

# HTTP and Abstraction

Unit 1 Lesson 13 (U1L13)





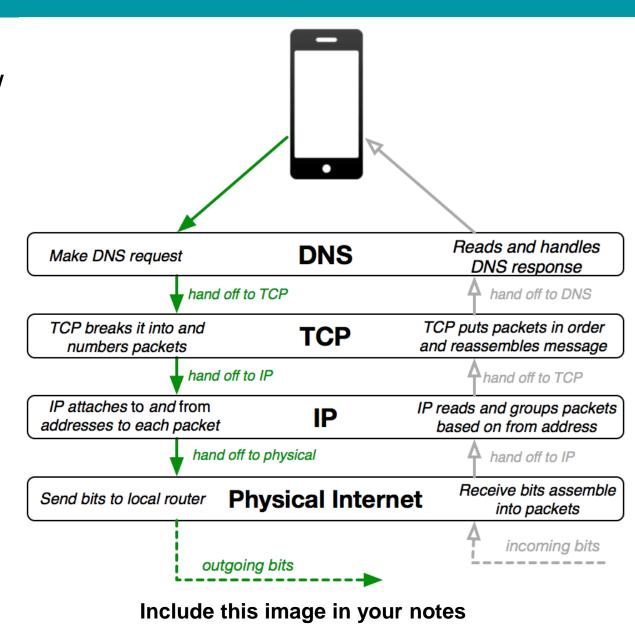


### **Opening Thoughts**

We're rounding out our understanding of how the many protocols and systems of the Internet work together to make the Internet function.

We want to think of the protocols as working in "layers".

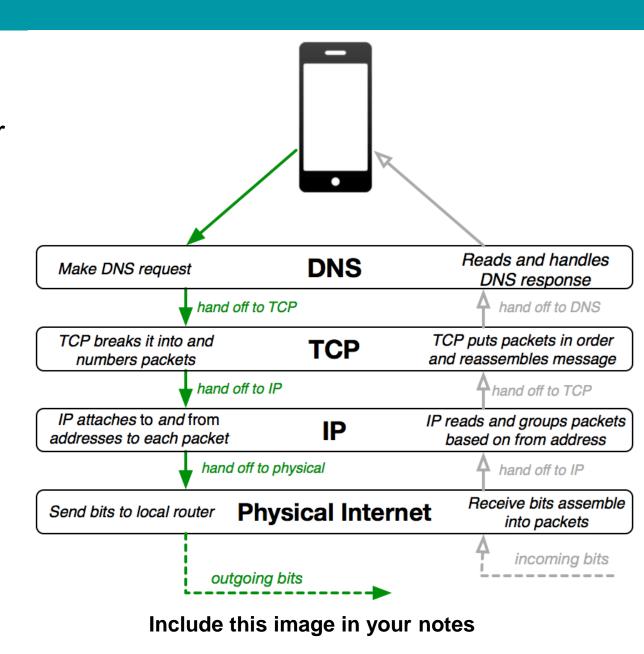
Outgoing information is going DOWN the stack, and incoming information is going UP the stack



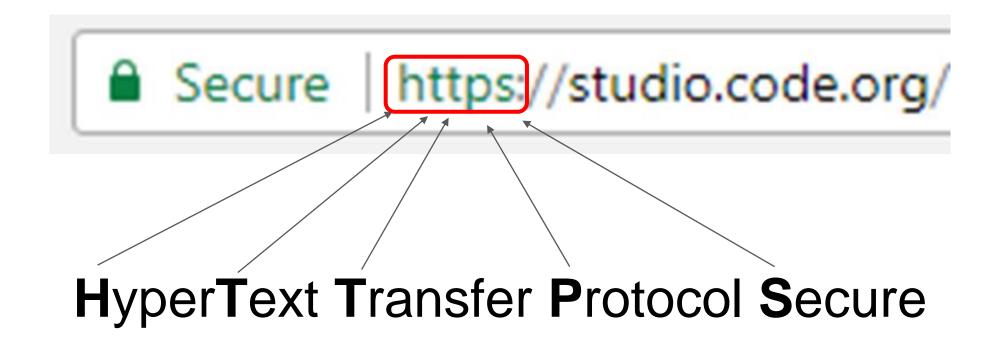
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The important takeaway here is to understand that the system was constructed with **layers of abstraction** where each layer only needs to concern itself with its specific job, and then hands it off to another layer.

This makes the very complicated task of digital network communication possible.

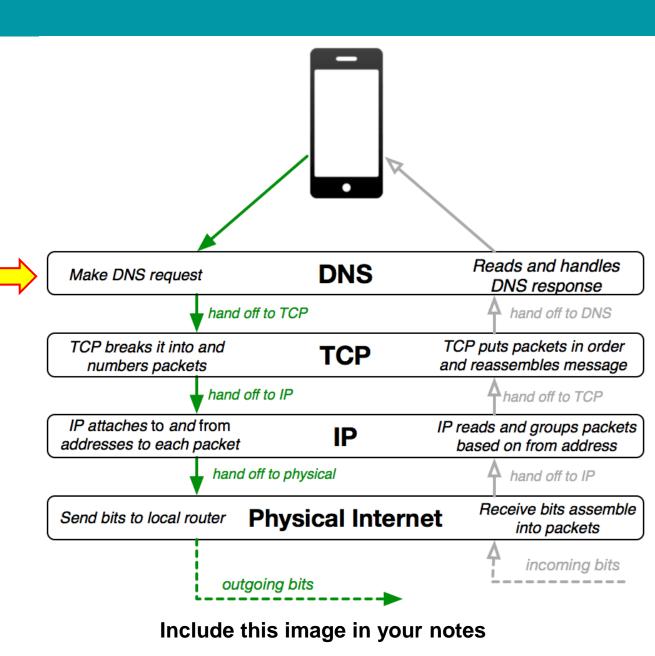


Have you ever seen the letters "HTTP" anywhere while using the internet?



## HTTPS I

This protocol sits at the same "layer" as DNS – right above TCP



### **Thoughts:**

- HTTP is an ASCII text based protocol.
- It's somewhat remarkable to note that many "high level" protocols, like HTTP, are just computers sending ASCII text messages back and forth. Each protocol simply defines the rules of the "conversation" between two machines.
- In the case of HTTP it is the protocol used for sending and receiving web pages and other web content.
- Today we'll look under the hood and see HTTP in action.



The Internet: HTTP & HTML (7:06)



Pay particular attention to the portions about HTTP.

Let's Investigate the HTTP traffic on your computer:

You can view the HTTP traffic on your computer through tools in the web browser Ex: How to view the traffic (while in Chrome)

- Option 1: CTRL Shift I
- Option 2: Settings More tools Developer Tools

## Task – In pairs:

Visit each of the following 5 sites (or type of sites)

- 1) www.example.com
- 2) A "static" website ex: Wikipedia
- 3) A news website ex: ESPN, cnn, Buzzfeed
- 4) A streaming site ex: Youtube, Spotify
- 5) A site that accepts user input ex: Facebook, email, google docs

IN YOUR NOTES, write down observations about each site and the type of data it receives.

### Example:

Site	Observations
www.example.com	This site was awesome! I was surprised that



