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	N+1 Layer
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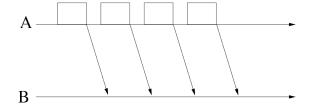
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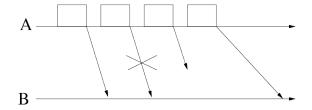
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Ideally: Every Packet is Received without Errors



In Reality: Bad Things can Happen



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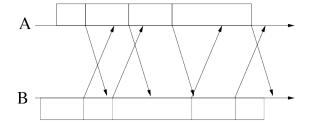
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Focus on Communication from A to B



Stop-and-Wait ARQ: Sender

The algorithm at node A for A-to-B transmission:

- Set the integer variable SN to 0.
- Accept a packet from the next higher layer at A;if no packet is available, wait until it is; assign number SN to the new packet.
- Transmit the SNth in a frame containing SN in the sequence number field.
- If an error-free frame is received from B containing a request number RN greater than SN, increase SN to RN and go to step 2. If no such frame is received within some finite delay, go to step 3.

Stop-and-Wait ARQ: Receiver

The algorithm at node B for A-to-B transmission:

- Set the integer variable RN to 0 and the repeat steps 2 and 3 forever.
- Whenever an error-free frame is received from A containing a sequence number SN equal to RN, release the received packet to the higher layer and increment RN.
- At arbitrary times, but within bounded delay after receiving any error-free data frame from A, transmit a frame to A containing RN in the request number field.