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5. Describe detailed operations of HTTP cookie, web caching and conditional GET. (6*3=18%) (說明其用處，並畫圖加解釋每步驟)
6. Suppose within your web browser you click on a link to obtain a Web page. The IP address for the associated URL is not cached in your local host, so a DNS lookup is necessary to obtain the IP address. Suppose that 2 DNS servers are visited before your host receives the IP address from DNS; visiting 1 of them incurs an RTT of D_1 per DNS and visiting each of remaining incurs an RTT of D_2 . Further suppose that the web page associated with the link contains 3 very small objects on the same server. Suppose the HTTP running is and let RTT_0 denote the RTT between the local host and the server for each object. Assume zero transmission time of each object, how much time elapses from when the client clicks on the link until the client receives all the objects? (a) non-persistent HTTP with no parallel TCP connections? (b) non-persistent HTTP with the browser configured for three parallel TCP connections? (c) Persistent HTTP with pipelining? (要寫出並說明每項動作的執行時間算式，不能只寫最後答案) (5% each, 15%)
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Ans:

- (a) node processing delay: check bit errors, determine output link
- (b) queuing delay: time waiting at output link for transmission, depends on congestion level of router
- (c) transmission delay: R =link bandwidth (bps) L =packet length (bits), time to send bits into link = L/R
- (d) propagation delay: d = length of physical link, s = propagation speed in medium, propagation delay = d/s (1% each delay name, 1% reason of each delay, 8% total)

2. Describe the client-server and peer-to-peer application architectures. (6%)

Ans: (a) server:

always-on host, permanent IP address (1%)

clients:

communicate with server, do not communicate directly with each other (1%)
may be intermittently connected and have dynamic IP addresses (1%)

(b) peer-to-peer:

no always-on server (1%)
arbitrary end systems directly communicate (1%)
peers are intermittently connected and change IP addresses (1%)

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Ans:

(a) Circuit-switching: (1% each, total 6%)

- i. end-end resources reserved for "call", like link bandwidth, switch capacity. dedicated resources: no sharing
- ii. circuit-like (guaranteed) performance
- iii. call setup required

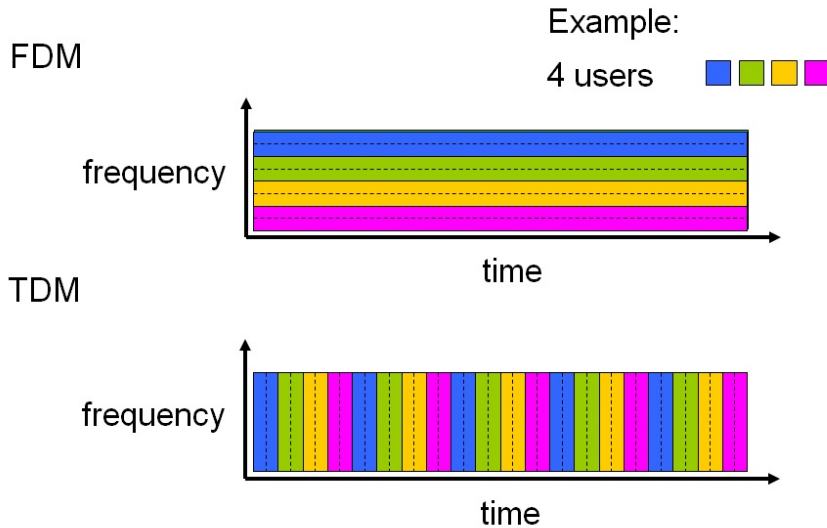
Packet-switching:

- i. each end-end data stream divided into *packets*. User A, B packets *share* network resources *as needed*
- ii. resource contention may degrade performance.
- iii. no call setup required

(b) FDM and TDM (2% each)

(c) (3% each: time, frequency, user)

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Ans:

(a)

application: supporting network applications

transport: host-host data transfer

network: routing of datagrams from source to destination

link: data transfer between neighboring network elements

physical: bits "on the wire" (1% each layer's name, 1% each layer's functions, 10% total)

application
transport
network
link
physical

(b)

application layer: message

transport layer: segment

network layer: datagram

link layer: frame

各 1% , 共 4%

(c)

Source encapsulation process: application layer -> transport layer -> network layer

Destination decapsulation process: physical layer -> link layer -> network layer 各 1% , 共 6%

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 (說明其用處，並畫圖加解釋每步驟)

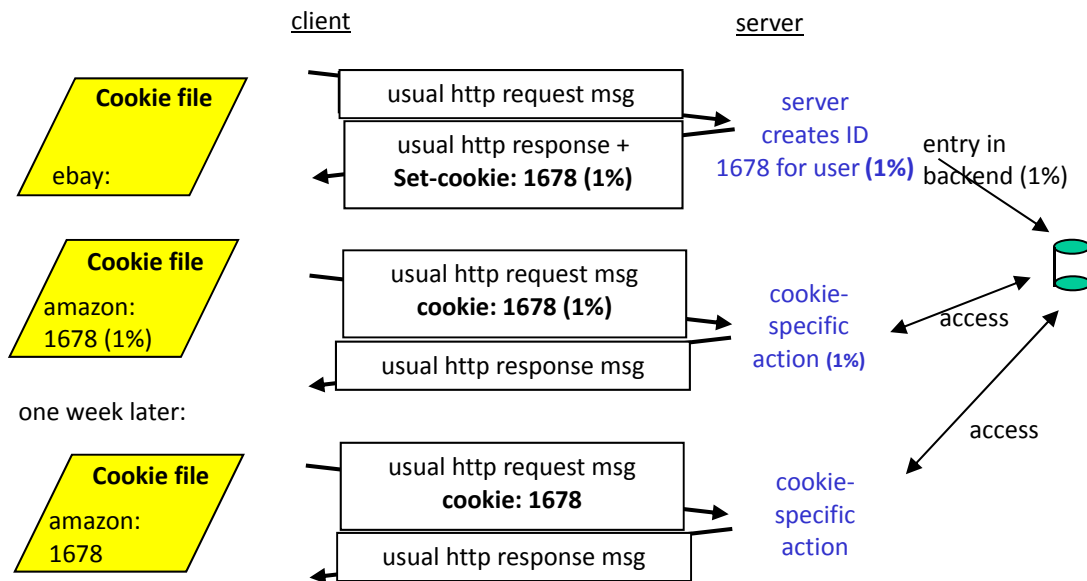
Ans:

☐ cookie:

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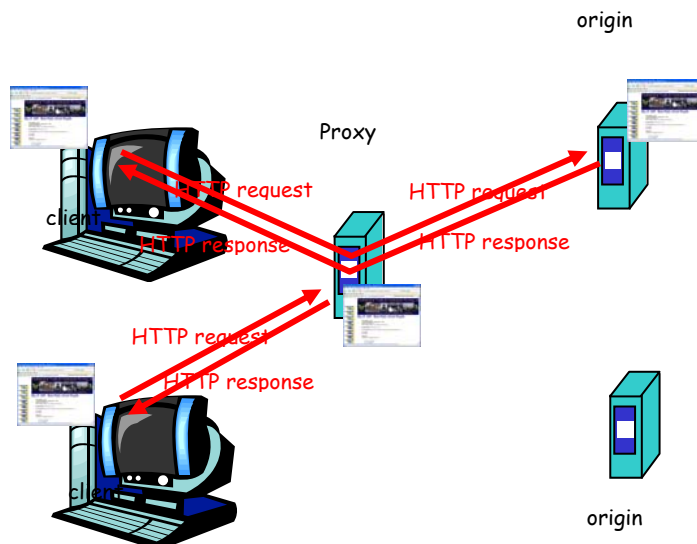
when a user visits a specific web site for first time and initial HTTP requests arrives at site, site creates a unique ID and creates an entry in backend database for recording user states of this ID.

=> keep client's states (cookie-specific action)!



☐ web caching:

- user sets browser: Web accesses via cache
- browser sends all HTTP requests to cache (2%)
 - if object in cache
 - cache returns object (2%)
 - else
 - cache requests object from origin server, then returns object to client (2%)



conditional GET (6%)

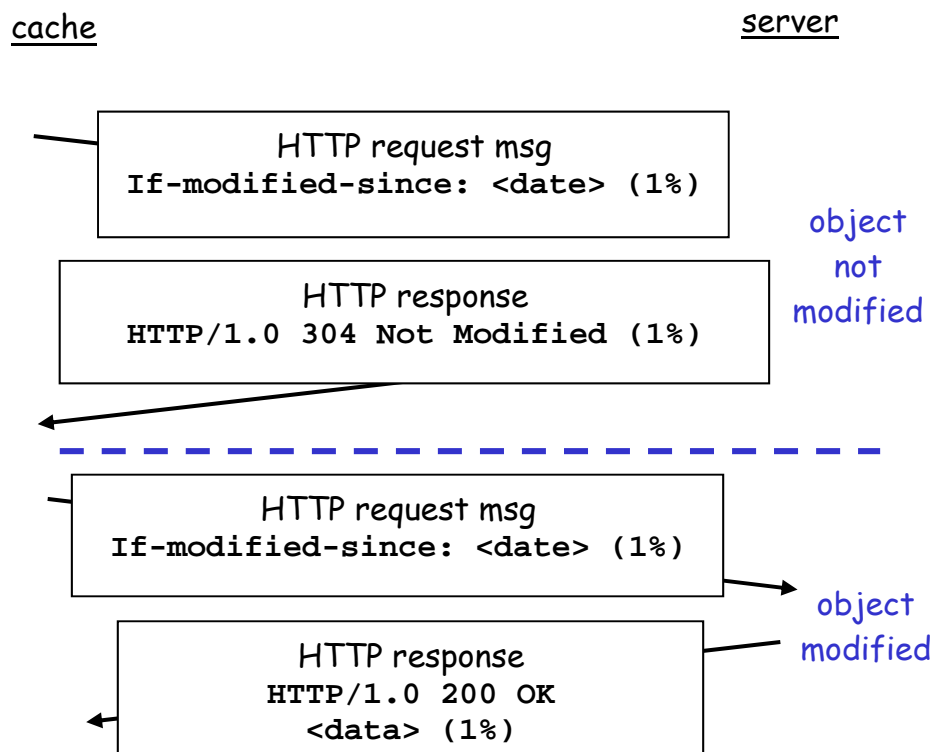
- Conditional GET: don't send object if cache has up-to-date cached version (1%) => reduce traffic loads (delays) on network links! (1%)
 - cache: specify date of cached copy in HTTP request (1%)

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If-modified-since: <date> (1%)

server: response contains no object if cached copy is up-to-date: (1%)

HTTP/1.0 304 Not Modified (1%)



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Ans:

- a) The total time to get the IP address is $1D_1 + 1D_2$. After this, $2RTT_0$ is required to set up each of the 3 TCP connections and to request and receive each HTTP object. Thus, the total response time is $\underline{1D_1 + 1D_2 (1\%) + 1 RTT_0 (TCP\ handshaking) + 1 RTT_0 (HTTP\ request/response\ for\ web\ page) (1\%) + 3 * [1 RTT_0 (parallel\ TCP\ handshaking) + 1 RTT_0 (HTTP\ request/response\ for\ 3\ objects)] (1\%) = D_1 + D_2 + 8 RTT_0 (2\%)}$
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Ans:

- (a) DNS services (2% , 任選兩個)
 - hostname to IP address translation
 - host aliasing (Canonical, alias names)
 - mail server aliasing
 - (b) Authoritative DNS server (2%)
 - organization's DNS servers, providing authoritative hostname to IP mappings for organization's servers
 - (c) DNS iterated query: (2%)
 - contacted server replies with name of server to contact
 - (d) DNS recursive query: (2%)
 - contacted server forwards the DNS query to next server and waits for the reply
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Ans:

- a) Time to send 1st packet from source host to first packet switch = $\frac{2 \times 10^3}{1 \times 10^6} \text{sec} = 2 \text{ m sec} . (2\%)$
- Time at which 1st packet is received at the destination host = $2 \text{ m sec} \times 5 \text{ hops} = 10 \text{ m sec} . (2\%)$
- After this, every 2msec one packet will be received; thus time at which last (10000th) packet is received = $10 \text{ m sec} + 9999 * 2 \text{ m sec} = 20.008 \text{ sec} . (5\%)$