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Transport Layer

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Multiplexing & Demultiplexing

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What is transport-layer multiplexing and demultiplexing

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Multiplexing / demultiplexing

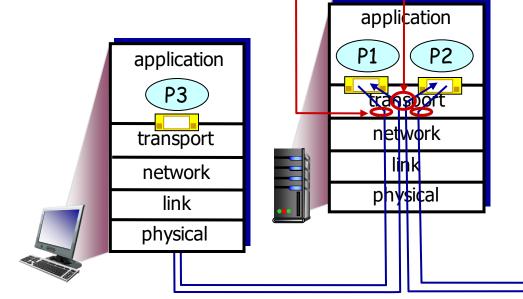
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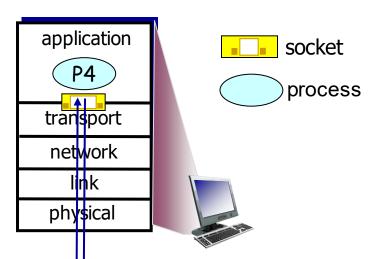
multiplexing at sender:

handle data from multiple sockets, add transport header (later used for demultiplexing)

demultiplexing at receiver: -

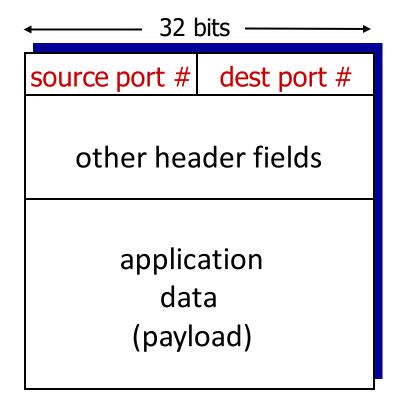
use header info to deliver received segments to correct socket





How demultiplexing works

- host receives IP datagrams
 - each datagram has source IP address, destination IP address
 - each datagram carries one transport-layer segment
 - each segment has source, destination port number
- host uses IP addresses & port numbers to direct segment to appropriate socket



TCP/UDP segment format



Connectionless demultiplexing

recall: created socket has hostlocal port #:

DatagramSocket mySocket1
= new DatagramSocket(12534);

 recall: when creating datagram to send into UDP socket, must specify

- destination IP address
- destination port #

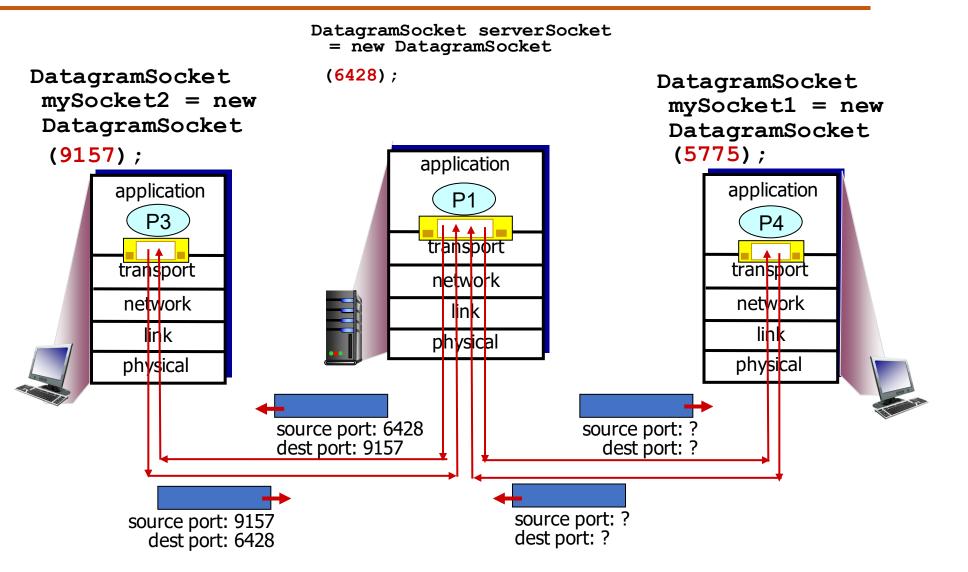
- when host receives UDP segment:
 - checks destination port # in segment
 - directs UDP segment to socket with that port #



IP datagrams with same dest. port #, but different source IP addresses and/or source port numbers will be directed to same socket at dest



Connectionless demux: example





Connection-oriented demux

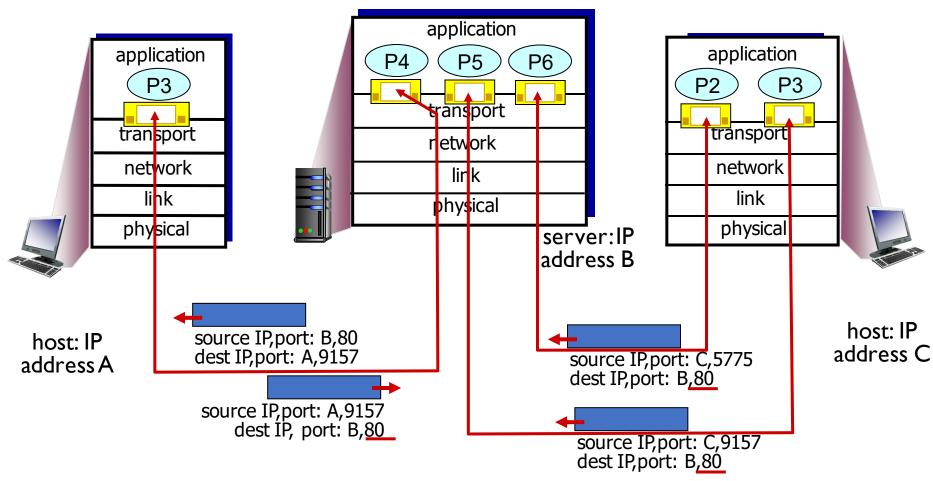
- TCP socket identified by 4-tuple:
 - source IP address
 - source port number
 - dest IP address
 - dest port number
- demux: receiver uses all four values (4-tuple) to direct segment to appropriate socket

- server host may support many simultaneous TCP sockets:
 - each socket identified by its own 4-tuple
- web servers have different sockets for each connecting client
 - non-persistent HTTP will have different socket for each request



Connection-oriented demux: example





three segments, all destined to IP address: B, dest port: 80 are demultiplexed to *different* sockets



THANK YOU

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