

Computer Networking: Interconnecting computer systems via telecommunications methods to share data and resources.

1) Persistent: Networks are everywhere.

2) Distributed: Most mainstream software systems are spread out over systems and/or data centers.

3) Performance: can depend on network usage.

4) Arpanet: 1969 first internet connection. Connected US Universities. First message was "login", but it crashed after "lo". It sent the result after rebooting an hour later.

5) Jobs: Network Engineer/Architect: Design, build, maintain **NW's. Server App Dev:** Works on server/backend for cloud apps.

Network Software Admin: NWS/Cloud Comp. **Network Security Eng:** NWS + Computer Security.

1.1 Network Stack: 1) **Application Layer** - send & receive data. 2) **Transport Layer** - packetization (OS, packet type, network setup) abstracted away. Apps use **Protocols**, which define structure of data (requests & responses), port numbers and other conventions. Example: WWW, part of the internet made by TEL, uses HTTP. Web browsers send GET requests to web servers, which receives, processes, and sends a html page response. The browser receives, processes, displays. **HTTP** exists in the app layer of **TCP/IP**.

2) Transport Layer - Establishes back data channels, taking data to be sent/received and converting to/from data packets. **Two types of Network Connection:** 1) **Connection Oriented TCP:** UnACKed packets sent in order. 2) **Connectionless UDP:** Packets sent at once - performance. **3) Network Layer** - Adds IP Address, and other info to packets, routes them through a mesh network of hosts to reach destination. Path taken frequently changes and is per packet. **4) Data Link Layer** - NIC controls communication standards to allow phys. comm. of data to transfer packets between devices. NIC acts as an intermediate, to and from underlying 4G/5G/WiFi connections, or Ethernet/Coxial/Fiber Optic. **5) Physical Layer** - the hardware that transfers data.

1.2 The Internet: Packet: Formatted unit of data.

1) Packet Switching: Switches/Routers operate on individual packets. They can be sent in order (no processing cost) to different S/Ss depending on info in packet - (extra space in packet). Different packets take different paths - avoids slow/disconnected paths. + No setup cost. - Cannot guarantee quality of service. - High network resource utilisation. **Example: The Internet.**

2) Circuit Switching: - Expensive; path is specified and connected. Connection maintained for communication duration. + No processing or space cost - data sent straight down the link. - If link becomes slow or breaks, must obtain new one. - Quality of service guaranteed (as we reserve resources - but nobody/thing else can use this line).

3) Mobile Telephones: (modern phones are digital, use VoIP (voice over IP)).

1.3 Internet Protocol Stack: Protocol rules determining data transmission between devices. Executable, unambiguous, complete.

1) Handshake: Establish identities, and context to begin comm.

2) Conversation: The communication, done as specified by protocol.

3) Closing: terminates convo, cleans up/ notifies others.

We use the **5 layer model:** Application, Transport, Network, Data Link, Physical. There's also 7 layer OSI - with Presentation and Session between Application and Transport and a 4th OSI (AKA **TCP/IP Stack**), which flattens the bottom two layers into Network, Data Link, and Physical. "Internet" rather than "Network" layer. **Service:** If we're offering the HTTP Protocol then we offer a web service. We are a web server.

1.4 Internet Protocol Stack & Implementation

2) Master Addressing: (denote recp), **Error Control** (detect/correct), **Flow Control** (fast sender should't swamp slow receiver), **De/multiplexing** (support parallel comm), **Good Routing:** Network Layer usually supports connection-oriented (setup connection with client, transmit data over channel, e.g. TCP or IP) or connectionless protocols (send data without formal connection - UDP on IP), or **crutch** w/ packet switching.

3) What's below: When we moved the top 3 layers send data down their stack, until the bottom layer sends it to a receiver who then processes up their stack.

1) Application Layer in IP: Defines app functionality and message formats. e.g. **Old:** DNS, SMTP, FTP, Telnet, HTTP, SSH, News: Middleware supporting distib. Systems (Java RMI, Apache Thrift). **High-Lvl e-commerce, banking (VISA), P2P:** BitTorrent, old Skype. **2) Transport Layer:** offers connection-oriented/less protocols. Provides network interface via sockets. Supports secure comm. - send data reliably, in order. Supports datagrams (UDP). **Flow Control:** Network Layer: Deals with Routing & Congestion, Best Route, deal with connections going down, multi-casting/broadcasting, packet dropping when overloaded.

4) Data Link Layer: Reduce, detect, and rectify bit transmission error. **Parity Bits:** Also specify how computers share communication channels (MAC addresses). Specify how networks connect (e.g. Ethernet, FDDI, token rings). **5) Physical Layer:** Describe raw bit transmission in terms of mechanical/electrical issues.

1.5) Network Performance

Formulae: = 1000 Bytes. Kibibit = 1000 Bits. Kibibyte = 1024 Bytes. **Example:** 1 bits, t_c time when data sent, t_r time to send first part of message. **1) Throughput:** = transferred bits/time (link bandwidth). $R = L/t_r$ - **Actual value, Bandwidth** is just maximum possible through put. Input through-put= output. (and thus we know it). Later if we enter that cookie ID, we have a match, it returns the old value which was stored in DB. When we logout, the cookies are deleted usually, but some websites keep them.

2) Packetization: transmission/store/forward delay: L/R

4) Transfer Time: send time per bit: $d + L/R$ (latency+packetization)

1.5.1) Processing Delay

1) When we send data to a router we have **Processing Delay** (it has some work/computes route), send to **Queueing Delay** - has to do some work for a long time (e.g. get dropped in R - link bandwidth (b/s) , $L =$ packet length (b), $t =$ average packet arrival rate.

2) Traffic Intensity: $(T) = \lambda / R$. Small Delay $\Rightarrow T \ll 0$. Large $\Rightarrow T \approx 1$. $T \gg 1 \Rightarrow$ Delay, packets will be dropped. **2) The Web:** Internet apps are end system apps/processes. Processes run on diff hardware/OS.

2.1 The Web: Internet Apps are end system apps/processes. Processes may exchange messages with act as inputs to others. Processes run on diff hardware/OS, but they must be able to address one another to communicate. Protocols give buyers a map of abstraction. End systems and local processes that are networking - w/ distinguish them by their **port number** (used by **TLayer**). Between two communication processes there are two roles:

1) Client: Initiates communication. If on a **connection oriented** service, the client establishes this connection.

Using Sockets: Creates Socket C by connecting to server; Use C by writing/reading to/from, Disconnect and destroy C.

2) Server: Waits to be connected to for communication. If on a connection oriented service, the server passively accepts comm. reqs. If apps have processes acting both as Client and Server, it's P2P arch. **Using Sockets:** Creates Socket S by accepting connection on port P. R/W data from/to client. S, Disconnect and Destroy S.

2.1.1 World Wide Web: Based on **hypertext/link**. Glorified FTP, transfers plaintext web files. Success bc: of simplicity of HTML and **Web** (Network Protocol). Easy to learn/use, GUI Browsers.

2.2) Web Terminology:

Document: A webpage, a website containing several. **Objects:** A file, documents may contain several (HTML, JS, video). **Uniform Resource Locator** (specifies the address of an object).

Browser: Program to request, receive docs and process the document to display graphically.

Web Application: Web client/server interaction document and objects, serving them to clients over HTTP.

2.3) HTTP: Use connection-oriented transport (TCP) tho works w/ UDP. **Staleless**, each request and response is a single unit, if a request is dropped no others are affected.

1) HTTP / 1.0: Uses one TCP connection per object. Inefficient, requires many objects to be spawned and destroyed.

2) HTTP / 1.1: Most popular. Same TCP connection issues multiple requests and responses. Default is persistent communication, but request with "Connection: close" does it after reqs/responses sent.

3) HTTP / 2: Faster. Expected to replace 1.x. Exchanges content in chunks. **allows pipelining.** Can use a single TCP connection with requests in parallel.

4) HTTP / 3: Uses UDP for exchanges, faster. Still in development.

2.4) Anatomy of a HTTP Request / Response

1) Request Contains: Protocol version, URL specification, Content Attrs, Content/Feature Negotiation.

2) Response Contains: Protocol version, reply status/value, Conn. Attrs, Object Attrs, Content Specification (type, length), Content (obj) authoritative DNS) for a reply. **Id** queries name server.

HTTP Methods: GET: retrieve object using URL. POST: Submit data to server (e.g. a form, message). HEAD: Like get, but only retrieve the meta-data, not the body. **Example Request:**

GET /img/212/index.html HTTP/1.1 <- Request Line
Host: www.cmu.edu <- Headerlines
User-agent: Mozilla/5.0
Accept-Language: en-GB
- Empty line, followed by possibly empty object body

Example Response:

HTTP/1.1 200 OK <- Status line
Date: Mon, 27 Jul 2012 22:58:53 GMT
Server: Apache/2.2.14 (Win32) <- Header Lines
Content-Length: 88
Content-Type: text/html
Connection: closed
- Empty Line
<html> <body>
<h1>Hello, World!</h1> <- Object Body
</body> </html>

2.5) Status Codes:

1xx Informational:

2xx Successful: operation (e.g. 200 - OK).

3xx Redirection: User should move, temporarily or permanently.

4xx Client Error: e.g. 401 (Unauthorized), 404 (Object not found).

5xx Server error: e.g. 500 (Internal server error), 503 (overloaded). We can use telnet to send plaintext commands to a server listening on a specific port (80 for HTTP):

>telnet www.imperial.ac.uk
>GET /computing/HTTP/1.1
>Host: www.imperial.ac.uk

2.6) Web Caching - Proxies can be used to cache requests. The proxy simply gets the request from the client, sends it cached, if not request from server, store in cache for some time. Fetches request from server, then sends it to the client.

2.7) HTTP Caching: HTTP is stateless, but sometimes we need stateful applications (e.g. save shopping cart). We can do this with the **Set-Cookie** <NUM_ID> and **Cookie** <NUM_ID> headers. We can do this by sending a request with the Expires header or max-age directive of **CACHE-CONTROL**. Clients can use conditional GET with an IF-Modified-Since header. Example use of header: 1) Cache the cookie. 2) Cache the cookie. max-age=10, must revalidate. 3) Cache the cookie. HTTP is stateless, but sometimes we need stateful applications (e.g. save shopping cart). We can do this with the **Set-Cookie** <NUM_ID> and **Cookie** <NUM_ID> headers. We can do this by sending a request with the Expires header or max-age directive of **CACHE-CONTROL**. Clients can use conditional GET with an IF-Modified-Since header. Example use of header: 1) Cache the cookie. 2) Cache the cookie. max-age=10, must revalidate. 3) Cache the cookie. 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When a class A fails we can short-circuit two class As to create a single ring (connecting two rings at disconnected ends).

Rings can be up to 100km long, so FDDI must work with a length up to 200km. No longer popular

Resolution (ARP) Message: All hosts connected directly to a switch/multicast-bus. Any host can communicate with any other. The central switch is a single point of failure. **Line:** Bus (e.g. Ethernet), Ring (e.g. FDDI), Star (e.g. Hybrid 10)

Mesh: Useful, expensive, Full Mesh impractical.

Star: **6.8 MAC:** The data link layer is actually split into two layers. Higher LLC, and lower MAC (media access control). **Bus:** Inverses. **MAC:** controls channel access, as a broadcast channel can have multiple receiving hosts and **Star:** transmissions at the same time (frame collisions). **Bus:** receives a transmitting on a shared medium.

MAC States:

1) No Control: When a frame isn't received, station retransmits as it places. **Fine if low channel utilisation when contention is high** (many transmitting stations means collisions & attempted re-transmissions). **2) Round Robin:** stations take turns to transmit. Used in token-based MAC systems. **3) Channel reservation:** stations obtain channel reservation prior to transmitting. Stations can only transmit for the time interval they have reserved. Requires lots to manage reservations. Used in slotted systems.

Channel Allocations – each station is allocated a fixed schedule of slots to be allowed to transmit. For a shared channel of N stations: **Division Multiplexing (TDM):** Stations wait for their time slot to transmit. Station's transmission rate limited to R/N ; $R = \text{max channel rate}$.

Quasidivision Multiplexing: Stations given a limited frequency. Each station can use B/N where $B = \text{total channel bandwidth}$. Bad for traffic that is in bursts.

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