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#### **26-2 ELECTRONIC MAIL**

One of the most popular Internet services is electronic mail (e-mail). Its architecture consists of three main components – user agent, message transfer agent and message access agent.

#### Topics discussed in this section:

**Architecture** 

**User Agent** 

**Message Transfer Agent: SMTP** 

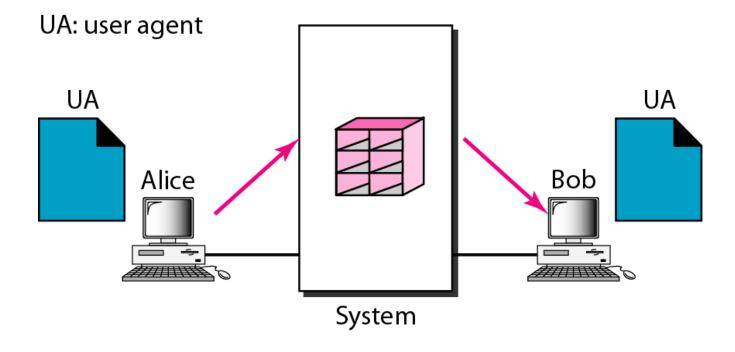
**Message Access Agent: POP and IMAP** 

**Web-Based Mail** 

#### **User Agent:-**

- 1. The first component of an electronic mail system.
- 2. It provides service to the user to make the process of sending and receiving a message easier.

#### Figure 26.6 Architecture-First scenario in electronic mail

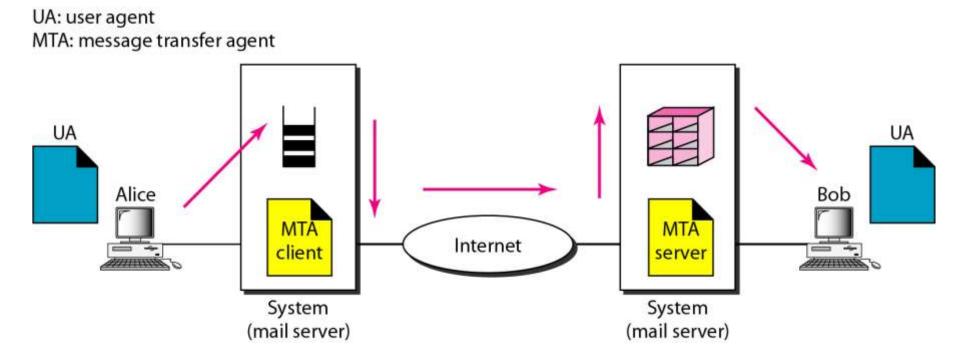


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#### Note

When the sender and the receiver of an e-mail are on the same system, we need only two user agents.

#### Figure 26.7 Second scenario in electronic mail

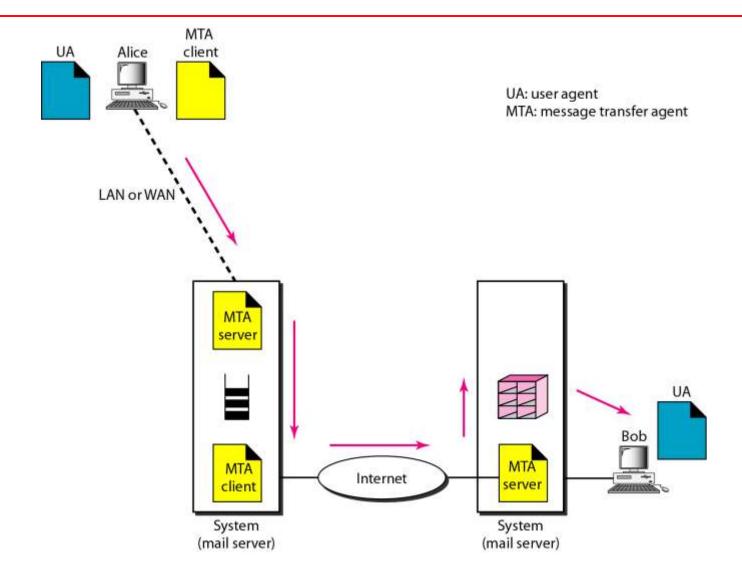


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Note

When the sender and the receiver of an e-mail are on different systems, we need two UAs and a pair of MTAs (client and server).

#### Figure 26.8 Third scenario in electronic mail

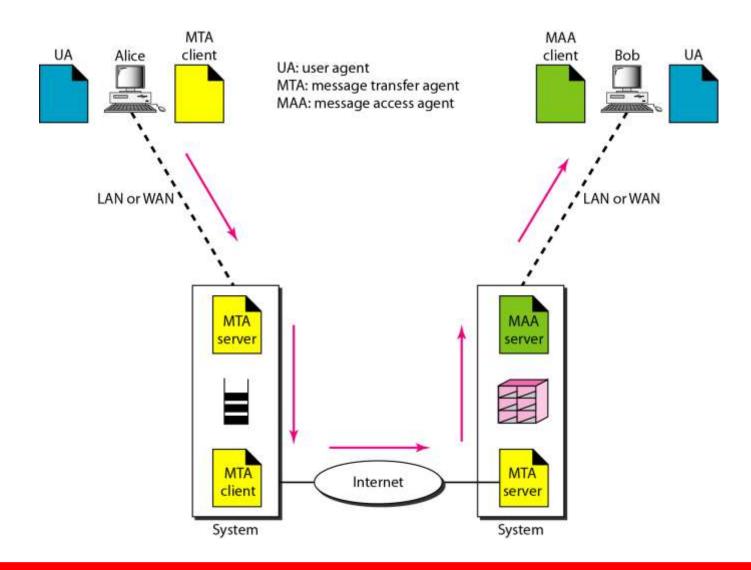


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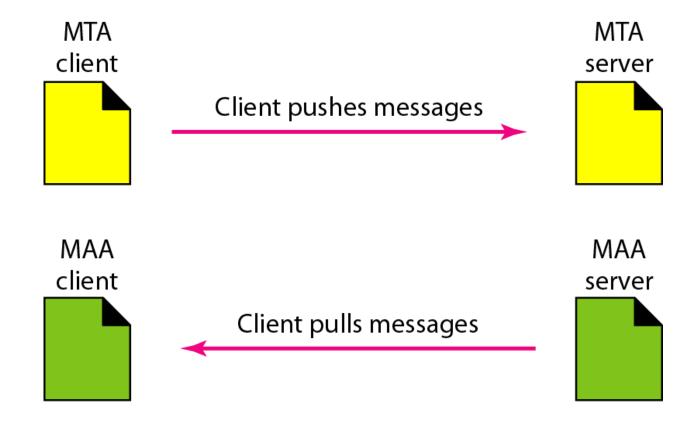
#### Note

When the sender is connected to the mail server via a LAN or a WAN, we need two UAs and two pairs of MTAs (client and server).

#### Figure 26.9 Fourth scenario in electronic mail



#### Figure 26.10 Push versus pull in electronic email



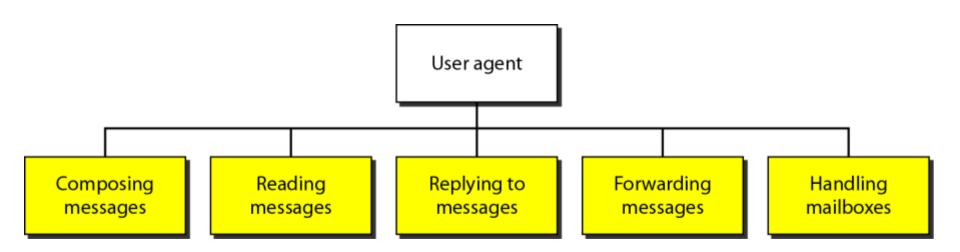
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#### Note

When both sender and receiver are connected to the mail server via a LAN or a WAN, we need two UAs, two pairs of MTAs and a pair of MAAs.

This is the most common situation today.

#### Figure 26.11 Services of user agent



#### **User Agent Types:-**

1. Command- Driven: Accepts a one-character command from the keyboard.

r- to reply to the sender

R- to reply to sender and all recipients.

#### 2. GUI – Based:

They contain GUI components that allow the user to interact with the software by using keyboard and mouse.

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#### Note

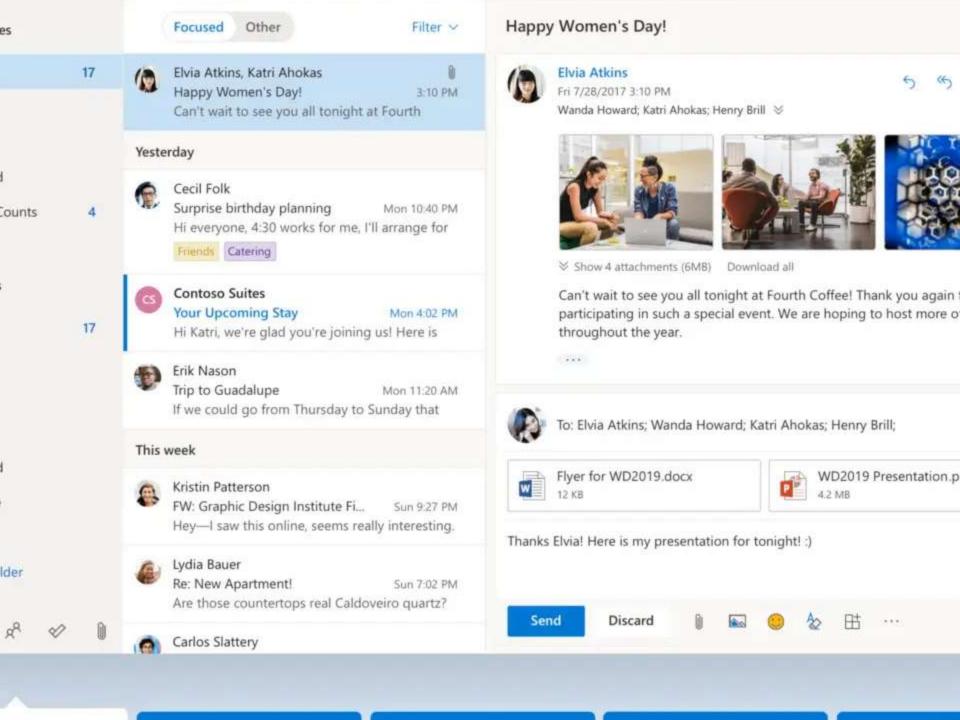
# Some examples of command-driven user agents are *mail*, *pine*, and *elm*.

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?	HCLP	-	Get help using Pine
C	COMPOSE MESSAGE	-	Compose and send/post a nessage
Т	HESSAGE THOEX	-	View messages in comment folder
	FOLDER LIST	-	Select a Colden OR news group to view
A	ADDRESS DOOK	-	Hpdate address book
S	SETUP	-	Configure Pine Options
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# Some examples of GUI-based user agents are *Eudora*, *Outlook*, and *Netscape*.



#### Figure 26.12 Format of an e-mail

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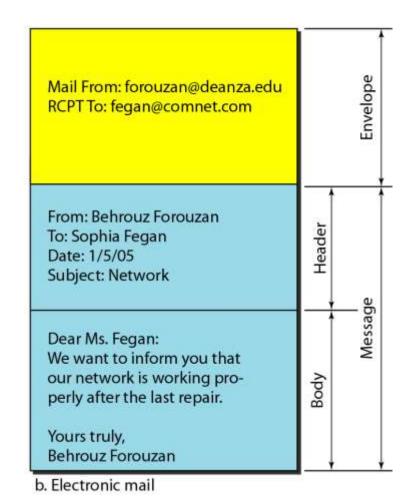
Sophia Fegan Com-Net Cupertino, CA 95014 Jan. 5, 2005

Subject: Network

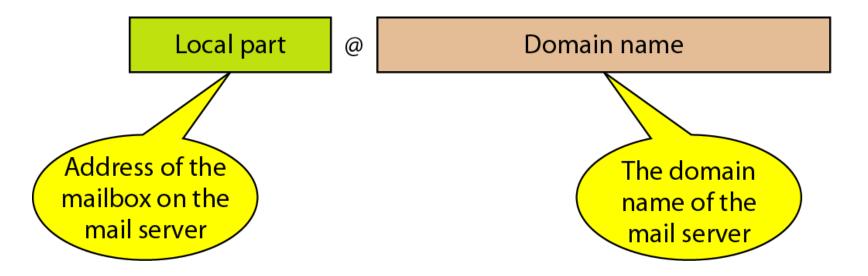
Dear Ms. Fegan: We want to inform you that our network is working properly after the last repair.

Yours truly, Behrouz Forouzan

a. Postal mail



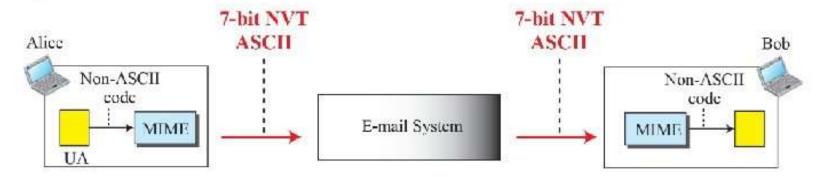
#### Figure 26.13 E-mail address



#### MIME- Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions

- 1. It is a supplementary protocol that allows non-ASCII data to be sent through email.
- 2. Transforms NON ASCII data to ASCII and delivers to client MTA to be sent through Internet.

#### Figure 26.18: MIME



Electronic mail can send messages only in NVT 7-bit ASCII format. It cannot be used for languages other than English or to send binary files or video or audio data.

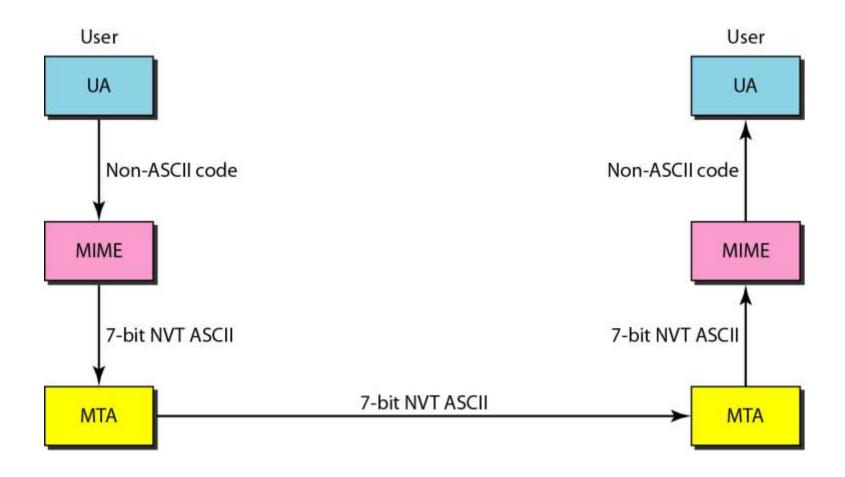
Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions (MIME) is a supplementary protocol that transforms non-ASCII data at the sender site to NVT ASCII data and delivers it to the client MTA to be sent through the Internet. The message at the receiving site is transformed back to the original data.



### 7-Bit ASCII Code Table

Rightmost			Leftmost Three Bits					
Four Bits	000	001	010	011	100	101	110	111
0000	NUL	DLE	Spac	e 0	@	P	•	р
0001	SOH	DC1	!	1	Α	Q	а	q
0010	STX	DC2	11	2	В	R	b	r
0011	ETX	DC3	#	3	C	S	C	s
0100	EOT	DC4	\$	4	D	T	d	t
0101	ENQ	NAK	%	5	E	U	е	u
0110	ACK	SYN	&	6	F	V	f	V
0111	BEL	ETB	3	7	G	W	g	W
1000	BS	CAN	(	8	Н	X	h	X
1001	HT	EM	)	9	1	Y	i	У
1010	LF	SUB	*	:	J	Z	j	z
1011	VT	ESC	+	;	K	]	k	{
1100	FF	FS	,	<	L	1	1	1
1101	CR	GS	= 1	=	M	]	m	}
1110	SO	RS	27	>	Ν	٨	n	~
1111	SI	US	1	?	0	_	0	DEL

#### Figure 26.14 MIME



#### Figure 26.15 MIME header

#### E-mail header

MIME-Version: 1.1

Content-Type: type/subtype

Content-Transfer-Encoding: encoding type

Content-Id: message id

Content-Description: textual explanation of nontextual contents

E-mail body

MIME headers

#### Table 26.5 Content Types - Data types and subtypes in MIME

Туре	Subtype	Description		
Text	Plain	Unformatted		
Text	HTML	HTML format (see Chapter 27)		
Multipart	Mixed	Body contains ordered parts of different data types		
	Parallel	Same as above, but no order		
	Digest	Similar to mixed subtypes, but the default is messag RFC822		
Alternative		Parts are different versions of the same message		
Message	RFC822	Body is an encapsulated message		
	Partial	Body is a fragment of a bigger message		
	External-Body	Body is a reference to another message		
Image	JPEG	Image is in JPEG format		
	GIF	Image is in GIF format		
Video	MPEG	Video is in MPEG format		
Audio	Basic	Single-channel encoding of voice at 8 kHz		
Application	PostScript	Adobe PostScript		
	Octet-stream	General binary data (8-bit bytes)		

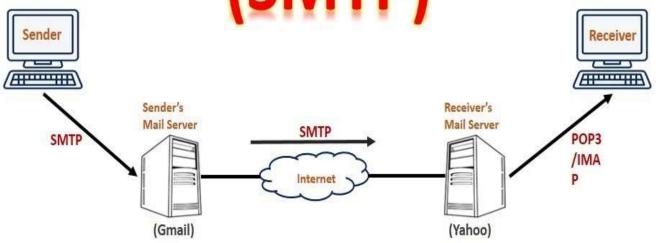
### Table 26.6 Content-transfer-encoding- Method used to encode the messages into 0s and 1s for transport

Туре	Description		
7-bit	NVT ASCII characters and short lines		
8-bit	Non-ASCII characters and short lines		
Binary	Non-ASCII characters with unlimited-length lines		
Base-64	6-bit blocks of data encoded into 8-bit ASCII characters		
Quoted-printable	Non-ASCII characters encoded as an equals sign followed by an ASCII code		

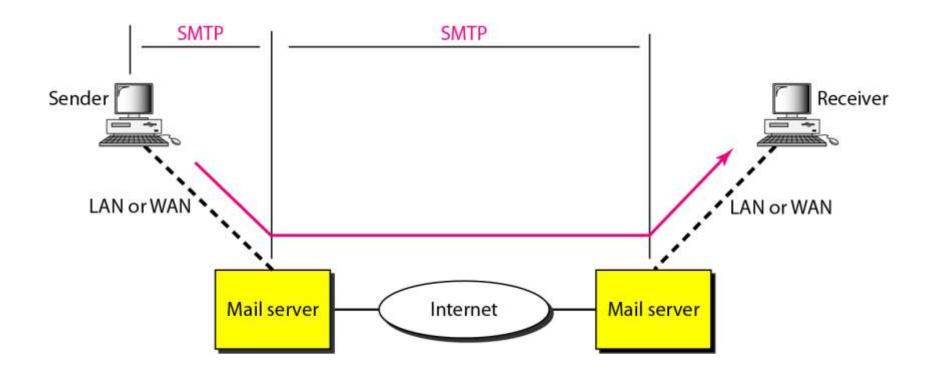
#### PHP: quoted\_printable\_decode() function Code: <?php \$input string = "Good=0AMorning."; echo quoted printable decode (\$input string); ?> Output: Good Morning. Explanation: \$input\_string = "Good= OAMorning."; Good Morning. C w3resource



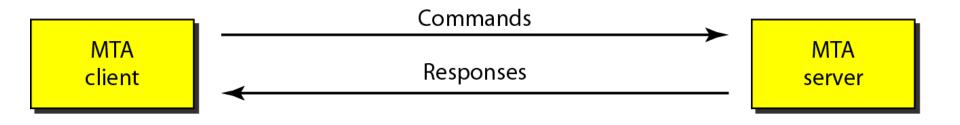
# Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP)



### Figure 26.16 SMTP – Formal protocol that defines MTA Client and MTA Server



### Figure 26.17 Commands and responses – to transfer messages between MTA client and MTA Server



### Figure 26.18 Command format-Commands are sent from Client to Server

Keyword: argument(s)

#### Table 26.7 SMTP Commands – 14

Keyword	Argument(s)
HELO	Sender's host name
MAIL FROM	Sender of the message
RCPT TO	Intended recipient of the message
DATA	Body of the mail
QUIT	
RSET	
VRFY	Name of recipient to be verified
NOOP	
TURN	
EXPN	Mailing list to be expanded
HELP	Command name
SEND FROM	Intended recipient of the message
SMOL FROM	Intended recipient of the message
SMAL FROM	Intended recipient of the message

#### Status Switch

#### **SEND FROM**

This command specifies that the mail is to be delivered to the recipient's terminal and no to the mailbox. If the recipient is offline, then the mail is bounced.

SEND FROM: <a href="mailto:sender@gmail.com">sender@gmail.com</a>

#### **SMOL FROM**

This command specifies that the mail is to be delivered to the terminal or the recipient's mailbox. If the recipient is online, then the mail is sent directly to the terminal. If the recipient is offline, the mail is sent to the mailbox.

SMOL FROM: sender@gmail.com

#### **SMAL FROM**

This command specifies that the mail is to be delivered to the terminal and the recipient's mailbox. If the recipient is offline, the mail is sent to the terminal and the mailbox. If a recipient is online, the mail is directly sent to the mailbox.

SMAL FROM: sender@gmail.com

#### Table 26.8 Responses

Code	Description				
	Positive Completion Reply				
211	System status or help reply				
214	Help message				
220	Service ready				
221	Service closing transmission channel				
250	Request command completed				
251	User not local; the message will be forwarded				
	Positive Intermediate Reply				
354	354 Start mail input				
	Transient Negative Completion Reply				
421	1 Service not available				
450	Mailbox not available				
451	1 Command aborted: local error				
452	Command aborted: insufficient storage				

#### Table 26.8 Responses (continued)

Code	Description			
Permanent Negative Completion Reply				
500	Syntax error; unrecognized command			
501	Syntax error in parameters or arguments			
502	Command not implemented			
503	Bad sequence of commands			
504	Command temporarily not implemented			
550	Command is not executed; mailbox unavailable			
551	User not local			
552	Requested action aborted; exceeded storage location			
553	Requested action not taken; mailbox name not allowed			
554	Transaction failed			

## Example 26.3

Let us see how we can directly use SMTP to send an e-mail and simulate the commands and responses we described in this section. We use TELNET to log into port 25 (the well-known port for SMTP). We then use the commands directly to send an e-mail. In this example, forouzanb@adelphia.net is sending an e-mail to himself. The first few lines show TELNET trying to connect to the Adelphia mail server. After connection, we can type the SMTP commands and then receive the responses, as shown on the next slide. Note that we have added, for clarification, some comment lines, designated by the "=" signs. These lines are not part of the e-mail procedure.

#### Example 26.3 (continued)

```
$ telnet mail.adelphia.net 25
Trying 68.168.78.100...
Connected to mail.adelphia.net (68.168.78.100).
```

```
220 mta13.adelphia.net SMTP server ready Fri, 6 Aug 2004 . . .

HELO mail.adelphia.net
250 mta13.adelphia.net
```

#### Example 26.3 (continued)

```
Mail Transfer
MAIL FROM: forouzanb@adelphia.net
 250 Sender <forouzanb@adelphia.net> Ok
RCPT TO: forouzanb@adelphia.net
 250 Recipient <forouzanb@adelphia.net> Ok
DATA
 354 Ok Send data ending with <CRLF>.<CRLF>
From: Forouzan
TO: Forouzan
This is a test message
to show SMTP in action.
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#### Example 26.3 (continued)

250 Message received: adelphia.net@mail.adelphia.net
QUIT
221 mta13.adelphia.net SMTP server closing connection
Connection closed by foreign host.

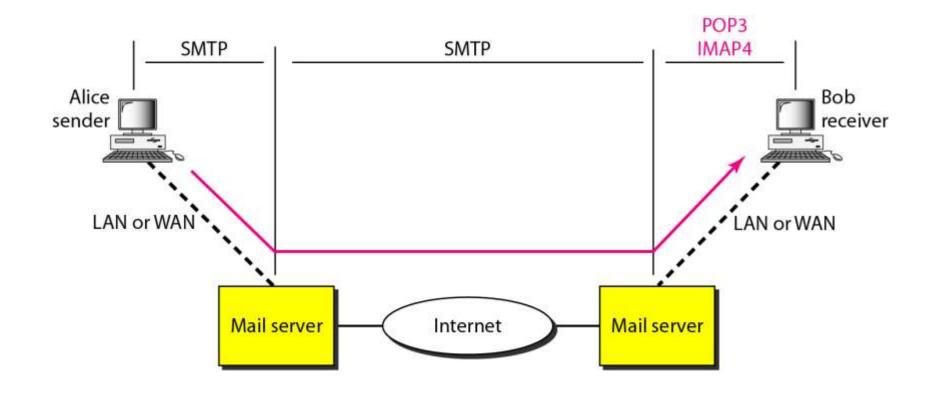
#### POP3 (Post Office Protocol)- PULL PROTOCOL

- Emails are stored on a single device.
- Sent messages are stored on a single device.
- Emails can only be accessed from a single device.
- 2 modes- DELETE and KEEP
- If you want to keep messages on the server, make sure the setting "Keep email on server" is enabled or all messages are deleted from the server once downloaded to the app or software

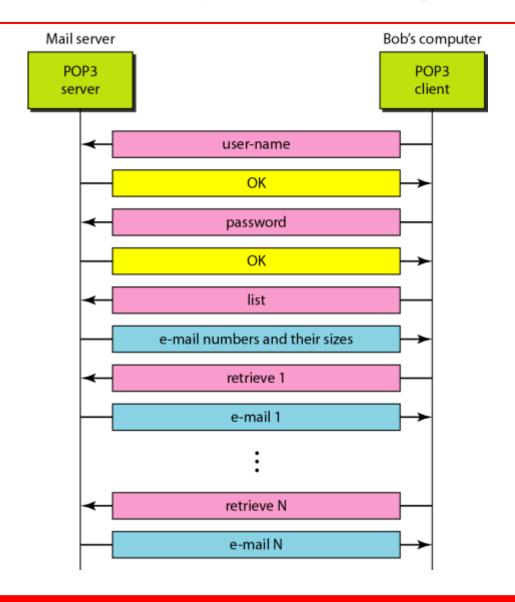
#### **IMAP 4(Internet Messaging Access Protocol Version 4)**

- Emails are stored on the server.
- Sent messages are stored on the server.
- Messages can be synced and accessed across multiple devices.

#### Figure 26.19 POP3 and IMAP4



#### Figure 26.20 The exchange of commands and responses in POP3



#### IMAP

- Internet message access protocol
- Ideal server when user want to access through multiple devices
- Changes on one device will be implemented on other connected devices too
- Assigned port number 143 & Secure
   Socket Layer 993
- Allows modification in the email account

#### POP 3

- Post Office Protocol Version 3
- Ideal server when the user wants to have access only using one device
- Changes will not be shown on other devices.
- Assigned Port Number 110 & Secure
   Socket Layer- 995
- Do not allow modifications in the email account.

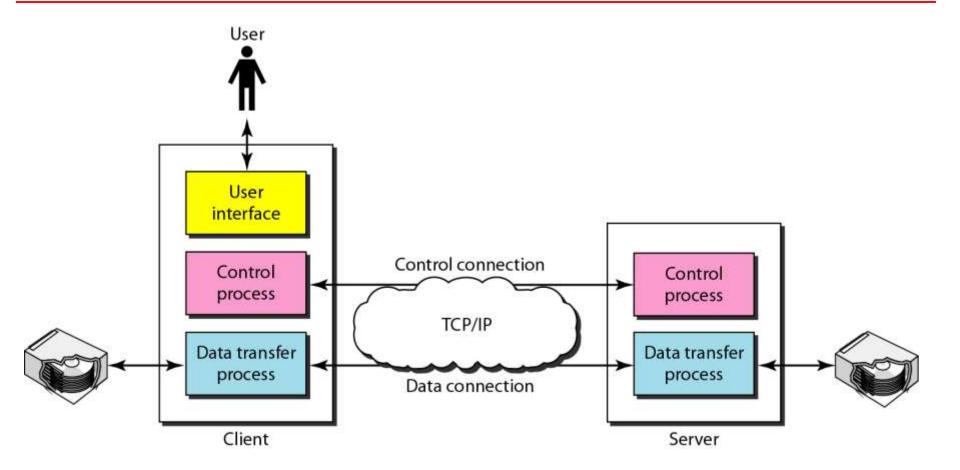
#### **26-3 FILE TRANSFER**

Transferring files from one computer to another is one of the most common tasks expected from a networking or internetworking environment. As a matter of fact, the greatest volume of data exchange in the Internet today is due to file transfer.

Topics discussed in this section:

File Transfer Protocol (FTP) Anonymous FTP

#### **Figure 26.21** *FTP*

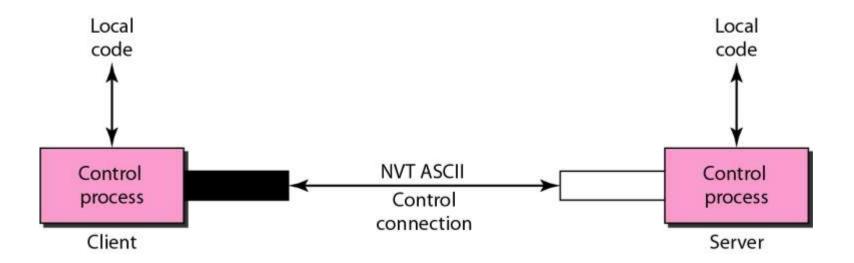




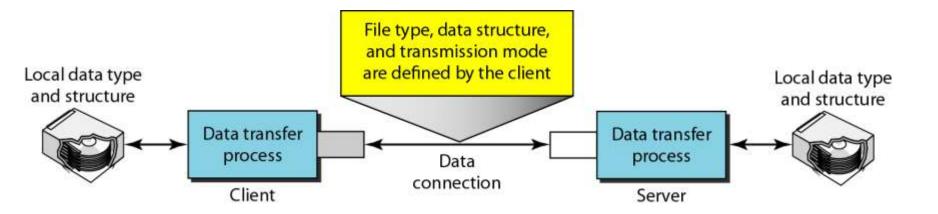
FTP uses the services of TCP. It needs two TCP connections.

The well-known port 21 is used for the control connection and the well-known port 20 for the data connection.

#### Figure 26.22 Using the control connection



#### Figure 26.23 Using the data connection



## Example 26.4

The following shows an actual FTP session for retrieving a list of items in a directory. The colored lines show the responses from the server control connection; the black lines show the commands sent by the client. The lines in white with a black background show data transfer.

- 1. After the control connection is created, the FTP server sends the 220 response.
- 2. The client sends its name.
- 3. The server responds with 331.

## Example 26.4 (continued)

- 4. The client sends the password (not shown).
- 5. The server responds with 230 (user log-in is OK).
- 6. The client sends the list command (ls reports) to find the list of files on the directory named report.
- 7. Now the server responds with 150 and opens the data connection.
- 8. The server then sends the list of the files or directories on the data connection.
- 9. The client sends a QUIT command.
- 10. The server responds with 221.

#### Example 26.4 (continued)

\$ ftp voyager.deanza.fhda.edu

Connected to voyager.deanza.fhda.edu.

220 (vsFTPd 1.2.1)

530 Please login with USER and PASS.

Name (voyager.deanza.fhda.edu:forouzan): forouzan

331 Please specify the password.

Password:

230 Login successful.

Remote system type is UNIX.

Using binary mode to transfer files.

ftp> ls reports

**227 Entering Passive Mode (153,18,17,11,238,169)** 

150 Here comes the directory listing.

drwxr-xr-x	2 3027	411	4096 Sep 24 2002 business
drwxr-xr-x	2 3027	411	4096 Sep 24 2002 personal
drwxr-xr-x	2 3027	411	4096 Sep 24 2002 school

226 Directory send OK.

ftp> quit

221 Goodbye.

# Example 26.5

We show an example of anonymous FTP. We assume that some public data are available at internic.net.

\$ ftp internic.net

Connected to internic.net

220 Server ready

Name: anonymous

331 Guest login OK, send "guest" as password

Password: guest

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### Example 26.5 (continued)

```
ftp > pwd
257 '/' is current directory
ftp > ls
200 OK
150 Opening ASCII mode
bin
ftp > close
221 Goodbye
ftp > quit
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