Section 10 – An end-to-end view

Consider the following set-up:
You have come to Soda Hall for EE122 office hours and would like to know the complete networking view of “what happens when you send a web page request”. But all the GSIs are busy with their own work, not bothering to answer your question and you decide to ask Google instead. You therefore boot-up your laptop, which is connected to an access point, through Wifi, which in turn is connected to a router serviced by AT&T as shown.

Step 1: When you first connect to the network

When the laptop is booted up and first connects to the network, it needs an IP address.

_______ is the __________ layer protocol used to obtain the IP address.
It uses _______ as its Transport Layer protocol with destination port ________.
The resulting packet is encapsulated in an IP header with ______ as the source address and ______ as the destination address.
The IP datagram is encapsulated in a ______ (link layer) frame with your laptop’s MAC address as the source and ________ destination MAC address.

How does the packet reach the DHCP server? What does it contain?

What do you get back in response?

What are the last two steps of this 4-way protocol?

What changes if you are connected using Ethernet instead of Wifi?

**Step2: Initiating request to [www.google.com](http://www.google.com)**

_______ is the ______ layer protocol used to resolve the host name to the IP address.
It uses ______ as its Transport Layer protocol with destination port _______.
The resulting packet is encapsulated in an IP header with the laptop’s IP address obtained from DHCP as the source address and ______ as the destination address.
The IP frame is attached to a Wifi frame with destination MAC address of ________.
Wait! How will the laptop know this MAC address?

The packet is then routed to the DNS server (we later discuss how).

Do we do a complete recursive DNS look-up every time we initiate a request for the web page?

**Step3: Communicating with [www.google.com](http://www.google.com)**

_______ is the ______ layer protocol used to request a web page from the web server.
It uses ______ as its Transport Layer protocol with destination port ________.

What does the first packet sent by your laptop to the destination contain?
This packet is encapsulated in an IP header with your laptop’s address as the source address and www.google.com’s address obtained by DNS query as the destination address. The IP frame is attached to a Wifi frame with destination MAC address of ________. How will the laptop know this MAC address?

List all the packet exchanges that take place between the source and the destination after this first step.

Is the final response (containing the web page) necessarily transmitted as a single packet? If not how/why is it segmented? How is in-order delivery ensured?

**The meta-step we have been ignoring so far: Routing the packets**

Which layer is responsible for ensuring that a packet reaches its destination?

This layer provides different functionalities for DNS requests/response, TCP connection establishment packets and HTTP request/response packets (True/False).

The routes from an edge router in one domain to an edge router in another are computed using ________. It is a _______ layer protocol.
The routes within a domain (to go from one edge-router to another or from Google’s edge-router to the destination or from your laptop to the Berkeley edge-router) are computed using __________.

A router runs the above algorithms every time it gets a new packet it is supposed to route (True/False)

When the packet moves from one hop to another, it has the same IP frame (which encapsulates the transport layer segment with the application data), but the Link Layer and Physical frame encapsulating the IP frame may change. (True/False)