## Measurement, App Layer

Lecture 3

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#### Review

• Switching: Circuit, Message, Packet

Layering: Modularity

Application: useful user-level functions

Transport: provide guarantees to apps

Network: best-effort global pkt delivery

Link: best-effort local pkt delivery

User space

Kernel space

Functionality is implemented in protocols

#### Protocols: The "rules" of networking

Protocols consist of two things

#### Message format

structure of messages exchanged with an endpoint

#### Actions

operations upon receiving, or not receiving, messages

#### Example of a Zoom conversation:

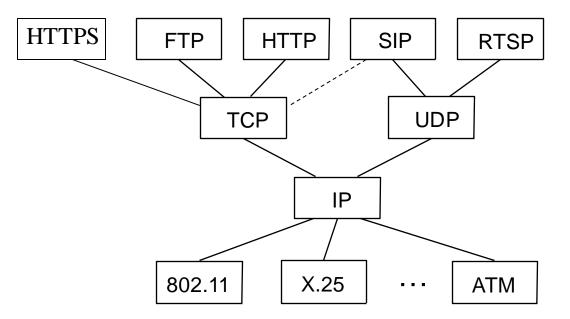
- Message format: English words and sentences
- Actions: when a word is heard, say "yes"; when nothing is heard for more than 3 seconds, say "can you hear me?"

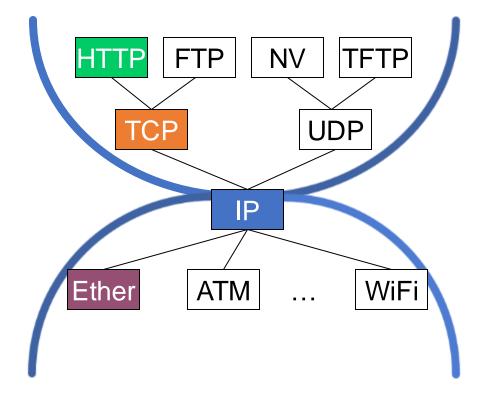
#### The protocols of the Internet

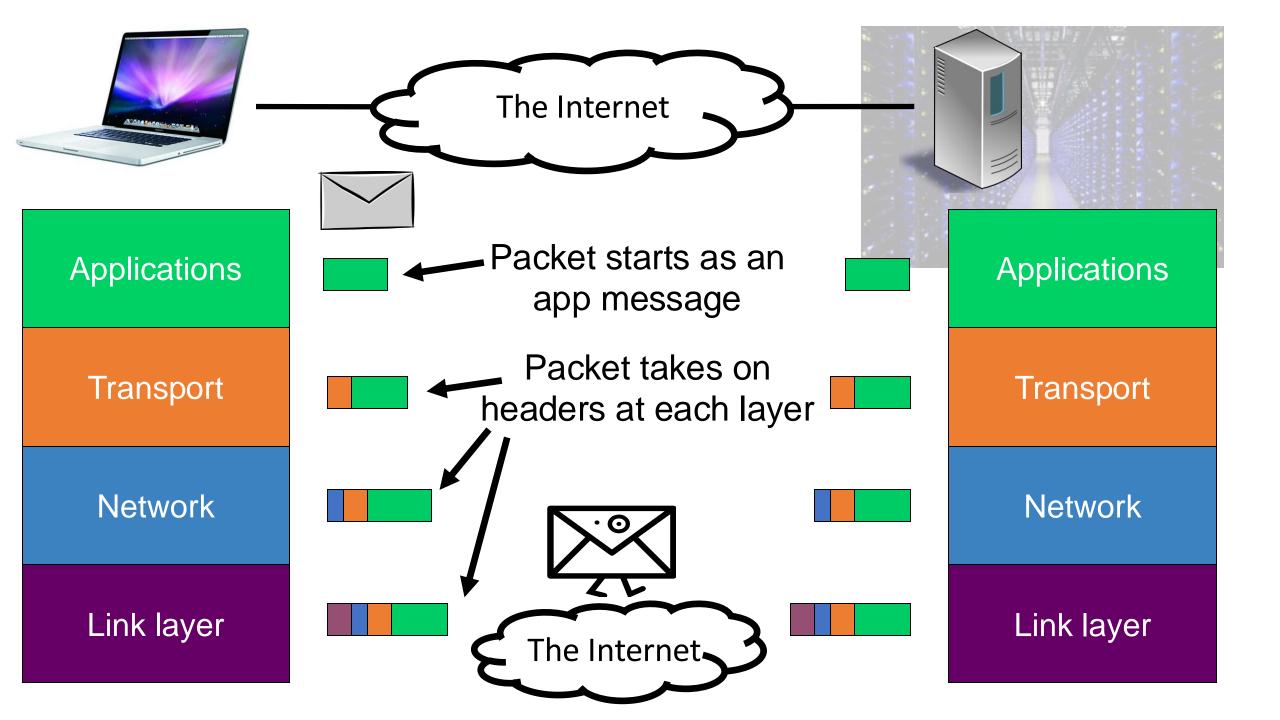
- Standardized by the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF)
  - through documents called RFCs ("Request For Comments")

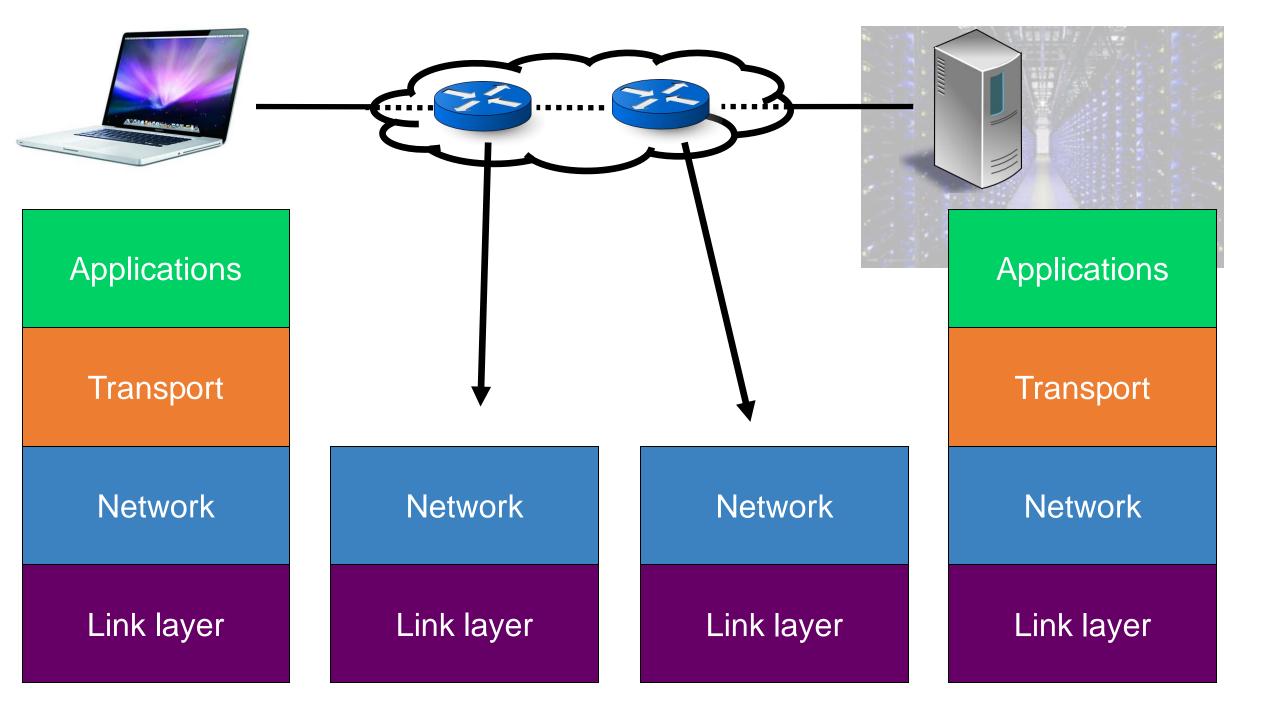
Layering of protocols



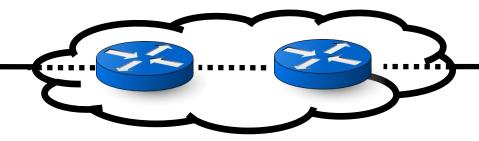












**Applications** 

Transport

Network

Link layer

**Applications** 

**Transport** 

Network

Link layer

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Network

Link layer

Network

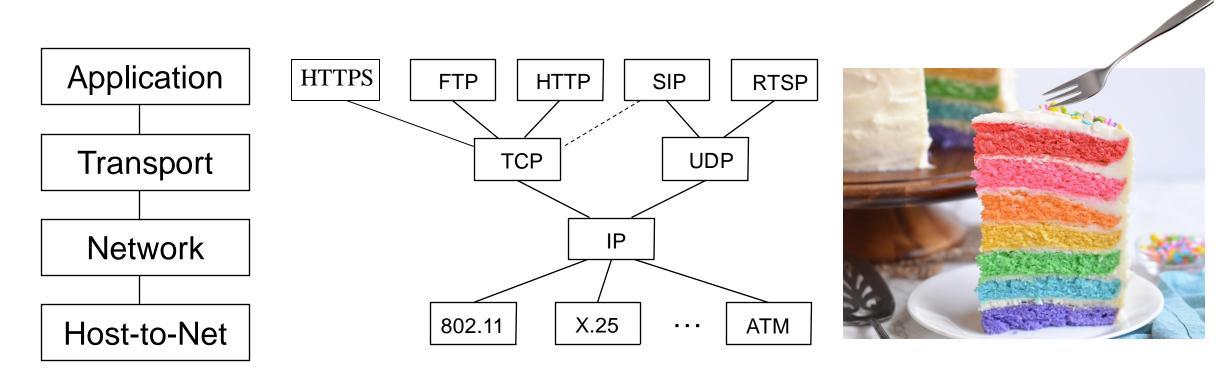
Link layer

## Layering

Communication over the Internet is a complex problem.

- Layering simplifies understanding, testing, maintaining
- Easy to improve or replace protocol at one layer without affecting others

## This course has layers



# Measuring the Internet

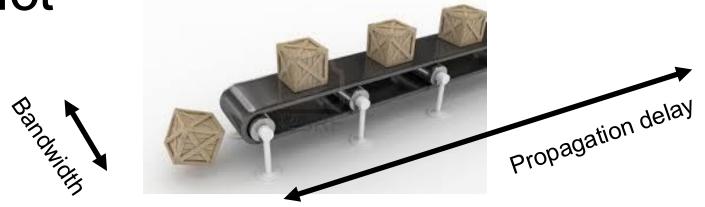
Speed, by any other name

#### What exactly do we mean by speed?

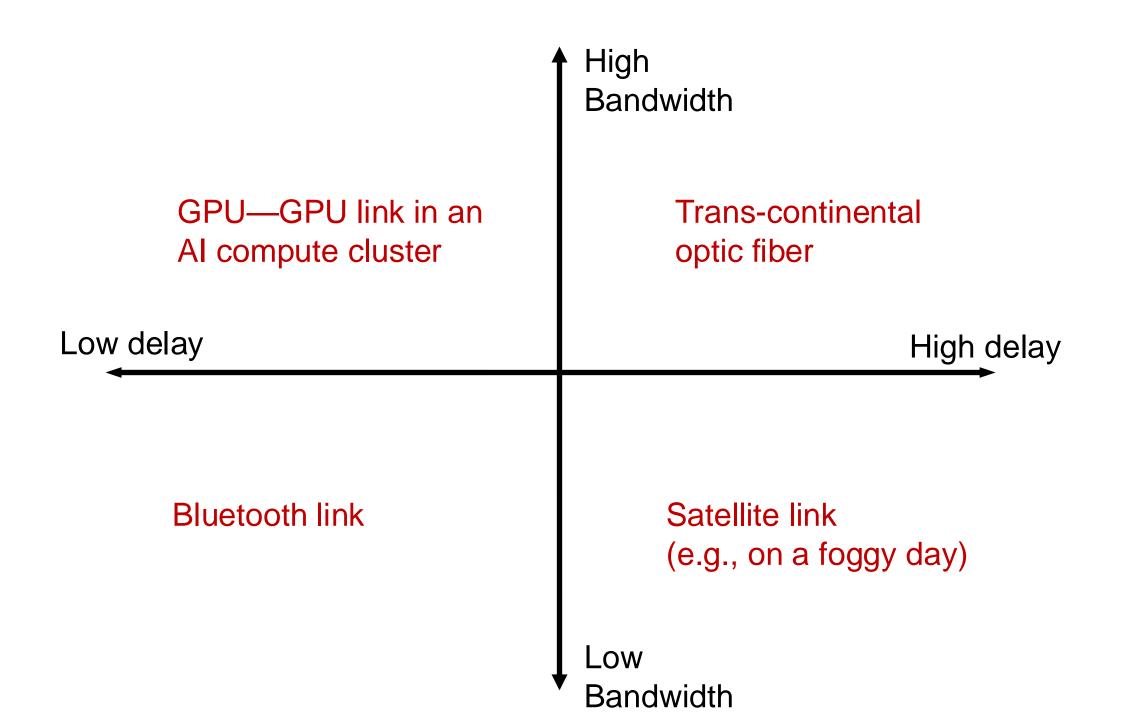
- A packet consists of many bits, including header and data
  - Packet size: length of the packet (bits or bytes) incl. header and data

 Bandwidth: For a single link, amount of data it can transmit per unit time (bits/second or Bytes/second or packets/second)

 Total packet delay: time from the first bit@sender to the last bit@receiver Bandwidth and delay are related but distinct



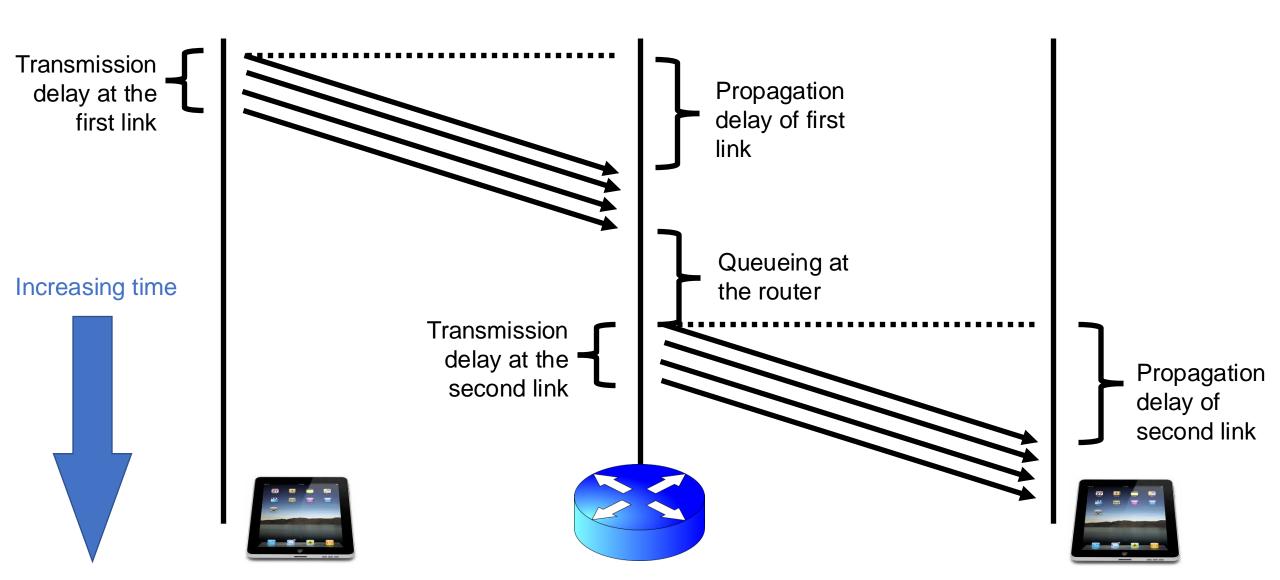
- Total packet delay = time for a box to travel the length of the belt
- Bandwidth = the number of boxes put on the belt per minute ("rate")



#### Total Packet Delay has a few pieces

- Propagation delay: Time needed to move one bit across (second)
  - · Imposed by the communication medium; depends on the link "length"
- Transmission delay: Time from first bit@sender to last bit@sender
  - Determined by link bandwidth and packet size
  - Packet size / link bandwidth
- Queueing delay: Time that a packet waits for transmission
  - Determined by contention for the link
- Total packet delay = propagation delay + queueing delay + transmission delay for a single packet

## Visualizing the components of delay

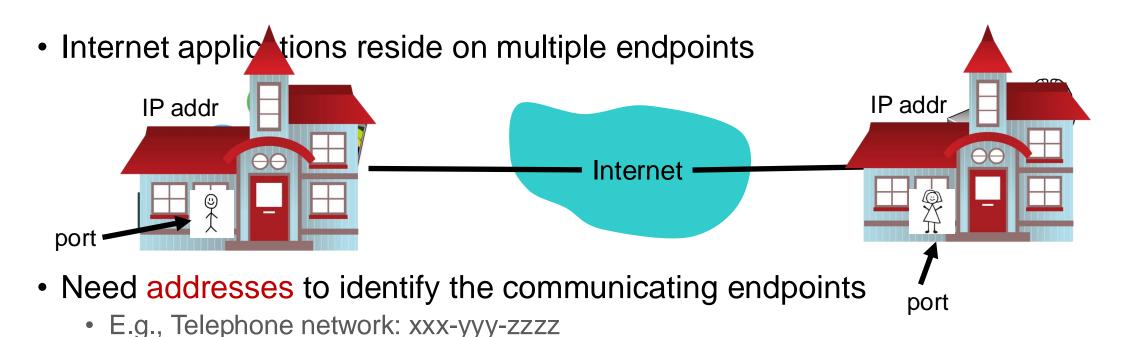


#### Bandwidth and delay demo

- Throughput (related to bandwidth)
  - iperf -s # at the destination
  - iperf -c <destination> # at the source,
  - e.g., iperf -c localhost
- (total) delay
  - ping <destination>
  - e.g., ping google.com
- (you can try it!)

# Application Layer

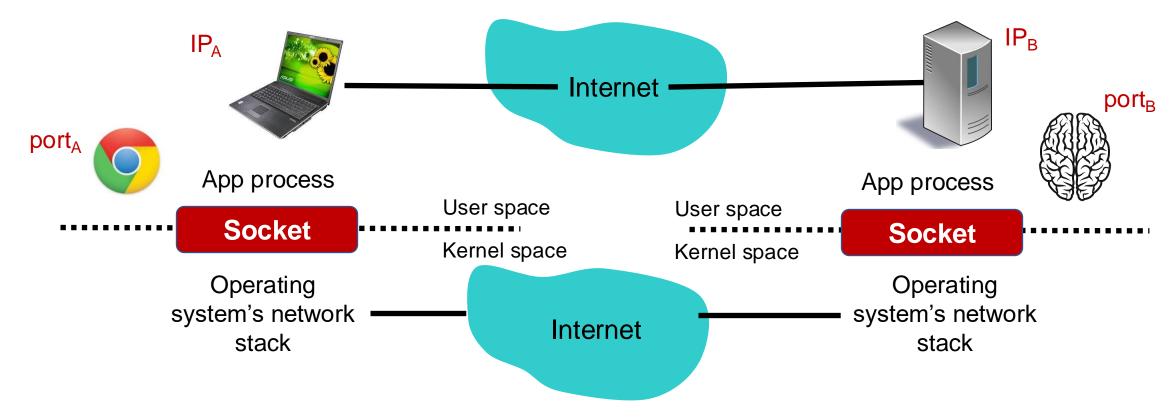
#### App-layer communication



- Internet: Internet Protocol (IP) addresses
  - IPv4 (32 bits) 128.6.24.78
  - IPv6 (128 bits) 2001:4000:A000:C000:6000:B001:412A:8000
- Which app on each endpoint? Port number

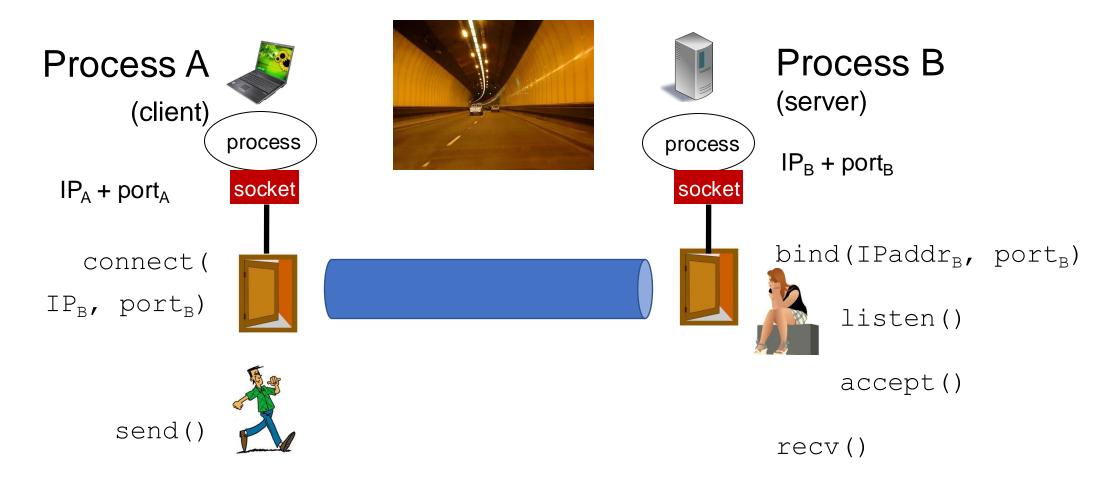
#### How are addresses used?

Socket: abstraction (API) of the Internet for applications



App-layer connection is a 4-tuple: (IP<sub>A</sub>, port<sub>A</sub>, IP<sub>B</sub>, port<sub>B</sub>)

### Socket system calls

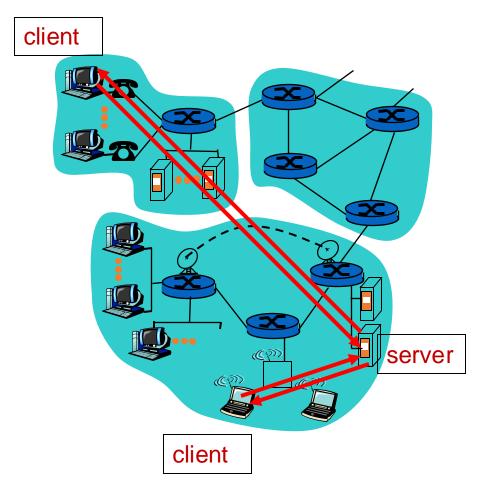


## Seeing app-layer connections

- netstat
- SS

# Common Architectures of Applications

#### Client-server architecture



#### Server:

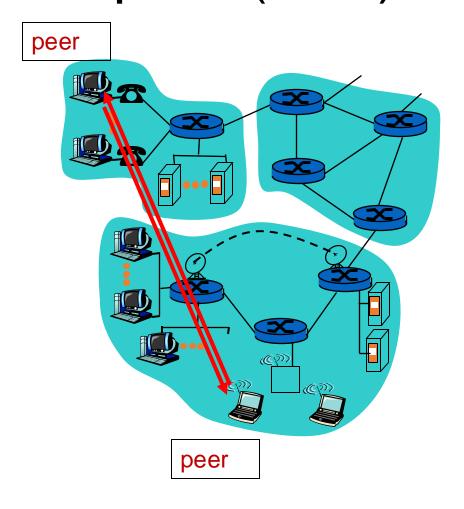
- Always-on endpoint
- Provides a "service" to the world
- Typically, a permanent IP address
- Compute clusters to scale to many users

#### Clients:

- A "customer" of the server
- May be intermittently connected
- May have dynamic IP addresses
- Typically, do not communicate directly with other clients

• The web and most mobile apps use a client-server architecture

#### Peer-to-peer (P2P) architecture



#### Peers:

- Intermittently connected hosts
- Directly talking to each other
- Little to no reliance on always-up servers
  - Examples: BitTorrent
- Today, many applications use a hybrid model
  - Example: (webRTC) Google meet, Facebook messenger, ...

## Going forward: A few app-layer protocols

Domain Name System

The web

Streaming video

## Domain Name System

# You have my name. Can you lookup my address?

### Domain Name System (DNS)

- Problem: We need an easier way to remember IP addresses
  - Average brain can easily remember 7 digits for a few names
  - On average, IP addresses have 12 digits

#### Solution:

- Use alphanumeric names to refer to hosts.
- Called host names or domain names (e.g.: cs.rutgers.edu)
- We need a directory (address book)
- A service to map alphanumeric host names to binary IP addresses
- We call this process Address Resolution

#### Types of Directories

- Directories map a *name* to an *address*
- Simplistic designs
  - Central directory
  - Ask everyone (e.g., flooding)
  - Tell everyone (e.g., push to a file like /etc/hosts)
- Scalable distributed designs
  - Hierarchical namespace (e.g., Domain Name System (DNS))
  - Flat name space (e.g., Distributed Hash Table)



### Simple DNS

- What if every endpoint has a local directory?
- /etc/hosts.txt
  - How things worked in the early days of the Internet!

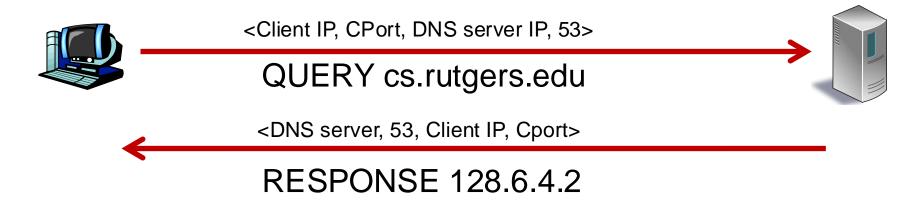
What if endpoints changed addresses? How do you keep this

up to date?

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#### Simple DNS

DOMAIN NAME	IP ADDRESS
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cs.rutgers.edu	128.6.4.2
www.google.com	74.125.225.243
www.princeton.edu	128.112.132.86



- Key idea: Implement a server that looks up a table.
- Will this scale?
  - Every new (changed) host needs to be entered in this table
  - Performance: can the server serve billions of Internet users
  - Failure: what if the server or the database crashes?
  - How to secure this server?