Multimedia Networking

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Overview

- Multimedia Networking Applications
- Real-Time Streaming Protocol (RTSP)
- Real-Time Transport Protocol (RTP)
- Session Initiation Protocol (SIP)
- Scheduling Mechanisms
- Integrated Services, RSVP, Differentiated Services

Note: This class lecture is based on Chapter 7 of the textbook (Kurose and Ross) and the figures provided by the authors.

Multimedia Networking Applications

- Streaming Stored Audio and Video
  - Stored Media: Fast rewind, pause, fast forward
  - Streaming: simultaneous play out and download
  - Continuous play out: Delay jitter smoothed by playout buffer
- Streaming Live Audio and Video: IPTV and Internet Radio
  - No fast-forward
- High data rate to large number of users
  $\Rightarrow$ multicast or P2P,
  - delay jitter controlled by caching,
- Real-Time Interactive Audio and Video: Internet Telephone, Video Conferencing
  - Delay<400 ms.

Multimedia on Internet

- Best Effort Service
- TCP not used due to retransmission delays
- Limited packet loss tolerated
- Packet jitter smoothed by buffering
- Hard Guarantee: Min Throughput, Max Delay, Max delay jitter
- Soft Guarantee: Quality of service with a high probability
- Protocol for Bandwidth Reservation and Traffic Description
- Scheduling to honor bandwidth reservation
- High Bandwidth
- Content Distribution Networks: Akamai

Audio Compression Standards

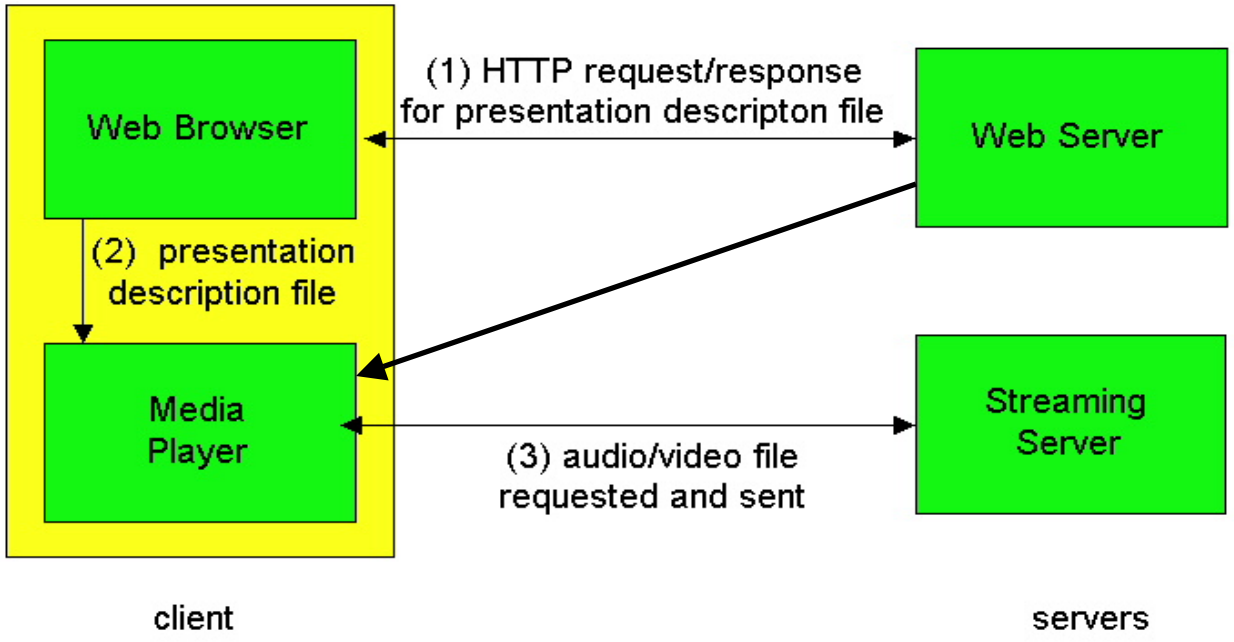
- 4kHz audio ⇒ Audio sampled at 8000 samples per second
- 256 levels per sample ⇒ 8 bits/sample ⇒ 64 kbps
- Pulse Code Modulation (PCM)
- CD's use 44.1 kSamples/s, 16 b/sample ⇒ 705.6 kbps (mono) or 1.411 Mbps (Stereo)
- GSM Cell phones: 13 kbps
- G.711: 64 kbps
- G.729: 8 kbps
- G.723.3: 6.4 and 5.3 kbps
- MPEG 1 Layer 3 (MP3): 96 kbps, 128 kbps, or 160 kbps

Video Compression Standards

- Moving Pictures Expert Group (MPEG)
- MPEG 1: CD quality video (1.5 Mbps)
- MPEG 2: DVD quality Video 3-6 Mbps
- MPEG 4: Low-rate high-quality video (.divx or .mp4)
- H.261

Web Server vs. Streaming Server

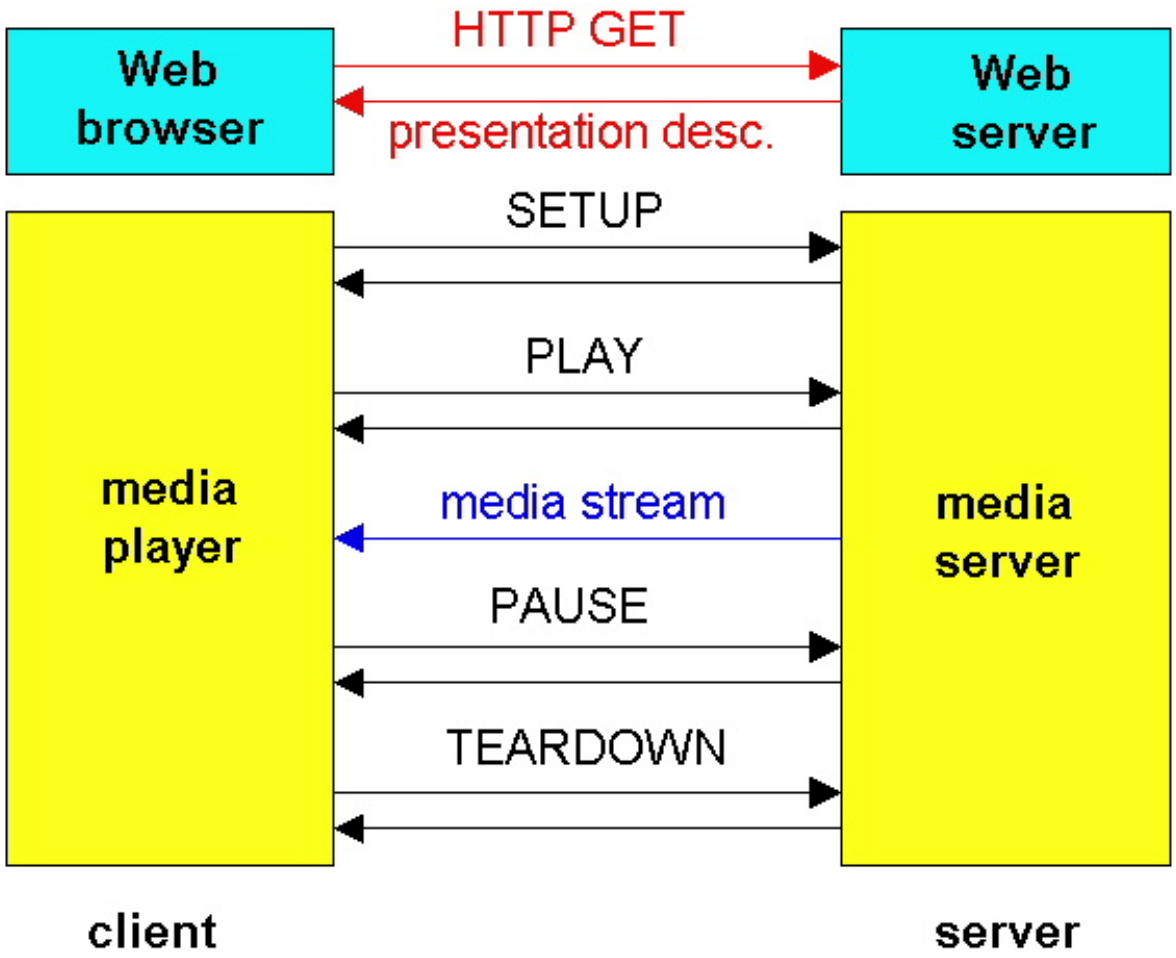
- Web Servers sends the whole file as one object
- Streaming Server sends at a constant rate



Real-Time Streaming Protocol (RTSP)

- Protocol to control streaming media
- Allows start, stop, pause, fast forward, rewinding a stream
- Data and control channels
- All commands are sent on control channel (Port 544)
- Specified as a URL in web pages:
  rtsp://www.cse.wustl.edu/~jain/cse473-09/ftp/i_7mmn0.rm

RTSP Operation



RTSP Exchange Example

C: SETUP rtsp://audio.example.com/twister/audio RTSP/1.0

Transport: rtp/udp; compression; port=3056; mode=PLAY

S: RTSP/1.0 200 1 OK

Session 4231

C: PLAY rtsp://audio.example.com/twister/audio.en/lofi RTSP/1.0

Session: 4231

Range: npt=0-

C: PAUSE rtsp://audio.example.com/twister/audio.en/lofi RTSP/1.0

Session: 4231

Range: npt=37

C: TEARDOWN rtsp://audio.example.com/twister/audio.en/lofi RTSP/1.0

Session: 4231

S: 200 3 OK

Three Approaches For Multimedia Support

Integrated services philosophy:

- Fundamental changes in Internet so that apps can reserve end-to-end bandwidth
- Requires new, complex software in hosts & routers

Differentiated services philosophy:

- Fewer changes to Internet infrastructure, yet provide 1st and 2nd class service

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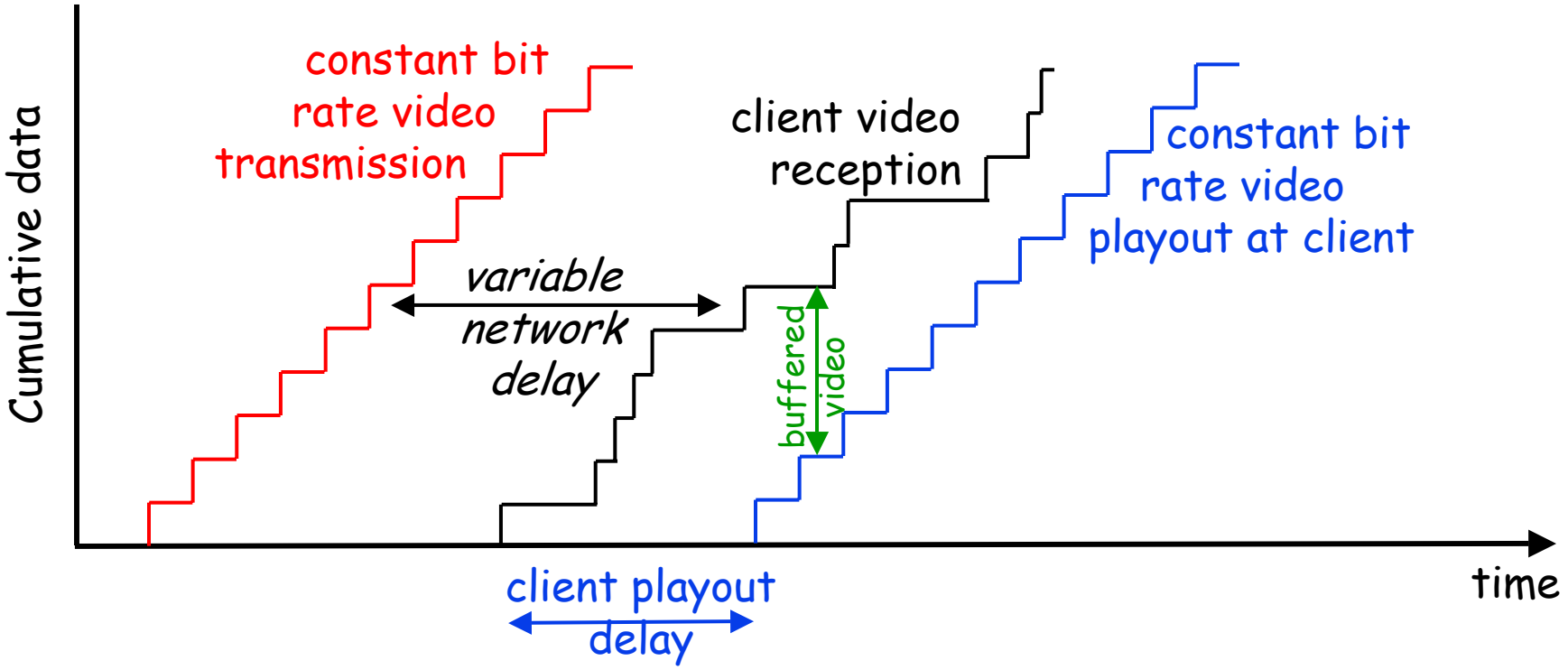
- No major changes
- More bandwidth when needed
- Content distribution, application-layer multicast

Multimedia with Best Effort Service

- High Compression ⇒ Low Rate ⇒ Low loss
- 1% to 20% loss can be concealed
- Forward Error Correction (FEC) can be used to overcome loss.
- End-to-end delay limited to 400 ms
- Jitter overcome by play out buffer
- Large jitter ⇒ Packets arrive too late ⇒ same as Lost
- Each chunk comes with a sequence number and timestamp
- Play out delay can be adaptively adjusted according to measured delay variation

Playout Buffers



- Playout delay compensates for network delay, delay jitter
- Delay > Playout Delay ⇒ Packet late ⇒ Same as a lost packet

Adaptive Playout Delay

- t_i =Sending time
- r_i= Receiving time
- Measured delay sample = $r_i - t_i$
- d_i= Average network delay

$$d_i = (1-a)d_{i-1} + a(r_i - t_i)$$

- v_i= Variation of the delay

$$v_i = (1-a)v_{i-1} + a|r_i - t_i - d_i|$$

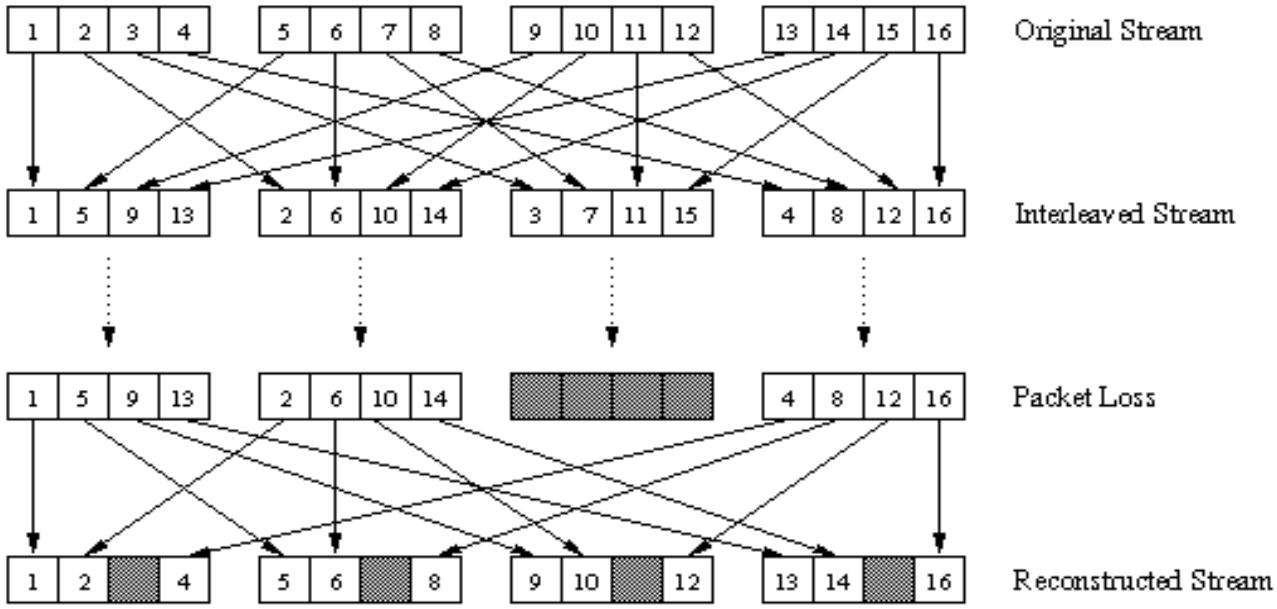
- p_i= Playout time

$$p_i = t_i + d_i + Kv_i$$

- Here K is a constant, say 4.

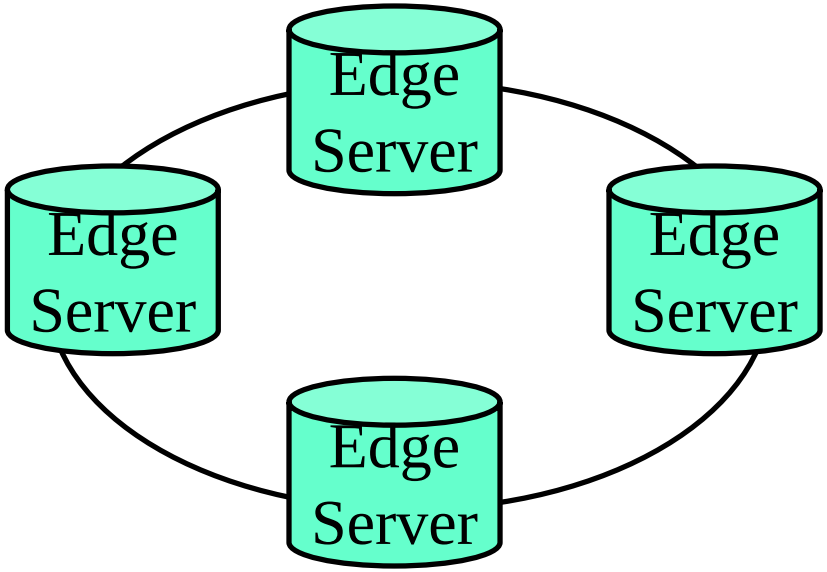
Recovering From Packet Loss

- Forward Error Correction
- Send n+1 packets in place of n packets
- Send a lower-resolution stream in addition
- Play out the old syllable
- Busty Loss ⇒ Interleave audio/video frames



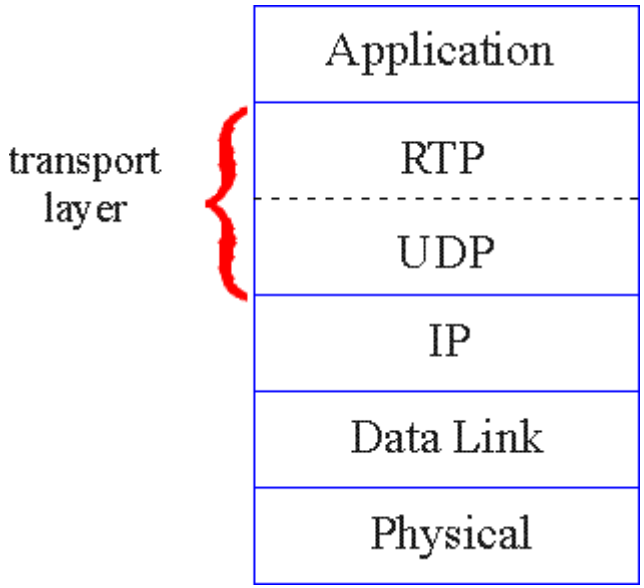
Content Distribution Networks

- Authoritative DNS server resolves the server address according to the requester's IP address

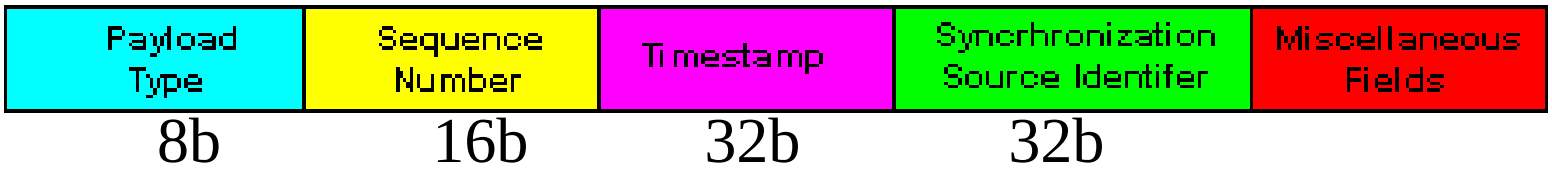


Real-Time Transport Protocol (RTP)

- Common sublayer between applications and UDP
- Provides sequence numbers, timestamps, and other facilities
- Supports both unicast and multicast



RTP Packet Format



- SSRC = Synchronization Source Identifier = Stream #

Payload Type	Coding	Rate
0	PCM mu-law	64 kbps
3	GSM	13 kbps
7	LPC	2.4 kbps
26	Motion JPEG	
31	H.261	
33	MPEG2 video	

RTP Control Protocol (RTCP)

- Used to send report about reception quality back to sender
- Also used by sender to report stream information
- Can be used to adjust the transmission speed, quality, or for diagnosis
- SSRC
- Fraction of packets lost
- Last sequence number received
- Inter-arrival jitter
- Receiver report rate is adjusted inversly to number of receivers
- Sender report rate is adjusted inversly to number of senders
- Total RTCP traffic < 5% of media datarate

Session Initiation Protocol (SIP)

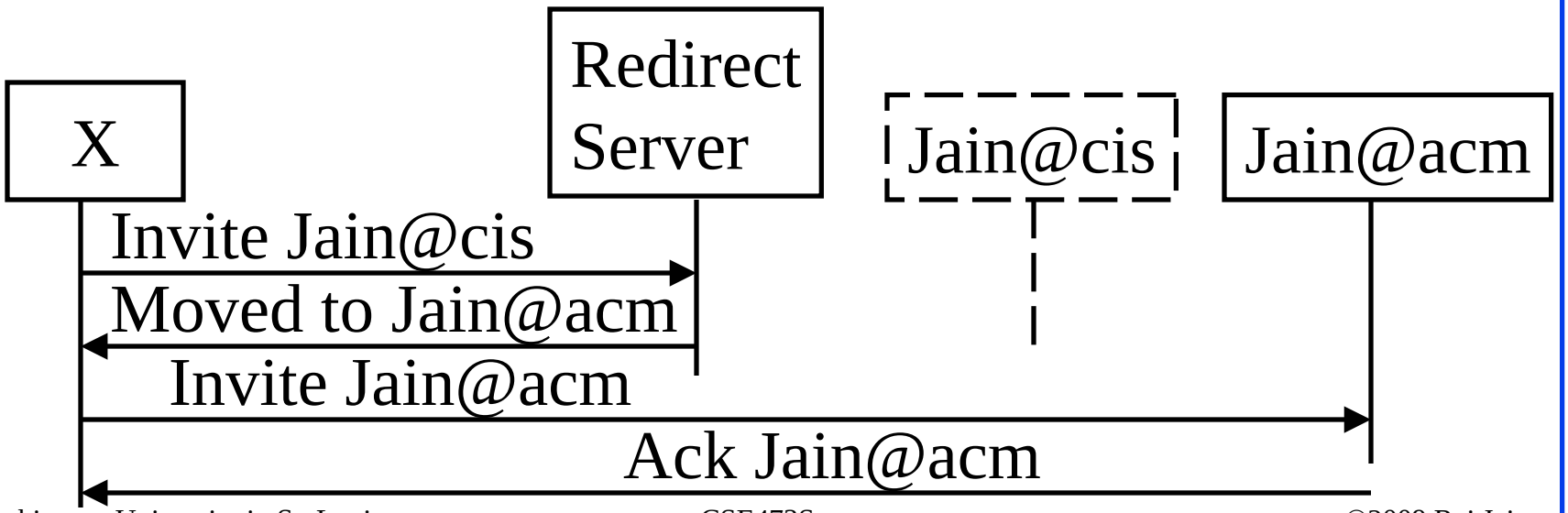
- Application level signaling protocol for voice and video conferencing over Internet
- Allows creating, modifying, terminating sessions with one or more participants
- Carries session descriptions (media types) for user capabilities negotiation
- Supports user location, call setup, call transfers
- Supports mobility by proxying and redirection

SIP (Cont)

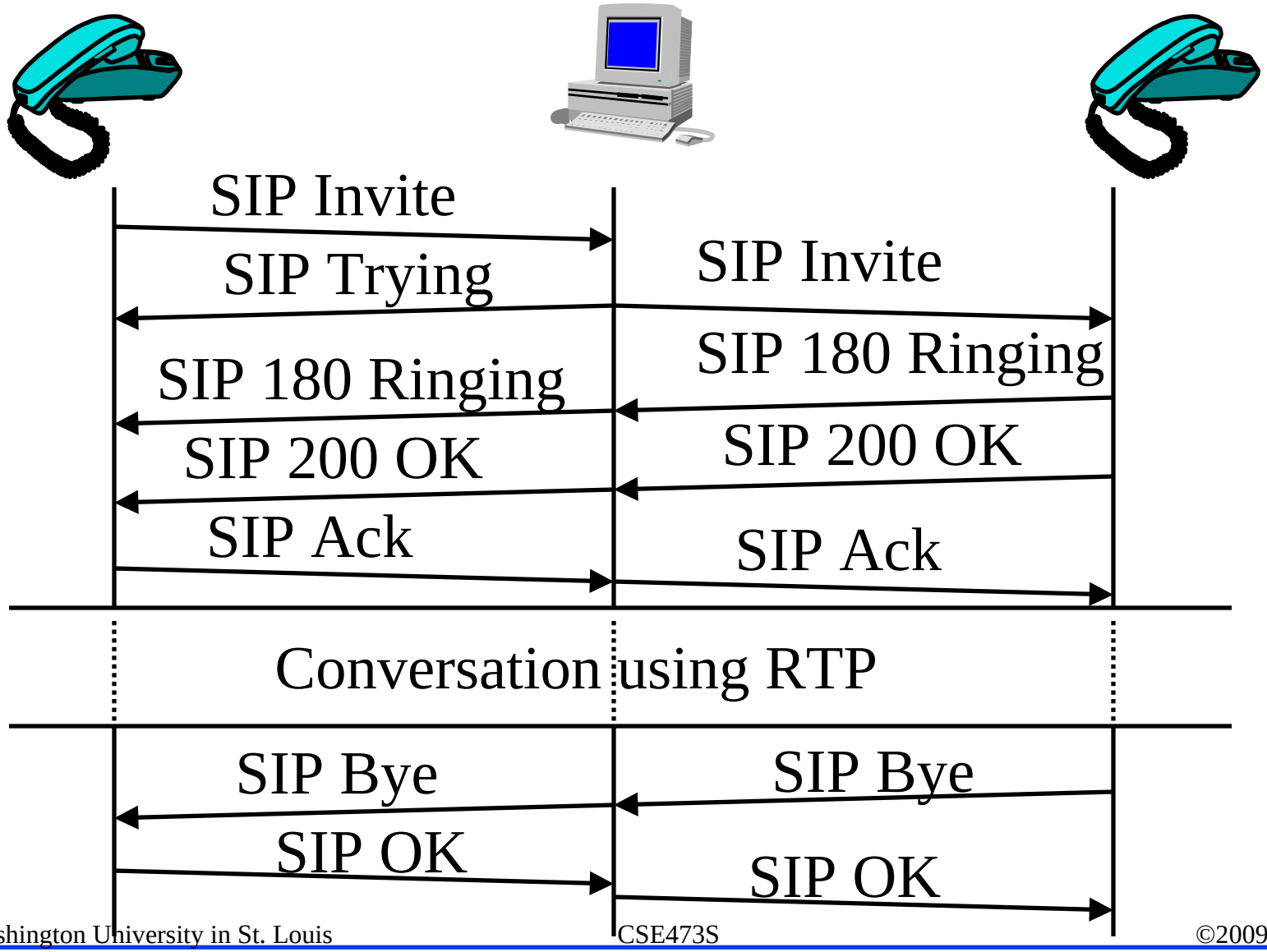
- SIP Uniform Resource Identfiers (URIs):
  Similar to email URLs
  sip:jain@cis.ohio-state.edu
  sip:+1-614-292-3989:123@osu.edu?subject=lecture
- SIP can use UDP or TCP
- SIP messages are sent to SIP servers:
  - Registrar: Clients register and tell their location to it
  - Location: Given name, returns possible addresses for a user. Like Directory service or DNS.
  - Redirect: Returns current address to requesters
  - Proxy: Intermediary. Acts like a server to internal client and like a client to external server

Locating using SIP

- Allows locating a callee at different locations
- Callee registers different locations with Registrar
- SIP Messages: Ack, Bye, Invite, Register, Redirection, ...



SIP Proxy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SIP 200 OK
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SIP Ack
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Conversation using RTP
SIP Bye
SIP Bye
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H.323 Protocols

- Multimedia over LANs, V1 (June 96), V2(Feb 98)
- Provides component descriptions, signaling procedures, call control, system control, audio/video codecs, data protocols

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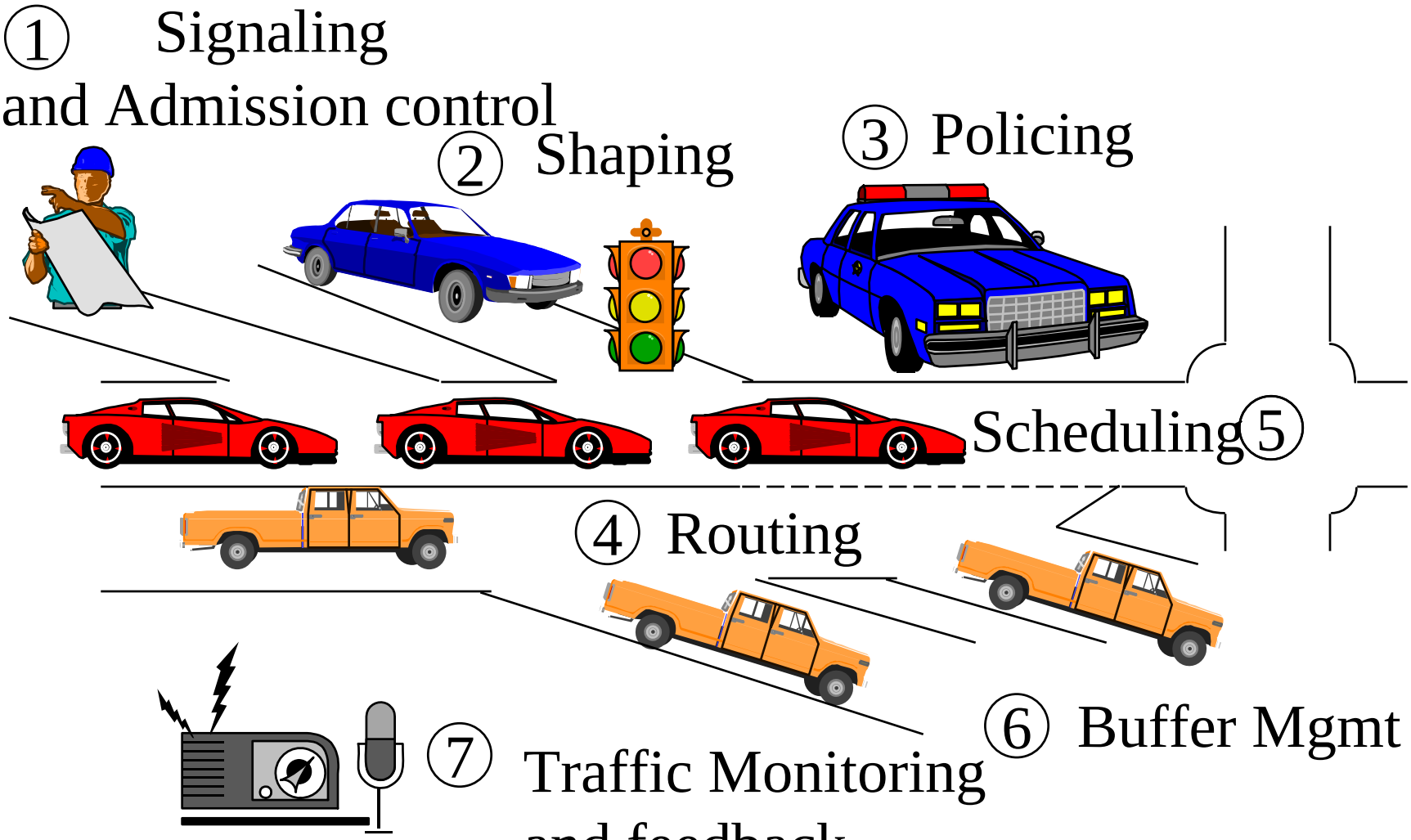
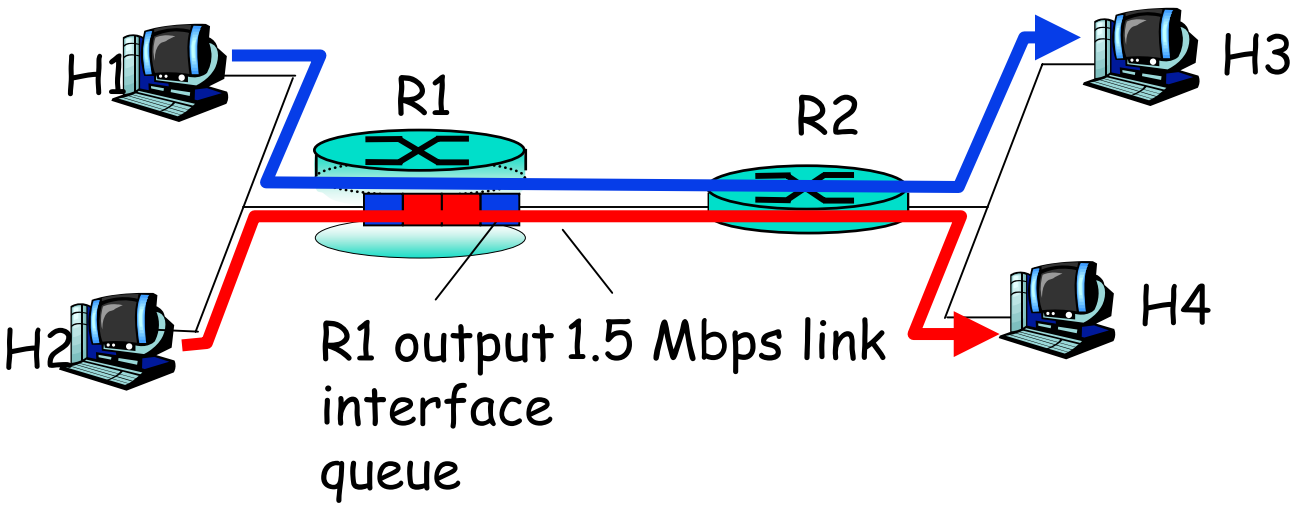
QoS Components



Multiple Classes of Service

- Flow Classification: Based on Source IP, Dest IP, Source Port, Dest Port, Type of Service, ...
- Differentiation: Routers can provide different service to different traffic
- Isolation: One class cannot affect other classes severly



Scheduling Mechanisms

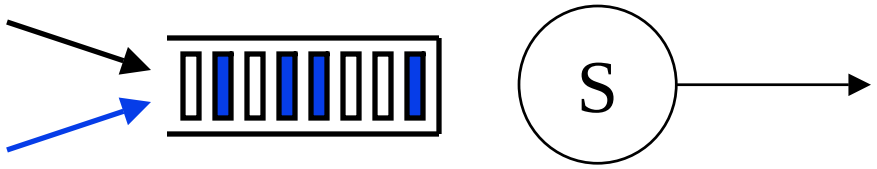
How to service multiple flows?

- First Come First Served Scheduling
- Priority Queueing
- Round Robin Scheduling
- Generalized Processor Sharing
- Fair Queueing
- Weighted Fair Queueing (WFQ)

Desired Properties:

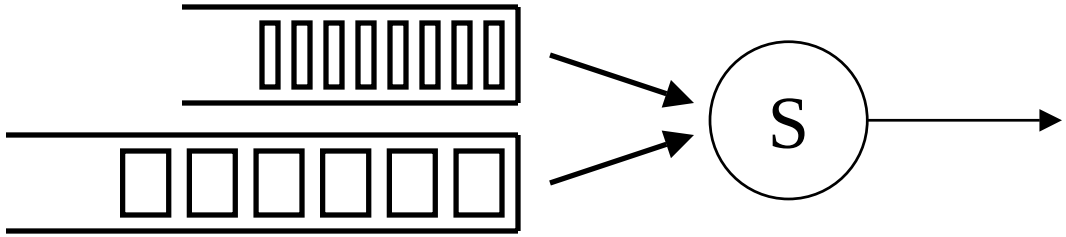
- Fair
- Work-Conserving: Do not waste resources if there is no traffic

First Come First Served Scheduling



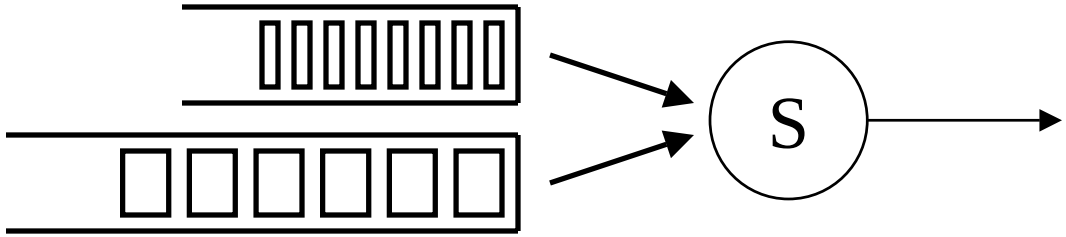
- Unfair: Overloading flows get more service
- No isolation among users

Priority Queueing



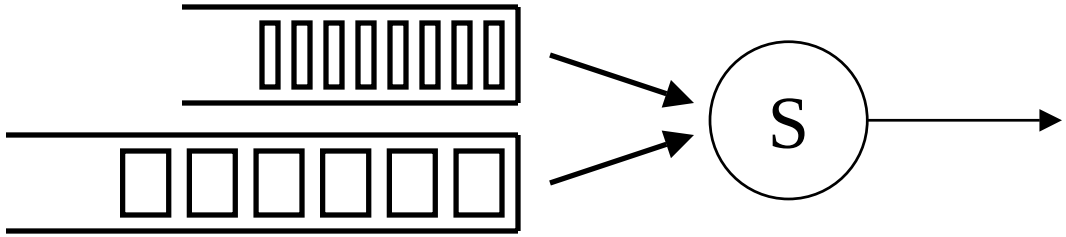
- Priority 0 through n-1
- Priority 0 is always serviced first.
- Priority i is serviced only if 0 through i-1 are empty
- Highest priority has the lowest delay, highest throughput, lowest loss
- Lower priority classes may be starved if higher priority are overloaded

Round Robin Scheduling



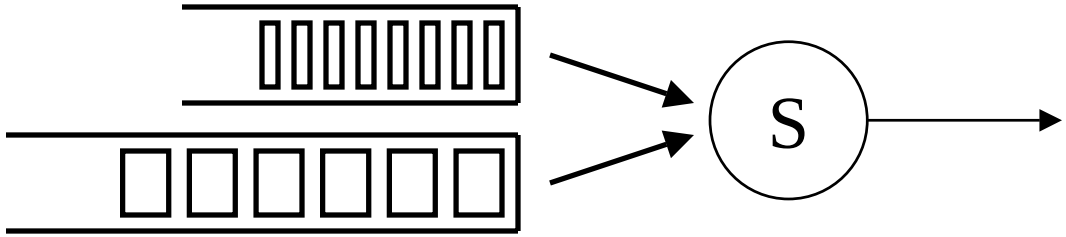
- Round-robin among flows
- Each flow gets the same number of packets
- Flows with larger packets get more bandwidth

Generalized Processor Sharing



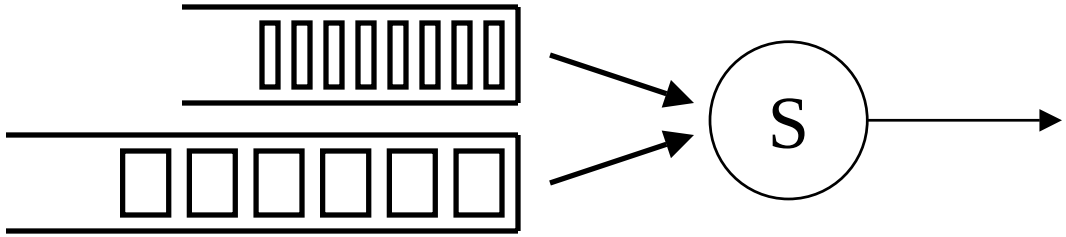
- Bit-level round robin
- Each flow gets the same number of bits/sec
- Too much work

Fair Queueing



- Bit-level round robin but packet level scheduling
- Count the packet size and determine which packet would finish first. Serve that packet.
- Each flow gets the same number of bits/sec

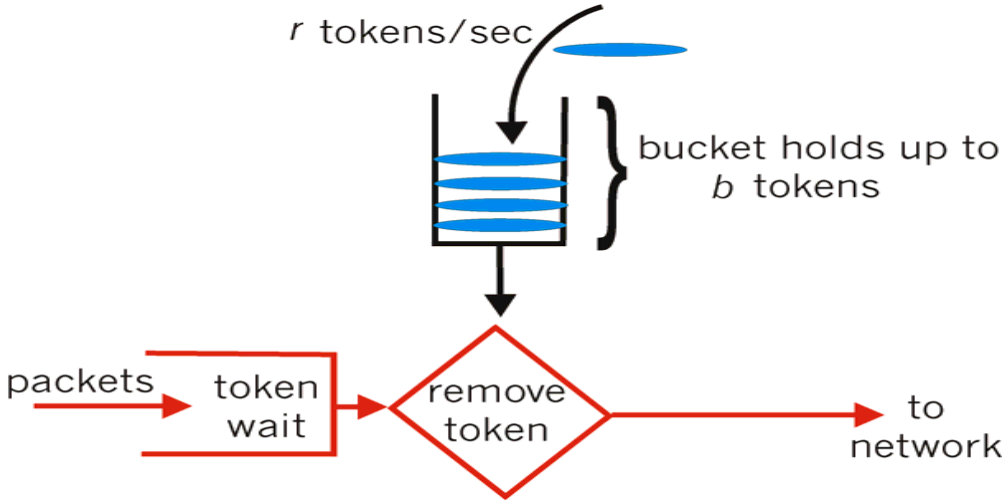
Weighted Fair Queueing (WFQ)



- Fair queueing with different weight for each queue
- Flow 1 gets x bit/sec
- Flow 2 gets y bit/sec
- Flow n gets z bit/sec
- Here, x, y, z are weights

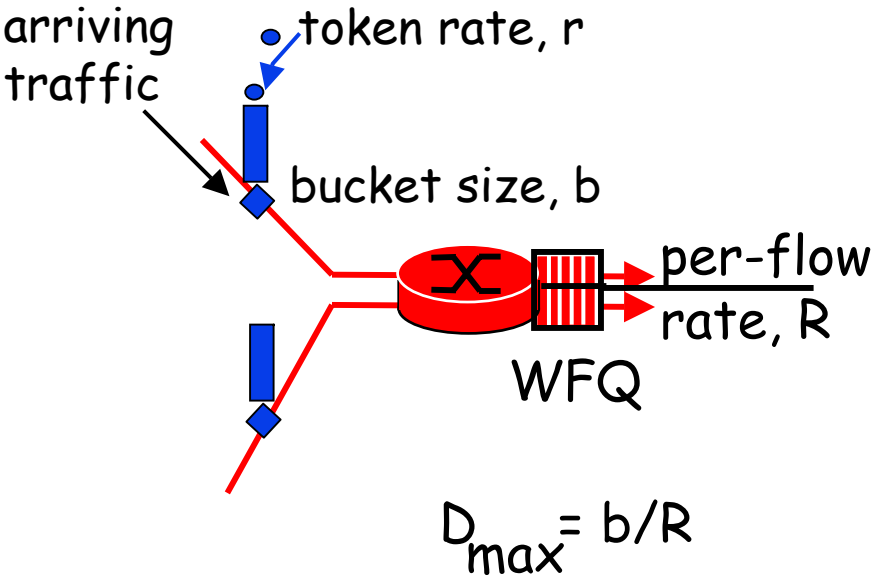
Policing

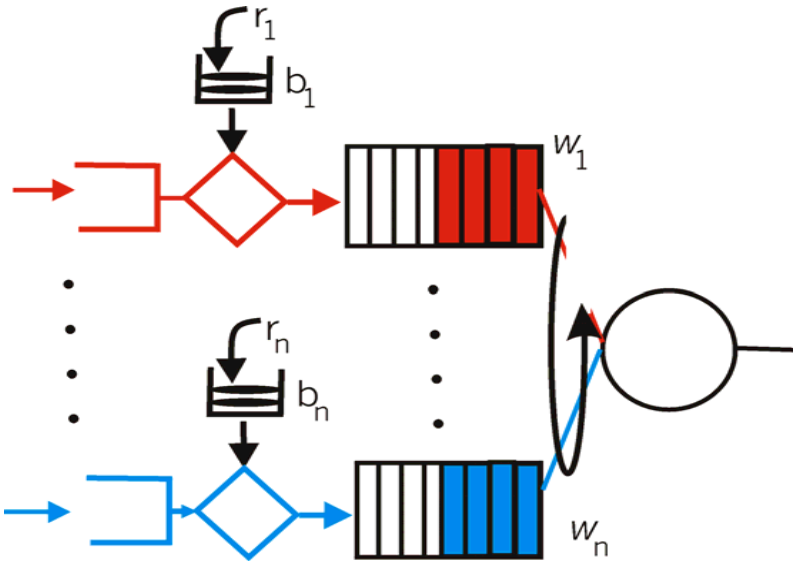
- Ensuring that sources do not send traffic at a rate higher than agreed
- Leaky bucket: Average Rate and maximum burst size



Maximum Delay with WFQ and Policing

- Max Delay $d_{max} = b_i/(R\ w_i/\Sigma\ w_j)$
- Here,
- b_i=Burst size of ith flow
- R=Service Rate
- W_i=Weight of ith flow



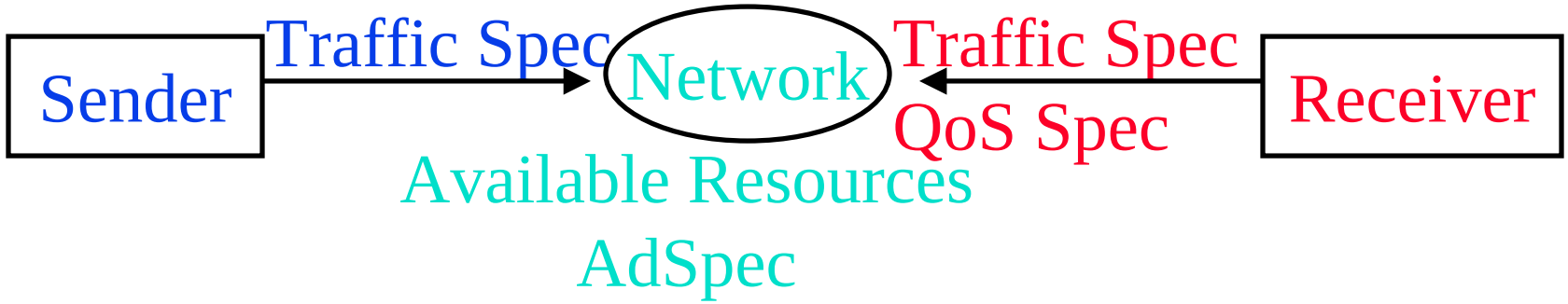


Integrated Services

1. **Best Effort Service**.
2. **Controlled-Load Service**: Performance as good as in an unloaded datagram network. No quantitative assurances
3. **Guaranteed Service**:
   - Firm bound on data throughput and delay.

RSVP

- Resource ReSerVation Protocol
- Internet signaling protocol
- Carries resource reservation requests through the network including traffic specs, QoS specs, network resource availability
- Sets up reservations at each hop



Differentiated Services

- IPv4: 3-bit precedence + 4-bit ToS
- OSPF and integrated IS-IS can compute paths for each ToS
- Many vendors use IP precedence bits but the service varies ⇒ Need a standard ⇒ Differentiated Services
- Edge routers can mark the packets ⇒ Set ToS field
- Core routers use ToS field to provide "Per-Hop-Behavior"

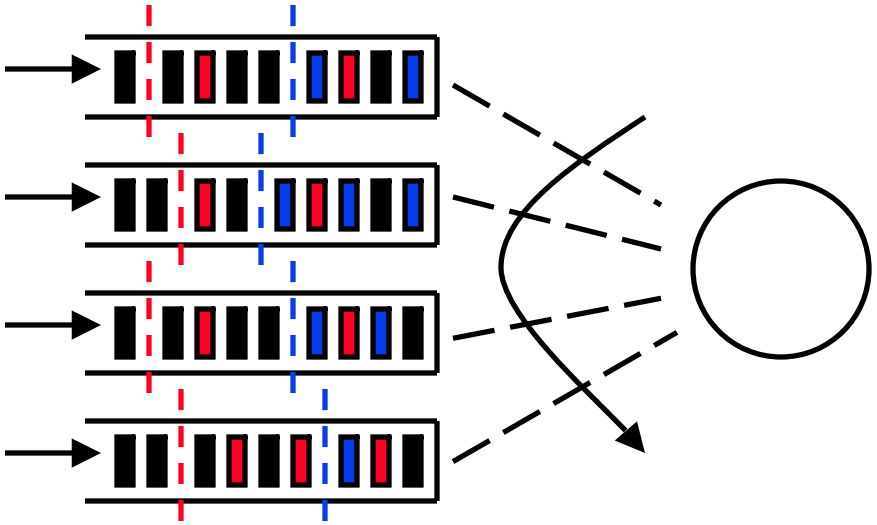
Per-hop Behaviors

- Externally Observable Forwarding Behavior
- x% of link bandwidth
- Minimum x% and fair share of excess bandwidth
- Priority relative to other PHBs

Expedited Forwarding

- Also known as "Premium Service"
- Virtual leased line
- Guaranteed minimum service rate
- Policed: Arrival rate < Minimum Service Rate
- Not affected by other data PHBs
  $\Rightarrow$ Highest data priority (if priority queueing)
- Code point: 101 110

Assured Forwarding



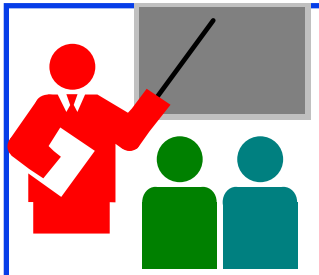
- PHB Group
- Four Classes: No particular ordering
- Three drop preference per class

Assured Forwarding (Cont)

- DS nodes SHOULD implement all 4 classes and MUST accept all 3 drop preferences. Can implement 2 drop preferences.
- Similar to nrt-VBR/ABR/GFR
- Code Points:

Drop Prec.	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
Low	010 000	011 000	100 000	101 000
Medium	010 010	011 010	100 010	101 010
High	010 100	011 100	100 100	101 100

- Avoids 11x000 (used for network control)



Summary

- Multimedia applications require bounded delay, delay jitter, and minimum throughput
- Three Approaches: Service guarantees, Simple priority type service, Increase Capacity
- RTSP allows streaming controls like pause, forward, …
- RTP allows sequencing and timestamping
- SIP allows parameter negotiation and location
- Weighted fair queueing allows packet based fair scheduling
- Integrated Services provides guaranteed services (did not succeed)
- RSVP allows resource reservation
- Differentiated Services allow packets to be marked by edge routers and serviced accordingly by core routers