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Romkey's Internet Toaster



What is Internet 0?

- 1. IP to the leaf node
- 2. Compiled standards
- 3. Peers don't need servers
- 4. Physical identities
- 5. Big bits
- 6. End-to-end modulation
- 7. Open standards

IP to the leaf node

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- Trivial at the end-nodes
- 20 bytes prepended to data

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 |Version| IHL |Type of Service| Total Length Identification |Flags| Fragment Offset Time to Live | Protocol Header Checksum Source Address Destination Address Options Padding

TCP (RFC 793) to the leaf node



- Reliable but really complicated
- 5 6 packets to turn the light on
- State needed on both sides
- Can use TCP sockets, HTTP, web services, etc.

UDP (RFC 768) to the leaf node



- Really really simple (8 more bytes)
- 1 packet
- Tiny Hypertext Transfer Protocol (tHTTP)
 - All the lessons of HTTP, but over UDP for very small and simple web requests

Compiled standards



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- Remove sections of the stack that are unused
- Use cross-talk to your advantage
 - "Out of layer" knowledge can help the software be more efficient

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- Each object owns its own data structures and threads of execution
- Failures in the network are localized
- Servers can bring higher level functionality

Physical Identity

- IP addresses are not suitable for identification
 - 1 in 100,000 chance of a collision of names between NATs
- MAC addresses are unique
 - -Serialized by the IEEE
 - Price cost to obtain a block of MAC addresses is prohibitively high when only creating a few devices

Physical Identity

- Rely on randomness
- Zero-configuration for IP address allocation
 - Choose a random IP address from a given subnet and confirm that it is not taken
- Random 128-bit string for hardware address

– Collision is approximately 1 in 10³⁸

End-to-end modulation (and big bits)

- Slow Manchester encoding with timedomain impulses
- Take a click window, subdivide it, and send the click exactly in the center of the appropriate half
 - First half for a O
 - Second half for a 1
- Medium agnostic



End-to-end modulation



- String bits together serially
 - 1 start bit, 8 data bits (LSB), 1 stop bit, no parity
- Sequence is self-clocking and self-consistent

End-to-end modulation



- Multiple transmitters can share the channel

 Blindly transmit as the receiver can separate by creating a decision tree
- For better noise rejection, transmitter can use a spreading code to carefully place the beginning of each byte

Current State

- Atmel Tiny AVR series microcontrollers

 ATTiny26 and ATTiny15
- tHTTP stack (IP/UDP/tHTTP) + I/0 click decoding in 4.5K of compiled code
- Analog front-end for click processing



How can Internet 0 be used?

- Programmable infrastructure
- Barcodes
- IPID

I/O Barcodes



- Each vertical line is a "click"
- A photoreflector can read those lines, condition the signal, and then insert it into the I/O network
- Signal gets routed and decoded at the endpoint

IPID

- RFID technology
- Transmit back I/O clicks that encode IP packets
- Stateless tag reader
 - Has to power up the tag
 - Condition the signal that is transmitted by the tag
 - Insert the clicks onto the network
 - Clicks are processed by the destination endpoint

