CS162
Operating Systems and Systems Programming
Lecture 23

Networking III

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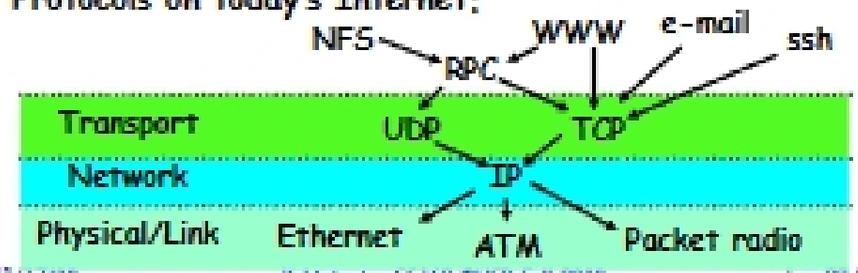
Review: Network Protocols

- Protocol: Agreement between two parties as to how information is to be transmitted
  - Example: system calls are the protocol between the operating system and application
  - Networking examples: many levels
    - » Physical level: mechanical and electrical network (e.g. how are 0 and 1 represented)
    - » Link level: packet formats/error control (for instance, the CSMA/CD protocol)
    - » Network level: network routing, addressing
    - » Transport Level: reliable message delivery
- Protocols on today's Internet:



Review: IP Packet Format

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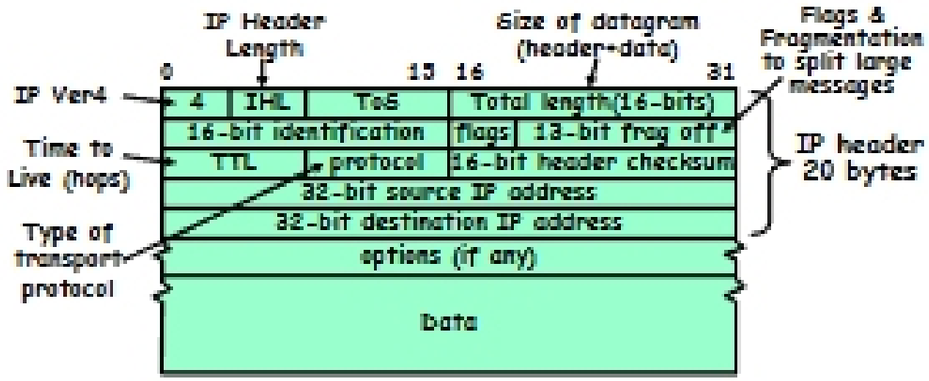

Goals for Today

- Networking
  - Continue discussion of reliable messaging
  - Sequence numbers for ordering
  - Acknowledgments for reliability
- TCP windowing
- Sockets
- Messages
  - Send/receive
  - One vs. two-way communication

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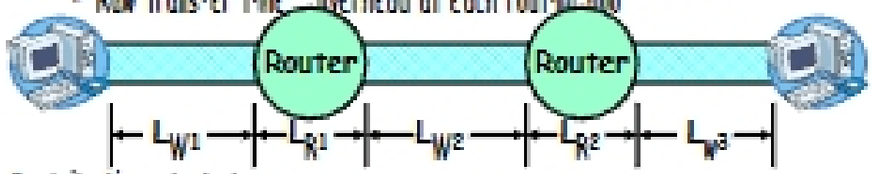
Performance Considerations

- Before we continue, need some performance metrics
  - Overhead: CPU time to put packet on wire
  - Throughput: Maximum number of bytes per second
    - » Depends on "wire speed", but limited by slowest router or by congestion
  - Latency: time until first bit of packet arrives at receiver
    - » Raw transfer time + overhead at each router hop



- Contributions to Latency
  - Wire latency: depends on speed of light on wire
    - » about 1-1.5 ms/foot
  - Router latency: depends on internals of router
    - » Could be < 1 ms (for a good router)
    - » Question: can router handle full wire throughput?
- What is the End-to-end MTU? Minimum across path
- What is the End-to-end Throughput? Minimum across path

Sample Computations

- E.g.: Ethernet within Soda
  - Latency: speed of light in wire is 1.5ns/foot, which implies latency in building < 1 μs (if no routers in path)
  - Throughput: 10-1000Mb/s
  - Throughput delay: packet doesn't arrive until all bits
    - » So: 4KB/100Mb/s = 0.3 milliseconds (same order as disk!)
- E.g.: ATM within Soda
  - Latency (same as above, assuming no routing)
  - Throughput: 155Mb/s
  - Throughput delay: 4KB/155Mb/s = 200μ
- E.g.: ATM cross-country
  - Latency (assuming no routing):
    - » 3000miles * 5000ft/mile ⇒ 15 milliseconds
  - How many bits could be in transit at same time?
    - » 15ms * 155Mb/s = 290KB
  - In fact, Berkeley→MIT Latency ~ 45ms
    - » 872KB in flight if routers have wire-speed throughput
- Requirements for good performance:
  - Local area: minimize overhead/improve bandwidth
  - Wide area: keep pipeline full!

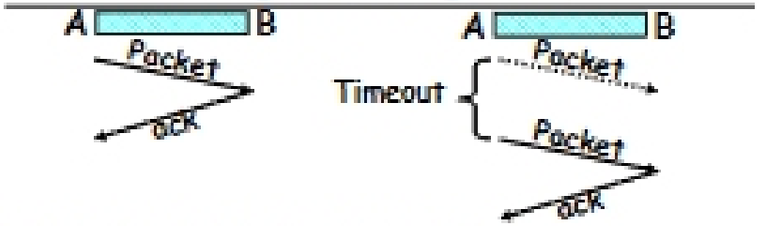
Sequence Numbers

- Ordered Messages
  - Several network services are best constructed by ordered messaging
    - » Ask remote machine to first do x, then do y, etc.
  - Unfortunately, underlying network is packet based:
    - » Packets are routed one at a time through the network
    - » Can take different paths or be delayed individually
  - IP can reorder packets! P_1,P_2 might arrive as P_2,P_1
- Solution requires queuing at destination
  - Need to hold onto packets to undo misordering
  - Total degree of reordering impacts queue size
- Ordered messages on top of unordered ones:
  - Assign sequence numbers to packets
    - » 0,1,2,3,4…
    - » If packets arrive out of order, reorder before delivering to user application
    - » For instance, hold onto #3 until #2 arrives, etc.
  - Sequence numbers are specific to particular connection
    - » Reordering among connections normally doesn't matter
  - If restart connection, need to make sure use different range of sequence numbers than previously…

Reliable Message Delivery: the Problem

- All physical networks can garble and/or drop packets
  - Physical media: packet not transmitted/received
    - » If transmit close to maximum rate, get more throughput – even if some packets get lost
    - » If transmit at lowest voltage such that error correction just starts correcting errors, get best power/bit
  - Congestion: no place to put incoming packet
    - » Point-to-point network: insufficient queue at switch/router
    - » Broadcast link: two host try to use same link
    - » In any network: insufficient buffer space at destination
    - » Rate mismatch: what if sender send faster than receiver can process?
- Reliable Message Delivery on top of Unreliable Packets
  - Need some way to make sure that packets actually make it to receiver
    - » Every packet received at least once
    - » Every packet received at most once
  - Can combine with ordering: every packet received by process at destination exactly once and in order

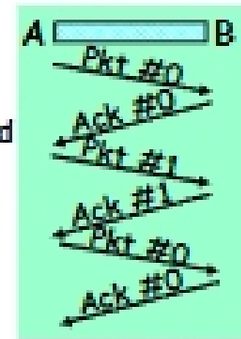
Using Acknowledgements



- How to ensure transmission of packets?
  - Detect garbling at receiver via checksum, discard if bad
  - Receiver acknowledges (by sending "ack") when packet received properly at destination
  - Timeout at sender: if no ack, retransmit
- Some questions:
  - If the sender doesn't get an ack, does that mean the receiver didn't get the original message?
    - » No
  - What if ack gets dropped? Or if message gets delayed?
    - » Sender doesn't get ack, retransmits. Receiver gets message twice, acks each.

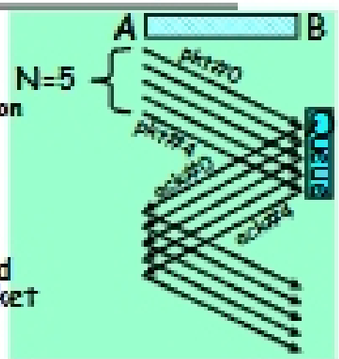
How to deal with message duplication

- Solution: put sequence number in message to identify re-transmitted packets
  - Receiver checks for duplicate #'s; Discard if detected
- Requirements:
  - Sender keeps copy of unack'ed messages
    - » Easy: only need to buffer messages
  - Receiver tracks possible duplicate messages
    - » Hard: when ok to forget about received message?
- Alternating-bit protocol:
  - Send one message at a time; don't send next message until ack received
  - Sender keeps last message; receiver tracks sequence # of last message received
- Pros: simple, small overhead
- Con: Poor performance
  - Wire can hold multiple messages; want to fill up at (wire latency × throughput)
- Con: doesn't work if network can delay or duplicate messages arbitrarily



Better messaging: Window-based acknowledgements

- Window based protocol:
  - Send up to N packets without ack
    - » Allows pipelining of packets
    - » Window size (N) < queue at destination
  - Each packet has sequence number
    - » Receiver acknowledges each packet
    - » Ack says "received all packets up to sequence number X"/send more
- Acks serve dual purpose:
  - Reliability: Confirming packet received
  - Flow Control: Receiver ready for packet
    - » Remaining space in queue at receiver can be returned with ACK
- What if packet gets garbled/dropped?
  - Sender will timeout waiting for ack packet
    - » Resend missing packets⇒ Receiver gets packets out of order!
  - Should receiver discard packets that arrive out of order?
    - » Simple, but poor performance
  - Alternative: Keep copy until sender fills in missing pieces?
    - » Reduces # of retransmits, but more complex
- What if ack gets garbled/dropped?
  - Timeout and resend just the un-acknowledged packets



Administrivia

- Projects:
  - Project 4 design document due Monday, November 24th
- MIDTERM II: Wednesday Dec 3rd
  - Location: 10 Evans, 5:30pm – 8:30pm
  - Topics:
    - » All material from last midterm and up to Monday 12/1
    - » Lectures #13 – 26
    - » One cheat sheet (both sides)
- Final Exam
  - Thursday, Dec 18th, 8:00-11:00am
  - Topics: All Material except last lecture (freebie)
  - Two Cheat sheets.
- Final Topics; Any suggestions?
  - Please send them to me…