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Computer Network

IPv4 Header

Lecture No. - 02

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Recap of Previous Lecture



Topic

IPv4 Packet Header Structure

Topic

IPv4 Packet Header Size $[HLEN] * 4$

Topic

IPv4 Packet Size $[TL] * 4$

Topic

MTU *

Topic

Identification Number



Topics to be Covered



Topic

Fragmentation at Source Host

→ Based on
Source n/w
MTU.



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Topic : IPv4 Packet Header



0			16		31
VER	HLEN	Type of Services	Total Length (16 - bits)		
Identification Number			0	D F	M F
Time-to-Live			Header Checksum		
Source IPv4 Address (32 - bits)					
Destination IPv4 Address (32 - bits)					
Optional Header (Options)					
Payload					

Example 6 :-

[NAT]



#Q. Consider UDP segment of size 4000 bytes is passed to IPv4 protocol for delivery. MTU for source network is 1500 bytes and IPv4 header size is 20 bytes then calculate total number of fragments required to deliver the UDP segment?

Ans = 3



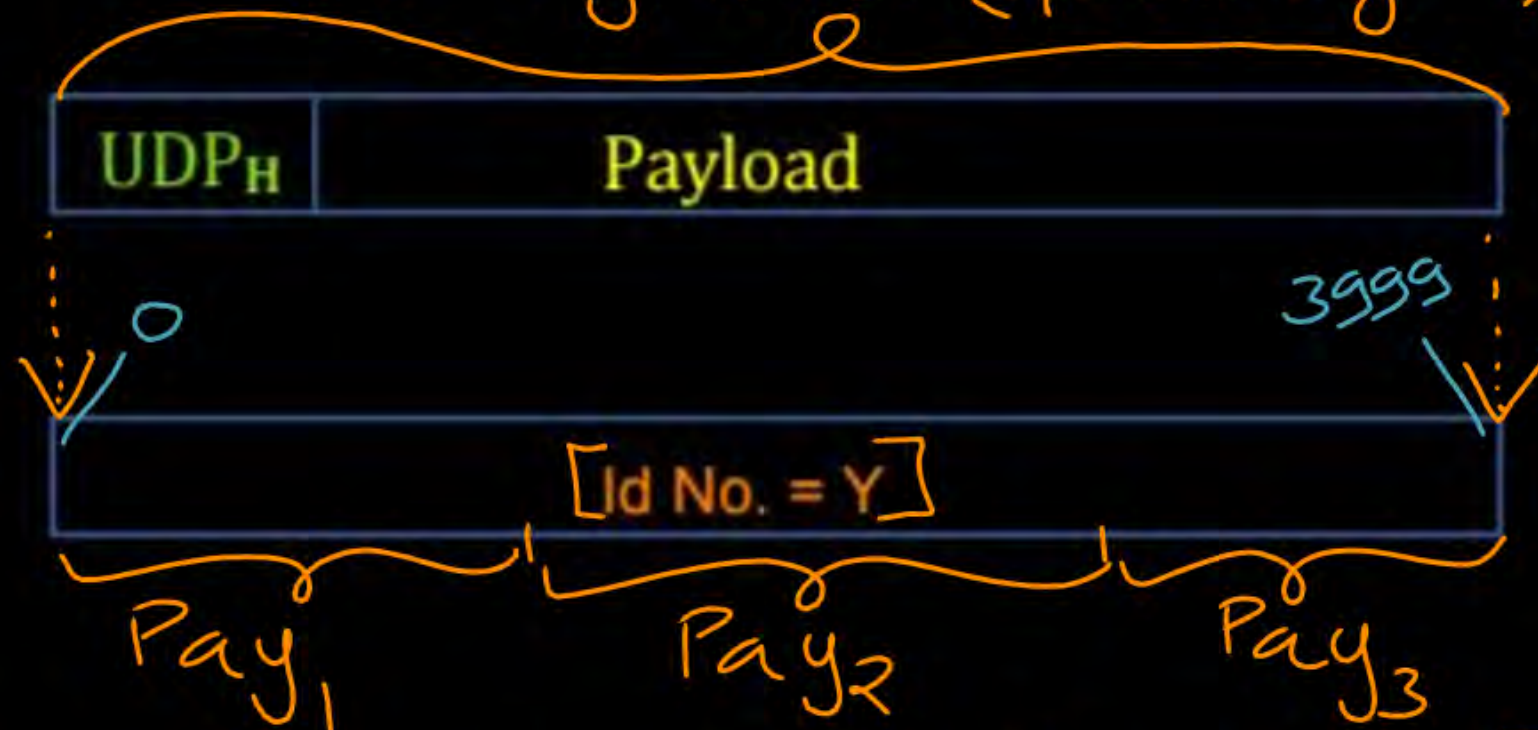
$$[TL \leq MTU]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{MTU} &= [1500 \text{ bytes}] \\ \text{IPv4 Header Size} &= [20 \text{ bytes}] \end{aligned}$$

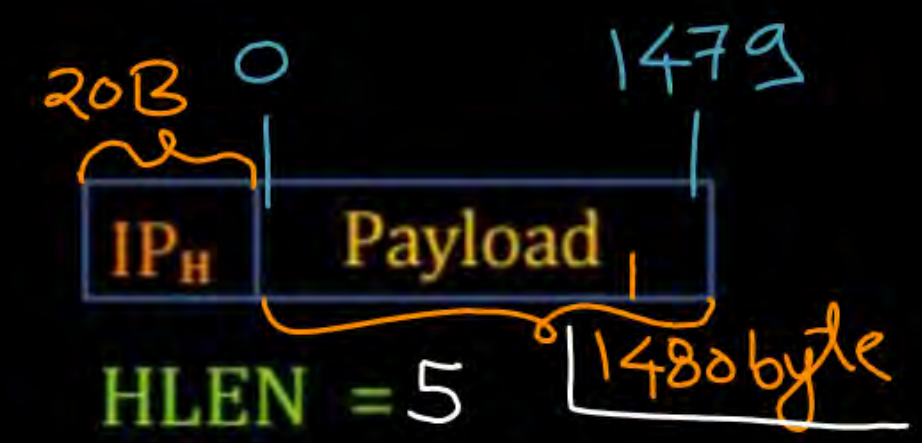
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Maximum Payload Size} &= [\text{MTU} - \text{Header Size}] \text{ bytes} \\ &= [1500 - 20] \text{ bytes} \\ &= 1480 \text{ bytes} \end{aligned}$$

* Fragmentation at source host

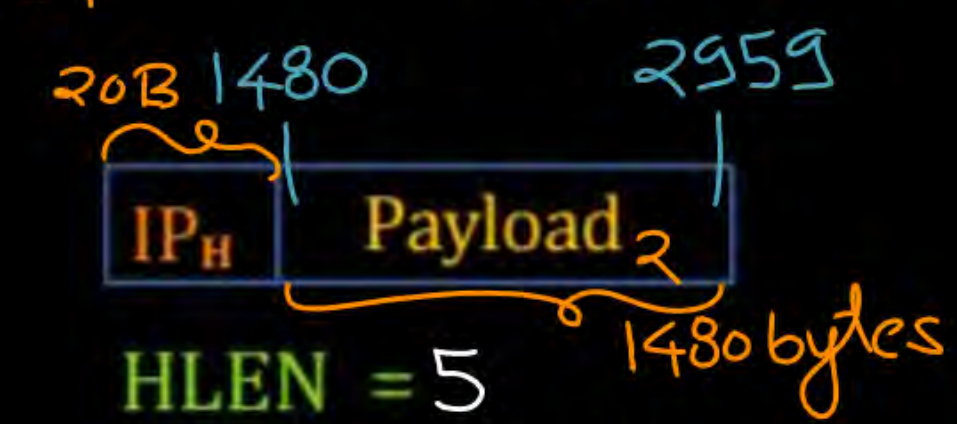
UDP segment (4000 byte)



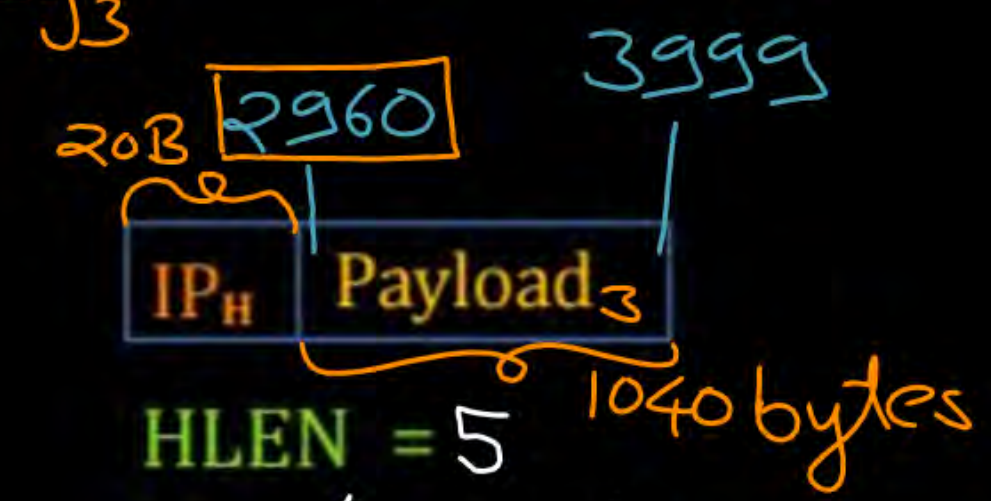
[N/W SDU = segment]



HLEN = 5
 TL = 1500
 Id No. = Y
 Offset = $\frac{0}{8} = 0$
 MF bit = 1



HLEN = 5
 TL = (20 + 1480) = 1500
 Id No. = Y
 Offset = $\frac{1480}{8} = 185$
 MF bit = 1



HLEN = 5
 TL = (20 + 1040) = 1060
 Id No. = Y
 Offset = $\frac{2960}{8} = 370$
 MF bit = 0

$$\underbrace{\text{UDP Segment Size}} = [4000 \text{ bytes}]$$

$$\underbrace{\text{Total Number of IP fragments}} [N] = \left\lceil \frac{[\text{UDP Segment Size}]}{[\text{Max}^m \text{ Payload Size}]} \right\rceil$$

$$N = \left\lceil \frac{4000 \text{ bytes}}{1480 \text{ bytes}} \right\rceil$$

$$N = \lceil 2.70 \rceil$$

$$N = 3$$

Total length of the last IP fragment =

$$\underbrace{\text{Header Size}} + \left[\underbrace{\text{UDP Segment Size}} - \underbrace{(N-1)} * \overset{\text{Max}^m}{\underbrace{\text{Payload Size}}} \right] \text{ bytes}$$

$$= 20 \text{ byte} + [4000 \text{ byte} - (3-1) * 1480 \text{ byte}]$$

$$= [20 + 1040] \text{ byte}$$

$$= 1060 \text{ bytes}$$

$$\text{Offset value of the last IP fragment} = \left[\frac{(N-1) * \overset{\text{Max}^m}{\downarrow} \text{Payload Size}}{8} \right]$$

$$= \left[\frac{(3-1) * 1480 \text{ bytes}}{8} \right]$$

$$= 370 \text{ } \underline{\text{word}}$$



Topic : Fragmentation Offset



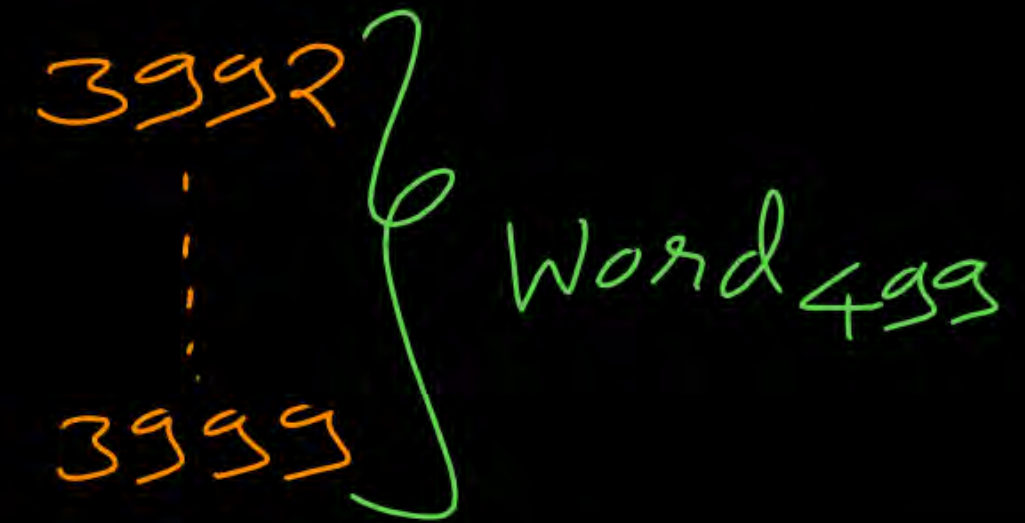
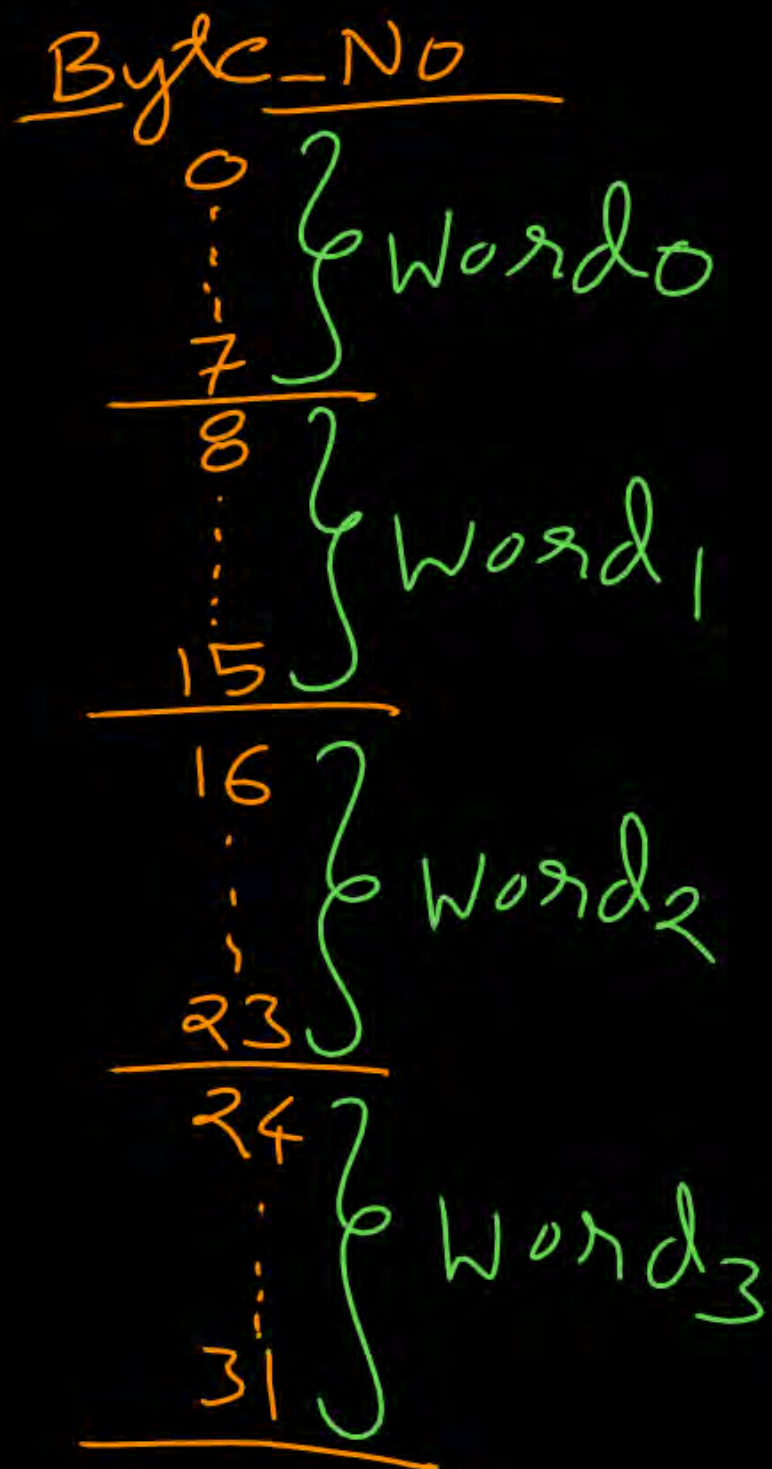
- Fragmentation offset is 13 bits long
- Used to identify the sequence of fragments



Topic : Fragmentation Offset



- Contains payload's starting word number
[Words of 8 bytes]
- Word number according to "Service Data Unit" (SDU)
- Offset value for the first fragment in the sequences always "Zero"



$$\text{Word_No} = \left\lfloor \frac{\text{Byte_No}}{8} \right\rfloor$$

First byte_no of a word

$$= [\text{word_no} * 8]$$



Topic : 3 Flag Bits



→ First bit unused, must be zero

→ DF : Do not fragment *

→ MF : More fragment * ✓



Topic : MF Flag



MF : More fragment

- Used to identify last fragment in the sequence of fragments
- For last fragment, MF bit should be "Zero"
- For first and intermediate fragments (except last), MF bit should be "One".



Topic : Fragmentation at Source Host

$$\text{IPv4 Datagram Size} \leq \text{Source Network MTU}$$

$$\text{Maximum Payload Size} = [\text{MTU} - \text{Header Size}] \text{ bytes}$$

$$\text{Total Number of IP fragments } [N] = \lceil [\text{UDP Segment Size} / \text{Payload Size}] \rceil$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total length of the last IP fragment} \\ = \text{Header Size} + [\text{UDP Segment Size} - (N-1) * \text{Payload Size}] \text{ bytes} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Offset value of the last IP fragment} = [(N-1) * \text{Payload Size} / 8]$$

[MCQ]

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[GATE-2013] [2 Mark]



#Q. In an IPv4 datagram, the M bit is 0, the value of HLEN is 10, the value of total length is 400 and the fragment offset value is 300. The position of the datagram, the sequence numbers of the first and the last bytes of the payload, respectively are

- ☐ A Last fragment, 2400 and 2789
- ☐ B First fragment, 2400 and 2759
- ☐ C Last fragment, 2400 and 2759
- ☐ D Middle fragment, 300 and 689

[MCQ]

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#Q. Host A sends a UDP datagram containing 8880 bytes of user data to host B over an Ethernet LAN. Ethernet frames may carry data up to 1500 bytes (i.e. MTU = 1500 bytes). Size of UDP header is 8 bytes and size of IP header is 20 bytes. There is no option field in IP header. How many total number of IP fragments will be transmitted and what will be the contents of offset field in the last fragment?

- ☐ A 6 and 925
- ☐ B 6 and 7400
- ☐ C 7 and 1110
- ☐ D 7 and 8880

[MCQ]

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#Q. Consider a network that uses Ethernet and IPv4. Assume that IPv4 headers do not use any options field. Each Ethernet frame can carry a maximum of 1500 bytes in its data field. A UDP segment is transmitted. The payload (data) in the UDP segment is 7488 bytes. Which ONE of the following choices has the CORRECT total number of fragments transmitted and the size of the last fragment including IPv4 header?

- ☐ A 5 fragments, 1488 bytes
- ☐ B 6 fragments, 88 bytes
- ☐ C 6 fragments, 108 bytes
- ☐ D 6 fragments, 116 bytes



2 mins Summary



Topic

Fragmentation at Source Host ✓

↓
segments \Rightarrow Fragments
TCP/UDP IP



THANK - YOU

