System:**

- *distributed database*  
implemented in hierarchy of many *name servers*
- *application-layer protocol*:  
hosts, name servers  
communicate to *resolve* names  
(address/name translation)
  - note: core Internet function, implemented as application-layer protocol
  - complexity at network's “edge”

## 2.1 DNS – The Internet's Directory Service

### 2.4.1 Services Provided by DNS

#### *DNS services*

- hostname to IP address translation
- host aliasing
  - canonical, alias names
- mail server aliasing
- load distribution
  - replicated Web servers:  
many IP addresses  
correspond to one  
name

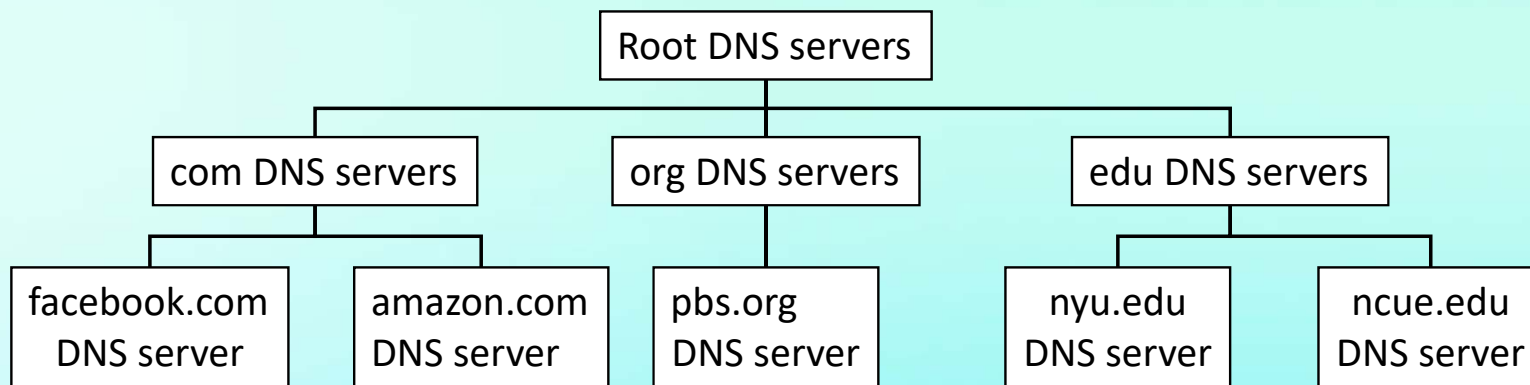
#### *why not centralize DNS?*

- single point of failure
- traffic volume
- distant centralized database
- maintenance

*A: doesn't scale!*

## 2.4.2 Overview of How DNS works

### *DNS: a distributed, hierarchical database*



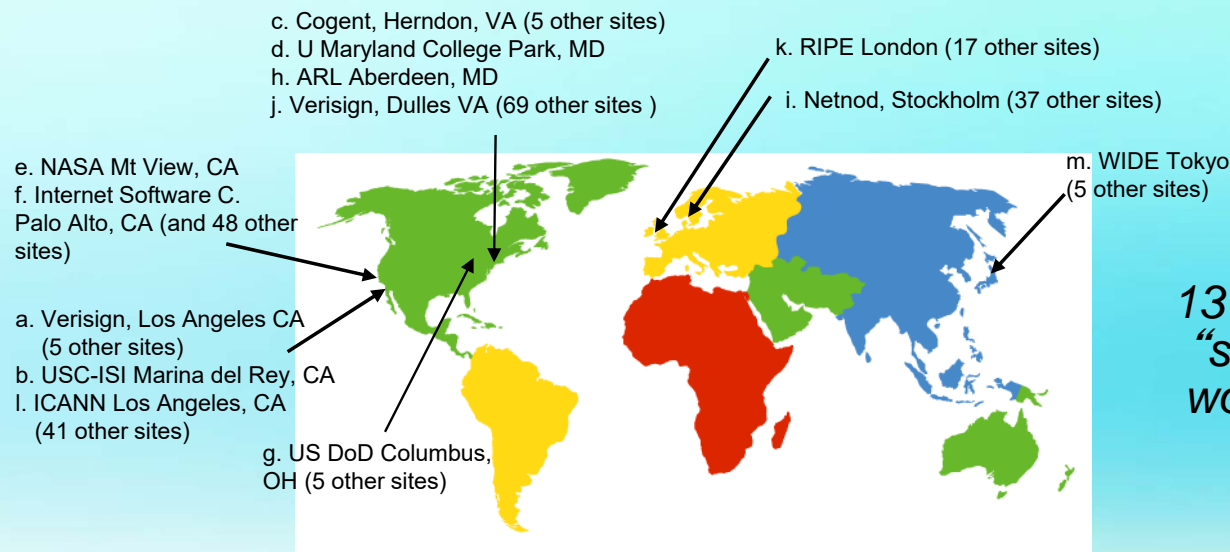
*client wants IP for www.amazon.com; 1<sup>st</sup> approx:*

- client queries root server to find com DNS server
- client queries .com DNS server to get amazon.com DNS server
- client queries amazon.com DNS server to get IP address for www.amazon.com

## 2.4.2 Overview of How DNS works

### DNS : root name servers

- contacted by local name server that can not resolve name
- root name server:
  - contacts authoritative name server if name mapping not known
  - gets mapping
  - returns mapping to local name server



13 root name  
“servers”  
worldwide

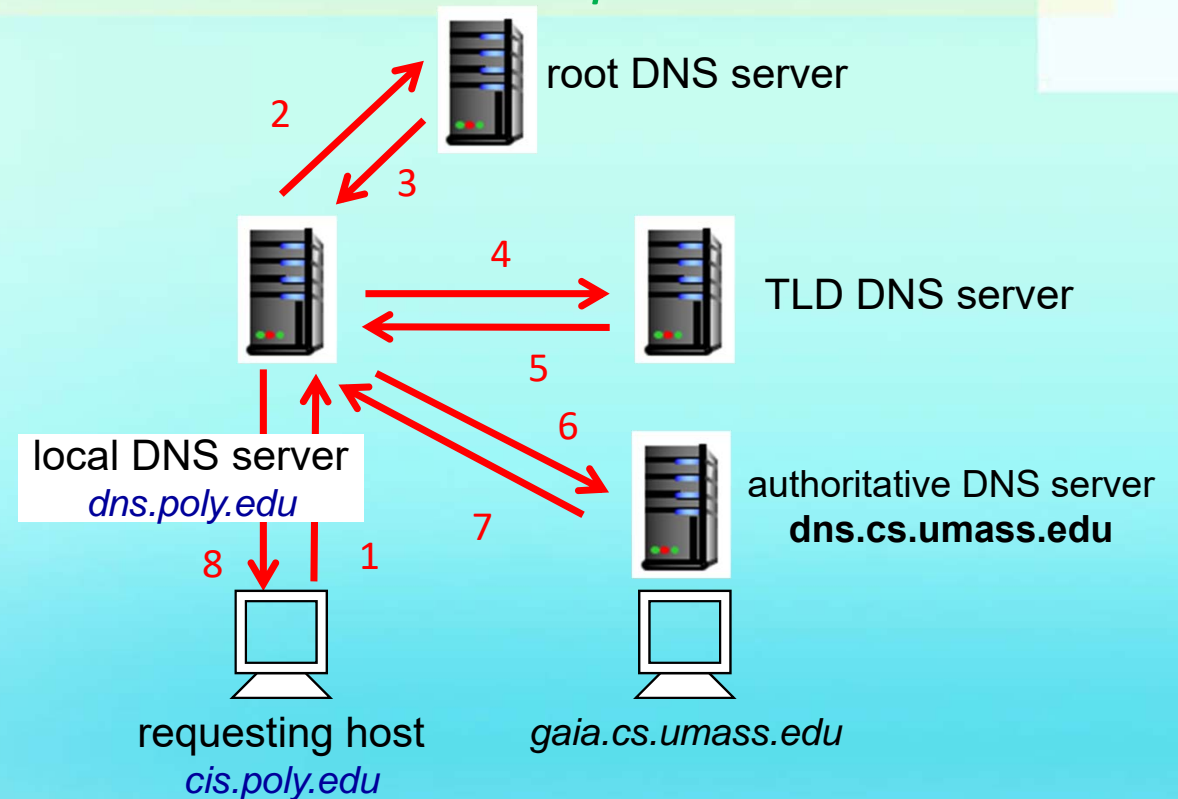
## 2.4.2 Overview of How DNS works

### *DNS name resolution example*

- host at cis.poly.edu wants IP address for gaia.cs.umass.edu

#### ***iterated query:***

- contacted server replies with name of server to contact
- “I don’t know this name, but ask this server”

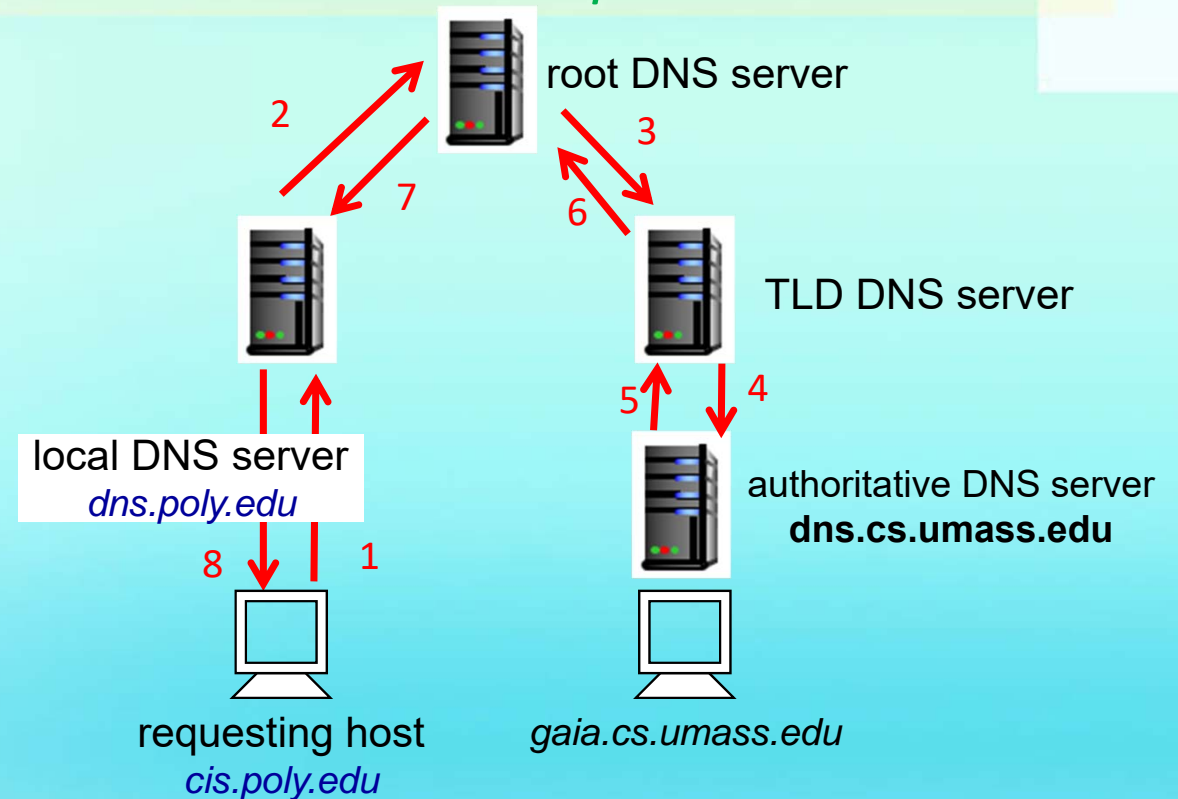


## 2.4.2 Overview of How DNS works

### DNS name resolution example

#### *recursive query:*

- puts burden of name resolution on contacted name server
- heavy load at upper levels of hierarchy?





## 2.4.2 Overview of How DNS works

### *DNS Caching, updating records*

- once (any) name server learns mapping, it *cached* mapping
  - cache entries timeout (disappear) after some time (TTL)
  - TLD servers typically cached in local name servers
    - ◆ thus root name servers not often visited
- cached entries may be *out-of-date* (best effort name-to-address translation!)
  - if name host changes IP address, may not be known Internet-wide until all TTLs expire
- update/notify mechanisms proposed IETF standard
  - RFC 2136



## 2.4.4 DNS Records and Messages

**DNS:** distributed db storing resource records (**RR**)

RR format: (name, value, type, ttl)

### type=A

- **name** is hostname
- **value** is IP address

### type=NS

- **name** is domain (e.g., foo.com)
- **value** is hostname of authoritative name server for this domain

### type=CNAME

- **name** is alias name for some “canonical” (the real) name
- **www.ibm.com** is really **servereast.backup2.ibm.com**
- **value** is canonical name

### type=MX

- **value** is name of mailserver associated with **name**

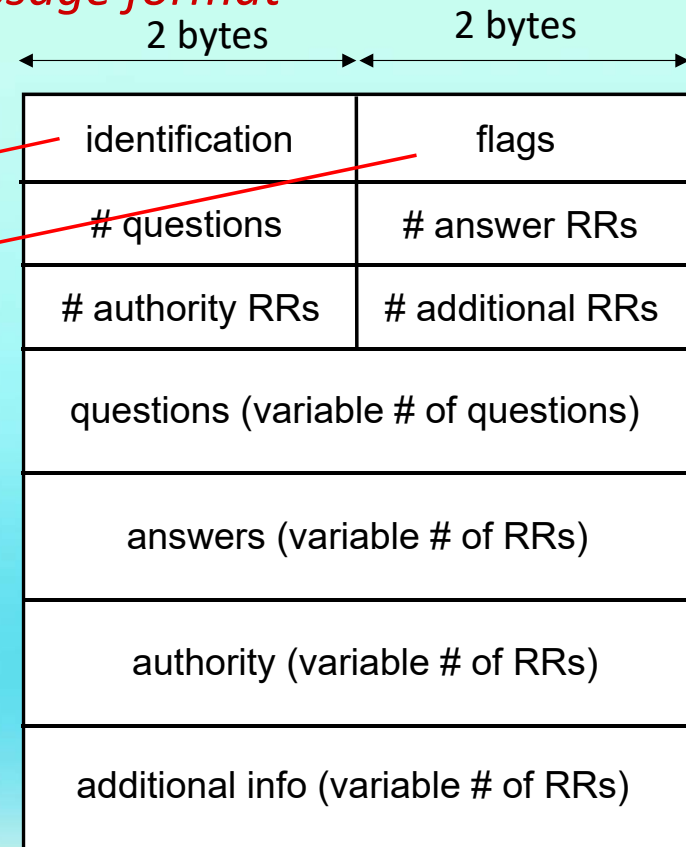
## 2.4.4 DNS Records and Messages

### DNS protocol, messages

- *query* and *reply* messages, both with same *message format*

msg header

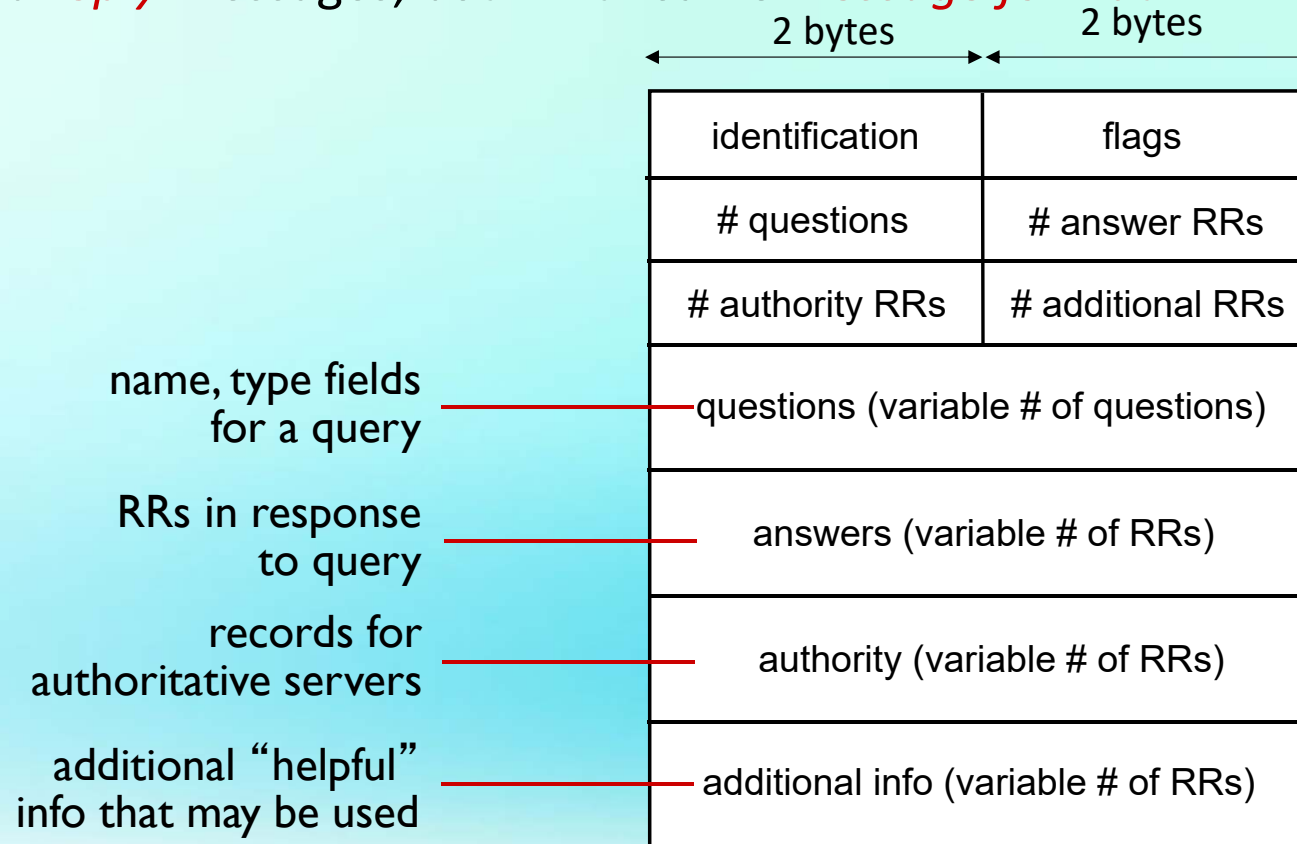
- **identification:** 16 bit # for query, reply to query uses same #
- **flags:**
  - query or reply
  - recursion desired
  - recursion available
  - reply is authoritative



## 2.4.4 DNS Records and Messages

### *DNS protocol, messages*

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## 2.4.4 DNS Records and Messages

### *Inserting Records into the DNS Database*

- example: new startup “Network Utopia”
- register name networkutopia.com at **DNS registrar** (e.g., Network Solutions)
  - provide names, IP addresses of authoritative name server (primary and secondary)
  - registrar inserts two RRs into .com TLD server:  
(networkutopia.com, dns1.networkutopia.com, NS)
  - (dns1.networkutopia.com, 212.212.212.1, A)
- create authoritative server type A record for www.networkutopia.com; type MX record for networkutopia.com

## 2.4.4 DNS Records and Messages

### Attacking DNS

#### DDoS attacks

- Bombard root servers with traffic
  - Not successful to date
  - Traffic Filtering
  - Local DNS servers cache IPs of TLD servers, allowing root server bypass
- Bombard TLD servers
  - Potentially more dangerous

#### Redirect attacks

- Man-in-middle
  - Intercept queries
- DNS poisoning
  - Send bogus replies to DNS server, which caches

#### Exploit DNS for DDoS

- Send queries with spoofed source address: target IP
- Requires amplification