

# CS162 Operating Systems and Systems Programming Lecture 16 Layering

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## Goals for Today

- Networking Concepts and Functionalities
- Properties of Layers
- Five IP Networking Layers:
  - Physical, Datalink, Network, Transport, and Application
- Drawbacks of Layering

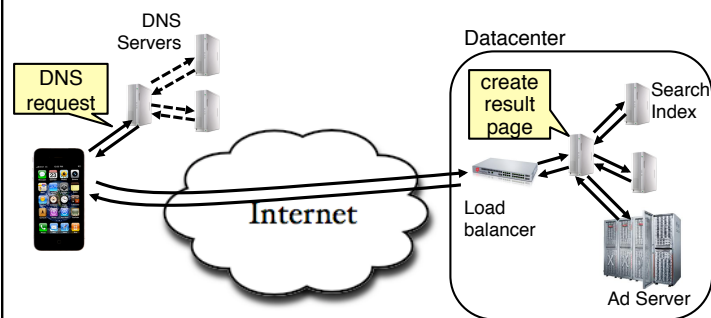
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## Example: What's in a Search Query?



- Complex interaction of multiple components in multiple administrative domains

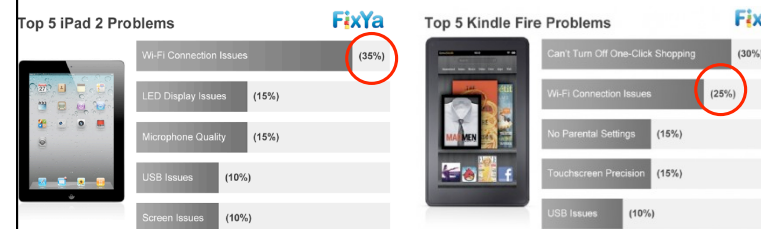
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## Why is Networking Important?

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- Some of the hottest opportunities in the OS space:
  - Optimize OS for network boxes (e.g., intrusion detection, firewalls)
  - OSes for Software Defined Networks (SDNs)

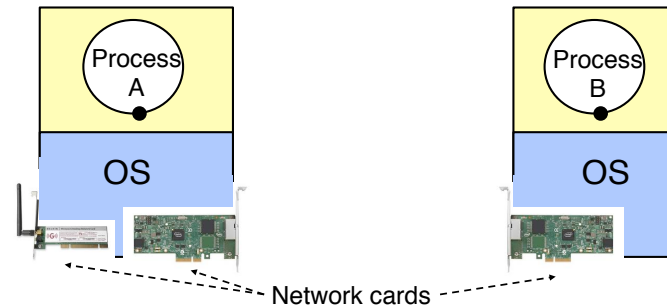
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## Network Concepts

- **Network (interface) card/controller:** hardware that physically connects a computer to the network
- A computer can have more than one networking cards
  - E.g., one card for wired network, and one for wireless network



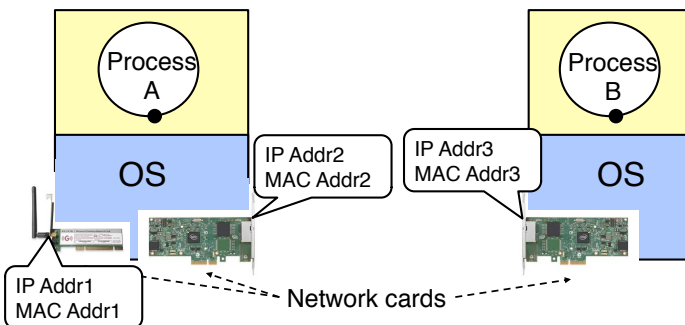
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## Network Concepts (cont'd)

- Typically, each network card is associated two addresses:
  - Media Access Control (MAC), or physical, address
  - IP (network) address; can be shared by network cards on same host



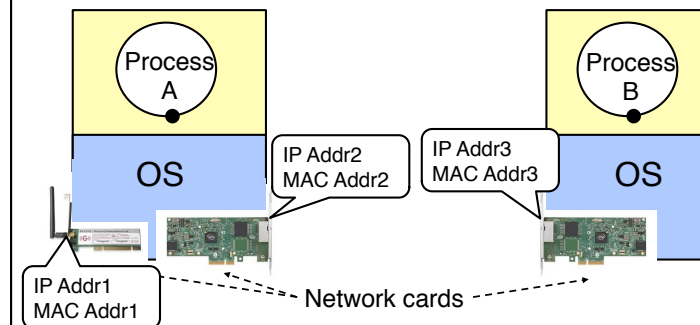
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## Network Concepts (cont'd)

- **MAC address:** 48-bit unique identifier assigned by card vendor
- **IP Address:** 32-bit (or 128-bit for IPv6) address assigned by network administrator or dynamically when computer connects to network



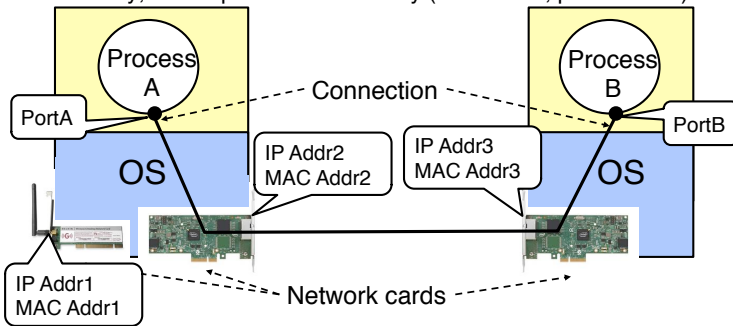
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## Network Concepts (cont'd)

- **Connection:** communication channel between two processes
- Each endpoint is identified by a **port number**
  - **Port number:** 16-bit identifier assigned by app or OS
  - Globally, an endpoint is identified by (IP address, port number)



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## Main Network Functionalities

- **Delivery:** deliver packets between to any host in the Internet
  - E.g., deliver a packet from a host in Berkeley to a host in Tokyo?
- **Reliability:** tolerate packet losses
  - E.g., how do you ensure all bits of a file are delivered in the presence of packet losses?
- **Flow control:** avoid overflowing the receiver buffer
  - Recall our bounded buffer example: stop sender from overflowing buffer
  - E.g., how do you ensure that a server that can send at 10Gbps doesn't overwhelm a LTE phone?
- **Congestion control:** avoid overflowing the buffer of a router along the path
  - What happens if we don't do it?

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## Review: Layering

- Partition the system
  - Each layer **solely** relies on services from layer below
  - Each layer **solely** exports services to layer above
- Interface between layers defines interaction
  - Hides implementation details
  - Layers can change without disturbing other layers

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## Properties of Layers

- **Service:** **what** a layer does
- **Service interface:** **how to access** the service
  - Interface for layer above
- **Protocol (peer interface):** **how** peers communicate to achieve the service
  - Set of rules and formats that specify the communication between network elements
  - Does **not** specify the implementation on a single machine, but how the layer is implemented **between** machines

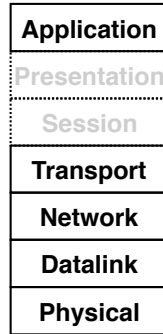
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## OSI Layering Model

- Open Systems Interconnection (OSI) model
  - Developed by International Organization for Standardization (ISO) in 1984
  - **Seven** layers
- Internet Protocol (IP)
  - Only **five** layers
  - The functionalities of the missing layers (i.e., Presentation and Session) are provided by the Application layer



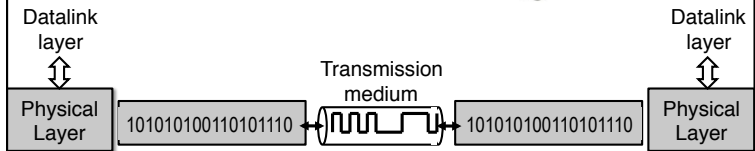
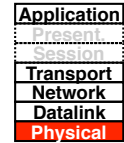
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## Physical Layer (1)

- **Service:** move information between two systems connected by a physical link
- **Interface:** specifies how to send and receive bits
- **Protocol:** **coding scheme** used to represent a bit, voltage levels, duration of a bit
- Examples: coaxial cable, optical fiber links; transmitters, receivers



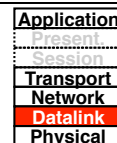
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## Datalink Layer (2)

- **Service:**
  - Enable end hosts to exchange frames (atomic messages) on the same physical line or wireless link
  - Possible other services:
    - » **Arbitrate access** to common physical media
    - » May provide **reliable transmission**, **flow control**
- **Interface:** send *frames* to other end *hosts*; receive *frames* addressed to end host
- **Protocols:** addressing, Media Access Control (MAC) (e.g., CSMA/CD - *Carrier Sense Multiple Access / Collision Detection*)



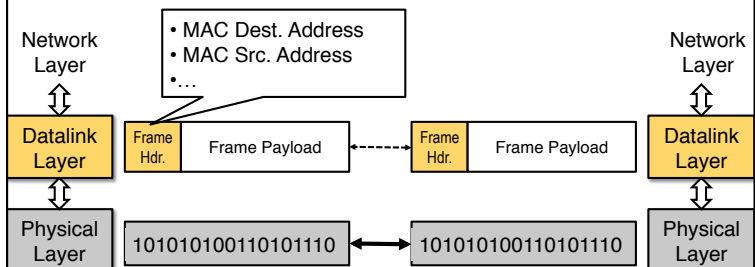
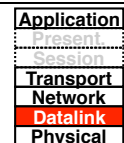
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## Datalink Layer (2)

- Each frame has a header which contains a source and a destination MAC address
- MAC (Media Access Control) address
  - Uniquely identifies a network interface
  - 48-bit, assigned by the device manufacturer



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## MAC Address Examples

- Can easily find MAC addr. on your machine/device:
  - E.g., ifconfig (Linux, Mac OS X), ipconfig (Windows)

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## Local Area Networks (LANs)

- LAN: group of hosts/devices that
  - are in the same geographical proximity (e.g., same building, room)
  - use same physical communication technology
- Examples:
  - all laptops connected wirelessly at a Starbucks café
  - all devices and computers at home
  - all hosts connected to wired Ethernet in an office

Ethernet cable and port

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## LANs

- All hosts in a LAN can share same physical communication media
  - Also called, broadcast channel
- Each frame is delivered to every host
- If a host is not the intended recipient, it drops the frame

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## Switches

- Hosts in same LAN can be also connected by switches
  - Far more efficient than broadcast channel
- A switch forwards frames only to intended recipients

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## Media Access Control (MAC) Protocols

- Problem:
  - How do hosts access a broadcast media?
  - How do they avoid collisions?
- Three solutions:
  - Channel partition
  - “Taking turns”
  - Random access

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## MAC Protocols

- **Channel partitioning protocols:**
  - Allocate  $1/N$  bandwidth to every host
  - Share channel efficiently and fairly at high load
  - **Inefficient at low load** (where load = # senders):
    - »  $1/N$  bandwidth allocated even if only 1 active node!
  - E.g., Frequency Division Multiple Access (FDMA); optical networks
- **“Taking turns” protocols:**
  - Pass a token around active hosts
  - A host can only send data if it has the token
  - More efficient at low loads: single node can use  $\gg 1/N$  bandwidth
  - Overhead in acquiring the token
  - **Vulnerable to failures** (e.g., failed node or lost token)
  - E.g., Token ring

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## MAC Protocols

- **Random Access**
  - Efficient at low load: single node can fully utilize channel
  - High load: collision overhead
- Key ideas of random access:
  - **Carrier sense (CS)**
    - » *Listen before speaking, and don't interrupt*
    - » Checking if someone else is already sending data
    - » ... and waiting till the other node is done
  - **Collision detection (CD)**
    - » *If someone else starts talking at the same time, stop*
    - » Realizing when two nodes are transmitting at once
    - » ...by detecting that the data on the wire is garbled
  - **Randomness**
    - » *Don't start talking again right away*
    - » Waiting for a random time before trying again
- Examples: CSMA/CD, Ethernet, best known implementation

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## Administrivia

- Midterm regrade request deadline tomorrow (4/2) by end of your section
  - We will regrade the entire exam
- PSA: March 31<sup>st</sup> was World Backup day
  - Drives fail (yes, even SSDs)
  - Think about important files/data and system recovery
  - Use a layered approach: local external drive, online service (box.net, Dropbox, Crashplan, ...)
- Final exam next month
  - Comprehensive – bring two double-sided handwritten pages
  - Campus only has small room available – bring a personal isolation from information leaks tool

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## A Personal Isolation from Information Leaks tool



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## Quiz 16.1: Layering

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### (Inter) Network Layer (3)

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- **Service:**
  - Deliver packets to specified **network (IP) addresses** across multiple datalink layer networks
  - Possible other services:
    - » Packet *scheduling/priority*
    - » Buffer management
- **Interface:** send *packets* to specified network address destination; receive packets destined for end host
- **Protocols:** define network addresses (globally unique); construct forwarding tables; packet forwarding

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### (Inter) Network Layer (3)

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- **IP address:** unique addr. assigned to network device
- Assigned by network administrator or dynamically when host connects to network

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### Wide Area Network

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- **Wide Area Network (WAN):** network that covers a broad area (e.g., city, state, country, entire world)
  - E.g., Internet is a WAN
- WAN connects multiple datalink layer networks (LANs)
- Datalink layer networks are connected by **routers**
  - Different LANs can use different communication technologies (e.g., wireless, cellular, optics, wired)

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### Routers

- **Forward** each packet received on an **incoming link** to an **outgoing link** based on packet's destination IP address (towards its destination)
- **Store & forward:** packets are buffered before being forwarded
- **Forwarding table:** mapping between IP address and the output link

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## Packet Forwarding

- Upon receiving a packet, a router
  - read the IP destination address of the packet
  - consults its forwarding table → output port
  - forwards packet to corresponding output port

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## IP Addresses vs. MAC Addresses

- Why not use MAC addresses for routing?
  - Doesn't scale
- Analogy
  - MAC address → SSN
  - IP address → (unreadable) home address
- MAC address: uniquely associated to the device for the entire lifetime of the device
- IP address: changes as the device location changes
  - Your notebook IP address at school is different from home

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## IP Addresses vs. MAC Addresses

- Why does packet forwarding using IP addr. scale?
- Because IP addresses can be aggregated
  - E.g., all IP addresses at UC Berkeley start with **0xA9E5**, i.e., any address of form **0xA9E5\*\*\*\*** belongs to Berkeley
  - Thus, a router in NY needs to keep a **single** entry for all hosts at Berkeley
  - If we were using MAC addresses the NY router would need to maintain **an entry for every** Berkeley host!!
- Analogy:
  - Give this letter to person with SSN: 123-45-6789 vs.
  - Give this letter to "John Smith, 123 First Street, LA, US"

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## The Internet Protocol (IP)

- Internet Protocol: Internet's network layer
- Service it provides: "Best-Effort" Packet Delivery
  - Tries it's "best" to deliver packet to its destination
  - Packets may be lost
  - Packets may be corrupted
  - Packets may be delivered out of order

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## Transport Layer (4)

- **Service:**
  - Provide end-to-end communication between **processes**
  - **Demultiplexing** of communication between hosts
  - Possible other services:
    - » **Reliability** in the presence of errors
    - » **Timing** properties
    - » **Rate adaption** (flow-control, congestion control)
- **Interface:** send message to specific process at given destination; local process receives messages sent to it
- **Protocol:** port numbers, perhaps implement reliability, flow control, packetization of large messages, framing
- Examples: TCP and UDP

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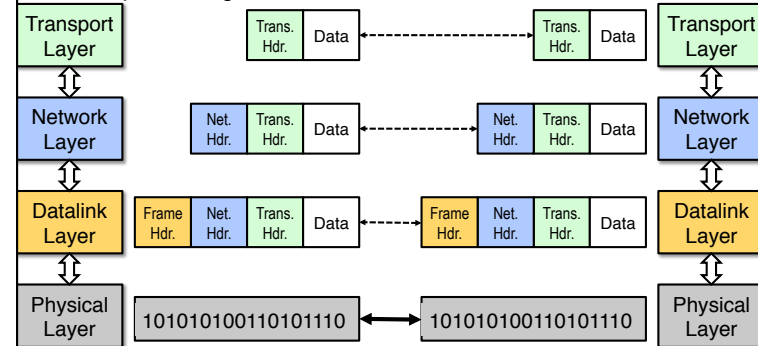
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## Port Numbers

- Port number: 16-bit number identifying the end-point of a transport connection
  - E.g., 80 identifies the port on which a processing implementing HTTP server can be connected



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## Internet Transport Protocols

- Datagram service (**UDP**)
  - No-frills extension of “best-effort” IP
  - Multiplexing/Demultiplexing among processes
- Reliable, in-order delivery (**TCP**)
  - Connection set-up & tear-down
  - Discarding corrupted packets (segments)
  - Retransmission of lost packets (segments)
  - Flow control
  - Congestion control
- Services **not available**
  - Delay and/or bandwidth guarantees
  - Sessions that survive change-of-IP-address

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## Application Layer (7 - not 5!)

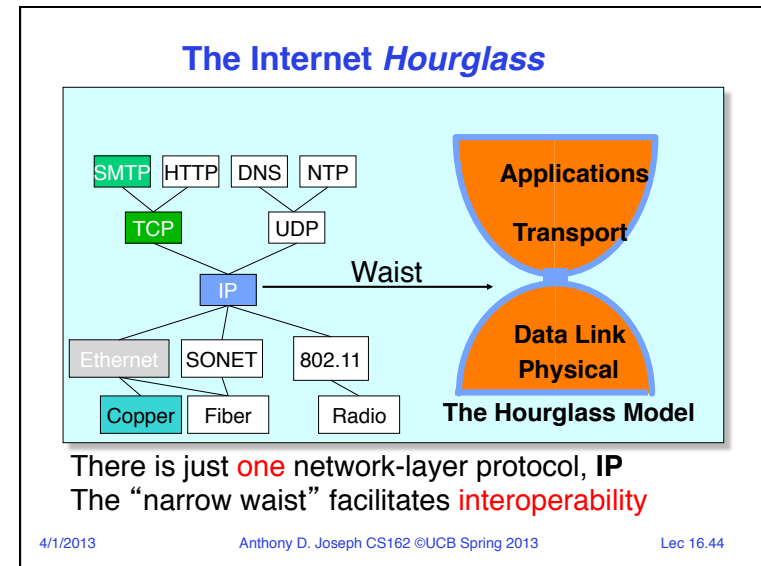
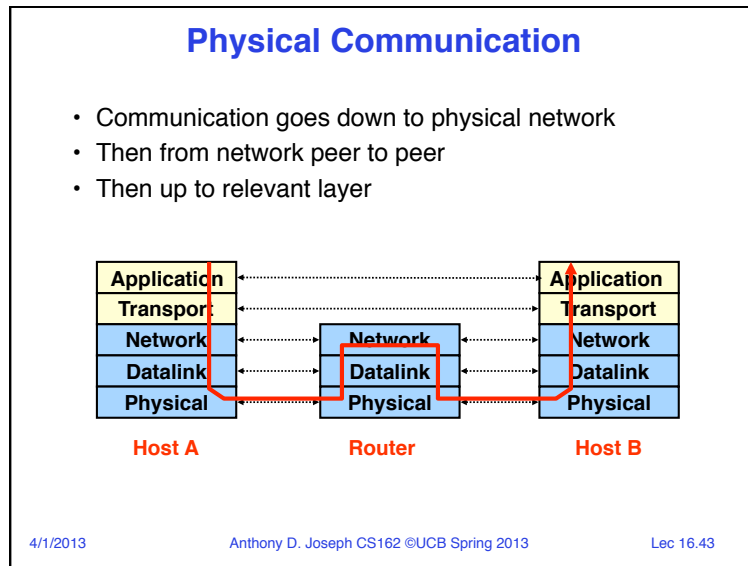
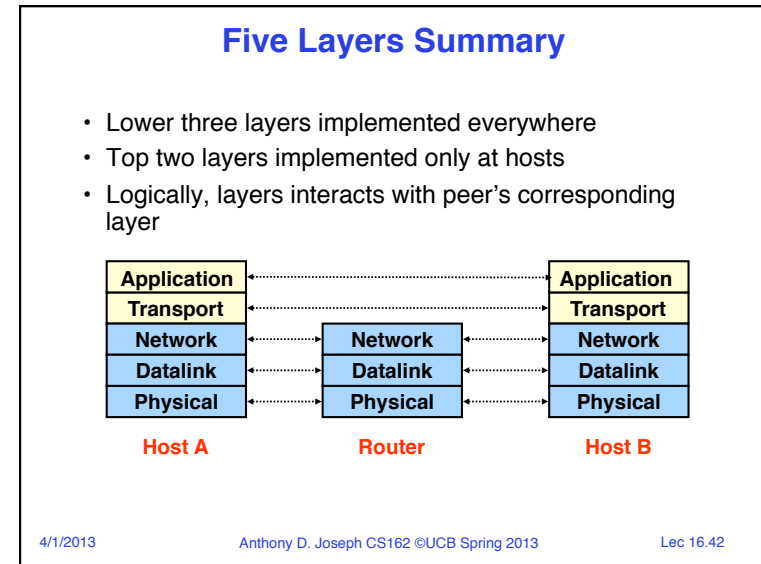
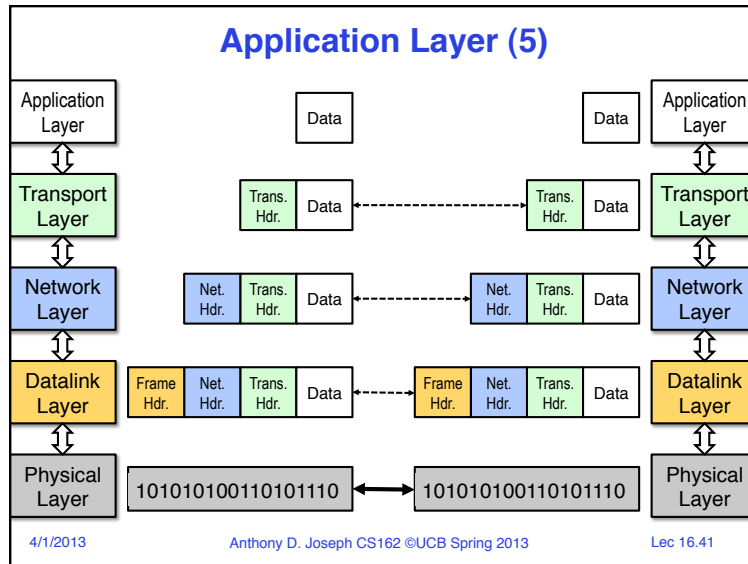
- **Service:** any service provided to the end user
- **Interface:** depends on the application
- **Protocol:** depends on the application
- Examples: Skype, SMTP (email), HTTP (Web), Halo, BitTorrent ...
- What happened to layers 5 & 6?
  - “Session” and “Presentation” layers
  - Part of **OSI** architecture, but not Internet architecture
  - Their functionality is provided by application layer

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## Implications of Hourglass

Single Internet-layer module (**IP**):

- Allows arbitrary networks to interoperate
  - Any network technology that supports IP can exchange packets
- Allows applications to function on all networks
  - Applications that can run on IP can **use any network**
- Supports simultaneous innovations above and below IP
  - But changing IP itself, i.e., **IPv6** is very complicated and slow

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## Drawbacks of Layering

- Layering can hurt performance
  - E.g., hiding details about what is really going on
- Headers start to get really big
  - Sometimes header bytes >> actual content
- Layer N may duplicate layer N-1 functionality
  - E.g., error recovery to retransmit lost data
- Layers may need same information
  - E.g., timestamps, maximum transmission unit size

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## Quiz 16.2: Layering

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## Summary

- Layered architecture powerful abstraction for organizing complex networks
- Internet: 5 layers
  - Physical: send bits
  - Datalink: Connect two hosts on same physical media
  - Network: Connect two hosts in a wide area network
  - Transport: Connect two processes on (remote) hosts
  - Applications: Enable applications running on remote hosts to interact
- Unified Internet layering (Application/Transport/Internetwork/Link/Physical) decouples apps from networking technologies