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# FEEDBACK FROM 10/31

- Differences between application agnostic & application specific:
  - Refers to whether a protocol or method (e.g. load balancing) is able to support any application without modification
  - Application specific: approaches may provide better performance as they use custom methods to address a problem using information about how the application is leveraged
  - Approach often provided by application developer(s)
  - Application agnostic: approaches are generic in nature and do not require any special awareness of the applications involved (e.g. for load balancing)

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### FEEDBACK - 2

- What other cross-platform languages exist besides Pascal?
- Python, Perl, Ruby, Java, Lua, C/C++
- Portability effort of code will vary from high (C/C++) to none (Java).
- Portability may depend on the number of specialized features or platform specific libraries are required.

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### **CHAPTER 4**

- 4.1 Foundations
  - Protocols
  - Types of communication
- 4.2 Remote procedure call
- 4.3 Message-oriented communication
  - Socket communication
  - Messaging libraries
  - Message-Passing Interface (MPI)
  - Message-queueing systems
  - Examples
- 4.4 Multicast communication
  - Flooding-based multicasting
  - Gossip-based data dissemination

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### LAYERED PROTOCOLS

- Distributed systems lack shared memory
- All communication is based on sending and receiving lowlevel messages
  - $P \rightarrow Q$
- Open Systems Interconnection Reference Model (OSI Model)
  - Open systems communicate with any other open system
  - Standards govern format, contents, meaning of messages
  - Formalization of rules forms a communication protocol

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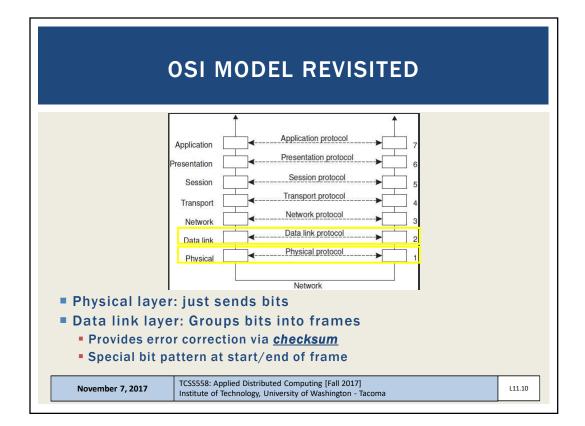
## **LAYERED PROTOCOLS - 2**

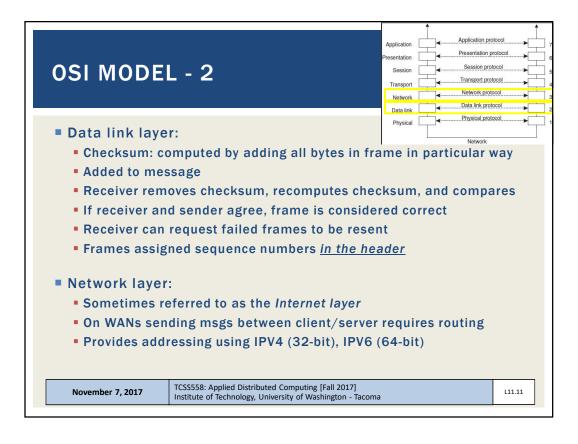
- Protocols provide a **communication service** 
  - Connection-oriented: sender/receiver establish connection, negotiate parameters of the protocol, close connection when done
  - Physical example: telephone
  - Connectionless services: No setup. Sender sends.
    Receiver receives.
  - Physical example: Mailing a letter

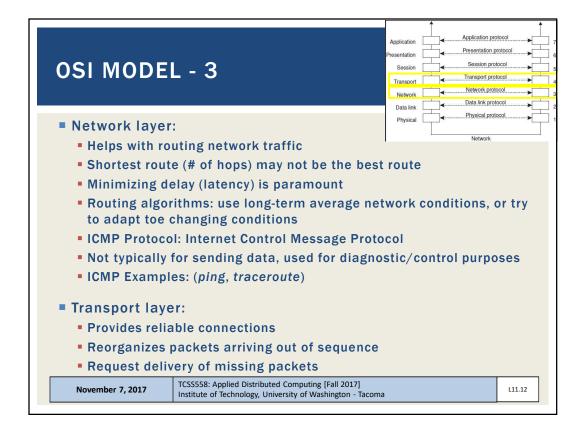
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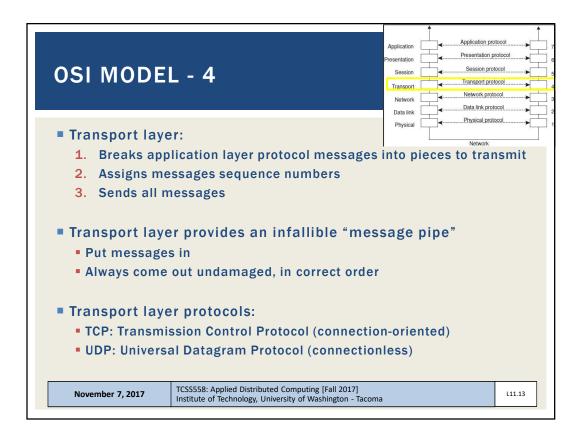
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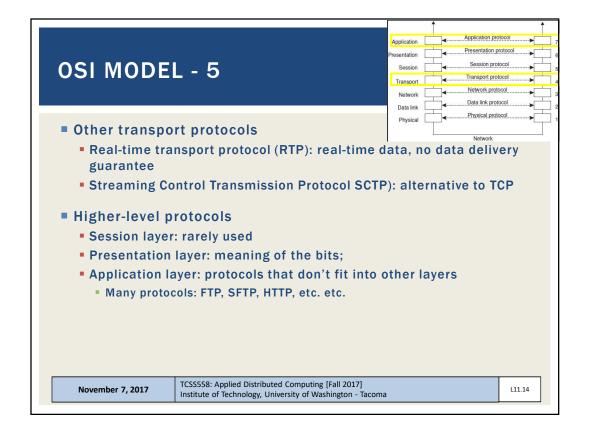
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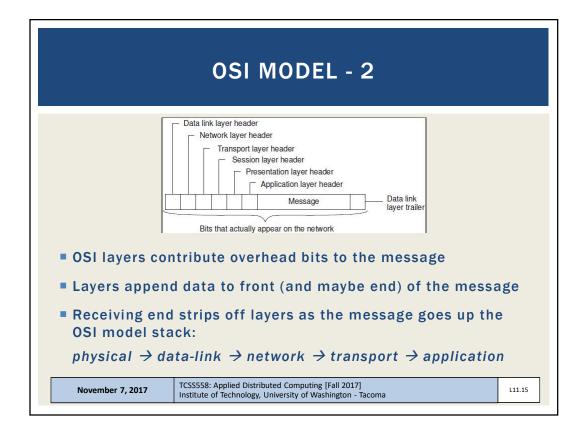


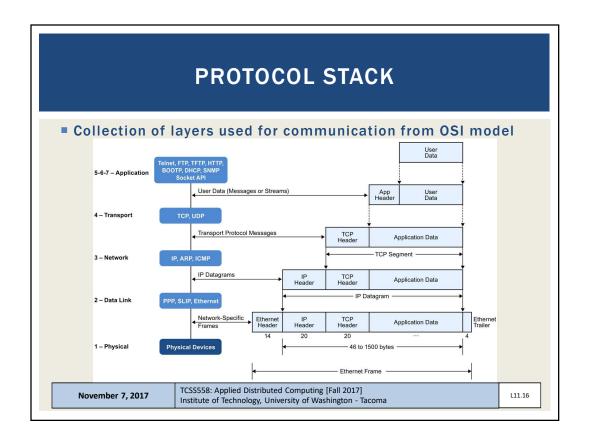












## MIDDLEWARE PROTOCOLS

- Communication frameworks/libraries
- Reused by multiple applications
- Provided needed functions apps build and depend on
- **Example:** 
  - Authentication protocols: supports granting users and processes access to authorized resources
  - General, application-independent in nature
  - Doesn't fit as an "application specific" protocol
  - Considered as a "Middleware protocol"

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