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Computer Networking: A Top Down Approach
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Chapter 2: outline

2.1 principles of network applications
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   ▪ SMTP, POP3, IMAP
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Chapter 2: application layer

**our goals:**
- conceptual, implementation aspects of network application protocols
  - transport-layer service models
  - client-server paradigm
- learn about protocols by examining popular application-level protocols
  - HTTP
  - FTP
  - SMTP / POP3 / IMAP
  - DNS
- creating network applications
  - socket API (To be done during Lab 3)
Some network apps

- e-mail
- web
- text messaging
- remote login
- P2P file sharing
- multi-user network games
- streaming stored video (YouTube, Hulu, Netflix)
- voice over IP (e.g., Skype)
- real-time video conferencing
- social networking
- search
- ...
- ...
Creating a network app

write programs that:
- run on (different) end systems
- communicate over network
- e.g., web server software communicates with browser software

no need to write software for network-core devices
- network-core devices do not run user applications
- applications on end systems allows for rapid app development, propagation
Application architectures

possible structure of applications:
- client-server
- peer-to-peer (P2P)
Client-server architecture

**server:**
- always-on host
- permanent IP address
- data centers for scaling

**clients:**
- communicate with server
- may be intermittently connected
- may have dynamic IP addresses
- do not communicate directly with each other
P2P architecture

- no always-on server
- arbitrary end systems directly communicate
- peers request service from other peers, provide service in return to other peers
  - *self scalability* – new peers bring new service capacity, as well as new service demands
- peers are intermittently connected and change IP addresses
  - complex management
Processes communicating

*process*: program running within a host
- within same host, two processes communicate using *inter-process communication* (defined by OS)
- processes in different hosts communicate by exchanging messages

*client process*: process that initiates communication
*server process*: process that waits to be contacted

*clients, servers*

*aside: applications with P2P architectures have client processes & server processes*
Sockets

- process sends/receives messages to/from its socket
- socket analogous to door
  - sending process shoves message out door
  - sending process relies on transport infrastructure on other side of door to deliver message to socket at receiving process

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Addressing processes

- to receive messages, process must have identifier
- host device has unique 32-bit IP address
- **Q:** does IP address of host on which process runs suffice for identifying the process?
  - **A:** no, many processes can be running on same host

- identifier includes both IP address and port numbers associated with process on host.
- example port numbers:
  - HTTP server: 80
  - mail server: 25
- to send HTTP message to gaia.cs.umass.edu web server:
  - IP address: 128.119.245.12
  - port number: 80
- more shortly…
App-layer protocol defines

- types of messages exchanged,
  - e.g., request, response
- message syntax:
  - what fields in messages & how fields are delineated
- message semantics
  - meaning of information in fields
- rules for when and how processes send & respond to messages

open protocols:
- defined in RFCs
- allows for interoperability
- e.g., HTTP, SMTP

proprietary protocols:
- e.g., Skype
What transport service does an app need?

**data integrity**
- some apps (e.g., file transfer, web transactions) require 100% reliable data transfer
- other apps (e.g., audio) can tolerate some loss

**throughput**
- some apps (e.g., multimedia) require minimum amount of throughput to be “effective”
- other apps (“elastic apps”) make use of whatever throughput they get

**timing**
- some apps (e.g., Internet telephony, interactive games) require low delay to be “effective”

**security**
- encryption, data integrity, ...
## Transport service requirements: common apps

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Internet transport protocols services

**TCP service:**
- **reliable transport** between sending and receiving process
- **flow control:** sender won’t overwhelm receiver
- **congestion control:** throttle sender when network overloaded
- **does not provide:** timing, minimum throughput guarantee, security
- **connection-oriented:** setup required between client and server processes

**UDP service:**
- **unreliable data transfer** between sending and receiving process
- **does not provide:** reliability, flow control, congestion control, timing, throughput guarantee, security, or connection setup,

Q: why bother? Why is there a UDP?
## Internet apps: application, transport protocols

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Securing TCP

TCP & UDP
- no encryption
- cleartext passwds sent into socket traverse Internet in cleartext

SSL
- provides encrypted TCP connection
- data integrity
- end-point authentication

SSL is at app layer
- Apps use SSL libraries, which “talk” to TCP

SSL socket API
- cleartext passwds sent into socket traverse Internet encrypted
- See Chapter 7
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Web and HTTP

First, a review…

- web page consists of objects
- object can be HTML file, JPEG image, Java applet, audio file,…
- web page consists of base HTML-file which includes several referenced objects
- each object is addressable by a URL, e.g.,

  www.someschool.edu/someDept/pic.gif

  host name                     path name
HTTP overview

HTTP: hypertext transfer protocol

- Web’s application layer protocol
- client/server model
  - **client**: browser that requests, receives, (using HTTP protocol) and “displays” Web objects
  - **server**: Web server sends (using HTTP protocol) objects in response to requests
HTTP overview (continued)

uses TCP:
- client initiates TCP connection (creates socket) to server, port 80
- server accepts TCP connection from client
- HTTP messages (application-layer protocol messages) exchanged between browser (HTTP client) and Web server (HTTP server)
- TCP connection closed

HTTP is “stateless”
- server maintains no information about past client requests

Aside:
- protocols that maintain “state” are complex!
- past history (state) must be maintained
- if server/client crashes, their views of “state” may be inconsistent, must be reconciled
HTTP connections

**non-persistent HTTP**
- at most one object sent over TCP connection
  - connection then closed
- downloading multiple objects required multiple connections

**persistent HTTP**
- multiple objects can be sent over single TCP connection between client, server
Non-persistent HTTP

suppose user enters URL:
www.someSchool.edu/someDepartment/home.index

1a. HTTP client initiates TCP connection to HTTP server (process) at www.someSchool.edu on port 80

2. HTTP client sends HTTP request message (containing URL) into TCP connection socket. Message indicates that client wants object someDepartment/home.index

1b. HTTP server at host www.someSchool.edu waiting for TCP connection at port 80. “accepts” connection, notifying client

3. HTTP server receives request message, forms response message containing requested object, and sends message into its socket
Non-persistent HTTP (cont.)

4. HTTP server closes TCP connection.

5. HTTP client receives response message containing html file, displays html. Parsing html file, finds 10 referenced jpeg objects

6. Steps 1-5 repeated for each of 10 jpeg objects
Non-persistent HTTP: response time

RTT (definition): time for a small packet to travel from client to server and back

HTTP response time:
- one RTT to initiate TCP connection
- one RTT for HTTP request and first few bytes of HTTP response to return
- file transmission time
- non-persistent HTTP response time = $2\text{RTT} + \text{file transmission time}$
**Persistent HTTP**

**non-persistent HTTP issues:**
- requires 2 RTTs per object
- OS overhead for *each* TCP connection
- browsers often open parallel TCP connections to fetch referenced objects

**persistent HTTP:**
- server leaves connection open after sending response
- subsequent HTTP messages between same client/server sent over open connection
- client sends requests as soon as it encounters a referenced object
- as little as one RTT for all the referenced objects
HTTP request message

- two types of HTTP messages: request, response
- HTTP request message:
  - request line (GET, POST, HEAD commands)
  - header lines: ASCII (human-readable format)

```
GET /index.html HTTP/1.1\r\nHost: www-net.cs.umass.edu\r\nUser-Agent: Firefox/3.6.10\r\nAccept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml\r
Accept-Language: en-us,en;q=0.5\r
Accept-Encoding: gzip,deflate\r
Accept-Charset: ISO-8859-1,utf-8;q=0.7\r
Keep-Alive: 115\r
Connection: keep-alive\r\n```

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HTTP request message: general format

```
method  sp  URL  sp  version  cr  lf
header field name  value  cr  lf
header field name  value  cr  lf
cr  lf
```

request line
header lines
body

entity body
Uploading form input

**POST method:**
- web page often includes form input
- input is uploaded to server in entity body

**URL method:**
- uses GET method
- input is uploaded in URL field of request line:

  `www.somesite.com/animalsearch?monkeys&banana`
Method types

HTTP/1.0:
- GET
- POST
- HEAD
  - asks server to leave requested object out of response

HTTP/1.1:
- GET, POST, HEAD
- PUT
  - uploads file in entity body to path specified in URL field
- DELETE
  - deletes file specified in the URL field
HTTP response message

status line (protocol status code status phrase)

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 20:09:20 GMT
Server: Apache/2.0.52 (CentOS)
Last-Modified: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 17:00:02 GMT
ETag: "17dc6-a5c-bf716880"
Accept-Ranges: bytes
Content-Length: 2652
Keep-Alive: timeout=10, max=100
Connection: Keep-Alive
Content-Type: text/html; charset=ISO-8859-1

data data data data data data ...
HTTP response status codes

- status code appears in 1st line in server-to-client response message.
- some sample codes:

  200 OK
  - request succeeded, requested object later in this msg

  301 Moved Permanently
  - requested object moved, new location specified later in this msg
    (Location:)

  400 Bad Request
  - request msg not understood by server

  404 Not Found
  - requested document not found on this server

  505 HTTP Version Not Supported
Trying out HTTP (client side) for yourself

1. Telnet to your favorite Web server:

   telnet cis.poly.edu 80

   opens TCP connection to port 80 (default HTTP server port) at cis.poly.edu. anything typed in sent to port 80 at cis.poly.edu

2. type in a GET HTTP request:

   GET /~ross/ HTTP/1.1
   Host: cis.poly.edu

   by typing this in (hit carriage return twice), you send this minimal (but complete) GET request to HTTP server

3. look at response message sent by HTTP server!

   (or use Wireshark to look at captured HTTP request/response)
User-server state: cookies

many Web sites use cookies

four components:

1) cookie header line of HTTP *response* message
2) cookie header line in next HTTP *request* message
3) cookie file kept on user’s host, managed by user’s browser
4) back-end database at Web site

example:

- Susan always access Internet from PC
- visits specific e-commerce site for first time
- when initial HTTP requests arrives at site, site creates:
  - unique ID
  - entry in backend database for ID
Cookies: keeping “state” (cont.)

One week later:

**client**

- eBay 8734
- cookie file

**server**

- eBay 8734
- Amazon 1678

- usual http request msg
- **set-cookie: 1678**
- usual http response msg

Amazon server creates ID 1678 for user

- usual http request msg
- **cookie: 1678**
- usual http response msg

cookie-specific action

- eBay 8734
- Amazon 1678

backend database

create entry

access

cookie-specific action

access
Cookies (continued)

**what cookies can be used for:**
- authorization
- shopping carts
- recommendations
- user session state (Web e-mail)

**how to keep “state”:**
- protocol endpoints: maintain state at sender/receiver over multiple transactions
- cookies: http messages carry state

**aside**
**cookies and privacy:**
- cookies permit sites to learn a lot about you
- you may supply name and e-mail to sites
Web caches (proxy server)

**goal:** satisfy client request without involving origin server

- user sets browser: Web accesses via cache
- browser sends all HTTP requests to cache
  - object in cache: cache returns object
  - else cache requests object from origin server, then returns object to client
More about Web caching

- cache acts as both client and server
  - server for original requesting client
  - client to origin server
- typically cache is installed by ISP (university, company, residential ISP)

**why Web caching?**

- reduce response time for client request
- reduce traffic on an institution’s access link
- Internet dense with caches: enables “poor” content providers to effectively deliver content (so too does P2P file sharing)
**Caching example:**

**assumptions:**
- avg object size: 100K bits
- avg request rate from browsers to origin servers: 15/sec
- avg data rate to browsers: 1.50 Mbps
- RTT from institutional router to any origin server: 2 sec
- access link rate: 1.54 Mbps

**consequences:**
- LAN utilization: 15% **proble**
- access link utilization = 99%
- total delay = Internet delay + access delay + LAN delay
  = 2 sec + minutes + usecs
Caching example: fatter access link

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**Cost:** increased access link speed (not cheap!)
Caching example: install local cache

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How to compute link utilization, delay?

Cost: web cache (cheap!)
Caching example: install local cache

Calculating access link utilization, delay with cache:

- suppose cache hit rate is 0.4
  - 40% requests satisfied at cache, 60% requests satisfied at origin

- access link utilization:
  - 60% of requests use access link

- data rate to browsers over access link = 0.6 * 1.50 Mbps = 0.9 Mbps
  - utilization = 0.9 / 1.54 = 0.58

- total delay
  - = 0.6 * (delay from origin servers) + 0.4 * (delay when satisfied at cache)
  - = 0.6 * (2.01) + 0.4 * (~msecs)
  - = ~ 1.2 secs
  - less than with 154 Mbps link (and cheaper too!)
**Conditional GET**

- **Goal:** don’t send object if cache has up-to-date cached version
  - no object transmission delay
  - lower link utilization
- **cache:** specify date of cached copy in HTTP request
  - `If-modified-since: <date>`
- **server:** response contains no object if cached copy is up-to-date:
  - `HTTP/1.0 304 Not Modified`

```plaintext
HTTP request msg
If-modified-since: <date>

HTTP response
HTTP/1.0 304 Not Modified
```

```plaintext
HTTP request msg
If-modified-since: <date>

HTTP response
HTTP/1.0 200 OK <data>
```

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FTP: the file transfer protocol

- transfer file to/from remote host
- client/server model
  - client: side that initiates transfer (either to/from remote)
  - server: remote host
- ftp: RFC 959
- ftp server: port 21
FTP: separate control, data connections

- FTP client contacts FTP server at port 21, using TCP
- client authorized over control connection
- client browses remote directory, sends commands over control connection
- when server receives file transfer command, server opens 2nd TCP data connection (for file) to client
- after transferring one file, server closes data connection
- server opens another TCP data connection to transfer another file
- control connection: “out of band”
- FTP server maintains “state”: current directory, earlier authentication
FTP commands, responses

**sample commands:**
- sent as ASCII text over control channel
- `USER username`
- `PASS password`
- `LIST` return list of file in current directory
- `RETR filename` retrieves (gets) file
- `STOR filename` stores (puts) file onto remote host

**sample return codes**
- status code and phrase (as in HTTP)
- 331 Username OK, password required
- 125 data connection already open; transfer starting
- 425 Can’t open data connection
- 452 Error writing file
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Electronic mail

Three major components:

- user agents
- mail servers
- simple mail transfer protocol: SMTP

User Agent

- a.k.a. “mail reader”
- composing, editing, reading mail messages
- e.g., Outlook, Thunderbird, iPhone mail client
- outgoing, incoming messages stored on server
Electronic mail: mail servers

mail servers:
- *mailbox* contains incoming messages for user
- *message queue* of outgoing (to be sent) mail messages
- *SMTP protocol* between mail servers to send email messages
  - client: sending mail server
  - “server”: receiving mail server
Electronic Mail: SMTP [RFC 2821]

- uses TCP to reliably transfer email message from client to server, port 25
- direct transfer: sending server to receiving server
- three phases of transfer
  - handshaking (greeting)
  - transfer of messages
  - closure
- command/response interaction (like HTTP, FTP)
  - commands: ASCII text
  - response: status code and phrase
- messages must be in 7-bit ASCII
Scenario: Alice sends message to Bob

1) Alice uses UA to compose message “to” bob@someschool.edu
2) Alice’s UA sends message to her mail server; message placed in message queue
3) client side of SMTP opens TCP connection with Bob’s mail server
4) SMTP client sends Alice’s message over the TCP connection
5) Bob’s mail server places the message in Bob’s mailbox
6) Bob invokes his user agent to read message
Sample SMTP interaction

S: 220 hamburger.edu
C: HELO crepes.fr
S: 250 Hello crepes.fr, pleased to meet you
C: MAIL FROM: <alice@crepes.fr>
S: 250 alice@crepes.fr... Sender ok
C: RCPT TO: <bob@hamburger.edu>
S: 250 bob@hamburger.edu ... Recipient ok
C: DATA
S: 354 Enter mail, end with "." on a line by itself
C: Do you like ketchup?
C: How about pickles?
C: .
S: 250 Message accepted for delivery
C: QUIT
S: 221 hamburger.edu closing connection
Try SMTP interaction for yourself:

- `telnet servername 25`
- see 220 reply from server
- enter HELO, MAIL FROM, RCPT TO, DATA, QUIT commands

above lets you send email without using email client (reader)
SMTP: final words

- SMTP uses persistent connections
- SMTP requires message (header & body) to be in 7-bit ASCII
- SMTP server uses CRLF.CRLF to determine end of message

Comparison with HTTP:

- HTTP: pull
- SMTP: push
- Both have ASCII command/response interaction, status codes
- HTTP: each object encapsulated in its own response msg
- SMTP: multiple objects sent in multipart msg
SMTP: protocol for exchanging email msgs
RFC 822: standard for text message format:
- header lines, e.g.,
  - To:
  - From:
  - Subject:
    *different from* SMTP MAIL FROM, RCPT TO: commands!
- Body: the “message”
  - ASCII characters only
Mail access protocols

- **SMTP**: delivery/storage to receiver’s server
- mail access protocol: retrieval from server
  - **POP**: Post Office Protocol [RFC 1939]: authorization, download
  - **IMAP**: Internet Mail Access Protocol [RFC 1730]: more features, including manipulation of stored msgs on server
  - **HTTP**: gmail, Hotmail, Yahoo! Mail, etc.
**POP3 protocol**

### authorization phase
- **client commands:**
  - `user`: declare username
  - `pass`: password
- **server responses**
  - `+OK`
  - `–ERR`

### transaction phase, client:
- `list`: list message numbers
- `retr`: retrieve message by number
- `dele`: delete
- `quit`

```
S: +OK POP3 server ready
C: user bob
S: +OK
C: pass hungry
S: +OK user successfully logged on

C: list
S: 1 498
S: 2 912
S: .
C: retr 1
S: <message 1 contents>
S: .
C: dele 1
C: retr 2
S: <message 1 contents>
S: .
C: dele 2
C: quit
S: +OK POP3 server signing off
```
**POP3 (more) and IMAP**

**more about POP3**
- Previous example uses POP3 “download and delete” mode
  - Bob cannot re-read e-mail if he changes client
- POP3 “download-and-keep”: copies of messages on different clients
- POP3 is stateless across sessions

**IMAP**
- Keeps all messages in one place: at server
- Allows user to organize messages in folders
- Keeps user state across sessions:
  - Names of folders and mappings between message IDs and folder name
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**DNS: domain name system**

**people:** many identifiers:
- SSN, name, passport

**Internet hosts, routers:**
- IP address (32 bit) - used for addressing datagrams
- “name”, e.g., www.yahoo.com - used by humans

**Q:** how to map between IP address and name, and vice versa?

**Domain Name System:**
- *distributed database*
  implemented in hierarchy of many *name servers*
- *application-layer protocol:* hosts, name servers communicate to *resolve* names (address/name translation)
  - note: core Internet function, implemented as application-layer protocol
  - complexity at network’s “edge”
DNS: services, structure

**DNS services**
- hostname to IP address translation
- host aliasing
  - canonical, alias names
- mail server aliasing
- load distribution
  - replicated Web servers: many IP addresses correspond to one name

**why not centralize DNS?**
- single point of failure
- traffic volume
- distant centralized database
- maintenance

A: *doesn’t scale!*
DNS: a distributed, hierarchical database

client wants IP for www.amazon.com; 1st approx:

- client queries root server to find com DNS server
- client queries .com DNS server to get amazon.com DNS server
- client queries amazon.com DNS server to get IP address for www.amazon.com
DNS: root name servers

- contacted by local name server that can not resolve name
- root name server:
  - contacts authoritative name server if name mapping not known
  - gets mapping
  - returns mapping to local name server

13 root name “servers” worldwide

a. Verisign, Los Angeles CA (5 other sites)
b. USC-ISI Marina del Rey, CA
c. Cogent, Herndon, VA (5 other sites)d. U Maryland College Park, MD
h. ARL Aberdeen, MD
j. Verisign, Dulles VA (69 other sites)
e. NASA Mt View, CA
f. Internet Software C. Palo Alto, CA (and 48 other sites)
i. Netnod, Stockholm (37 other sites)
k. RIPE London (17 other sites)
l. ICANN Los Angeles, CA (41 other sites)
m. WIDE Tokyo (5 other sites)
g. US DoD Columbus, OH (5 other sites)
TLD, authoritative servers

Top-level domain (TLD) servers:
- responsible for com, org, net, edu, aero, jobs, museums, and all top-level country domains, e.g.: uk, fr, ca, jp
- Network Solutions maintains servers for .com TLD
- Educause for .edu TLD

Authoritative DNS servers:
- organization’s own DNS server(s), providing authoritative hostname to IP mappings for organization’s named hosts
- can be maintained by organization or service provider
Local DNS name server

- does not strictly belong to hierarchy
- each ISP (residential ISP, company, university) has one
  - also called “default name server”
- when host makes DNS query, query is sent to its local DNS server
  - has local cache of recent name-to-address translation pairs (but may be out of date!)
  - acts as proxy, forwards query into hierarchy
DNS name resolution example

- host at cis.poly.edu wants IP address for gaia.cs.umass.edu

iterated query:
- contacted server replies with name of server to contact
- “I don’t know this name, but ask this server”
DNS name resolution example

**recursive query:**
- puts burden of name resolution on contacted name server
- heavy load at upper levels of hierarchy?
DNS: caching, updating records

- once (any) name server learns mapping, it caches mapping
  - cache entries timeout (disappear) after some time (TTL)
  - TLD servers typically cached in local name servers
    - thus root name servers not often visited
- cached entries may be out-of-date (best effort name-to-address translation!)
  - if name host changes IP address, may not be known Internet-wide until all TTLs expire
- update/notify mechanisms proposed IETF standard
  - RFC 2136
DNS records

**DNS**: distributed db storing resource records (RR)

**RR format**: (name, value, type, ttl)

- **type=A**
  - *name* is hostname
  - *value* is IP address

- **type=NS**
  - *name* is domain (e.g., foo.com)
  - *value* is hostname of authoritative name server for this domain

- **type=CNAME**
  - *name* is alias name for some "canonical" (the real) name
  - *value* is canonical name

- **type=MX**
  - *value* is name of mailserver associated with *name*
DNS protocol, messages

- *query* and *reply* messages, both with the same message format

**msg header**

- **identification**: 16 bit # for query, reply to query uses same #
- **flags**: 
  - query or reply
  - recursion desired
  - recursion available
  - reply is authoritative

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- **Identification**: 2 bytes
- **Flags**: 2 bytes

#### Diagram:

- **Name, type fields for a query**
- **RRs in response to query**
- **Records for authoritative servers**
- **Additional “helpful” info that may be used**
Inserting records into DNS

- example: new startup “Network Utopia”
- register name networkuptopia.com at DNS registrar (e.g., Network Solutions)
  - provide names, IP addresses of authoritative name server (primary and secondary)
  - registrar inserts two RRs into .com TLD server:
    (networkutopia.com, dns1.networkutopia.com, NS)
    (dns1.networkutopia.com, 212.212.212.1, A)
- create authoritative server type A record for www.networkutopia.com; type MX record for networkutopia.com
Chapter 2: summary

our study of network apps now complete!

- application architectures
  - client-server
  - P2P
- application service requirements:
  - reliability, bandwidth, delay
- Internet transport service model
  - connection-oriented, reliable: TCP
  - unreliable, datagrams: UDP

- specific protocols:
  - HTTP
  - FTP
  - SMTP, POP, IMAP
  - DNS
Chapter 2: summary

most importantly: learned about protocols!

- typical request/reply message exchange:
  - client requests info or service
  - server responds with data, status code
- message formats:
  - headers: fields giving info about data
  - data: info being communicated

important themes:
- control vs. data msgs
  - in-band, out-of-band
- centralized vs. decentralized
- stateless vs. stateful
- reliable vs. unreliable msg transfer
- “complexity at network edge”