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## Agenda

⇒ p4 due Friday

⇒ finish up checksums / MAC

□ jamming signals - no magic signal, just any signal

□ why catch errors at L2?

□ using only one register - jnz, not, jnz in assembly

□ polynomial division rules

⇒ HTTP / REST

⇒ Software-Defined Networking (SDN)

⇒ caches, proxies, middleboxes

⇒ rich headers: user-agent, last-modified, etc.

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## HTTP - HyperText Transfer Protocol

- ⇒ protocol used to access web pages
- ⇒ generally fetches HTML and the other content needed to display it
  - images
  - audio
  - video
  - code - javascript
- ⇒ can transfer nearly anything

## Protocol Outline

- ⇒ request/response, client/server protocol
- ⇒ spoken over TCP
- ⇒ text-based and thus easy for humans to read
- ⇒ message format:
  - <start-line> <crLf>
  - <headers-one-per-line> <crLf>
  - <crLf>
  - <optional-body>
- start-line: either <action> <URL> <protocol> (request)  
or <protocol> <code> <status> (response)
- headers: colon-separated key-value pairs, e.g.,  
"Content-Length: 4096"
- body: empty for MOST requests, data encoded using MIME for messages w/ bodies

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### HTTP actions

- ⇒ GET - give me the object at the URL
  - ⇒ HEAD - just give me the metadata about the object
  - ⇒ POST - put the body under the URL
  - ⇒ PUT - put the body at the URL
  - ⇒ DELETE - delete the object at the URL
  - ⇒ TRACE - send me the body back (see how/if modified)
  - ⇒ CONNECT - used to set up connections through others
  - ⇒ OPTIONS - figure out available options
- GET, HEAD, TRACE, CONNECT and OPTIONS are "safe" b/c they don't change server state

### status codes

- ⇒ 1xx - informational
- ⇒ 2xx - success
- ⇒ 3xx - redirection
- ⇒ 4xx - client error
- ⇒ 5xx - server error

### example

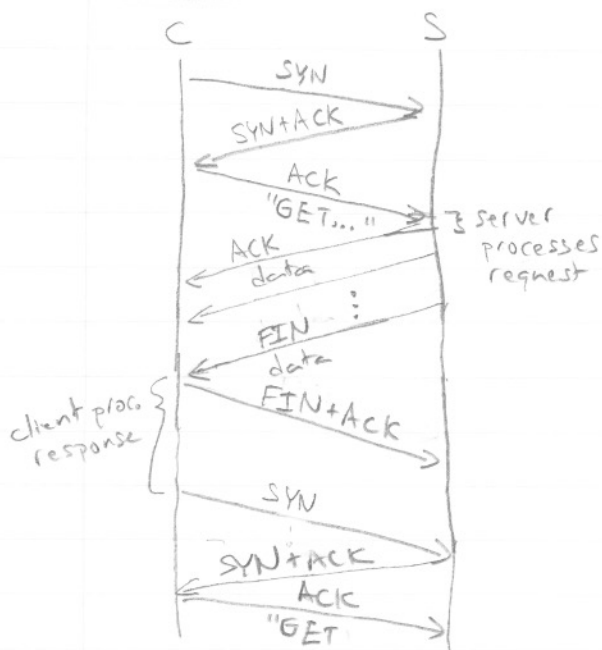
http://www.cs.umd.edu/index.htm

↳ protocol    ↳ DNS to IP    ↳ resource to talk about

- 1) establish TCP connection to the IP address
- 2) send "GET /index.htm HTTP/1.1"
- 2) recv "HTTP/1.1 200 OK ..."

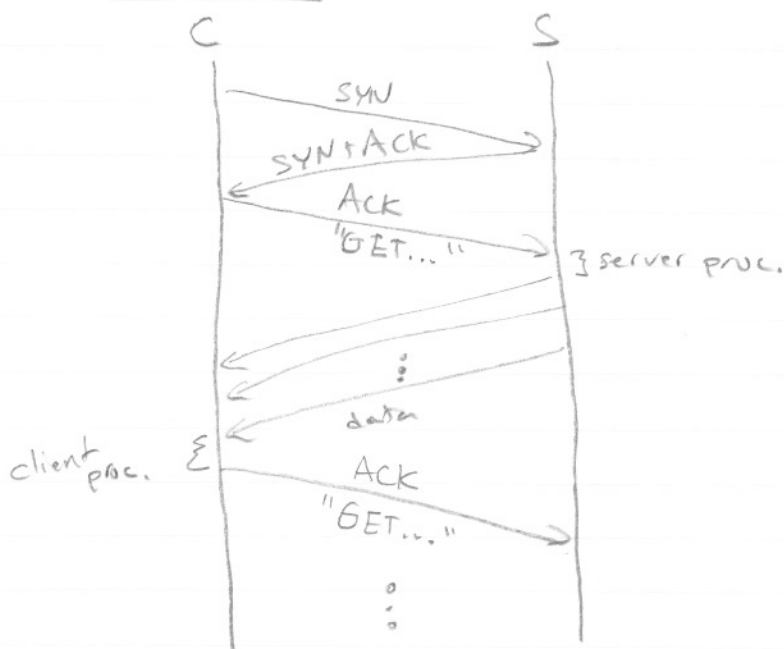
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### HTTP 1.0



⇒ one TCP connection per item needed

### HTTP 1.1 | "persistent connections"



⇒ one TCP connection for many items

### Persistent connections

- ⇒ reduce load on server ~ fewer connection establishments
- ⇒ congestion window works b/c connections last long enough for it to matter
- ⇒ save an RTT from every request after the first

- ⇒ Bad: server doesn't as easily know when it can close a connection b/c they don't know when a client is "done"
  - expire them after a timeout and deal

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## REST - REpresentative State Transfer

- ⇒ Allow for Remote Procedure Calls (RPCs) over HTTP using existing actions
- ⇒ GET  $\approx$  getters in object oriented prog.
- ⇒ PUT  $\approx$  setters in " " "
- ⇒ POST  $\approx$  function call in " " "
- ⇒ DELETE has the obvious meaning
- ⇒ URLs become the objects

## Good things about REST

- ⇒ HTTP is everywhere and has tons of good tools and libraries to work with it
- ⇒ Human readability makes troubleshooting, debugging, playing easy
- ⇒ pretty much everything has a REST API
  - github
  - facebook
  - twitter
  - ...

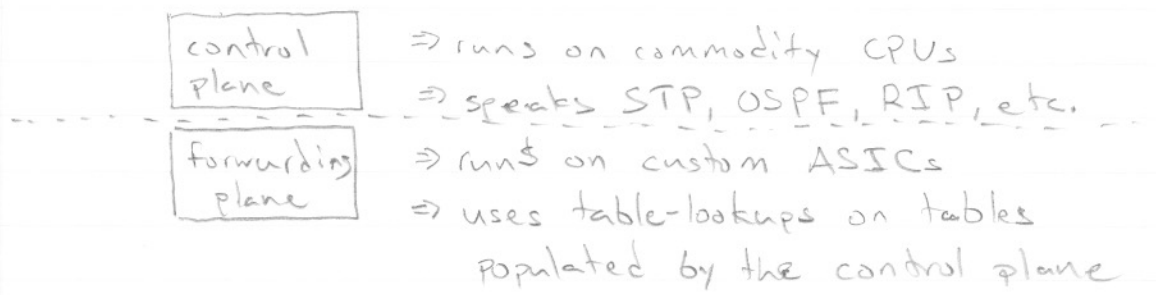
## Bad things about REST

- ⇒ relatively high-overhead and expensive to parse, encode, and decode operations
- ⇒ deep application semantics can be hard to easily provide, and describe using only GET, PUT, POST and DELETE

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## Software-Defined Networking (SDN)

⇒ traditional routers/switches:



⇒ key SDN realization:

- most of the new ideas in networking were modifying the control plane
- this is hard and slow b/c you need to do it to all switches/routers in a network and likely develop standards so it will work between diff. companies' switches/routers
- if we instead standardized the interface between the control and data planes, we could develop new stuff faster



⇒ control plane & data plane on every device

⇒ single, centralized control plane = controller  
⇒ network devices only have data planes