#### CS 181AG Lecture 17

# Intro to Transport Layer

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# Recap from Monday

- Routers use a crossbar switch to move packets between input and output ports
- Routers keep queues for received packets AND queues for outgoing packets
- Virtual Output Queues (VOQs) help by avoiding HOL blocking
- PIM: inputs request to each output for which it has packets, outport port chooses which input to grant randomly, input chooses which output to accept randomly
- iSLIP: similar to PIM but choose with rotating pointer instead of randomly



• Single hop: Start with one wire: how do multiple devices share a single wire to communicate with each other?





• **Physical Medium**: What is the wire itself made of? What about wireless mediums?

Application Layer

Transport Layer

Network Layer

Data Link Layer

Physical Layer

• Routing: What path should data take?



Application Layer

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**Network Layer** 

Data Link Layer

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• End-to-end delivery: How do we know the packet reached?



• User interaction: How does an internet user interface with network services?





# Transport Layer

- Protocols:
  - Transmission Control Protocol (TCP): provides reliability in a multi-hop network
  - User Datagram Protocol (**UDP**): faster but less reliable; better for low-latency applications like video
- Today's focus: TCP



- Provides reliability across multi-hop network
- Each link in a network is quite reliable, so why do we worry about packets getting lost?

# Congestion

- Congestion leads to packet loss!
- We added queues. We sped up algorithms to do lookup, classification, and moving packets. Sometimes, it's not enough
- When packets arrive faster than router can process them (queues fill up), packets are dropped





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Receiver











- Two potential problems:
  - Packet loss
  - Out-of-order arrival

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  - How to identify a connection?
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### Port Numbers

- IP addresses only identify a device. Port numbers allow a single device to maintain multiple applications
- Connection is identified by pair of IP addresses (src and dst) and pair of ports (src and dst)



# Port Numbers

- Port numbers are 16 bits (0 65535)
- Many ports numbers are standardized
  - If you want to initiate a TCP connection to browse a website and the server is located at 8.8.8.8 (Google), TCP session request is sent to (8.8.8.8.80) because port 80 is always for web traffic
- Numbers < 1024 are reserved; numbers > 1024 are assigned dynamically (by operating system) upon a new session



- Closing the loop on our discussion about public/private networks:
- When data address to public IP address arrives at your router, how does the router know that it's for you?

• Use private IP addresses within a network and a single public IP outside





# Network Address Translation (in more detail)

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  - Packet loss -> Automatic Repeat Request (ARQ)
  - Out-of-order arrival -> Sequence Numbers

# Segments and Sequence Numbers

- Application can write any amount of data and TCP will chop it into segments, or packets
- Each segment is assigned a 32-bit sequence number
- Sequence numbers are for bytes, not segments
  - If packet with 5 bytes has sequence number 100, what should next segment's sequence number be?
- Usually sequence numbers start at 0 but they don't have to
- Separate sequence number in each direction

# Providing Reliability

- Two types of packets:
  - Data packets
  - Ack packets
- Basic mechanism: data packets are sent and must be acknowledged with an ack
- Ack contains sequence number of the oldest byte it has not yet received yet
  - To acknowledge that it received bytes 0 7, ack number will be 8

### Stop and Wait ARQ

- After sending a packet, wait for ack before sending the next one
- Drawbacks?



### Selective Repeat ARQ

- Sender and receiver agree on a window size (# bytes). This is the number of bytes that can be sent without getting an ack
- Acks are often piggybacked on return data
- Receiver will buffer out-of-order segments

Node A

Node B

# Example

• Window size = 12



#### Starting a TCP Session

Node A Node B



#### Next Time

- Congestion control
- Starting a session in more detail