Computer Networking

Course Introduction

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Outline

- General course information
- Program
- Preliminary schedule
- Intro to computer networking: *the entire course in one hour*

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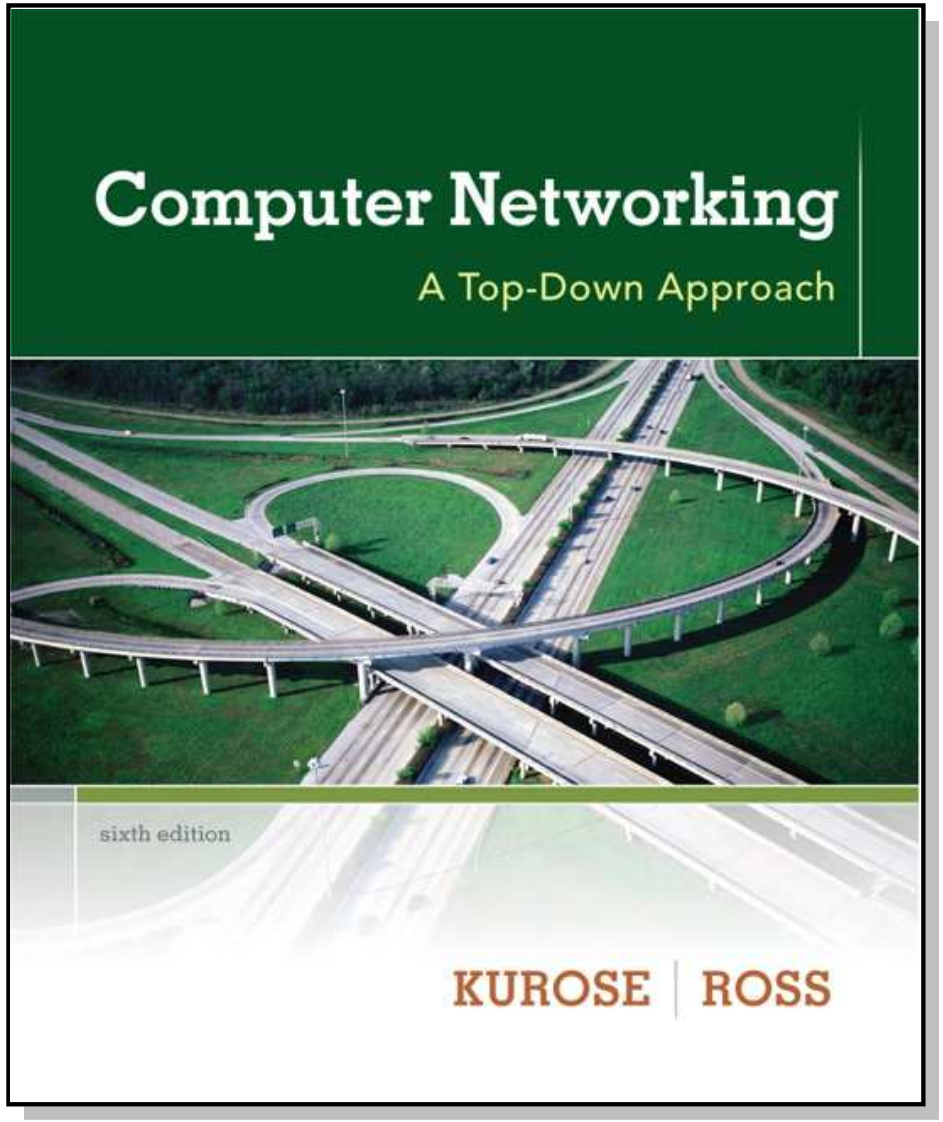
Textbook

Computer Networking
A Top-Down Approach

James F. Kurose
Keith W. Ross

Addison-Wesley



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- +30% homework assignments
  - at least three *graded* assignments
  - grades added together, thus resulting in a weighted average
  - more homework exercises
- +30% midterm exam
- +40% final exam
- ±10% instructor's discretionary evaluation
  - participation
  - extra credits
  - trajectory
  - ...

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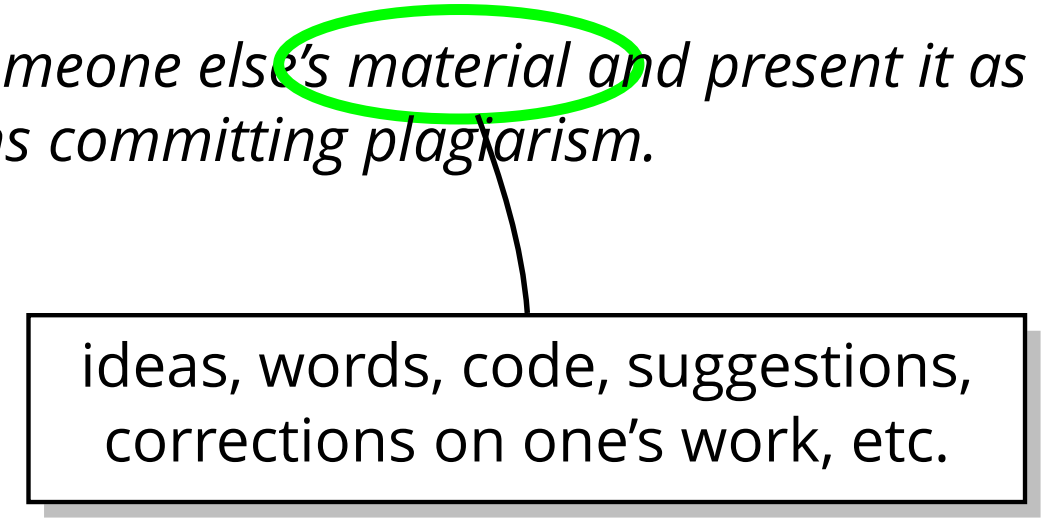

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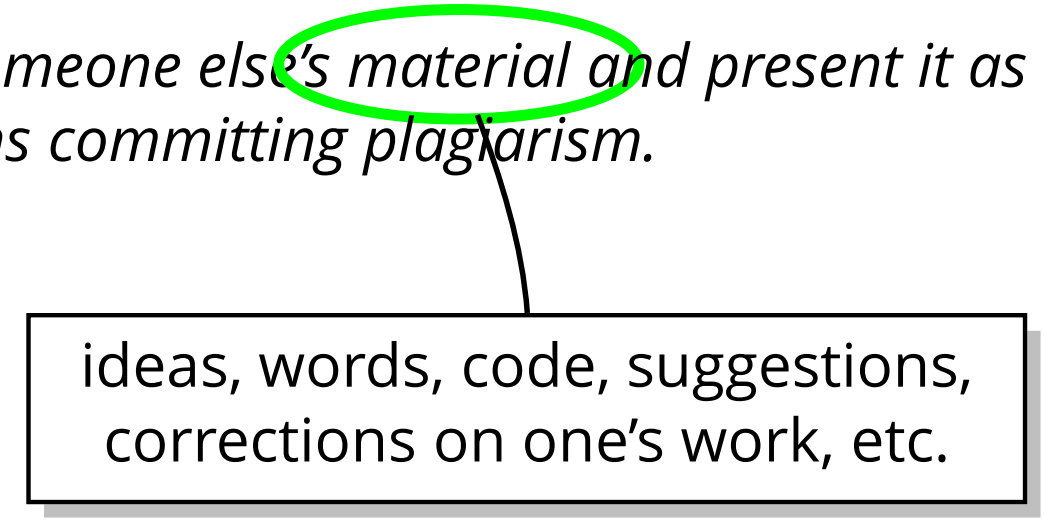

- Using someone else's material may be appropriate
  - e.g., software libraries
  - ***always clearly identify the external material, and acknowledge its source; failing to do so means committing plagiarism.***
  - the work will be evaluated based on its *added value*

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- Committing plagiarism on an assignment or an exam will result in ***failing that assignment or that exam***
- Penalties may be escalated in accordance with the regulations of the Faculty of Informatics

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PART 2

What this course is about

An overview of the entire course in one hour or so

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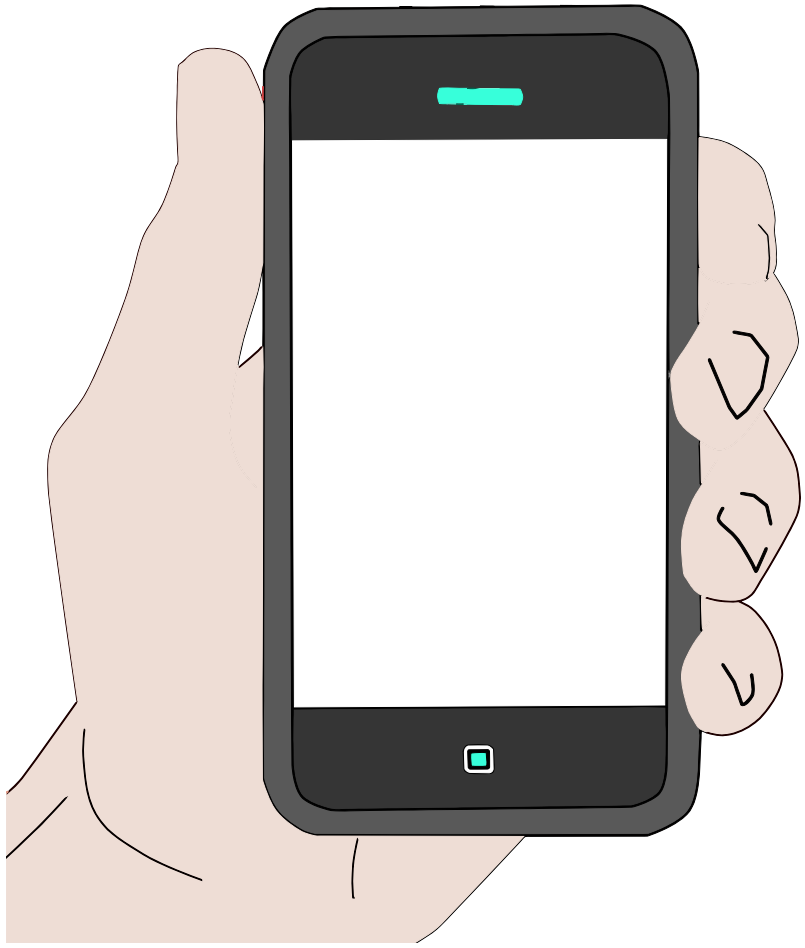

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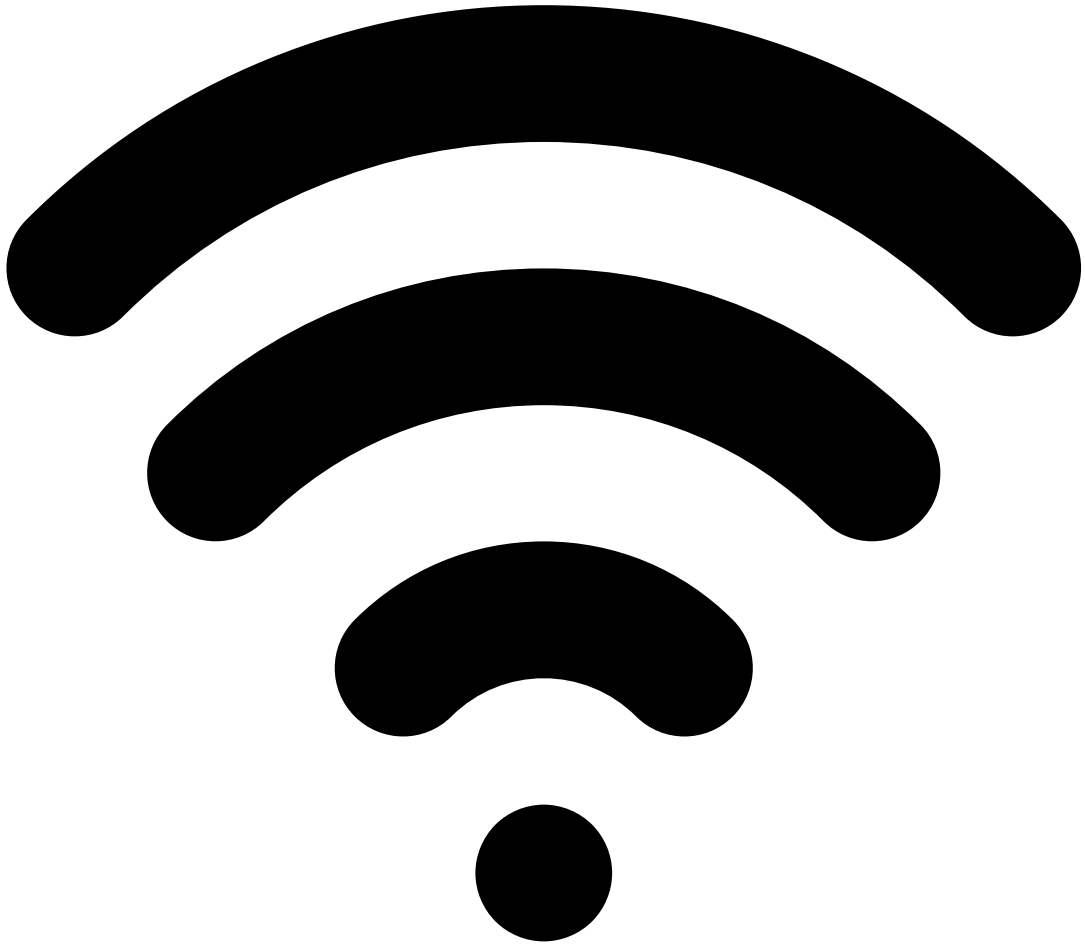

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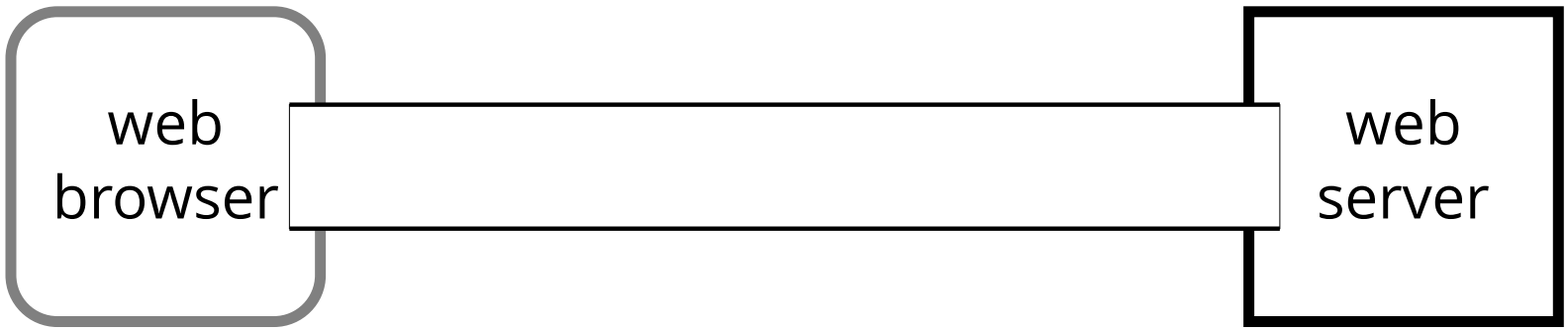

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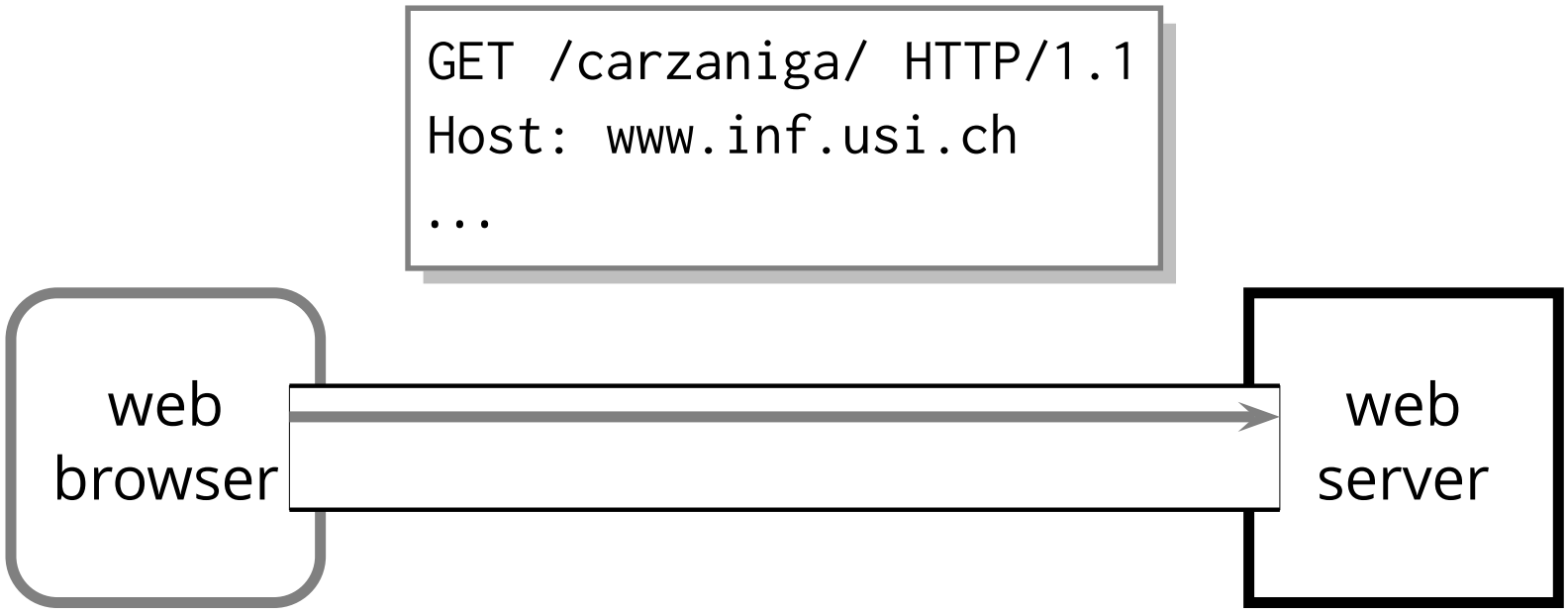
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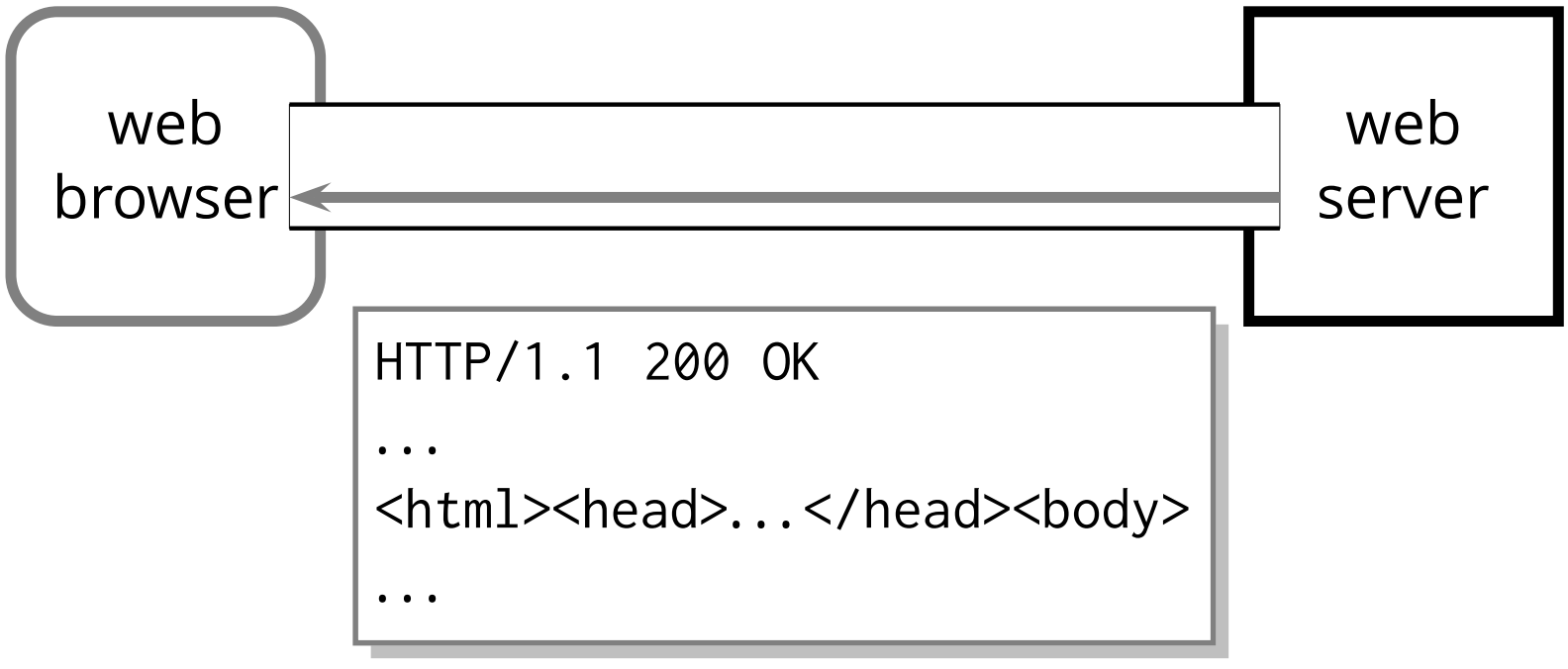

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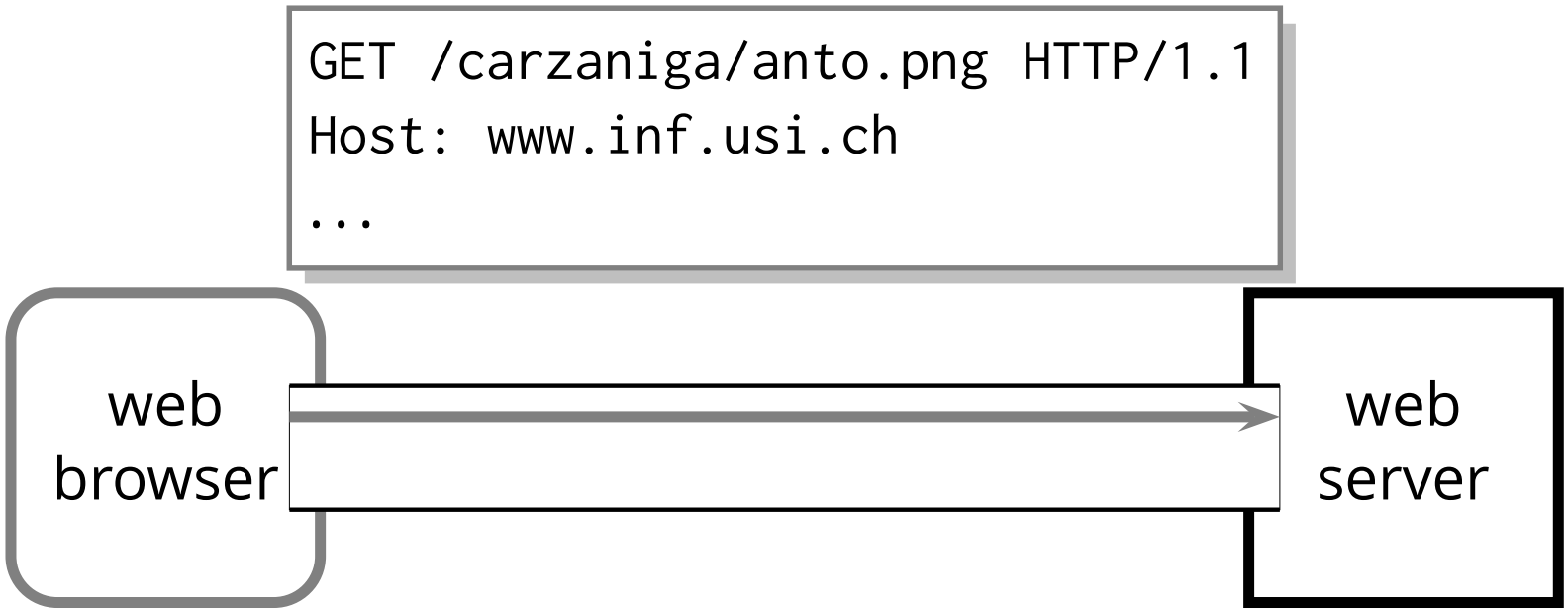
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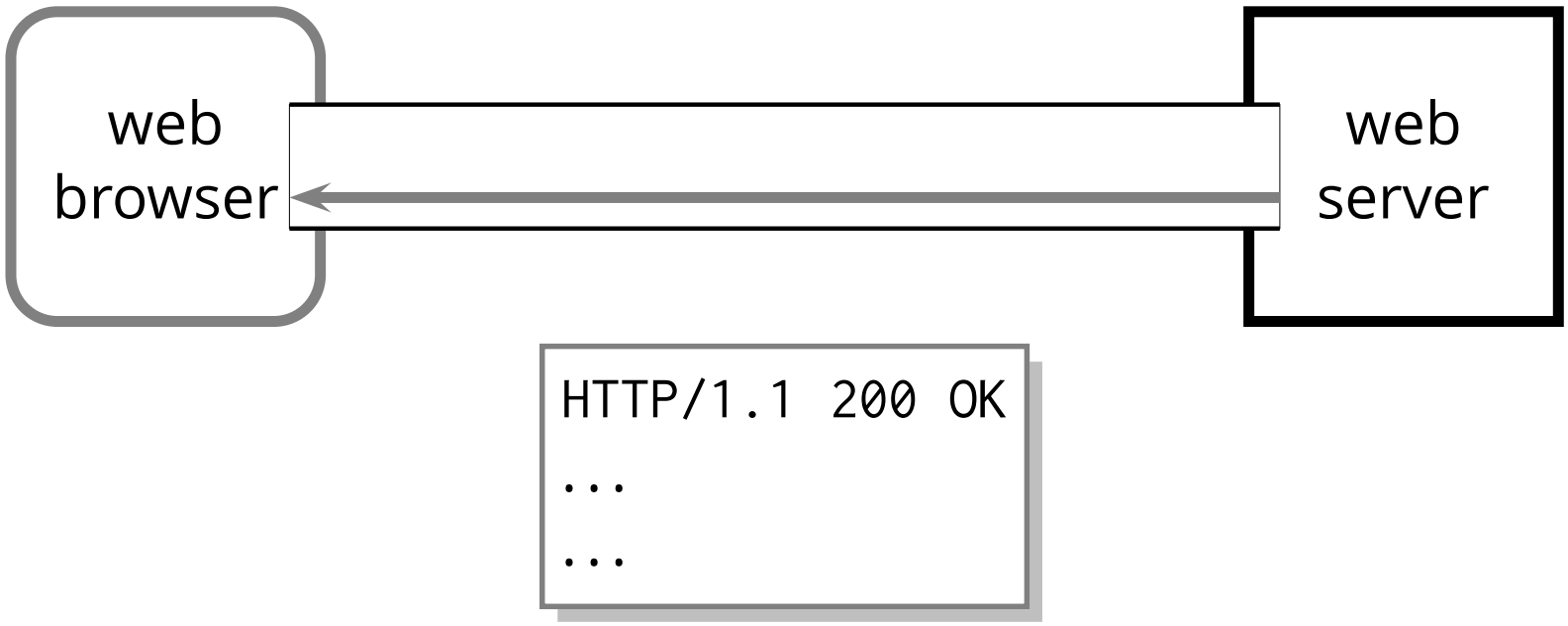

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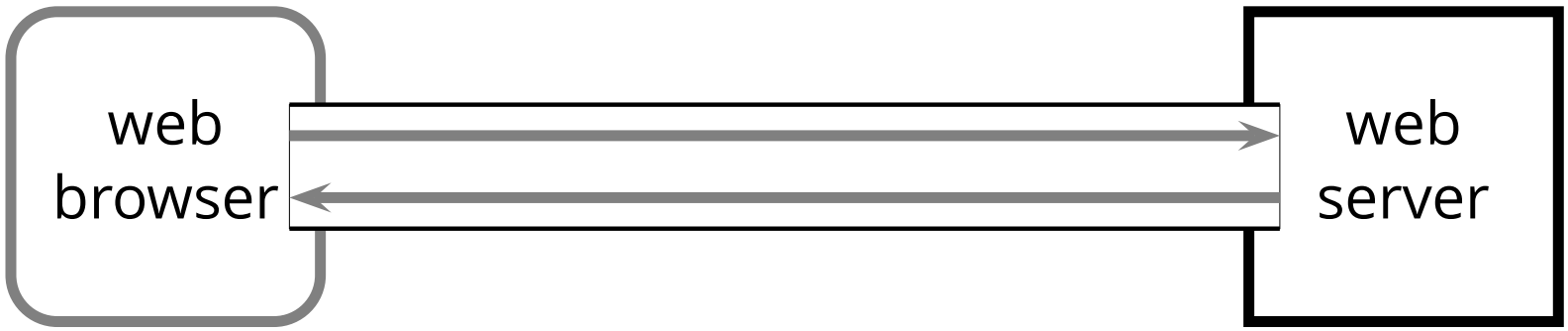

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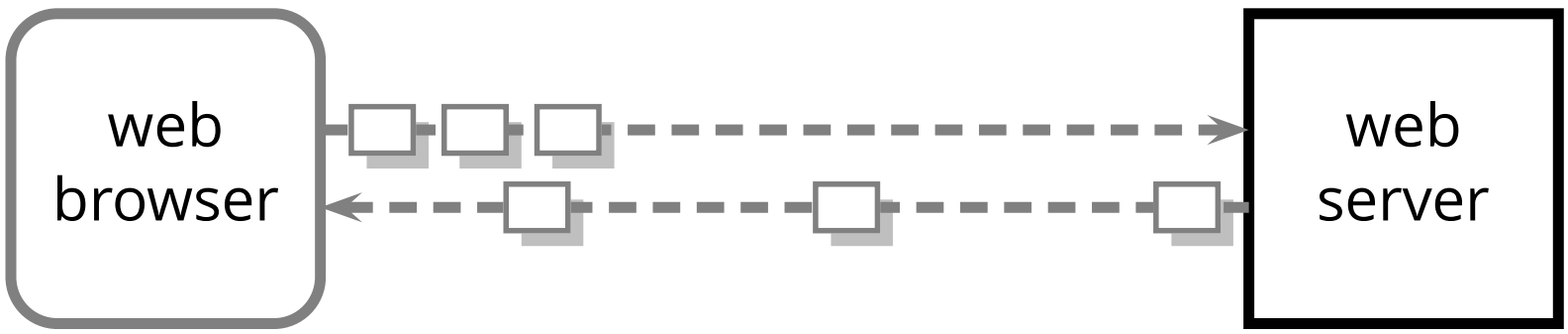

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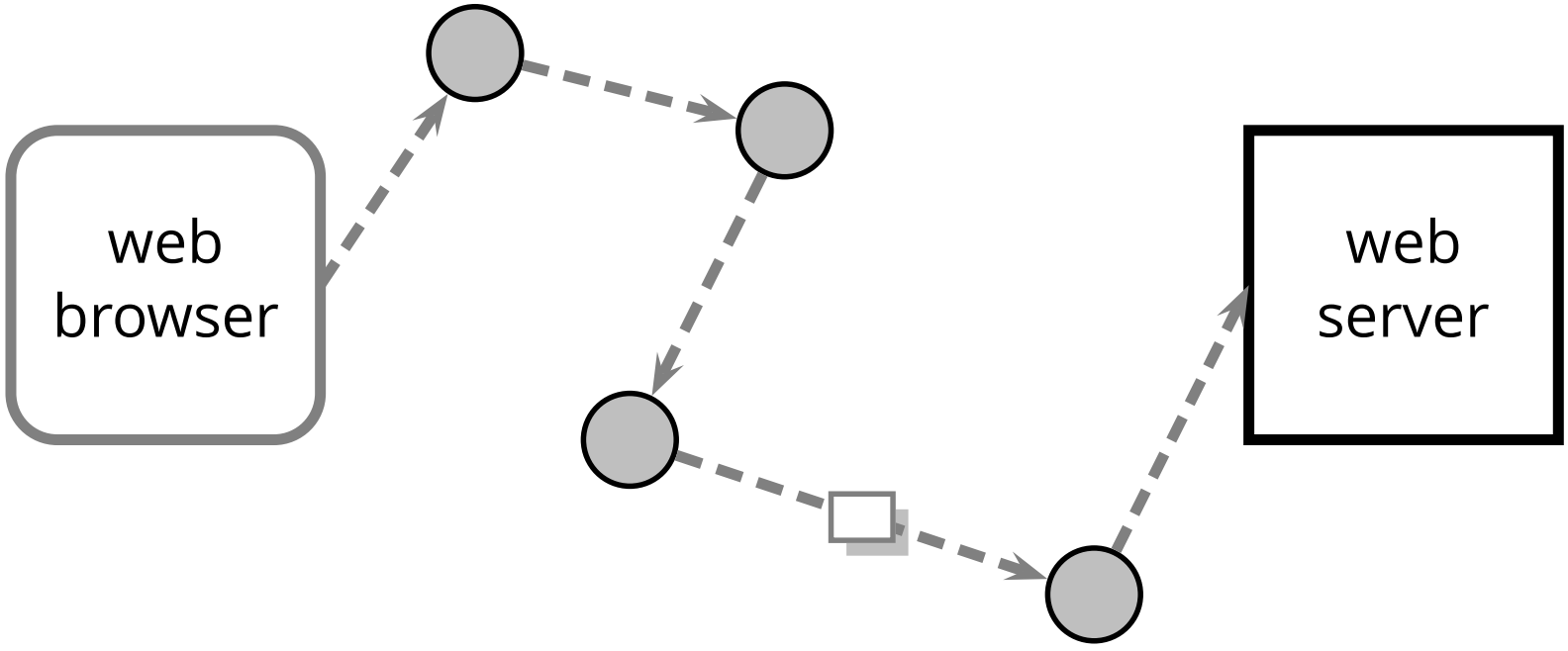

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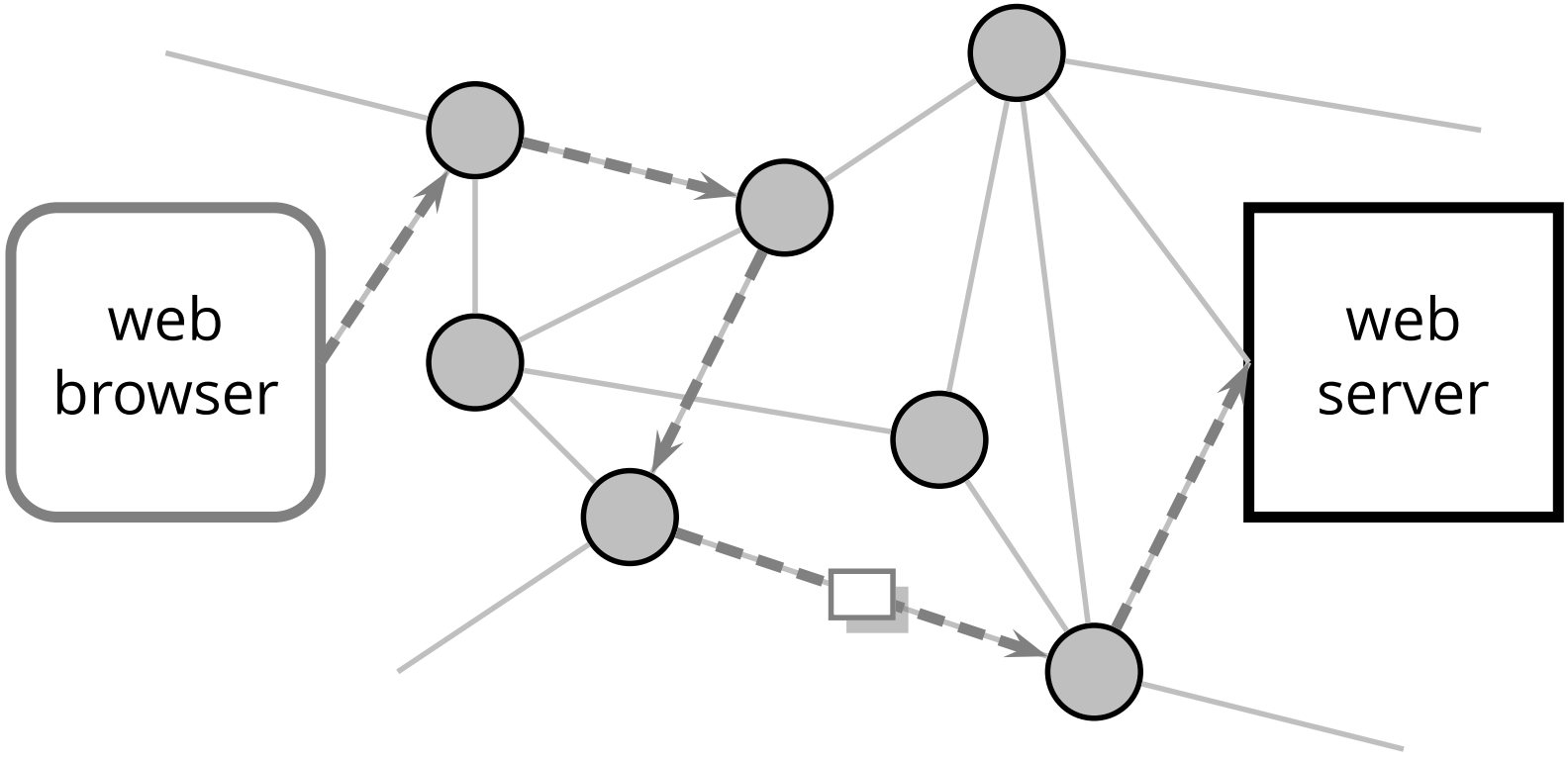

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  - the application interface: OS primitives
  - a simple client/server program
  - the Web: HTTP; web caching
  - e-mail: transfer protocol (SMTP); access protocols (POP and IMAP); message format (MIME)
  - DNS
  - peer-to-peer networks (BitTorrent)

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- Network layer
  - forwarding and routing for datagram and virtual-circuit services
  - router architecture: interfaces, switching fabric, queues
  - IP: header formats (IPv4 and IPv6), addressing, extensions, fragmentation, IP forwarding
  - Routing algorithms and principles: link-state and distance vector routing, hierarchical routing
  - IP Routing: OSPF, RIP, BGP

Program (3)

- Cross-layer Topics
  - basic elements of communication security: block ciphers, modes of operation, public-key cryptography, RSA, basics of TLS/SSL