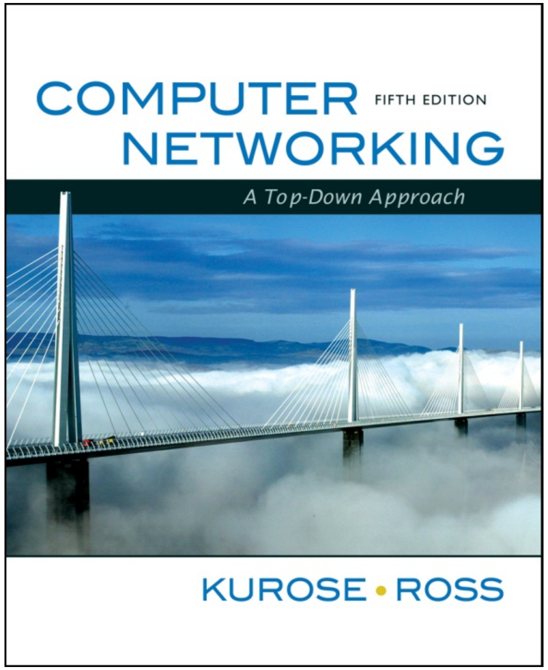
Chapter 2
Application Layer



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Chapter 2: Application Layer

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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Quiz Time!

Some network apps

- 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
- …
- …
- …

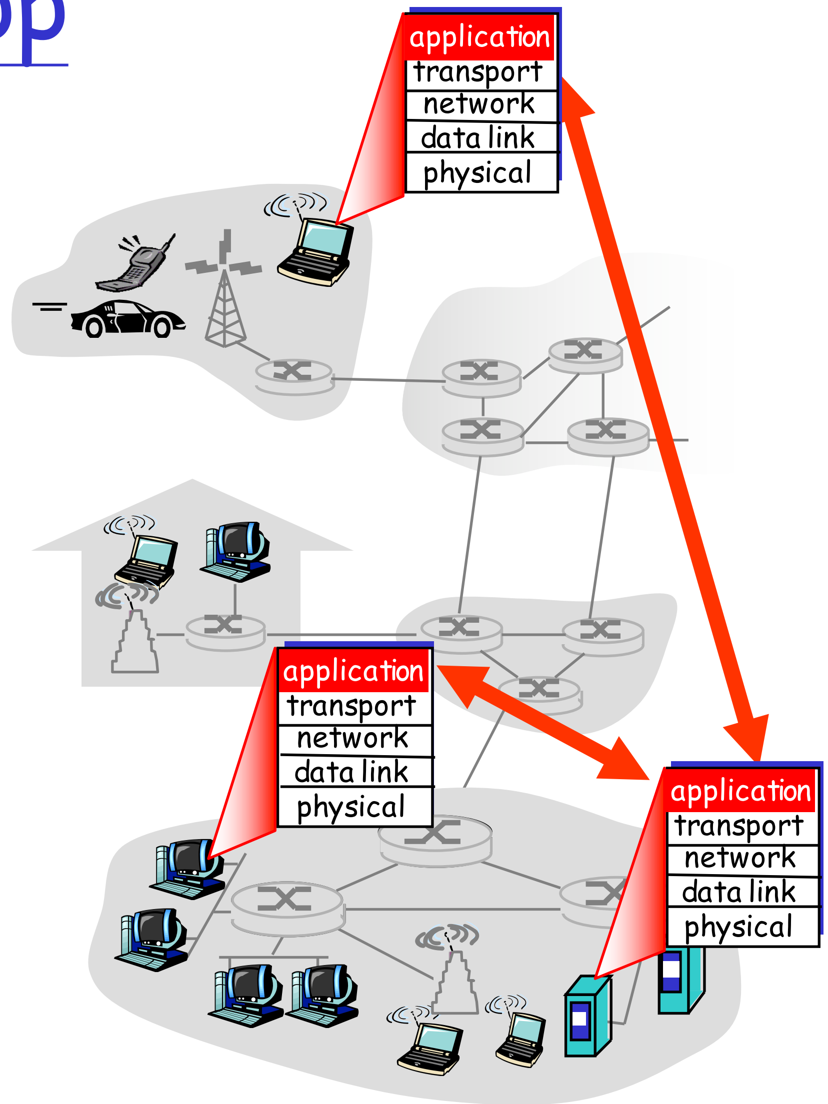
Creating a network app

write programs that

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

little software written for devices in network core

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



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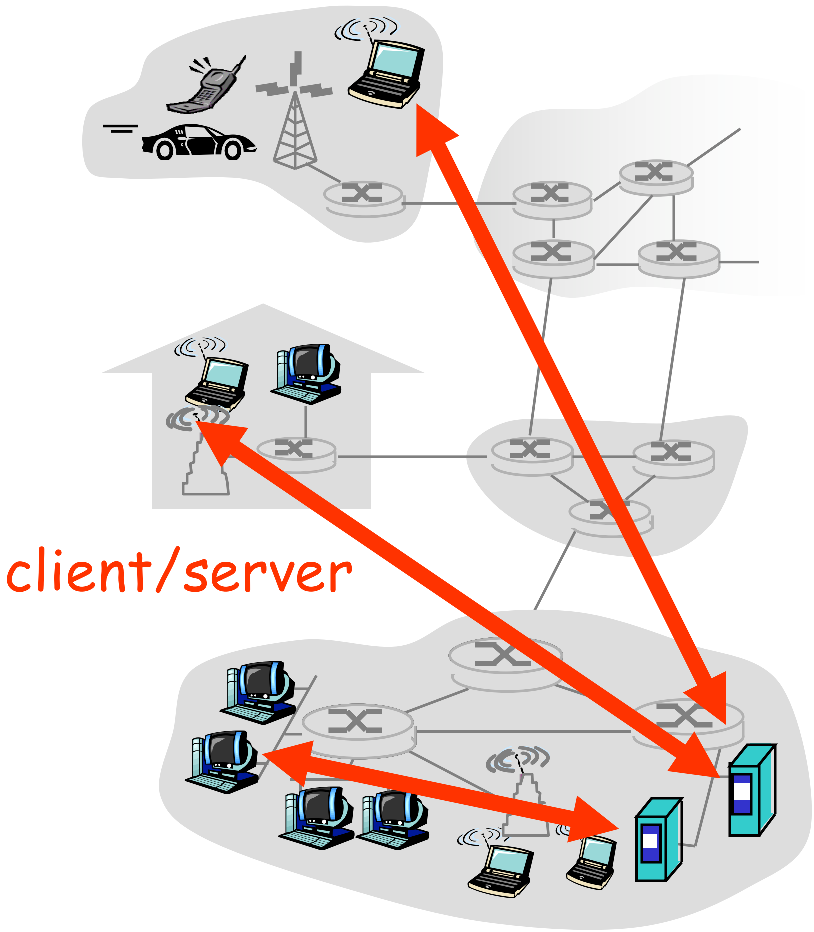
Application architectures

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

Client-server architecture



server:

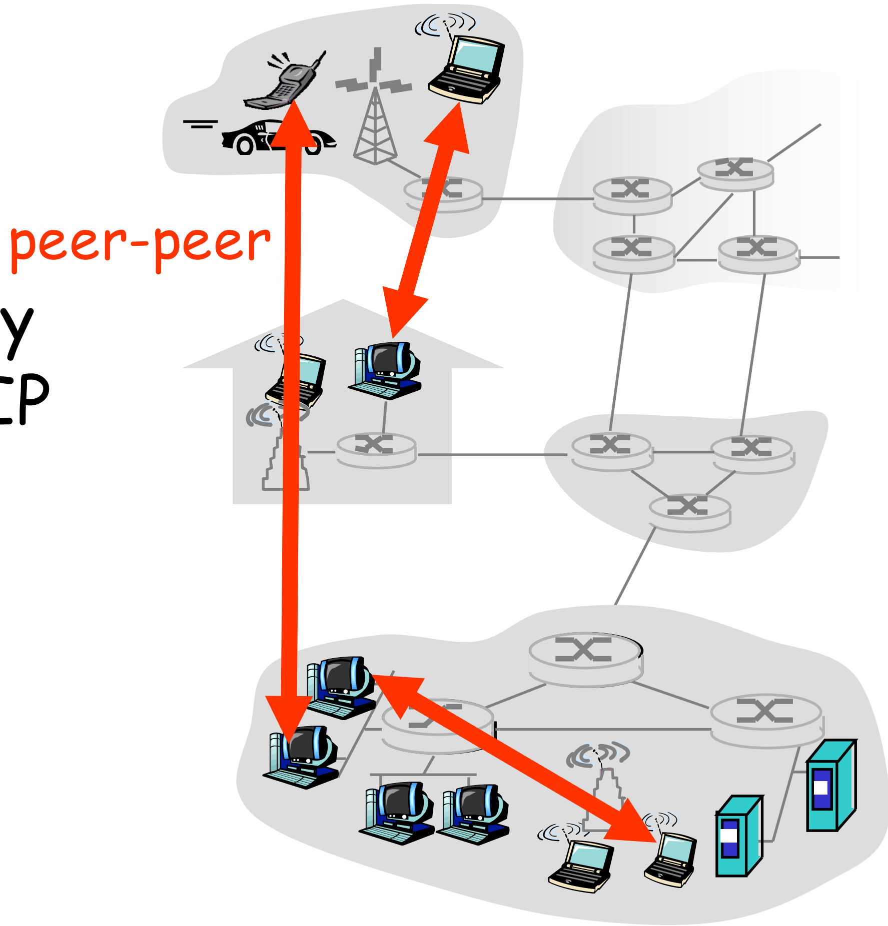
- always-on host
- permanent IP address
- server farms for scaling

clients:

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

Pure P2P architecture

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



Highly scalable but
difficult to manage

Hybrid of client-server and P2P

Skype

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

Processes communicating

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

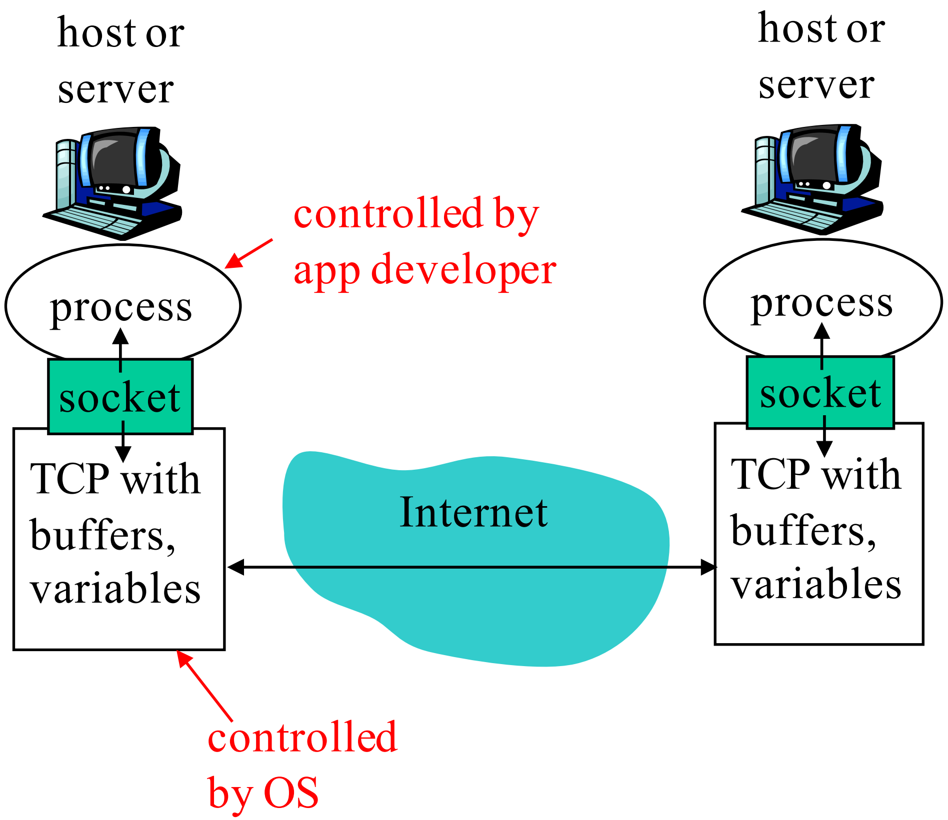
Client process: process that initiates communication

Server process: process that waits to be contacted

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

Sockets

- 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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  - *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
- more shortly…

App-layer protocol defines

- 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?

Data loss

- some apps (e.g., audio) can tolerate some loss
- other apps (e.g., file transfer, telnet) require 100
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So called "Quality of Service"

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 bandwidth to be
- other apps ("elastic apps") make use of whatever bandwidth they get

Transport service requirements of common apps

Application	Data loss	Bandwidth	Time Sensitive
file transfer	no loss	elastic	no
e-mail			
Web documents			
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Internet transport protocols services

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 bandwidth guarantees

UDP service:

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

Q: why bother? Why is there a UDP?

Internet apps: application, transport protocols

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	proprietary (e.g. RealNetworks)	TCP or UDP
Internet telephony	proprietary (e.g., Vonage,Dialpad)	typically UDP

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Web and HTTP

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:

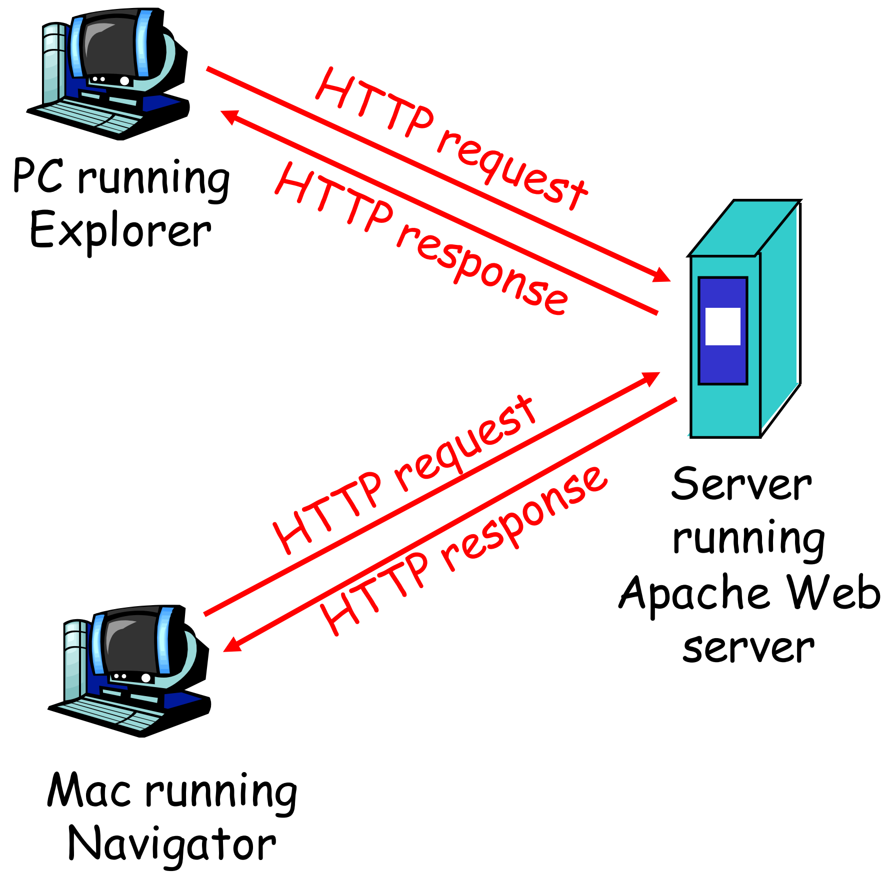
```
www.someschool.edu/someDept/pic.gif
```

host name: www.someschool.edu — path name: /someDept/pic.gif

HTTP overview

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



HTTP overview (continued)

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

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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

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

Suppose user enters URL

`www.someSchool.edu/someDepartment/home.index`

(contains text, references to 10 jpeg images)

1a. HTTP client initiates TCP connection to HTTP server (process) at www.someSchool.edu on port 80

1b. HTTP server at host www.someSchool.edu waiting for TCP connection at port 80. "accepts" connection, notifying client

2. HTTP client sends HTTP *request message* (containing URL) into TCP connection socket. Message indicates that client wants object someDepartment/home.index

3. HTTP server receives request message, forms *response message* containing requested object, and sends message into its socket

time

Nonpersistent HTTP (cont.)

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

time

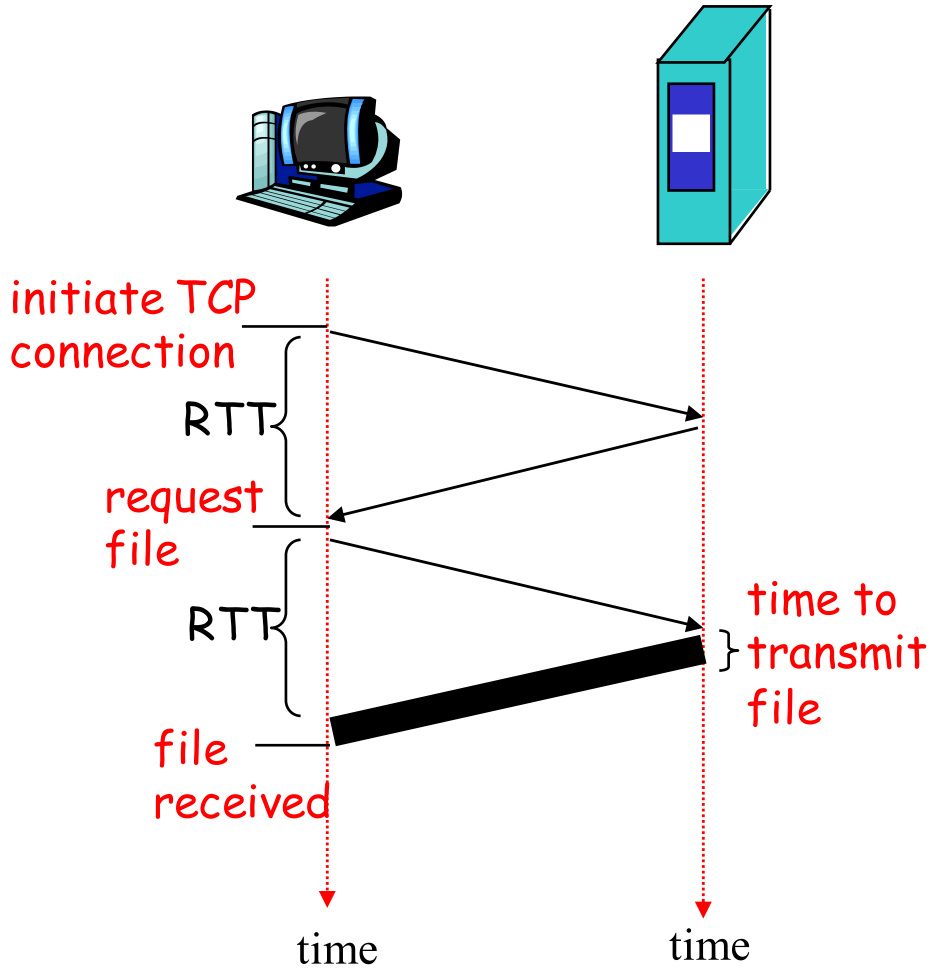
Non-Persistent HTTP: Response time

Definition of RTT: time to send 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+transmit time



Persistent HTTP

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

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

request line (GET, POST, HEAD commands)

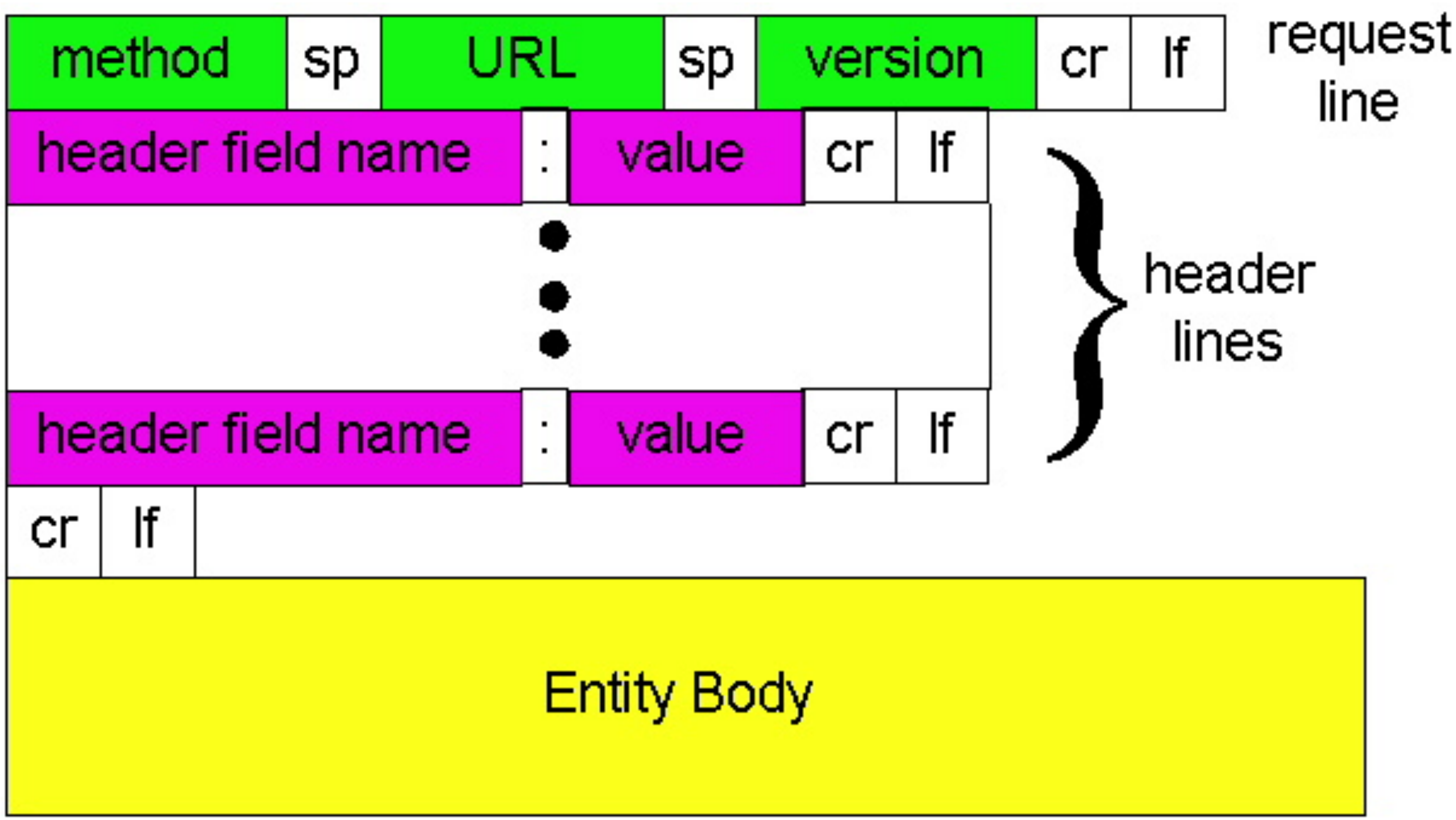
```
GET /somedir/page.html HTTP/1.1
Host: www.someschool.edu
User-agent: Mozilla/4.0
Connection: close
Accept-language:fr
```

header lines

(extra carriage return, line feed)

Carriage return, line feed indicates end of message

HTTP request message: general format



Method types

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

status line (protocol status code status phrase)

header lines

data, e.g., requested HTML file

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Connection close
Date: Thu, 06 Aug 1998 12:00:15 GMT
Server: Apache/1.3.0 (Unix)
Last-Modified: Mon, 22 Jun 1998 …...
Content-Length: 6821
Content-Type: text/html

data data data data data ...
```

HTTP response status codes

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

Trying out HTTP (client side) for yourself

1. Telnet to your favorite Web server:

```
telnet www.eurecom.fr 80
```

Opens TCP connection to port 80 (default HTTP server port) at www.eurecom.fr. Anything typed in sent to port 80 at www.eurecom.fr

2. Type in a GET HTTP request:

```
GET /~ross/index.html HTTP/1.0
```

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!

Quiz Time!

User-server state: cookies

Many major Web sites use cookies

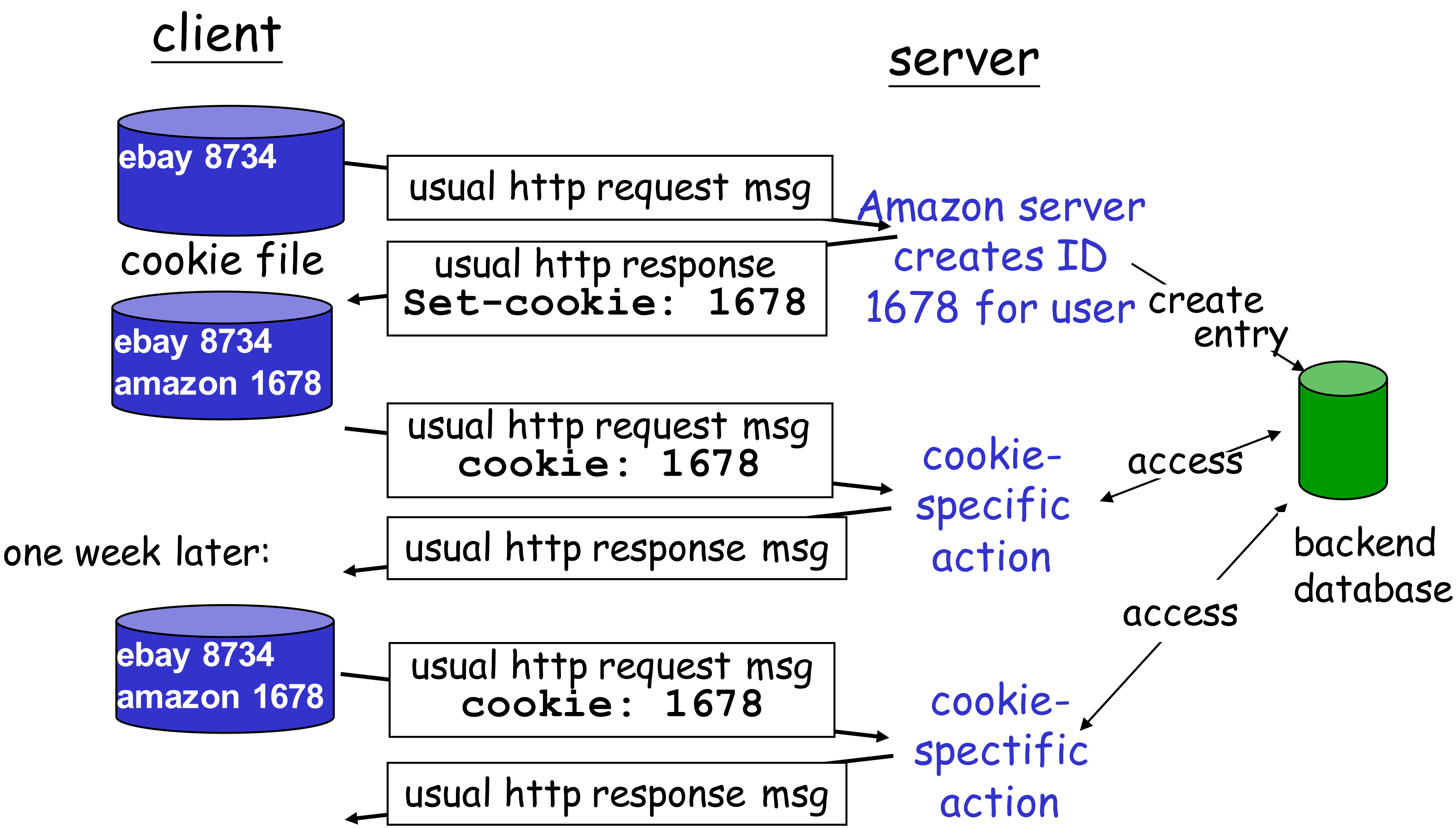
Four components:

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 from a 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"



Cookies (continued)

What cookies can bring:

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

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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":

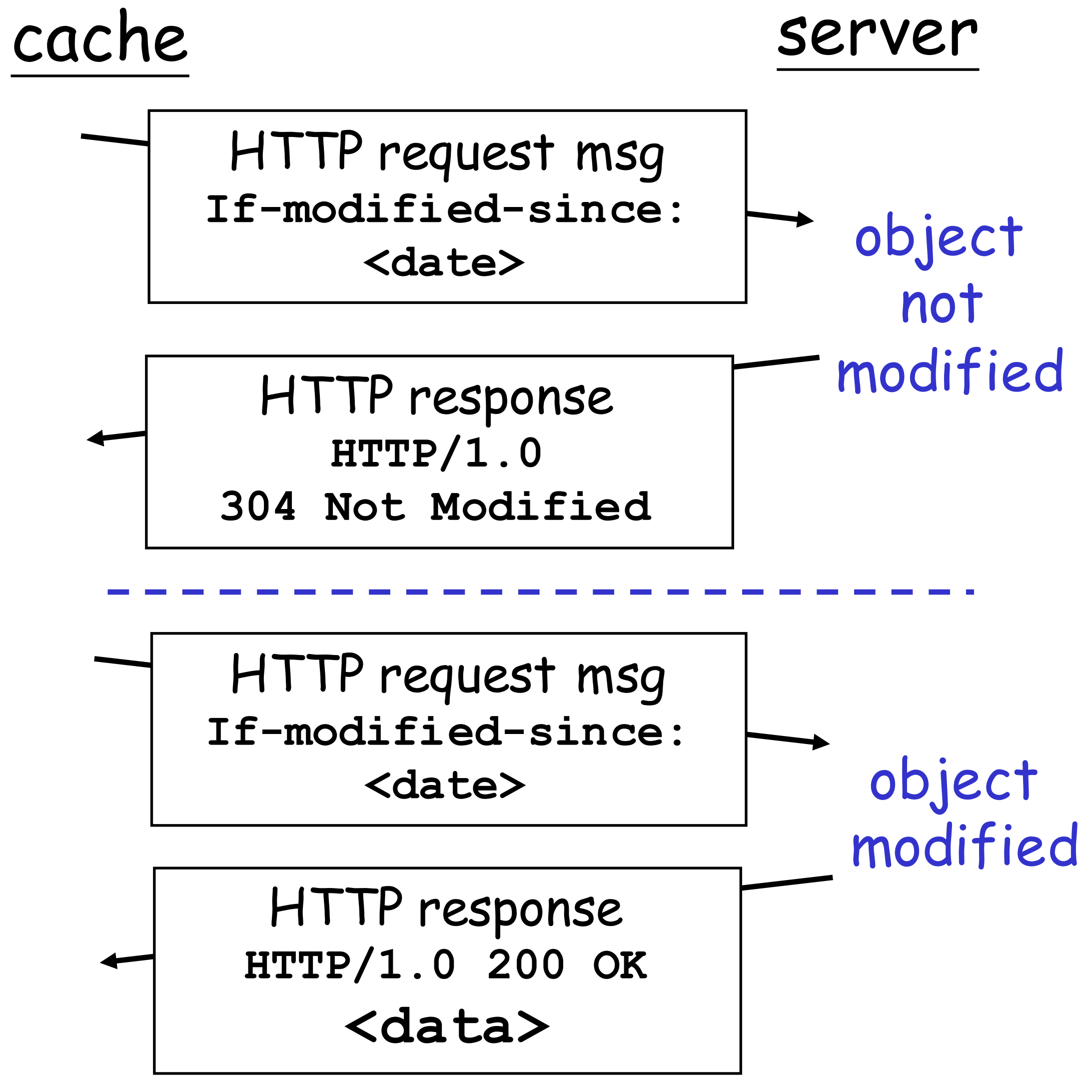
- protocol endpoints: maintain state at sender/receiver over multiple transactions
- cookies: http messages carry state

Conditional GET

- 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:

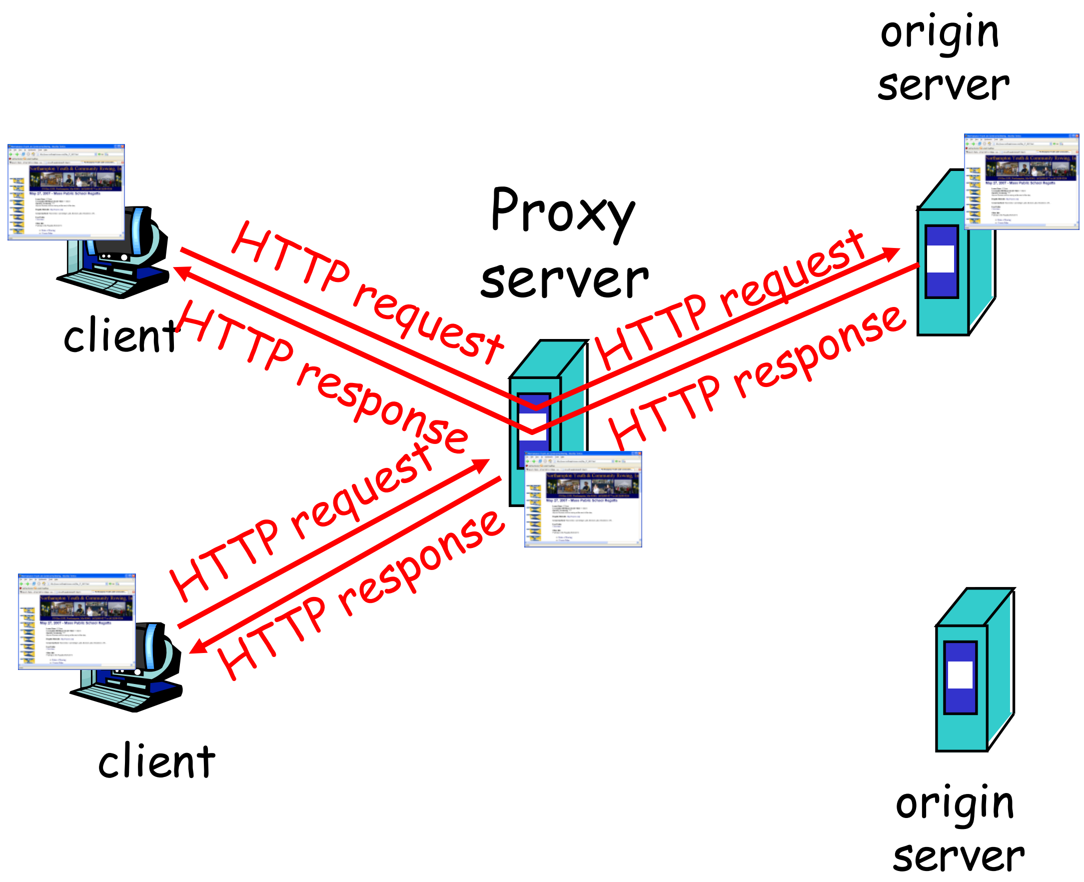
  HTTP/1.0 304 Not Modified



Web caches (proxy server)

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



More about Web caching

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

Why Web caching?

Caching example

Assumptions

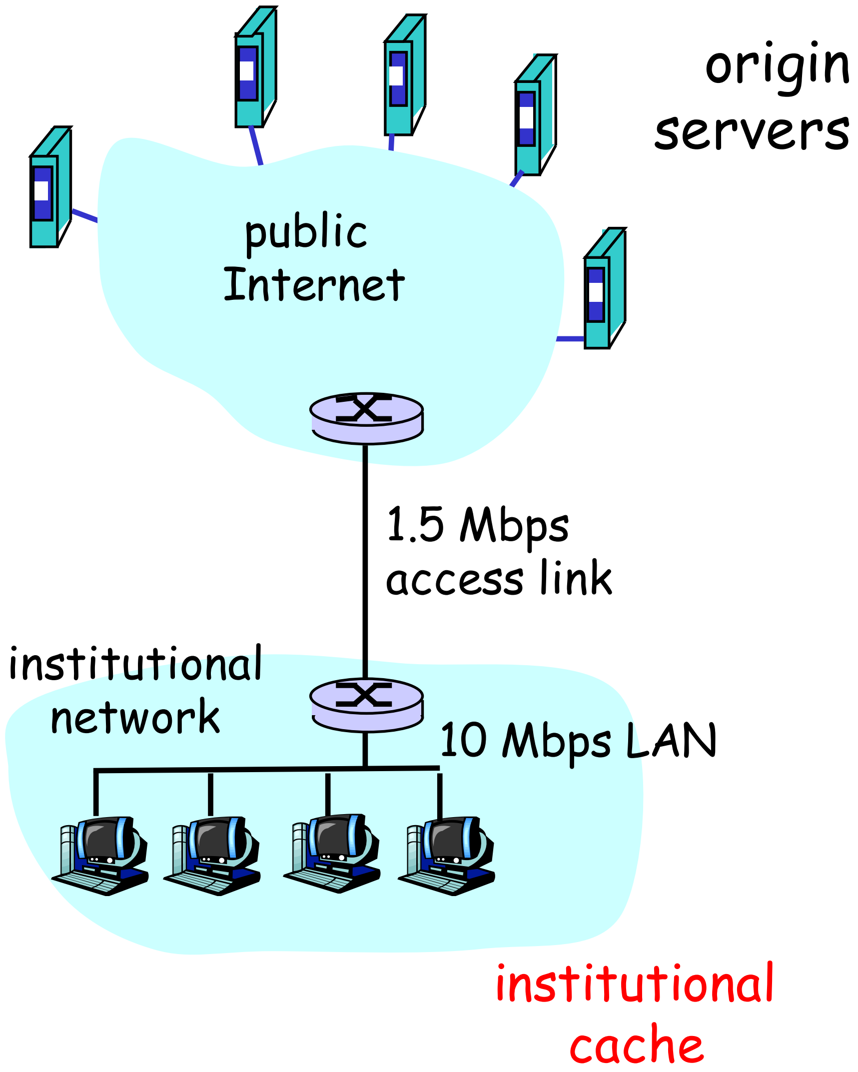
- average object size = 100,000 bits
- avg. request rate from institution's browsers to origin servers = 15/sec
- delay from institutional router to any origin server and back to router = 2 sec

Consequences

- data rate 1.5 Mbps
- utilization on LAN = 15%
- utilization on access link = 100%
- total delay = Internet delay + access delay + LAN delay

= 2 sec + minutes + milliseconds

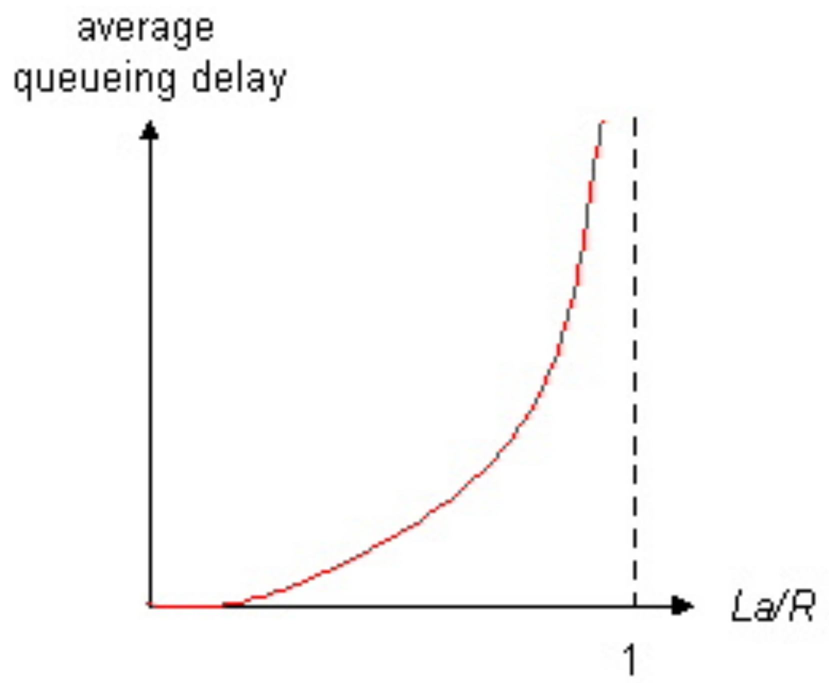
Why?



Queueing Delay

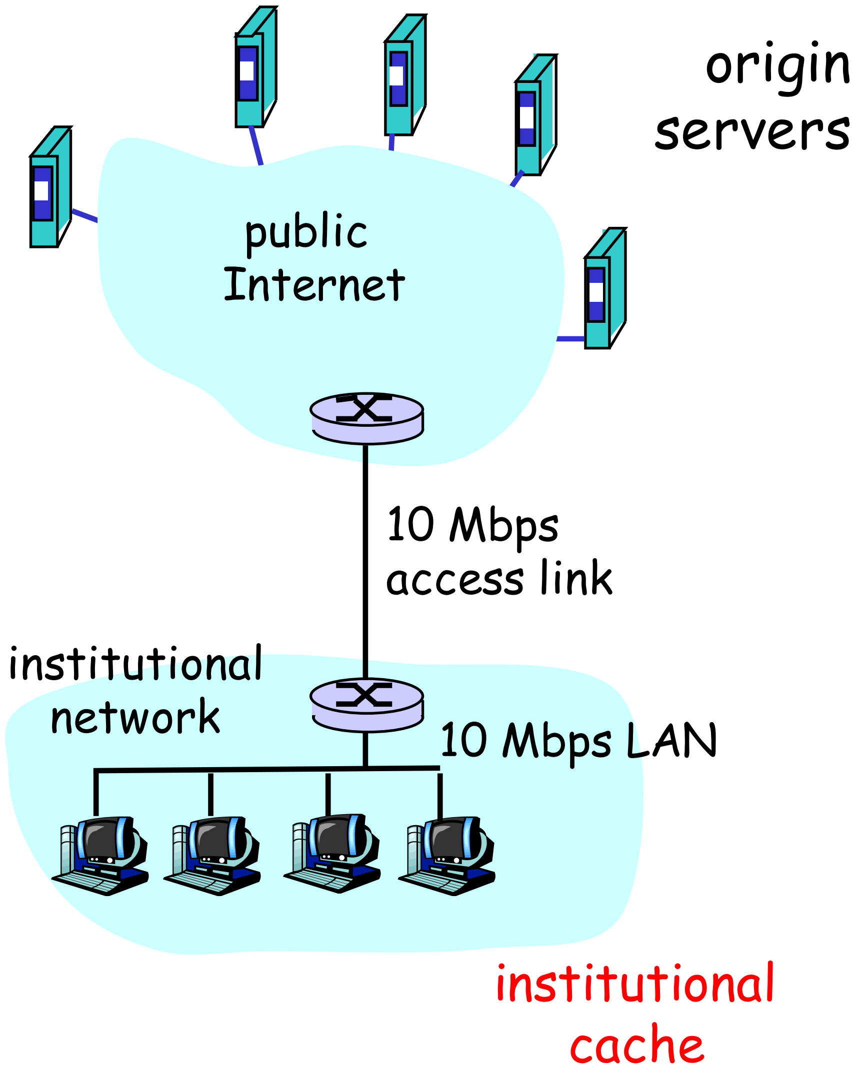
- R=link bandwidth (bps)
- L=packet length (bits)
- a=average packet arrival rate

traffic intensity = La/R



- La/R ~ 0: average queueing delay small
- **La/R -> 1: delays become large**
- La/R > 1: more "work" arriving than can be serviced, average delay infinite!

Caching example (cont)



Possible solution

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

Consequences

- utilization on LAN = 15%
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- Total delay = Internet delay + access delay + LAN delay

  = 2 sec + msecs + msecs
- often a costly upgrade

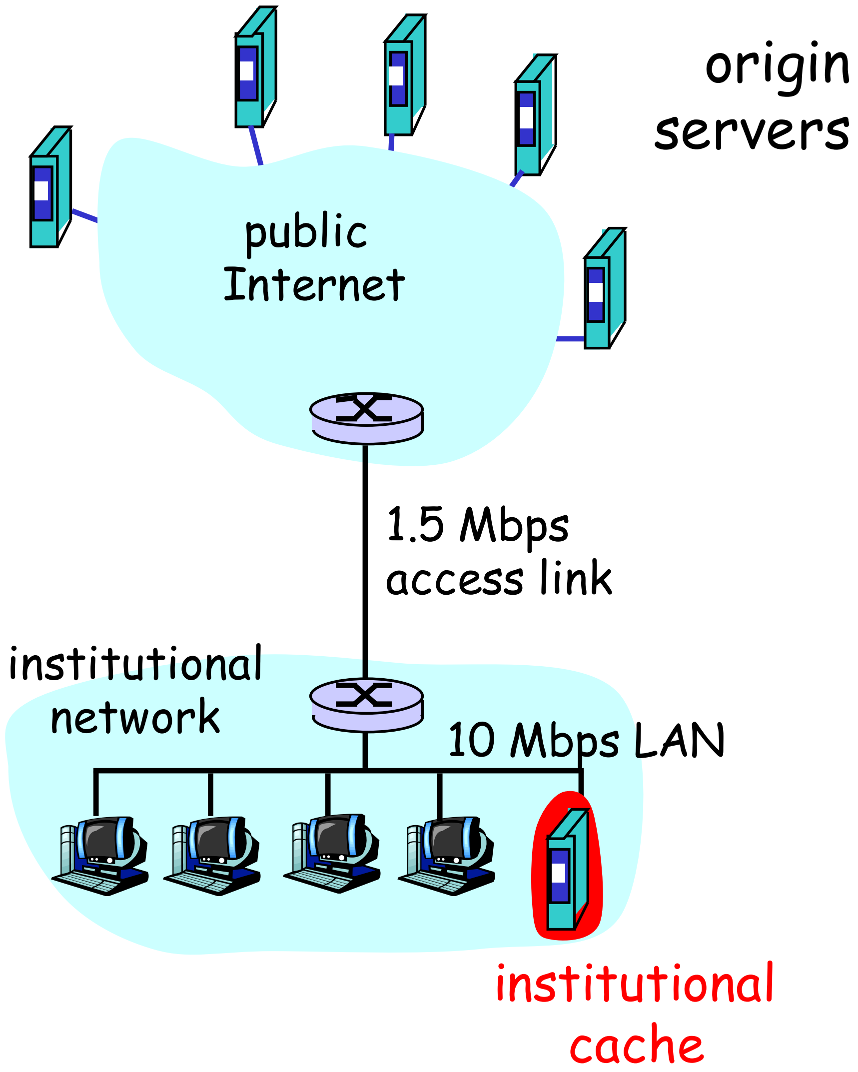
Caching example (cont)

Install cache

- suppose hit rate is .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) secs + milliseconds < 1.4 secs



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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)

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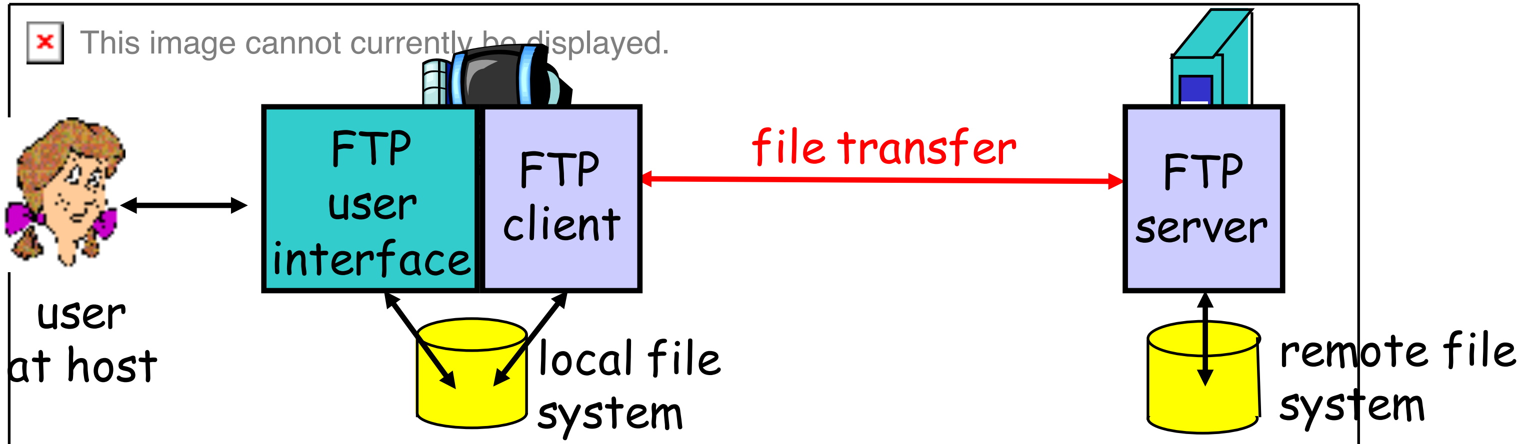
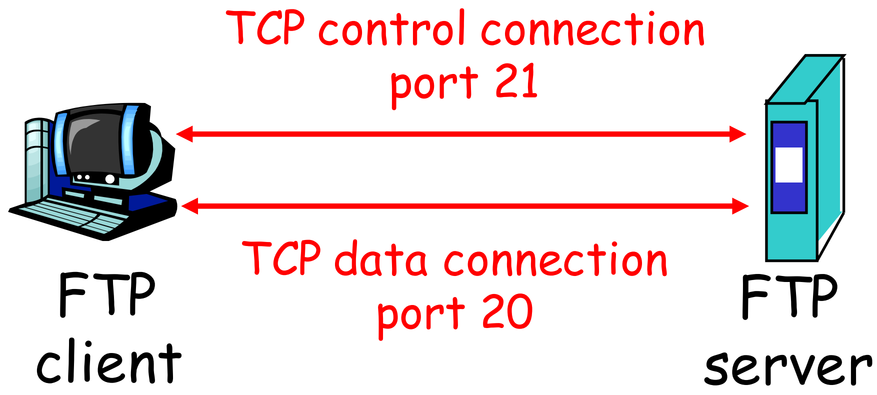
FTP: the file transfer protocol



- 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

FTP: separate control, data connections

- FTP client contacts FTP server at port 21, specifying TCP as transport protocol
- Client obtains authorization over control connection
- Client browses remote directory by sending commands over control connection.
- When server receives a command for a file transfer, the server opens a TCP data connection to client
- After transferring one file, server closes connection.



- Server opens a second TCP data connection to transfer another file.
- Control connection: "out of band"
- FTP server maintains "state": current directory, earlier authentication

FTP commands, responses

Sample commands:

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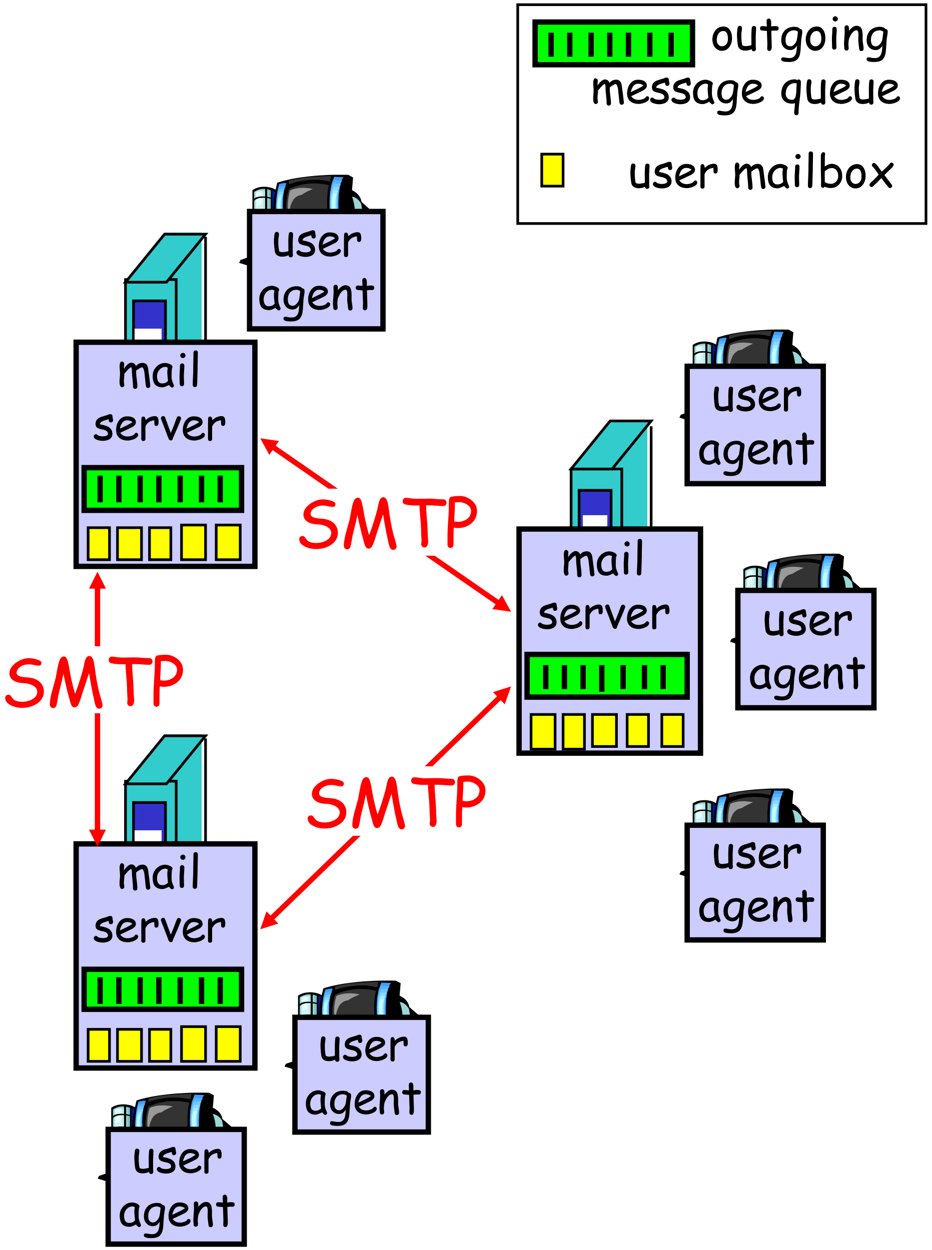


Three major components:

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

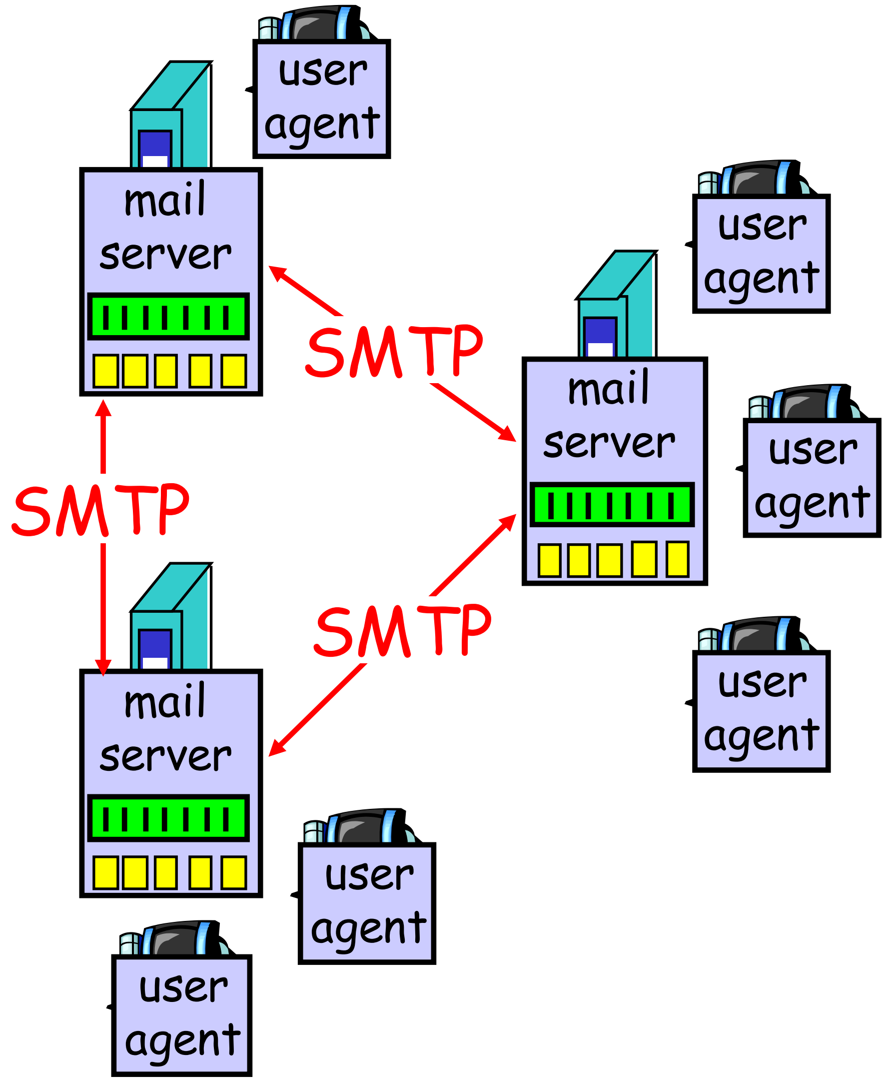
User Agent

- a.k.a. "mail reader"
- composing, editing, reading mail messages
- e.g., Eudora, Outlook, elm, Netscape Messenger
- outgoing, incoming messages stored on server

Electronic Mail: mail servers

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

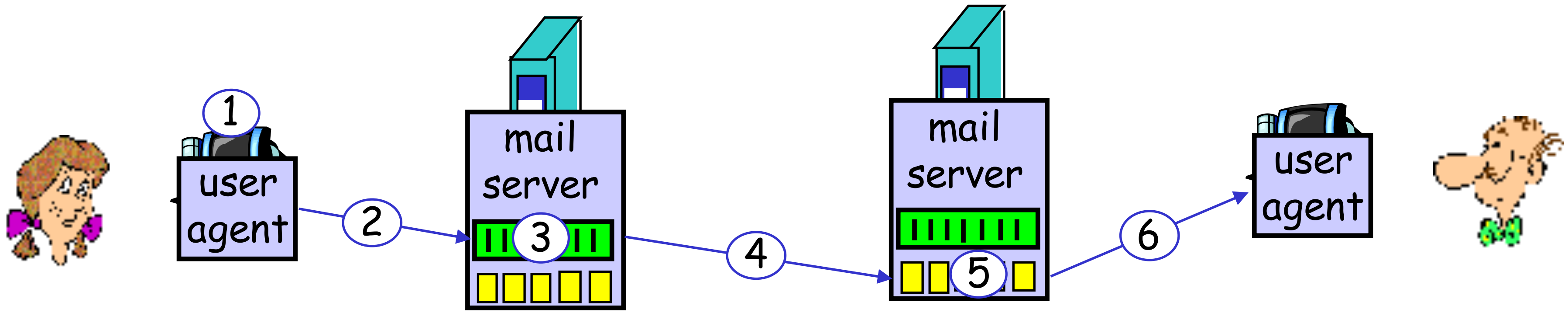


Electronic Mail: SMTP [RFC 2821]

- 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

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



Sample SMTP interaction

```
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
```

Try SMTP interaction for yourself:

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

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

SMTP: final words

- 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

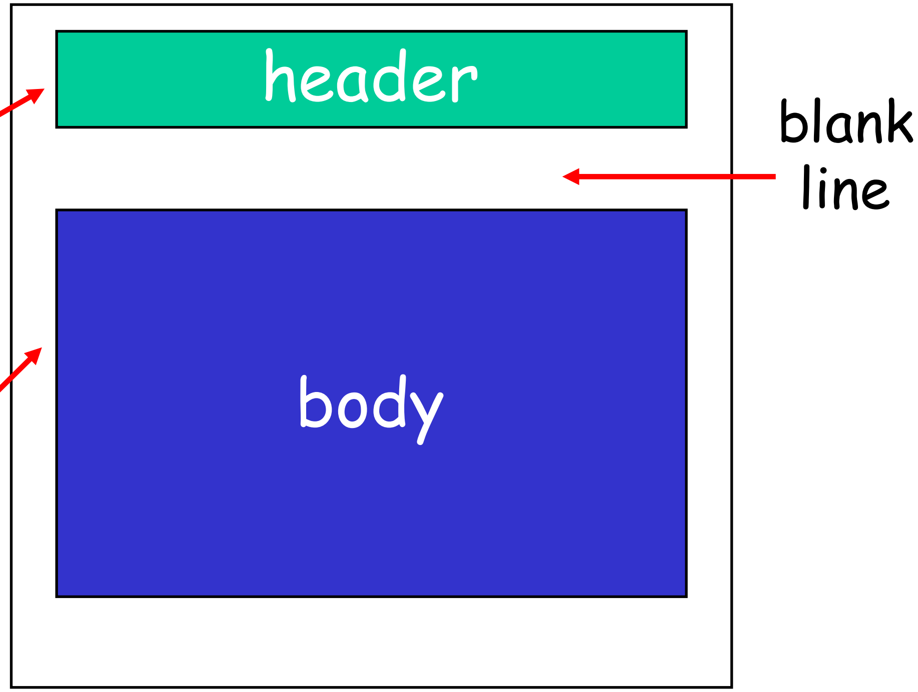
Mail message format

SMTP: protocol for exchanging email msgs

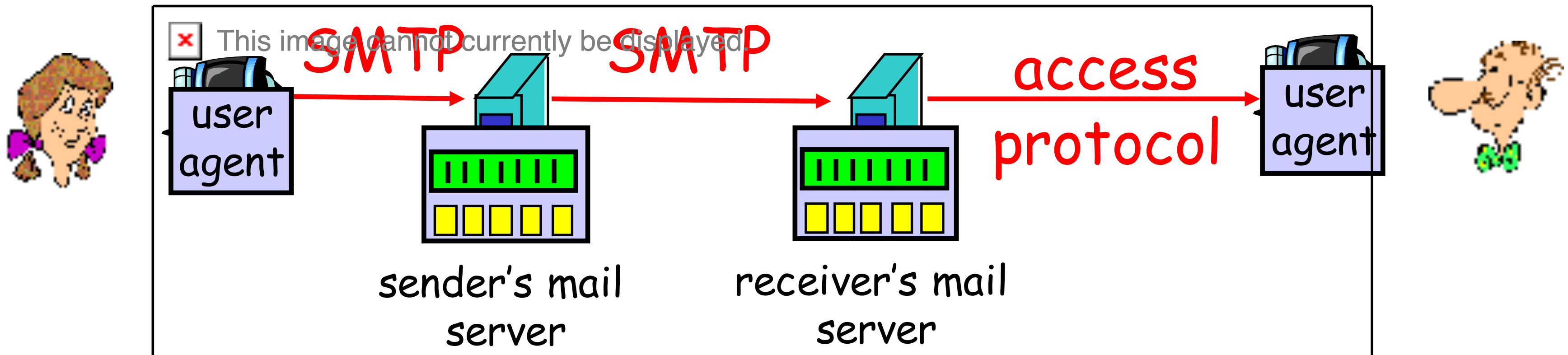
RFC 822: standard for text message format:

- header lines, e.g.,
  - To:
  - From:
  - Subject:

  different *from SMTP commands*!
- body
  - the "message", ASCII characters only



Mail access protocols



- 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 messages on server
  - HTTP: Hotmail , Yahoo! Mail, etc.

POP3 protocol

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 2 contents>
S: .
C: dele 2
C: quit
S: +OK POP3 server signing off
```

POP3 (more) and IMAP

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
- Allow 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

People: many identifiers:
- SSN, name, passport #

Internet hosts, routers:
- IP address (32 bit) - used for addressing datagrams
- "name", e.g., gaia.cs.umass.edu - 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 name servers

Why not centralize DNS?

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

doesn't *scale!*

- no server has all name-to-IP address mappings

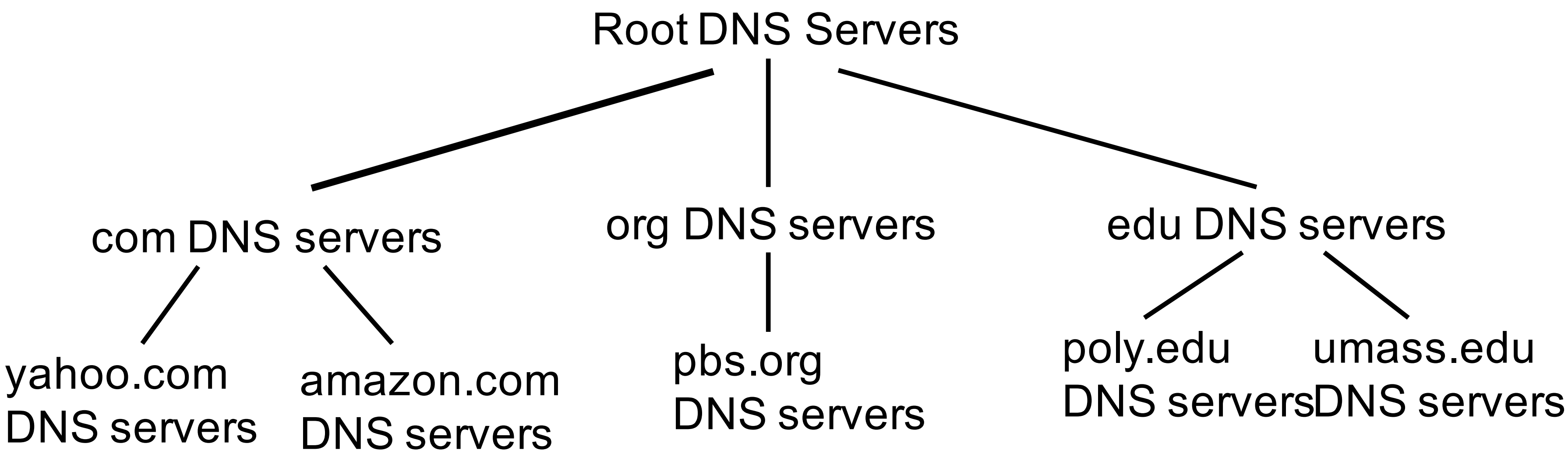
local name servers:

- each ISP, company has *local (default) name server*
- host DNS query first goes to local name server

authoritative name server:

- for a host: stores that host's IP address, name
- can perform name/address translation for that host's name

Distributed, Hierarchical Database

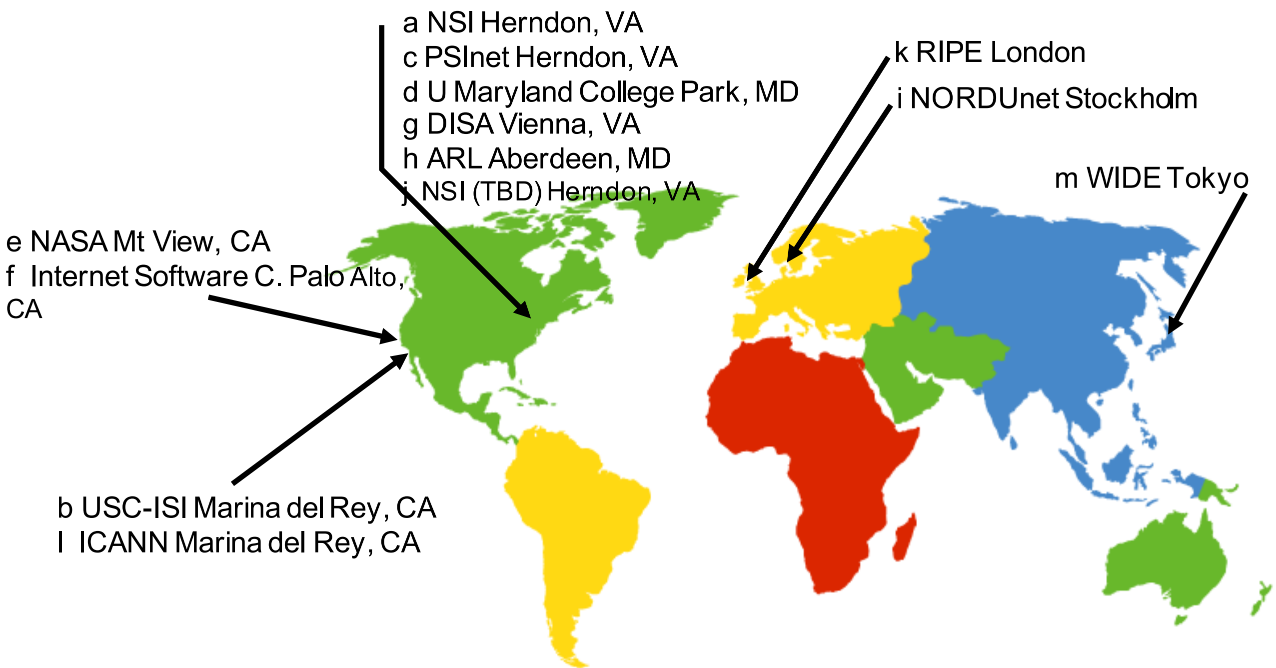


Client wants IP for www.amazon.com; 1st approx:

- 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

- contacted by local name server that can not resolve name
- root name server:



13 root name servers worldwide

TLD and Authoritative Servers

- 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

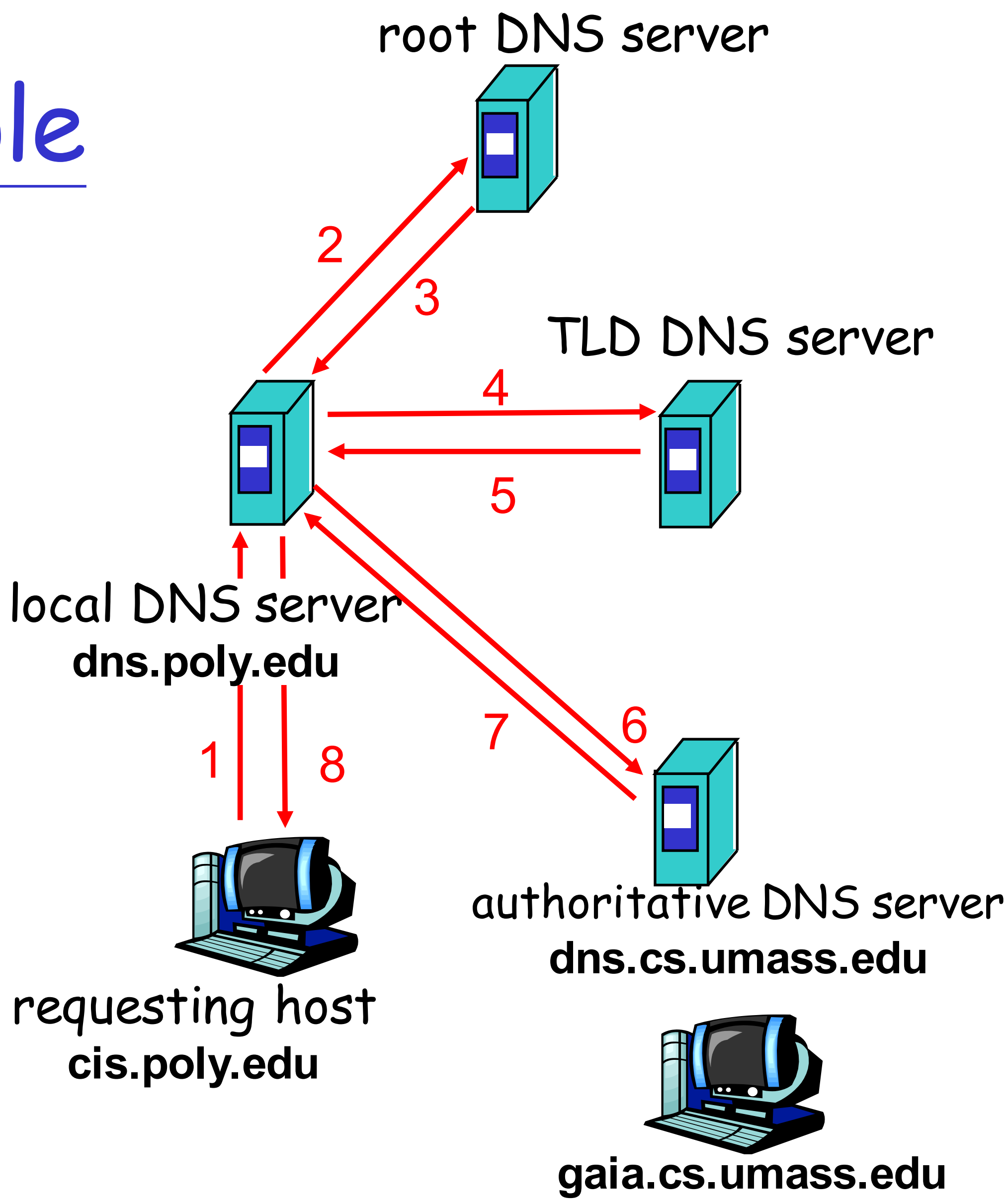
- does not strictly belong to hierarchy
- each ISP (residential ISP, company, university) has one.
  - also called "default name server"
- when host makes DNS query, query is sent to its local DNS server
  - acts as proxy, forwards query into hierarchy

DNS name resolution example

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

iterated query:

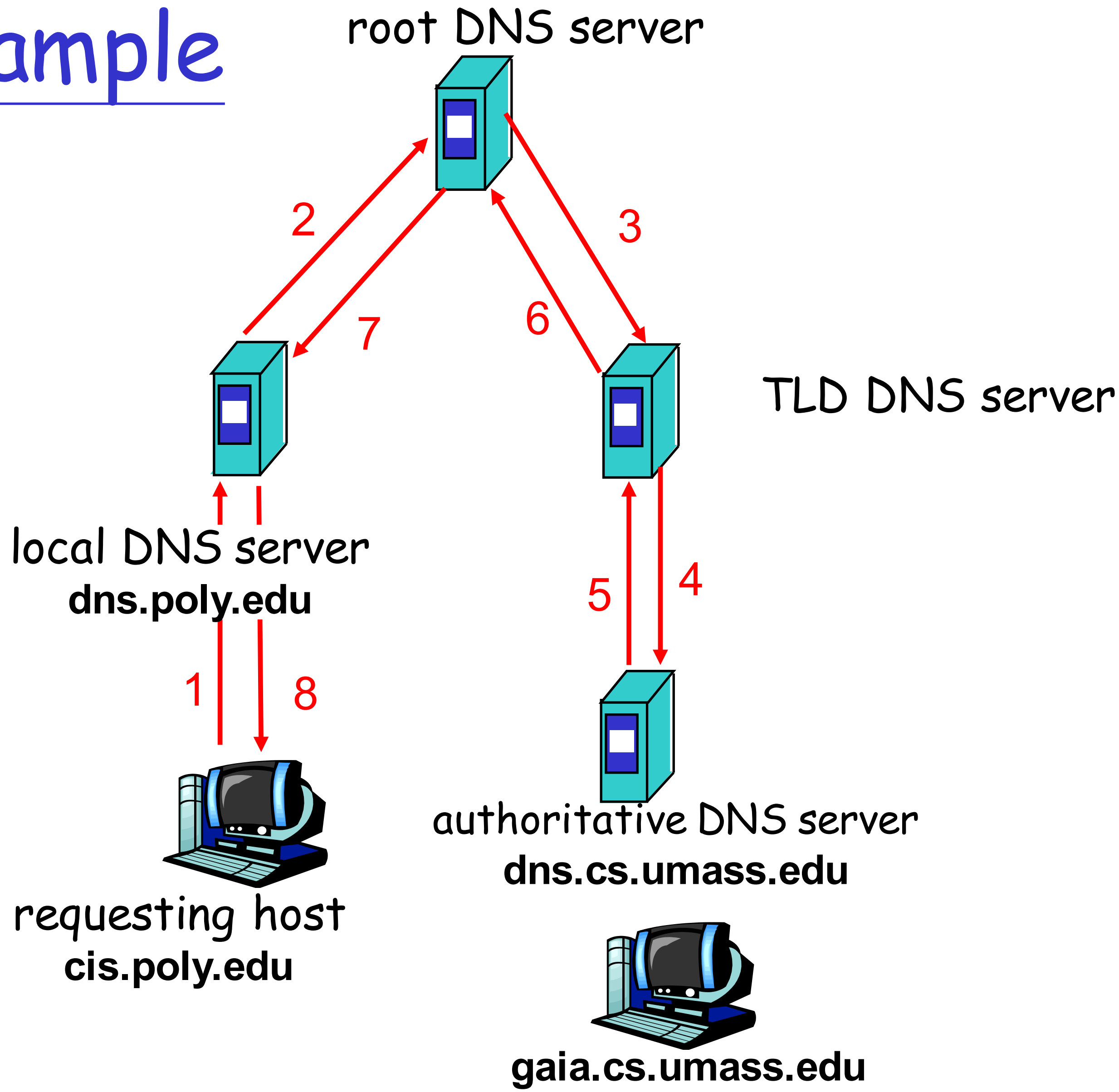
- contacted server replies with name of server to contact
- "I don't know this name, but ask this server"



DNS name resolution example

recursive query:

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



DNS: caching and updating records

- 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

Quiz Time!

DNS records

DNS: distributed db storing resource records (RR)

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

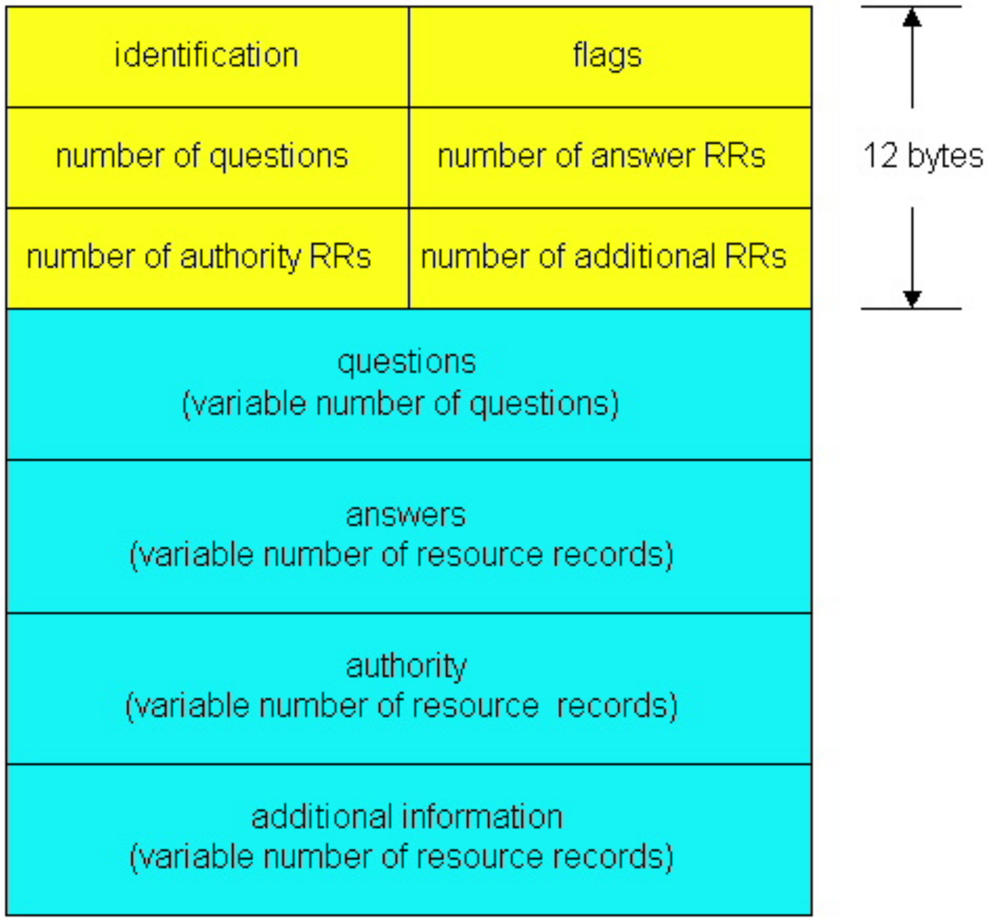
- Type=A
  - **name** is hostname
  - **value** is IP address
- Type=NS
  - **name** is domain (e.g. foo.com)
  - **value** is IP address of authoritative name server for this domain
- Type=CNAME
  - **name** is alias name for some "cannonical" (the real) name
    `www.ibm.com` is really
    `servereast.backup2.ibm.com`
  - **value** is cannonical name
- Type=MX
  - **value** is name of mailserver associated with **name**

DNS protocol, messages

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



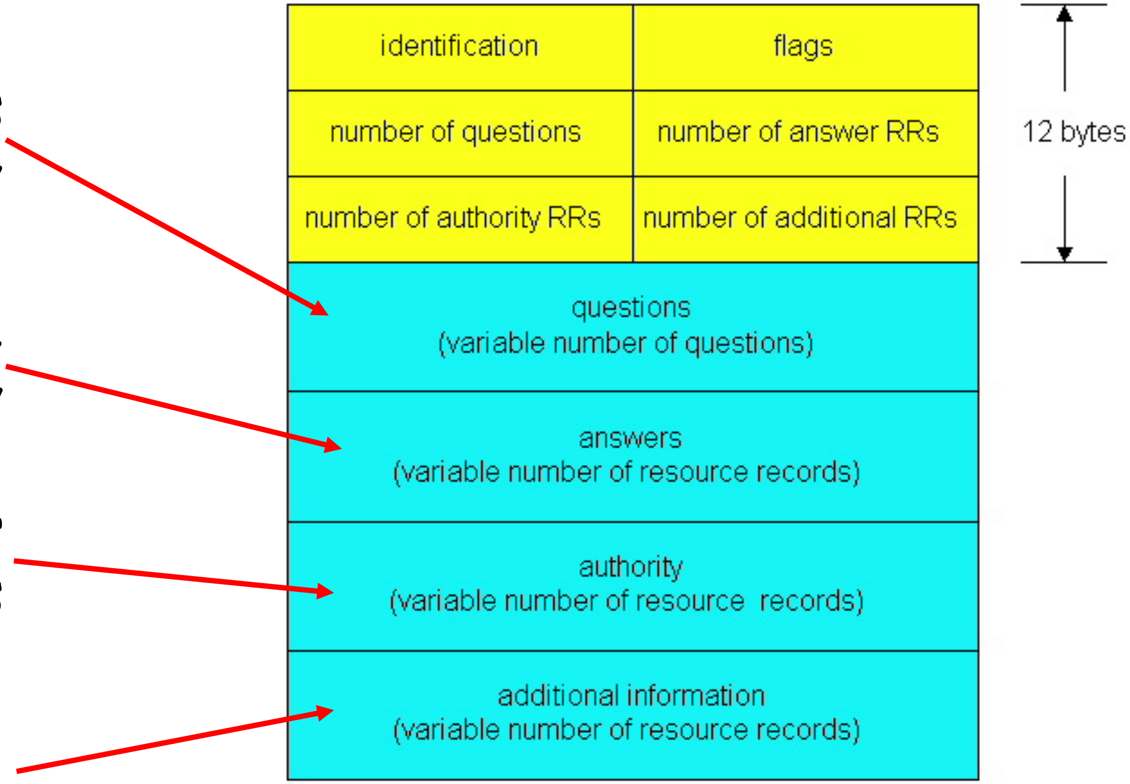
DNS protocol, messages

Name, type fields for a query

RRs in reponse to query

records for authoritative servers

additional "helpful" info that may be used



Inserting records into DNS

- example: new startup "Network Utopia"
- register name networkuptopia.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.networkuptopia.com; Type MX record for networkutopia.com, etc
- How do people get IP address of your Web site?

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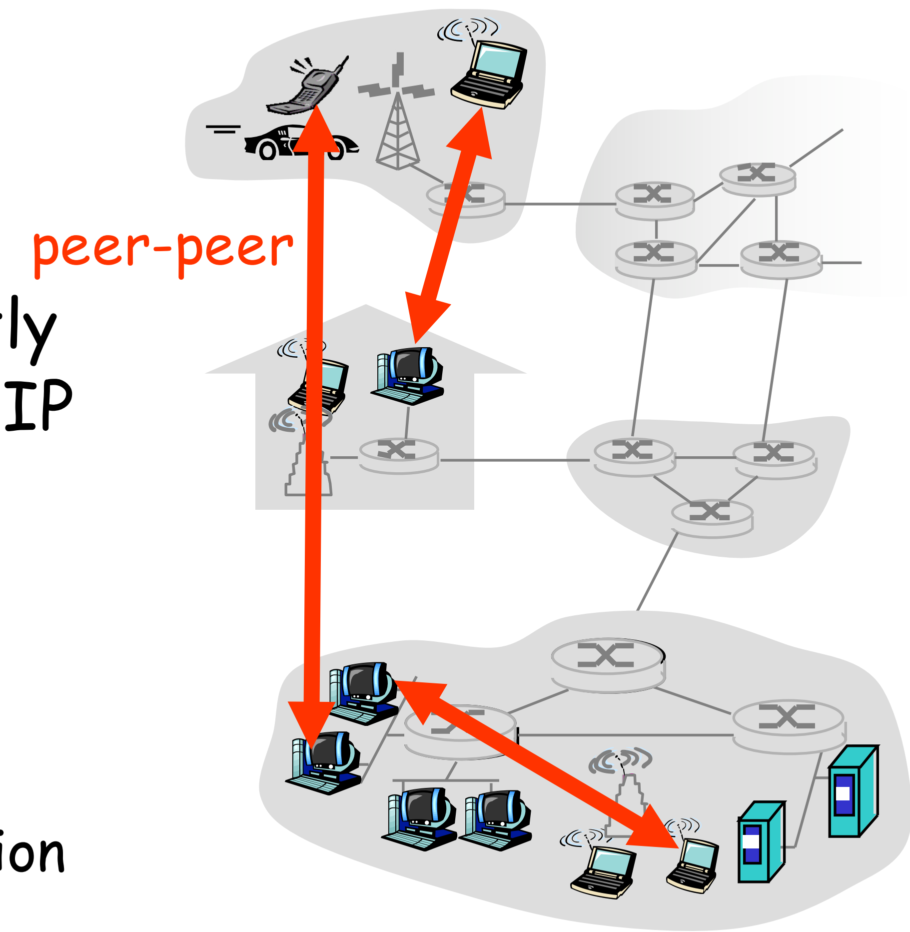
Pure P2P architecture

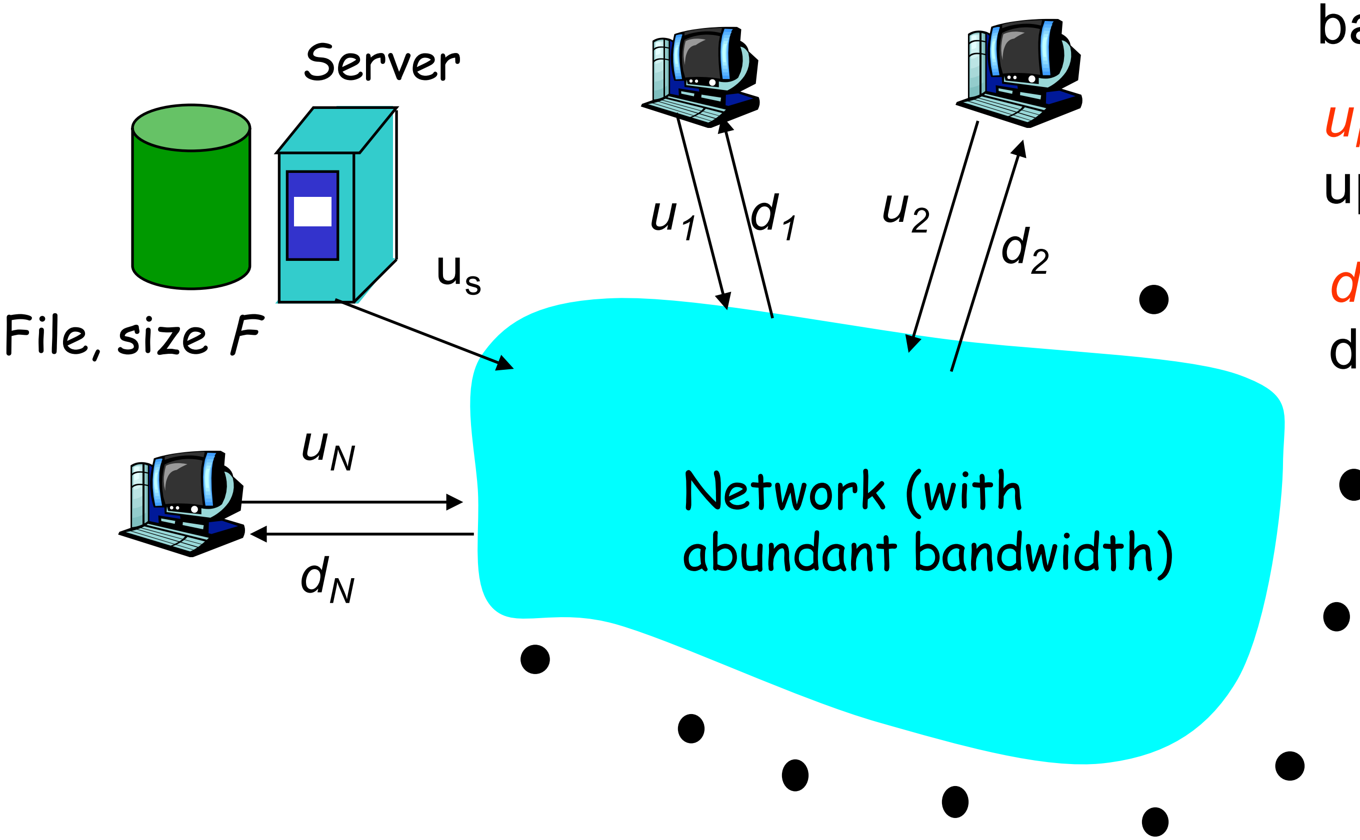
- *no* always-on server
- arbitrary end systems directly communicate
- peers are intermittently connected and change IP addresses



- Three topics:
  - File distribution
  - Searching for information
  - Case Study: BT, Skype

Comparing Client-server, P2P architectures

Question : How much time to distribute file initially at one server to *N* other computers?



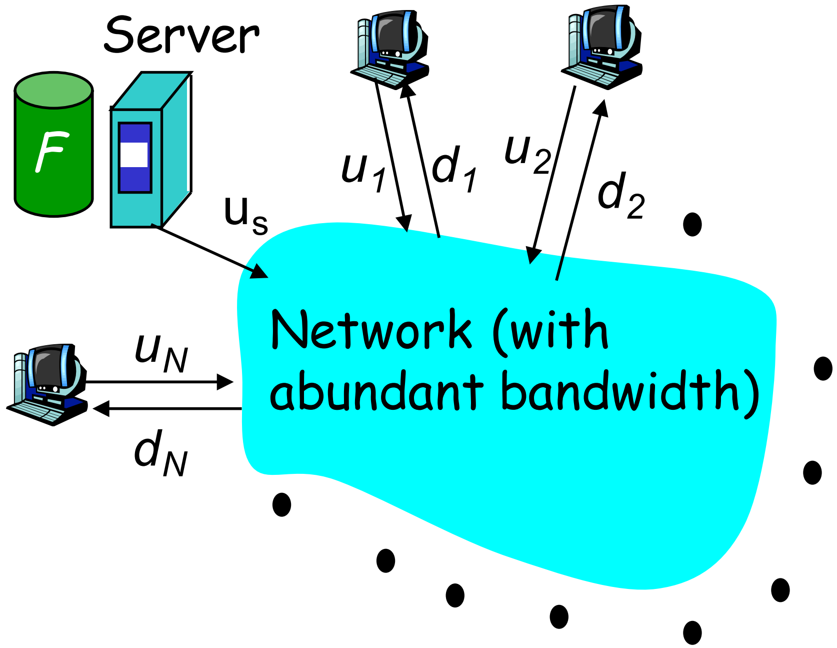
u_s: server upload bandwidth

u_i: client/peer i upload bandwidth

d_i: client/peer i download bandwidth

Client-server: file distribution time

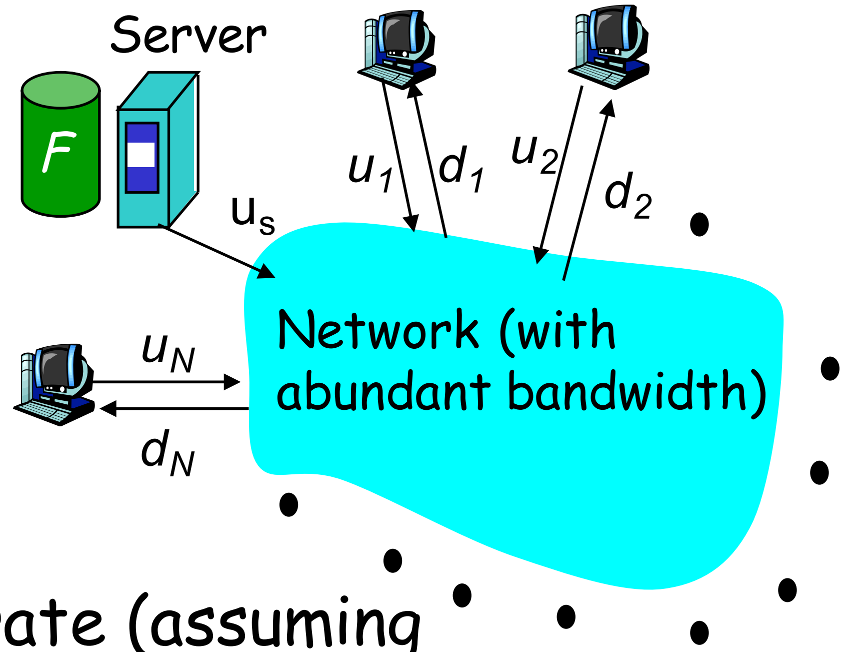
- server sequentially sends N copies:
  - NF/u_s time
- client i takes F/d_i time to download



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)

P2P: file distribution time

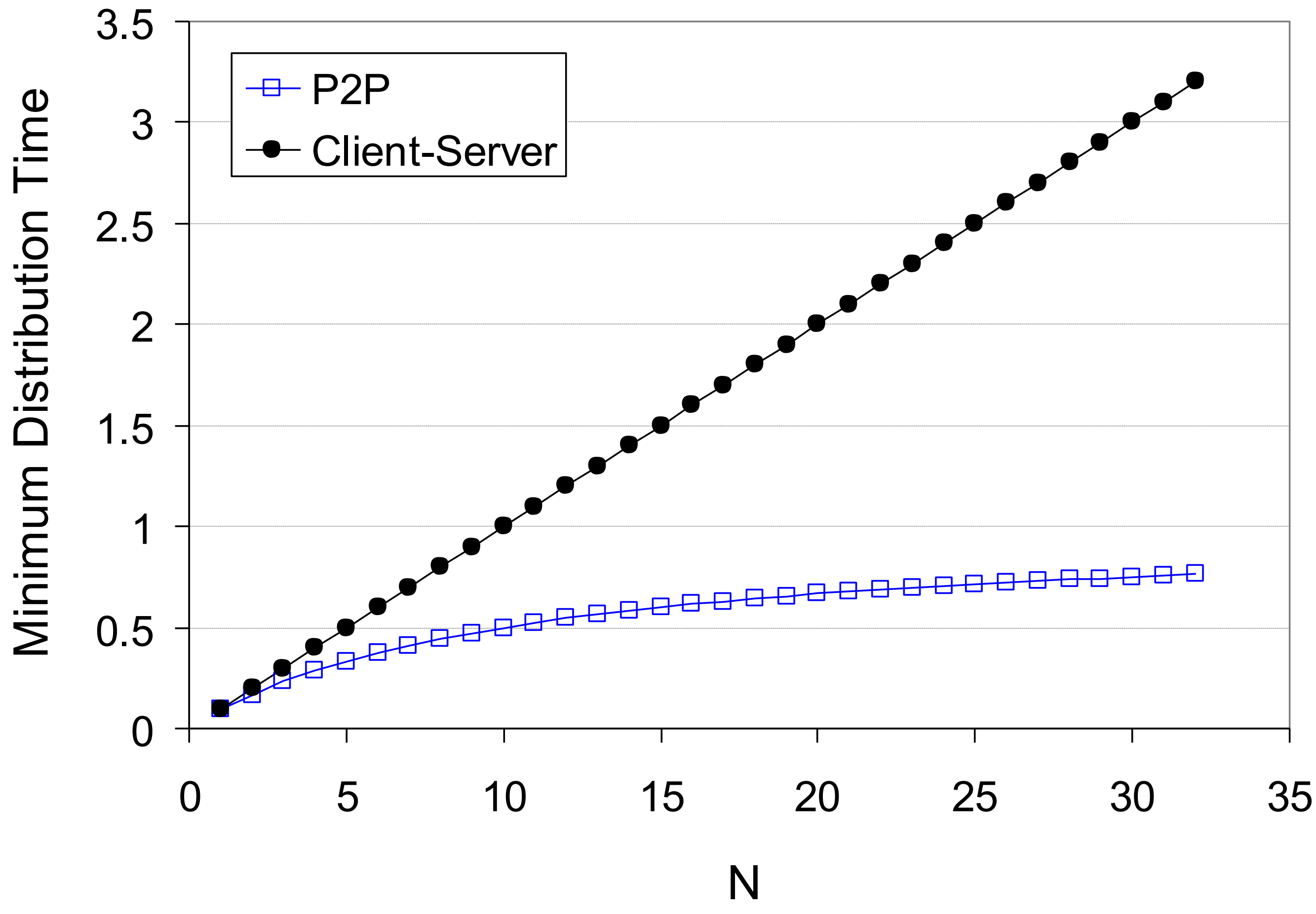


- server must send one copy: F/u_s time
- client i takes F/d_i time to download
- NF bits must be downloaded (aggregate)
  - fastest possible upload rate (assuming all nodes sending file chunks to same peer): $u_s + \sum_{i=1,N} u_i$

$$d_{P2P} = \max \left\{ F/u_s,\ F/\min_i(d_i),\ NF/(u_s + \sum_{i=1,N} u_i) \right\}$$

Server-client vs. P2P: example

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

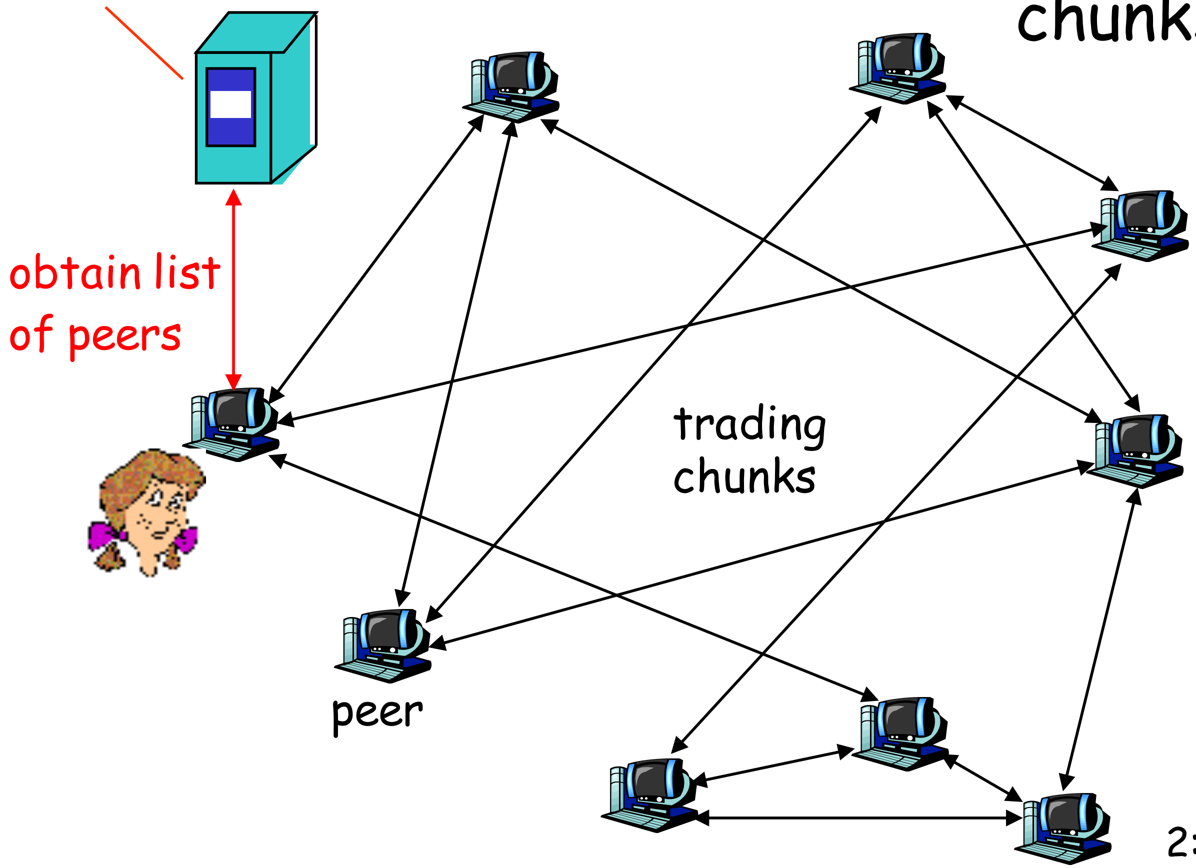


P2P Case Study: BitTorrent

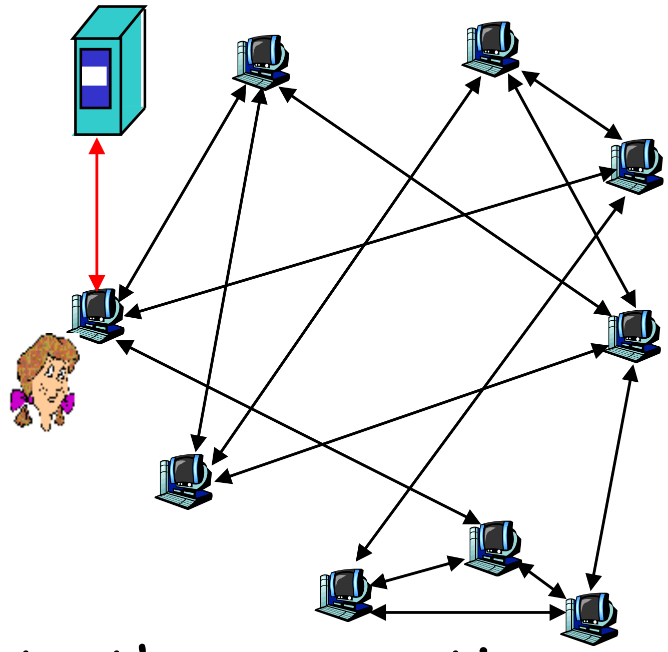
- P2P file distribution

tracker: tracks peers participating in torrent

torrent: group of peers exchanging chunks of a file



BitTorrent (1)



- 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)

Pulling Chunks

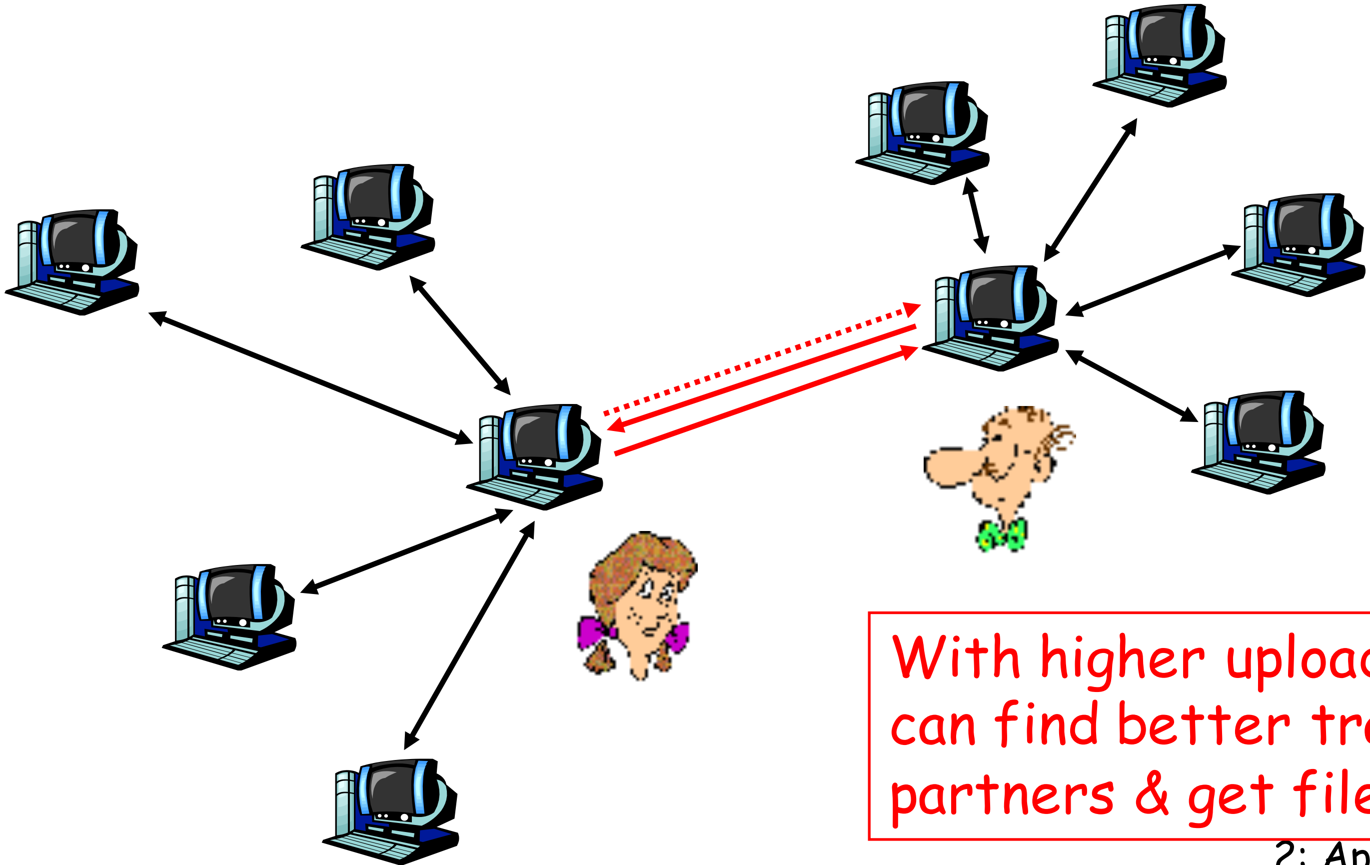
- at any given time, different peers have different subsets of file chunks
- periodically, a peer (Alice) asks each neighbor for list of chunks that they have.
- Alice issues requests for her missing chunks
  - rarest first

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

BitTorrent: Tit-for-tat

(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



With higher upload rate, can find better trading partners & get file faster!

Quiz Time!

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) to peers

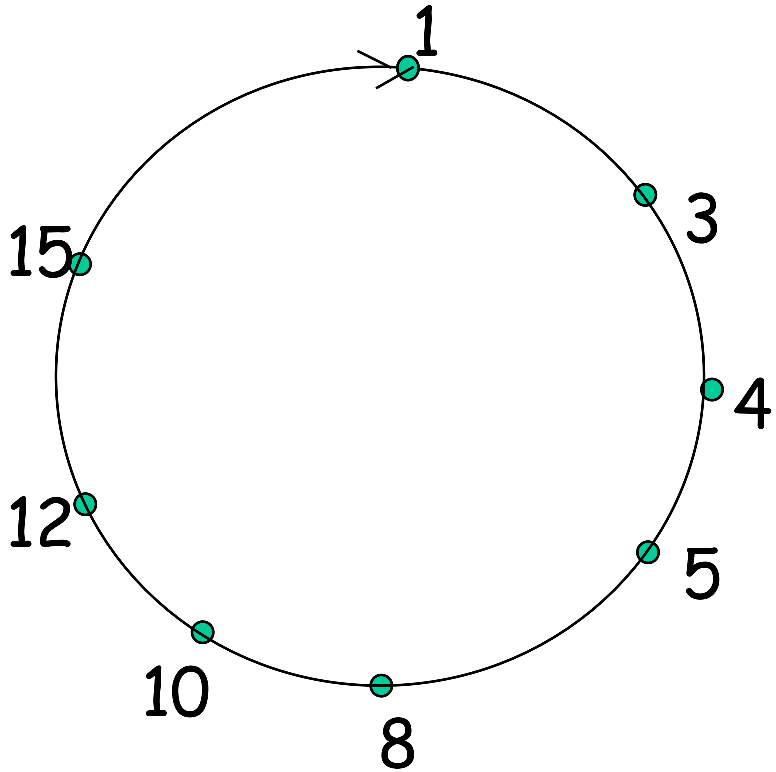
DHT Identifiers

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

How to assign (key, value) pairs to peers?

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

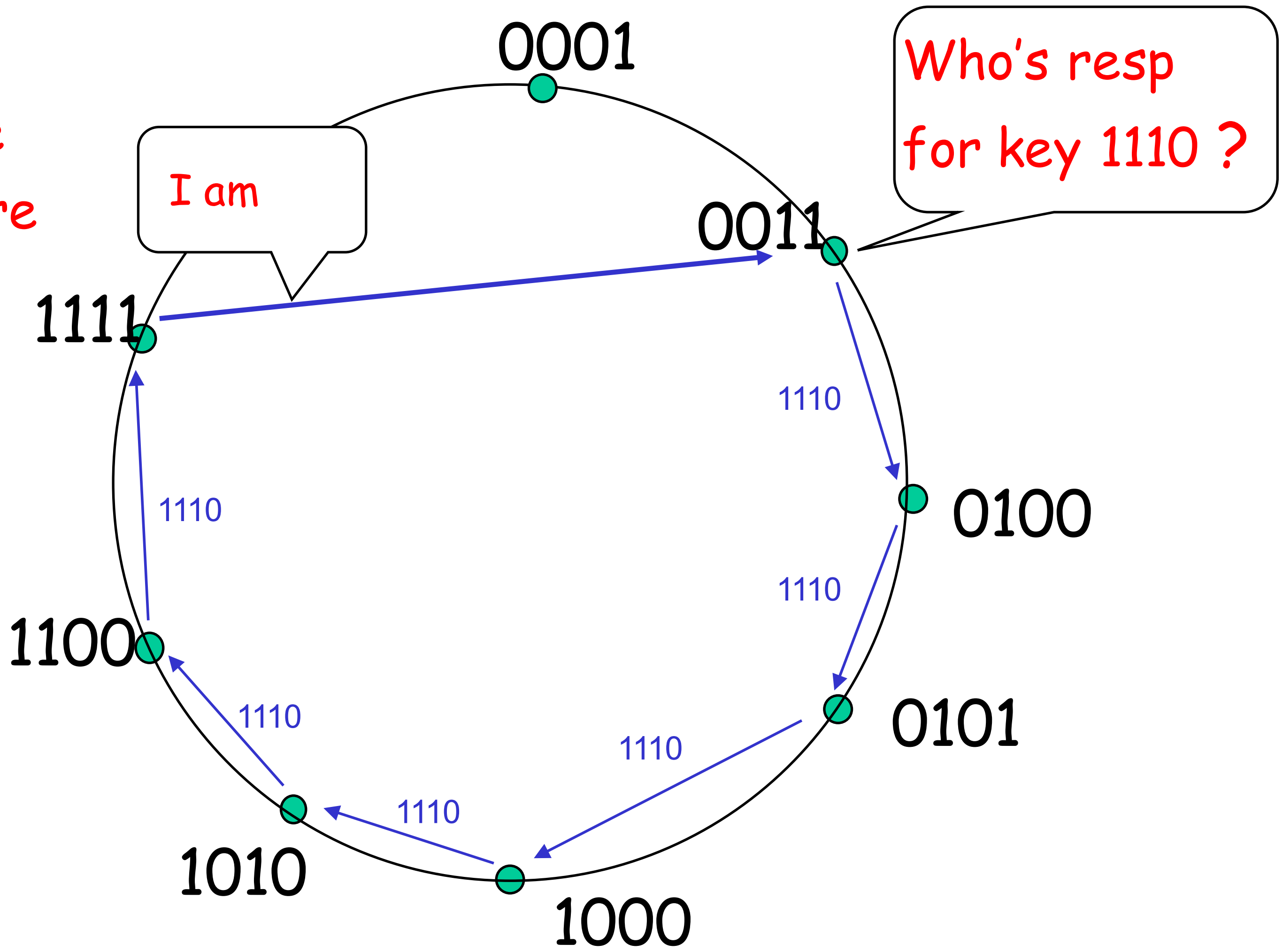
Circular DHT (1)



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

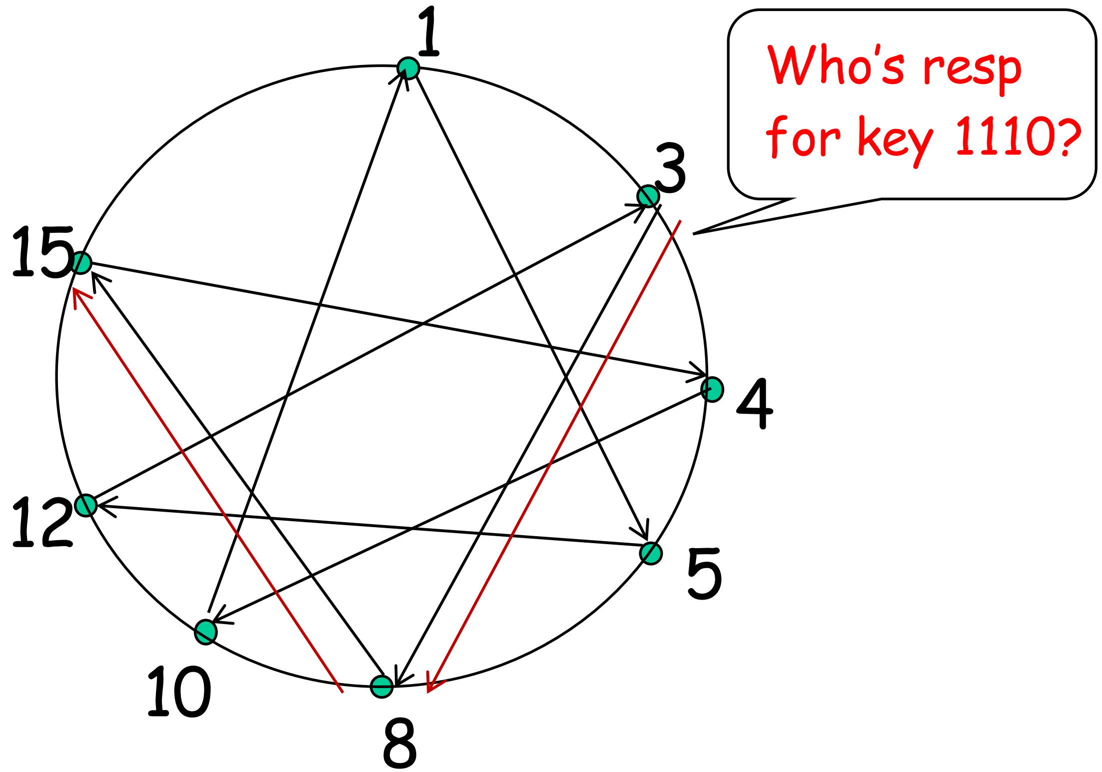
Circular DHT (2)

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



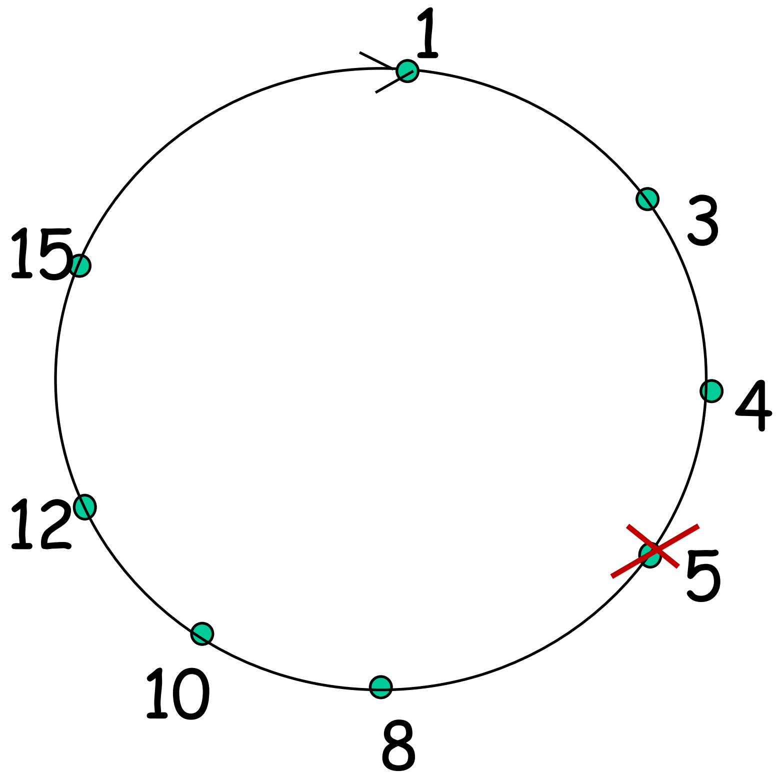
Define closest as closest successor

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

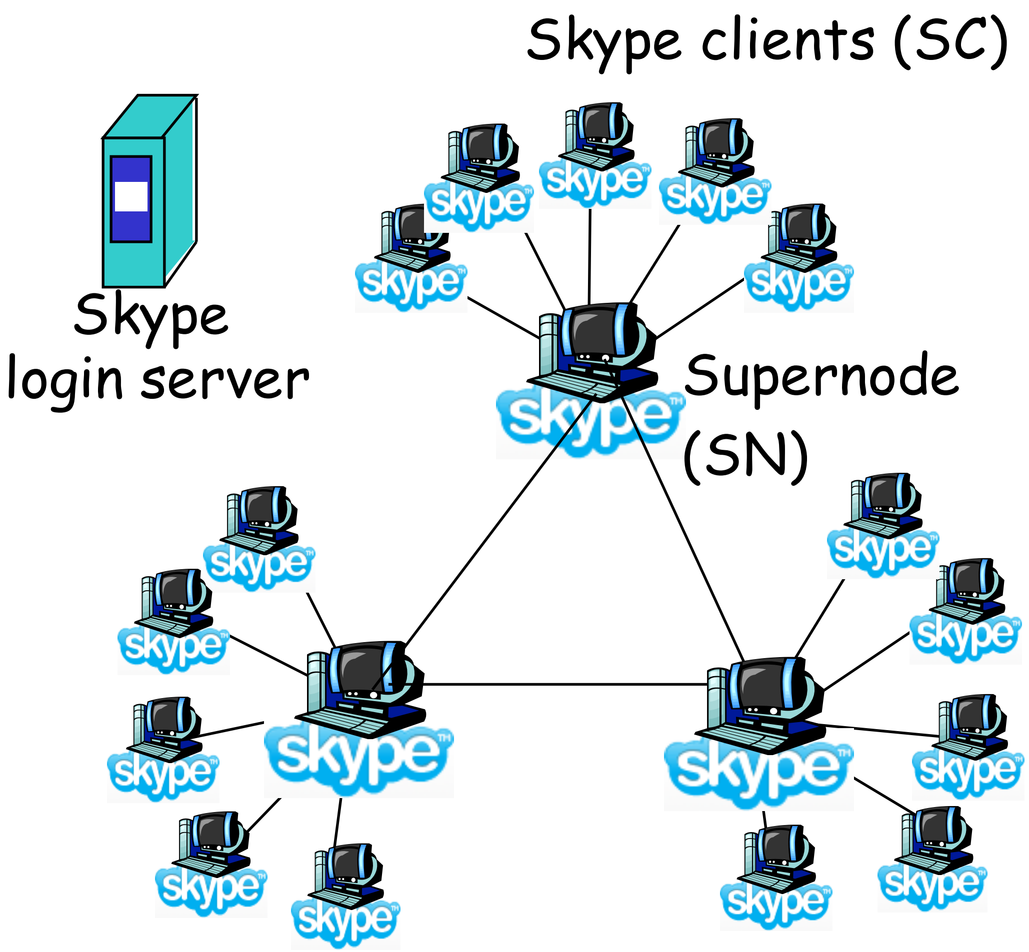


- To handle peer churn, require each peer to know the IP address of its two successors.
- Each peer periodically pings its two successors to see if they are still alive.

- 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?

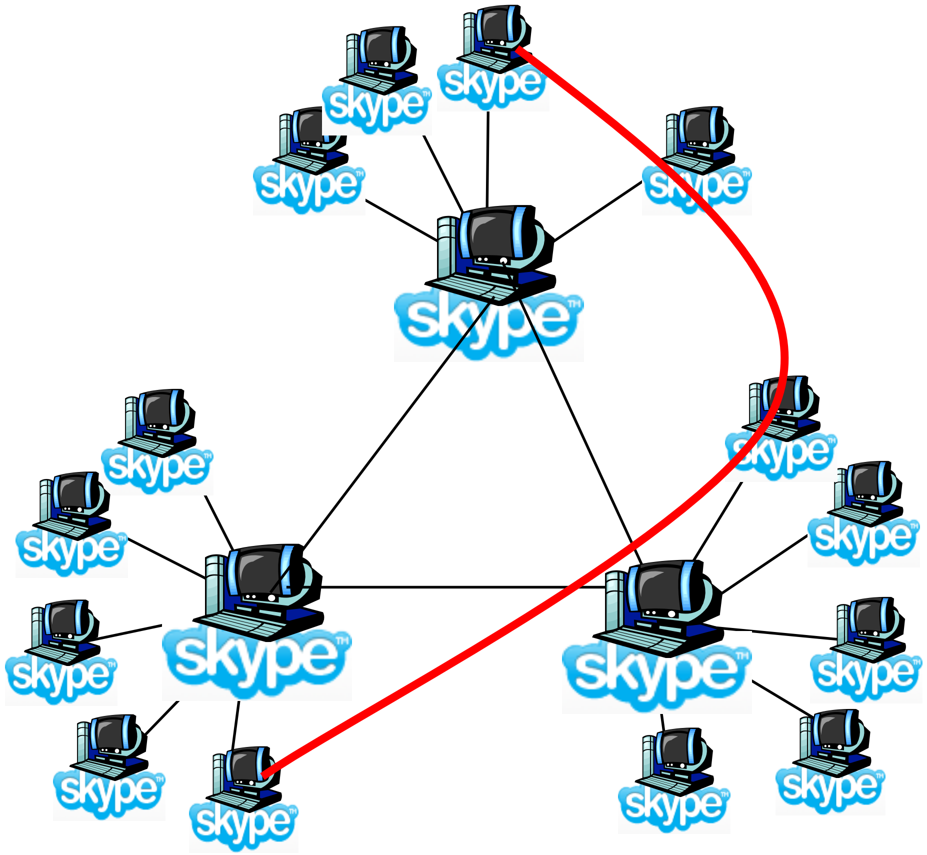
P2P Case study: Skype

- P2P (pc-to-pc, pc-to-phone, phone-to-pc) Voice-Over-IP (VoIP) application
  - also IM
- proprietary application-layer protocol (inferred via reverse engineering)
- hierarchical overlay



Peers as relays

- 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

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 (UDP)
  - reliable, byte stream-oriented (TCP)

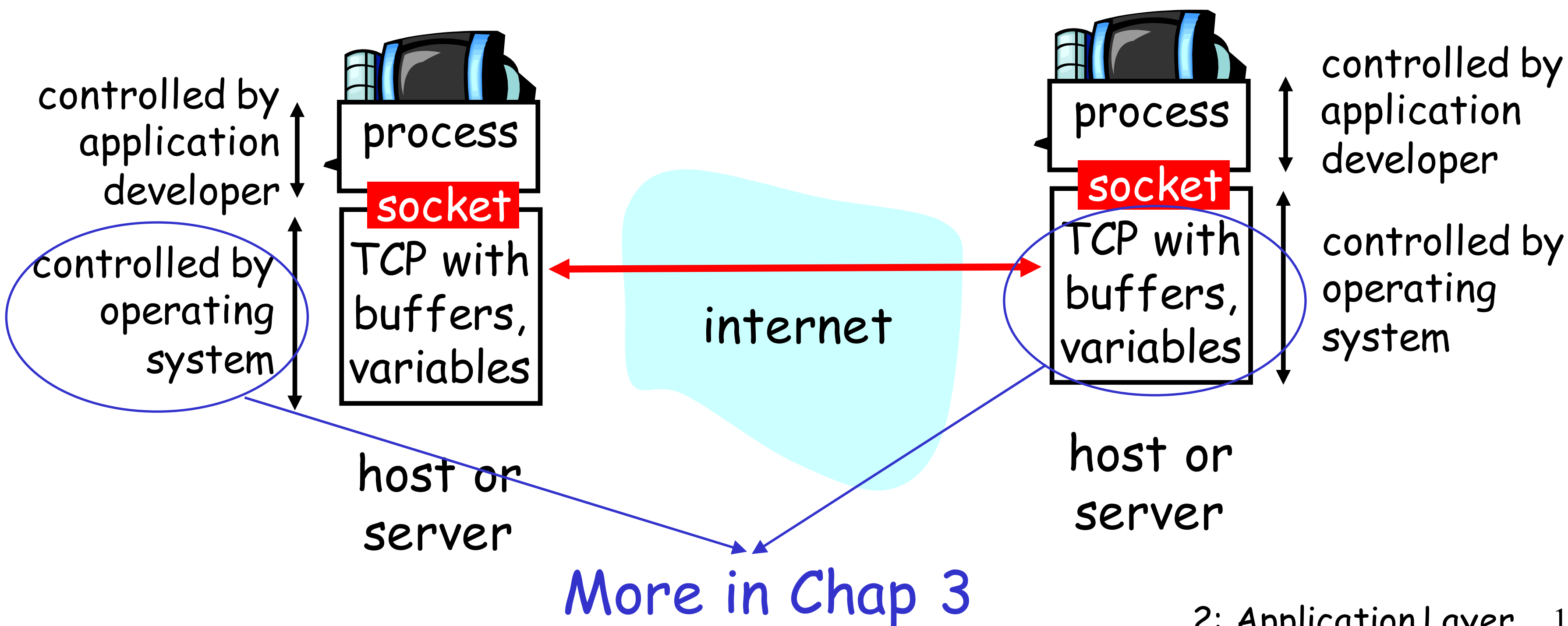
Socket API

a, *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

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



Socket programming *with TCP*

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 Chap3)

application viewpoint

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

Quiz Time!

Stream jargon

- 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, eg, keyboard or socket.
- An output stream is attached to an output source, eg, monitor or socket.

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Socket programming *with UDP*

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

Unix Network Programming

The socket

struct and data handling

System calls

Based on **Beej's Guide to Network Programming**

Building a simple Web server

- handles one HTTP request
- accepts the request
- parses header
- obtains requested file from server's file system
- creates HTTP response message:
  - header lines + file
- sends response to client
- after creating server, you can request file using a browser (eg IE explorer)
- see text (or PAs) for details

Chapter 2: Summary

Our study of network apps now complete!

- application service requirements:
  - reliability, bandwidth, delay
- client-server vs. peer-peer paradigm
- Internet transport service model
  - connection-oriented, reliable: TCP
  - unreliable, datagrams: UDP
- specific protocols:
  - HTTP
  - FTP
  - SMTP, POP, IMAP
  - DNS
  - BT
  - DHT
  - Skype
- socket programming

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Most importantly: learned about *protocols*

- 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"