Chapter 3 Transport Layer

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Transport layer: overview

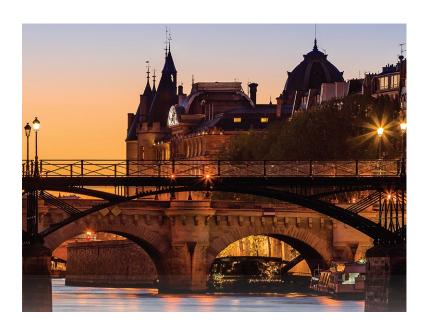
Our goal:

- understand principles behind transport layer services:
 - multiplexing, demultiplexing
 - reliable data transfer
 - flow control
 - congestion control

- learn about Internet transport layer protocols:
 - UDP: connectionless transport
 - TCP: connection-oriented reliable transport
 - TCP congestion control

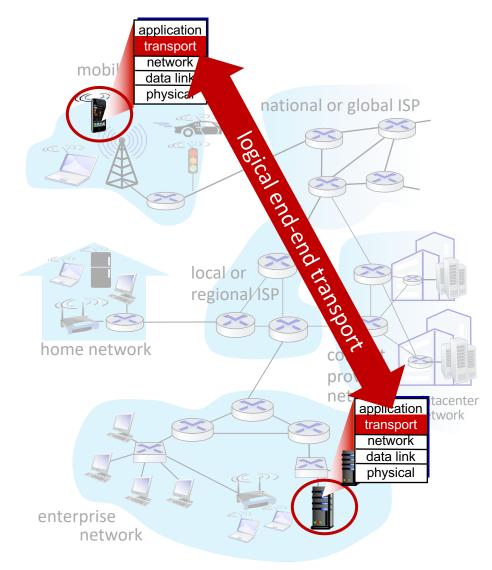
Transport layer: roadmap

- Transport-layer services
- Multiplexing and demultiplexing
- Connectionless transport: UDP
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- Evolution of transport-layer functionality

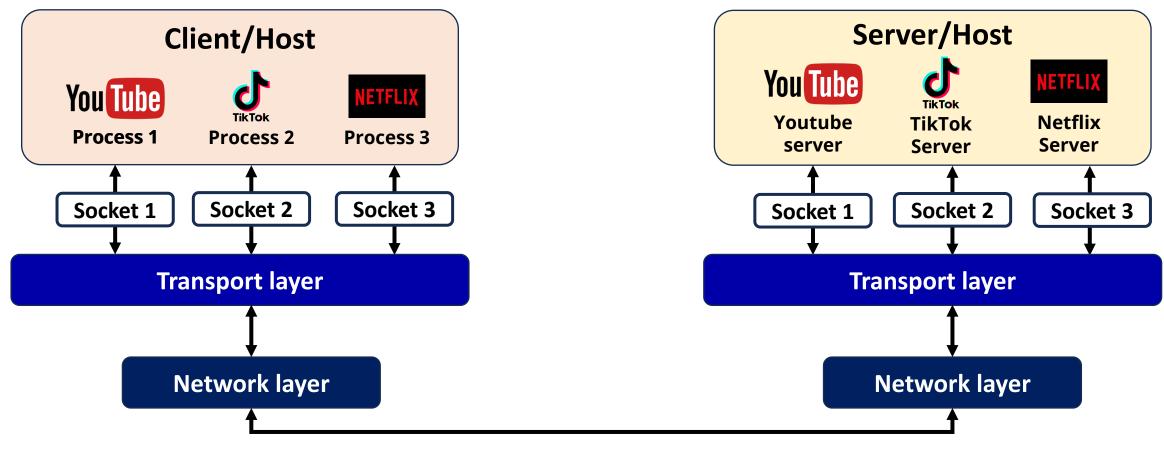


Transport services and protocols

- provide logical communication between application processes running on different hosts
- transport protocols actions in end systems:
 - sender: breaks application messages into segments, passes to network layer
 - receiver: reassembles segments into messages, passes to application layer
- two transport protocols available to Internet applications
 - TCP, UDP



Transport vs. network layer services and protocols

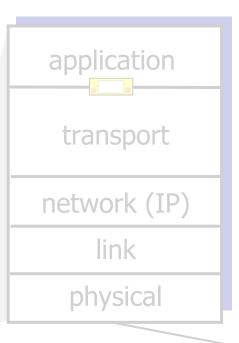


network layer: communication between *hosts*

- transport layer: communication between processes
 - relies on, enhances, network layer services

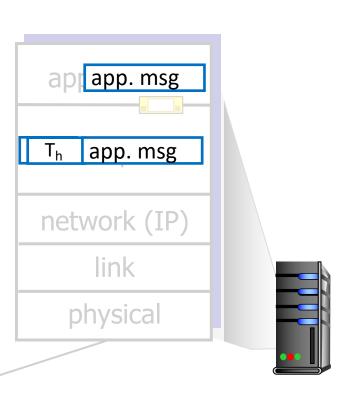
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Transport Layer Actions

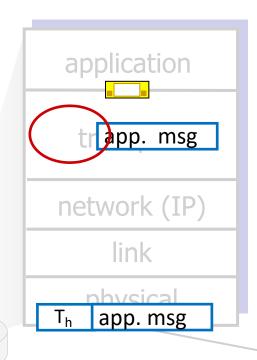


Sender:

- is passed an applicationlayer message
- determines segment header fields values
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- passes segment to IP

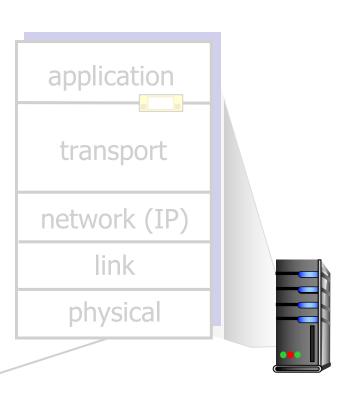


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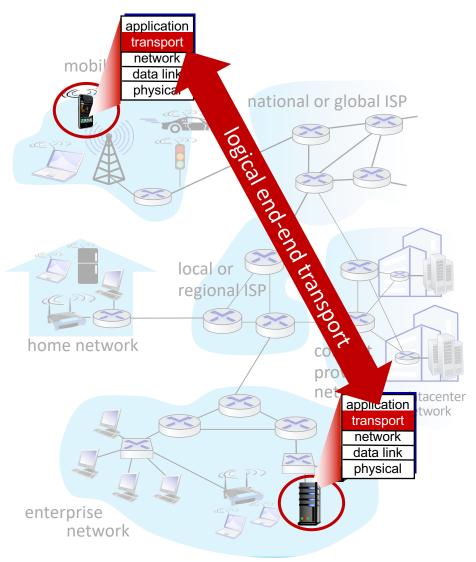
Receiver:

- receives segment from IP
- checks header values
- extracts application-layer message
- demultiplexes message up to application via socket



Two principal Internet transport protocols

- TCP: Transmission Control Protocol
 - reliable, in-order delivery
 - congestion control
 - flow control
 - connection setup
- UDP: User Datagram Protocol
 - unreliable, unordered delivery
 - no-frills extension of "best-effort" IP
- services not available:
 - delay guarantees
 - bandwidth guarantees

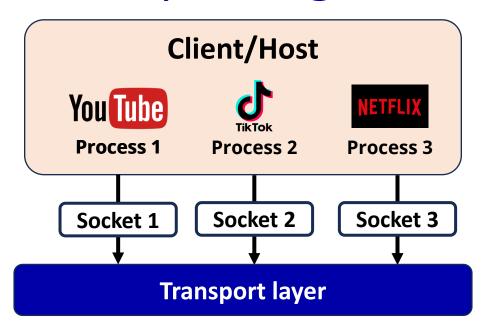


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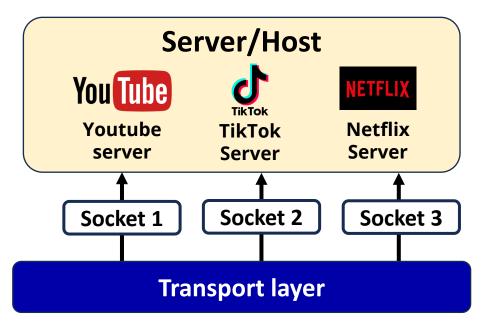


Multiplexing/demultiplexing



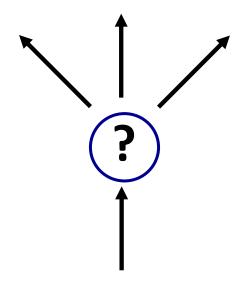
multiplexing as sender:

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

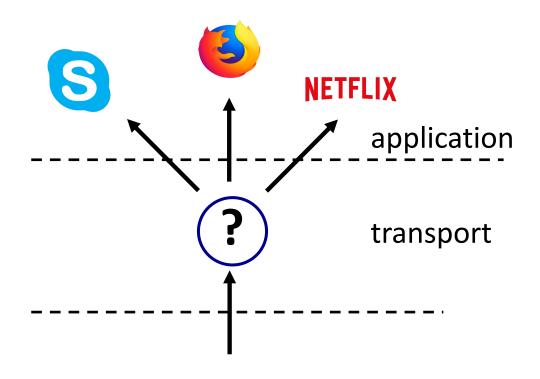


demultiplexing as receiver:

use header info to deliver received segments to correct socket



de-multiplexing



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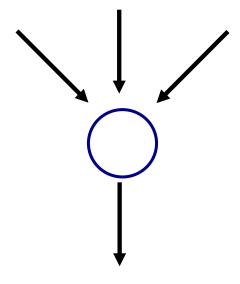




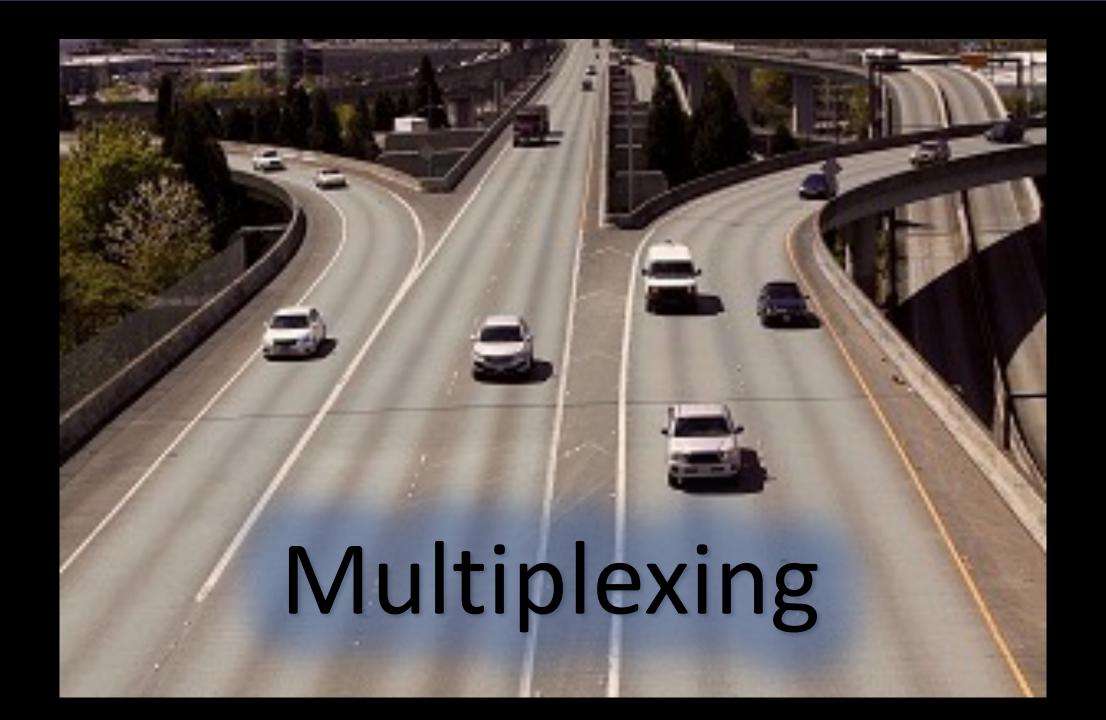






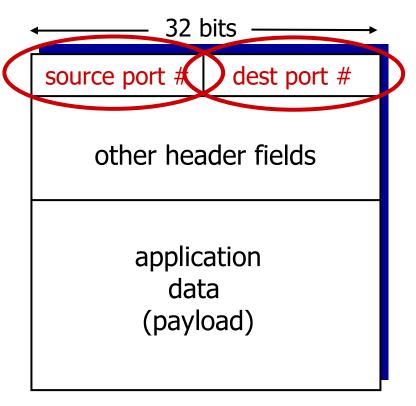


multiplexing



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:

when creating socket, must specify *host-local* port #:

- when creating datagram to send into UDP socket, must specify
 - destination IP address
 - destination port #

when receiving host receives *UDP* segment:

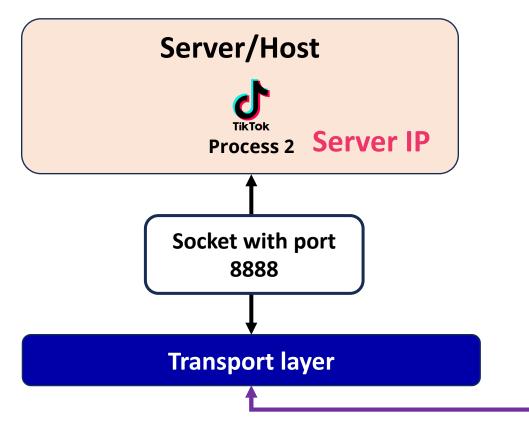
- checks destination port # in segment
- directs UDP segment to socket with that port #

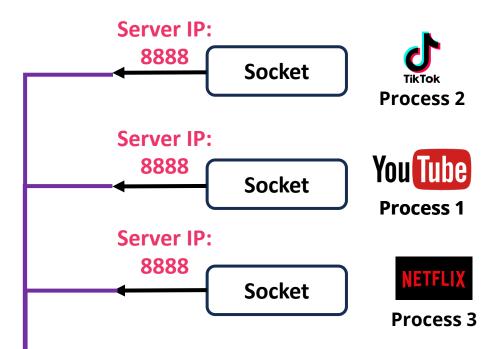


IP/UDP datagrams with same dest.

port #, but different source IP
addresses and/or source port
numbers will be directed to same
socket at receiving host

Connectionless demultiplexing





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Connectionless demultiplexing: an example

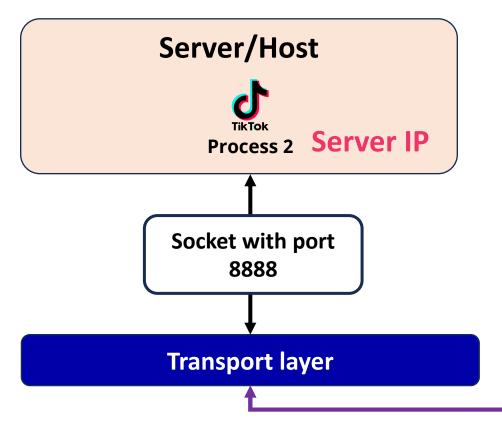
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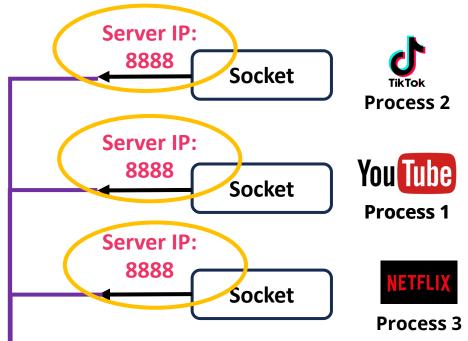
Connection-oriented demultiplexing

- 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 may support many simultaneous TCP sockets:
 - each socket identified by its own 4-tuple
 - each socket associated with a different connecting client

Connectionless demultiplexing

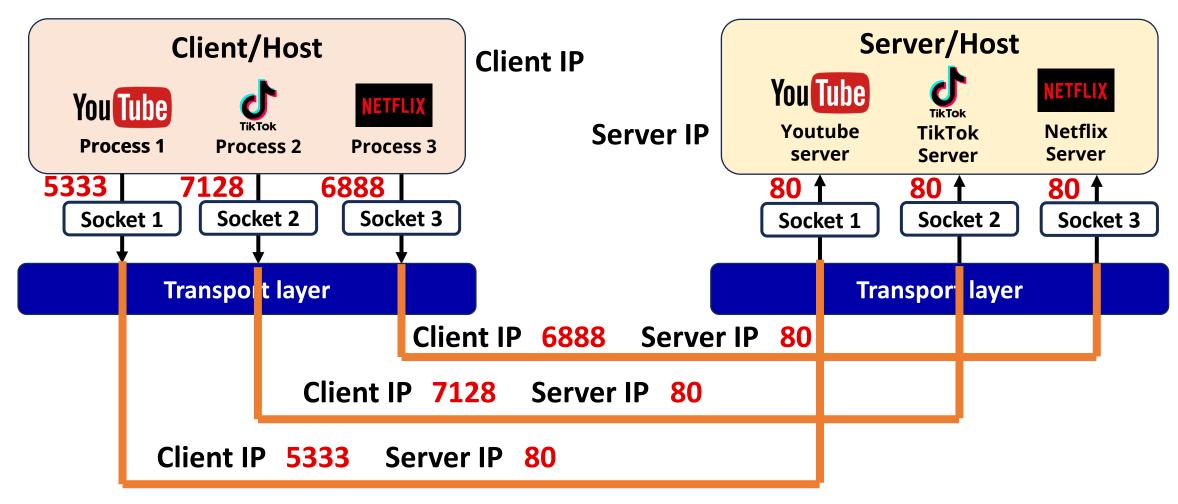




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4-tuple matters here!

Summary

- Multiplexing, demultiplexing: based on segment, datagram header field values
- UDP: demultiplexing using destination port number (only)
- TCP: demultiplexing using 4-tuple: source and destination IP addresses, and port numbers
- Multiplexing/demultiplexing happen at all layers

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UDP: User Datagram Protocol

- "no frills," "bare bones"
 Internet transport protocol
- "best effort" service, UDP segments may be:
 - lost
 - delivered out-of-order to app
- connectionless:
 - no handshaking between UDP sender, receiver
 - each UDP segment handled independently of others

Why is there a UDP?

- no connection establishment (which can add RTT delay)
- simple: no connection state at sender, receiver
- small header size
- no congestion control
 - UDP can blast away as fast as desired!
 - can function in the face of congestion

UDP: User Datagram Protocol

- UDP use:
 - streaming multimedia apps (loss tolerant, rate sensitive)
 - DNS
 - SNMP
 - HTTP/3
- if reliable transfer needed over UDP (e.g., HTTP/3):
 - add needed reliability at application layer
 - add congestion control at application layer

UDP: User Datagram Protocol [RFC 768]

INTERNET STANDARD

RFC 768

J. Postel ISI 28 August 1980

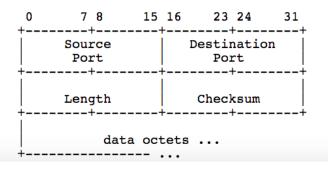
User Datagram Protocol

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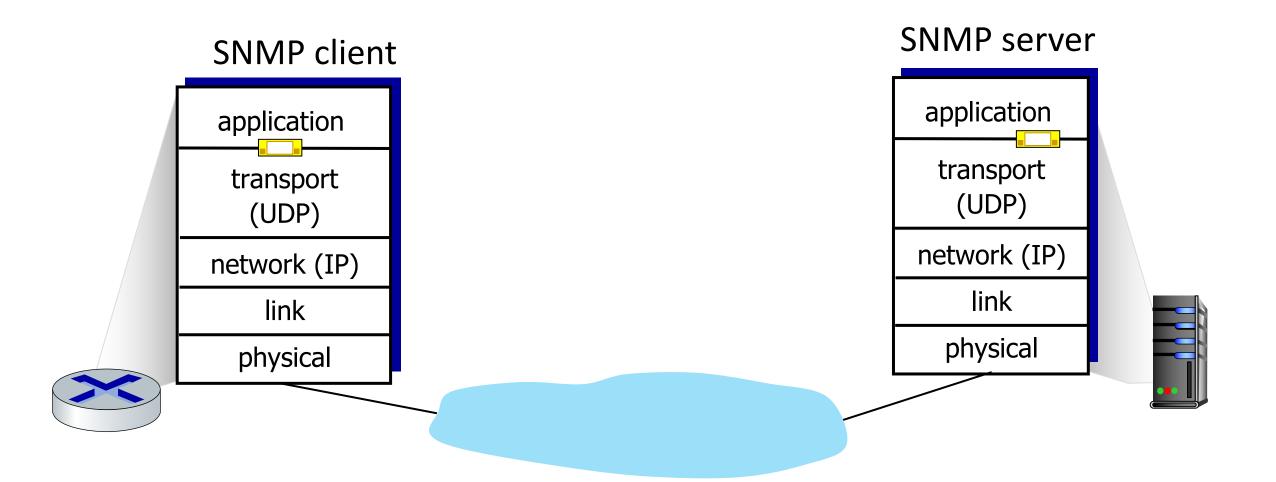
This User Datagram Protocol (UDP) is defined to make available a datagram mode of packet-switched computer communication in the environment of an interconnected set of computer networks. This protocol assumes that the Internet Protocol (IP) [1] is used as the underlying protocol.

This protocol provides a procedure for application programs to send messages to other programs with a minimum of protocol mechanism. The protocol is transaction oriented, and delivery and duplicate protection are not guaranteed. Applications requiring ordered reliable delivery of streams of data should use the Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) [2].

Format



UDP: Transport Layer Actions



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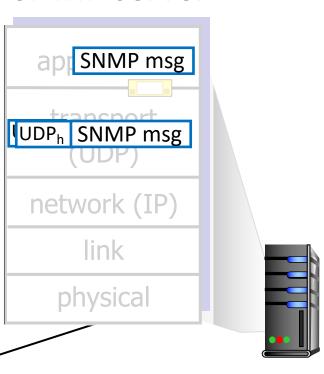
SNMP client

application
transport
(UDP)
network (IP)
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UDP sender actions:

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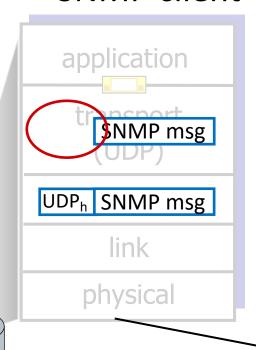
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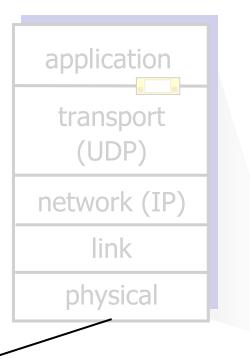
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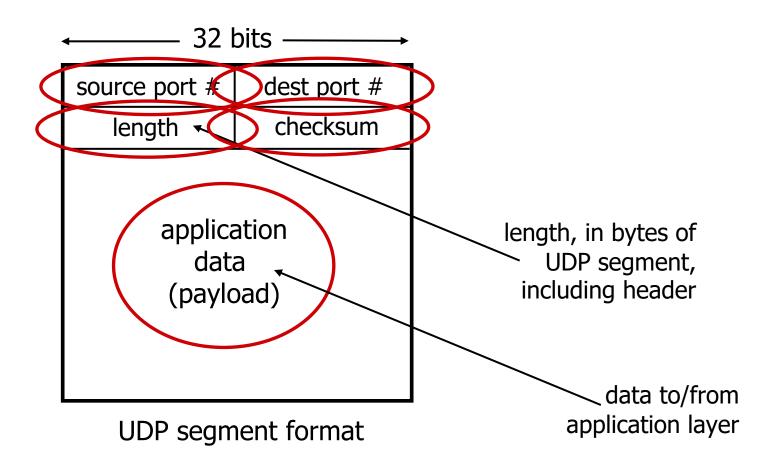
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- checks UDP checksum header value
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- demultiplexes message up to application via socket

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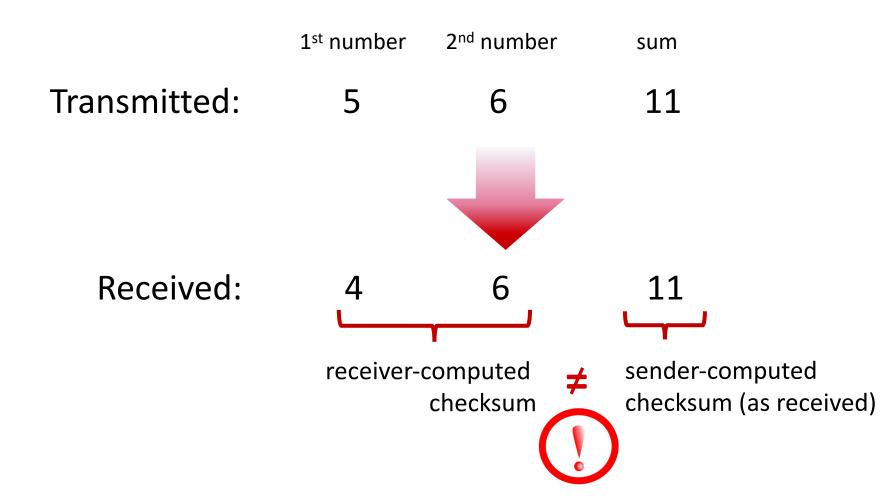


UDP segment header



UDP checksum

Goal: detect errors (*i.e.*, flipped bits) in transmitted segment



Internet checksum

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sender:

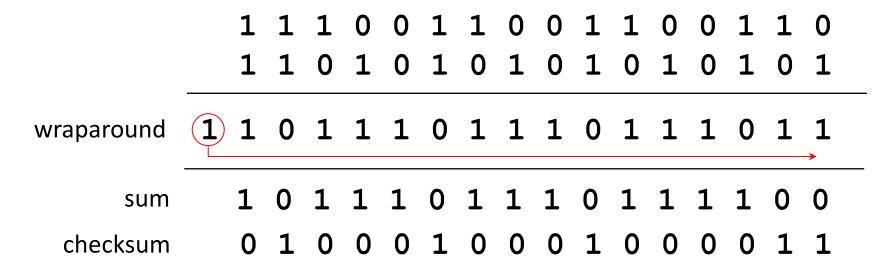
- treat contents of UDP segment (including UDP header fields and IP addresses) as sequence of 16-bit integers
- checksum: addition (one's complement sum) of segment content
- checksum value put into UDP checksum field

receiver:

- compute checksum of received segment
- check if computed checksum equals checksum field value:
 - not equal error detected
 - equal no error detected. But maybe errors nonetheless? More later

Internet checksum: an example

example: add two 16-bit integers

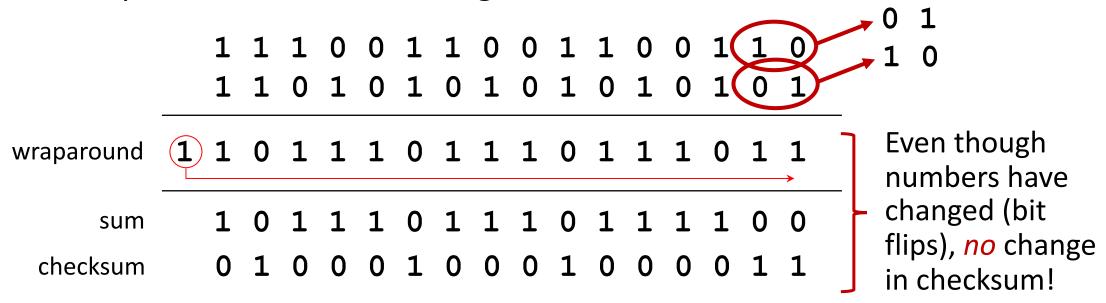


Note: when adding numbers, a carryout from the most significant bit needs to be added to the result

^{*} Check out the online interactive exercises for more examples: http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/kurose_ross/interactive/

Internet checksum: weak protection!

example: add two 16-bit integers



Summary: UDP

- "no frills" protocol:
 - segments may be lost, delivered out of order
 - best effort service: "send and hope for the best"
- UDP has its plusses:
 - no setup/handshaking needed (no RTT incurred)
 - can function when network service is compromised
 - helps with reliability (checksum)
- build additional functionality on top of UDP in application layer (e.g., HTTP/3)