


# CS458/CS558: Introduction to Computer Security

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- This class
    - ❖ OSI security architecture
    - ❖ A model for network security
    - ❖ Introduction to Network and socket programming

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## OSI Security Architecture



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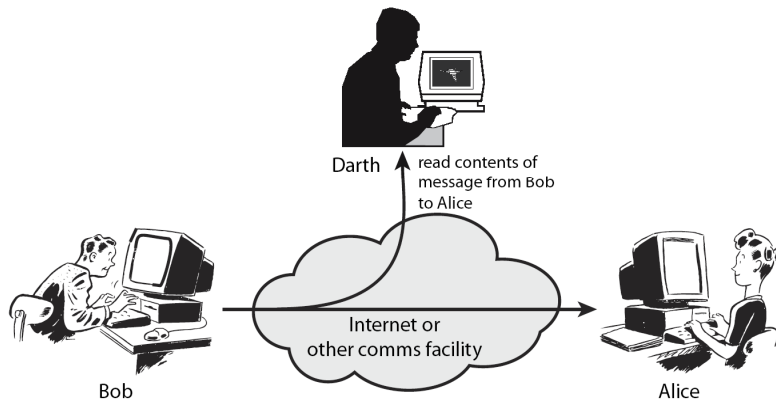
- **ITU-T X.800:** Security Architecture for OSI
  - ❖ **ITU-T:** International Telecommunication Union, Telecommunication standardization sector
  - ❖ **OSI:** Open Systems Interconnection - an effort to standardize networking
    - Started in 1982 by the International Organization for Standardization (**ISO**), along with the ITU-T
  - ❖ **Systematic way** of defining the requirements for security
- Consider 3 aspects of information security:
  - ❖ Security attacks
  - ❖ Security mechanisms
  - ❖ Security services

## Security Attacks

- Any action that **compromises** the security of information owned by an organization
- **Information security**: how to prevent attacks and to detect attacks on information-based systems
- Can focus of generic types of attacks
  - ❖ Passive
  - ❖ Active

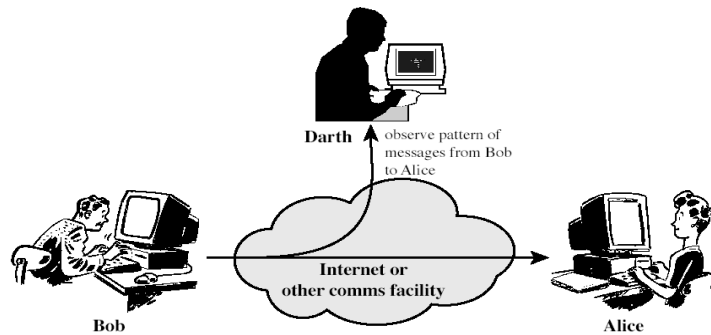
## Passive Attacks

- Attempts to learn or make use of the information from the system but does not affect system resources
  - ❖ 1) **The release of mesg. contents**: eavesdropping on or monitoring of transmissions.



## Passive Attacks

- 2) **Traffic analysis**: may not be able to extract the information (encryption), but might still be able to observe the pattern of these messages
  - ❖ Observe the **frequency** and **length** of messages being exchanged.
  - ❖ **Example**: timing attack on the SSH protocol used timing information to deduce information about passwords

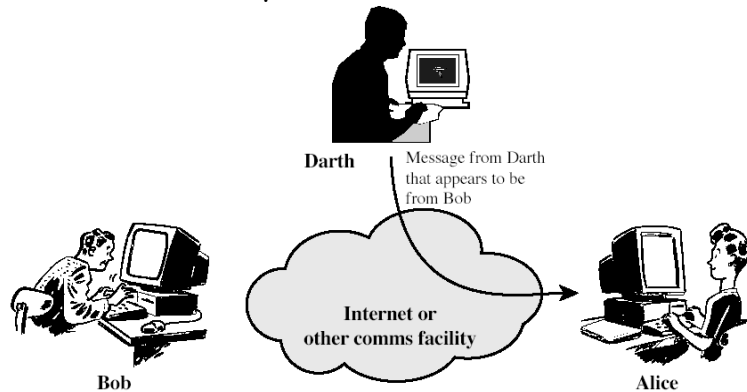


## Passive Attacks

- Very difficult to **detect** because they do not involve any alteration of the data
- It is feasible to **prevent** the success of these attacks.
- The emphasis in dealing with passive attacks is on **prevention** rather than **detection**.

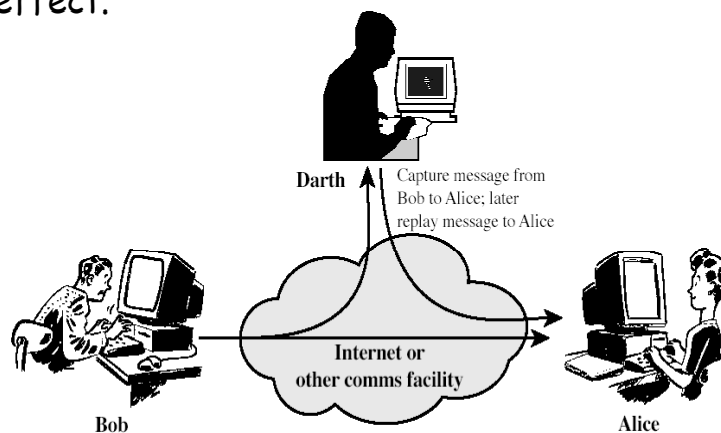
## Active Attacks: Masquerade

- Attempts to alter system resources or affect their operation.
- ❖ **Masquerade**: one entity pretends to be a different entity.



## Active Attacks: Replay

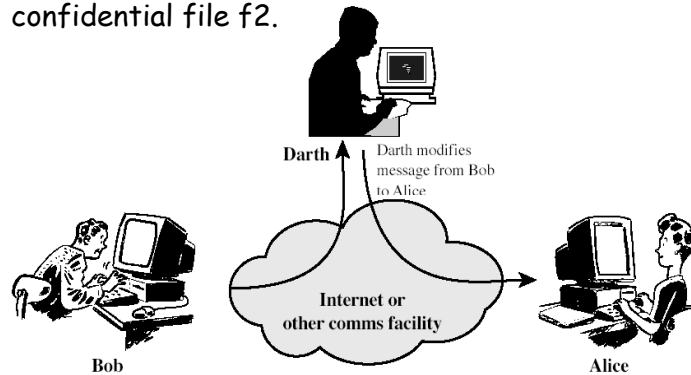
- **Replay**: capture the data unit and transmit to the receiver later to produce an unauthorized effect.



## Active Attacks: Modification of Mesg.

- **Modification of messages:** some portion of a legitimate message is altered, or messages are delayed or reordered

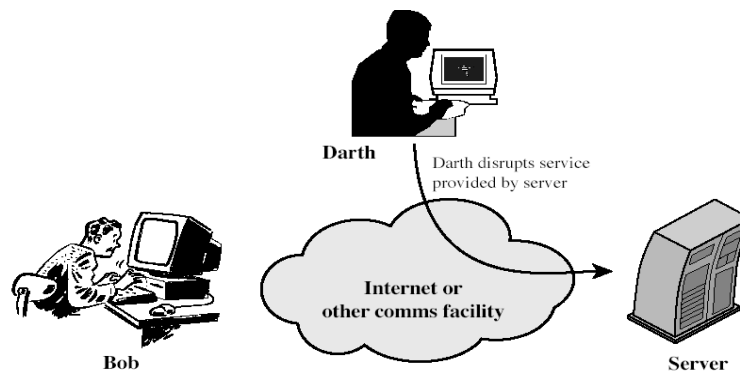
- ❖ E.g. Allow a to read confidential file f1 → allow b to read confidential file f2.



## Active Attacks: DOS

- **Denial of service:** prevents or inhibits the normal use or management of communications facilities

- ❖ E.g. An entity may suppress all messages directed to a particular destination
- ❖ E.g. disruption of an entire network by overloading it with messages so as to degrade performance





## Security Services

- Provided by a system to give a specific kind of protection to system resources.
- Intended to counter security attacks
- Using one or more security mechanisms
- X800 divides these services into 5 categories and 14 specific services.



## Security Services (X.800)

- **Authentication:** assurance that the communicating entity is the one claimed
- **Access control:** prevention of the unauthorized use of a resource
  - ❖ Controls who can have access to a resource.



## Security Services (X.800)

- **Data Confidentiality:** protection of data from unauthorized disclosure
  - ❖ Protection of transmitted data from passive attacks.
  - ❖ **Broader service:** protects all user data transmitted between two users over a period of time (e.g. TCP connection).
  - ❖ **Narrower service:** protection of a single message or specific fields within a message



## Security Services (X.800)

- **Data Integrity:** assurance that data received is as sent by an authorized entity
  - ❖ Integrity can apply to a stream of messages, a single message, or selected fields within a message.
  - ❖ Most useful: **total stream protection**
    - **Connection-oriented integrity service:** assures that messages are received as sent with no duplication, insertion, modification and denial of service





## Security Services (X.800)

- **Nonrepudiation:** protection against denial by one of the parties in a communication
  - ❖ Proof that the message was sent by the specified party
  - ❖ Proof that the message was received by the specified party



## Security Mechanism

- Feature designed to **detect**, **prevent**, or **recover** from a security attack
- No single mechanism that will support all services required
- However one particular element underlies many of the security mechanisms in use:
  - ❖ cryptographic techniques



## Security Mechanisms (X.800)

### Specific security mechanisms:

- ❖ **Encipherment:** the use of mathematical algorithms to transform data into a form that is not readily intelligible
- ❖ **Digital signatures:** data appended to a data unit that allows a recipient of the data unit to prove the source and integrity of the data unit and protect against forgery
- ❖ **Access control:** a variety of mechanism that enforce access rights to resources
- ❖ **Data integrity:** a variety of mechanisms used to assure the integrity of a data unit or stream of data units.



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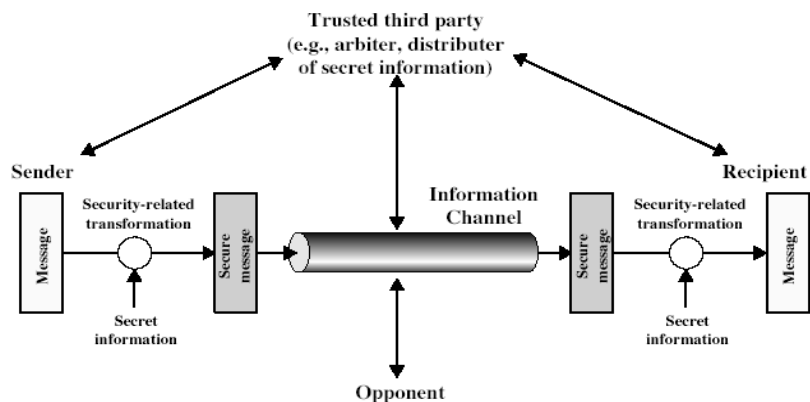
- ❖ **Authentication exchange:** a mechanism intended to ensure the identity of an entity by means of information exchange.
- ❖ **Traffic padding:** the insertion of bits into gaps in a data stream to frustrate traffic analysis
  - Make it difficult for an attacker to distinguish between true data flow and noise
  - Make it difficult to deduce the amount of traffic.

## Relationship Between Security Services and Mechanisms

Service	Mechanism							
	Encipherment	Digital signature	Access control	Data integrity	Authentication exchange	Traffic padding	Routing control	Notarization
Peer entity authentication	Y	Y			Y			
Data origin authentication	Y	Y						
Access control			Y					
Confidentiality	Y						Y	
Traffic flow confidentiality	Y					Y	Y	
Data integrity	Y	Y		Y				
Non-repudiation		Y		Y				Y
Availability				Y	Y			

## Model for Network Security

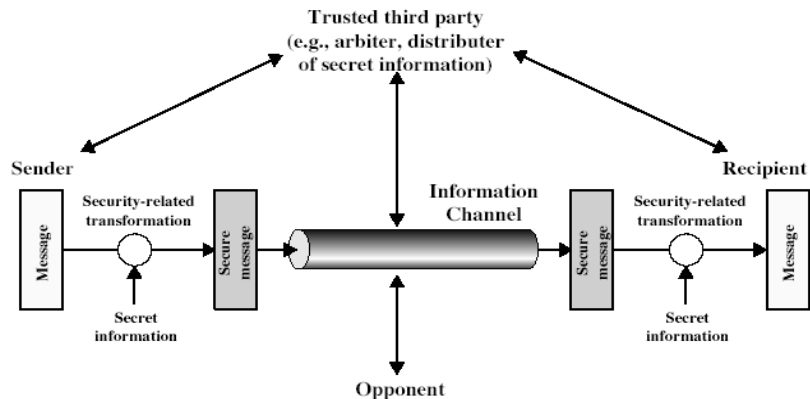
A logical information channel is established by defining a route through the internet from source to destination and by the use of communication protocols by the two principals.



## Model for Network Security

### Trusted third party

- ❖ Responsible for distributing the secret information to the two principals.
- ❖ arbitrate disputes between the two principals concerning the authenticity of a message transmission.

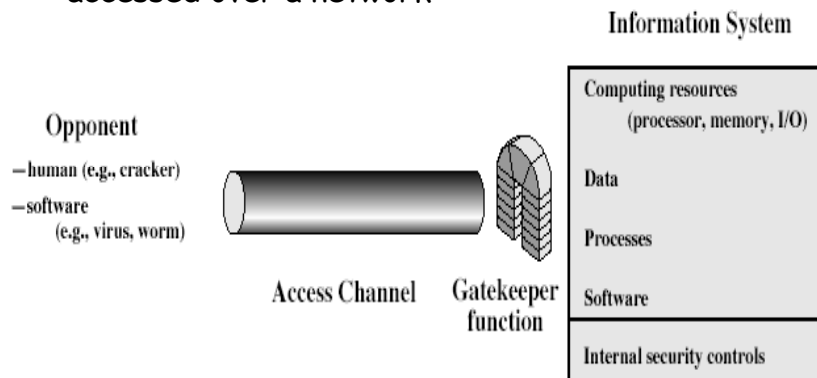


## Model for Network Security

- Using this model requires us to:
  1. Design a **suitable algorithm** for the security transformation
  2. Generate the **secret information (keys)** used by the algorithm
  3. Develop methods to **distribute** and **share** the secret information

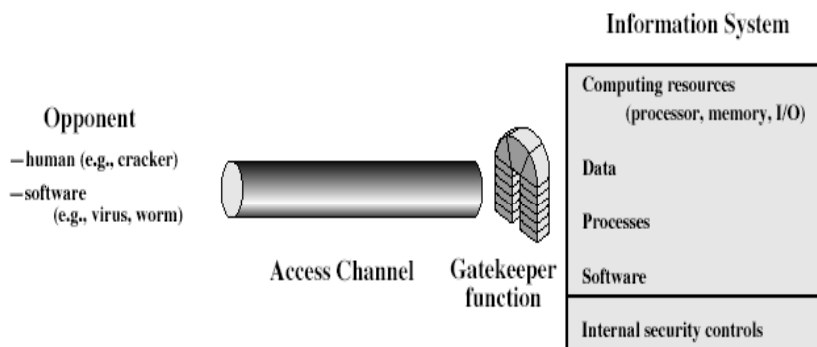
## Model for Network Access Security

- Concerned with controlled access to information or resources on a computer system, in the presence of possible opponents.
- Hackers:** attempt to penetrate systems that can be accessed over a network



## Model for Network Access Security

**Virus and worms:** software attacks. Such attacks can be introduced into a system by means of a disk or be inserted into a system across a network.





## Model for Network Access Security

Security mechanisms needed to cope with unwanted access.

- ❖ **Gatekeeper function:**

- Password-based login procedures designed to deny access to all but authorized users
- Screening logic designed to detect and reject worms, viruses, and other similar attacks.

- ❖ **Internal controls**

- Monitor activity and analyse stored information in an attempt to detect the presence of unwanted intruder.

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## Introduction to Network

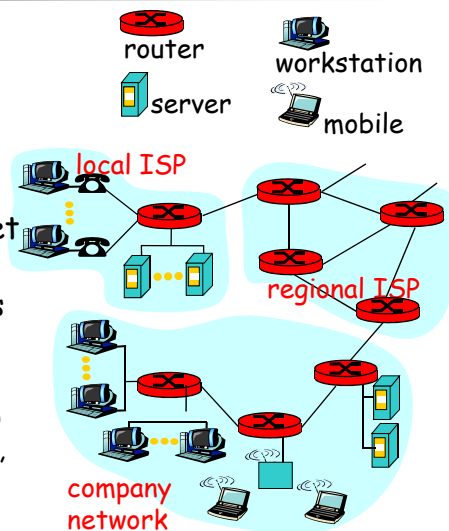
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## What's the Internet

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- A network that interconnects millions of computing devices (end systems) throughout the world.
- End systems access internet through **Internet Service Providers (ISPs)**, companies that provide access to the Internet.
  - ❖ AT&T, Sprint, 56kbps dial-up, DSL, etc.



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## What's a protocol?...

- All communication activity in Internet governed by protocols
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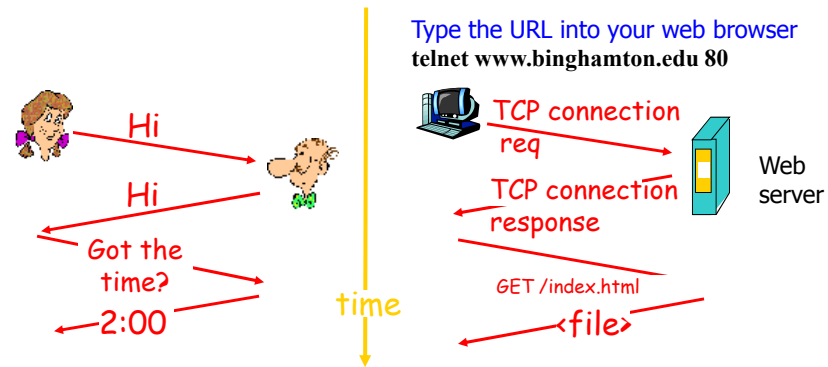
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- ❖ E.g. Transmission Control Protocol (**TCP**), Hypertext Transfer Protocol (**HTTP**), File Transfer Protocol (**FTP**)

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## What's a protocol?

A human protocol and a computer network protocol:



A network protocol is similar to a human protocol except that the entities sending and receiving mesgs are hardware/software components of some device.

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## Protocol Layers

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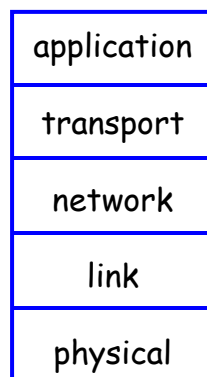
## Protocol Layers

- Dealing with complex systems:
  - ❖ Provide a structural way to discuss system components.
  - ❖ Modularization eases maintenance, updating of system
    - Change of implementation of layer's service transparent to rest of system

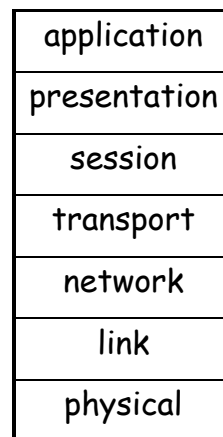
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## Protocol Layers (Cont.)

- TCP/IP model: 5 layers



- OSI reference model: 7 layers

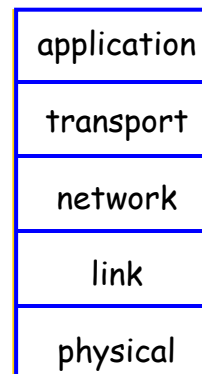


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## Internet protocol stack (TCP/IP Model)

### Application

- ❖ Provides a means for the user to access information on the network through an application.
- ❖ Supports network applications and application-layer protocols such as **FTP**, **HTTP**, **SMTP**.
- ❖ Data sent over the network is passed into the application layer where it is encapsulated into the application layer protocol. The data is passed down into the transport layer.

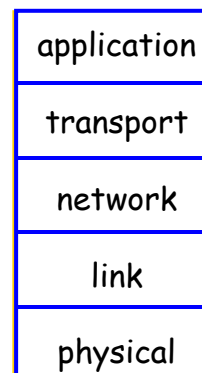


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### Transport

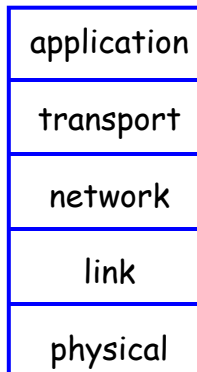
- ❖ Provides transparent transfer of data between end users
- ❖ Controls the reliability of a given link through flow control, segmentation/desegmentation, and error control
- ❖ Converts messages into **TCP** segments or User Datagram Protocol (**UDP**), etc.
  - TCP: a reliable connection-oriented protocol
  - UDP: an unreliable, connectionless protocol, application: e.g. streaming media (audio, video, voice over IP etc).



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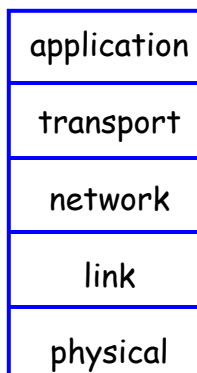
- **Network:** routes datagrams from source to destination
  - ❖ Routers operate at this layer
  - ❖ IP, routing protocols
- **Link:** provides the functional and procedural means to transfer data between network entities
  - ❖ Bridges and link-layer switches operate.



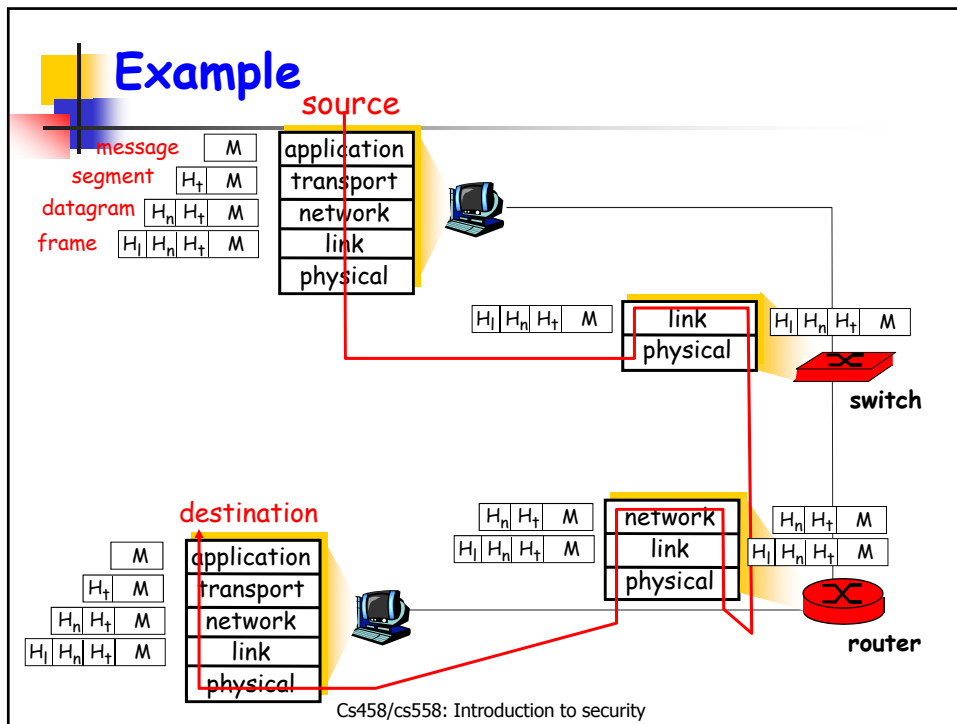
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## Internet protocol stack (TCP/IP Model)

- **Physical:** encodes and transmits raw data over network communications media (e.g. optical fiber).
  - ❖ Make sure that when one side sends a 1 bit, it is received by the other side as 1 bit.



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## Reference

- TCP/IP model:  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/TCP/IP\\_model](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/TCP/IP_model)

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# Socket Programming

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## Client-Server Model

- Most network applications use the **client-server model**.

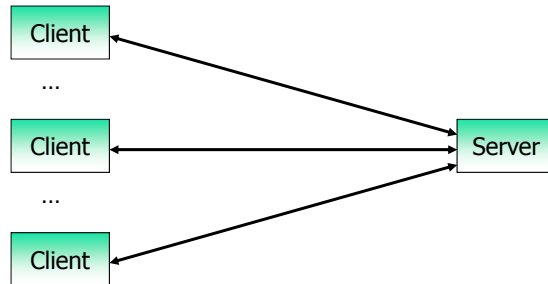


- ❖ **Client**: requests, receives service from an always-on **server**
  - Needs to know of the existence of and the address of the **server**.
- ❖ **Server** does not need to know the address of the **client** prior to the connection being established.
- ❖ Once a connection is established, both sides can send and receive information.
- ❖ A good analogy is a person who makes a phone call to another person.
- ❖ e.g. **Web browser/server**; **email client/server**

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## Client-Server Model

- Most network applications use the **client-server model**.



- ❖ Clients usually communicate with one server at a time
- ❖ It is not unusual for a server to be communicating with multiple clients

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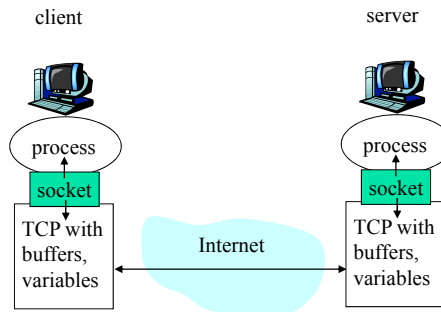
## Socket

- The system calls for establishing a connection are different for the client and the server
- But both involve the basic construct of a **socket**.

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## Sockets

- Process sends/receives messages to/from its **socket**
- Socket analogous to door
  - ❖ Sending process shoves message out door
  - ❖ Transport infrastructure brings message to the door at receiving process



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## Addressing Processes

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- For a process to receive messages, it must have an **identifier**.
- Identifier includes both the **IP address** and **port number** associated with the process on the host.
  - ❖ A host has an **IP address**
  - ❖ Does the IP address of the host on which the process runs suffice for identifying the process?
    - **Answer:** no, many processes can be running on same host
  - ❖ **Port:** A 16-bit number to identify the application process that is a network endpoint.

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## IP Address (IPv4)

- An identifier for each machine connected to an IP network.
  - ❖ 32 bit binary number
  - ❖ Represented as **dotted decimal** notation:
    - 4 decimal values, each representing 8 bits (octet), in the range 0 to 255.
- Example:
  - ❖ **Dotted Decimal:** 140.179.220.200
  - ❖ **Binary:** 10001100.10110011.11011100.11001000

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- A 16-bit number to identify the application process that is a network endpoint.
- **Reserved ports** or **well-known ports** (0 to 1023)
- Standard TCP ports for well-known applications:  
Telnet (23), ftp(21), http (80).
- **Ephemeral ports (1024-65535)** : for ordinary user-developed programs.