

# Application Layer

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## our goals:

- conceptual, implementation aspects of network application protocols
  - transport-layer service models
  - client-server paradigm
  - peer-to-peer paradigm
  - content distribution networks
- learn about protocols by examining popular application-level protocols
  - HTTP
  - FTP
  - SMTP / POP3 / IMAP
  - DNS
- creating network applications
  - socket API

# Outline

2.1 principles of network applications

2.2 Web and HTTP

2.3 electronic mail

2.4 DNS

2.5 P2P applications

2.7 socket programming with UDP and TCP

# Some network apps

- e-mail
- web
- text messaging
- remote login
- P2P file sharing
- multi-user network games
- streaming stored video (YouTube, Hulu, Netflix)
- voice over IP (e.g., Skype)
- real-time video conferencing
- social networking
- search
- ...
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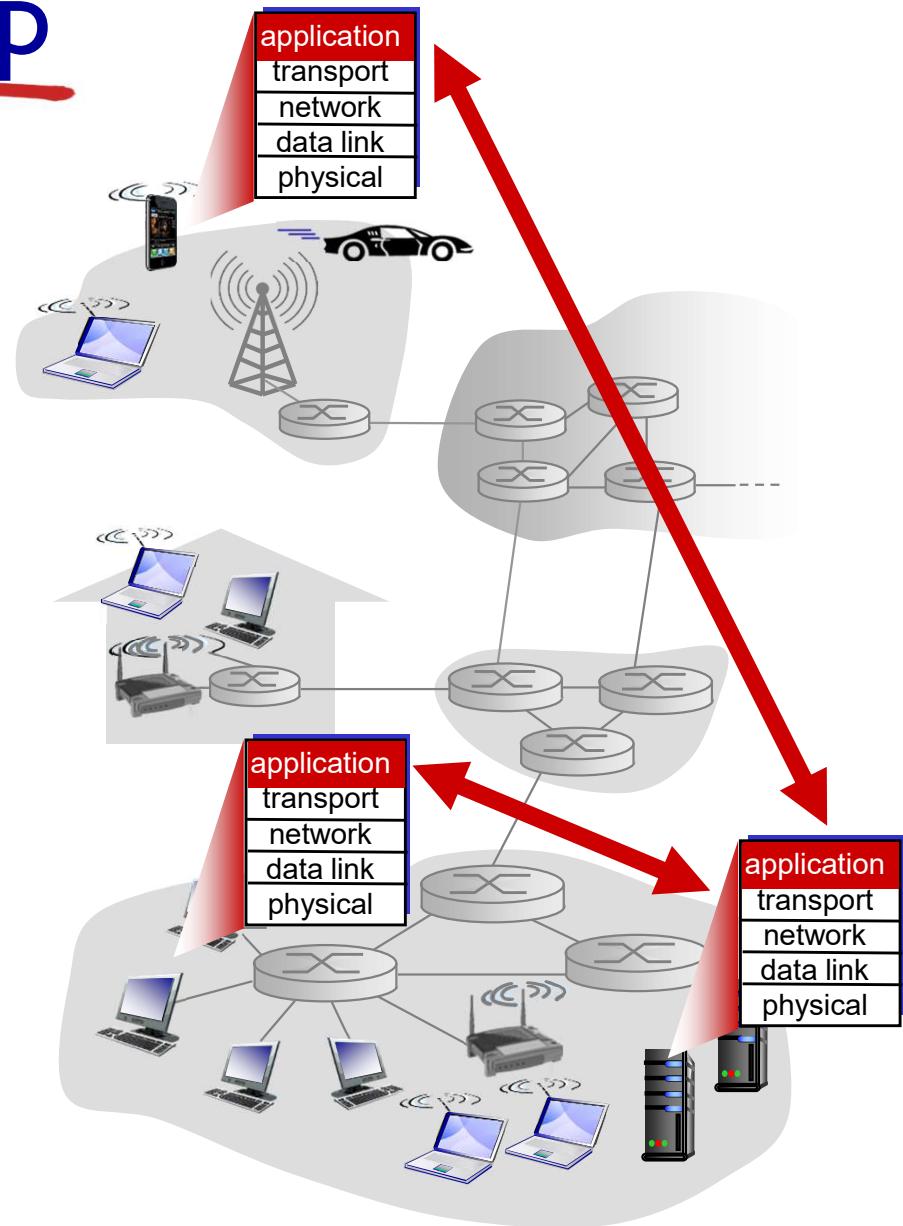
# Creating a network app

**write programs 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 devices do not run user applications
- applications on end systems allows for rapid app development, propagation

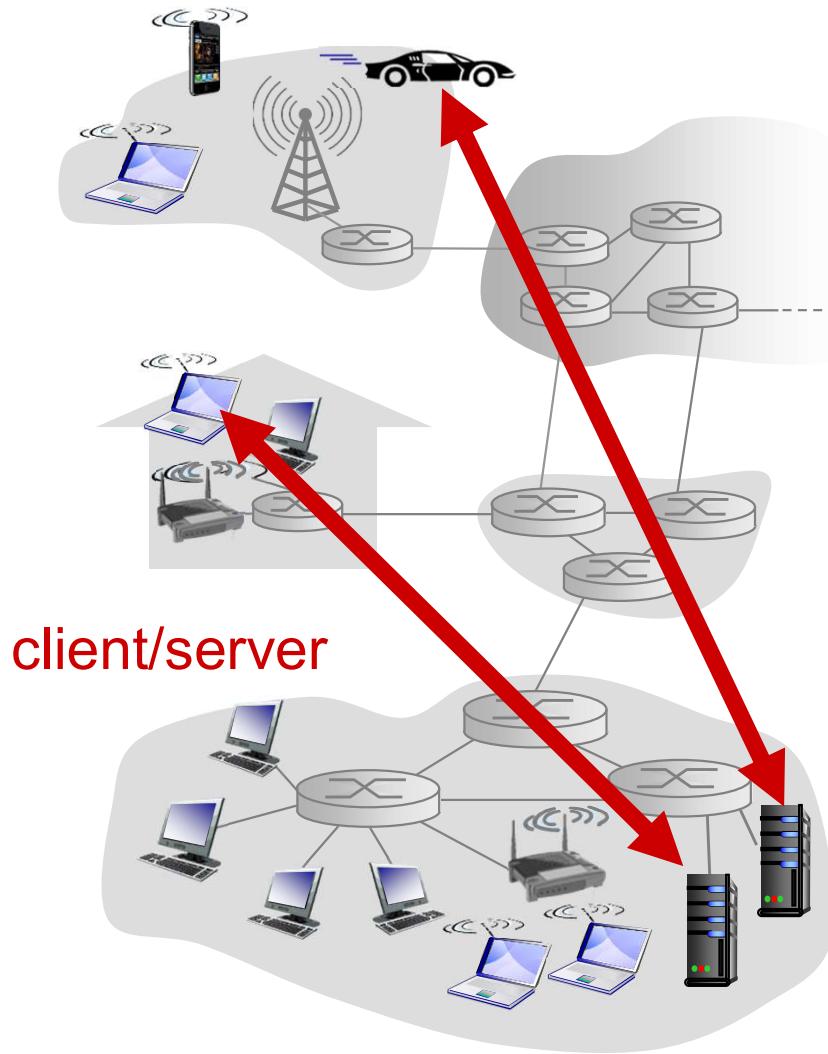


# Application architectures

possible structure of applications:

- client-server
- peer-to-peer (P2P)  
ex: bittorrent

# Client-server architecture



## server:

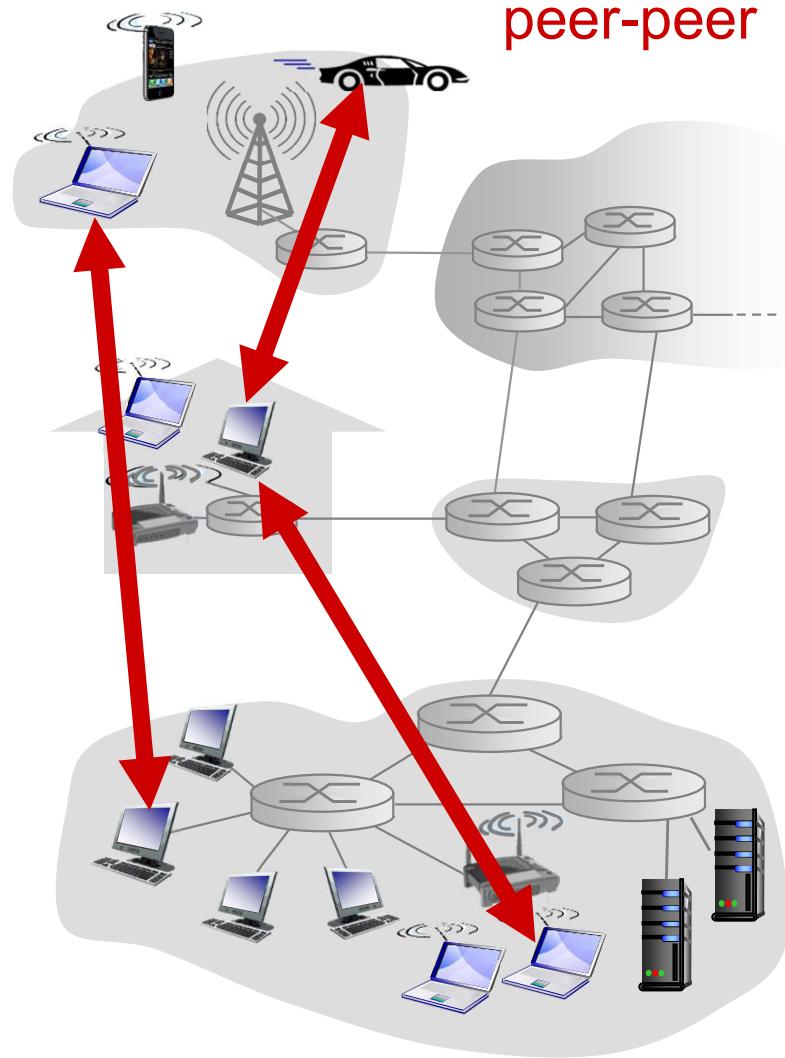
- always-on host
- permanent IP address
- data centers for scaling

## clients:

- communicate with server
- may be intermittently connected
- may have dynamic IP addresses
- do not communicate directly with each other

# P2P architecture

- no always-on server
- arbitrary end systems directly communicate
- peers request service from other peers, provide service in return to other peers
  - **self scalability** – new peers bring new service capacity, as well as new service demands
- peers are intermittently connected and change IP addresses
  - complex management



# Processes communicating

**process:** program running within a host

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

clients, servers

**client process:** process that initiates communication

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

- aside: applications with P2P architectures have client processes & server processes

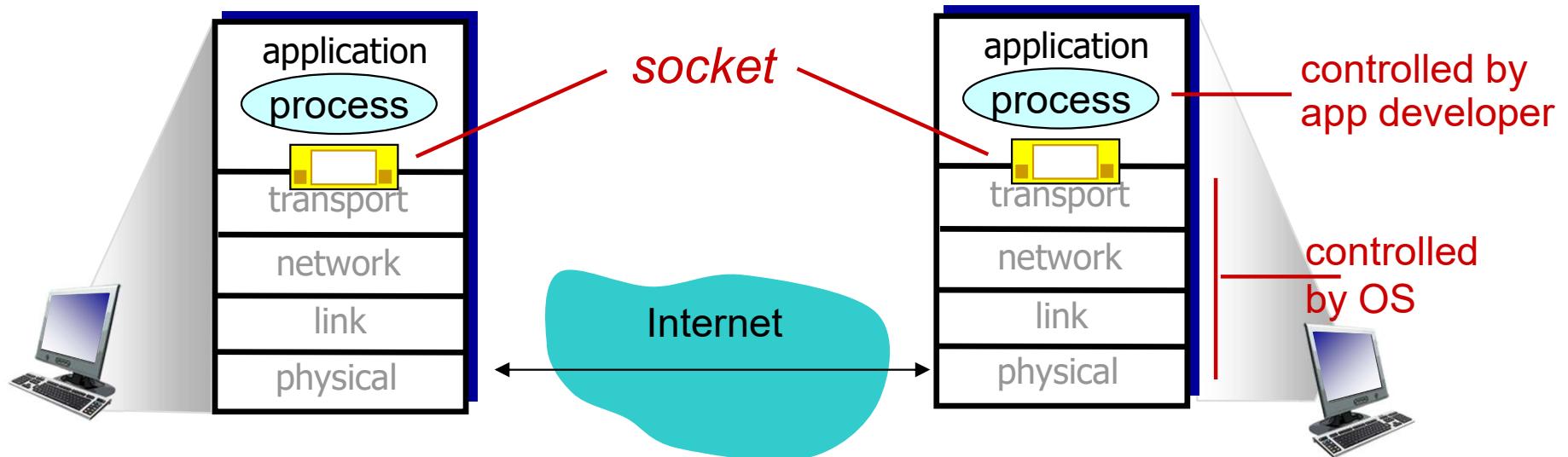
can make laptop web server by installing iis

for linux install apache

# Sockets

need address of machine and address of process to send message  
<IP, port#>  
the pair is called the socket  
port number is address of process

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



# 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 both **IP address** and **port numbers** associated with process on host.
- example port numbers:
  - HTTP server: 80
  - mail server: 25
- to send HTTP message to stmarytx.edu web server:
  - **IP address:** 54.175.71.212
  - **port number:** 80
- more shortly...

well known ports are reserved  
port is 16 bit, ip 32 bit  
only use ports larger than 1024

# 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 processes send & respond to messages

## open protocols:

- defined in RFCs
- allows for interoperability
- e.g., HTTP, SMTP

## proprietary protocols:

- e.g., Skype

# What transport service does an app need?

## reliable data Transfer

- 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 apps”) make use of whatever throughput they get

## security

- encryption, data integrity,

...

TCP - reliable, use if need reliable transmission, connection oriented protocol, flow control, provides acknowledgement  
http is protocol used by web browser, apps need reliable data transfer so they will use tcp  
flow control - sender and receiver synchronize so that nothing is dropped

UDP - not so reliable, no flow control, no connection oriented, no acknowledgement, but FAST

# Transport service requirements: common apps

<b>application</b>	<b>data loss</b>	<b>throughput</b>	<b>time sensitive</b>
file transfer	no loss	elastic	no
e-mail	no loss	elastic	no
Web documents	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 games	loss-tolerant	few kbps up	yes, few secs
text messaging	no loss	elastic	yes, 100's msec yes and no

# Internet transport protocols services

## **TCP service:**

- **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 service:**

- **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?

# Internet apps: application, transport protocols

<u>application</u>	<u>application layer protocol</u>	<u>transport protocol</u>
file transfer/download	FTP [RFC 959]	TCP
e-mail	SMTP [RFC 5321]	TCP
Web documents	HTTP 1.1 [RFC 7320]	TCP
Internet telephony	SIP [RFC 3261], RTP [RFC 3550], or proprietary	TCP or UDP
streaming audio/video	HTTP [RFC 7320], DASH	TCP
interactive games	WOW, FPS (proprietary)	UDP or TCP

neither is secure

ssl - secure socket layer NOT A  
LAYER IN THE TCP/IP PROTOCOL

it enhances TCP &  
UDP

# Securing TCP

## TCP & UDP

- no encryption
- clear text passwords sent into socket traverse Internet in cleartext

## SSL

- provides encrypted TCP connection
- data integrity
- end-point authentication

## SSL is at app layer

- apps use SSL libraries, that “talk” to TCP

## SSL socket API

- clear text passwords sent into socket traverse Internet encrypted

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# Web and HTTP

rendering - your browser renders  
the file sent by the server

*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 referenced objects*
- each object is addressable by a *URL*, e.g.,

www . someschool . edu / someDept / pic . gif

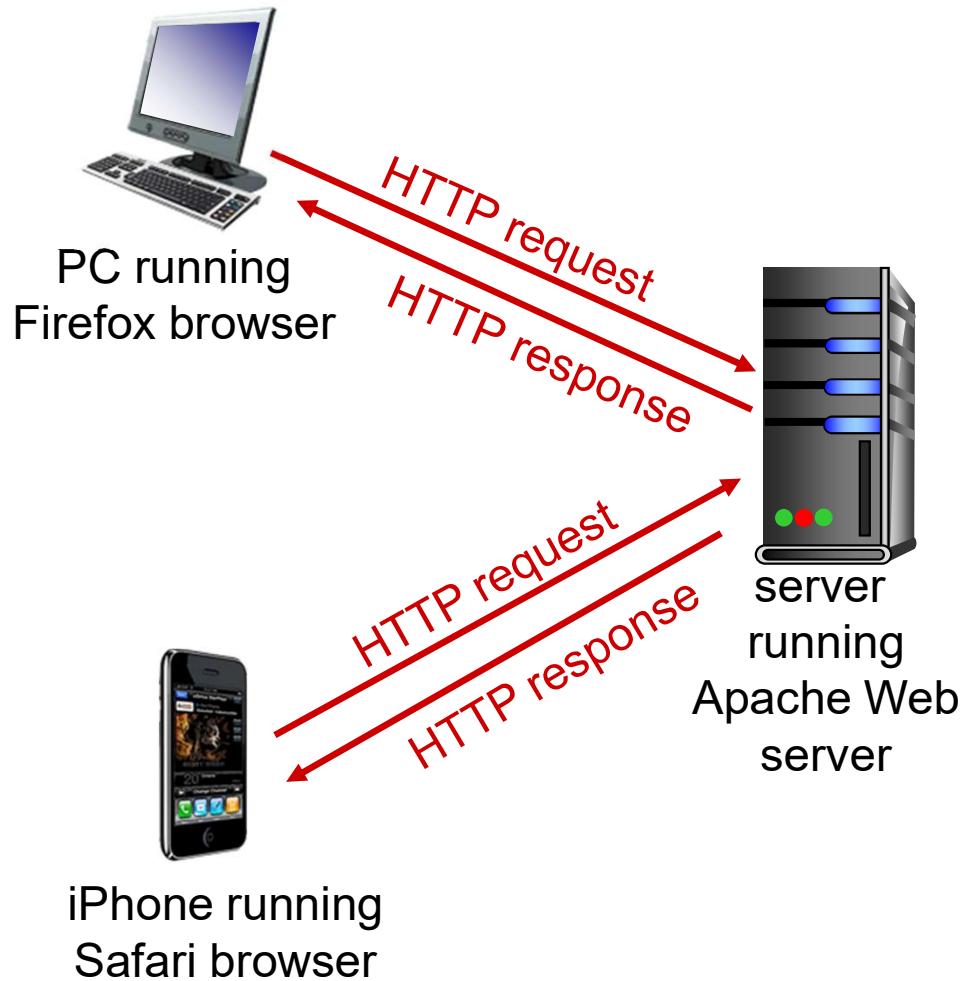
host name

path name

# HTTP overview

## HTTP: hypertext transfer protocol

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



# HTTP overview (continued)

*uses TCP:*

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

*HTTP is “stateless”*

- server maintains no information about past client requests

*aside*

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

# HTTP connections

## *non-persistent HTTP*

- at most one object sent over TCP connection
  - connection then closed
- downloading multiple objects required multiple connections

## *persistent HTTP*

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

# Non-persistent HTTP

suppose user enters URL:

`www.someSchool.edu/someDepartment/home.index`

(contains text,  
references to 10  
jpeg images)

1a. HTTP client initiates TCP connection to HTTP server (process) at `www.someSchool.edu` on port 80

1b. HTTP server at host `www.someSchool.edu` waiting for TCP connection at port 80. “accepts” connection, notifying client

2. HTTP client sends HTTP *request message* (containing URL) into TCP connection socket. Message indicates that client wants object `someDepartment/home.index`

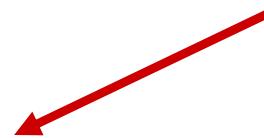
3. HTTP server receives request message, forms *response message* containing requested object, and sends message into its socket

time  
↓

# Non-persistent HTTP (cont.)

time  
↓

5. HTTP client receives response message containing html file, displays html. Parsing html file, finds 10 referenced jpeg objects



4. HTTP server closes TCP connection.

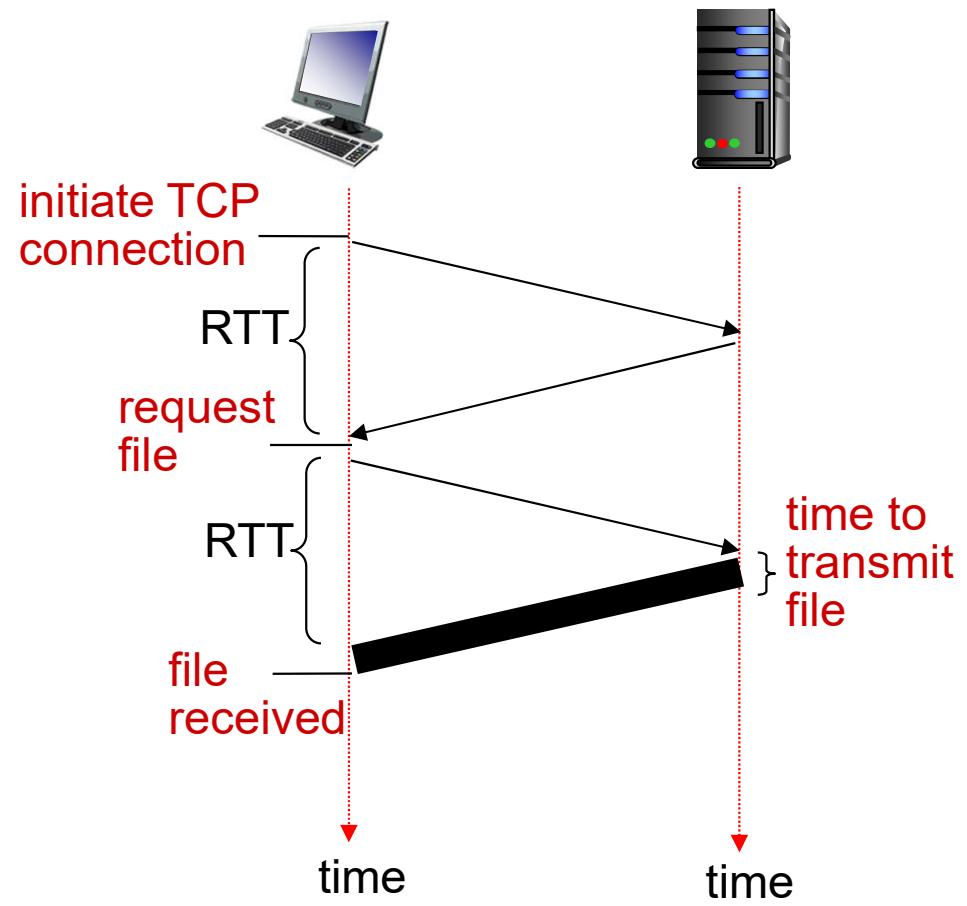
6. Steps 1-5 repeated for each of 10 jpeg objects

# Non-persistent HTTP: response time

**RTT (definition):** time for a small packet to travel from client to 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 =  $2\text{RTT} + \text{file transmission time}$



# 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 sent over open connection
- client sends requests as soon as it encounters a referenced object
- as little as one RTT for all the referenced objects

# HTTP request message

- two types of HTTP messages: *request, response*
- **HTTP request message:**
  - ASCII (human-readable format)

request line  
(GET, POST,  
HEAD commands)

header  
lines

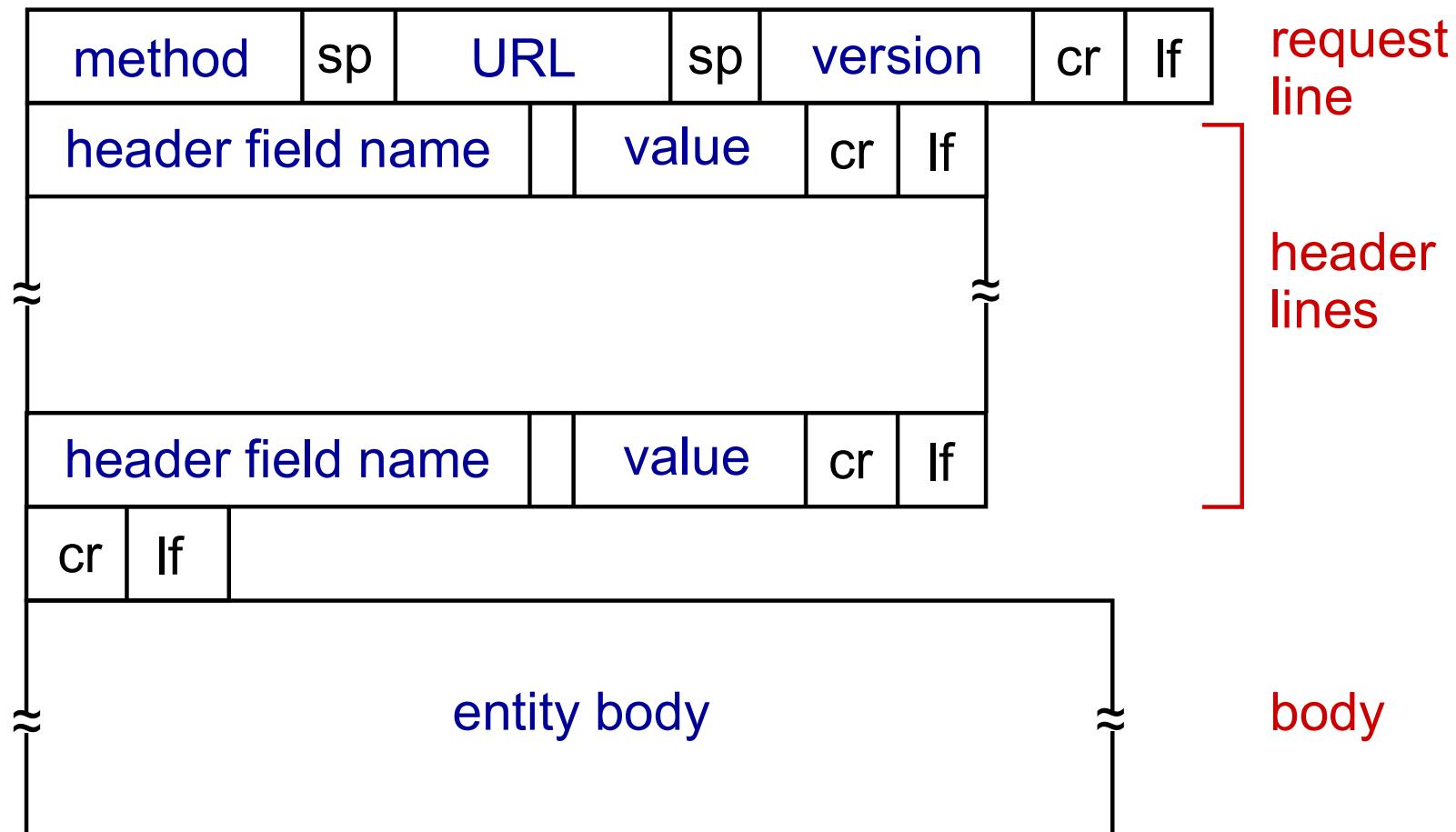
carriage return,  
line feed at start  
of line indicates  
end of header lines

```
GET /index.html HTTP/1.1\r\n
Host: www-net.cs.umass.edu\r\n
User-Agent: Firefox/3.6.10\r\n
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml\r\n
Accept-Language: en-us,en;q=0.5\r\n
Accept-Encoding: gzip,deflate\r\n
Accept-Charset: ISO-8859-1,utf-8;q=0.7\r\n
Keep-Alive: 115\r\n
Connection: keep-alive\r\n
\r\n
```

carriage return character  
line-feed character

\* Check out the online interactive exercises for more examples: [http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/kurose\\_ross/interactive/](http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/kurose_ross/interactive/)

# HTTP request message: general format



# Uploading form 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:

`www.somesite.com/animalsearch?monkeys&banana`

# Method types

## HTTP/1.0:

- GET
- POST
- HEAD
  - asks 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
  - deletes file specified in the URL field

# HTTP response message

status line

(protocol

status code

status phrase)

header  
lines

data, e.g.,  
requested  
HTML file

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK\r\nDate: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 20:09:20 GMT\r\nServer: Apache/2.0.52 (CentOS) \r\nLast-Modified: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 17:00:02  
GMT\r\nETag: "17dc6-a5c-bf716880"\r\nAccept-Ranges: bytes\r\nContent-Length: 2652\r\nKeep-Alive: timeout=10, max=100\r\nConnection: Keep-Alive\r\nContent-Type: text/html; charset=ISO-8859-  
1\r\n\r\ndata data data data data ...
```

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# HTTP response status codes

- status code appears in 1st 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**

# Trying out HTTP (client side) for yourself

## I. Telnet to your favorite Web server:

```
telnet gaia.cs.umass.edu 80
```

{ opens TCP connection to port 80  
(default HTTP server port)  
at gaia.cs.umass.edu.  
anything typed in will be sent  
to port 80 at gaia.cs.umass.edu

## 2. type in a GET HTTP request:

```
GET /kurose_ross/interactive/index.php HTTP/1.1
```

```
Host: gaia.cs.umass.edu
```

{ by typing this in (hit carriage  
return twice), you send  
this minimal (but complete)  
GET request to HTTP server

## 3. look at response message sent by HTTP server!

(or use Wireshark to look at captured HTTP request/response)

# User-server state: cookies

many Web sites use cookies

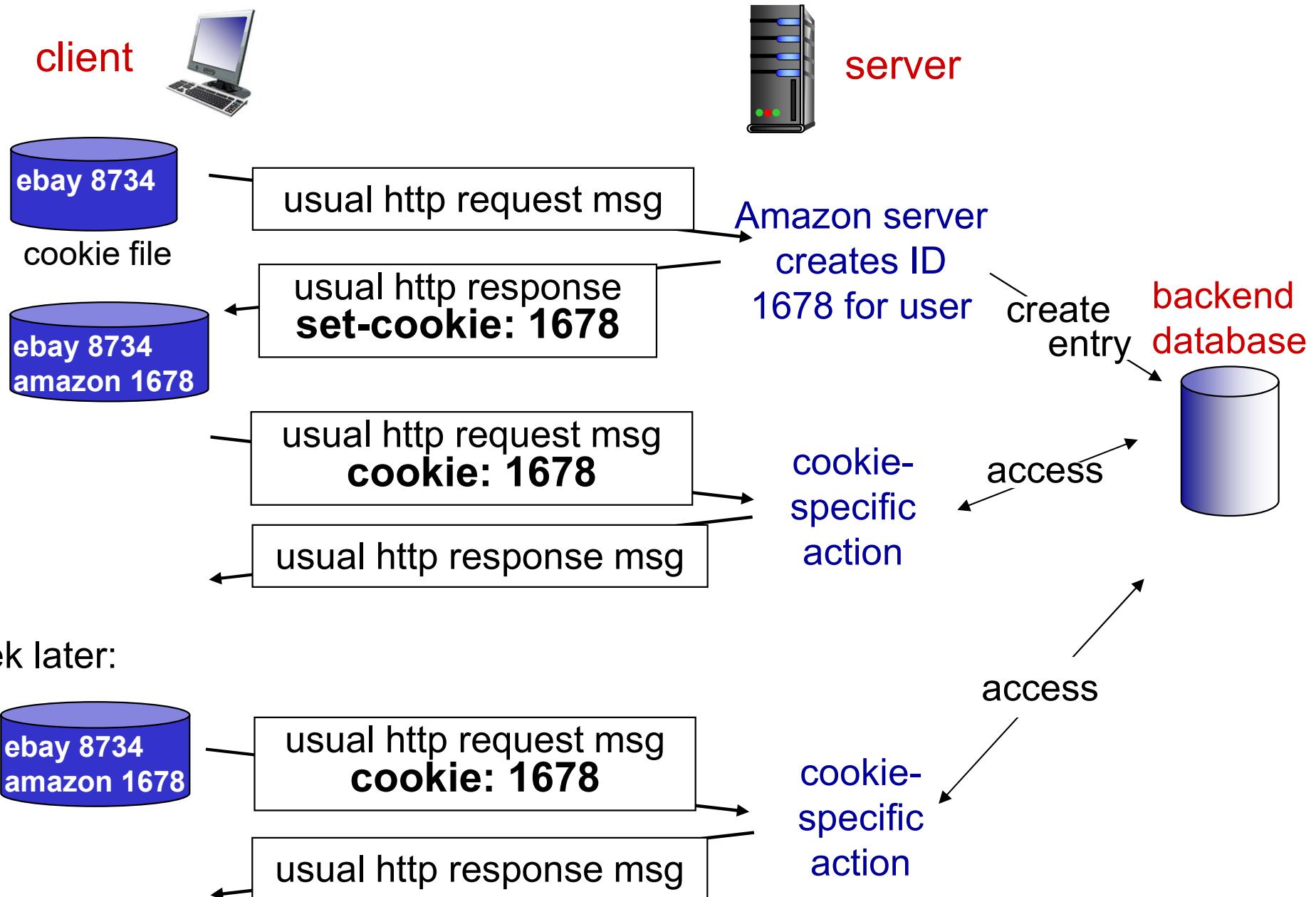
*four components:*

- 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
- visits specific e-commerce site for first time
- when initial HTTP requests arrives at site, site creates:
  - unique ID
  - entry in backend database for ID

# Cookies: keeping “state” (cont.)



# Cookies (continued)

*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

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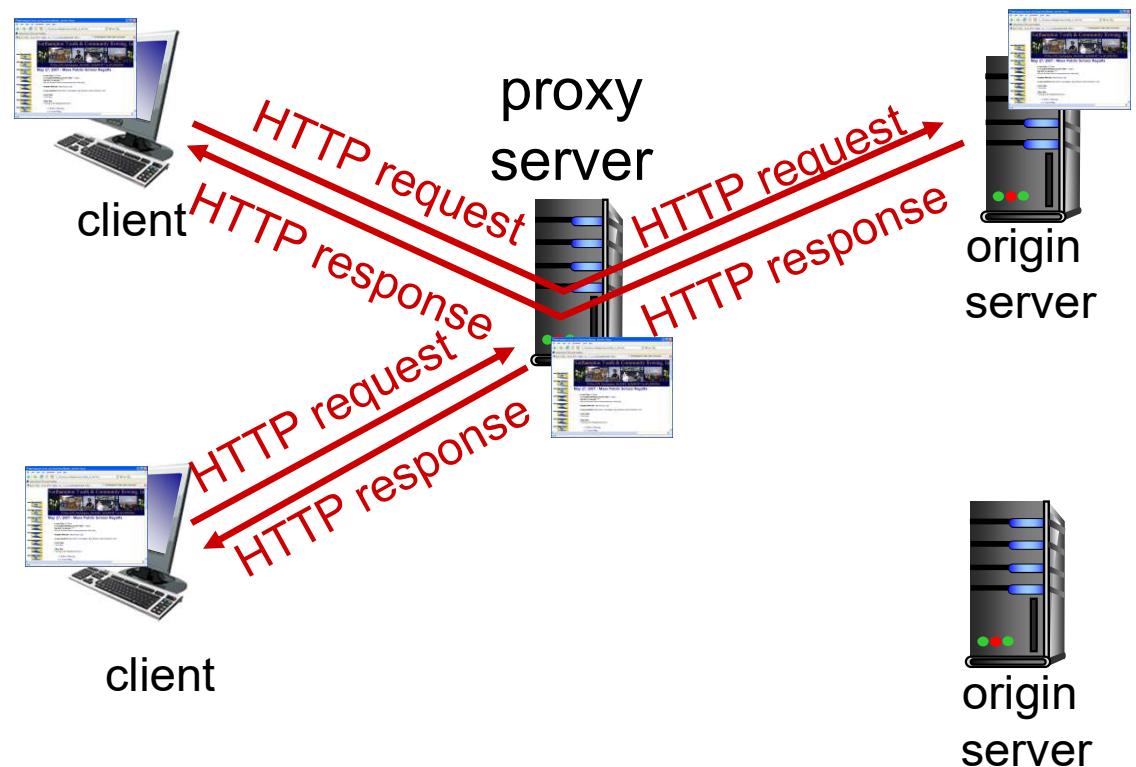
*cookies and privacy:*

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

# Web caches (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: cache returns object
  - else cache requests object from origin server, then returns object to client



# More about Web caching

- 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 file sharing)

# Conditional GET

- **Goal:** don't send object if cache has up-to-date cached version

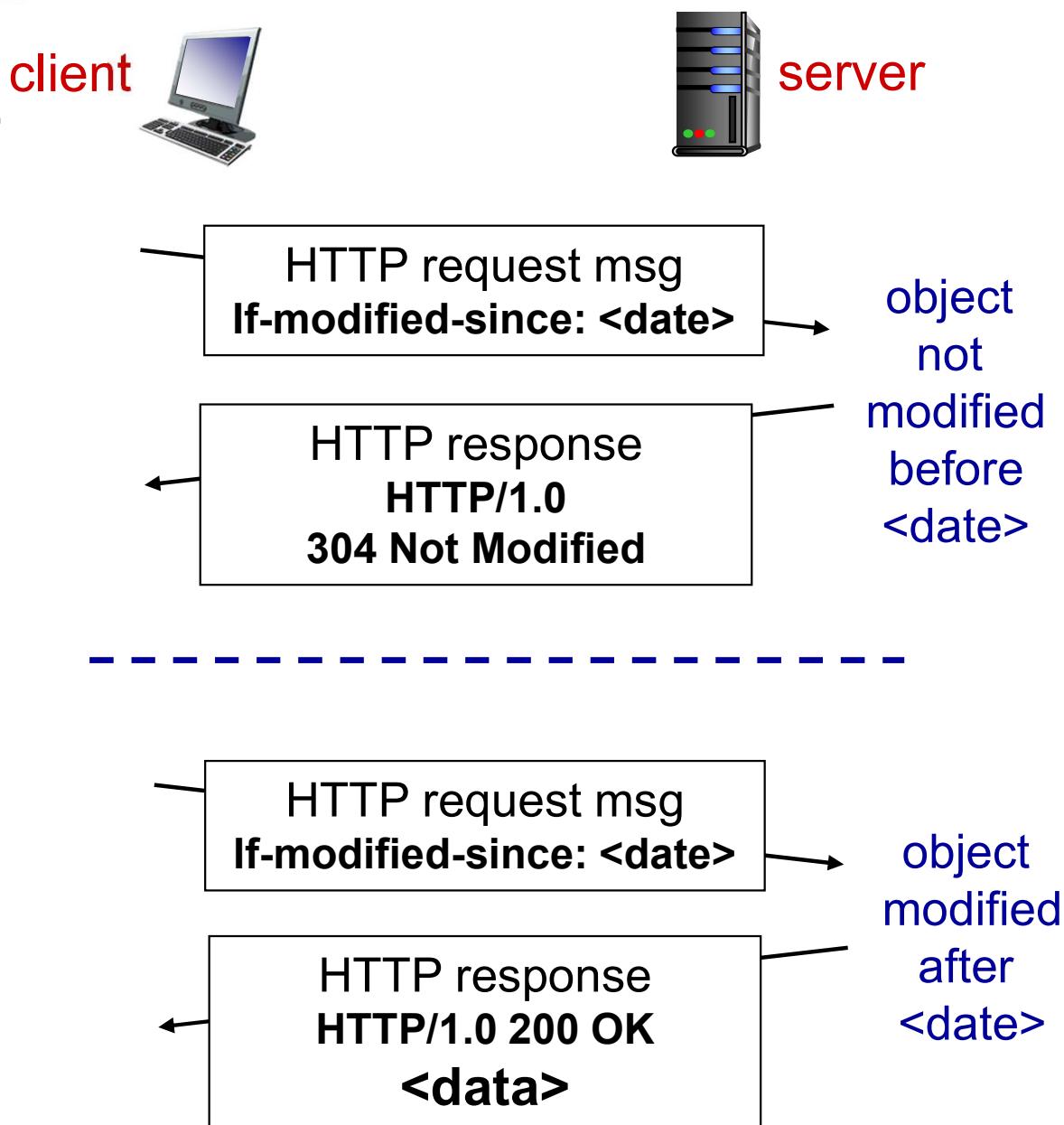
- no object transmission delay
  - lower link utilization

- **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**



# HTTP/2

**Key goal:** decreased delay in multi-object HTTP requests

HTTP 1.1: introduced multiple, pipelined GETs over single TCP connection

- server responds *in-order* (FCFS: first-come-first-served scheduling) to GET requests
- with FCFS, small object may have to wait for transmission (**head-of-line (HOL) blocking**) behind large object(s)
- loss recovery (retransmitting lost TCP segments) stalls object transmission

# HTTP/2

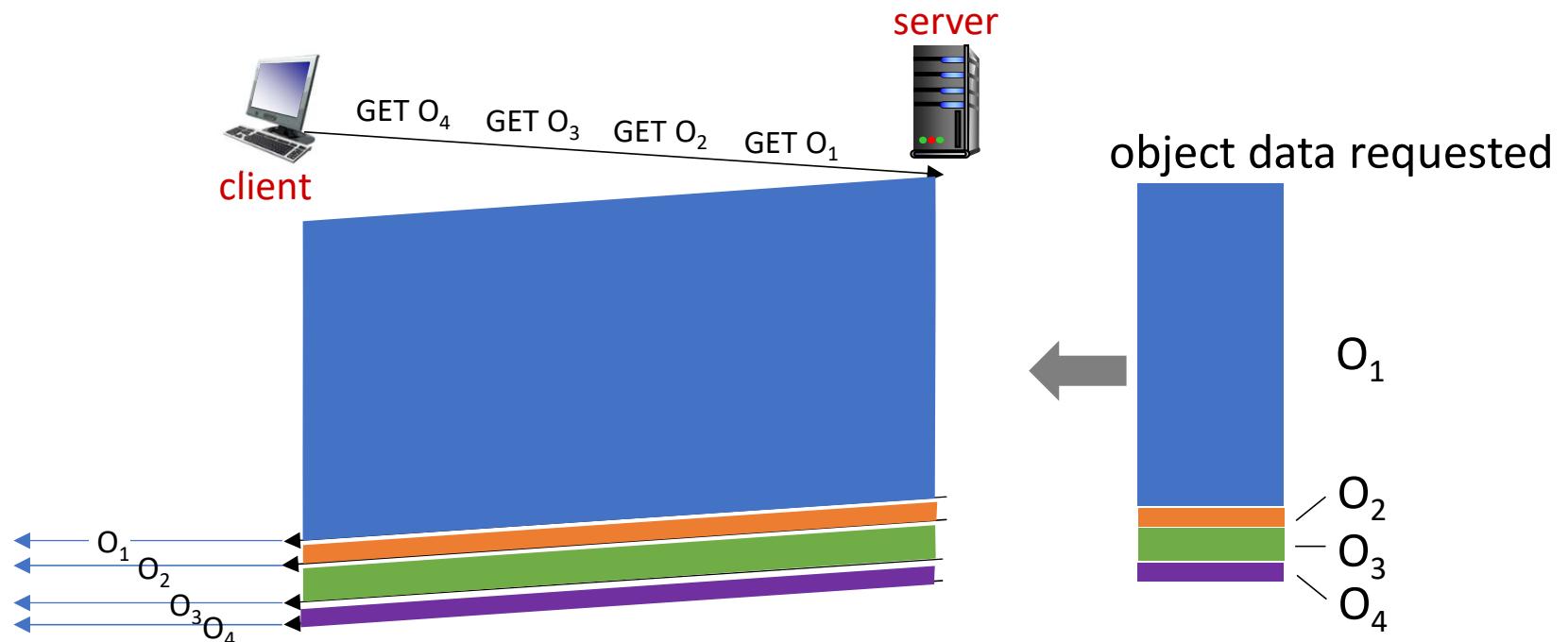
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HTTP/2: [RFC 7540, 2015] increased flexibility at server in sending objects to client:

- methods, status codes, most header fields unchanged from HTTP 1.1
- transmission order of requested objects based on client-specified object priority (not necessarily FCFS)
- *push* unrequested objects to client
- divide objects into frames, schedule frames to mitigate HOL blocking

# HTTP/2: mitigating HOL blocking

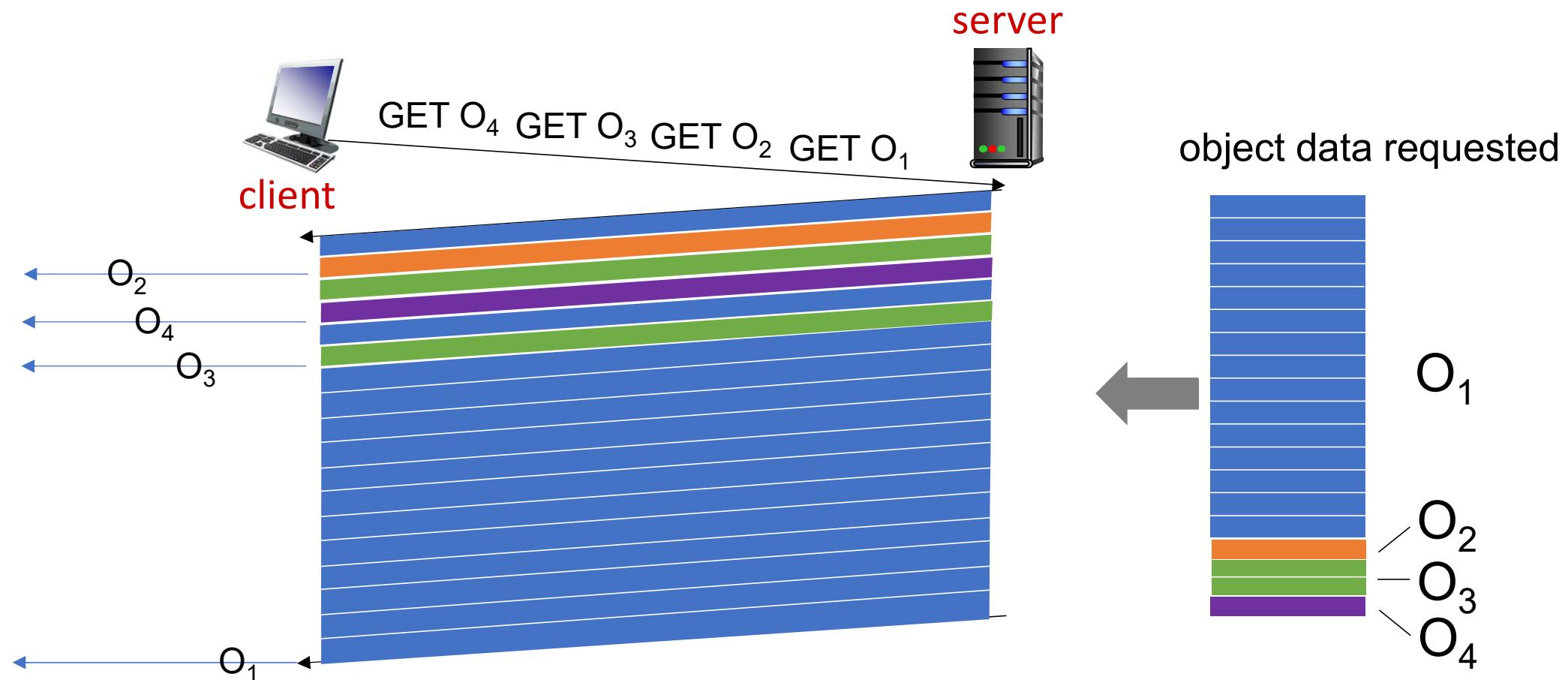
HTTP 1.1: client requests 1 large object (e.g., video file, and 3 smaller objects)



*objects delivered in order requested: O<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>3</sub>, O<sub>4</sub> wait behind O<sub>1</sub>*

# HTTP/2: mitigating HOL blocking

HTTP/2: objects divided into frames, frame transmission interleaved



$O_2, O_3, O_4$  delivered quickly,  $O_1$ , slightly delayed

# HTTP/2 to HTTP/3

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*Key goal:* decreased delay in multi-object HTTP requests

HTTP/2 over single TCP connection means:

- recovery from packet loss still stalls all object transmissions
  - as in HTTP 1.1, browsers have incentive to open multiple parallel TCP connections to reduce stalling, increase overall throughput
- no security over vanilla TCP connection
- **HTTP/3:** adds security , per object error- and congestion-control (more pipelining) over UDP
  - more on HTTP/3 in transport layer

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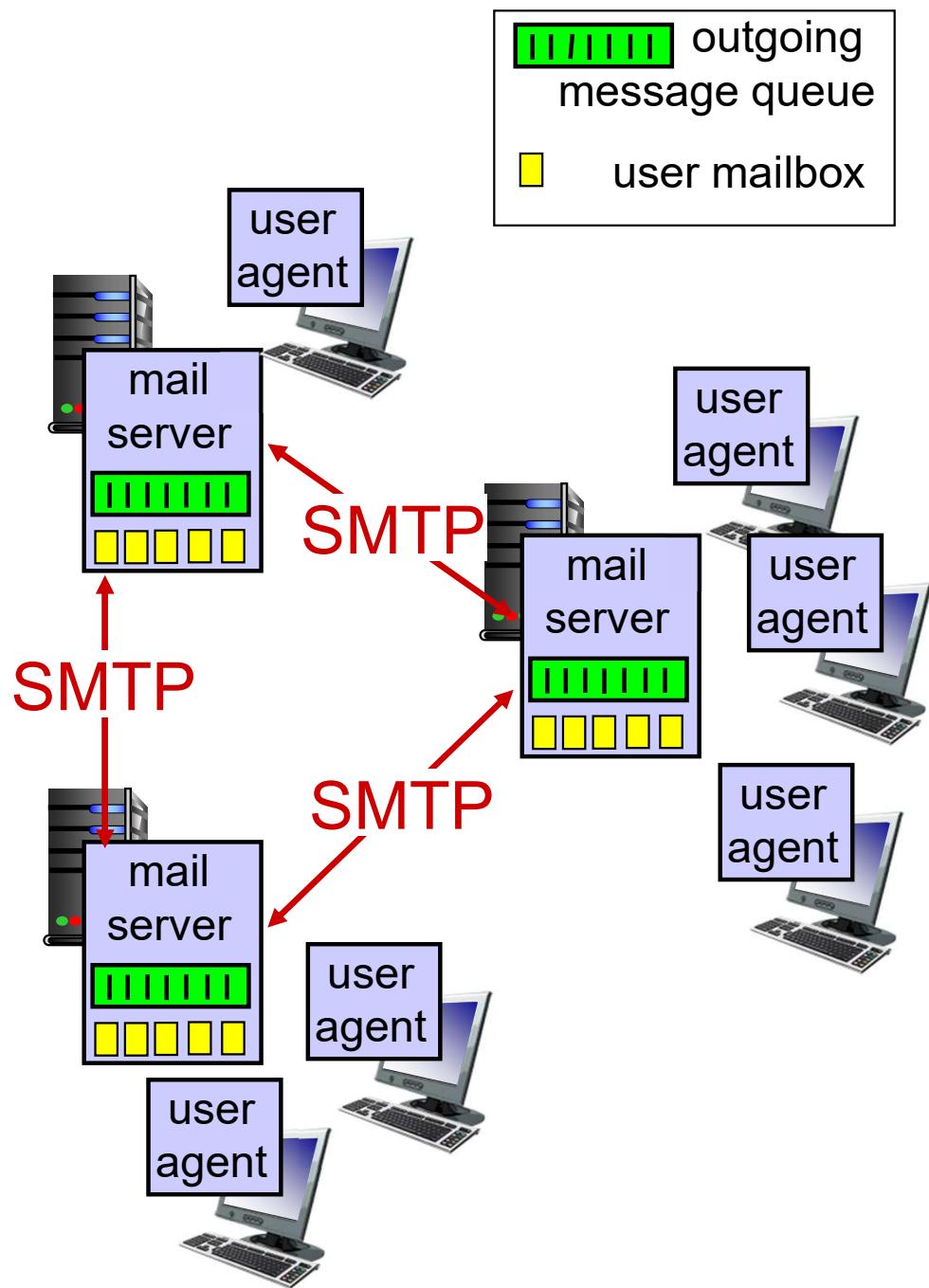
# Electronic mail

*Three major components:*

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

## User Agent

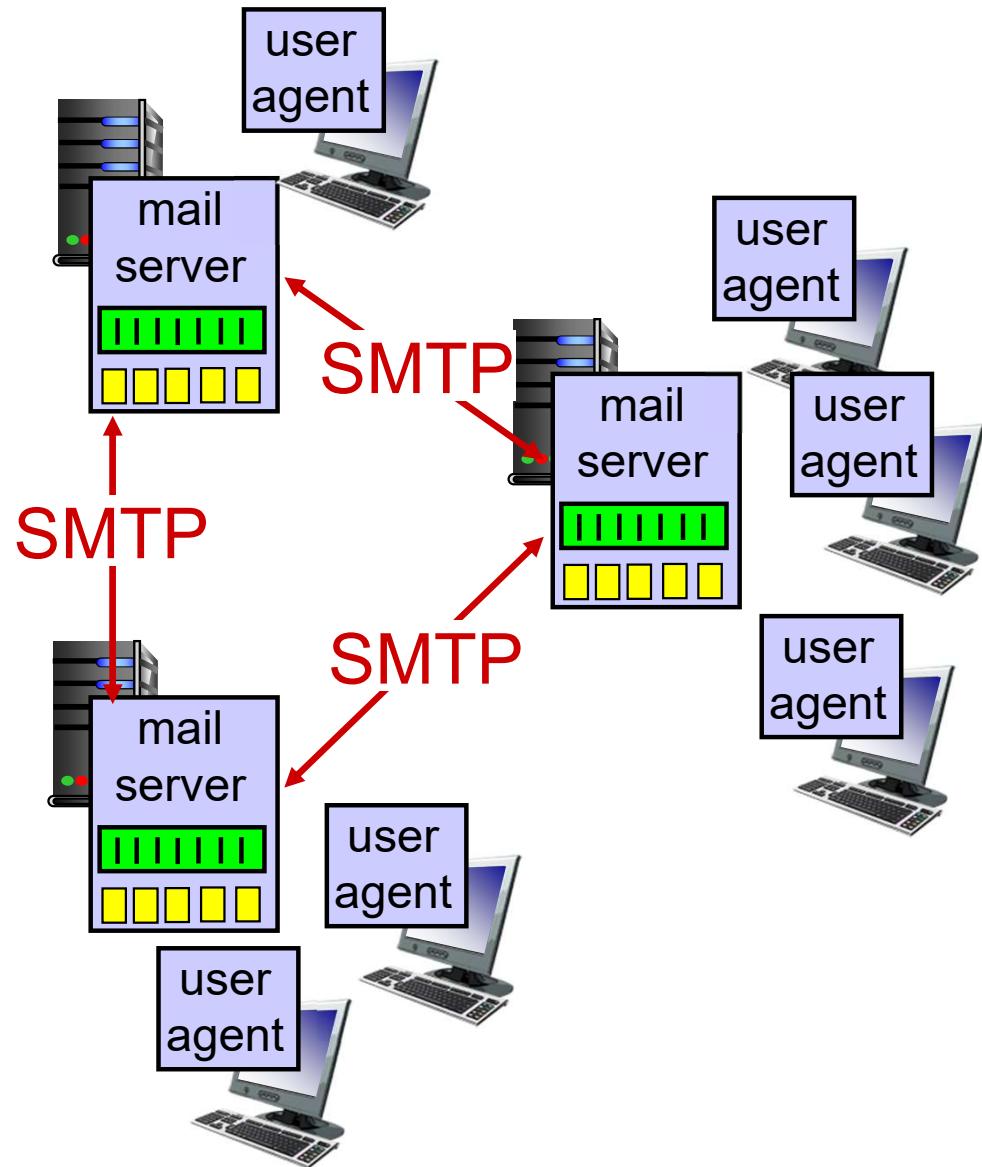
- a.k.a. “mail reader”
- composing, editing, reading mail messages
- e.g., Outlook, Thunderbird, iPhone mail client
- outgoing, incoming messages stored on server



# Electronic mail: mail servers

## 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

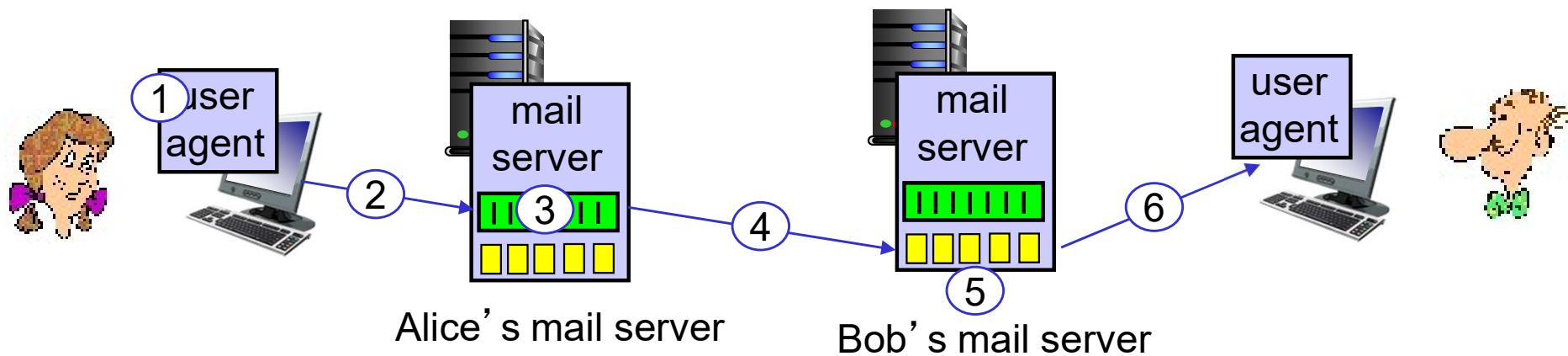


# Electronic Mail: SMTP

- 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)
  - **commands:** ASCII text
  - **response:** status code and phrase
- messages must be in 7-bit ASCII

# Scenario: Alice sends message to Bob

- 1) Alice uses UA to compose message “to”  
bob@someschool.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



# Sample SMTP interaction

```
C: Telnet <Mail Server> 25
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
```

## Try SMTP interaction for yourself:

- `telnet servername 25`
- see 220 reply from server
- enter HELO, MAIL FROM, RCPT TO, DATA, QUIT commands

above lets you send email without using email client (reader)

# SMTP: final words

- 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

## *comparison with HTTP:*

- HTTP: pull
- SMTP: push
- both have ASCII command/response interaction, status codes
- HTTP: each object encapsulated in its own response message
- SMTP: multiple objects sent in multipart message

# Mail message format

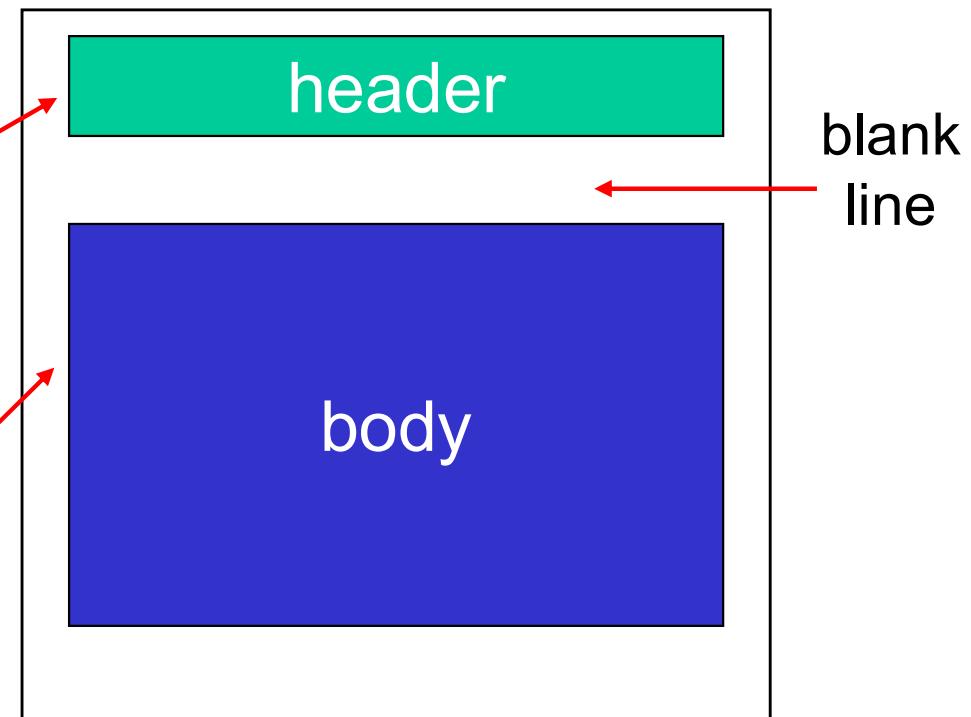
SMTP: protocol for  
exchanging email messages

RFC 822: standard for text  
message format:

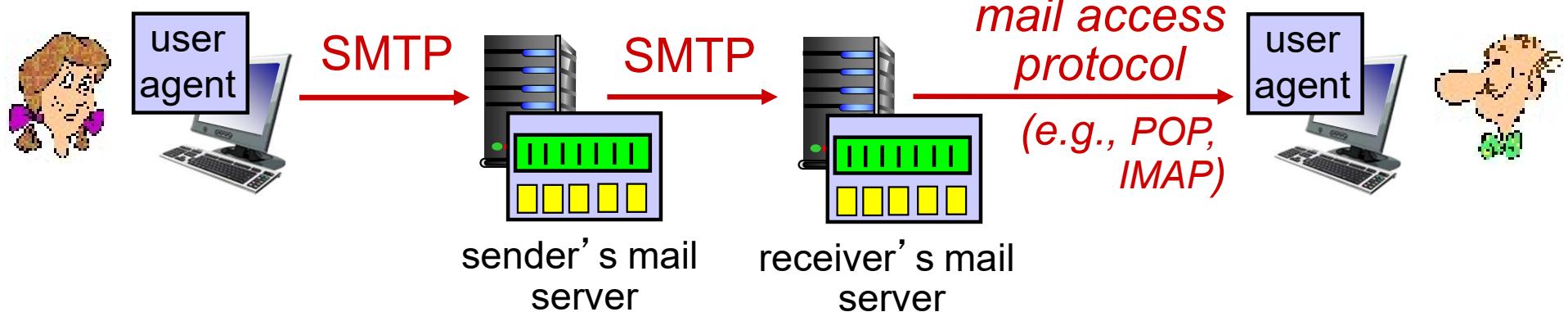
- header lines, e.g.,
  - To:
  - From:
  - Subject:

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

- Body: the “message”
  - ASCII characters only



# Mail access protocols



- **SMTP:** delivery/storage to receiver's server
- **mail access protocol:** retrieval from server
  - **IMAP:** Internet Mail Access Protocol [RFC 3501]: messages stored on server, IMAP provides retrieval, deletion, folders of stored messages on server
  - **HTTP:** gmail, Hotmail, Yahoo!Mail, etc. provides web-based interface on top of STMP (to send), IMAP (or POP) to retrieve e-mail messages

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# 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”

# DNS: services, structure

## *DNS services*

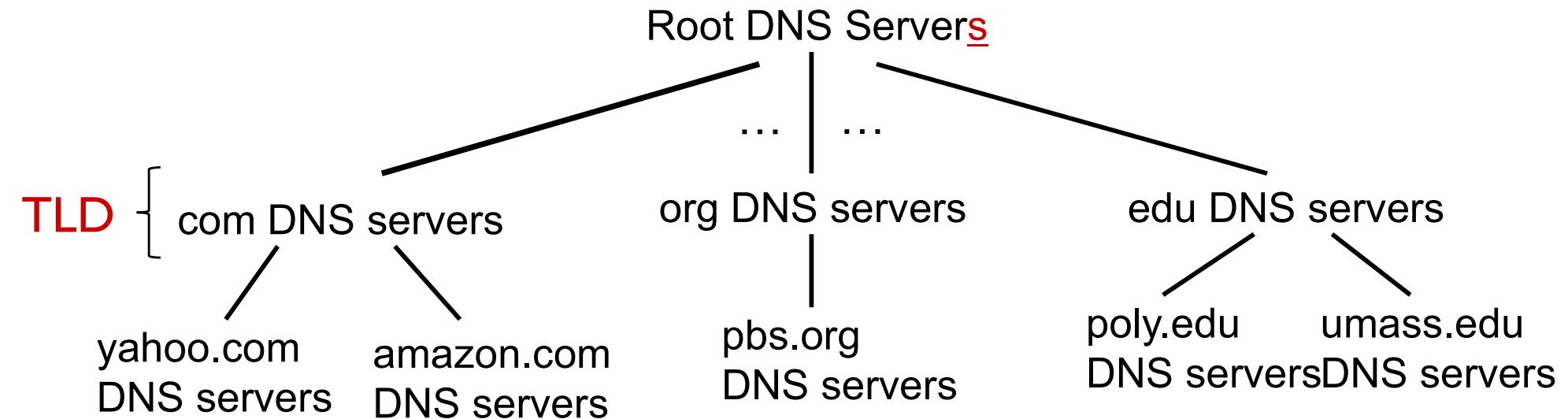
- hostname to IP address translation
- host aliasing
  - canonical, alias names
- mail server aliasing
- load distribution
  - replicated Web servers: many IP addresses correspond to one name

## *why not centralize DNS?*

- single point of failure
- traffic volume
- distant centralized database
- maintenance
  - frequent update for every new host.

A: *doesn't scale!*

# DNS: a distributed, hierarchical database

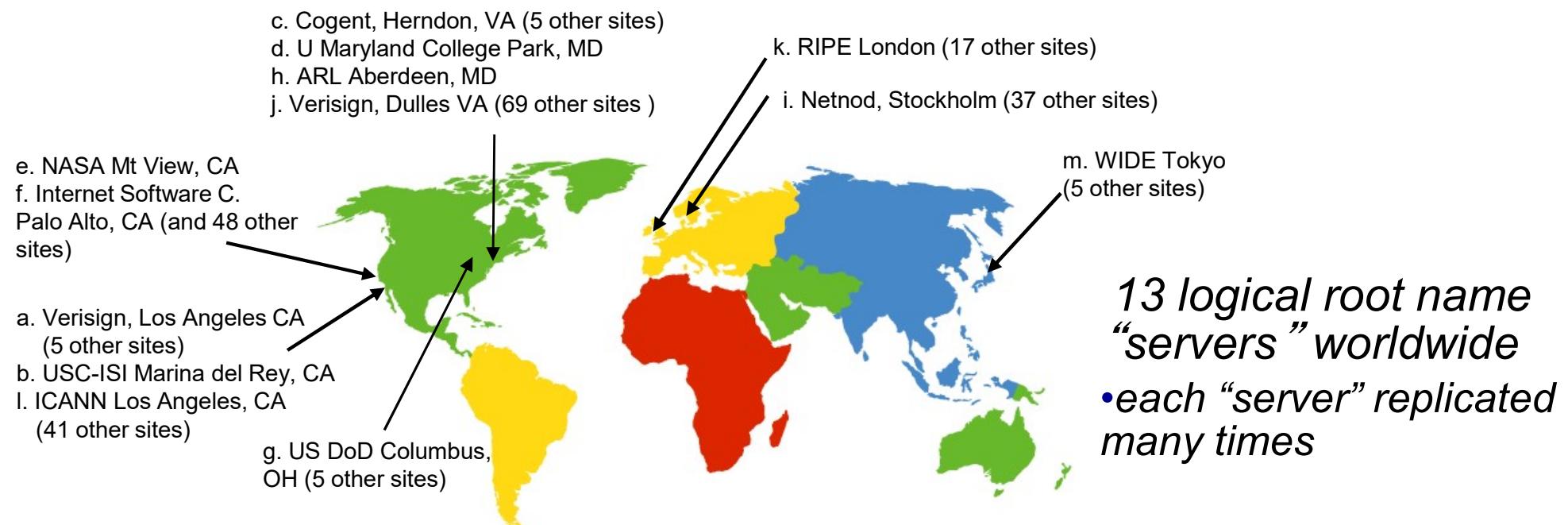


*client wants IP for www.amazon.com; 1<sup>st</sup> approximation:*

- client queries one of the root servers to find com DNS server
  - returns IP addresses for TLD (top-level domain) servers
- client queries one of the TLD servers (.com DNS server)
  - returns the IP address of an authoritative server for amazon.com
- client queries amazon.com DNS server to get IP address for www.amazon.com

# 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



# TLD, authoritative servers

## *top-level domain (TLD) servers:*

- responsible for com, org, net, edu, aero, jobs, museums, and all top-level country domains, e.g.: uk, fr, ca, jp
- Network Solutions maintains servers for .com TLD
- Educause for .edu TLD

## *authoritative DNS servers:*

- organization's own DNS server(s), providing authoritative hostname to IP mappings for organization's named hosts
- can be maintained by organization or service provider

# Local DNS name server

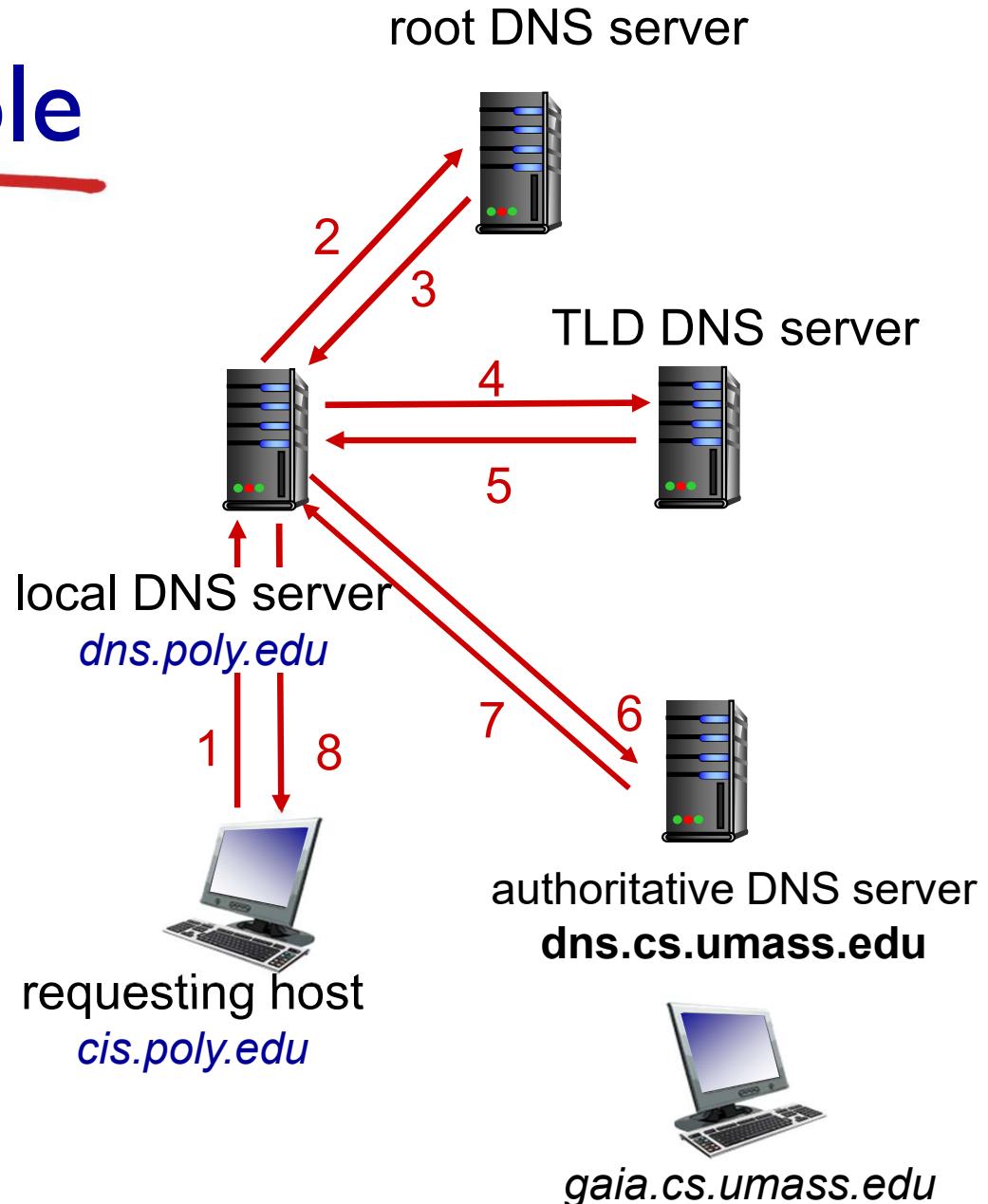
- does not strictly belong to hierarchy
- each ISP (residential ISP, company, university) has one
  - also called “default name server”
- when host makes DNS query, query is sent to its local DNS server
  - has local cache of recent name-to-address translation pairs (but may be out of date!)
  - acts as proxy, forwards query into hierarchy

# DNS name resolution example

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

## *iterative query:*

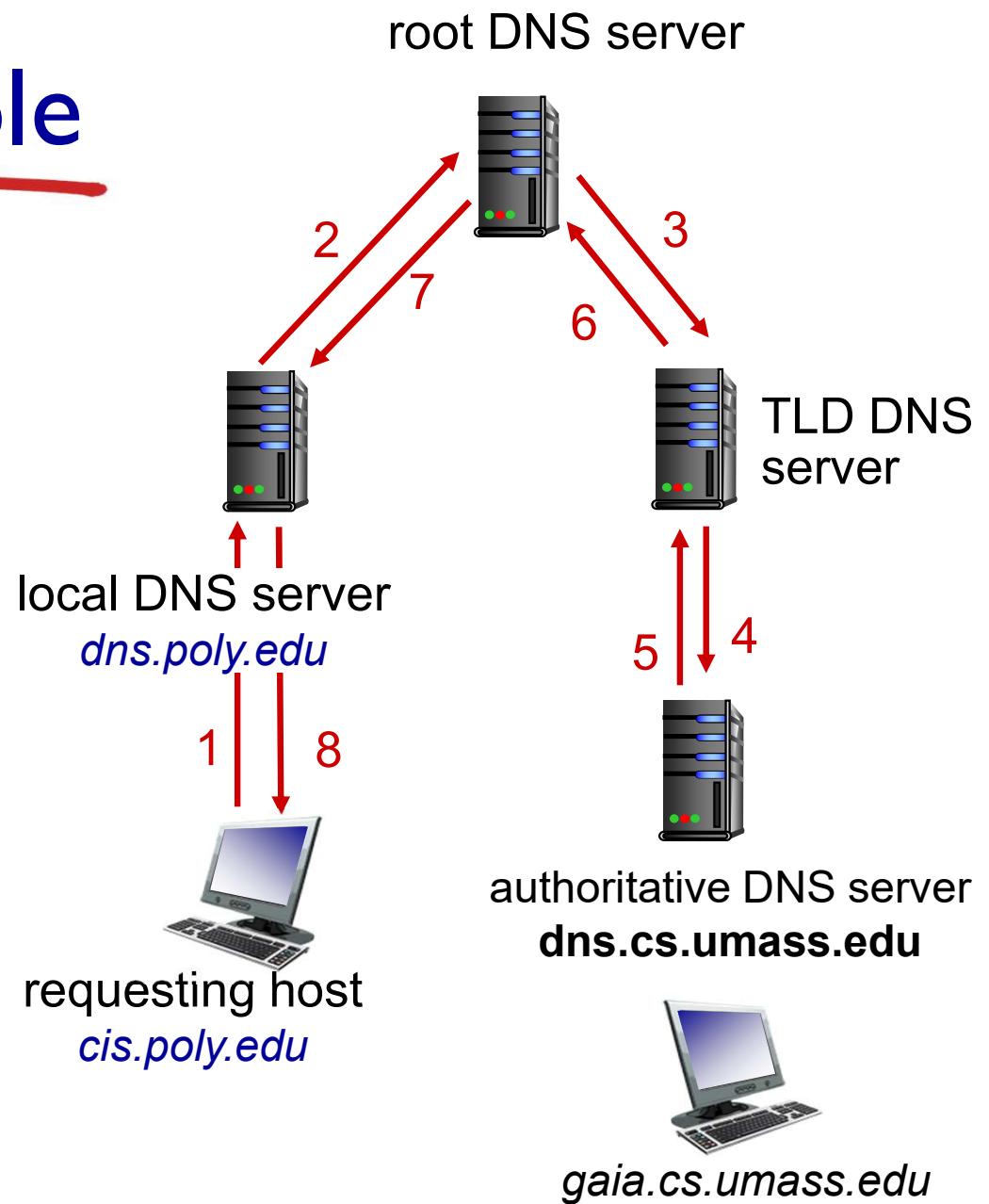
- contacted server replies with name of server to contact
- “I don’t know this name, but ask this server”



# DNS name resolution example

*recursive query:*

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



# DNS: caching, updating records

- once (any) name server learns mapping, it *caches* 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

# DNS records

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

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

time to live

## type=A

- **name** is hostname
- **value** is IP address
- `(relay1.bar.foo.com, 145.37.93.126, A)`

## type=NS

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

## 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
- `(foo.com, relay1.bar.foo.com, CNAME)`

## type=MX

- **value** is name of mailserver associated with **name**
- `foo.com, mail.bar.foo.com, MX)`

# DNS protocol, messages

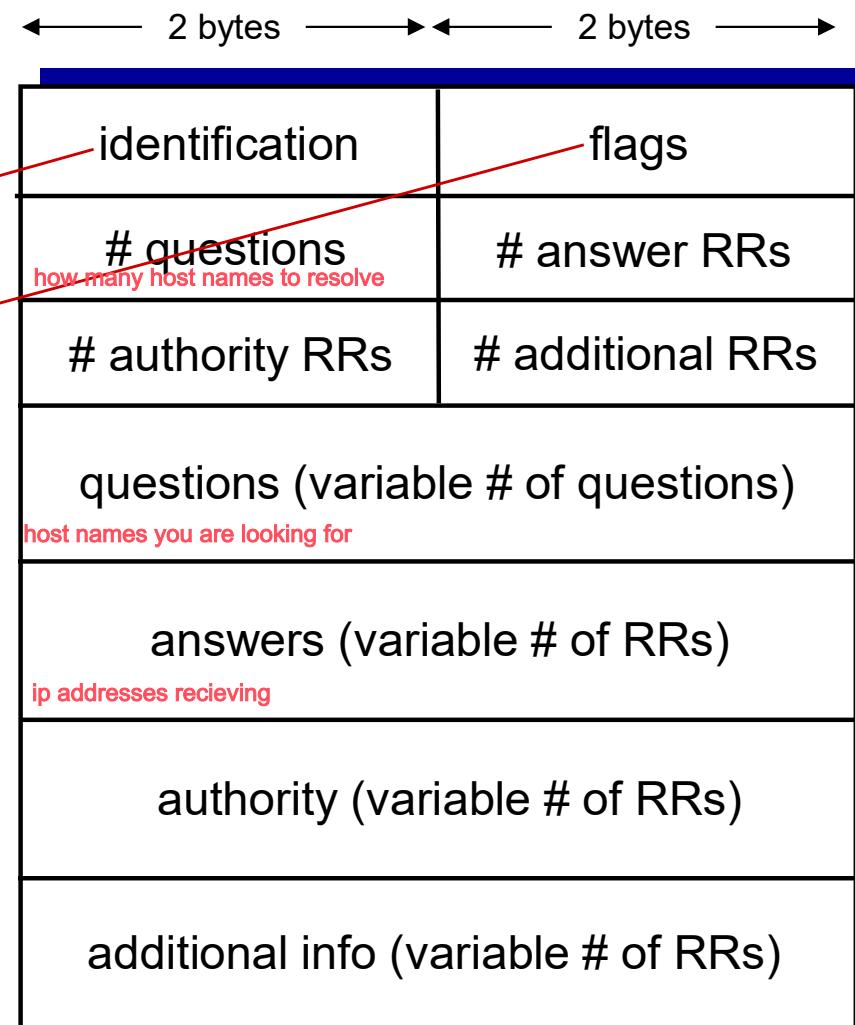
- **query** and **reply** messages, both with same **message format**

## message header

- **identification:** 16 bit # for query, reply to query uses same #

- **flags:**
  - query or reply
  - recursion desired
  - recursion available
  - reply is authoritative

recursive or iterative  
can be set through  
the flag



computer that will host website is web server: [www.cybermary.com](http://www.cybermary.com) ip 1.1.1.1

computer for authoritative dns: [dns.cybermary.com](http://dns.cybermary.com) ip 2.2.2.2, inside of here contains:

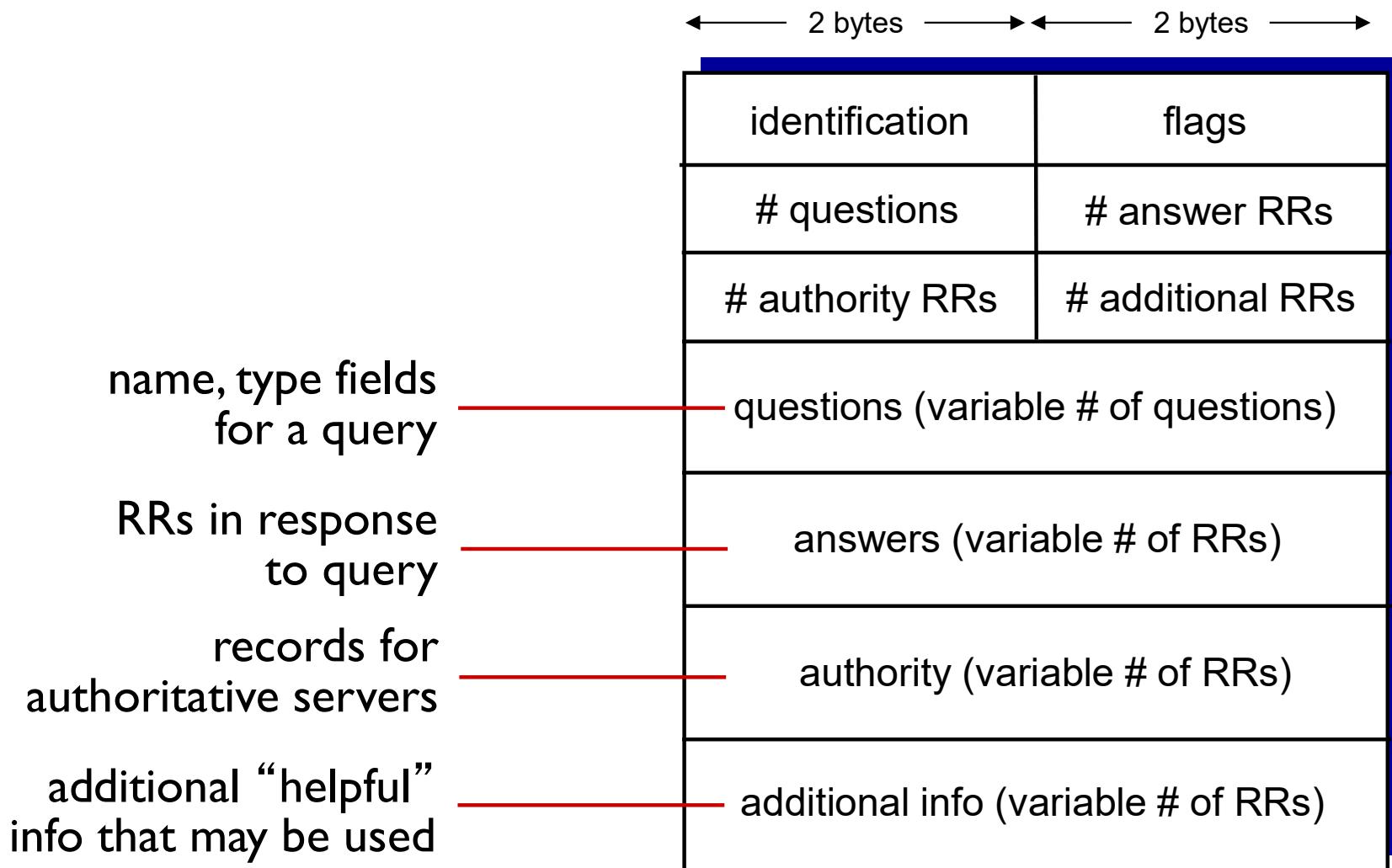
www.cybermary.com 1.1.1.1 A, and www.cybermary.com mail.cybermary.com MX, and mail.cybermary.com 3.3.3.3 A

computer for mail server: mail.cybermary.com ip 3.3.3.3, inside of here contains folders for employees

to get into dns tree, go to tld company and pay to be put in the tree (company such as network solutions), need from you

(1) www.cybermary.com dns.cybermary.com NS, (2) dns.cybermary.com 2.2.2.2 A

# DNS protocol, messages



# Inserting records into DNS

- example: new startup “Network Utopia”
- register name `networkuptopia.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.networkuptopia.com`; type MX record for `networkutopia.com` (these entries are inside the authoritative DNS server `dns1.networkutopia.com`)

# 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

# Outline

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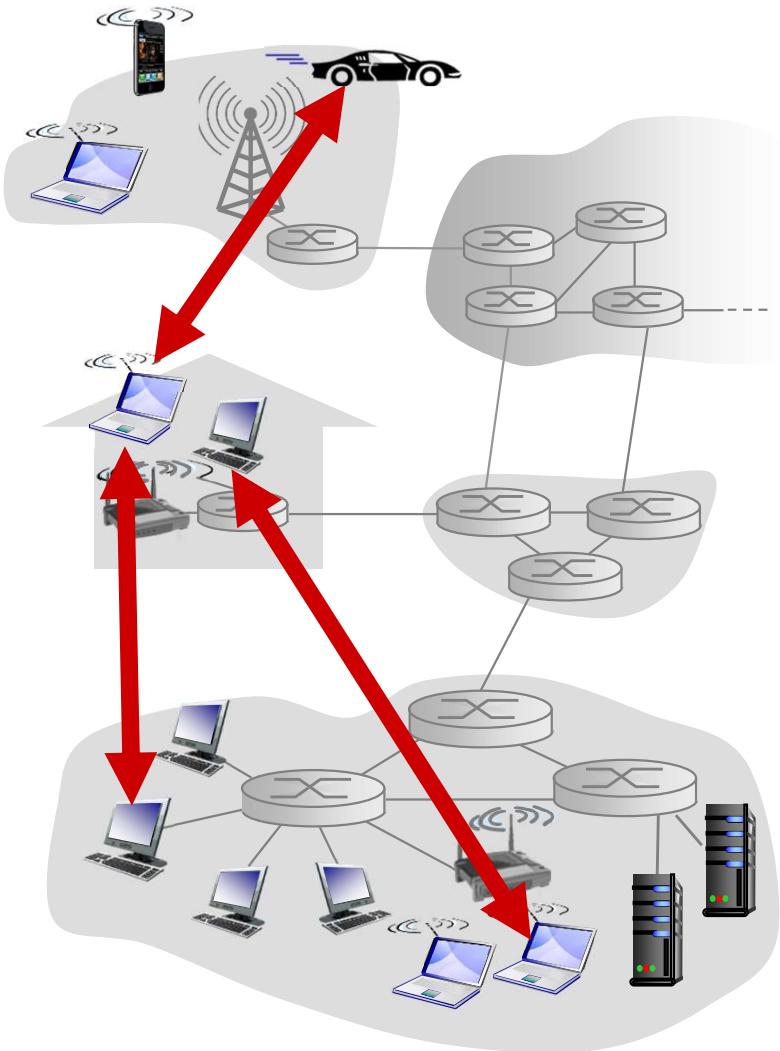
2.7 socket programming  
with UDP and TCP

# Pure P2P architecture

- no always-on server
- arbitrary end systems directly communicate
- peers are intermittently connected and change IP addresses

## *examples:*

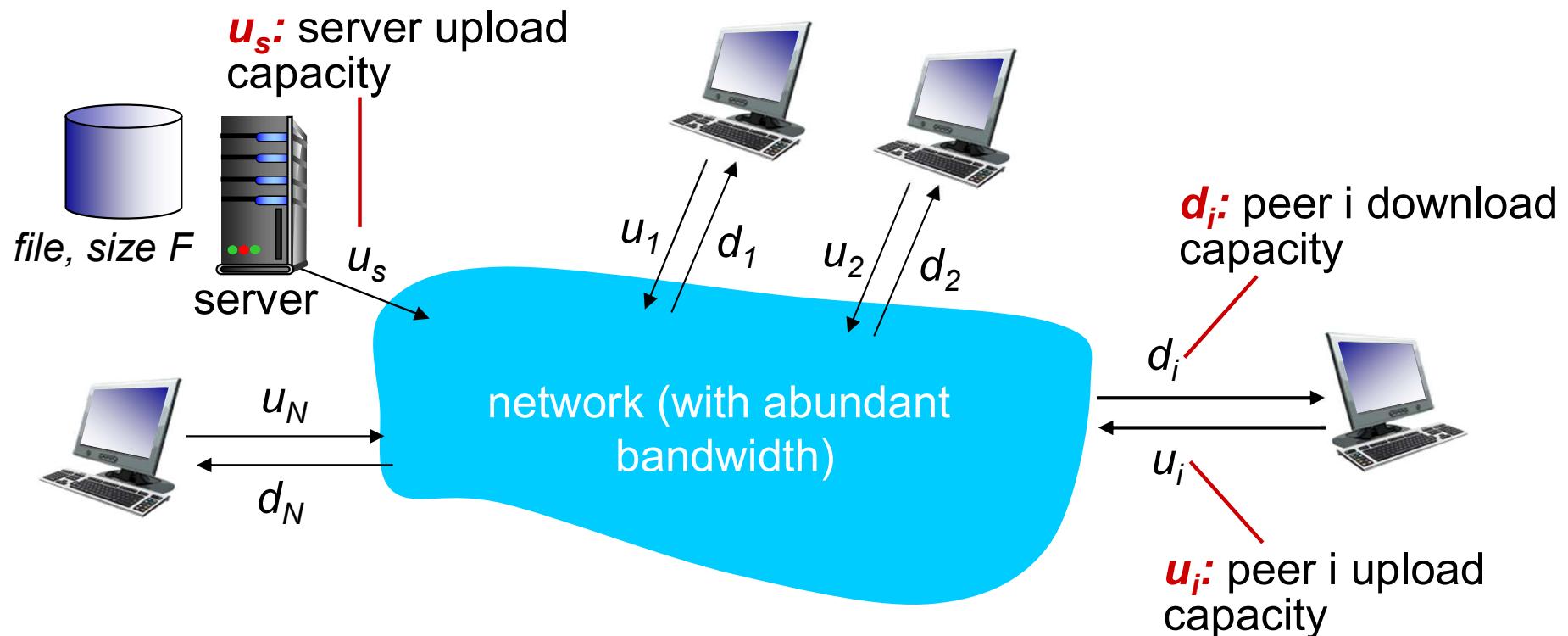
- file distribution (BitTorrent)
- Streaming (KanKan)
- VoIP (Skype)



# File distribution: client-server vs P2P

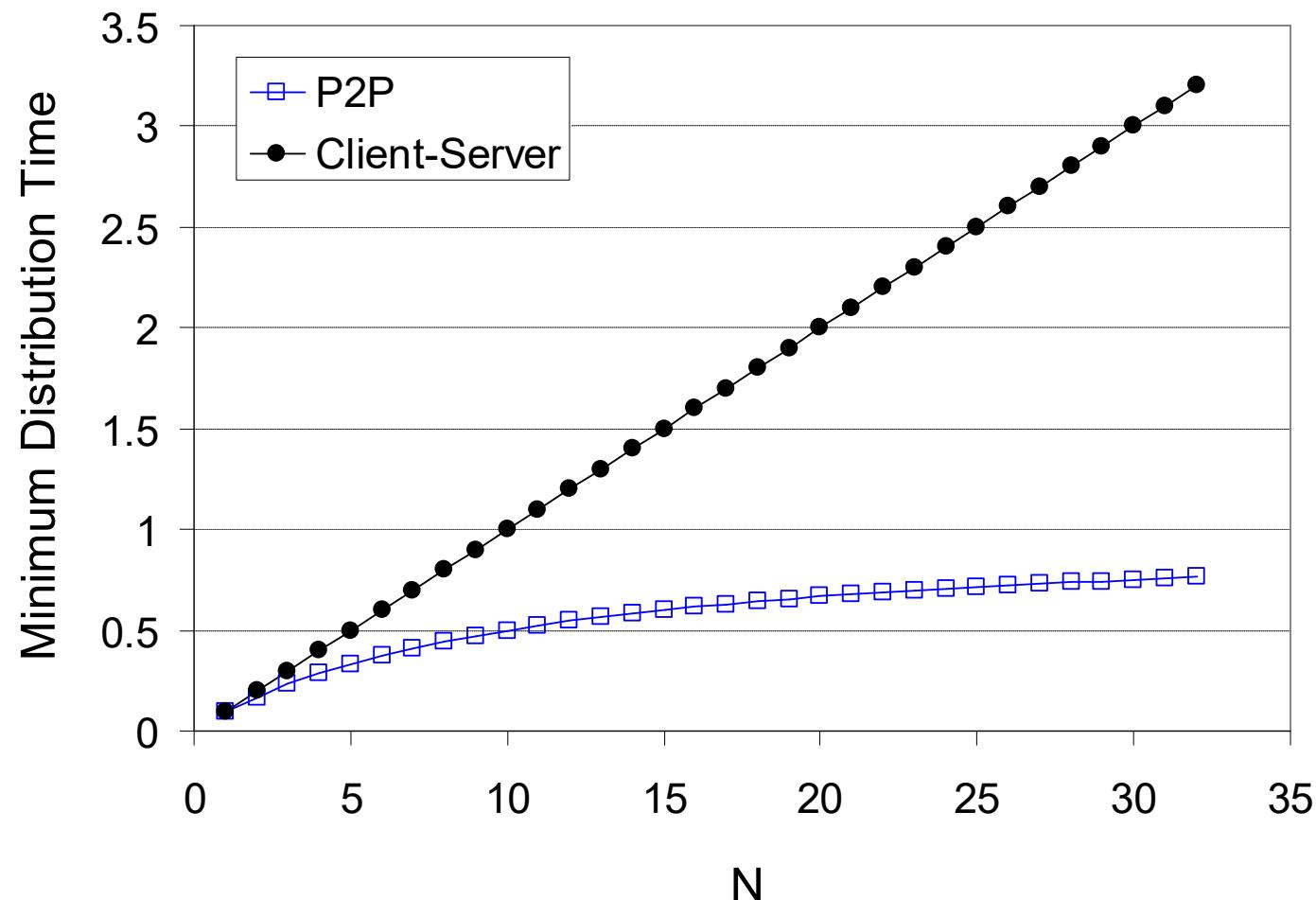
Question: how much time to distribute file (size  $F$ ) from one server to  $N$  peers?

- peer upload/download capacity is limited resource



# Client-server vs. P2P: example

client upload rate =  $u$ ,  $F/u = 1$  hour,  $u_s = 10u$ ,  $d_{min} \geq u_s$

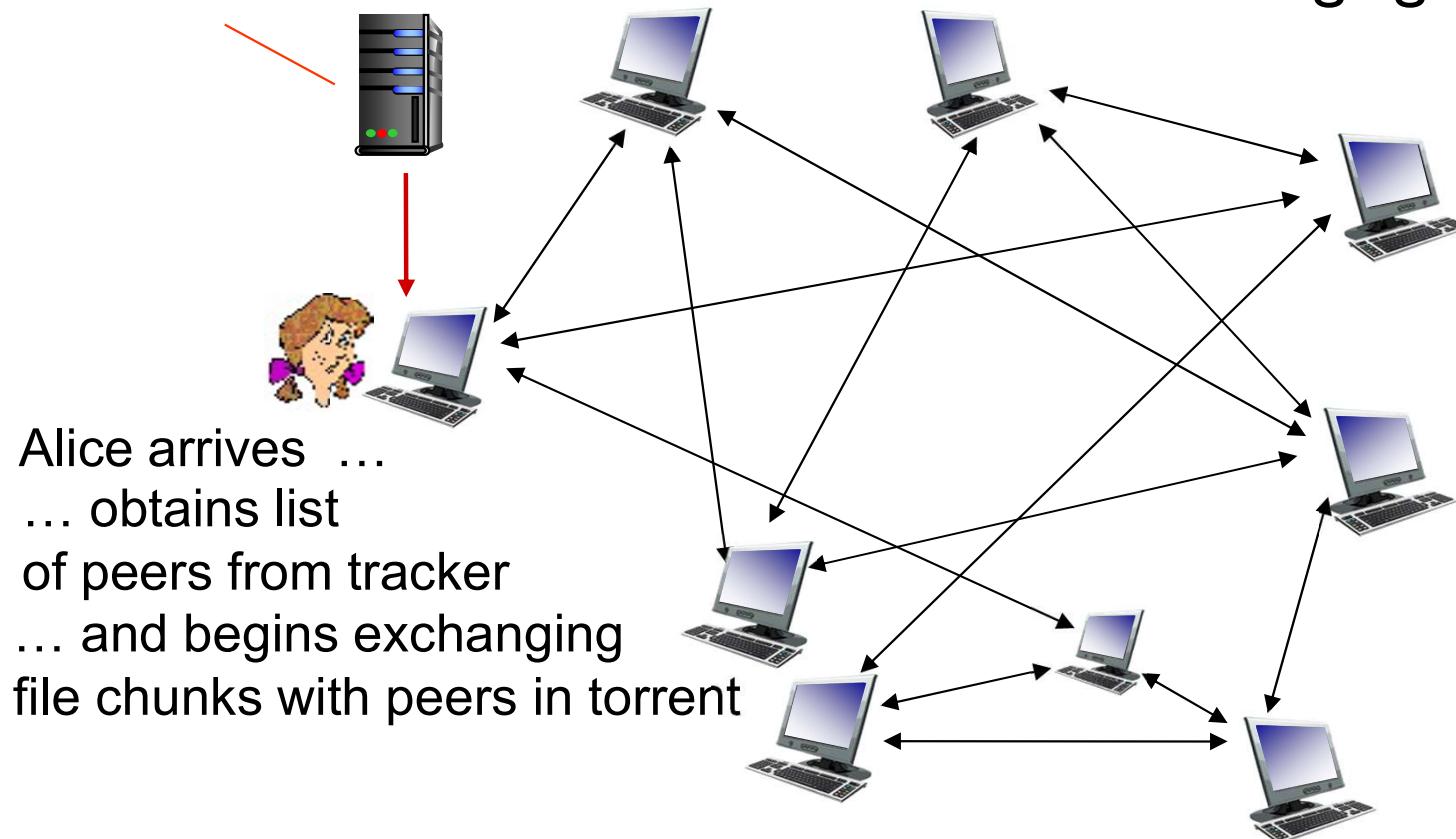


# P2P file distribution: BitTorrent

- file divided into 256Kb chunks
- peers in torrent send/receive file chunks

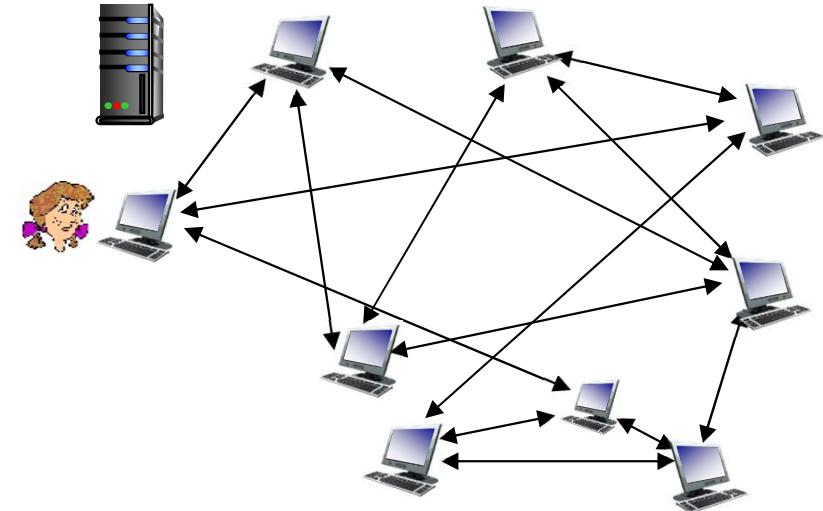
**tracker:** tracks peers  
participating in torrent

**torrent:** group of peers  
exchanging chunks of a file



# P2P file distribution: BitTorrent

- peer joining torrent:
  - has no chunks, but will accumulate them over time from other peers
  - registers with tracker to get list of peers, connects to subset of peers (“neighbors”)
- while downloading, peer uploads chunks to other peers
- peer may change peers with whom it exchanges chunks
- *churn*: peers may come and go
- once peer has entire file, it may (selfishly) leave or (altruistically) remain in torrent



# BitTorrent: requesting, sending file chunks

## *requesting chunks:*

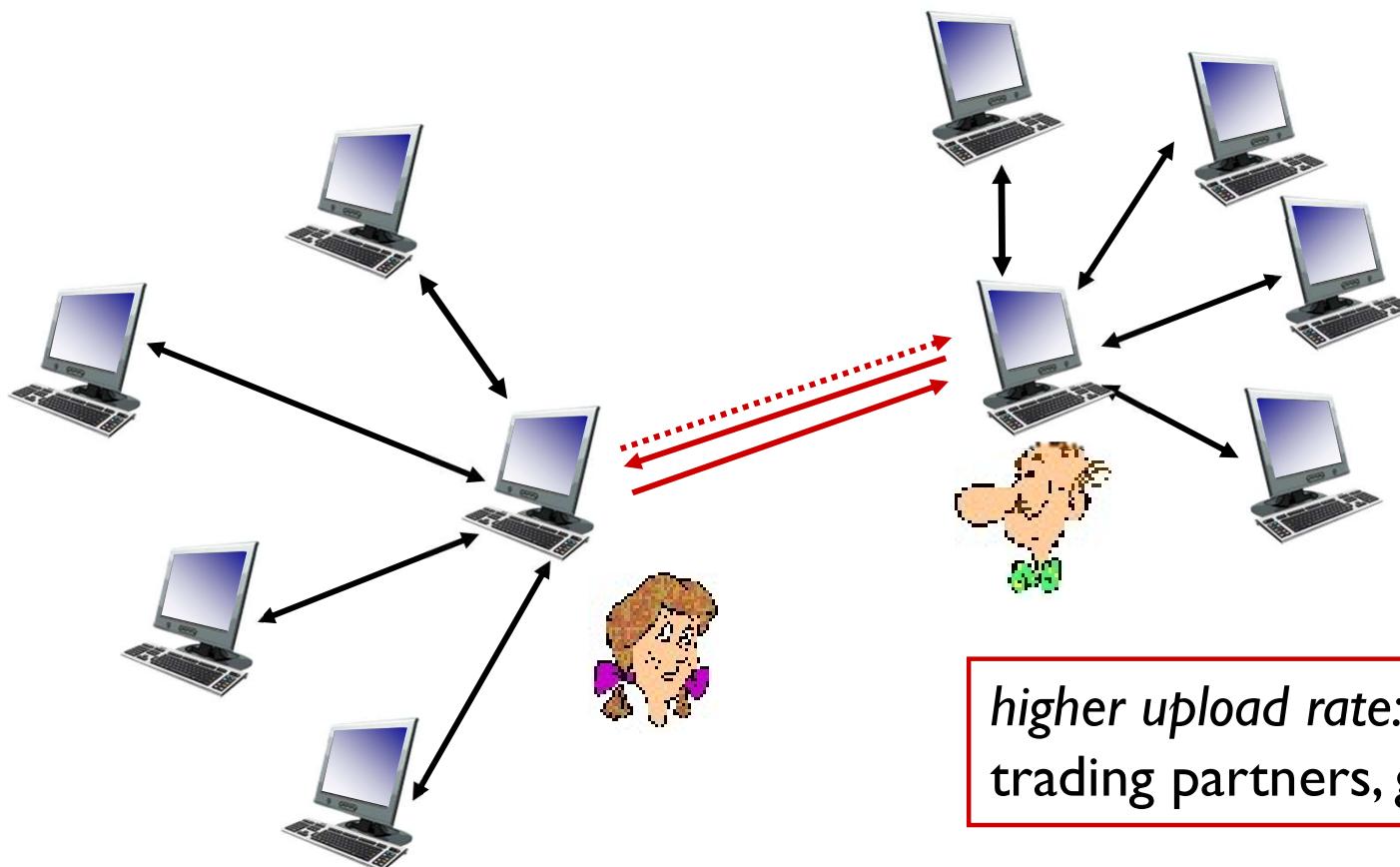
- at any given time, different peers have different subsets of file chunks
- periodically, Alice asks each peer for list of chunks that they have
- Alice requests missing chunks from peers, rarest first

## *sending chunks: tit-for-tat*

- Alice sends chunks to those four peers currently sending her chunks *at highest rate*
  - other peers are choked by Alice (do not receive chunks from her)
  - re-evaluate top 4 every 10 secs
- every 30 secs: randomly select another peer, starts sending chunks
  - “optimistically unchoke” this peer
  - newly chosen peer may join top 4

# BitTorrent: tit-for-tat

- (1) Alice “optimistically unchoke” Bob
- (2) Alice becomes one of Bob’s top-four providers; Bob reciprocates
- (3) Bob becomes one of Alice’s top-four providers



*higher upload rate: find better trading partners, get file faster !*

# Outline

server.py

```
from socket import *
serverPort = 12000
serverSocket = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM) # address family inet (ipv4), protocol TCP
serverSocket.bind(("", serverPort)) # Link object to a socket
serverSocket.listen(1) # how many clients you will listen to at a time
```

## 2.1 principles of network applications

while True:  
connectionSocket, address = serverSocket.accept() # return connection socket and client address  
print (address)

## 2.2 Web and HTTP

# recv for tcp, recvfrom for udp

```
message = connectionSocket.recv(2048).decode() # Receive 2048 bit of data, this returns 2 parameters  
modifiedMessage = message.upper()  
connectionSocket.send(modifiedMessage.encode())
```

## 2.3 electronic mail

connectionSocket.close()

## 2.4 DNS

client.py

```
from socket import *
serverName = '127.0.0.1'
serverPort = 12000
```

clientSocket = socket(AF\_INET, SOCK\_STREAM)
clientSocket.connect((serverName, serverPort)) # Knock on the door

message = input("Input a lowercase sentence: ")

# sendto() is for UDP, send() is TCP
clientSocket.send(message.encode()) # what are you sending

modifiedMessage = clientSocket.recv(2048)

print (modifiedMessage.decode())

clientSocket.close()

## 2.5 P2P applications

## 2.7 socket programming with UDP and TCP

server.py

```
from socket import *
serverPort = 12000
serverSocket = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_DGRAM) # address family inet (ipv4), socket protocol UDP
serverSocket.bind(("", serverPort)) # Link object to a socket
```

print ("The server is ready to receive")

while True:

```
message, clientAddress = serverSocket.recvfrom(2048) # Receive 2048 bit of data, this returns 2 parameters
modifiedMessage = message.decode().upper()
serverSocket.sendto(modifiedMessage.encode(), clientAddress)
```

client.py

from socket import \*

serverName = '127.0.0.1'
serverPort = 12000

clientSocket = socket(AF\_INET, SOCK\_DGRAM)

message = input("Input a lowercase sentence: ")

# sendto() is for UDP, send() is TCP

clientSocket.sendto(message.encode(), (serverName, serverPort)) # what are you sending, and where

modifiedMessage, serverAddress = clientSocket.recvfrom(2048)

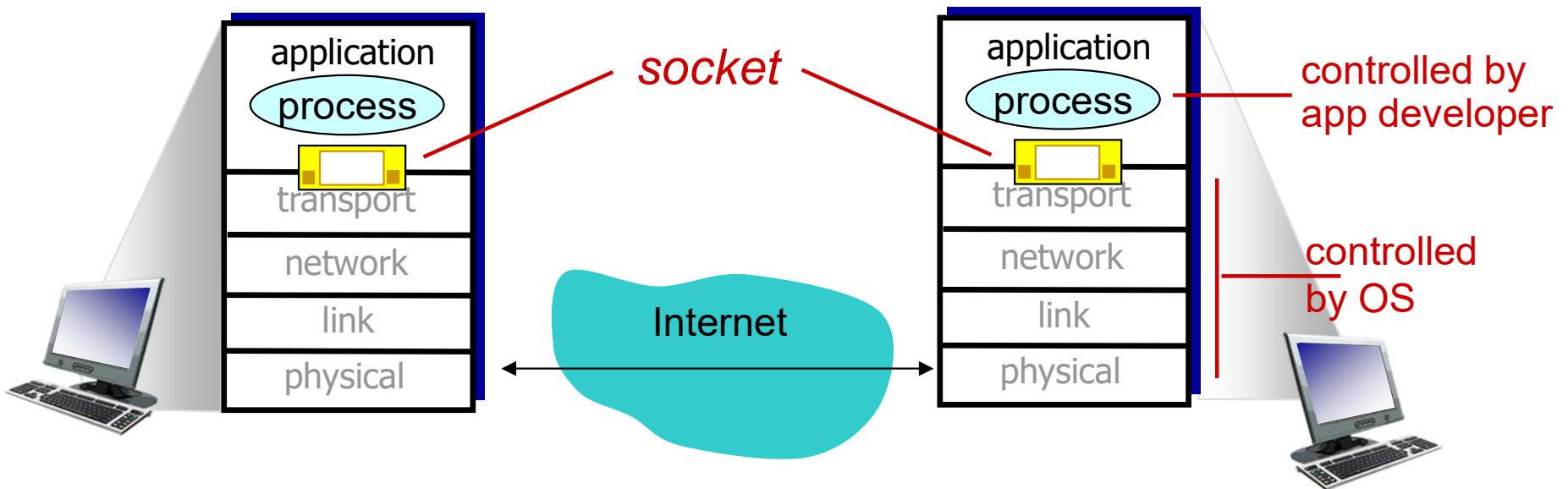
print (modifiedMessage.decode())

clientSocket.close()

# Socket programming

**goal:** learn how to build client/server applications that communicate using sockets

**socket:** door between application process and end-end-transport protocol



# Socket programming

*Two socket types for two transport services:*

- **UDP:** unreliable datagram
- **TCP:** reliable, byte stream-oriented

*Application Example:*

1. client reads a line of characters (data) from its keyboard and sends data to server
2. server receives the data and converts characters to uppercase
3. server sends modified data to client
4. client receives modified data and displays line on its screen

# Socket programming with UDP

## UDP: Connectionless communication

- no handshaking before sending data
- sender explicitly attaches IP destination address and port # to each packet
- receiver extracts sender IP address and port# from received packet

## UDP: transmitted data may be lost or received out-of-order

## Application viewpoint:

- UDP provides *unreliable* transfer of groups of bytes (“datagrams”) between client and server

# Client/server socket interaction: UDP

## server (running on serverIP)

create socket, port= x:

```
serverSocket =  
socket(AF_INET,SOCK_DGRAM)
```

read datagram from  
**serverSocket**

write reply to  
**serverSocket**  
specifying  
client address,  
port number

## client

create socket:

```
clientSocket =  
socket(AF_INET,SOCK_DGRAM)
```

Create datagram with **server IP** and  
port=x; send datagram via  
**clientSocket**

read datagram from  
**clientSocket**  
close  
**clientSocket**

# Example app: UDP client

## *Python UDPClient*

```
include Python's socket  
library → from socket import *  
  
create UDP socket for server → clientSocket = socket(AF_INET,  
get user keyboard input → message = raw_input('Input lowercase sentence:')  
Attach server name, port to message; send into socket → clientSocket.sendto(message.encode(),  
read reply characters from socket into string → modifiedMessage, serverAddress =  
print out received string and close socket → print modifiedMessage.decode()  
→ clientSocket.close()
```

# Example app: UDP server

## *Python UDPServer*

```
from socket import *
serverPort = 12000
create UDP socket → serverSocket = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_DGRAM)
bind socket to local port → number 12000 → serverSocket.bind(("", serverPort))
print ("The server is ready to receive")
loop forever → while True:
Read from UDP socket into → message, clientAddress = serverSocket.recvfrom(2048)
message, getting client's → modifiedMessage = message.decode().upper()
address (client IP and port) → send upper case string → serverSocket.sendto(modifiedMessage.encode(),
back to this client → clientAddress)
```

# Socket programming with TCP

## client must contact server

- server process must first be running
- server must have created socket (door) that welcomes client's contact

## client contacts server by:

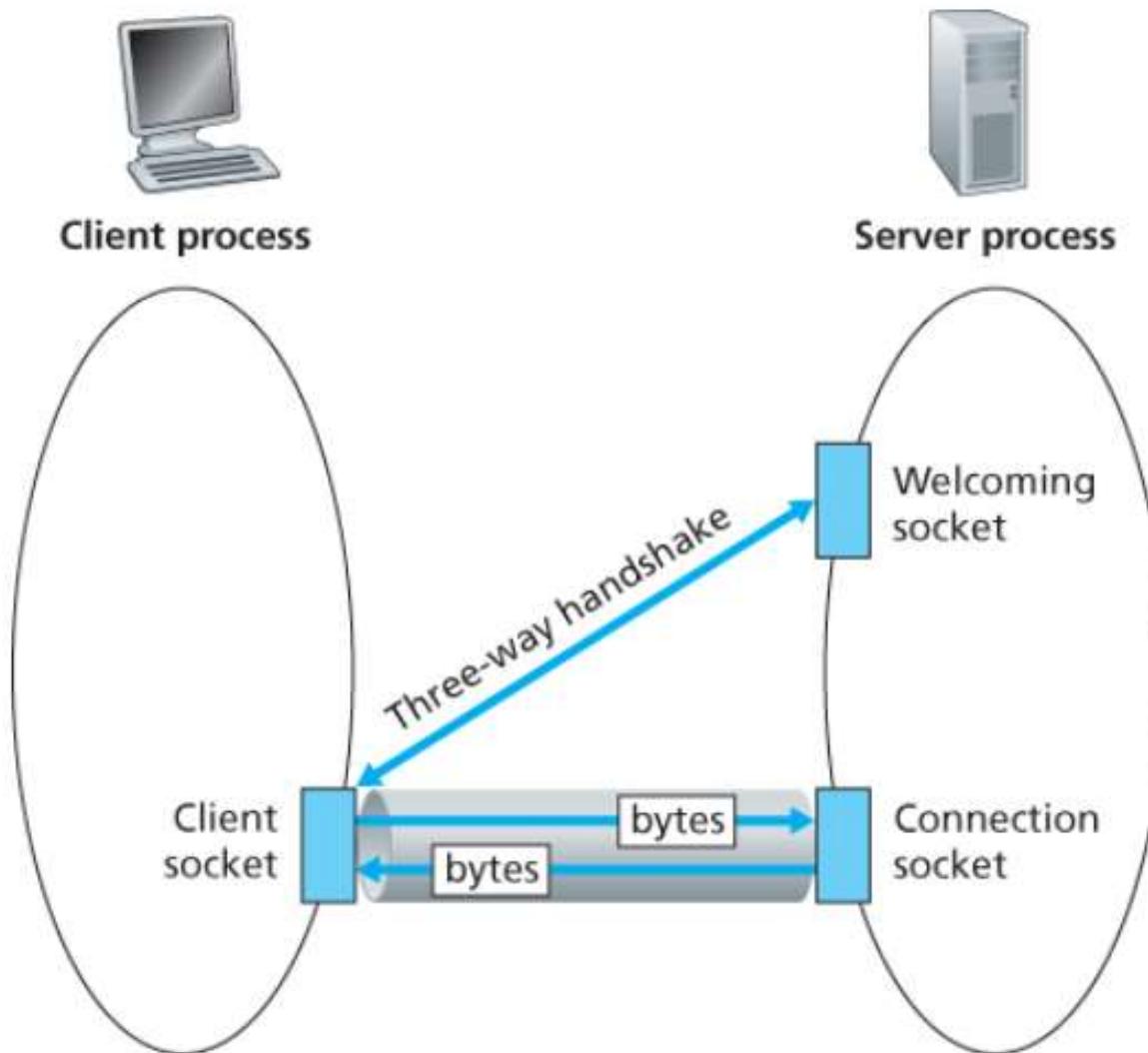
- Creating TCP socket, specifying IP address, port number of server process
- *when client creates socket:* client TCP establishes connection to server TCP

- when contacted by client, *server TCP creates new socket* for server process to communicate with that particular client
  - allows server to talk with multiple clients
  - source port numbers used to distinguish clients

## application viewpoint:

TCP provides reliable, in-order byte-stream transfer ("pipe") between client and server

# Socket programming with TCP



The `TCPServer` process has two sockets

# Client/server socket interaction: TCP

## server (running on `hostid`)

create socket,  
port=`x`, for incoming  
request:  
`serverSocket = socket()`

wait for incoming  
connection request  
`connectionSocket = serverSocket.accept()`

read request from  
`connectionSocket`

write reply to  
`connectionSocket`

close  
`connectionSocket`

## client

create socket,  
connect to `hostid`, port=`x`  
`clientSocket = socket()`

send request using  
`clientSocket`

read reply from  
`clientSocket`  
close  
`clientSocket`

TCP

connection setup

create socket,

connect to `hostid`, port=`x`  
`clientSocket = socket()`

send request using  
`clientSocket`

read reply from  
`clientSocket`  
close  
`clientSocket`

# Example app: TCP client

## *Python TCPClient*

```
from socket import *
serverName = 'servername'
serverPort = 12000
clientSocket = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM)
clientSocket.connect((serverName, serverPort))
sentence = raw_input('Input lowercase sentence:')
clientSocket.send(sentence.encode())
modifiedSentence = clientSocket.recv(1024)
print ('From Server:', modifiedSentence.decode())
clientSocket.close()
```

create TCP socket for  
server, remote port 12000

→clientSocket = socket(AF\_INET, **SOCK\_STREAM**)

No need to attach server  
name, port

→clientSocket.send(sentence.encode())

# Example app: TCP server

## *Python TCPServer*

```
from socket import *
serverPort = 12000
serverSocket = socket(AF_INET,SOCK_STREAM)
serverSocket.bind(("",serverPort))
serverSocket.listen(1)
print 'The server is ready to receive'
while True:
    connectionSocket, addr = serverSocket.accept()
    sentence = connectionSocket.recv(1024).decode()
    capitalizedSentence = sentence.upper()
    connectionSocket.send(capitalizedSentence.encode())
    connectionSocket.close()
```

create TCP welcoming  
socket → from socket import \*

server begins listening for  
incoming TCP requests → serverPort = 12000

loop forever → serverSocket = socket(AF\_INET,SOCK\_STREAM)

server waits on accept()  
for incoming requests, new  
socket created on return → serverSocket.bind(("",serverPort))

read bytes from socket (but  
not address as in UDP) → serverSocket.listen(1)

close connection to this  
client (but *not* welcoming  
socket) → print 'The server is ready to receive'

→ while True:

→ connectionSocket, addr = serverSocket.accept()

→ sentence = connectionSocket.recv(1024).decode()

→ capitalizedSentence = sentence.upper()

→ connectionSocket.send(capitalizedSentence.encode())

→ connectionSocket.close()

# Set 2: summary

*our study of network apps now complete!*

- application architectures
  - client-server
  - P2P
- application service requirements:
  - reliability, bandwidth, delay
- Internet transport service model
  - connection-oriented, reliable: TCP
  - unreliable, datagrams: UDP
- specific protocols:
  - HTTP
  - SMTP, POP, IMAP
  - DNS
  - P2P: BitTorrent
- socket programming:  
TCP, UDP sockets

# Set 2: summary

*most importantly: learned about protocols!*

- typical request/reply message exchange:
  - client requests info or service
  - server responds with data, status code
- message formats:
  - *headers*: fields giving info about data
  - *data*: info(payload) being communicated

*important themes:*

- control vs. messages
  - in-band, out-of-band
- centralized vs. decentralized
- stateless vs. stateful
- reliable vs. unreliable message transfer
- “complexity at network edge”