

01. Introduction

- **Network Edge** - Hosts (Clients and servers)
- **Access Networks** - Wired and wireless communication links
- **Network Core** - Network of interconnected routers

Network Core

- **Store and Forward** - Entire packet must arrive at router before being transmitted to next link

Key Functions of Network Core

- **Routing** - Determines source-destination routes taken by packets (How we get the hashtable)
- **Forwarding** - Move packets from router's input to correct router output

Packet-Switching

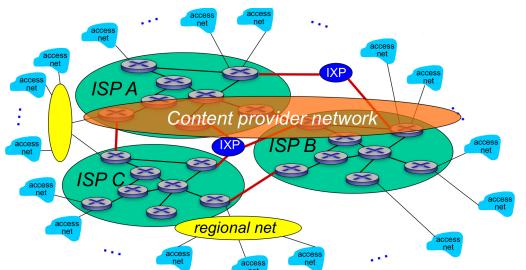
- Host breaks messages into packets of L bits
- Transmits packets into access network at transmission rate R (aka Link bandwidth, capacity)

$$\text{Packet Transmission Delay} = \frac{\text{Packet Size (bits)}}{\text{Transmission Rate (bits/sec)}}$$

Circuit Switching

- Resources reserved for call between source and destination
- End to end resources allocated and reserved
- Set up and teardown required
- Circuits like (guaranteed) performance cos circuit reserved per usage
- Pros: Better performance
- Cons: More resources (Unable to share with other processes)

Internet Structure

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- End systems connect to Internet via **Access Internet Service Providers (ISPs)** (autonomous systems \rightarrow regional ISP \rightarrow Access ISP \rightarrow hosts)
 - ISPs connect to larger global ISPs (usually competitors)
 - Large ISPs connect via **peering links** or **internet exchange points (IXP)**
 - **IXP** - Physical place with routers from different ISPs
 - **Regional Networks** - Smaller ISPs
 - **Content Provider Networks** - Provide content close to end users

Loss, Delay, and Throughput

Packet Loss

- If Arrival Rate $>$ Transmission Rate, packets will queue and can be dropped if buffer fills up
- Solutions: Lost packets can be retransmitted

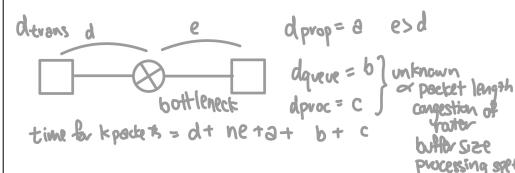
Packet Delay

$$d_{\text{nodal}} = d_{\text{proc}} + d_{\text{queue}} + d_{\text{trans}} + d_{\text{prop}}$$

- **Nodal Processing** - (d_{proc}) Check for bit errors and determine output link
- **Queueing Delay** - (d_{queue}) Time at queue waiting for transmission, router congestion
- **Transmission Delay** - (d_{trans}) Time to load packet onto link
- $d_{\text{trans}} = \frac{L}{R}$ where L is packet length and R is link bandwidth
- **Propagation Delay** - (d_{prop}) Time for 1 bit to reach end of link
- $d_{\text{prop}} = \frac{d}{s}$ where d is length of link and s is propagation speed
- Does not depend on packet size, number of packets or number of intermediate nodes

Throughput

- Rate at which bits transferred between hosts
- Different from transmission rate (Theoretical upper bound)
- Measures end-to-end, even through intermediaries
- Irregardless of the size of packets
- Dealing with bottlenecks over n packets:



- Average: Rate over long period of time
- Instantaneous: Rate at given point in time

Protocol Layers and Service Models

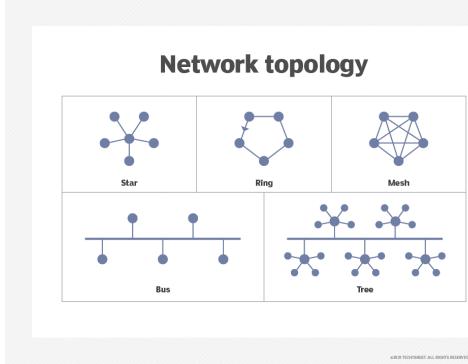
- **Protocol** - Defines format, order of messages sent and received, and actions taken on message transmission
- **Layering** - Each layer implements a service by doing something within layer and relying on services provided by layer below it
 - Explicit structure allows us to make sense of complex components
 - Easy maintenance (Like OOP, change in 1 layer should not affect others)

Internet Protocol Stack

1. **Application** - eg. FTP, SMTP
2. **Transport** - TCP, UDP
3. **Network** - IP, Routing protocols
4. **Link** - Ethernet, WiFi, PPP
5. **Physical** - Wires, bits

- **Encapsulation** - Take information from a higher layer and adds a header to it, treating the higher layer information as data

Topology



- **Star** - Lowest cost and simplest

- **Mesh** - High redundancy, increased cost but highest transmission speeds

02. Application Layer

- Programs that run on end systems, and not on network-core devices

Client-server Architecture

- Server: Always-on host, Permanent IP address, waits for incoming req and provides service to client
- Clients: Communicates with server, Intermittently connected, Dynamic IP addresses, Do not communicate with each other directly, initiate connection with server to request services

P2P Architecture

- Peers request service from other peers and provide service in return
- No always-on server, Intermittently connected, Dynamic IP addresses
- **Self Scalability** - New peers offer new services and demands

Process

- **Inter-process Communication** - How 2 processes in 1 host communicate
- **Socket** - Process sends/receives messages to/from its socket (like a door)
 - Outside of socket, transport layer delivers message

Addressing Processes

- Motivation: IP address is not enough to address process, since many processes can be running on same host
 - **Identifier** - IP address and port number
 - **IP** - 32-bit address for identifying host
 - **Port Number** - 16-bit to identify specific process on host

Services

- **Data Integrity** - Reliable data transfer
- **Timing** - Low delay/latency
- **Throughput** - Minimum amount of throughput for effectiveness
- **Security** - Encryption, data integrity

Transport Protocol Services

1. **TCP** - Transmission Control Protocol
 - Reliable transport
 - Flow control: Sender does not overwhelm receiver
 - Congestion control
 - Connection-oriented: Setup required between client and server
 2. **UDP** - User Datagram Protocol
 - Unreliable data transfer
 - Fast
- Does not guarantee minimum throughput and timing

App-layer Protocol

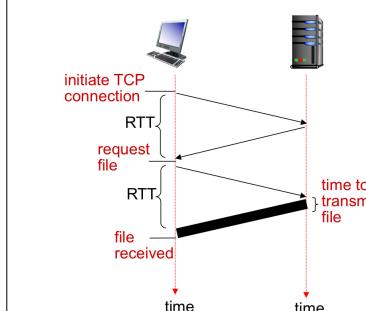
- Types of messages exchanged (e.g. Request or response)
- Message syntax: How fields are delineated
- Messages semantics: Meaning of information in fields

HTTP - 80

- **Hypertext Transfer Protocol** - Web's application layer protocol
- Motivation: Web page consists of objects (HTML, images). Need method to request/send web objects.
- Follows client/server model
- Uses TCP
- **Stateless** - Server maintains no information about past requests

Non-persistent HTTP 1.0

- At most 1 object sent over TCP connection
- Downloading multiple objects requires multiple TCP connections
- New TCP connection for each web resource/object

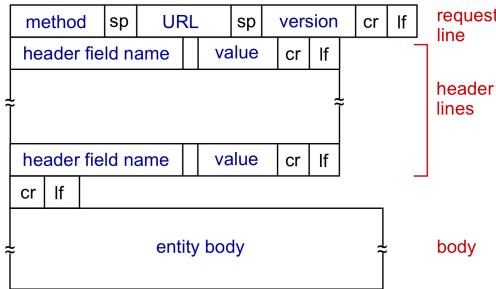


- Server closes TCP connection after sending file
- **Return Trip Time** - (RTT) Time for small packet to travel from client to server and back
- RTT is $2 * d_{\text{prop}}$
- Response Time: $2 \text{ RTT} + \text{File transmission time}$

Persistent HTTP

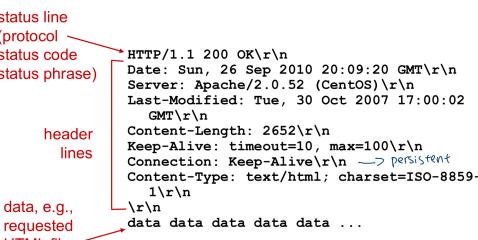
- Multiple objects can be sent over single TCP connection
- Server leaves TCP connection open after sending response
- As little as one RTT for all referenced objects

HTTP Request Message



- To upload form input: **POST method** - Input uploaded via entity body and **URL method** - Input uploaded in URL field of GET method
- **HTTP/1.0** - GET, POST, HEAD (Ask server to leave request object out of response)
- **HTTP/1.1** - GET, POST, HEAD, PUT, DELETE

HTTP Response Message



Error codes

200 OK

301 Moved permanently

304 Not modified (during conditional GET)

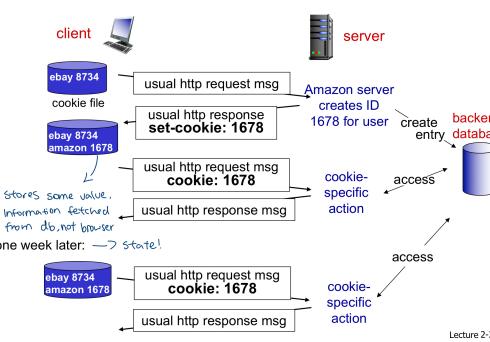
400 Bad request

404 Resource not found

505 HTTP Version Not Supported

Cookies

- Maintains state on client side
- Components: Cookie header for HTTP response, Cookie header for HTTP request, Cookie file on user's host (Key-value pair), Database on server



Web Cache (Proxy Server)

- Goal: Fulfill request without involving origin server via caching
- Browser sends all HTTP requests to cache
- Pros: Faster, Reduces traffic to origin server
- Cons: What if origin server updates?
- **Conditional GET** - Origin server doesn't send object if cache has updated version
- Cache: Specifies date of cached copy in HTTP request to origin (If-modified-since)
- Origin Server: Response contains no object if cached object is updated (Empty content body)

Domain Name System - 53

- Maps between hostname (e.g. yahoo.com) and IP address
- Implemented using distributed and hierarchical databases
- Application-layer protocol (Why?)

Build complexity in edges to simplify inner core networks

- Uses UDP (Much faster and smaller packet overhead)
- Services provided

Host/Email aliasing Additional name for complicated hostnames

Load balancing Providing multiple IP addresses for the same URL

- **Local DNS Name Server** - Local cache of name-to-address mapping. Forwards query into hierarchy.

- **Time to Live** - (TTL) Cached mappings disappear after some time

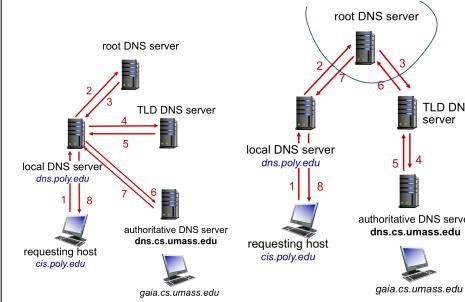
- **Root Name Server** - Contacted by local name server that cannot resolve name. Provides IP address of TLD servers.

- **Top-level Domain Server** - (TLD) Provides IP address of authoritative server

- **Authoritative DNS Server** - Organization's own DNS server. Provides mappings for organization's named hosts.

- If local DNS server does not have requested record in cache, it will start **recursive** DNS resolution process.

- Iterated query: "Not sure, ask this server"



- Recursive query: "Okay, let me find for you"

- Heavy load on upper levels of hierarchy

Local DNS servers does both

DNS Caching

Cache entry - Cache record of recent name mapping

- Timeout after some time based on TTL
- Best effort name-to-address translation (can be out-of-date)
- **Resource record** - Mapping btw hostname and IP
- Format: $\{NAME, TYPE, VALUE, TTL\}$

DNS Cache poisoning

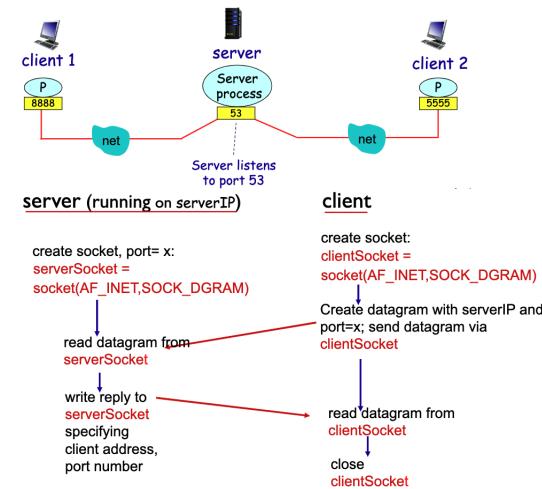
- DNS spoofing attack - Rogue DNS records introduced in resolver's cache, leading to incorrect IP address reply

Telnet

- Protocol to test open ports and enables terminal-to-terminal communication
- Test connectivity, issue commands

03. Socket Programming with UDP and TCP

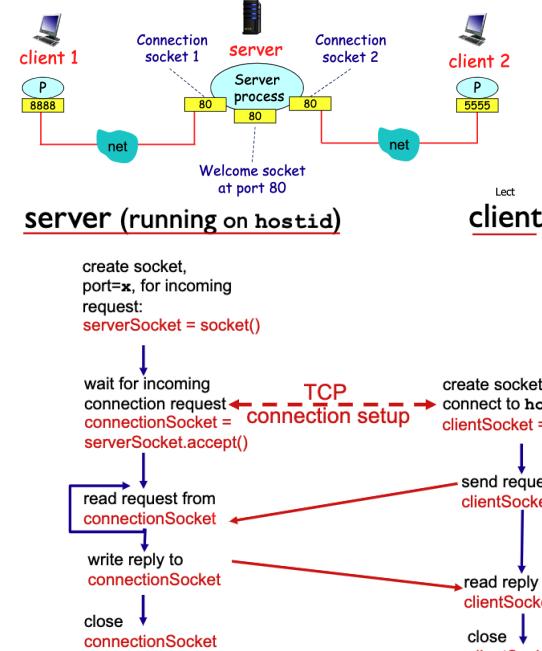
UDP Socket



- No connection beforehand. Just send it.
- Server has 1 socket to serve all clients
- Sender attaches destination IP address and port number (**Stateless**)
- Unreliable datagram: Data may be lost or out-of-order

Datagram - Group of bytes

TCP Socket



- Client establishes connection to server via welcome socket
- Server makes new socket for each client
- Server identifies client via connection (**Stateful**)
- Reliable stream pipe: Data always in order

Remarks

- SOCK_STREAM - TCP, SOCK_DGRAM - UDP
- Can only specify destination port numbers, source port numbers randomly assigned by OS

04. UDP and Reliable Protocol

Transport Layer Services

- Provide logical communication between processes in different hosts
- VS network: Process-to-process VS host-to-host
- Sender: Breaks app messages into segments
- Receiver: Reassembles segments

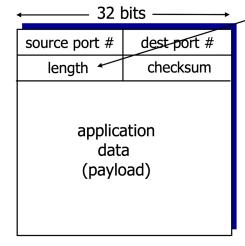
UDP

On top of network layer, UDP adds:

1. Connectionless multiplexing/de-multiplexing
 - UDP segments contain both source and destination ports
 - **Multiplexing** - Sent to target processes
 - **Demultiplexing** - Delivering the received segments at the receiver side to the correct app layer processes

2. Checksum

UDP Segment Header



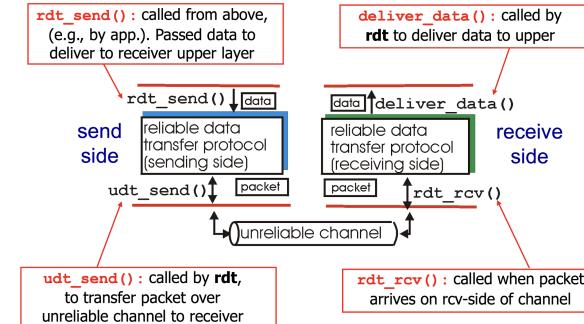
Note that length includes 8 byte header + body content

Checksum

- Goal: Detect errors in received segment
 1. Treat UDP segment as sequence of 16-bit integers
 2. Add every 16-bit integer (Carry added back to result)
 3. Invert to get UDP checksum (1's complement)
- At receiver, segments are summed with checksum. All 1s if correct.

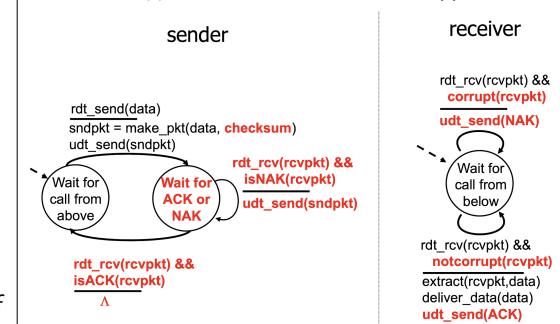
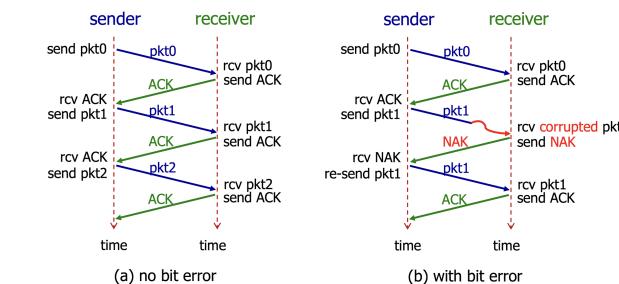
Reliable Data Transfer (rdt)

- Characteristics of unreliable channel will determine services provided by rdt
- Cannot fix unordered packets



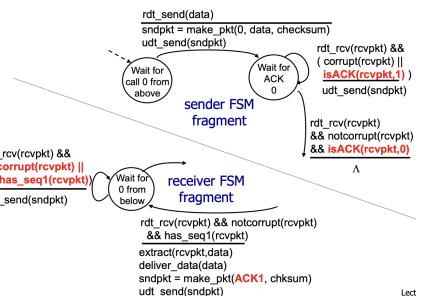
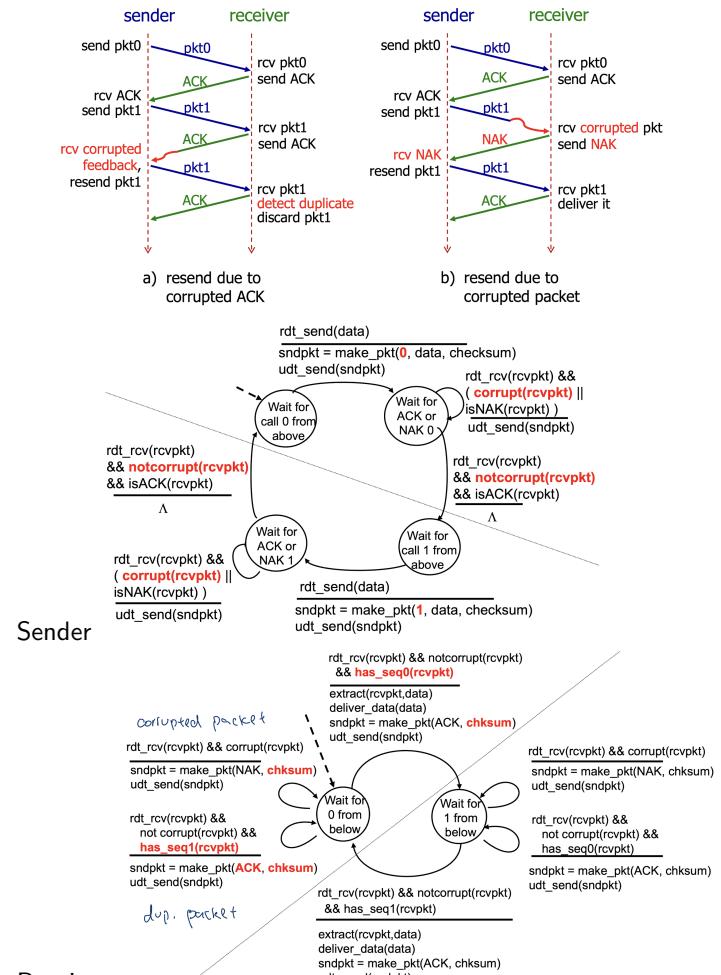
rdt 2.0

- New problem: **Bit error** - May flip bits in packet
- Solution:
 - Perform checksum to detect bit errors
 - **Stop and wait protocol** - Sender sends one packet at a time and wait for response
 - * Maximum send/receive window for N packets is $1/N$
 - **ACK** - Receiver tells sender that packet received is ok
 - **NAK** - Receiver tells sender that packet received has errors (retransmission)



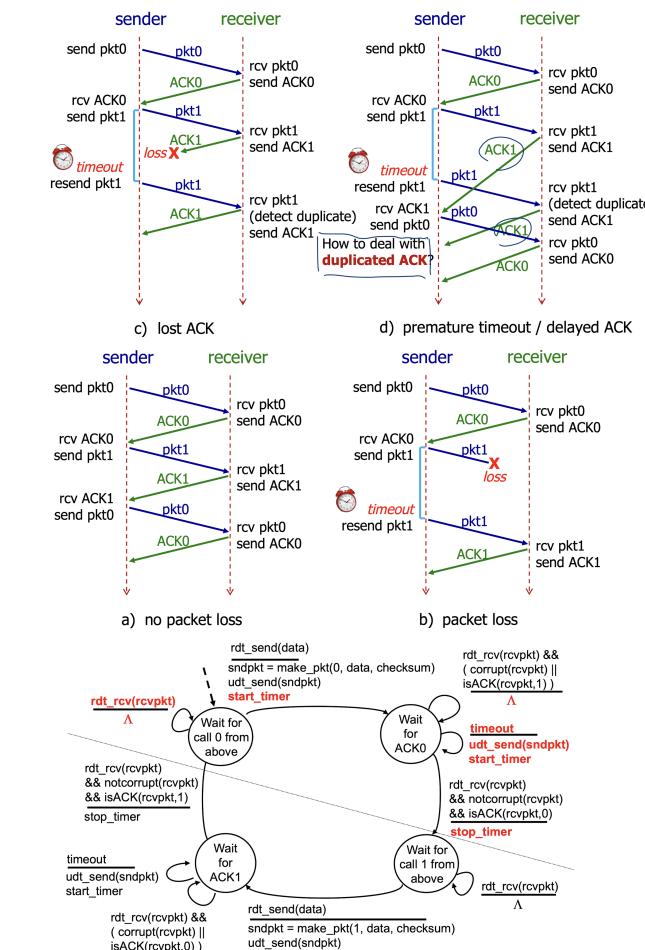
rdt 2.1

- New problem: ACK/NAK may be corrupted
- Solution: Sender retransmits packet after receiving corrupted ACK/NAK
- New problem: Duplicate packets during retransmission
- Solution: Sender adds **sequence number** to each packet and receiver discards duplicate packet (Only 0 and 1 needed)



rdt 3.0

- New problem: Lost packets
- Solution: Sender waits for some time for ACK and retransmits packet
- What if duplicate packet? Sequence number handles this.
- What if duplicate ACK? Do nothing.



Performance of rdt 3.0

- **Stop-and-wait protocol** - Sender sends 1 packet at a time, then waits for receiver response
- Performance is bad. Stop-and-wait protocol limits use of resources

Utilization

- Given: 1 Gbps link, 15 ms prop. delay, 8000 bit packet
- $D_{trans} = \frac{L}{R} = \frac{8000 \text{ bits}}{10^9 \text{ bits/sec}} = 8 \text{ microsecs}$

$$U_{sender} = \frac{D_{trans}}{RTT + D_{trans}} = \frac{0.008}{30.008} = 0.027\%$$

$$\text{Pipelined Utilisation} = U * \text{window_size}$$

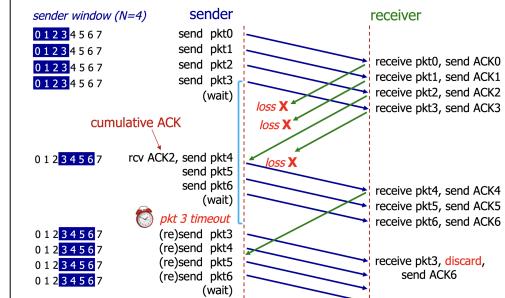
Pipelined Protocols

- **Pipelining** - Sender allows multiple not-yet-ACKed packets
 - Need more sequence numbers
 - Buffering at sender and receiver

Pipeline vs Parallel (HTTP)

- Parallel connections need to retrieve HTML webpage first before retrieving data elements
- Pipeline can retrieve HTML and data elements all at once

Go-Back-N



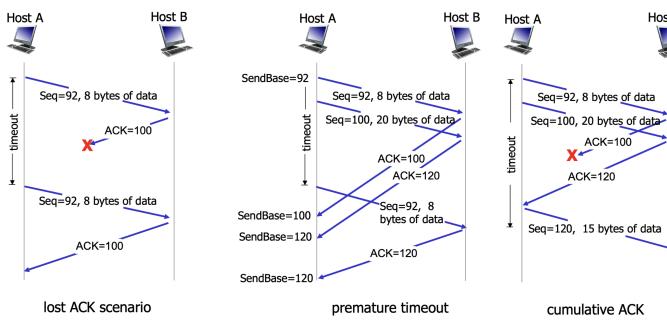
Intuition: Sliding window

Sender:

- Timer for oldest in-flight packet
- If timeout(n), retransmit packet n and other pkts in window

Receiver:

- **Cumulative ACK** - ACK for correct pkt with highest in-order sequence
- Only ACK packets that arrive **in-order**
- Discard **out-of-order** packets
- Not efficient, since future packets discarded if out-of-order



RTT

- Problem: Estimate timeout value for retransmission
- Solution: Average recent **SampleRTT** - Measured time from segment transmission until ACK
- $\text{EstimatedRTT} = (1 - \alpha) * \text{EstimatedRTT} + \alpha * \text{SampleRTT}$
- Exponential weighted moving average
- **DevRTT** - Margin due to deviation from Estimate RTT
- $(1 - \beta) * \text{DevRTT} + \beta * (\text{Sample RTT} - \text{Estimated RTT})$
- **Timeout Interval** - $\text{EstimatedRTT} + 4 * \text{DevRTT}$
- $\alpha \approx \frac{1}{8}, \beta \approx \frac{1}{4}$

Fast retransmission

- Retransmit unacked segment **IMMEDIATELY** with **smallest seq #** after receiving 4 ACKs for same data

Midterm tips

1. Bits are b and bytes are B (8 bits = byte)

06: IP Addressing

Function

1. **Forwarding** - Move packets from router input to output
2. Routing
 - Determine route taken by packets from source to destination
 - Plan trip from source to destination

Planes

1. Data plane
 - Local per router function
 - Determines how datagram forwarded to output port
2. Control plane
 - Network wide logic
 - Routing algorithms

Subnet

- Network formed by directly interconnected host
- Internal host can communicate without router
- Connect to external networks with router
- Same network prefix

Format	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Subnet	128	192	224	240	248	252	254	255
Powers	2	4	8	16	32	64	128	256

Special subnet

Private IP addresses 10.0.0.0/8, 172.16.0.0/12, 192.168.0.0/16

- DHCP assigned IP address on LAN

Loopback address

Broadcast 255.255.255.255/32 - local broadcast within subnet useful for discovering DHCP servers

Default network

Self-assigned 169.254.x.x - Device assigns itself if unable to receive IP from DHCP server

CIDR

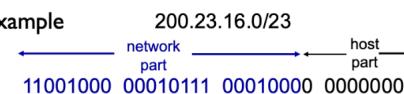
- An IP address logically comprises two parts:



CIDR: Classless InterDomain Routing

- arbitrary length for the subnet portion (network prefix)
- address format: **a.b.c.d/x**, where x is # bits in subnet portion of address

Example



Subnet mask

Subnet mask is made by setting all network prefix bits to "1"s and host ID bits to "0"s.

- example: for IP address 200.23.16.42/23:

IP address in binary	network prefix	host ID
11001000 00010111 00010000 00101010		
Subnet mask	11111111 11111111 11111110 00000000	
Subnet mask in decimal	255.255.254.0	

- used to determine which network an IP address belongs to (use bitwise AND operation)

Hierarchical addressing

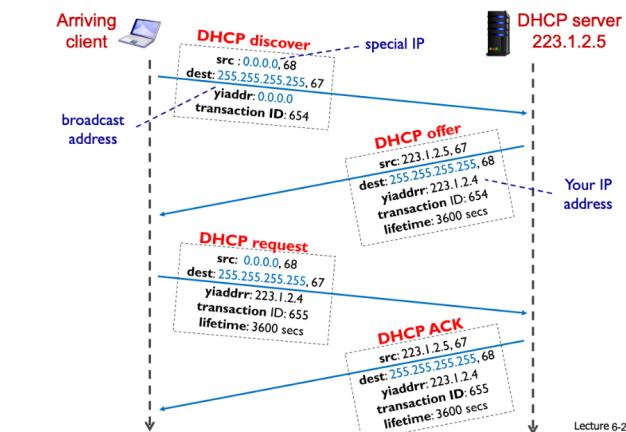
Route aggregation - Advertise routing information by grouping similar IP addresses
Longest Prefix matching

Routes to subnet with the greatest subnet portion of CIDR

DHCP

Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol - Lease IP address from network server when joining network

- Runs over UDP, broadcasted in ethernet (FF:FF... dst mac address)
- Broadcast is used to ensure that all responding servers know that client has chosen a server
- Router can act as DHCP
- Server #: 67, sends "DHCP ack" and "DHCP offer"
- Client #: 68, sends "DHCP request" and "DHCP discover"



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What happens when multiple servers in network?

- Transaction ID specifies the DHCP connection

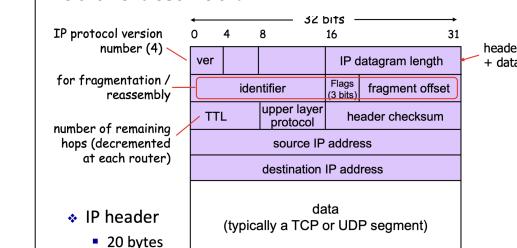
07. IP Routers

IP fragmentation

MTU - Maximum Transfer Unit, maximum amount of data a link-level frame can carry

Fragmentation - Large datagrams that are broken up by routers

- Fragmentation frequently occur in router but only reassembled at the destination



- Fragmentation does not replicate header of upper layer
- Checksum is the sum of all 16 bit segments in the header for verification of the header information
- Upper layer protocol eg. TCP, UDP, ICMP, IGMP
- Frag flag = 1 if there are more fragments from same segment, 0 = last fragment
- Offset - in units of 8-bytes specifying the offset of fragment wrt beginning of unfragmented IP datagram

Problem:
Not enough IP addresses to specify all devices

Network Address Translation

Using private IP addresses to map devices within an organisation and enable communication with the internet

- WAN (Wide area network) vs LAN (Local area network) - private vs public IP address

Implementation

- Stored as a table of <WAN IP, WAN port> to <LAN IP, LAN port> 786,432 bytes
- Sending: Src ip → NAT ip of router, src port → random port (dst same)
- Return: Dst ip and port replaced with LAN ip and port saved

Motivation

- No need to rent a range of public IP addresses from ISP: just 1 for NAT
- Hosts using private IP address can have variable IP addresses without notifying other hosts
- Can change ISP without changing addresses of host in LAN
- Hosts in Lan are not explicitly addressable and visible by outside (Security)

Challenges

- Difficult to have p2p applications across WANs

Routing

Hierachial routing on internet due to size and decentralised administration
Goal: Find the least cost to connect 2 hosts through routers

- Routers maintain a routing table, with <subnet, next hop/interface> pairings
- Routing tables determine the routes that packets go
- Routing algorithms populate routing tables
- Typically not load-balancing
 - If cost is better, router will send all packets instead of splitting based on cost

Intra Autonomous system(AS) routing

- Finds good path between routers within AS
- Single admin so no policy decision needed
- Performance impt in routing
- Protocols - RIP and OSPF

Inter AS routing

- Handles interfaces between AS
- Admin wants control over traffic routing
- Policy > performance
- Protocol - BGP

Cost associated along each link based on various factors

- Inversely related to bandwidth
- Related to congestion of router
- Distance, \$

Distance vector (DV)

Iterative Bellman-Ford computation

1. Starting router queries all the neighbours around it
2. Neighbours could have cached the distance vector to other routers
 - (a) Router can send the table of distance vectors to the new router (routing tables)
3. No/incomplete distance vector record: Wait for (change in local link cost or message from neighbour)

4. Recomputes DV estimates using DV received from neighbour

5. Notify neighbours if DV to any destination changes

- Iterative and asynchronous: local iteration caused by
 - Local link cost changes
 - DV update messages from neighbours
- Distributed and self stopping
 - Each node notifies neighbours **only** when DV changes (if necessary)

Link state algorithms

- Periodically broadcasting link costs to each other
 - **All** routers have complete knowledge of topology and link cost
- Use Dijkstra algorithm to compute least cost path locally

Routing Information Protocol(RIP)

- Implements DV algorithm
- Uses hop count as cost metric
- **Self-repair** - If no updates from router for 3 minutes will assume router fails
- Exchanges routing table every 30s (UDP - 520)

Internet Control Message Protocol - ICMP

Used by hosts and routers to communicate network information

When TTL is 0, packet is discarded and ICMP error message is sent to datagram's source address

Error reporting Unreachable host/network/port/protocol

Echo Request

Headers Starts after IP header carried in IP datagrams

Type	Code	Description
8	0	echo request (ping)
0	0	echo reply (pong)
3	1	dest host unreachable
3	3	dest port unreachable
11	0	TTL expired
12	0	bad IP header

Ping

- Used to echo and test connection between different remote hosts
- Format: XX bytes from *client ip*: $icmp_seq=X$ $ttl=X$ $time=X$ ms
- Time == time taken for ping command to execute completely
- ttl = number of hops between client and remote host
- $icmp_seq$ = index of the datagrams sent to remote host (ascending order, default 0..6)

Traceroute

- Sends series of small packets with different TTL to display route to get to host
- Mechanism
 - TTL decrements every hop from initial TTL, X
 - Once TTL has reached 0, it will immediately reply with ICMP error message, addressed from the current device to the original source
 - Extract source IP address from the reply to get the device X hops away

08. Link layer

- Standard size MTU for ethernet is 1500 bytes (Excluding header of 18-20 bytes)

Motivation

- Sending data between N nodes via cable
 - Interconnect the N nodes via broadcast link
 - Every link has to be addressed
 - Define protocol so address to node on shared link (who speaks when and for how long)
 - Need to handle errors (Detection and reliability)

- **Communication channel** - Transmission medium of data signals

- Link layer sends frames transmitted between **physically adjacent** nodes over single link

Services

- **Framing** Encapsulate IP datagram into frame by adding header and trailer

- **Link Access Control** Coordinate which nodes send frames at specific time

- **Error detection** Errors caused by signal attenuation or noise detected by receiver that signals sender for retransmission

- **Error correction** Identifies and correct bit errors without transmission

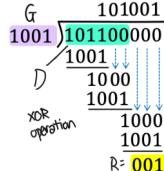
Devices

- Implemented in NIC (network interface card) or on a chip (ethernet card/wifi adapter)
- Adapters are semi-autonomous and implements link and physical layer

Error Detection and correction

Schemes

- Checksum (used in TCP/UDP/IP)
- Parity checking
 - Maintains a parity bit that value dependent on total number of 1s (where $d+1$ bit is even - even parity scheme)
 - Detect odd number of single bit errors
 - Probability of multiple bit errors is low (if errors are independent)
 - IRL errors are clustered so $P(\text{undetected errors}) \approx 50\%$
 - Can be made 2-D where d bits divided into i rows and columns
 - Parity bit along each row and column
 - Detects and corrects bit errors in data by comparing horizontally and vertically for errors
- Cyclic redundancy check (CRC)
 - Decide generator G and number of bits to append, R
 - For every info sent, append R bits of 0 to the back of the data, X
 - Data sent is the largest value less than X divisible by G
 - At receiver, data has error when it is indvisible by G
- Easy to implement (Appending 0s and modulo 2 arithmetic xor)



- Powerful error detection (detects all errors less than $r+1$ bit + $P(1 - 0.5^r)$ error $> r$ bits)
- AKA polynomial code

Multiple access links & protocol

Types of links

- Point-to-point
 - Sender-receiver connected by dedicated link (no need multiple access control)
 - Point-to-point protocol, serial line internet protocol
- Broadcast link (shared medium)
 - Multiple nodes in a shared broadcast channel
 - Channel broadcast frames to all nodes in the network
 - Wifi, satellite, bus ethernet

Motivation

- Collision happens when nodes receives two or more signals concurrently
- Need protocol to decide who, when and how long nodes get to communicate

Transmission algorithms

Goals

Collision free

Efficient Node can send at rate R (max transmission rate)

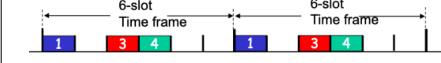
Fairness When M nodes want to transmit, each sends at an average rate R/M

Decentralised No dedicated driver/node to co-ordinate transmission

Channel partitioning

Time division multiple access (TDMA)

- Access channels in fixed length time slots each round
- Not very efficient as unused slots go idle (max throughput is R/N)
- Collision free, fair and decentralised



Frequency division multiple access (FDMA)

- Channel spectrum divided into frequency bands
- Node assigned to fixed band
- Same pros cons as TDMA

Take turn

Polling protocol

- Taking turn protocol that requires one node to be designated master node
- Master node polls each node in round robin to assign usage
- High efficiency, collision free, fair (proper algo for master node) but not decentralised

Token passing

- Token passed from one node to next sequentially
- Holds token \iff want to transmit frames else forward token to next node
- Collision free, high efficiency (negligible overhead from token passing), fair and decentralised
- Might be disruptive (frame loss, system bugs) or node failure

Random access

Slotted ALOHA

- Split time into slots of equal size (synchronised among all nodes)
- Nodes transmit at full channel transmission rate **ONLY** at the beginning of a slot (randomly)
- Have collisions and partially efficient (maximum efficiency at 37% because collision and empty slots)
- Perfectly fair and decentralised

Unslotted ALOHA

- No time slots/synchronisation and transmit entire frame immediately
- Retransmit frames with probability p everytime there is collision until success
- Chance of collisions increase (max efficiency at 18%)

Carrier Sense Multiple Access (CSMA)

- Node decision to transmit is dependent of activity of other nodes attached to channel
- Node detects if other node is transmitting before transmission (defers transmission when channel is busy)
- Collisions may still occur due to propagation delay (does not detect other nodes transmissions immediately)

CSMA/Collision Detection

- Abort transmission immediately when collision detected
- Frame is retransmitted after random delay
- Backoff algorithm** - Adapts retransmission attempts to estimated current load
 - More collisions implies heavier load - increase back-off interval with more collisions
 - Binary exponential backoff (Probability of re-sending = 2^{-m-1} after m collisions)
- Enforce minimum frame size to ensure collision is detected (account for propagation delay)
- Not collision free but efficient, fair and decentralised
- Minimal time taken for the collision to be detected is RTT = $d_{\text{transmission}}$

09. Link layer LAN

Media Access Control (MAC)

- Used to send and receive link layer frames
- Found on every NIC adapter
- If dest MAC == nic mac, extract datagram and pass to protocol stack — else discard frame without interruption
- 48 bits burnt in NIC ROM (read only memory) administered by IEEE
- First 3 bytes specify vendor of adapter
- Can run ifconfig <interface> on unix systems to get the information

Local Area Network (LAN) - Network that interconnects computers within geographical area

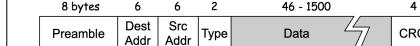
Hidden Node problem - Interference between multiple transmitting terminals simultaneously transmitting data

- Receiving terminal unable to receive data from either terminals

Ethernet

- Dominant wired Lan technology
- 802.3 Standards with different band speeds and physical layer media

Frame Structure



- Note that hosts can use other network-layer protocol besides IP (Type field)
- Preamble used to synchronise receiver and sender clock rates
 - 7 bytes of 10101010 (0xAA)
 - 1 byte of 10101011 (0xAB) (start of frame)

Data delivery service

- Unreliable (no ACK or NAK to sender NIC)
- Data in dropped frames will only be recovered if initial sender uses higher layer RDT
- Uses CSMA/CD with binary (exponential) backoff

Topology

- **Bus topology** popular till mid 90s (broadcast Lan)
- Cons:
 - Backbone cable (network fails if damaged)
 - Difficult to troubleshoot problems
 - Slow and not ideal for large networks
- **Star** prevalent today
- **Hubs** - physical layer device
 - Cheap with easy maintenance
 - Slow and may not be ideal for larger networks (Collision)
- **Switch** - Link layer device with no collisions
 - Store and forward packet switch

Switch Function

- Examine incoming frame Mac address
- Selectively store and forward frame to one or more outgoing links (CSMA/CD)
- Transparent (hosts unaware of switches)
- Plug and play - no need configuration

Mechanism

- Nodes have dedicated direct connection to switch
- Ethernet protocol used without collision due to switching
- Maintains switching forwarding table for **selective forwarding** - only sending frames to the correct interfaces
 - Format *Mac address of host, interface to reach host, TTL*
- **Self learning** - Records sender/location pair in switch table everytime frames are received
 1. Record incoming link, Mac address of sending host
 2. Index switch table using Mac destination address
 3. If entry found for destination,
 - if destination is in the same segment as source ? drop : forward frame on destination interface
 4. else flood - forward on all interface except arriving interface

vs Router

- Checks MAC vs IP address
- Both store and forward
- Forward frame to link/broadcast vs Route computation

Address Resolution Protocol

- Maps 32-bit IP address to 48 bit MAC address for some neighbouring host in same subnet
- TTL - time until address mapping will be forgotten
 - Hosts may disconnect from subnet so useless entries must be cleared

Resolution when in same subnet

1. Broadcast ARP query with B's ip as dest
 - Dest mac == FF-FF-FF-FF-FF-FF
 - All nodes in same subnet receives but only B replies
2. B replies to A with its MAC address
3. A cache B's IP-Mac address mapping in ARP table until TTL

1. Sends packet with correct MAC and IP but no response because different subnet
2. Resends packet with dest MAC == router MAC
3. Datagram removed passed to IP where routing calculations determine the subnet it is in (at router)
4. Router attaches dest MAC address again or use ARP with correct IPs
5. Receiver receives the information

IP vs MAC address

- 32 bits vs 48 bits
- Network-layer address used to move datagrams from src to dest vs link layer address to move frames over each link
- Dynamic assignment; hierachial vs permanent

10: Network Security

Security issues

Eavesdrop

Intercept messages

Impersonation

Fake/spoof source address in packet

Hijacking

Take over ongoing connection by replacing sender or receiver (man in the middle)

Denial of service

Prevent service from being used by others (overloading resources)

Objectives

Confidentiality Only sender and intended receiver should understand message contents

Authentication Sender, receiver can confirm identity of each other

Message integrity Message is not altered (in transit or afterwards) without detection

Access and available

Cryptography

- Allow sender to disguise data so that an intruder can gain no information from the intercepted data
- Allow receiver to recover original data from the disguised data
- **Plaintext** - Message in the original readable form
- **Ciphertext** - Encrypted message
- **Key** - String of numbers or characters provided as input parameter to the encryption/decryption algorithm

Symmetric key cryptography

- Sender and receiver use the same key
- Need prior communication via other secure means to decide common key
- Difficult to agree on key in the first place

Caesar cipher

- **Substitution cipher** - Fixed shift of alphabet (eg. a - d, b - e..)
- Only 25 possible values so easy to break with brute force search

Monoalphabetic cipher

- Substitute one letter for another (random distance)
- Mapping set of 26 letters to 26 so $26!$ mappings possible (brute force)

- **Statistical analysis** - Derive patterns in encrypted text OR possible contents to derive the mapping

Breaking the encryption scheme

- **Ciphertext only attack** Has ciphertext she can analyse

- **Known-plaintext attack** User has plaintext corresponding to ciphertext

- **Chosen-plaintext attack** Can get ciphertext for chosen plaintext

Polyalphabetic cipher

- Multiple mapping for each letter
- Using cyclic pattern for choosing which substitution cipher to use
- eg. Block cipher
 - Each message is broken into k-bit blocks which is encrypted independently
 - Number of keys: 2^K
 - eg. Data Encryption Standard/DES (56-bit key and 64-bit block), N-DES (encrypt DES N times with N different keys)
 - eg. Advanced Encryption Standard/AES (128-bit blocks with 128/192/256 bit keys) (way more secure encryption vs DES)

Public key cryptography

- Sender and receiver do not share secret key but uses a public encryption key known to all
- Receiver uses private decryption key only known by receiver
- Requires 2 different keys - encryption/decryption and impossible to compute value of each key given other

Rivest Shamir, Adleman algorithm (RSA)

Creating private/public key pair

1. Choose 2 large prime numbers. p, q
2. Compute $n = pq, z = (p-1)(q-1)$
3. Choose $e (< n)$ that has no common factors with z
4. Choose d s.t. $ed-1$ is exactly divisible by z
5. Public key is (n, e) , private key is (n, d)

Encryption/decryption

1. Encrypt - Compute $c = m^e \text{ mod}(n)$
2. Decrypt - Compute $c^d \text{ mod}(n)$

In practice

- RSA is computationally expensive so RSA is only used to sync session/symmetric keys (DES keys)

Cryptographic hash

Motivation

- Maintain message integrity BUT checksum/CRC not robust enough to detect attacks
- Need a function s.t. computationally infeasible to find any 2 messages with the same hash output
- Small change in input should result in a large change in the hash output
- Need consistent fixed length/size msg digest

Implementation

- Attacker can replace both the message and the hash output without anyone detecting
- Implement **message authentication code** - Sender sends $(m, H(m+s))$ instead of $(m, H(m))$
- s is a secret key known to the receiver and no one else
- Receiver can generate authentication code directly from m and compare with the received code

Authentication

- Confirm identity of each other using digital signatures
- **Verifiable** Check if signature and message generated by intended sender
- **Unforgeable** Only intended sender can generate signature and message

RSA

- $K_B^-(K_B^+(m)) = m = K_B^+(K_B^-(m))$
- Recipient knows that whoever sent the message must have encrypted using their own private key
- Recipient can verify that no one else but the intended sender sent it because the public key can be used to decrypt the information
- Since RSA is computationally intensive, sender signs the hash of message rather than the content which is verified at the recipient

Certification Authority

- Binds public key to particular entity and creates a certificate containing the entity key digitally signed by CA
- Public database of all public keys
- CA also signs its messages to prevent interception
- Maintain a list of trusted CAs by the devices

Firewall

Objective

- Isolate Organisation's internal net from larger internet – allowing some packets to pass and blocking others
- Prevent DoS attacks

Syn flooding Attacker establish many bogus TCP connections, leaving no resources for "real" connections

- Prevent illegal modification/access internal data
- Allow only authorised access to inside network

Stateless packet filtering

- Router filters packet-by-packet, decision to forward/drop based on:
 - source/dest IP and ICMP message type
 - TCP/UDP src/dst port numbers
 - TCP SYN/ACK bits

Policy	Firewall Setting
No outside Web access.	Drop all outgoing packets to any IP address, port 80
No incoming TCP connections, except those for institution's public Web server only.	Drop all incoming TCP SYN packets to any IP except 130.207.244.203, port 80
Prevent Web-radios from eating up the available bandwidth.	Drop all incoming UDP packets - except DNS and router broadcasts.
Prevent your network from being used for a smurf DoS attack.	Drop all ICMP packets going to a "broadcast" address (e.g. 130.207.255.255).
Prevent your network from being tracerouted	Drop all outgoing ICMP TTL expired traffic

Access Control List

- Table of rules, applied top to bottom to incoming packets (action, condition) pairs

Limitation

- IP spoofing - router can't know if data comes from claimed source
- Tradeoff btw flexibility of communication with outside world and level of security

11. Multimedia Networking

Types

Applications

- Streaming stored audio, video

Streaming Begin playout before downloading entire file

Stored Can transmit faster than audio/video being rendered to be cached at user side

- Conversational ("2 way live") voice/video over IP

• Interactive nature with human-to-human conversation limit delay tolerance (sub 400ms)

- Streaming ("one way live") audio/video

Multimedia

Video

Constantly high bit rate sequence of images displayed

- Compression to reduce data usage

- Redundancy within/btw images to reduce bits used

- Spatial coding (sending colour and number of pixels instead of duplicate pixels)

- Temporal coding (Sending difference between frames instead of complete frames)

Bit rate

Constant bit rate

- Not responsive to video complexity

- Bitrate has to be set high by default to handle complex segments
- Consistent so well-suited for real-time encoding (streaming)

Variable bit rate

- Longer time to process data
- More suited for on-demand video

Audio

- Analog audio signal sampled at constant rate

- Audio curve quantized to send through analog using converters

- **Quantized** - Rounding signal to be represented by x bits

- sampling rate * x -bit representation \rightarrow bit rate

- **Channel** - Representation of sound coming from a single source (eg. 2 channel earphones for each ear)

- **ADC/DAC** - Analog-to-Digital Converter (and vice versa)

Streaming

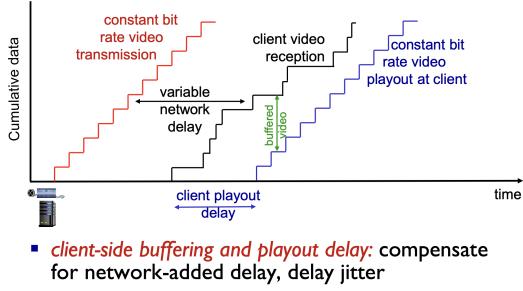
Objective

Continuous playout Playback must match original timing (even if network delays are variable)

Client interactivity User may pause, fast-forward, rewind, jump through video etc

Lost packets Video packets have to be retransmitted or just ignored

Mechanism



1. Initial fill of buffer until playout begins
2. Buffer fill level varies based on fill rate while keeping playout rate constant
- fill rate $>$ playout rate: buffer will not empty assuming delay is large enough to absorb variability in fill rate
- Initial playout delay tradeoff - buffer starvation less likely but user wait longer to start watching
- fill rate $<$ playout rate: Buffer eventually empties (causing freezing of video playout until buffer fills)

UDP

- Server sends at rate appropriate for client with short playout delay
- UDP is faster and no congestion control (transmission without rate control restrictions)
- Error is handled by application (decide what it wants to do)
- Video chunks encapsulated using RTP (Real Time Transport protocol)
- Maintains seq num, time stamps, video encoding
- Control Connection maintained separately using RTSP (Real Time Streaming Protocol)
- Establish controlling media sessions btw endpoints eg. commands like play, record, pause

Drawbacks

- Need separate media control server like RTSP increasing cost and complexity
- UDP may not go through firewalls

HTTP

- Multimedia file received via HTTP GET at maximum rate under TCP

Advantages

- Passes more easily through firewalls
- Network infrastructure more tuned towards http/tcp connections

Drawbacks

- Fill rate fluctuates due to TCP congestion control, retransmission (in order delivery)
- Larger playout delay

VoIP

- Voice over IP
- End-to-end delay requirement: Need to maintain conversational aspect
 - Higher delays $>$ 400ms noticeable, impairs interactivity
- Minimum dataloss (conversation unintelligible)

Challenge IP is a best-effort service that has no upperbound on delay and packet loss

Characteristics

- Speaker only sends packets when user is speaking (in 20msec chunks)
- Application-layer header added to each chunk
- Chunk+header encapsulated under TCP/UDP segment

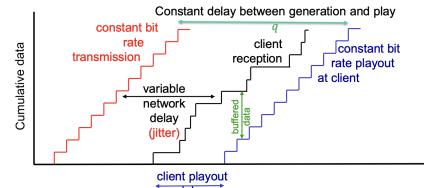
Loss

Network loss Datagram lost due to network congestion (router buffer overflow or dropped or firewall)

Delay loss Datagram arrives too late for playout at receiver

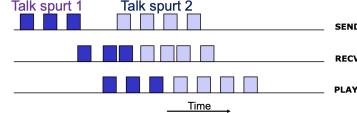
Tolerance Depending on voice encoding/loss concealment, packet loss rates btw 1-10% is tolerated

Fixed playout delay



- Receiver attempts to playout each chunk at constant q msec after chunk generation
- Large $q \rightarrow$ less packet loss, small $q \rightarrow$ Better interactive experience

Adaptive playout delay



• Low playout delay, low late loss rate **during talking spurts**

- Estimate network delay and adjust playout delay at beginning of talk spurt
- Silent periods compressed and elongated to ensure chunks played out at constant rate during talking spurt
- Adaptively estimate packet delay

• Exponential Weighted Moving Average calculated for every received packets

$$d_i = (1-\alpha)d_{i-1} + \alpha(r_i - t_i)$$

delay estimate after i th packet small constant, e.g. 0.1 time received - time sent (timestamp)
 estimate of average deviation of delay after i th packet measured delay of i th packet

$$v_i = (1-\beta)v_{i-1} + \beta|r_i - t_i - d_i|$$

$$\text{playout} - \text{time}_i = t_i + d_i + 4v_i$$

- Remaining packets are played out periodically

Forward Error Correction

- Send enough bits to allow recovery without retransmission
- Retransmission of whole packet is too slow

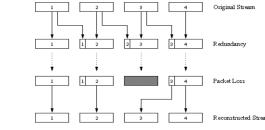
XOR n chunks Create redundant chunk by XORing original chunks and send $n+1$ chunks

- Reconstruct original n chunks if at most one lost chunks from $n+1$ chunks
- Bandwidth increased by $1/n$

- Playout delay increase as receiver must wait for $n+1$ chunks before playout

Piggyback Send lower res audio stream as redundancy tag with subsequent packets

- Only works for non-consecutive losses



Interleaving chunks Audio chunks divided into smaller units and put in different packets

- Packets contain small units from different chunks
- Even if packets are lost, most of every original chunk is there
- Missing mini-chunk can be concealed by packet repetition or interpolation
- No redundancy overhead but increases playout delay

Dynamic Adaptive Streaming over HTTP Motivation

- HTTP streaming is wasteful as needs large client buffer
- All client receives the same encoding of video despite variation in device/network bandwidth

Mechanism

Server

- Divides video file into multiple chunks which is stored at encoded at different rates
- Manifest file provides URL for different encoding

Client

- Periodically measures server-client bandwidth and consults manifest to request one chunk at a time
- Chooses maximum coding rate sustainable given current bandwidth (which will vary)
- Client determines when to request chunk, what encoding to request and the url server to request chunk from

Implementation

1. Data is encoded into different qualities and cut into short segments
2. Client downloads Manifest File which describes available videos and qualities
3. Client/player executes adaptive bitrate algorithm (ABR) to determine segment to download next and plays it

Pros and cons

- Server is simple and has no firewall problems
- Standard web caching works
- **However** DASH based on media segment transmissions
- Only buffers a few segments at client side and does not provide low latency interactive 2way applications

Content Distribution Networks (CDN)

- Store/serve multiple copies of videos at multiple geographically distributed sites
- Deep into access networks at ISPs and close to users
- Service provider returns manifest which allows users to contact CDN for multimedia

Summary

Layer	Transport	Network	Link
Unit	Packet	Fragment	Frame
Service	Process-to-Proc	End-to-End	Host-to-host
Addressing	Port Number	IP address	MAC address
Devices	End host	Routers	Switches
Protocols	TCP/UDP	IP, ICMP, DHCP	CSMA/CD, ARP