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Internet Applications

- Internet Applications Overview
- Domain Name Service (DNS)
- Electronic Mail
- File Transfer Protocol (FTP)
- WWW and HTTP
- Content Distribution Networks (CDNs)





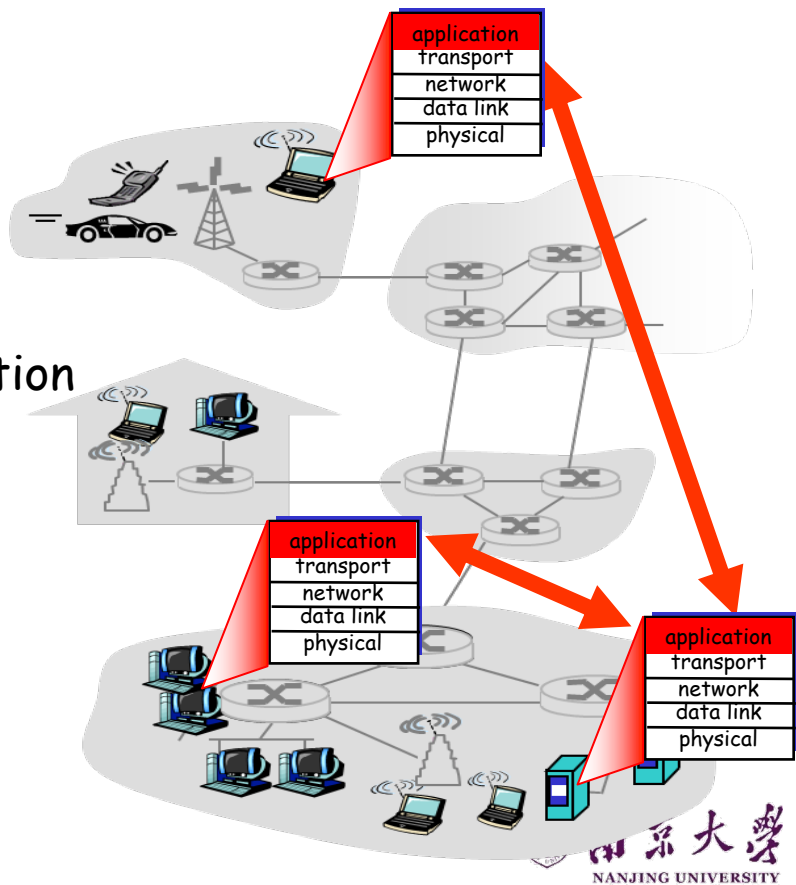
Internet Applications Overview

Application: communicating, distributed processes

- e.g., Email, Web, P2P file sharing, instant messaging
- Running in end systems (hosts)
- Exchange messages to implement application

Application-layer protocols

- One "piece" (agent) of an app
- Define messages exchanged by apps and actions taken
- Use communication services provided by lower layer protocols (TCP, UDP, RTP)





Typical Internet Applications

Application	App-Layer Protocol	Underlying Transport Protocol
Email	SMTP [RFC 2821]	TCP
Remote terminal access	Telnet [RFC 854]	TCP
Web	HTTP [RFC 2616]	TCP
File transfer	FTP [RFC 959]	TCP
Streaming multimedia	Proprietary e.g. RealNetworks	RTP, RTSP TCP or UDP
Internet telephony	Proprietary e.g. Dialpad	SIP on UDP



Jargons of Internet Applications

- **Process**: program running within a host
 - Within same host, 2 processes communicate using **inter-process communication** (defined by OS)
 - Processes running in different hosts communicate with an **app-layer protocol**
- **User agent**: interfaces with app “above” and network “below”
 - Implements user interface & **app-layer protocol**, e.g.
 - Web: browser, web server
 - Email: mail reader, mail server
 - Streaming audio/video: media player, media server





App-Layer Protocols

- **Types** of messages exchanged
 - e.g. request & response messages
- **Syntax** of message types
 - What fields in messages & how fields are delineated
- **Semantics** of the fields
 - Meaning of information in fields
- **Rules for when and how** processes send & respond to messages





Application Architectures

possible structure of applications:

- client-server (CS)
- peer-to-peer (P2P)





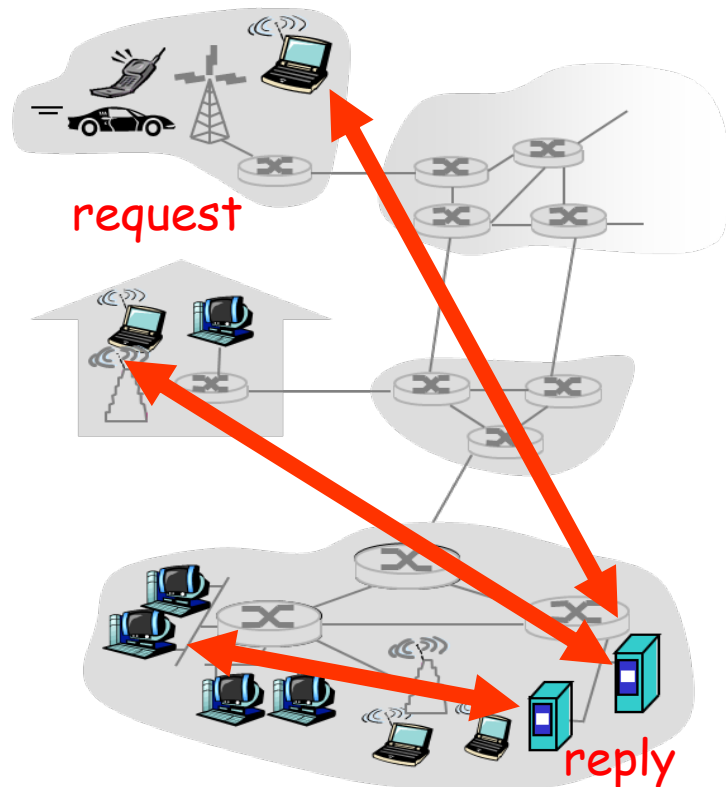
Client-Server Paradigm

Client:

- Start as required
- Initiates contact with server, "speaks first"
- Host may have dynamic IP addresses
- e.g. Web: client implemented in browser; Email: in mail reader

Server:

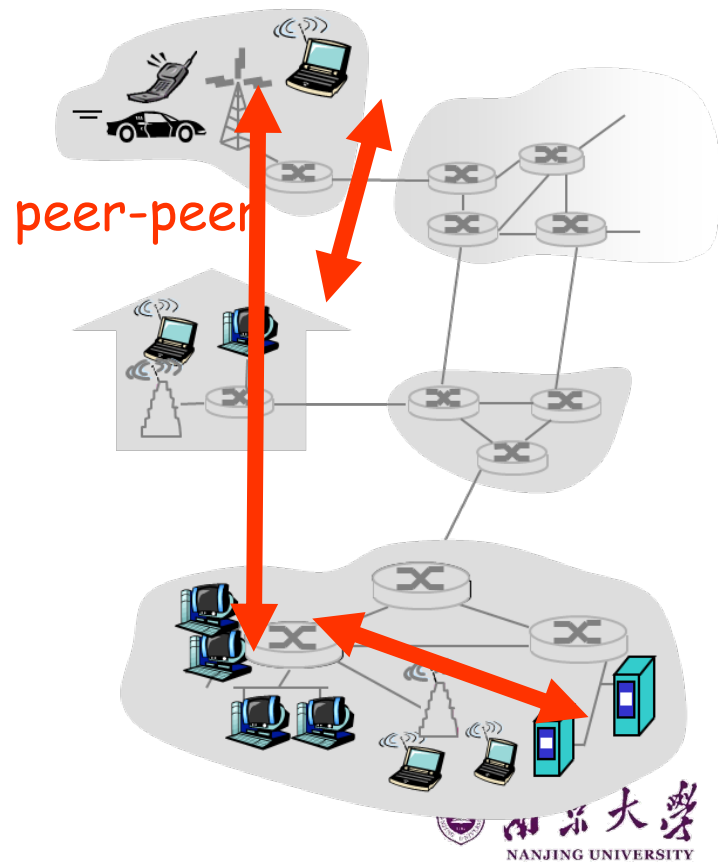
- Run as daemon (always-on)
- Provides requested service to Client
- Host has permanent IP address
- e.g. Web server sends requested Web page, mail server delivers Email





Peer-to-Peer Paradigm

- No always-on server
- Arbitrary end systems directly communicate
- peers request service from other peers, provide service in return to other peers
 - self scalability - new peers bring new service capacity, as well as new service demands
- Peers are intermittently connected and change IP addresses
 - Highly scalable but difficult to manage
- Examples: Gnutella, BitTorrent, Skype





Client-Server and P2P

Skype

- Voice-over-IP P2P application
- **Centralized server:** finding address of remote party
- Direct client-client connection

Instant messaging

- Chatting between two users is P2P
- **Centralized service:** user presence detection/location
- User registers its IP address with central server when it comes online
- User contacts central server to find IP addresses of parties





Typical Applications

- DNS
- Email
- FTP
- Web and HTTP
- CDN
- P2P Applications





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Domain Name Service (DNS)

- Function
 - Map “domain names” into IP addresses
 - e.g. www.baidu.com → 119.75.217.109
- Domain Name System
 - Distributed database implemented in hierarchy of many name servers
 - App-layer protocol host and name servers to communicate to resolve “domain names”
 - Load balancing: set of IP addresses for one server name

Q: why not centralize DNS?

- single point of failure
- traffic volume
- distant centralized database
- maintenance

A: doesn't scale!





Goals

- Uniqueness: no naming conflicts
- Scalable
 - Many names and frequent updates (secondary)
- Distributed, autonomous administration
 - Ability to update my own (machines') names
 - Don't have to track everybody's updates
- Highly available
- Lookups are fast
- Perfect consistency is a **non-goal**





How?

- Partition the namespace
- Distribute administration of each partition
 - Autonomy to update my own (machines') names
 - Don't have to track everybody's updates
- Distribute name resolution for each partition
- How should we partition things?



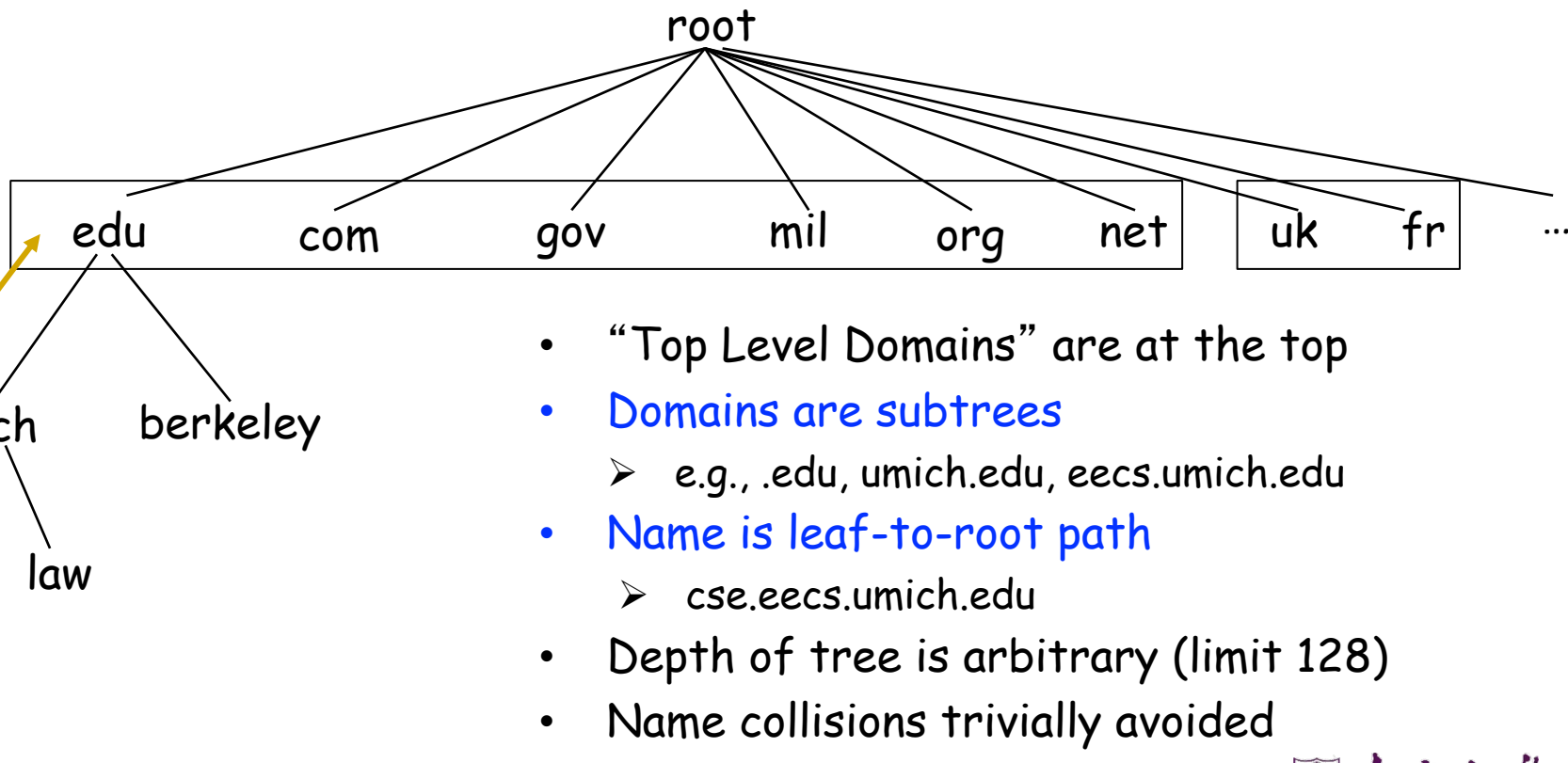
Key idea: Hierarchy

- Three intertwined hierarchies
 - Hierarchical namespace
 - ✓ As opposed to original flat namespace
 - Hierarchically administered
 - ✓ As opposed to centralized
 - (Distributed) hierarchy of servers
 - ✓ As opposed to centralized storage





Hierarchical namespace



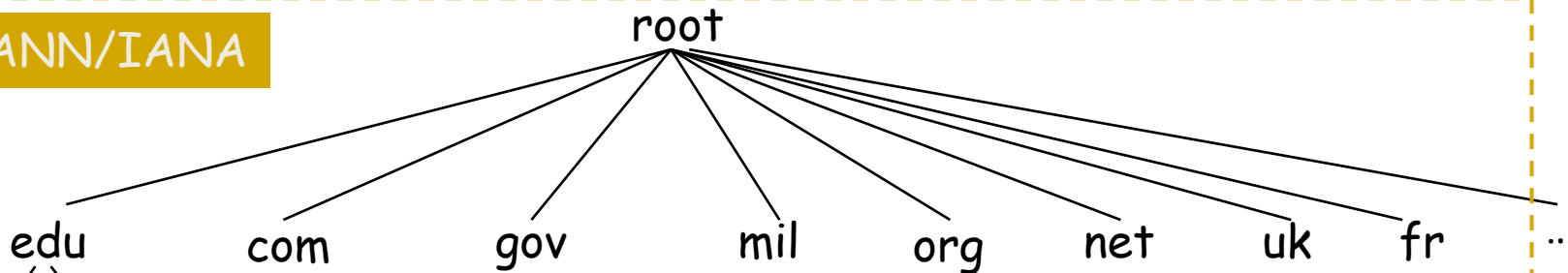
- “Top Level Domains” are at the top
- Domains are subtrees
 - e.g., .edu, umich.edu, eeecs.umich.edu
- Name is leaf-to-root path
 - cse.eeecs.umich.edu
- Depth of tree is arbitrary (limit 128)
- Name collisions trivially avoided
 - Each domain is responsible





Hierarchical administration

ICANN/IANA



umich

berkeley

eeecs

law

cse

- A **zone** corresponds to an **administrative authority** that is responsible for that portion of the hierarchy
 - e.g., UMich controls names: *.umich.edu
 - e.g., EECS controls names: *.eeecs.umich.edu





Hierarchy of DNS Servers

- **Root name servers**
 - Contacted by local name server that can not resolve name
- **Top-level domain servers**
 - Responsible for com, org, net, edu, etc, and all top-level country domains, e.g. cn, uk, fr
- **Authoritative DNS servers**
 - Organization's DNS servers, providing authoritative **hostname to IP mappings**
- **Local Name Servers**
 - Maintained by each residential ISP, company, university
 - When host makes DNS query, query is sent to its local DNS server



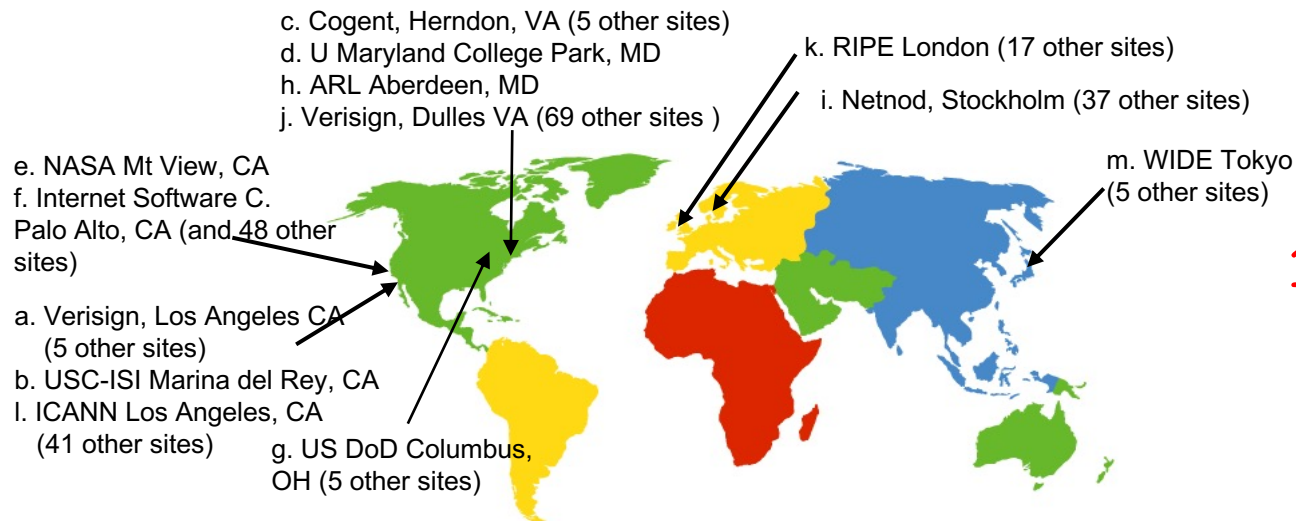


- Each server stores a (small!) subset of the total DNS database
- An authoritative DNS server stores "resource records" for all DNS names in the domain that it has authority for
- Each server needs to know other servers that are responsible for the other portions of the hierarchy
 - Every server knows the root
 - Root server knows about all top-level domains



DNS: root name servers

- root name server:
 - returns IP mappings of TLD servers



13 root name
“servers”
worldwide





TLD, authoritative servers

- Top-level domain (TLD) servers:
 - responsible for com, org, net, edu, aero, jobs, museums, and all top-level country domains, e.g.: uk, fr, ca, jp
 - Network Solutions maintains servers for .com TLD
 - Educause for .edu TLD
- Authoritative DNS servers:
 - organization's own DNS server(s), providing authoritative **hostname to IP mappings** for organization's named hosts
 - can be maintained by organization or service provider





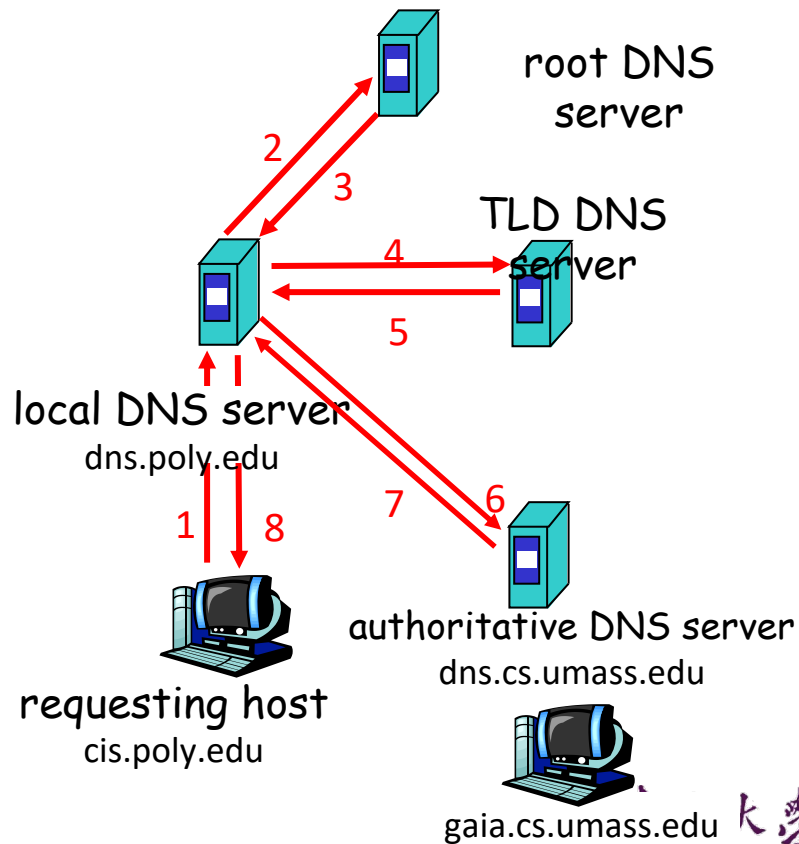
Local DNS name server

- Does not strictly belong to hierarchy
- Each ISP (residential ISP, company, university) has one
 - also called “default name server”
- When host makes DNS query, query is sent to its local DNS server
 - has local cache of recent name-to-address translation pairs (but may be out of date!)
 - acts as proxy, forwards query into hierarchy



DNS Name Resolution Example

- Bob at cis.poly.edu wants IP address for Alice at gaia.cs.umass.edu
- Iterated query:
- Contacted server replies with name of next server to contact
- Host-Server: recursive query
- Server-Server: iterative query





DNS Records

- A DNS resource record (RR)

RR format: (name, value, type, ttl)

- "Name" is the domain name, "type" denotes how "value" is explained
 - e.g. Name Server records (NS), Mail Exchangers (MX), Host IP Address (A), Canonical name (CNAME)
- Examples
 - (networkutopia.com, dns1.networkutopia.com, NS, 32768)
 - (dns1.networkutopia.com, 212.212.212.1, A, 5600)





DNS protocol

- Query and Reply messages; both with the same message format
 - Header: identifier, flags, etc.
 - Plus resource records
 - See text/section for details
- Client-server interaction on UDP Port 53
 - Spec supports TCP too, but not always implemented





Goals: Are we there yet?

- Uniqueness: No naming conflicts
- Scalable
- Distributed, autonomous administration
- Highly available?





Reliability

- Replicated DNS servers (primary/secondary)
 - Name service available if at least one replica is up
 - Queries can be load-balanced between replicas
- Usually, UDP used for queries
 - Reliability, if needed, must be implemented on UDP
- Try alternate servers on timeout
 - Exponential backoff when retrying same server
- Same identifier for all queries
 - Don't care which server responds





Goals: Are we there yet?

- Uniqueness: No naming conflicts
- Scalable
- Distributed, autonomous administration
- Highly available
- Fast lookups?





DNS caching

- Performing all these queries takes time
 - Up to 1-second latency before starting download
- **Caching can greatly reduce overhead**
 - The top-level servers very rarely change
 - Popular sites (e.g., www.cnn.com) visited often
 - Local DNS server often has the information cached
- How DNS caching works
 - DNS servers **cache responses to queries**
 - Responses include a “**time to live**” (TTL) field
 - Server **deletes cached entry** after TTL expires





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Electronic Mail

- One of most heavily used apps on Internet
- **SMTP**: Simple Mail Transfer Protocol
 - Delivery of simple text messages
- **MIME**: Multi-purpose Internet Mail Extension
 - Delivery of other types of data, e.g. voice, images, video clips
- **POP**: Post Office Protocol
 - Msg retrieval from server, including authorization and download
- **IMAP**: Internet Mail Access Protocol
 - Manipulation of stored msgs on server





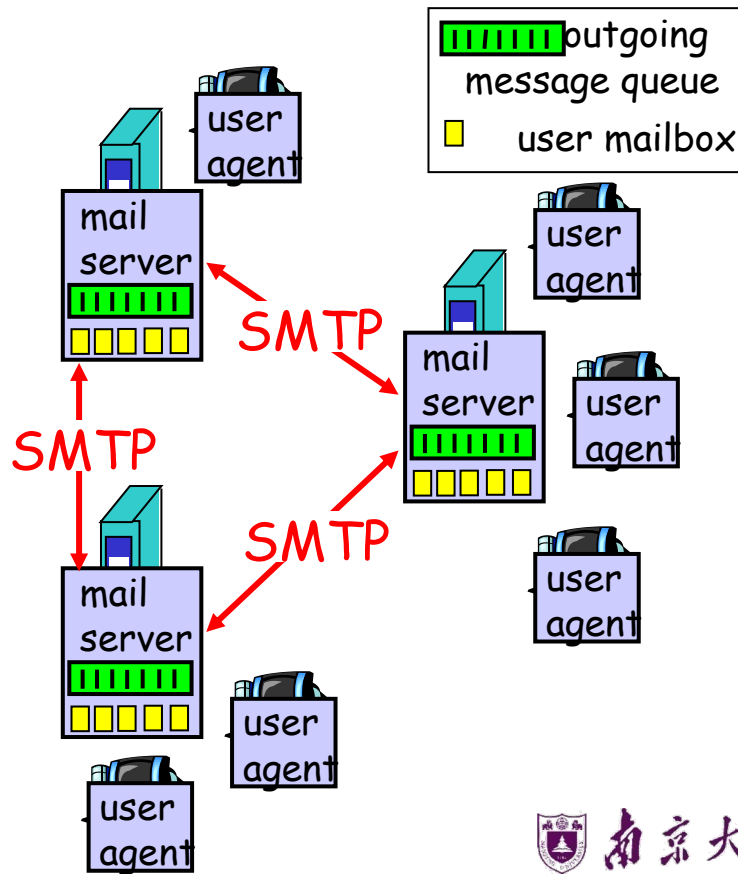
Components of Email System

User Agent

- Composing, editing, reading mail messages
- e.g. Eudora, Outlook, Foxmail, Netscape Messenger
- Outgoing, incoming mail messages stored on server

Mail Servers (Host)

- **Mailbox** contains incoming mail messages for user
- **Message queue** of outgoing mail messages
- **SMTP protocol** between mail servers to send mail messages





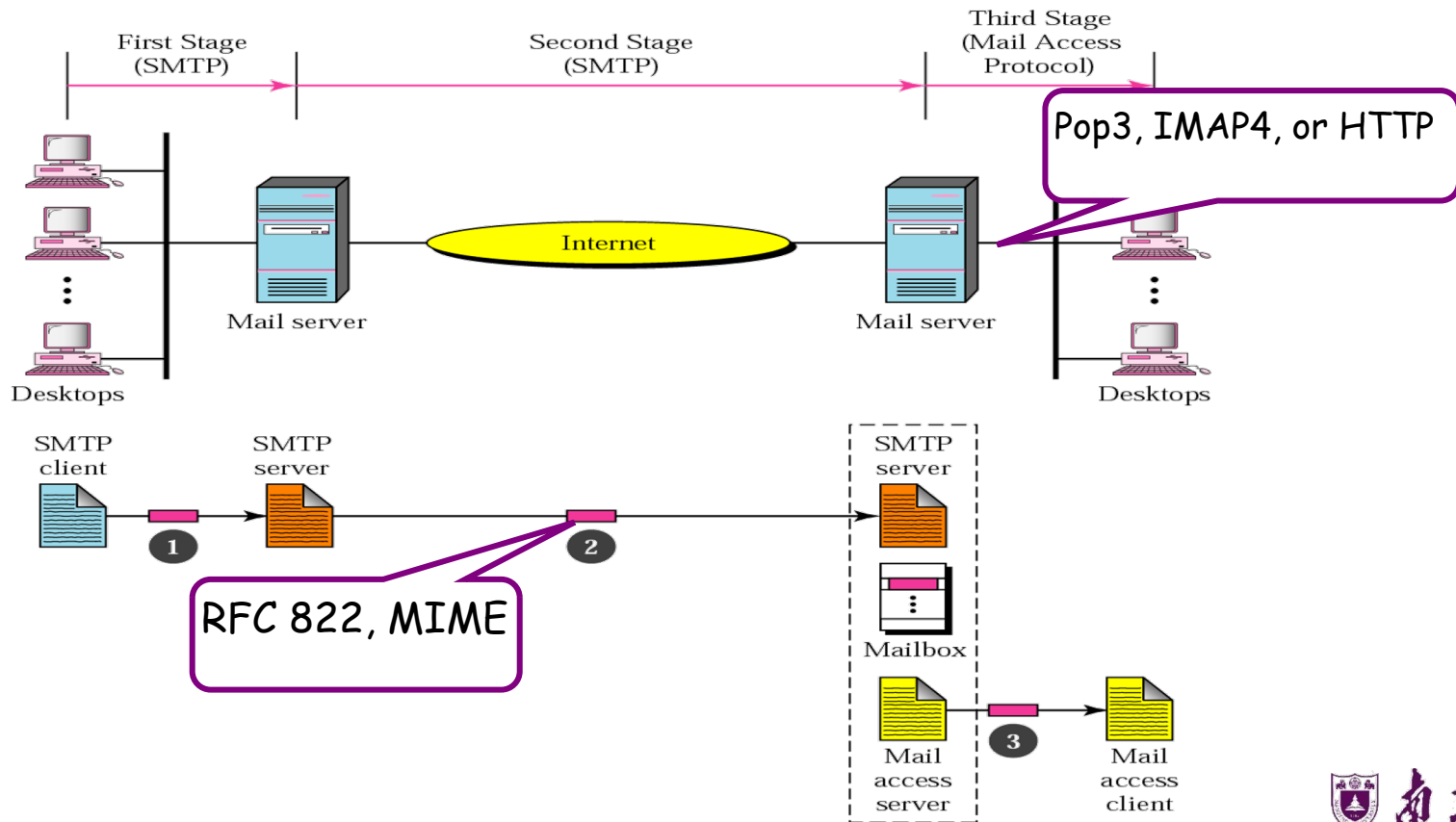
3 Stages of Mail Delivery

- 1st Stage
 - Email goes from **local user agent** to the **local SMTP server**
 - User agent acts as SMTP client
 - Local server acts as SMTP server
- 2nd Stage
 - Email is relayed by the local server to the **remote SMTP server**
 - Local server acts as SMTP client now
- 3rd Stage
 - The **remote user agent** uses a mail access protocol to access the mailbox on remote server
 - POP3 or IMAP4





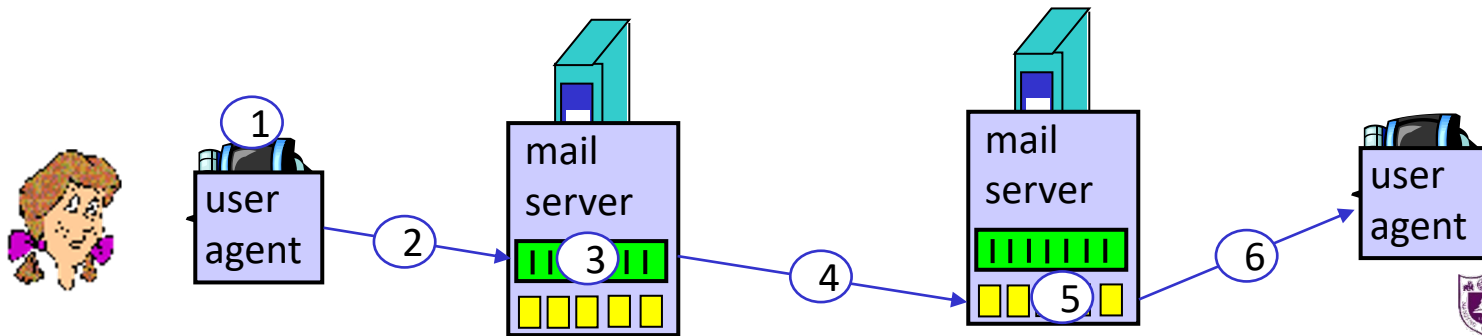
Illustration of Mail Delivery





A Mail Delivery Scenario

- 1) Alice uses UA to compose a mail message and [to bob@some-school.edu](mailto:bob@some-school.edu)
- 2) Alice's UA sends mail to her mail server using SMTP, mail placed in [message queue](#)
- 3) Client side of SMTP opens TCP connection with Bob's mail server
- 4) SMTP client sends Alice's mail over the TCP connection
- 5) Bob's mail server places the mail in Bob's [mailbox](#)
- 6) Bob invokes his UA to read the mail, e.g. by Pop3





SMTP

- RFC 821:
 - Uses TCP, port 25
 - **Direct transfer**: transfer Email message from client to server
 - Needs info written on **envelope of a mail** (i.e. message header)
 - May add log info to message header to show the path taken
- **Does not cover format** of mail messages or data
 - Defined in RFC 822 or MIME
 - Messages must be in 7-bit ASCII



SMTP Transaction

3 phases of transfer

- Handshaking (greeting)
- Transfer of one or more mails data
- Close connection

Command/response interaction

- **Commands:** ASCII text
- **Response:** status code and phrase

```
S: 220 hamburger.edu
C: HELO crepes.fr
S: 250 Hello crepes.fr, pleased to meet you
C: MAIL FROM: <alice@crepes.fr>
S: 250 alice@crepes.fr ... Sender ok
C: RCPT TO: <bob@hamburger.edu>
S: 250 bob@hamburger.edu ... Recipient ok
C: RCPT TO: <Johm@hamburger.edu>
S: 550 No such user here
C: DATA
S: 354 Enter mail, end with "." on a line by itself
C: Do you like ketchup?
C:   How about pickles?
C: .
S: 250 Message accepted for delivery
C: QUIT
S: 221 hamburger.edu closing connection
```





Try SMTP interaction for yourself:

- `telnet servername 25`
- see 220 reply from server
- enter HELO, MAIL FROM, RCPT TO, DATA, QUIT commands

above lets you send email without using email client (reader)





Reliability of SMTP

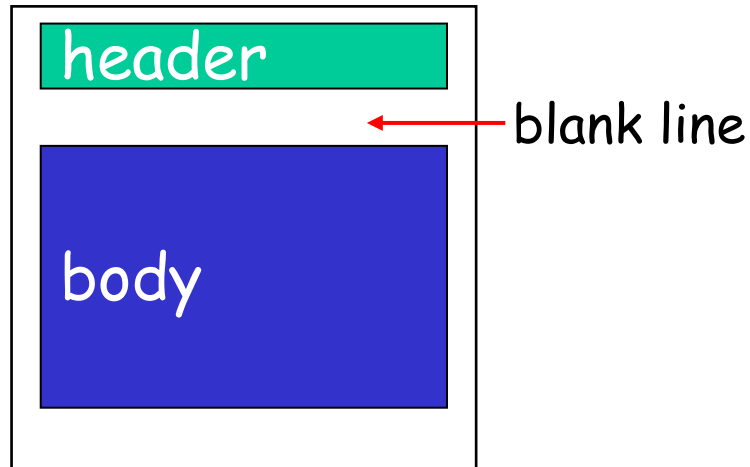
- Transfer mails from sender to receiver over TCP connection
 - Rely on TCP to provide reliable service
- No guarantee to **recover lost mails**
- No end to end **acknowledgement to originator** (user)
- **Error indication delivery** not guaranteed
 - Indicates mail has **arrived at host**, but **not user**
- Generally considered reliable



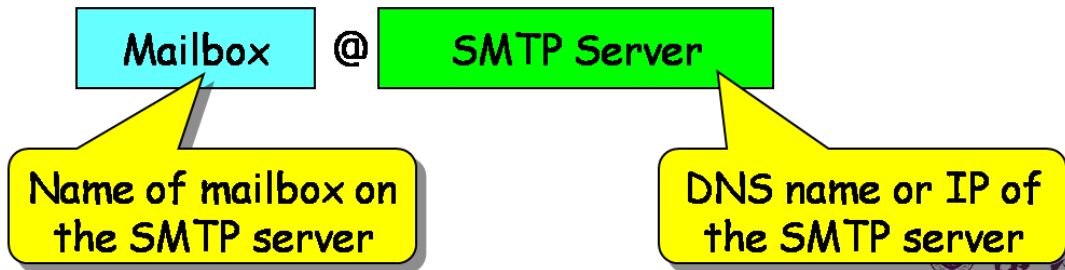


An Email Message

- Header lines, e.g.
 - To: Alice@sina.com
 - From: Bob@gmail.com
 - Subject: Dinner tonight
- Body
 - Mail contents, ASCII characters only



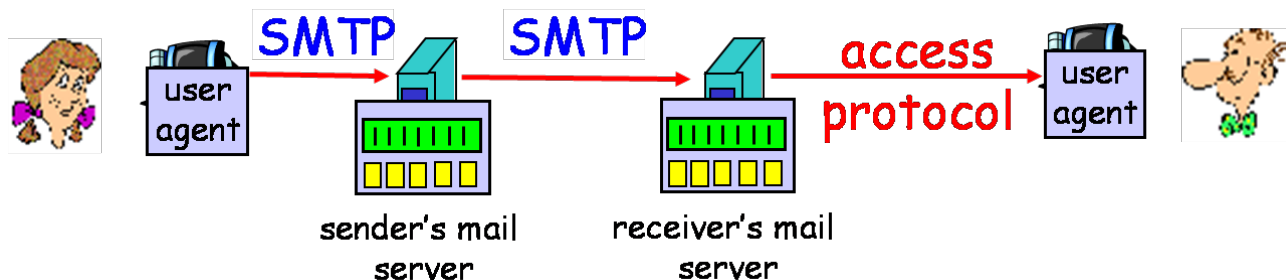
■ Mail destinations





Mail Access Protocols

- **SMTP**: delivery/storage to receiver's server
- **Mail access protocol**: mail retrieval from server
- **POP**: Post Office Protocol [RFC 1939]
 - Authorization (agent <-->server) and download
- **IMAP**: Internet Mail Access Protocol [RFC 1730]
 - more features, including manipulation of stored mails on server
- **HTTP**: gmail, Hotmail, Yahoo!, etc.





POP3 Protocol

Authorization phase

- Client commands
 - user: declare username
 - pass: password
- Server responses
 - +OK
 - -ERR

```
S: +OK POP3 server ready
C: user bob
S: +OK
C: pass hungry
S: +OK user successfully logged on
```

Transaction phase, by client

- list: list mail numbers
- retr: retrieve mail by number
- dele: delete
- quit

```
C: list
S: 1 498
S: 2 912
S: .
C: retr 1
S: <message 1 contents>
S: .
C: dele 1
C: retr 2
S: <message 1 contents>
S: .
C: dele 2
C: quit
S: +OK POP3 server signing off
```



POP3 (more) and IMAP

more about POP3

- previous example uses POP3 “download and delete” mode
 - Bob cannot re-read e-mail if he changes client
- POP3 “download-and-keep”: copies of messages on different clients
- POP3 is stateless across sessions

IMAP

- Internet Mail Access Protocol, RFC 1730
- keeps all messages in one place: at server
 - A complicated use case
 - Bob reads emails at his office while his wife is simultaneously reading from same mailbox at home
- allows user to organize messages in folders
- keeps user state across sessions:
 - names of folders and mappings between message IDs and folder name
 - Keeps track of mail states (read, replied, deleted)





RFC 822 - Format for Text Mails

- Simple 2-part format
 - Header (envelope) includes transmit and delivery info
 - Lines of text in format **keyword: information value**
 - Body (contents) carries text of message
 - Header and body separated by a blank line
- Mail is a **sequence of lines of text**
 - Ends with two <CRLF>

```
From: John@hamburger.edu
To: Alice@crepes.fr
Cc: bob@hamburger.edu
Date: Wed, 4 Sep 2003 10:21:22 EST
Subject: Lunch with me
```

Alice,

Can we get together for lunch when you visit next week? I'm free on Tuesday or Wednesday. Let me know which day you would prefer.

John





MIME

- Multipurpose Internet Mail Extension
 - Extends and automates encoding mechanisms
 - Allows inclusion of **separate components** in a single mail
 - e.g. programs, pictures, audio clips, videos
- Features
 - **Compatible with existing mail systems**
 - Everything encoded as 7-bit ASCII
 - Headers and separators ignored by non-MIME mail systems
 - MIME is **extensible**
 - As long as sender and receiver agree on encoding scheme





Overview of MIME

- 5 new mail header fields
 - MIME version
 - Content type
 - Content transfer encoding
 - Content Id
 - Content Description
- Number of content formats defined
- Transfer encoding defined





A MIME Mail Example

MIME version

Method used
to encode data

Type of data

encoded data

```
From: alice@crepes.fr
To: bob@hamburger.edu
Subject: Picture of yummy crepe.
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Transfer-Encoding: base64
Content-Type: image/jpeg
base64 encoded data .....
.....base64 encoded data
```





A Multi-Part Example

```
From: alice@crepes.fr
To: bob@hamburger.edu
Subject: Picture of yummy crepe.
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: multipart/mixed; boundary="StartOfNextPart"
```

```
--StartOfNextPart
Dear Bob, Please find a picture of a crepe.
--StartOfNextPart
Content-Transfer-Encoding: base64
Content-Type: image/jpeg
base64 encoded data .....
.....base64 encoded data
--StartOfNextPart
Do you want the recipe?
--StartOfNextPart--
```





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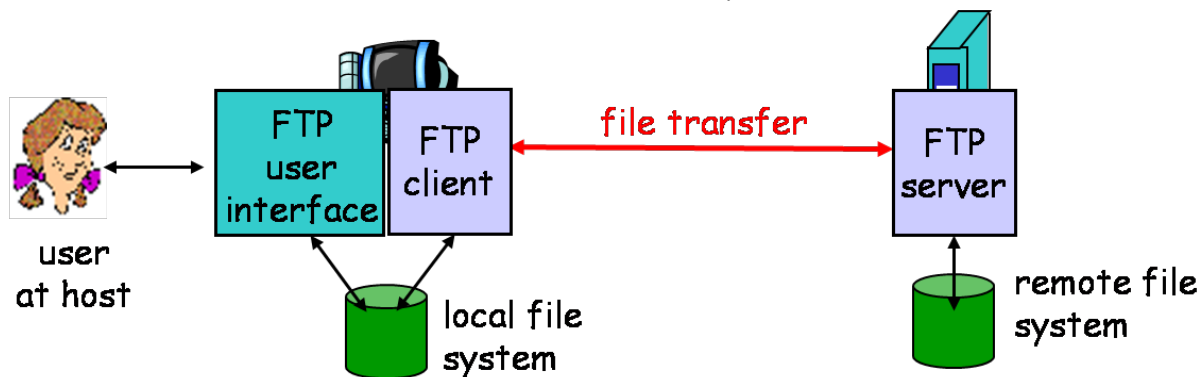
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File Transfer Protocol (FTP)

- RFC 959, use TCP, port 21/20
- Transfer file to/from remote host
- Client/Server model, client side initiates file transfer (either to/from remote)
- Deals with **heterogeneous** OS and file systems
- Needs **access control** on remote file system





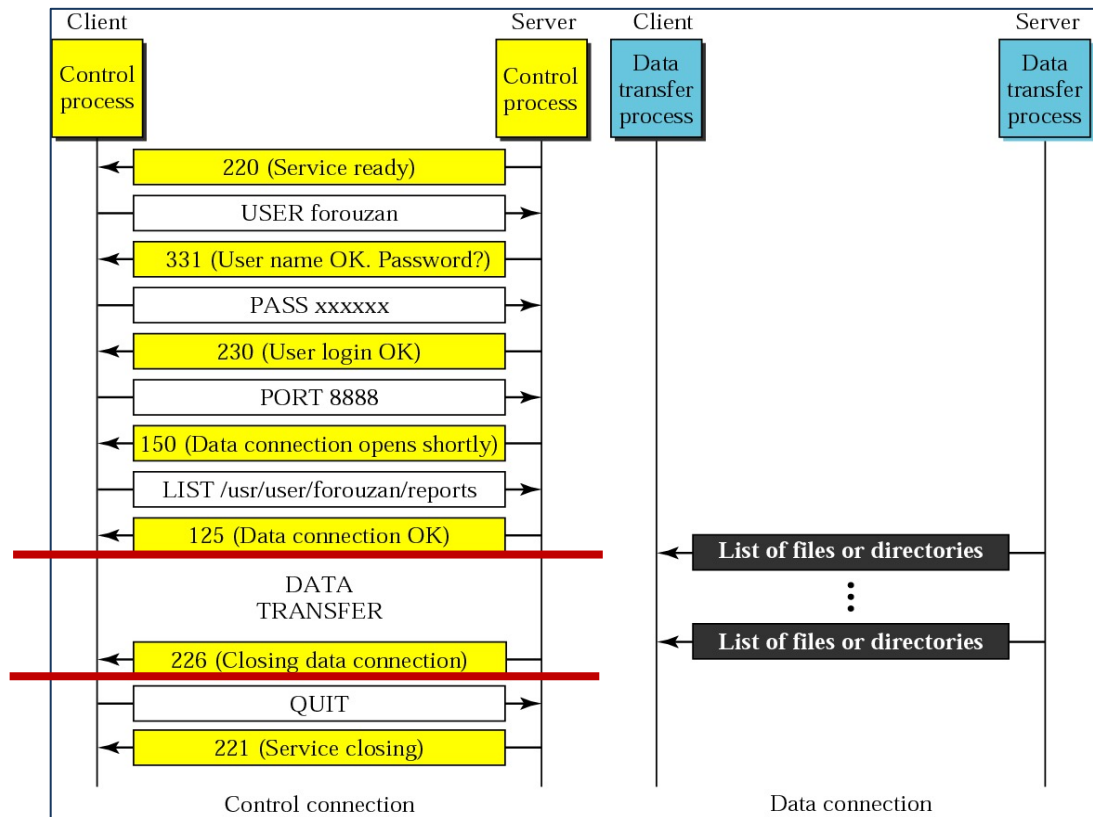
Control and Data Connections

- FTP client contacts FTP server at port 21, opens a **control connection**
- Client authorized over control connection
- Client browses **remote directory** by sending commands over control connection
- When server receives file transfer command, **server opens 2nd TCP data connection (for file) to client**
 - One connection for each file transferred
- After transferring one file, server closes data connection
- Control connection stays **"out of band"**
- FTP server maintains **"user state"**: current directory, earlier authentication





Illustration of FTP Session





FTP Commands and Responses

Sample commands:

- Sent as ASCII text over control channel
- USER username
- PASS password
- LIST return list of file in current directory
- RETR filename retrieves (gets) file
- STOR filename stores (puts) file onto remote server

Sample return codes:

- Status code and phrase (as in HTTP)
- 331 Username OK, password required
- 125 data connection already open; transfer starting
- 425 Can't open data connection
- 452 Error writing file





BitTorrent

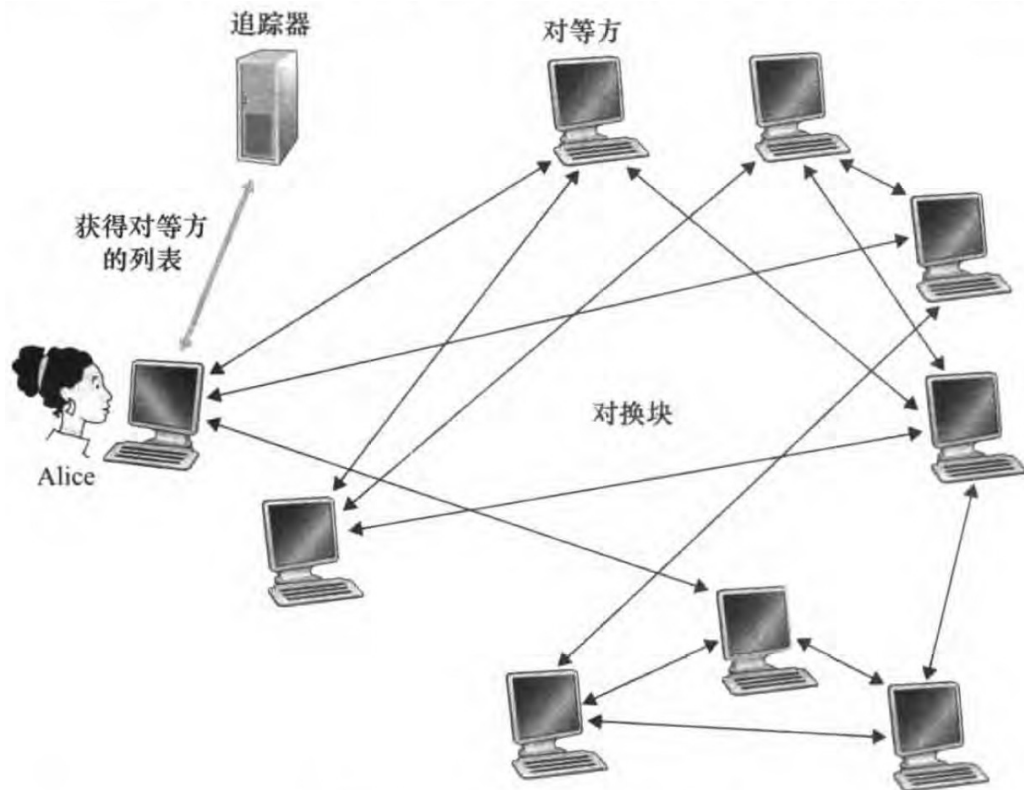


图 2-23 用 BitTorrent 分发文件





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The Web: History

- World Wide Web (**WWW**): a distributed database of “pages” linked through Hypertext Transport Protocol (**HTTP**)
 - First HTTP implementation - 1990
 - ✓ **Tim Berners-Lee** at CERN
 - HTTP/0.9 - 1991
 - ✓ Simple GET command for the Web
 - HTTP/1.0 - 1992
 - ✓ Client/server information, simple caching

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The Web: History

- World Wide Web (WWW): a distributed database of “pages” linked through Hypertext Transport Protocol (HTTP)
 - HTTP/1.1 - 1996
 - ✓ Performance and security optimizations
 - HTTP/2 - 2015
 - ✓ Latency optimizations via request multiplexing over single TCP connection
 - ✓ Binary protocol instead of text
 - ✓ Server push





Web components

- Infrastructure:
 - Clients
 - Servers (DNS, CDN, Datacenters)
- Content:
 - URL: naming content
 - HTML: formatting content
- Protocol for exchanging information: HTTP





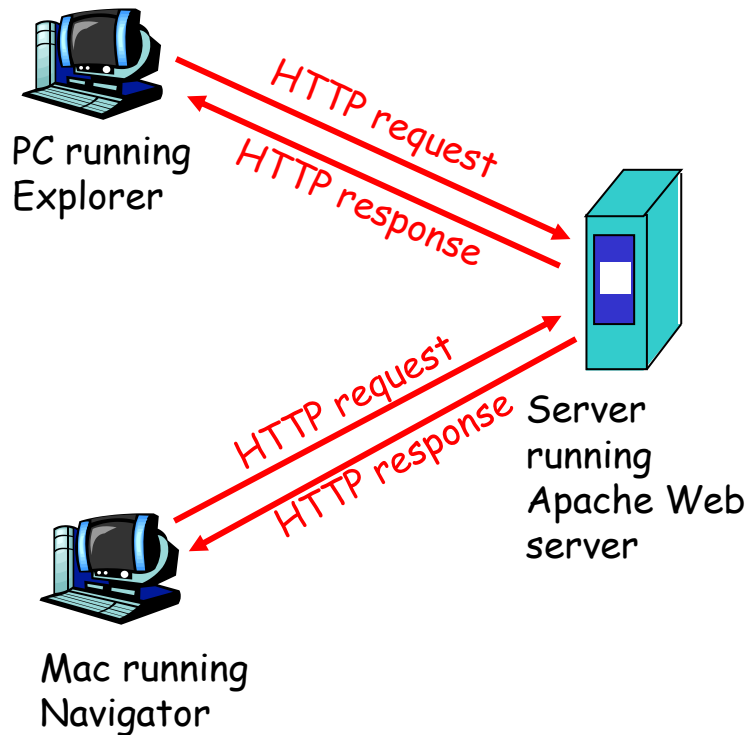
URL - Uniform Resource Locator

- A unique identifier for an object on WWW
- URL format
`<protocol>://<host>:<port>/<path>?query_string`
 - Protocol: method for transmission or interpretation of the object, e.g. http, ftp, Gopher
 - Host: DNS name or IP address of the host where object resides
 - Path: pathname of the file that contains the object
 - **Query_string**: name/value pairs sent to app on the server
- An example
`http://www.nju.edu.cn:8080/somedir/page.htm`



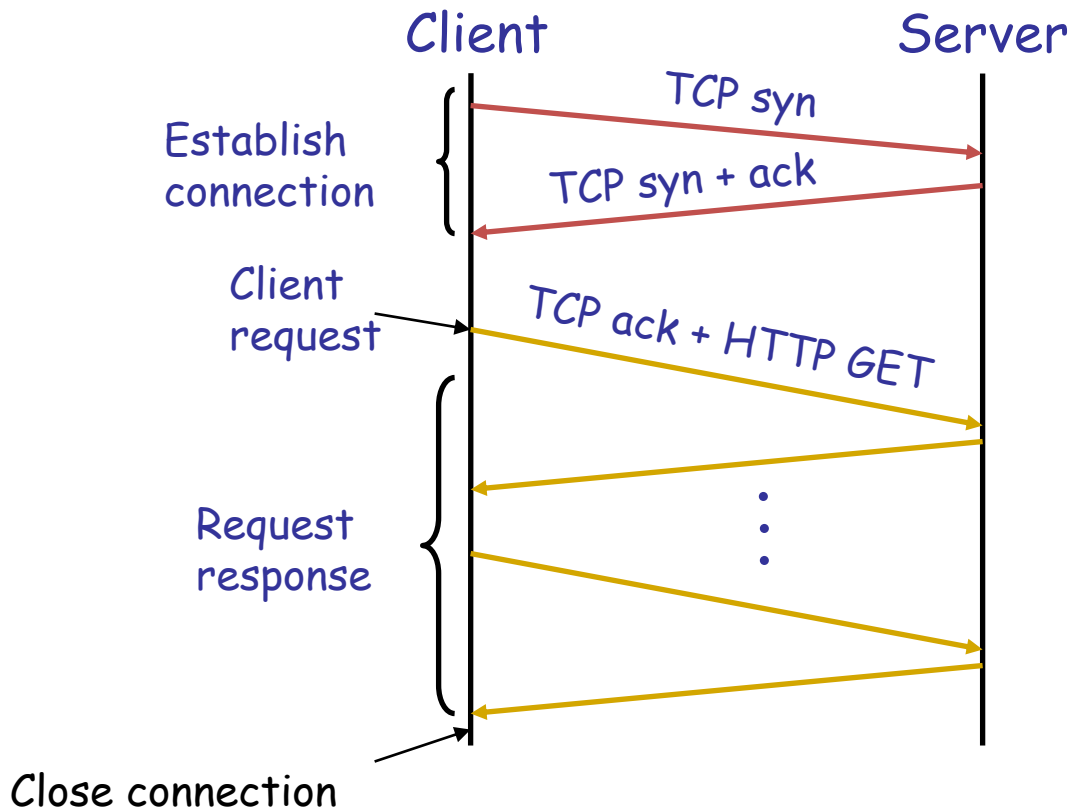
Hyper Text Transfer Protocol (HTTP)

- Client-server architecture
 - Server is "always on" and "well known"
 - Clients initiate contact to server
- Synchronous request/reply protocol
 - Runs over TCP, Port 80
- Stateless
- ASCII format
 - Before HTTP/2





Steps in HTTP request/response





Method types (HTTP 1.1)

- GET, HEAD
- POST
 - Send information (e.g., web forms)
- PUT
 - Uploads file in entity body to path specified in URL field
- DELETE
 - Deletes file specified in the URL field

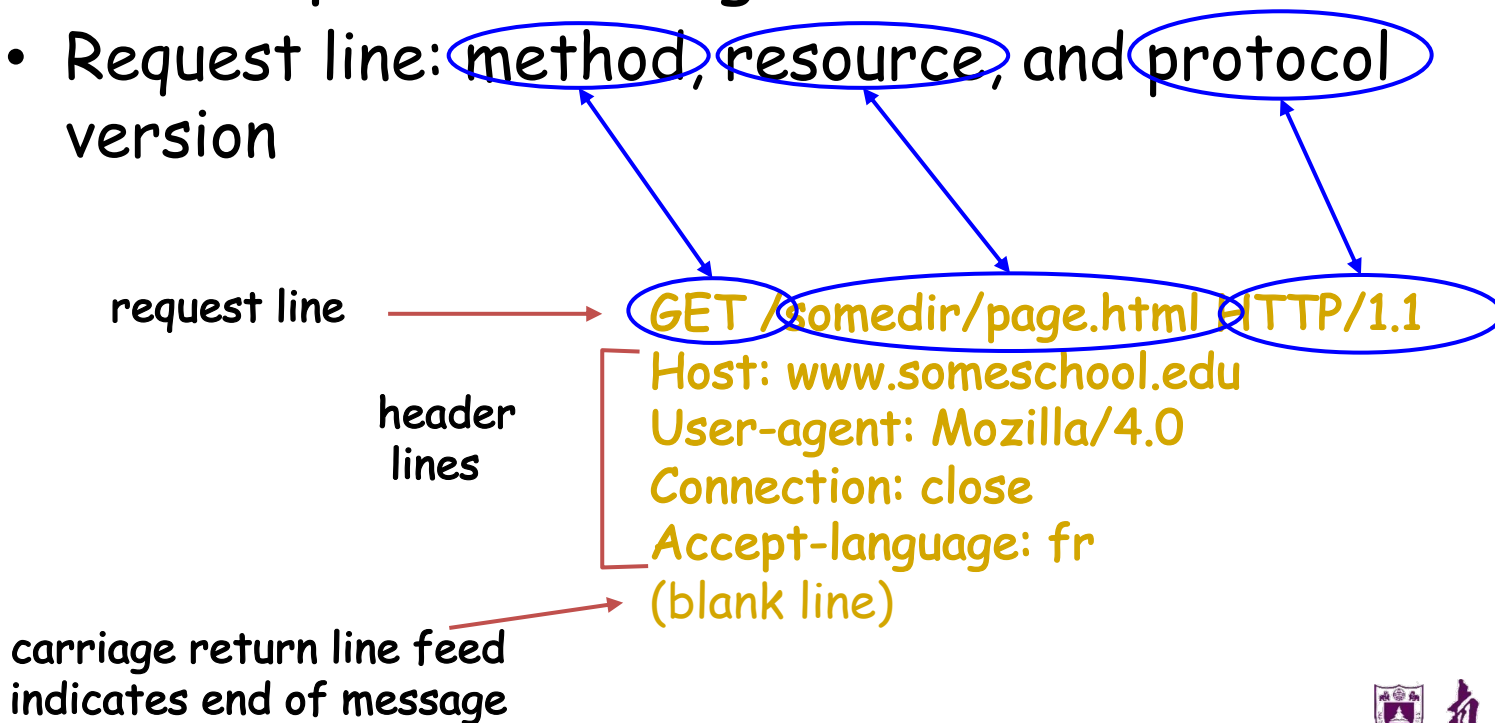




Client-to-server communication

- HTTP Request Message

- Request line: method, resource, and protocol version





Server-to-client communication

- HTTP Response Message

- Status line: protocol version, status code, status phrase
- Response headers: provide information
- Body: optional data

status line

(protocol, status code, status phrase)

header lines

data

e.g., requested HTML file

HTTP/1.1 200 OK

Connection close

Date: Thu, 06 Jan 2017 12:00:15 GMT

Server: Apache/1.3.0 (Unix)

Last-Modified: Mon, 22 Jun 2006 ...

Content-Length: 6821

Content-Type: text/html

(blank line)

data data data data data ...





HTTP is stateless

- Each request-response treated independently
 - Servers not required to retain state
- **Good:** Improves scalability on the server-side
 - Failure handling is easier
 - Can handle higher rate of requests
 - Order of requests doesn't matter
- **Bad:** Some applications need persistent state
 - Need to uniquely identify user or store temporary info
 - e.g., Shopping cart, user profiles, usage tracking, ...





Question

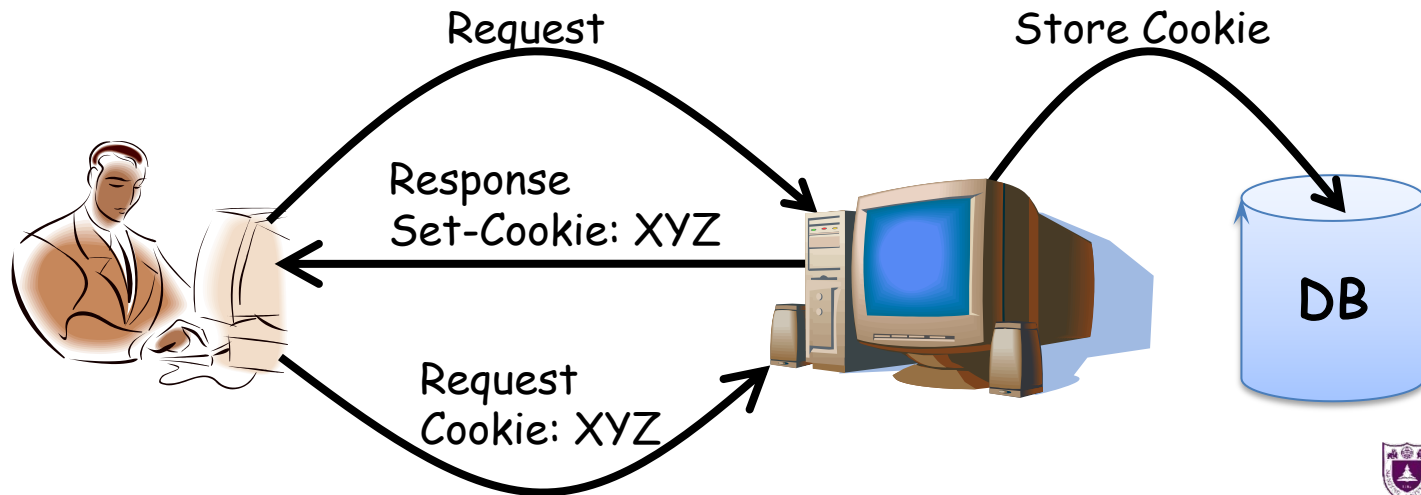
- How does a stateless protocol keep state?





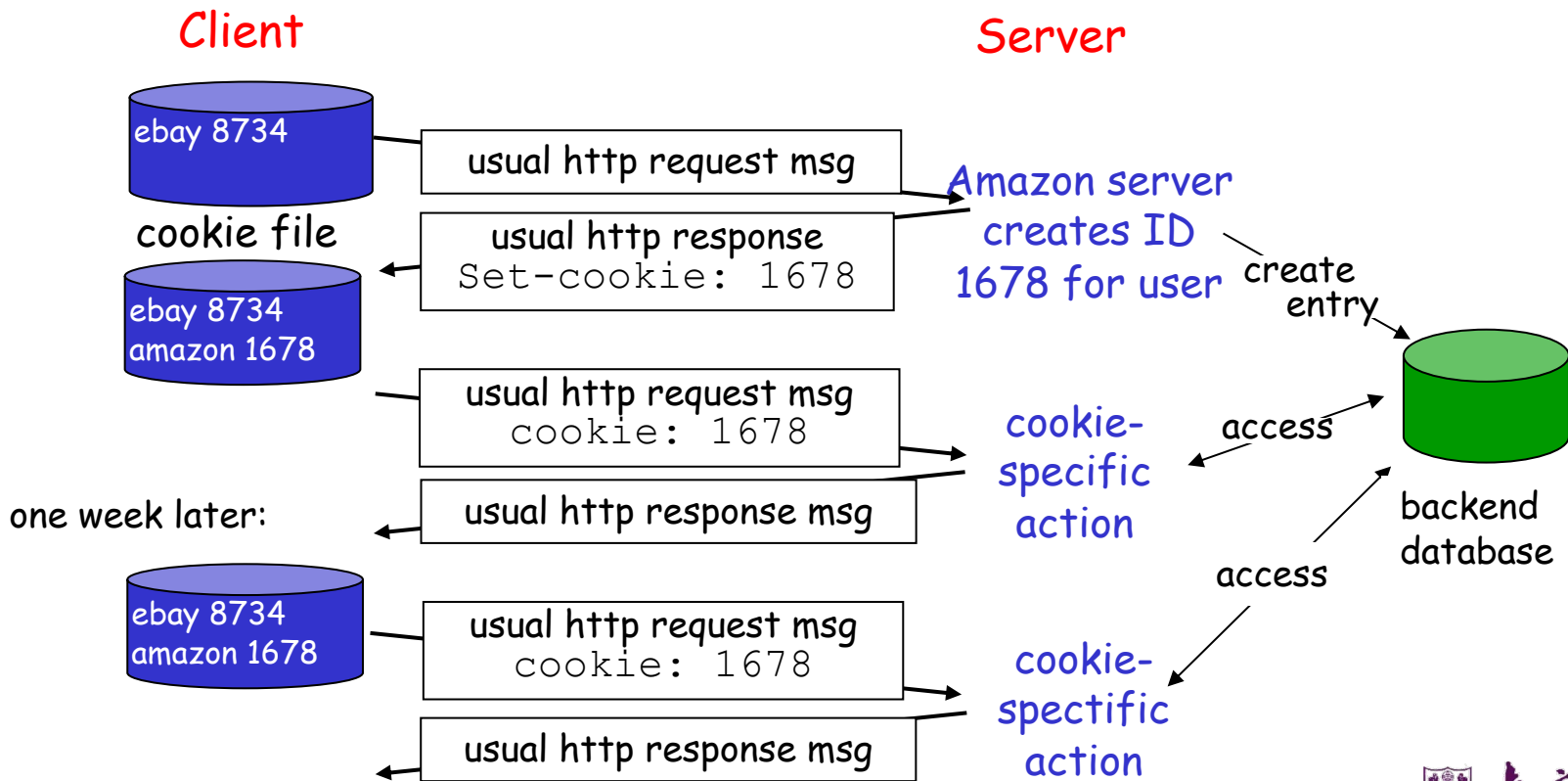
State in a stateless protocol: Cookies

- Client-side state maintenance
 - Client stores small state on behalf of server
 - Client sends state in future requests to the server
- Can provide authentication





A Cookies Example





Application of Cookies

What cookies can bring

- Authorization
- Shopping carts
- Recommendations
- User session state (Web Email)

Cookies and privacy

- Cookies permit servers to learn a lot about user
- User may supply name and Email to servers
- Search engines may use cookies to obtain info across sites
- Hacked browser may do bad things with cookies



Web performance goals

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 - Fast downloads (not identical to low-latency communication!)
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- Content provider
 - Happy users (hence, above)
 - Cost-effective infrastructure
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Solutions?

Improve networking protocols including HTTP, TCP, etc.

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Caching and replication





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Exploit economies of scale;
e.g., webhosting, CDNs,
datacenters





HTTP performance

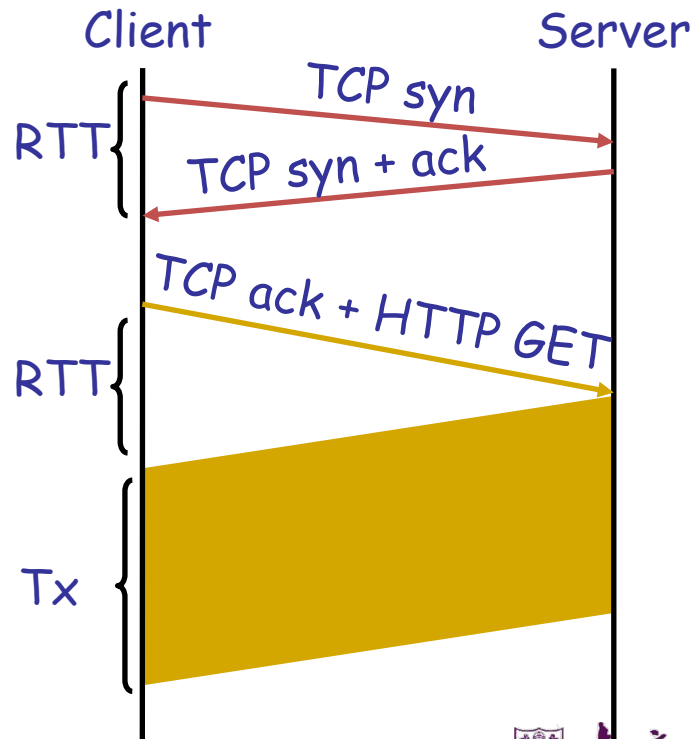
- Most Web pages have multiple objects
 - e.g., HTML file and a bunch of embedded images
- How do you retrieve those objects (naively)?
 - One item at a time
- New TCP connection per (small) object!





Object request response time

- RTT (round-trip time)
 - Time for a small packet to travel from client to server and back
- Response time
 - 1 RTT for TCP setup
 - 1 RTT for HTTP request and first few bytes
 - Transmission time
 - **Total** = 2RTT + Transmission Time





Non-persistent connections

- Default in HTTP/1.0
- $2RTT + \Delta$ for each object in the HTML file!
 - One more $2RTT + \Delta$ for the HTML file itself
- Doing the same thing over and over again
 - Inefficient

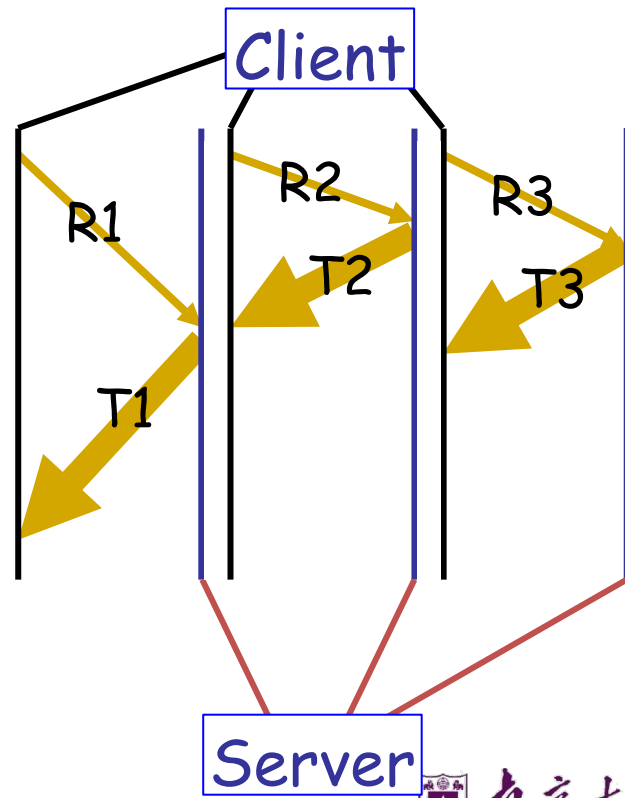




Concurrent requests and responses

- Use multiple connections in parallel
- Does not necessarily maintain order of responses

- Client = 😊
- Content provider = 😊
- Network = 😞 Why?





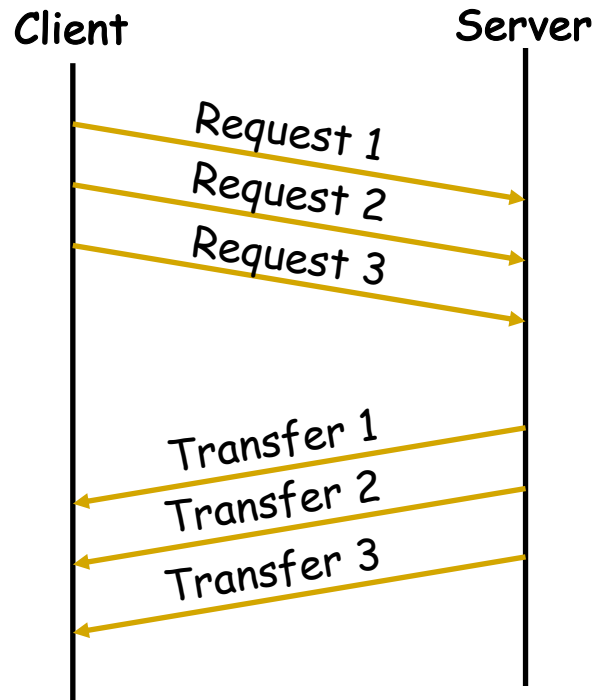
Persistent connections

- Maintain TCP connection across multiple requests
 - Including transfers subsequent to current page
 - Client or server can tear down connection
- Advantages
 - Avoid overhead of connection set-up and tear-down
 - Allow underlying layers (e.g., TCP) to learn about RTT and bandwidth characteristics
- Default in HTTP/1.1



Pipelined requests & responses

- Batch requests and responses to reduce the number of packets
- Multiple requests can be contained in one TCP segment





Scorecard: Getting n small objects

- Time dominated by latency
- One-at-a-time: $\sim 2n$ RTT
- m concurrent: $\sim 2\lceil n/m \rceil$ RTT
- Persistent: $\sim (n+1)$ RTT
- Pipelined: ~ 2 RTT
- Pipelined/Persistent: ~ 2 RTT first time, RTT later





Scorecard: Getting n large objects each of size F

- Time dominated by bandwidth
- One-at-a-time: $\sim nF/B$
- m concurrent: $\sim [n/m] F/B$
 - Assuming shared with large population of users and each TCP connection gets the same bandwidth
- Pipelined and/or persistent: $\sim nF/B$
 - The only thing that helps is getting more bandwidth





Caching

- Why does caching work?
 - Exploits locality of reference
- How well does caching work?
 - Very well, up to a limit
 - Large overlap in content
 - But many unique requests
 - ✓ A universal story!
 - ✓ Effectiveness of caching grows logarithmically with size





Caching: How

- Modifier to GET requests:
 - **If-modified-since** - returns “not modified” if resource not modified since specified time

GET /somedir/page.html HTTP/1.1

Host: www.someschool.edu

User-agent: Mozilla/4.0

If-modified-since: Wed, 18 Jan 2017 10:25:50 GMT
(blank line)





Caching: How

- Modifier to GET requests:
 - **If-modified-since** - returns “not modified” if resource not modified since specified time
- Client specifies “**if-modified-since**” time in request
- Server compares this against “last modified” time of resource
- Server returns “Not Modified” if resource has not changed
- or a “OK” with the latest version otherwise





Caching: How

- Modifier to GET requests:
 - **If-modified-since** - returns “not modified” if resource not modified since specified time
- Response header:
 - **Expires** - how long it's safe to cache the resource
 - **No-cache** - ignore all caches; always get resource directly from server





Caching: Where?

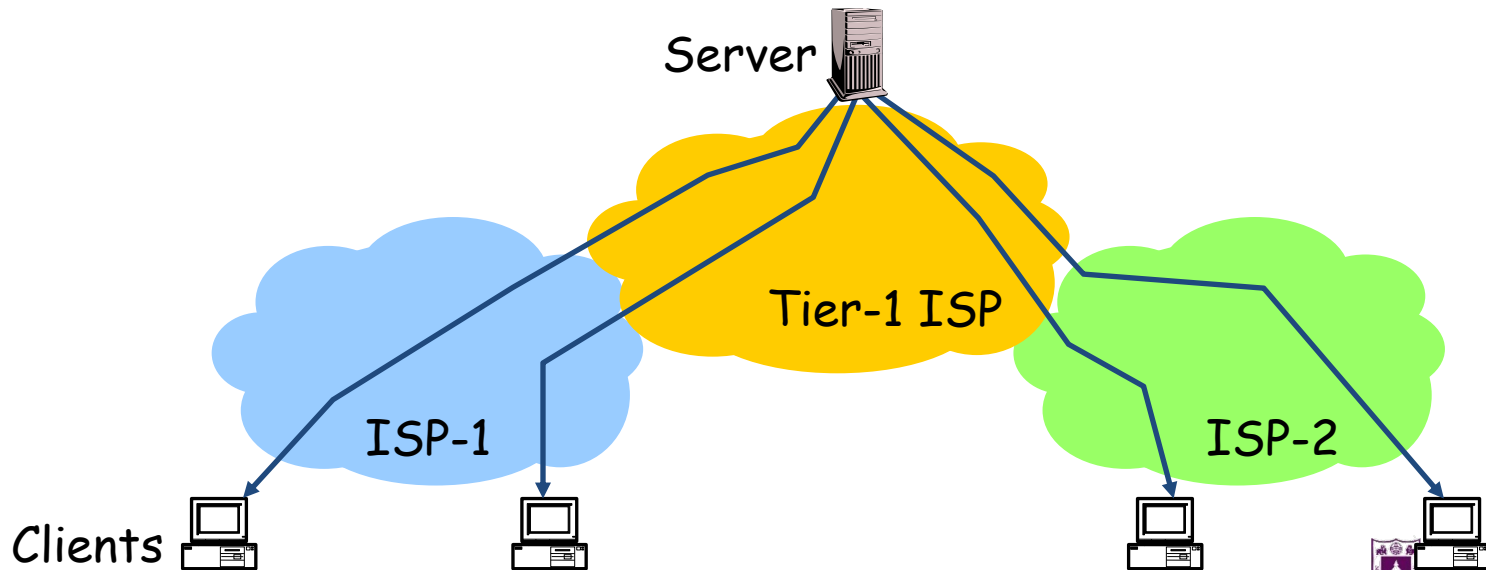
- Options
 - Client (browser)
 - Forward proxies
 - Reverse proxies
 - Content Distribution Network





Caching: Where?

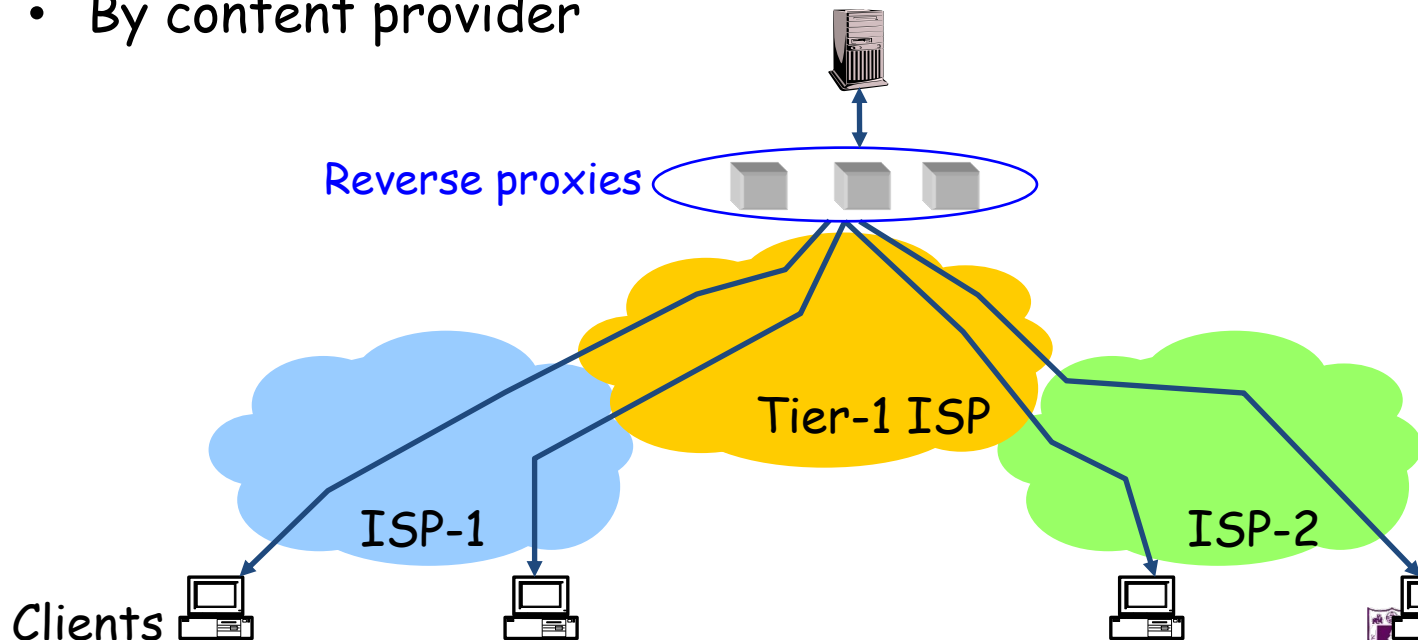
- Many clients transfer same information
 - Generate unnecessary server and network load
 - Clients experience unnecessary latency





Caching with Reverse Proxies

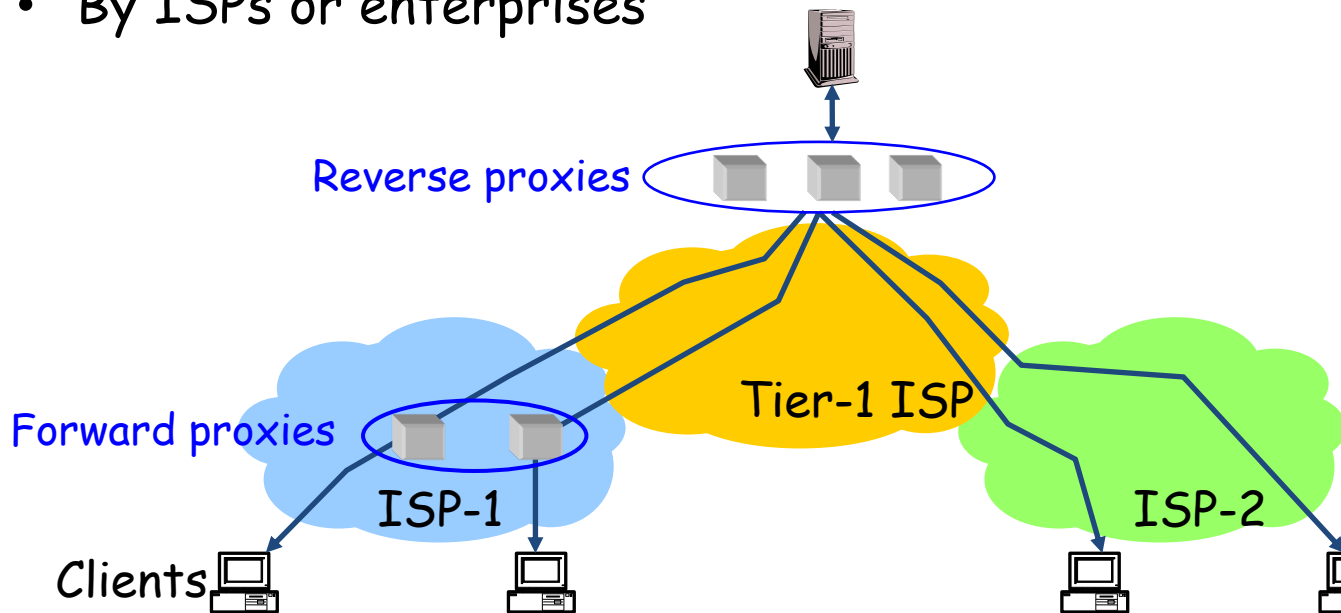
- Cache documents close to server
 - Decrease server load
 - By content provider





Caching with Forward Proxies

- Cache documents close to clients
 - Reduce network traffic and decrease latency
 - By ISPs or enterprises





- HTTP/1.1
 - Text-based protocol
 - Being replaced by binary HTTP/2 protocol
- Many ways to improve performance
 - Pipelining and batching
 - Caching in proxies and CDNs
 - Datacenters





Internet Applications

- Internet Applications Overview
- Domain Name Service (DNS)
- Electronic Mail
- File Transfer Protocol (FTP)
- WWW and HTTP
- Content Distribution Networks (CDNs)





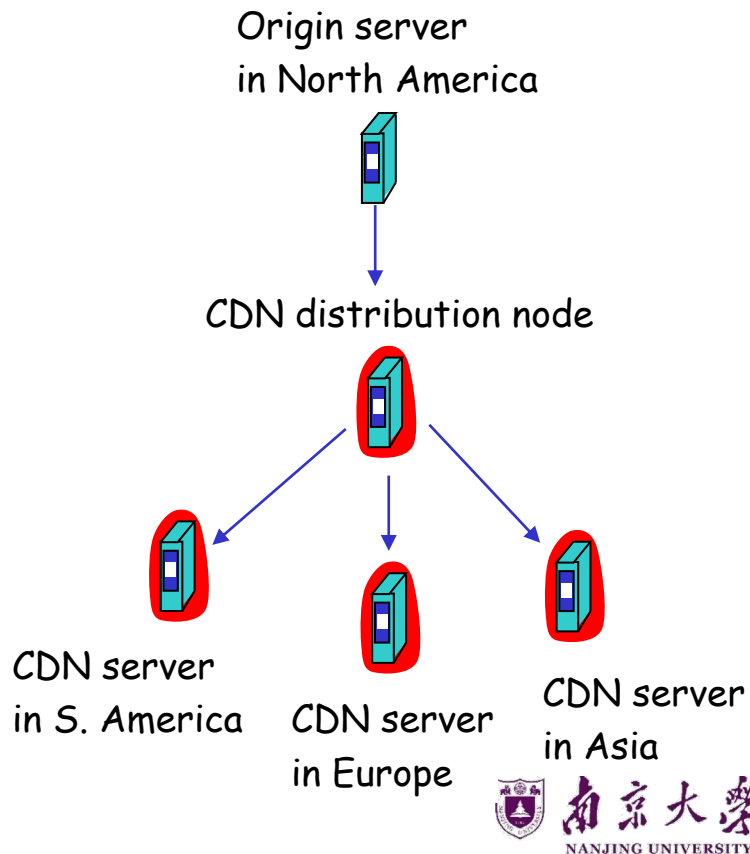
Content Distribution Networks (CDNs)

- **Challenge**

- Stream large files (e.g. video) from single origin server in real time
- Protect origin server from DDOS attacks

- **Solution**

- Replicate content at **hundreds of servers** throughout Internet
- **CDN distribution node** coordinate the content distribution
- Placing content **close to user**





Content Replication

- Content provider (origin server) is **CDN customer**
- CDN replicates customers' content in CDN servers
- When provider updates content, CDN updates its servers
- Use **authoritative DNS server** to redirect requests





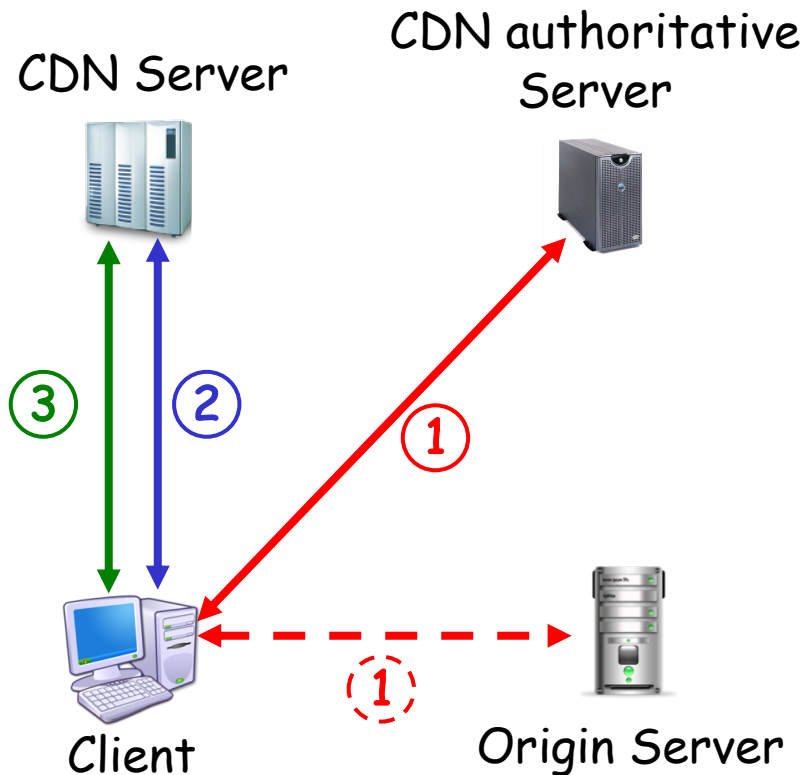
Supporting Techniques

- DNS
 - One name maps onto many addresses
- Routing
 - Content-based routing (to nearest CDN server)
- URL Rewriting
 - Replaces "http://www.sina.com/sports/tennis.mov" with "http://www.cdn.com/www.sina.com/sports/tennis.mov"
- Redirection strategy
 - Load balancing, network delay, cache/content locality





CDN Operation



1' **URL rewriting** - get authoritative server

1. Get near CDN server IP address
2. Warm up CDN cache
3. Retrieve pages/media from CDN Server



Redirection

- CDN creates a “**map**”, indicating distances from leaf ISPs and CDN servers
- When query arrives at **authoritative DNS server**
 - Server determines ISP from which query originates
 - Uses “map” to determine best CDN server
- CDN servers create an **application-layer overlay network**



提问

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