CSE 461: Final Review

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Administrivia

- **Project 3**, due today at 11pm
- Assignment 5, due on Sunday 11pm

• Please fill out the course evaluation form



Final Review Section

- Today: A brief review of lecture materials
 - Concepts, Protocols, Algorithms, ...
- What **YOU** should do after this section and before the exam:
 - Go through the lecture slides
 - Think about the **problems** that each protocol/algorithm tries to solve
 - Pros and cons of current approaches?
 - Any other possible solutions?
 - What has not been solved yet?



Network Layer

- Network Service Models
- IP Address and Forwarding
- DHCP, ARP, ICMP
- NAT, IPv6
- Routing Algorithms
- BGP

Motivation

- What does the network layer do?
 - Connect different networks (send packets over multiple networks)

- Why do we need the network layer?
 - Switches don't scale to large networks
 - Switches don't work across more than one link layer technology
 - Switches don't give much traffic control

Network Service Models

Datagram Model

- Connectionless service
- Packets contain destination address
- Routers looks up address in its forwarding table to determine next hop
- Example: IP

Virtual Circuits

- Connection-oriented service
- Connection establishment \rightarrow data transfer \rightarrow connection teardown
- Packets contain label for circuit
- Router looks up circuit in forwarding table to determine next hop
- Example: MPLS

Both of them use Store-and-Forward packet switching

Internetworking - IP

- How do we connect different networks together?
- IP Internet Protocol
- Lowest Common Denominator
 - Asks little of lower-layer networks
 - Gives little as a higher layer service





IP Addresses Prefix and Forwarding

- IP prefix a.b.c.d/L
 - Represents addresses that have the same first L bits
 - e.g. 128.13.0.0/16 -> all 65536 addresses between 128.13.0.0 to 128.13.255.255
 - e.g. 18.31.0.0/32 -> 18.31.0.0 (only one address)

• Longest Matching Prefix

 find the longest prefix that contains the destination address, i.e., the most specific entry



DHCP - Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol

- Bootstrapping problem
- Leases IP address to nodes
- UDP
- Also setup other parameters:
 - DNS server
 - IP address of local router
 - Network prefix



ARP - Address Resolution Protocol

- MAC is needed to send a frame over the local link
- ARP to map an IP to MAC
- Sits on top of link layer





ICMP - Internet Control Message Protocol

- Provides error reporting and testing
- Companion protocol to IP
- Traceroute, Ping



NAT - Network Address Translation

- One solution to IPv4 address exhaustion
- Map many private IP to one public IP, with different port number
- Pros: useful functionality (firewall), easy to deploy, etc.
- Cons: Connectivity has been broken!
- Many other cons...

What host thinks	What ISP thinks
Internal IP:port	External IP : port
192.168.1.12 : 5523	44.25.80.3 : 1500
192.168.1.13 : 1234	44.25.80.3 : 1501
192.168.2.20 : 1234	44.25.80.3 : 1502



IPv6

- A much better solution to IPv4 address exhaustion
- Uses 128-bit addresses, with lots of other changes
- IPv6 version protocols: NDP -> ARP, SLAAC -> DHCP
- Problem: being incompatible with IPV4. Solution: Tunnelling



Routing

- The process of deciding in which direction to send traffic
- Delivery models: unicast, broadcast, multicast, anycast
- Goals: correctness, efficient paths, fair paths, fast convergence, scalability
- Rules: decentralized, distributed setting



Techniques to Scale Routing

Hierarchical Routing

 Route first to the region, then to the IP prefix within the region

IP Prefix Aggregation and Subnets

- Adjusting the size of IP prefixes
 - Internally split one large prefix
 - Externally join multiple IP prefixes





Best Path Routing

Distance Vector Routing

Each node maintains a vector of distances (and next hops) to all destinations.

Sometimes doesn't perform very well: count-to-infinity scenario Link State Routing (widely used)

Phase 1. **Topology Dissemination**: Nodes flood topology

Phase 2. **Route Computation**: running Dijkstra algorithm (or equivalent)

Algorithm details available in lecture slides



BGP - Border Gateway Protocol

- Internet-wide routing between ISPs (ASes)
 - Each has their own policy decisions
- Peer and Transit (Customer) relationship
- Border routers of ISPs announce BGP routes only to other parties who may use those paths.
- Border routers of ISPs select the best path of the ones they hear in any, non-shortest way



BGP example

- Transit (ISP & Customer)
 - ISP announce everything it can reach to its customer
 - AS1 to AS2: you can send packet to AS4 through me
 - Customer ISP only announce its customers to ISP
 - AS2 to AS1: you can send packet to A through me
- Peer (ISP 1 & ISP 2)
 - ISP 1 only announces its customer to ISP 2
 - AS2 to AS3: you can send packet to A through me



Transport Layer

- Service Models
- TCP vs UDP
- TCP Connections
- Flow Control and Sliding Window
- TCP Congestion Control
- Newer TCP Implementations

Service Models

- Transport Layer Services
 - Datagrams (UDP): Unreliable Messages
 - Streams (TCP): Reliable Bytestreams

- Socket API: simple abstraction to use the network
 - Port: Identify different applications / application layer protocols on a host

TCP vs UDP

TCP (Streams)	UDP (Datagrams)
Connections	Datagrams
Bytes are delivered once, reliably, and in order	Messages may be lost, reordered, duplicated
Arbitrary length content	Limited message size
Flow control matches sender to receiver	Can send regardless of receiver state
Congestion control matches sender to network	Can send regardless of network state

TCP Connection Establishment

Three-way handshake



TCP Connection Release



Flow Control - Sliding Window Protocol

- Instead of stop-and-wait, sends W packets per 1 RTT
 - To fill network path, W=2B
- Receiver sends ACK upon receiving packets
 - Go-Back-N (similar to project 1 stage b): not efficient
 - Selective Repeat
 - Receiver passes data to app in order, and buffers out-of-order segments to reduce retransmissions
 - ACK conveys highest in-order segment
 - As well as hints about out-of-order segments
- Selective Retransmission on sender's side



Flow Control - ACK Clock



Flow Control - Sliding Window Protocol (2)

- Flow control on receiver's side
 - In order to avoid loss caused by user application not calling recv(), receiver tells sender its available buffer space (WIN)
 - Sender uses lower of the WIN and W as the effective window size

- How to set a **timeout** for retransmission on sender's side?
 - Adaptively determine timeout value based on smoothed estimate of RTT



Max-Min Fair Allocation

- Start with all flows at rate 0
- Increase the flows until there is a new bottleneck in the network
- Hold fixed the rate of the flows that are bottlenecked
- Go to step 2 for any remaining flows



TCP Bandwidth Allocation

- Closed loop: use feedback to adjust rates
 - NOT open loop: reserve bandwidth before use
- Host driven: host sets/enforces allocations
 - NOT network driven
- Window based
 - NOT rate based
- Congestion signal
 - Packet loss, Packet delay, Router indication





AIMD - Additive Increase Multiplicative Decrease





AIMD

- Slow-Start (used in Al)
 - Double cwnd until packet timeout
 - Restart and double until cwnd/2, then AI
- Fast-Retransmit (used in MD)
 - Three duplicate ACKs = packet loss
 - Don't have to wait for TIMEOUT
- Fast-Recovery (used in MD)
 - MD after fast-retransmit
 - Then pretend further duplicate ACKs are the expected ACKs



TCP Reno



TCP CUBIC

TCP BBR

- Problem with standard TCP?
 - Flows with lower RTT's "grow"
 faster than those with higher RTTs
 - Flows grow too "slowly" (linearly) after congestion

• Bufferbloat Problem

- performance can decrease when buffer size is increased
- Model based instead of loss based
 - Measure RTT, latency, bottleneck bandwidth
 - \circ Use this to predict window size





Network-Side Congestion Control

- Explicit Congestion Notification (ECN)
 - Router detects the onset of congestion via its queue. When congested, it marks affected packets in their IP headers
 - Marked packets arrive at receiver; treated as loss. TCP receiver reliably informs TCP sender of the congestion

- Random Early Detection (**RED**)
 - Drop at random, depending on queue size
 - As queue approaches full, increase likelihood of packet drop
 - Example: 1 queue slot left, 10 packets expected, 90% chance of drop

Application Layer

• DNS

• HTTP

- Web Caching / CDN
- Security

DNS

- Terminology
 - Names higher-level identifiers for resources
 - Addresses lower-level locators for resources
 - Resolution mapping a name to an address
 - Zones contiguous portions of the namespace
 - Nameserver server to contact for information about a particular zone
- Maps between host names and address
- Recursive vs iterative query
- Caching
- Built on top of UDP
- Security (DNS Spoofing)



HTTP - HyperText Transfer Protocol

Basis for fetching Web pages

Steps to fetch a web HTTP with URL:

- Resolve the server IP
- Setup TCP connection
- Send/Receive HTTP request over TCP
- Fetch embedded resources
- Teardown TCP connection





Components of a web page

- HTML Markup language for web content
- DOM Base primitive for web browsers interacting with HTML
- Dynamic contents (client or server)

HTTP Protocol

- Commands in request- GET/POST/...
- Codes in response 2xx=Success/4xx=Client Error/...



REST - Representational State Transfer

- HTTP for general network services
- For HTTP-based APIs -- RESTful APIs
- Tenants
 - Uniform Interface
 - Client/Server
 - Stateless
 - Cachable
 - Layered



How to decrease Page Load Time (PLT)?

- Parallel connections and persistent connections (HTTP1.1)
- HTTP caching and proxies
- Change HTTP protocol
- Move content closer to client (CDNs)



HTTP2/SPDY

- Prioritized Stream Multiplexing
 - multiple concurrent HTTP connections in a single TCP flow
- Header Compression
- Server push
 - Push resource with HTML response

HTTP3/QUIC

- UDP
 - Congestion
 - Encryption
- TLS
- IP Mobility support



HTTP Request over TCP+TLS (with 0-RTT)



HTTP Request over QUIC (with 0-RTT)



CDNs

- Content Delivery Networks
- Place popular content near clients
 - Use DNS to place replicas across the Internet for use by all nearby clients
 - Reduces server, network load
 - Improves user experience



Caching/Proxies

Web Caching

- Local copy on browser
- Revalidate copy with remote server
 - Timestamp
 - Server header

Web Proxies

- Placed near pool of clients
 - Caching
 - Security checking
 - Organization policies

