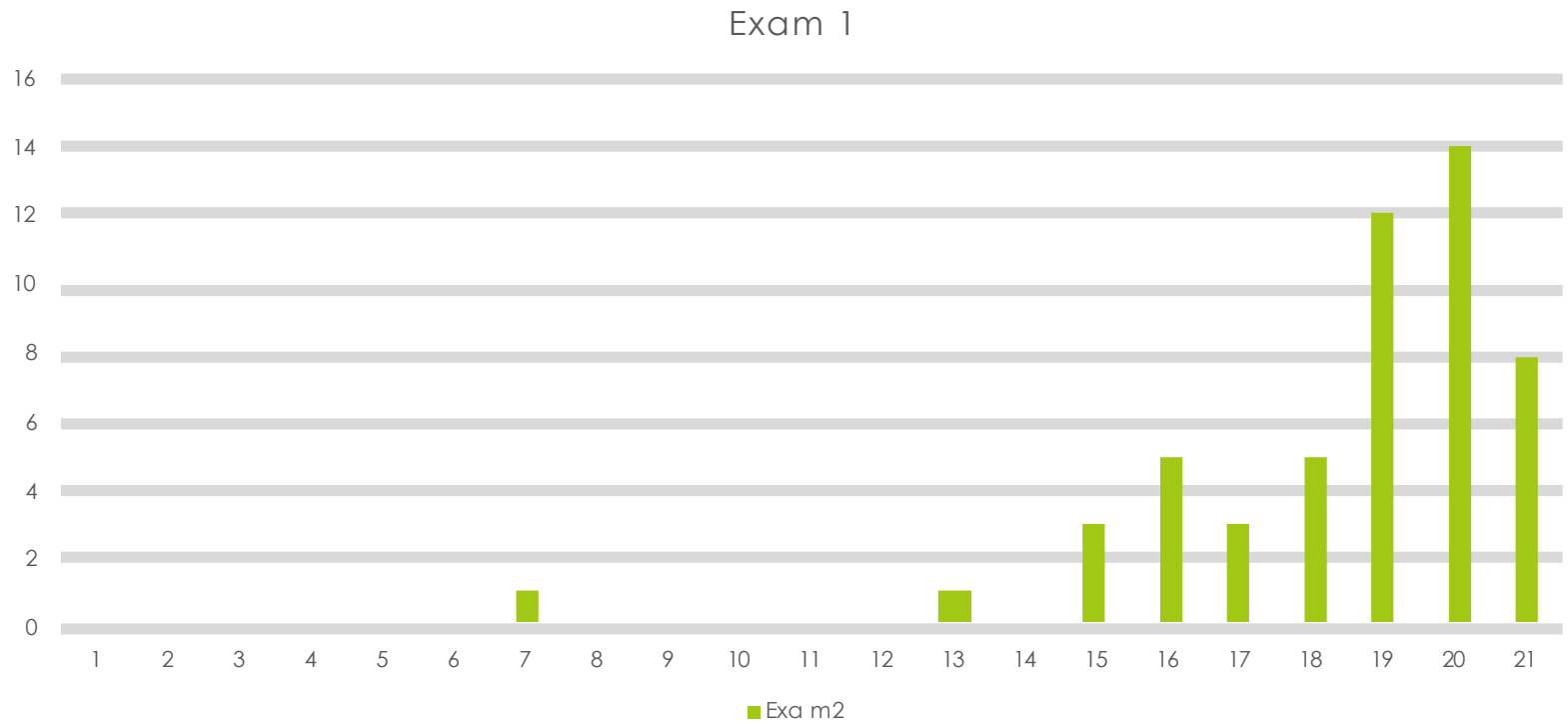


# The Internet: Protocols and Security



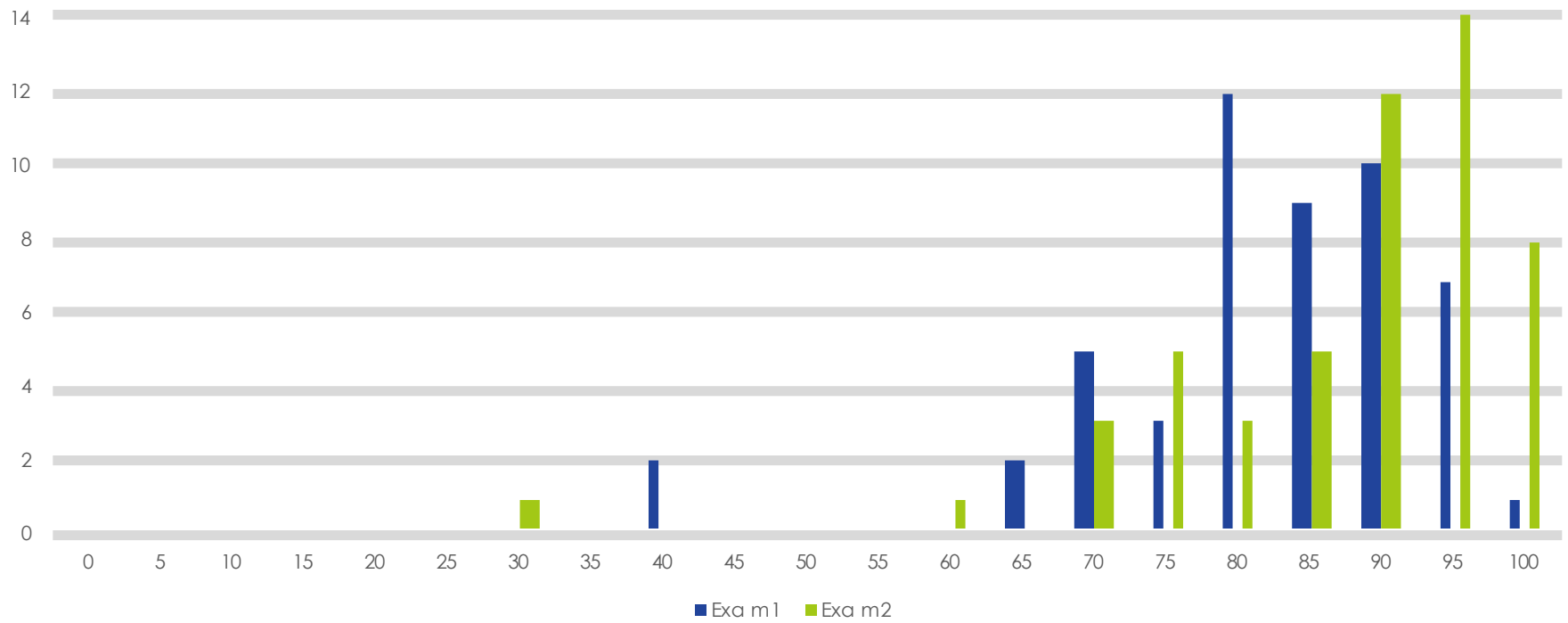
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# Announcements

- PS 10 – 11 out today
- Note: removing question from PS 10
- Monday: Lab Exam 2
- Missing Grades/Submissions?
- Monday – Thursday: Tom Cortina
- Friday: Exam 3

# Lab Exam

- Bring your laptops
- 4 questions + Reference Sheet
- tkinter
  - Graphics
  - Including geometry
- 2 dimensional data collections
- Recursive functions
- Random functions

# On Wednesday:

- Protocols
- History

# packet switching

getting from here to there: basic transportation mechanism

# The path from “here” to “there”

- For now, think of sending a message (group of bits) from one machine to another through the Internet
- We attach the source and destination IP addresses to the message
- “The Internet” gets it from source to destination
  - **but how? using packet switching**



# Design Decisions

- No limit on message size
- Flexible and robust delivery mechanism

# Circuit Switching

*the road not taken*

- Two network nodes (e.g. phones) establish a **dedicated connection** via one or more switching stations.



# Circuit switching

## □ Advantages

- reliable
- uninterruptible
- simple to understand

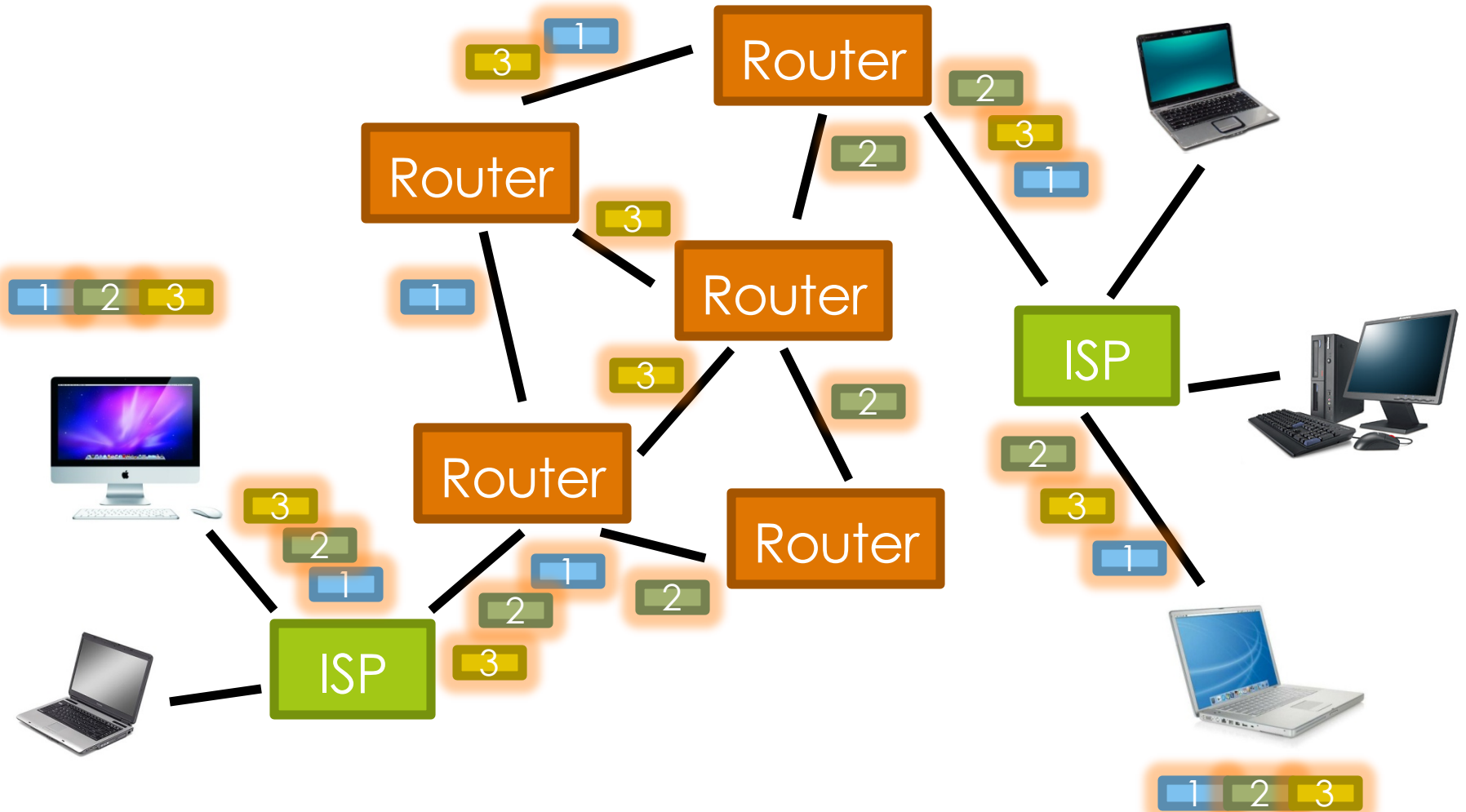
## □ Disadvantages

- costly
- inflexible
- wasteful
- hard to expand

# Packet Switching

- Two network nodes (e.g. computers) communicate by **breaking the message up into small packets**
  - each packet sent separately
  - with a serial number and a destination address.
- *Routers* forward packets toward destination
  - table stored in router tells it which neighbor to send packet to, based on IP address of destination
- Packets may be received at the destination in any order
  - may get lost (and retransmitted)
  - serial numbers used to put packets back into order at the destination

# Packet Switching



# Routing and Internet structure

- Core provides transport services to edges
  - routers and gateways forward packets
  - Internet Service Providers (ISPs) provide data transmission media (fiber optic etc.)
  - domain name servers (DNS) provide directory of *host* names (more on this next time)
- Edges provide the services we humans use
  - individual users, “hosts”
  - private networks (corporate, educational, government...)
  - business, government, nonprofit services

# end-to-end principle

Internet article of faith

# Core architectural guideline

- Idea: *routers should stick to getting data quickly from its source to its destination!*
  - they can be fast and stupid
- Everything else is responsibility of edges, e.g.
  - error detection and recovery
  - confidentiality via encryption
  - ...



# Benefits of End-to-end

- Speed and flexibility
- Support for innovation: routers need know nothing about apps using their services
- Equality of uses: routers can't discriminate based on type of communication (*net neutrality*)

# Governing the Internet

- Internet Society: a range of partners from non-profit agencies, local and global NGOs, academia, technologists, local councils, federal policy and decision makers, business ([www.isoc.org](http://www.isoc.org))
- Internet Service Providers (ISPs) regulated in the USA by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

# The Internet and Python

# Sending email

```
# mail (run where there is a local mail server)

import smtplib
from email.mime.text import MIMEText

def mail_demo() :
    msg = MIMEText('Give me an A!')
    msg['Subject'] = 'My grade'
    msg['From'] = 'student@example.org'
    msg['To'] = 'jmfrye@andrew.cmu.edu'
    server = smtplib.SMTP('localhost')
    server.send_message(msg)
    server.quit()
```

# Fetching a web page

```
# web (run this wherever)

from urllib.request import urlopen

def web_demo() :
    page = urlopen('http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~15110')
    print("Opened URL ", page.geturl())
    print("Contents:")
    for line in page :
        print(line.decode('ISO-8859-1'))
```



# Higher Protocols

# “Higher” and “lower” level protocols

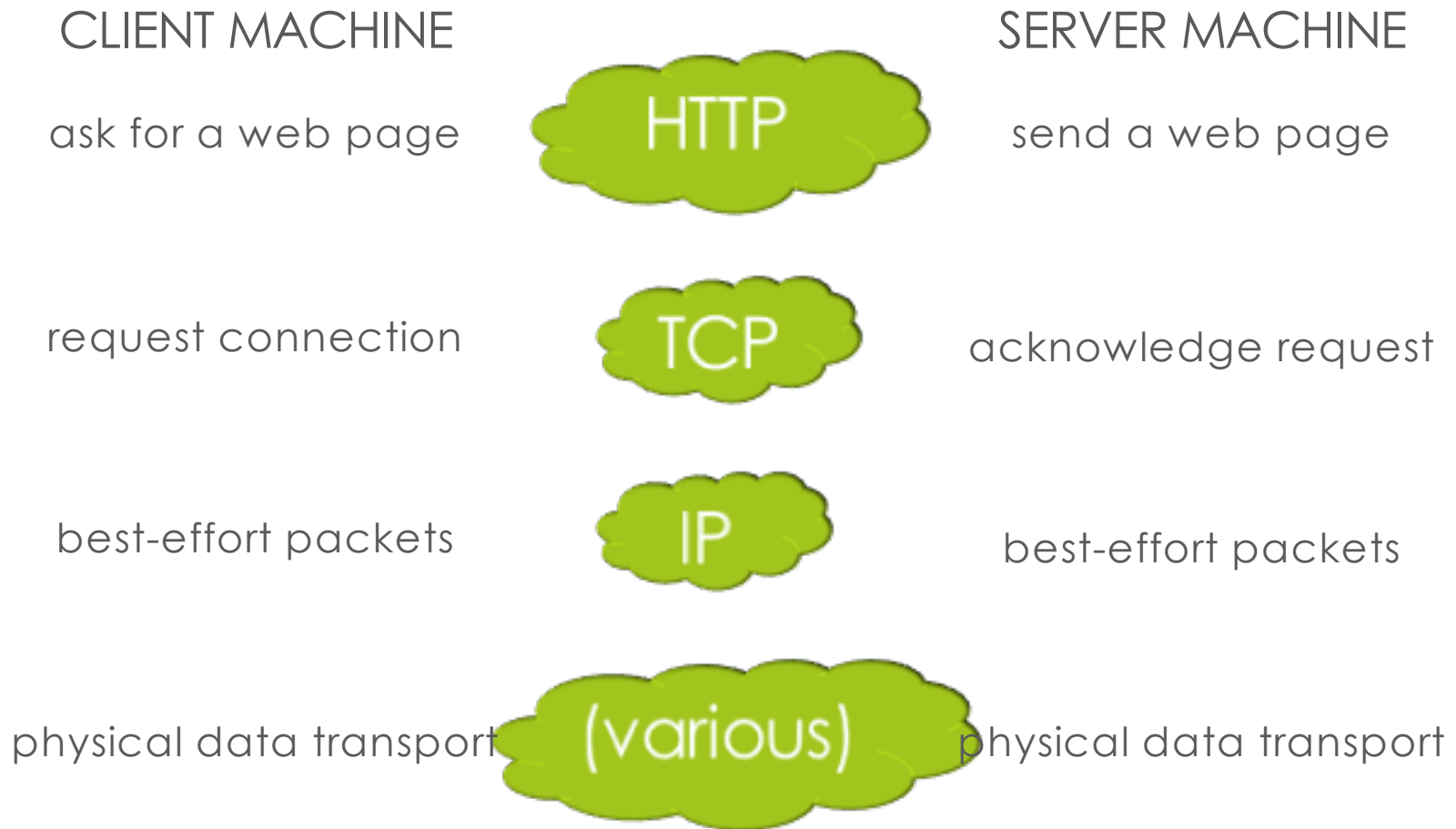
- Network protocols are organized in *layers*
  - IP packet delivery is the lowest *layer* of the Internet protocol *stack*
  - “Higher” layers use services provided by “lower” layers
  - Each layer is responsible for a type of service

# Layers of the Internet ("higher" to "lower")

- Application Layer provides services to human beings
  - e.g. browser, email client, Skype
- Transport Layer provides services to applications
  - converts between application messages and IP packets
  - figures out which application to deliver a message to
  - possibly detects and corrects delivery errors
- Internet Layer provides services to transport layer
  - determines next "hop" for a packet and sends it there
- Link Layer provides services to internet layer
  - physically converts between signals and bits



# Example: Layering the Web



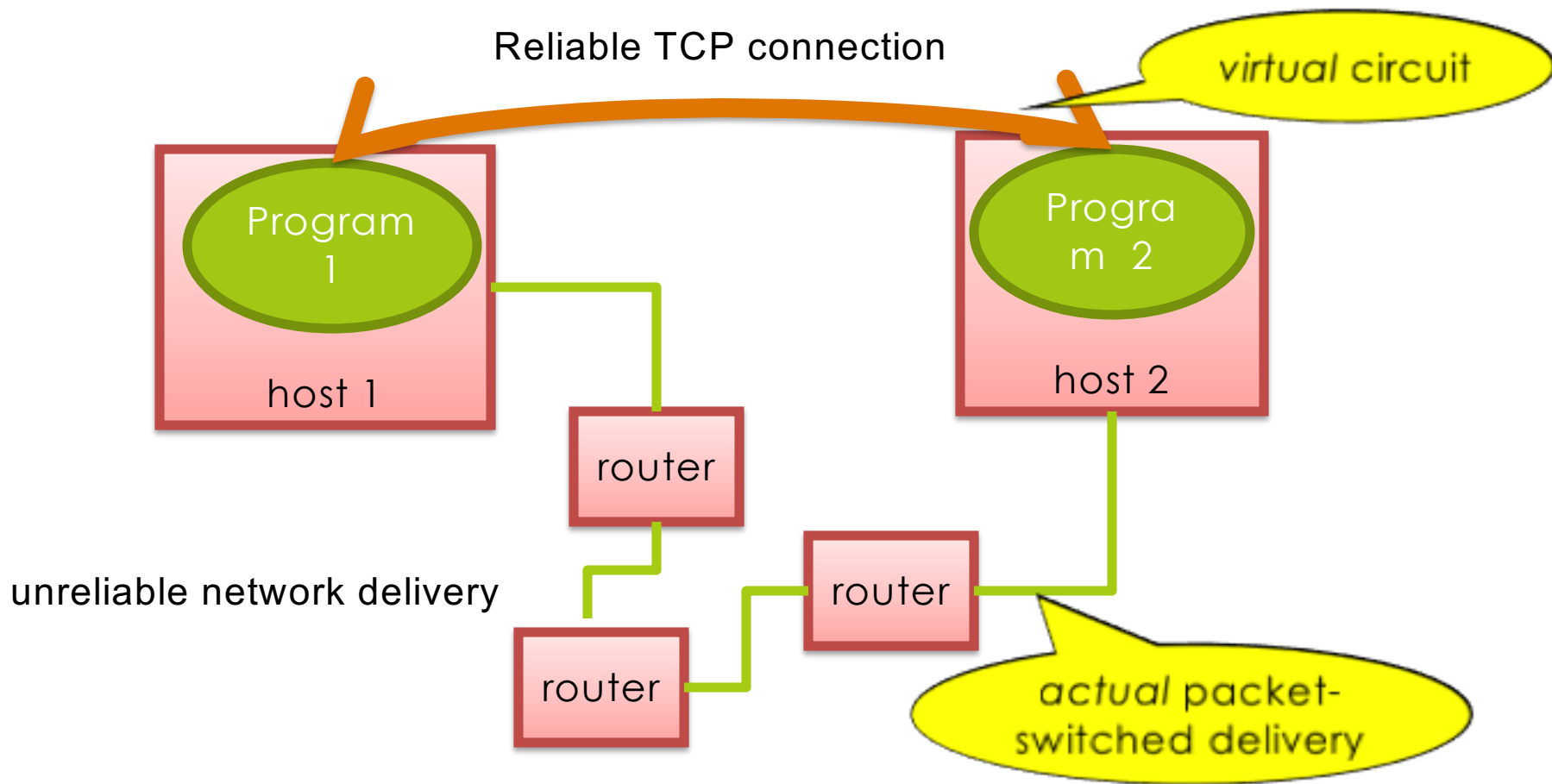
# Transport Layer

from IP packets to application messages

# Transport Layer

- Splits application messages into IP packets and maps applications to *port number*
  - IP address identifies machine, but port number identifies an application operating on that machine (web, email, etc.)
- Transport Control Protocol (TCP)
  - Creates a *reliable* bi-directional stream (source address/port and destination address/port)
- User Datagram Protocol (UDP)
  - Creates a single one-way message to a remote application (destination address/port)
    - used for voice, video, DNS lookup, ...

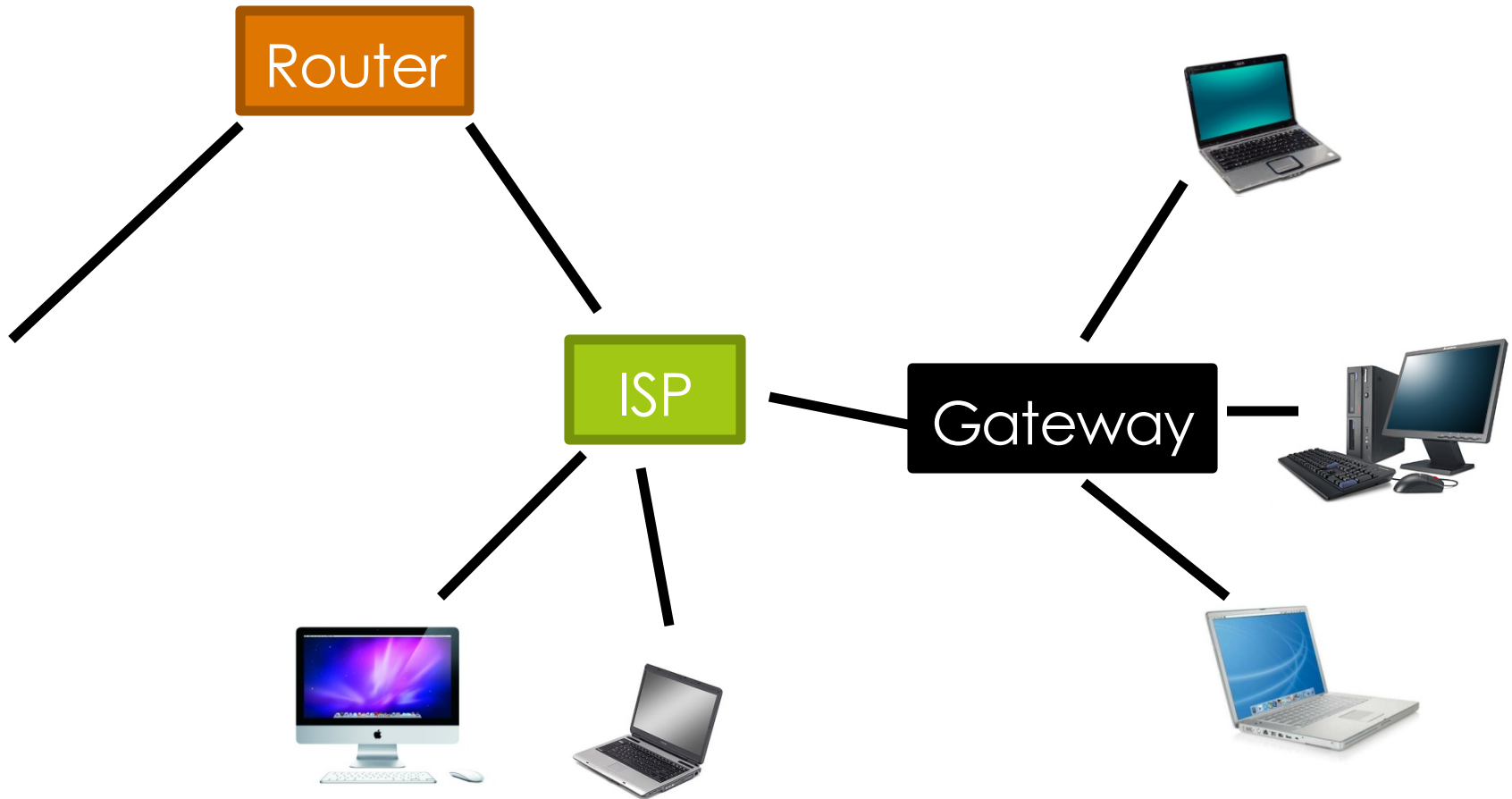
# Transport Layer



# Reliable Communication with TCP

- Suppose A and B are the TCP programs of two computers.
  - An application asks A to send a message to an application at B.
  - A breaks the message into several packets.
    - Each packet includes parity information, so B can check it for accuracy.
    - Packets are sent via IP.
  - B receives the packets.
    - If B is missing a packet or receives a corrupt packet, it can request retransmission.
    - If the packet is OK, B sends an acknowledgement.
  - If A doesn't get an acknowledgement, it will retransmit.
  - B assembles the incoming packets in order and provides the message to the appropriate application.

# Network Address Translation (NAT)



# Network Address Translation (NAT)

- Used to accommodate more users on the Internet, security, and administration.
- The gateway assigns an additional code called a port for each user. Packets are tagged with the port.
- The gateway knows where to route the messages on the private network, but all messages from that private network share the same single IP address.

# Domain names

from **98.139.183.24** to **yahoo.com**



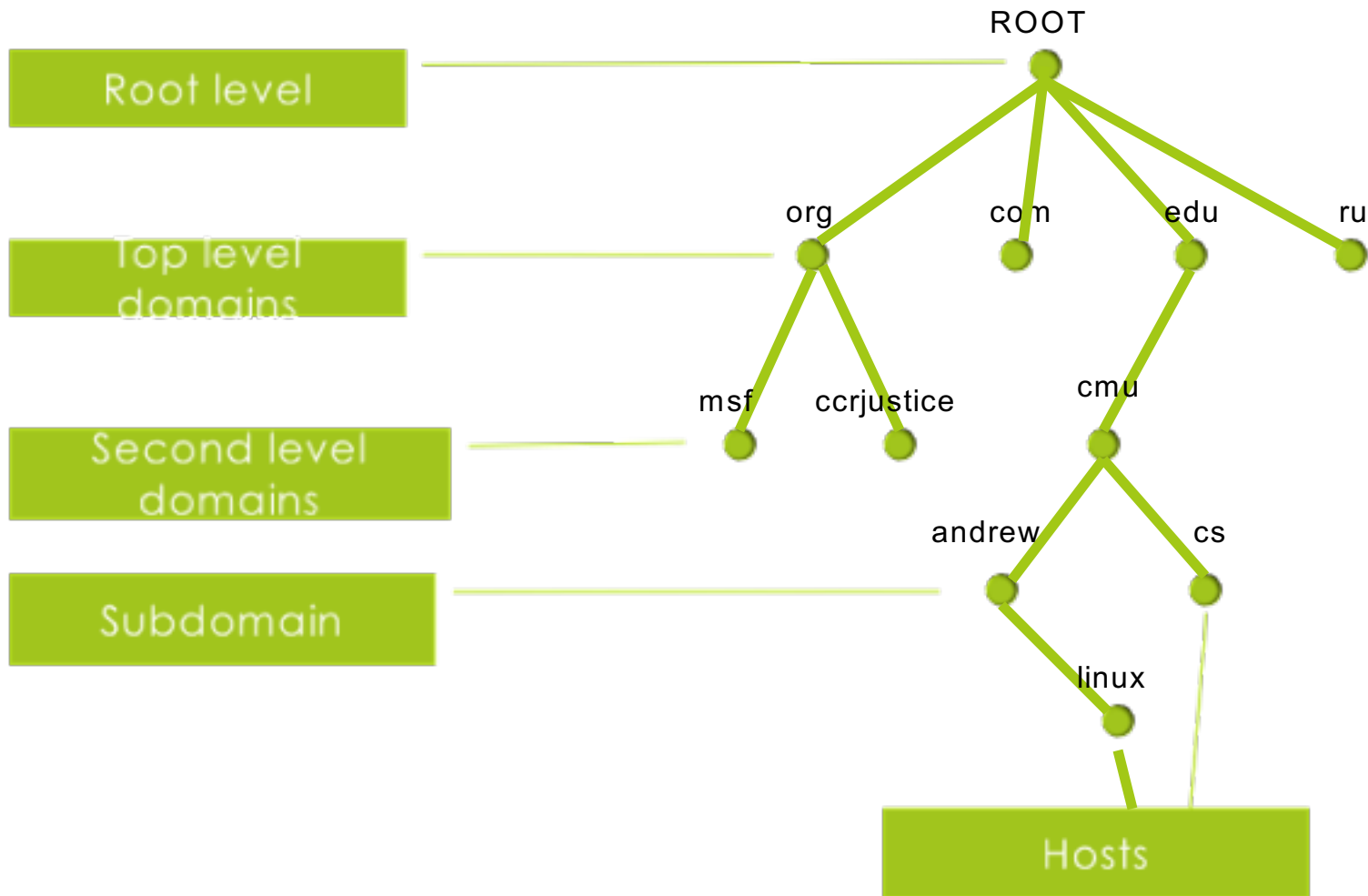
# From names to IP addresses

- URL:  
<http://www.andrew.cmu.edu/user/nbier/15110/index.html>
- Email address: nbier@andrew.cmu.edu
- We don't want IP addresses in our URLs or email addresses—why not?
- Domain Name Service (DNS) *translates* names to addresses

# DNS design

- ❑ Problem: so many names! How to make lookup fast?
- ❑ Solution: hierarchy of name servers
  - ❑ Each machine knows a name server, which knows how to find a root name server
  - ❑ **root** name servers know DNS servers for each top-level domain (e.g., "edu", "com", "net", "uk", "ru")
  - ❑ **top-level** domain servers know DNS servers for each second-level domain (e.g., "cmu.edu", "co.uk")
  - ❑ **second-level** domain servers know **each host** directly in their domain (e.g., "www.cmu.edu") and DNS servers for each **third-level** domain (e.g., "andrew.cmu.edu")

# DNS Hierarchy (fragment)



# DNS Lookup

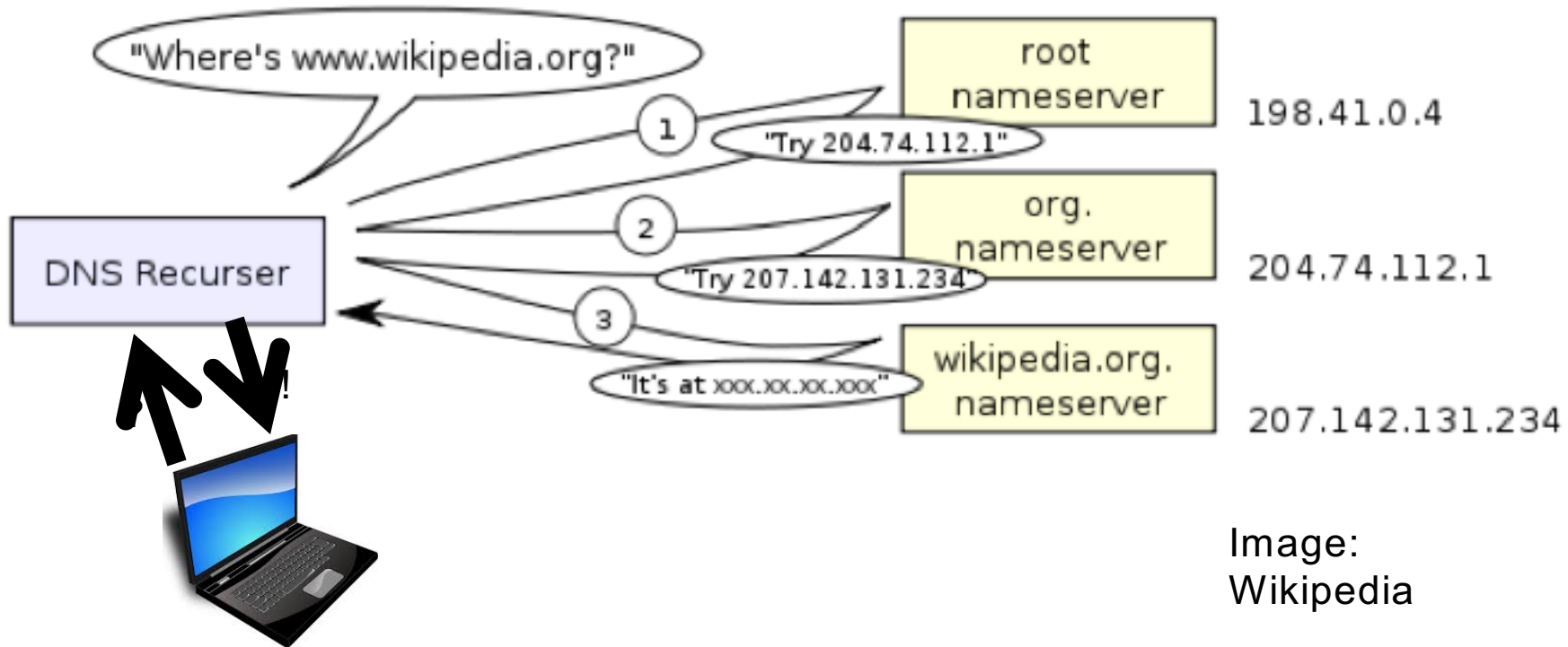
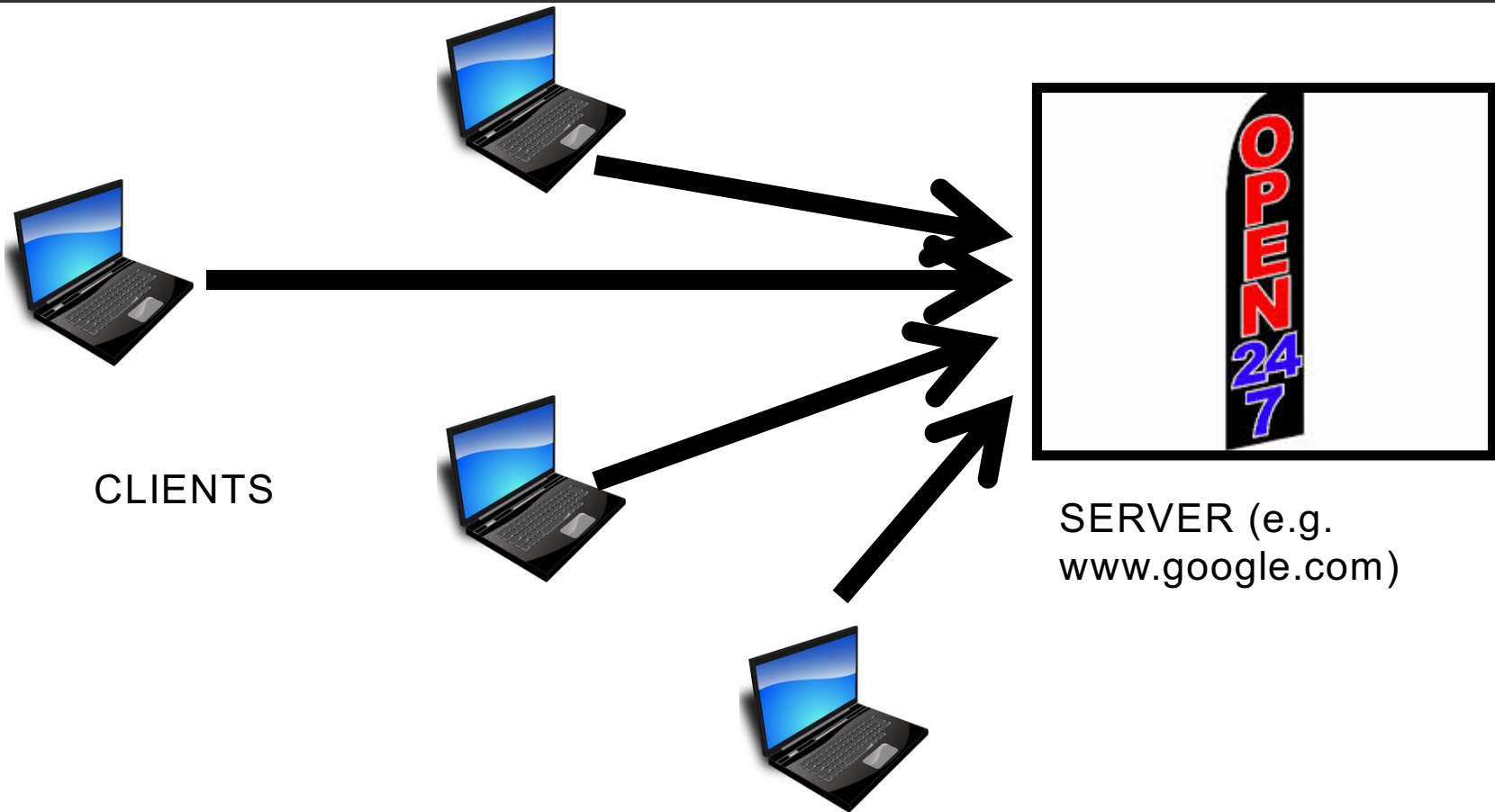


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Wikipedia

# Client-server architectures

web, mail, streaming video, and more

# Client-server Architectures



# Client-server Architectures

- Architecture: an organizing principle for a computing system
- Most common architecture for Internet applications: *client-server*
- Server is always on, waiting for requests
  - *server software* (e.g. Apache) tells TCP (transport layer software) on its own machine “please listen for messages with port number 80”
  - *client software* (e.g. Chrome) tells TCP “please send this message to machine xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx with port number 80”
  - TCP gives message to IP, which sends it through internet to server machine; IP at server machine delivers to TCP at server machine
  - TCP at the server machine delivers the message to Apache

# The Web

- World Wide Web = html + http
- html = HyperText Markup Language, an encoding
  - tells what a page should look like and
  - what other pages it links to
- http = HyperText Transfer Protocol
  - agreement on how client and server interact



# HTML: an encoding

- Example: using your favorite plain-text editor create the following text file:

```
<html><head>
<title>15110, Summer '17,
Example web page</title>
</head>
<body>
<h1>Hello World!</h1>
</body></html>
```



Nothing to do with  
the Internet!

- In a browser type its name in the address bar, e.g.  
`file:///Users/pennyanderson/CMU/110/week11/example1.html`

# HTML: networked hypertext

- Now add

```
<a href=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hello_world_program>  
Hello World!</a>
```

- save as example2.html

and load



Code for getting  
information across the  
Internet

# HTTP: hypertext transfer protocol

- Protocol for communication between web client *application* (e.g. Chrome, Safari, IE, Firefox) and web server *application* (e.g. Apache)
- Agreement on how to ask for a web page, how to send data entered into a form, how to report errors (codes like *404 not found*), etc.

# Uniform Resource Locators

- A Web page is identified by a Uniform Resource Locator (URL )

*protocol://host address/page*

- A URL

<http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~15110/index.html>



**Protocol to use**

# Overview of web page delivery

1. Web browser (client) translates name of the server to an IP address (e.g. 128.2.217.13) (using DNS)
2. Establishes a TCP connection to 128.2.217.13 port 80
3. Constructs a message  

```
GET /~15110/index.html HTTP/1.1
```
4. Sends the message using TCP/IP
5. Web server locates the page and sends it using services of TCP/IP
6. The connection is terminated

# Layers and Encapsulation

Separate responsibilities

- Message: "GET /~15110/index.html HTTP/1.1"

Request/get web page

- TCP segment:  
*control information including sequence number, so-called port number for web server;*  
+ message

Connect client and server reliably

- IP packet:  
*control info including source address, destination address, fragment sequencing information + TCP segment*

Best-effort packet switching

# Summary

- Applications communicate on the Internet via *application protocols* like
  - HTTP for the web
  - SMTP for email
  - RTSP for streaming media
- Application protocols rely on
  - Domain Name Servers for name translation, and
  - *transport protocols* like
    - TCP for reliable two-way connections
    - UDP for one-way “datagrams”
- Transport protocols rely on IP for packet delivery

# Security issues



# Networking is a security issue

- Why?
- If you want a really secure machine, lock it in an electromagnetically shielded room and don't connect it to any networks or other sources of data beyond your control.
- Not much fun, is it?

# The Problem

- The Internet is public
  - Messages sent pass through many machines and media
- Anyone intercepting a message might
  - read it and/or
  - replace it with a different message
- The Internet is anonymous
  - IP addresses don't establish identity
- Anyone may send messages under a false identity



Cryptography  
offers *partial*  
solutions to all of  
these problems

# A Shady Example

- I want to make a purchase online and click a link that takes me to <http://www.sketchystore.com/checkout.jsp>
- What I see in my browser:

Enter your credit card number:

Enter your expiration date:

# A Shady Example (cont'd)

- When I press SUBMIT, my browser sends this:

```
POST /purchase.jsp HTTP/1.1
```

```
Host: www.sketchystore.com
```

```
User-Agent: Mozilla/4.0
```

```
Content-Length: 48
```

```
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
```

```
userid=rbd&creditcard=2837283726495601&  
exp=01/09
```

## A Shady Example (cont'd)

- ❑ If this information is sent unencrypted, who has access to my credit card number?
  - ❑ Other people who can connect to my wireless ethernet
  - ❑ Other people physically connected to my wired ethernet
  - ❑ ...
- ❑ Packets are passed from router to router.
  - ❑ *All* those routers have access to my data.

# A caveat

cryptography is not security

A CRYPTO NERD'S  
IMAGINATION:

HIS LAPTOP'S ENCRYPTED.  
LET'S BUILD A MILLION-DOLLAR  
CLUSTER TO CRACK IT.

BLAST! OUR  
EVIL PLAN  
IS FOILED!

NO GOOD! IT'S  
4096-BIT RSA!



WHAT WOULD  
ACTUALLY HAPPEN:

HIS LAPTOP'S ENCRYPTED.  
DRUG HIM AND HIT HIM WITH  
THIS \$5 WRENCH UNTIL  
HE TELLS US THE PASSWORD.

GOT IT.



# Encryption and cryptanalysis

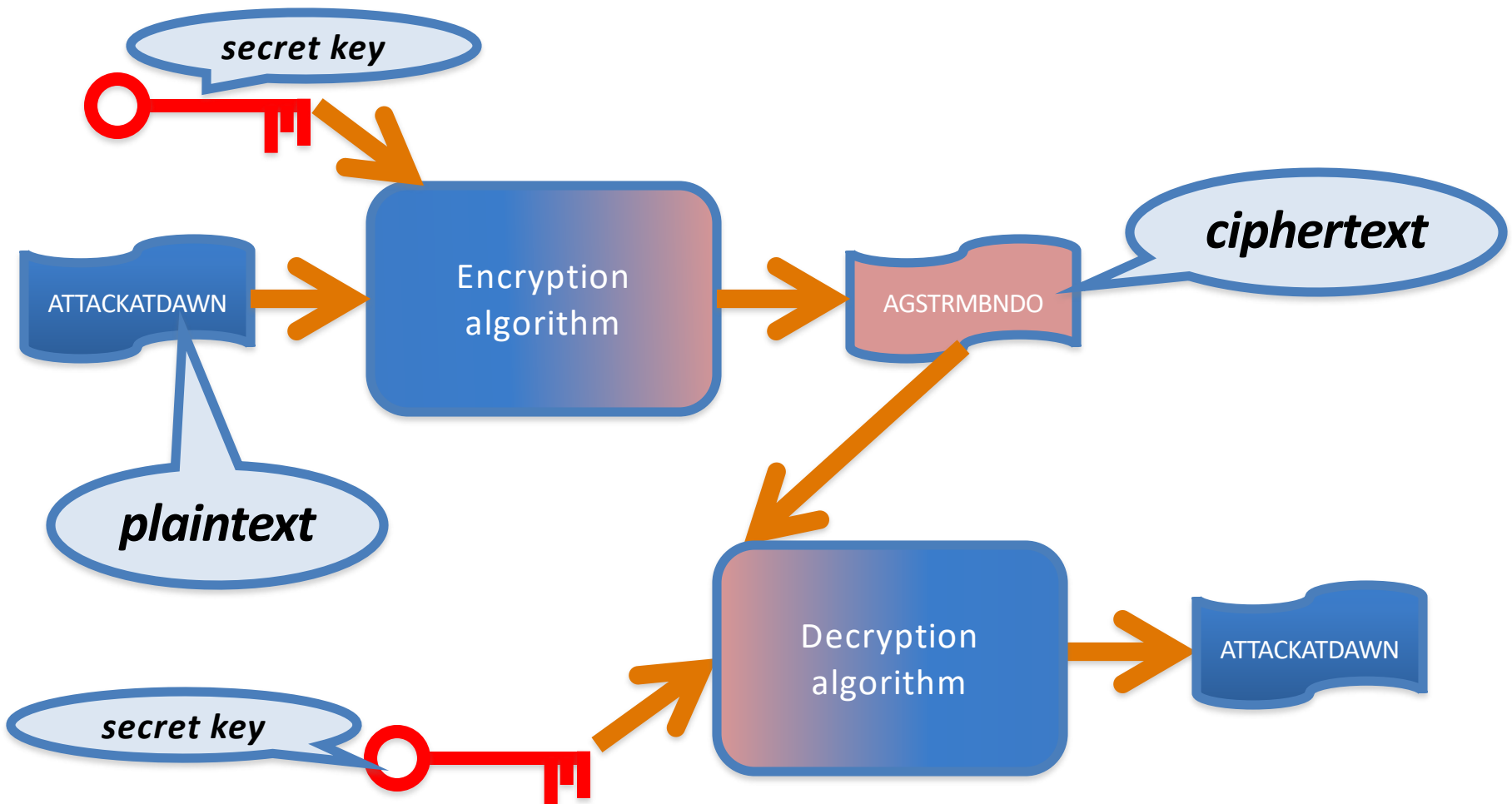
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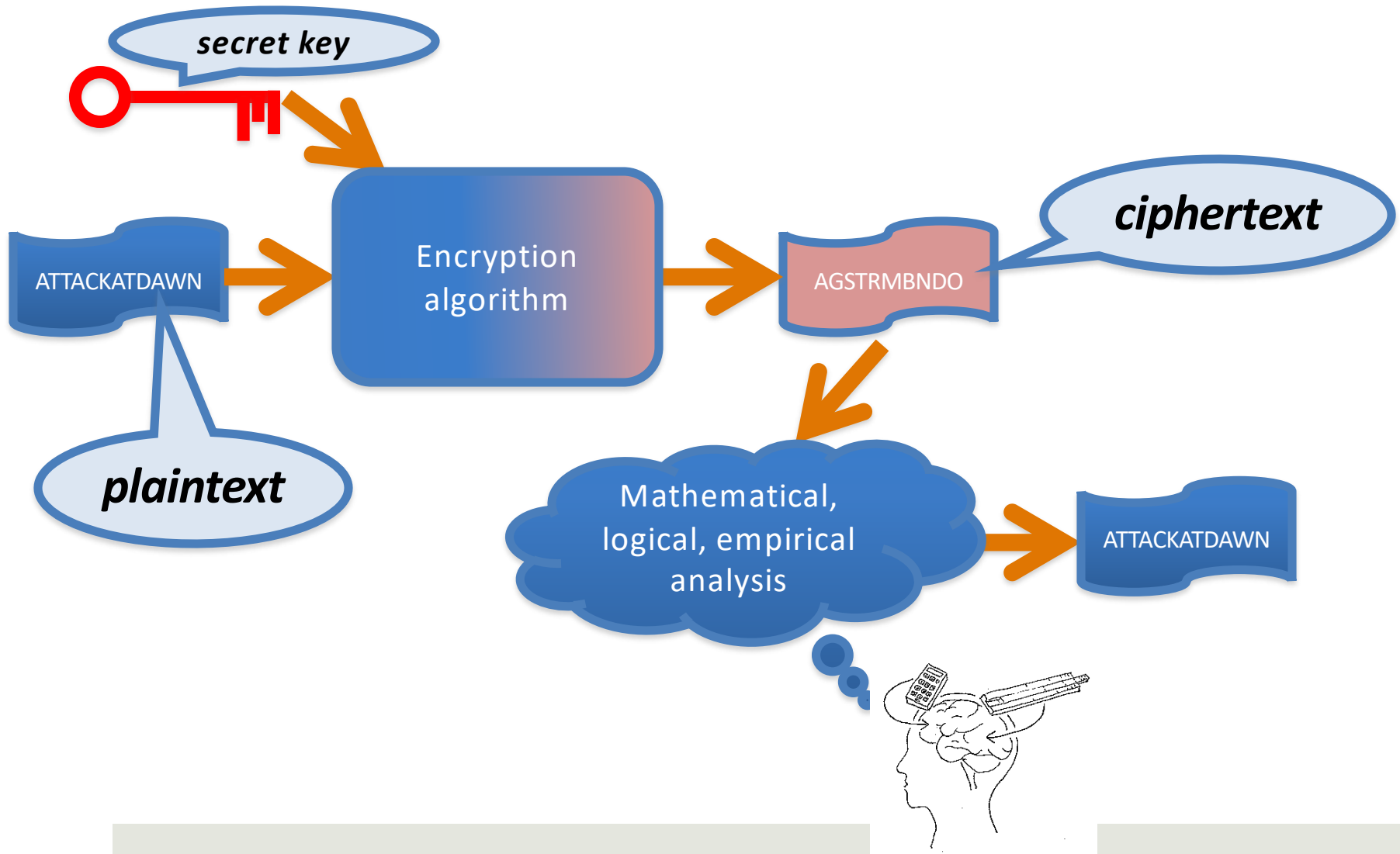
# Encryption

- We encrypt (encode) our data so others can't understand it (easily) except for the person who is supposed to receive it.
- We call the data to encode **plaintext** and the encoded data the **ciphertext**.
- Encoding and decoding are *inverse functions* of each other

# Encryption/decryption



# Cryptanalysis



# Encryption techniques

substitution and transposition

# Two basic ways of altering text to encrypt/decrypt

- Substitute one letter for another using some kind of rule

Substitution  
cipher

- Scramble the order of the letters using some kind of rule

Transposition  
cipher

# Substitution Ciphers

- Simple encryption scheme using a substitution cipher:

- Shift every letter forward by 1:

$A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C, \dots, Z \rightarrow A$

- Example:

MESSAGE  $\rightarrow$  NFTTBHF

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# Caesar Cipher

- ▣ Shift forward  $n$  letters;  $n$  is the secret key
- ▣ For example, shift forward 3 letters:  
A  $\rightarrow$  D, B  $\rightarrow$  E, ..., Z  $\rightarrow$  C
  - ▣ This is a Caesar cipher using a **key** of 3.
- ▣ MESSAGE  $\rightarrow$  PHVVDJH
- ▣ How can we crack this encrypted message if we don't know the key?  
DEEDUSEKBTFEIIYRBOTUSETUIJXYI



# Caesar Cipher (cont'd)

DEEDUSEKBTFEI IYRBOTUSETUJXYI  
EFFEVTFLCUGFJJZSCPUVTFUVKYZJ  
EGGFWUGMDVHGKATDQVWUGVWLZAK  
GHHGXVHNEWIHLLBUERWXVHWXMABL  
HI IHYWIOFXJIMMCVFSXYWIXYNBCM  
IJJIZXJPGYKJNNDWGTYZXJYZOCDN  
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KLLKBZLRIAMLPPFYIVABZLABQEFP  
LMMLCAMSJBNMQQGZJWBCAMBCRFGQ  
MNNMDBNTKCONRRHAKXCDBNCD SGHR  
**NOONECOULDPOSSIBLYDECODETHIS**  
OPPOFDPVMEQPTTJCMZEFDPFUIJT  
PQQPGEQWNFRQUUKDNAFGEQFGVJKU

QRRQHFRXOGSRVVLEOBGHFRGHWKLV  
RSSRIGSYPHTSWWMFPCHIGSHIXLMW  
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UVVULJVBSKWVZZPISFKLJVKLAOPZ  
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WXXWNLXDUMYXBBRKUHMNLXMNCQRB  
XYXOMYEVNZYCCSLVINOMYNODRSC  
YZZYPNZFWOAZDDTMWJOPNZOPESTD  
ZAAZQOAGXPBAEEUNXKPQOAPQFTUE  
ABBARPBYQCBFFVOYLQRPBQRGUVF  
BCCBSQCIZRDCGGWPZMRSQCRSHVWG  
CDDCTRDJASEDHHXQANSTRDSTIWXH

- How long would it take a computer to try all 25 shifts?

# Vigenère Cipher

- Shift different amount for each letter. Use a *key word*; each letter in the key determines how many shifts we do for the corresponding letter in the message.
- Example: key word “cmu”: shift by 2, 12, 20

- Message “pittsburgh”

cmucmucmuc

encrypted: runvevwda j

- Try it yourself at [http://www.simonsingh.net/The Black Chamber/v square.html](http://www.simonsingh.net/The%20Black%20Chamber/v%20square.html)

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

- A ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ no shift
- B BCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZA shift by 1
- C CDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZAB shift by 2
- D DEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABC shift by 3
- E EFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCD etc.
- F FGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCDE
- ...

□ Message:

ATTACKATDAWN

□ Pick a secret key

DECAFDECAFDE

□ Encrypted:

D

1st letter in the message is shifted by 3, 2<sup>nd</sup> letter is shifted by 4, ...

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

A ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ  
B BCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZA  
C CDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZAB  
D DEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABC  
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F FGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCDE  
...

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ATTACKATDAWN  
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DX

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ATTACKATDAWN

DECAFDECAFDE

DXV

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C | CDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZAB  
D | DEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABC  
E | EFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCD  
F | FGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCDE  
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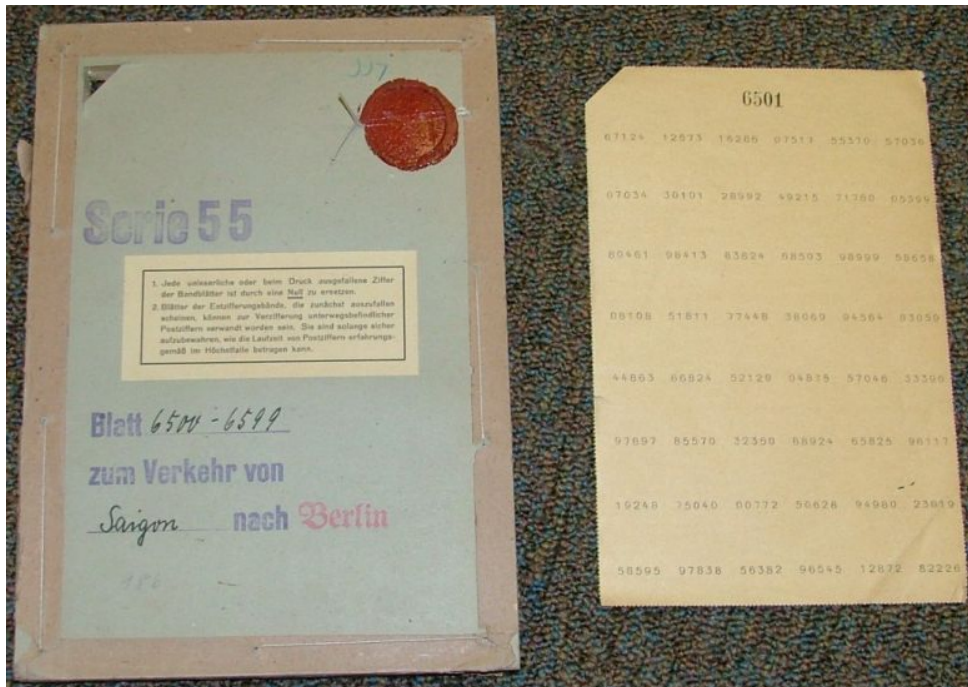
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# Vernam Cipher

- Vigenère cipher was broken by Charles Babbage in the mid 1800s by exploiting the repeated key
  - The length of the key determines the cycle in which the cipher is repeated.
- Vernam cipher: make the key the same length as the message; Babbage's analysis doesn't work.

# One-time Pads

- Vernam cipher is commonly referred to as a one-time pad.

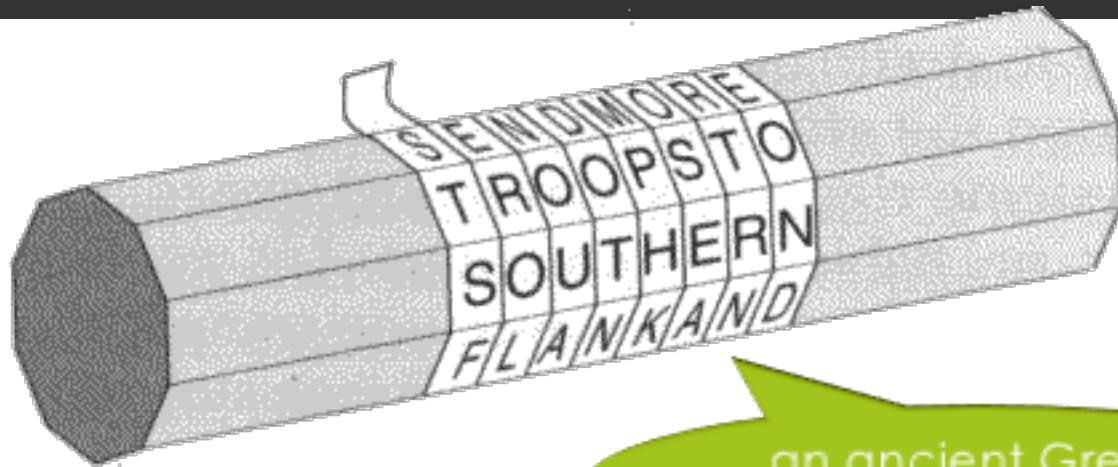


Alice and Bob have identical “pads” (shared keys)

- If random keys are used one-time pads are unbreakable in theory.



# Transposition ciphers



an ancient Greek  
method

STSF...EROL...NOUA...DOTN...MPHK...OSEA...RTRN...EOND...

image:<http://crypto.interactive-maths.com/simple-transposition-ciphers.html>

# Encryption in computing

fast computation makes encryption usable by all of us

# Encryption in computing

- One-time pads impractical on the net (why?)
- Basic assumption: the encryption/decryption *algorithm* is known; only the key is secret (why?)
- Very complicated encryptions can be computed fast:
  - typically, elaborate combinations of substitution and transposition

# HTTPS

- Security protocol for the Web, the peoples' encryption
- Purpose:
  - confidentiality (prevent eavesdropping)
  - message integrity and authentication (prevent “man in the middle” attacks that could alter the messages being sent)
- Techniques:
  - asymmetric encryption (“public key” encryption) to exchange secret key
  - certificate authority to obtain public keys
  - symmetric encryption to exchange actual messages

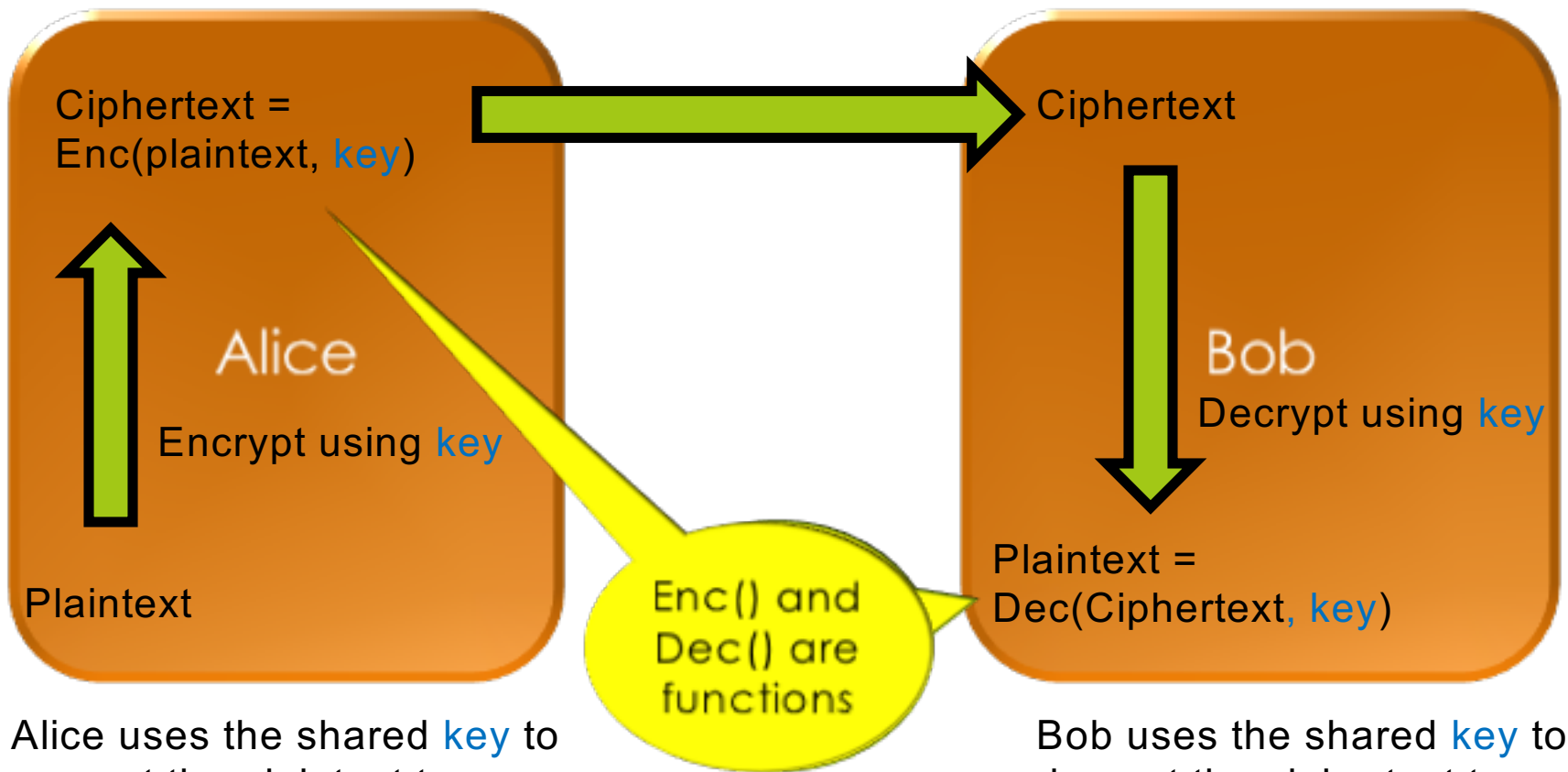
# Symmetric vs. asymmetric encryption

- **Symmetric** (shared-key) encryption: commonly used for long messages
  - Often a complicated mix of substitution and transposition encipherment
  - Reasonably fast to compute
  - Requires a shared secret key usually communicated using (slower) *asymmetric encryption*
- **Asymmetric** encryption: different keys are used to encrypt and to decrypt

# Keyspace

- *Keyspace* is jargon for the number of possible secret keys, for a particular encryption/decryption algorithm
- Number of bits per key determines *size of keyspace*
  - important because we want to make *brute force attacks* infeasible
  - brute force attack: run the (known) decryption algorithm repeatedly with **every possible key** until a sensible plaintext appears
- Typical key sizes: several hundred bits

# Symmetric (Shared Key) Encryption



Alice uses the shared **key** to encrypt the plaintext to produce the ciphertext

Bob uses the shared **key** to decrypt the ciphertext to recover the plaintext

# Establishing Shared Keys

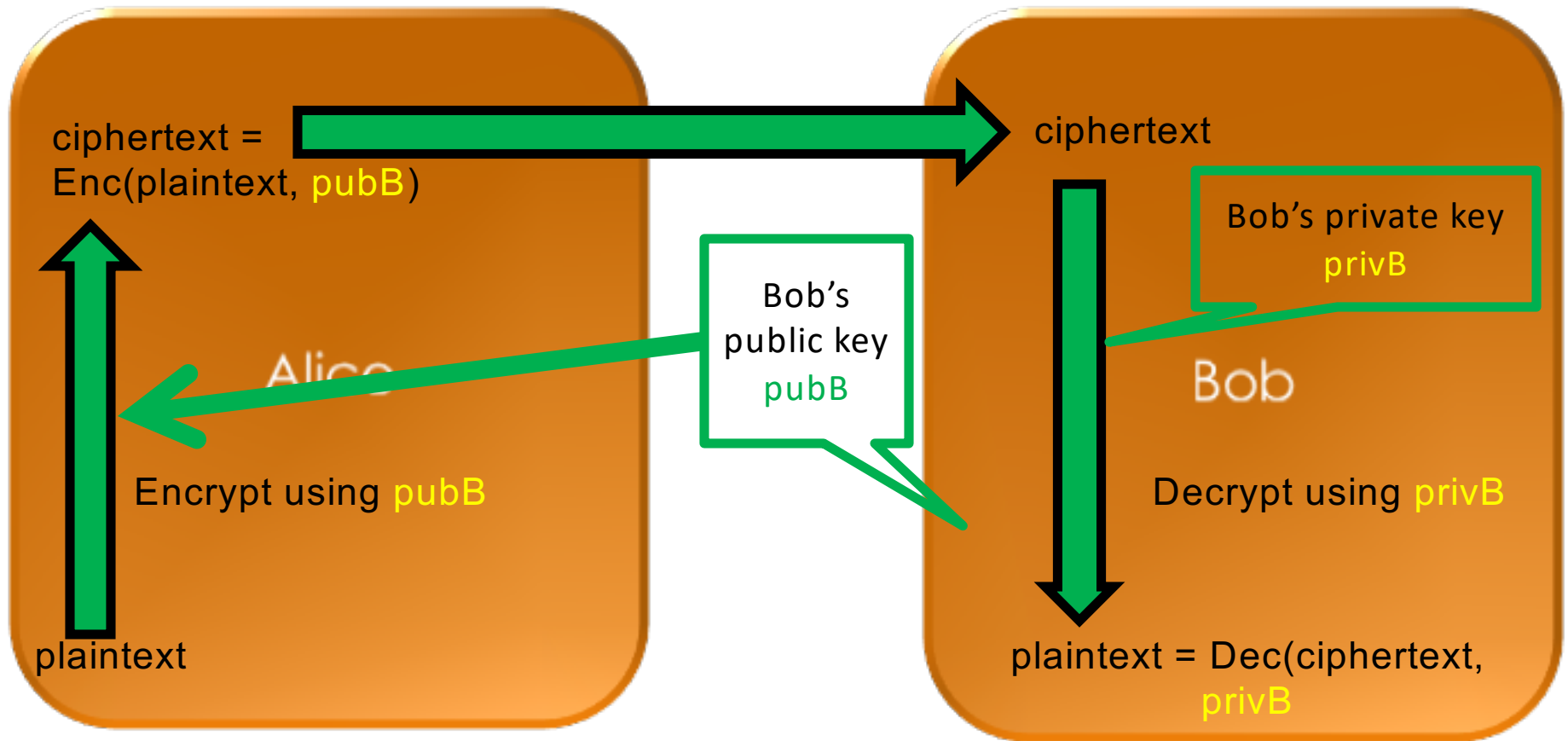
- Problem: how can Alice and Bob secretly agree on a key, using a public communication system?
- Solution: asymmetric encryption based on *number theory*
  - Alice has one secret, Bob has a different secret; working together they establish a shared secret
  - Examples: Diffie-Hellman key exchange, RSA public key encryption



# One type of asymmetric encryption: RSA

- Common encryption technique for transmitting symmetric keys on the Internet (https, ssl/tls)
  - Named after its inventors: Rivest, Shamir and Adleman
  - Used in https (you know when you're using it because you see the URL in the address bar begins with `https://`)

# Asymmetric Public Key Encryption



Alice uses Bob's public key to encrypt the plaintext to produce the ciphertext

Bob uses his private key to decrypt the ciphertext to recover the plaintext

# How RSA works

- First, we must be able to represent any message as a single number (it may already be a number as is usual for a symmetric key)
- For example:

**A T T A C K A T D A W N**

**012020010311012004012314**

# Public and Private Keys

- Every receiver has a **public key**  $(e, n)$  and a **private key**  $(d, n)$ .

used for encryption

- The transmitter encrypts a (numerical) message  $M$  into ciphertext  $C$  using the receiver's public key:

used for decryption

$$M^e \text{ modulo } n \rightarrow C \text{ (ciphertext)}$$

- The receiver decodes the encrypted message  $C$  to get the original message  $M$  using the private key (which no one else knows).

$$C^d \text{ modulo } n \rightarrow M \text{ (plaintext)}$$

# RSA Example

□ Alice's Public Key:  $(3, 33)$   $(e = 3, n = 33)$

□ Alice's Private Key:  $(7, 33)$   $(d = 7, n = 33)$

□ Usually these are really huge numbers with many hundreds of digits!

□ Bob wants to send the message **4**

□ Bob encrypts the message using  $e$  and  $n$ :

$4^3 \text{ modulo } 33 \rightarrow 31$  ... Bob sends **31**

□ Alice receives the encoded message **31**

□ Alice decrypts the message using  $d$  and  $n$ :

$31^7 \text{ modulo } 33 \rightarrow 4$

# Generating $n$ , $e$ and $d$

- $p$  and  $q$  are (big) random primes.  $p = 3, q = 11$
- $n = p \times q$   $n = 3 \times 11 = 33$
- $\varphi = (p - 1)(q - 1)$   $\varphi = 2 \times 10 = 20$
- $e$  is small and relatively prime to  $\varphi$   $e = 3$
- $d$ , such that:  
 $e \times d \bmod \varphi = 1$   $3 \times d \bmod 20 = 1$   
 $d = 7$

Usually the primes are huge numbers--hundreds of digits long.

# Cracking RSA

- Everyone knows  $(e, n)$ . Only Alice knows  $d$ .
- If we know  $e$  and  $n$ , can we figure out  $d$ ?
  - If so, we can read secret messages to Alice.
- We **can** determine  $d$  from  $e$  and  $n$ .
  - Factor  $n$  into  $p$  and  $q$ .
$$n = p \times q$$
$$\varphi = (p - 1)(q - 1)$$
$$e \times d = 1 \pmod{\varphi}$$
  - We know  $e$  (which is public), so we can solve for  $d$ .
- But **only** if we can factor  $n$

# RSA is safe (for now)

- Suppose someone can factor my 5-digit  $n$  in 1 ms,
- At this rate, to factor a 10-digit number would take 2 minutes.
- ... to factor a 15-digit number would take 4 months.
- ... 20-digit number ... 30,000 years.
- ... 25-digit number... 3 billion years.
- We're safe with RSA! (at least, from factoring with digital computers)



# Certificate Authorities

- How do we know we have the right public key for someone?
- *Certificate Authorities* sign digital certificates indicating authenticity of a sender who they have checked out in the real world.
- Senders provide copies of their certificates along with their message or software.
- But can we trust the certificate authorities? (only some)

# Encryption is not security!

It's just a set of techniques

# How (in)secure is the Internet?

- ❑ The NSA has a budget of \$11B; we know from Edward Snowden how some of it is used
- ❑ Corporations and criminals also spy on us
- ❑ What can go wrong?
  - ❑ Insecure pseudo-random number generators
  - ❑ Untrustworthy certificate authorities
  - ❑ Malware
  - ❑ “Social engineering” attacks like phishing
  - ❑ Deliberately built-in insecurity in crypto products
  - ❑ Physical tapping of Internet routers

# Security is an unsolved problem

*Your cyber systems continue to function and serve you not due to the expertise of your security staff but solely due to the sufferance of your opponents.*

– former NSA Information Assurance Director Brian Snow (quoted by Bruce Schneier,

[https://www.schneier.com/blog/archives/2013/03/phishing\\_has\\_go.html](https://www.schneier.com/blog/archives/2013/03/phishing_has_go.html))

# Summary

- ❑ Cryptography is cool mathematics and protocol design
- ❑ But cryptography is not security, only a set of techniques
- ❑ Security is a broader issue involving
  - ❑ Other technology
  - ❑ Social and legal factors

*“Only amateurs attack machines; professionals target people” –Bruce Schneier*

# Two closing thoughts



Use Signal...

