Mid-point discussion lecture ... TDTS06 Computer Networking



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Kick starting science ...



... well, cable into wall ...



What happens there?



Hosts, the Internet architecture, and the E2E arguments ...



Network Stack in Practice



Encapsulation, Revisited



The Hourglass



Holding the Internet Together

- Distributed cooperation for resource allocation
 - BGP: what end-to-end *paths* to take (for ~50K ASes)
 - TCP: what *rate* to send over each path (for ~3B hosts)



How do we find a path?





Routing on a Graph

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- Goal: determine a "good" path through the network from source to destination
- What is a good path?
 - Usually means the shortest path
 - Load balanced
 - Lowest \$\$\$ cost
- Network modeled as a graph
 - Routers \rightarrow nodes
 - Link \rightarrow edges
 - Edge cost: delay, congestion level, etc.

Intra-domain Routing Protocols

- Distance vector
 - Routing Information Protocol (RIP), based on Bellman-Ford
 - Routers periodically exchange reachability info with neighbors
- Link state
 - Open Shortest Path First (OSPF), based on Dijkstra
 - Each network periodically floods neighbor information to all routers
 - Routers locally compute routes

Hierarchical addressing: route aggregation

ISP has an address block; it can further divide this block into sub blocks and assign them to subscriber organizations.



Example CIDR Routing Table

Address	Netmask	Third Byte	Byte Range	
207.46.0.0	19	000xxxxx	0-31	
207.46.32.0	19	001xxxxx	32 – 63	
207.46.64.0	19	010xxxxx	64 – 95	
207.46.128.0	18	10xxxxxx	128 – 191	
207.46.192.0	18	11xxxxxx	192 – 255	

Hole in the Routing Table: No coverage for 96 – 127 207.46.96.0/19

Network of networks: BGP and ASes

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BGP Relationships



Importing Routes



Exporting Routes



A new Internet model



- Flatter and much more densely interconnected Internet
- Disintermediation between content and "eyeball" networks
- New commercial models between content, consumer and transit

How do we **avoid sending too much** for the receiver and network to handle?





TCP Tahoe: Summary

- Basic ideas
 - Gently probe network for spare capacity
 - Drastically reduce rate on congestion
 - Windowing: self-clocking
 - Other functions: round trip time estimation, error recovery

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for every ACK {
    if (W < ssthresh) then W++ (SS)
    else W += 1/W (CA)
    }
    for every loss {
        ssthresh = W/2
        W = 1
    }
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```

Congestion Avoidance Example





TCP Tahoe



• Can we do better than TCP Tahoe?

TCP Reno

Note how there is "Fast Recovery" after cutting Window in half



TCP Reno: Fast Recovery

- Objective: prevent `pipe' from emptying after fast retransmit
 - each dup ACK represents a packet having left the pipe (successfully received)
 - Let's enter the "FR/FR" mode on 3 dup ACKs

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ssthresh ← W/2
retransmit lost packet
W ← ssthresh + ndup (window inflation)
Wait till W is large enough; transmit new packet(s)
On non-dup ACK (1 RTT later)
W ← ssthresh (window deflation)
enter CA mode
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TCP Reno: Summary

- Fast Recovery along with Fast Retransmit used to avoid slow start
- On 3 duplicate ACKs
 - Fast retransmit and fast recovery
- On timeout
 - Fast retransmit and slow start

Fast Retransmit and Fast Recovery



Time

- At steady state, cwnd oscillates around the optimal window size
- TCP always forces packet drops

TCP Throughput

What's the average throughout ot TCP as a function of window size and RTT?

Ignore slow start

- Let W be the window size when loss occurs.
- When window is W, throughput is W/RTT
- Just after loss, window drops to W/2, throughput to W/2RTT.
- Average throughout: .75 W/RTT

TCP Futures

- Example: 1500 byte segments, 100ms RTT, want 10 Gbps throughput
- Requires window size W = 83,333 in-flight segments
- Throughput in terms of loss rate:

 $\frac{1.22 \cdot MSS}{RTT \sqrt{L}}$

- \rightarrow L = 2.10⁻¹⁰ *Wow*
- New versions of TCP for high-speed needed!

TCP Fairness

Fairness goal: if K TCP sessions share same bottleneck link of bandwidth R, each should have average rate of R/K



Fairness (more)

• TCP fairness: dependency on RTT

- Connections with long RTT get less throughput

- Parallel TCP connections
- TCP friendliness for UDP streams
 - Similar throughput (and behavior) as TCP; e.g., throughput $\propto \frac{1}{RTT\sqrt{L}}$

TCP+HTTP refresher

• TCP is a connection-oriented protocol







The "classic" approach in HTTP/1.0 is to use one HTTP request per TCP connection, serially.





The <u>"persistent HTTP"</u> approach can re-use the same TCP connection for Multiple HTTP transfers, one after another, serially Amortizes TCP overhead, but maintains TCP state longer at server.



The "pipelining" feature in HTTP/1.1 allows requests to be issued asynchronously on a persistent connection. Requests must be processed in proper order. Can do clever packaging.