

UNIT 11B

The Internet: Protocol Layers

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Last Lecture

- Networking basics
 - Communication links
 - LANs, WANs
 - Internetworking
- The Internet
 - Packet-switching
- Protocol adoption and standardization

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Protocols

- Agreement between communicating parties
 - Syntax: how are the messages' contents organized?
 - Semantics: what do the messages mean?
 - Synchronization: when are messages sent?
- How are protocols that govern the operation of the Internet organized?

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Layering Abstractions

- It is often useful to divide large systems into layers
 - Higher layer uses a lower layer as a service
 - Lower layers are implemented independently from higher layers
 - Interface between two layers needs to be specified
- Example: Dice game uses `roll`
 - `roll` uses `rand`
 - `rand` uses some LCRG method

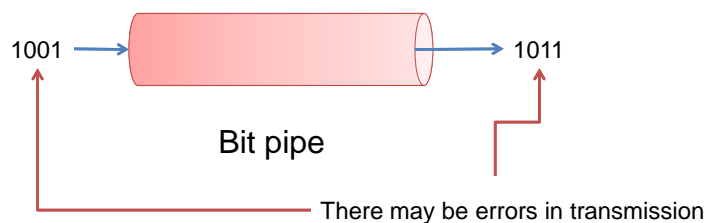
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Internet Protocol Hierarchy

- Each layer addresses one aspect of the overall communications task
 - Layers: Link, Internet, Transport, Application
 - A change in one layer will not cause a change to other layers, leading to easier maintenance
- This hierarchy is referred to as TCP/IP, named after two of its protocols.

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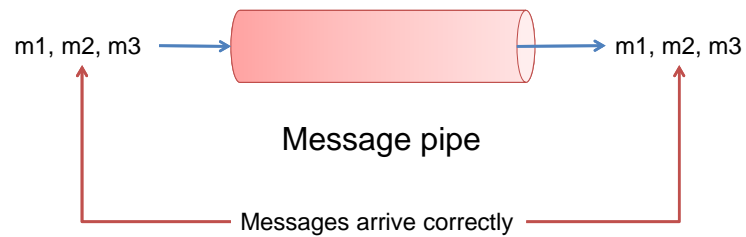
Physical Links



- How do we know if a bit is present on the line?
- How much time will a bit remain on the line?
- If the bit is in the form of analog signal or a digital signal
- What voltage levels are used to represent 0 and 1?

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Data Links



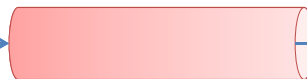
- Error detection and correction
- Framing: Which bits in the incoming stream identify the start and end of a bit string?

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Link Layer

Data Link Layer

m1, m2, m3 →

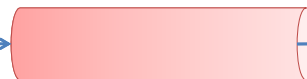


→ m1, m2, m3

Message pipe

Physical Layer

1001 →



→ 1011

Bit pipe

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Network Layer

- The link layer enables us to transmit messages from node A to node B, only if these two are connected by a physical link.
- In networks other than LANs, majority of nodes are not directly connected.
- Network layer is responsible for delivering messages from their source to destination.

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Network Layer

- Key functions:
 - Create a universal addressing scheme for all network nodes
 - Deliver messages between any two nodes in the network
- The network layer in the Internet is called IP (Internet Protocol).

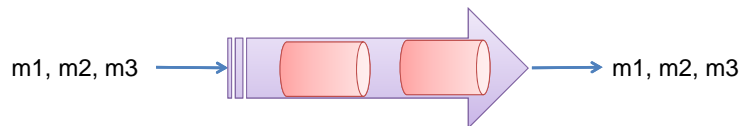
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Link vs. Network Layers

Link Layer



Message pipe



Message delivery service over the network

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IP Addresses (IPv4)

- Computers on the Internet are assigned an IP Address consisting of four numbers between 0 and 255 inclusive

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Example: 128.2.13.163

- This means that each part of the address is an 8-bit value, and an IP address is 32 bits. Hence, it supports up to 2^{32} computers on the network at the same time.
- ISPs can reassign IP addresses dynamically.

IPv4 Address Assignment

- The original IPv4 had several classes of addresses that could be decomposed into a network and host part
 - Class A 0 + 7-bit network + 24-bit address
Accommodates up to 2^{24} unique IP addresses in a company or location.
 - Class B 10 + 14 bit network + 16-bit address
Accommodates up to 2^{16} unique IP addresses in a company or location.
 - Class C 110 + 21-bit network + 8-bit address
Accommodates up to 2^8 unique IP addresses in a company or location.

IPv4 Address Assignment

- In 1993, the Internet switched to classless internet-domain routing.
- In this scheme, the network part is an arbitrary length prefix of the address, such as 10.10.1.32/27, which has a 27-bit network part and a 5-bit host part (so there can only be 32 machines on that network).

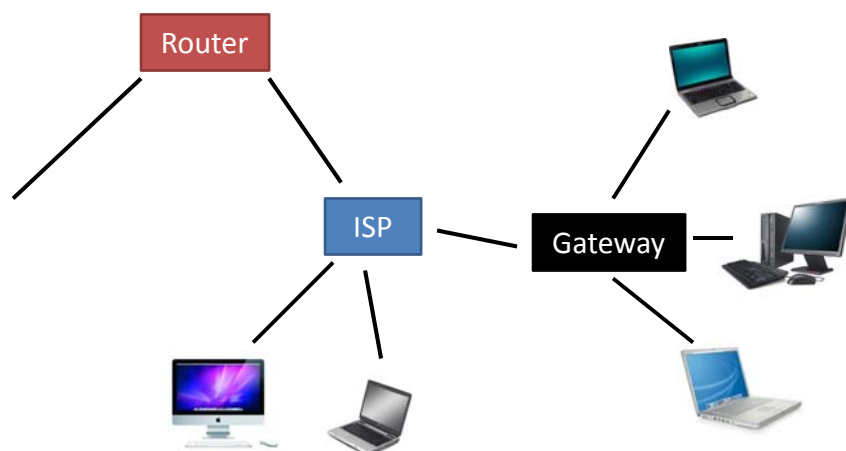
New IP (IPv6)

- IPv6 uses 128-bit addresses, which implies 2^{128} (3.4×10^{38}) unique computer addresses, (4.8×10^{28} addresses per person)
- Allows for many more devices (cell phones, video game machines, appliances, automobiles, etc.)
- Designed to deal with the approaching use of all available addresses in IPv4.
- IPv6 also follows classless routing, but the standard subnetwork size is 64-bits.

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Network Address Translation (NAT)



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Network Address Translation (NAT)

- Used to accommodate more users on the Internet, security, and administration.
- The gateway assigns an additional code called a port for each user. Packets are tagged with the port.
- The gateway knows where to route the messages on the private network, but all messages from that private network share the same single IP address.

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Host Names

Domain Name Service (DNS)

- Phone book for the Internet: translates human-friendly computer hostname into IP addresses.
- hierarchical
 - root name servers knows how to find DNS servers for each top-level domain (e.g., "edu")
 - top-level domain servers know how to find DNS servers for each second-level domain (e.g., "cmu.edu")
 - second-level domain servers know how to find each host in directly in the second-level domain (e.g., "www.cmu.edu") and how to find DNS servers for each third-level domain (e.g., "andrew.cmu.edu")

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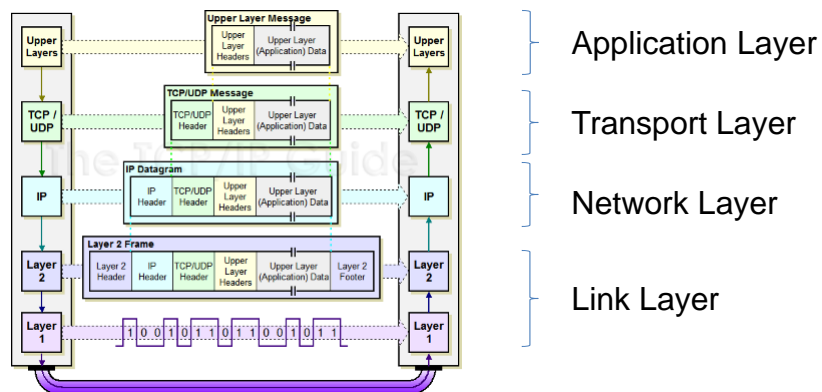
Layers of the TCP/IP Reference Model

- Application Layer
 - Handles requests from the user for data on the Internet.
- Transport Layer
 - Handles splitting messages into packets for delivery.
- Internet Layer
 - Handles the task of sending packets across one or more networks.
- Link Layer
 - Handles the physical transfer and reception of bits.

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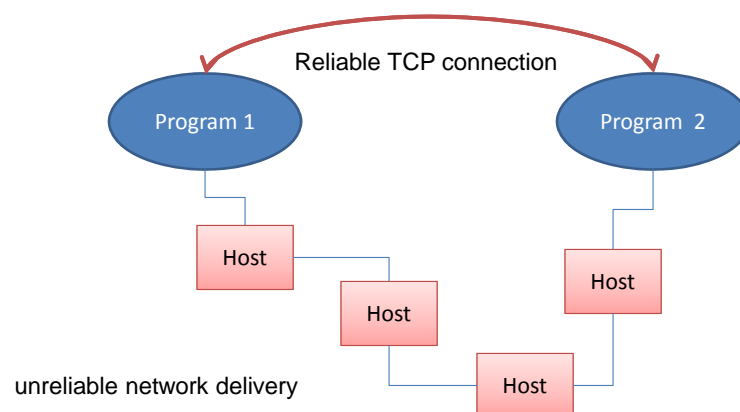
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Transport Layer

- Internet Protocol (IP)
 - Delivers packets to IP address
 - Best effort delivery
- Transport Control Protocol
 - Creates a reliable bi-directional stream (source address/port and destination address/port)
 - acknowledgements, resend, reassembly in correct order,
 - error detection
 - connection must be opened and closed
 - flow/congestion control

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Transport Layer



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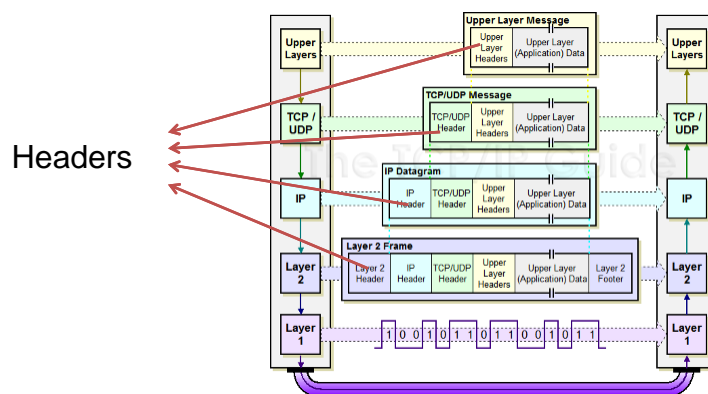
Reliable Communication with TCP

- Suppose Alice and Bob are the TCP implementations of two computers.
 - Alice is asked to send a message to Bob.
 - Alice breaks the message into several packets.
 - Each packet includes parity information, so Bob can check it for accuracy.
 - Packets are sent via IP.
 - Bob receives the packets.
 - If Bob is missing a packet or receives a corrupt packet, he can request retransmission.
 - If the packet is OK, Bob sends an acknowledgement.
 - If Alice doesn't get an acknowledgement, she will retransmit.
 - Bob assembles the incoming packets in order and provides the message to the appropriate application.

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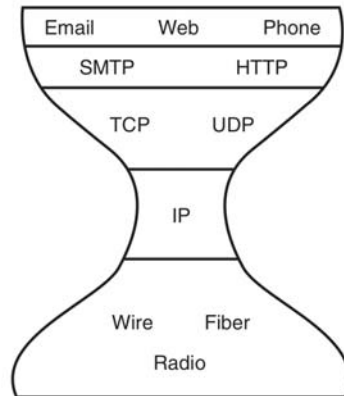
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Examples of Protocols



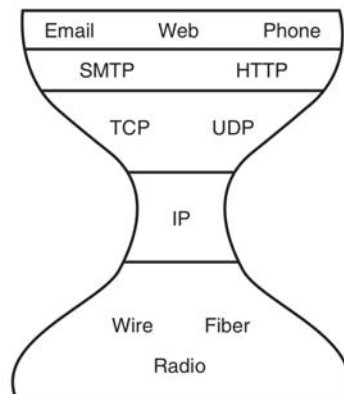
- **Application**

- Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP)
- Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP)
- Domain Name System (DNS)
 - XYZ.com ! w.x.y.z
- Secure Shell (SSH) Protocol
 - ssh unix.andrew.cmu.edu
- Voice Over IP (Phone calls)
 - Session Initiation Protocol (SIP)
 - Real-time Transport Protocol (RTP)

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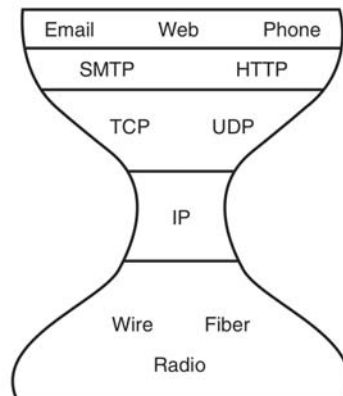
- **Transport**

- Transmission Control Protocol (TCP)
 - Connection-oriented
- User Datagram Protocol (UDP)
 - Connectionless

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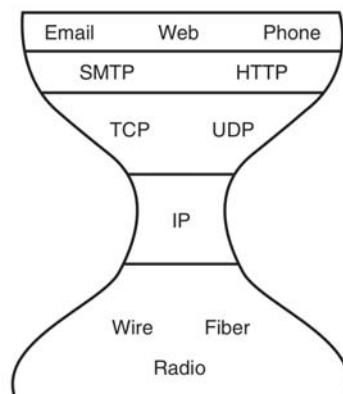
- **Internet**

- IPv4
- IPv6

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Examples of Protocols



- **Link**

- 1000BaseT
- Gigabit Ethernet
- Data Over Cable Service Interface Specification
- Cable Modems
- Long Term Evolution (LTE)
- 4G cell phone
- 802.11N (Wi-Fi) — Wireless Ethernet

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Web

Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP)

- Retrieves documents (in HTML and other formats) over TCP using port 80
- Can also send form data to the server
- Support multiple requests per connection

Example: Web page Delivery

- A Web page is identified by a Uniform Resource Locator (URL)

protocol://host address/page

- An HTTP Request

`http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~15110/index.html`



Program to use

Example: Web page Delivery

1. Web browser extracts the name of the machine and gets it translated to an IP address (e.g. 128.2.217.13)
2. Establishes a TCP connection to port 80 at 128.2.217.13
3. Constructs a message
GET /~15110/index.html HTTP/1.1
4. Sends the message using services of TCP/IP
5. Web server locates the file and send a response back using services of TCP/IP
6. The connection is terminated.

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