

# Announcements

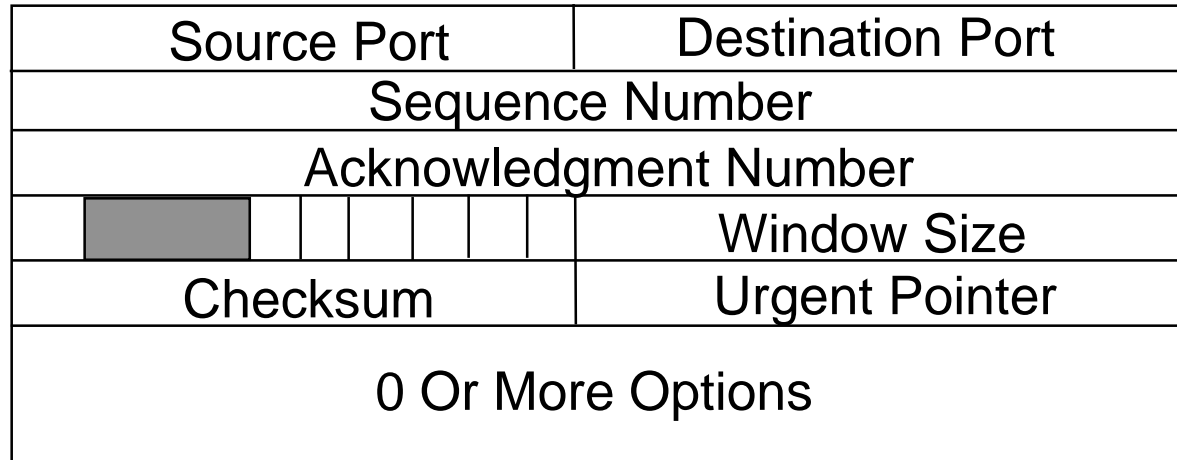
- Reading
  - Chapter 6 (6.3 & 6.4)
- Project #3
  - Is on the web
- Midterm #1
  - Last day to request a re-grade is Th 10/18

# TCP Protocol

- TSAPs
  - Use <host, port> combination
  - Well known ports provide services
    - first 256 ports
    - SMTP 25, Telnet 23, Ftp 21, HTTP 80
- Provides a **byte stream**
  - this is **not** a message stream
  - a message (single call to send) may be split, merged, etc.
- Urgent Data field
  - provides cut through delivery *within* a transport connection
  - used to send breaks or other high priority info

# TCP Packet Format

- Permits ACKs to be piggy packed
  - ACK is next byte expected
  - ACK is only valid if ACK bit is set
- Sequence number
  - first byte in packet
- Also used for connection establishment



← 32 bits →

# TCP Connection Management

- Three-way Handshake
- Initial Sequence Numbers
  - Use a 4 micro-second clock
  - hosts must wait  $T$  (120 seconds) before a reboot
- Connection Closure
  - Each side uses a FIN and FIN\_ACK message
  - A FIN times out after  $2T$  (240 seconds)
  - Keep alives used to timeout half dead connections

# TCP Flow Control

- Use Variable Sized Sliding Window
  - ACK indicates start of window
  - Window size indicates current size of window
- Receiver can send a window of 0
  - indicates that it want to pause connection
  - urgent data need not follow this request
- Window size of 16 bits is too small
  - 64K Bytes
  - only a small fraction of the in-flight bytes when
    - bandwidth is high
    - delay is high
  - solution: window shift option:
    - bit shift window up to 16 bits
    - permits up to  $2^{32}$  byte windows
    - reduces window granularity

# TCP Congestion Control

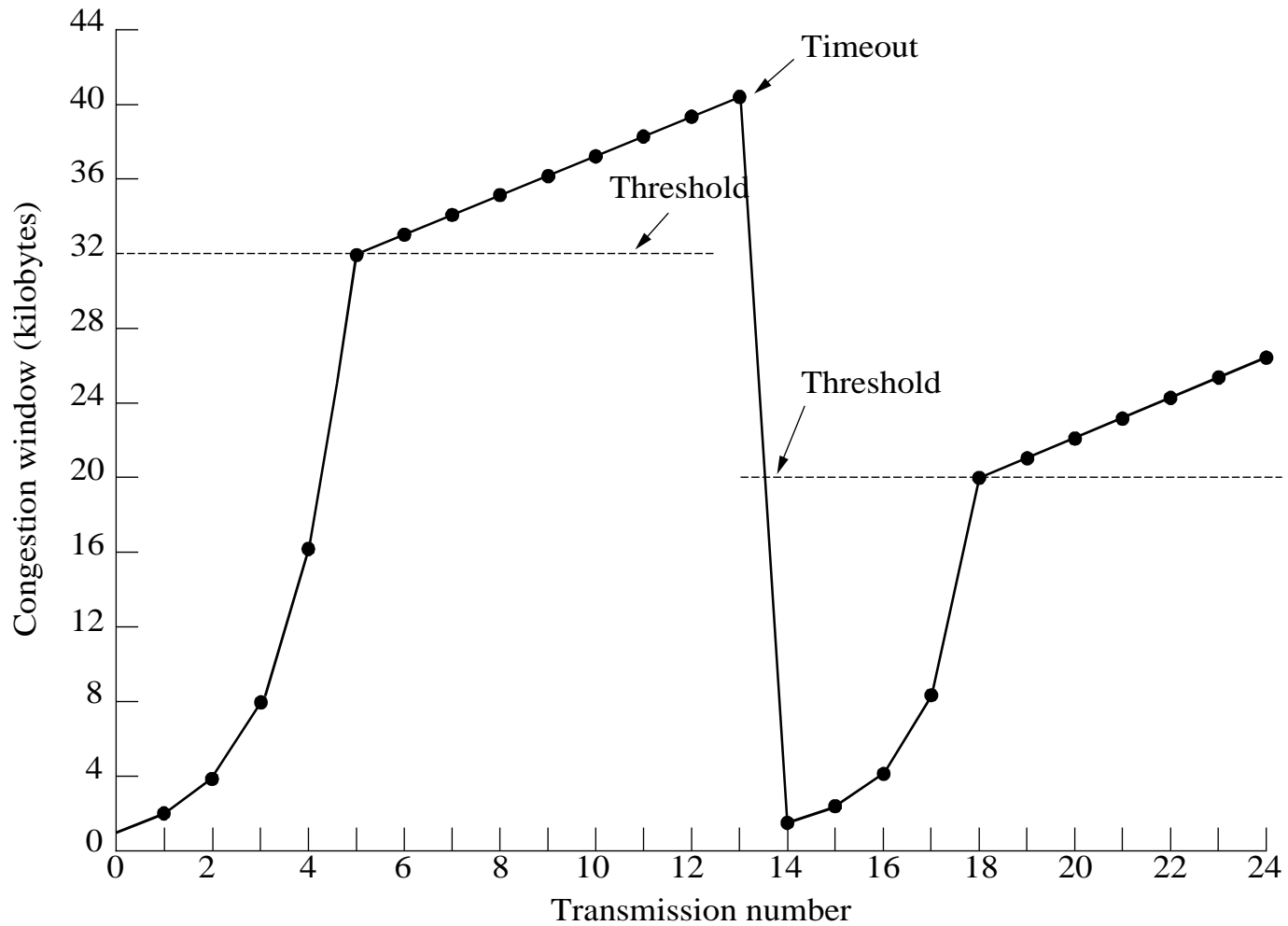
- Detecting Congestion

- In general it is difficult
- But, consider why a packet might be dropped
  - link error - but links are very reliable now
  - buffer overflow --> congestion
- Use re-transmission timeouts as an estimate of congestion

- Dealing with Congestion

- add a second window (congestion window)
  - limit transmissions to  $\min(\text{recv window}, \text{congestion window})$
- start with congestion window = max segment window
  - initial max segment is one kilo-byte
  - on a ACK without a timeout
    - if  $\text{window} < \text{threshold}$ , increment by one max segment
    - otherwise increment by initial max segment
- on timeout
  - cut threshold in half
  - set window size to initial max segment

# TCP Congestion Window



From: *Computer Networks*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed. by Andrew S. Tanenbaum, (c)1996 Prentice Hall.