The Transport Layer

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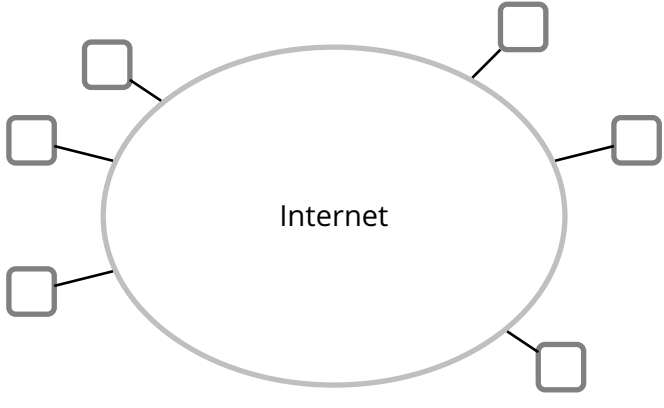
Outline

- Basic concepts in transport-layer protocols
- Multiplexing/demultiplexing
- UDP message format
- Reliable transfer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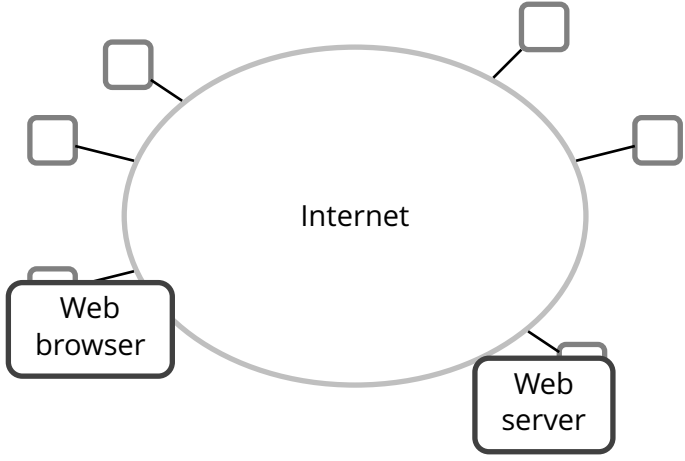
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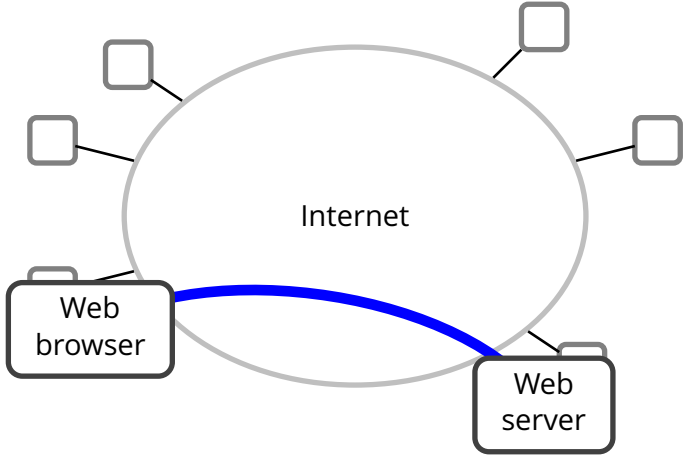
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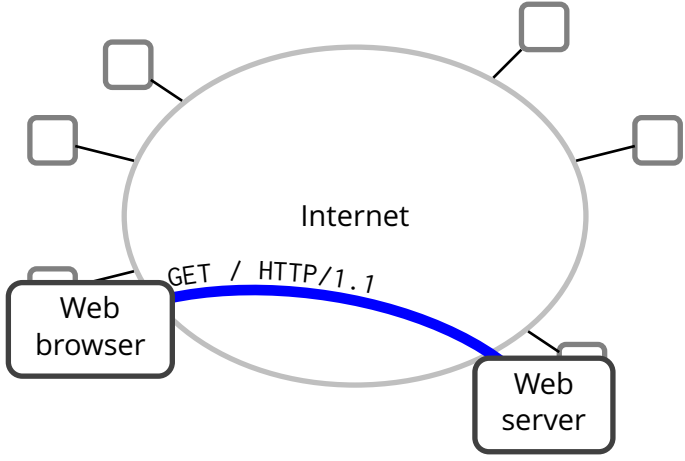
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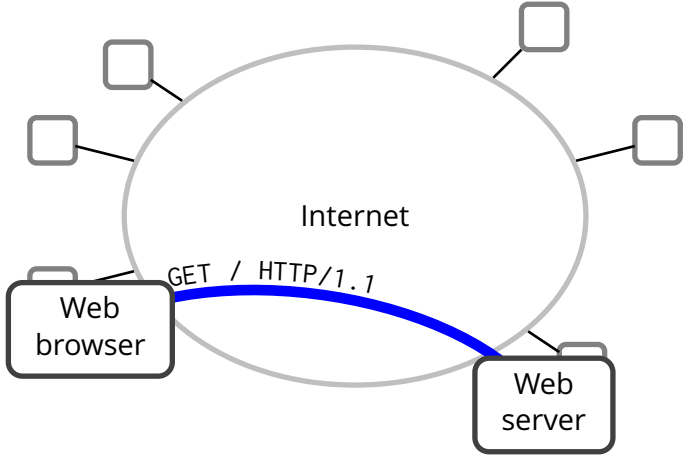

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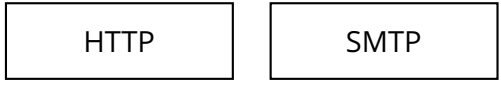

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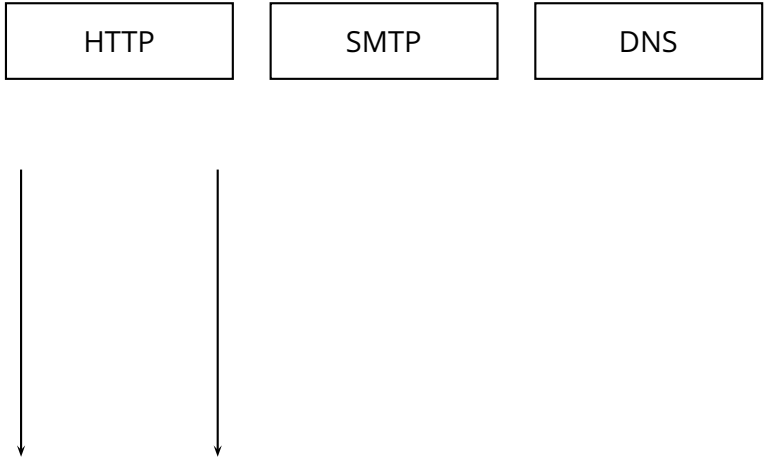

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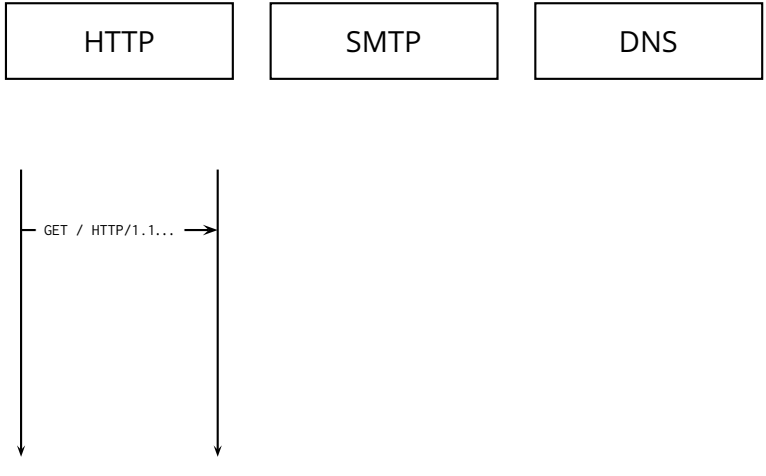

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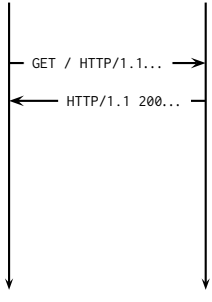

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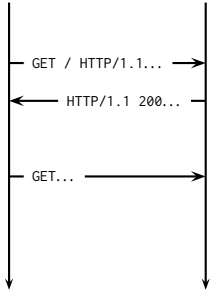

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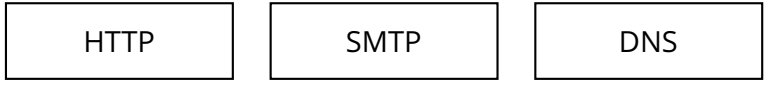

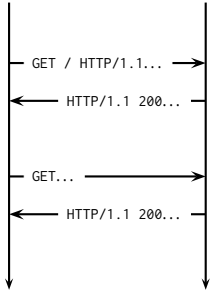

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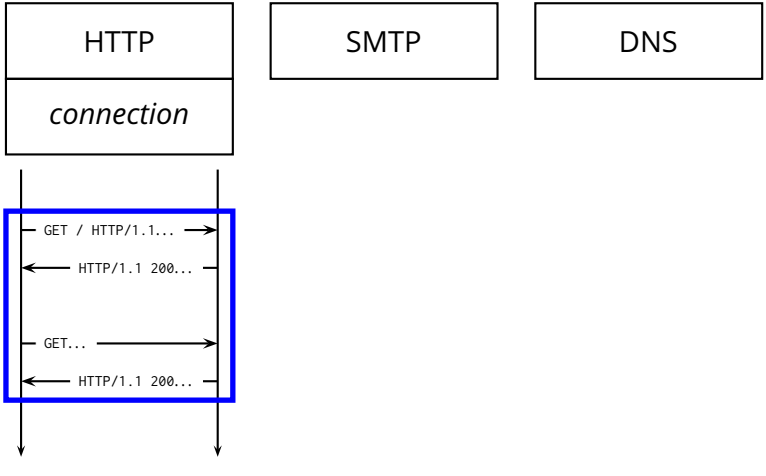

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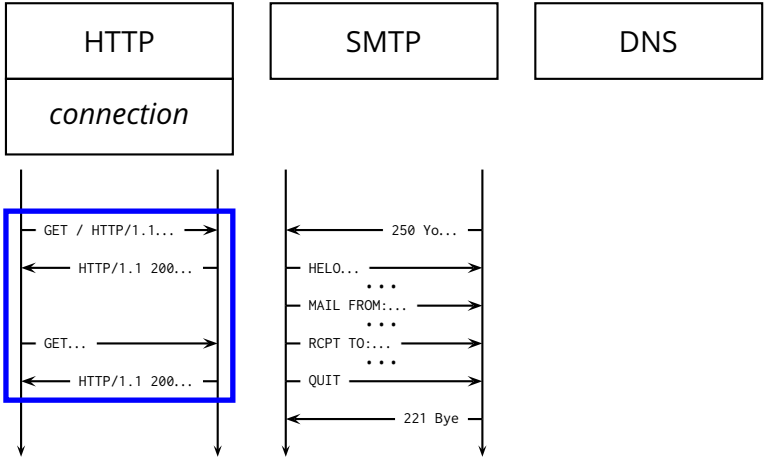

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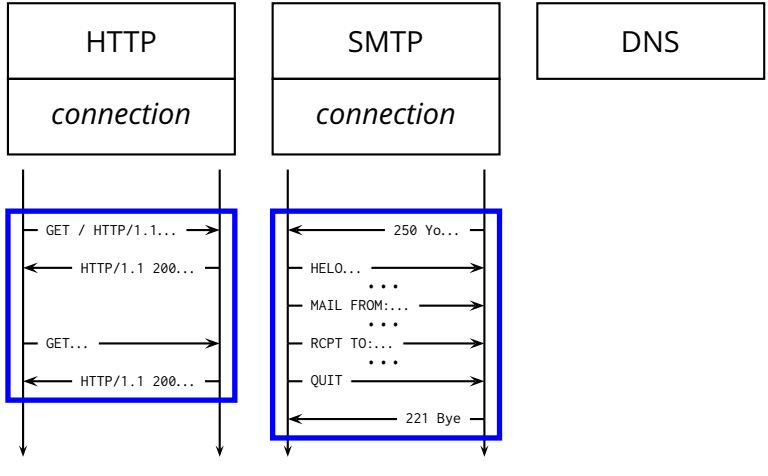

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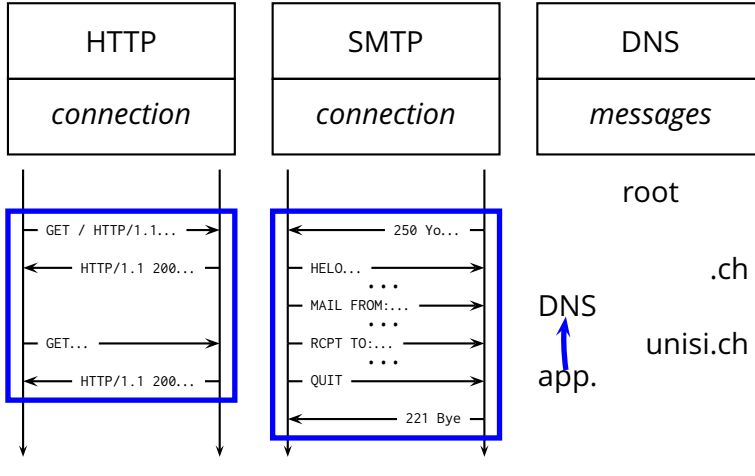

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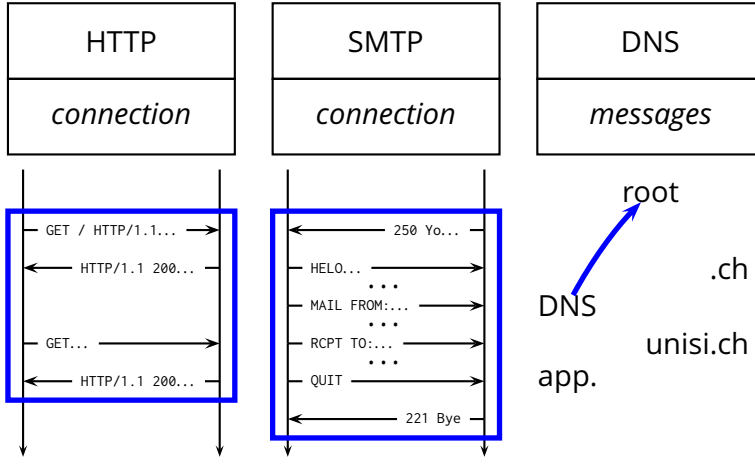

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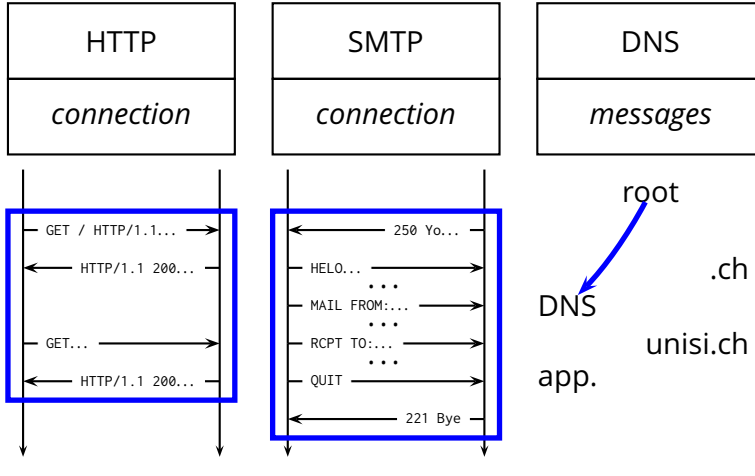

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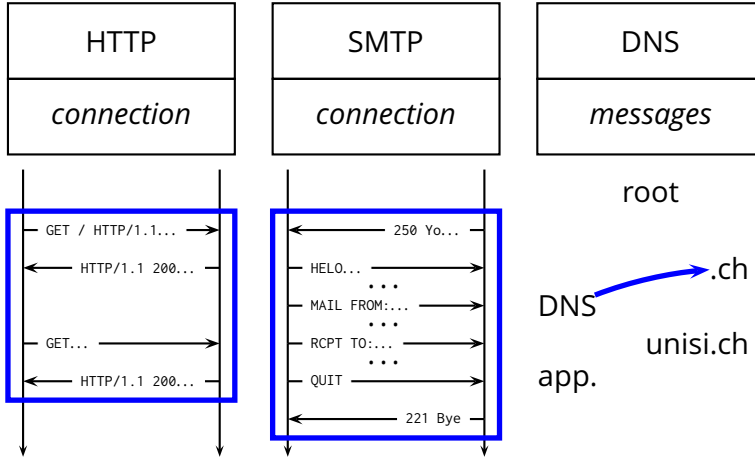

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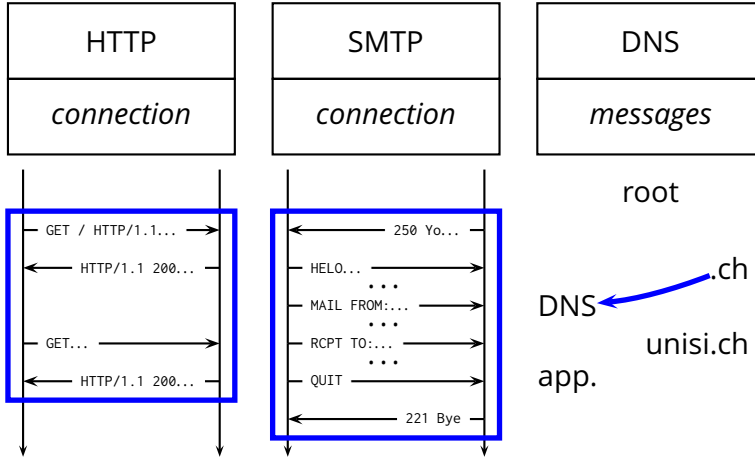

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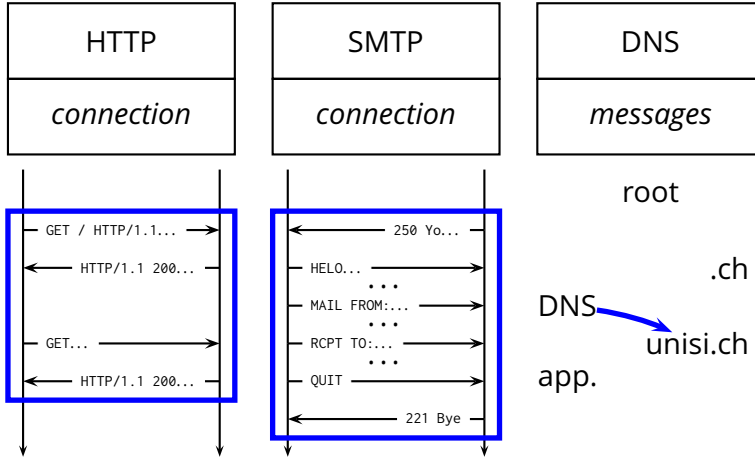

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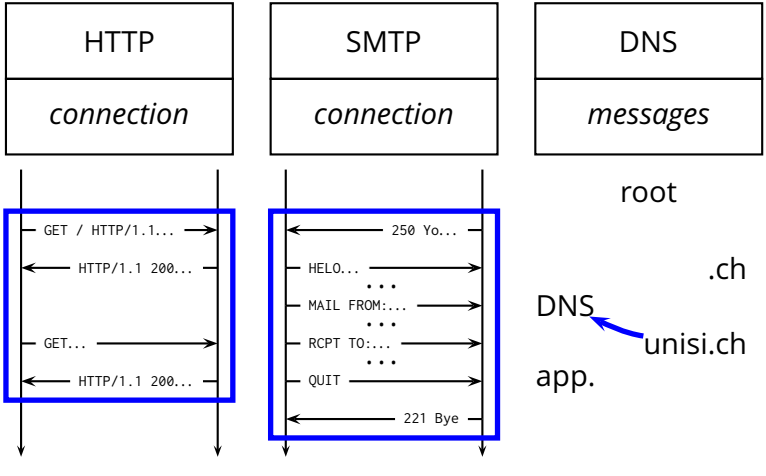

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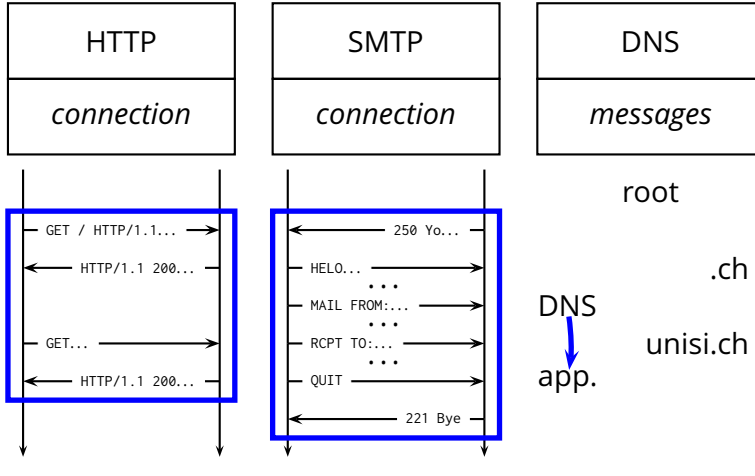

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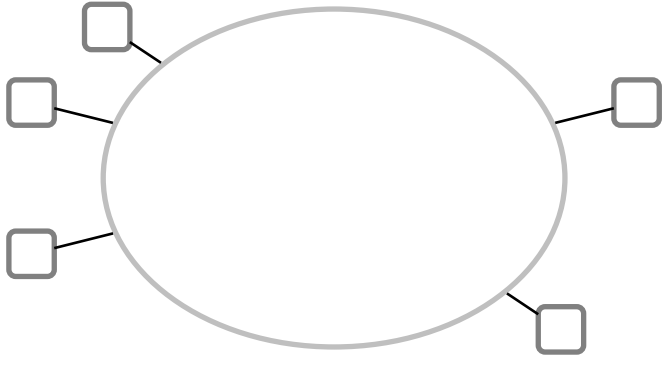

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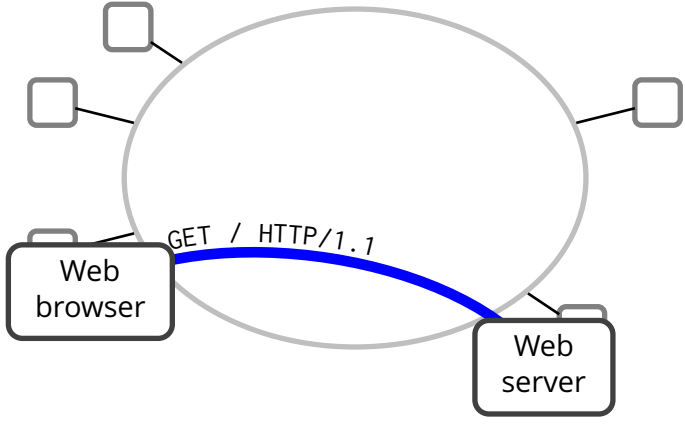

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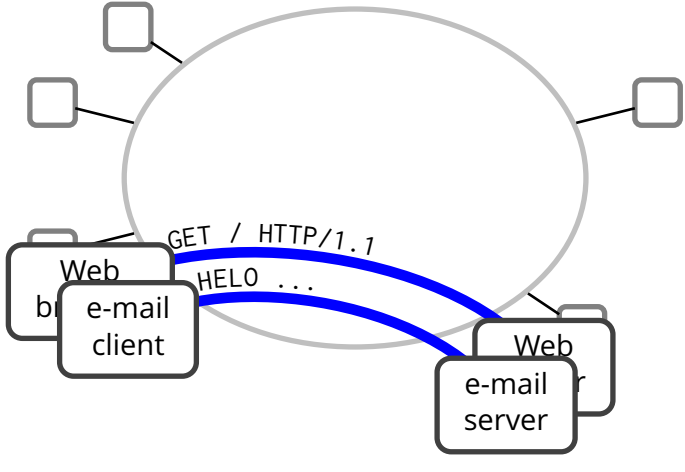

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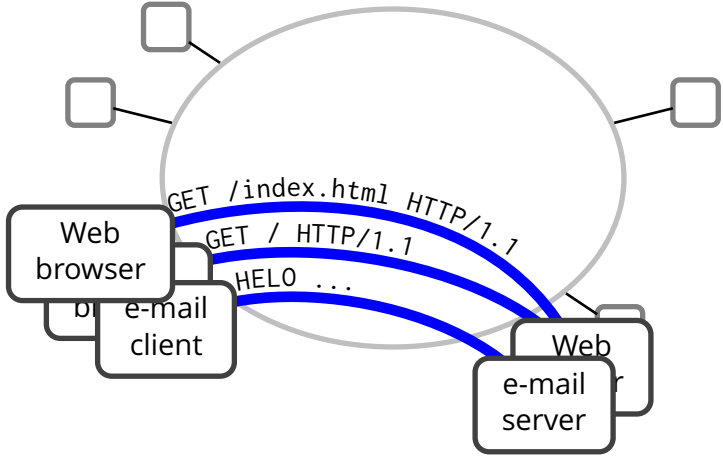

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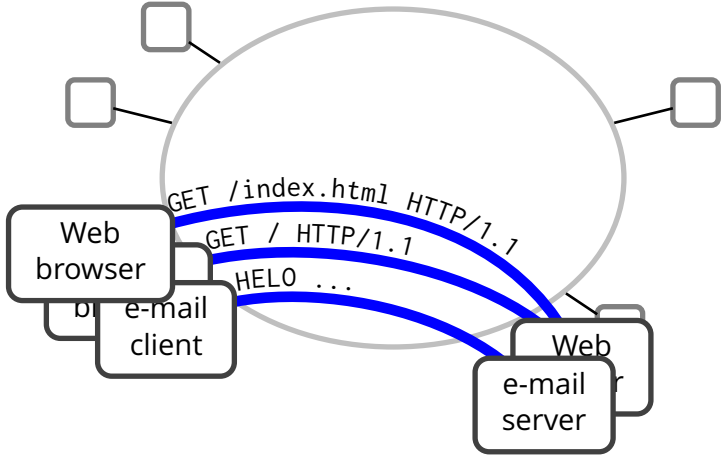

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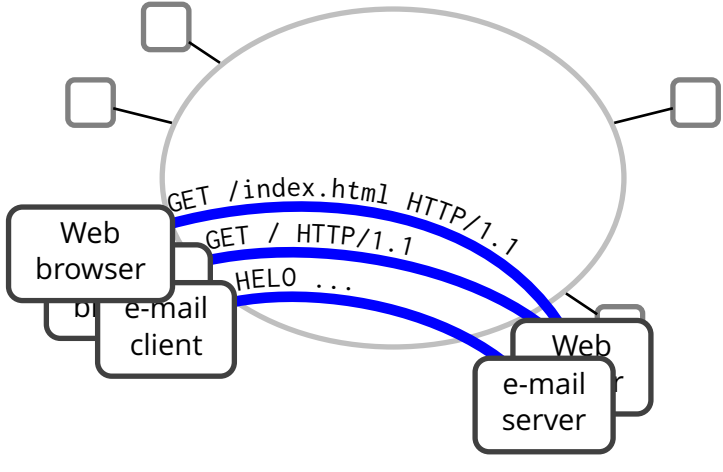

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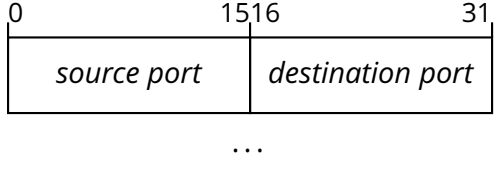

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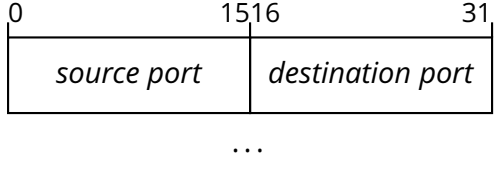

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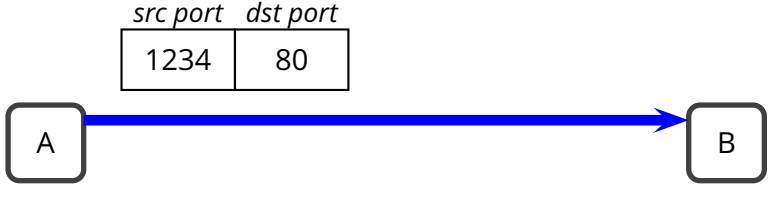

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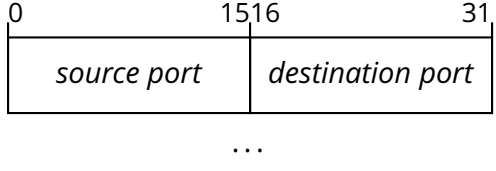

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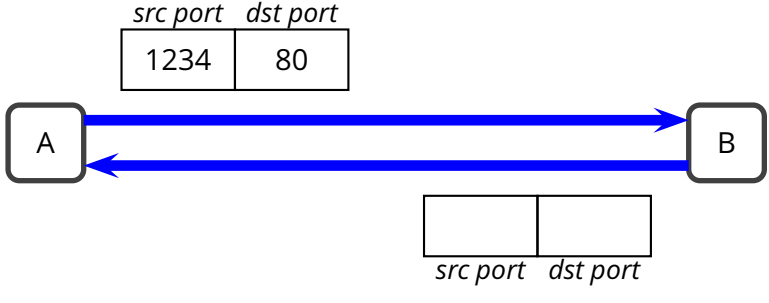

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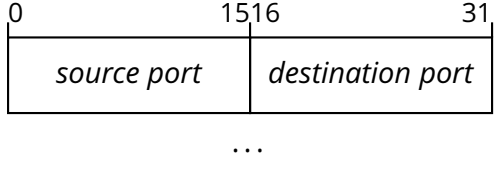

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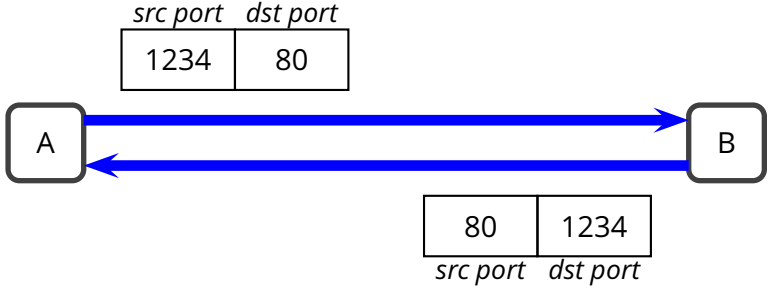

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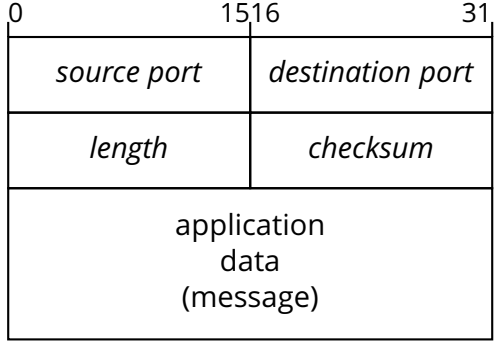

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