# **The Transport Layer**

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## Outline

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











#### Primitive communication between applications

HTTP





































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  - best-effort delivery service
    - no guarantees on the integrity of segments
    - no guarantees on the order in which segments are delivered

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#### Congestion control

 i.e., end-to-end traffic (admission) control so as to avoid destructive congestions within the network











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  - outside the scope of the definition of the transport layer
  - but of course we can have "well-known" service numbers

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E.g.,

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	length	checksum	
application data (message)			

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