

COMPUTER NETWORKS

CHAP 2 : APPLICATION LAYER

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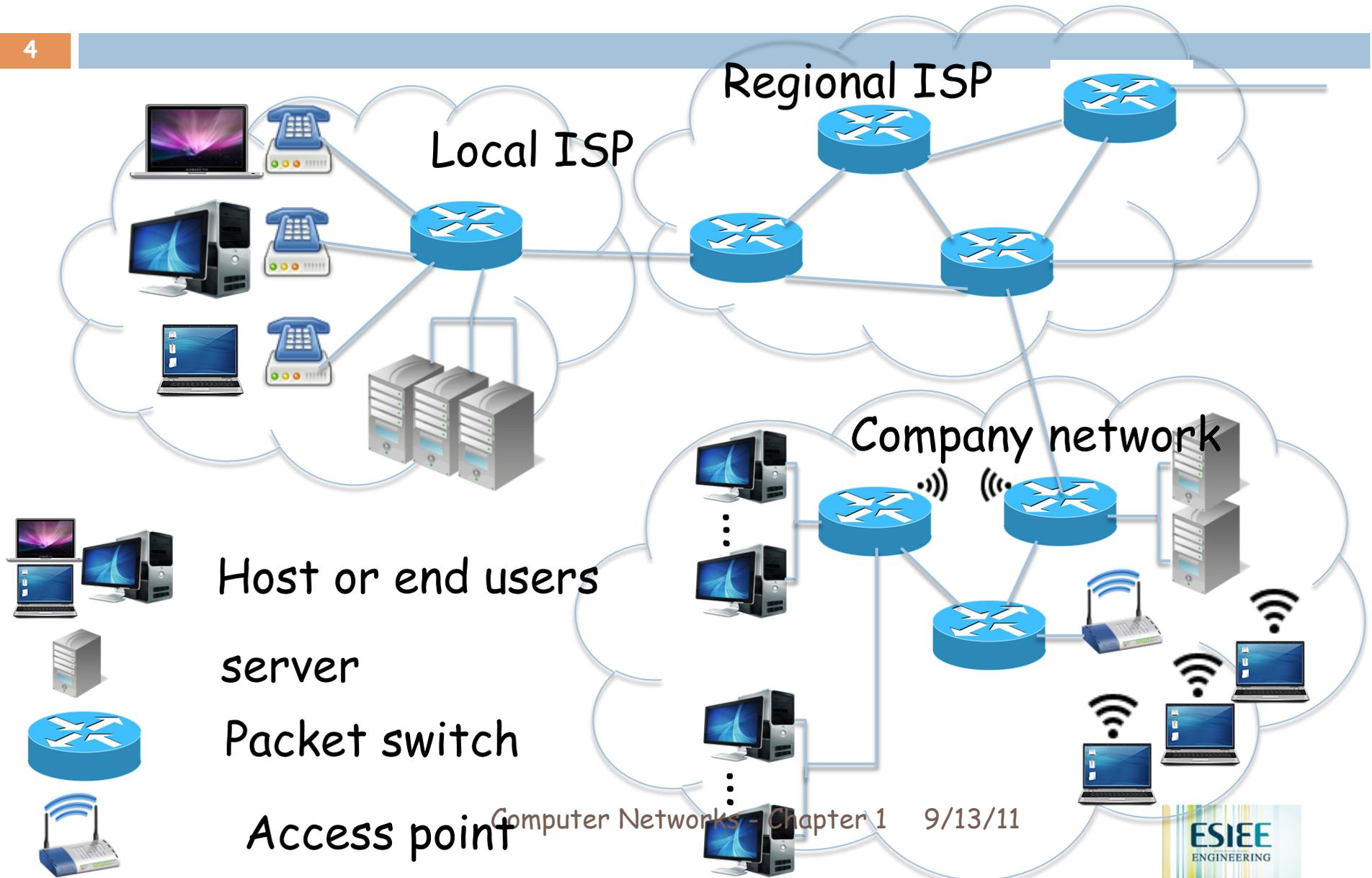
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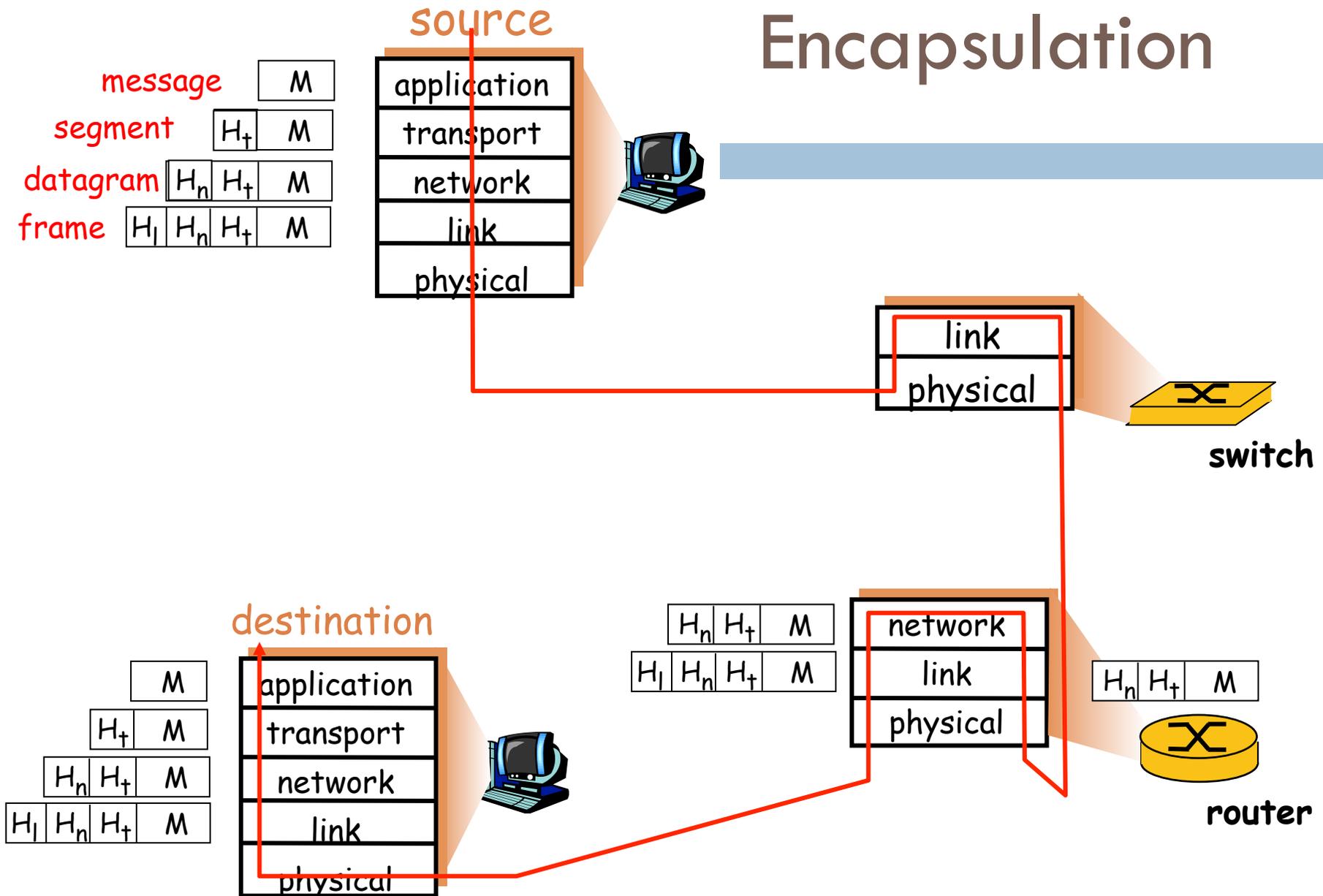
- conceptual, implementation aspects of network application protocols
 - transport-layer service models
 - client-server paradigm
 - peer-to-peer paradigm
- learn about protocols by examining popular application-level protocols
 - HTTP
 - FTP
 - SMTP / POP3 / IMAP
 - DNS
- programming network applications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

Chap 1 : Reminder

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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

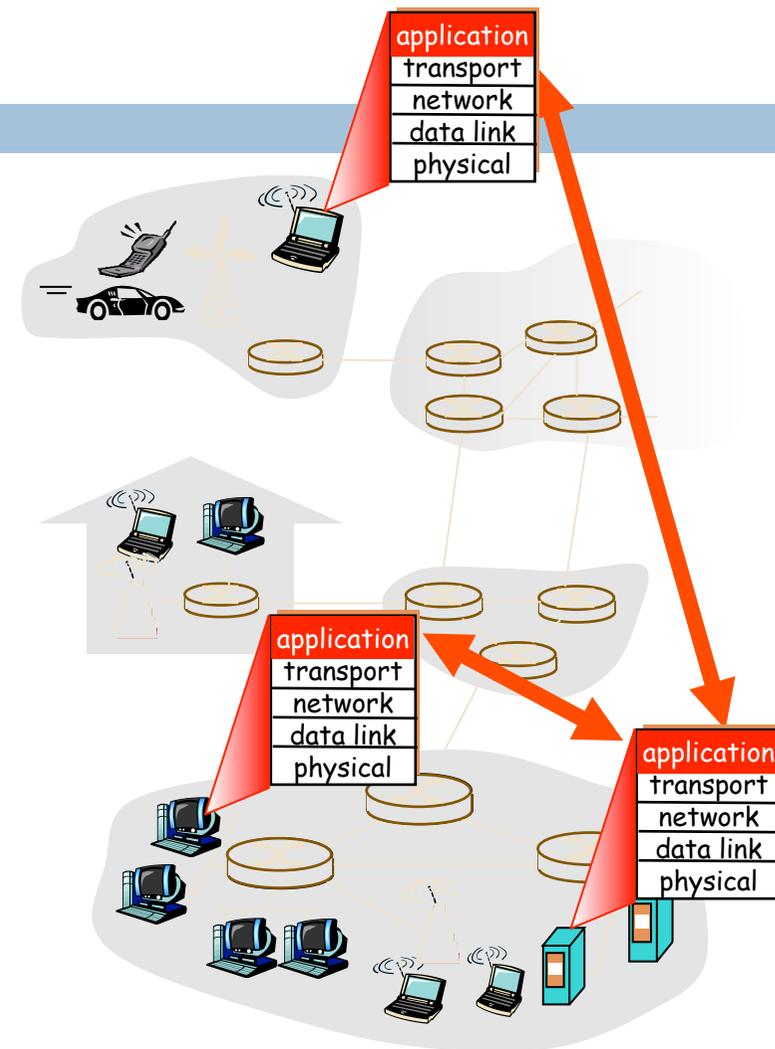
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write programs that

- 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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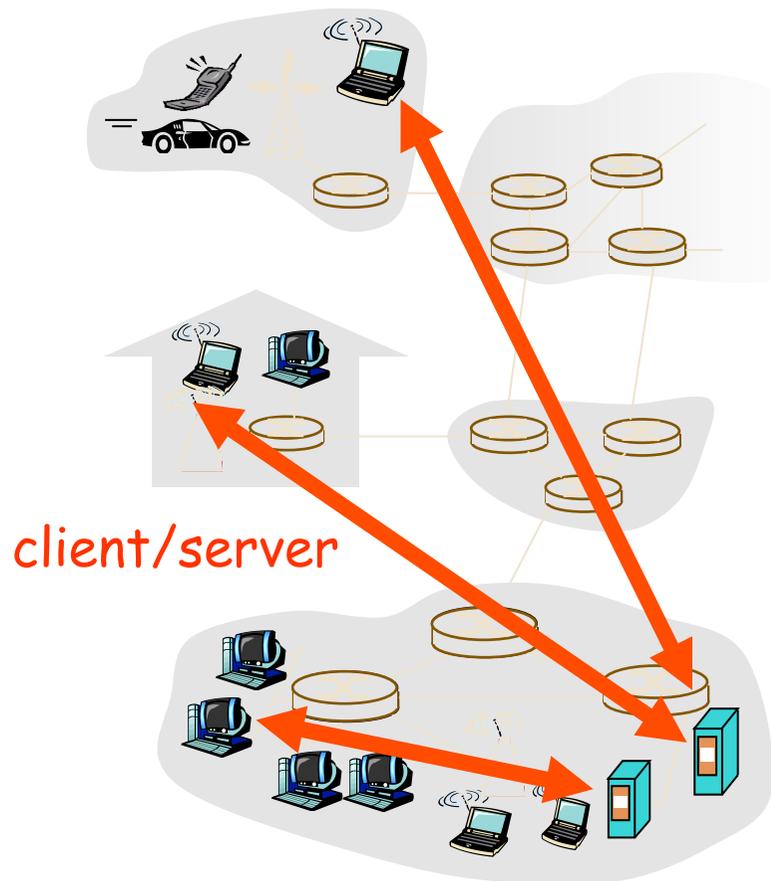
Application architectures

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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

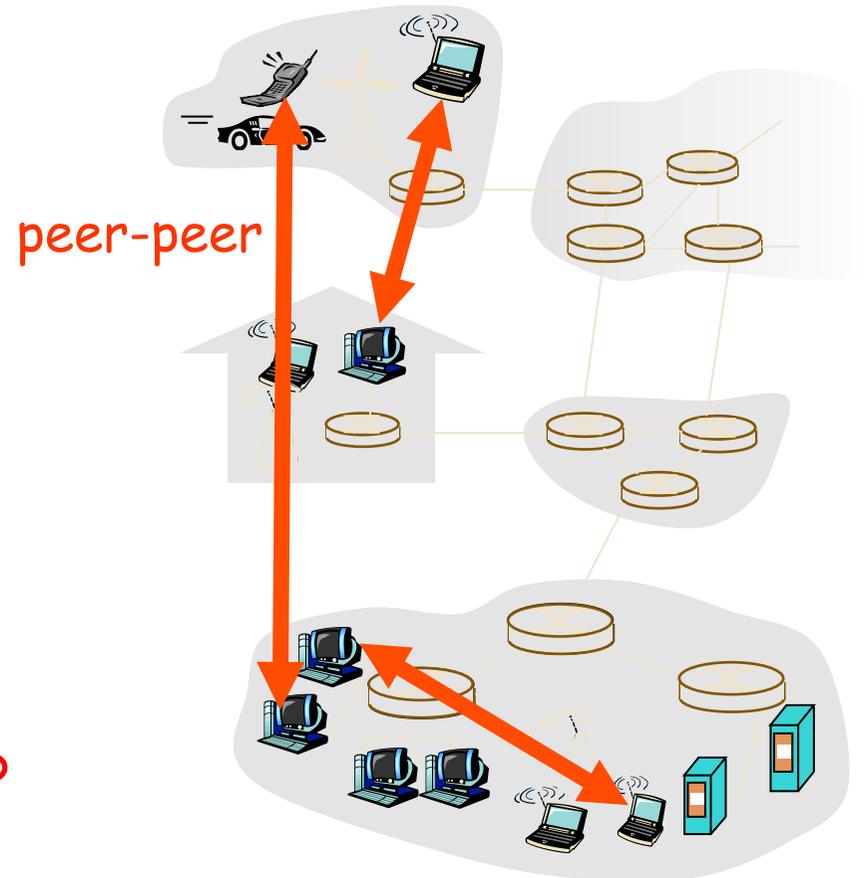
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Pure P2P architecture

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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

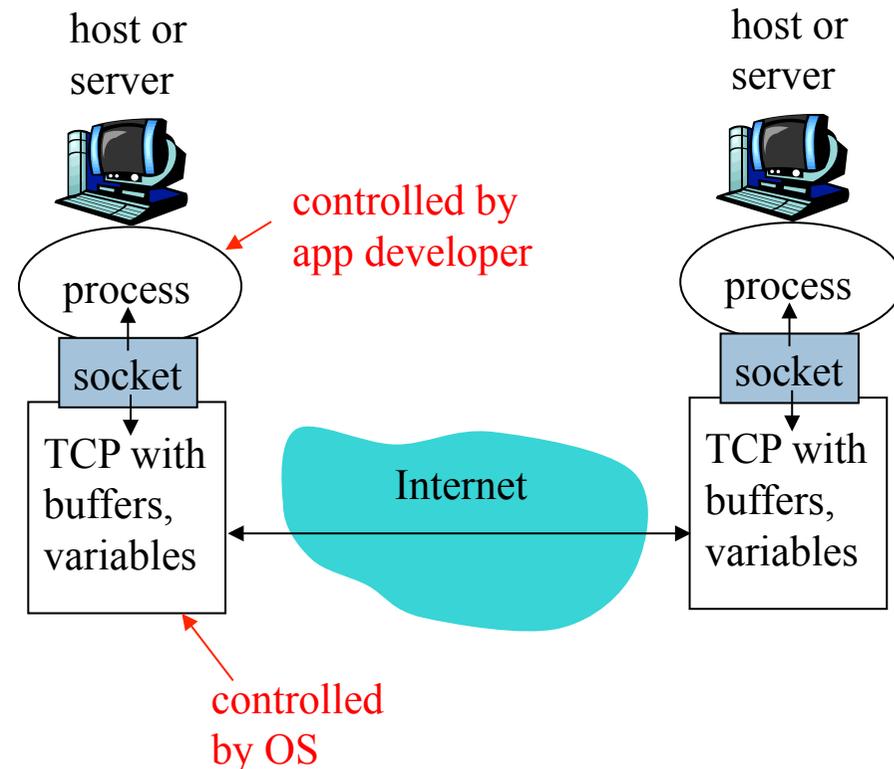
Server process: process that waits to be contacted

- 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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- to receive messages, process must have *identifier*
- host device has unique 32-bit IP address
- Q: does IP address of host suffice for identifying the process?

Addressing processes

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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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Application	Application layer protocol	Underlying transport protocol
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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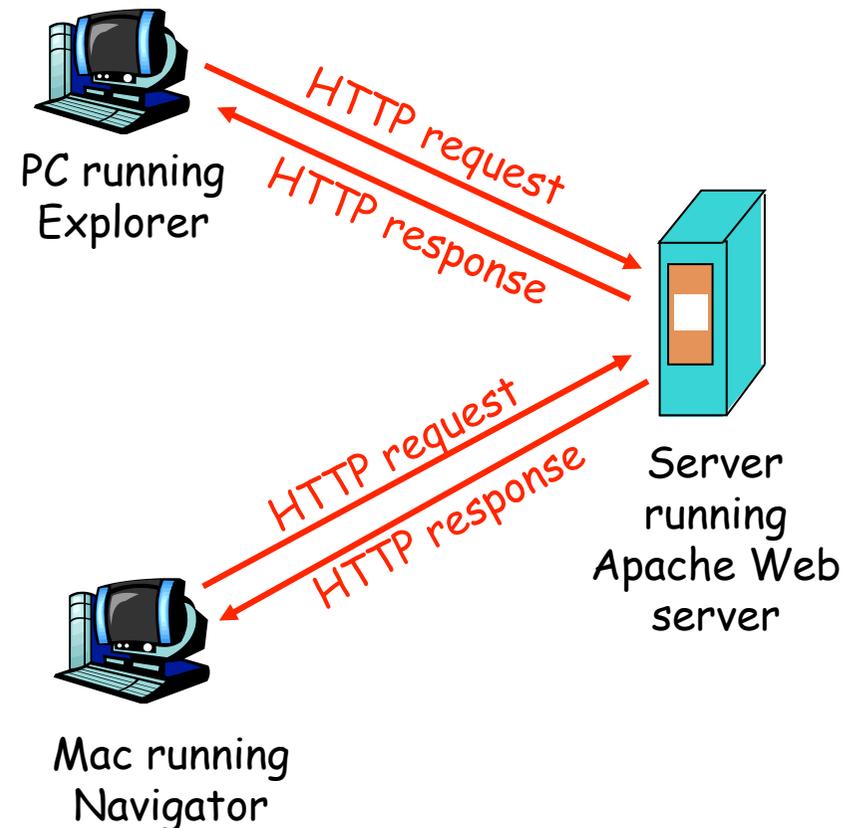


HTTP overview

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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

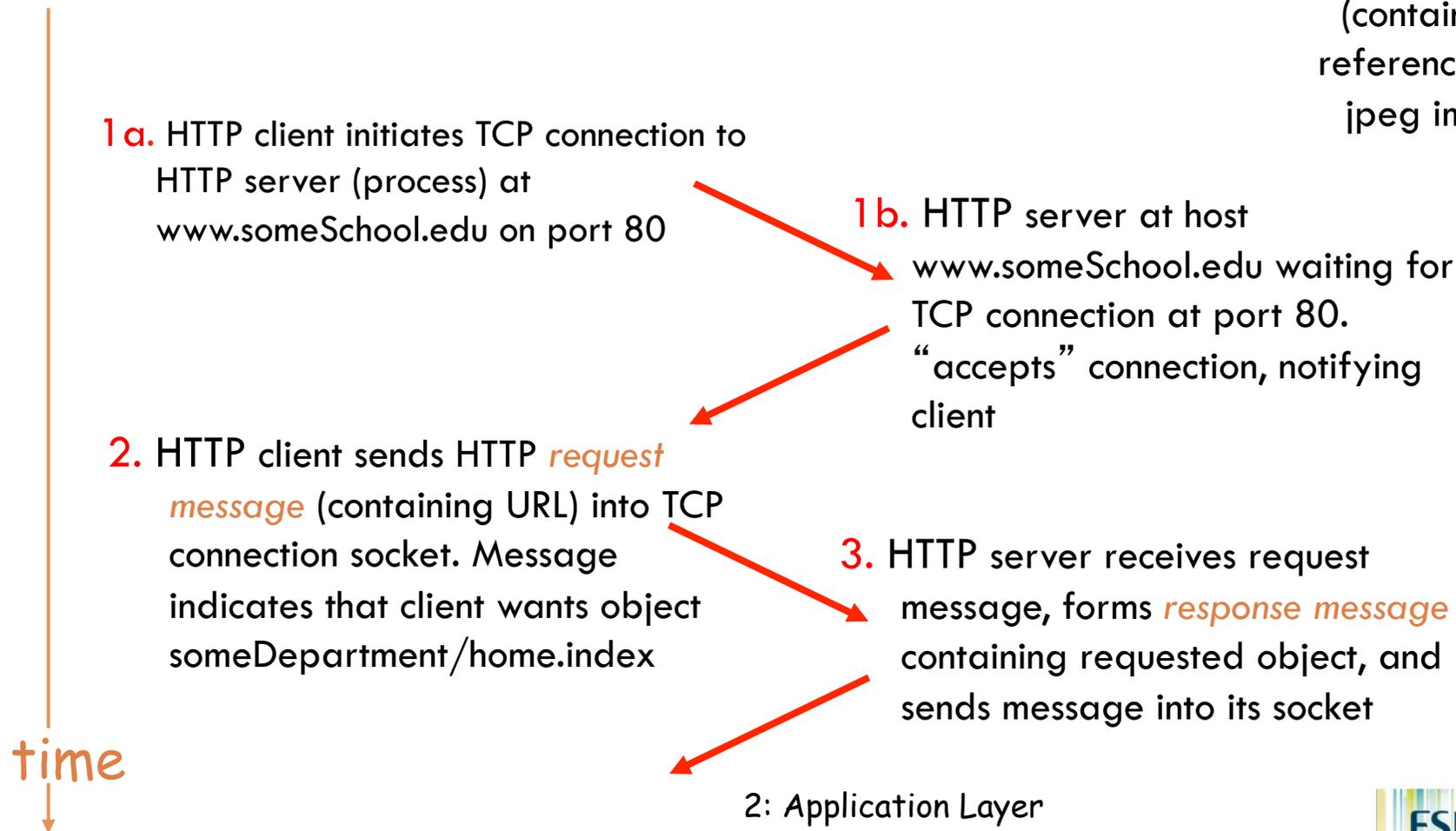
- Multiple objects can be sent over single TCP connection between client and server.

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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time
↓

4. HTTP server closes TCP connection.
5. HTTP client receives response message containing html file, displays html. Parsing html file, finds 10 referenced jpeg objects
6. Steps 1-5 repeated for each of 10 jpeg objects

Non-Persistent HTTP: Response time

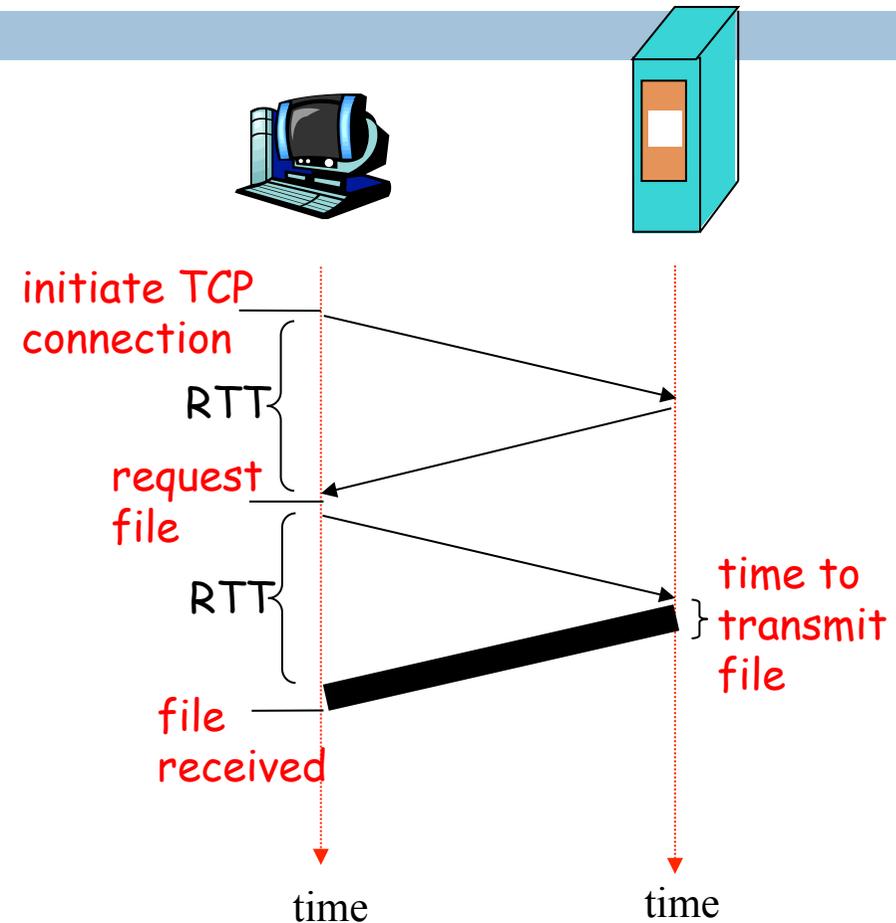
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Definition of RTT: time for a small packet to travel from client to server and back.

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
```

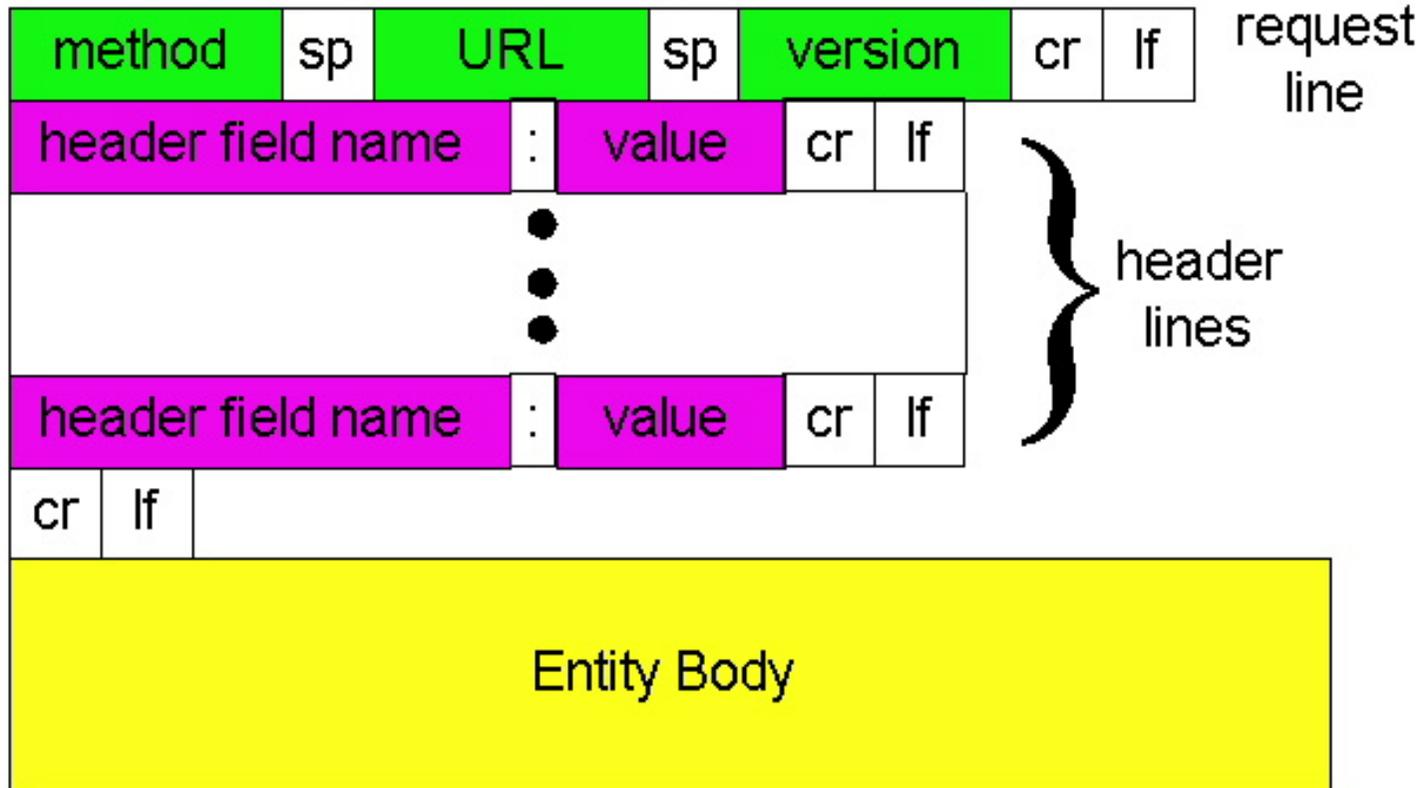
Carriage return,
line feed
indicates end
of message

(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

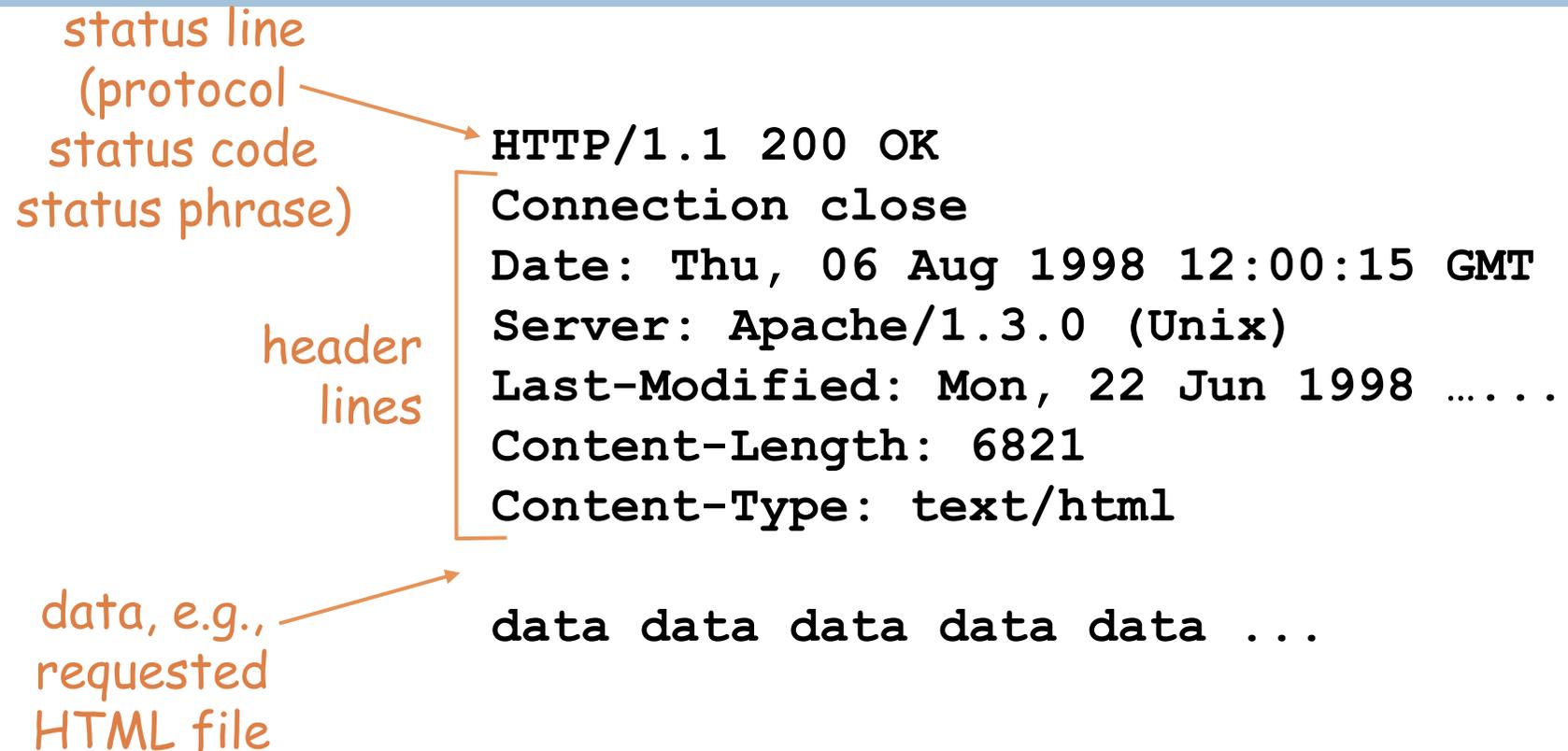
- GET
- POST
- HEAD
 - ▣ asks server to leave requested object out of response

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

server



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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”:

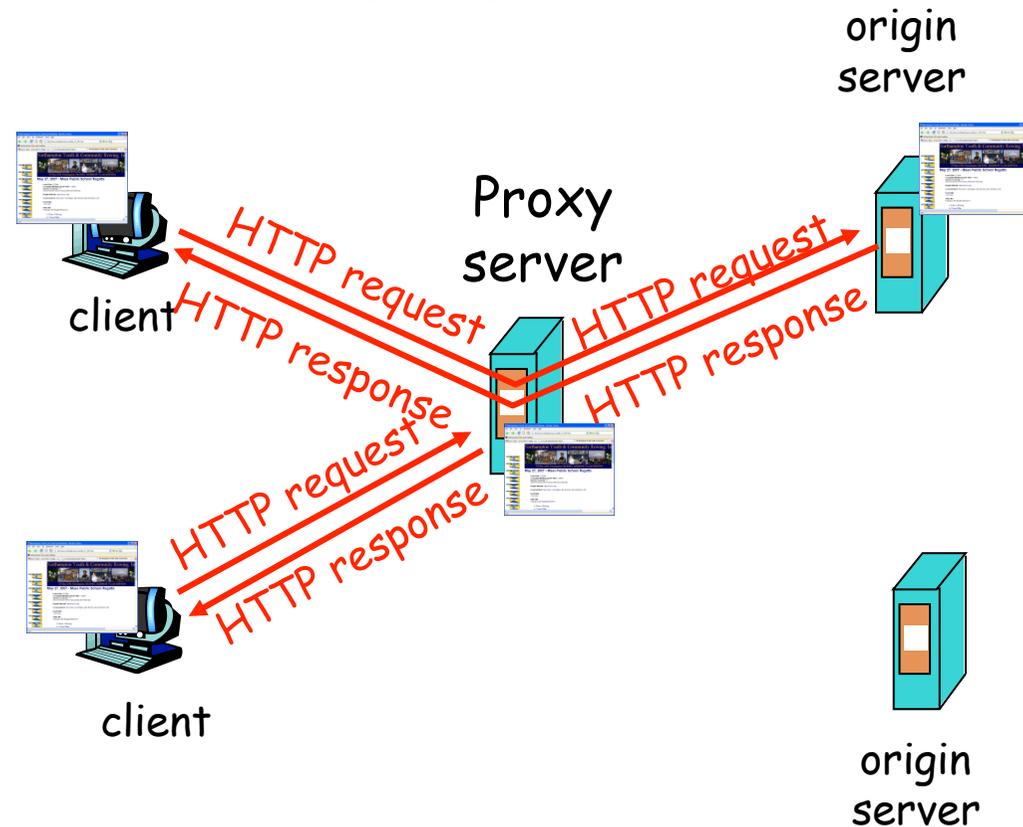
- protocol endpoints: maintain state at sender/receiver over multiple transactions
- cookies: http messages carry state

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

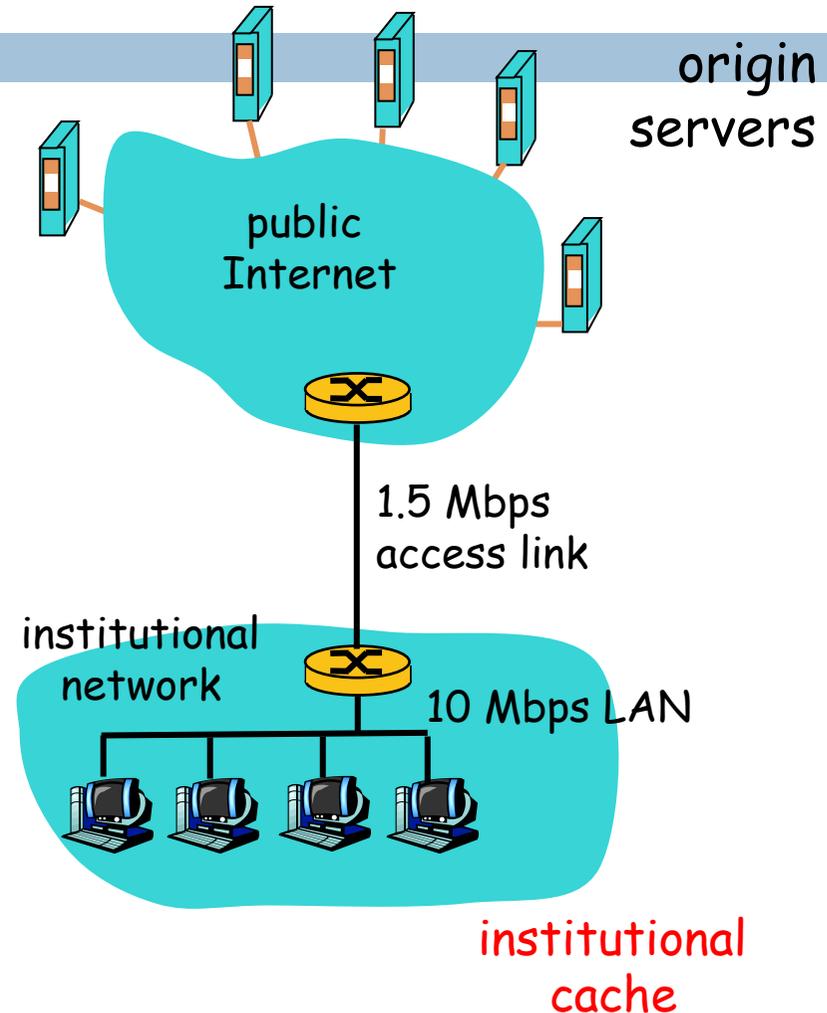
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Assumptions

- 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)

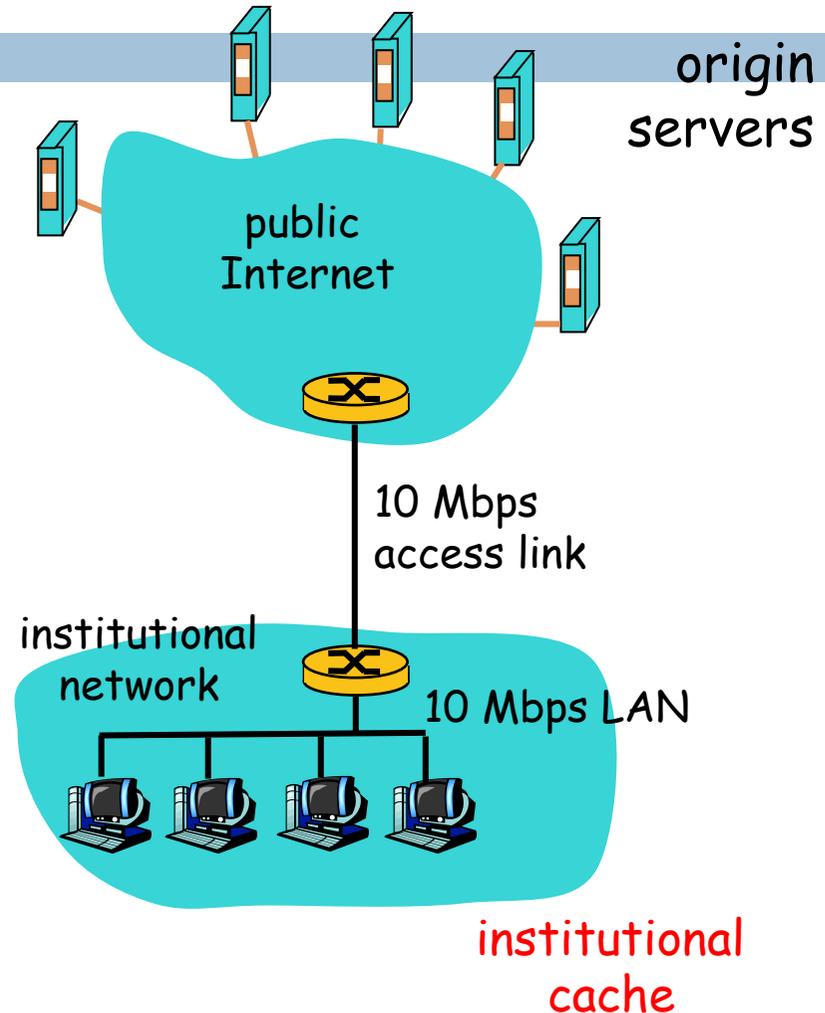
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possible solution

- 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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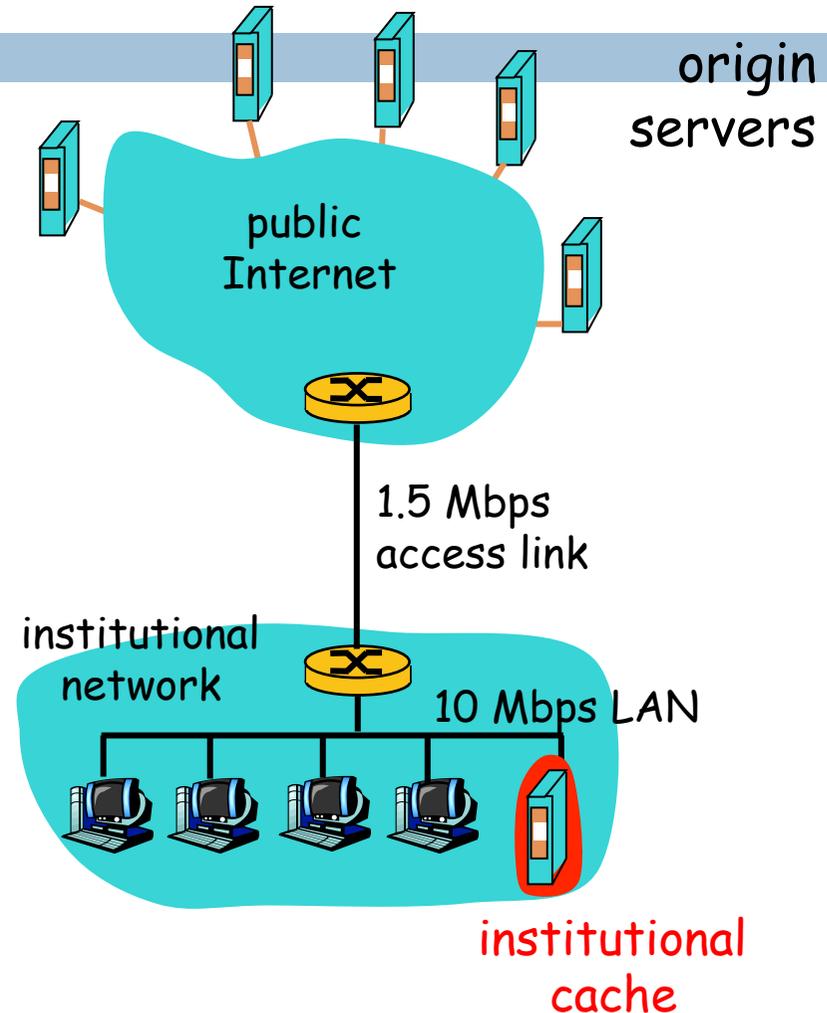
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possible solution: install cache

- 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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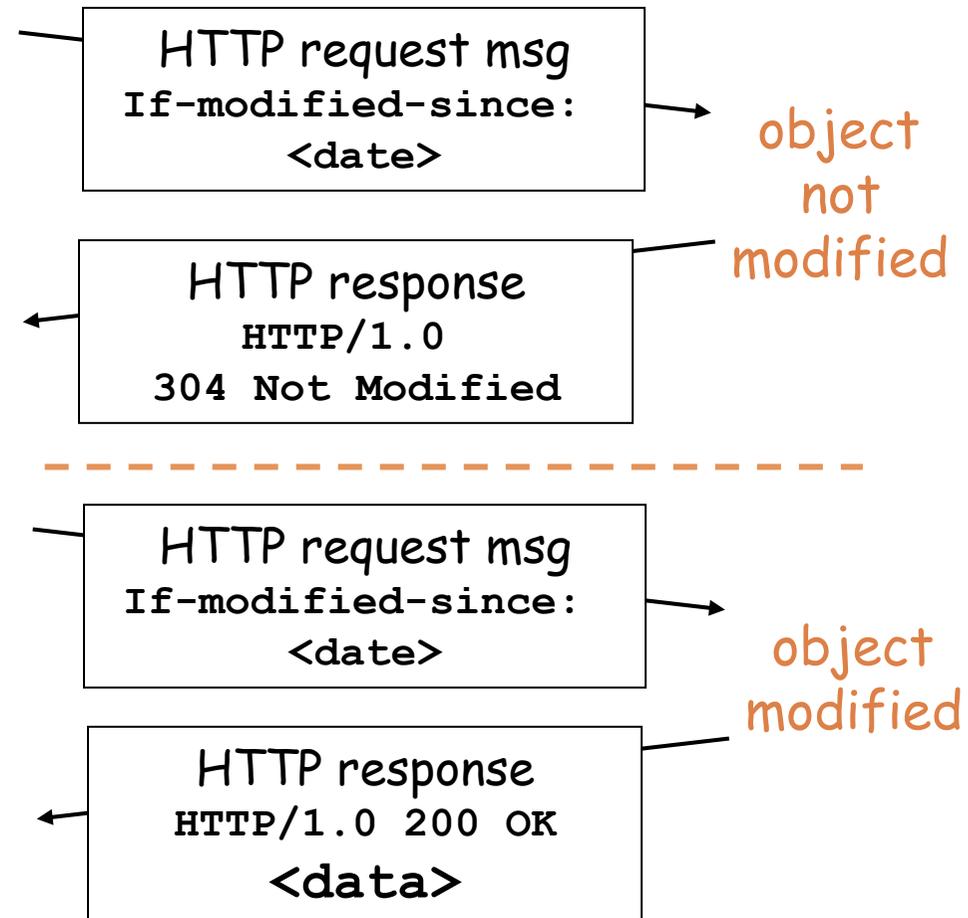
Conditional GET

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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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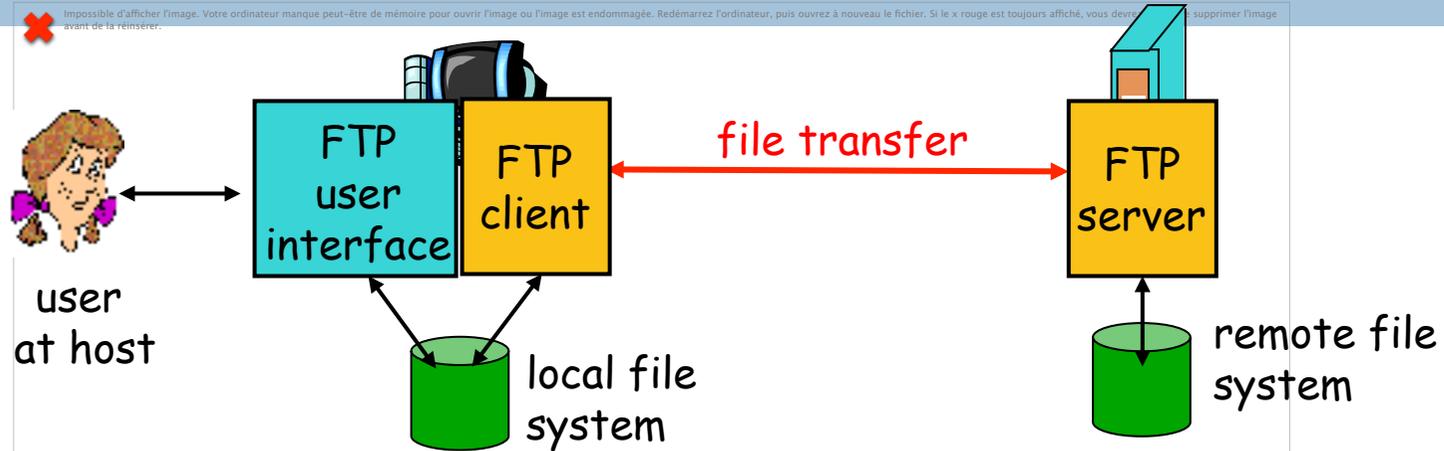
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FTP: the file transfer protocol

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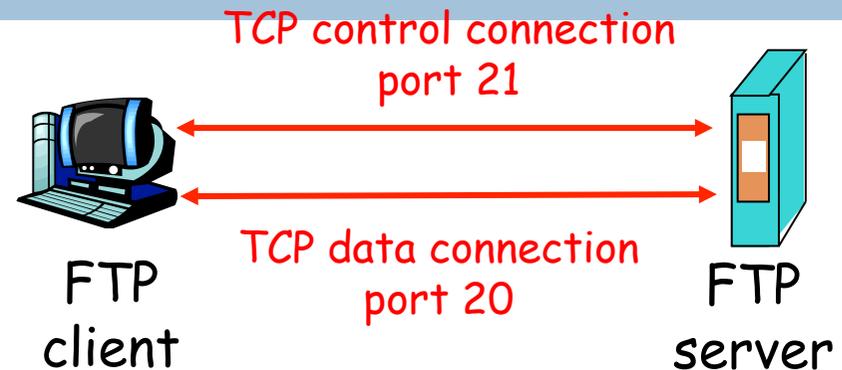
- transfer file to/from remote host
- client/server model
 - ▣ **client**: side that initiates transfer (either to/from remote)
 - ▣ **server**: remote host
- ftp: RFC 959
- ftp server: port 21

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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 2nd 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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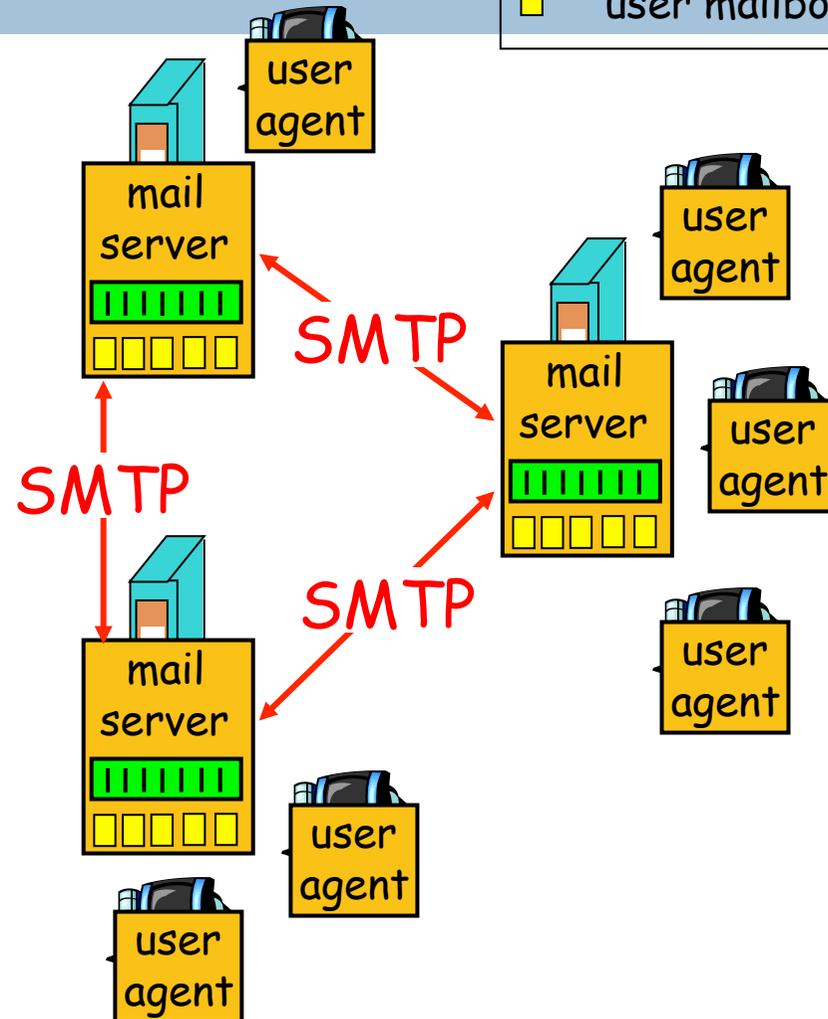


Three major components:

- 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



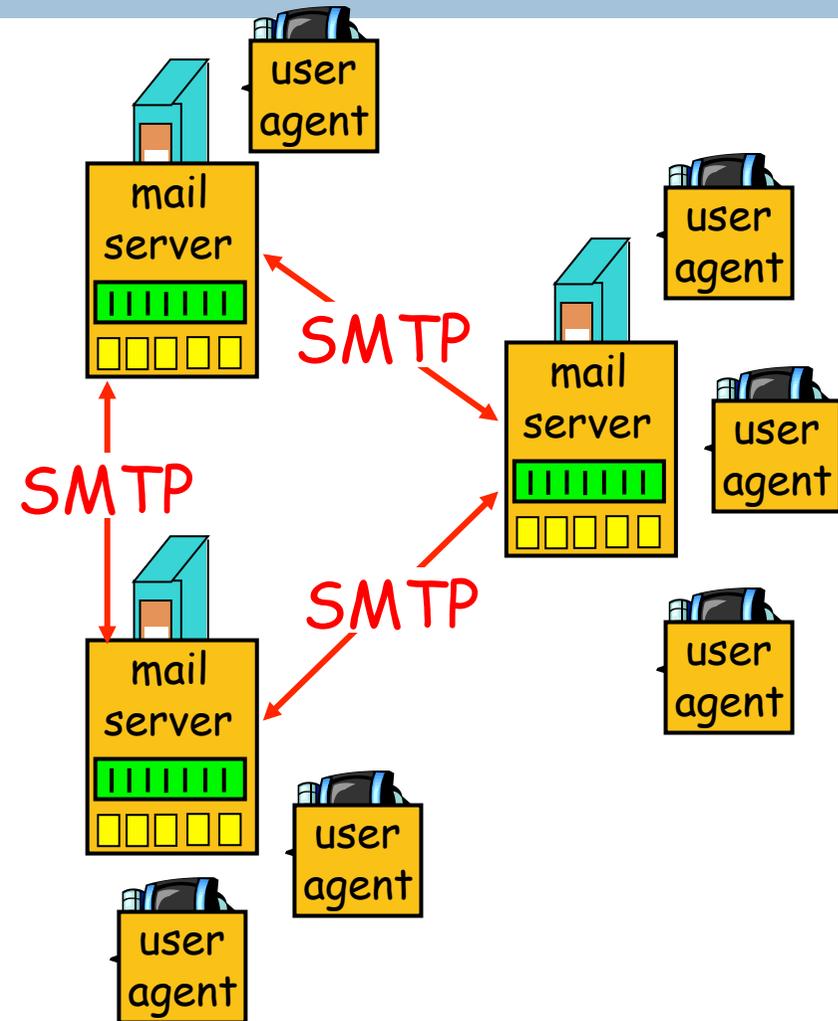
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Electronic Mail: mail servers

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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]

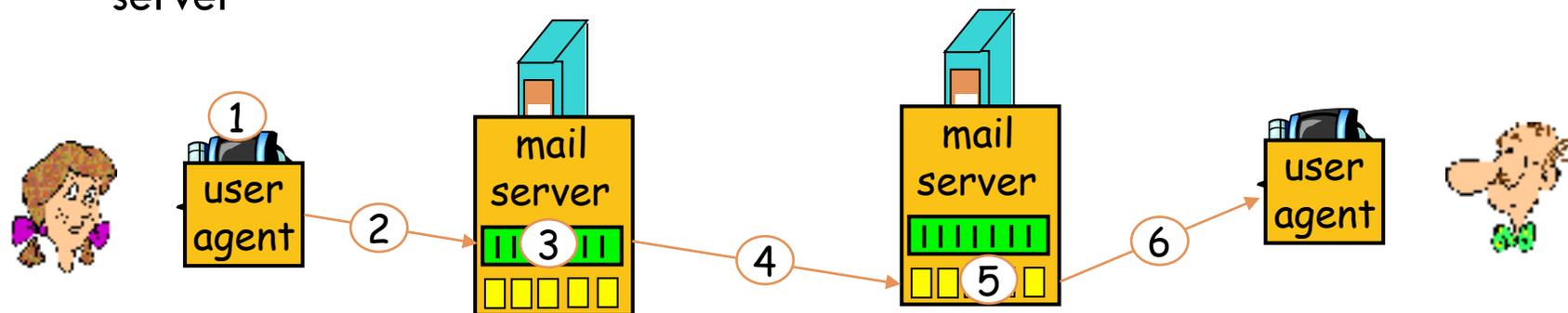
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- uses TCP to reliably transfer email message from client to server, port 25
- direct transfer: sending server to receiving server
- three phases of transfer
 - ▣ handshaking (greeting)
 - ▣ transfer of messages
 - ▣ closure
- command/response interaction
 - ▣ **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

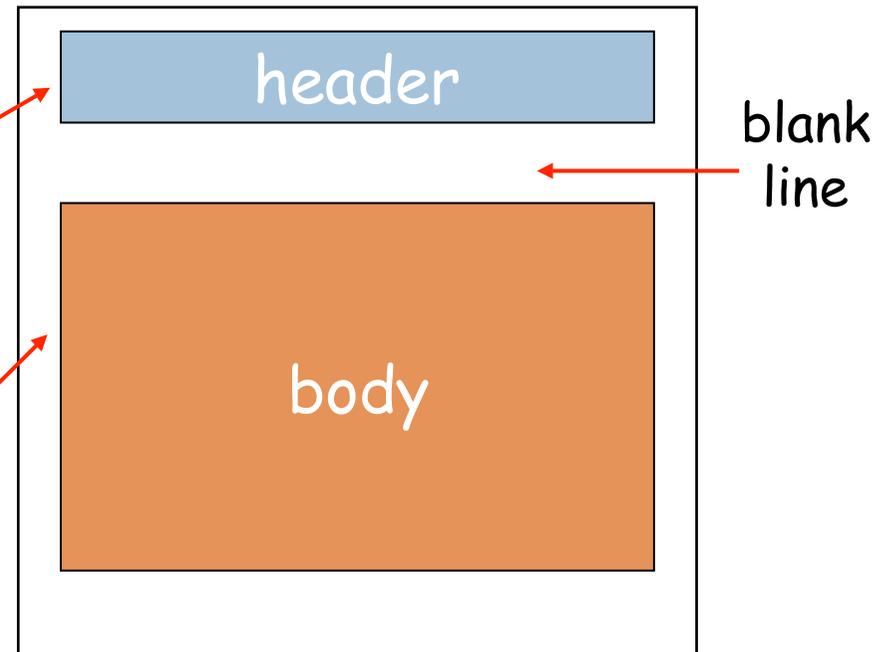
Mail message format

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SMTP: protocol for exchanging email msgs

RFC 822: standard for text message format:

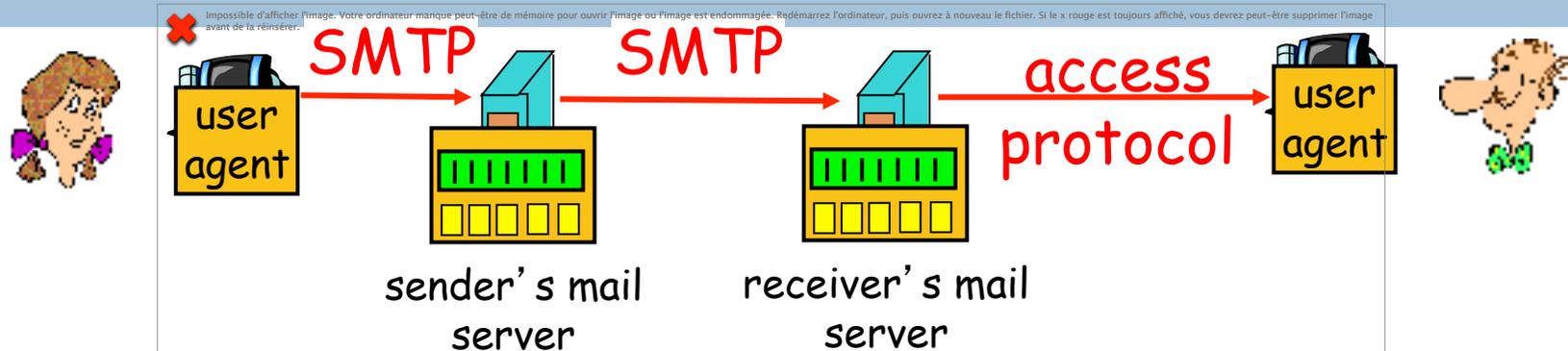
- header lines, e.g.,
 - To:
 - From:
 - Subject:*different from SMTP commands!*
- body
 - the “message”, ASCII characters only



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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

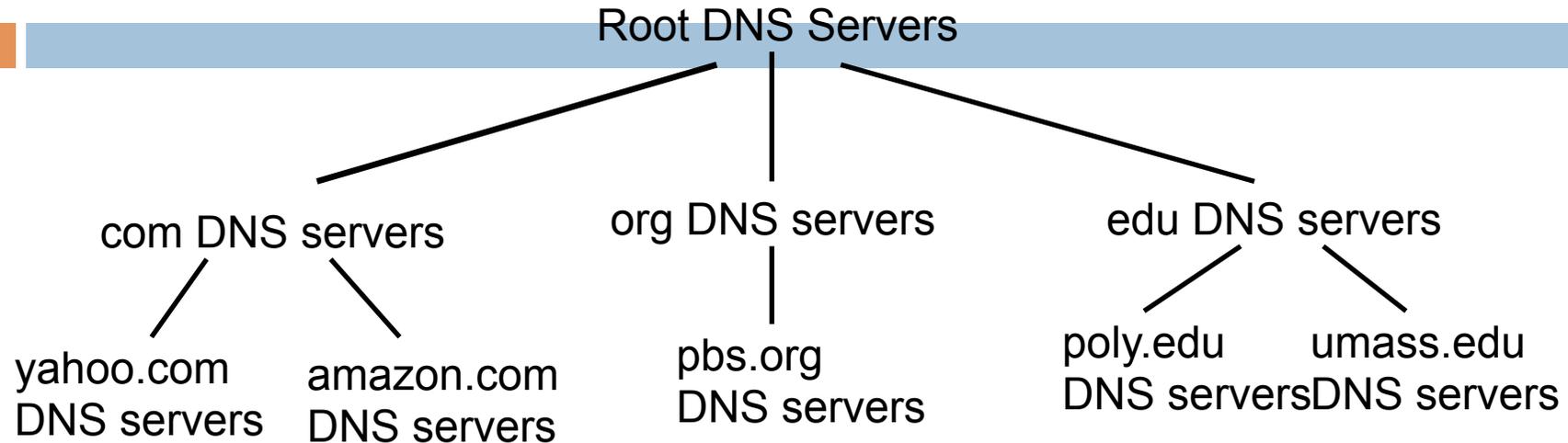
Why not centralize DNS?

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

doesn't scale!

Distributed, Hierarchical Database

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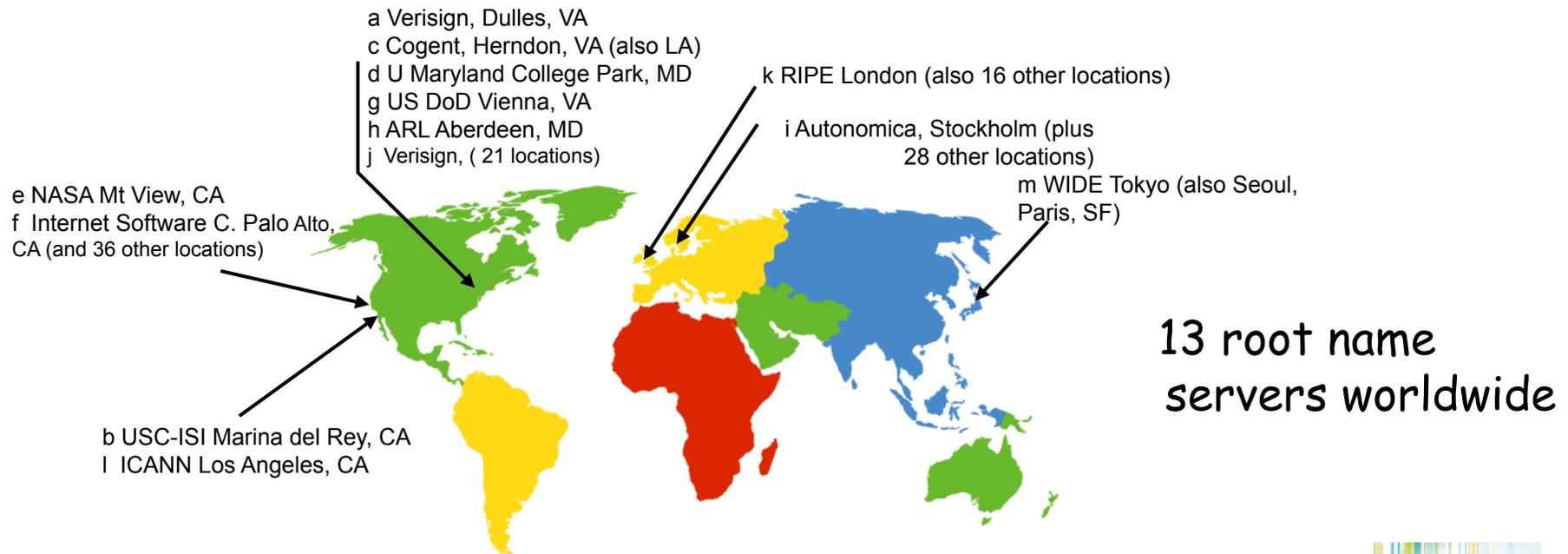
Client wants IP for www.amazon.com; 1st approx:

- 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

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

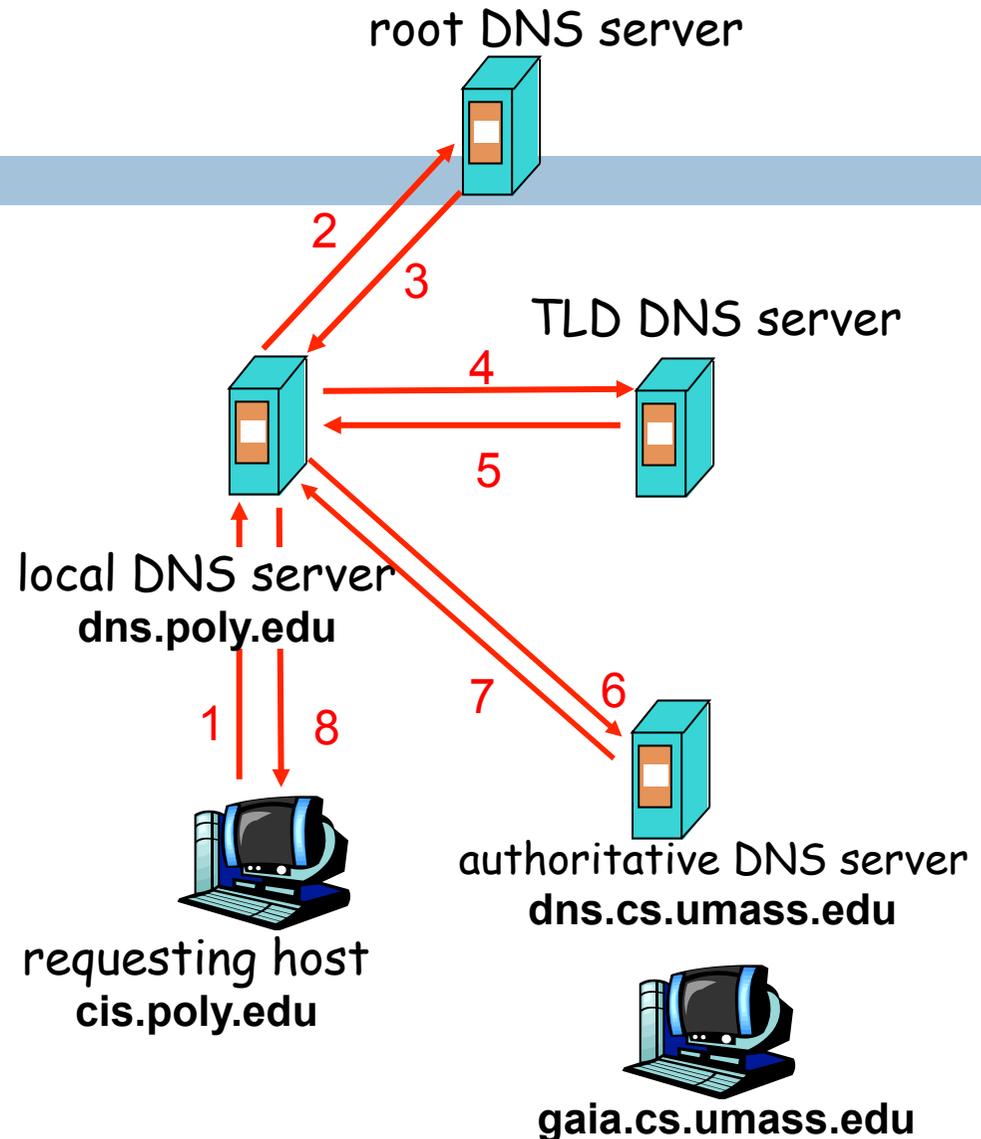
DNS name resolution example

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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”



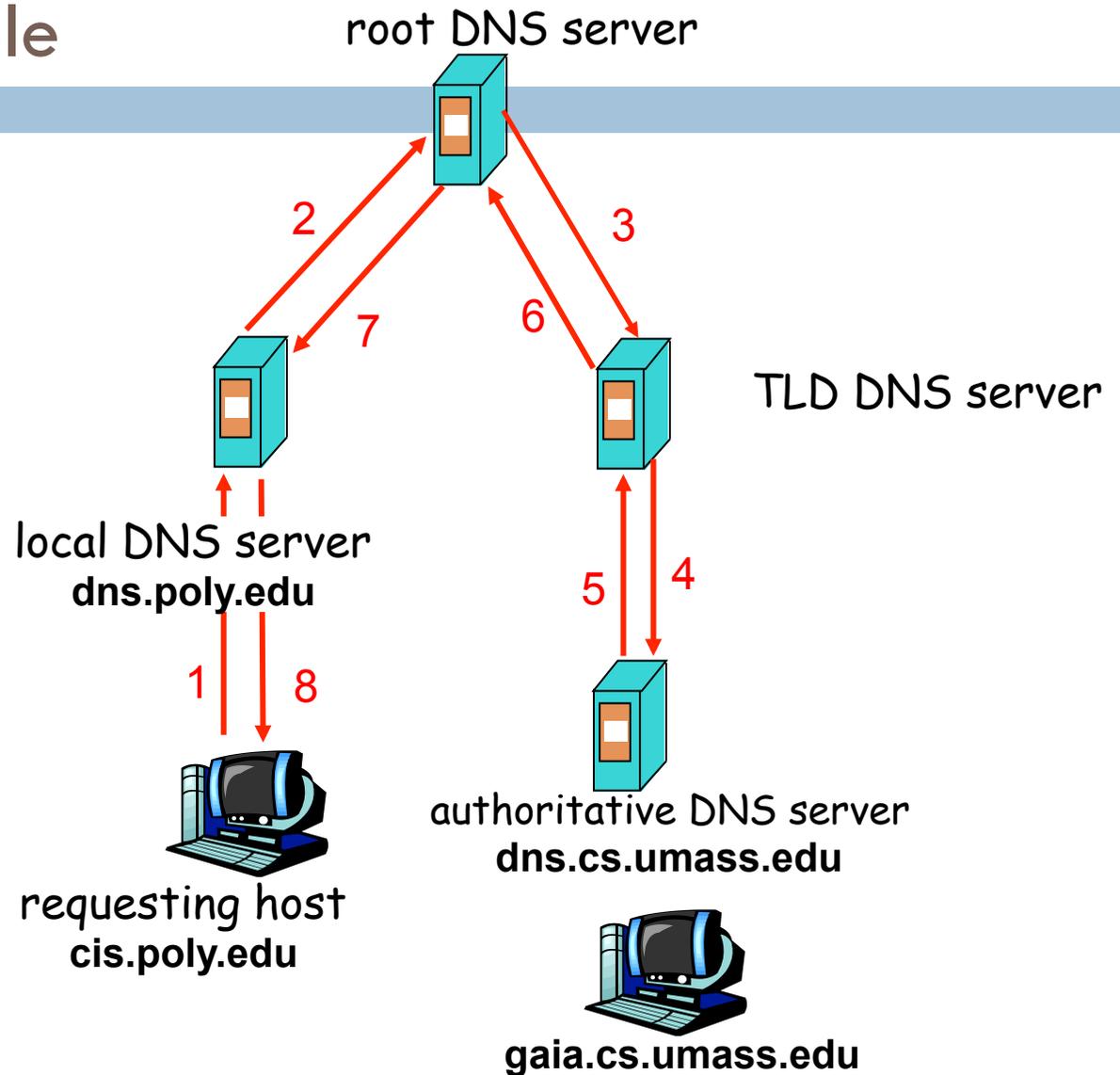
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DNS name resolution example

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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**

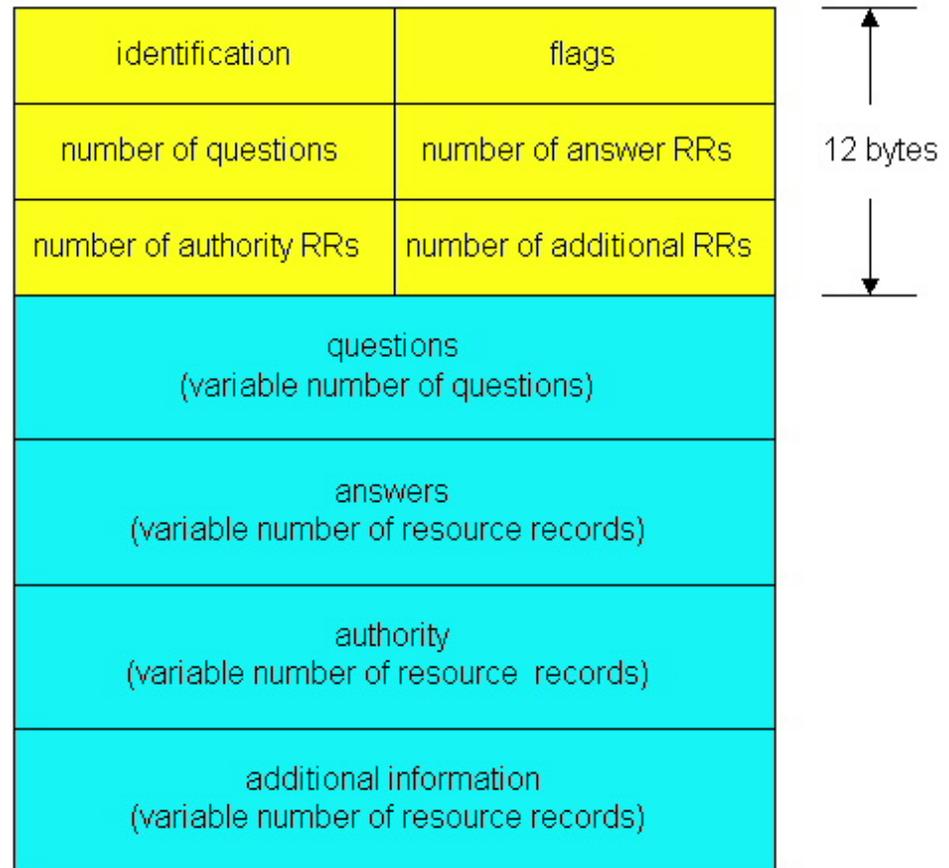
DNS protocol, messages

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

msg header

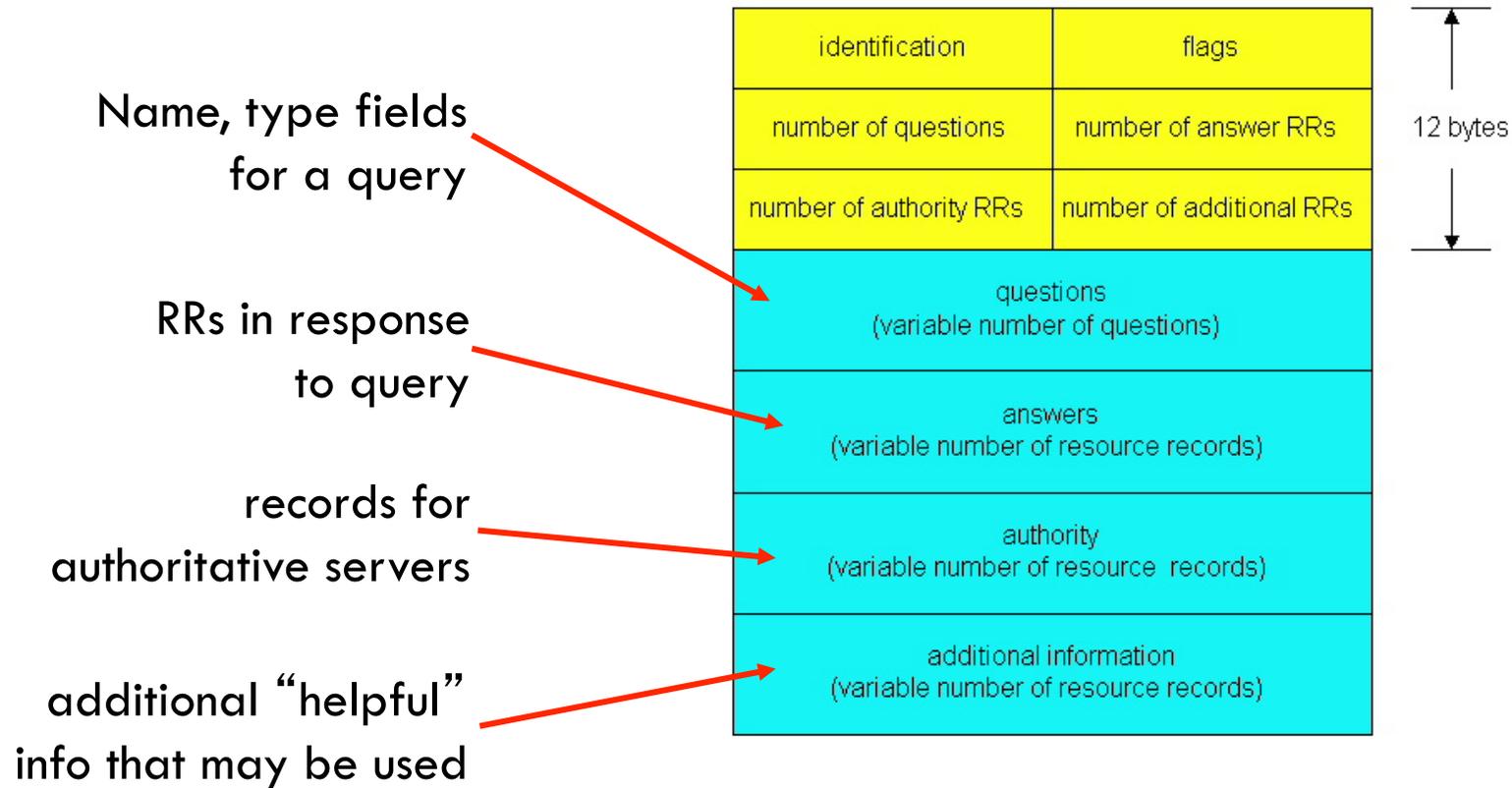
- ❑ **identification**: 16 bit # for query, reply to query uses same #
- ❑ **flags**:
 - ❖ query or reply
 - ❖ recursion desired
 - ❖ recursion available
 - ❖ reply is authoritative



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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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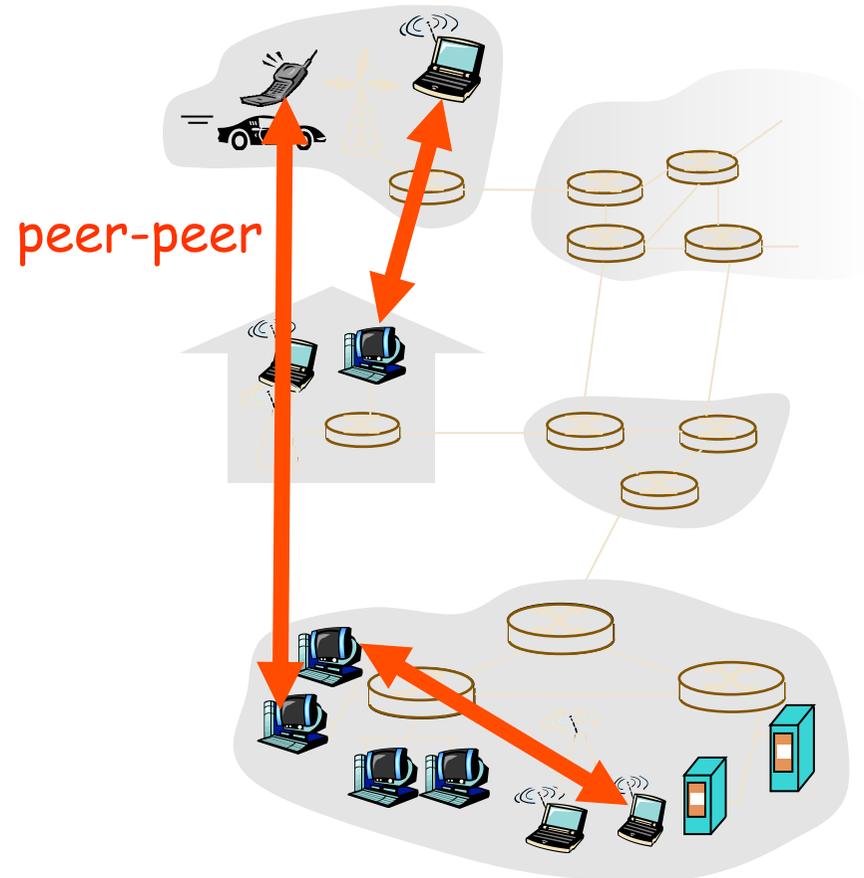
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Pure P2P architecture

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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

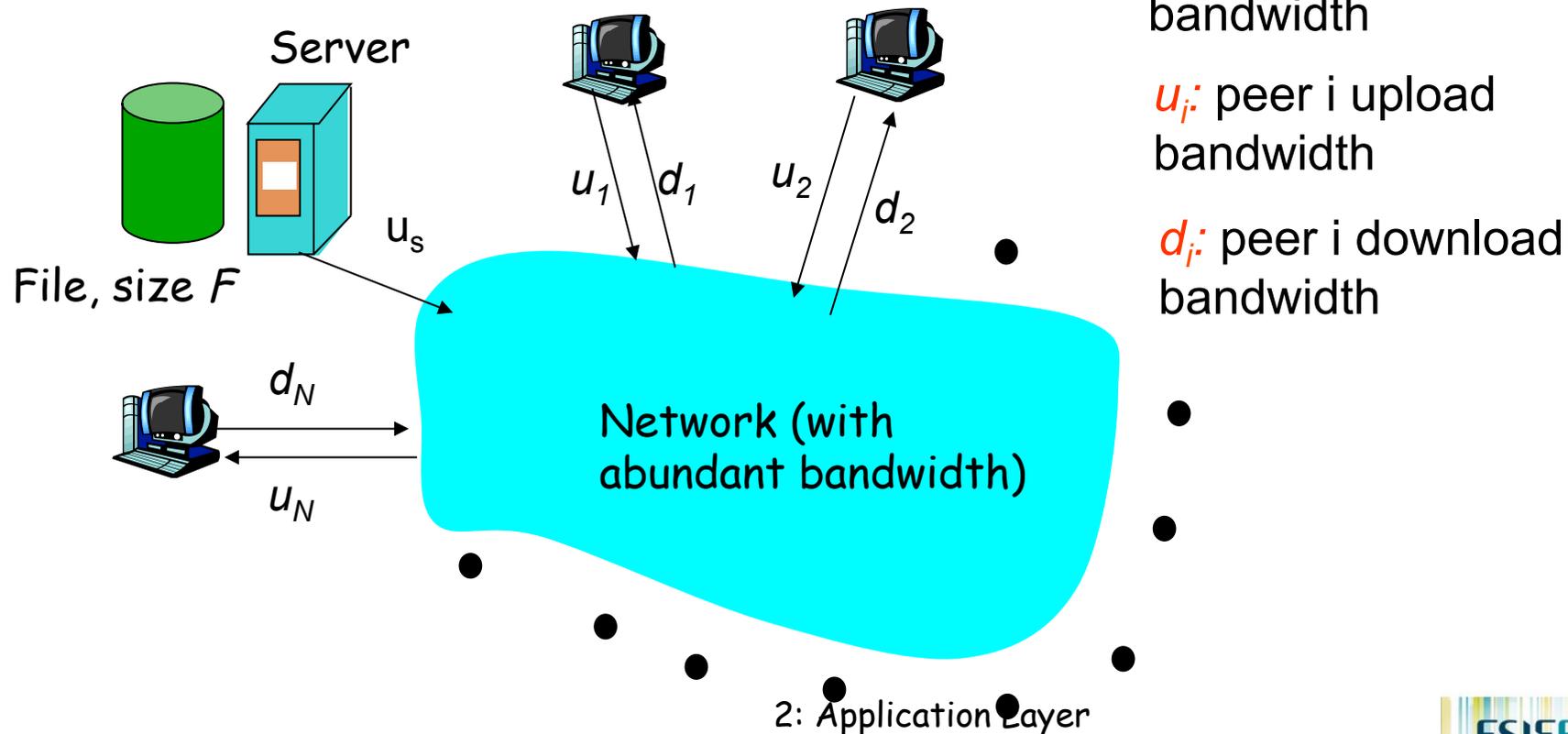


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File Distribution: Server-Client vs P2P

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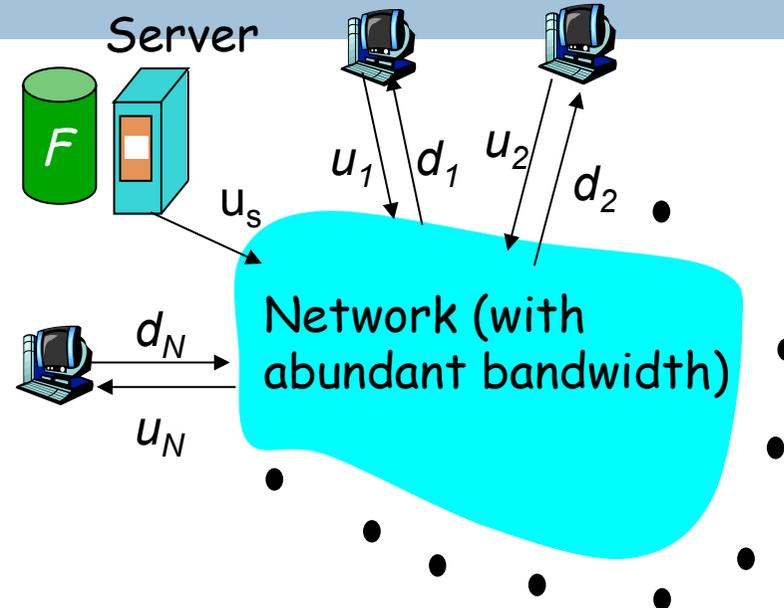
Question : How much time to distribute file from one server to N peers?



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



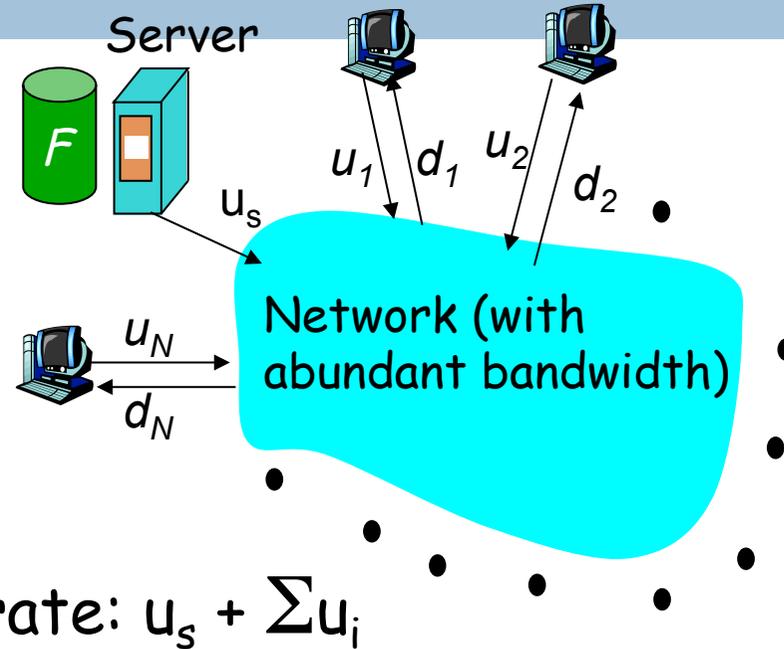
Time to distribute F
to N clients using client/server approach
 $= d_{cs} = \max \left\{ NF/u_s, F/\min_i(d_i) \right\}$

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: $u_s + \sum u_i$



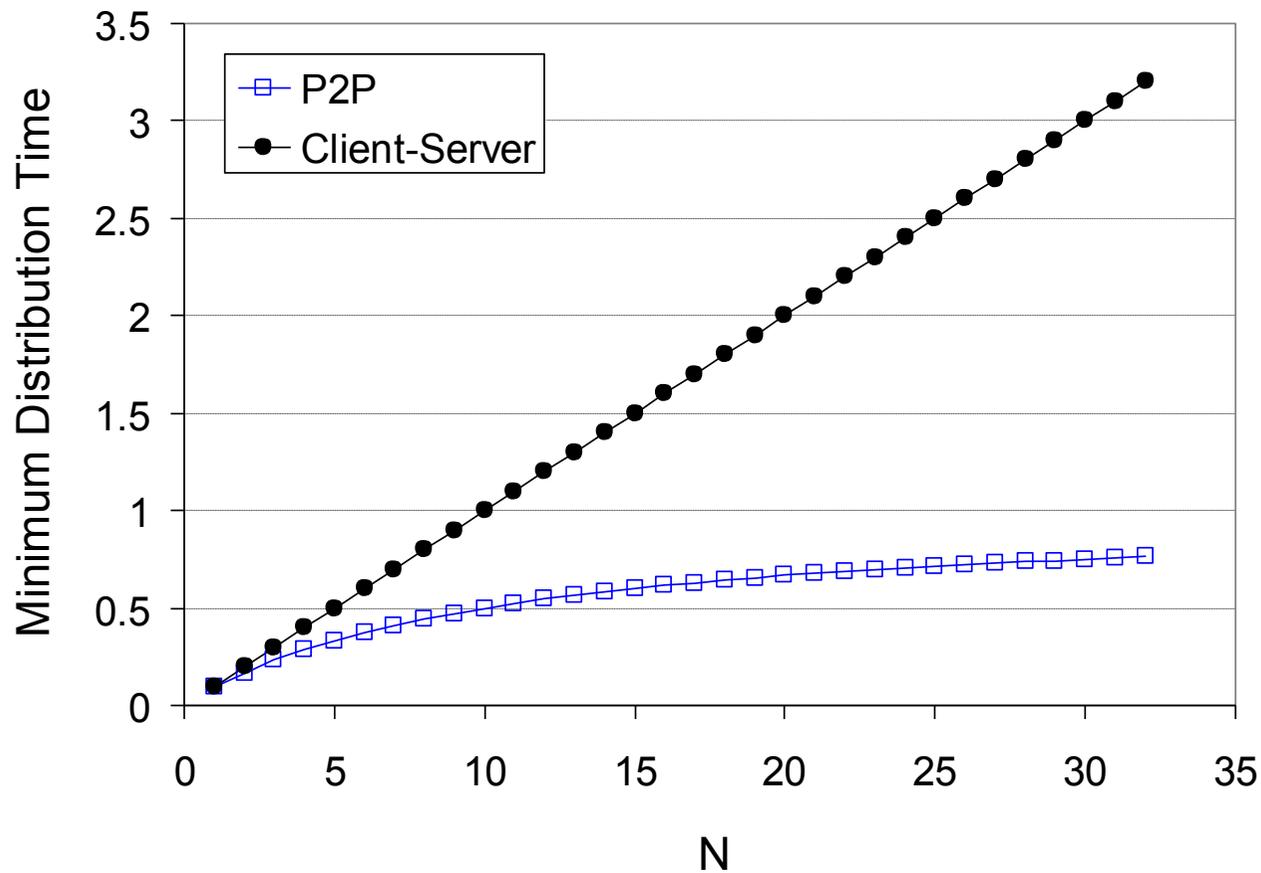
$$d_{P2P} = \max \left\{ F/u_s, F/\min(d_i), NF/(u_s + \sum u_i) \right\}$$

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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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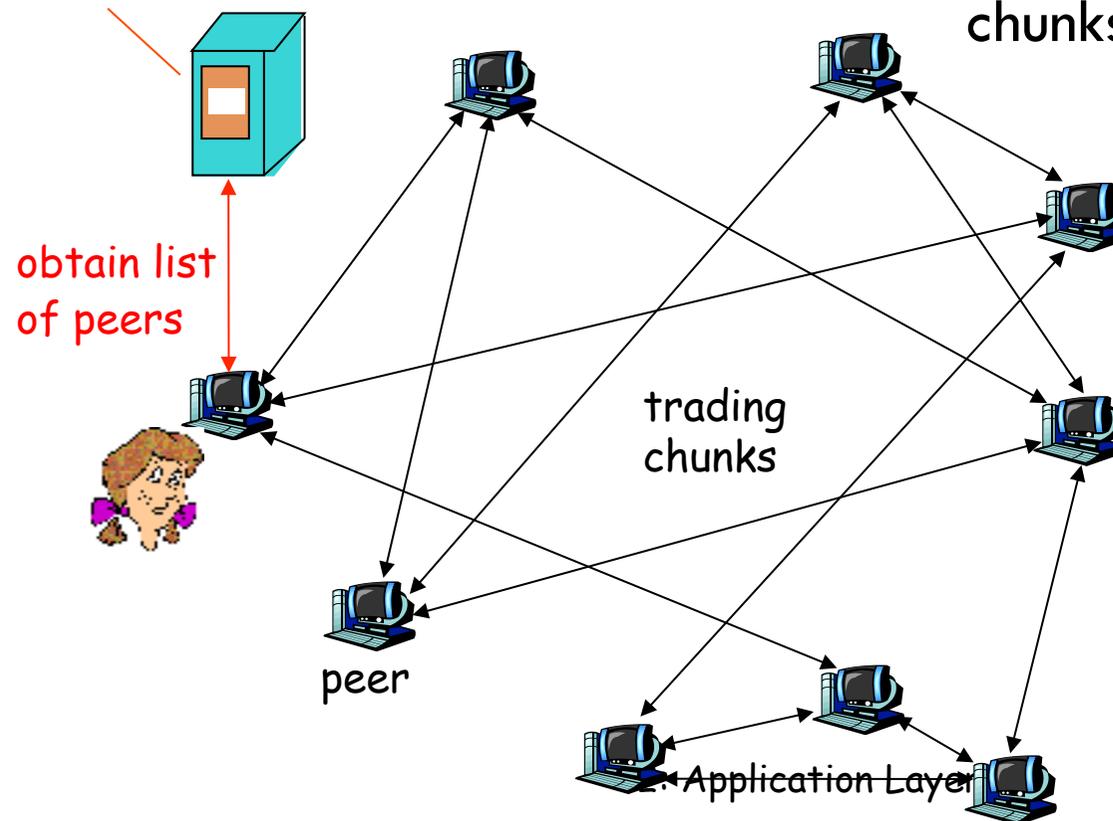
File distribution: BitTorrent

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□ P2P file distribution

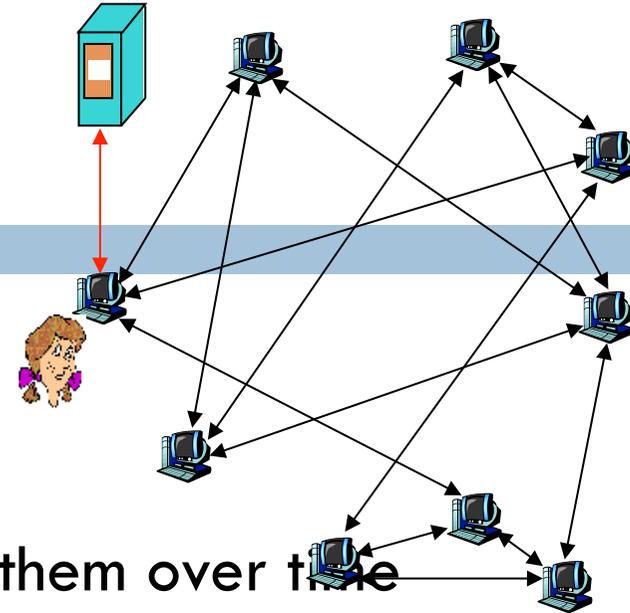
tracker: tracks peers participating in torrent

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”

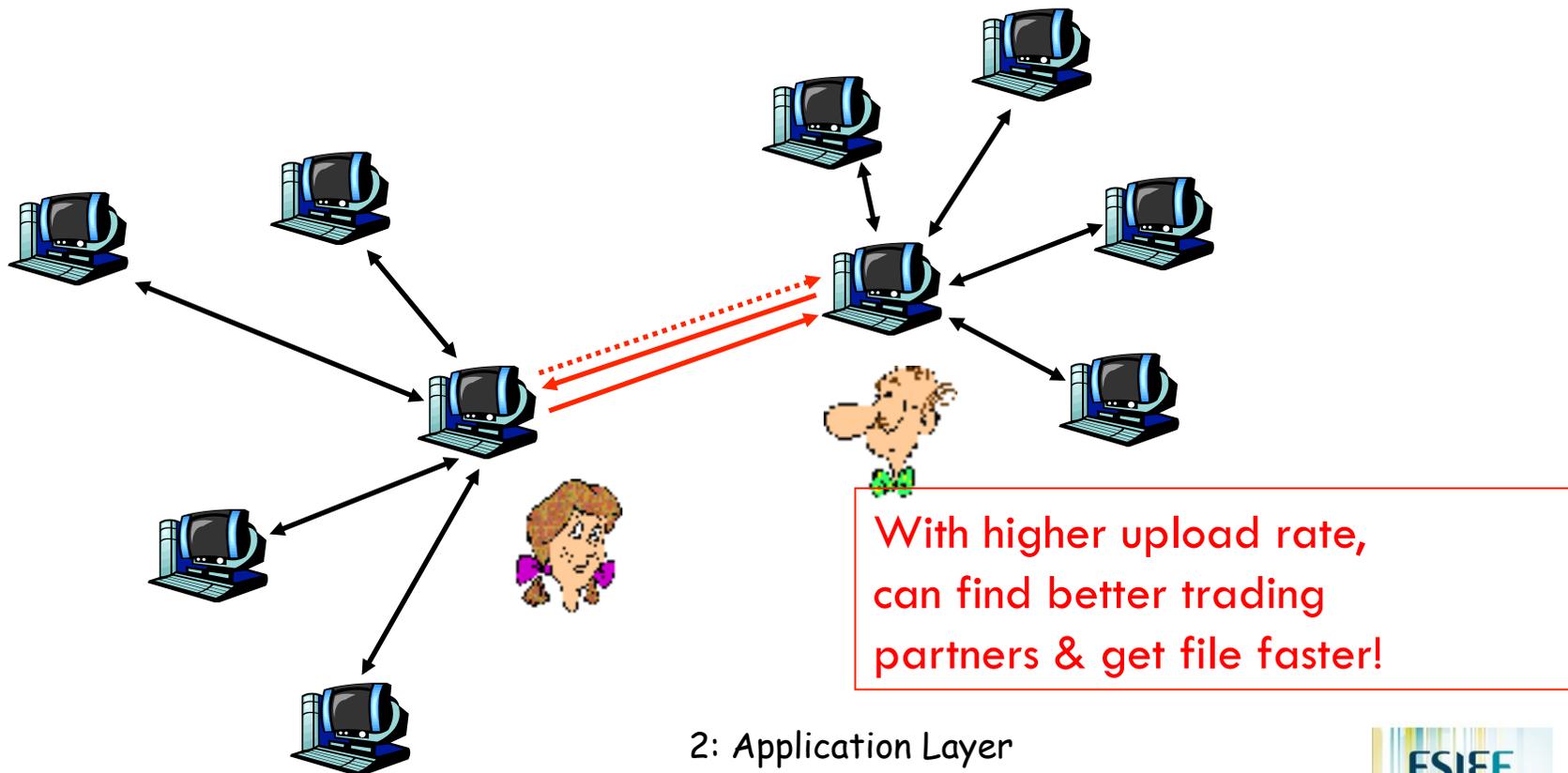
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BitTorrent: Tit-for-tat

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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



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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

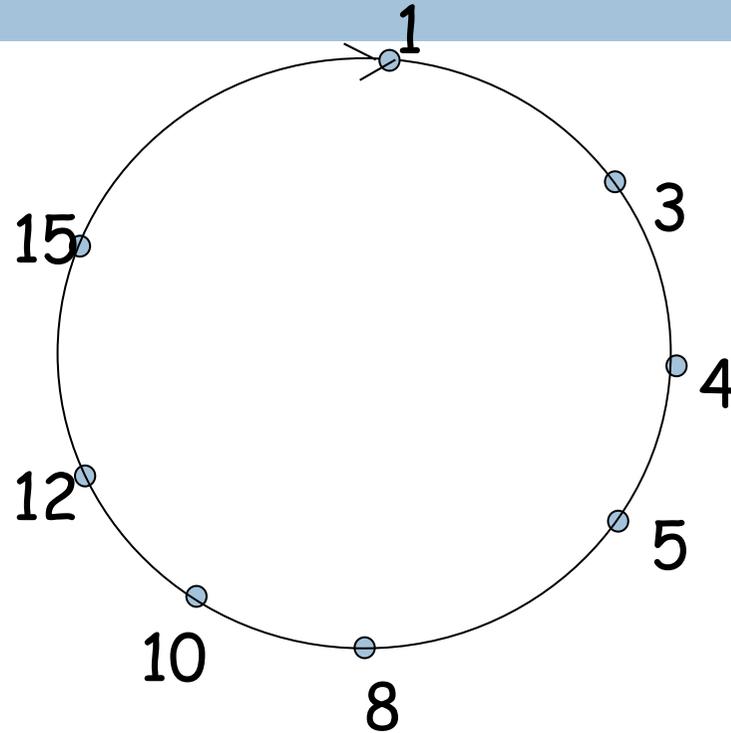
DHT Identifiers

- 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

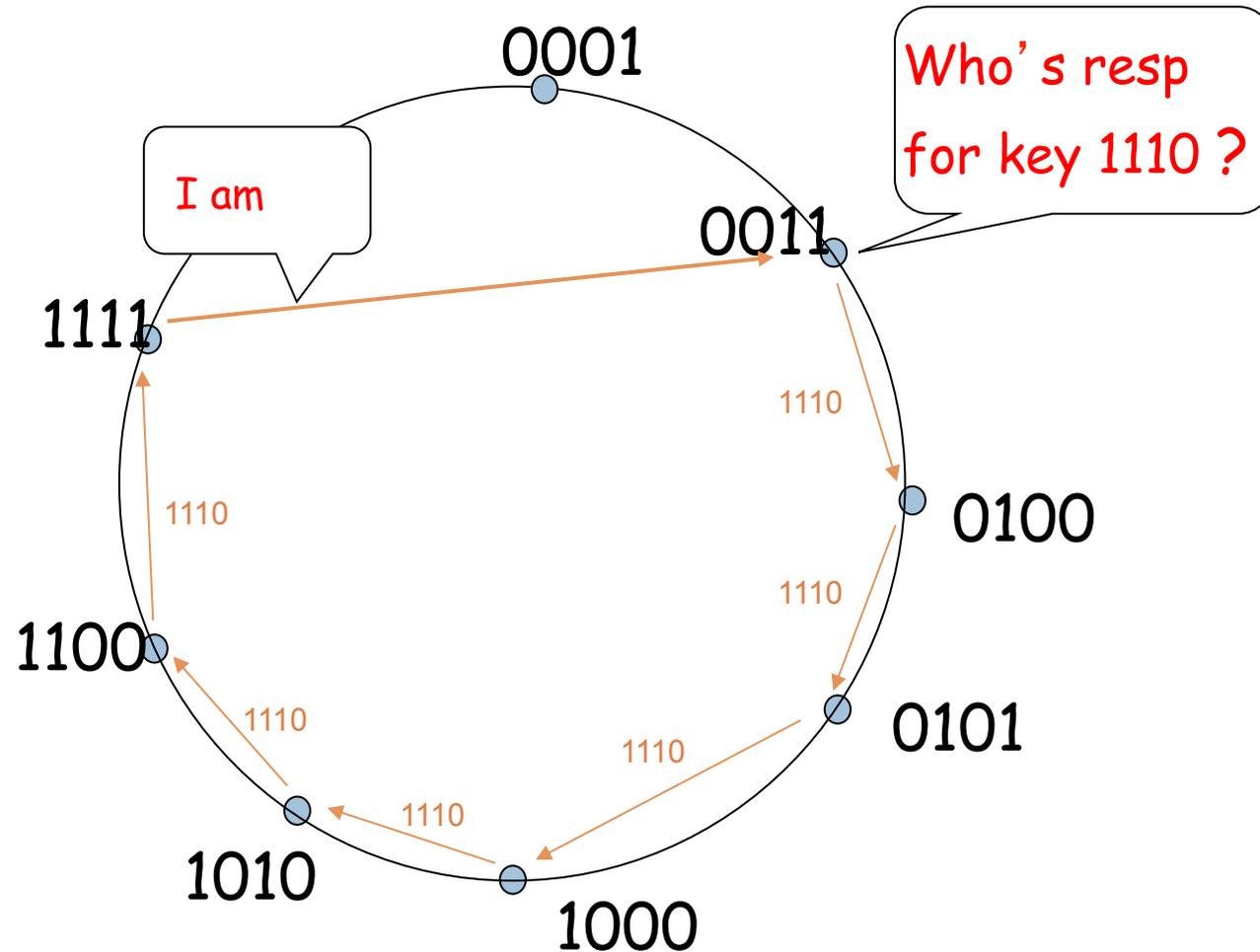
Circular DHT (1)



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

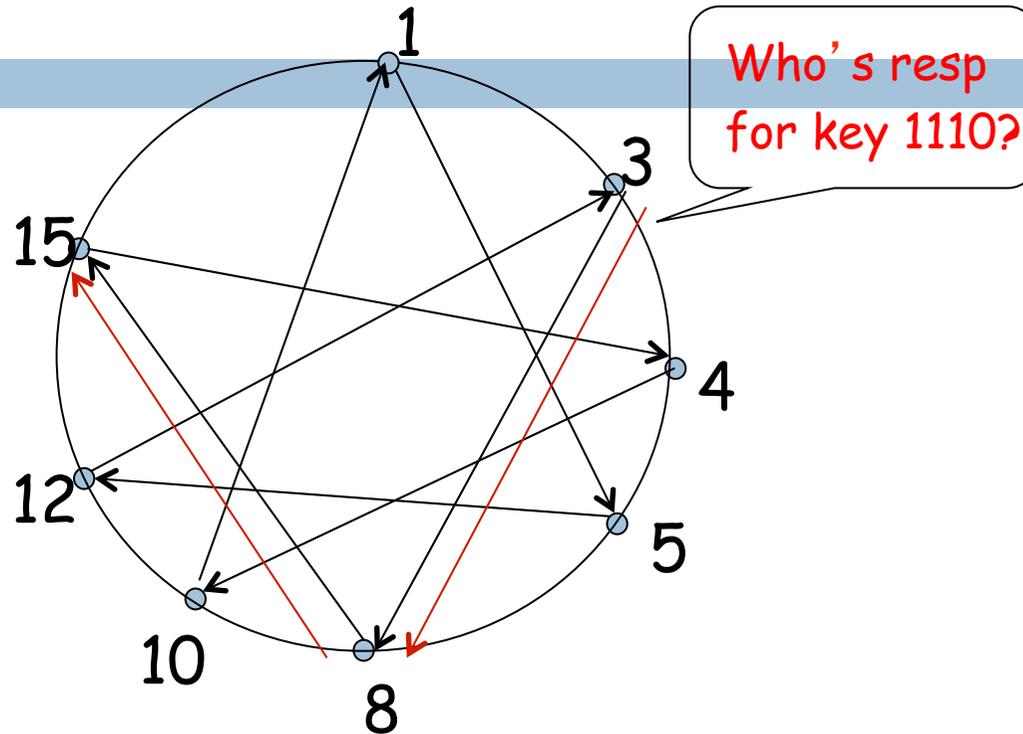
Circle DHT (2)

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



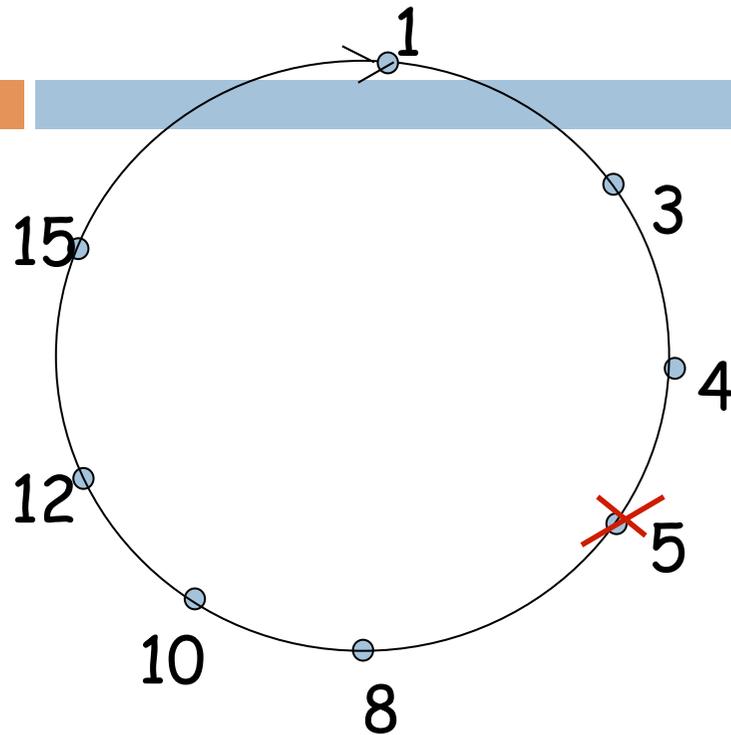
Define closest
as closest
successor

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



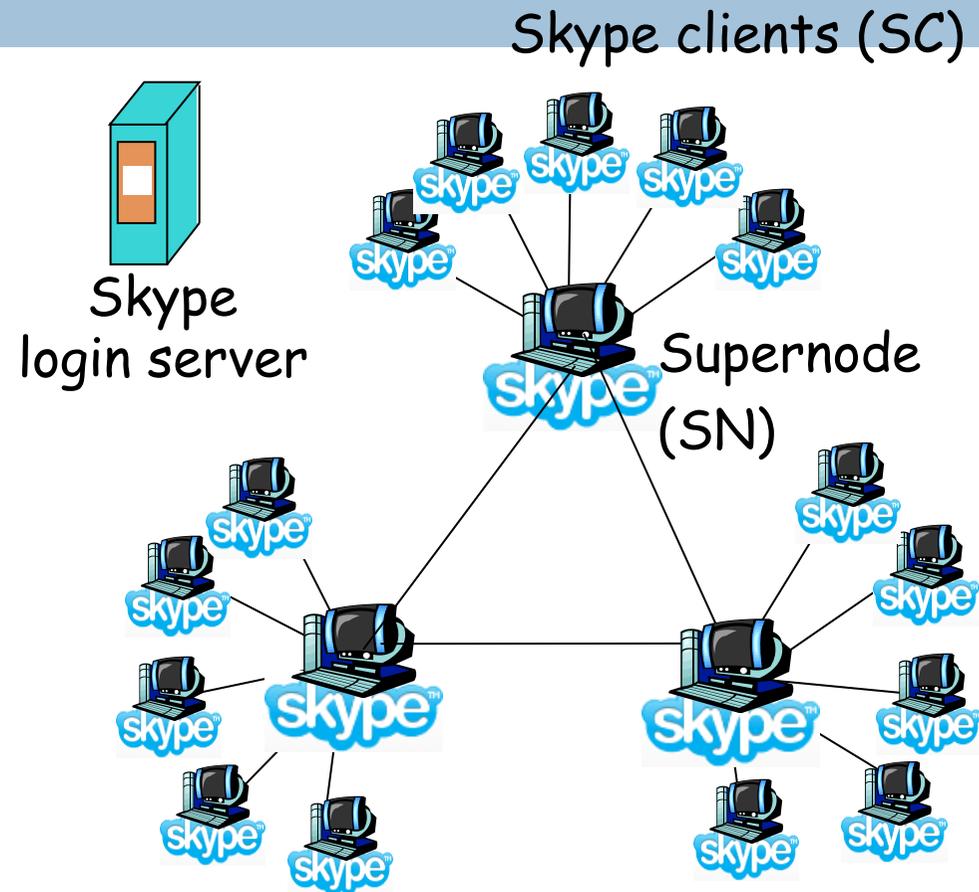
- To handle peer churn, require each peer to know the IP address of its two successors.
- Each peer periodically pings its two successors to see if they are still alive.

- 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

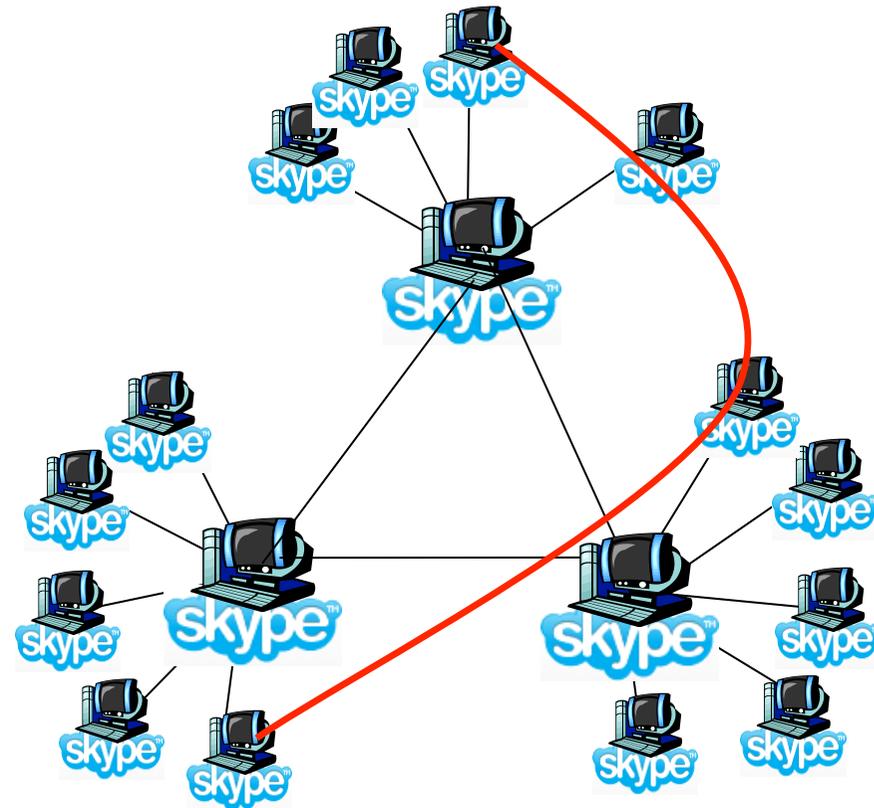


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Peers as relays

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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

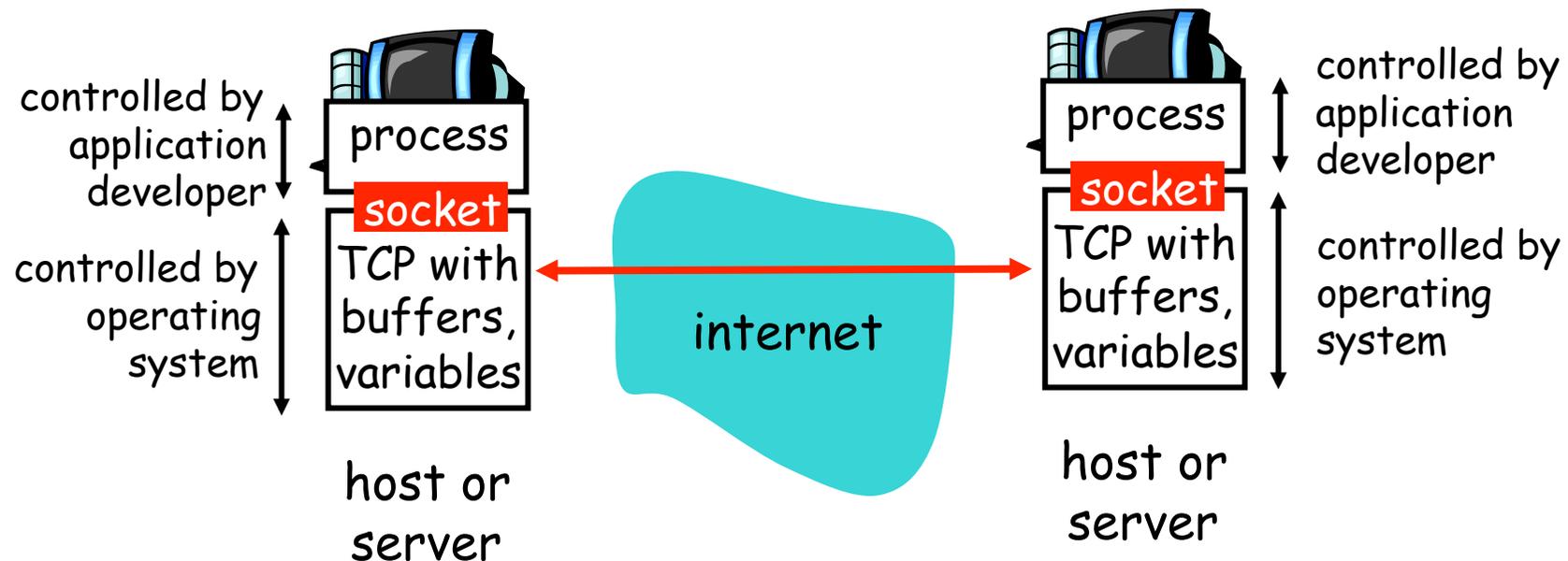
a *host-local, application-created, OS-controlled* interface (a “door”) into which application process can **both send and receive** messages to/from another application process

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`

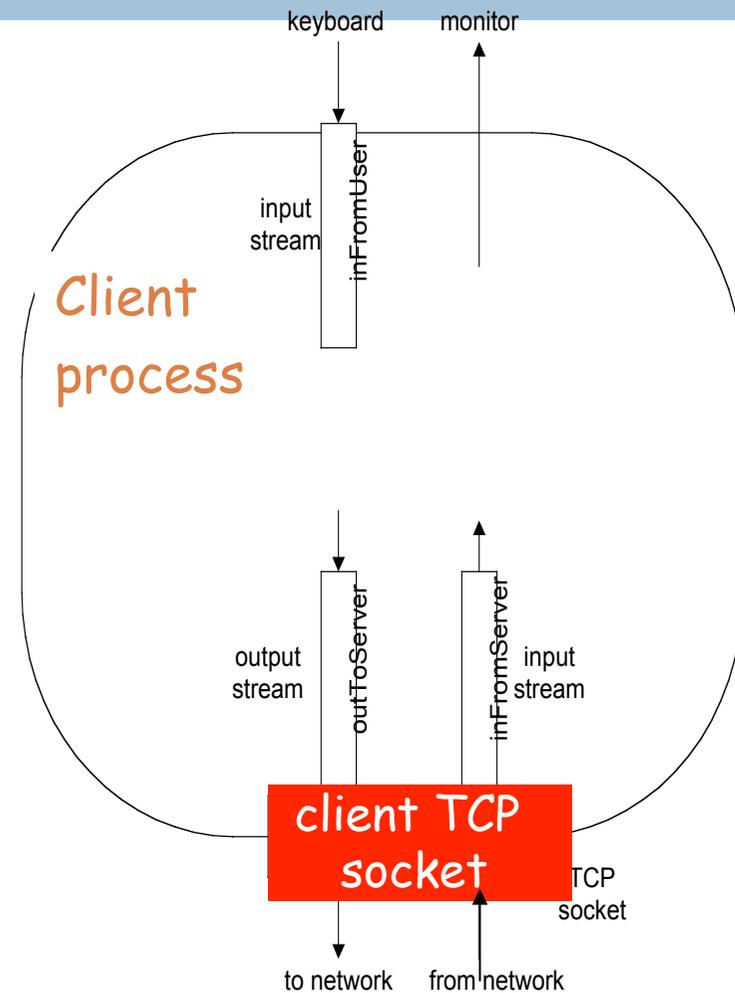
TCP
connection setup

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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()));
```

Send line
to server

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

```
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`

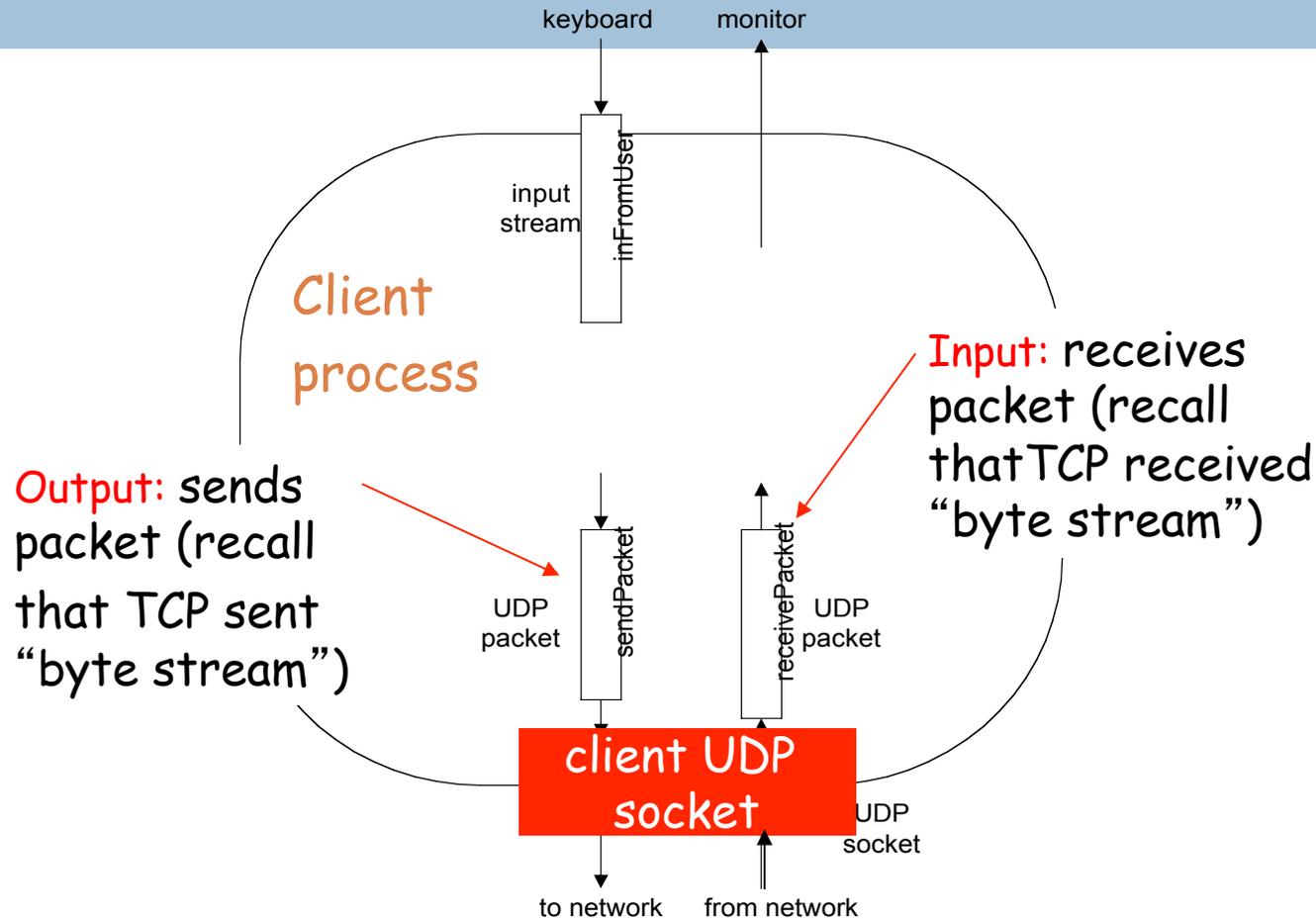
read datagram from
`clientSocket`

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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Example: Java server (UDP), cont

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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”