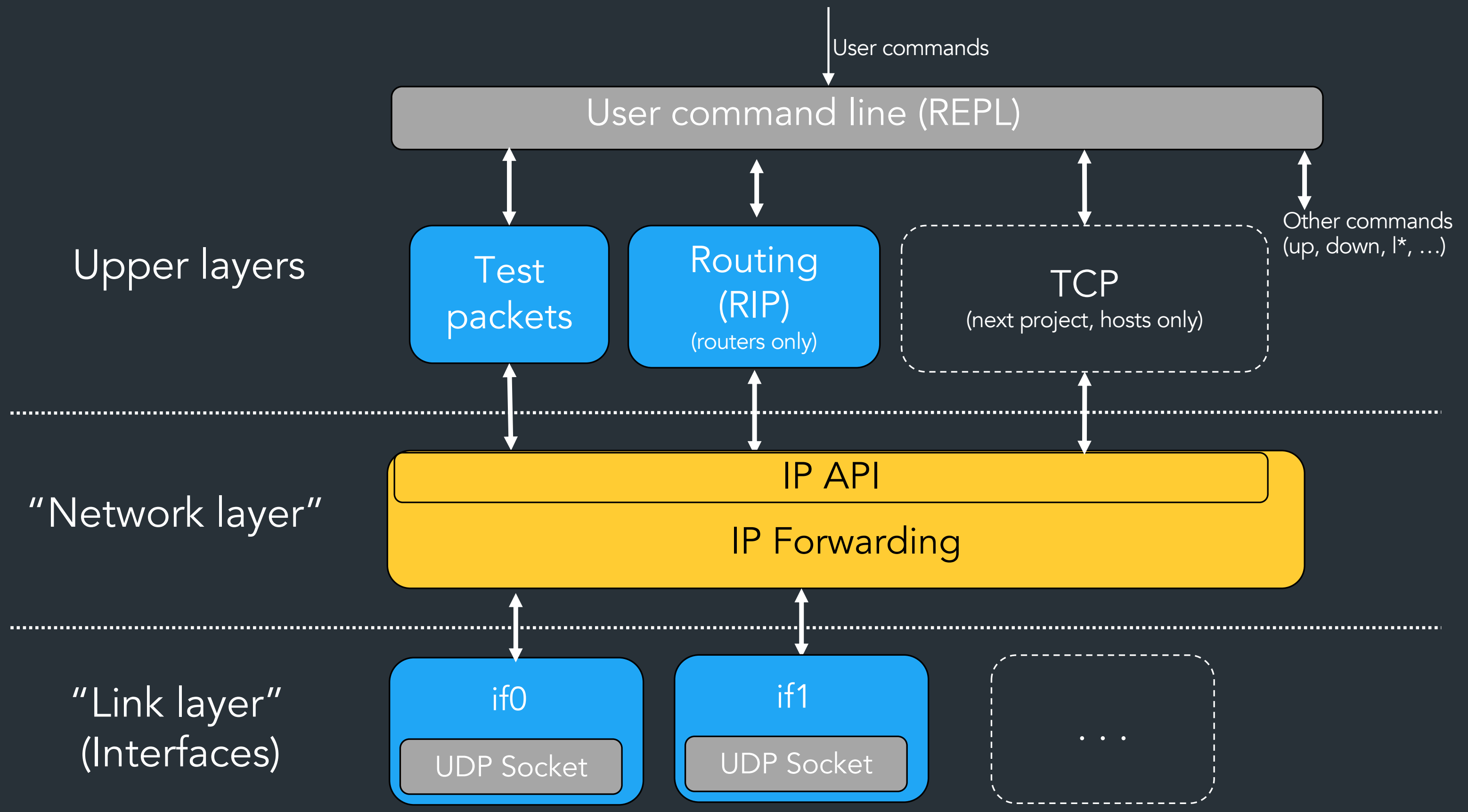
TCP Gearup I

(TAKE 2)

Overview

- How this project fits into IP
- What you will build
- How to debug/test in wireshark
- Implementation notes
- Any questions you have

The Big Picture: Last time



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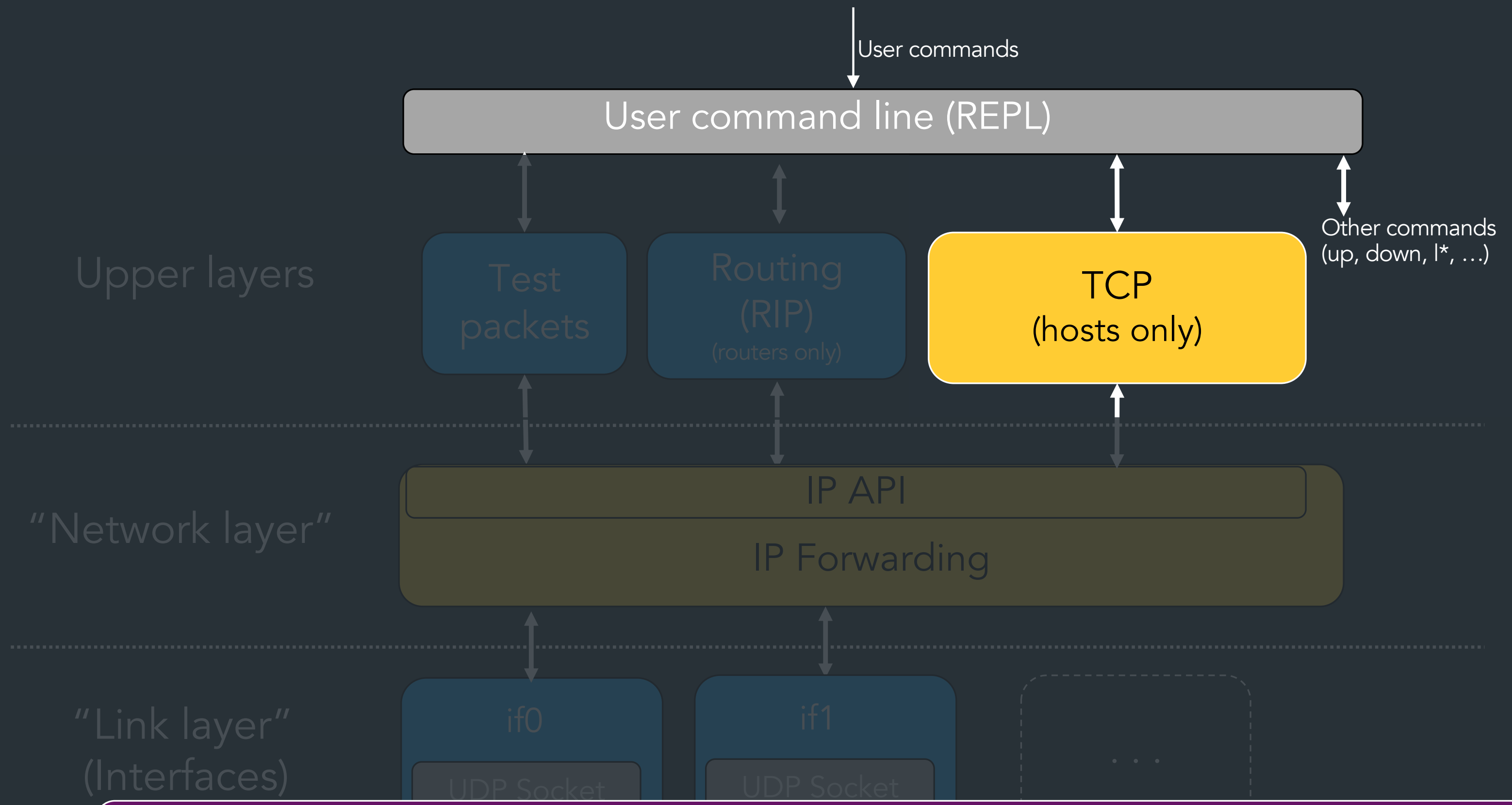

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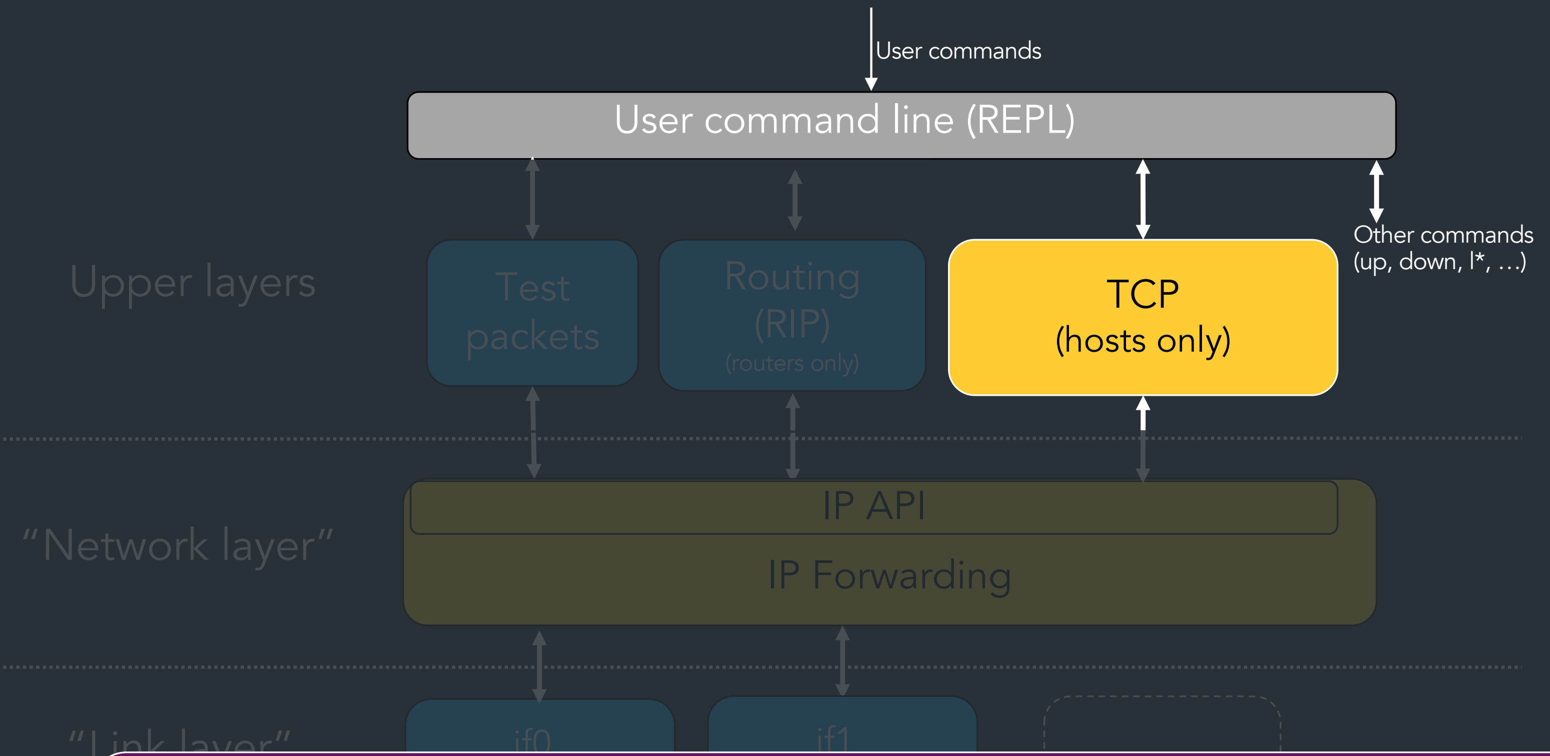

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⇒ For hosts ONLY

⇒ You are done modifying your router at this point

Remember this picture?

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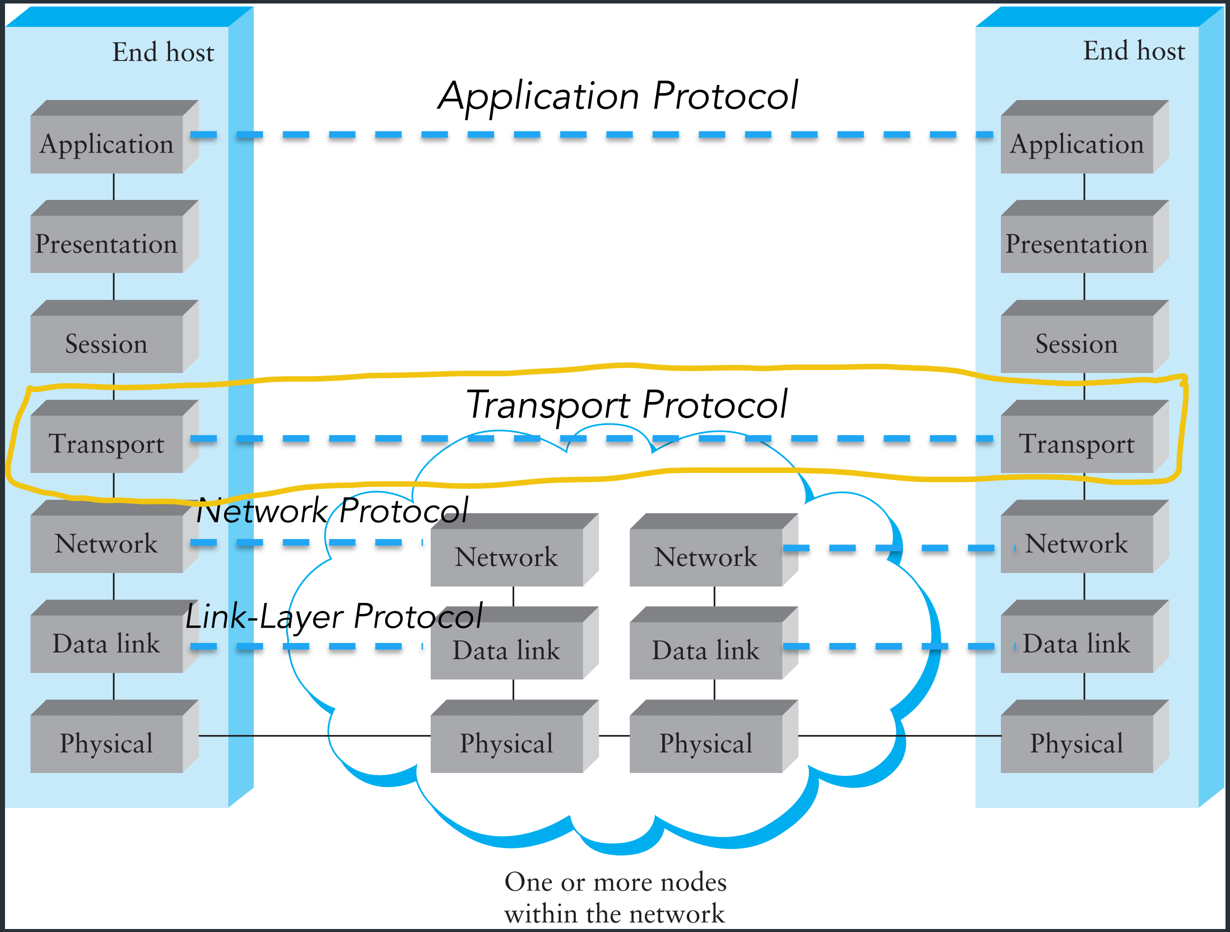
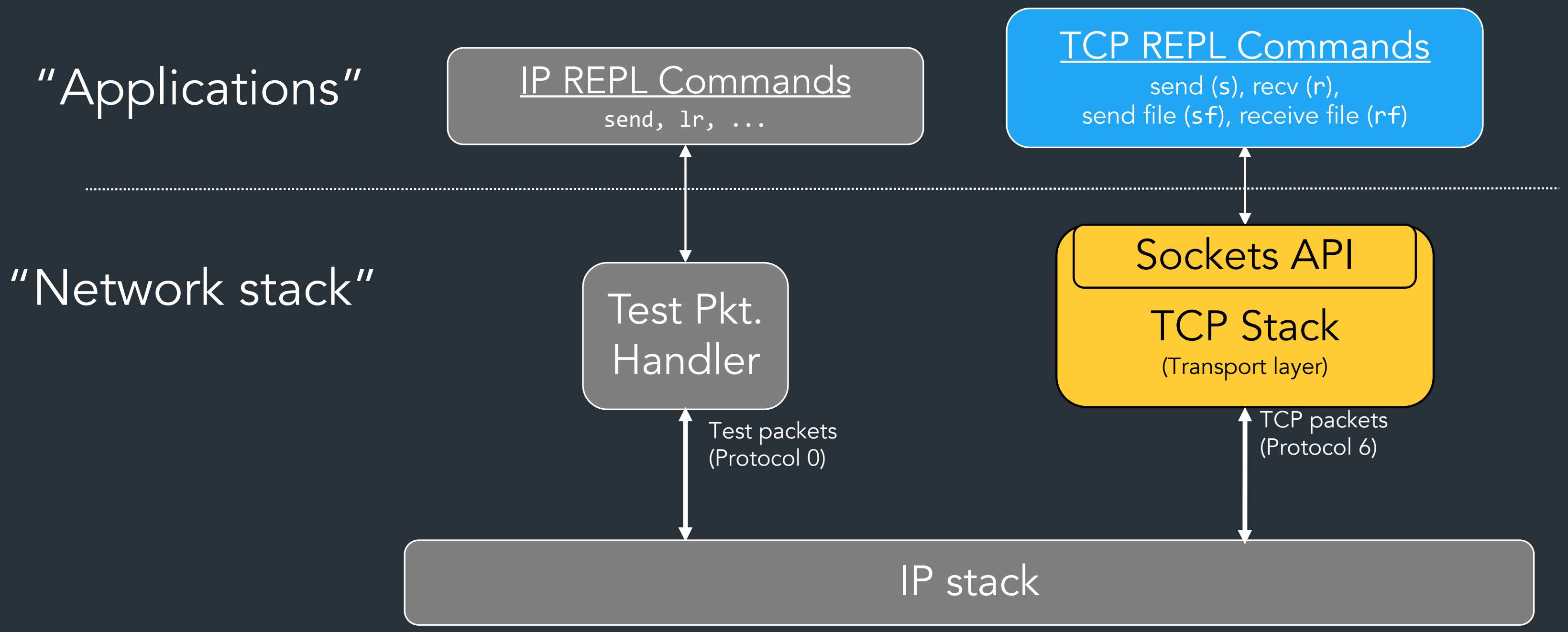


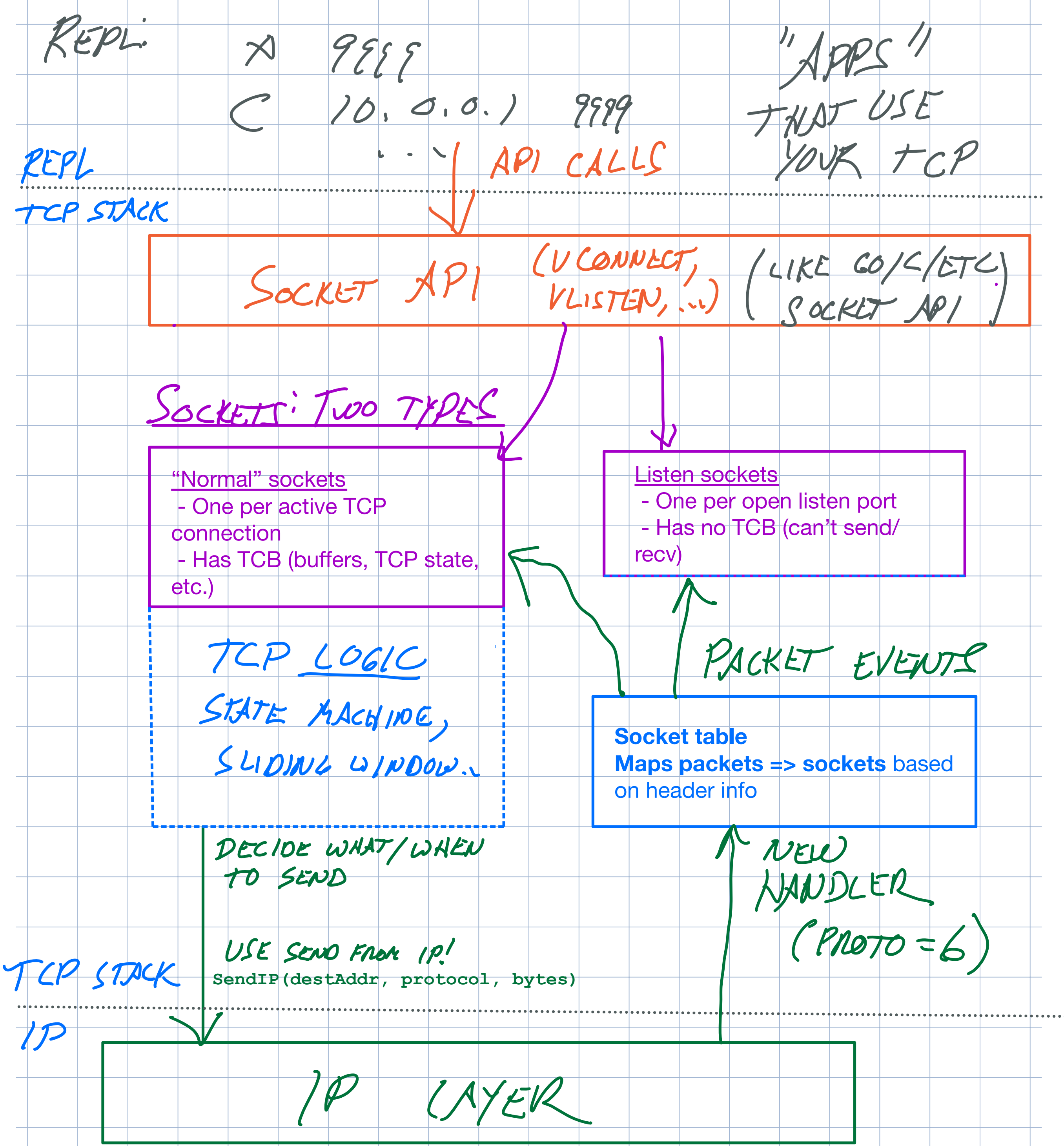
JUST CONSIDER ENDPOINTS!

Let's break it down



What goes in your TCP stack?

TCP STACK: THE COMPONENTS



THE PARTS:

API for sockets: abstraction for creating and using TCP connections

Example: Go's socket API

```
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. . .

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conn.Write(someBuf)
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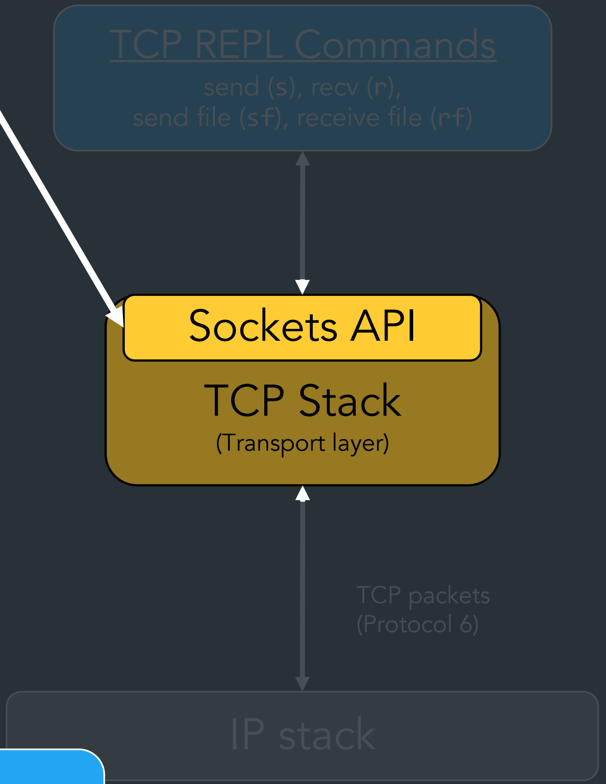

Example: our socket API (yours can look different)

```
conn, err := tcpstack.VConnect(addr, port)
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Guidelines: "Socket API" specification in docs
(You get to design your own API!)

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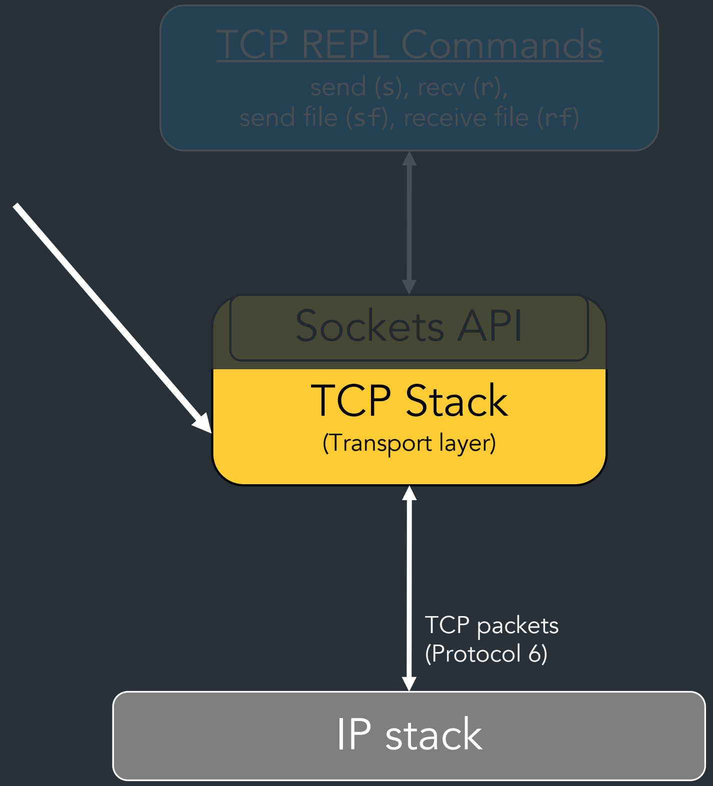
TCP stack: logic that happens "under the hood" to make sockets work (ie, the TCP protocol)

- Should be a separate library you initialize at host startup (like your IP stack)

- Uses your IP stack to send/recv packets
  - IPSend(destIP, protocol, bytes)
  - New handler for TCP (protocol #6)



Guidelines: "TCP notes" in docs

REPL commands: how we'll test your

=> Think of these like "applications" that use your socket API

```
// Basic stuff (test your API)
a Listen on a port; accept new connections
c Connect to a TCP socket
ls List sockets

s Send on a socket
r Receive on a socket


cl Close socket

// Ultimate goal
sf Send a file
rf Receive a file
```

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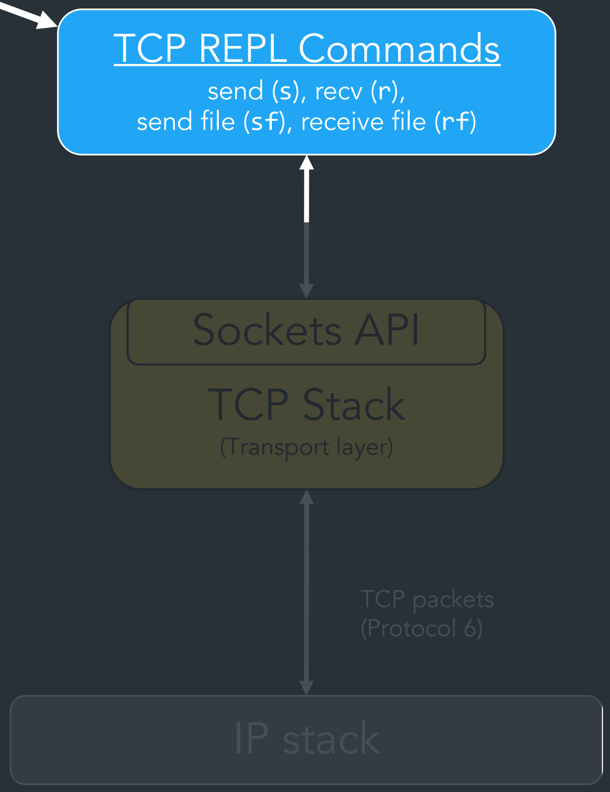
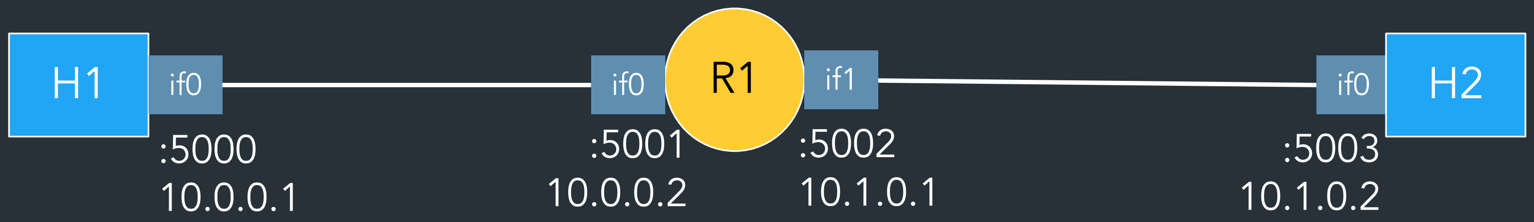


Demo!

How to test TCP



Most of the time, use linear-r1h2 network

- Only one router, no need for RIP
- Can mainly use reference router
  - Will release an updated reference router next week (has extra features for later in project)

=> Make sure your IP forwarding works with the reference router!! (Test with your host, our router)

Note: watching traffic in wireshark works differently in this project!
=> See "TCP getting started" guide for details

Roadmap

Milestone I

- Initial design for API and TCP stack
- Listen and establish connections => create sockets/TCB
- TCP handshake
- accept, connect, and start of ls REPL commands

How to think about connections

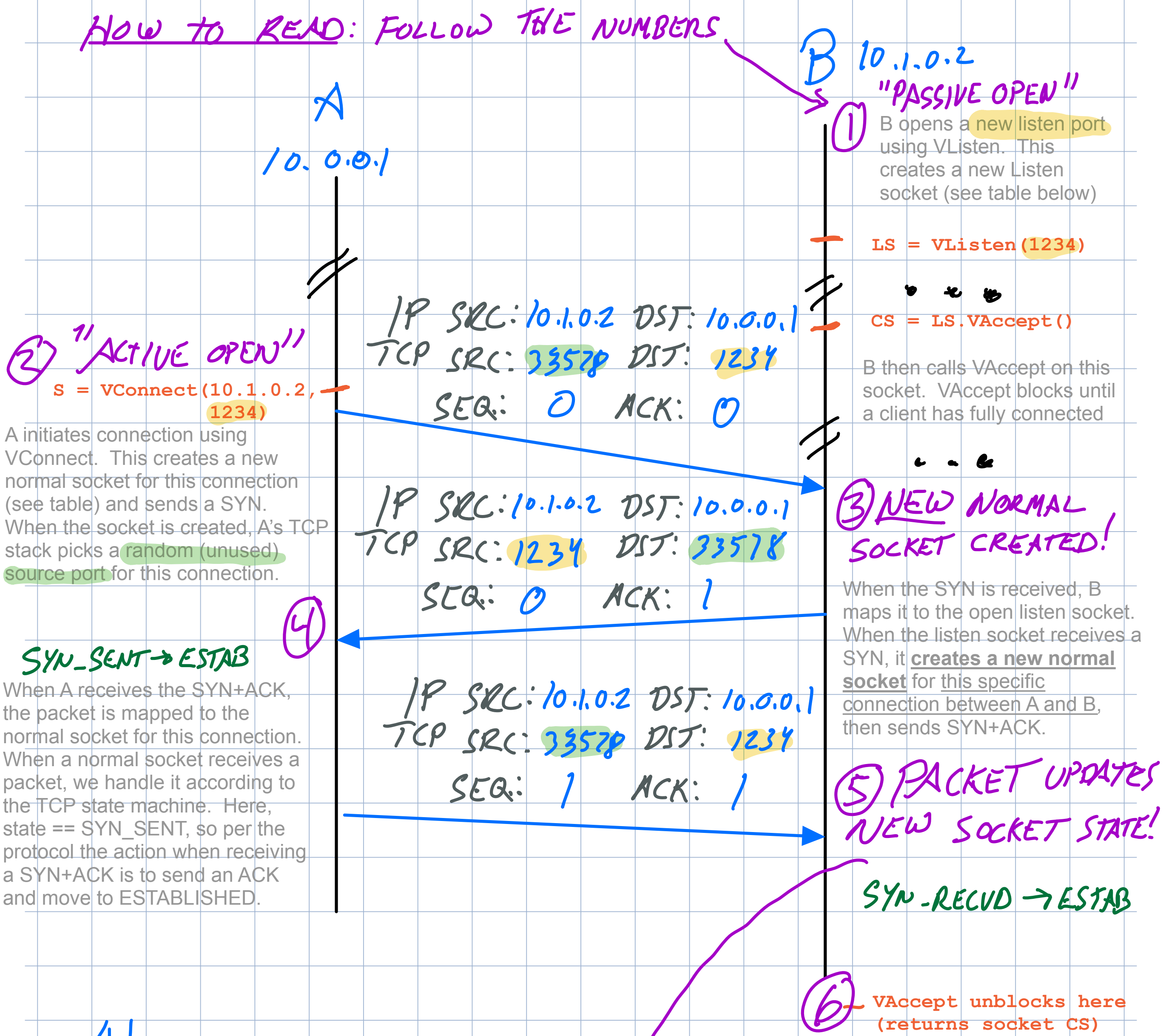
aka. Most important thing for Milestone 1

```
> ls
SID       LAddr  LPort      RAddr  RPort        Status
  0     0.0.0.0   9999    0.0.0.0      0        LISTEN
  1    10.1.0.2   9999   10.0.0.1  58060   ESTABLISHED
```

Relevant concept material
- Lec 12 (ports), Lec 13 (TCP handshake)
- HW2 problem 3

How to think about connection setup

Scenario:
- B listens on port 1234 (ie, "a 1234")
- A connects to B's port (ie, "c 10.1.0.2 1234")



A's TABLE

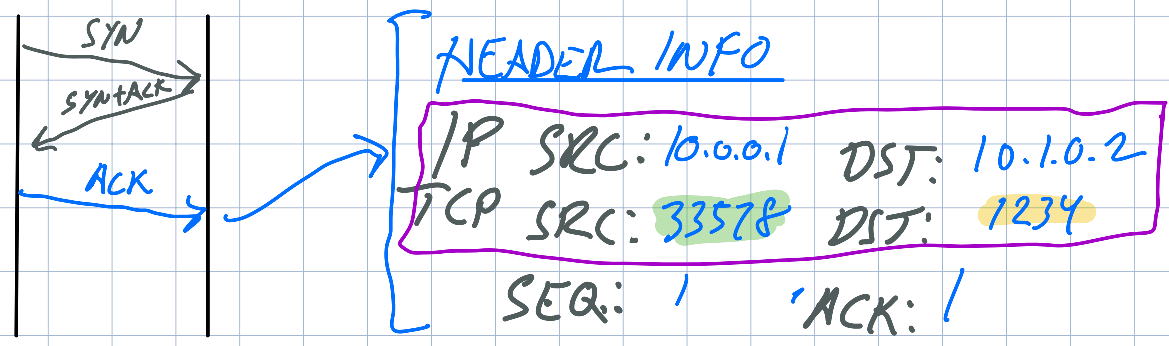
	Local IP	Local Port	Remote IP	Remote Port	State
(2)	10.0.0.1	33578	10.1.0.2	1234	~~SYN_SENT~~ ESTAB (4)

B's TABLE

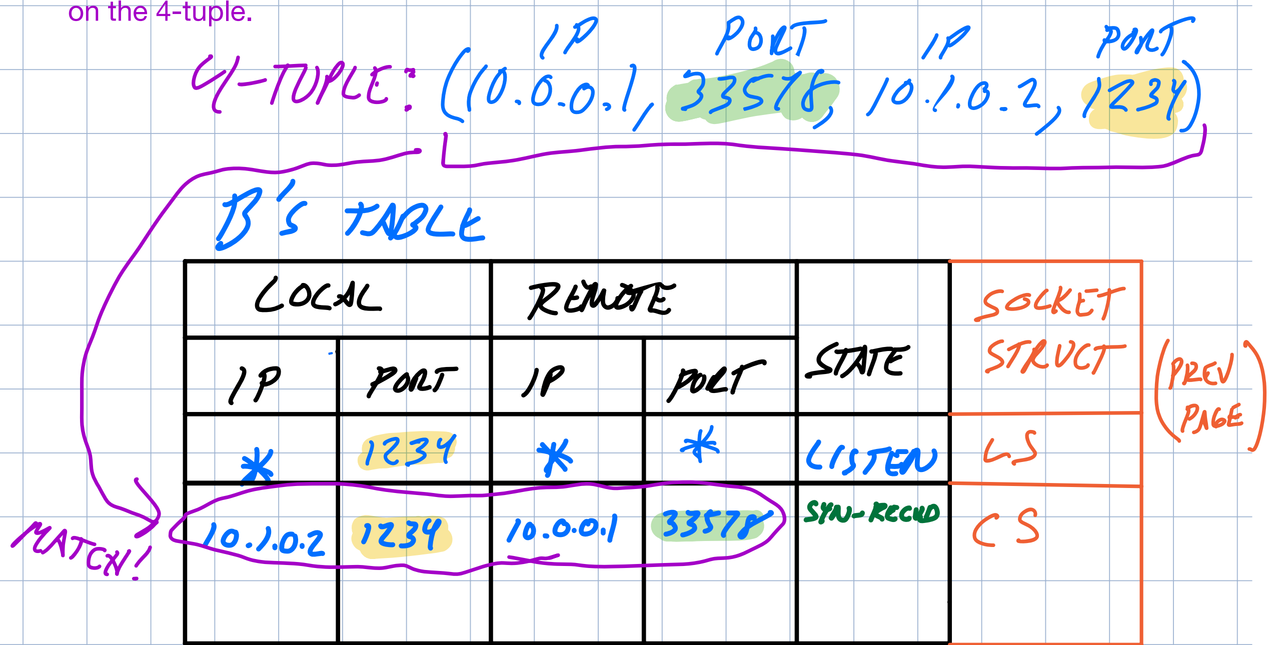
	Local IP	Local Port	Remote IP	Remote Port	State
(1)	*	1234	*	*	LISTEN
(3)	10.1.0.2	1234	10.0.0.1	33578	~~SYN_RECVD~~ ESTAB (6)

How to know it goes to this specific socket, and not the listen socket? See next page.

How do we map an incoming packet to a socket? To take a look at this, let's examine what happens to the last packet in the handshake when it's received by B (step 5 above):



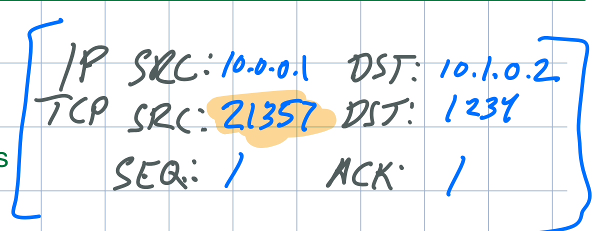
The packet's source/dest IP and port numbers act like a unique identifier that identifies this connection => **this is called the 4-tuple** We map packets to normal sockets based on the 4-tuple.



To summarize, here's how the matching process works.
When receiving packet P, check the socket table for a matching socket:

1. Check for a normal socket with a matching 4-tuple (dstIP, dstPort, srcIP, srcPort)
2. If there is no matching normal socket, check for a listen socket where localPort == P.dstPort
3. If no match, this packet isn't for any known socket, so drop the packet.

Another example: What if we received a different packet that looked like this?



This packet has a different source port, so it has a different 4-tuple! Therefore, it must be for another connection (or it's an attempt to start a new one.

=> Thus, this packet should map to the **listen socket**

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How exactly you implement this is up to you, but your API should have calls like this
(This isn't arbitrary—it matches what the kernel API looks like)

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```
// Create listen socket (bind)
listenConn, err := net.ListenTCP("tcp4", addr)

for {
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    clientConn, err := listenConn.Accept()
    if err != nil {
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Listen socket

"Normal" socket

Why separate listen and accept?
=> Need to be able to handle multiple client connections!

Your "a" command will look similar…

```
func ACommandREPL() { // Runs as separate thread/goroutine

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    listenConn, err := tcpstack.VListen(port)

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        // Store clientConn to use by other REPL commands
    }
}
```

Summary: two types of sockets

Type	When created	What it does	What's in it?*
Listen sockets => `VTCPListener` in API example	"a" command (VListen)	• "I want to receive new connections on this port" • Always in state LISTEN • Not connected to another endpoint! (can't send/recv on it, has no TCB	• List of sockets for new/pending connections
"Normal" sockets => VCTPConn in API example	"c" command (VConnect) "a" command (VAccept)	• Used for "normal" TCP connections between endpoints	• TCB (send/recv buffers, all other TCP protocol state)

*: At minimum, for now

Implementation stuff

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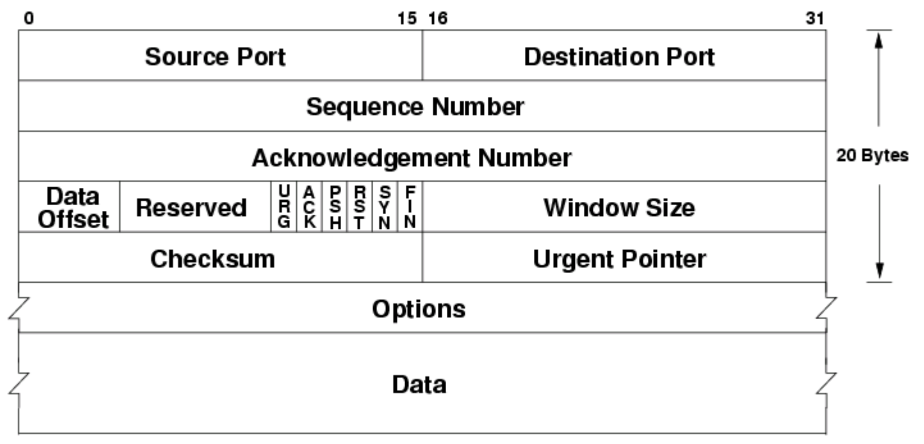
Building TCP packets



- MUST use standard TCP header
- Encapsulation: TCP packet => payload of virtual IP packet
- Once again, you don't need to build/parse this yourself

⇒ See the TCP-in-IP example for a demo on how to build/parse a TCP header (mostly uses same libraries as before)

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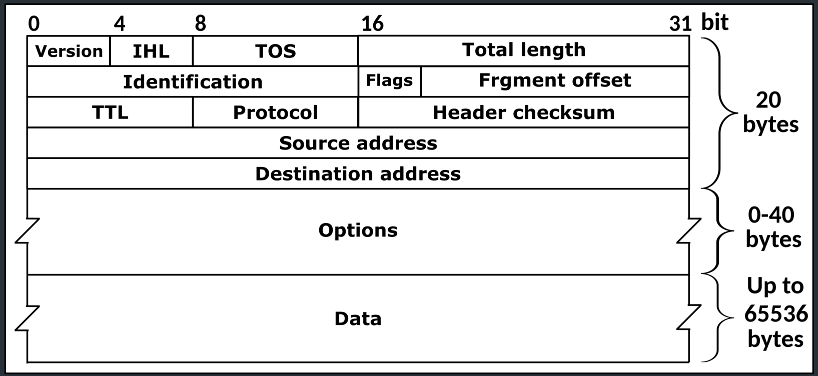

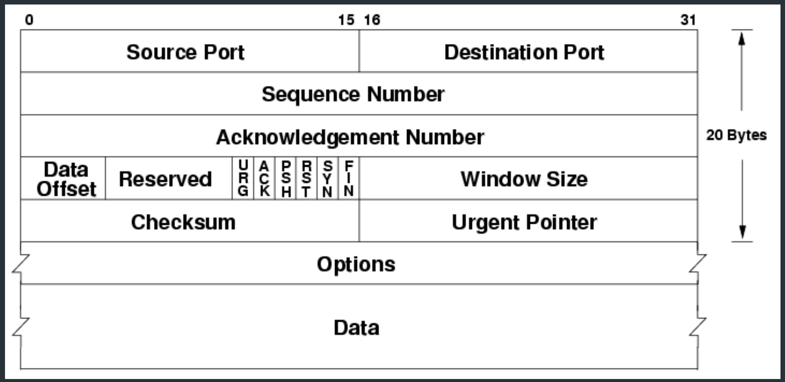

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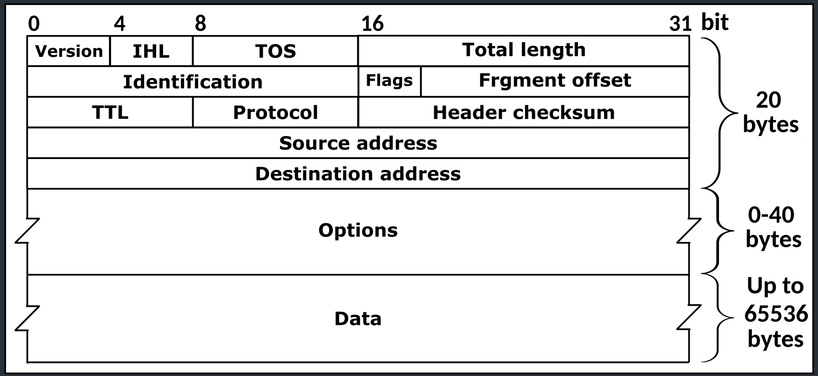

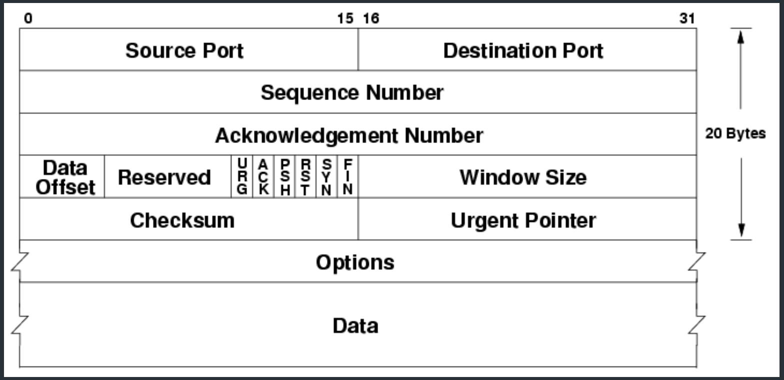

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TCP pseudo-header for checksum computation (IPv4)

Bit offset	0–3	4–7	8–15	16–31
0	Source address			
32	Destination address			
64	Zeros		Protocol	TCP length

⇒ You don't need this working for milestone 1

⇒ See the TCP-in-IP example for a demo of how to compute/verify it

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Note: we're using a new reference this year (after 8+ years!)

- We've tested as best we can, but there may be bugs
- See Ed FAQ, docs FAQ for list of known bugs
- Let us know if you have issues!

⇒ If the spec disagrees with the reference implementation,
the spec wins--don't propagate buggy behavior
(please help us find any discrepancies!)

Roadmap

Milestone I

- Start of your API and TCP stack
- Listen and establish connections => create sockets/TCB
- TCP handshake
- accept, connect, and start of ls REPL commands

Be prepared to talk about what goes in your data structures, design plan, etc, similar to your IP milestone

Roadmap

Milestone II

- Basic sending and receiving using your sliding window/send receive buffers
- Plan for the remaining features

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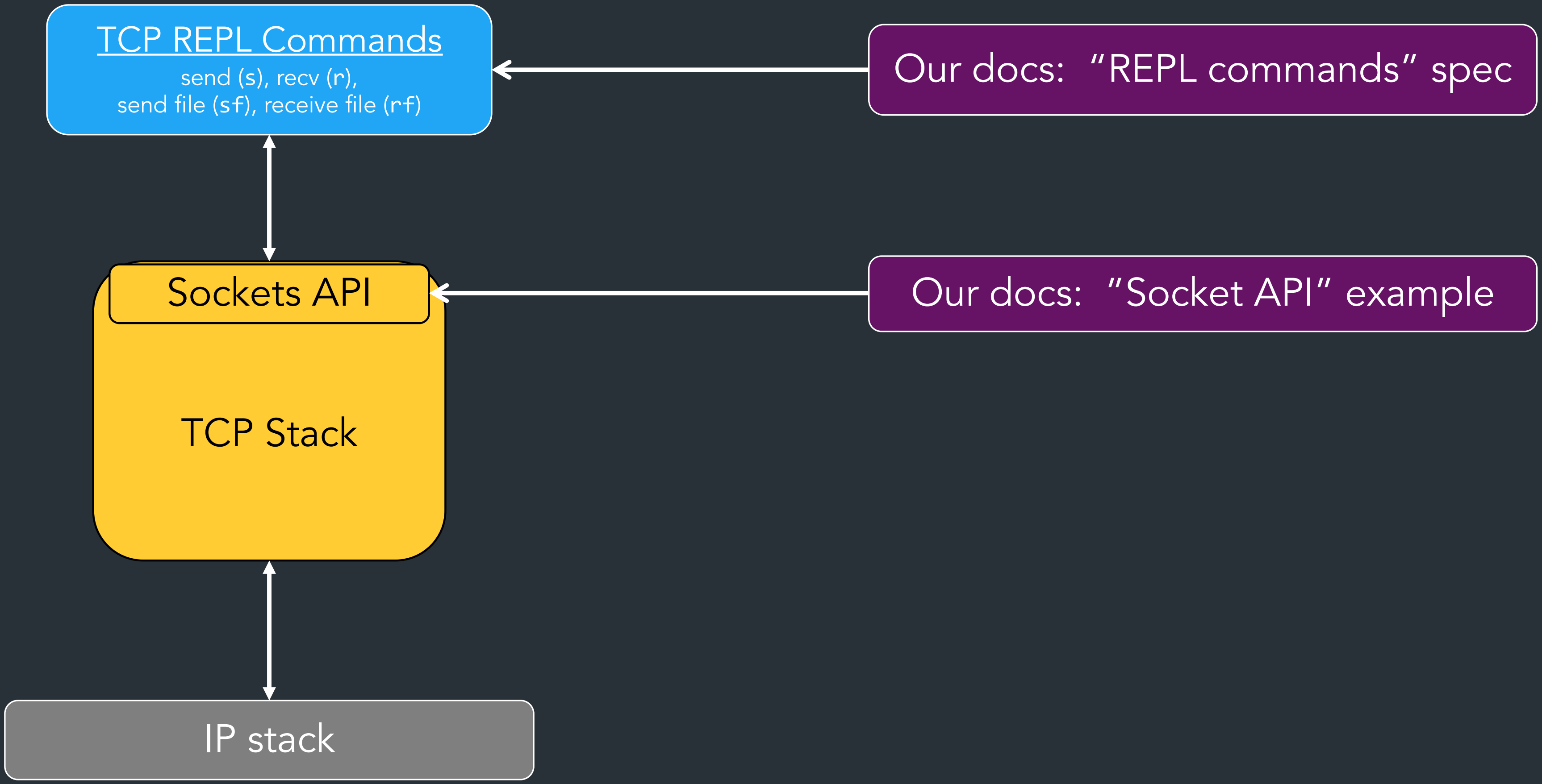
Final deadline

- Retransmissions (+ computing RTO from RTT)
- Zero-window probing
- Connection teardown
- Sending and receiving files (sf, rf)

Where to get more info



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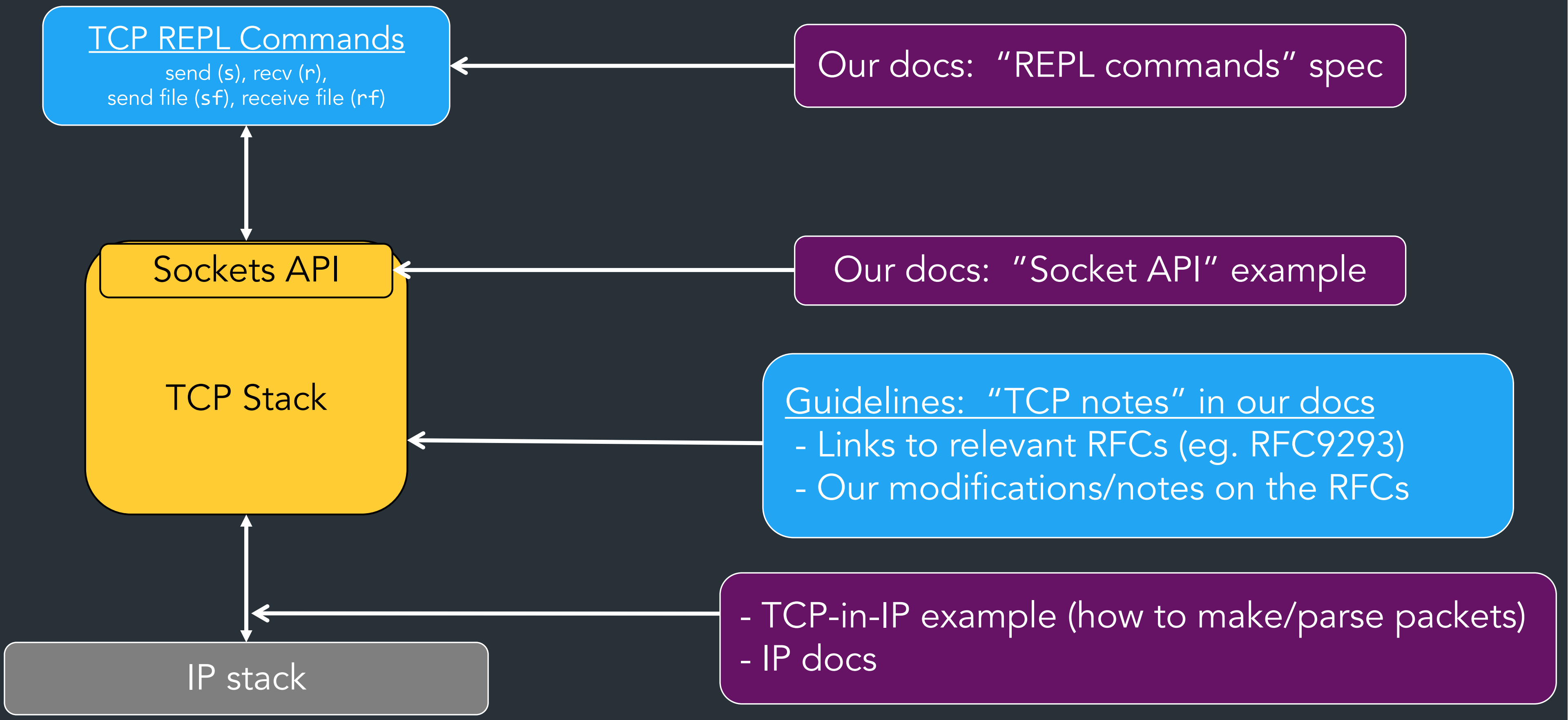

Closing thoughts

- Use your milestone time wisely!
- Wireshark is the best way to test—use it!
- As you work with your IP code, consider refactoring!
  - You're going to be working with this code for >= 3 weeks
- Stuck? Don't know what's required? Just ask!
  (And see Ed FAQ)

We are here to help!