Lecture 25: Networking

CS 105

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Physical Layer

Twisted Pair



Coaxial



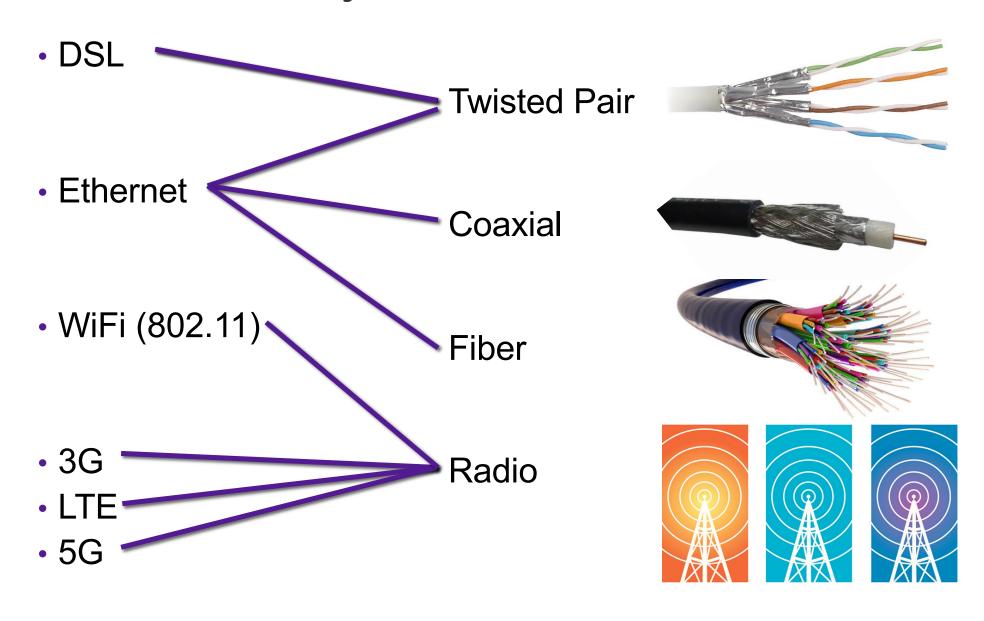
Fiber

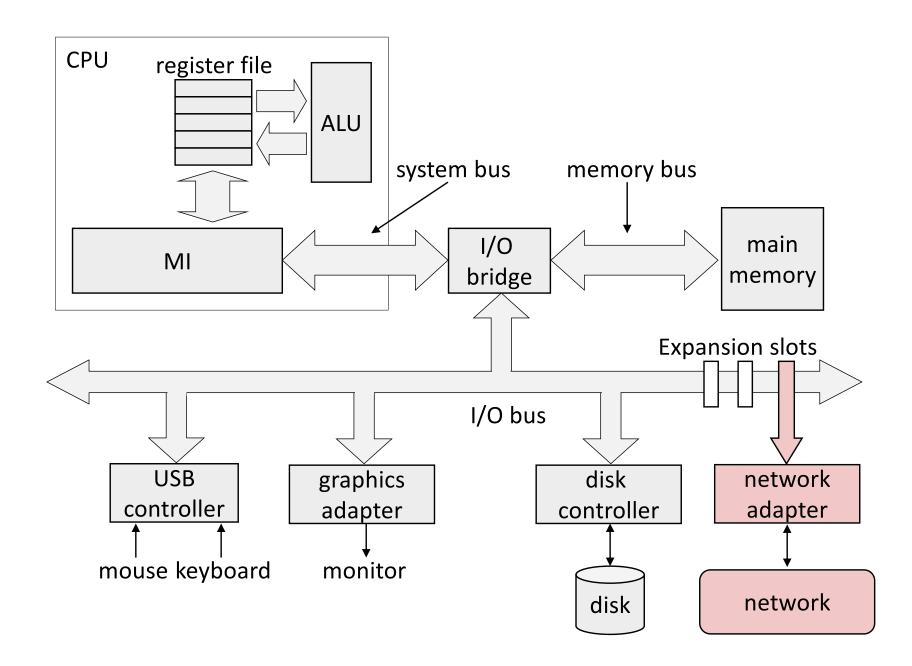


Radio



Data Link Layer



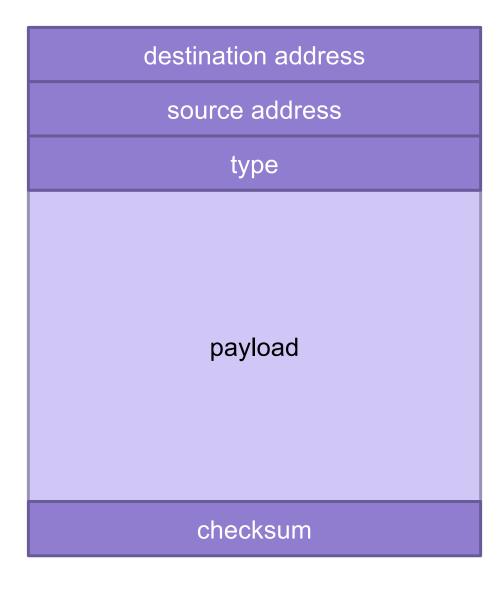


Data Link Layer

- Each host has one or more network adapter (aka NIC)
 - handles particular physical layer and protocol
- Each network adapter has a media access control (MAC) address
 - unique to that network instance
- Messages are organized as packets

Example: Ethernet

- Developed 1976 at Xerox
- Simple, scales pretty well
- Very successful, still in widespread use
- Example address: b8:e3:56:15:6a:72
- Carrier sense: listen before you speak
- Multiple access: multiple hosts on network
- Collision detection: detect and respond to cases where two messages collide



Example: Ethernet



- Carrier sense: broadcast if wire is available
- In case of collision: stop, sleep, retry
 - sleep time is determined by collision number
 - abort after 16 attempts

Example: Ethernet

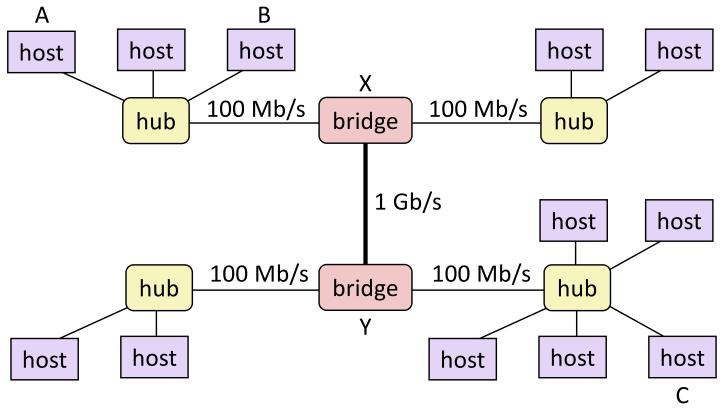
Advantages

- completely decentralized
- inexpensive
 - no state in the network
 - no arbiter
 - cheap physical links

Disadvantages

- endpoints must be trusted
- data is available for all to see
 - can place ethernet card in promiscuous mode and listen to all messages

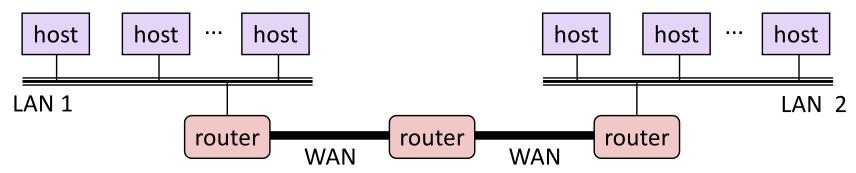
Bridged Ethernet



- Spans building or campus
- Bridges cleverly learn which hosts are reachable from which ports and then selectively copy frames from port to port

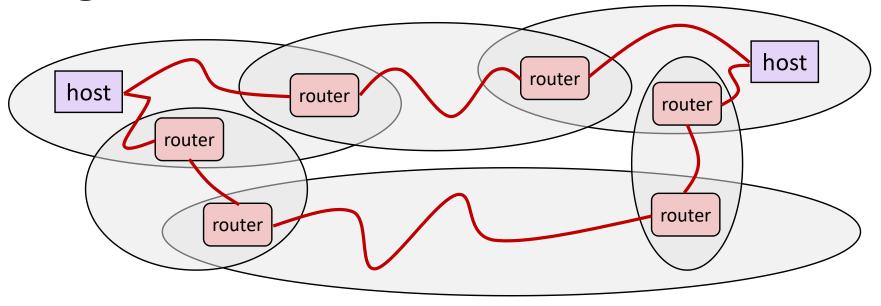
Network Layer

- There are lots of lots of local area networks (LANs)
 - each determines its own protocols, address format, packet format
- What if we wanted to connect them together?
 - physically connected by specialized computers called routers
 - routers with multiple network adapters can translate
 - standardize address and packet formats



- This is a internetwork
 - aka wide-area network (WAN)
 - aka internet

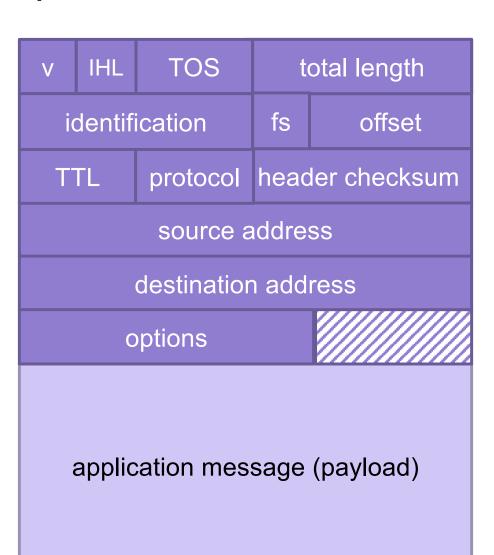
Logical Structure of an internet



- Ad hoc interconnection of networks
 - No particular topology
 - Vastly different router & link capacities
- Send packets from source to destination by hopping through networks
 - Router forms bridge from one network to another
 - Different packets may take different routes

Internet Protocol (IP)

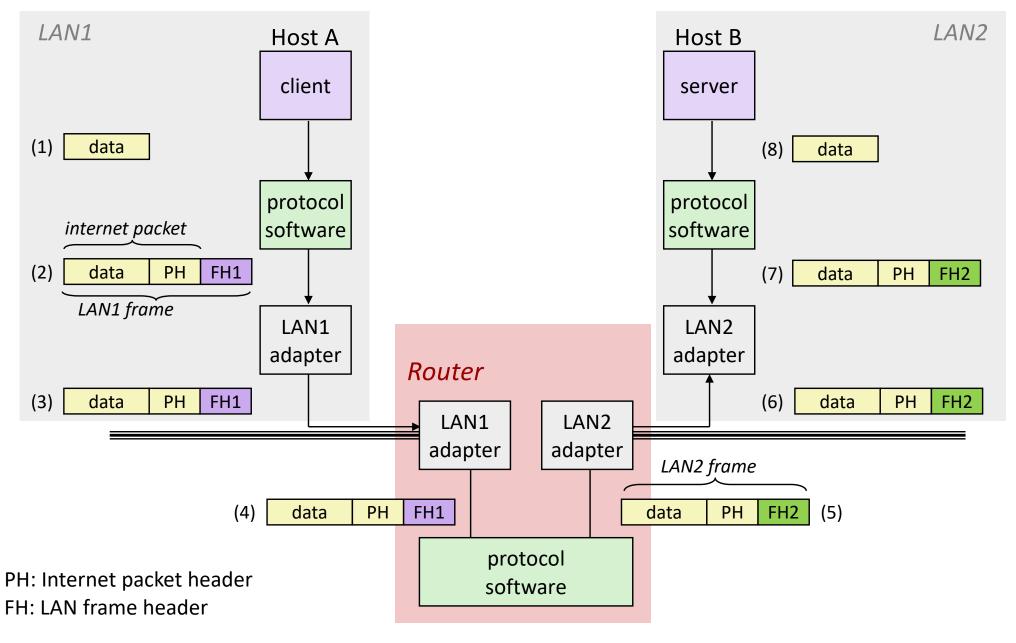
- Initiated by the DoD in 60s-70s
- Currently transitioning (very slowly) from IPv4 to IPv6
- Example address: 128.84.12.43
- interoperable
- network dynamically routes packets from source to destination



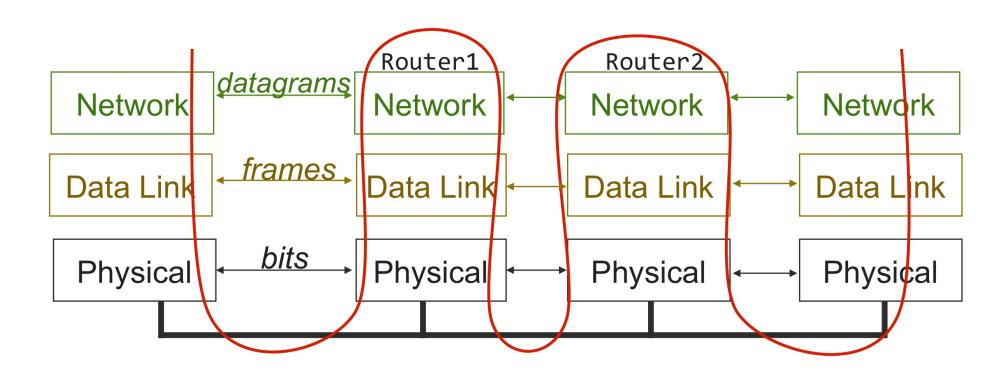
Aside: IPv4 and IPv6

- The original Internet Protocol, with its 32-bit addresses, is known as Internet Protocol Version 4 (IPv4)
- 1996: Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) introduced Internet Protocol Version 6 (IPv6) with 128-bit addresses
 - Intended as the successor to IPv4
- As of April 2023, majority of Internet traffic still carried by IPv4
 - 38-44% of users access Google services using IPv6.
- We will focus on IPv4, but will show you how to write networking code that is protocol-independent.

Transferring internet Data Via Encapsulation



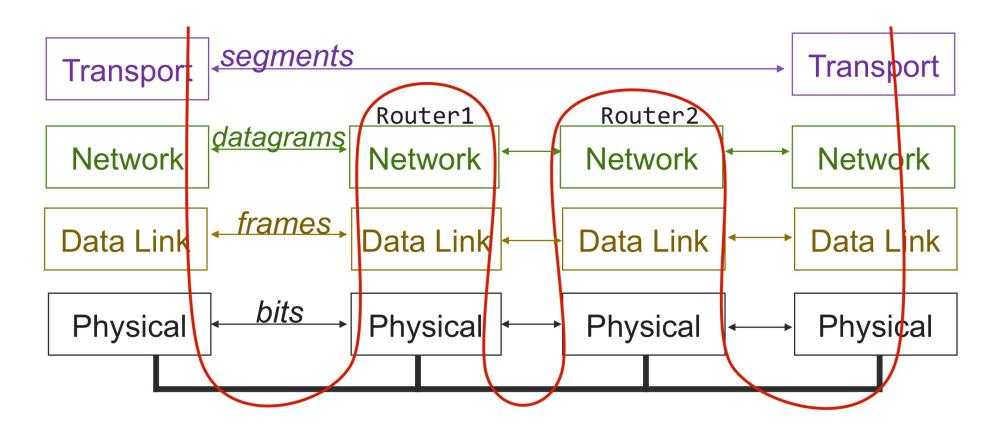
Routing



Exercise 2: IP addresses

 What is the current IP address assigned to your computer?

Transport Layer

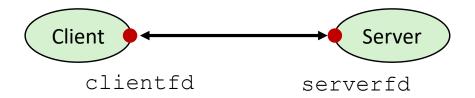


Transport Layer

- Clients and servers communicate by sending streams of bytes over a connection.
- A transport layer endpoint is identified by an IP address and a port, a 16-bit integer that identifies a process
 - Ephemeral port: Assigned automatically by client kernel when client makes a connection request.
 - Well-known port: Associated with some service provided by a server (e.g., port 80 is associated with Web servers)

Sockets

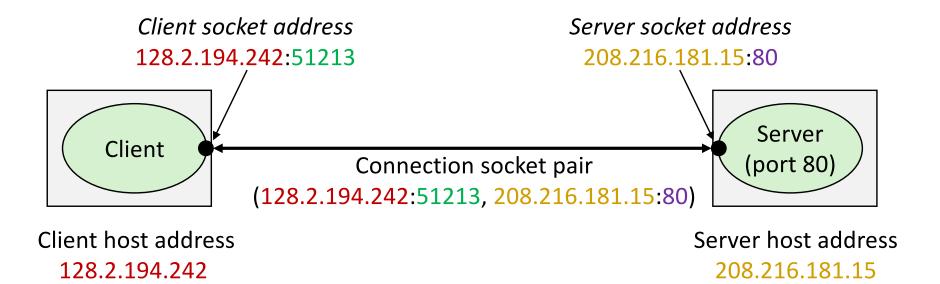
- What is a socket?
 - IP address + port
 - To the kernel, a socket is an endpoint of communication
 - To an application, a socket is a file descriptor that lets the application read/write from/to the network
 - Note: All Unix I/O devices, including networks, are modeled as files
- Clients and servers communicate with each other by reading from and writing to socket descriptors



 The main distinction between regular file I/O and socket I/O is how the application "opens" the socket descriptors

Anatomy of a Connection

- A connection is uniquely identified by the socket addresses of its endpoints (socket pair)
 - (cliaddr:cliport, servaddr:servport)



Well-known Ports and Service Names

 Popular services have permanently assigned well-known ports and corresponding well-known service names:

echo server: 7/echo

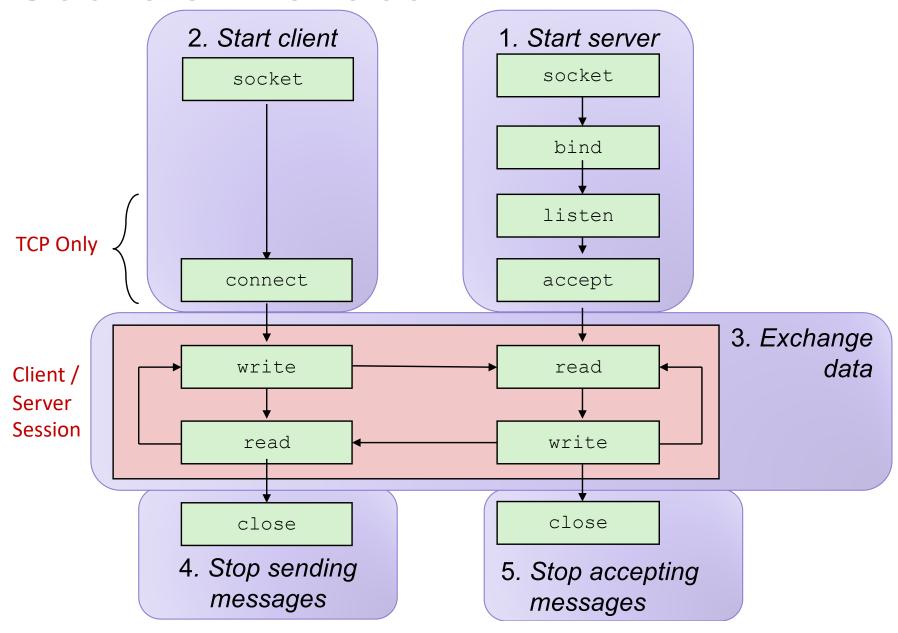
ssh servers: 22/ssh

email server: 25/smtp

Web servers: 80/http

 Mappings between well-known ports and service names is contained in the file /etc/services on each Linux machine.

Sockets Interface

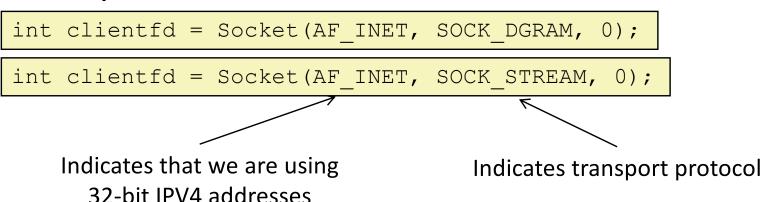


Sockets Interface: socket

 Clients and servers use the socket function to create a socket descriptor:

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int socket(int domain, int type, int protocol)
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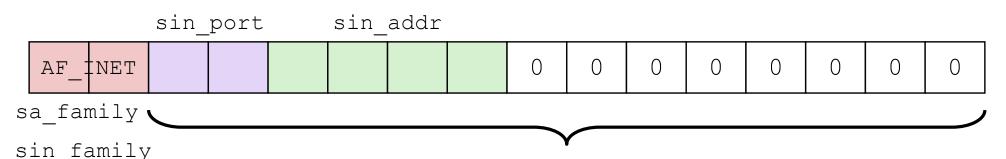
Example:



Protocol specific! Best practice is to use getaddrinfo to generate the parameters automatically, so that code is protocol independent.

Socket Address Structures

- Internet-specific socket address:
 - Must cast (struct sockaddr_in *) to (struct sockaddr *) for functions that take socket address arguments.



Family Specific

Sockets Interface: bind

 A server uses bind to ask the kernel to associate the server's socket address with a socket descriptor:

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int bind(int sockfd, SA *addr, socklen_t addrlen);
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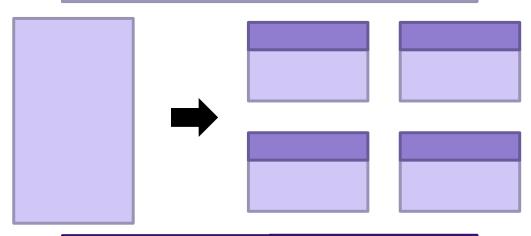
- The process can read bytes that arrive on the connection whose endpoint is addr by reading from descriptor sockfd.
- Similarly, writes to sockfd are transferred along connection whose endpoint is addr.

Best practice is to use getaddrinfo to supply the arguments addr and addrlen.

Transport Layer Segments

- Sending application:
 - specifies IP address and port
 - uses socket bound to source port
- Transport Layer:
 - breaks application message into smaller chunks
 - adds transport-layer header to each message to form a segment
- Network Layer (IP):
 - adds network-layer header to each datagram

Source Port #	Dest. Port #	
length of seg.	checksum	
application message (payload)		



Source IP Dest. IP

transport-layer header

application message (payload)

Should the transport layer guarantee packet delivery?

Exercise 3: Transport-Layer Guarantees

 Which argument makes more sense? Should the transport layer guarantee packet delivery?

Transport Layer Protocols

User Datagram Protocol (UDP)

- unreliable, unordered delivery
- connectionless
- best-effort, segments might be lost, delivered out-oforder, duplicated
- reliability (if required) is the responsibility of the app

Transmission Control Protocol (TCP)

reliable, inorder delivery

- connection setup
- flow control
- congestion control

UDP: tradeoffs

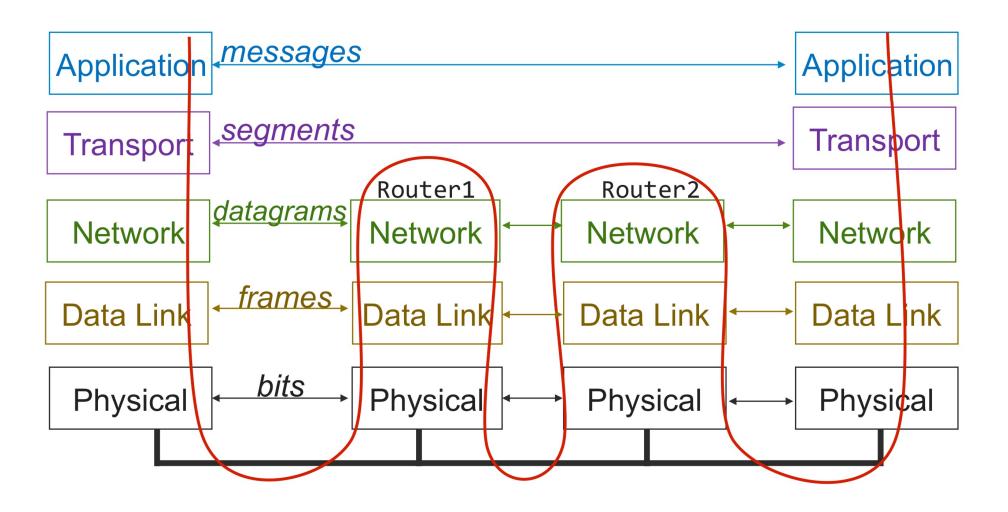
- fast:
 - no connection setup
 - no rate-limiting
- simple:
 - no connection state
 - small header (8 bytes)

- (possibly) extra work for applications
 - reordering
 - duplicate suppression
 - handle missing packets

Transport Protocols by Application

Application	Application-Level Protocol	Transport Protocol
Name Translation	DNS	Typically UDP
Routing Protocol	RIP	Typically UDP
Network Management	SNMP	Typically UDP
Remote File Server	NFS	Typically UDP
Streaming multimedia	(proprietary)	UDP or TCP
Internet telephony	(proprietary)	UDP or TCP
Remote terminal access	Telnet	TCP
File Transfer	(S)FTP	TCP
Email	SMTP	TCP
Web	HTTP(S)	TCP

The Big Picture



Hardware and Software Interfaces

