Advanced Computer Programming

[Lecture 13]

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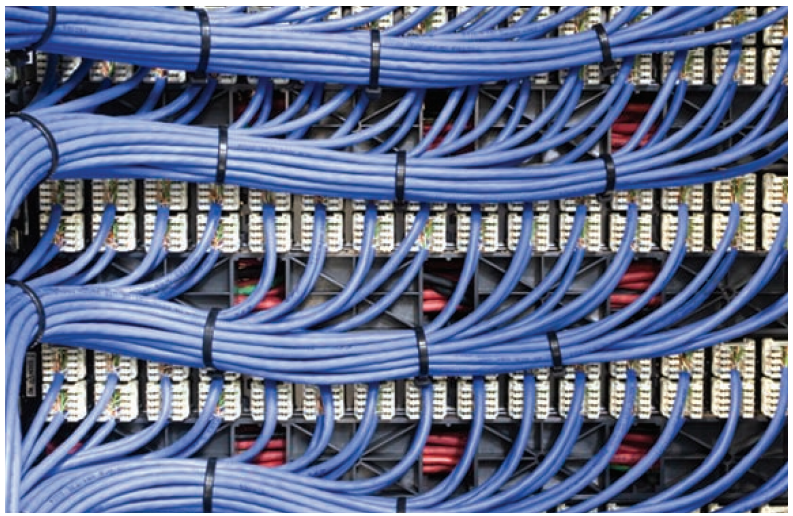

In this chapter, you will see what goes on “under the hood” when you send an e-mail message or when you retrieve a web page from a remote server. You will also learn how to write programs that fetch data from sites across the Internet and how to write server programs that can serve information to other programs.

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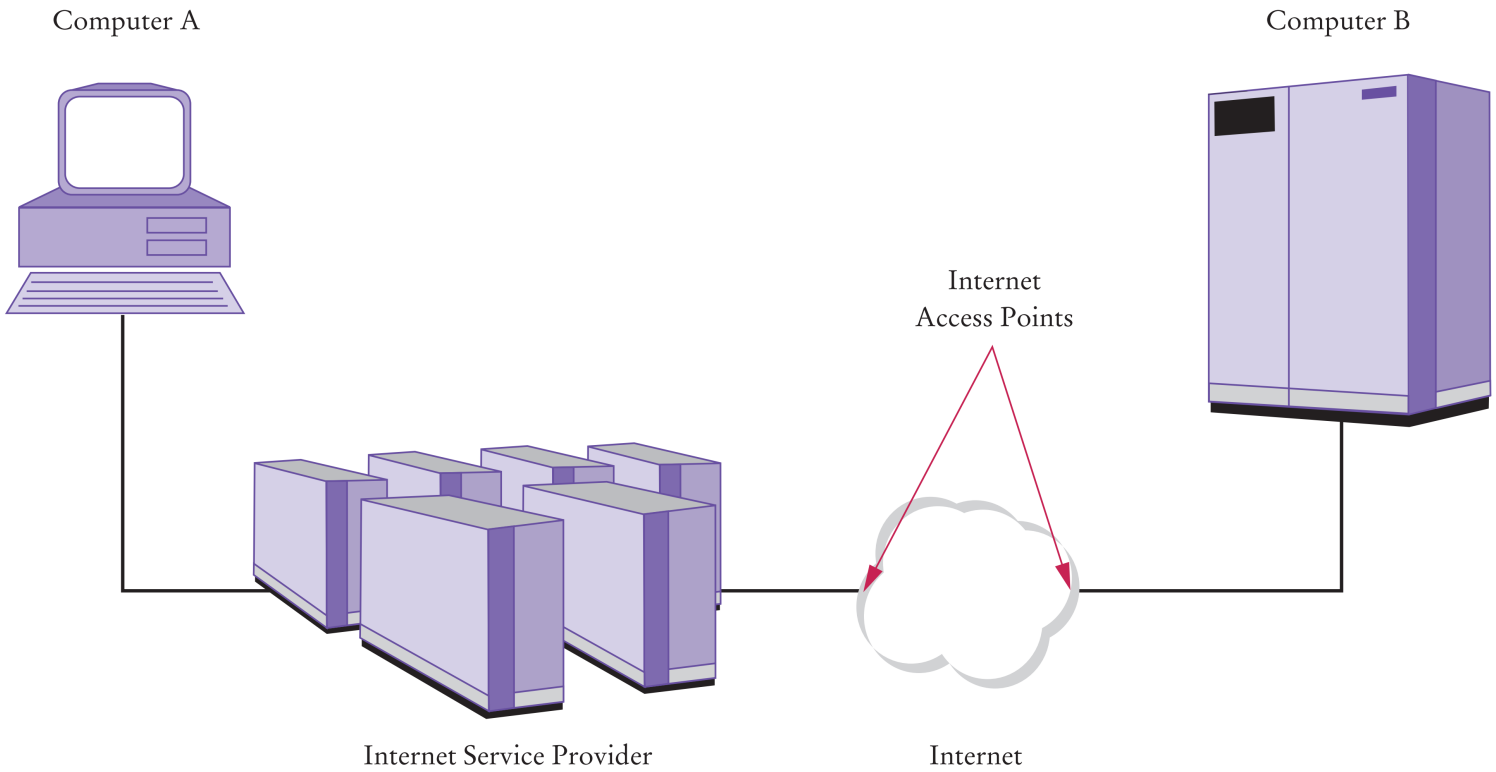

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- When data are sent to that computer, they need to be marked so that they can be forwarded to the appropriate program. TCP uses port numbers for this purpose.

A Client Program

- We will see how to write a Java program that establishes a TCP connection to a server, sends a request to the server, and prints the response.
- In the terminology of TCP/IP, there is a socket on each side of the connection.

- In Java, a client establishes a socket with a call:

```
Socket s= new Socket(hostname,portnumber);
```

A Client Program

- The socket constructor throws an `UnknownHostException` if it can't find the host.
- Once you have a socket, you obtain its input and output streams:

```
InputStream instream=s.getInputStream();
OutputStream outstream=s.getOutputStream();
```

- When you are done communicating with the server, you should close the socket:

```
s.close();
```

- If you want to communicate with the server by sending and receiving text, you should turn the streams into scanners and writers, as follows:

```
Scanner in = newScanner(instream);
PrintWriter out = new PrintWriter(outstream);
```

A Client Program

- A print writer *buffers* the characters that you send to it.
- If you are communicating with a server that responds to requests, you want to make sure that the server gets a complete request at a time, you need to flush the buffer manually:

```
out.print(command);
out.flush();
```

- The flush method empties the buffer and forwards all waiting characters to the destination.

A Server Program

- The server program waits for clients to connect to a particular port.
- This port number should not be preassigned to another service.
- To listen to incoming connections, you use a server socket:

```
ServerSocket server = new
ServerSocket(PortNumber);
```

- The `accept` method of the `ServerSocket` class waits for a client connection:

```
Socket s = server.accept();
```

- Now, the server program can send and receive messages from the client.

Example 1

Write a message passing client and server program.

Example 2

Write a Bank server and Client program.