

# COMPUTER NETWORKS

## CHAP 2 : APPLICATION LAYER

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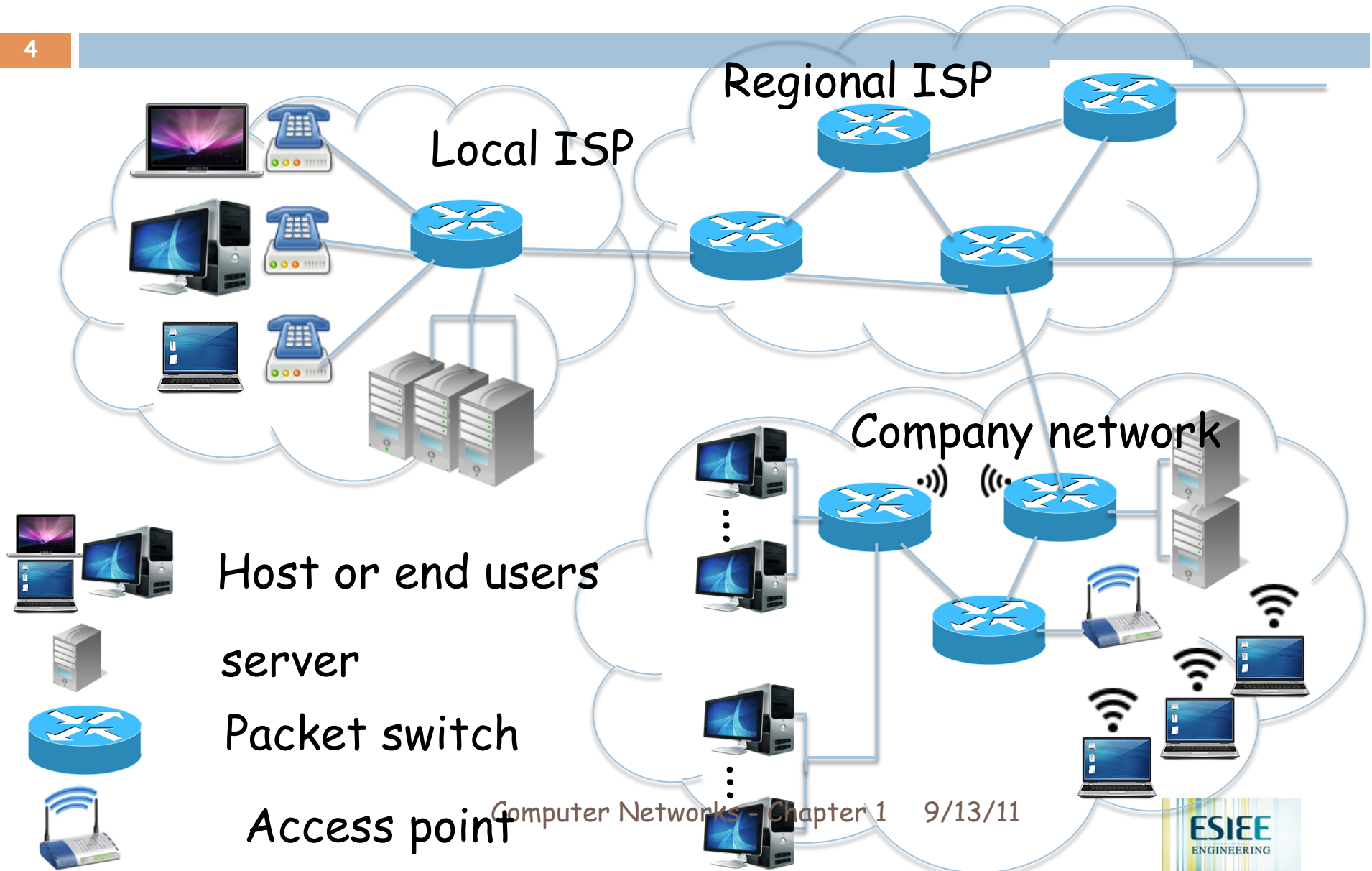
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## Our goals:

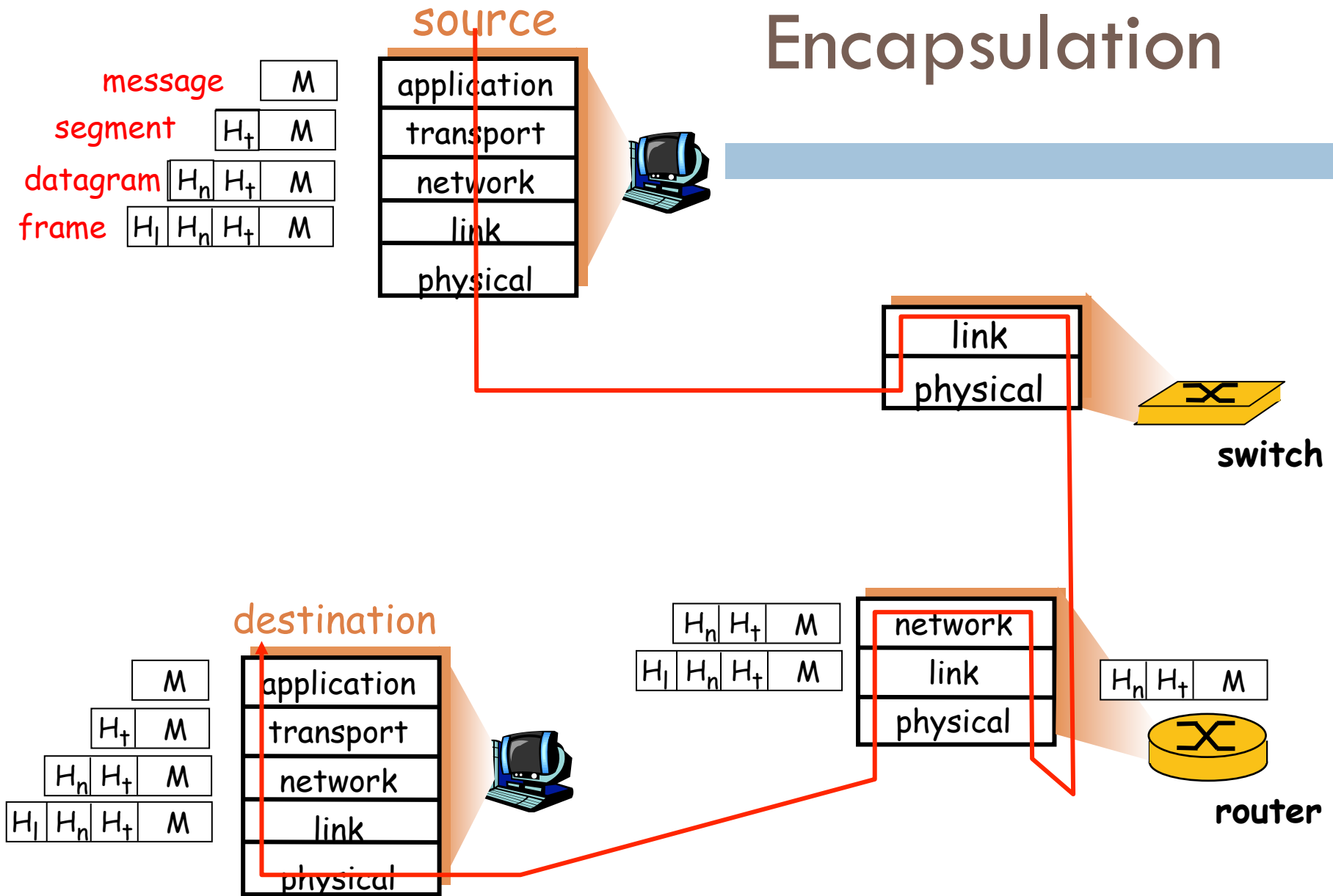
- conceptual, implementation aspects of network application protocols
  - transport-layer service models
  - client-server paradigm
  - peer-to-peer paradigm
- learn about protocols by examining popular application-level protocols
  - HTTP
  - FTP
  - SMTP / POP3 / IMAP
  - DNS
- programming network applications
  - socket API

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# Encapsulation



# Some network apps

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- e-mail
- web
- instant messaging
- remote login
- P2P file sharing
- multi-user network games
- streaming stored video clips
- voice over IP
- real-time video conferencing
- grid computing
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# Creating a network app

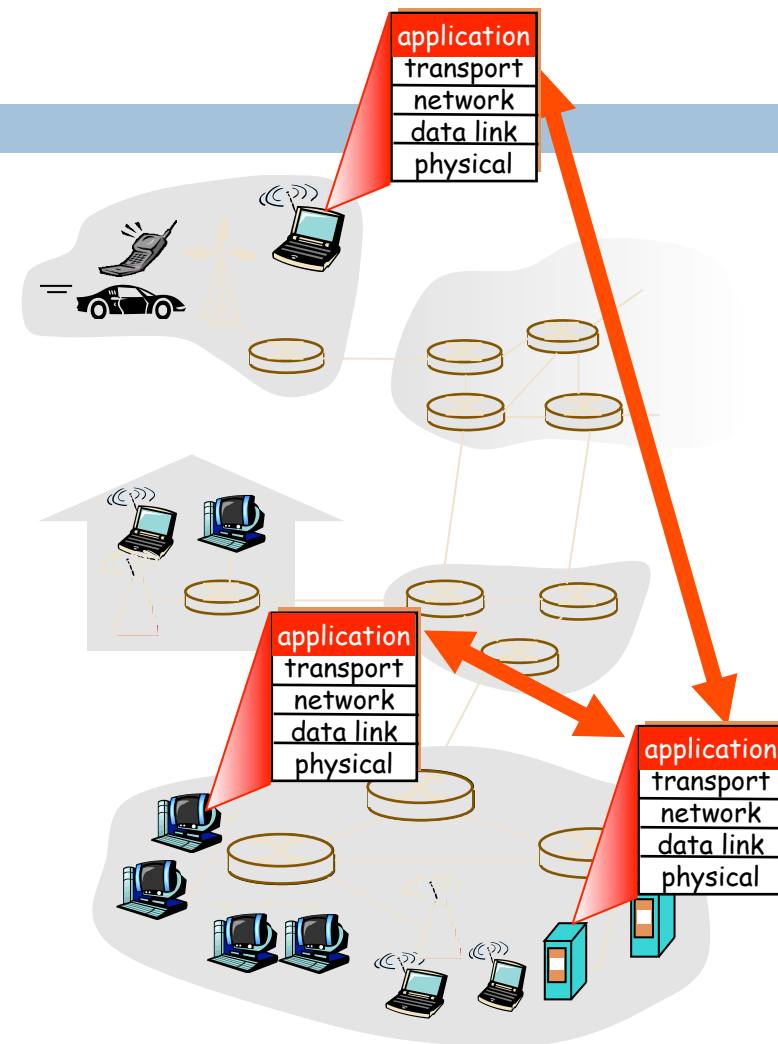
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## write programs that

- run on (different) *end systems*
- communicate over network
- e.g., web server software communicates with browser software

## No need to write software for network-core devices

- Network-core devices do not run user applications
- applications on end systems allows for rapid app development, propagation



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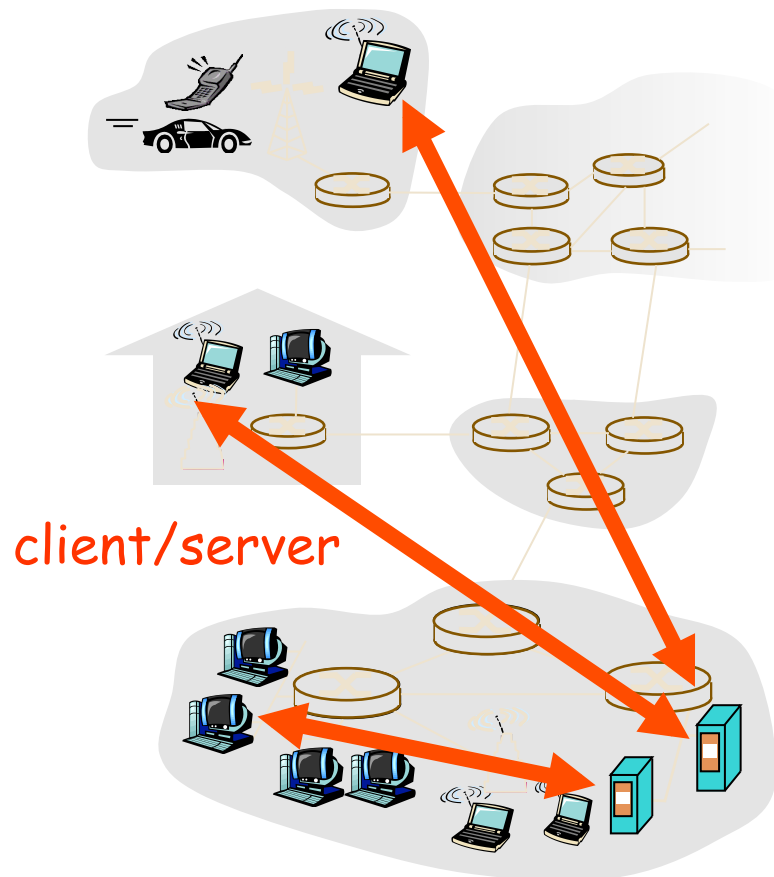
# Application architectures

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- Client-server
- Peer-to-peer (P2P)
- Hybrid of client-server and P2P

# Client-server architecture

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## server:

- ❑ always-on host
- ❑ permanent IP address
- ❑ server farms for scaling

## clients:

- ❑ communicate with server
- ❑ may be intermittently connected
- ❑ may have dynamic IP addresses
- ❑ do not communicate directly with each other

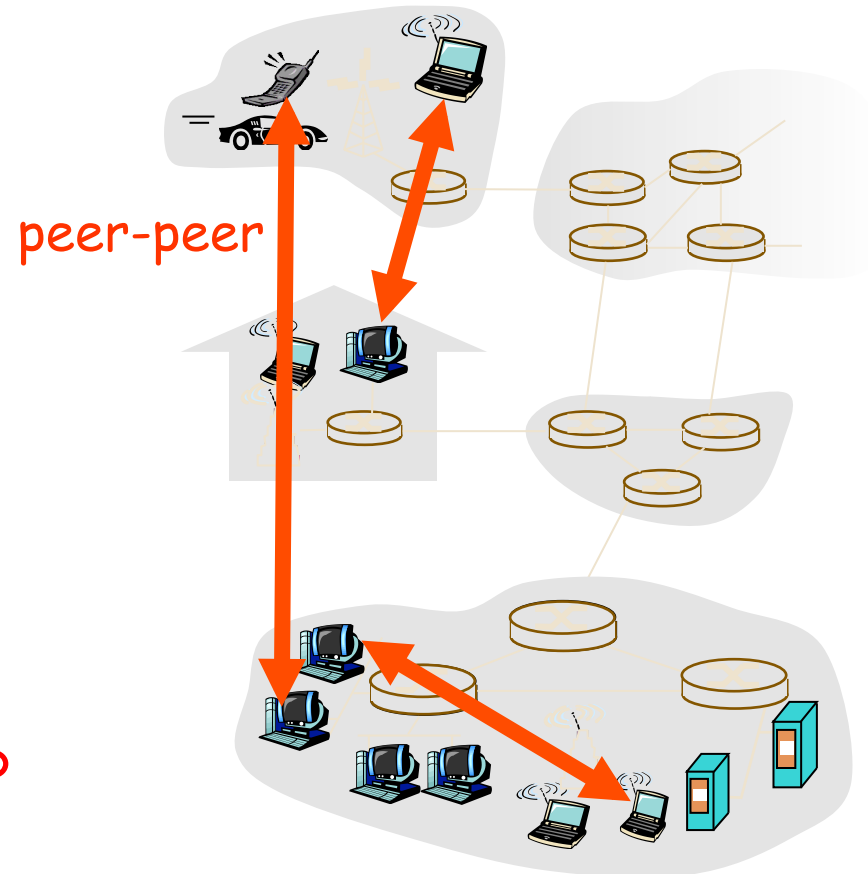
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# Pure P2P architecture

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- no always-on server
- arbitrary end systems directly communicate
- peers are intermittently connected and change IP addresses

Highly scalable but difficult to manage



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# Hybrid of client-server and P2P

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## Skype

- ▣ voice-over-IP P2P application
- ▣ centralized server: finding address of remote party:
- ▣ client-client connection: direct (not through server)

## Instant messaging

- ▣ chatting between two users is P2P
- ▣ centralized service: client presence detection/  
location
  - user registers its IP address with central server when it comes online
  - user contacts central server to find IP addresses of buddies

# Processes communicating

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**Process:** program running within a host.

- within same host, two processes communicate using **inter-process communication** (defined by OS).
- processes in different hosts communicate by exchanging **messages**

**Client process:** process that initiates communication

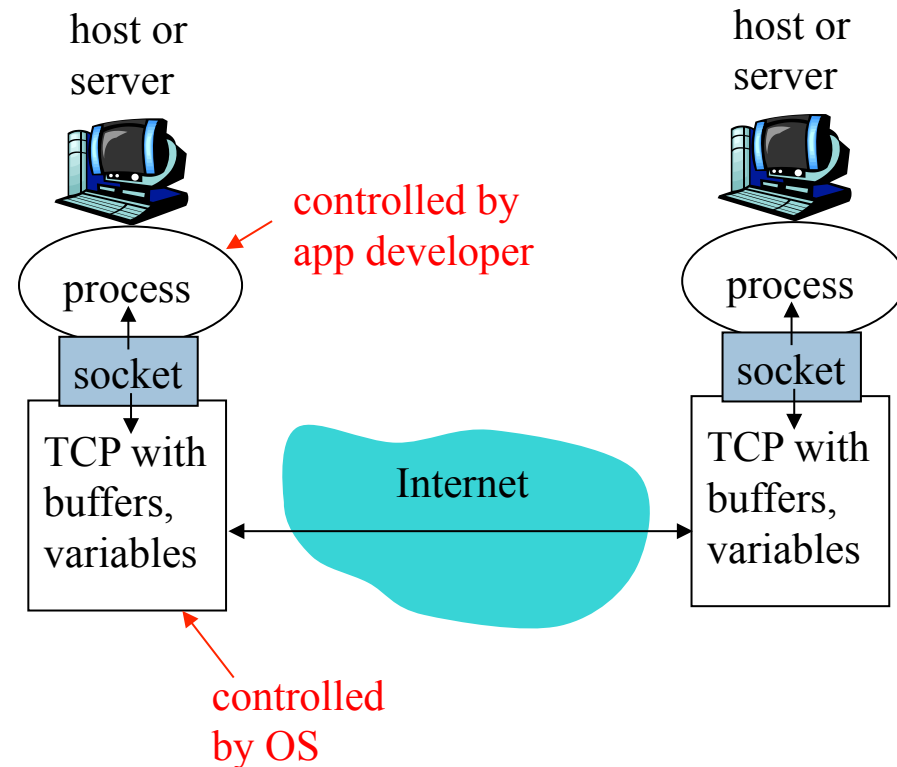
**Server process:** process that waits to be contacted

- Note: applications with P2P architectures have client processes & server processes

# Sockets

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- process sends/receives messages to/from its **socket**
- socket analogous to door
  - ▣ sending process shoves message out door
  - ▣ sending process relies on transport infrastructure on other side of door which brings message to socket at receiving process



- API: (1) choice of transport protocol; (2) ability to fix a few parameters (**lots more on this later**)

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# Addressing processes

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- host device has unique 32-bit IP address
- Q: does IP address of host suffice for identifying the process?

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- to receive messages, process must have *identifier*
- host device has unique 32-bit IP address
- Q: does IP address of host on which process runs suffice for identifying the process?
  - A: No, *many* processes can be running on same host
- *identifier* includes both **IP address** and **port numbers** associated with process on host.
- Example port numbers:
  - HTTP server: 80
  - Mail server: 25
- to send HTTP message to gaia.cs.umass.edu web server:
  - **IP address:** 128.119.245.12
  - **Port number:** 80

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# App-layer protocol defines

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- Types of messages exchanged,
  - ▣ e.g., request, response
- Message syntax:
  - ▣ what fields in messages & how fields are delineated
- Message semantics
  - ▣ meaning of information in fields
- Rules for when and how processes send & respond to messages

## Public-domain protocols:

- defined in RFCs
- allows for interoperability
- e.g., HTTP, SMTP

## Proprietary protocols:

- e.g., Skype

# What transport service does an app need?

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## Data loss

- some apps (e.g., audio) can tolerate some loss
- other apps (e.g., file transfer, telnet) require 100% reliable data transfer

## Timing

- some apps (e.g., Internet telephony, interactive games) require low delay to be “effective”

## Throughput

- some apps (e.g., multimedia) require minimum amount of throughput to be “effective”
- other apps (“elastic apps”) make use of whatever throughput they get

## Security

- Encryption, data integrity, ...

# Transport service requirements of common apps

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Application	Data loss	Throughput	Time Sensitive
file transfer	no loss	elastic	no
e-mail	no loss	elastic	no
Web documents	no loss	elastic	no
real-time audio/video	loss-tolerant	audio: 5kbps-1Mbps video: 10kbps-5Mbps	yes, 100' s msec
stored audio/video	loss-tolerant	same as above	yes, few secs
interactive games	loss-tolerant	few kbps up	yes, 100 s
instant messaging	no loss	elastic	?

# Internet transport protocols services

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## TCP service:

- *connection-oriented*: setup required between client and server processes
- *reliable transport* between sending and receiving process
- *flow control*: sender won't overwhelm receiver
- *congestion control*: throttle sender when network overloaded
- *does not provide*: timing, minimum throughput guarantees, security

## UDP service:

- unreliable data transfer between sending and receiving process
- does not provide: connection setup, reliability, flow control, congestion control, timing, throughput guarantee, or security

Q: why bother? Why is there a UDP?

# Internet apps: application, transport protocols

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<b>Application</b>	<b>Application layer protocol</b>	<b>Underlying transport protocol</b>
e-mail	SMTP [RFC 2821]	TCP
remote terminal access	Telnet [RFC 854]	TCP
Web	HTTP [RFC 2616]	TCP
file transfer	FTP [RFC 959]	TCP
streaming multimedia	HTTP (eg Youtube), RTP [RFC 1889]	TCP or UDP
Internet telephony	SIP, RTP, proprietary (e.g., Skype)	typically UDP

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# Web and HTTP

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## First some jargon

- **Web page** consists of **objects**
- Object can be HTML file, JPEG image, Java applet, audio file, ...
- Web page consists of **base HTML-file** which includes several referenced objects
- Each object is addressable by a **URL**
- Example URL:

`www.someschool.edu/someDept/pic.gif`

host name

path name

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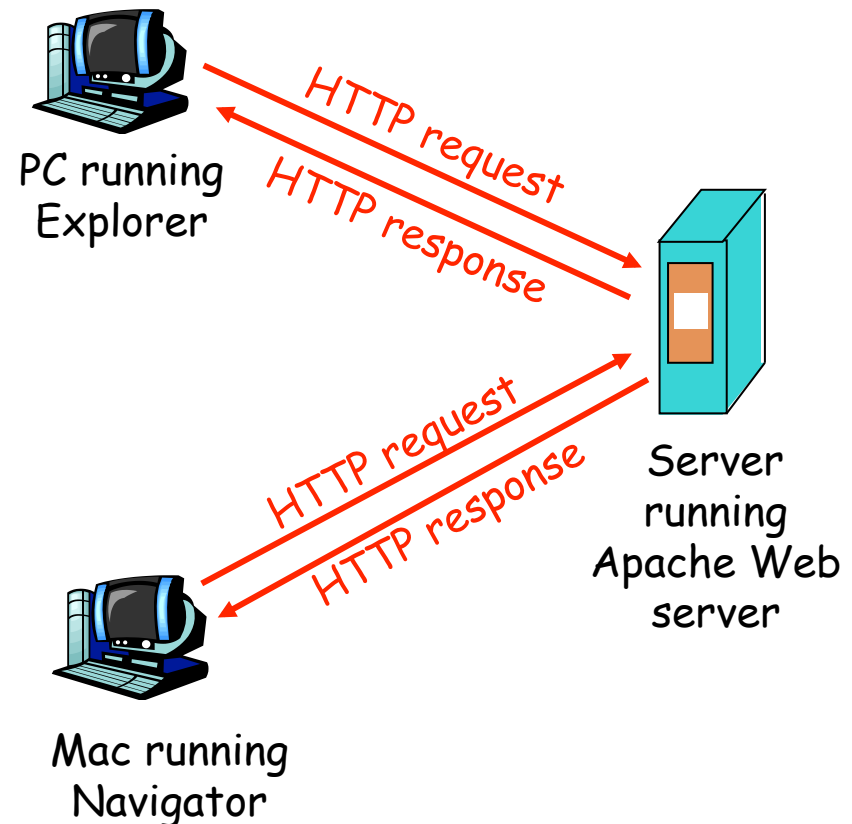


# HTTP overview

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## HTTP: hypertext transfer protocol

- Web's application layer protocol
- client/server model
  - **client**: browser that requests, receives, "displays" Web objects
  - **server**: Web server sends objects in response to requests



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# HTTP overview (continued)

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## Uses TCP:

- client initiates TCP connection (creates socket) to server, port 80
- server accepts TCP connection from client
- HTTP messages (application-layer protocol messages) exchanged between browser (HTTP client) and Web server (HTTP server)
- TCP connection closed

## HTTP is “stateless”

- server maintains no information about past client requests

### Protocols that maintain “state” are complex!

- past history (state) must be maintained
- if server/client crashes, their views of “state” may be inconsistent, must be reconciled

# HTTP connections

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## Nonpersistent HTTP

- At most one object is sent over a TCP connection.

## Persistent HTTP

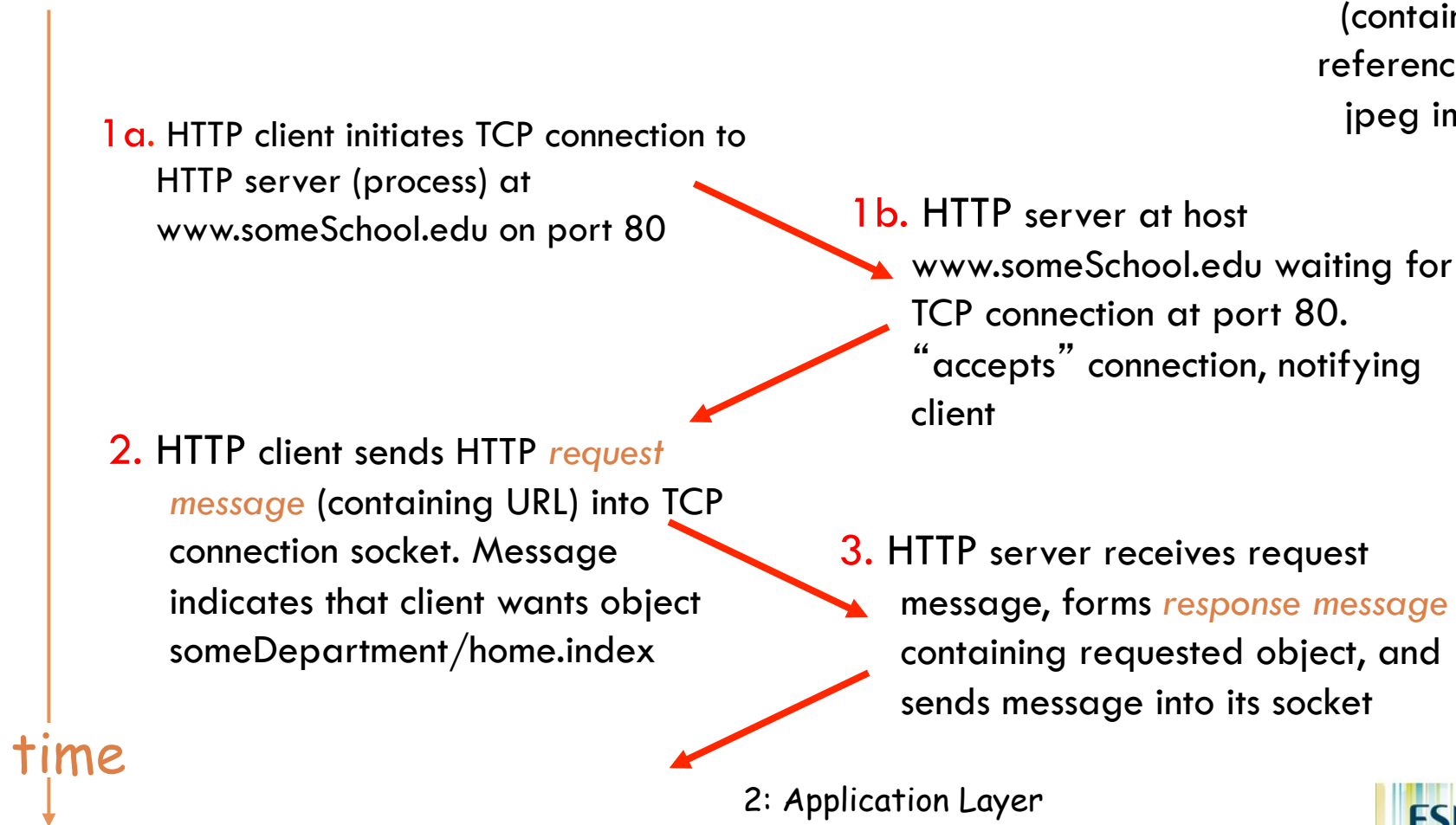
- Multiple objects can be sent over single TCP connection between client and server.

# Nonpersistent HTTP

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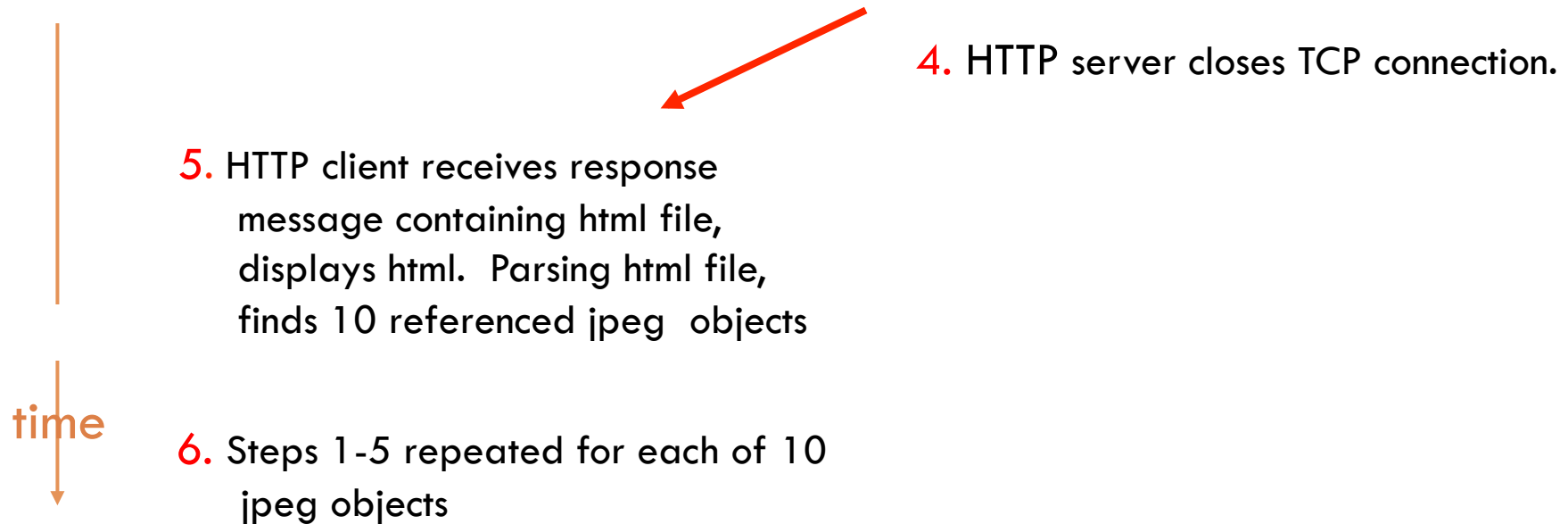
Suppose user enters URL `www.someSchool.edu/someDepartment/home.index`

(contains text,  
references to 10  
jpeg images)



# Nonpersistent HTTP (cont.)

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# Non-Persistent HTTP: Response time

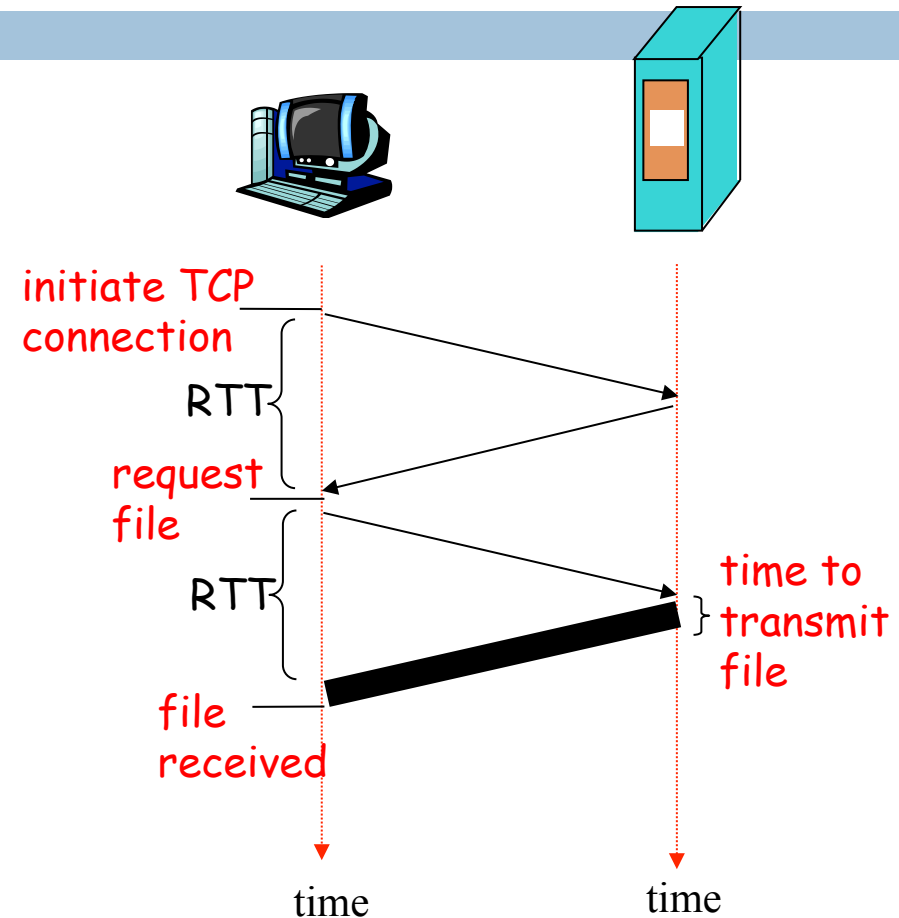
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**Definition of RTT:** time for a small packet to travel from client to server and back.

**Response time:**

- one RTT to initiate TCP connection
- one RTT for HTTP request and first few bytes of HTTP response to return
- file transmission time

**total =  $2RTT + \text{transmit time}$**



# Persistent HTTP

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## Nonpersistent HTTP issues:

- requires 2 RTTs per object
- OS overhead for *each* TCP connection
- browsers often open parallel TCP connections to fetch referenced objects

## Persistent HTTP

- server leaves connection open after sending response
- subsequent HTTP messages between same client/server sent over open connection
- client sends requests as soon as it encounters a referenced object
- as little as one RTT for all the referenced objects

# HTTP request message

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- two types of HTTP messages: *request, response*
- **HTTP request message:**
  - ASCII (human-readable format)

request line  
(GET, POST,  
HEAD commands)

header  
lines

```
GET /somedir/page.html HTTP/1.1
Host: www.someschool.edu
User-agent: Mozilla/4.0
Connection: close
Accept-language: fr
```

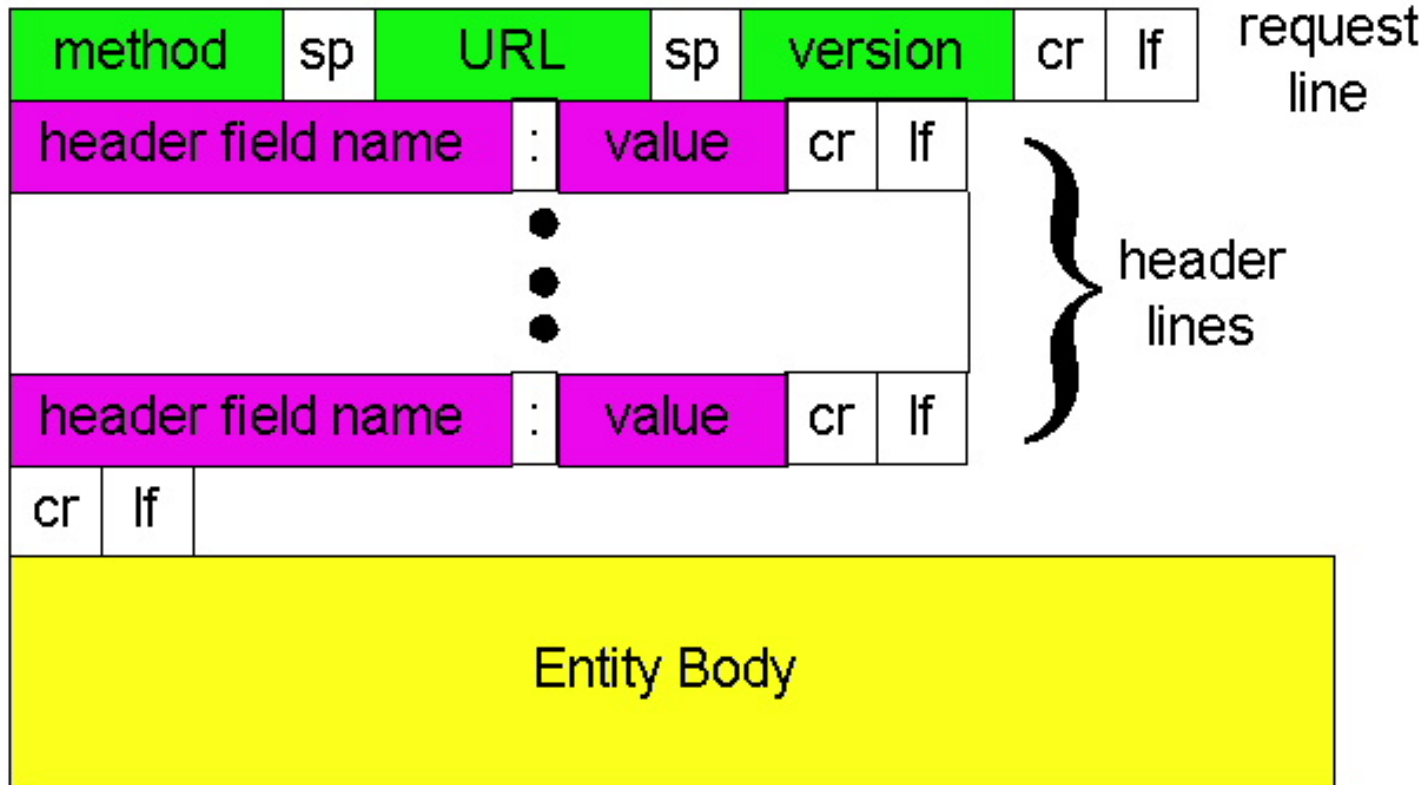
Carriage return,  
line feed  
indicates end  
of message

(extra carriage return, line feed)

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# HTTP request message: general format

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# Uploading form input

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## Post method:

- Web page often includes form input
- Input is uploaded to server in entity body

## URL method:

- Uses GET method
- Input is uploaded in URL field of request line:

`www.somesite.com/animalsearch?monkeys&banana`

# Method types

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## HTTP/1.0

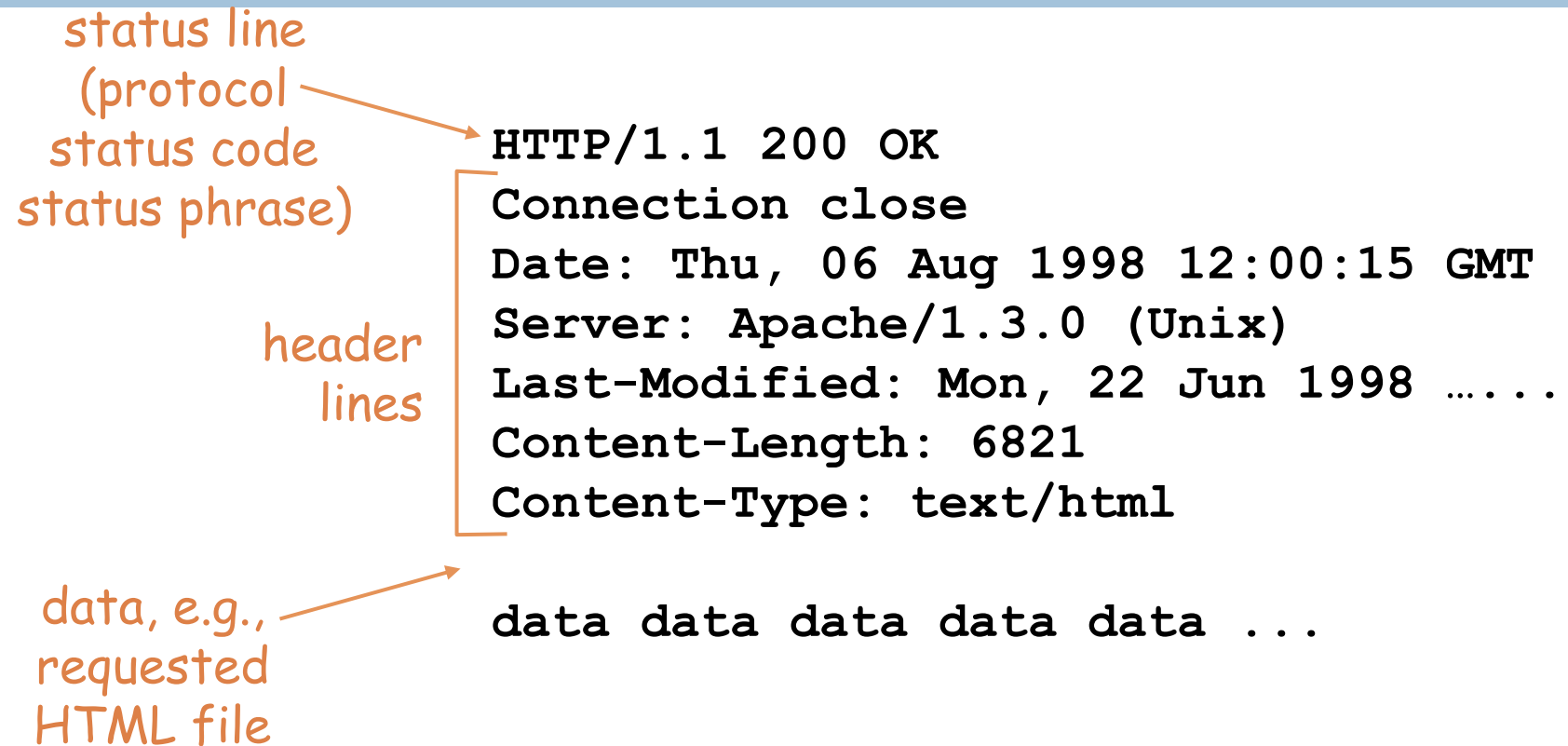
- GET
- POST
- HEAD
  - ▣ asks server to leave requested object out of response

## HTTP/1.1

- GET, POST, HEAD
- PUT
  - ▣ uploads file in entity body to path specified in URL field
- DELETE
  - ▣ deletes file specified in the URL field

# HTTP response message

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# HTTP response status codes

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In first line in server->client response message.

A few sample codes:

## 200 OK

- ▣ request succeeded, requested object later in this message

## 301 Moved Permanently

- ▣ requested object moved, new location specified later in this message  
(Location:)

## 400 Bad Request

- ▣ request message not understood by server

## 404 Not Found

- ▣ requested document not found on this server

## 505 HTTP Version Not Supported

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# Trying out HTTP (client side) for yourself

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## 1. Telnet to your favorite Web server:

```
telnet cis.poly.edu 80
```

Opens TCP connection to port 80 (default HTTP server port) at cis.poly.edu. Anything typed in sent to port 80 at cis.poly.edu

## 2. Type in a GET HTTP request:

```
GET /~ross/ HTTP/1.1  
Host: cis.poly.edu
```

By typing this in (hit carriage return twice), you send this minimal (but complete) GET request to HTTP server

## 3. Look at response message sent by HTTP server!

# User-server state: cookies

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Many major Web sites use cookies

## Four components:

- 1) cookie header line of HTTP *response* message
- 2) cookie header line in HTTP *request* message
- 3) cookie file kept on user's host, managed by user's browser
- 4) back-end database at Web site

## Example:

- Susan always access Internet always from PC
- visits specific e-commerce site for first time
- when initial HTTP requests arrives at site, site creates:
  - ▣ unique ID
  - ▣ entry in backend database for ID

# Cookies: keeping "state" (cont.)

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client

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# Cookies (continued)

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## What cookies can bring:

- authorization
- shopping carts
- recommendations
- user session state (Web e-mail)

## Cookies and privacy:

- cookies permit sites to learn a lot about you
- you may supply name and e-mail to sites

## How to keep “state”:

- protocol endpoints: maintain state at sender/receiver over multiple transactions
- cookies: http messages carry state

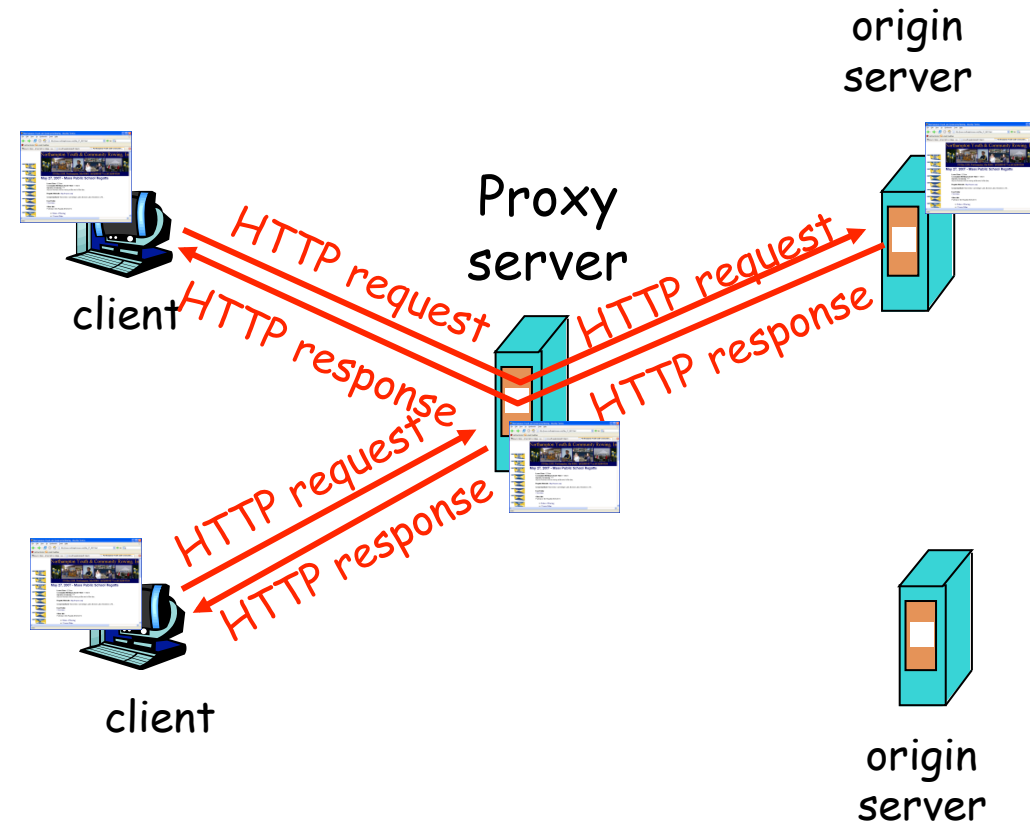


# Web caches (proxy server)

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**Goal:** satisfy client request without involving origin server

- user sets browser: Web accesses via cache
- browser sends all HTTP requests to cache
  - ▣ object in cache: cache returns object
  - ▣ else cache requests object from origin server, then returns object to client



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# More about Web caching

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- cache acts as both client and server
- typically cache is installed by ISP (university, company, residential ISP)

## Why Web caching?

- reduce response time for client request
- reduce traffic on an institution's access link.
- Internet dense with caches: enables “poor” content providers to effectively deliver content (but so does P2P file sharing)

# Caching example

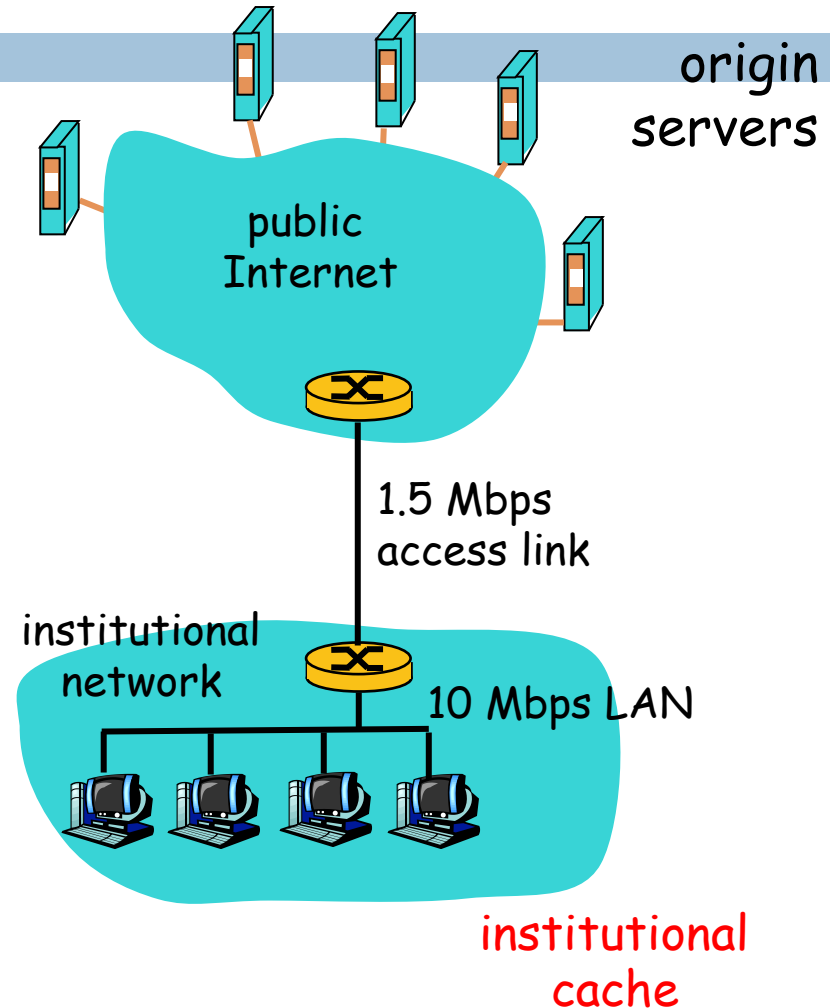
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## Assumptions

- average object size = 100,000 bits
- avg. request rate from institution's browsers to origin servers = 15/sec
- delay from institutional router to any origin server and back to router = 2 sec

## Consequences

- utilization on LAN = 15%
- utilization on access link = 100%
- total delay = Internet delay + access delay + LAN delay  
= 2 sec + minutes + milliseconds



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# Caching example (cont)

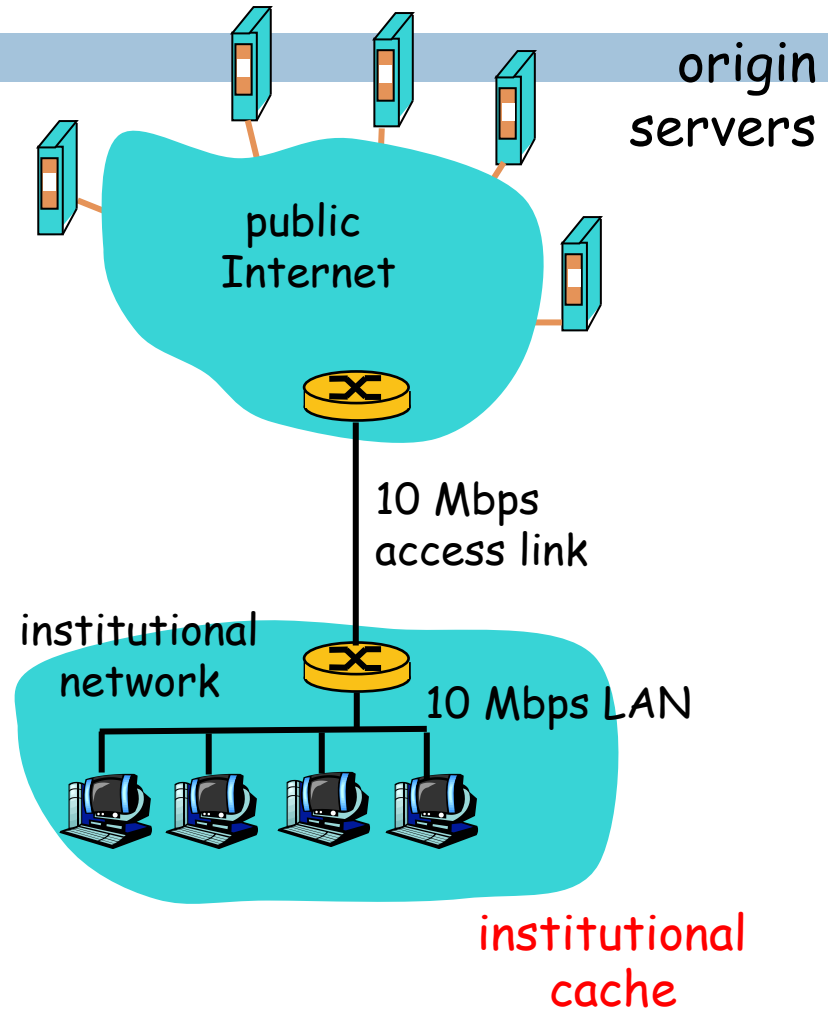
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## possible solution

- increase bandwidth of access link to, say, 10 Mbps

## consequence

- utilization on LAN = 15%
- utilization on access link = 15%
- Total delay = Internet delay + access delay + LAN delay  
= 2 sec + msec + msec
- often a costly upgrade



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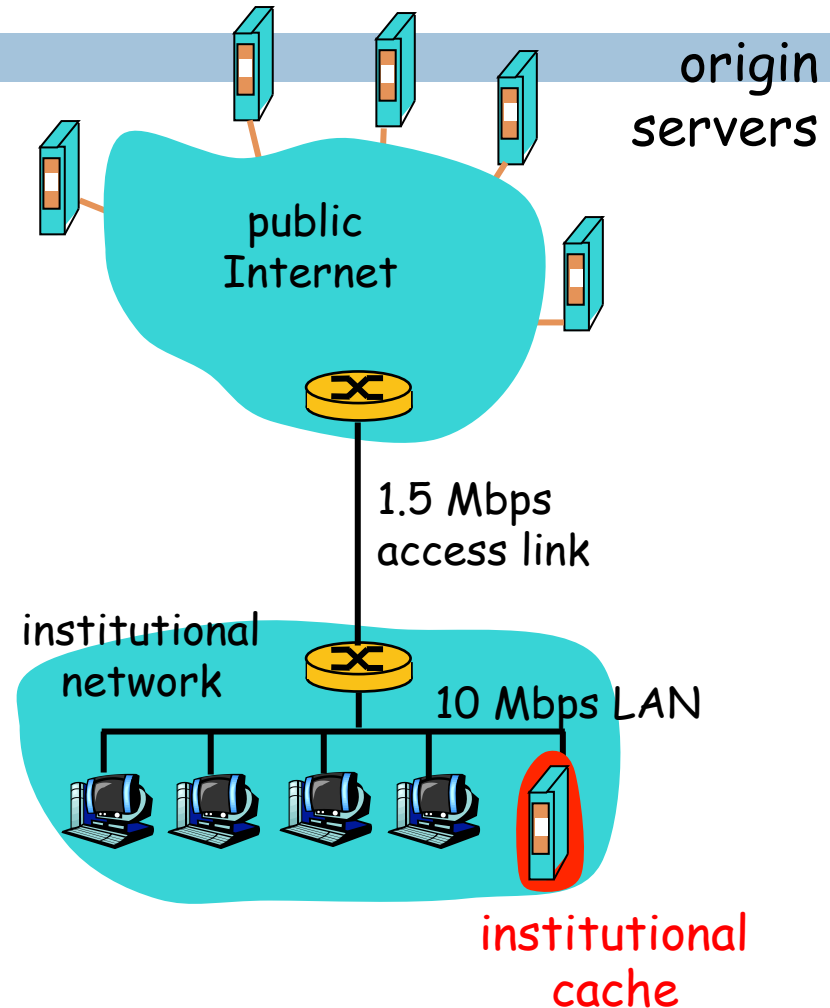
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## possible solution: install cache

- suppose hit rate is 0.4

## consequence

- 40% requests will be satisfied almost immediately
- 60% requests satisfied by origin server
- utilization of access link reduced to 60%, resulting in negligible delays (say 10 msec)
- total avg delay = Internet delay + access delay + LAN delay  
=  $.6 * (2.01) \text{ secs} + .4 * \text{milliseconds} < 1.4 \text{ secs}$



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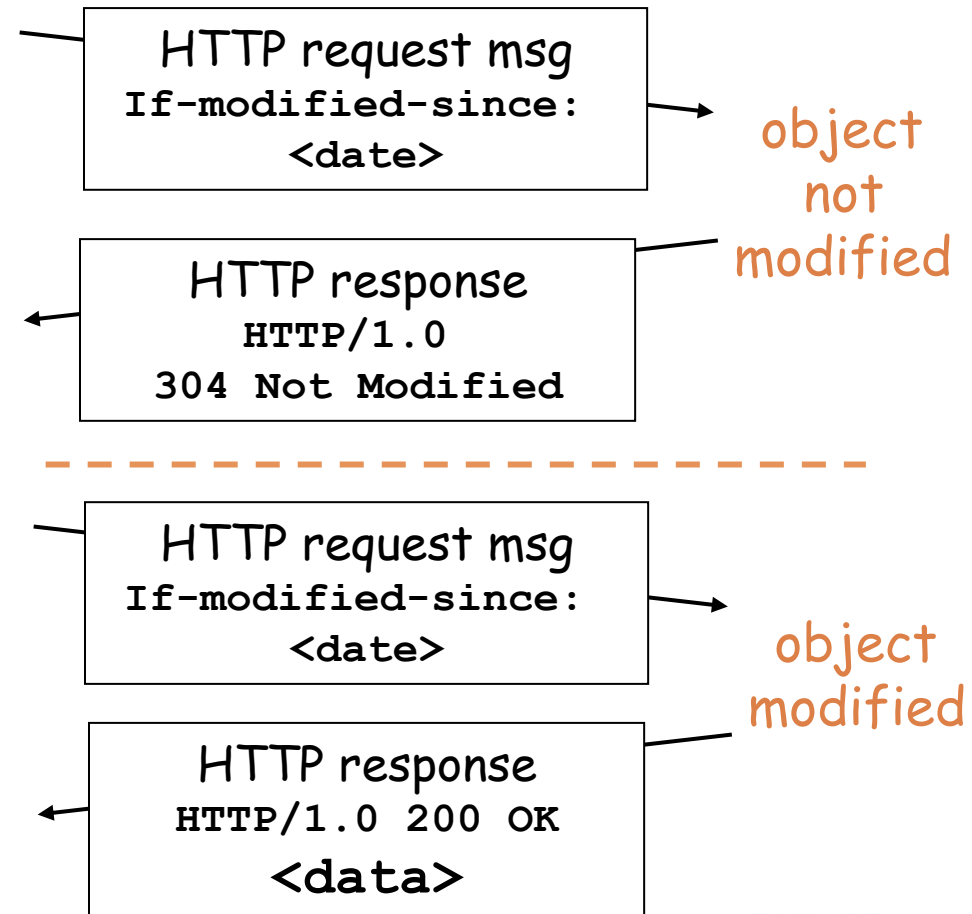
# Conditional GET

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- **Goal:** don't send object if cache has up-to-date cached version
- cache: specify date of cached copy in HTTP request  
**If-modified-since: <date>**
- server: response contains no object if cached copy is up-to-date:  
**HTTP/1.0 304 Not Modified**

cache

server



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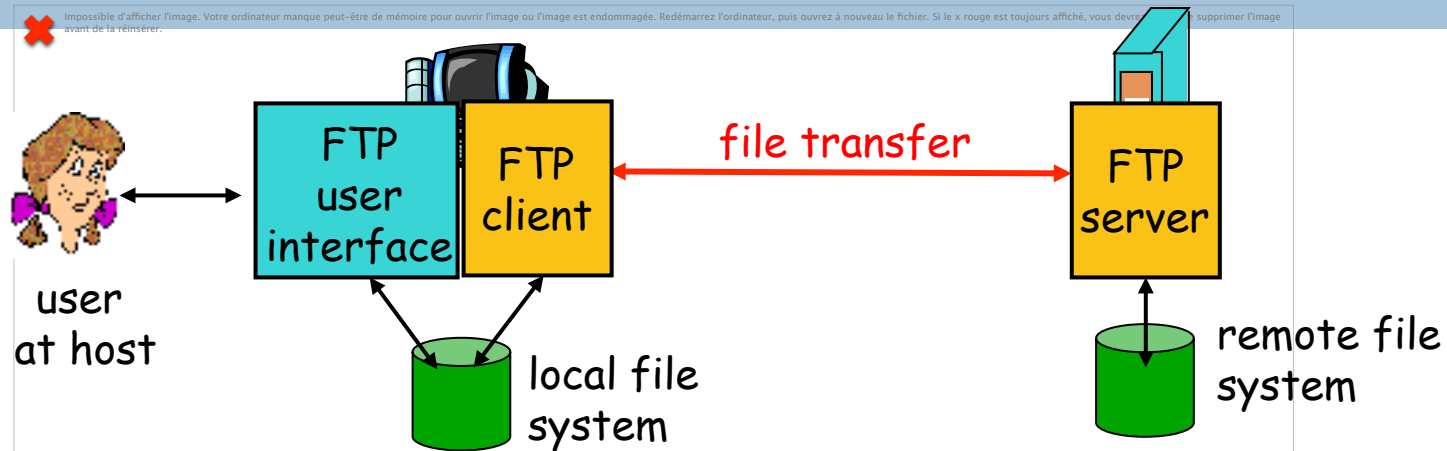
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# FTP: the file transfer protocol

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- transfer file to/from remote host
- client/server model
  - ▣ **client**: side that initiates transfer (either to/from remote)
  - ▣ **server**: remote host
- ftp: RFC 959
- ftp server: port 21

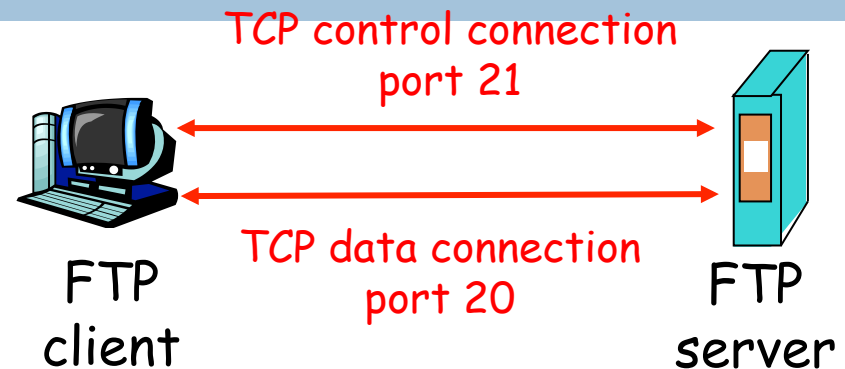
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# FTP: separate control, data connections

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- FTP client contacts FTP server at port 21, TCP is transport protocol
- client authorized over control connection
- client browses remote directory by sending commands over control connection.
- when server receives file transfer command, server opens 2<sup>nd</sup> TCP connection (for file) to client
- after transferring one file, server closes data connection.



- server opens another TCP data connection to transfer another file.
- control connection: “out of band”
- FTP server maintains “state”: current directory, earlier authentication

# FTP commands, responses

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## 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 host

## 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**

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# Electronic Mail

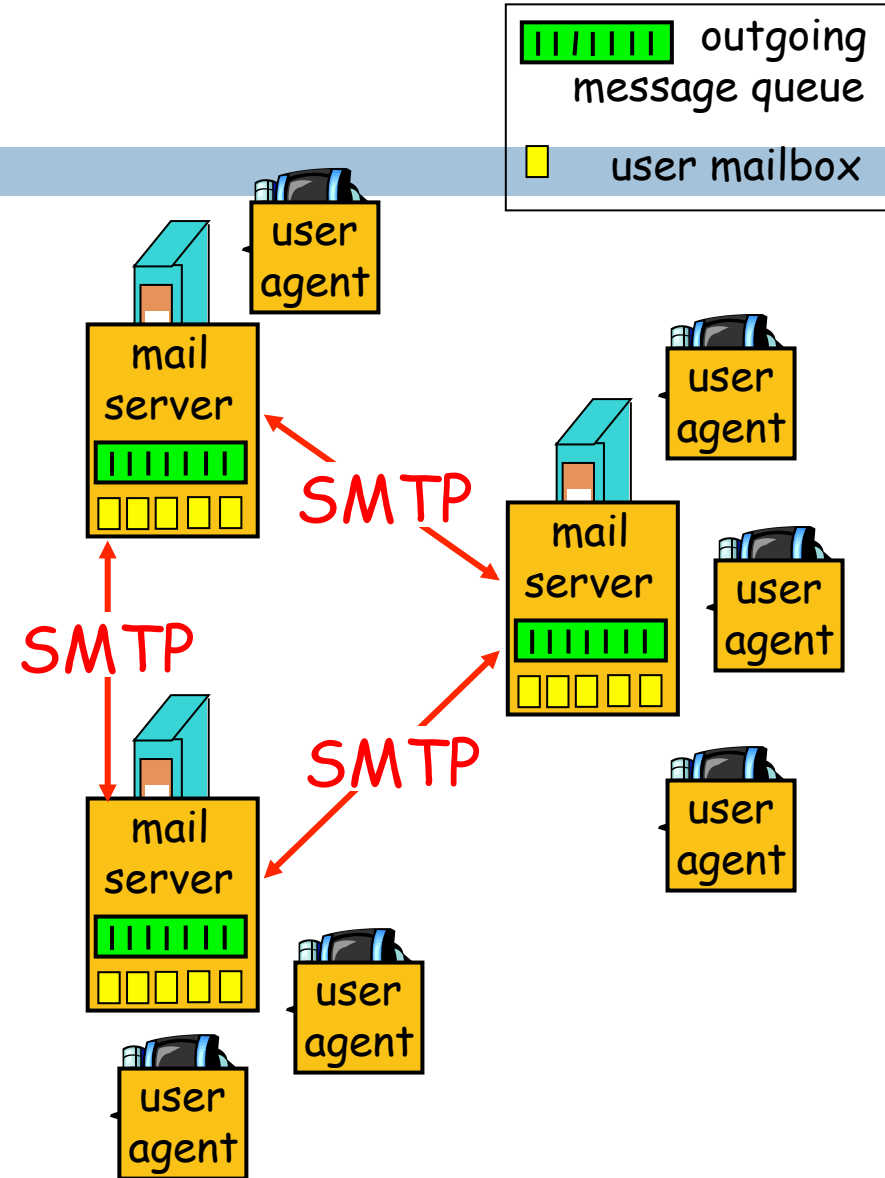
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## Three major components:

- user agents
- mail servers
- simple mail transfer protocol: SMTP

## User Agent

- a.k.a. “mail reader”
- composing, editing, reading mail messages
- e.g., Eudora, Outlook, elm, Mozilla Thunderbird
- outgoing, incoming messages stored on server



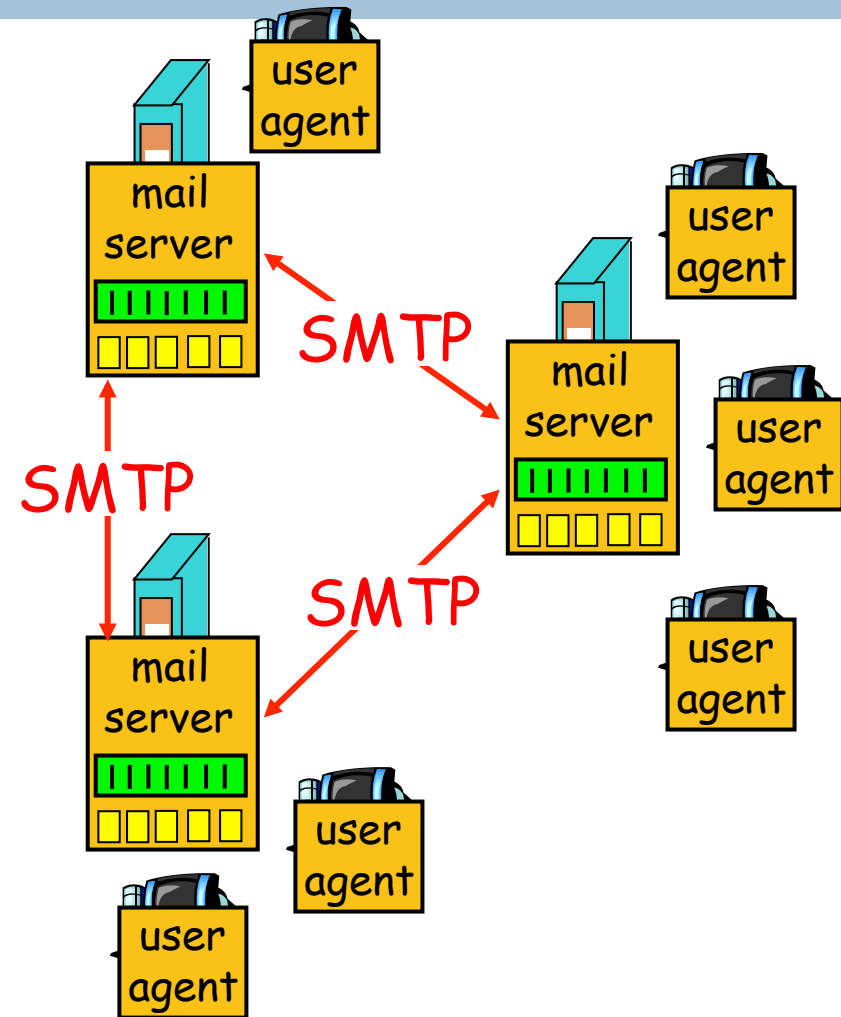
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# Electronic Mail: mail servers

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## Mail Servers

- **mailbox** contains incoming messages for user
- **message queue** of outgoing (to be sent) mail messages
- **SMTP protocol** between mail servers to send email messages
  - ▣ client: sending mail server
  - ▣ “server”: receiving mail server



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# Electronic Mail: SMTP [RFC 2821]

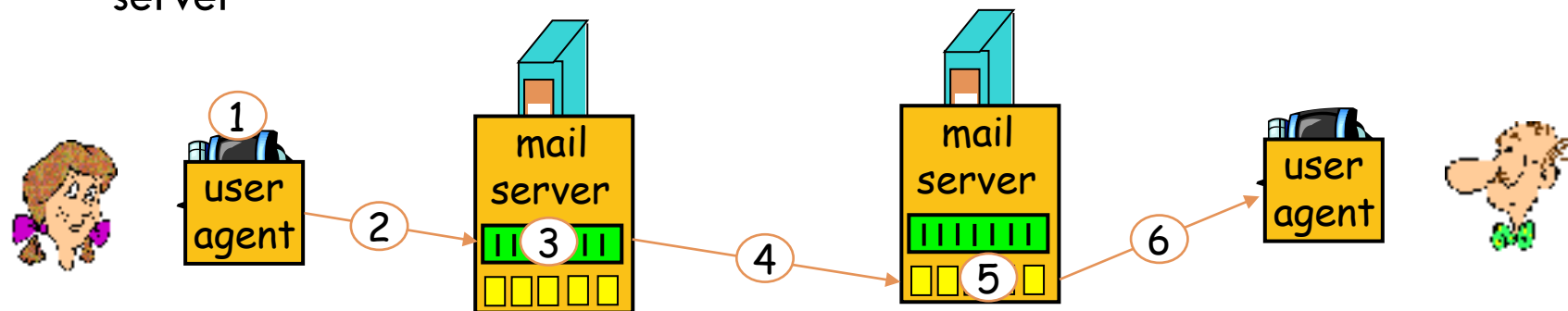
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- uses TCP to reliably transfer email message from client to server, port 25
- direct transfer: sending server to receiving server
- three phases of transfer
  - ▣ handshaking (greeting)
  - ▣ transfer of messages
  - ▣ closure
- command/response interaction
  - ▣ **commands**: ASCII text
  - ▣ **response**: status code and phrase
- messages must be in 7-bit ASCII

# Scenario: Alice sends message to Bob

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- 1) Alice uses UA to compose message and “to” bob@someschool.edu
- 2) Alice’s UA sends message to her mail server; message placed in message queue
- 3) Client side of SMTP opens TCP connection with Bob’s mail server
- 4) SMTP client sends Alice’s message over the TCP connection
- 5) Bob’s mail server places the message in Bob’s mailbox
- 6) Bob invokes his user agent to read message



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# Sample SMTP interaction

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```
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: 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
```

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## Try SMTP interaction for yourself:

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- **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)

# SMTP: final words

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- SMTP uses persistent connections
- SMTP requires message (header & body) to be in 7-bit ASCII
- SMTP server uses CRLF.CRLF to determine end of message

## Comparison with HTTP:

- HTTP: pull
- SMTP: push
- both have ASCII command/response interaction, status codes
- HTTP: each object encapsulated in its own response msg
- SMTP: multiple objects sent in multipart msg

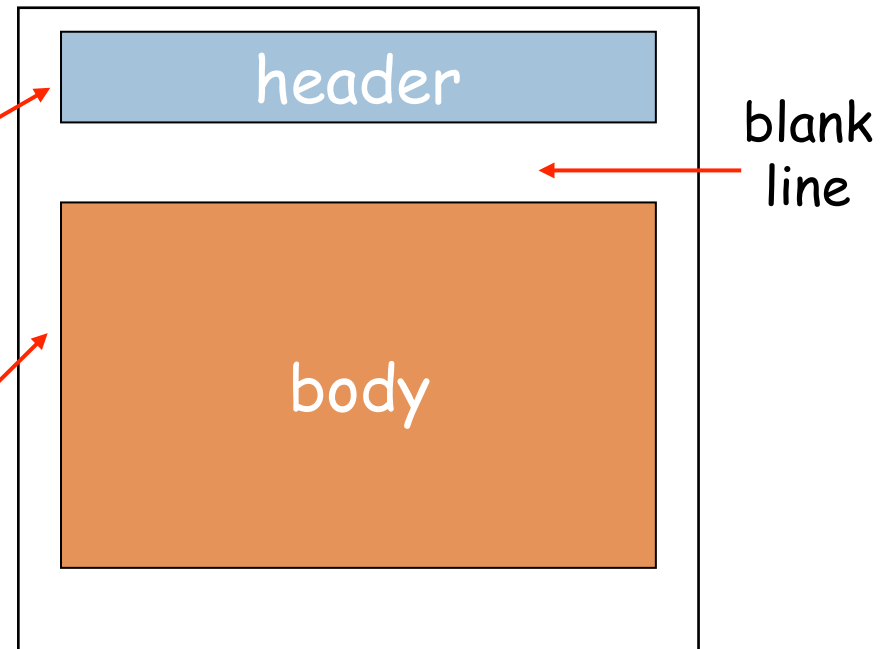
# Mail message format

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SMTP: protocol for exchanging email msgs

RFC 822: standard for text message format:

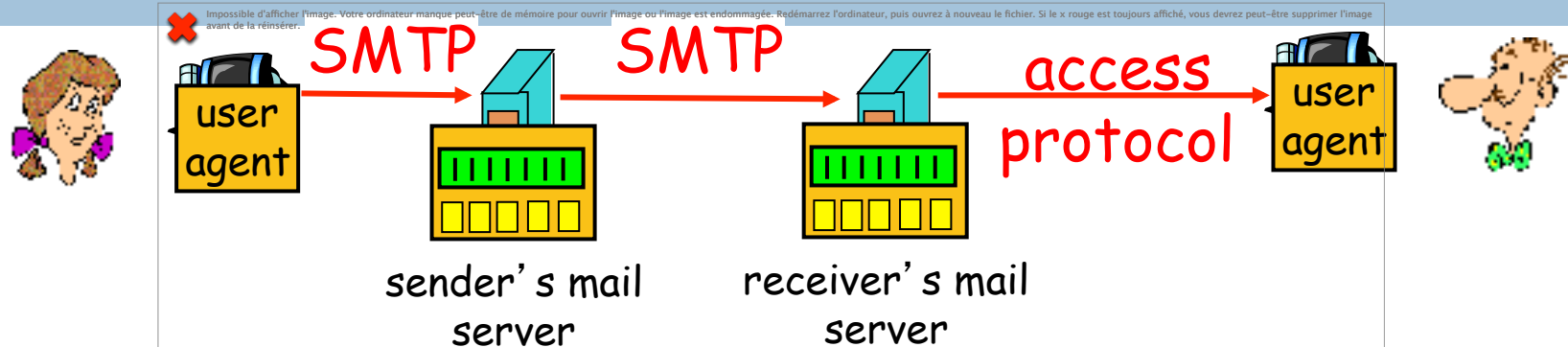
- header lines, e.g.,
  - To:
  - From:
  - Subject:*different from SMTP commands!*
- body
  - the “message”, ASCII characters only



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# Mail access protocols

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

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# POP3 protocol

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## authorization phase

- client commands:
  - **user**: declare username
  - **pass**: password
- server responses
  - **+OK**
  - **-ERR**

## transaction phase, client:

- **list**: list message numbers
- **retr**: retrieve message by number
- **dele**: delete
- **quit**

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

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
```

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# POP3 (more) and IMAP

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## More about POP3

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

## IMAP

- Keep all messages in one place: the server
- Allows user to organize messages in folders
- IMAP keeps user state across sessions:
  - ▣ names of folders and mappings between message IDs and folder name

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# DNS: Domain Name System

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## People: many identifiers:

- ▣ SSN, name, passport #

## Internet hosts, routers:

- ▣ IP address (32 bit) - used for addressing datagrams
- ▣ “name”, e.g., ww.yahoo.com - used by humans

Q: map between IP addresses and name ?

## Domain Name System:

- ▣ *distributed database* implemented in hierarchy of many *name servers*
- ▣ *application-layer protocol* host, routers, name servers to communicate to *resolve* names (address/name translation)
  - ▣ note: core Internet function, implemented as application-layer protocol
  - ▣ complexity at network's “edge”



# DNS

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## DNS services

- hostname to IP address translation
- host aliasing
  - ▣ Canonical, alias names
- mail server aliasing
- load distribution
  - ▣ replicated Web servers: set of IP addresses for one canonical name

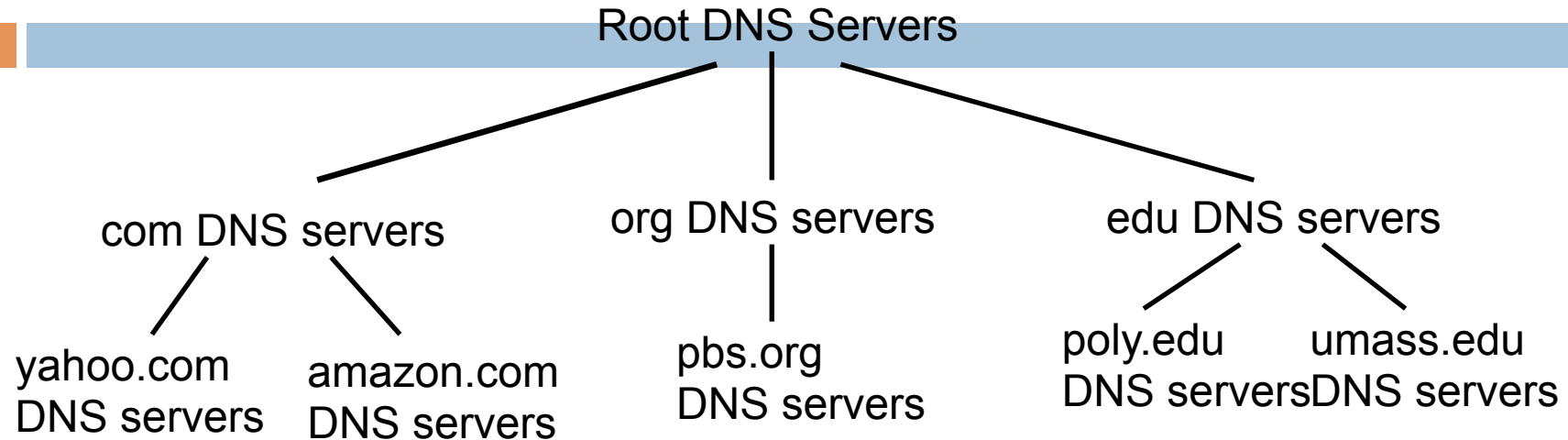
## Why not centralize DNS?

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

*doesn't scale!*

# Distributed, Hierarchical Database

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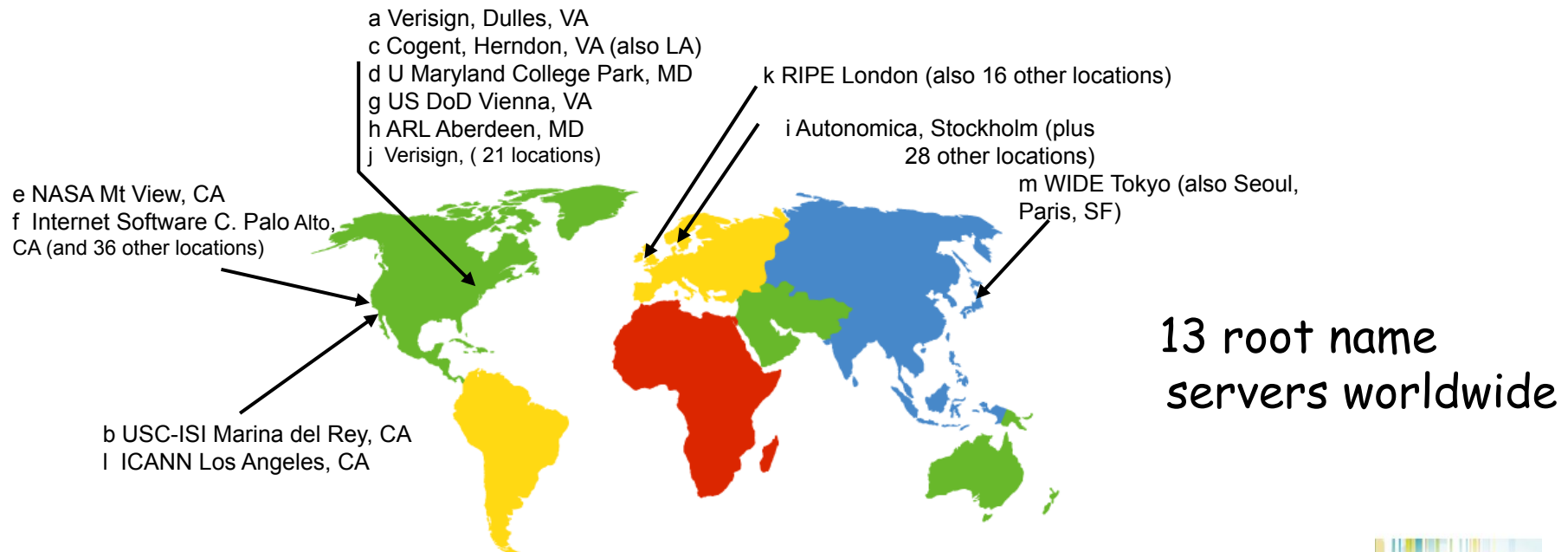
Client wants IP for [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com); 1<sup>st</sup> approx:

- client queries a root server to find com DNS server
- client queries com DNS server to get amazon.com DNS server
- client queries amazon.com DNS server to get IP address for [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)

# DNS: Root name servers

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- contacted by local name server that can not resolve name
- root name server:
  - ▣ contacts authoritative name server if name mapping not known
  - ▣ gets mapping
  - ▣ returns mapping to local name server



# TLD and Authoritative Servers

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

# Local Name Server

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- 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
  - ▣ acts as proxy, forwards query into hierarchy

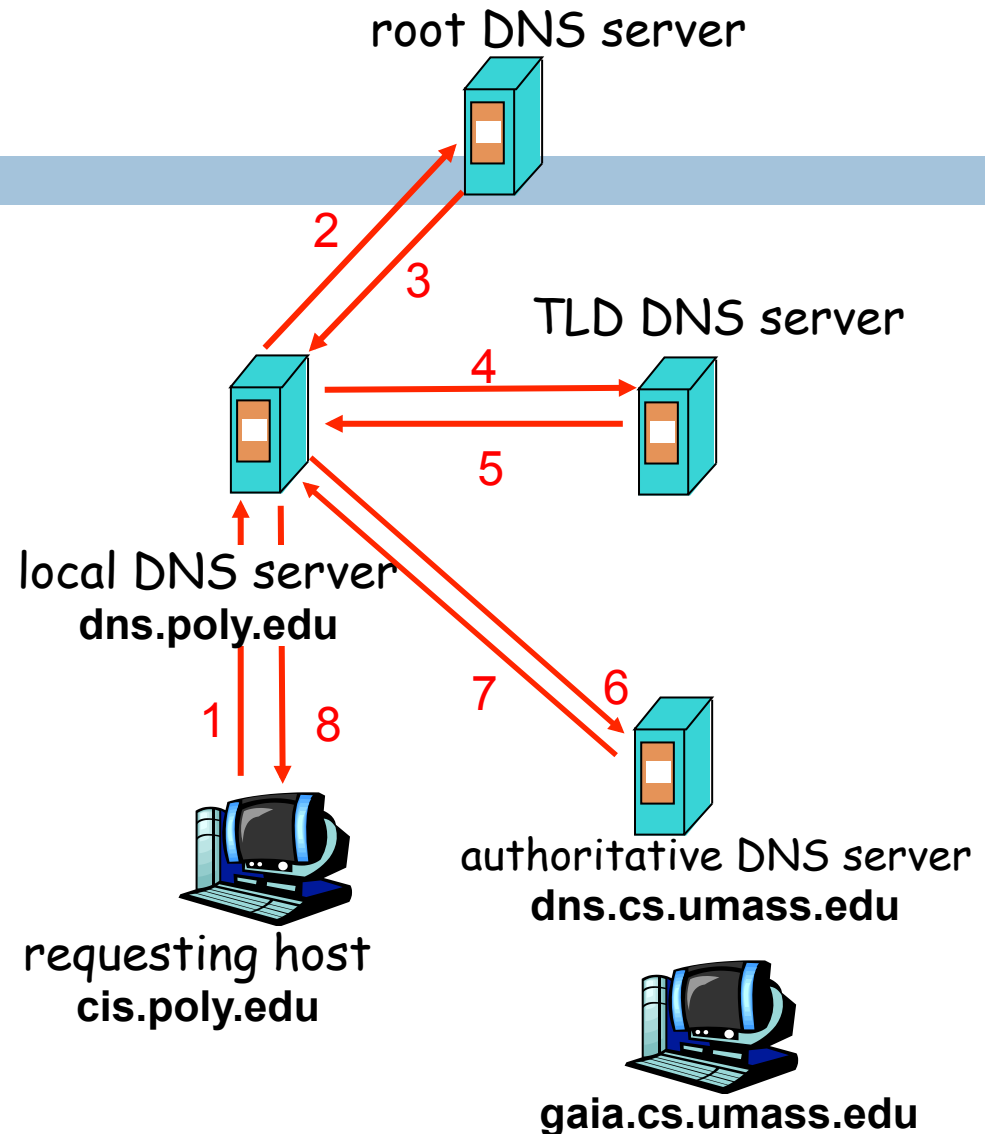
# DNS name resolution example

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- Host at cis.poly.edu wants IP address for gaia.cs.umass.edu

## iterated query:

- contacted server replies with name of server to contact
- “I don't know this name, but ask this server”



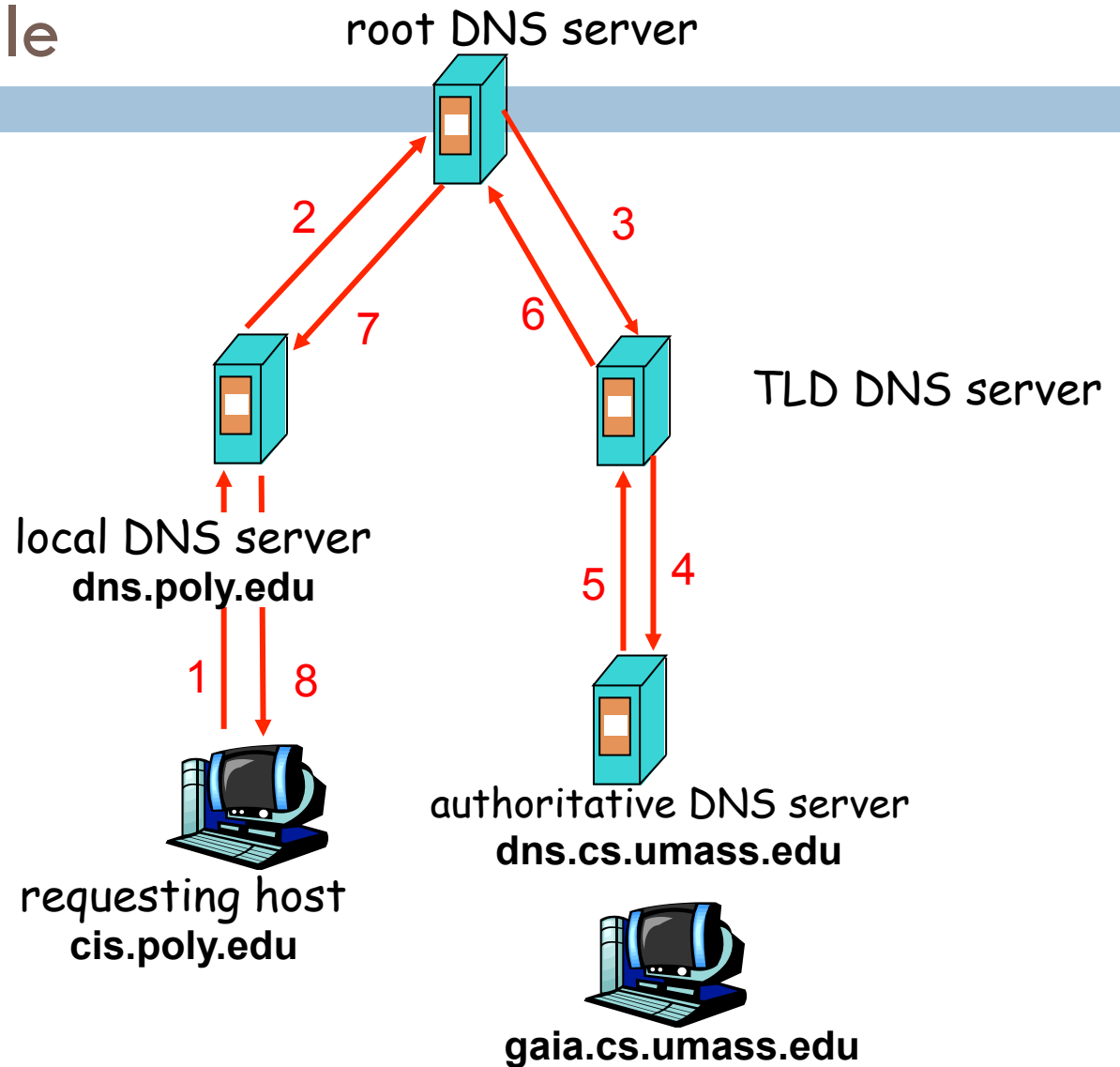
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# DNS name resolution example

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## recursive query:

- puts burden of name resolution on contacted name server
- heavy load?



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# DNS: caching and updating records

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- once (any) name server learns mapping, it *caches* mapping
  - ▣ cache entries timeout (disappear) after some time
  - ▣ TLD servers typically cached in local name servers
    - Thus root name servers not often visited
- update/notify mechanisms under design by IETF
  - ▣ RFC 2136
  - ▣ <http://www.ietf.org/html.charters/dnsind-charter.html>



# DNS records

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DNS: distributed db storing resource records (RR)

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

## □ Type=A

- ❖ **name** is hostname
- ❖ **value** is IP address

## □ Type=NS

- **name** is domain (e.g. foo.com)
- **value** is hostname of authoritative name server for this domain

## □ Type=CNAME

- ❖ **name** is alias name for some “canonical” (the real) name  
www.ibm.com is really  
servereast.backup2.ibm.com
- ❖ **value** is canonical name

## □ Type=MX

- ❖ **value** is name of mailserver associated with **name**

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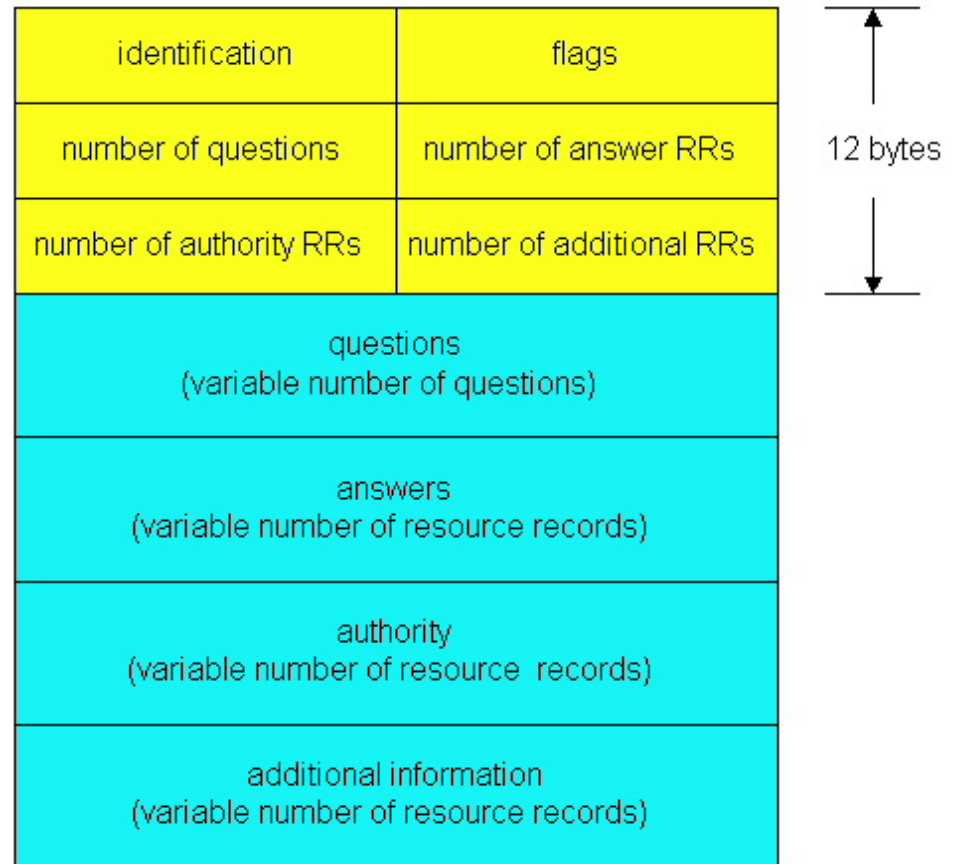
# DNS protocol, messages

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DNS protocol : *query* and *reply* messages, both with same *message format*

## msg header

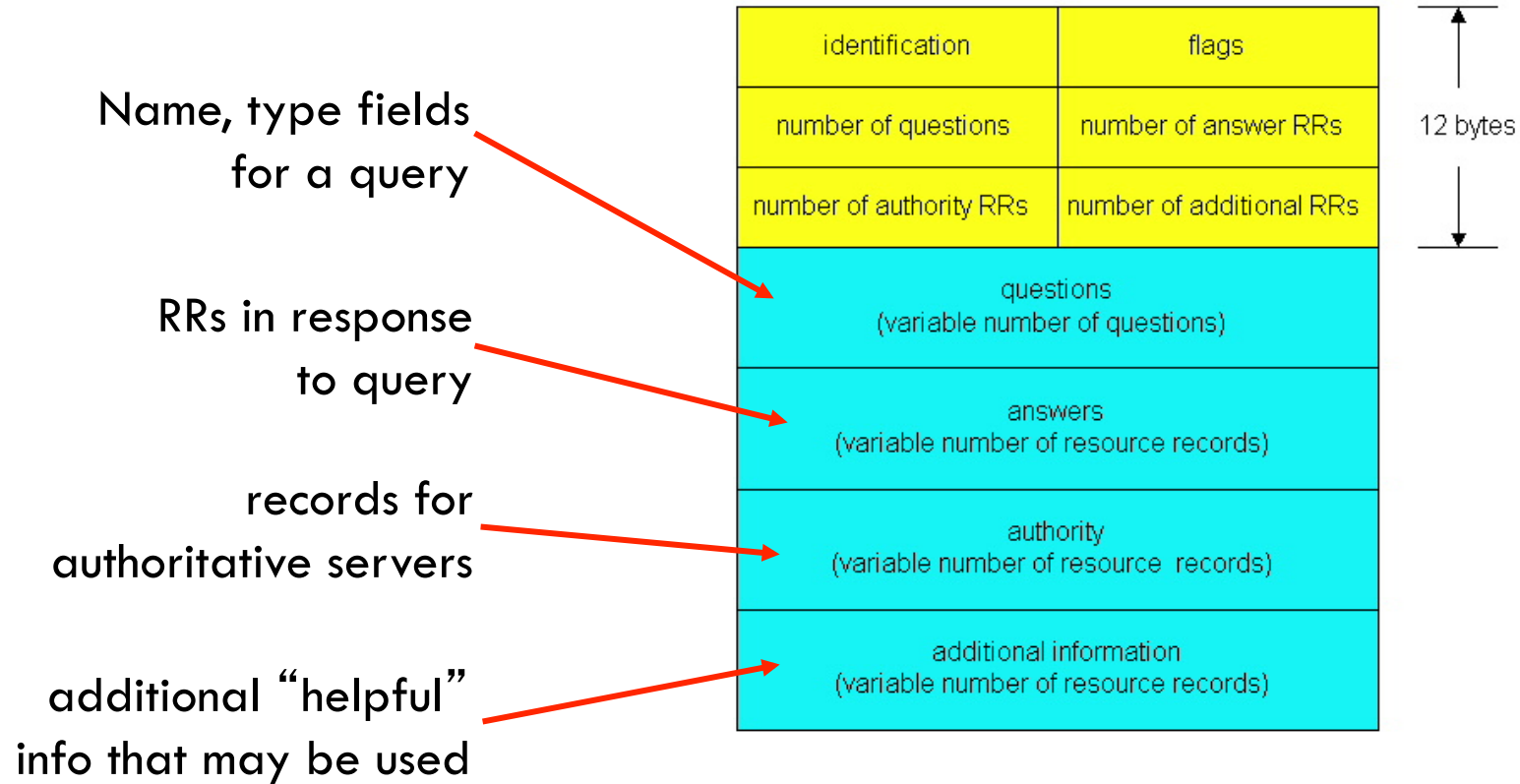
- ❑ **identification**: 16 bit # for query, reply to query uses same #
- ❑ **flags**:
  - ❖ query or reply
  - ❖ recursion desired
  - ❖ recursion available
  - ❖ reply is authoritative



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# DNS protocol, messages

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# Inserting records into DNS

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- example: new startup “Network Utopia”
- register name networkutopia.com at *DNS registrar* (e.g., Network Solutions)
  - ▣ provide names, IP addresses of authoritative name server (primary and secondary)
  - ▣ registrar inserts two RRs into com TLD server:  
  
(networkutopia.com, dns1.networkutopia.com, NS)  
(dns1.networkutopia.com, 212.212.212.1, A)
- create authoritative server Type A record for www.networkutopia.com; Type MX record for networkutopia.com
- **How do people get IP address of your Web site?**

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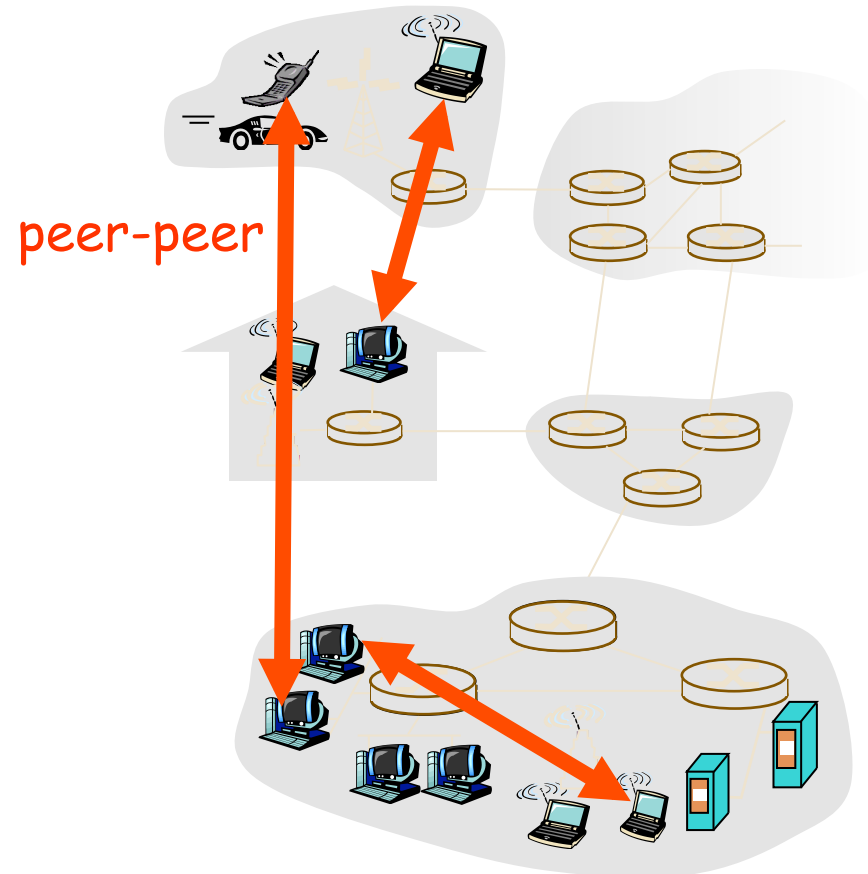
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# Pure P2P architecture

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- no always-on server
- arbitrary end systems directly communicate
- peers are intermittently connected and change IP addresses
- Three topics:
  - ▣ File distribution
  - ▣ Searching for information
  - ▣ Case Study: Skype

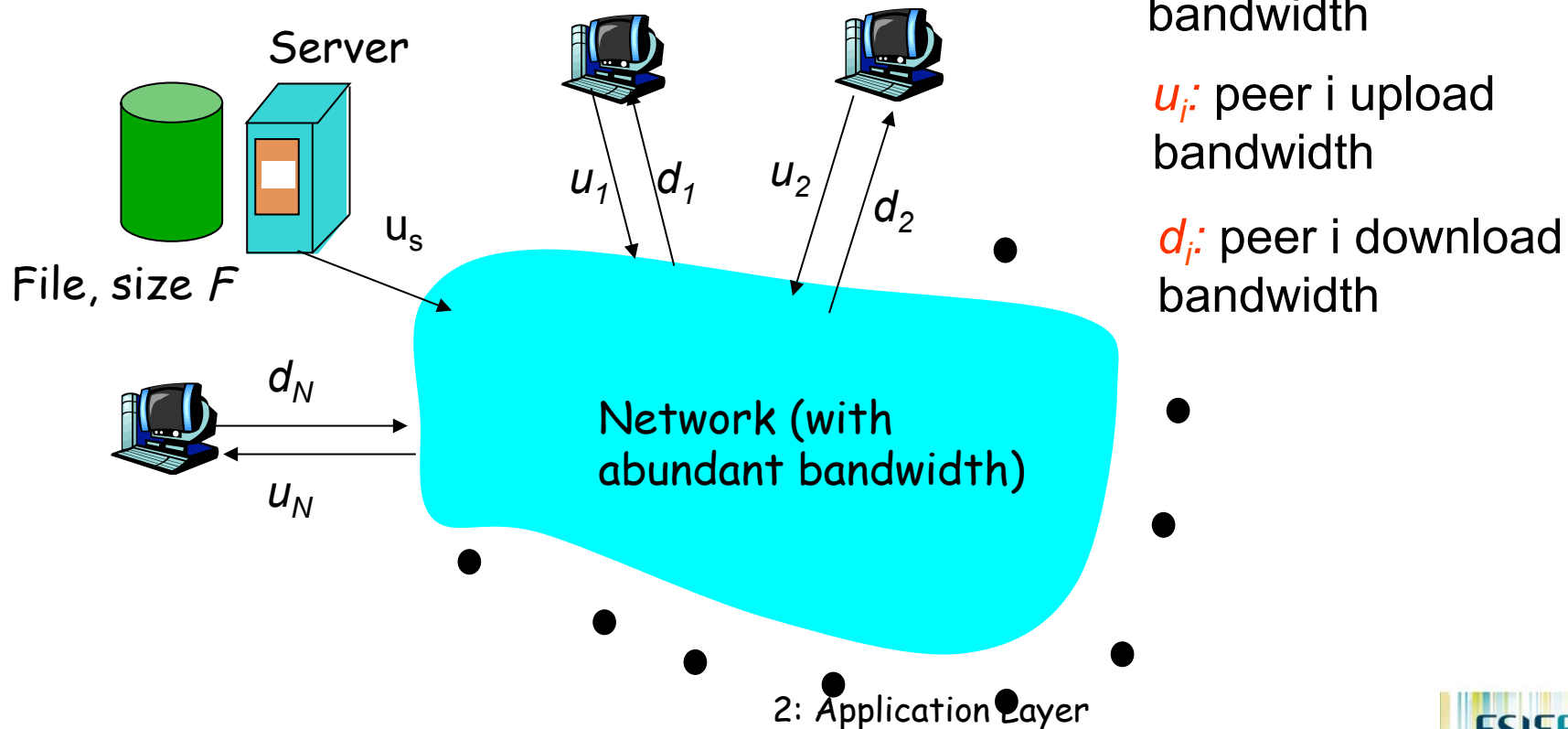


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# File Distribution: Server-Client vs P2P

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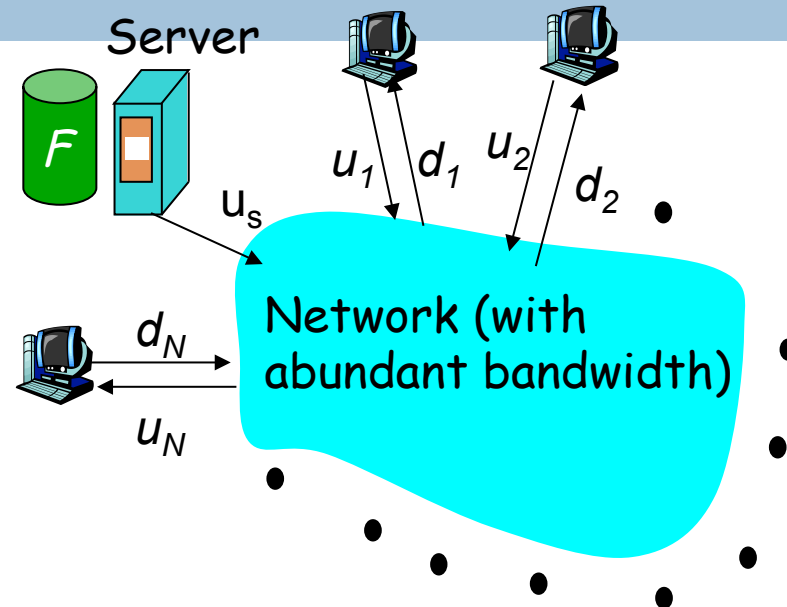
**Question** : How much time to distribute file from one server to  $N$  peers?



# File distribution time: server-client

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- server sequentially sends  $N$  copies:
  - $NF/u_s$  time
- client  $i$  takes  $F/d_i$  time to download



Time to distribute  $F$   
to  $N$  clients using client/server approach  
 $= d_{cs} = \max \{ NF/u_s, F/\min_i(d_i) \}$

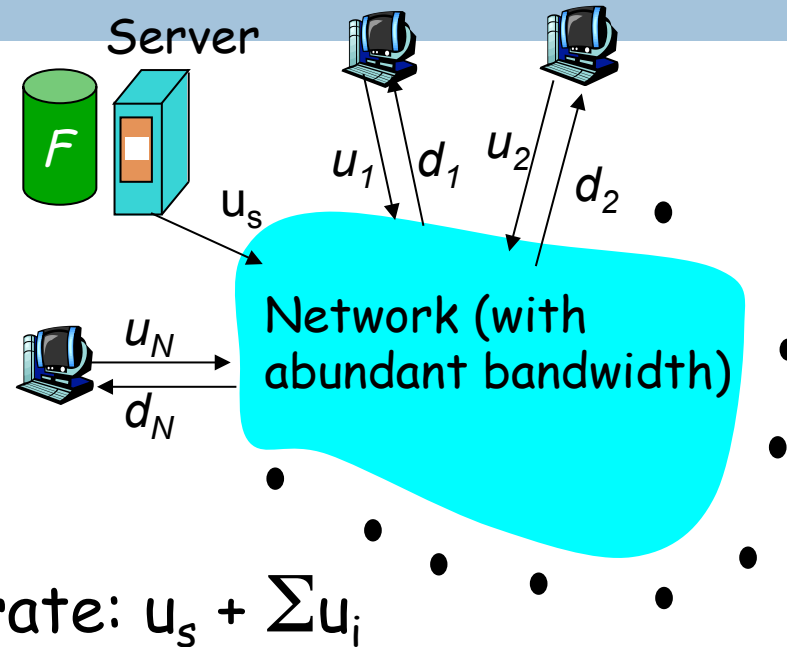
increases linearly in  $N$   
(for large  $N$ )



# File distribution time: P2P

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- server must send one copy:  
 $F/u_s$  time
- client  $i$  takes  $F/d_i$  time to download
- $NF$  bits must be downloaded (aggregate)
  - fastest possible upload rate:  $u_s + \sum u_i$



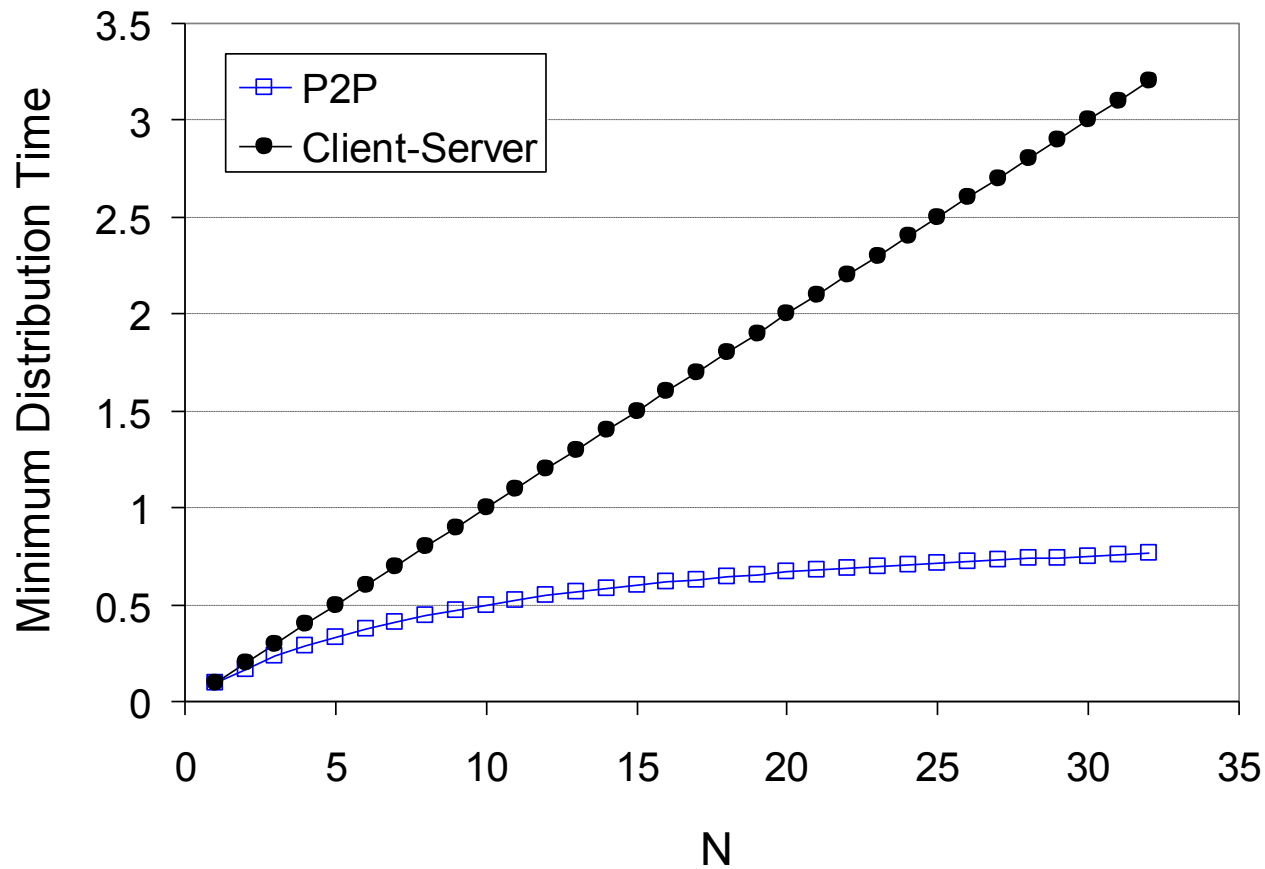
$$d_{P2P} = \max \left\{ F/u_s, F/\min(d_i), NF/(u_s + \sum u_i) \right\}$$

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# Server-client vs. P2P: example

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Client upload rate =  $u$ ,  $F/u = 1$  hour,  $u_s = 10u$ ,  $d_{\min} \geq u_s$



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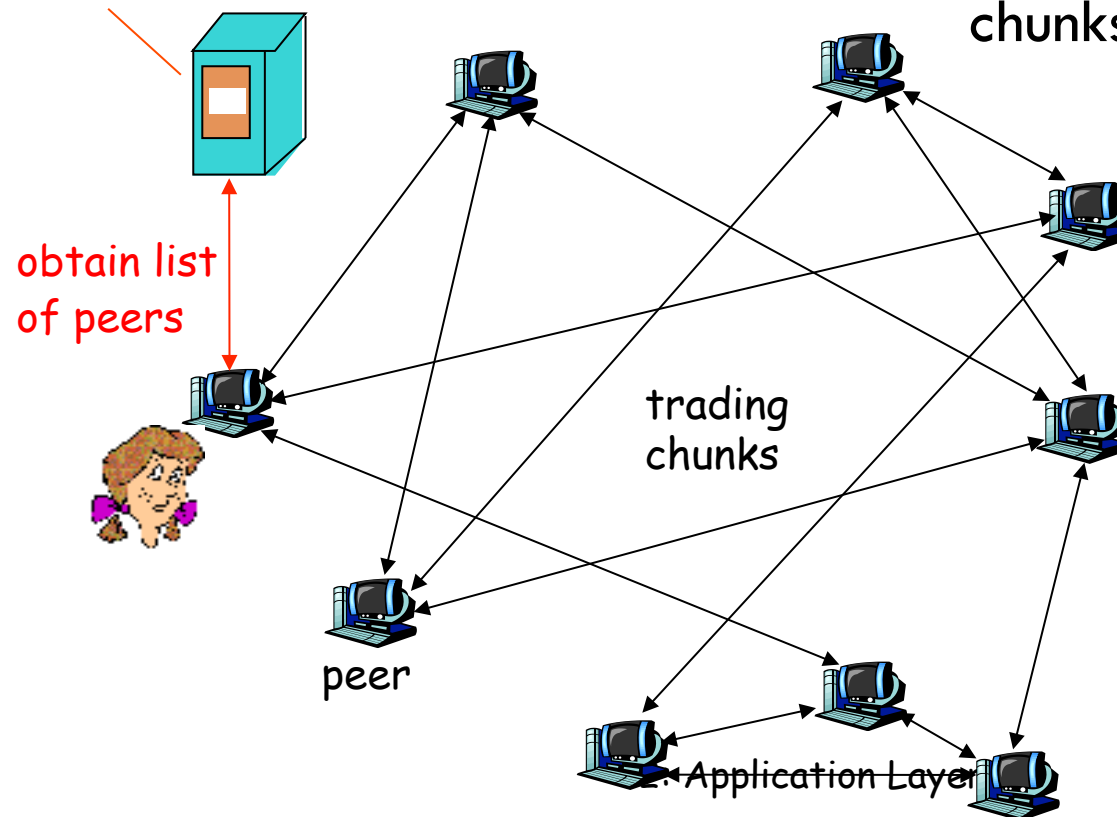
# File distribution: BitTorrent

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## □ P2P file distribution

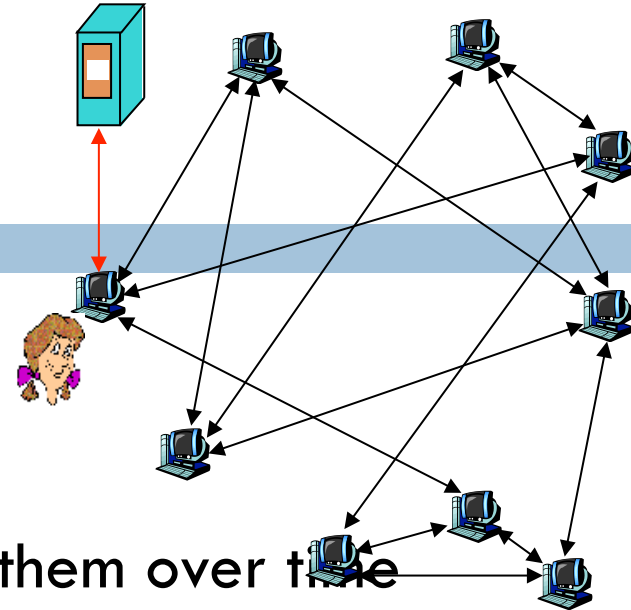
tracker: tracks peers participating in torrent

torrent: group of peers exchanging chunks of a file



# BitTorrent (1)

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- file divided into 256KB *chunks*.
- peer joining torrent:
  - ▣ has no chunks, but will accumulate them over time
  - ▣ registers with tracker to get list of peers, connects to subset of peers (“neighbors”)
- while downloading, peer uploads chunks to other peers.
- peers may come and go
- once peer has entire file, it may (selfishly) leave or (altruistically) remain

# BitTorrent (2)

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## Pulling Chunks

- at any given time, different peers have different subsets of file chunks
- periodically, a peer (Alice) asks each neighbor for list of chunks that they have.
- Alice sends requests for her missing chunks
  - ▣ rarest first

## Sending Chunks: tit-for-tat

- Alice sends chunks to four neighbors currently sending her chunks *at the highest rate*
  - ❖ re-evaluate top 4 every 10 secs
- every 30 secs: randomly select another peer, starts sending chunks
  - ❖ newly chosen peer may join top 4
  - ❖ “optimistically unchoke”

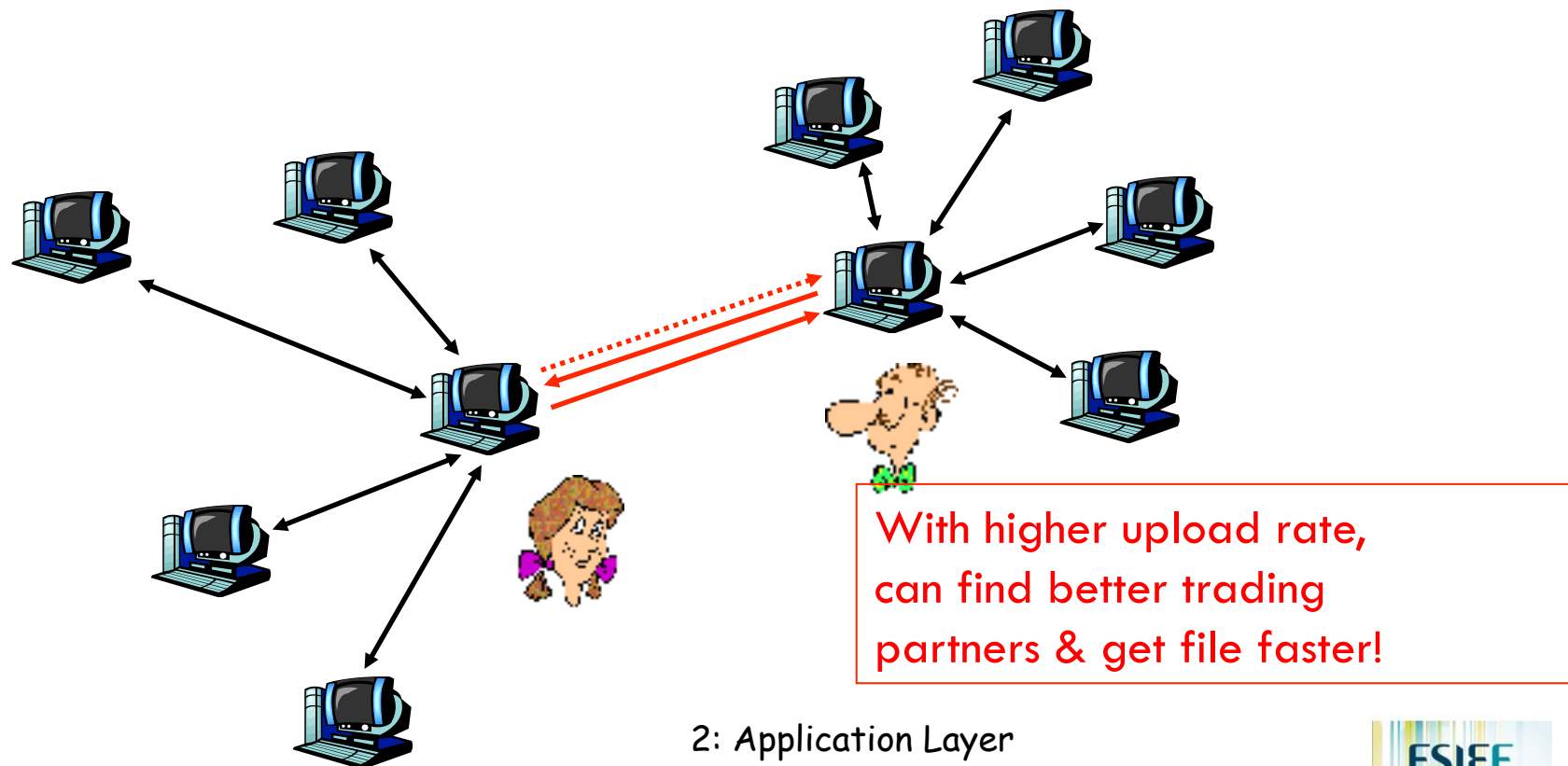
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# BitTorrent: Tit-for-tat

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- (1) Alice “optimistically unchokes” Bob
- (2) Alice becomes one of Bob’s top-four providers; Bob reciprocates
- (3) Bob becomes one of Alice’s top-four providers



# Distributed Hash Table (DHT)

- DHT = distributed P2P database
- Database has **(key, value)** pairs;
  - ▣ key: ss number; value: human name
  - ▣ key: content type; value: IP address
- Peers **query** DB with key
  - ▣ DB returns values that match the key
- Peers can also **insert** (key, value) peers

# DHT Identifiers

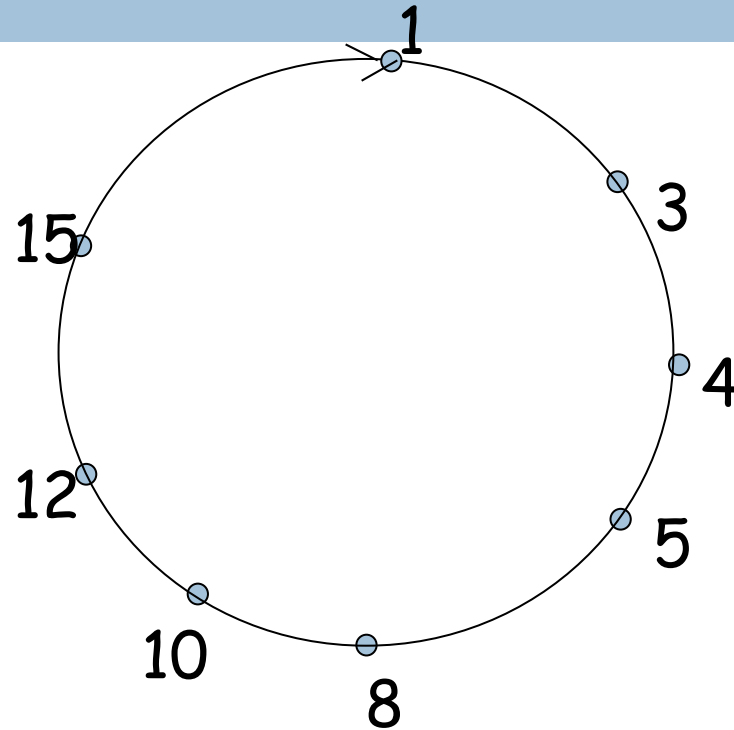
- Assign integer identifier to each peer in range  $[0, 2^n - 1]$ .
  - ▣ Each identifier can be represented by  $n$  bits.
- Require each key to be an integer in **same range**.
- To get integer keys, hash original key.
  - ▣ eg,  $\text{key} = h(\text{"Led Zeppelin IV"})$
  - ▣ This is why they call it a distributed "hash" table



# How to assign keys to peers?

- Central issue:
  - ▣ Assigning (key, value) pairs to peers.
- Rule: assign key to the peer that has the **closest** ID.
- Convention in lecture: closest is the **immediate successor** of the key.
- Ex:  $n=4$ ; peers: 1,3,4,5,8,10,12,14;
  - ▣ key = 13, then successor peer = 14
  - ▣ key = 15, then successor peer = 1

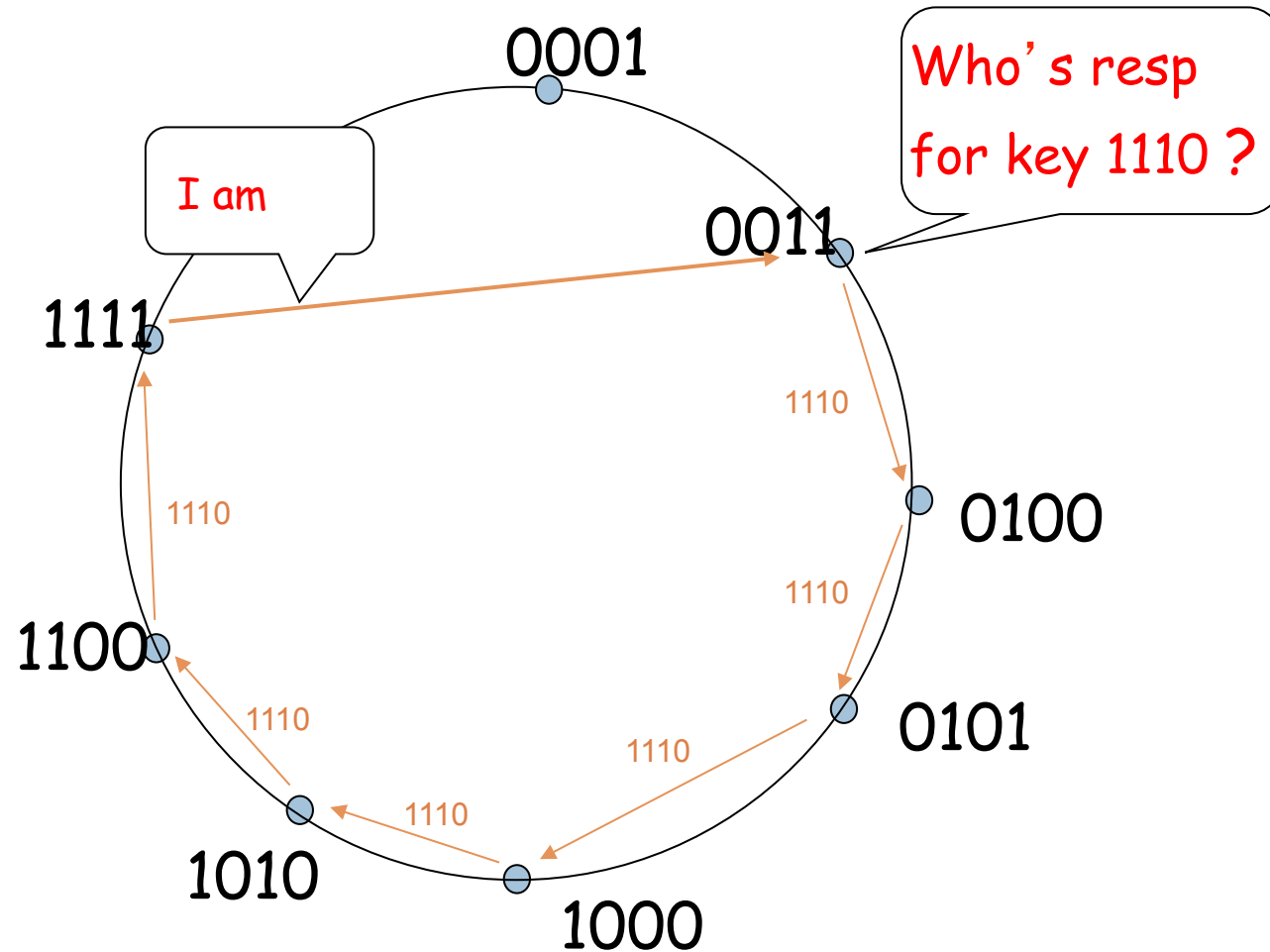
# Circular DHT (1)



- Each peer *only* aware of immediate successor and predecessor.
- “Overlay network”

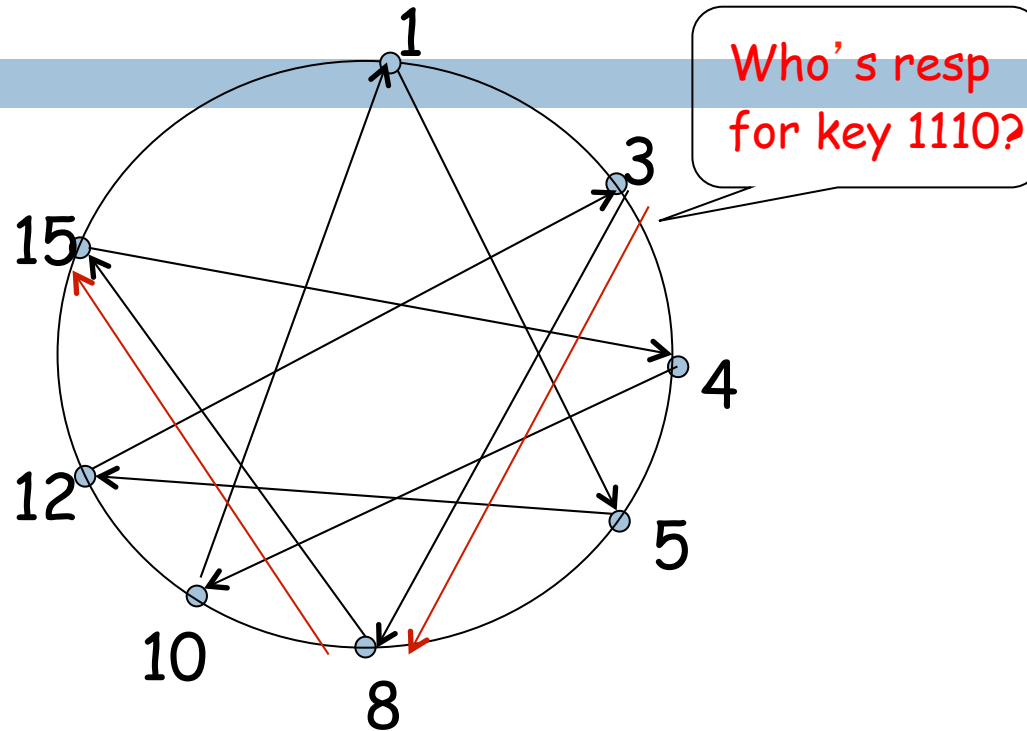
# Circle DHT (2)

$O(N)$  messages  
on avg to resolve  
query, when there  
are  $N$  peers



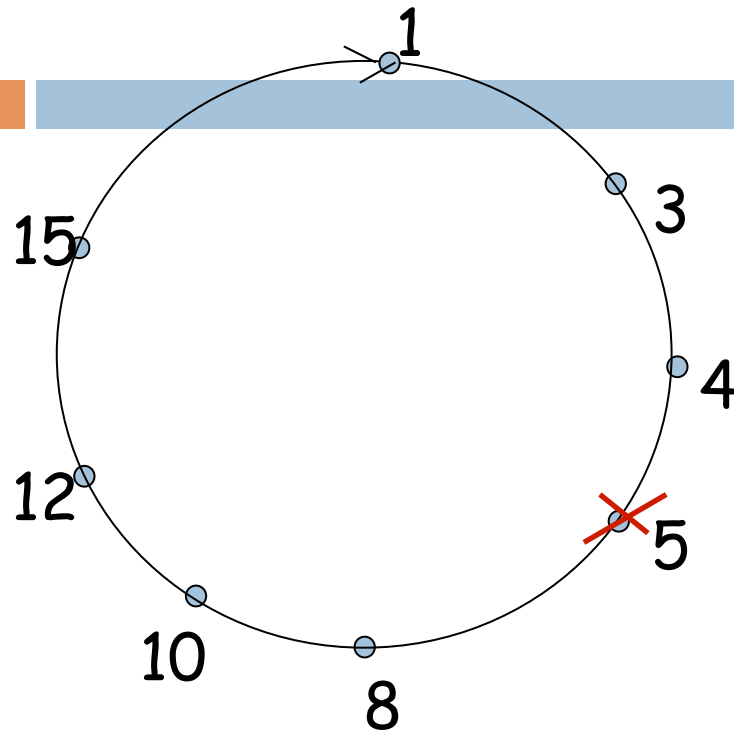
Define closest  
as closest  
successor

# Circular DHT with Shortcuts



- ❑ Each peer keeps track of IP addresses of predecessor, successor, short cuts.
- ❑ Reduced from 6 to 2 messages.
- ❑ Possible to design shortcuts so  $O(\log N)$  neighbors,  $O(\log N)$  messages in query

# Peer Churn



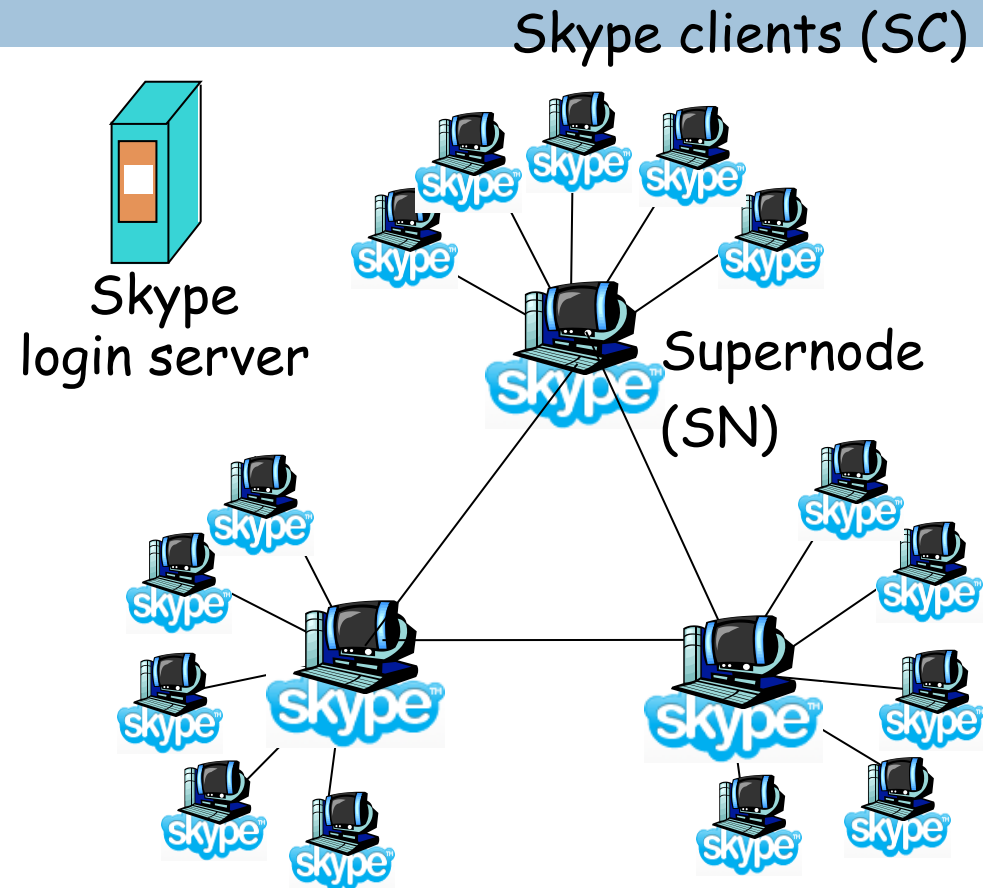
- To handle peer churn, require each peer to know the IP address of its two successors.
- Each peer periodically pings its two successors to see if they are still alive.

- Peer 5 abruptly leaves
- Peer 4 detects; makes 8 its immediate successor; asks 8 who its immediate successor is; makes 8's immediate successor its second successor.
- What if peer 13 wants to join?

# P2P Case study: Skype

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- inherently P2P: pairs of users communicate.
- proprietary application-layer protocol (inferred via reverse engineering)
- hierarchical overlay with SNs
- Index maps usernames to IP addresses; distributed over SNs

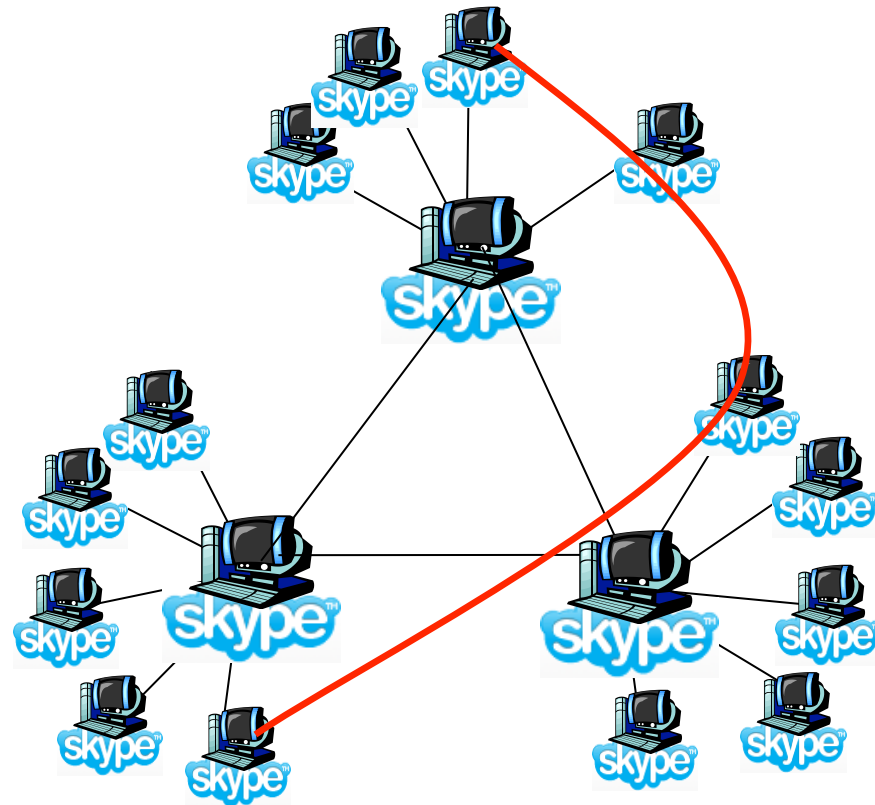


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# Peers as relays

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- Problem when both Alice and Bob are behind “NATs”.
  - NAT prevents an outside peer from initiating a call to insider peer
- Solution:
  - Using Alice’s and Bob’s SNs, Relay is chosen
  - Each peer initiates session with relay.
  - Peers can now communicate through NATs via relay



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# Socket programming

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Goal: learn how to build client/server application that communicate using sockets

## Socket API

- introduced in BSD4.1 UNIX, 1981
- explicitly created, used, released by apps
- client/server paradigm
- two types of transport service via socket API:
  - ▣ unreliable datagram
  - ▣ reliable, byte stream-oriented

## socket

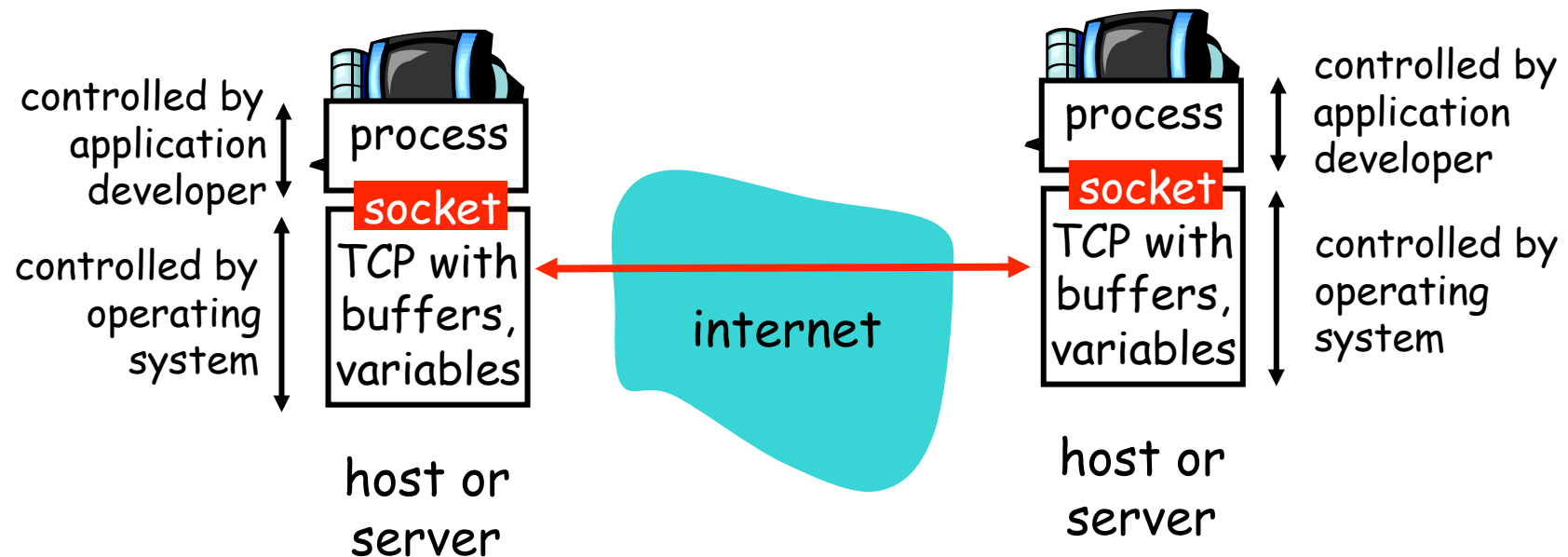
a *host-local, application-created, OS-controlled* interface (a “door”) into which application process can **both send and receive** messages to/from another application process

# Socket-programming using TCP

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**Socket:** a door between application process and end-end-transport protocol (UCP or TCP)

**TCP service:** reliable transfer of **bytes** from one process to another



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# Socket programming *with TCP*

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## Client must contact server

- server process must first be running
- server must have created socket (door) that welcomes client's contact

## Client contacts server by:

- creating client-local TCP socket
- specifying IP address, port number of server process
- When **client creates socket**: client TCP establishes connection to server TCP

- When contacted by client, **server TCP creates new socket** for server process to communicate with client
  - allows server to talk with multiple clients
  - source port numbers used to distinguish clients (**more in Chap 3**)

## application viewpoint

*TCP provides reliable, in-order transfer of bytes ("pipe") between client and server*

# Client/server socket interaction: TCP

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## Server (running on `hostid`)

create socket,  
port=`x`, for  
incoming request:  
`welcomeSocket =  
ServerSocket()`

wait for incoming  
connection request  
`connectionSocket =  
welcomeSocket.accept()`

read request from  
`connectionSocket`

write reply to  
`connectionSocket`

close  
`connectionSocket`

## Client

create socket,  
connect to `hostid`, port=`x`  
`clientSocket =  
Socket()`

send request using  
`clientSocket`

read reply from  
`clientSocket`

close  
`clientSocket`

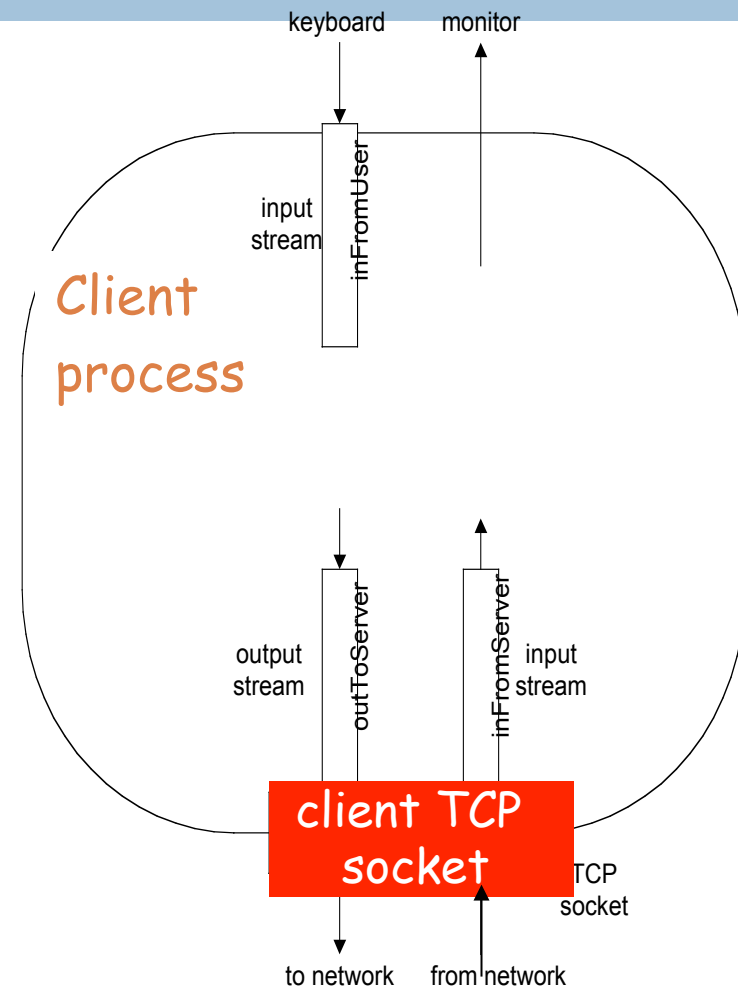
**TCP**  
connection setup

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# Stream jargon

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- A **stream** is a sequence of characters that flow into or out of a process.
- An **input stream** is attached to some input source for the process, e.g., keyboard or socket.
- An **output stream** is attached to an output source, e.g., monitor or socket.



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# Socket programming with TCP

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## Example client-server app:

- 1) client reads line from standard input (**inFromUser** stream) , sends to server via socket (**outToServer** stream)
- 2) server reads line from socket
- 3) server converts line to uppercase, sends back to client
- 4) client reads, prints modified line from socket (**inFromServer** stream)

# Example: Java client (TCP)

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```
import java.io.*;
import java.net.*;
class TCPClient {
```

```
    public static void main(String argv[]) throws Exception
    {
```

```
        String sentence;
        String modifiedSentence;
```

Create  
input stream

```
        BufferedReader inFromUser =
            new BufferedReader(new InputStreamReader(System.in));
```

Create  
client socket,  
connect to server

```
        Socket clientSocket = new Socket("hostname", 6789);
```

Create  
output stream  
attached to socket

```
        DataOutputStream outToServer =
            new DataOutputStream(clientSocket.getOutputStream());
```

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# Example: Java client (TCP), cont.

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```
    Create  
    input stream  
    attached to socket }  
                        →  
                        BufferedReader inFromServer =  
                        new BufferedReader(new  
                        InputStreamReader(clientSocket.getInputStream()));  
  
                        sentence = inFromUser.readLine();  
  
    Send line  
    to server }  
              →  
              outToServer.writeBytes(sentence + '\n');  
  
    Read line  
    from server }  
                →  
                modifiedSentence = inFromServer.readLine();  
  
                System.out.println("FROM SERVER: " + modifiedSentence);  
  
                clientSocket.close();  
  
            }  
        }
```

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# Example: Java server (TCP)

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```
import java.io.*;  
import java.net.*;
```

```
class TCPServer {
```

```
    public static void main(String argv[]) throws Exception  
    {
```

```
        String clientSentence;  
        String capitalizedSentence;
```

Create  
welcoming socket  
at port 6789

```
        ServerSocket welcomeSocket = new ServerSocket(6789);
```

Wait, on welcoming  
socket for contact  
by client

```
        while(true) {
```

```
            Socket connectionSocket = welcomeSocket.accept();
```

Create input  
stream, attached  
to socket

```
            BufferedReader inFromClient =  
                new BufferedReader(new  
                    InputStreamReader(connectionSocket.getInputStream()));
```

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# Example: Java server (TCP), cont

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Create output  
stream, attached  
to socket

```
DataOutputStream outToClient =  
    new DataOutputStream(connectionSocket.getOutputStream());
```

Read in line  
from socket

```
clientSentence = inFromClient.readLine();
```

```
capitalizedSentence = clientSentence.toUpperCase() + '\n';
```

Write out line  
to socket

```
outToClient.writeBytes(capitalizedSentence);
```

```
}  
}  
}
```

End of while loop,  
loop back and wait for  
another client connection

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# Socket programming *with UDP*

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UDP: no “connection” between client and server

- no handshaking
- sender explicitly attaches IP address and port of destination to each packet
- server must extract IP address, port of sender from received packet

UDP: transmitted data may be received out of order, or lost

application viewpoint

*UDP provides unreliable transfer of groups of bytes (“datagrams”) between client and server*

# Client/server socket interaction: UDP

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## Server (running on `hostid`)

create socket,  
port= x.  
`serverSocket =  
DatagramSocket()`

read datagram from  
`serverSocket`

write reply to  
`serverSocket`  
specifying  
client address,  
port number

## Client

create socket,  
`clientSocket =  
DatagramSocket()`

Create datagram with server IP and  
port=x; send datagram via  
`clientSocket`

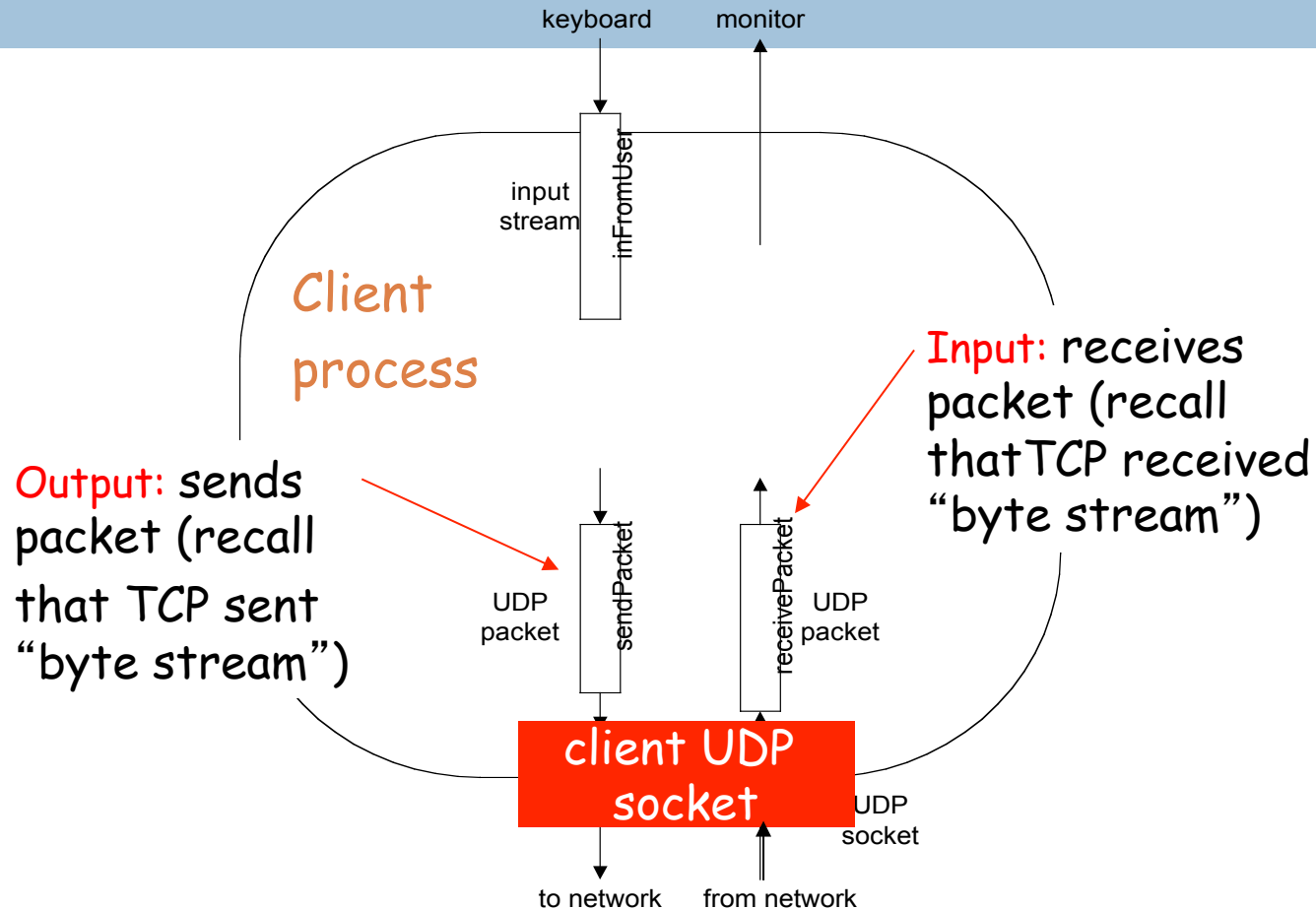
read datagram from  
`clientSocket`

close  
`clientSocket`

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# Example: Java client (UDP)

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# Example: Java client (UDP)

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```
import java.io.*;
import java.net.*;
```

```
class UDPClient {
    public static void main(String args[]) throws Exception
    {
```

Create  
input stream

```
        BufferedReader inFromUser =
            new BufferedReader(new InputStreamReader(System.in));
```

Create  
client socket

```
        DatagramSocket clientSocket = new DatagramSocket();
```

Translate  
hostname to IP  
address using DNS

```
        InetAddress IPAddress = InetAddress.getByName("hostname");
```

```
        byte[] sendData = new byte[1024];
        byte[] receiveData = new byte[1024];
```

```
        String sentence = inFromUser.readLine();
```

```
        sendData = sentence.getBytes();
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```

# Example: Java client (UDP), cont.

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```
    Create datagram  
    with data-to-send,  
    length, IP addr, port } DatagramPacket sendPacket =  
                           → new DatagramPacket(sendData, sendData.length, IPAddress, 9876);  
  
    Send datagram  
    to server } clientSocket.send(sendPacket);  
  
               DatagramPacket receivePacket =  
               new DatagramPacket(receiveData, receiveData.length);  
  
    Read datagram  
    from server } clientSocket.receive(receivePacket);  
  
               String modifiedSentence =  
               new String(receivePacket.getData());  
  
               System.out.println("FROM SERVER:" + modifiedSentence);  
               clientSocket.close();  
               }  
           }
```

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# Example: Java server (UDP)

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```
import java.io.*;  
import java.net.*;
```

```
class UDPServer {  
    public static void main(String args[]) throws Exception  
    {
```

Create  
datagram socket  
at port 9876

```
        DatagramSocket serverSocket = new DatagramSocket(9876);
```

```
        byte[] receiveData = new byte[1024];  
        byte[] sendData = new byte[1024];
```

```
        while(true)  
        {
```

Create space for  
received datagram

```
            DatagramPacket receivePacket =  
                new DatagramPacket(receiveData, receiveData.length);
```

Receive  
datagram

```
            serverSocket.receive(receivePacket);
```

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```
String sentence = new String(receivePacket.getData());
```

Get IP addr  
port #, of  
sender

```
InetAddress IPAddress = receivePacket.getAddress();
```

```
int port = receivePacket.getPort();
```

```
String capitalizedSentence = sentence.toUpperCase();
```

```
sendData = capitalizedSentence.getBytes();
```

Create datagram  
to send to client

```
DatagramPacket sendPacket =  
new DatagramPacket(sendData, sendData.length, IPAddress,  
port);
```

Write out  
datagram  
to socket

```
serverSocket.send(sendPacket);
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

End of while loop,  
loop back and wait for  
another datagram.

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- application architectures
  - client-server
  - P2P
  - hybrid
- application service requirements:
  - reliability, bandwidth, delay
- Internet transport service model
  - connection-oriented, reliable: TCP
  - unreliable, datagrams: UDP
- specific protocols:
  - ❖ HTTP
  - ❖ FTP
  - ❖ SMTP, POP, IMAP
  - ❖ DNS
  - ❖ P2P: BitTorrent, Skype
- socket programming

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- typical request/reply message exchange:
  - ▣ client requests info or service
  - ▣ server responds with data, status code
- message formats:
  - ▣ headers: fields giving info about data
  - ▣ data: info being communicated

## *Important themes:*

- control vs. data msgs
  - ❖ in-band, out-of-band
- centralized vs. decentralized
- stateless vs. stateful
- reliable vs. unreliable msg transfer
- “complexity at network edge”