EECS 3214:
Computer Network Protocols and Applications

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Chapter 2: Application layer

- 2.1 Principles of network applications
- 2.2 Web and HTTP
- 2.3 FTP
- 2.4 Electronic Mail
  - SMTP, POP3, IMAP
- 2.5 DNS

Some network apps

- E-mail
- Web
- Instant messaging
- Remote login
- P2P file sharing
- Multi-user network games
- Streaming stored video clips
- Social networking

Internet telephony

Real-time video conference

Massive parallel computing

Search

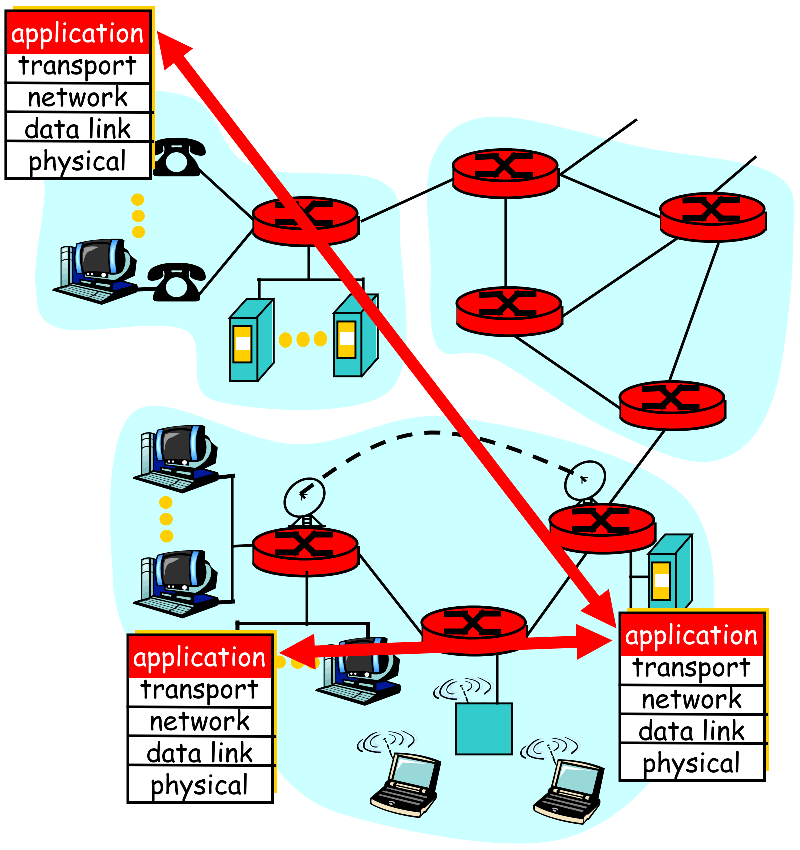
Creating a network app

Write programs that

- run on different end systems and
- communicate over a network.
- e.g., Web: Web server software communicates with browser software

No software written for devices in network core

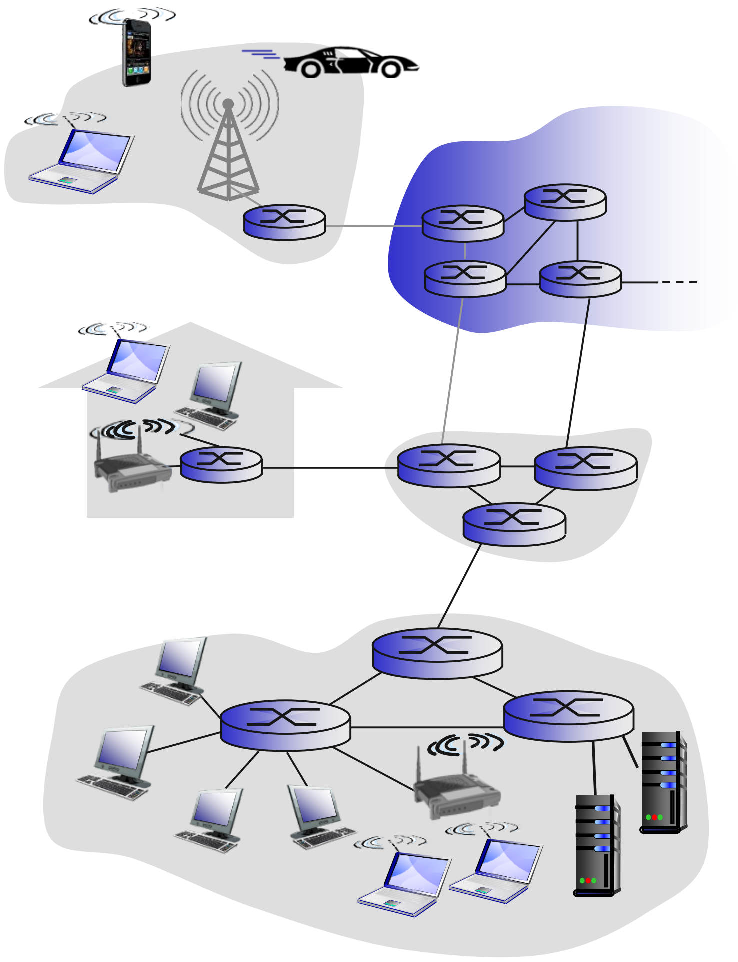
- Network core devices do not function at app layer
- This design allows for rapid app development



Application architectures

- Client-server
- Peer-to-peer (P2P)
- Hybrid of client-server and P2P

Client-server architecture



server:

- always-on host
- permanent IP address
- server farms for scaling

clients:

- communicate with server
- may be intermittently connected
- may have dynamic IP addresses
- do not communicate directly with each other

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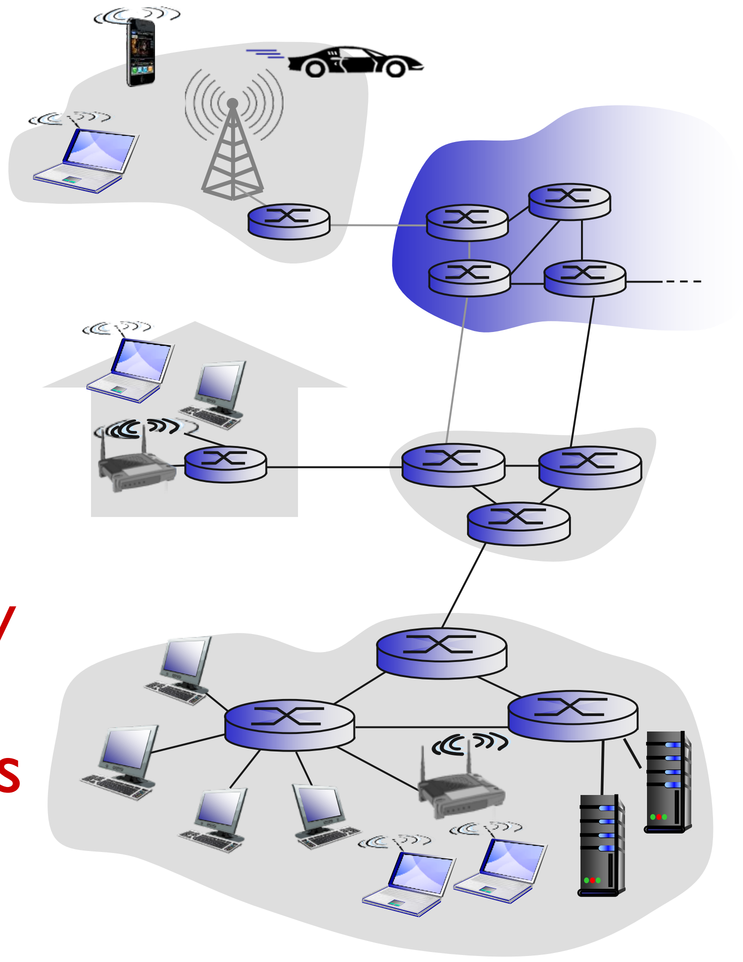
Pure P2P architecture

- no always on server
- arbitrary end systems directly communicate
- peers are intermittently connected and change IP addresses



Highly scalable: *self scalability* – new peers bring new service capacity, as well as new service demands

But difficult to manage

Hybrid of client-server and P2P

Napster

- File transfer P2P
- File search centralized:
  - Peers register content at central server
  - Peers query same central server to locate content

Instant messaging

- Chatting between two users is P2P
- Presence detection/location centralized:
  - User registers its IP address with central server when it comes online
  - User contacts central server to find IP addresses of buddies

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

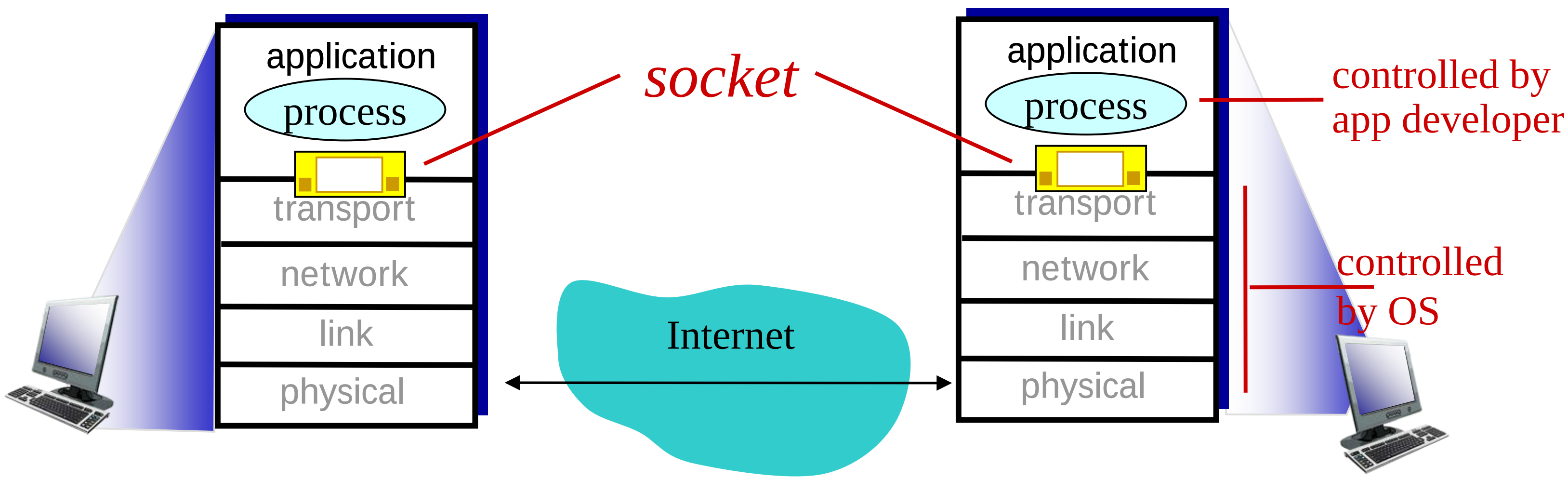
Client process: process that initiates communication

Server process: process that waits to be contacted

- Note: 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 which brings message to socket at receiving process
- API: (1) choice of transport protocol; (2) ability to fix a few parameters (lots more on this later)



Addressing processes

- For a process to receive messages, it must have an identifier
- A host has a unique32-bit IP address
- Q: does the IP address of the host on which the process runs suffice for identifying the process?
- Answer: No, many processes can be running on same host

Identifier includes both the IP address and port numbers associated with the process on the host.

Example port numbers:

HTTP server: 80

Mail server: 25

More on this later

App-layer protocol defines

- Types of messages exchanged, eg, request & response messages
- Syntax of message types: what fields in messages & how fields are delineated
- Semantics of the fields, ie, meaning of information in fields
- Rules for when and how processes send & respond to messages

Public-domain protocols:

defined in RFCs

allows for interoperability

eg, HTTP, SMTP

Proprietary protocols:

eg, 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

Timing

some apps (e.g., Internet telephony, interactive games) require low delay to be "effective"

Throughput

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

security

- encryption, data integrity, …

Transport service requirements of common apps

Application	Data loss	Bandwidth	Time Sensitive
file transfer	no loss	elastic	no
e-mail	no loss	elastic	no
Web documents	no loss	elastic	no
real-time audio/video	loss-tolerant	audio: 5kbps-1Mbps video:10kbps-5Mbps	yes, 100's msec
stored audio/video	loss-tolerant	same as above	yes, few secs
interactive games	loss-tolerant	few kbps up	yes, 100's msec
instant messaging	no loss	elastic	yes and no

Internet transport protocols services

TCP service:

- *connection-oriented:* setup required between client and server processes
- *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 bandwidth guarantees

UDP service:

unreliable data transfer between sending and receiving process

does not provide: connection setup, reliability, flow control, congestion control, timing, or bandwidth guarantee

Q: why bother? Why is there a UDP?

Internet apps: application, transport protocols

Application	Application layer protocol	Underlying transport protocol
e-mail	SMTP [RFC 2821]	TCP
remote terminal access	Telnet [RFC 854]	TCP
Web	HTTP [RFC 2616]	TCP
file transfer	FTP [RFC 959]	TCP
streaming multimedia	HTTP (e.g., YouTube), RTP [RFC 1889]	TCP or UDP
Internet telephony	SIP, RTP, proprietary (e.g., Skype)	TCP or UDP

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

Chapter 2: Application layer

Next: Ch. 2.2 Web and HTTP

- Examine the web infrastructure

Web and HTTP

First some jargon

- 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
- Example URL:

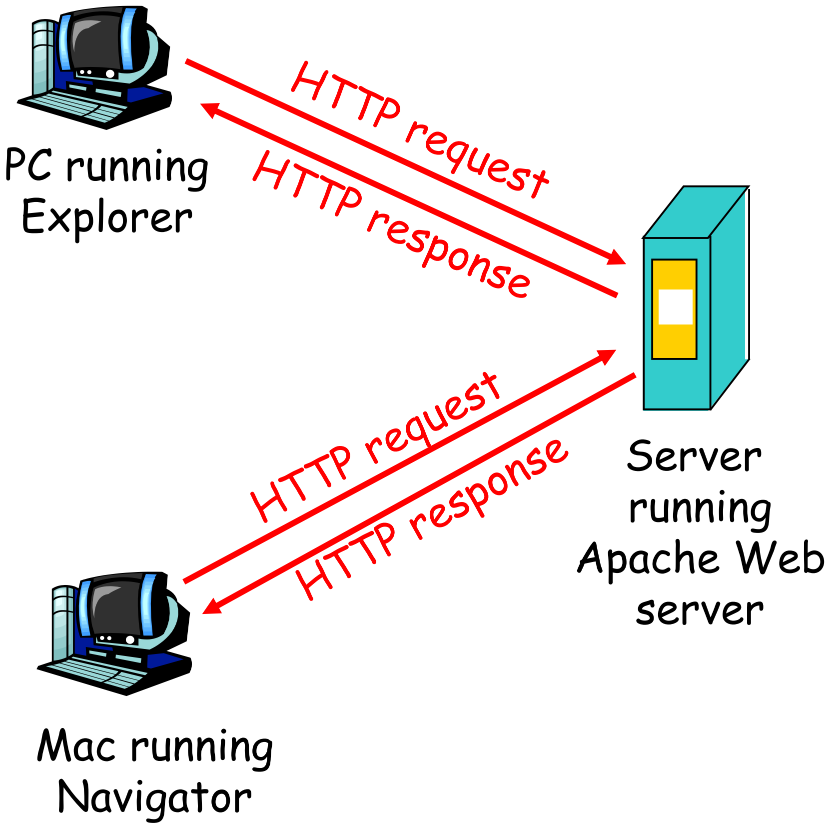
```
www.someschool.edu/someDept/pic.gif
```

host name — path name

HTTP overview

HTTP: hypertext transfer protocol

- Web's application layer protocol
- client/server model
  - *client:* browser that requests, receives, "displays" Web objects
  - *server:* Web server sends objects in response to requests
- HTTP 1.0: RFC 1945
- HTTP 1.1: RFC 2068



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

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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

<u>Nonpersistent HTTP</u>

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

- HTTP/1.0 uses nonpersistent HTTP

<u>Persistent HTTP</u>

Multiple objects can be sent over single TCP connection between client and server.

HTTP/1.1 uses persistent connections in default mode

Nonpersistent HTTP

Suppose user enters URL

`www.someSchool.edu/cs/index.html`

(contains text, references to 10 jpeg images)

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

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

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

3. HTTP server receives request message, forms *response message* containing requested object, and sends message into its socket

time

Nonpersistent HTTP (cont.)

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

4. HTTP server closes TCP connection.

time

6. Steps 1-5 repeated for each of 10 jpeg objects

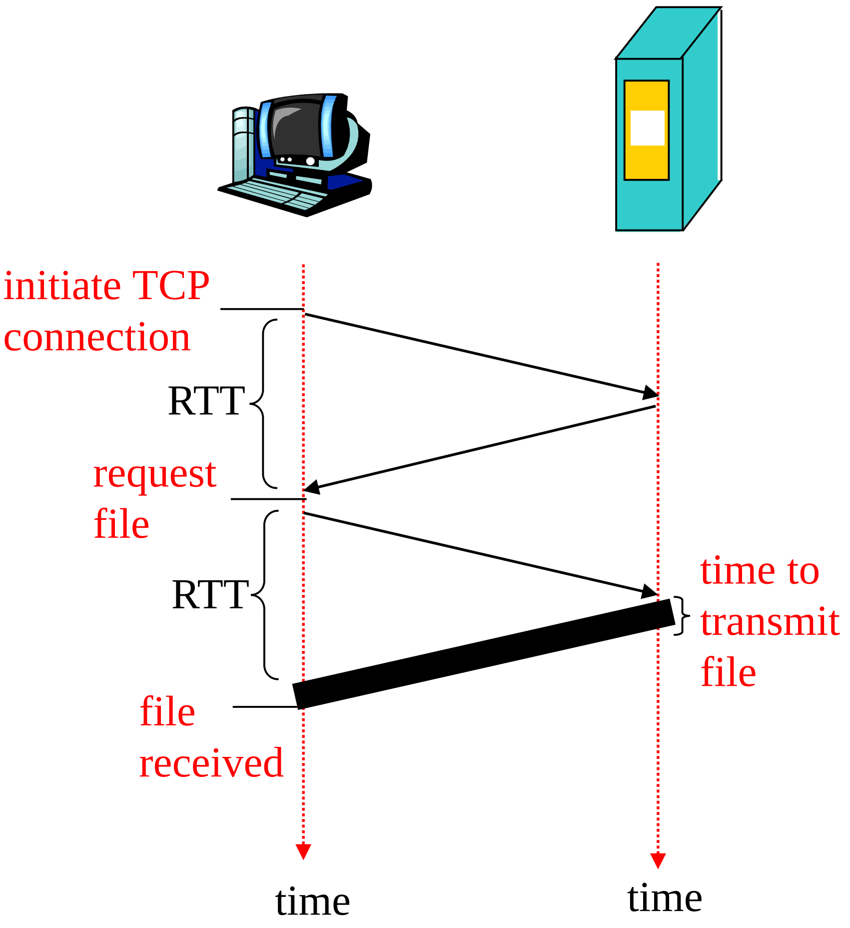
Response time modeling

Definition of RTT: time to send a small packet to travel from client to server and back.

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

total = 2RTT+transmit time



Persistent HTTP

Nonpersistent HTTP issues:

- requires 2 RTTs per object
- OS must work and allocate host resources for each TCP connection
- but 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 are sent over connection

Persistent without pipelining:

client issues new request only when previous response has been received

one RTT for each referenced object

Persistent with pipelining:

default in HTTP/1.1

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:
  - ASCII (human-readable format)

carriage return character

line-feed character

request line (GET, POST, HEAD commands)

header lines

carriage return, line feed at start of line indicates end of header lines

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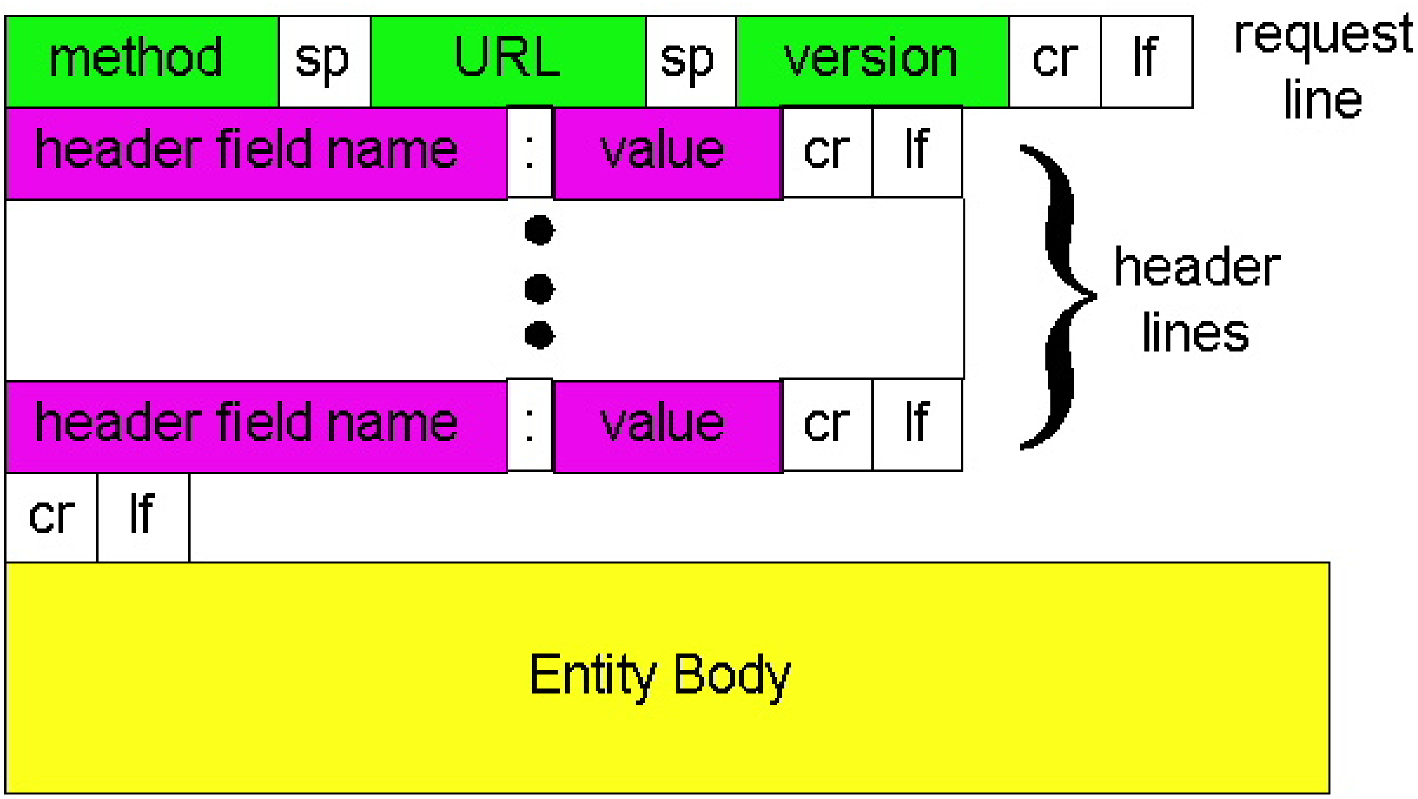
HTTP request message: general format



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)

header lines

data, e.g., requested HTML file

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

HTTP response status codes

In first line in server->client response message.

A few sample codes:

`200 OK`

- request succeeded, requested object later in this message

`301 Moved Permanently`

- requested object moved, new location specified later in this message (Location:)

`400 Bad Request`

- request message 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 major Web sites use cookies

Four components:

1) cookie header line in the HTTP response message
2) cookie header line in HTTP request message
3) cookie file kept on user's host and managed by user's browser
4) back-end database at Web site

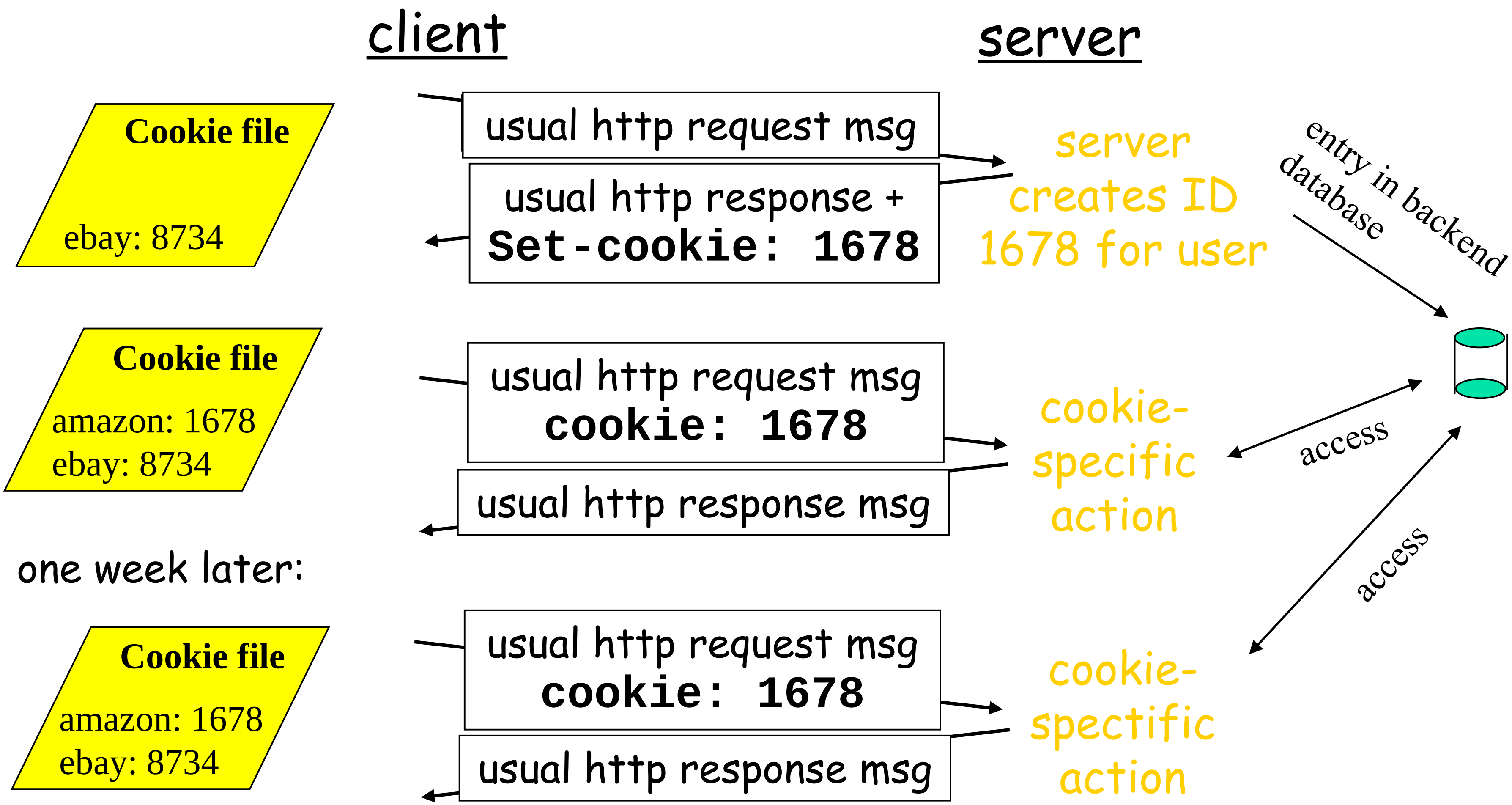
Example:

Susan access Internet always from same PC

She visits a specific e-commerce site for first time

When initial HTTP requests arrives at site, site creates a unique ID and creates an entry in backend database for ID

Cookies: keeping "state" (cont.)



Cookies (continued)

What cookies can bring:

- 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
- search engines use redirection & cookies to learn yet more
- advertising companies obtain info across sites