

TCP/IP Illustrated

One chapter per lecture

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Course layout

- regular meeting of geeks who want to know how this really works
- goal: end at implementation of TCP/IP
- at least one chapter per lecture

Introduction

Protocol layers

not 7 but 4

Application

Telnet, FTP, e-mail, etc.

Transport

TCP, UDP

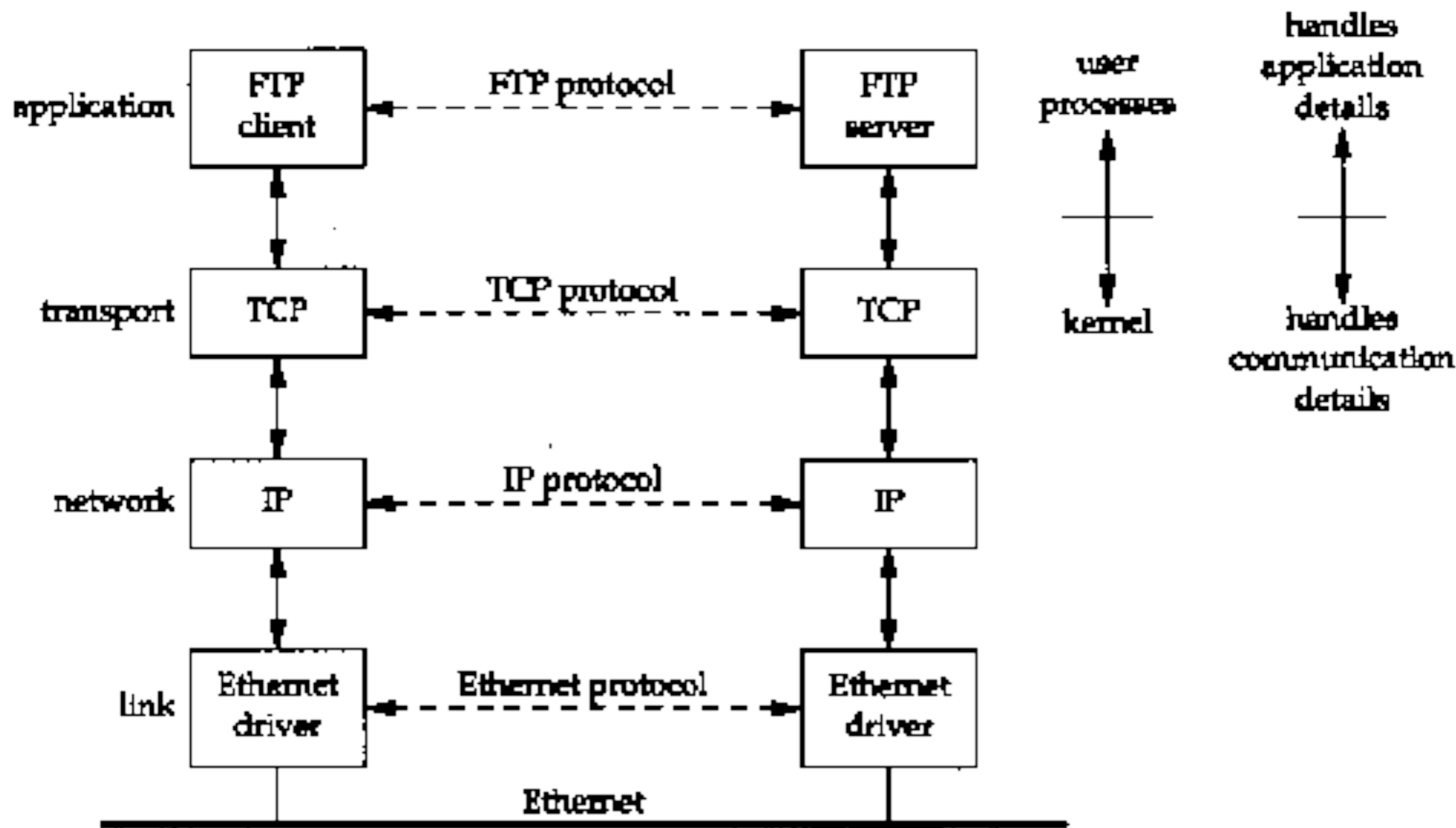
Network

IP, ICMP, IGMP

Link

device driver and interface card

Figure 1.1 The four layers of the TCP/IP protocol suite.



Protocol layers

Layer 1

- PHYSICAL
- Ethernet cable
- WLAN radio
- optical cable
- pigeons ;-)

Protocol layers

Layer 2

- data link layer
- device drivers in the OS: ethernet driver, wlan driver
- 802.11a/b/g frames
- Ethernet frames
- Layer 2 1/2: ARP, RARP

Protocol layers

Layer 3

- IP = Internet Protocol
Routing, basic packets, unreliable
- ICMP = Internet Control Protocol
errors (ICMP unreachable, “ping”,
“traceroute” (ICMP time exceeded (type 11)),...)
- IGMP = Internet Group Management P.
membership in multicast groups

Protocol layers, Layer 4

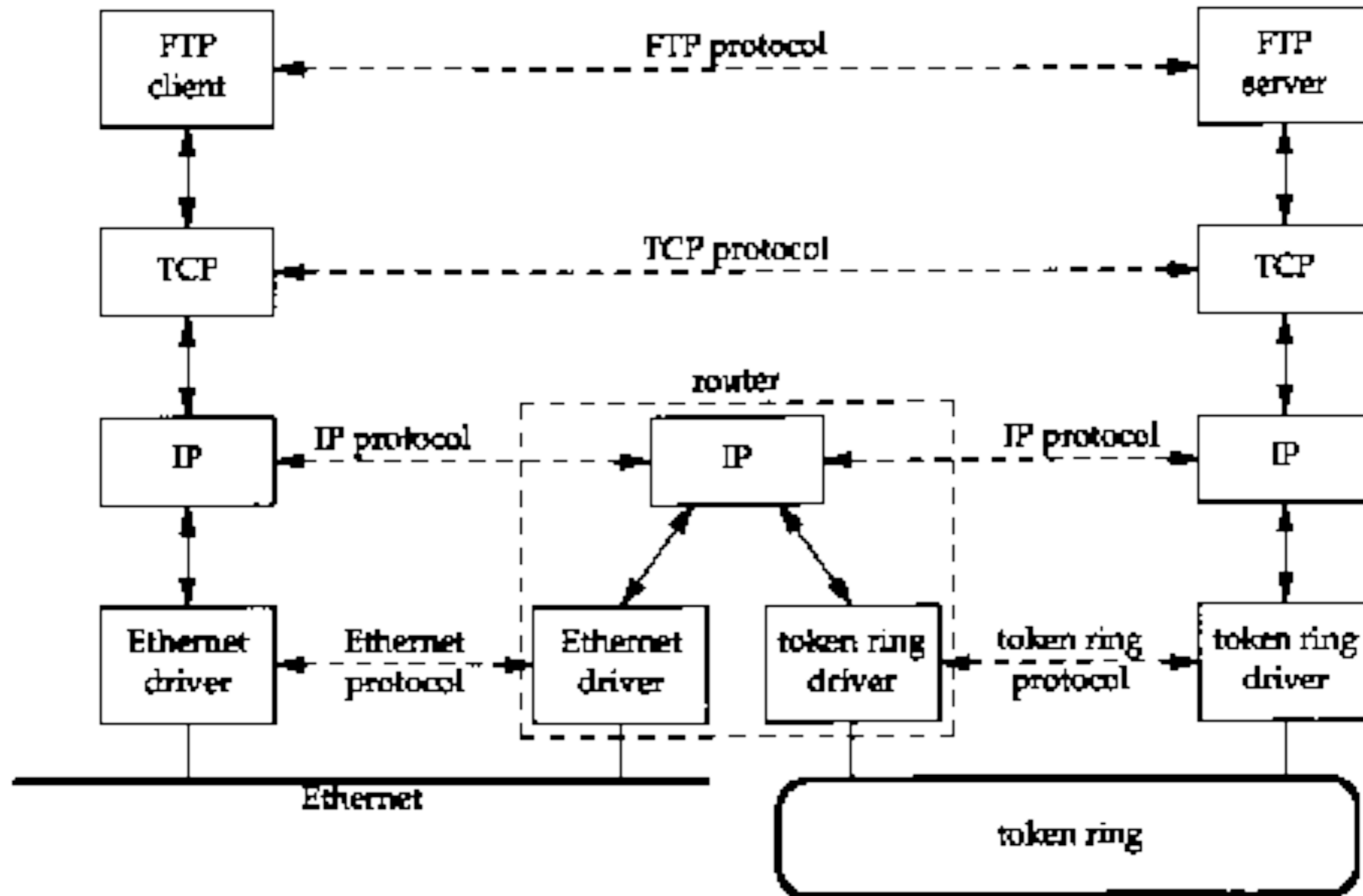
- **TCP = Transmission Control Protocol**
TCP provides a **RELIABLE** flow of data between two hosts
- **UDP = User Datagram Protocol**
UDP, on the other hand, provides a much simpler service to the application layer. It just sends packets of data called datagrams from one host to the other, but there is **NO GUARANTEE** that the datagrams reach the other end. Any desired reliability must be added by the application layer.

**So what is the difference between layer 3
and layer 4?**

Layer 4

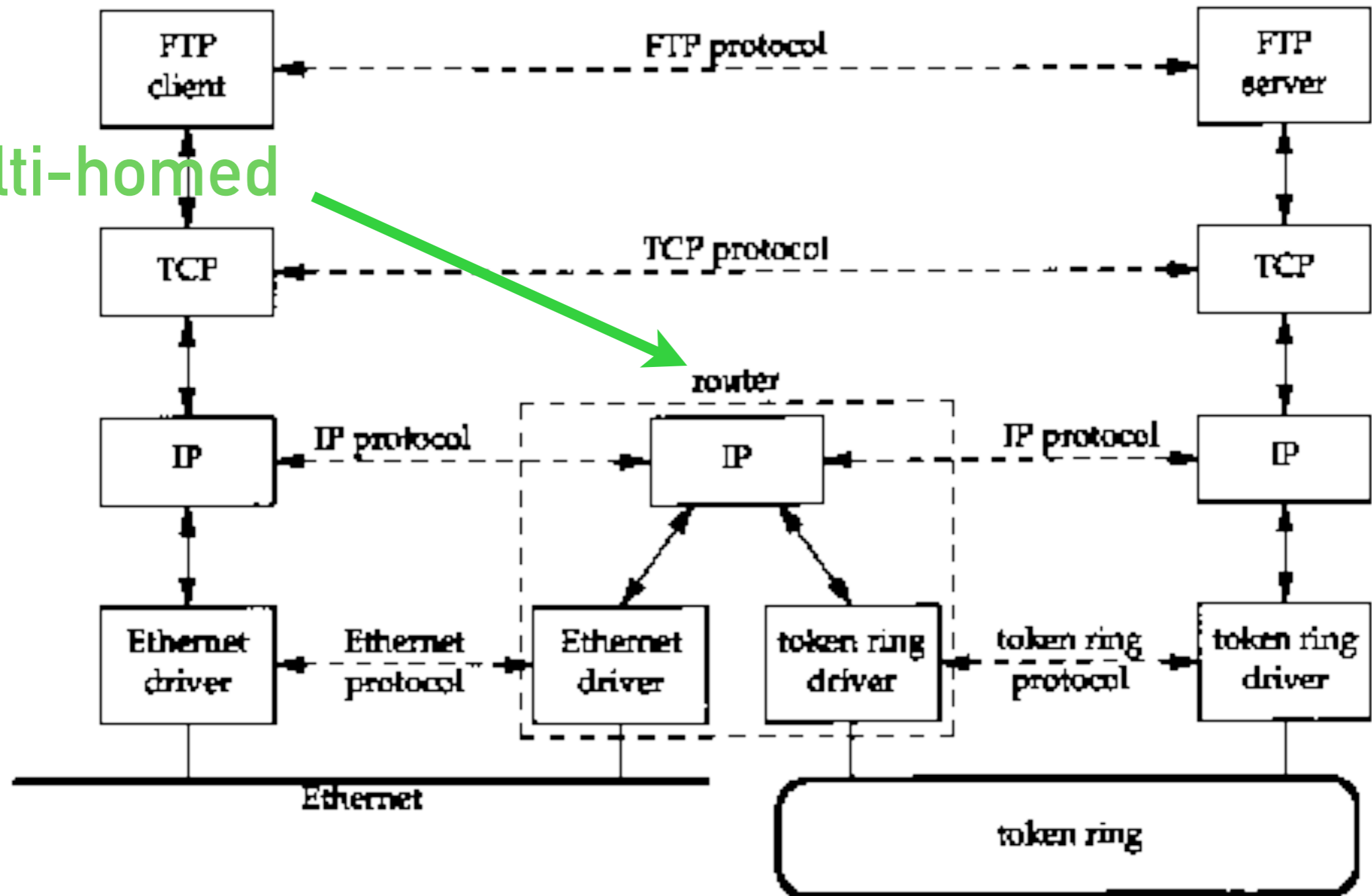
- Reliability (TCP)
- bigger fast packets (UDP)

Layer 3: Routing

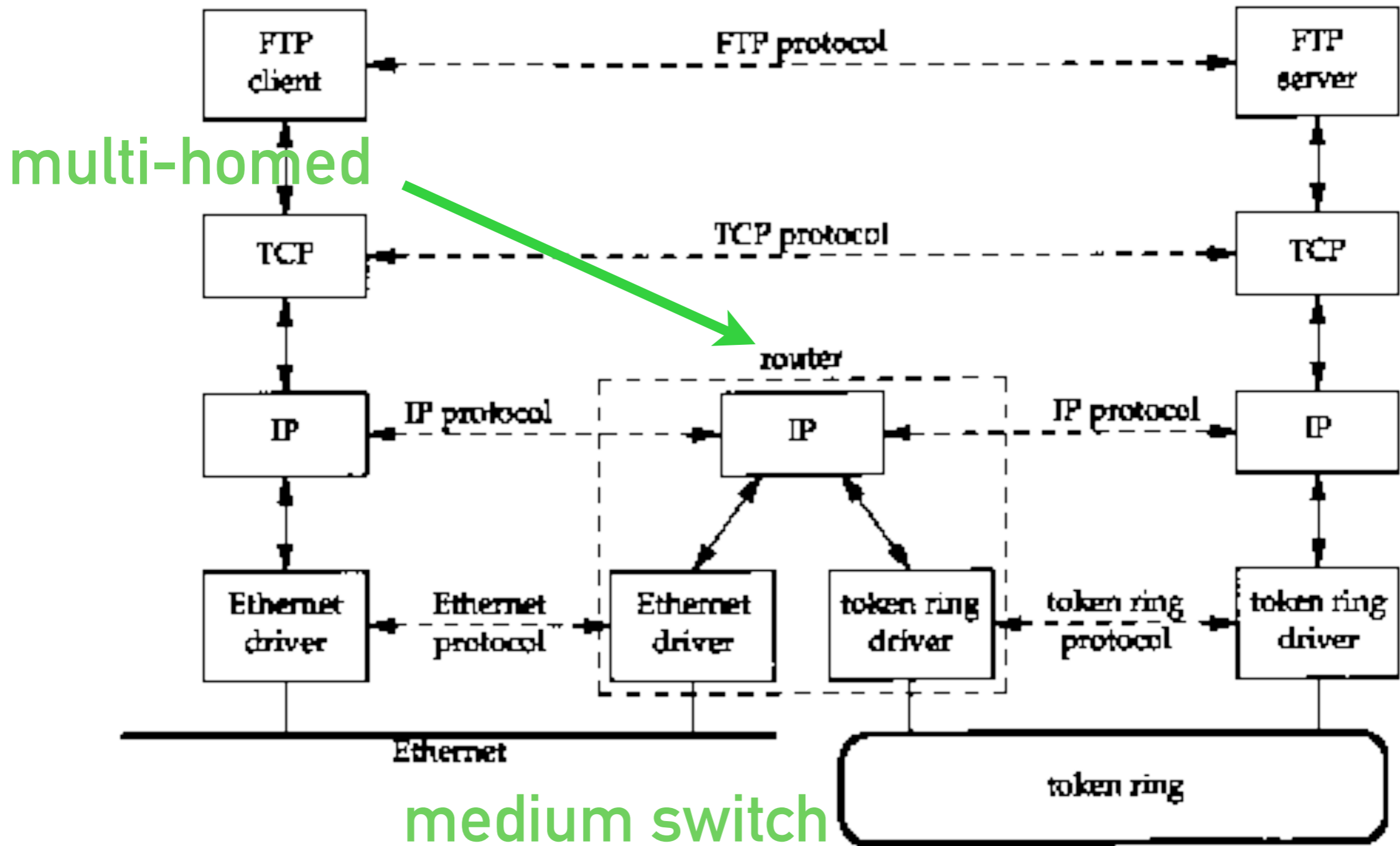


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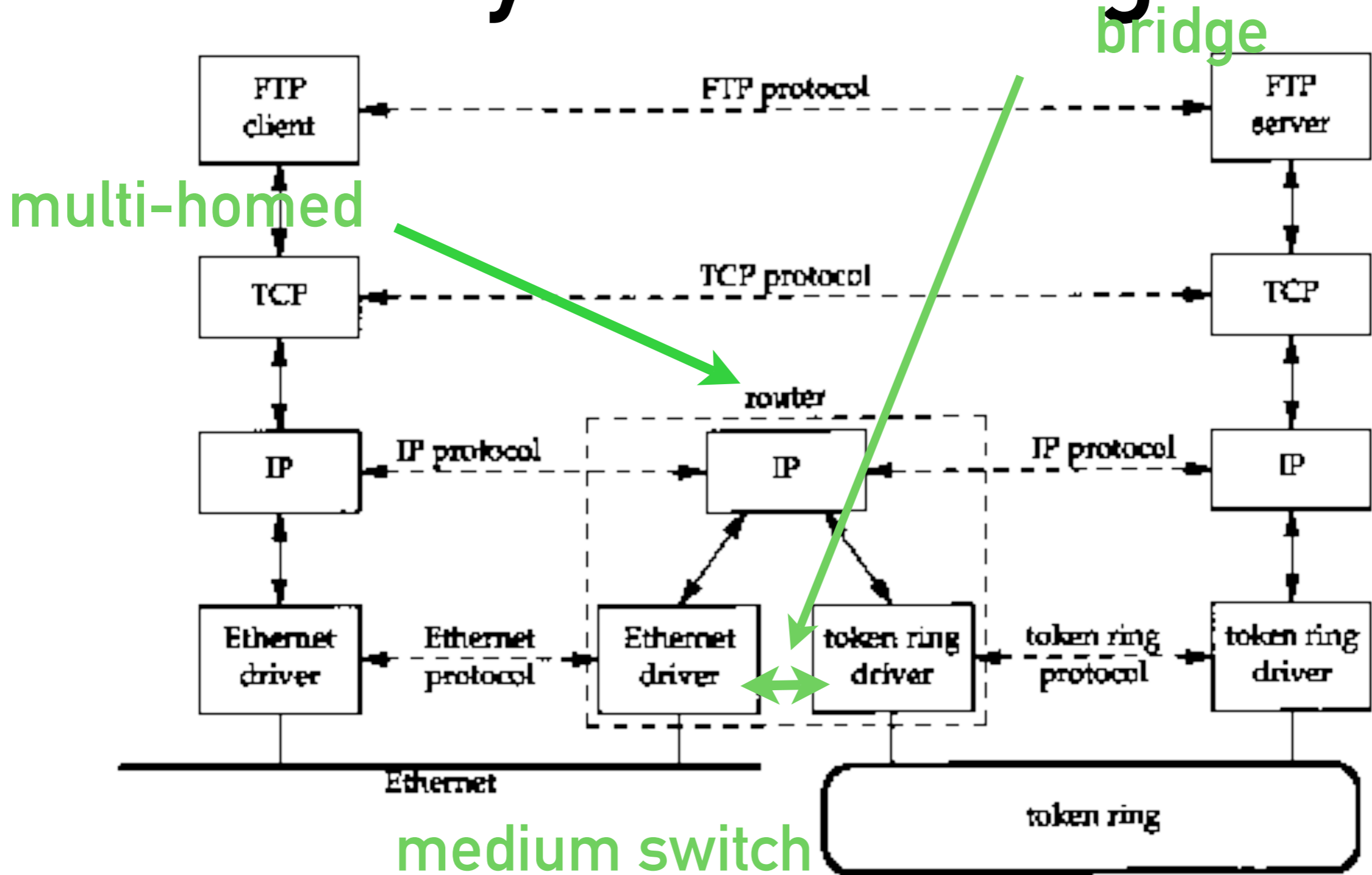
multi-homed



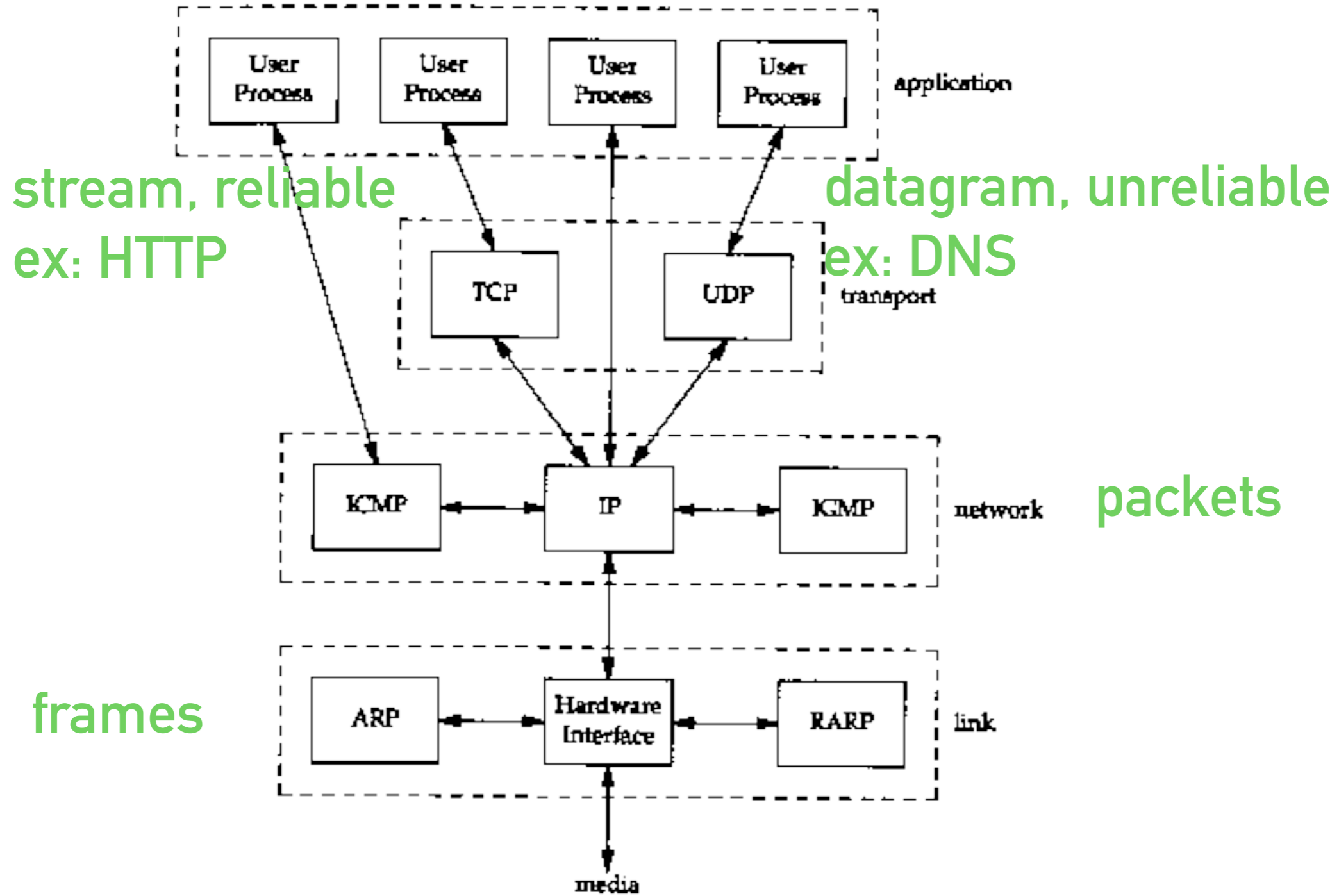
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TCP/IP Layering



Layer 2^{1/2}: ARP

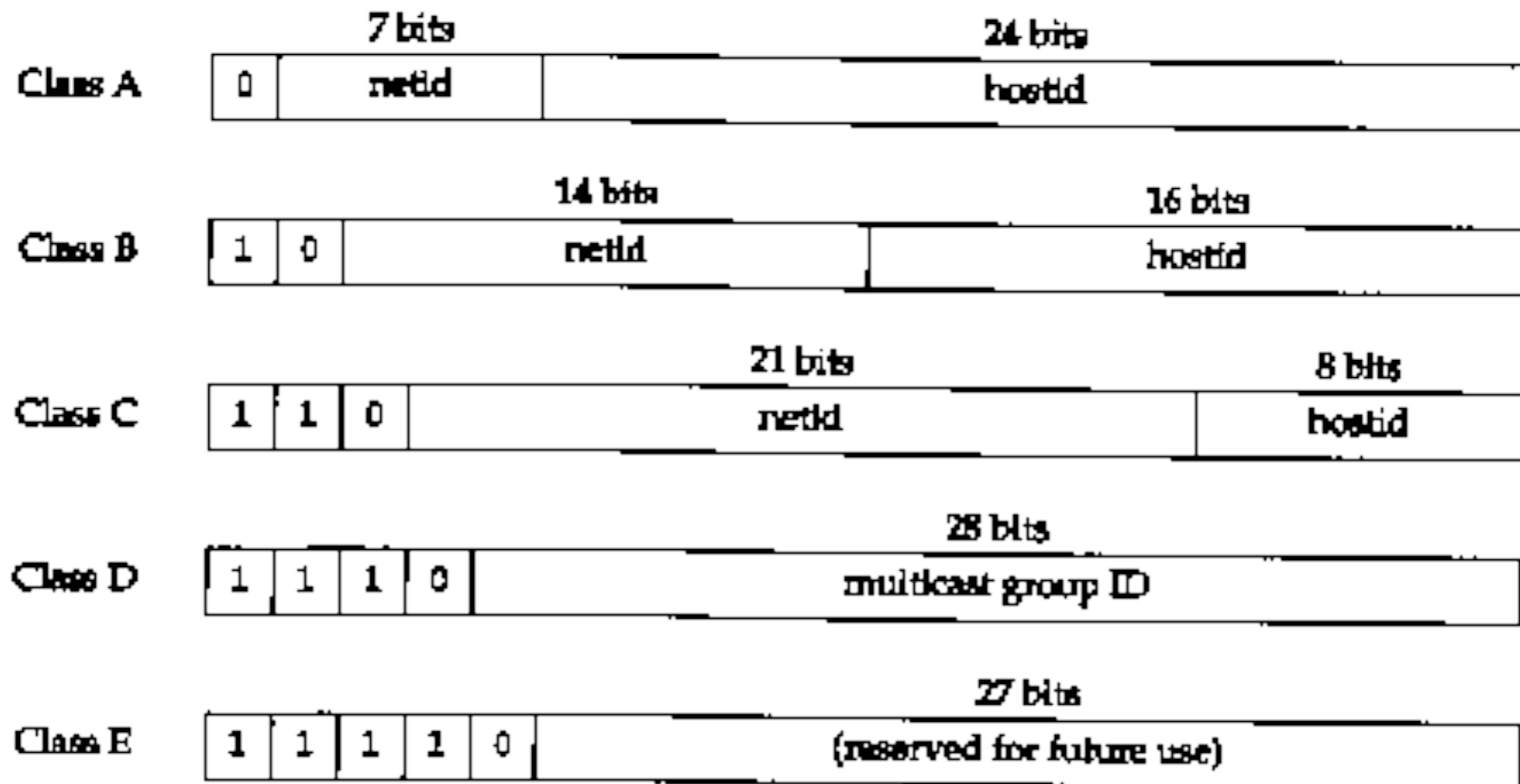
- ARP—who has 192.168.100.1?
- ARP-Reply: 192.168.100.1 is at 00:00:c3:fe...
- “glue” between layer 2 and layer 3 addressing

Addressing

- Every interface on an internet must **have a unique Internet address** (also called an IP address). These addresses are 32-bit numbers. Instead of using a flat address space such as 1, 2, 3, and so on, there is a structure to Internet addresses.
- **Old style: class A, B, C, D**

Class	Range
A	0.0.0.0 to 127.255.255.255
B	128.0.0.0 to 191.255.255.255
C	192.0.0.0 to 223.255.255.255
D	224.0.0.0 to 239.255.255.255
E	240.0.0.0 to 247.255.255.255

Figure 1.6 Ranges for different classes of IP addresses.



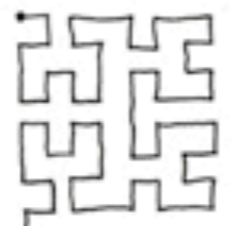
MAP OF THE INTERNET


THE IPv4 SPACE, 2006



THIS CHART SHOWS THE IP ADDRESS SPACE ON A PLANE USING A FRACTAL MAPPING WHICH PRESERVES GROUPING -- ANY CONSECUTIVE STRING OF IPs WILL TRANSLATE TO A SINGLE COMPACT, CONTIGUOUS REGION ON THE MAP. EACH OF THE 256 NUMBERED BLOCKS REPRESENTS ONE /8 SUBNET (CONTAINING ALL IPs THAT START WITH THAT NUMBER). THE UPPER LEFT SECTION SHOWS THE BLOCKS SOLD DIRECTLY TO CORPORATIONS AND GOVERNMENTS IN THE 1990's BEFORE THE RIRs TOOK OVER ALLOCATION.

0	1	14	15	16	19
3	2	13	12	17	18
4	7	8	11		
5	6	9	10		



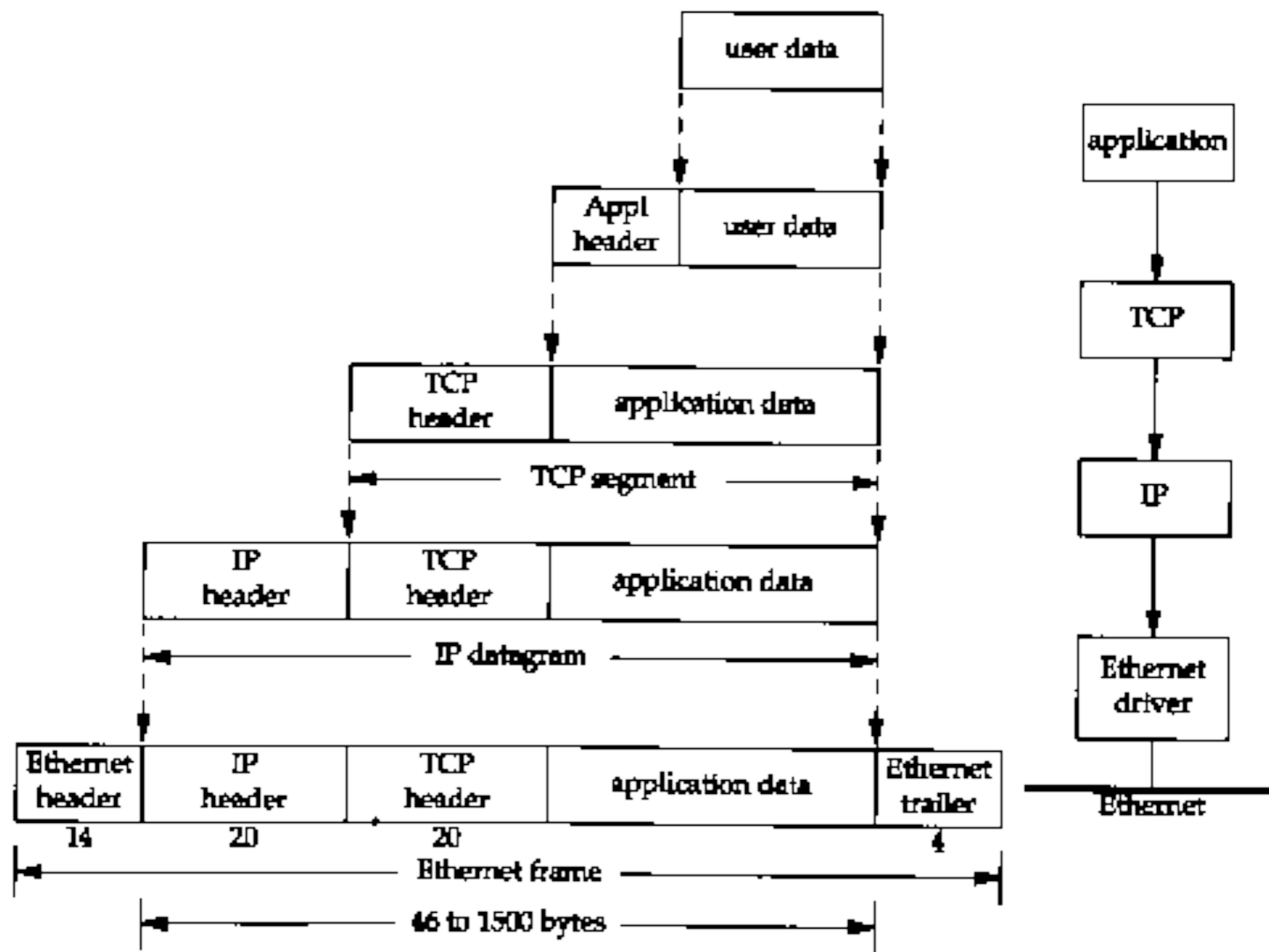
 = UNALLOCATED BLOCK

Addressing CIDR

- Classless Internet domain routing
- “It is worth reiterating that a multihomed host will have multiple IP addresses: one per interface.”
- New style: IP Addr + netmask length
192.168.100.1/24

Encapsulation

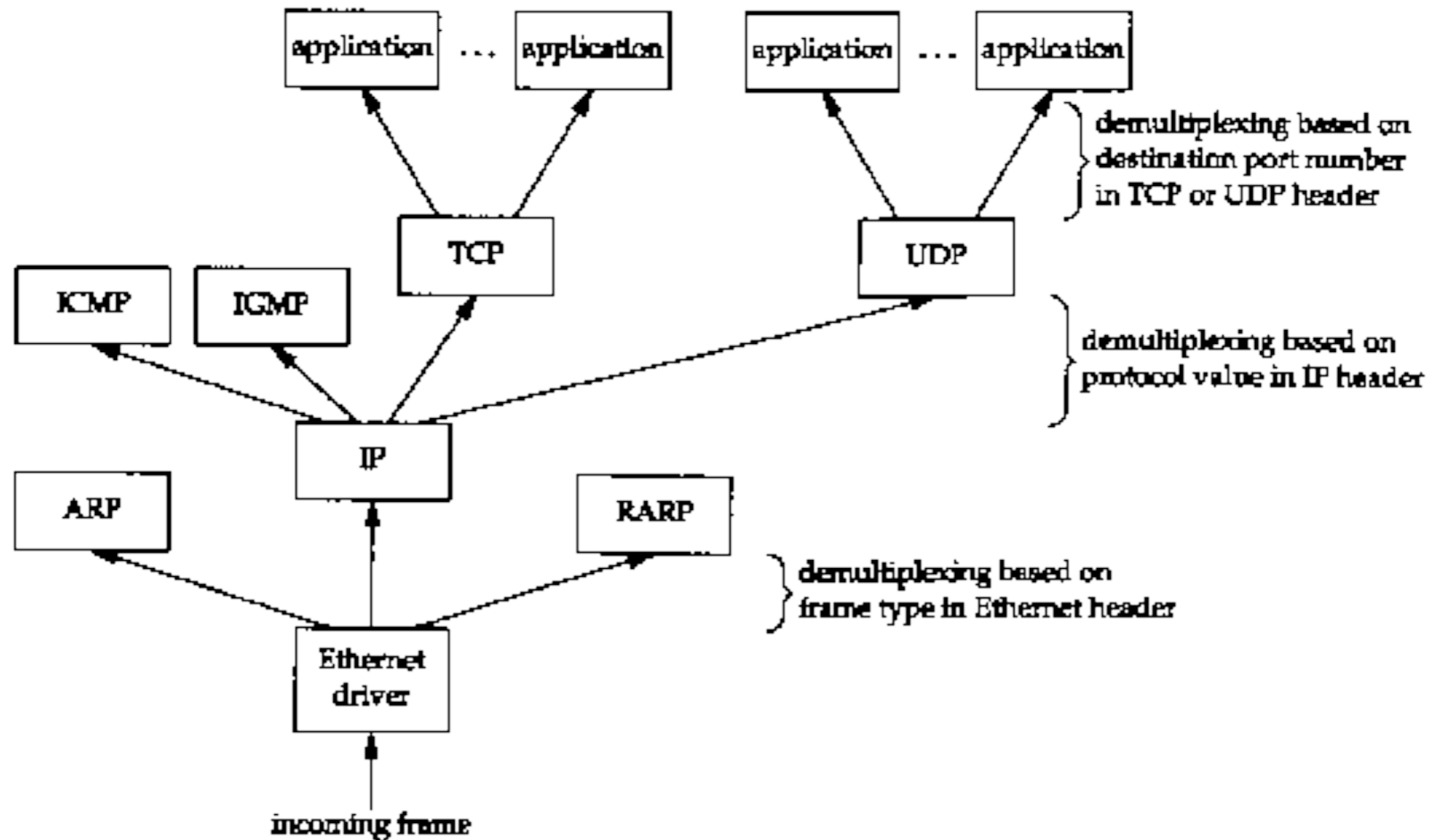
- Down the stack: every layer adds information - headers and trailers
- Unit of TCP -> IP == "TCP segment"
- Unit of UDP, IP == "datagram"
- Unit of link layer == "frame". Ethernet: between 46 and 1500 Bytes



What's in the headers?

- Many things
- For finding where stuff belongs:
- IP: protocol field:
1 = ICMP, 2 = IGMP, 6 = TCP, 17 = UDP
- TCP/UDP: 16 bit port number
- Frames: 16 bit frame type: ARP, IP, RARP,...

Demultiplexing



port numbers

```
sun % grep telnet /etc/services
telnet 23/tcp
sun % grep domain /etc/services
domain 53/udp
domain 53/tcp
```

- reserved ports
- Analogy: district == net, street+house == IP, flat == port

Standardization process

- ISOC - Internet Society - promo group
- IAB - Internet Architecture Board
technical oversight
- IETF - Internet Engineering Task force
RFCs
- IRTF - Internet Research Task force
long term research goals

RFCs

- Request for Comments
- undergoes many many drafts
- discussed at IETF meetings
- `google:// rfc 3626`

Programing interface

- `socket library`
- `man socket`
- `man ip`

