Announcements

- **Reading**
  - Chapter 6 (6.1 & 6.2)

- **Project #3**
  - Is on the web

- **Midterm #1**
  - Last day to request a re-grade is Th 10/18
Transport Layer

- **Goal:** provide error free end-to-end delivery of data
  - provide in-order delivery over unreliable network layer

- **Issues:**
  - checking packet integrity
  - re-transmission of lost or corrupted packets
  - connection establishment and management
  - addresses
    - need to define a host plus process
    - typical abstraction is <host, port>
  - byte vs. packet transport service
    - byte service
      - bytes are in order, but packet boundaries are lost
      - used by TCP
    - packet service
      - preserve packet boundaries
Duplicate Packets

- **Issue:** packets can be lost or duplicated
  - need to detect duplicates
  - need to re-send lost packets
    - but how do we know they are not just delayed?
- **Solution 1**
  - use a sequence number
    - each new packet uses a new sequence number
    - can detect arrival of stale packets
  - problem: when node crashes, sequence number resets
- **Solution 2**
  - use a clock for the sequence number
    - clocks don’t reset on reboot, so we never lose sequence #
  - use a max lifetime for a packet
    - permits clocks to roll over
  - can get into **forbidden** region
Three-way Handshake

• Use different sequence number spaces for each direction
• Three messages used
  – Connection Request
    • send initial sequence number from caller to callee
  – Connection Request Acknowledgment
    • send ACK of initial sequence number from caller to callee
    • send initial sequence number from callee to caller
  – First Data TPDU
    • send ACK of initial sequence number from callee to caller
• Each Side Selects an initial number
  – it knows that the number is not currently valid
    • uses time of day
    • limits number of connects per unit time, but not data!
Example of Three-way Handshake

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Closing a Connection

- **To prevent data loss,**
  - both sides must agree they are done

- **Problem: how to agree**
  - possible that “I am done” messages will get lost
  - possible that “I ACK you are done” messages will get lost

- **Solution:**
  - initiator sends Disconnect Request, start DR timer
  - when initiated party receives DR, send DR and start DR timer
  - when initiator gets DR back, send ACK and release connection
  - when initiated gets ACK, release connection
  - if initiator times out, send new DR
  - if initiated times out, release connection
Connection Close Example

(a) Host 1
- Send DR + start timer
- Release connection
- Send ACK

(b) Host 2
- Send DR + start timer
- Release connection
- Send ACK
- Release connection

(c) Host 1
- Send DR + start timer
- (Timeout) send DR + start timer
- Release connection
- Send ACK

(d) Host 2
- Send DR + start timer
- Release connection

Lost

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Lingering Half-Duplex Connections

- If a party (or a link) dies
  - can be left with dead connections
- Solution: use keep-alive packets
  - every n seconds, send a packet
  - if no packet is received after n * m seconds, cleanup
Buffer Management

- **Unreliable Network**
  - sender must buffer all un-acked packets
  - receiver can buffer if space is available
    - if not, drop packet and wait to re-transmission

- **Buffer Size**
  - does one size fit all?
    - are TPDUs of uniform size?
  - might use a fixed size buffer smaller than max TPDU
    - requires support for multiple buffers per TPDU

- **Possible to decouple buffer allocation from window**
  - ACKs contain both buffer credits and ACKSs

- **Buffer Copies**
  - possible for each layer to copy the buffer, but this is slow
  - handoff pointers to data, but requires coordination between layers