

# How to Master Complexity?

**SMTP** (Simple Mail Protocol

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- Computer networks are very complex; many issues to address:
  - connection setup, message segmentation, multiplexing, routing, flow control, security, error control, encoding, addressing, ....
- Useful method for dealing with complexity is using **"modularity"**.
  - break complex problem into simpler sub-problems
  - use "black box" (input/output) abstraction for sub-problems

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## Modularity for Computer Networks

**Hierarchical Layering:** The type of functional modularity used for computer networks is hierarchical layering. What is special about this architecture is that it is distributed and connected through unreliable links with delays.

- Example: Postal Service
  - When I bring a letter to the post office, I don't know how it gets delivered from there. The office clerk doesn't know the exact details either, and so on.

# Layered Network Architecture

Application Layer
Transport Layer
Network Layer
Data Link Layer
Physical Layer

There are several ways to define a layered network architecture. In this course, we consider the 5 Internet layers. Another model consists of the 7 OSI layers.

- Description of the different network layers
- Issues in layered network architecture
- > Read Chapter 1 in Textbook

- Know what the different layers do
- Know how layers interact
- Terminology: peer process, protocol, service

#### **Application Layer**

- Service: Supports applications
- Tasks:
  - Connection Setup
  - Flow control
  - Error control
- **Protocols:** HTTP to support Web, SMTP to support email, FTP to support file transfer.
- Location: End Systems/Hosts

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• Service: Prepares messages for being transported over the • **Service:** Sends data units over the network network. • Tasks: • Tasks: - Routing - Message fragmentation and reassembly - Addressing - Flow Control - Congestion control - Congestion control • Protocols: IP (Internet Protocol) - Error control • Location: End Systems/Hosts + Routers - Connection setup • Protocols: TCP (Transmission Control Protocol), UDP (User **Datagram** Protocol) • Location: End Systems/Hosts 13 14 Data Link Layer **Physical Layer** • Service: Sends data units over a link • Service: Sends bits over a link • Tasks: • Tasks: - Modem (Modulator/Demodulator) - Framing - Error control • Location: End Systems/Hosts + Routers - Retransmissions • Protocols: ARQ (Automatic Repeat Request), CSMA/CD for Ethernet and Wave LAN. • Location: End Systems/Hosts + Routers



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