

# TCP/IP



# **Outline of the talk**

- Introduction to TCP/IP
- TCP/IP & Internet
- Network Layering in TCP/IP
- The Simplified 4-Layer Model
- TCP/IP Protocol Suite
- IP Datagrams

### Introduction

- TCP/IP is the first set of protocols used in Internet.
- Allows computers to communicate /share resources across a network.
- Work on TCP/IP started in the 1970s.
  - Funded by US Military
  - Advance Research Project Agency (ARPA)
  - Network protocols of ARPANET were upgraded.

# **TCP/IP and the Internet**

- The modern Internet sits on top of the TCP/IP technology.
  - Used as a standard
  - To bridge the gap between noncompatible platforms.
  - All computers connected to the Internet understands TCP/IP.

# **Network Layering in TCP/IP**

- In 1978, International Standards Organization (ISO) proposed a 7layer reference model for network services and protocols.
  - Known as the OSI model.
  - TCP/IP does not strictly follow this 7layer model.
  - TCP/IP follows a simplified 4-layer model.

# Why Layering ?

- To provide well defined interfaces between adjacent layers.
  - A change in one layer does not affect the other layers.
  - Interface must remain the same.
- Allows a structured development of network layer.

### **The 7-layer OSI Model**



### **The Simplified 4-layer Model**



» Runs on top of layers 1,2 and 3

- » End-to-end message transfer
- » Packet delivery across internet
- » Frame transmission over link

+ Physical

### **Data Flow in 4-layer Model**



### **Connection-Oriented and Connectionless Services**

- Layers can offer two types of service to the layers above them
  - Connection-oriented
  - Connectionless service.

### Connection oriented service

- Modeled after Telephone System
- You pick up phone---dial num---talk—n hang up
- Similarly connection oriented service first establish the connection---uses the connection and then releases it
- In most cases bits arrive in the same order as released.
- In some cases sender and receiver negotiate about parameters like maximum message size, quality of service etc

### **Connectionless Service**

- Modeled after a postal service
- Each message carries full destination address
- Each one is routed through the system independent of all the others
- Order may not be necessarily followed

# Packet switching network

- A packet-switched network is a digital communications network that groups all transmitted data, irrespective of content, type, or structure into suitably sized blocks, called packets.
- The network over which packets are transmitted is a shared network which routes each packet independently from all others and allocates transmission resources as needed.
- The principal goals of <u>packet switching</u> are to optimize utilization of available link capacity, minimize response times and increase the robustness of communication.

### Datagram

 A datagram is a basic transfer unit associated with a <u>packet-switched</u> <u>network</u> in which the delivery, arrival time, and order of arrival are not guaranteed by the network service.

# **TCP/IP Protocol Suite**

- Refers to a family of protocols.
- The protocols are built on top of connectionless technology.
  - Data sent from one node to another as a sequence of datagrams.
  - Each datagram sent independently.
  - The datagrams corresponding to the same message may follow different routes.
- Variable, delay, arrival order at destination.

# **TCP/IP Family Members**



### **Typical Scenario**



#### What does IP do ?

- IP transports datagrams (packets) from the source node to the destination node.
  - Responsible for routing the packets.
  - Breaks a packet into smaller packets, if required.
  - Unreliable service. (does not do any error control)
    - A packets may be lost in transit.
    - Packets may arrive out of order.
    - Duplicate packets may be generated. (in case of time out and retransmission)

# What does TCP do?

- TCP provides a connection-oriented, reliable service for sending messages.
  - Splits a message into packets.
  - Reassemble packets at destination.
  - Resend packets that were lost in transit.

#### Interface with IP:

- Each packet forwarded to IP for delivery.
- Error control is done by TCP.

# What does UDP do ?

- UDP provides a connectionless, unreliable service for sending datagrams (packets).
  - Messages small enough to fit in a packet (e.g., DNS query).
  - Simpler (and faster) than TCP.
  - Never split data into multiple packets.
  - Does not care about error control.

#### • Interface with IP:

Each UDP packet sent to IP for delivery.

### **Addresses in TCP/IP**



### Encapsulation

#### • Basic concept:

- As data flows down the protocol hierarchy, headers (and trailers) get appended to it.
- As data moves up the hierarchy, headers (and trailers) get stripped off.

#### • An example to illustrate:

- Trivial file transfer protocol (TFTP)
- TFTP client transfers 200 bytes of data.
- 4 bytes of TFTP header gets added.

### **TFTP over Ethernet**



### **Encapsulation in TFTP**



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# **IP Datagrams**



### **The IP Layer**

- IP layer provides a connectionless, unreliable delivery system for packets.
  - Mentioned before.
- Each packet is independent of one another.
  - IP layer need not maintain any history.
  - Each IP packet must contain the source and destination addresses.

# The IP Layer (cont.)

- IP layer does not guarantee delivery of packets.
- IP layer encapsulation
  - Receives a data chunk from the higher layer (TCP or UDP)
  - Prepends (adds) a header of minimum 20 bytes.
- Containing relevant information for handling routing and flow control.

### Illustration



## **Format of IP Datagram**

0 4	8 15	16		31
VER HLEN	Service type	Total Length		
Identification		Flags	Fragment Offs	et
Time to Live	Protocol	Header Checksum		
	Source IF	Addre	\$\$	
	Destination	IP Add	ress	
	Opt	ions		
	DA	TA		

### **IP Header Fields**

#### • VER (4-bits)

- Version of the IP protocol in use (typically 4).
- HLEN(4 bits)
  - Length of the header, expressed as the number of 32-bits words.
  - Minimum size is 5, and maximum 15.
- Total Length (16 bits)
  - Length in bytes of the datagram, including headers.
  - Maximum datagram size::  $2^{16} = 65536$  bytes.

# IP Header Fields (contd.)Service Type (8 bits)

- Allows packet to be assigned a priority.
- Router can use this field to route packets.
- Not universally used.

### • Time to Live (8 bits)

- Prevents a packet from traveling in a loop.
- Senders sets a value, that is decremented at each hop. If it reaches zero, packet is discarded.

### **IP Header Fields (contd.)**

#### Source IP address (32 bits)

Internet address of the sender.

#### Destination IP address (32 bits)

Internet address of the destination.

#### Identification, Flags, Fragment Offset

- Used for handling fragmentation.
- To be discussed later.

#### • Options (variable width)

- Can be given provided router supports
- Source routing, for example.

### **IP Header Fields (contd.)**

- Header Checksum (16 bits)
  - Covers only the IP header
  - How computed?
    - Header treated as a sequence of 16-bit integers.
    - The integers are all added using ones complement arithmetic.
    - Ones complement of the final sum is taken as the checksum.
  - A mismatch in checksum causes the datagram to be discarded.