

Flashback: ICMP

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ICMP: Error Messages

- SOURCE QUENCE
 - send by overworked routers to the sources of discarded datagrams.
- TIME EXCEEDED
 - send by router for packets whose TIME TO LIVE field has expired.
- DESTINATION UNREACHABLE
 - send by routers who could not find forwarding address.
- REDIRECT
 - if a router thinks, not him, but some other router should have received the packet.
- FRAGMENTATION REQUIRED
 - if the fragment as required permission is not given to a router, it can request source to send fragmented datagrams



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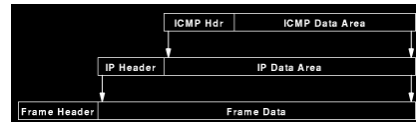
ICMP: Informational Messages

- ECHO/ REQUEST/REPLY
 - An echo request message can be sent to any ICMP host in a network. It sends replies.
 - Ping!
- ADDRESS MASK REQUEST/REPLY
 - A host, when boots can request for the correct address mask for the network. The router in the network send the correct 32 bit address mask.



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ICMP Packets over IP



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Some Example of ICMP Services

- Ping
 - send a datagram with ICMP echo request.
- Trace a Route
 - send IP packets with TIME TO LIVE set to 1, 2, 3, etc.
- Path MTU Discovery
 - set a FLAG bit in IP messages so that it cannot be fragmented by routers.
 - Send large messages and wait for FRAGMENT REQUIRED ICMP message to come back.
 - Do experiment with various data sizes!

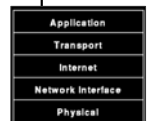


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- IP- Internet Protocol
 - Addressing Scheme
 - Address Resolution
 - Datagram Forwarding
 - Encapsulation, Fragmentation & Reassembly
- TCP- Transmission Control Protocol
 - Connection startup & shutdown
 - Reliability: ordering, missing data handling

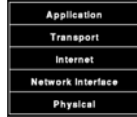


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Transport Layer Protocol

- Datagram service provided by IP is best effort and thus unreliable. For example, IP takes no responsibility if packets are lost, if there are duplicate packets, if a part of the router fails.
- But, many application programs want to assume that when a byte is sent it will be delivered correctly at the other end.
- A Transport Protocol such as TCP, UDP, RTP protocol suits bridges this gap.



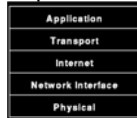
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Flashback: TCP

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Why TCP?

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- TCP layer of TCP/IP protocol suits bridges this gap.



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TCP Services

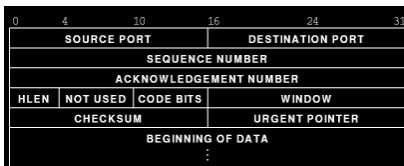
- Connection Orientation
 - application sets up virtual connections.
- Point-to-point Communication
 - each connection has exactly two endpoints.
- Complete Reliability
 - TCP guarantees all bytes will be delivered.
- Full Duplex Communication
 - Data can flow in both direction over connections.
- Stream Interface
 - Byte order is maintained but no records.
- Reliable Connection Startup
 - No interference from earlier connections.
- Graceful Connection Shutdown
 - All sent data will be delivered before shutdown.

TCP provides a completely reliable (no data duplication or loss), connection oriented, full duplex stream transport to applications.

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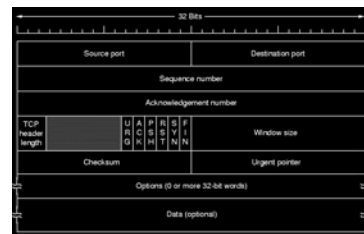
TCP Segment Format

- TCP uses same format for DATA, ACK and 3-way handshake MESSAGES.



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TCP Segment Format



FIN=1 is used for closing a connection.

SYN=1, is used to request a connection

URG=1 if urgent point is in use
Urgent pointer is used to request prompt delivery of data at the receiving end.

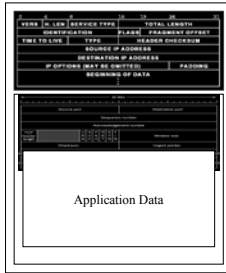
ACK=1 if ack field is valid

PSH=1 to indicate immediate send.

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TCP & IP

- The message that travels..



Application Data



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Virtual Connection

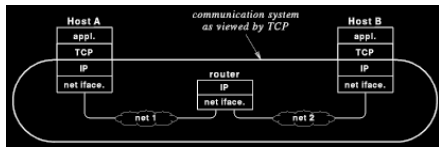
- TCP provides a feeling to the applications that a completely reliable connection exists between two applications.
- TCP uses IP to carry packets. Each TCP packet is encapsulated into an IP datagram. IP layers do not read inside the TCP packets.
- However, the IP or underlying hardware do not know about the connection.



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Relationship Between TCP and IP



- TCP works at two endpoints.



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Time & Large Scale Network

- What should be a good time out time?
 - Local computers can respond within ms.
 - A satellite connected computer needs about .25min.
 - Use long delay for satellite connections and short for local connections.

What if the time over the same connection varies?



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Adaptive Retransmission

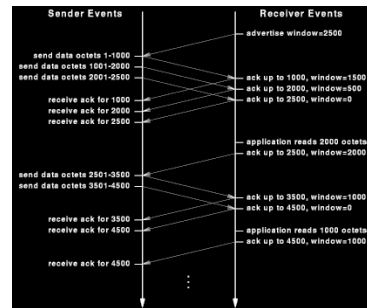
- Previous Transport mechanisms used to use a fixed time delay. TCP uses an adaptive scheme.
- TCP monitors the round-trip-time for each communication.
- Measures average delay and variance.
- Sets the times as a weighted sum of average and variance.



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Buffer, Flow Control & Window

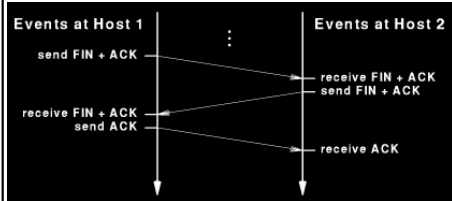


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Three Way Handshake

- TCP uses a three way acknowledgement scheme for making sure that connection can be created and gracefully terminated even when there is computer reboots.



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Congestion Control

- Congestion Collapse?
- When a message is lost, TCP assumes congestion!
- It sends one packet at a time even if the receiver advertised large buffer.
- If it receives acknowledgement, only then doubles the data per packet, and sends two additional packets.
- If these are acknowledged, then it sends four more packets..



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