



**Data Communications & Networks**

**Session 6 – Main Theme**  
**Reliable Data Transfer**

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Computer Networking: A Top-Down Approach, 5/E  
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- 1 Session Overview**
- 2 Reliable Data Transfer**
- 3 Summary and Conclusion**



### ■ Course description and syllabus:

- » <http://www.nyu.edu/classes/jcf/g22.2262-001/>
- » <http://www.cs.nyu.edu/courses/spring10/G22.2262-001/index.html>

### ■ Textbooks:

- » ***Computer Networking: A Top-Down Approach (5<sup>th</sup> Edition)***



James F. Kurose, Keith W. Ross  
Addison Wesley

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- Computer Networks and the Internet
- Application Layer
- Fundamental Data Structures: queues, ring buffers, finite state machines
- Data Encoding and Transmission
- Local Area Networks and Data Link Control
- Wireless Communications
- Packet Switching
- OSI and Internet Protocol Architecture
- Congestion Control and Flow Control Methods
- Internet Protocols (IP, ARP, UDP, TCP)
- Network (packet) Routing Algorithms (OSPF, Distance Vector)
- IP Multicast
- Sockets

## Reliable Data Transfer Session in Brief



- Principles of Reliable Data Transfer
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## Icons / Metaphors



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Common Realization



Knowledge/Competency Pattern



Governance



Alignment



Solution Approach

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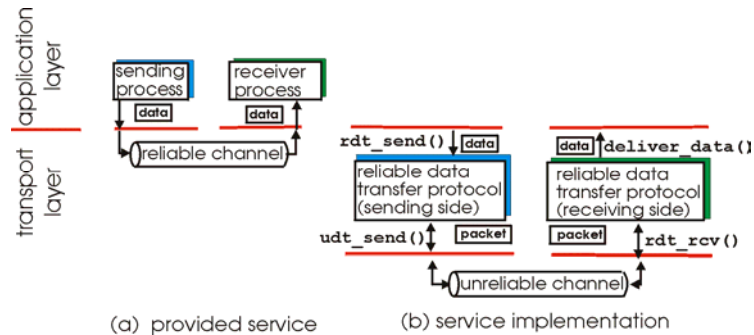


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## Principles of Reliable Data Transfer

- Important in app., transport, link layers
- Top-10 list of important networking topics!



- Characteristics of unreliable channel will determine complexity of reliable data transfer protocol (rdt)

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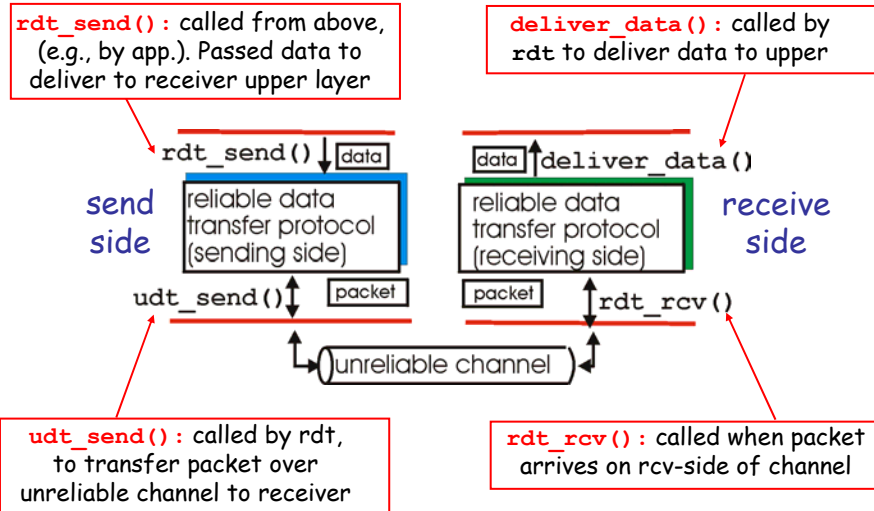
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## Reliable Data Transfer: Getting Started

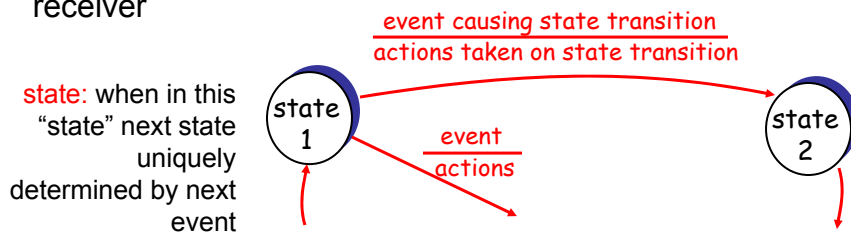


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## Reliable Data Transfer: Getting Started

**We'll:**

- Incrementally develop sender, receiver sides of reliable data transfer protocol (rdt)
- Consider only unidirectional data transfer
  - But control info will flow on both directions!
- Use finite state machines (FSM) to specify sender, receiver



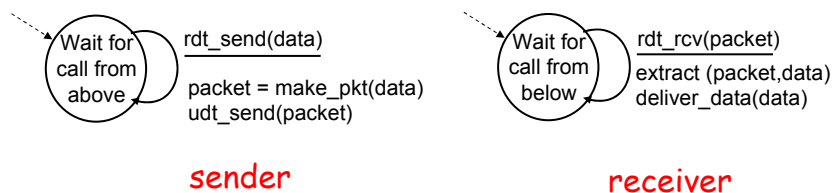
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## Rdt1.0 - Reliable Transfer Over a Reliable Channel

- Underlying channel perfectly reliable
  - No bit errors
  - No loss of packets
- Separate FSMs for sender, receiver:
  - Sender sends data into underlying channel
  - Receiver read data from underlying channel

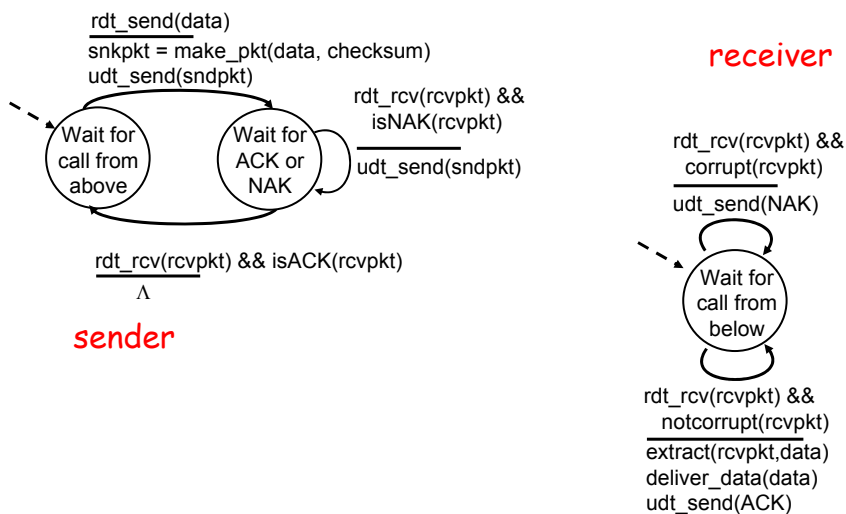


## Rdt2.0: Channel with Bit Errors

- Underlying channel may flip bits in packet
  - Checksum to detect bit errors
- *The question: how to recover from errors:*
  - **Acknowledgements (ACKs):** receiver explicitly tells sender that pkt received OK
  - **Negative acknowledgements (NAKs):** receiver explicitly tells sender that pkt had errors
  - Sender retransmits pkt on receipt of NAK
- New mechanisms in **rdt2.0** (beyond **rdt1.0**):
  - Error detection
  - Receiver feedback: control msgs (ACK,NAK) rcvr->sender

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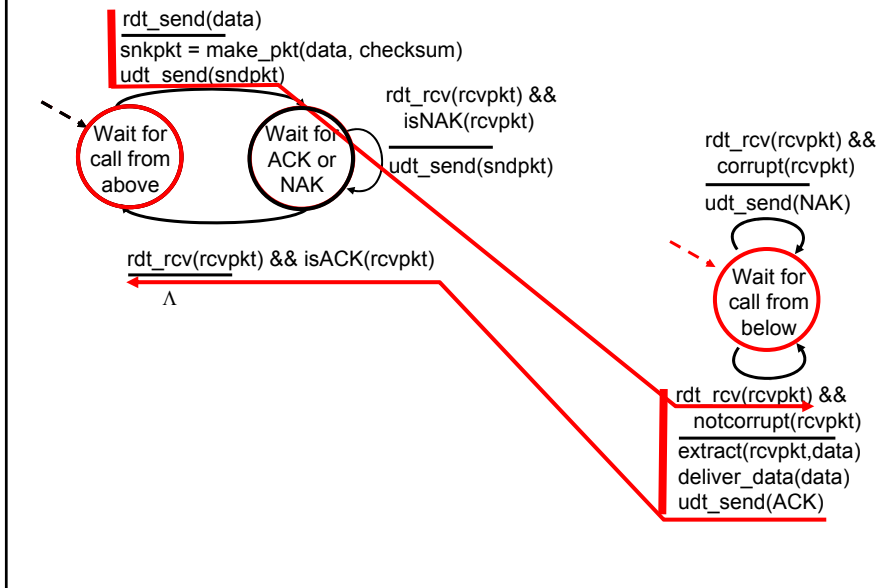
## Rdt2.0: FSM Specification



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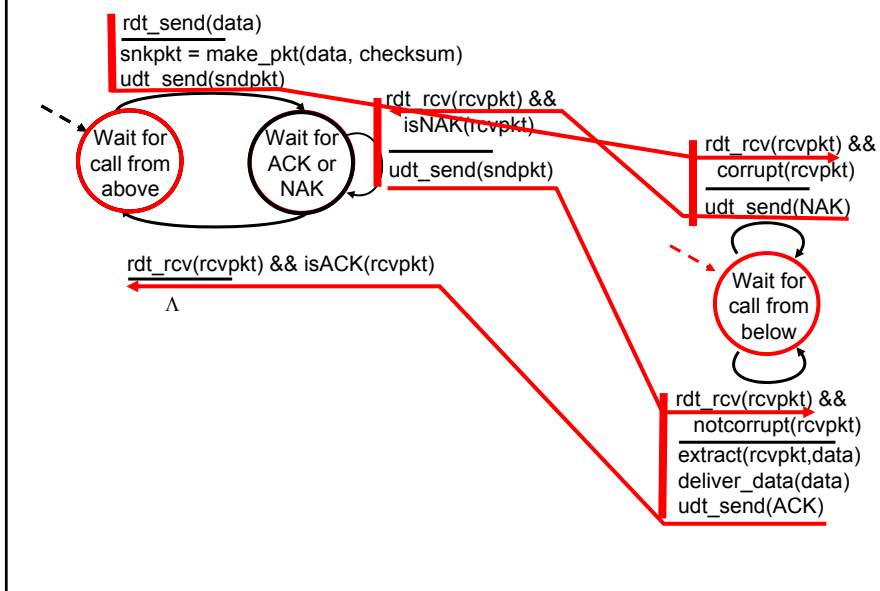


## Rdt2.0: Operation with No Error



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## Rdt2.0: Error Scenario



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## Rdt 2.0 Has a Fatal Flaw!

### What happens if ACK/NAK corrupted?

- Sender doesn't know what happened at receiver!
- Can't just retransmit:  
possible duplicate

### Handling duplicates:

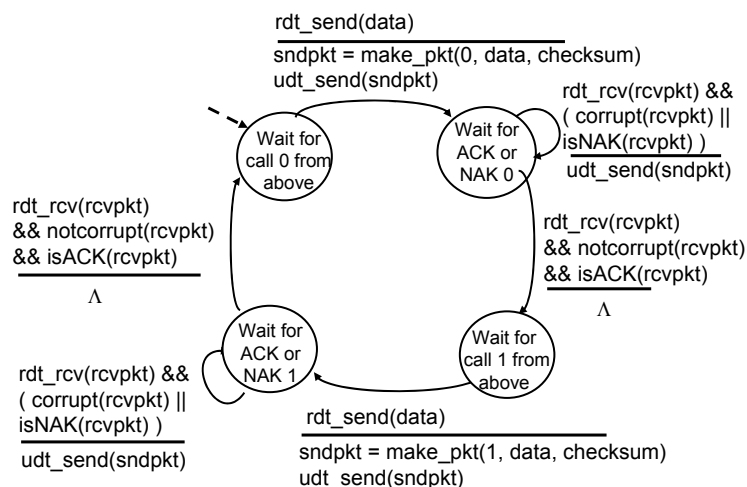
- Sender retransmits current pkt if ACK/NAK garbled
- Sender adds *sequence number* to each pkt
- Receiver discards (doesn't deliver up) duplicate pkt

#### stop and wait

Sender sends one packet,  
then waits for receiver  
response

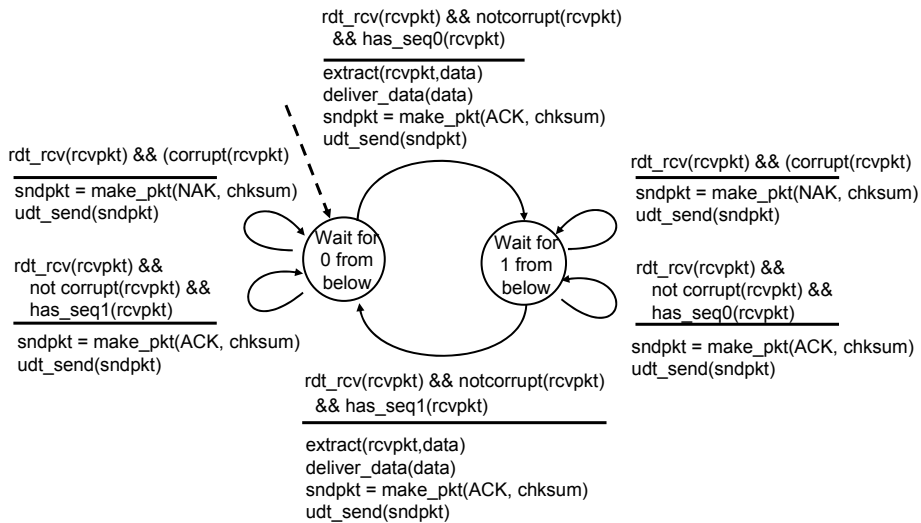
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## Rdt2.1: Sender Handles Garbled ACK/NAKs



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## Rdt2.1: Receiver Handles Garbled ACK/NAKs



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## Rdt 2.1: Discussion

### Sender:

- Seq # added to pkt
- Two seq. #'s (0,1) will suffice. Why?
- Must check if received ACK/NAK corrupted
- Twice as many states
  - » state must "remember" whether "current" pkt has 0 or 1 seq. #

### Receiver:

- Must check if received packet is duplicate
  - » State indicates whether 0 or 1 is expected pkt seq #
- Note: receiver can *not* know if its last ACK/NAK received OK at sender

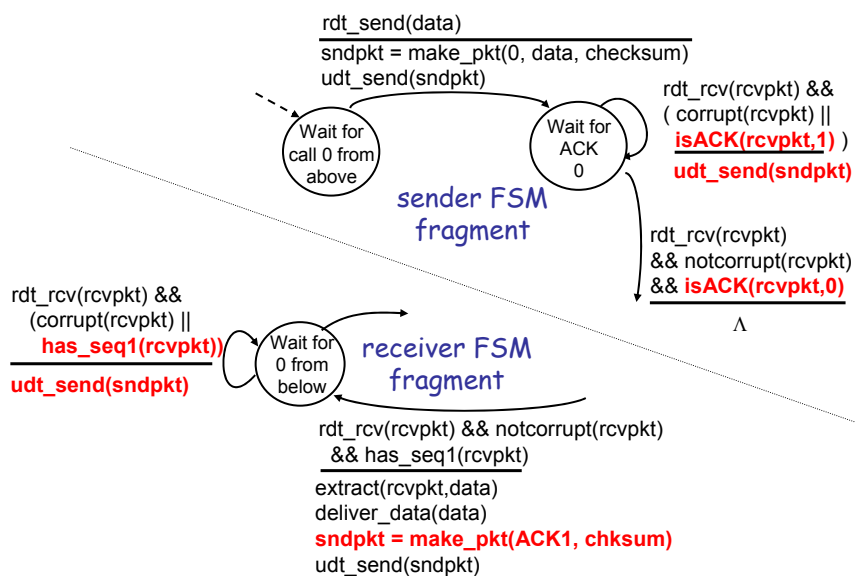
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## Rdt2.2: A NAK-Free Protocol

- Same functionality as rdt2.1, using ACKs only
- Instead of NAK, receiver sends ACK for last pkt received OK
  - Receiver must *explicitly* include seq # of pkt being ACKed
- Duplicate ACK at sender results in same action as NAK: *retransmit current pkt*

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## Rdt2.2: Sender, Receiver Fragments



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## Rdt 3.0: Channels with Errors and Loss

### New Assumption:

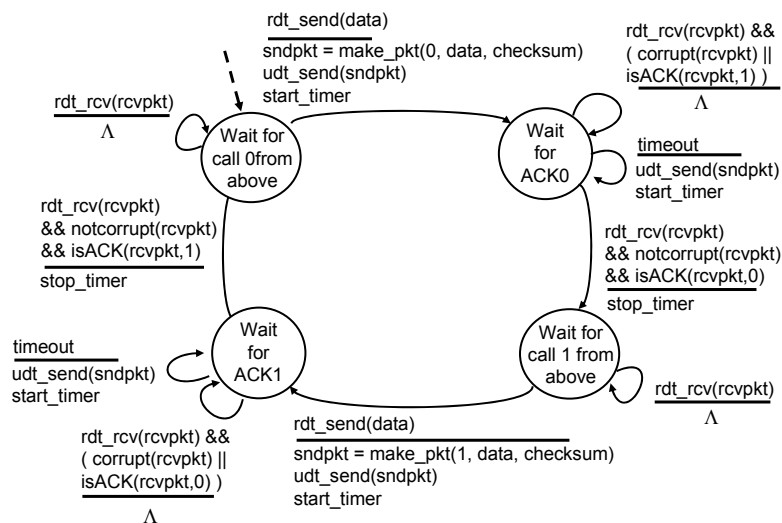
- Underlying channel can also lose packets (data or ACKs)
  - checksum, seq. #, ACKs, retransmissions will be of help, but not enough

**Approach:** sender waits “reasonable” amount of time for ACK

- Retransmits if no ACK received in this time
- If pkt (or ACK) just delayed (not lost):
  - Retransmission will be duplicate, but use of seq. #'s already handles this
  - Receiver must specify seq # of pkt being ACKed
- Requires countdown timer

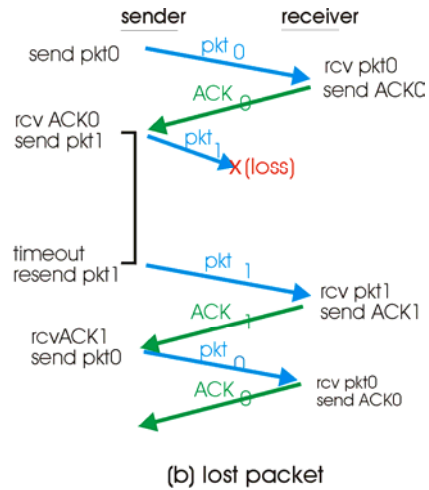
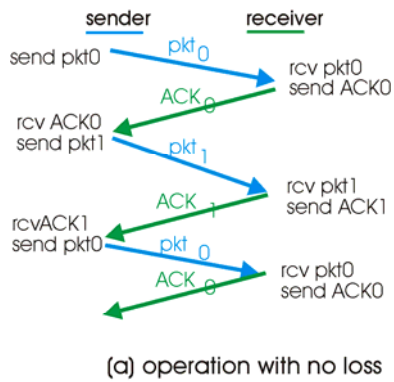
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## Rdt3.0: Sender



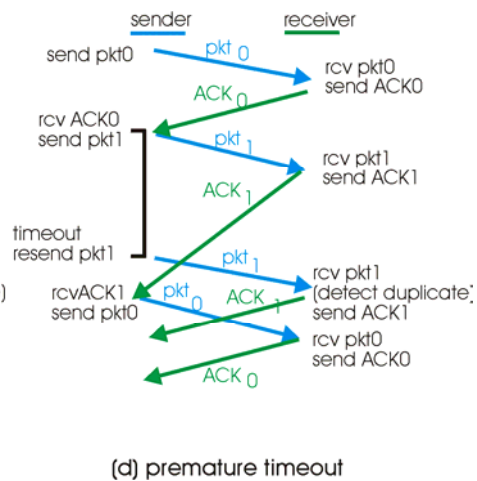
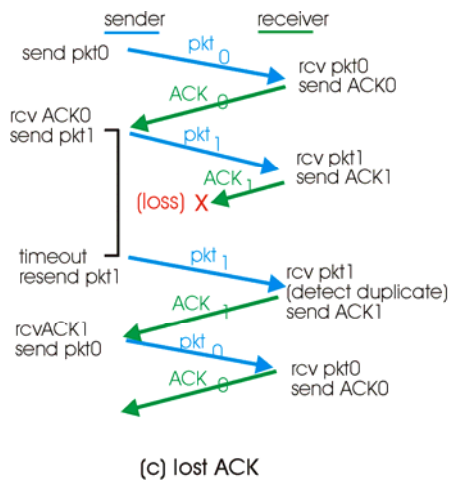
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## Rdt3.0 in Action



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## Performance of Rdt 3.0

- Rdt3.0 works, but performance stinks
- Example: 1 Gbps link, 15 ms e-e prop. delay, 1KB packet:

$$T_{\text{transmit}} = \frac{L \text{ (packet length in bits)}}{R \text{ (transmission rate, bps)}} = \frac{8\text{kb/pkt}}{10^{**9} \text{ b/sec}} = 8 \text{ microsec}$$

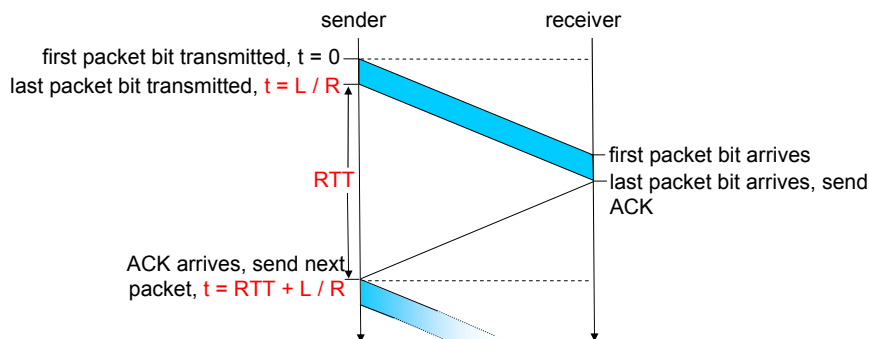
- »  $U_{\text{sender}}$ : **utilization** – fraction of time sender busy sending

$$U_{\text{sender}} = \frac{L / R}{RTT + L / R} = \frac{.008}{30.008} = 0.00027 \text{ microsec}$$

- » 1KB pkt every 30 msec -> 33kB/sec thrupt over 1 Gbps link
- » network protocol limits use of physical resources!

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## Rdt 3.0: Stop-and-Wait Operation



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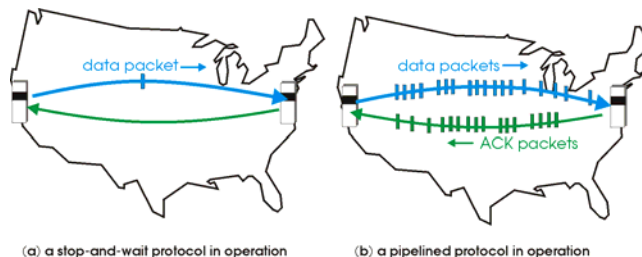
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## Pipelined Protocols

**Pipelining:** sender allows multiple, “in-flight”, yet-to-be-acknowledged pkts

- Range of sequence numbers must be increased
- Buffering at sender and/or receiver

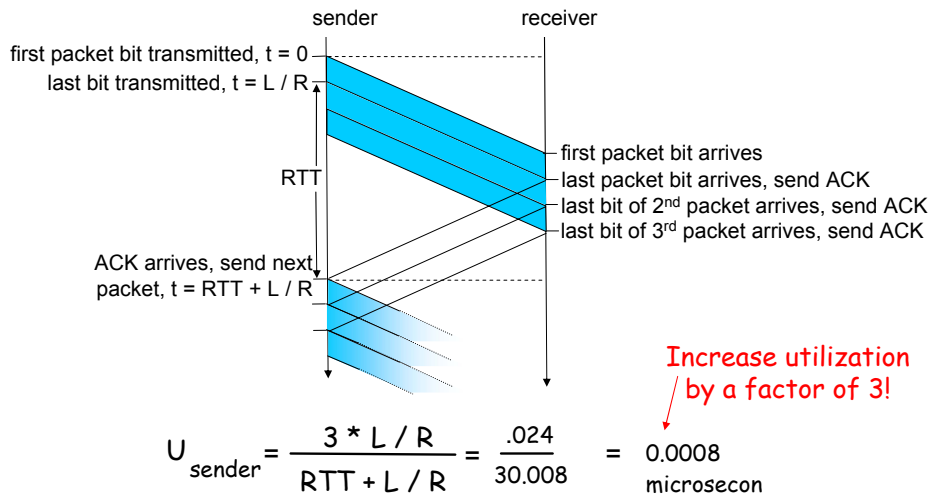


- Two generic forms of pipelined protocols: **go-Back-N**, **selective repeat**

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## Pipelining: Increased Utilization

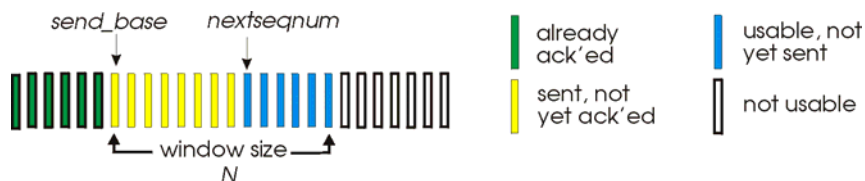


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## Go-Back-N

### Sender:

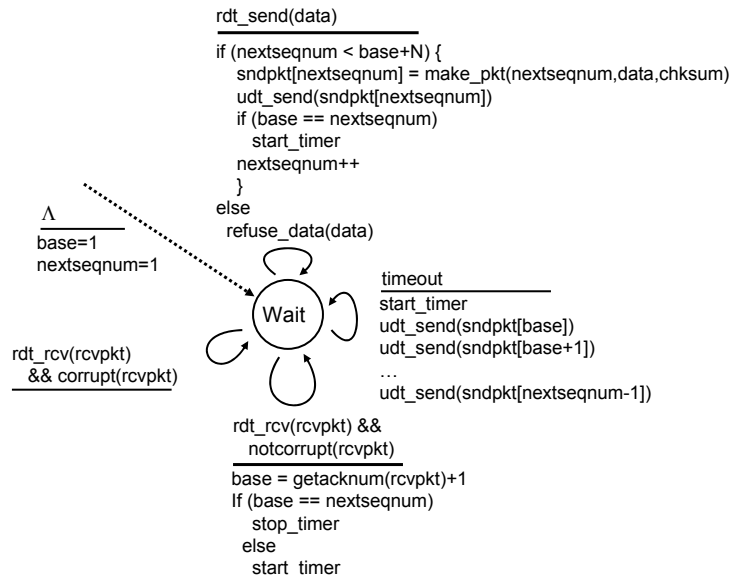
- k-bit seq # in pkt header
- “window” of up to N, consecutive unack’ed pkts allowed



- ACK(n): ACKs all pkts up to, including seq # n - “cumulative ACK”
  - May receive duplicate ACKs (see receiver)
- Timer for each in-flight pkt
- *timeout(n)*: retransmit pkt n and all higher seq # pkts in window

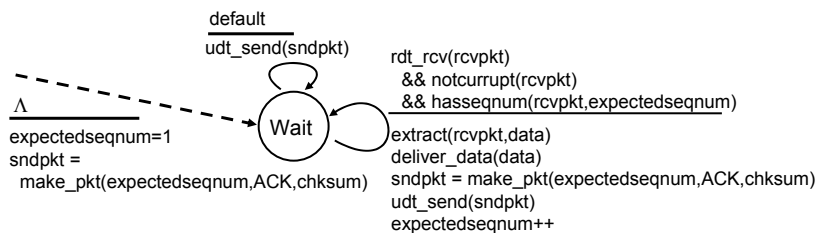
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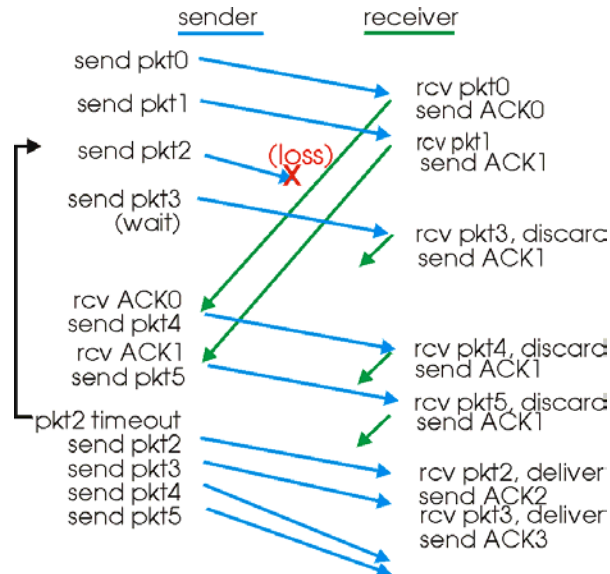
## GBN: Receiver Extended FSM



- ACK-only: always send ACK for correctly-received pkt with highest *in-order* seq #
  - May generate duplicate ACKs
  - Need only remember **expectedseqnum**
- Out-of-order pkt:
  - Discard (don't buffer) -> **no receiver buffering!**
  - Re-ACK pkt with highest in-order seq #

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## GBN In Action



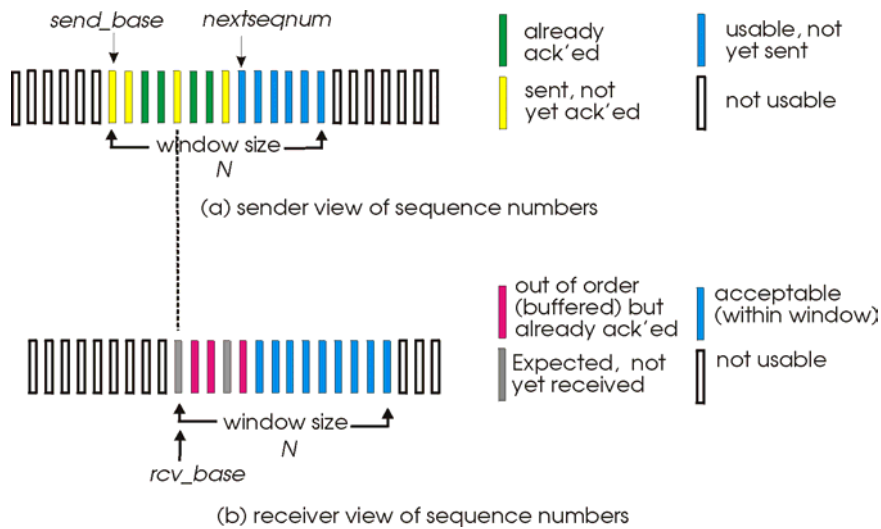
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## Selective Repeat

- Receiver *individually* acknowledges all correctly received pkts
  - Buffers pkts, as needed, for eventual in-order delivery to upper layer
- Sender only resends pkts for which ACK not received
  - Sender timer for each unACKed pkt
- Sender window
  - N consecutive seq #'s
  - Again limits seq #'s of sent, unACKed pkts

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## Selective Repeat: Sender, Receiver Windows



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## Selective Repeat

### sender

#### Data from above:

- If next available seq # in window, send pkt

#### Timeout(n):

- Resend pkt n, restart timer

#### ACK(n) in [sendbase, sendbase+N]:

- Mark pkt n as received
- If n smallest unACKed pkt, advance window base to next unACKed seq #

### receiver

#### Pkt n in [rcvbase, rcvbase+N-1]

- Send ACK(n)
- Out-of-order: buffer
- In-order: deliver (also deliver buffered, in-order pkts), advance window to next not-yet-received pkt

#### Pkt n in [rcvbase-N, rcvbase-1]

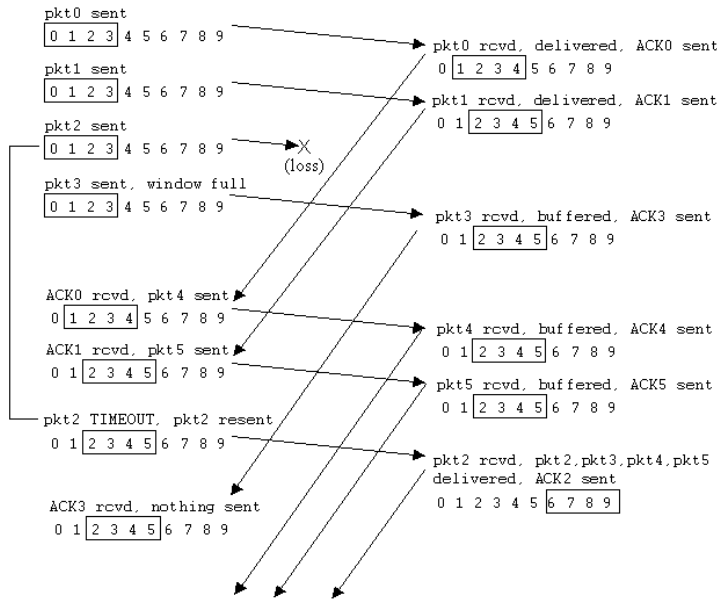
- ACK(n)

#### Otherwise:

- Ignore

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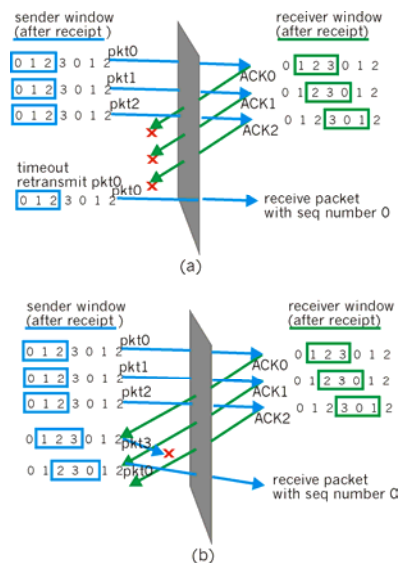
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## Selective Repeat: Dilemma

- Example:
  - Seq #'s: 0, 1, 2, 3
  - Window size=3
  - Receiver sees no difference in two scenarios!
  - Incorrectly passes duplicate data as new in (a)
- Q: what relationship between seq # size and window size?



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- Assignment #4

- » Due March 25 2010

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