Internet Protocols for VOIP

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Modem Connections and Protocols

- Most modern modems are V.34 or V.90
- Modems connect via a serial interface
  - The V.24 specification defines the pinouts or interface circuits
  - RS-232/EIA 232 have been widely set and agree with the V.24 recommendations
  - The DTE, DTR, RTS, and CTS circuits are on when the modem is powered up properly
The Modem LAPM Protocol

• Modems use either LAPM or LAPB
  – Link Access Procedure for Modems, Balanced

• LAPM
  – Uses HDLC operations to carry out its activities
  – Performs the L2-handshake, after L1 completes
  – Insures proper sequencing of the traffic

• If frames are out of order, LAPM
  – Notifies sending modem in order to correct the problem
  – By resending the problem frames
Point to Point Protocol -- PPP

• PPP is a L2 protocol
  – Relies on HDLC for basic L2 framing, error checking and bit-stuffing operations
  – May also rest on top of LAPM or LAPB
    • If error correction and retransmission operations are to be used

• PPP solves the interoperability problem
  – Came after earlier efforts like SLIP
Point to Point Protocol – Continued

• PPP consists of two separate layers
  – Link Control Protocol -- LCP
    • Responsible for configuring the link and negotiation of the link options
  – Network Control Protocol – NCP
    • Used to negotiate specific options needed for the L3 protocol
    • Different NCP’s for different L3 protocols
      – VOIP will use IPCP
Protocols Used in Modem Connections

PPP NCP IPCP
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LAPM
HDLC
V.90 Modem

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Modem Link
IP Transport Protocols – TCP and UDP

• IP has two transport protocols
  – TCP – connection-oriented, handles the sequencing and reliability for data transmission
  – UDP – connection-less, has no reliability, which must reside in a higher layer protocol or the application itself

• Because TCP handles retransmission, TCP is very seldom used for real-time data transport

• UDP is normally used to carry real-time data, such as VOIP
Real Time Protocol -- RTP

• The RTP protocol
  – Was designed to carry real-time data,
    • Voice and Video, ie, VOIP
  – Normally runs over UDP using well-known port 5004
  – Contains a time-stamp and a synchronization number in its header
    • To make certain the traffic is in the proper sequential order
    • To handle missing or lost traffic
    • To synchronize the traffic flow

• RTP does not define the contents of the application data field, that is up to the application
The Real Time Control Protocol

• VOIP traffic is sent using RTP because we do not resend lost VOIP packets
  – TCP would always send any lost packets
• RTCP procedures allow the source and receiver to keep informed about
  – The Quality of Services they are providing
  – The Quality of Services they are receiving
Putting the Pieces Together

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Sender V.90

Router 1
V.90-ATM

IP
PPP
LAPM
HDLC
V.90
Modem

Use ATM Network Reduces Processing

IP
PPP
PPP
LAPM
AAL
HDLC
ATM
V.90
L1

Router 2
ATM to V.90

IP
PPP
AAL
LAPM
ATM
HDLC
L1
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Receiver V.90

Voice
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