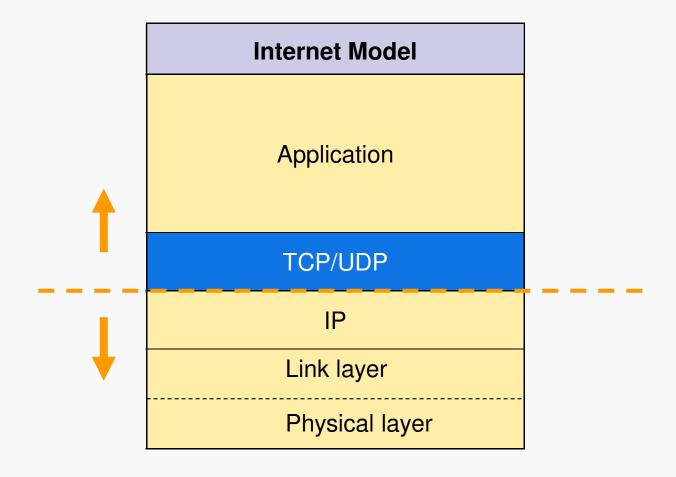
TCP/UDP Basics



Transport Service Overview

- Provide service to application layer by using the service provided by network layer
- Hide physical network
 - ☐ Hide processing complexity
 - ☐ Hide different network technologies and architectures
- Provide reliable, host-to-host transport

Transport layer design issues

- Addressing
- Connection Establishment
- Connection Release
- Flow Control
- Error Detection and Crash Recovery

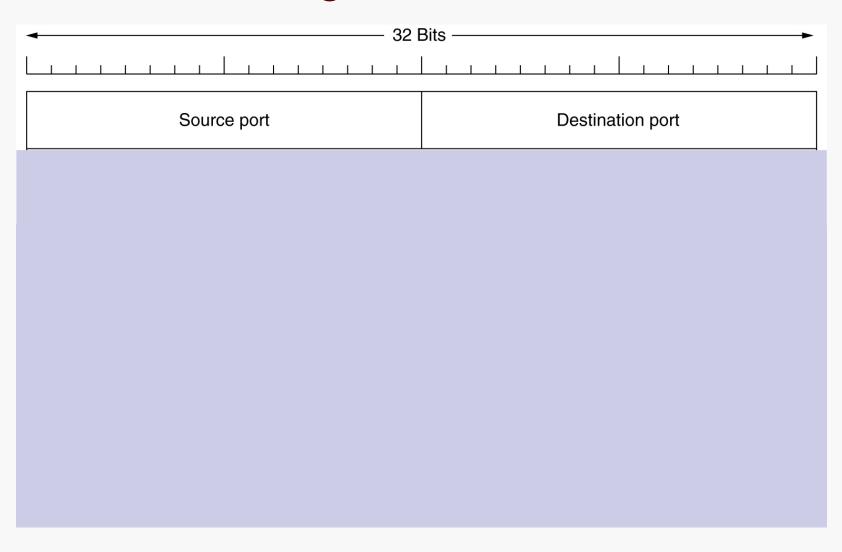
Agenda

- TCP: Transmission control protocol (RFC 793)
 - □ Addressing
 - □ Connection Establishment
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 - □ Error Handling
 - □ Interface and State Machine
 - □ TCP application examples
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TCP -- Addressing

- There are many network applications running on a host. When a packet arrive at network layer, how to know which application to send to?
 - \square Port: there are $2^{16} = 65536$ ports (0-65535) on one machine
 - ☐ One port is linked to only one application
 - ☐ One application may use many ports for different purposes
 - e.g. FTP: 20, 21
- How a client knows which service uses which port?
 - ☐ Permanent, well-known: often used service
 - 0-1023: well-known ports
 - 1024-49151: registered ports
 - **49152-65535:** private ports
 - ☐ Process server proxy and create service on-the-fly: temporary service
 - □ Name server: for file service

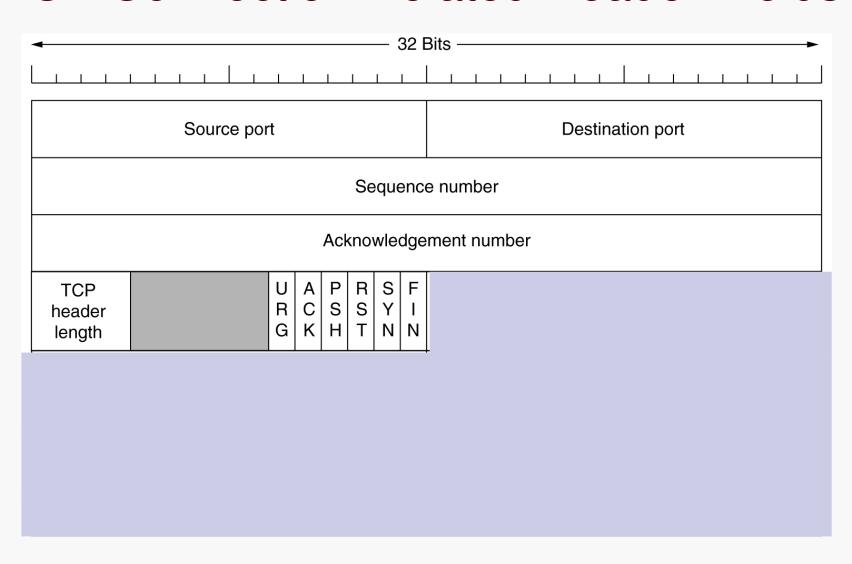
TCP Addressing Header Fields



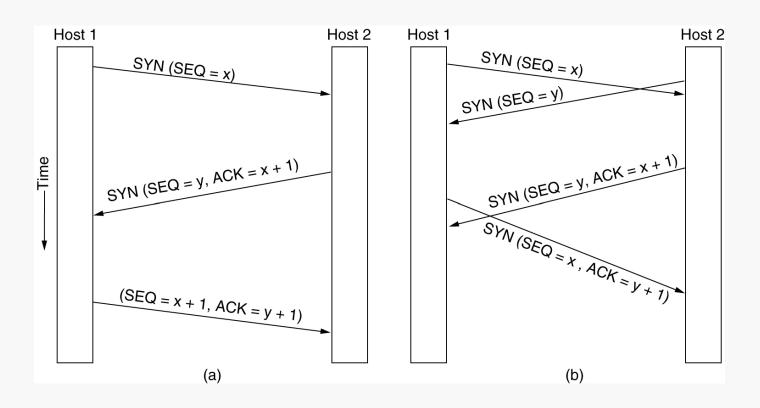
TCP Connection Establishment – design issue

- Connection establishment becomes tricky when the network lose, delay and duplicate packets
 - □ Bank example
- How to differentiate a new packet from a delayed, duplicated packet
 - □ Sequence number
 - Sequence number increase for each packet
 - Sequence number space issue:
 - ☐ Sequence number wrap back
 - A packet should avoid using a sequence number that another packet is using
 - ☐ A duplicated or delayed packet should die after a while
 - IP layer already handles this issue by 'Time To Live' header field

TCP Connection Related Header Fields



TCP Connection Establishment – solution three way handshake



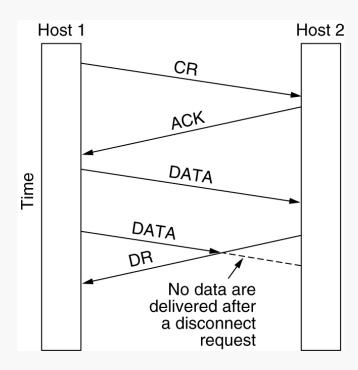
- (a) TCP connection establishment in the normal case.
- (b) Call collision.

TCP Connection Release – design options and issue (1)

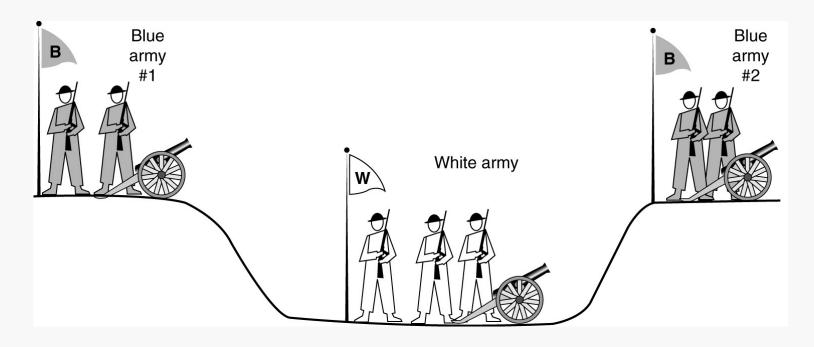
Two release method: asymmetric and symmetric

Asymmetric release issue: possibility of losing

data

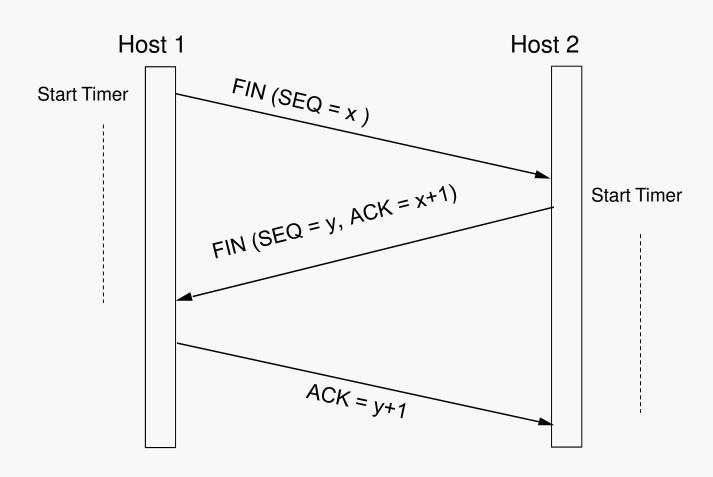


TCP Connection Release – design options and issue (2)



- Two army issue
 - □ No protocol can work
 - ☐ One side should always take more risk

TCP Connection Release – solution Three way handshake + timeout

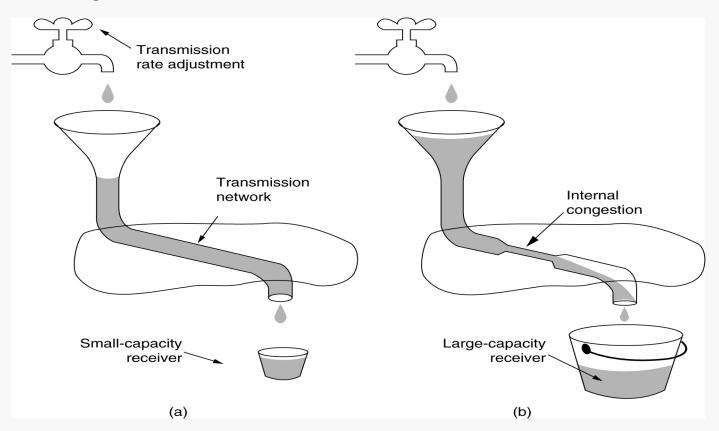


TCP Flow Control – design issue

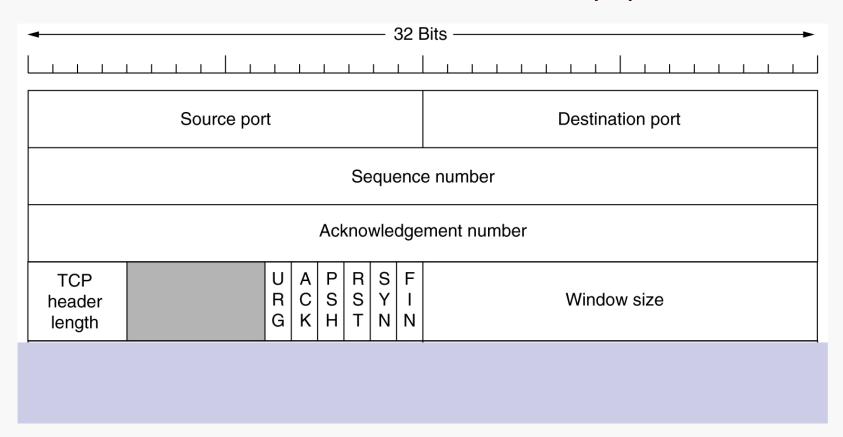
Speed of data sending is critical

- □ Too fast:
 - network congestion or
 - receiving side overload

- □ Too slow type example
 - waste of network resource or receiving memory

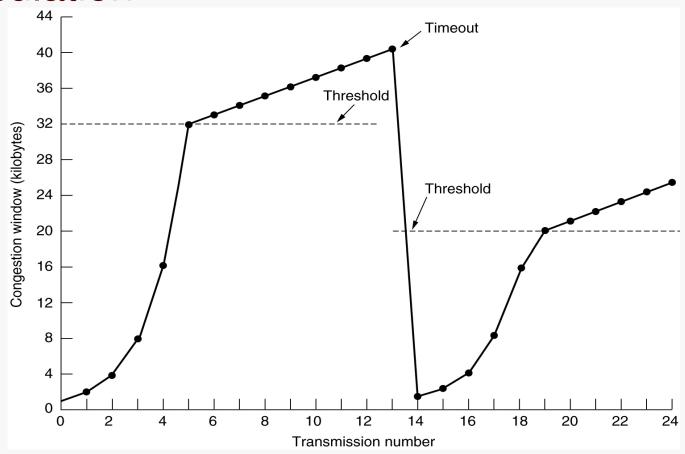


TCP Flow Control – solution (1)



- Windows maintained by both sending and receiving hosts
- Receiving side window size is decided by the available capability of receiving host's
- Sender maintains two windows
 - □ receiver window (got from receiving host), congestion window (to calculate)

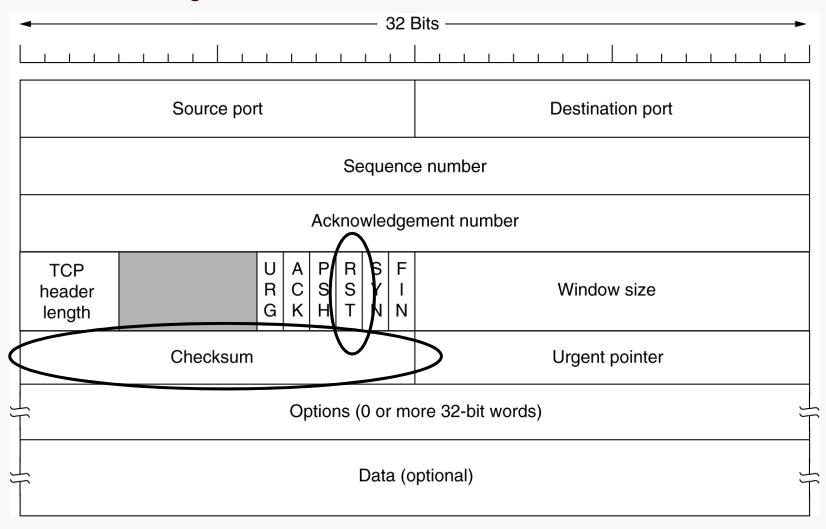
TCP Flow Control – congestion window size calculation



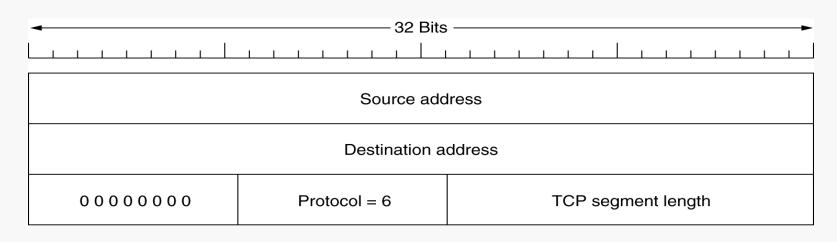
slow start, reaching threshold, linear increment till timeout, recalculate threshold, slow start... till reaching receiver window size or timeout...

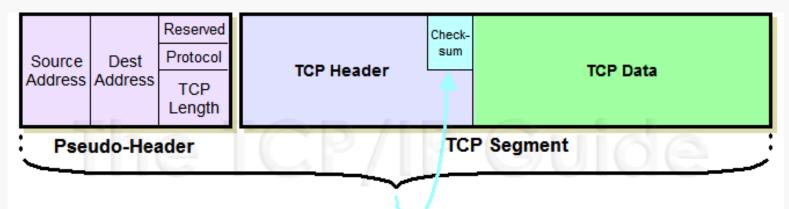
TCP Error Handling

- Host crash and recovery
- Data error during transmission



TCP Error Handling – TCP checksum



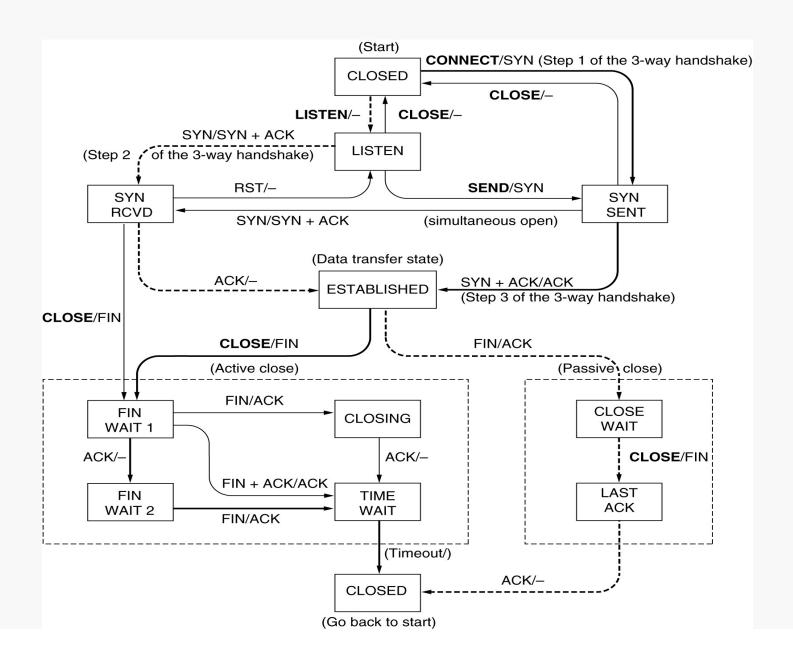


Checksum Calculated Over Pseudo Header and TCP Segment

TCP service primitives

Primitive	Meaning
SOCKET	Create a new communication end point
BIND	Attach a local address to a socket
LISTEN	Announce willingness to accept connections; give queue size
ACCEPT	Block the caller until a connection attempt arrives
CONNECT	Actively attempt to establish a connection
SEND	Send some data over the connection
RECEIVE	Receive some data from the connection
CLOSE	Release the connection

TCP Finite State Machine



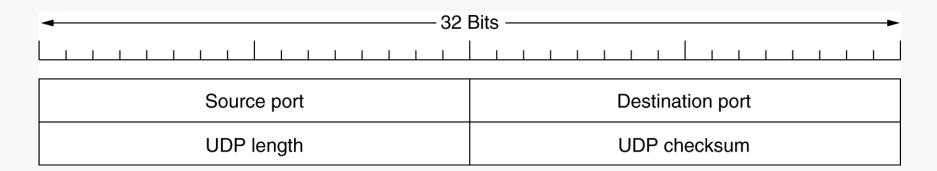
TCP application examples

- When to use TCP:
 - ☐ When an application need a reliable transport
- Examples
 - ☐ File Transfer Protocol: FTP (21)
 - ☐ Secure Shell: SSH (22)
 - □ Teletype Network: TELNET (23)
 - ☐ Simple Mail Transfer Protocol: SMTP (25)
 - ☐ Hypertext Transfer Protocol: HTTP (80)

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UDP Header



- UDP Destination Port: identifies destination process
- UDP Source Port: optional identifies source process for replies, or zero
- Message Length: length of datagram in bytes, including header and data
- Checksum: optional -- 16-bit checksum over header and data, or zero

UDP Properties

- UDP provides an unreliable datagram service
 - □ Packets may be lost or delivered out of order
 - □ Message split into datagrams, user sends datagrams as packets on network layer
 - □ No buffer at either sending or receiving side
 - □ Unreliable but fast
 - □ Full duplex
 - □ Application must deal with lost packets

UDP Application Examples

When to use UDP

- □ Reduce the requirement of computer resources
- ☐ The checking scheme has provided completely by the application program
- □ When using the Multicast or Broadcast to transfer
- □ The transmission of Real-time packets

Examples

- ☐ Trivial File Transfer Protocol, TFTP
- ☐ Simple Network Management Protocol, SNMP
- □ Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol → DHCP
- □ Domain Name System → DNS
- □ Routing Information Protocol , RIP
- ☐ Real-Time Transport Protocol, RTP

TCP vs. UDP

TCP UDP

connection-oriented

confirmed service

high overhead

(header 20 bytes)

flow control

connectionless

unconfirmed service

low overhead

(header 8 bytes)

no flow control

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