

### Transmission Control Protocol (TCP)

#### Reliable Byte Stream Service

- To the application layer, TCP handles data as a sequence of bytes
- To the lower layers, TCP handles data in blocks (segments).
  - Sender TCP: byte stream is broken up into segments



Reliable delivery

- Receiver TCP: sends ACKs for successfully received segments.
- Sender TCP: If an ACK is not received in time, the segment is retransmitted



## Connection-oriented reliable end-to-end transmission

- Connection management
- Error control
- Flow control









#### **TCP** Connection



#### TCP Error/Flow/Congestion Control

- The goal of each of the control mechanisms is different.
  → but, the implementation is combined
- Window
  - Advertised Window (Rwnd):
    - flow control between the TCP sender and TCP receiver
    - A amount of data granted by the receiver, starting from acknowledgement number
  - Congestion Window (Cwnd):
    - A window size for network congestion control
  - Allowed window (Sender's Window)
    - The amount of data that TCP is currently allowed to send without receiving further ACK's
    - Allowed window = min (Rwnd, Cwnd)

#### **TCP Flow Control: Rwnd**

The receiver returns two parameters (Ack #, Rwnd) to the sender, meaning that "I am ready to receive new data with seqNo=AckNo, AckNo+1, ...., AckNo+Rwnd-1"



#### TCP Error Control (1/2)

- Segment Acceptance Policy of Receiver
  - In-window: accept all segments within the receive window
  - In-order: Accept only segments that arrive in-order
  - Implementation-dependent
- Acknowledgement number
  - Delayed ACK (for piggyback ACK)
    - The receiver waits for the outbound segment for piggyback ack until timer expires. At time-out (200ms), send an empty segment with AckNo
    - But, at out-of-order segment arrival, immediately sends a duplicate ACK.
  - Cumulative ACK: the receiver has received up to (AckNo-1) in-order.
- Retransmit Policy of the Sender
  - First-only: retransmit only the segment at the queue front (Selective-repeat).
  - Batch: retransmit all segments in the queue (go-back-N)
  - Implementation-dependent



out-of-order arrivals

duplicate



#### TCP Error Control (2/2)

- A TCP sender retransmits a segment when
  - 1. a timeout event occurs.
  - 2. three duplicate ACKs has been received (Fast Retransmission)
- Retransmission Timer
  - TCP sender maintains one retransmission timer for each connection
  - when the timer reaches the retransmission timeout (RTO) value,
    the sender retransmits the first segment that has not been acknowledged
- Retransmission timer is started
  - 1. when a packet with payload is transmitted and
    - timer is also not running or
    - when an ACK arrives that acknowledges new data (no duplicate ACK) which lets the timer start
  - 2. when a segment is retransmitted
- Retransmission timer is stopped when
  - all segments are acknowledged

#### Round Trip Time (1/2)



#### **Retransmission Timer**

- How to set the TCP timeout value (RTO) ?
  - Based on round trip time (RTT), but should be longer than RTT
    - consider that RTT varies.
  - too short: premature timeout, unnecessary retransmissions
  - too long: slow reaction to segment loss
- How to estimate RTT?
  - SampleRTT:
    - measured time from a segment transmission until its ACK receipt
    - ignore retransmissions
  - "Smoother" change of estimated RTT is desirable
    - Average of several recent measurements, not just current sampleRTT
    - Greater weight for more recent measurement

Moving average

#### Round Trip Time (2/2)

EstimatedRTT =  $(1 - \alpha) \times \text{EstimatedRTT} + \alpha \times \text{SampleRTT}$ 

 $\alpha s_n + (1-\alpha)\alpha s_{n-1} + (1-\alpha)^2 \alpha s_{n-2} + \dots + (1-\alpha)^n \alpha s_0$ 

- exponential weighted moving average
- influence of past sample decreases exponentially fast
- typical value:  $\alpha = 0.125$



#### Retransmission Timeout (RTO)

- RTO: EstimatedRTT + "safety margin"
- Safety margin
  - SampleRTT deviation from EstimatedRTT:
  - DevRTT =  $(1-\beta)$  × DevRTT +  $\beta$  × | SampleRTT EstimatedRTT |

- typically, 
$$\beta = 0.25$$



#### TCP Congestion Control (1/3)

- Slow Start
  - Congestion window (Cwnd) = 1
  - Cwnd is increased by 1 for each
    ACK until Cwnd reaches to a
    slow start threshold (ssthresh)
    - :Multiplicative increase
  - At initialization
- Additive Increase
  - For Cwnd>ssthresh, increase
    Cwnd by 1 for each round-trip time



Access Link

Connecting Link

For simplicity, let's assume

- Rwnd and Cwnd represent the number of segments (not bytes)
- Rwnd >> Cwnd

#### TCP Congestion Control (2/3)

- When a timeout occurs (Congestion Avoidance)
  - 1. Set a slow start threshold (ssthresh) to half the current congestion window : ssthresh  $\leftarrow$  Cwnd/2
  - 2. Set Cwnd =1
  - 3. Performs the Slow Start process (Multiplicative Increase) until Cwnd = ssthresh
  - 4. For Cwnd>ssthresh, Additive Increase

#### TCP Congestion Control (3/3)



Figure 20.13 Illustration of Slow Start and Congestion Avoidance

#### Fast Retransmission

- If three duplicate ACKs are received, the TCP sender believes that a segment has been lost.
- Then, TCP performs a retransmission of what seems to be the missing segment, without waiting for a timeout to happen.



#### Fast Recovery

- Modification to fast retransmission
- If the sender receives *n* duplicate ACKs (typically n=3),
  - retransmit the loss segment immediately ssthresh = Cwnd/2

  - Cwnd = ssthresh
  - ndup
    - If (n+1) duplicate ACK's are received (i.e., when receiving one additional duplicate ACK after retransmission)
    - $\Rightarrow$  *ndup* is set to (*n*+1) and increments every duplicate ACK received.
    - If *ndup* reaches half the old\_cwnd
    - $\Rightarrow$  the sender transmits new packets for each additional duplicate ACK.
  - Upon receipt of an ACK for new data, the sender exits Fast Recovery by setting *ndup* to 0 and incrementing Cwnd.

Fast retransmission



#### Tahoe TCP, Reno TCP

- Tahoe TCP
  - Slow Start
  - Congestion Avoidance
  - Fast retransmit



- Reno TCP
  - Slow Start
  - Congestion Avoidance
  - Fast Recovery



#### UDP (User Datagram Protocol)

- Transport layer protocol
- Connectionless service for applications
- Unreliable service
  - Deliver and duplicate protection are not guaranteed
  - It merely adds a port addressing capability to IP
- UDP header (8 bytes)

0	16 31
Source port	Destination port
Length	Checksum

Optional field

- If not used, set to zero
- If error is detected, the segment is discarded and no further action is taken

# Some Application Protocols in TCP/IP Protocol Suit



- BGP = Border Gateway Protocol
- FTP = File Transfer Protocol
- HTTP = Hypertext Transfer Protocol
- ICMP = Internet Control Message Protocol
- IGMP = Internet Group Management Protocol
- IP = Internet Protocol
- MIME = Multipurpose Internet Mail Extension

- OSPF = Open Shortest Path First
- RSVP = Resource ReSerVation Protocol
- SMTP = Simple Mail Transfer Protocol
- SNMP = Simple Network Management Protocol

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- SSH = Secure Shell
- TCP = Transmission Control Protocol
- UDP = User Datagram Protocol

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