



Internet Programming

Programming with Sockets (SCTP)

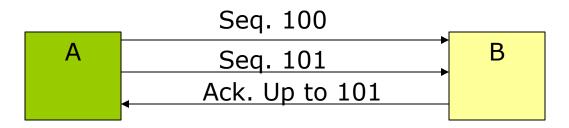
SCTP

Introduction

- Multi-homing
- Multi-streaming
- Initiation protection
- Message framing
- Configurable unordered delivery
- Graceful shutdown

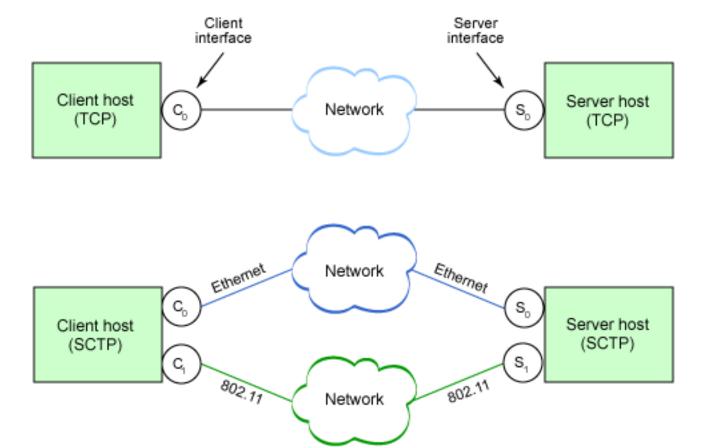
Stream Control Transport Protocol

- Based on TCP
- Defined in RFC 2960
- Connection-oriented transport protocol
- Designed to overcome problems with TCP
- Like TCP, it uses sequence numbers and acknowledgements to provide delivery guaranties
- Uses a window between peers to indicate the amount of data that can be in de receive buffer.

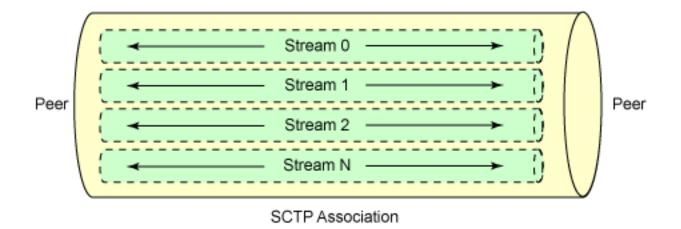


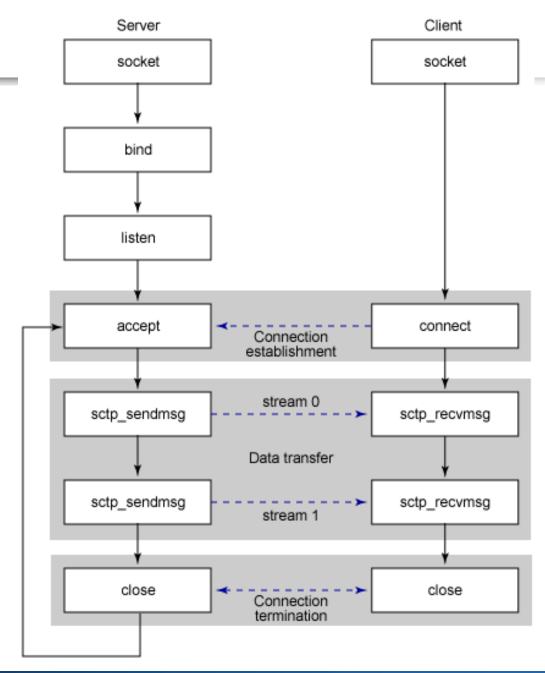
Multihoming

- Association formed between two endpoints
- Paths are established between those two endpoints



- Multiple streams within an association.
- Avoids head-of-line blocking
- Provides better responsiveness the TCP for example HTTP protocol





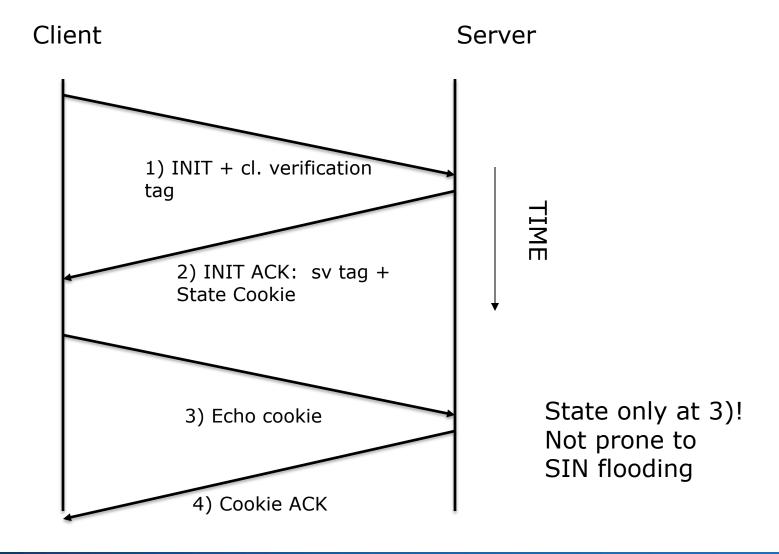
Header

Bits	0–7	8–15	16–23	24–31
+0	Source port		Destination port	
32	Verification tag			
64	Checksum			
96	Chunk 1 type	Chunk 1 flags	Chunk 1 length	
128	Chunk 1 data			
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	Chunk N type	Chunk N flags	Chunk I	N length
	Chunk N data			

SCTP Protocol Terminology

- □ "Data Chunk": Individual SCTP messages sent with a packet
- "Path": Connection between two endpoints
- "Association": The connection between to computers.
- TSN: Transmission Sequence Number. An increment of data chunks, not bytes.
- Heartbeat: Like a TCP keepalive. Sent on a per-path basis
- Shutdown: Fin flag
- Abort: same as reset(RST) flag in TCP

Session setup: Four-way handshake

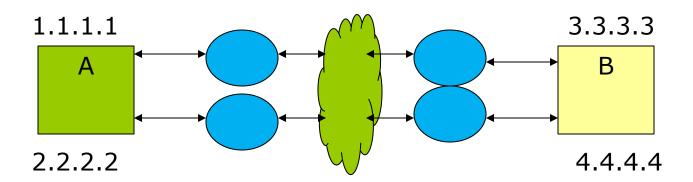


Retransmissions

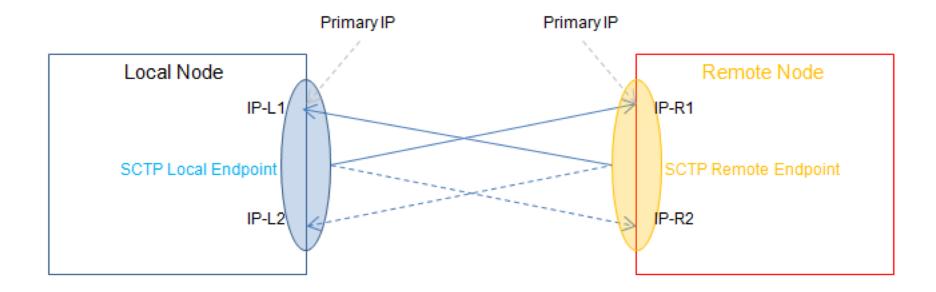
- When a receiver notices packet loss, it send a selective ACK for the missing TSN. Explicitly asking for packets. This is called "fast retransmission".
- ☐ If RTO (Retransmission Time OUT) expires without acknowledgements, retransmission is triggered. RTO is per destination IP address.

Advantages over TCP

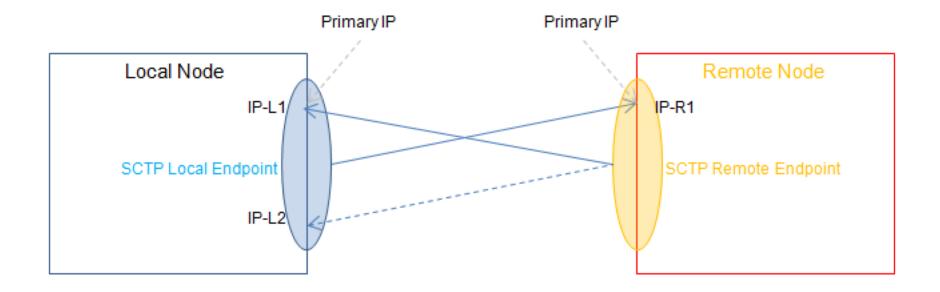
- Four-way handshake protects from SYN floods
- Support multihomed devices.
- Supports explicit error codes and message types
- Selective ACKs are supported in all SCTP connections.
- Window size is 32-bit value with no scaling window.
- Supports "Partially Reliable" delivery options
- Resilience



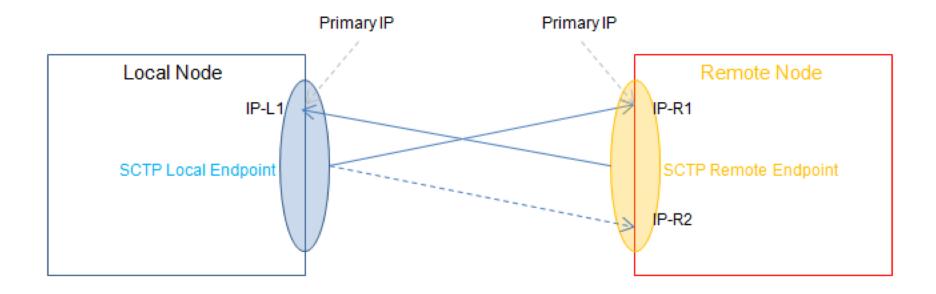
SCTP - Multihoming



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- □ Common: Multiple data chunks in a single IP packet
 - TSN numbers and acknowledgement can be **harder** to follow per packet then TCP Stream.

Example

```
#include <netinet/sctp.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/socket.h>
#include <netinet/sctp.h>
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
  int sockfd, connSock, n;
  struct sockaddr in addr, *addresses;
  int addr size = sizeof(struct sockaddr in);
  int port;
  sockfd = socket(AF INET, SOCK STREAM, IPPROTO SCTP);
  if(sockfs < ) {}</pre>
  addr.sin family = AF INET
  addr.sin addr.s addr = init addr(argv[1])
  addr.sin port = 0
  if (bind(sockfd, (struct sockaddr *) &addr, addr size) == -1) {}
  listen( sockfd, 5 );
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Example

```
listen( sockfd, 5 );
 while(1) {
     connSock = accept(sockfd, (struct sockaddr *)NULL, (int *)NULL);
     /* client has connected */
     ret = sctp sendmsg(connSock, (void *)buffer, (size t)
strlen(buffer), NULL, 0, 0, 0, LOCALTIME STREAM, 0, 0);
     in = sctp recvmsg( connSock, (void *)buffer, sizeof(buffer),
                        (struct sockaddr *) NULL, 0, &sndrcvinfo, &flags
);
     close(connSock);
}
```