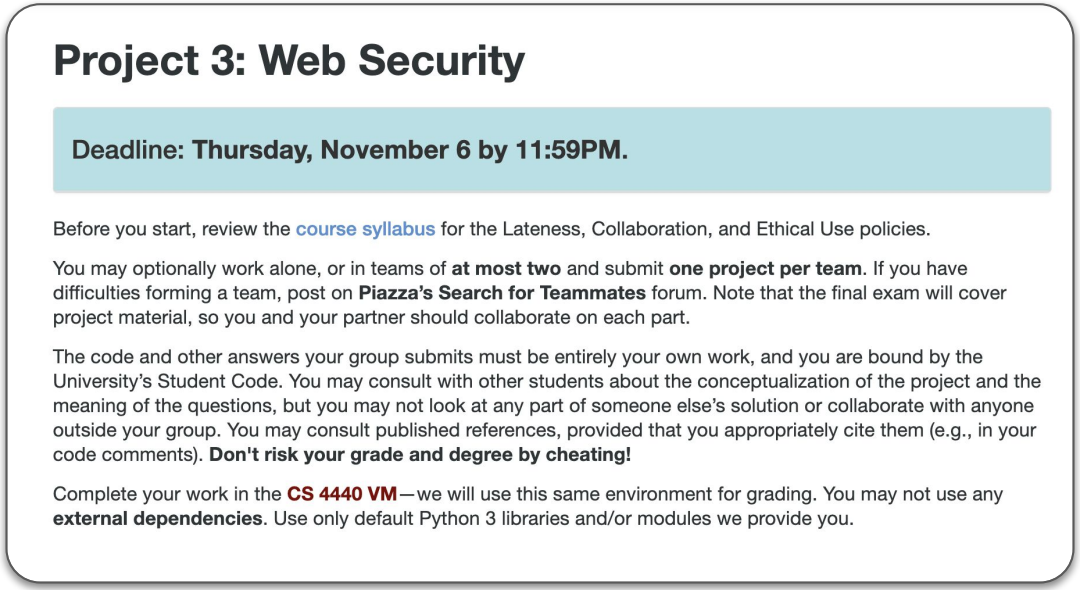
Week 9: Lecture B

Networking 101

Thursday, October 23, 2025

Announcements

- **Project 3: WebSec** released
  - **Deadline:** Thursday, November 6th by 11:59PM



Project 3: Web Security

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Before you start, review the course syllabus for the Lateness, Collaboration, and Ethical Use policies.

You may optionally work alone, or in teams of **at most two** and submit **one project per team**. If you have difficulties forming a team, post on **Piazza's Search for Teammates** forum. Note that the final exam will cover project material, so you and your partner should collaborate on each part.

The code and other answers your group submits must be entirely your own work, and you are bound by the University's Student Code. You may consult with other students about the conceptualization of the project and the meaning of the questions, but you may not look at any part of someone else's solution or collaborate with anyone outside your group. You may consult published references, provided that you appropriately cite them (e.g., in your code comments). **Don't risk your grade and degree by cheating!**

Complete your work in the **CS 4440 VM**—we will use this same environment for grading. You may not use any **external dependencies**. Use only default Python 3 libraries and/or modules we provide you.

Project 3 progress

Working on Part 1

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Working on Part 2

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Working on Part 3

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None of the above

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- **Project 2** grades are now available on **Canvas**
- **Statistics:**
  - Average score across all teams: **93.39%**
  - Three solved one of the extra credit targets
- **Fantastic job!**

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- Think we made an error? Request a regrade!
  - Valid regrade requests:
    - You have verified your solution is correct (i.e., we made an error in grading)

Project 2 Regrade Requests (see **Piazza** pinned link):
Submit by **11:59 PM** on **Monday 10/27** via **Google Form**

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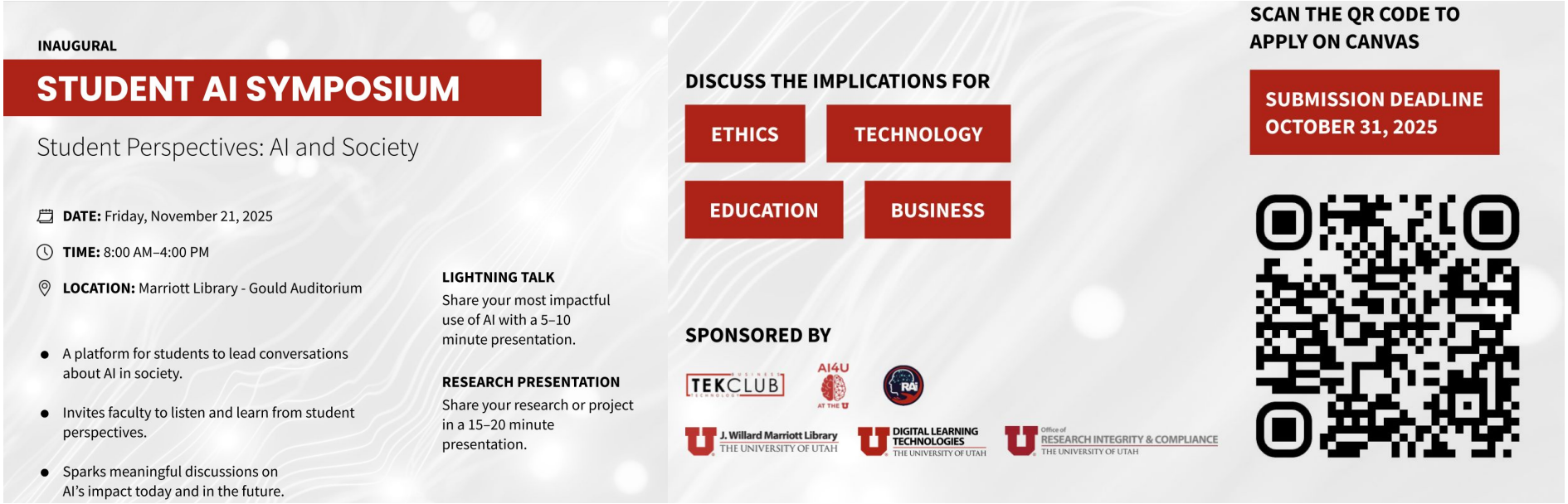

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WHAT

STUDENT TEAMS OF ALL SKILL LEVELS
WITH INDUSTRY MENTORS

WHEN

Friday, October 24
4:30 PM - 12:00 AM

WHERE

WEB 1230
72 S Central Campus Dr
Salt Lake City, UT 84112

REGISTER

SCAN THE QR CODE
FOR MORE DETAILS
AND TO REGISTER

Questions?

Last time on CS 4440...

Isolation-based Web Security
HTTPS, SSL, and TLS

Client-side web security should uphold...

- **Confidentiality**
  - ???
- **Integrity**
  - ???
- **Privacy**
  - ???

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- **Confidentiality**
  - My sensitive information stays private
- **Integrity**
  - My computer and data aren't tampered
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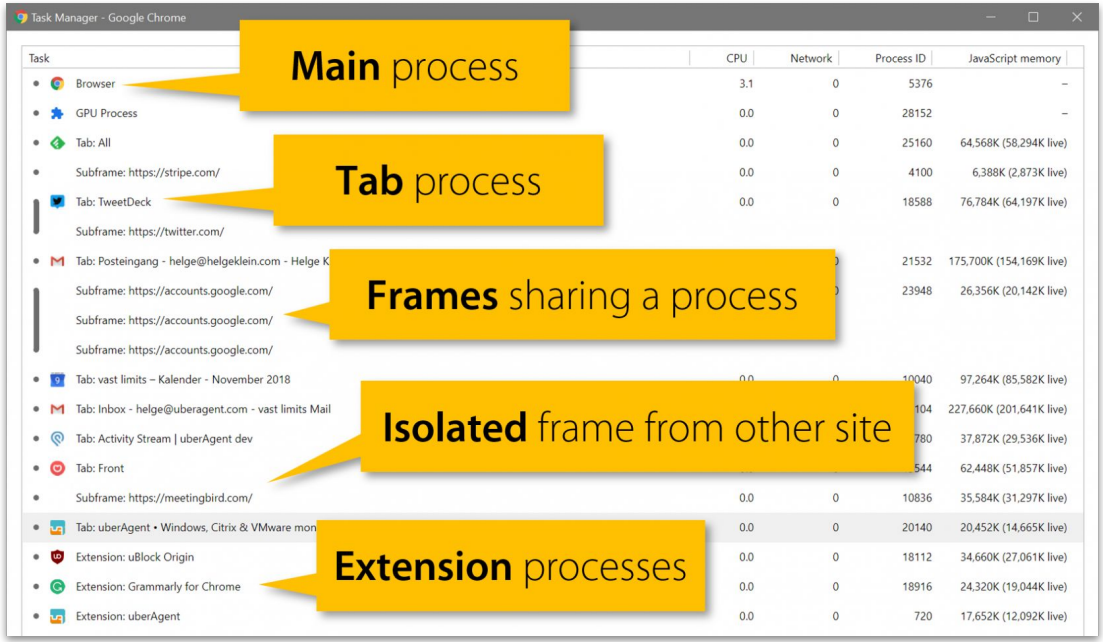

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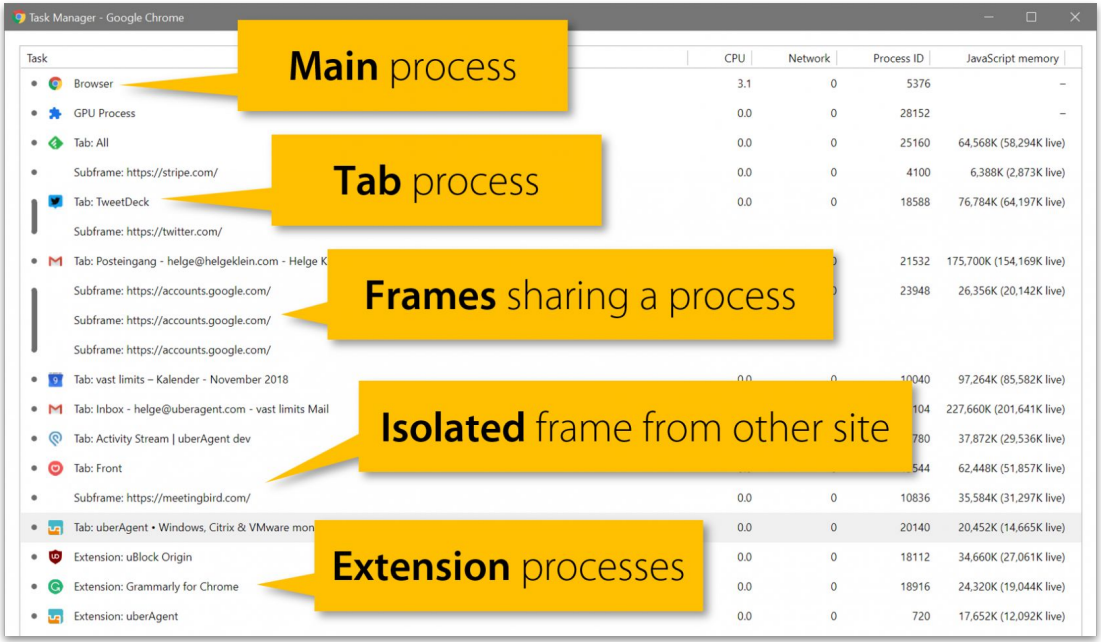

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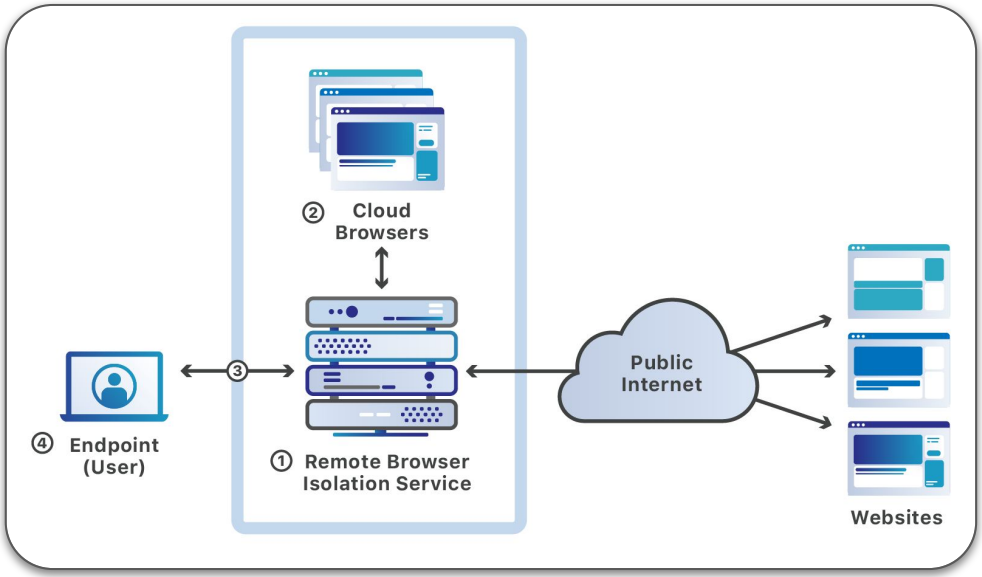

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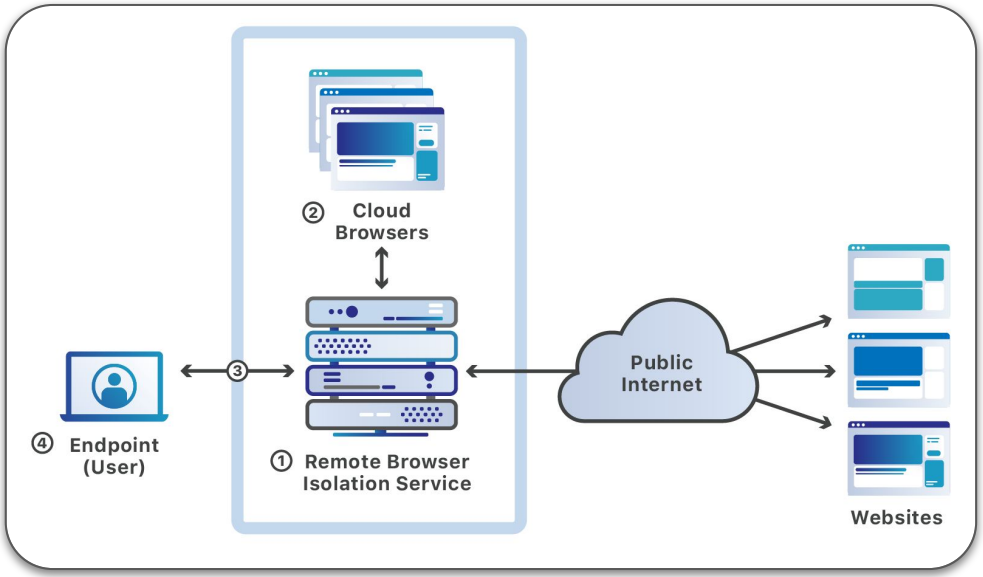
  - **Bulkier** browsing experience



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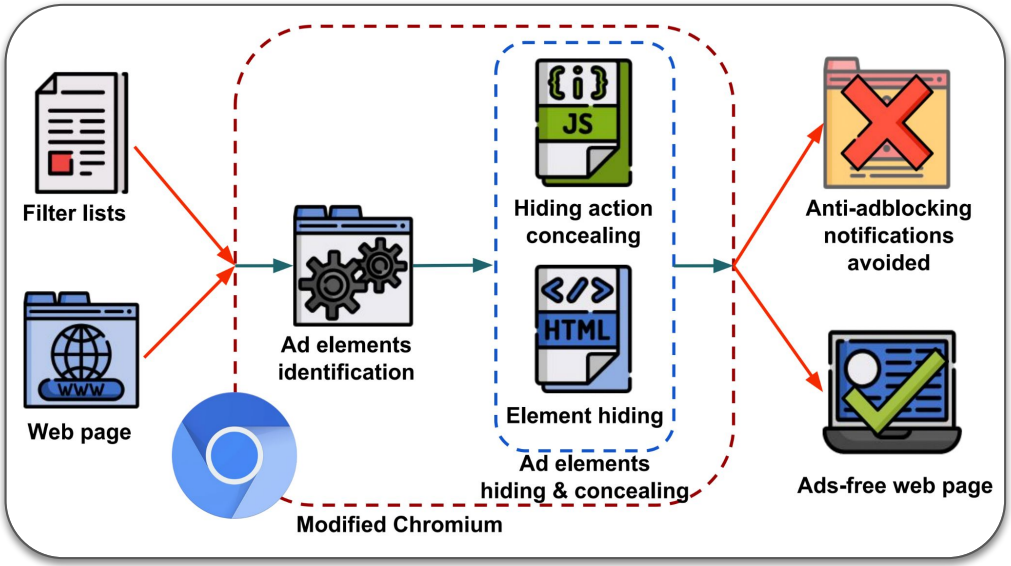

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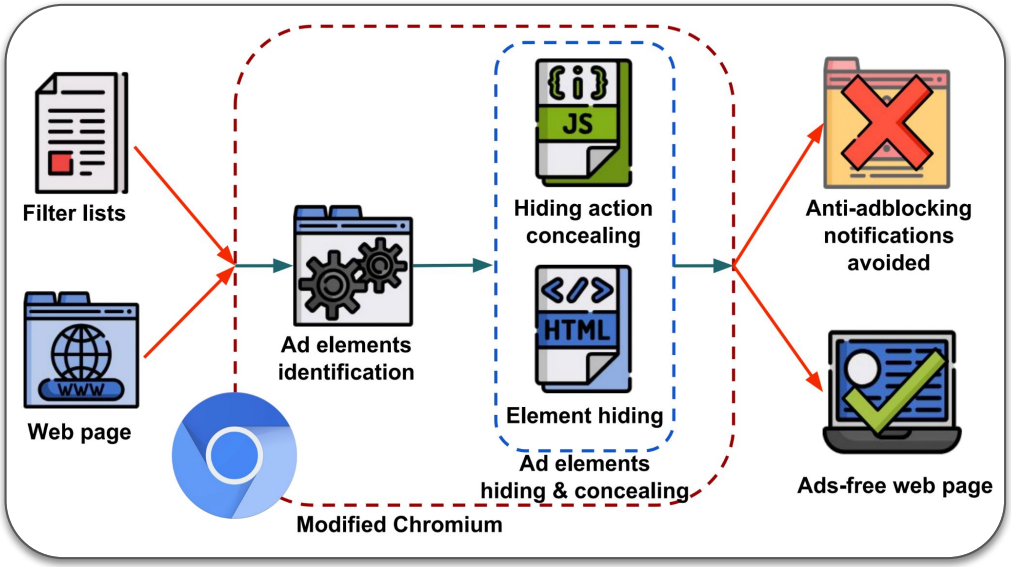
  - Must **retrofit** browsers



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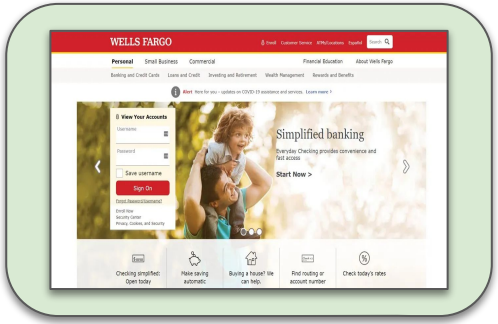

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We **do not** expect you to memorize the hairy details about **SSL/TLS**!

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If client can decrypt with server's private key, the server is verified!

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Our HTTPS Ecosystem

- **Certificate: ???**

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- **Certificate:** the verifiable "proof" of the server's **authenticity**
  - The client (i.e., you) wants to know it is talking to **who it believes it is**
  - Also contains the server's public key, issuer information, expiration, etc.
  - Your browser does **lots of checks** to ensure it's dealing with a valid certificate!

```
Subject:      C=US/O=Google Inc/CN=www.google.com
Issuer: C=US/O=Google Inc/CN=Google Internet Authority
Serial Number: 01:b1:04:17:be:22:48:b4:8e:1e:8b:a0:73:c9:ac:83
Expiration Period: Jul 12 2010 - Jul 19 2012
Public Key Algorithm: rsaEncryption
Public Key: 43:1d:53:2e:09:ef:dc:50:54:0a:fb:9a:f0:fa:14:58:ad:a0:81:b0:3d
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Signature Algorithm:  sha1WithRSAEncryption
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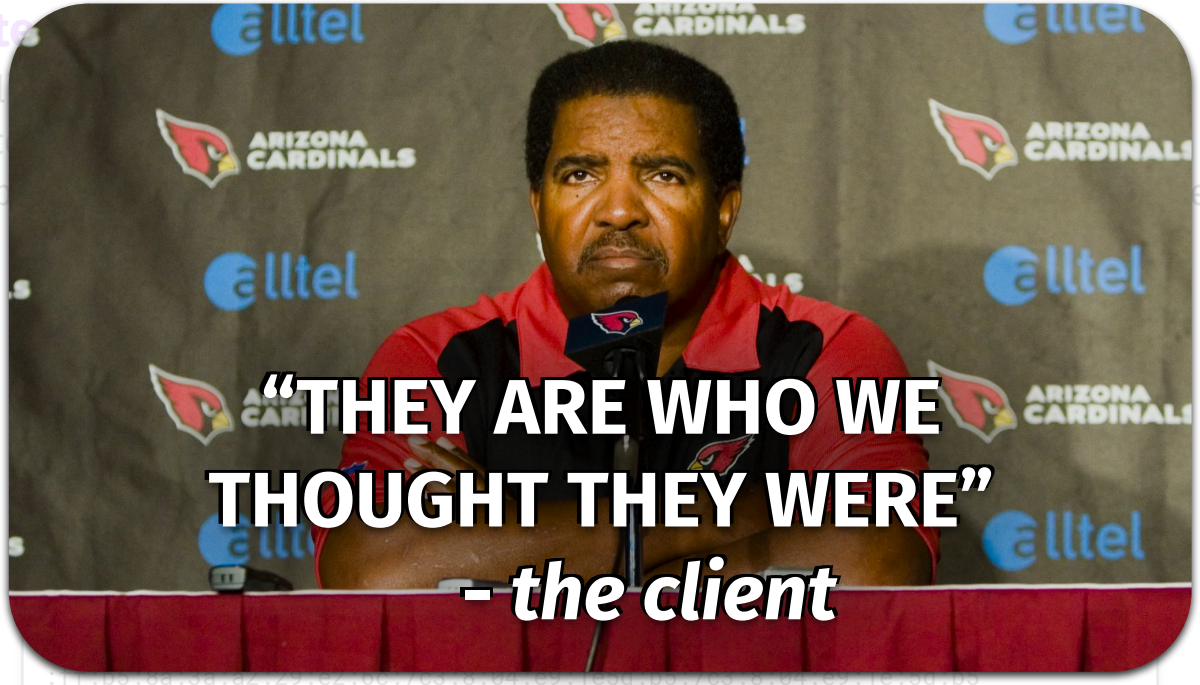

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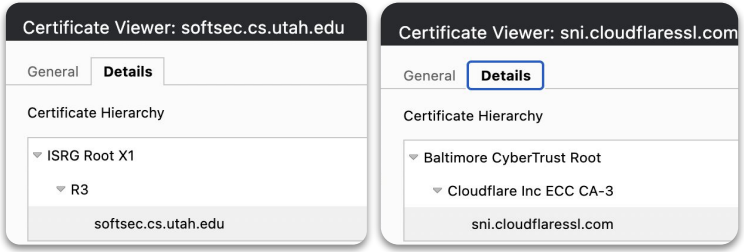

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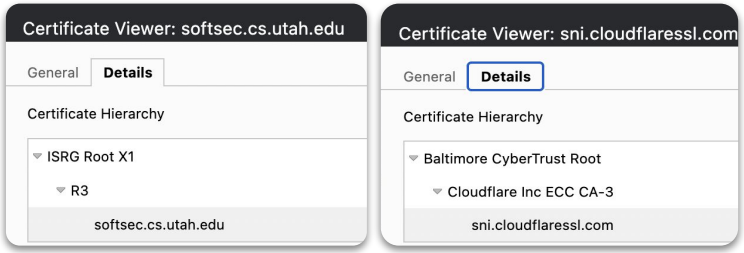

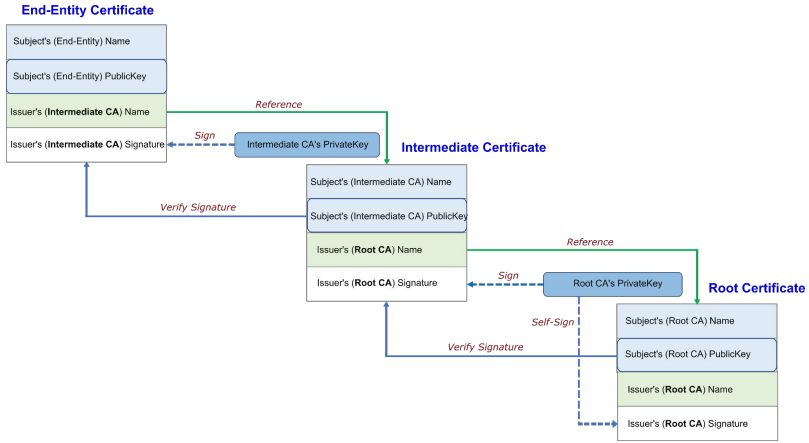

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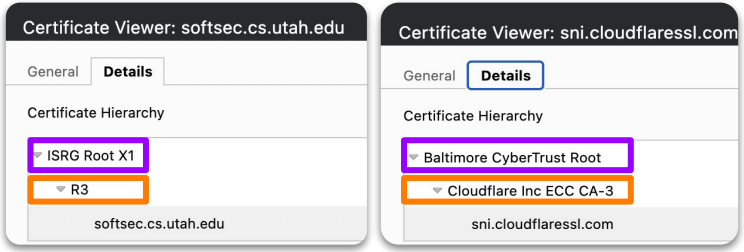

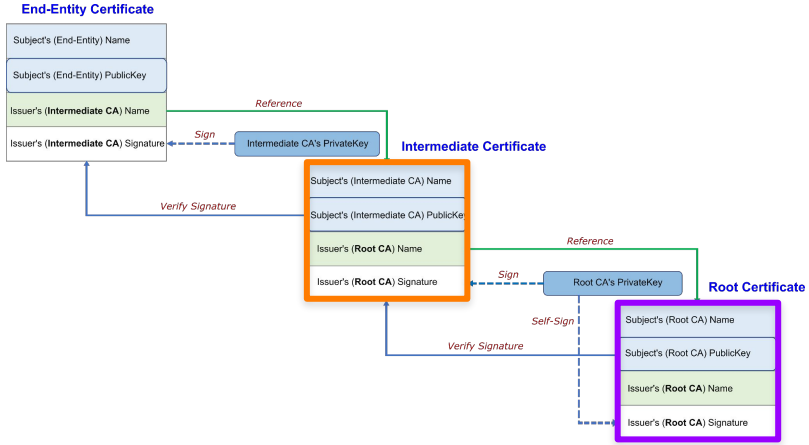

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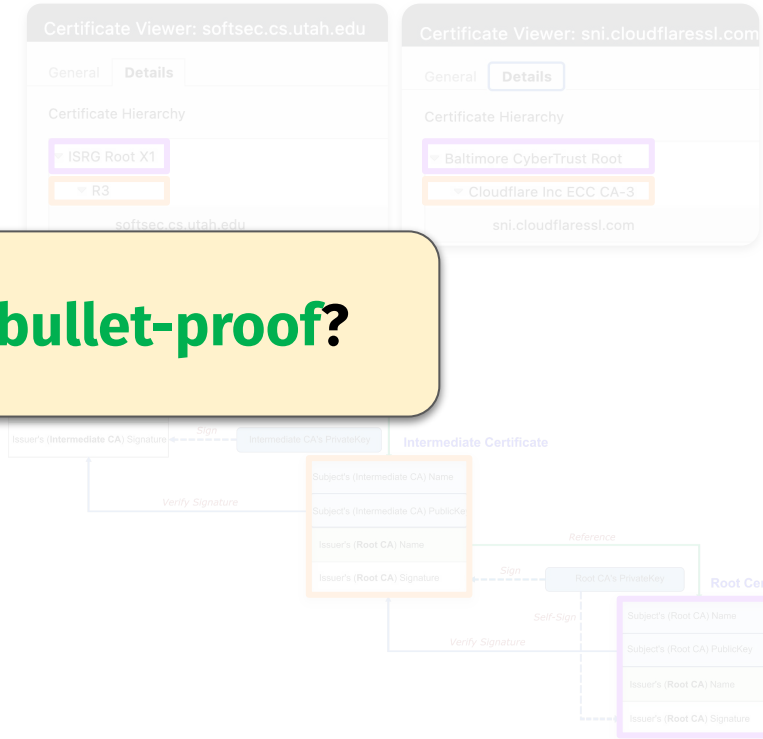

Is HTTPS completely bullet-proof?

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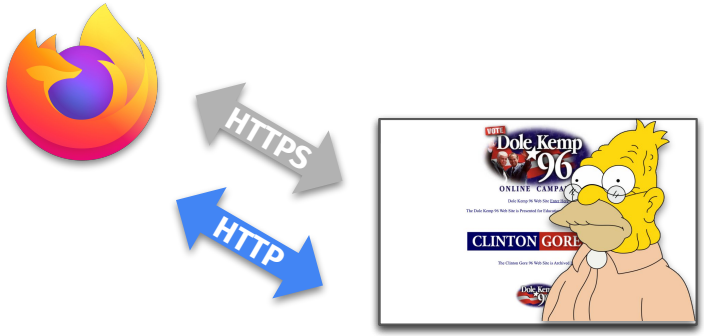

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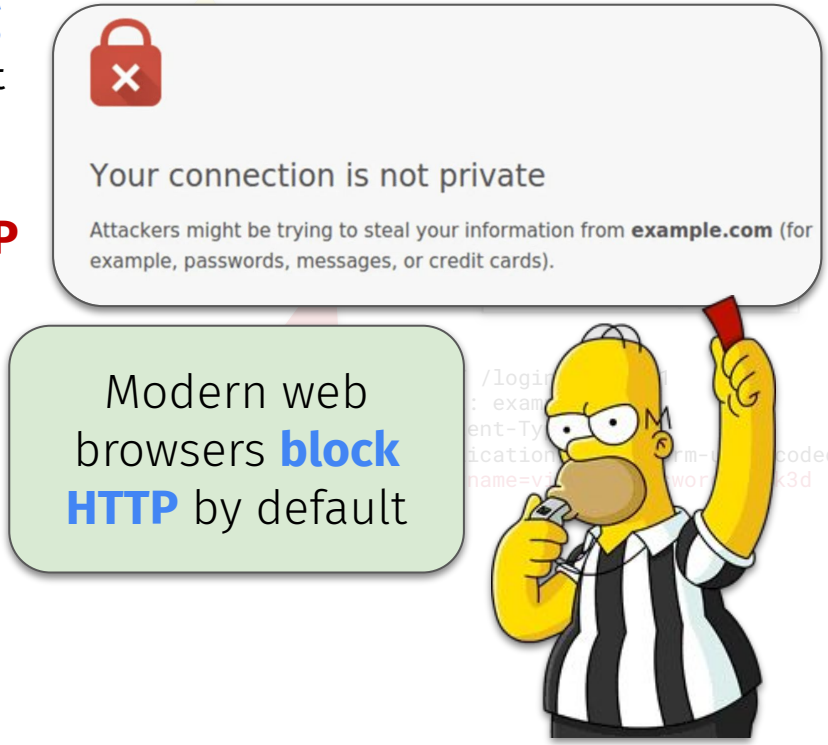

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Will SOP prevent HTTP scripts execution on HTTPS pages?

Yes! Different origin, so all scripts will be blocked.

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No! Same domain, so all scripts will be accepted.

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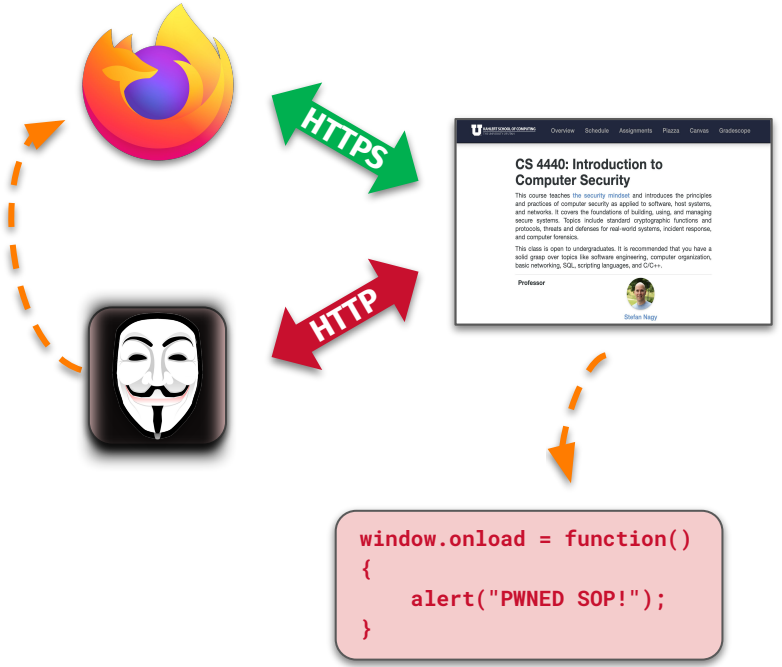

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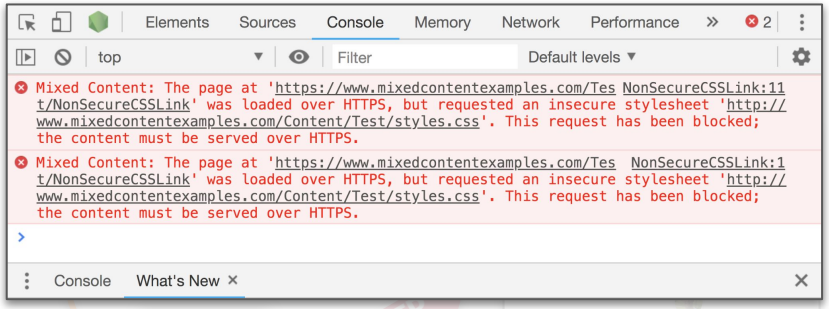

Modern web browsers **block mixed content**

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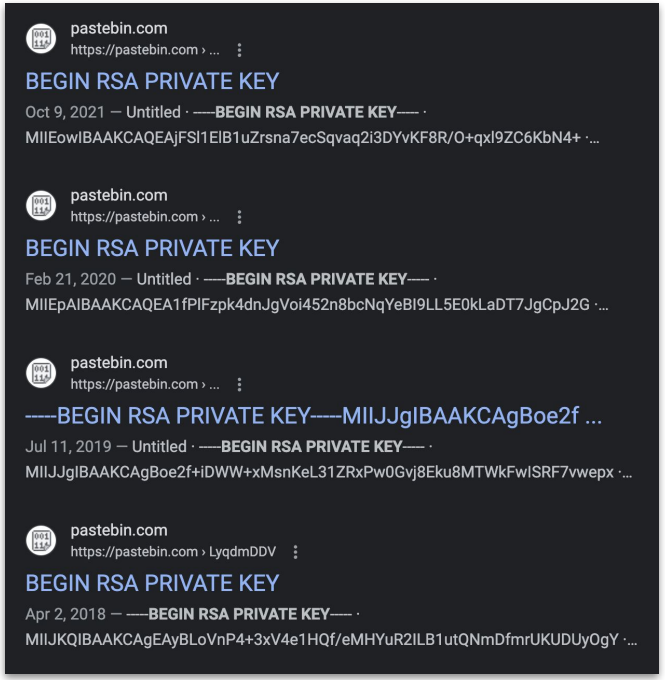

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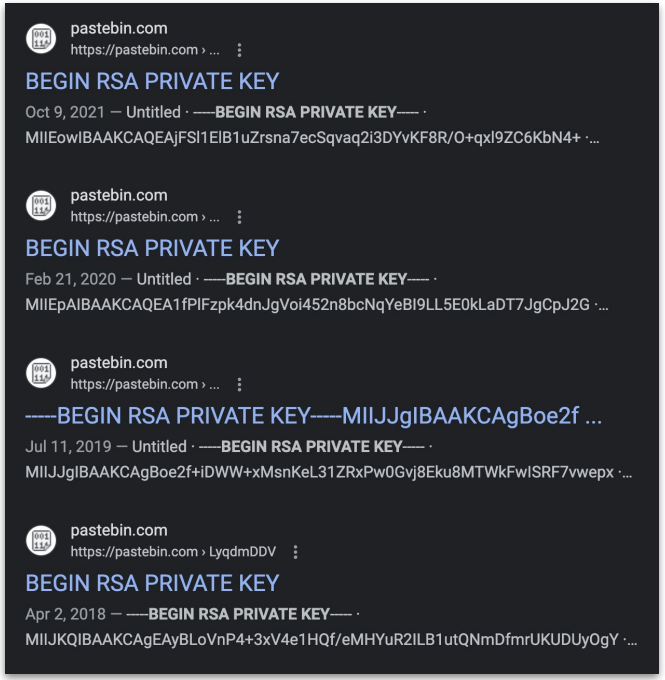

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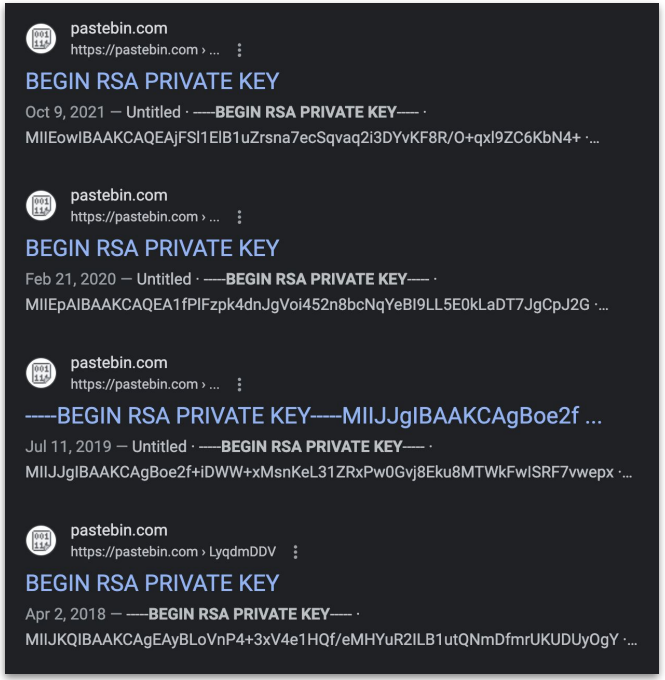
    - Full **man-in-the-middle**!
- Don't leave your private keys lying around on public web!



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Result: attacker can **impersonate** websites that you use—your browser will **accept their certs** as legitimate!

Attacking HTTPS: via Breached CAs

- **Real-world example: DigiNotar**
  - DigiNotar ***was*** a Dutch Certificate Authority
  - On June 10, 2011, `*.google.com` cert was issued to an attacker and subsequently used to perform **man-in-the-middle attacks** in Iran
  - Nobody noticed until someone found the cert in the wild… and posted it to pastebin

DigiNotar

Internet Trust Services

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  - On June 10, 2011, `*.google.com` cert was issued to an attacker and subsequently used to perform **man-in-the-middle attacks** in Iran
  - Nobody noticed until someone found the cert in the wild… and posted it to pastebin
- DigiNotar later admitted that **dozens of fraudulent certificates** were created
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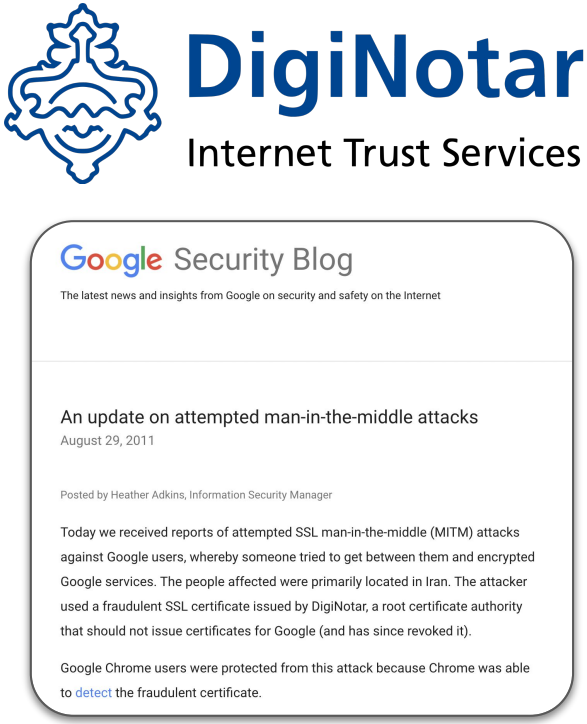

Attacking HTTPS: via Breached CAs

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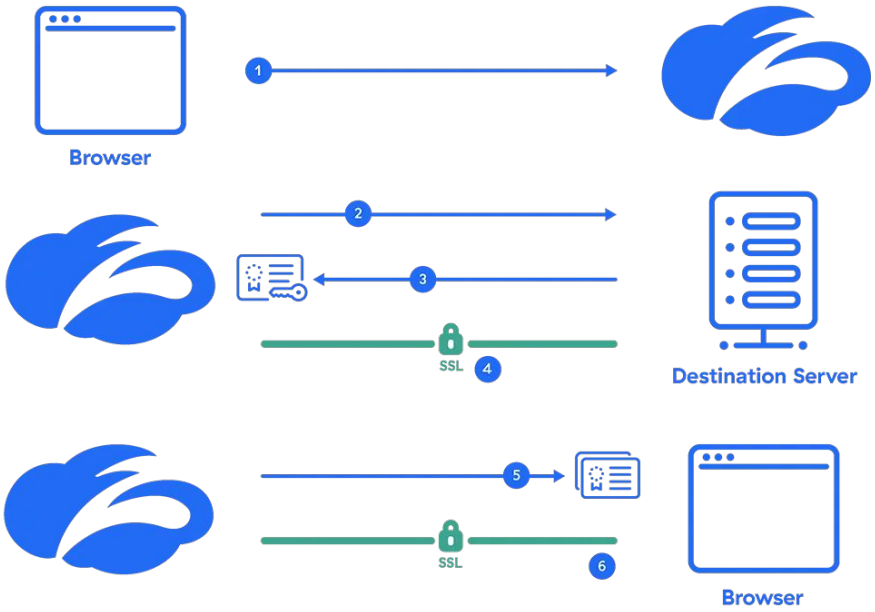
    - Client → Server and Server → Client
    - **Reencrypt** after scanning complete
    - **To both sides, all seems normal**
  - Not uncommon in corporate laptops



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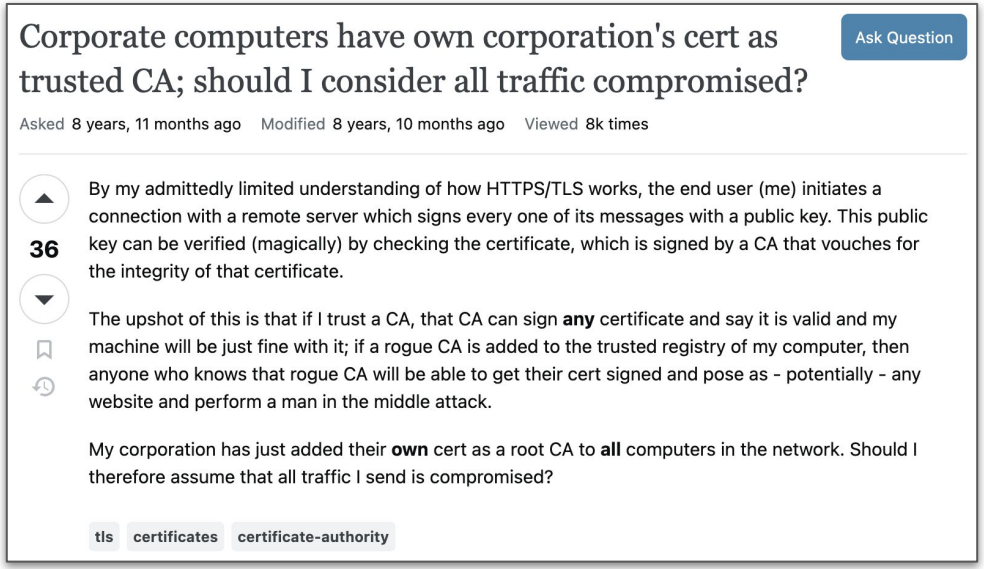

Corporate computers have own corporation's cert as trusted CA; should I consider all traffic compromised?

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By my admittedly limited understanding of how HTTPS/TLS works, the end user (me) initiates a connection with a remote server which signs every one of its messages with a public key. This public key can be verified (magically) by checking the certificate, which is signed by a CA that vouches for the integrity of that certificate.

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My corporation has just added their **own** cert as a root CA to **all** computers in the network. Should I therefore assume that all traffic I send is compromised?

tls certificates certificate-authority

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This time on CS 4440...

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The Physical, Link, Network,
Transport, and Application Layers

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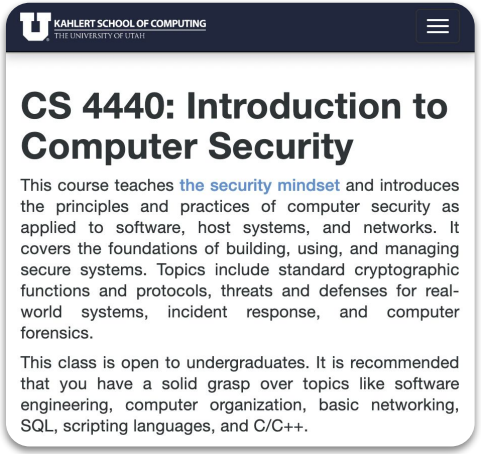
  - How Wall Street trades shares faster than you
  - How the CS 4440 website is distributed to you

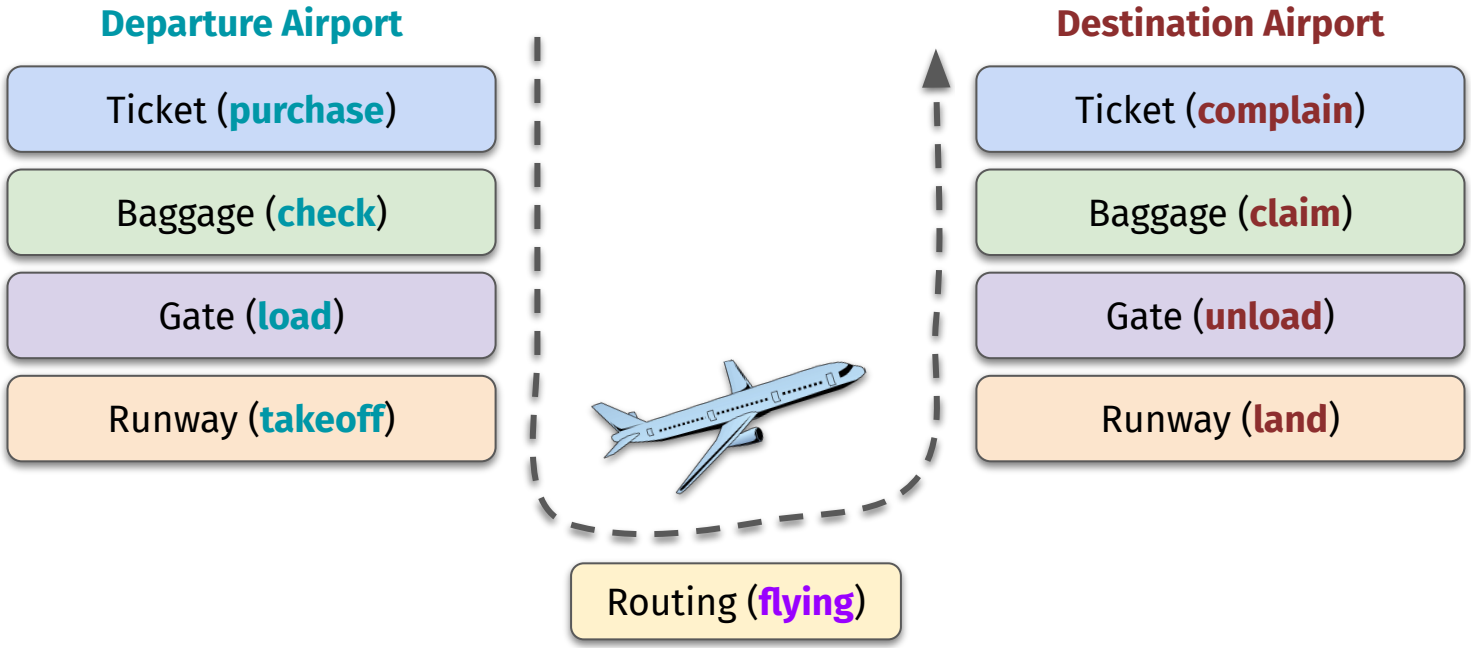


What *really* is the Internet?

- **Connections**
  - HTTP, HTTPS, FTP, VOIP
- **The Web**
  - Content viewed in a web browser
- How **many** internets?
  - U.S.A. vs. China
  - TOR vs. non-TOR
- What **separates** them?

Analogy: Air Travel

- Each **layer** implements a service



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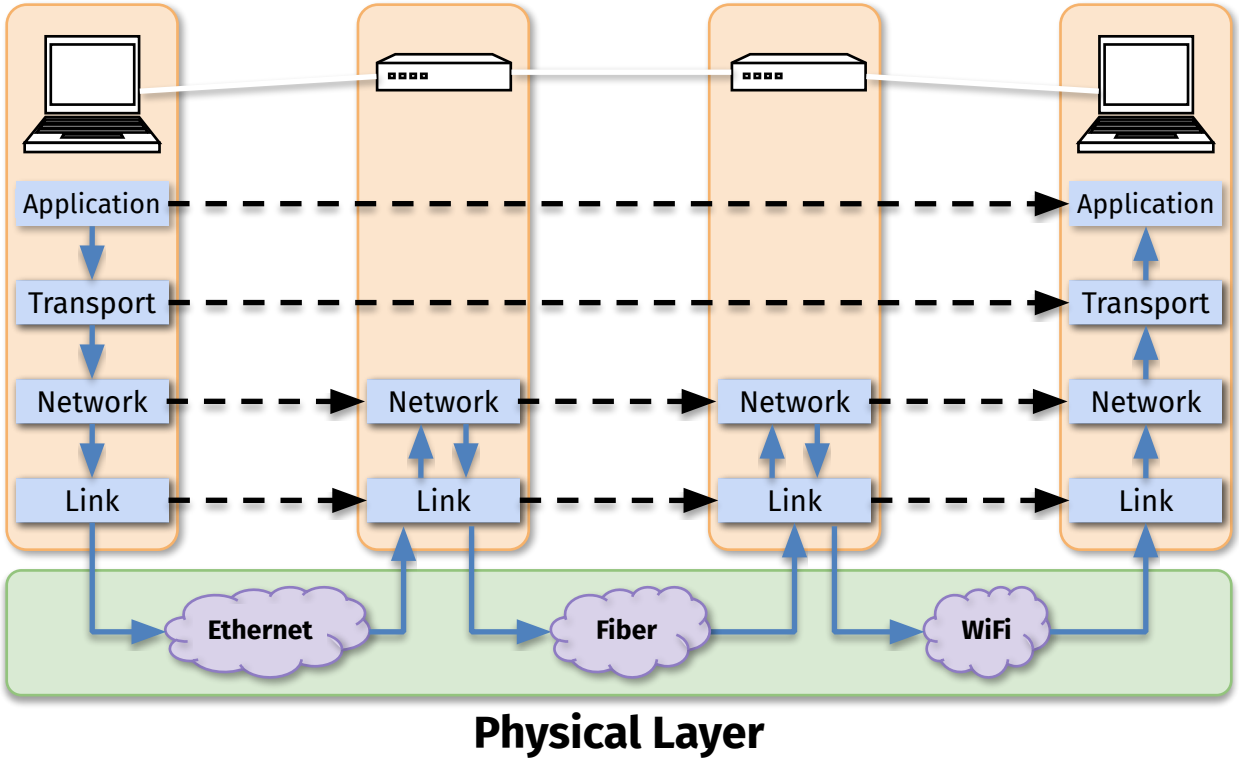

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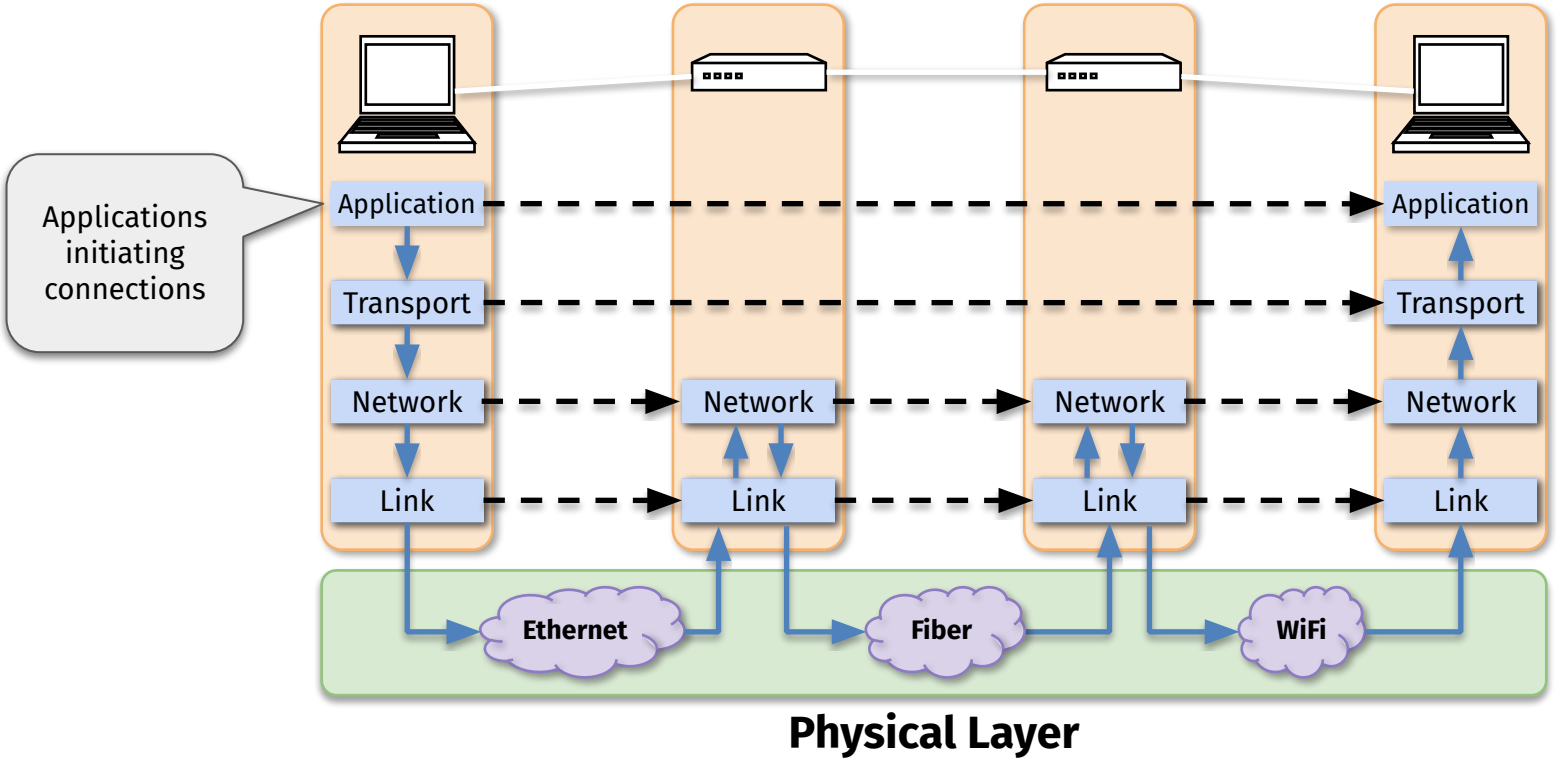

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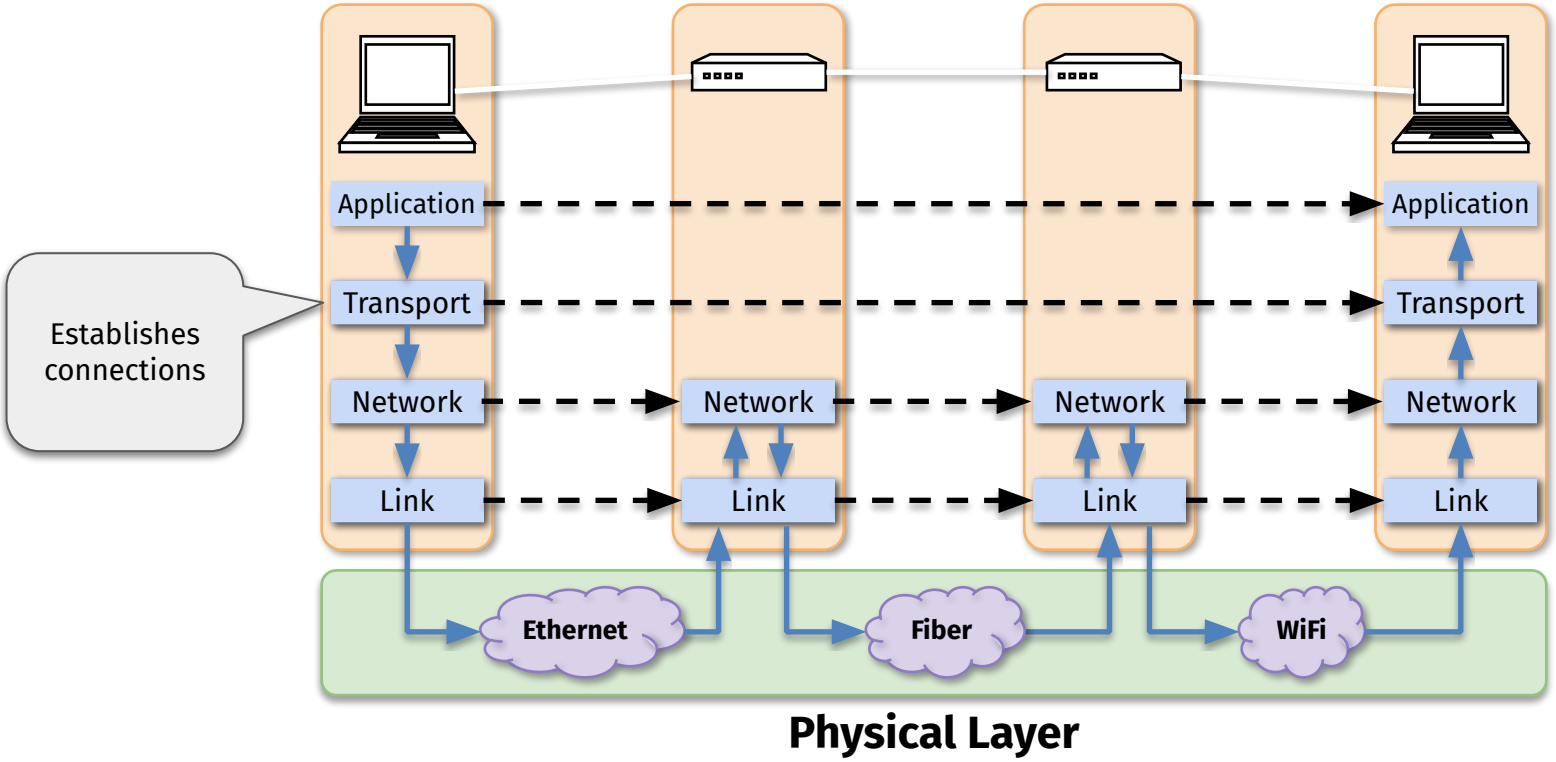

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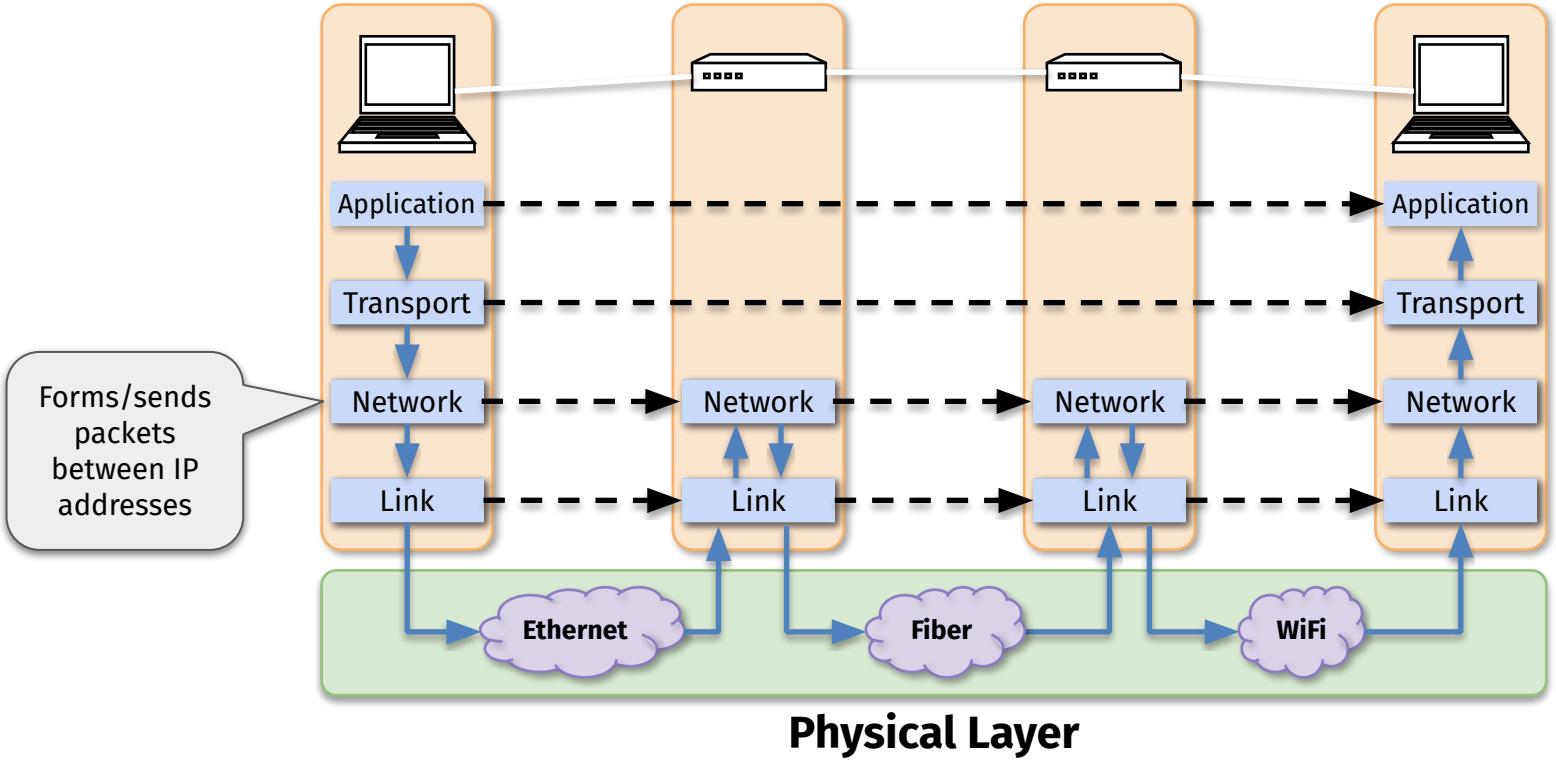

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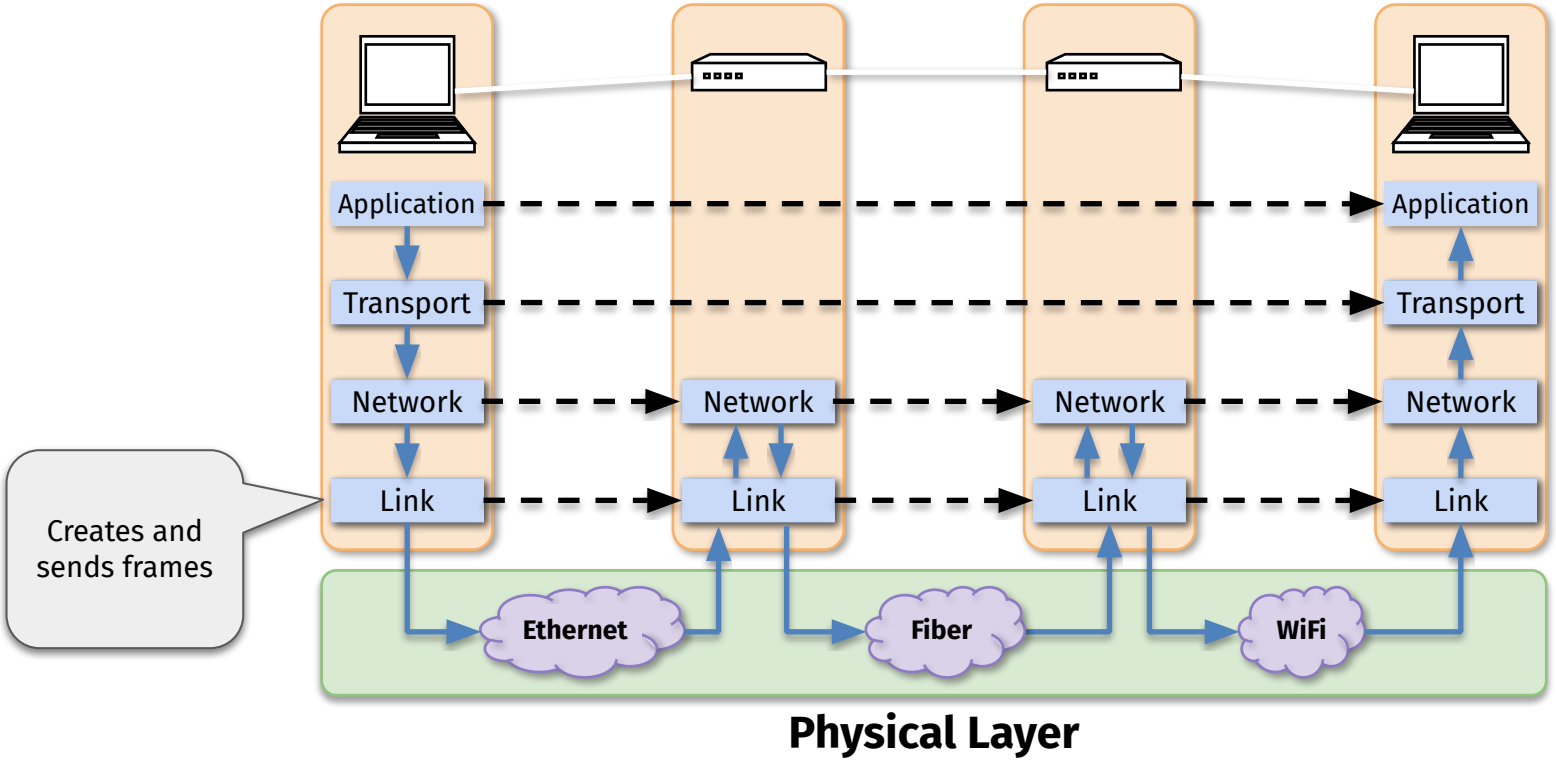

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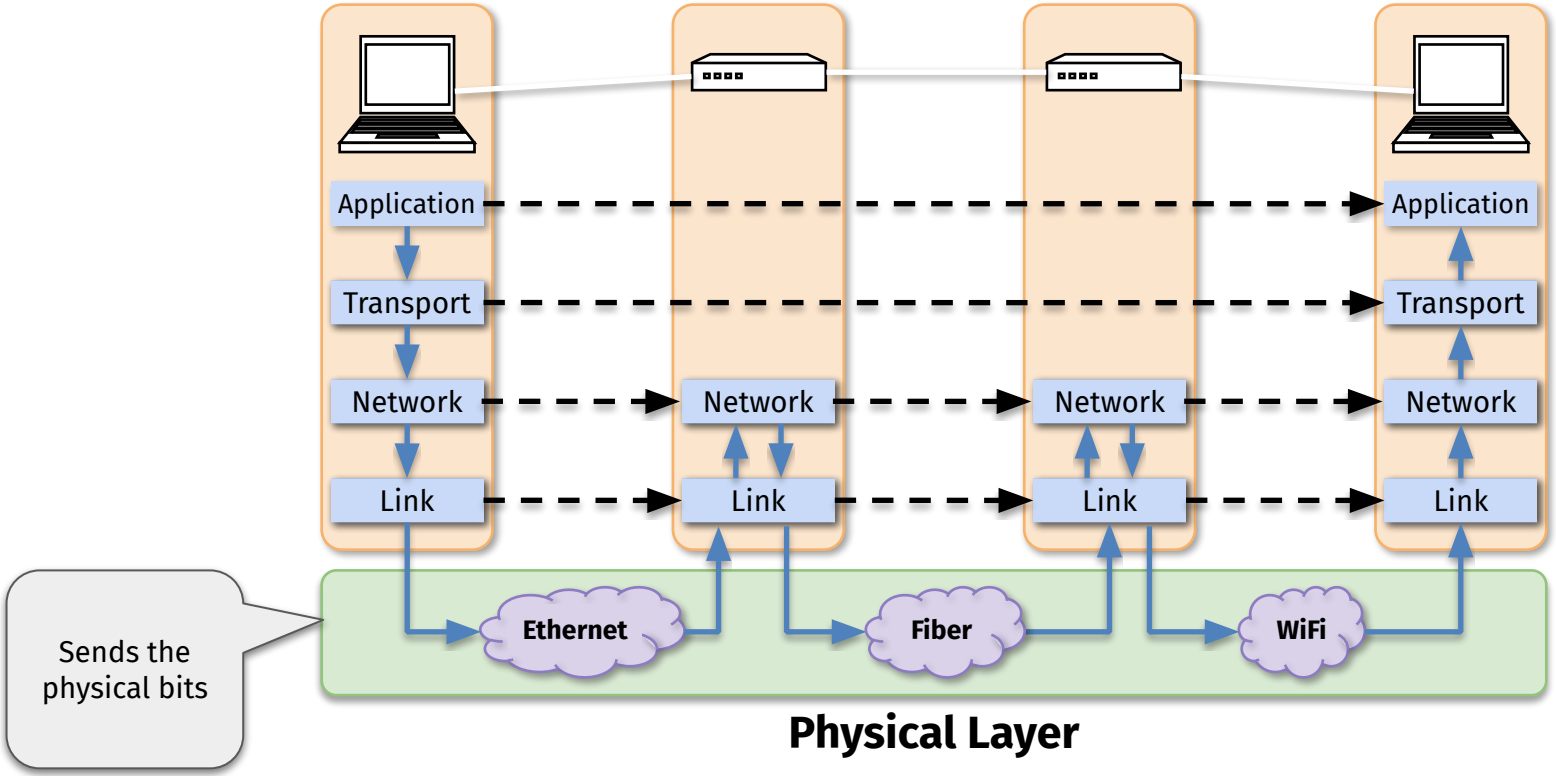

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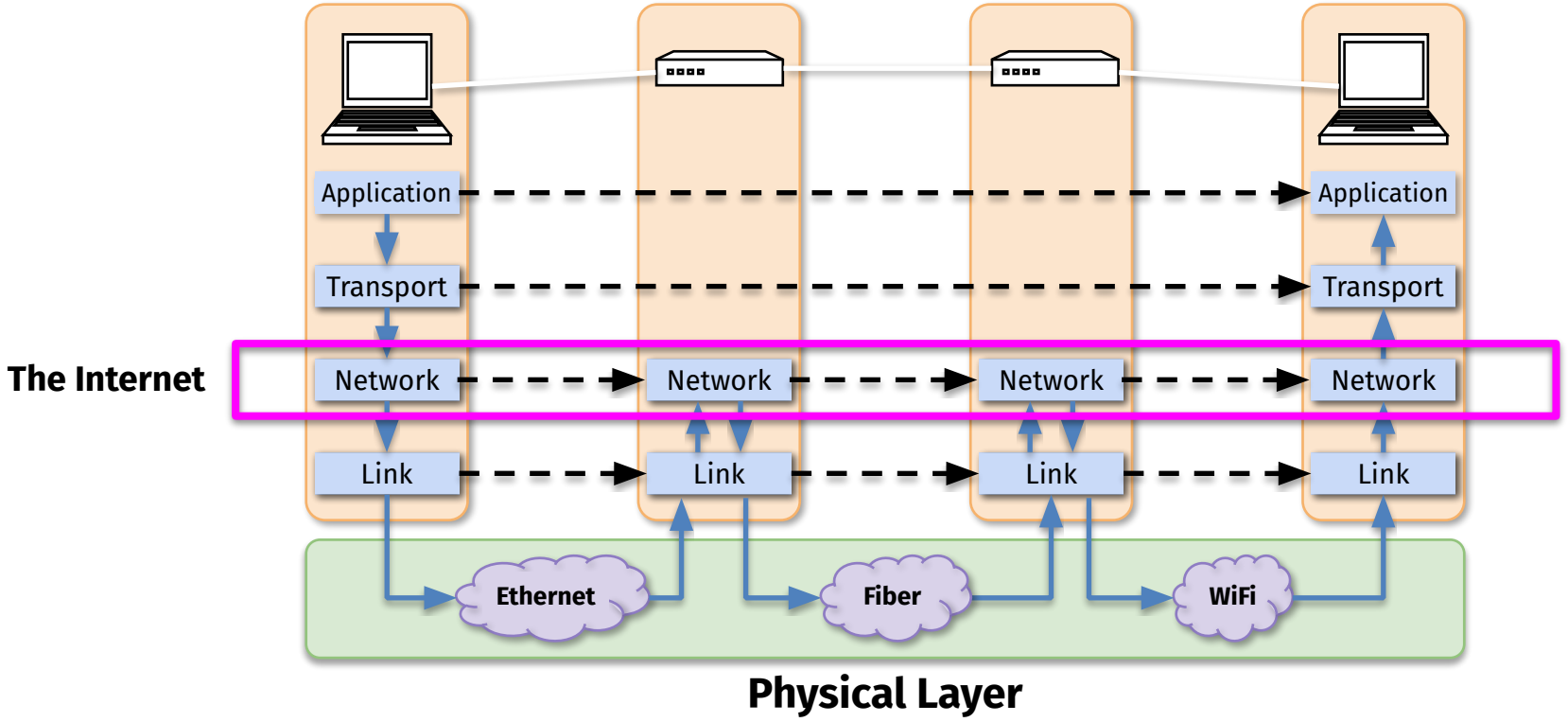
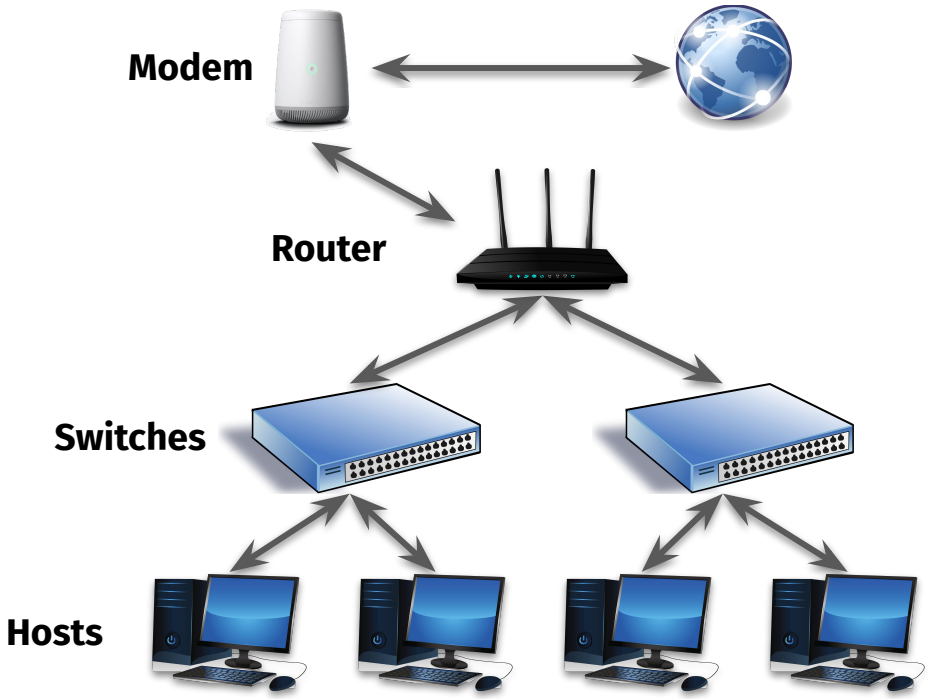


Networking Devices

- **Network layer:**
  - **Router**
    - Connects different networks
- **Data Link layer:**
  - **Switch**
    - Connects multiple devices on the same network
  - **Modem**
    - Aka modulator/demodulator
    - Interface between 0/1 bits and cable/telephone wire



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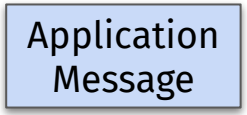

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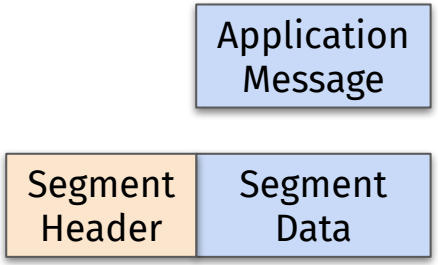

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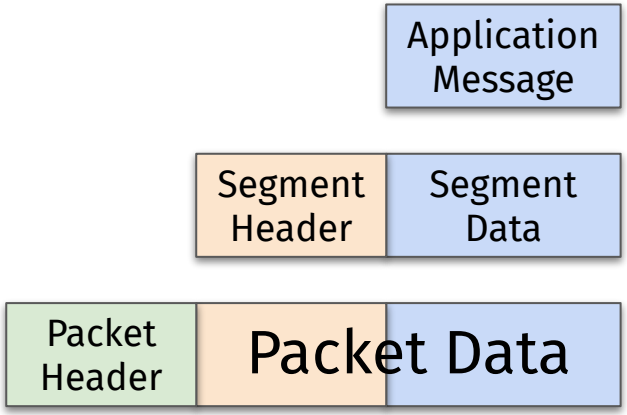

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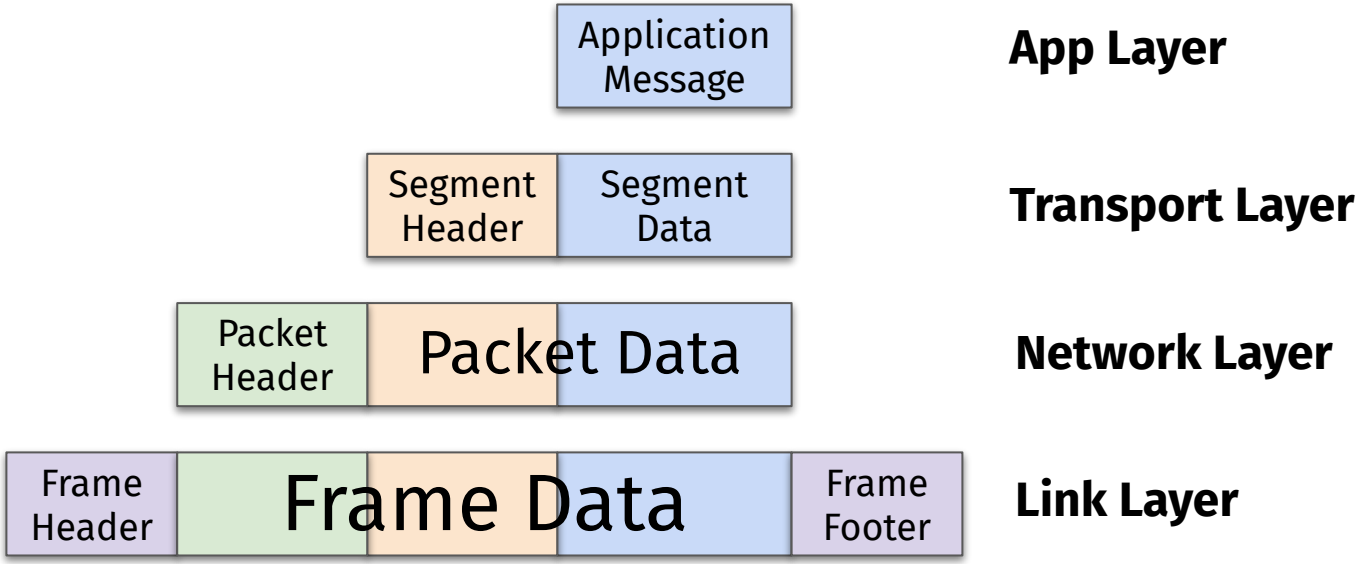

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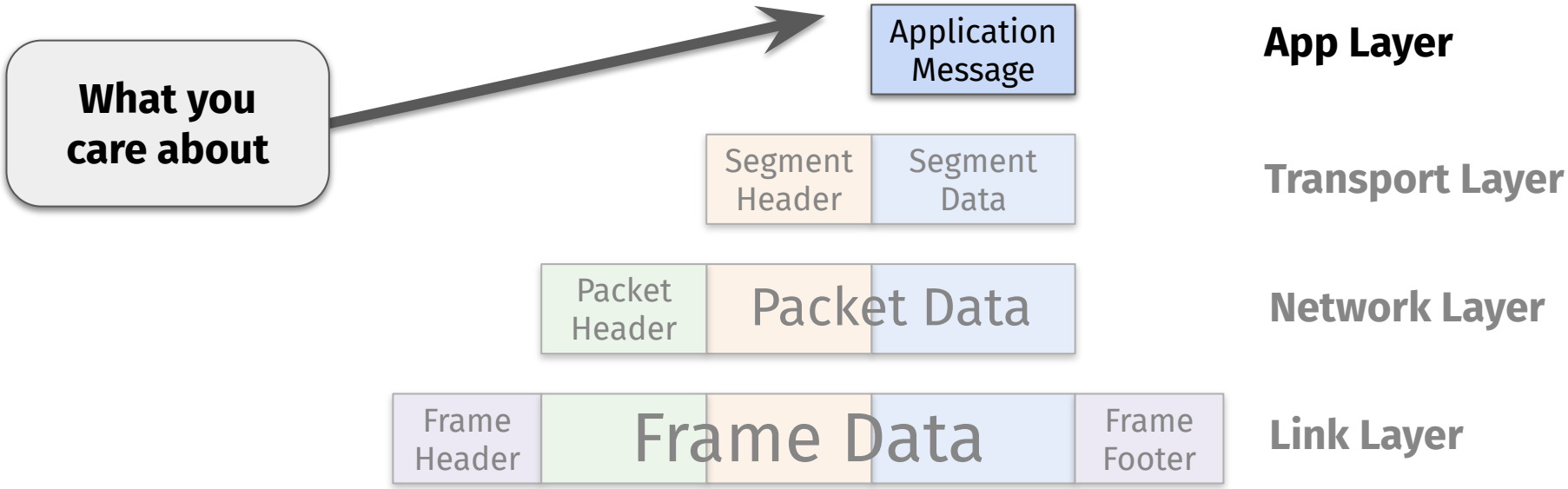

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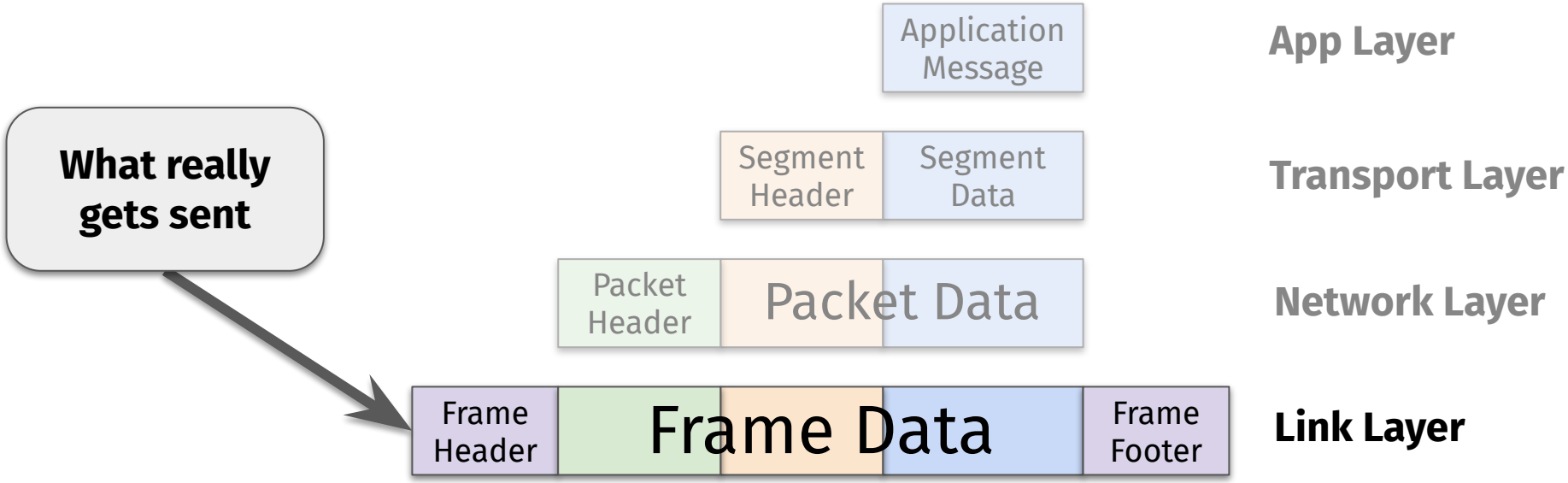

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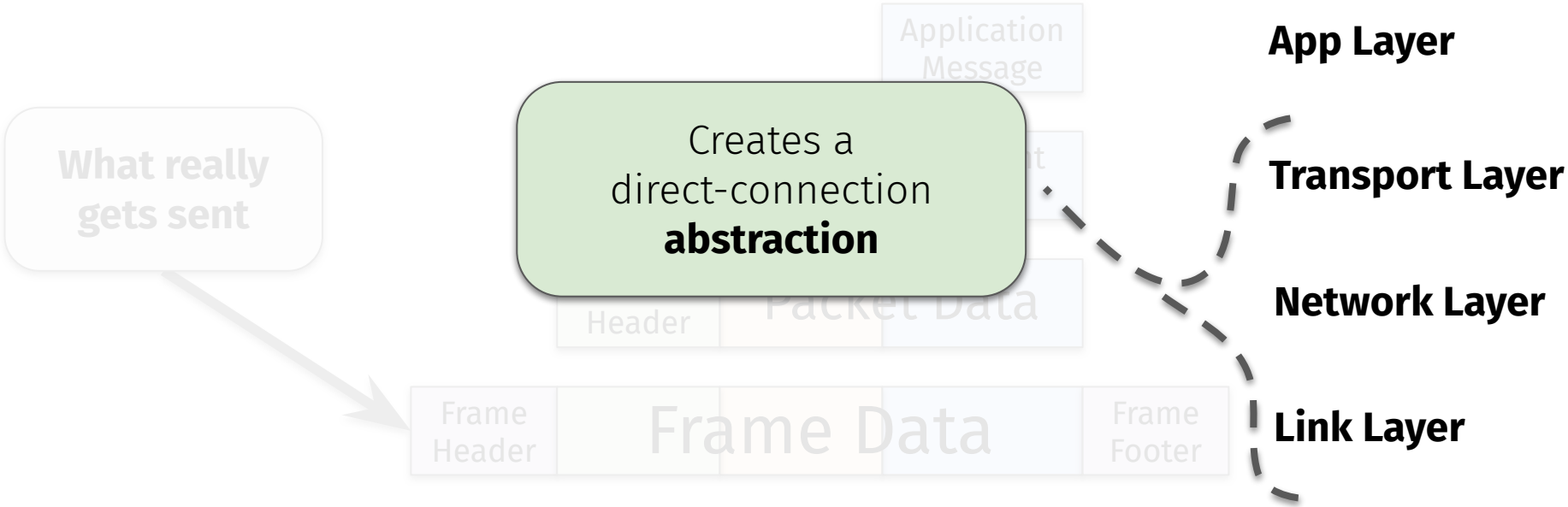

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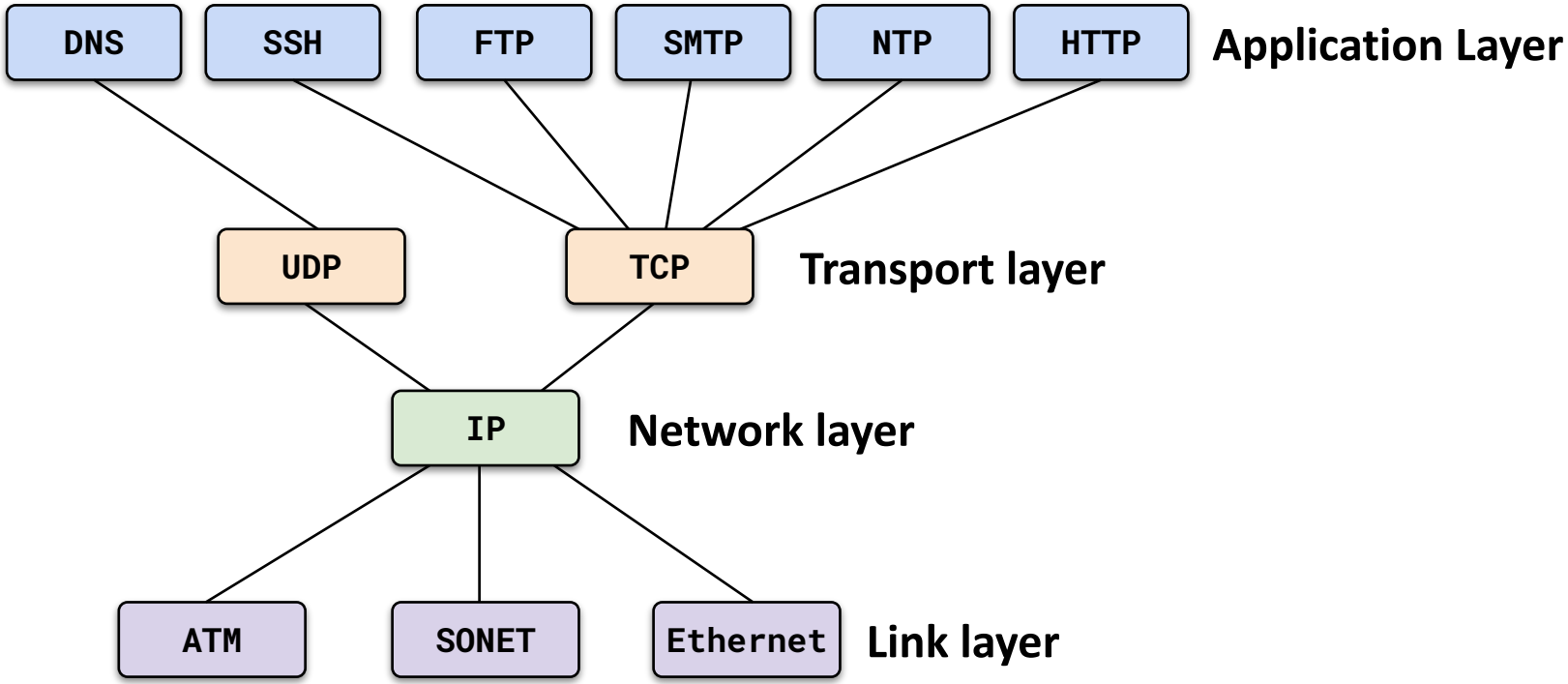

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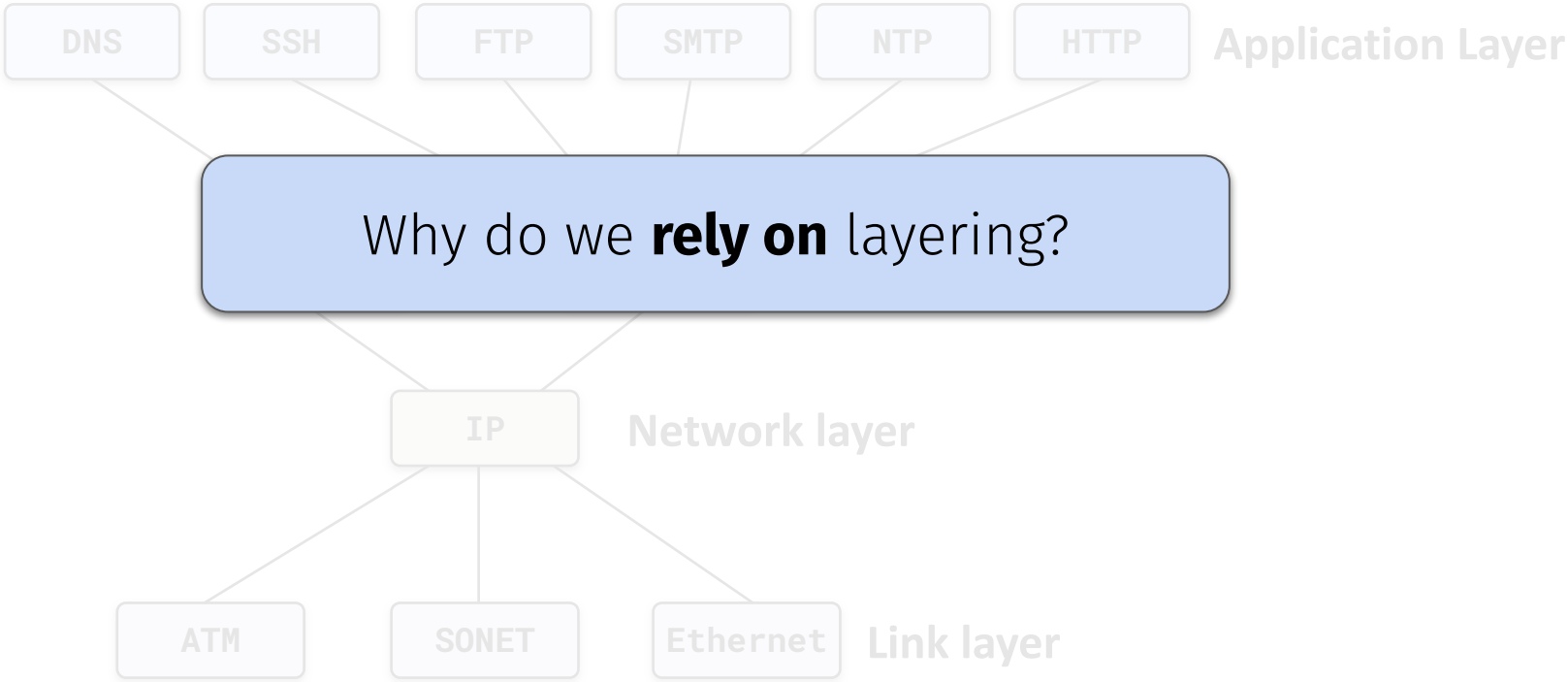

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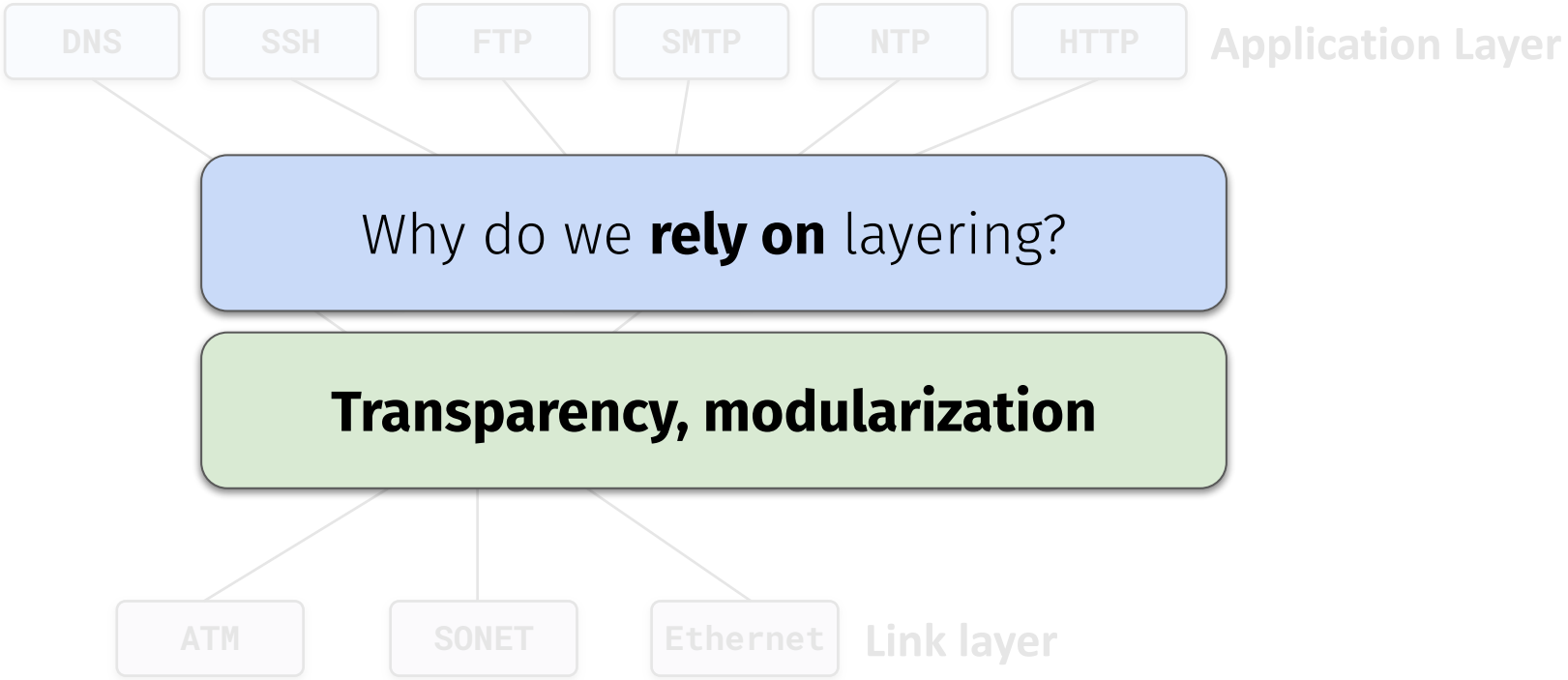

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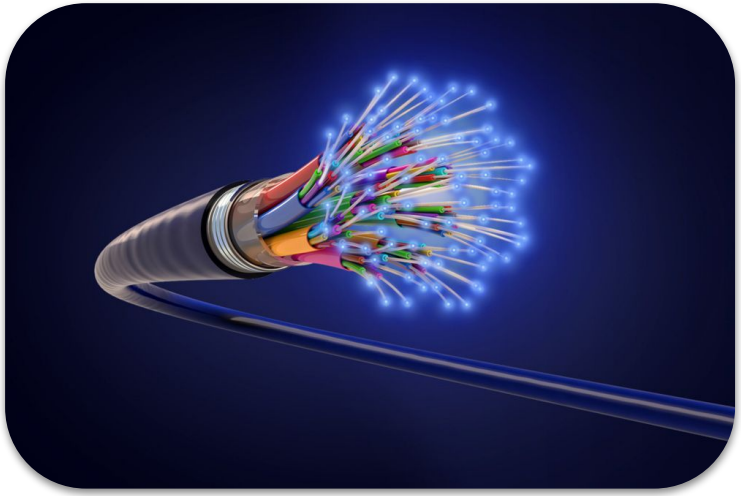

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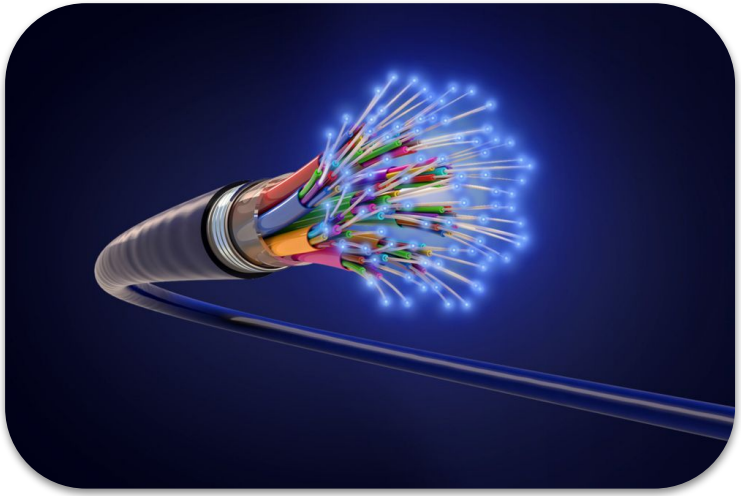

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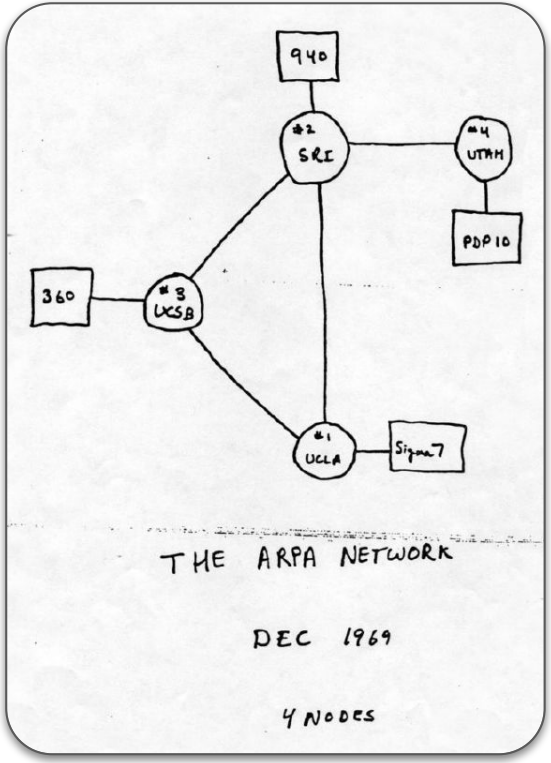

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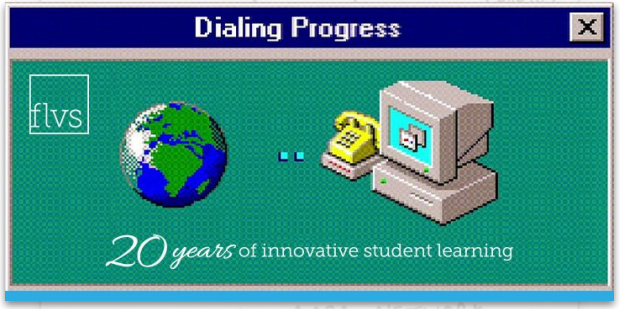

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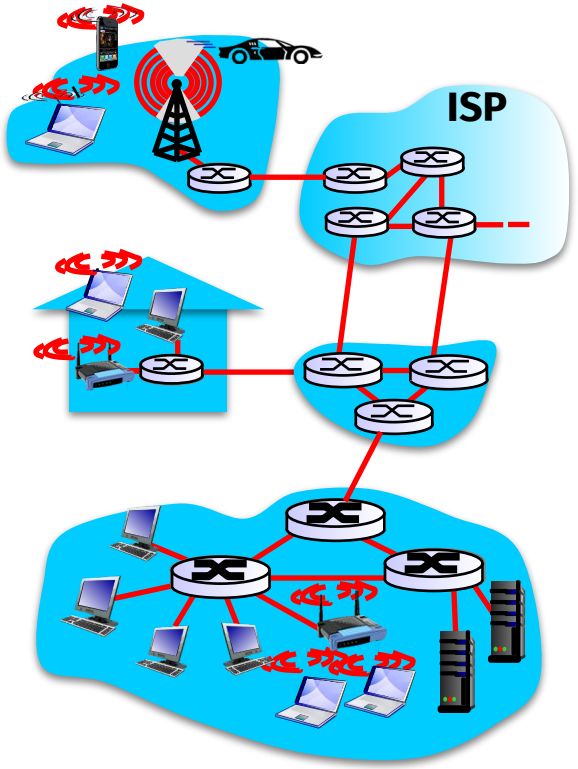
The Link Layer

Layer 4: Link / Data-Link

- Hosts and switches: **nodes**
  - **Switches** interface with **hosts**
- Channels connecting adjacent nodes along a path: **links**
  - Wired links
  - Wireless links
  - LANs
- Layer-2 packet: **frame**
  - Encapsulates datagram of the previous three TCP/IP layers



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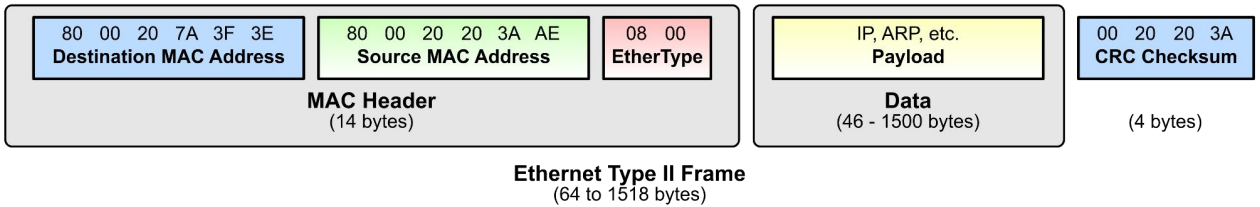
Ethernet

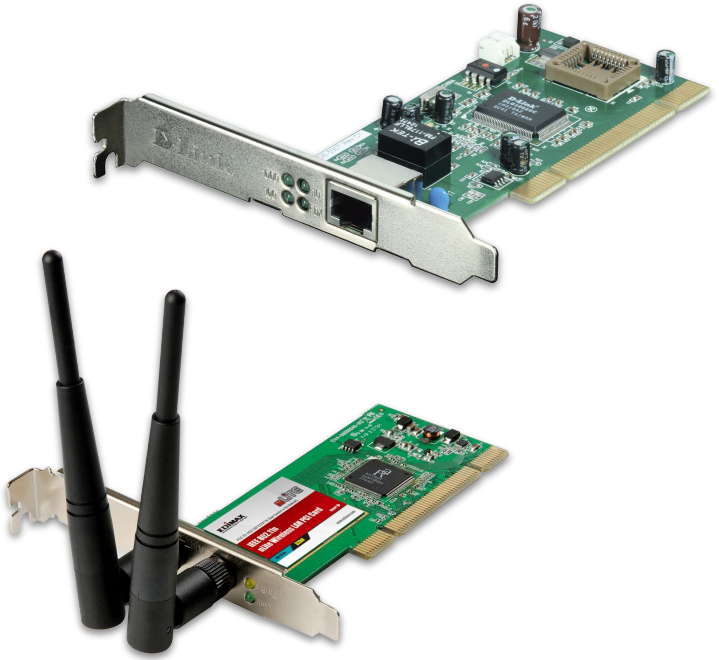
- The “dominant” wired LAN technology:
  - First widely used LAN technology
  - Simpler, cheaper than token LANs and ATM
  - Kept up with speed race: 10 Mbps – 100 Gbps

- **Ethernet Frame**
  - How the data is packaged up, sent/received
  - Destination and source MACs, payload, and checksum



Where is the link layer implemented?

- **In each and every host!**
  - "Adaptor" (aka network interface card)
    - Ethernet card
    - 802.11 card
    - Ethernet chipset
- Implements **link** and **physical** layer
  - Attaches into host's system buses
  - Combination of hardware and firmware



The Network Layer

Layer 3: Network

- Deliver **segment** from sending to receiving hosts
  - **Sender** encapsulates segments into IP datagrams
  - **Receiver** delivers segments to transport layer
  - Delivery based on logical addressing (i.e., IP addresses)
- Network layer protocols in every host, router
  - Router checks headers of IP datagrams passing through

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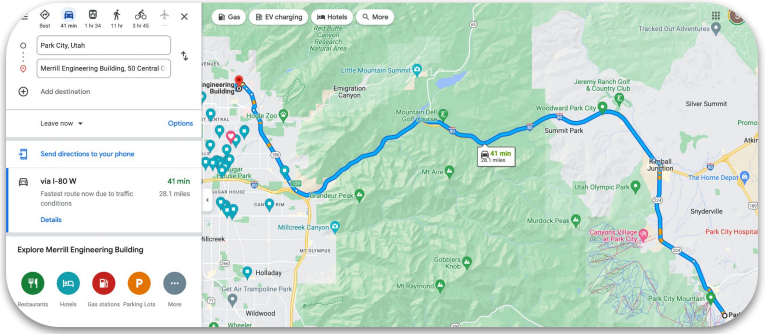

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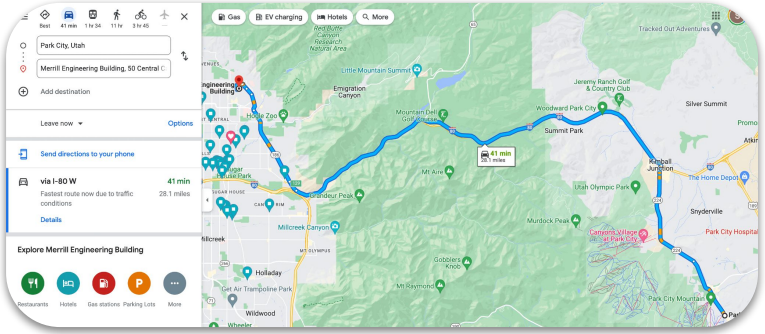

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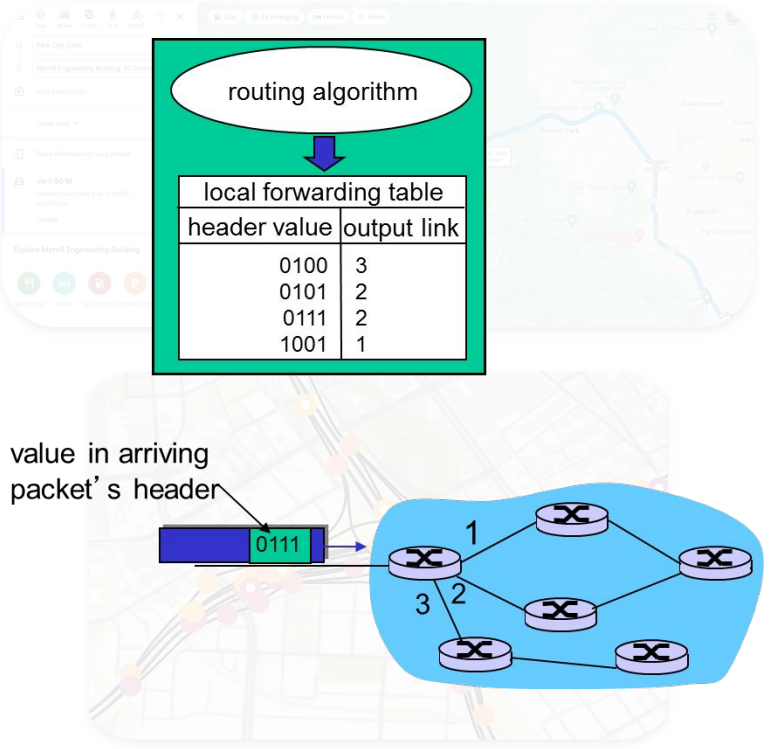
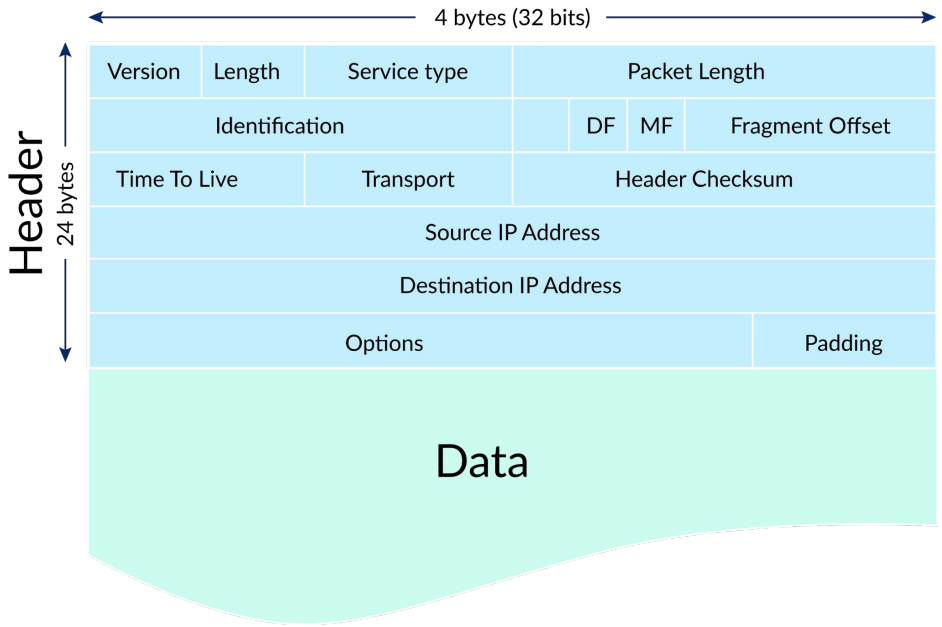


Internet Protocol

- **IP addresses:** routes datagrams in Internet
  - **IPv4:** 32 bit address
  - **IPv6:** 128 bit address
- Two parts: network and host
  - **Network:** used to route packets (ZIP code)
  - **Host:** identifies an individual host (house number)
  - Split between network/host based on address class
  - Usually in dotted decimal notation: 141.211.144.212
    - Each number represents 8 bits: 0–255

IP Packets

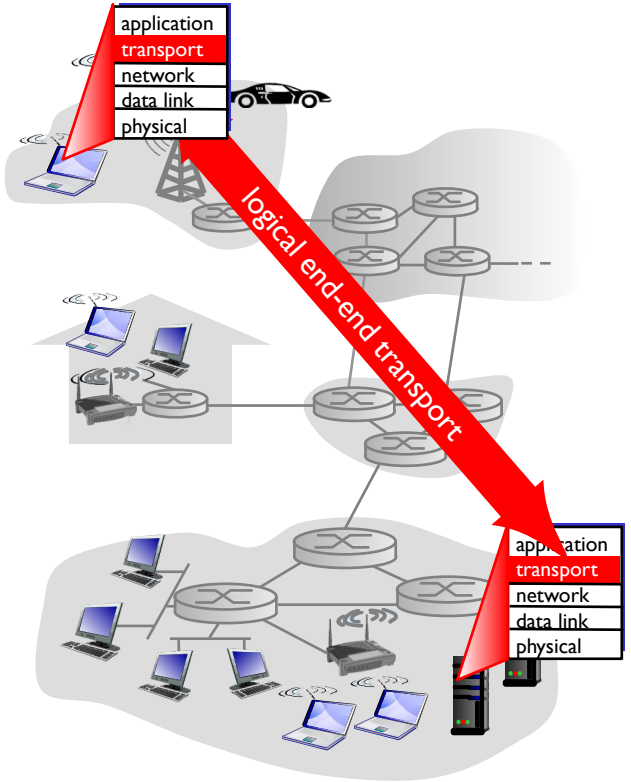
- **Header:**
  - Source IP address
  - Destination IP address
  - Lots of other information
    - Version, length, checksum
    - Selected transport protocol
- **Data:**
  - The message!
    - E.g., string of letters
    - E.g., web page characters



The Transport Layer

Layer 2: Transport

- Provides **logical communication** between application processes running on **different hosts**
- Transport protocols in end systems
  - **Send side:** breaks app messages into segments, passes to network layer
  - **Receive side:** reassembles segments into messages, passes to app layer
- Nowadays, **multiple** transport protocols available
  - Internet: TCP and UDP



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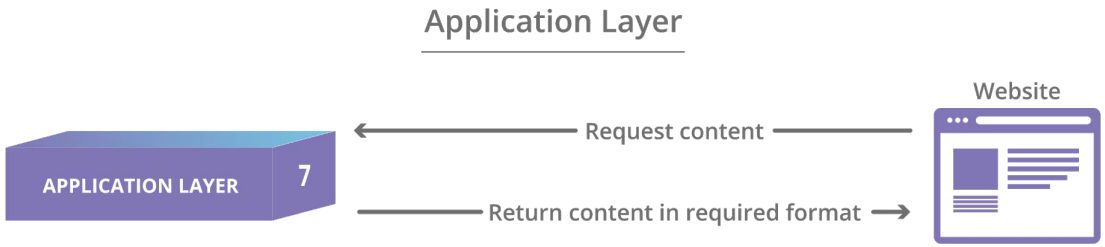
The Application Layer

Layer 1: Application

- Defines the following:
  - **Types** of messages exchanged
    - E.g., requests, responses
  - Message syntax:
    - Message **fields**, how they are delineated
  - Message semantics:
    - The **meaning** of information in each field
  - Rules for **when/how** processes **send/respond** to messages



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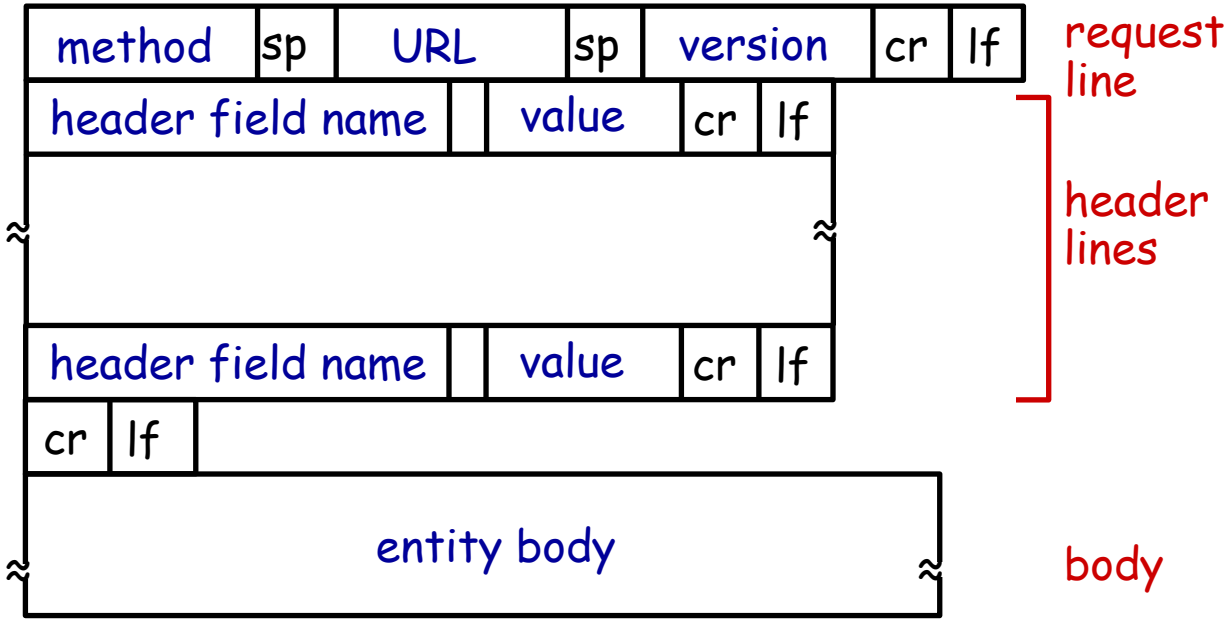

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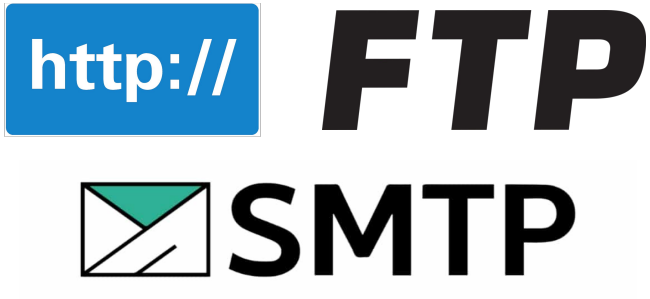

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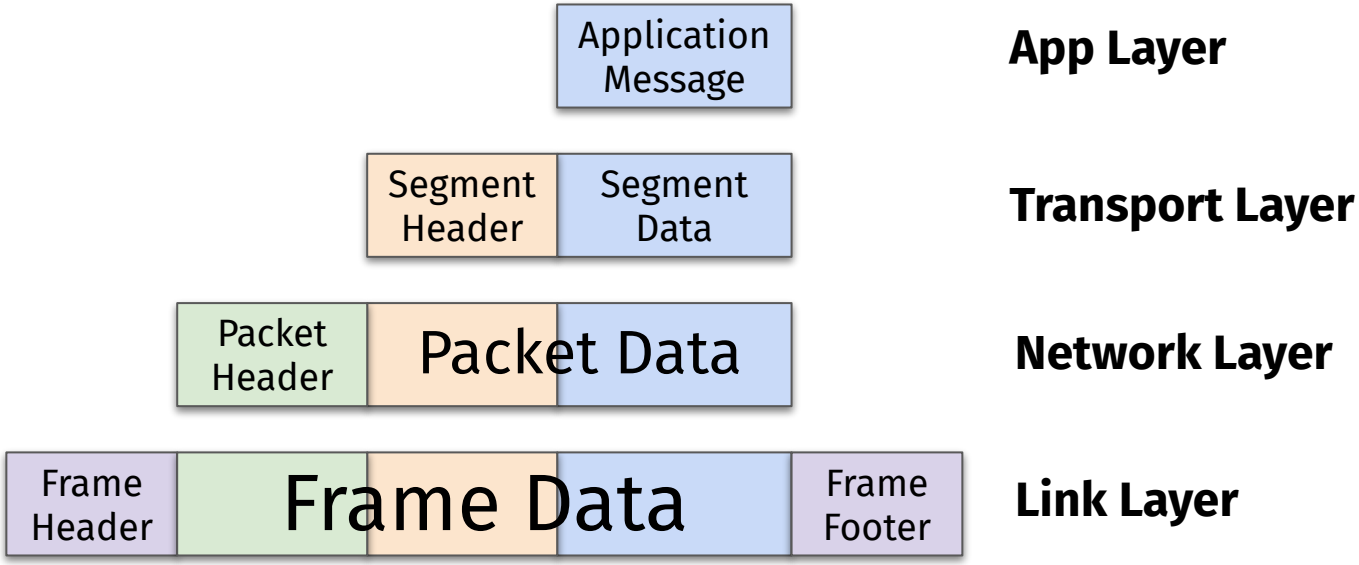

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