

Announcements

- Reading
 - Chapter 6 (6.1 & 6.2)
- Project #3
 - Is on the web
- Midterm #1
 - Last day to request a re-grade is Th 10/18

Transport Layer

- Goal: provide error free end-to-end delivery of data
 - provide in-order delivery over unreliable network layer
- Issues:
 - checking packet integrity
 - re-transmission of lost or corrupted packets
 - connection establishment and management
 - addresses
 - need to define a host plus process
 - typical abstraction is <host, port>
 - byte vs. packet transport service
 - byte service
 - bytes are in order, but packet boundaries are lost
 - used by TCP
 - packet service
 - preserve packet boundaries

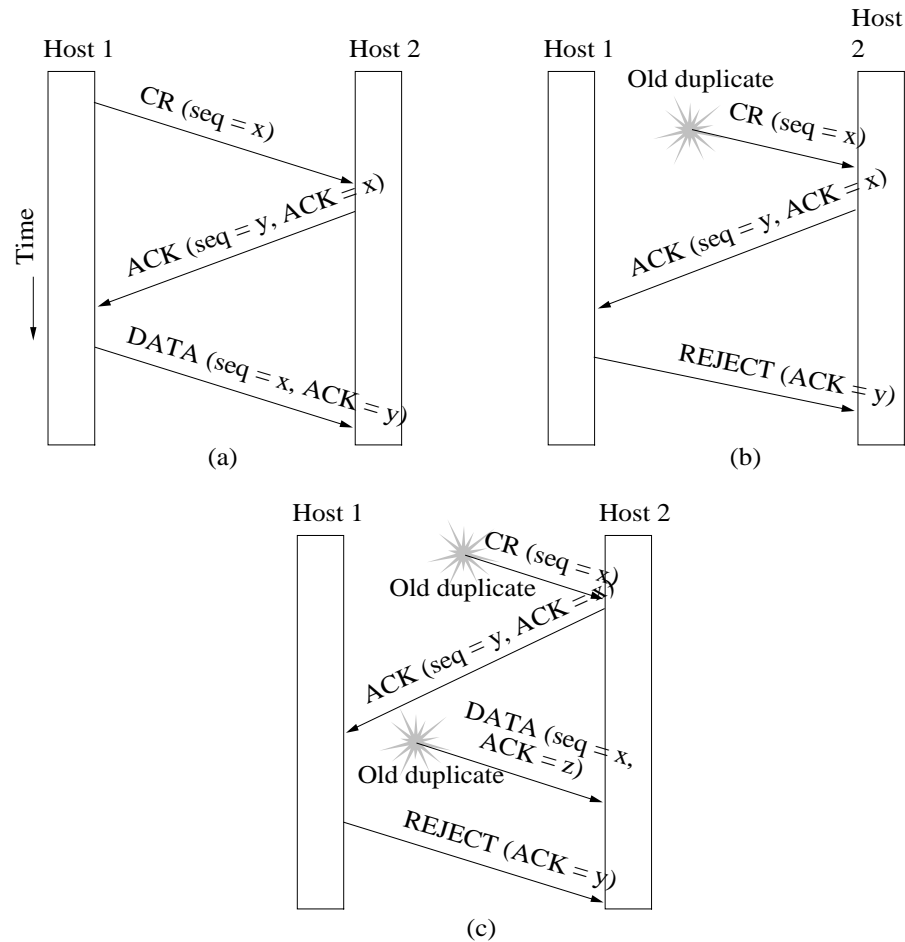
Duplicate Packets

- Issue: packets can be lost or duplicated
 - need to detect duplicates
 - need to re-send lost packets
 - but how do we know they are not just delayed?
- Solution 1
 - use a sequence number
 - each new packet uses a new sequence number
 - can detect arrival of stale packets
 - problem: when node crashes, sequence number resets
- Solution 2
 - use a clock for the sequence number
 - clocks don't reset on reboot, so we never lose sequence #
 - use a max lifetime for a packet
 - permits clocks to roll over
 - can get into **forbidden** region

Three-way Handshake

- Use different sequence number spaces for each direction
- Three messages used
 - Connection Request
 - send initial sequence number from caller to callee
 - Connection Request Acknowledgment
 - send ACK of initial sequence number from caller to callee
 - send initial sequence number from callee to caller
 - First Data TPDU
 - send ACK of initial sequence number from callee to caller
- Each Side Selects an initial number
 - it knows that the number is not currently valid
 - uses time of day
 - limits number of connects per unit time, but not data!

Example of Three-way Handshake

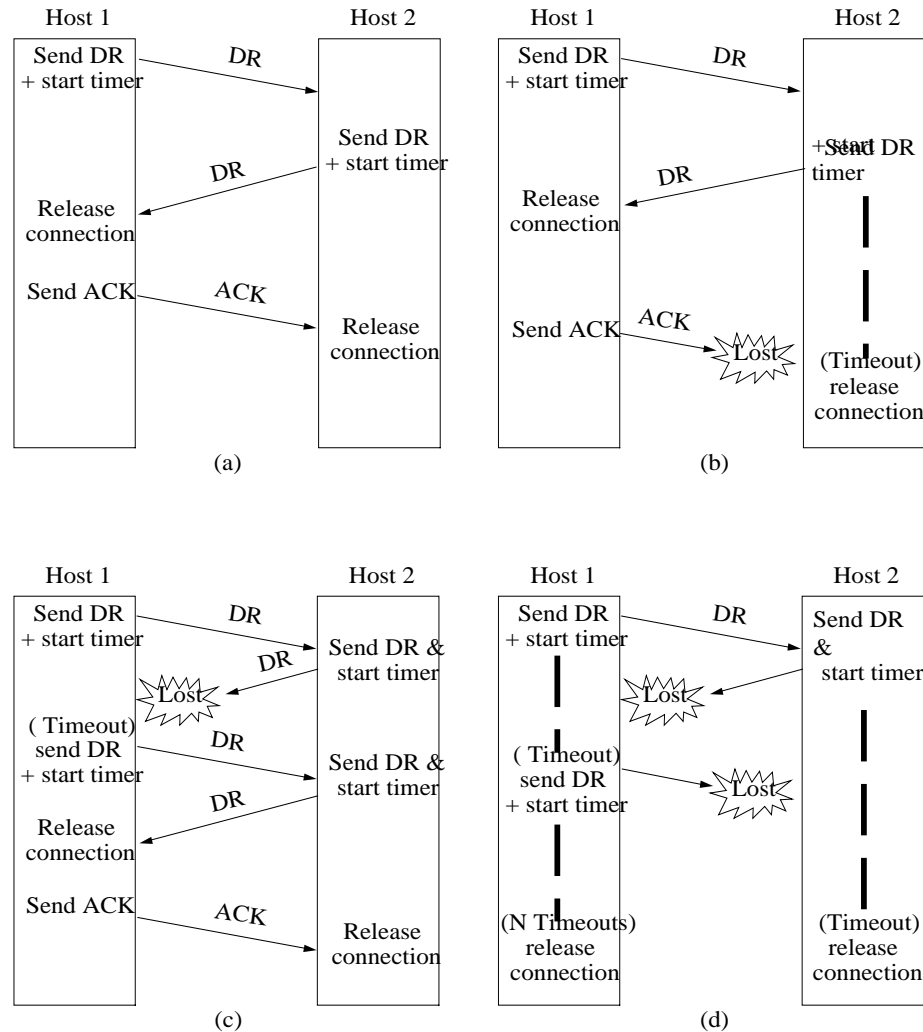


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Closing a Connection

- To prevent data loss,
 - both sides must agree they are done
- Problem: how to agree
 - possible that “I am done” messages will get lost
 - possible that “I ACK you are done” messages will get lost
- Solution:
 - initiator sends Disconnect Request, start DR timer
 - when initiated party receives DR, send DR and start DR timer
 - when initiator gets DR back, send ACK and release connection
 - when initiated gets ACK, release connection
 - if initiator times out, send new DR
 - if initiated times out, release connection

Connection Close Example



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Lingering Half-Duplex Connections

- If a party (or a link) dies
 - can be left with dead connections
- Solution: use keep-alive packets
 - every n seconds, send a packet
 - if no packet is received after $n * m$ seconds, cleanup

Buffer Management

- **Unreliable Network**
 - sender must buffer all un-acked packets
 - receiver can buffer if space is available
 - if not, drop packet and wait to re-transmission
- **Buffer Size**
 - does one size fit all?
 - are TPDU's of uniform size?
 - might use a fixed size buffer smaller than max TPDU
 - requires support for multiple buffers per TPDU
- **Possible to decouple buffer allocation from window**
 - ACKs contain both buffer credits and ACKSs
- **Buffer Copies**
 - possible for each layer to copy the buffer, but this is slow
 - handoff pointers to data, but requires coordination between layers