CSE 523S: Systems Security

Computer & Network Systems Security

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Plan for Today

- Announcements
  - You should have completed the Python tutorial
  - Get started on HW2… There is an account creation step that requires operator approval. **Don't wait until the last minute**, the operator may not be available...
- Security News? Questions?
- Assignment
- System Design & Security
  - [x] Why are our computer systems vulnerable?
  - Why are our networks vulnerable?

Assignment

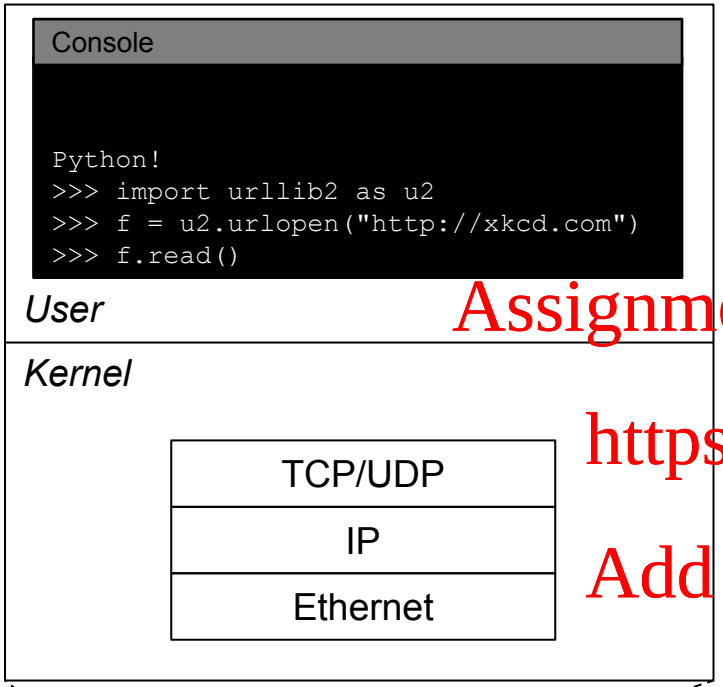
- Wednesday
  - HTAOE: Ch. 2 81-114
- Monday
  - HW2 due
  - HTAOE: Ch. 4 195-223

WHY ARE OUR NETWORKS VULNERABLE?

Networks are Vulnerable

- IP has an any-to-any communications model
  - Within IP you cannot control who sends you a packet
- Networks have weak authentication
  - When a packet arrives, you trust the source address
- Binding between layers and between names & addresses are based on trust
  - Insecure services map between network layers (eg, IP to Ethernet), and names to addresses
- Secure the “channel” only
  - You really want to secure the data and its source, not an address

Understanding Networks



What do we need to know to answer these questions:

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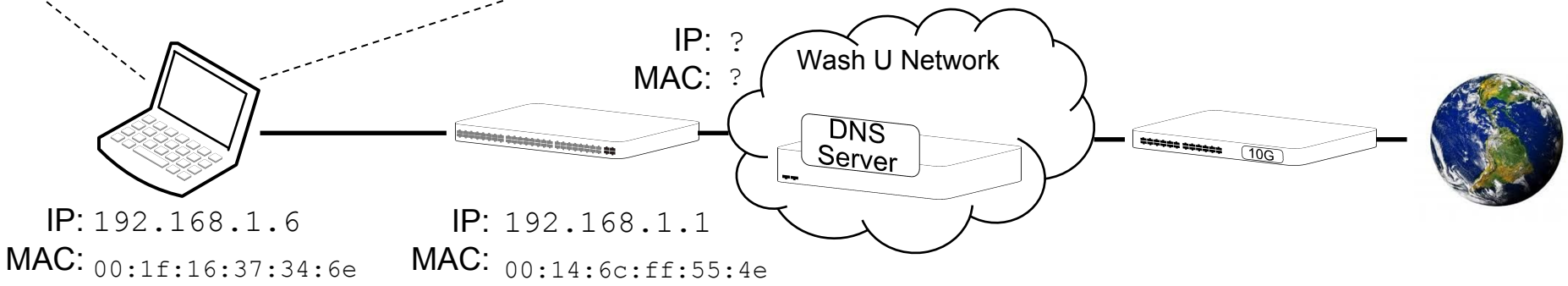

Packets are bit strings

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ffffffffffff001f
1637346e08060001
0800060400001001f
1637346ec0a80106
0000000000c0a801
0101000000000000
0000000000000000
00000000
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char pkt[] =
"\xff\xff\xff\xff\xff\x
ff\x00\x1f\x16\x37\x34\
x6e\x08\x06\x00\x01\x08
\x00\x06\x04\x00\x01\x0
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If we knew the format rules we understand this packet to be… we'll decode it in a later slide

Network Layering

- Network protocols are layered; they have well-defined interfaces and separation of concerns

- Typical Internet layering
  - Application
  - TCP
  - IP
  - Ethernet
  - Physical link: wired or wifi

- Network packets encapsulate one protocol inside another
  - (Ethernet (IP (TCP (Application))))

- Applications typically use the “sockets” interface, and specify TCP or UDP
  - All lower-level details are the concern of the OS and underlying infrastructure

- **Our concern is with TCP/IP and Ethernet**

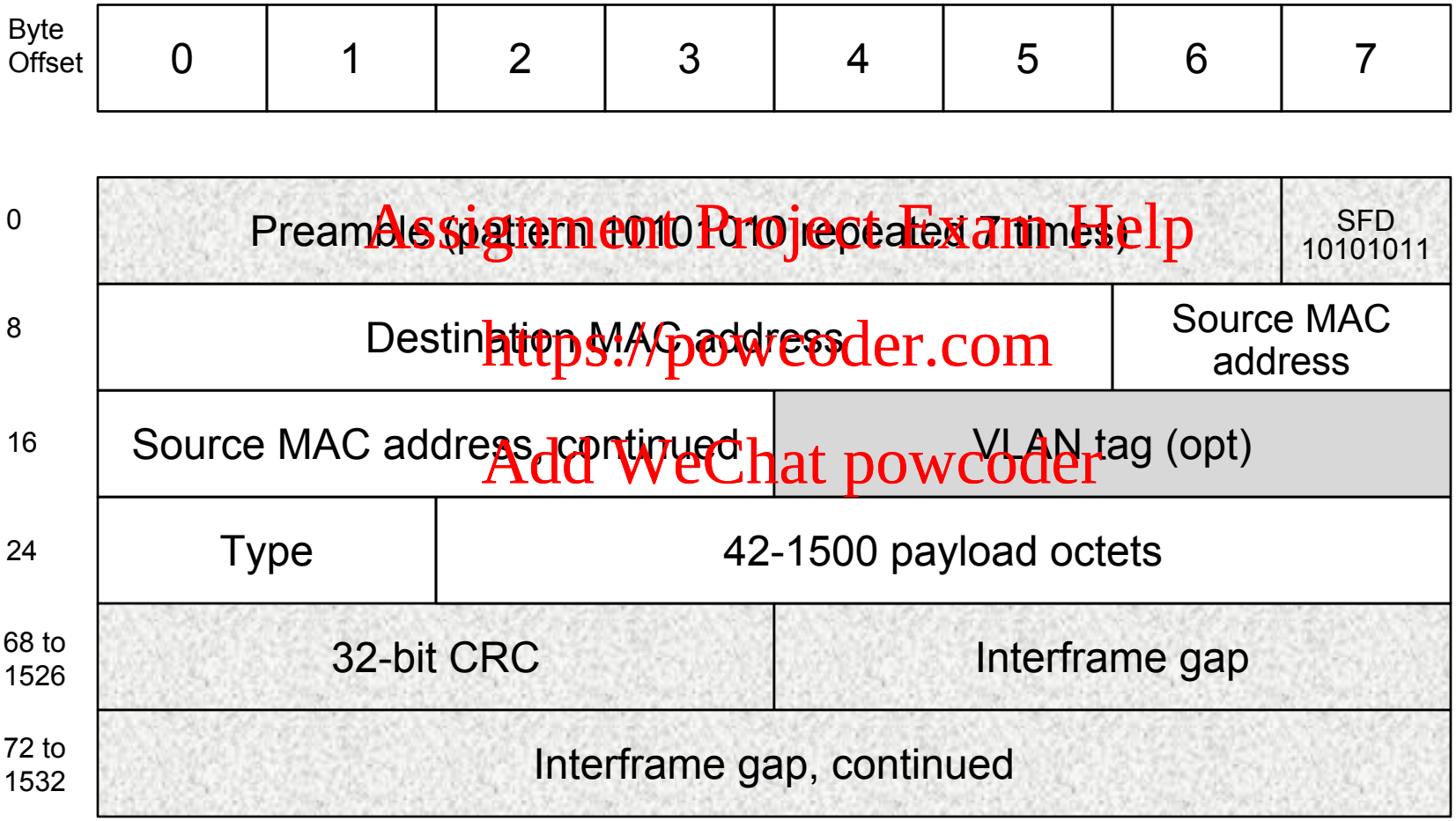
Ethernet

- Is the dominant wired-LAN technology

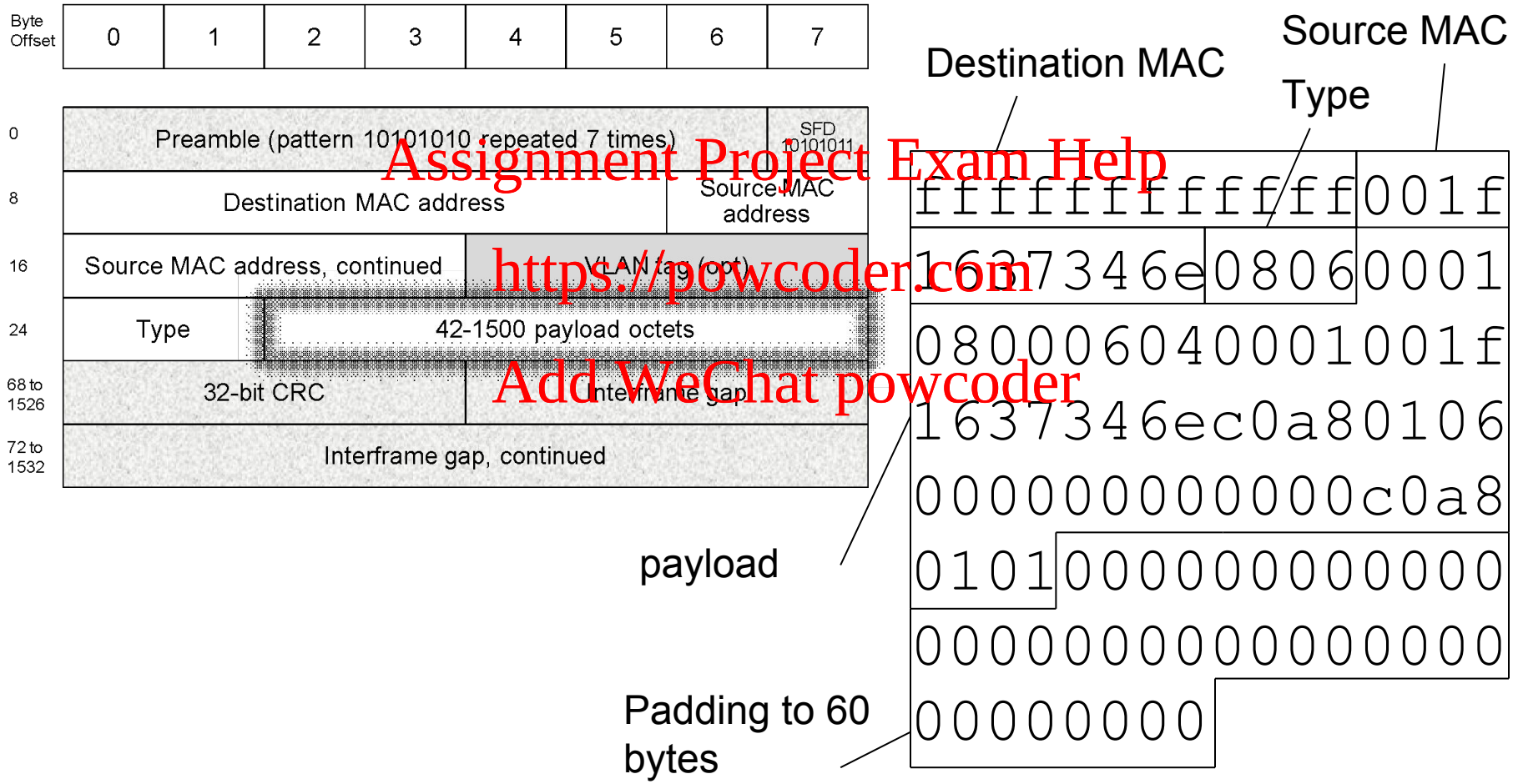
- Much to learn about its history, in your spare time
  - Used to be proprietary, now an IEEE standard
  - Used to be shared medium, now is switched
  - Always gets faster: 1M, 10M, 100M, 1G, 10G, …
  - Is rapidly becoming the only wired protocol that matters (LAN, campus, metro, …)

- Ethernet features
  - Variable length packets
  - Point-to-point communication between machines with MAC addresses
  - Broadcast: send packet to all nodes on local network
  - Virtual LANs (VLANs): limit broadcast domains to a VLAN
  - Uses "**type**" field to help receiver know what to do next

Ethernet II Frame Format



Ethernet II Illustrated Frame



Internet Protocol, IP

- IP allows distinct networks to be connected
- From 30,000 feet
  - Each network is assigned an **IP address range**
    - WU: 128.252.0.0 - 128.252.255.255 (128.252.0.0/16)
  - A dynamic, globally distributed protocol is used to create **routes** between address ranges
  - A dynamic, globally distributed service is used to map **domain names** to IP addresses
  - IP supports multiple protocols for communications: UDP, TCP, ICMP, …
- Two aspects of IP to understand
  - Node model
  - Packet format

IP Nodes and Routes

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hosted by voxel.net

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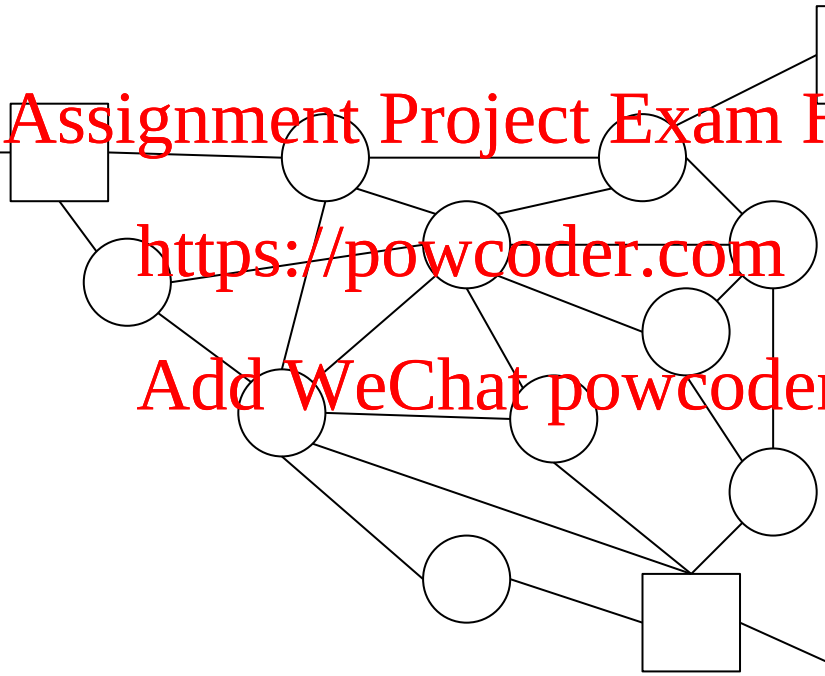

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Matching Prefix	Link
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72.26.192/19	2
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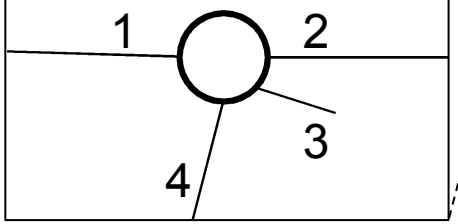

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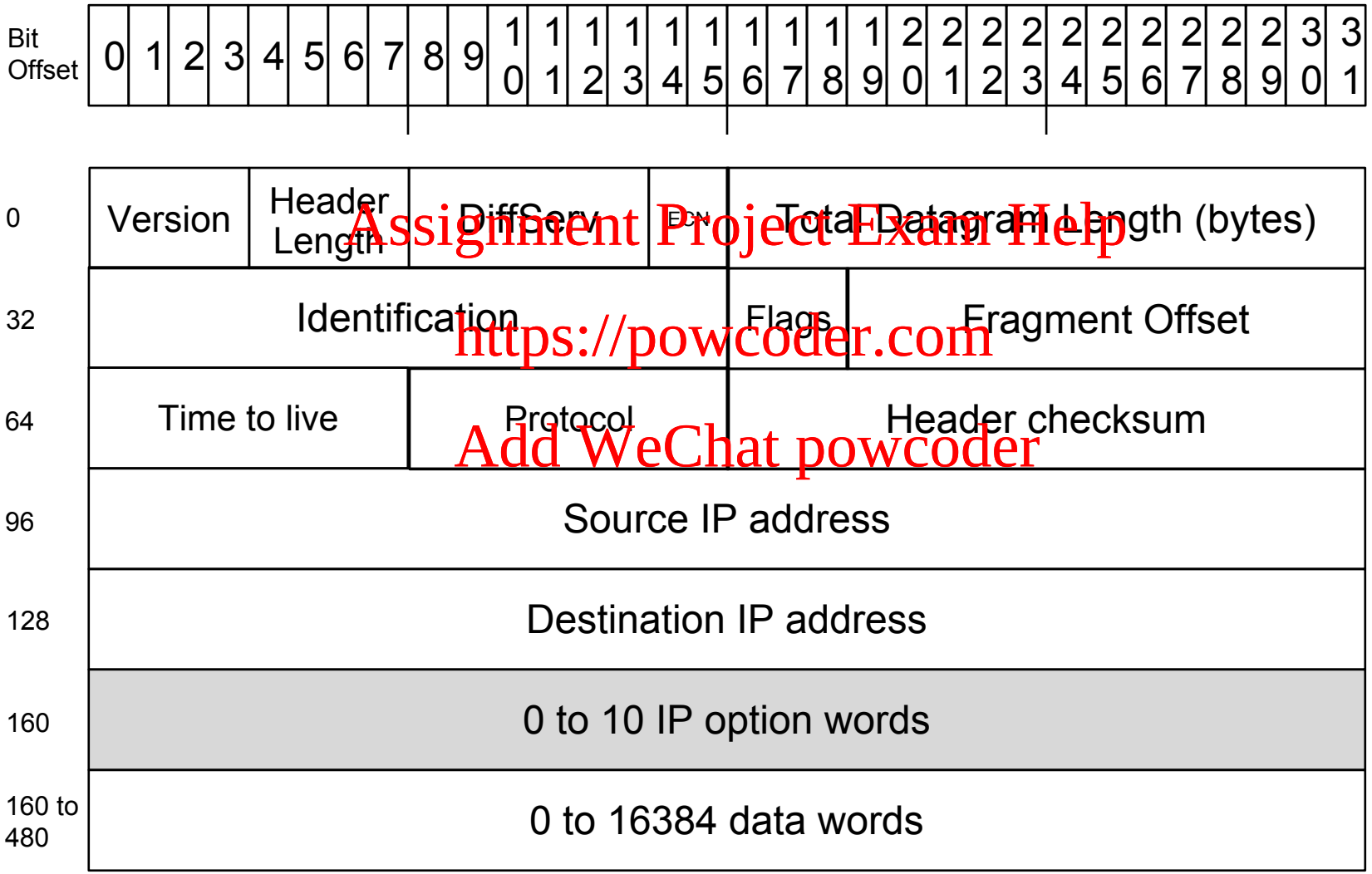

UDP & TCP

- Two primary protocols for applications
  - UDP: unreliable datagrams
  - TCP: reliable, in-order byte streams

- "Ports" are used to demultiplex to apps on hosts
  - Example in a few slides

User Datagram Protocol, UDP

- Connection-less communications
  - Messages are sent, no in-protocol means for reliability
- Not reliable
  - May not arrive
  - May arrive out of order
  - May be duplicated
- No support for managing congestion

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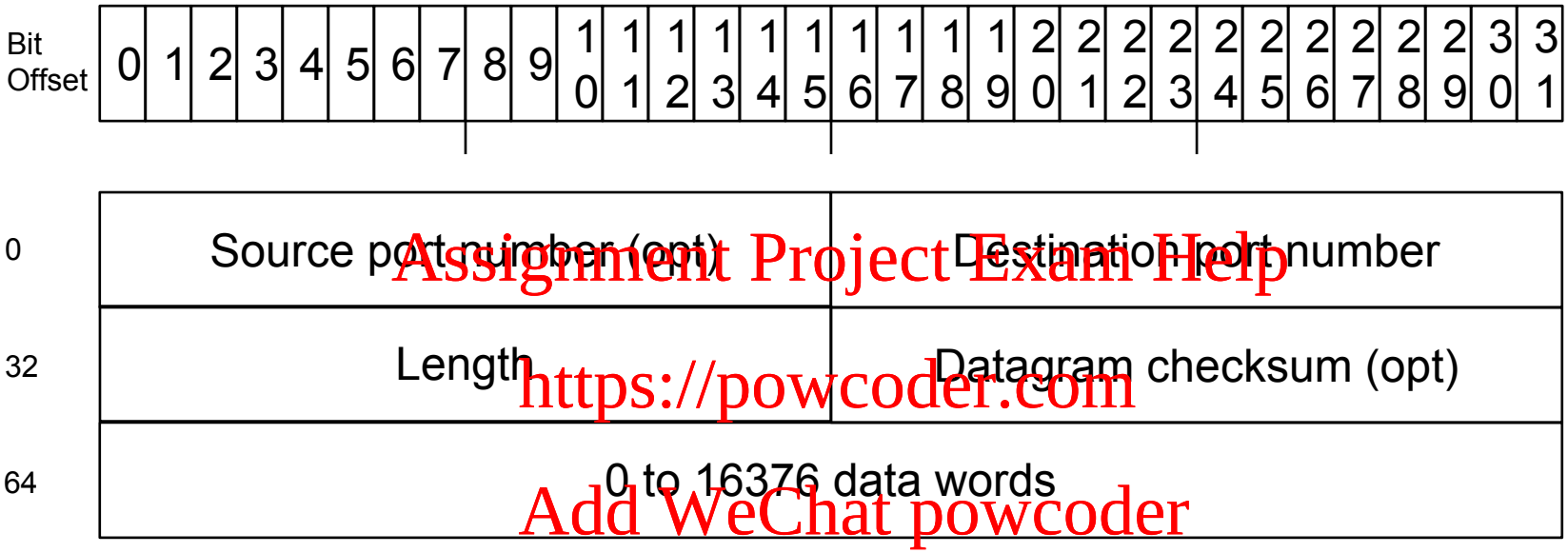
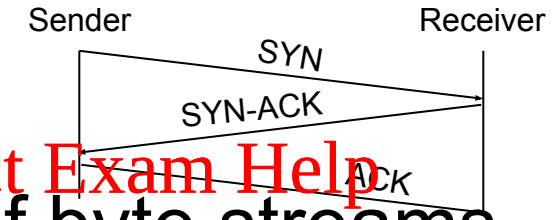


Transport Control Protocol, TCP

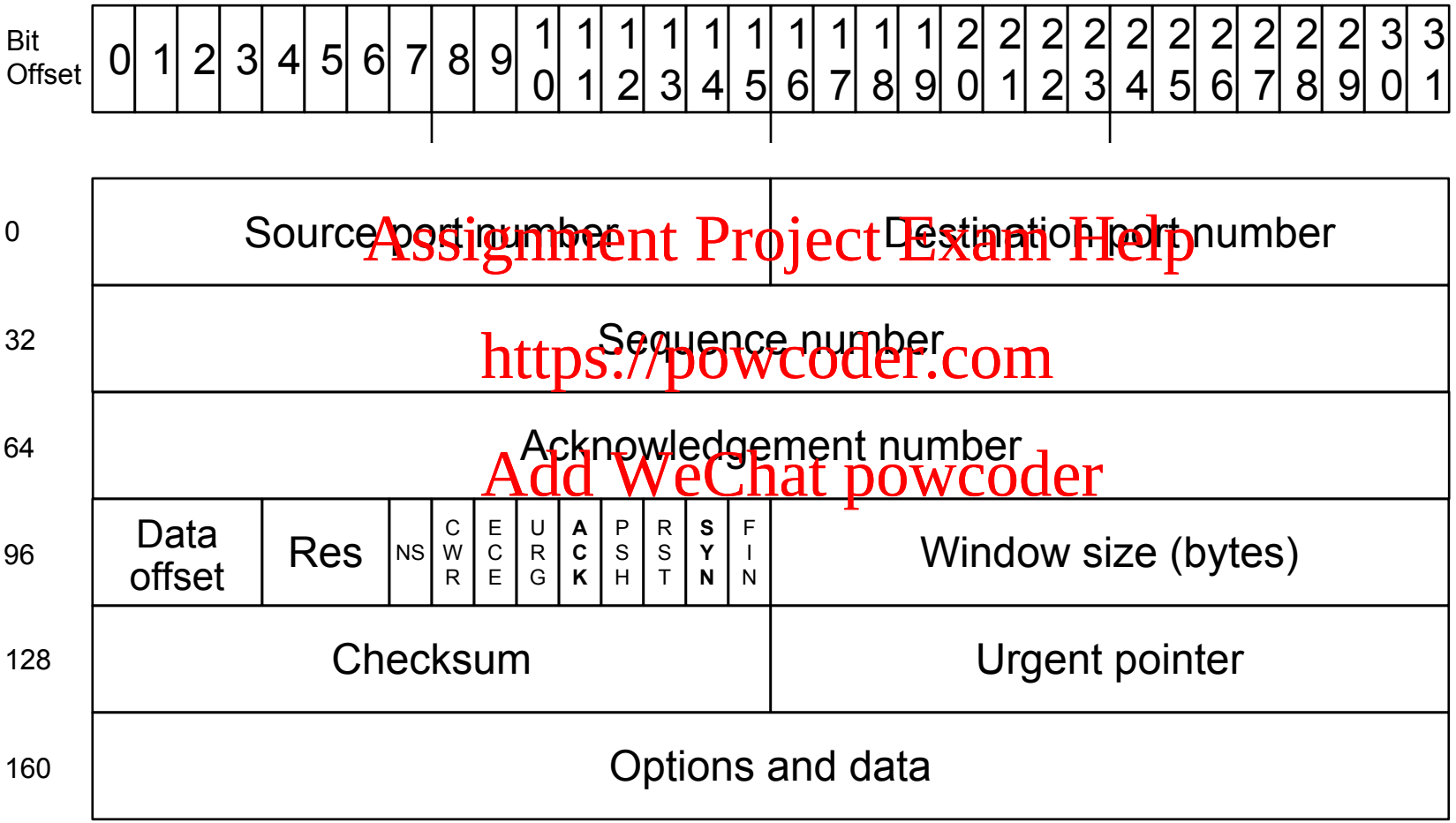
- Connection-oriented
  - 3-way handshake used between communicating end hosts
    - SYN, SYN-ACK, ACK



- Reliable, ordered delivery of byte streams
  - All will arrive
  - Will arrive in order
  - Will not be duplicated

- Includes provision for “congestion control” so that sender-receiver pairs scale up/down their data rates in response to (un)dropped packets.

TCP Packet Format

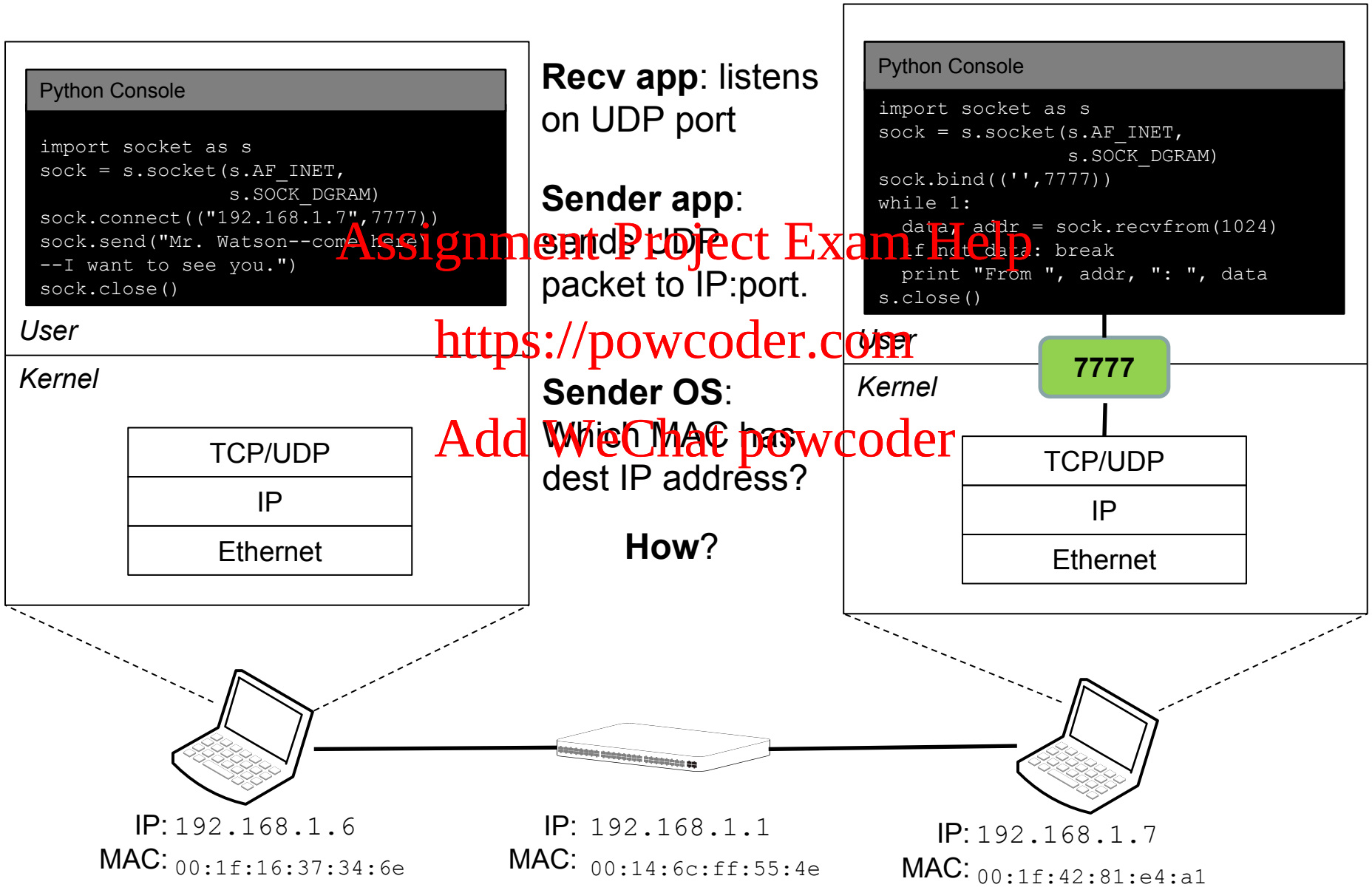


Sockets

- Apps primarily use sockets API to connect
  - Create a socket by specifying address family (AF_INET), and type (SOCK_DGRAM or SOCK_STREAM)
  - Connect it to an address and port
  - Send and receive
  - Library also includes helper functions

- Network byte ordering is distinct from host byte ordering
  - Little-endian: least significant byte at lower address
  - Big-endian: most significant byte at lower address
  - X86: little-endian; network: big-endian
  - Apps must convert to and from network byte order: `ntohl(), htonl()`

Two Machines on an Ethernet LAN



Address Resolution, ARP

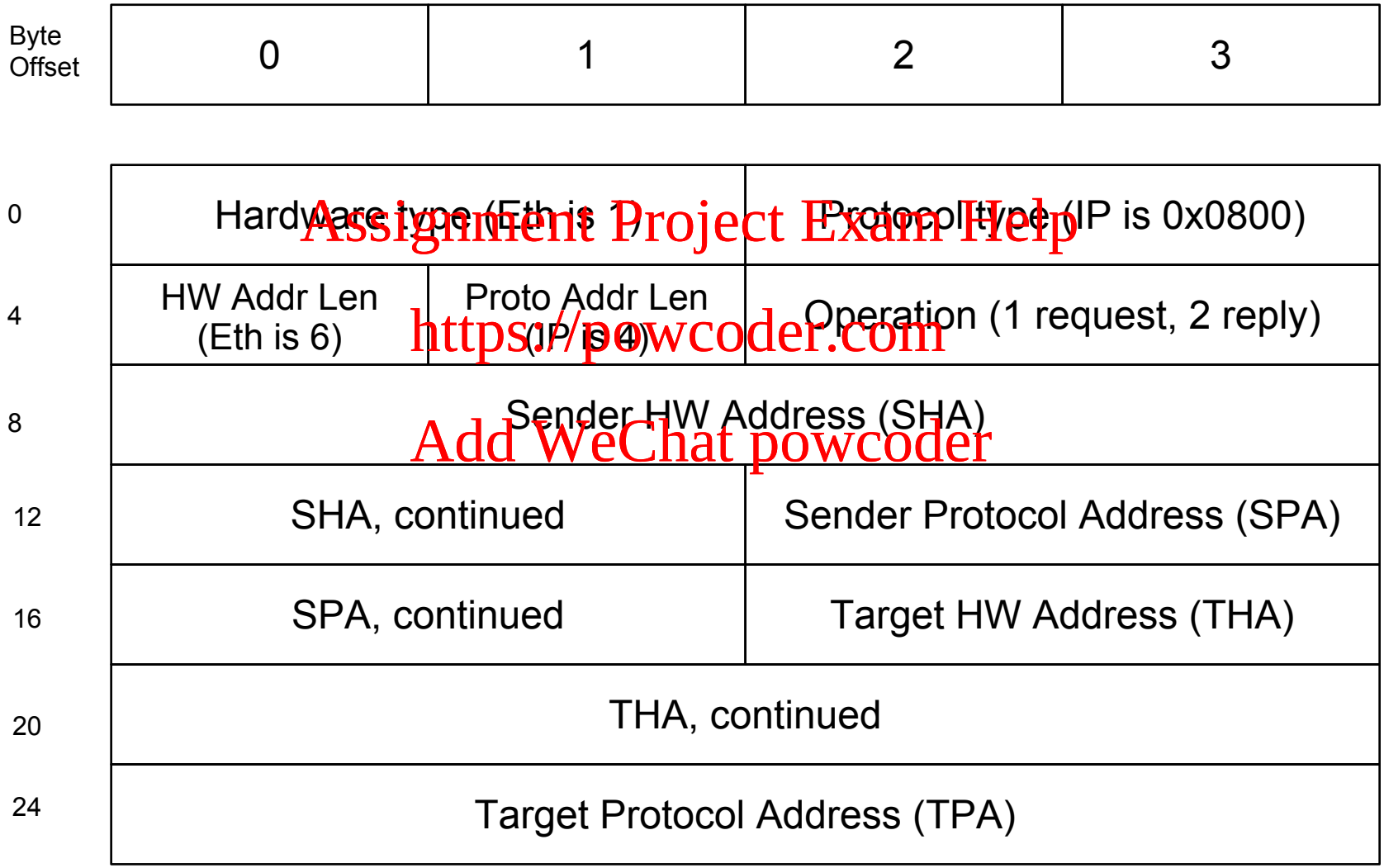
- General protocol for mapping between protocol layers

- In practice, a protocol for mapping IP addresses to Ethernet MAC addresses

  - Not part of TCP/IP per se, but you won't find a network without it

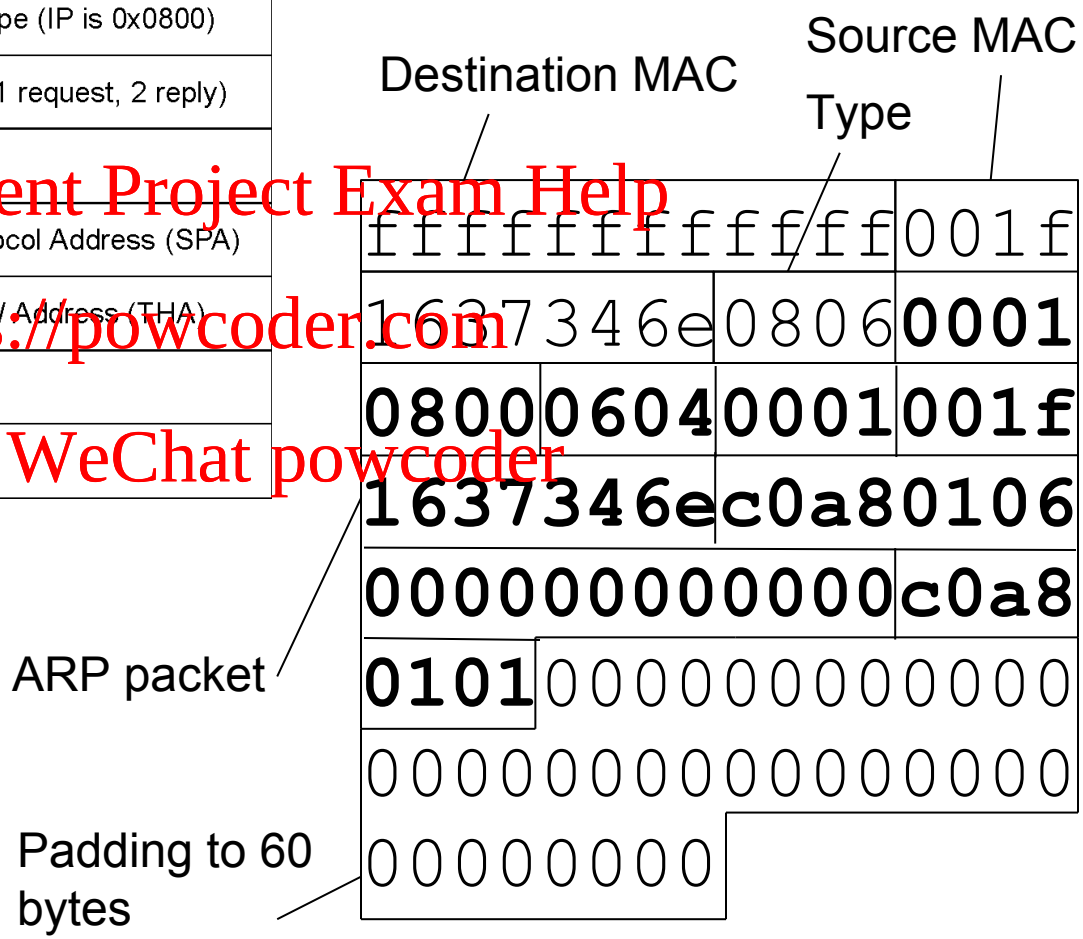
- Two operations
  - Request: Who has <TGT-IP>? Tell <MY-MAC>
  - Reply: <TGT-IP> is at <TGT-MAC>

ARP Ethernet:IP Packet Format



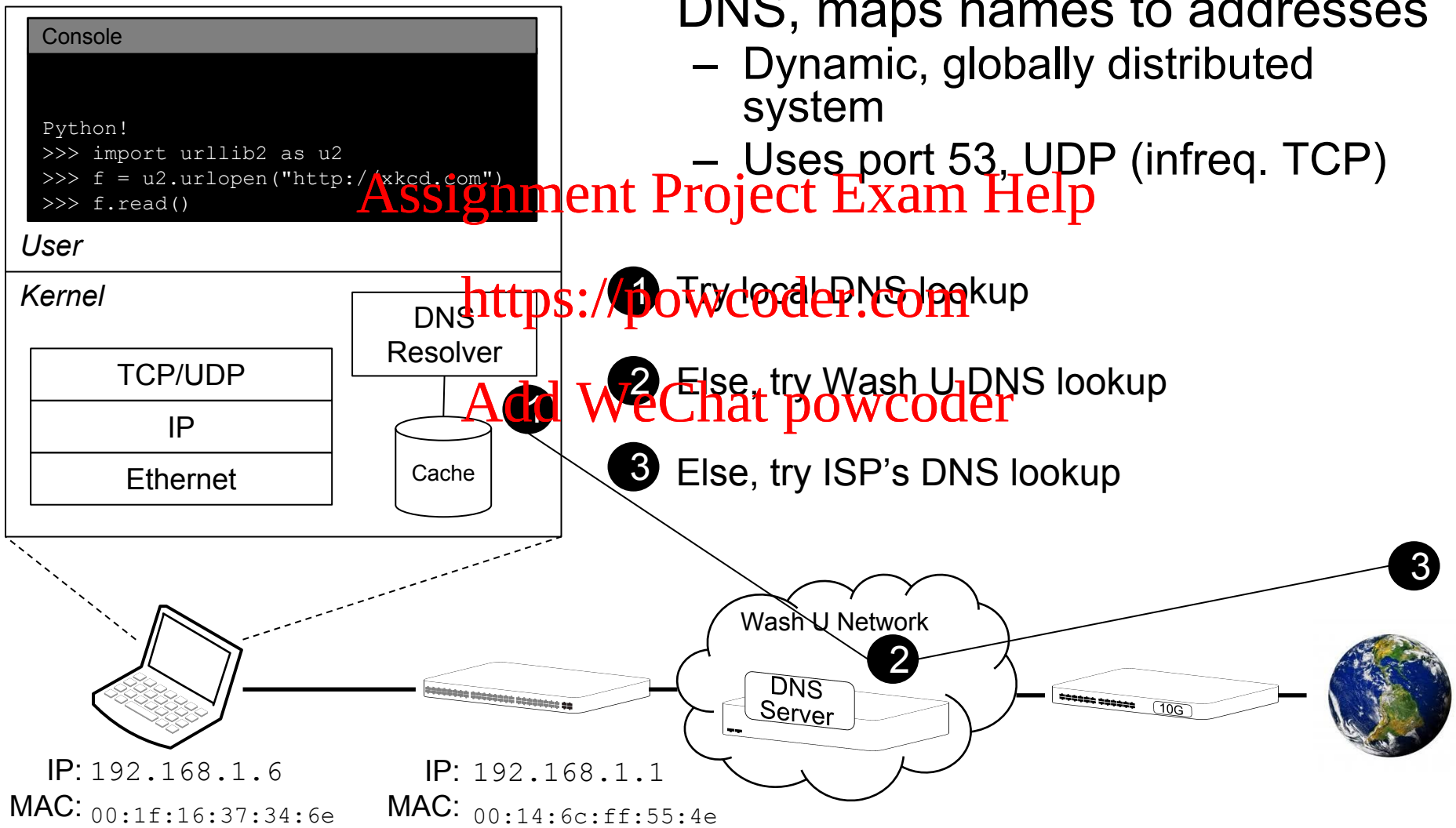
ARP Illustrated Packet

Byte Offset	0	1	2	3
0	Hardware type (Eth is 1)		Protocol type (IP is 0x0800)	
4	HWAddr Len (Eth is 6)	Proto Addr Len (IP is 4)	Operation (1 request, 2 reply)	
8	Sender HW Address (SHA)			
12	SHA, continued		Sender Protocol Address (SPA)	
16	SPA, continued		Target HW Address (THA)	
20	THA, continued			
24	Target Protocol Address (TPA)			



Internet Names and Addresses

- The Domain Name System, DNS, maps names to addresses
  - Dynamic, globally distributed system
  - Uses port 53, UDP (infreq. TCP)



Other questions to answer

- How do we get a MAC address?
  - Pre-configured or set it yourself
- How do we get an IP address?
  - Static allocation or via DHCP
- How do we get to the Internet from within LAN?
  - Default gateway. How do we find it?

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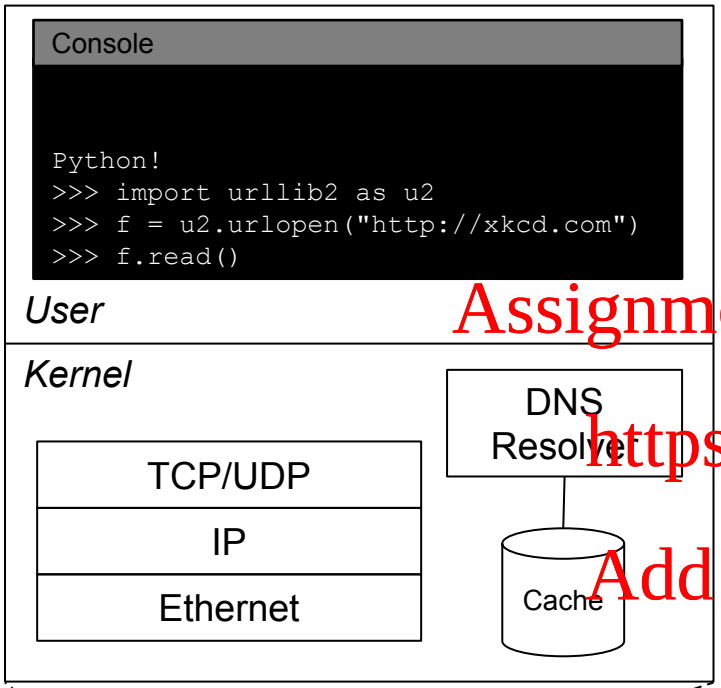

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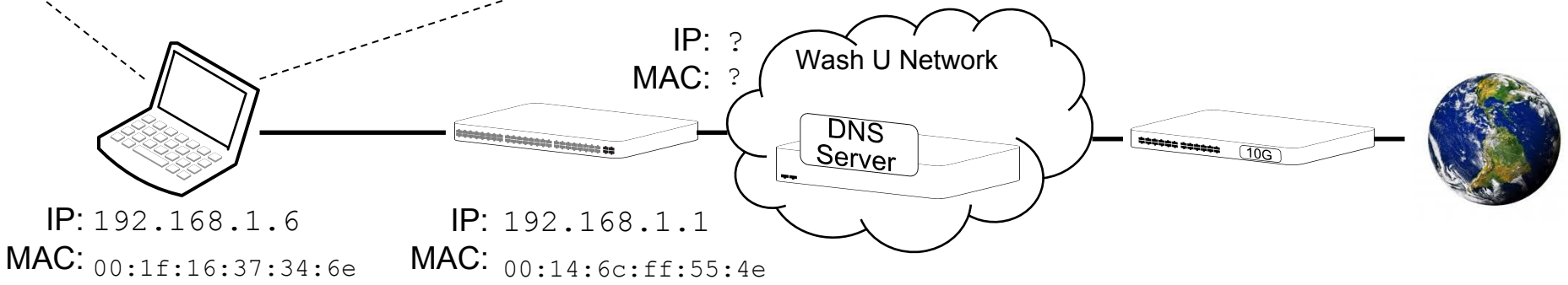

Issues we will revisit

- Where do protocols assume trust?
  - Are addresses valid?
  - Are gateways valid?
  - Are name:address bindings valid?
- What can someone else observe?

Helpful Tools

- On your machine
  - wireshark to log and inspect packets
  - host, dig and nslookup to map names to addresses
- On the Internet
  - ARIN's service to name:address mappings and prefix owners
    - https://www.arin.net/

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