

HTTP

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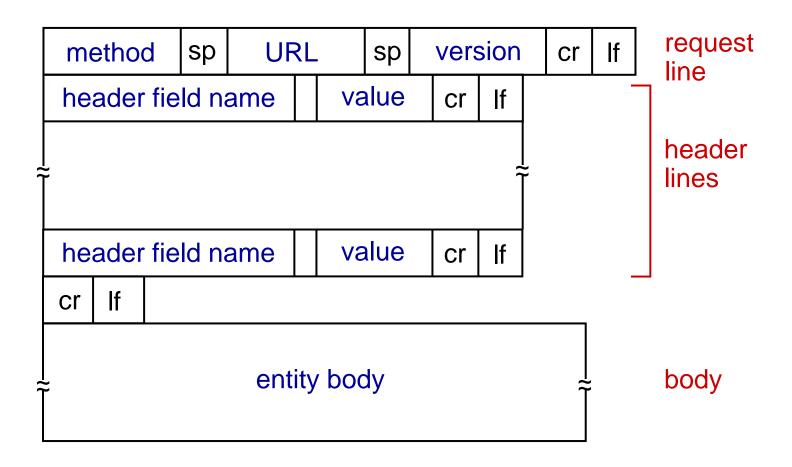
- application: supporting network applications
 - HTTP, IMAP, SMTP, DNS
- transport: process-process data transfer
 - TCP, UDP
- network: routing of datagrams from source to destination
 - IP, routing protocols
- link: data transfer between neighboring network elements
 - Ethernet, 802.11 (WiFi), PPP
- physical: bits "on the wire"

application
transport
network
link
physical

An application-layer protocol defines:

- types of messages exchanged,
 - e.g., request, response
- message syntax:
 - what fields in messages & how fields are delineated
- message semantics
 - meaning of information in fields
- rules for when and how processes send & respond to messages

HTTP request message: general format



HTTP request message

- two types of HTTP messages: request, response
- HTTP request message:
 - ASCII (human-readable format)

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line-feed character
request line (GET, POST,
                                  GET /index.html HTTP/1.1\frac{1}{2}r\frac{1}{2}h
HEAD commands)
                                  Host: www-net.cs.umass.edu\r\r\r\r
                                  User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X
                                     10.15; rv:80.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/80.0 \frac{1}{2} \text{Yr}
                       header
                                  Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml\r\n
                          lines
                                  Accept-Language: en-us, en; q=0.5\forall r\forall n
                                  Accept-Encoding: gzip,deflate\runningright
                                  Connection: keep-alive\formatsr\formatsr
  carriage return, line feed
  at start of line indicates
  end of header lines
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carriage return character

Other HTTP request messages

POST method:

- web page often includes form input
- user input sent from client to server in entity body of HTTP POST request message

GET method (for requesting data to server):

include requested data in URL field of HTTP GET request message:

GET www.someschool.edu/index.html HTTP/1.1

HEAD method:

 requests headers (only) that would be returned if specified URL were requested with an HTTP GET method.

PUT method:

- uploads new file (object) to server
- completely replaces file that exists at specified URL with content in entity body of POST HTTP request message

HTTP response message

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status line (protocol _____
                             → HTTP/1.1 200 OK
status code status phrase)
                               Date: Tue, 08 Sep 2020 00:53:20 GMT
                                Server: Apache/2.4.6 (CentOS)
                                  OpenSSL/1.0.2k-fips PHP/7.4.9
                                  mod perl/2.0.11 Perl/v5.16.3
                       header
                                Last-Modified: Tue, 01 Mar 2016 18:57:50 GMT
                                ETag: "a5b-52d015789ee9e"
                                Accept-Ranges: bytes
                                Content-Length: 2651
                                Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
                                YrYn
data, e.g., requested
                               data data data data ...
HTML file
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HTTP response status codes

- status code appears in 1st line in server-to-client response message.
- some sample codes:

200 OK

request succeeded, requested object later in this message

301 Moved Permanently

 requested object moved, new location specified later in this message (in Location: field)

400 Bad Request

request msg not understood by server

404 Not Found

requested document not found on this server

505 HTTP Version Not Supported