

CHAPTER 3 Transport Layer

our goals:

- ❖ understand principles behind transport layer services:
 - multiplexing, demultiplexing
 - reliable data transfer (rdt)
 - flow control
 - congestion control
- ❖ learn about Internet transport layer protocols:
 - UDP: connectionless transport
 - TCP: connection-oriented reliable transport
 - TCP congestion control

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Transport Layer

Roadmap:

3.1 Transport-layer services

3.2 Multiplexing and Demultiplexing

3.3 Connectionless transport : UDP

3.4 Principles of reliable data transfer (rdt)

3.5 Connection-oriented transport : TCP

- segment structure
- reliable data transfer
- flow control
- connection management

3.6 Principles of congestion control

3.7 TCP congestion control

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(3.1) Transport-Layer Services

- ❖ provide *logical communication* between application processes running on different hosts
- ❖ transport protocols run in end systems / hosts :
 - **send side:** breaks app messages into _____, passes to network layer
 - **receive side:** reassembles _____ into messages, passes to application layer
- ❖ more than one transport protocol available to apps
 - Internet: *TCP* and *UDP*

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Transport Layer vs. Network Layer

❖ **Transport layer:**
Logical communication between _____

- relies on, enhances, network layer services

❖ **Network layer:**
Logical communication between _____

Household analogy:

12 kids in Ann's house sending letters to 12 kids in Bill's house:

- ❖ hosts = houses
- ❖ processes = kids
- ❖ application messages = letters in envelopes
- ❖ transport protocol = Ann and Bill who demux to in-house siblings
- ❖ network-layer protocol = postal service

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Internet Transport Layer Protocols

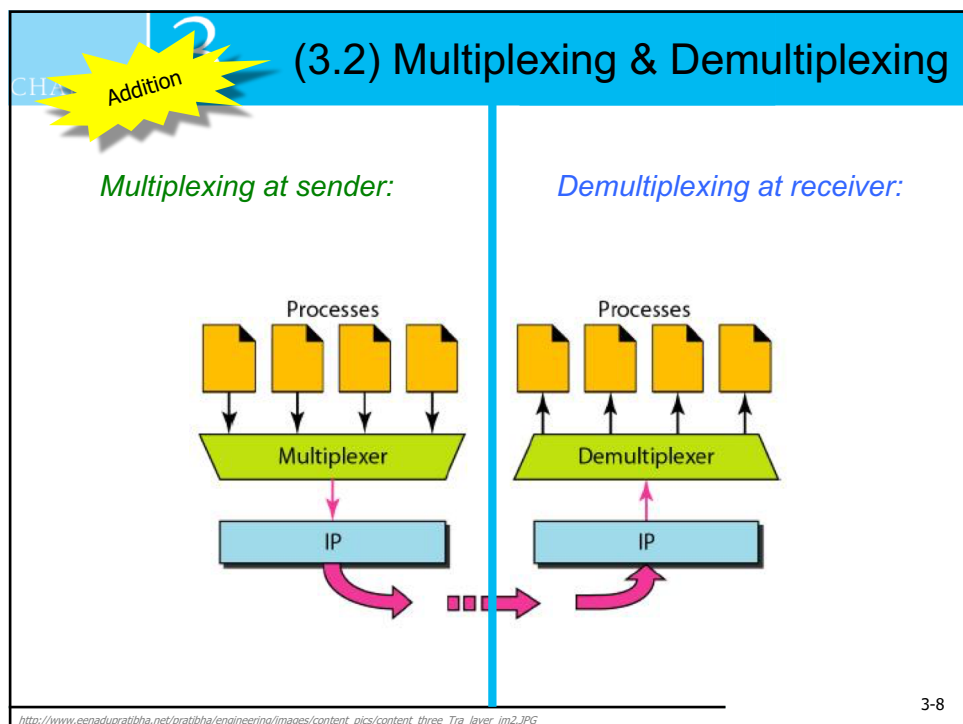
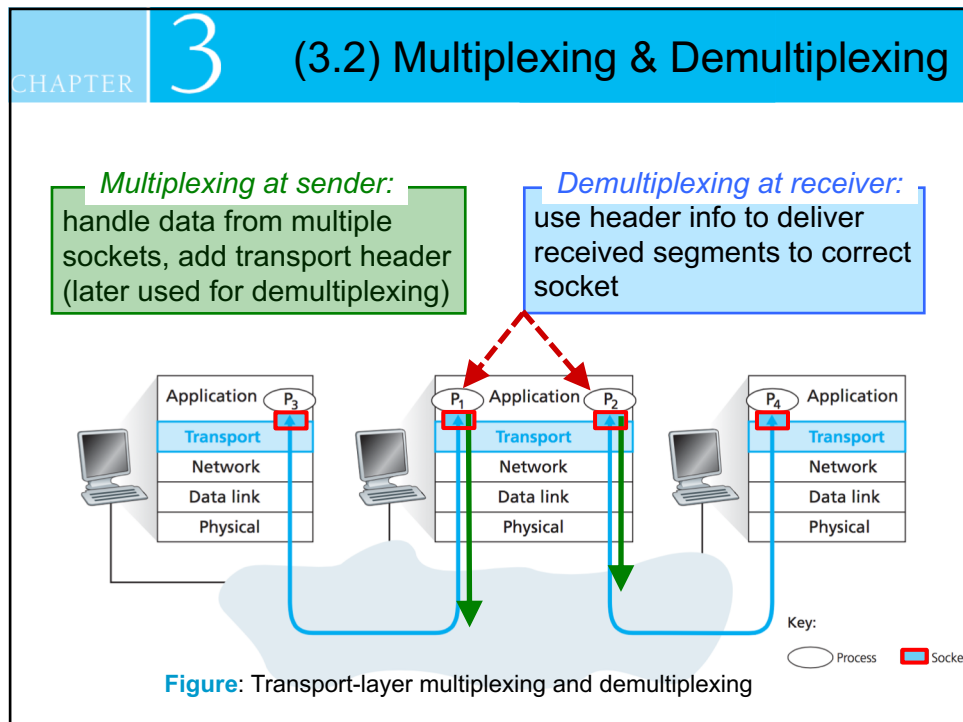
❖ **Reliable, in-order delivery (_____):**

- connection setup
- congestion control
- flow control

❖ **Unreliable, unordered delivery (_____):**

- no-frills extension of “best-effort” IP
- Services not available:
 - delay guarantees
 - bandwidth guarantees

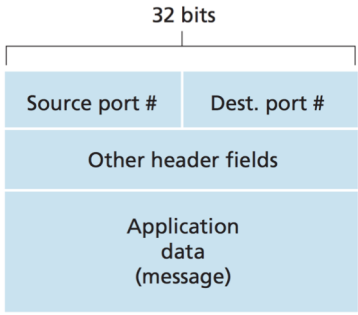
The diagram illustrates the Internet Transport Layer Protocols. It shows a Home Network connected to a Mobile Network, which is connected to a National or Global ISP. The Home Network is also connected to a Local or Regional ISP, which is connected to an Enterprise Network. The diagram shows the flow of data through various layers: Application, Transport, Network, Data link, and Physical. A blue arrow labeled 'Logical end-to-end transport' connects the Transport layer of the Home Network to the Transport layer of the Enterprise Network.



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Demultiplexing

How it works?

- ❖ host receives **datagrams** :
 - each datagram has
 - ✓ **source IP address**
 - ✓ **destination IP address**
 - each datagram carries one transport-layer _____
 - each segment has
 - ✓ **source port number**
 - ✓ **destination port number**
- ❖ host uses **IP addresses & port numbers** to direct segment to appropriate _____



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      32 bits
      ┌──────────┴──────────┐
      │ Source port # │ Dest. port # │
      └──────────┴──────────┘
      ┌──────────────────────────┐
      │ Other header fields       │
      └──────────────────────────┘
      ┌──────────────────────────┐
      │ Application data         │
      │ (message)                │
      └──────────────────────────┘
          
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Figure: TCP/UDP transport-layer segment format

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Demultiplexing

(a) Connectionless

❖ **Recall:** when creating datagram to send into UDP socket, it fully identified by 2-tuples:

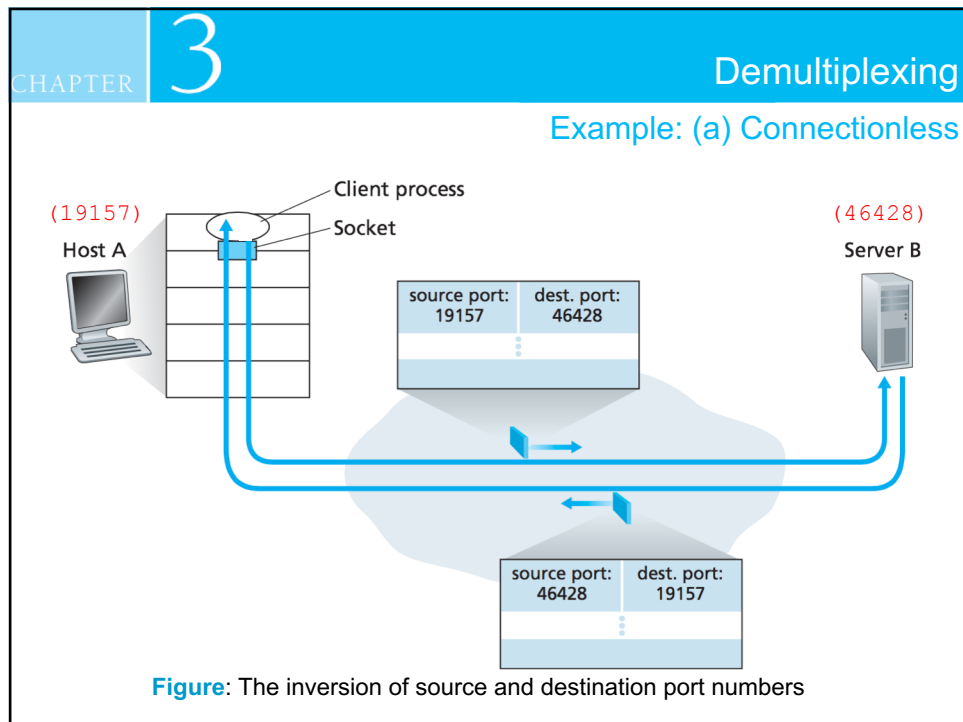
- **destination IP address**
- **destination port #**

❖ when host receives UDP **segment** :

- checks **destination port #** in segment.
- directs UDP **segment** to **socket** with that **port #**

Datagrams with **same destination port #**, but different source IP addresses and/or source port numbers will be directed to **same socket** at destination.

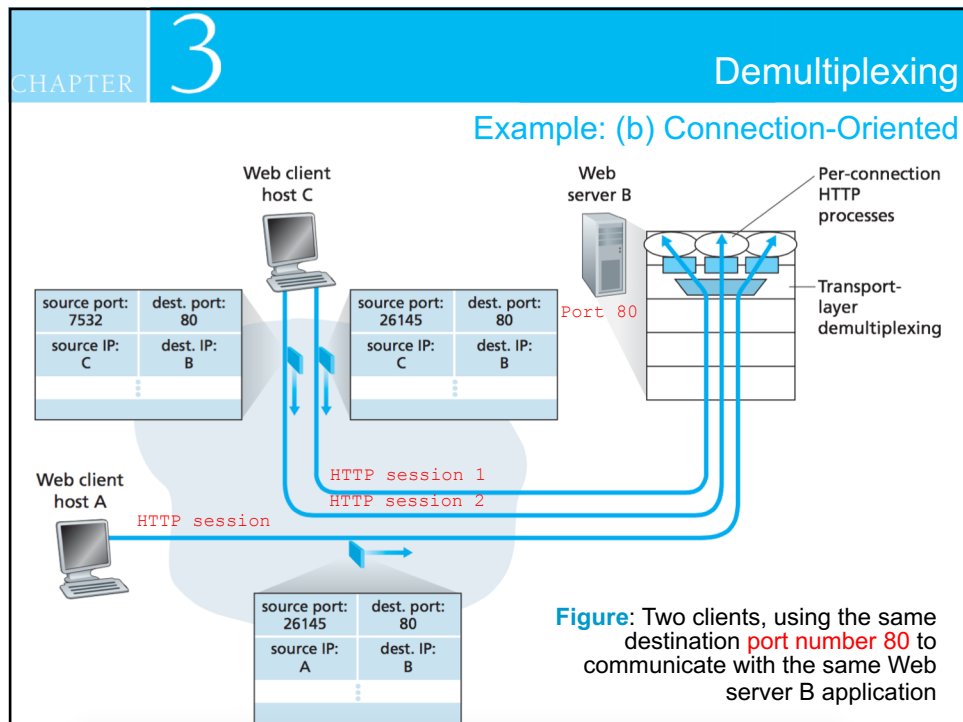
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(b) Connection-Oriented

- ❖ TCP socket identified by 4-tuples:
 - source IP address
 - source port number
 - _____
 - _____
- ❖ **Demux:** receiver uses all four values to direct **segment** to appropriate **socket**.
- ❖ server host may support many simultaneous TCP sockets:
 - each socket identified by its own 4-tuples
- ❖ web servers have different sockets for each connecting client:
 - non-persistent HTTP will have different socket for each request



CHAPTER 3 (3.3) Connectionless Transport: UDP

- ❖ “no frills”, “bare bones” Internet transport protocol
- ❖ “best effort” service, **UDP segments** may be:
 - _____
 - _____

Connectionless:

- No handshaking between UDP sender, receiver
- Each UDP segment handled independently of others

- ❖ UDP uses in:
 - streaming multimedia applications (loss tolerant, rate sensitive)
 - DNS
 - SNMP
- ❖ Reliable transfer over UDP:

- add **reliability** at application layer
 - application-specific **error recovery!**

UDP (User Datagram Protocol)
 DNS (Domain Name Services)
 SNMP (Simple Network Management Protocol)

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UDP Segment Header

32 bits


Source port #	Dest. port #
Length	Checksum
Application data (message)	

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length, in bytes
of UDP segment,
including header

Why is there a UDP?

- ❖ **No connection** establishment (which can add delay)
- ❖ **Simple:** no connection state at sender, receiver
- ❖ **Small header size**
- ❖ **No congestion control:** UDP can blast away as fast as desired



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Self-Test

Application	Application-Layer Protocol	Underlying Transport Protocol
Electronic mail	(a1) _____	(b1) _____
Remote terminal access	Telnet	TCP
Web	(a2) _____	(b2) _____
File transfer	(a3) _____	(b3) _____
Remote file server	NFS	Typically UDP
Streaming multimedia	typically proprietary	(b4) _____
Internet telephony	typically proprietary	(b5) _____
Network management	SNMP	Typically UDP
Routing protocol	RIP	Typically UDP
Name translation	(a4) _____	(b6) _____

Figure: Popular Internet applications and their underlying transport protocols

NFS (Network File System)
RIP (Routing Information Protocol)

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UDP Checksum

Goal:

Detect “errors” (e.g., flipped bits) in transmitted **segment**

Sender:

- ❖ treat **segment** contents, including header fields, as sequence of 16-bit integers.
- ❖ **Checksum**: addition (one’s complement sum) of **segment** contents.
- ❖ sender puts checksum value into **UDP checksum** field.

Receiver:

- ❖ compute checksum of received segment.
- ❖ check if computed checksum **equals checksum** field value:

- NO - error detected
 - YES - no error detected.

But maybe errors nonetheless? More later

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UDP Checksum

Calculation

32 bits

1087	13
15	FBA4
Application data (message)	

At the sender:

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00000100 00111111 → 1087
00000000 00001101 → 13
00000000 00001111 → 15
0000 0100 0101 1011 → SUM

1st compliment:
1111 1011 1010 0100 → CHECKSUM
= FBA416
          
```

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Application data
(message)

At the receiver:

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0000 0100 0011 1111 → Source Port
+ 0000 0000 0000 1101 → Destination Port
+ 0000 0000 0000 1111 → Length
+ 1111 1011 1010 0100 → Checksum
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1111 1111 1111 1111  All 1's
          
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No Error !

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UDP Checksum

Calculation
(When Carryout Occurs)

Example: Add two 16-bit integers

1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1

Wraparound

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Sum	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0
Checksum (1's)	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1

Hexadecimal = _____₁₆

Note: When adding numbers, a carryout from the most significant bit (MSB) needs to be added to the result

CHAPTER 3 Exercise 3.1

Consider a **sender** host sends the segment with some contents given. Generate the checksum value.

50439	16397
15	Checksum
Application Data (Payload)	

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CHAPTER 3 Exercise 3.2

Consider a **receiver** host received the segment with contents given, check if any error occurred.

1287	13
15	7ADC ₁₆
Application Data (Payload)	

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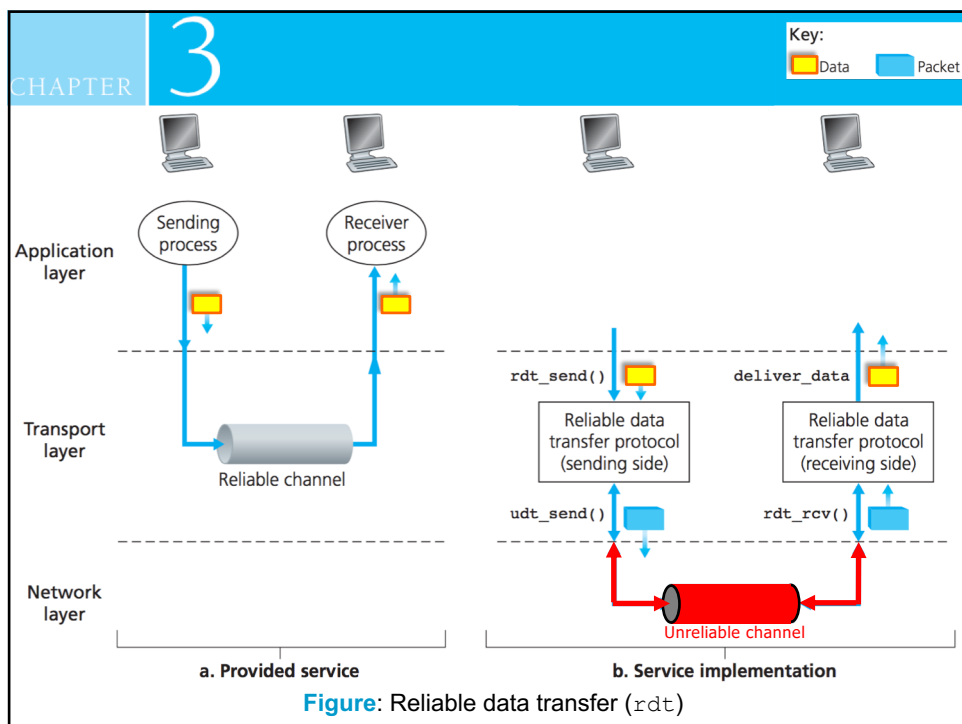
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(3.4) Principles of Reliable Data Transfer (rdt)

- ❖ important in *application, transport, link* layers
 - top-10 list of important networking topics!
- ❖ Characteristics of unreliable channel will determine complexity of *reliable data transfer* protocol (rdt)
- ❖ In this section we will examine the exploitation of TCP in many of the principles that we are about to describe.

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Building a rdt Protocol

- ❖ Incrementally develop **sender, receiver** sides of *reliable data transfer protocol* (rdt)
- ❖ rdt protocol versions:

➤ rdt1.0: reliable transfer over a **reliable channel**
 - ❖ underlying channel perfectly reliable
 - *no bit errors.*
 - *no loss* of packets.
 - ❖ *no* need to provide *feedback* to sender.
 - ❖ *no* need for the receiver to ask sender *to slow down* sending rate.

➤ rdt2.0: channel with *bit errors* **unreliable channel**

➤ rdt3.0: channels with *bit errors* and *loss* of packets.


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rdt2.0: Channel with bit errors

- ❖ Unreliable channel may flip bits in packet.
 - Checksum used **to detect** bit errors

Q: How **to recover** from errors?



Receiver explicitly tells sender
that packet received OK




Receiver explicitly tells sender
that packet had errors

- ❖ New mechanisms in rdt2.0 (beyond rdt1.0):

- *Error detection*
- *Receiver Feedback*: control messages (ACK, NAK) from receiver to sender.
- *Retransmission*: sender retransmits packet on receipt of NAK.

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What happens if ACK/NAK corrupted?

- ❖ sender doesn't know what happened at receiver !
- ❖ can't just retransmit: possible **duplicates** !

Handling duplicates:

- ❖ sender retransmits current packet if ACK/NAK corrupted.
- ❖ sender adds _____ to each packet.
- ❖ receiver discards (doesn't deliver up) duplicate packet.

— `rdt2.0`: Stop and Wait protocol —

Sender sends one packet, then waits for receiver's response.

Sender will not send new packet, until receiver has received correct packet.

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`rdt3.0`: Channel with errors and loss

New assumption:


Unreliable channel can also **loss packets** (data, ACKs)

- ❖ checksum, sequence#, ACKs, retransmissions will be of help ... but not enough.

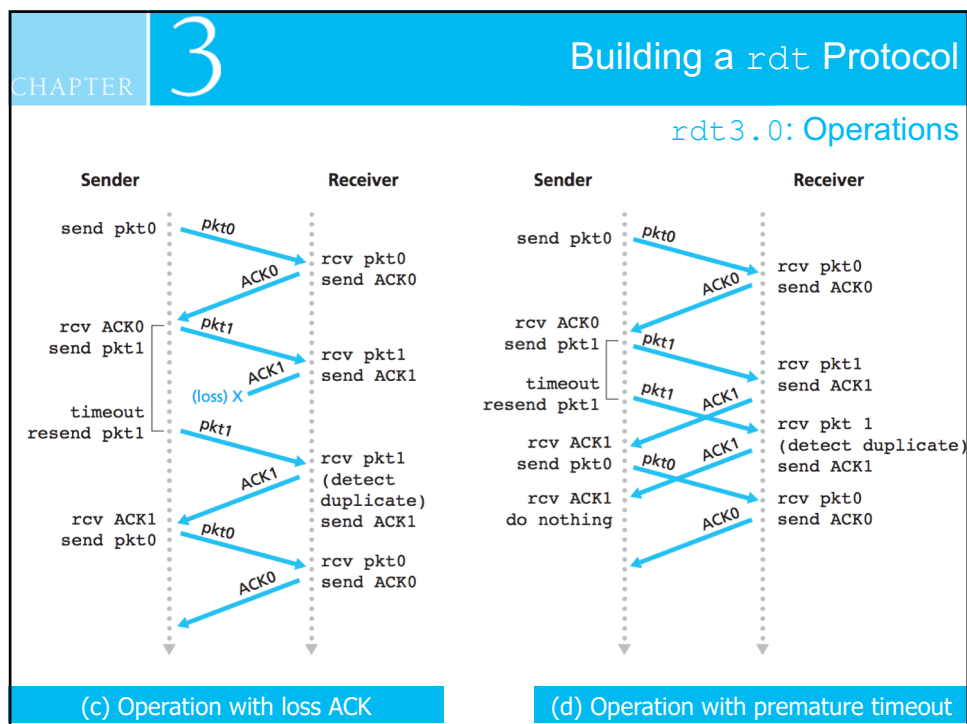
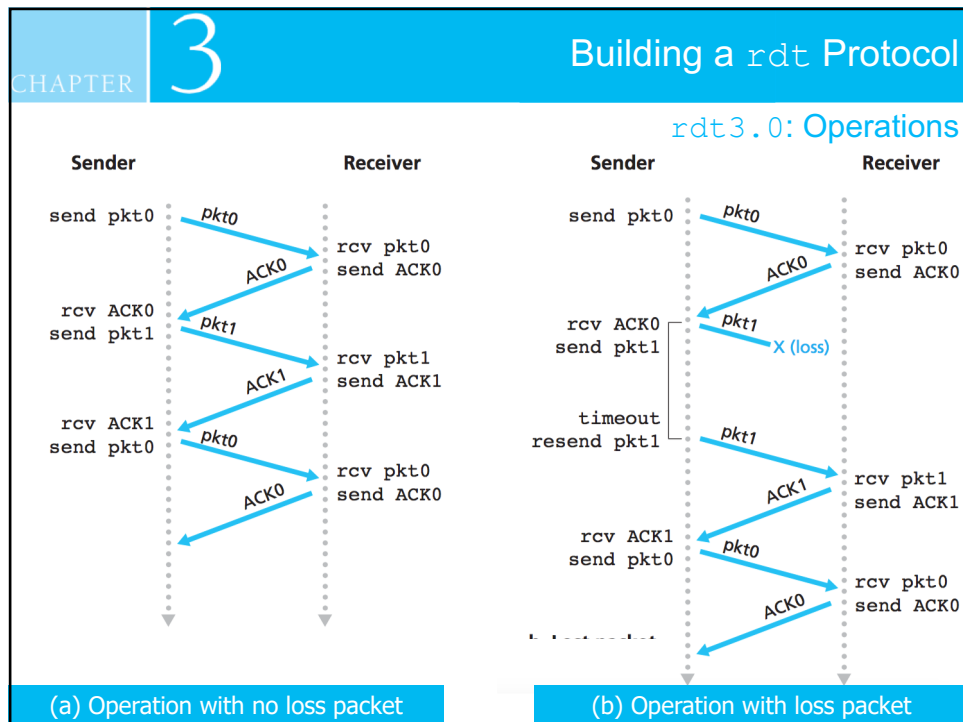
Approach:

Sender waits “reasonable” amount of time for ACK .

- ❖ Retransmits if no ACK received in this time.
- ❖ If packet (or ACK) just delayed (not lost):
 - retransmission will be _____, but sequence #'s already handles this.
 - receiver must specify sequence # of packet being ACKed.
- ❖ Requires countdown timer.



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`rdt3.0`: Operations

❖ From previous 4 operations, `rdt3.0` sometimes known as:

`rdt3.0`: Alternating-bit protocol

Packet sequence# alternate between 0 and 1

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Exercise 3.3

Question:

Supposed a sender has 3 packets to be sent to a receiver.

- Complete the following figure by writing down the best answer for all S# and R#. Assume that no error after S1.
- What are X and Y?
- What is the problem between S1 and S2?
- Is there any discarded packet at receiver? Why?

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sequenceDiagram
    participant S as Sender
    participant R as Receiver
    S->>R: Send pkt 0
    R-->S: rcv pkt 0, send NAK 0
    S-->S: Timeout 1
    S->>R: (S1)
    S->>R: (S2)
    S->>R: (S3)
    S-->S: Timeout 2
    S->>R: X (loss)
    S->>R: Y (loss)
    S->>R: (S4)
    S->>R: (S5)
    R-->R: (R1)
    R-->R: (R2)
    R-->R: (R3)
    R-->R: (R4)
  
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`rdt3.0`: Performance Problem

- ❖ `rdt3.0` is a functionally correct protocol, but the performance is **low**;
- ❖ The performance problem is the fact that it is a _____ protocol.

Example:

- Two hosts connected by a channel with a transmission rate, R , of 1 Gbps;
- The $RTT = 30$ milliseconds;
- A host needs to transmit a packet, L , 1000 bytes

Transmission delay:

$$d_{trans} = \frac{L}{R}$$

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(Stop-and-Wait Operation)

Utilization: (fraction of time sender busy sending)

$$U_{sender} = \frac{L/R}{RTT + L/R} = \frac{0.008}{30 + 0.008} = 0.000267 = 0.0267\%$$

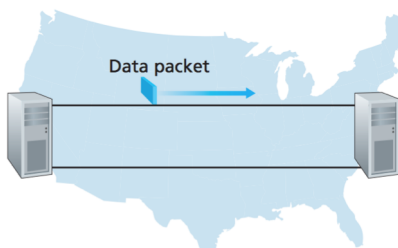
Throughput =

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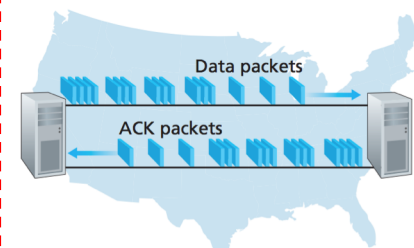
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Solution

- ❖ : sender allows multiple, “in-flight”, yet-to-be-acknowledged packets.
 - Range of sequence # must be increased.
 - Buffering more than one packet at sender and/or receiver.



a. A stop-and-wait protocol in operation



b. A pipelined protocol in operation


Figure: Stop-and-wait versus pipelined protocol

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Pipelined rdt Protocol

(Pipelined Operation)

Sender



Receiver



First bit of first packet transmitted, $t = 0$

Last bit of first packet transmitted, $t = L/R$

RTT

ACK arrives, send next packet, $t = RTT + L/R$

First bit of first packet arrives

Last bit of first packet arrives, send ACK

Last bit of 2nd packet arrives, send ACK

Last bit of 3rd packet arrives, send ACK

3-packet pipelining increases utilization by a factor of 3!

Utilization:

$$U_{\text{sender}} = \frac{3L/R}{RTT + L/R} =$$

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Pipelined rdt Protocol

Pipelined Protocols

- ❖ The range of sequence # needed and the buffering requirements depend on the manner in which a data transfer protocol responds to:
 - **lost**, **corrupted**, and overly **delayed** packets.

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graph TD
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    A --> C[ ]
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    style C fill:#fff,stroke:#00a0e3,stroke-width:2px
      
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Figure: Two basic approaches of pipelined toward error recovery

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Pipelined rdt Protocol

<u>Go-Back-N:</u>	<u>Selective Repeat:</u>
❖ sender can have up to N unACKed packets in both pipeline protocol	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ receiver only sends cumulative ACK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ doesn't ACK packet if there's a gap. ❖ sender has timer for oldest unACKed packet. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ when timer expires, retransmit all unACKed packets. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ receiver sends individual ACK for each packet. ❖ sender maintains timer for each unACKed packet. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ when timer expires, retransmit only that unACKed packet.

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Go-Back-N (GBN): Sender

- ❖ “window” size N and each k -bit has seq# in packet header.
- ❖ “window” of up to N , consecutive unACKed packets allowed.

ACK(n): ACKs all packets up to, including seq# n - “cumulative ACK”

- ❖ may receive duplicate ACKs (see receiver).

- ❖ timer for **oldest** in-flight packet
- ❖ timeout(n): retransmit packet n and all higher seq# packets in window.

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GBN: Operation

Sender window (N=4)

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

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Sender

send pkt0

send pkt1

send pkt2

send pkt3 (wait)

rcv ACK0

send pkt4

rcv ACK1

send pkt5

pkt2 timeout

send pkt2

send pkt3

send pkt4

send pkt5

Receiver

rcv pkt0

send ACK0

rcv pkt1

send ACK1

rcv pkt3, discard

send ACK1

rcv pkt4, discard

send ACK1

rcv pkt5, discard

send ACK1

rcv pkt2, deliver

send ACK2

rcv pkt3, deliver

send ACK3

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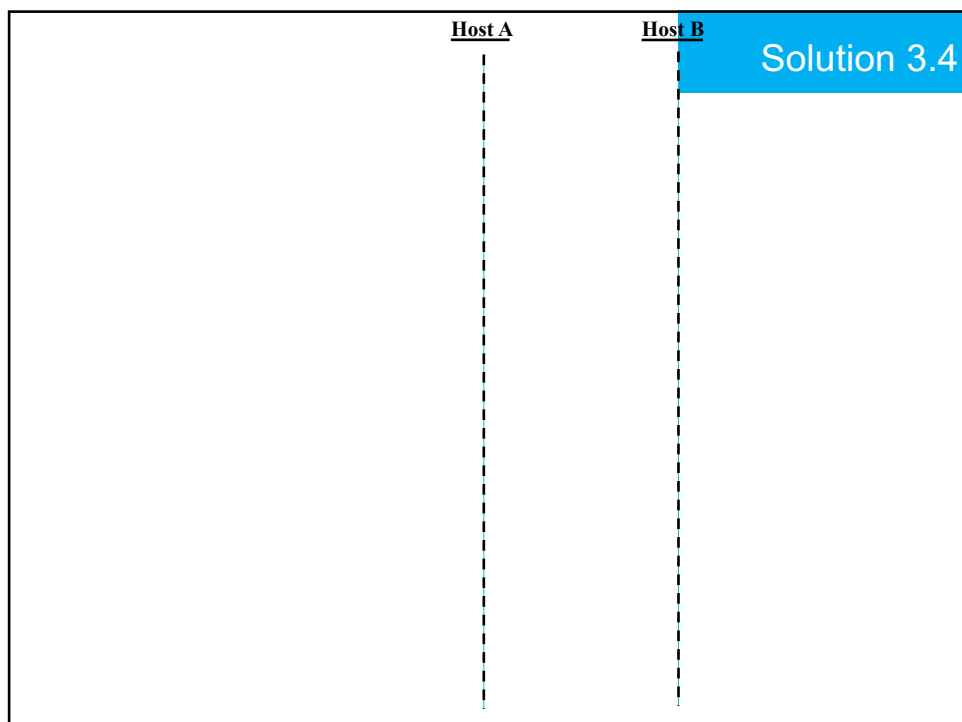
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Draw a timing diagram, showing the data segments and the acknowledgements sent along with the corresponding sequence and acknowledge numbers, respectively.

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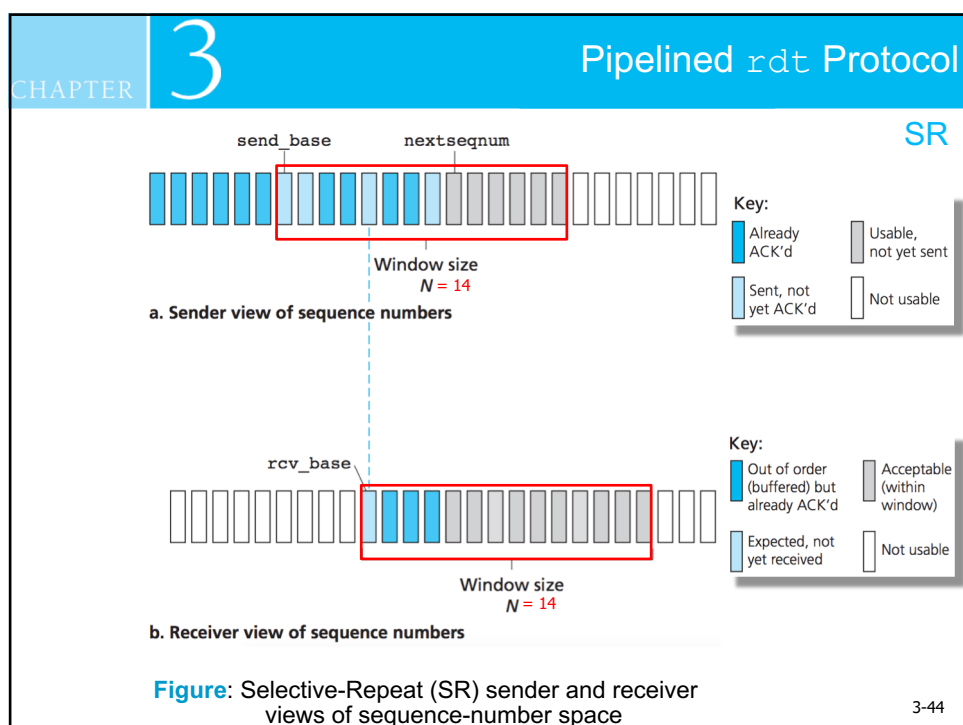


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Selective Repeat (SR)

- ❖ receiver *individually* acknowledges all correctly received packets:
 - *buffers packets*, as needed, for eventual in-order delivery to upper layer.
- ❖ sender only resends packets for which ACK not received
 - sender timer for each unACKed packet.
- ❖ sender window:
 - has N consecutive seq#'s.
 - limits seq#'s of sent, unACKed packets (up-to “window size N ”).

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Sender

Data from above (application):

- ❖ if next available seq# in window, send packet

timeout(n):

- ❖ resend packet n, restart timer

ACK(n) in
[send_base, send_base+N]

- ❖ mark packet n as received
- ❖ if n = send_base, move forward window base to next unACKed with smallest seq#

Receiver

Packet n in
[rcv_base, rcv_base+N-1]

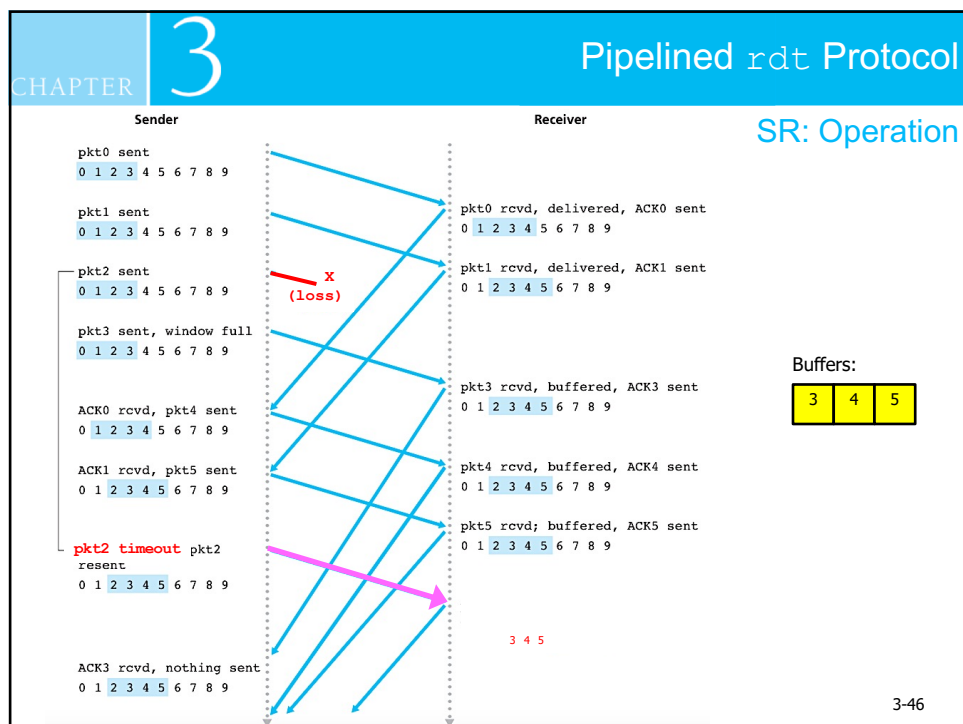
- ❖ send ACK(n)
- ❖ If out-of-order : buffer
- ❖ If in-order : deliver (also deliver buffered, in-order packets), forward window to next not-yet-received packet

Packet n in
[rcv_base-N, rcv_base-1]

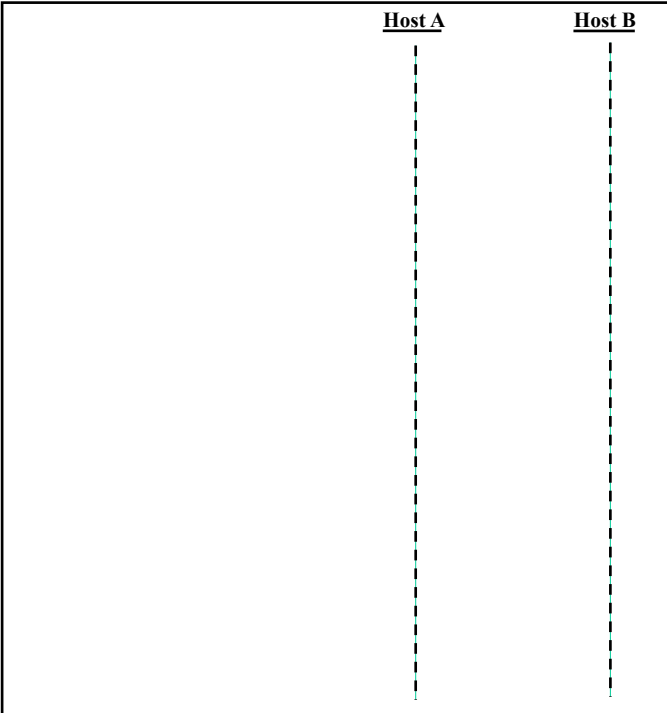
- ❖ ACK(n)

Otherwise: ignore the packet

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	<u>Host A</u>	<u>Host B</u>	Solution 3.5
			

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(3.5) Connection-Oriented Transport:
TCP

Overview TCP

- ❖ **Point-to-Point:**
 - one sender, one receiver
- ❖ **Reliable, in-order *byte stream*:**
 - no “message boundaries”
- ❖ **Pipelined:**
 - TCP congestion and flow control set window size

Figure: TCP send and receive buffers

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(3.5) Connection-Oriented Transport:
TCP

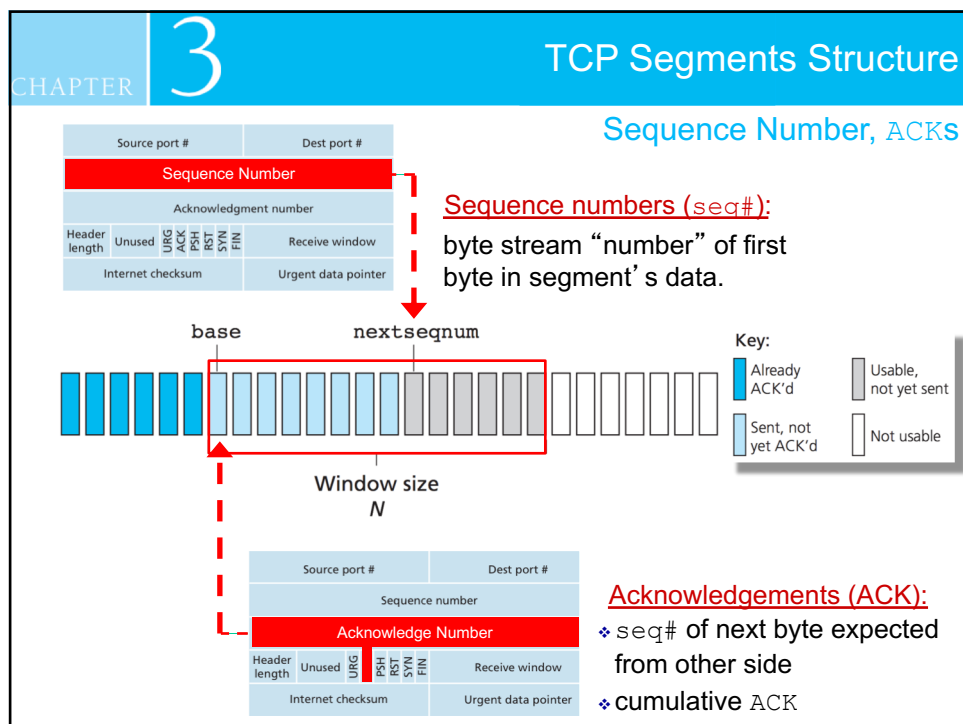
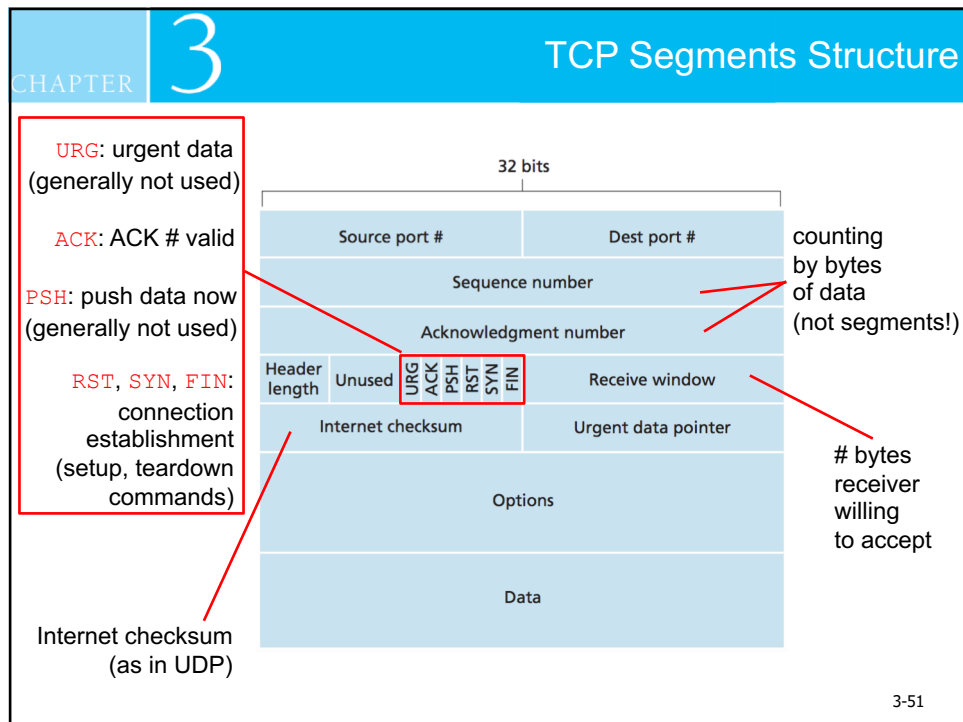
Overview TCP

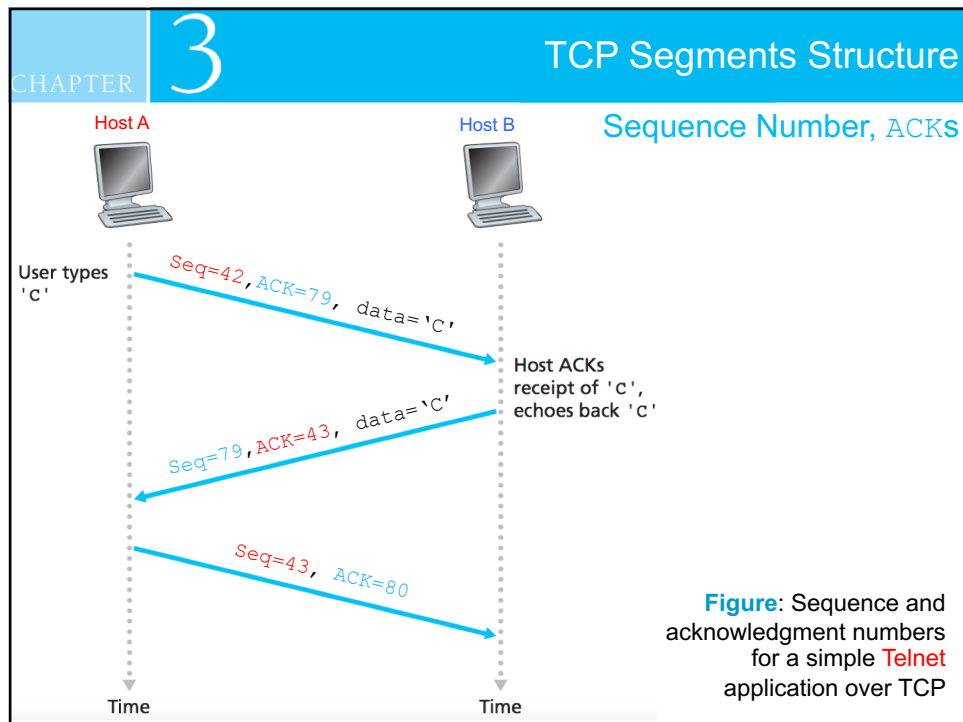
- ❖ **Full-duplex data:**
 - bi-directional data flow in same connection.
 - MSS: _____
- ❖ **Example:**

File size = 500 Kb, MSS = 1 Kb, so TCP construct 500 segments out of data stream.
- ❖ **Connection-Oriented:**
 - handshaking (exchange of control messages)
 - inits sender, receiver state before data exchange.
- ❖ **Flow controlled:**
 - sender will not overwhelm receiver.

$$\frac{500Kb}{1Kb}$$

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CHAPTER 3 TCP Round-Trip Time (RTT), Timeout

Q: How to set TCP timeout value?

- ❖ Longer than RTT:
 - but RTT varies.
- ❖ *Too short*: premature timeout, unnecessary retransmissions.
- ❖ *Too long*: slow reaction to segment loss.

Q: How to estimate RTT?

- ❖ *SampleRTT*: measured time from segment transmission until ACK receipt.
 - ignore retransmissions.
- ❖ *SampleRTT* will vary, want *Estimated RTT* “smoother”
 - average several *recent* measurements, not just current *SampleRTT*.

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TCP Reliable Data Transfer (rdt)

- ❖ TCP creates `rdt` service on top of IP's **unreliable service** by implementing:

- pipelined segments.
 - cumulative ACKs.
 - single retransmission timer (refer to timer for oldest in-flight packet).
- ❖ **Retransmissions** triggered by:

- _____.
 - duplicate ACKs.

Let's initially consider simplified TCP sender:

- ❖ ignore duplicate ACKs
- ❖ Ignore :
 - flow control,
 - congestion control

Duplicate ACK, indicating seq# of next expected byte.

(Due to some reason expected seq# is not received at receiver).

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TCP Reliable Data Transfer (rdt)

TCP Senders: Events and Actions

3 major events related to **data transmission** and **retransmission** in the TCP sender:

TCP Senders

Data received from application above

Timer Timeout

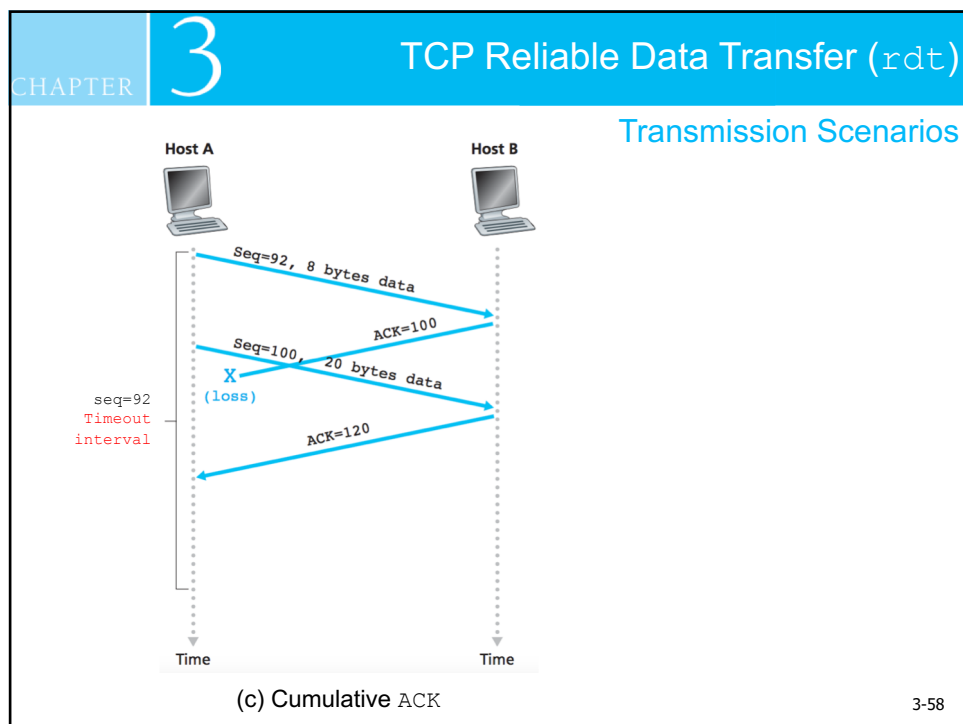
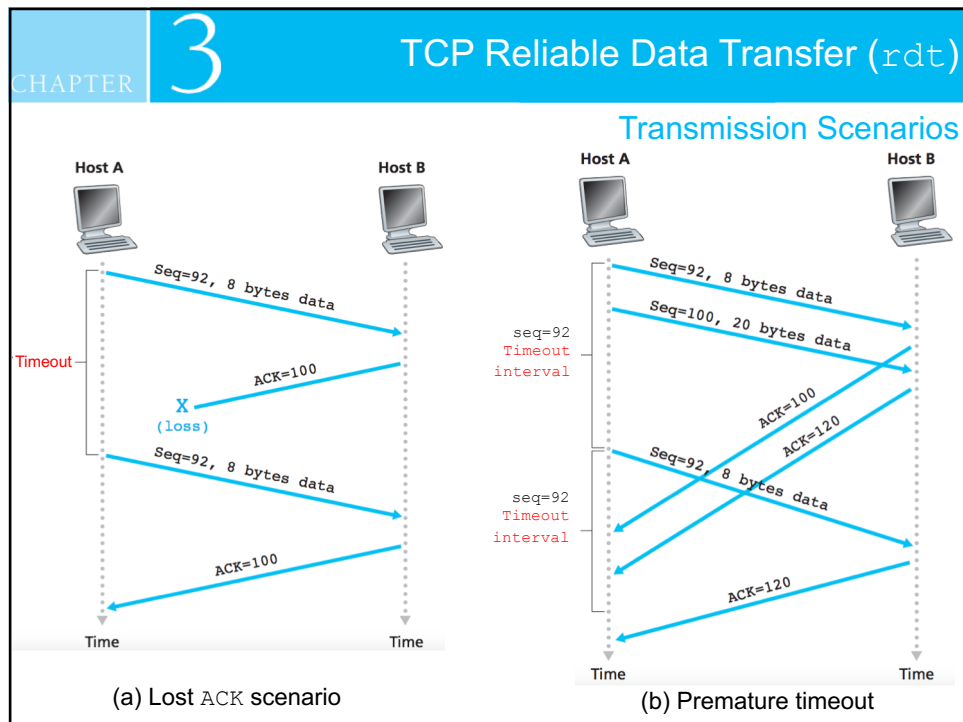
ACK Receipt

- ❖ Create **segment** with **seq#**.
- ❖ **seq#** is byte-stream number of first data byte in segment.
- ❖ **Start timer** if not already running
 - think of timer as for oldest unACKed segment.
 - expiration interval: `TimeoutInterval`

- ❖ **Retransmit** segment that caused timeout.
- ❖ **Restart timer.**

- ❖ if ACK acknowledges previously unACKed segments.
- ❖ **update** what is known to be ACKed.
- ❖ **start timer** if there are still unACKed segments.

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TCP Reliable Data Transfer (rdt)

ACK Generation

Event	TCP receiver action
Arrival of in-order segment with expected seq#. <i>All data</i> up to expected seq# <i>already ACKed</i>	<i>Delayed ACK</i> . Wait up to 500ms for next segment. If no next segment, <i>send ACK</i>
Arrival of in-order segment with expected seq#. <i>One</i> other segment has <i>ACK pending</i> .	Immediately send single <i>cumulative ACK</i> , ACKing both in-order segments (<i>retransmit – use oldest timer</i>).
Arrival of out-of-order segment higher-than-expected seq#. <i>Gap detected</i>	Immediately send <i>duplicate ACK</i> , indicating seq# of next expected byte (<i>TCP fast retransmit</i>).
Arrival of segment that partially or completely fills gap (<i>between seq#</i>)	<i>Immediate send ACK</i> , provided that segment starts at lower end of gap.

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TCP Reliable Data Transfer (rdt)

Fast Retransmit

❖ Time-out period often relatively long:

- long delay before resending lost packet.

❖ Detect lost segments via **duplicate ACKs**:

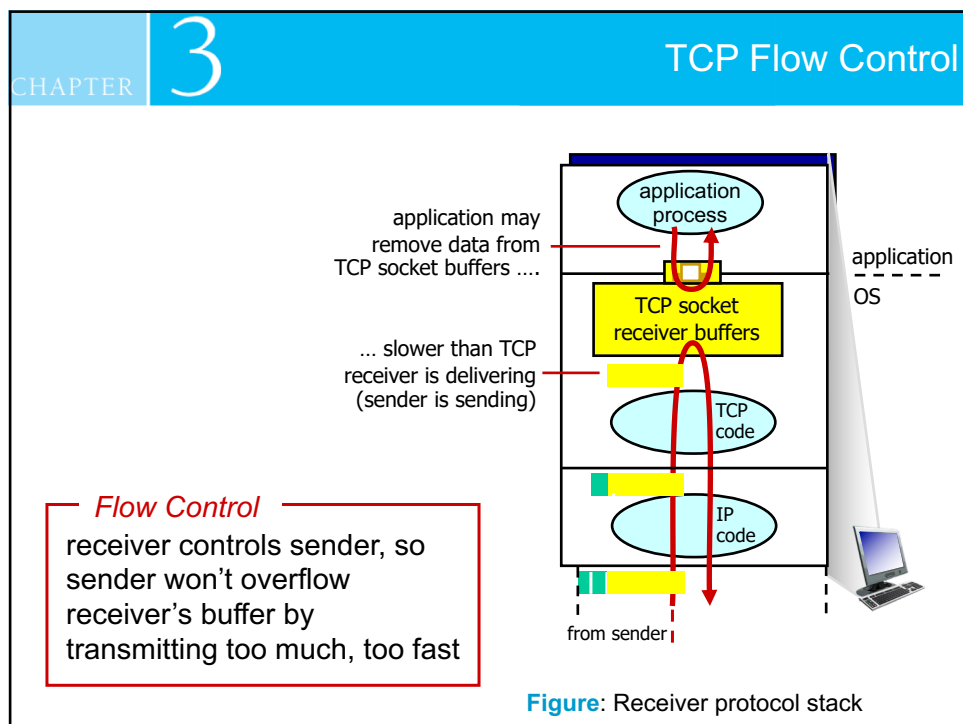
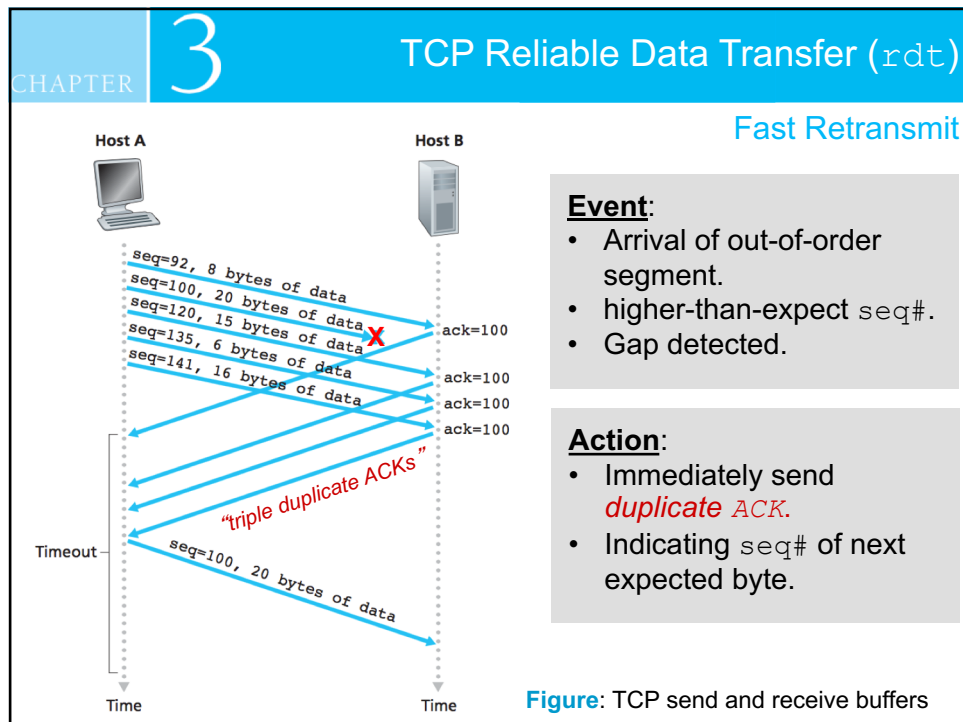
- sender often sends many segments back-to-back.
- if segment is lost, there will likely be many **duplicate ACKs**.

TCP fast retransmit

If sender receives **3 ACKs** for same data (“_____ACKs”),
→ resend unACKed segment with smallest seq#

- likely that unACKed segment lost, so: **don't wait for timeout.**

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CHAPTER 3
TCP Flow Control

- ❖ receiver “advertises” free buffer space by including **rwnd** value in TCP header of receiver-to-sender segments
 - **RcvBuffer** size set via socket options (typical default is 4096 bytes)
 - many operating systems auto adjust **RcvBuffer**
- ❖ sender limits amount of unACKed (“in-flight”) data to receiver’s **rwnd** value
- ❖ guarantees receive buffer will **not overflow**

Figure: Receiver-side buffering

RcvBuffer → received buffer data

Rwnd → received window free buffer space

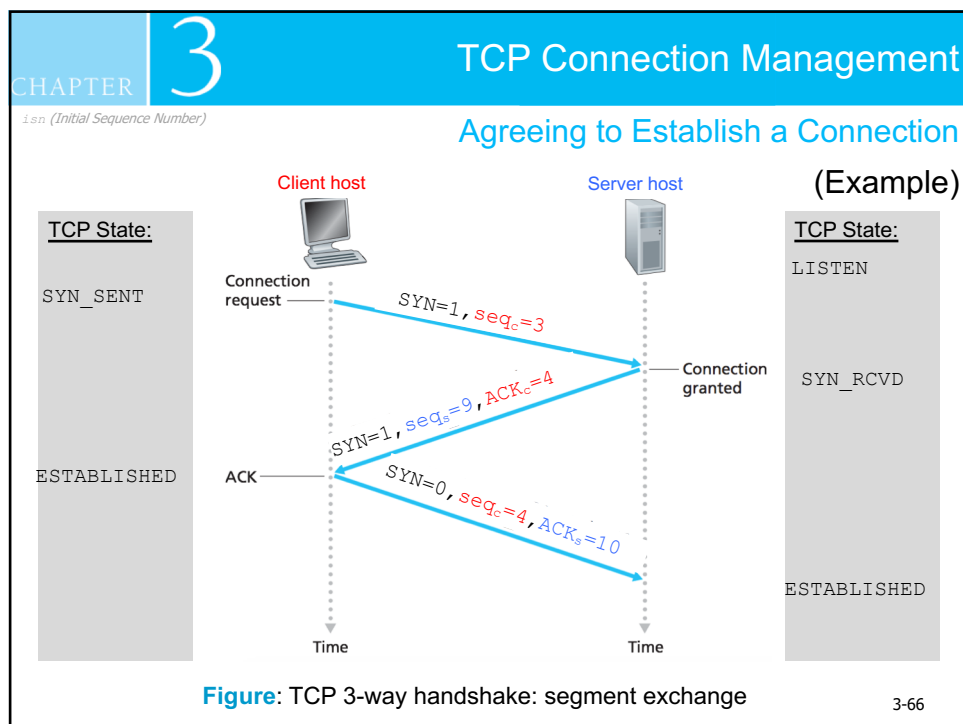
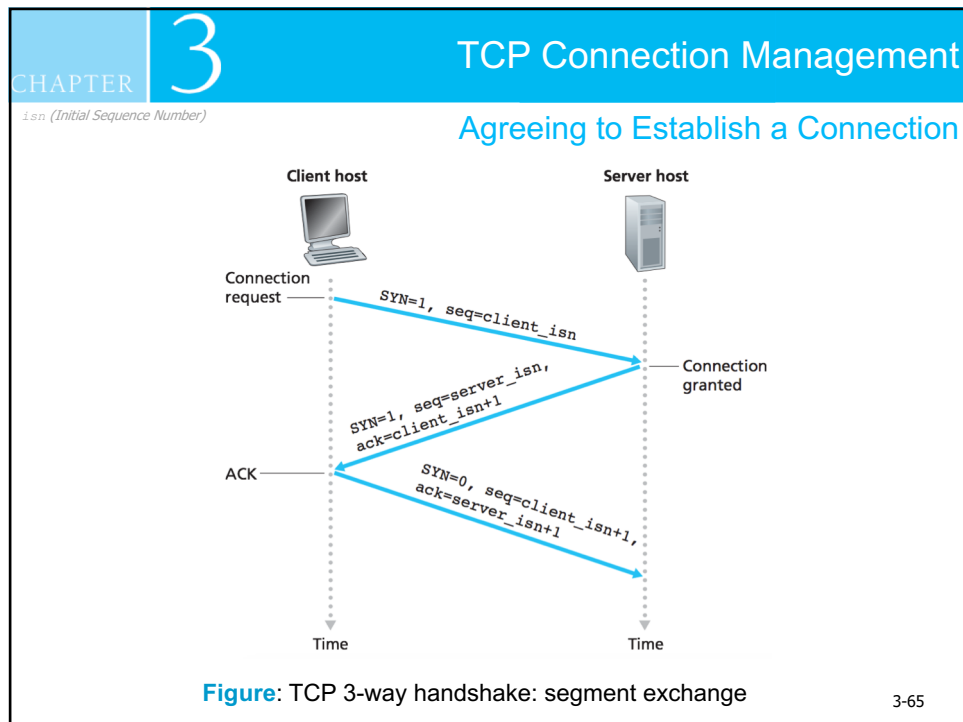
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TCP Connection Management

Before exchanging data, sender/receiver “**handshake**”:

- ❖ Agree to establish connection (each knowing the other willing to establish connection).
- ❖ Agree on connection parameters.

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    newSocket("hostname","port number");
```

```
Socket connectionSocket =
    welcomeSocket.accept();
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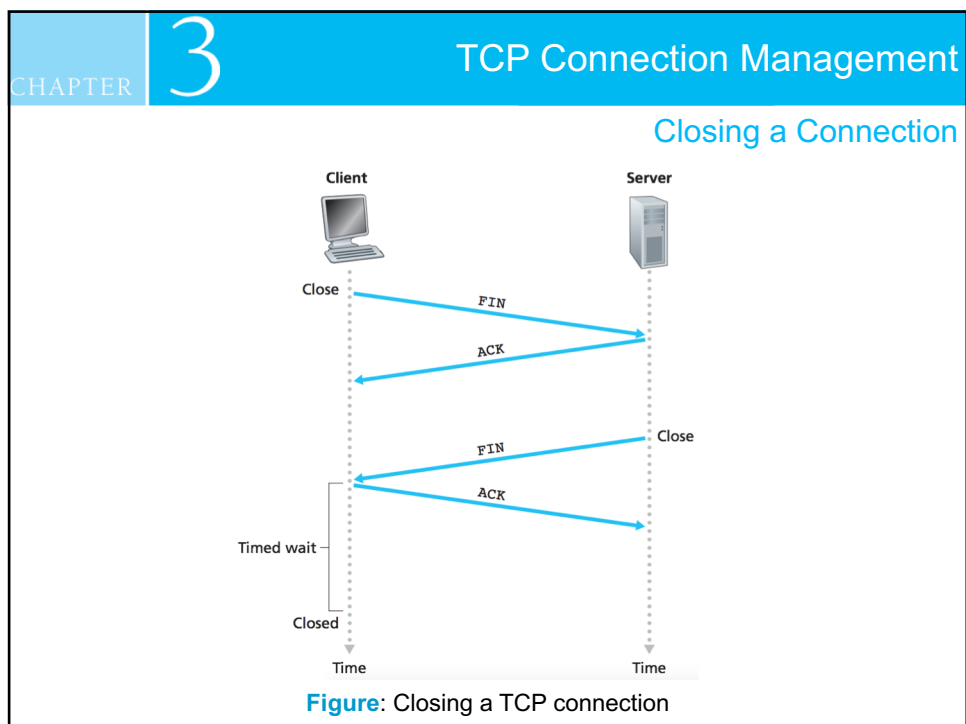


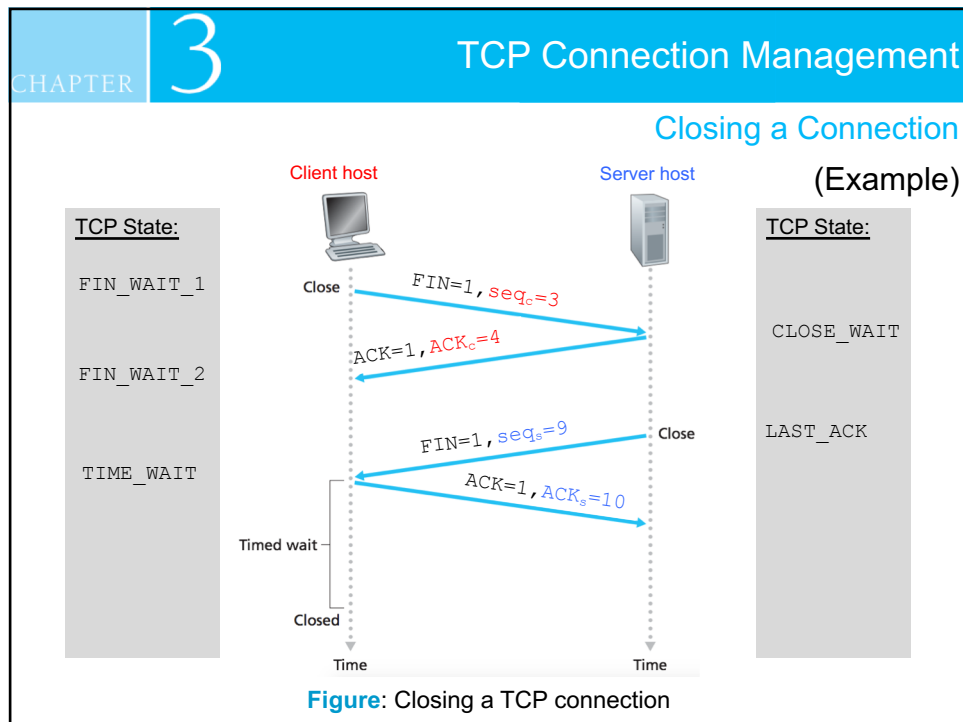
CHAPTER 3 TCP Connection Management

Closing a Connection

- ❖ Client, server each close their side of connection
 - send TCP segment with `FIN` bit = 1.
- ❖ Respond to received `FIN` with `ACK`
 - on receiving `FIN`, `ACK` can be combined with own `FIN`
- ❖ Simultaneous `FIN` exchanges can be handled.

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CHAPTER 3 (3.6) Principles of Congestion Control

Congestion:

- ❖ Informally:

“too many sources sending too much data too fast for *network* to handle”.
- ❖ Different from flow control!
- ❖ Manifestations:
 - **Lost packets** (buffer overflow at routers).
 - **Long delays** (queuing in router buffers).
- ❖ a top-10 problem!

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CHAPTER 3

SNA (System Network Architecture)
ECN (Explicit Congestion Notification)

Approaches toward congestion control

- ❖ No explicit feedback from network.
- ❖ Congestion inferred from end-system observed **loss**, **delay** (e.g. from timeout, duplicate ACK).
- ❖ Approach taken by TCP.

- ❖ Routers provide feedback to end systems:
 - single bit indicating congestion (as implemented by SNA, DECbit, TCP/IP ECN, ATM).
 - explicit rate for sender to send at.

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(3.7) TCP Congestion Control

- ❖ sender limits transmission:

$$\text{LastByteSent} - \text{LastByteAcked} \leq \text{cwnd}$$

- ❖ cwnd is dynamic, function of perceived (recognized) network congestion

*TCP sending **rate**:*

- ❖ *roughly:* send cwnd bytes, wait RTT for ACKs, then send more bytes

$$\text{rate} \approx \frac{\text{cwnd}}{\text{RTT}} \text{ bytes/sec}$$

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Overview

- ❖ There are generally **THREE** phases:
 - ❖ Slow Start;
 - ❖ Congestion Avoidance (CA);
 - ❖ Loss event because of:
 - ☐ _____
 - ☐ _____

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```
graph TD; A[Major Components] --- B[ ]; B --- C[ ]; B --- D[Fast Recovery];
```

Figure: The components of TCP Congestion-Control algorithms

- Slow start and congestion avoidance are mandatory components of TCP Congestion-Control algorithms
 - **different:** how they increase the size of $cwnd$ in response to received ACKs.

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TCP Slow Start & Congestion Avoidance (CA)

- ❖ When connection begins, increase rate exponentially until first loss event:
 - initially $cwnd = 1$ MSS
 - double $cwnd$ every RTT
 - done by incrementing $cwnd$ for every ACK received

Summary:

- ❖ initial rate is slow but ramps up **exponentially** fast.

Host A

Host B

RTT

one segment

two segments

four segments

Time

Time

Figure: TCP slow start

MMS (Maximum Segment Size)
RTT (Round-Trip Time)

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TCP Slow Start & Congestion Avoidance (CA)

(Loss because of timeout)

Q: When should the **exponential** increase switch to **linear**?

A: When $cwnd$ gets to 1/2 of its value before **timeout**. (Congestion Avoidance)

Implementation:

- ❖ variable $ssthresh$ (slow-start threshold)
- ❖ on loss event:
 - $ssthresh$ is set to 1/2 of $cwnd$ just before loss event
 - Value of $cwnd$ is set to 1 MSS (slow start)

Congestion window (in segments)

Transmission round

Congestion Avoidance

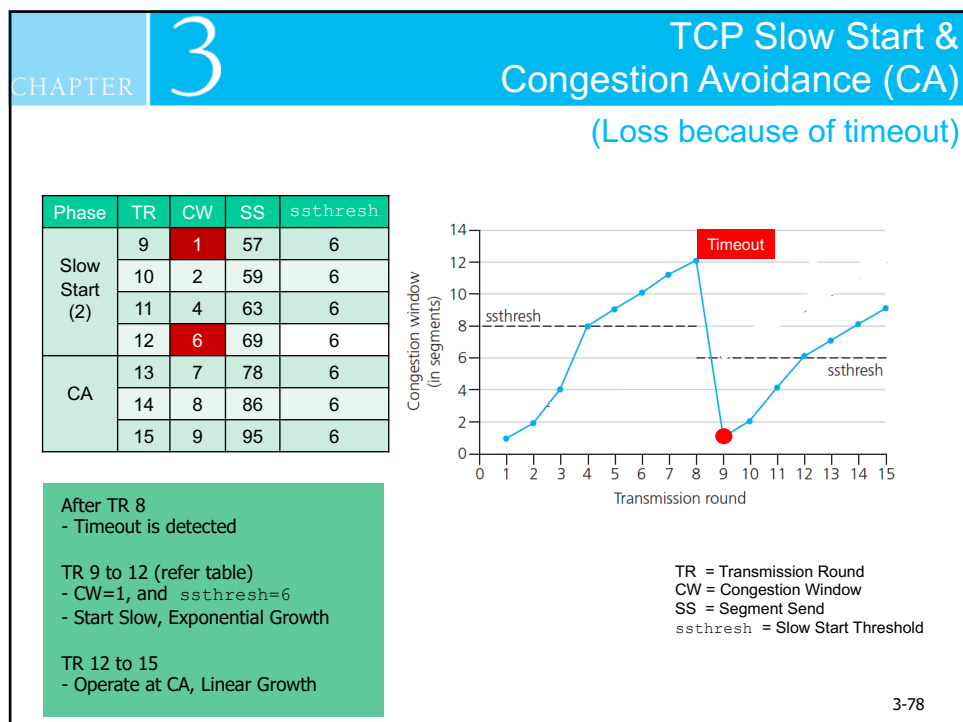
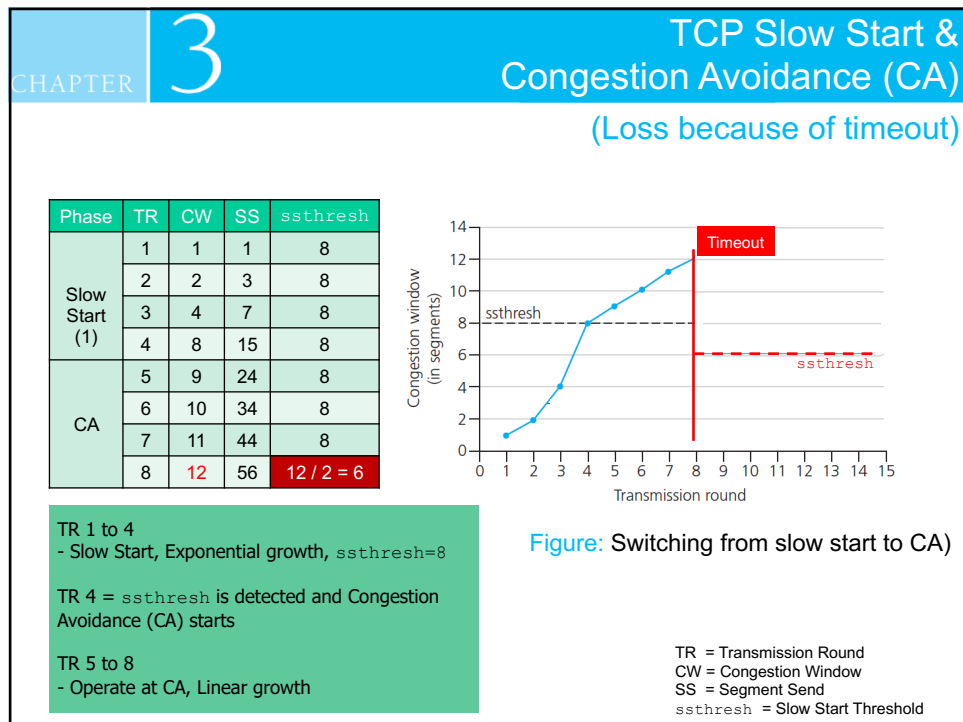
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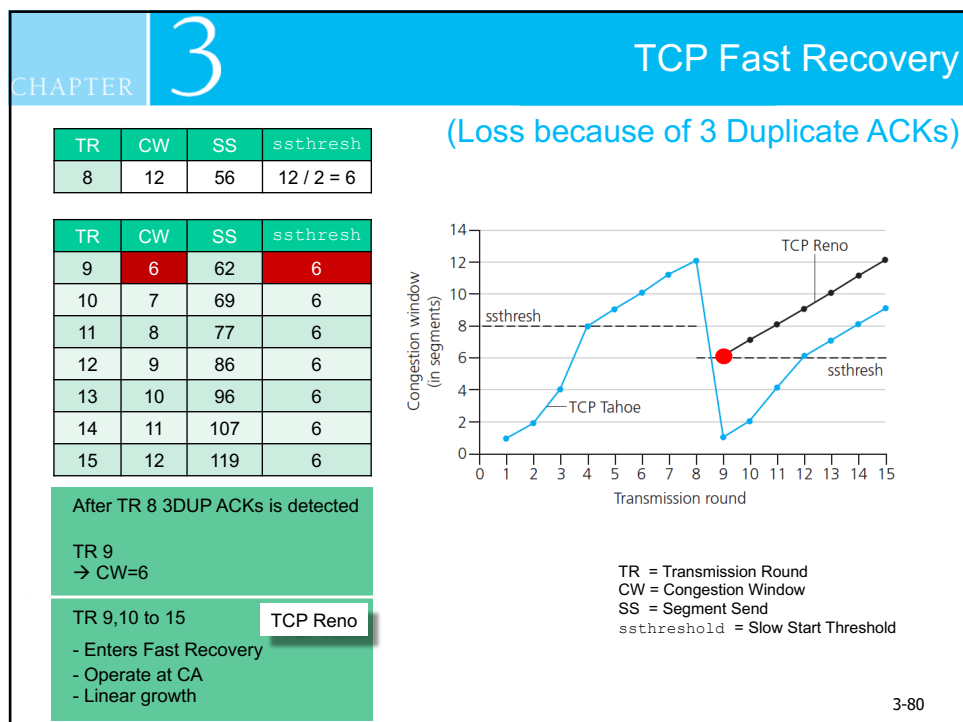
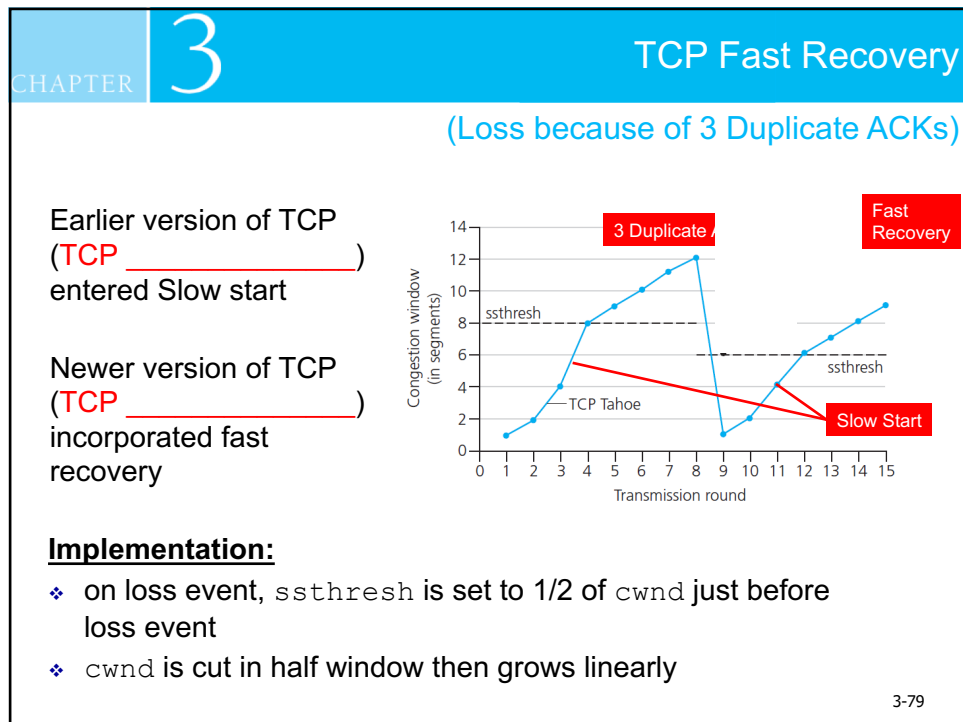
Slow Start

ssthresh

ssthresh

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CHAPTER 3
TCP Fast Recovery

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Detecting, Reacting to Loss Events

TCP Tahoe

- ❖ Loss indicated by **timeout** or **3 duplicate ACKs** : (Slow Start)
 - cwnd set to 1 MSS;
 - window then grows exponentially (as in slow start) to threshold, then grows linearly

TCP Reno

- ❖ Loss indicated by _____ : (Slow Start)
 - cwnd set to 1 MSS;
 - window then grows exponentially (as in slow start) to threshold, then grows linearly
- ❖ Loss indicated by _____ : (Fast Recovery)
 - dup ACKs indicate network capable of delivering some segments
 - cwnd is cut in half window then grows linearly

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Exercise 3.6

Question:

Supposed host A connected to host B for transmitting segments over TCP with congestion control.

Assume that the initial threshold is 6 MSS.

If the timeout event occurred at transmission round (TR=8), answer the following questions:

- Complete the table.
- What is the new threshold after timeout?
- What is/are the range of TRs involved in the congestion avoidance.
- What is/are the range of TRs involved in the fast recovery?
- At which TR the new threshold applied and how many segments sent at that TR?

Note: CW (Congestion Window), SS (Segment Send)

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Exercise 3.6

TR	CW	SS
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		
9		
10		
11		
12		
13		
14		

Note: CW (Congestion Window), SS (Segment Send)

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TCP Congestion Control:
Retrospective


Additive Increase Multiplicative Decrease (AIMD)

- ❖ TCP congestion control often referred as AIMD
- ❖ **Approach:** sender increases transmission rate (window size), probing for usable bandwidth, until loss occurs
 - _____: increase cwnd (congestion window) by 1 MSS every RTT until loss detected
 - _____: cut cwnd in half after loss

AIMD saw tooth behavior: probing for bandwidth

MMS (Maximum Segment Size)
RTT (Round-Trip Time)
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CHAPTER 3 Summary

A red pencil is shown drawing red checkmarks into a series of five rectangular boxes arranged vertically. The pencil is positioned to the right of the boxes, with its tip touching the bottom-most box.

- ❖ principles behind transport layer services:
 - multiplexing, demultiplexing
 - reliable data transfer
 - flow control
 - congestion control

Next:

- ❖ leaving the network “edge” (application, transport layers)
- ❖ into the network “core”

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