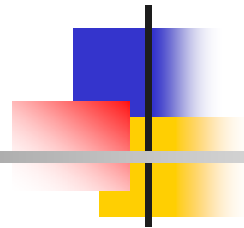


CSE398: Network Systems Design



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Outline

- Recap
 - Packet processing algorithms (Problem 5.11)
- Packet processing functions
- Summary and homework



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Goals

- Identify functions that occur in packet processing
- Devise set of operations sufficient for all packet processing
- Find an efficient implementation for the operations



What We Will Consider

- Address lookup and packet forwarding
- Error detection and correction
- Fragmentation, segmentation, & reassembly
- Frame and protocol demultiplexing
- Packet classification
- Queueing and packet discard
- Scheduling and timing
- Security: authentication and privacy
- Traffic measurement and policing
- Traffic shaping



Recap

- Forwarding requires address lookup
 - Table driven
 - Cost depends on table size & lookup types
 - Exact match (typically layer 2)
 - Longest-prefix match (typically layer 3)
- Error detection and correction
 - Cost depends on packet size
- Fragmentation, segmentation, & reassembly
 - Cost is high due to memory & state management



Frame & Protocol Demultiplexing

- Glue a protocol at one layer to a protocol at the layer above
- Type appears in each header
 - Ethernet header
 - IP \leftrightarrow (0800)₁₆
 - IP header
 - TCP \leftrightarrow 6; UDP \leftrightarrow 17
- Cost of demultiplexing proportional to
 - Number of layers



Packet Classification

- An static example
 - A frame containing an IP datagram that carries a TCP segment
 - A frame containing an IP datagram that carries a UDP datagram
 - A frame containing an IP datagram that carries a ICMP message
 - A frame that contains something other than the above
- Alternative to demultiplexing
- Crosses multiple layers in **one** step
 - Achieves lower cost
- **What could be a dynamic example?**



Queueing and Packet Discard

- General paradigm is store-and-forward
 - Incoming packet placed in a queue
 - Outgoing packet placed in a queue
- When the queue is full, choose a packet to discard
- Affects throughput of higher-layer protocols



Queueing Priorities

- Multiple queues used to enforce priority among packets
- Incoming packet
 - Assigned priority as function of contents
 - Placed in appropriate priority queue
- Queueing discipline
 - Examines priority queues
 - Chooses which packet to send
 - Drop/discard mechanism: tail drop



Examples of Queueing Disciplines

- Priority Queueing
 - Assign unique priority number to each queue
 - Choose packet from highest priority queue that is nonempty
 - Known as strict priority queueing
 - Can lead to starvation
- Weighted Round Robin (WRR)
 - Assign unique priority number to each queue
 - Process all queues round-robin
 - Compute N , max number of packets to select from a queue proportional to priority
 - Take up to N packets before moving to next queue
 - Works well if all packets equal size
- Weighted Fair Queueing (WFQ)
 - Make selection from queue proportional to priority
 - Use packet size rather than number of packets
 - Allocates priority to data amount of from a queue rather than number of packets



Scheduling

- Used to coordinate parallel and concurrent tasks
 - Processing on multiple packets
 - Processing on multiple protocols
 - Multiple processors
- A scheduler attempts to achieve fairness



Security: Authentication & Privacy

- Authentication mechanisms
 - Ensure sender's identity
- Confidentiality mechanisms
 - Ensure that intermediaries cannot interpret packet contents
- Note: in common networking terminology, privacy refers to confidentiality
 - Example: Virtual Private Networks



Traffic Measurement and Policing

- Used by network managers
 - Often related to Service Level Agreement (SLA)
 - Can measure aggregate traffic or per-flow traffic
- Against hard boundaries
- Traffic profile
 - CBR
 - VBR: sustained data rate, ...
 - ABR
 - UBR
- Cost is high if performed in real-time
 - Critical path



Traffic Shaping

- Make traffic conform to statistical bounds
- Possibilities
 - Discard packets (seldom used) or delay packets
- Typical use
 - Smooth bursts and avoid packet trains

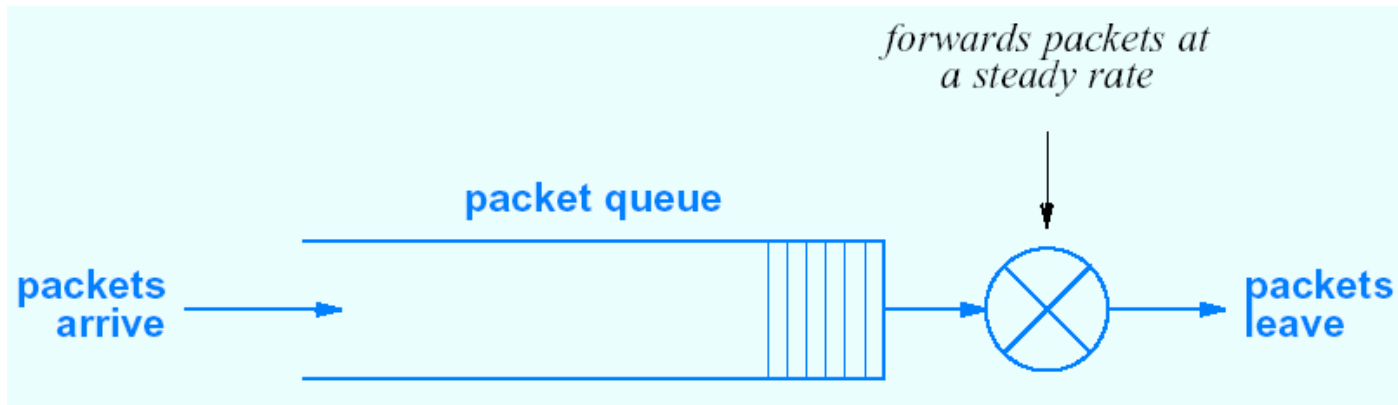


Traffic Shaping Examples

- Leaky bucket
 - Easy to implement
 - Popular
 - Sends steady number of packets per second
 - Rate depends on number of packets waiting
 - Does not guarantee steady data rate
- Token bucket
 - Sends steady number of bits per second
 - Rate depends on number of bits waiting
 - Achieves steady data rate
 - More difficult to implement

Illustration of Traffic Shaper

- Bursty input and steady output





Timer Management

- A fundamental piece of network systems
- Needed for multiple layers
 - Scheduling
 - Traffic shaping
 - Other protocol processing (e.g., retransmission)
- Cost
 - Depends on number of timer operations (e.g., set, cancel)
 - Can be high



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Homework (due on 02/28)

- 7.1. Problem 1 of Chapter 6 (Page 83).
 - A question to be studied offline that does not need to be handed in.
 - (a) Read RFC 3232 and related document and find the assigned Internet protocol numbers for ICMP, IGMP, RSVP, TCP, UDP, SIP.
 - (b) Review Table 2 in a paper downloadable at:
<http://www.cse.lehigh.edu/~cheng/papers/COMCOM-xDSL.pdf>