

Decode TCP and UDP Cheat Sheet

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Transport Layer	
Number of Layer	4th Layer of OSI Model
Role	Transport Data
Protocols	UDP - TCP
PDU (Protocol Data Unit)	Segment
Address	Port Number

UDP Features	
Type of Connection	Connectionless (Does Not Need Connection Setup)
Application	Time-Sensitive Connections
Number of Fields in Header	Four Field Header

TCP Features	
Type of Connection	Connection-Oriented (Needs Connection Setup)
Application	Reliable Connections
Number of Fields in Header	Eleven Field Header

Commands	
Active UDP Connections	netstat -anp udp
Active TCP Connections	netstat -anp tcp

UDP Header Fields	
Source Port 16- bit	Port on The Receiver's Side
Destination Port 16-bit	Port on The Sender's Side
Length 16-bit	The Number of Bytes in The UDP Header And Any Data Follows
Checksum 16- bit	Calculated Value for Ensuring Data Integrity

TCP Ports	
Source Port 16-bit	The Port on The Sender Side
Destination Port 16-bit	The Port on The Receiver Side
Stream	A Communication Between Two Endpoints
TCP Segment Length	The Value of The TCP Payload (The Data That Follows The TCP Header)

Sequencing and Acknowledging in TCP		
Sequence Number 32-bit	The Byte Number of The First Byte of Data	
Next Sequence Number	Current Sequence Number Plus The TCP Segment Length	
Acknowledgment Number 32-bit	The Sequence Number of The Next Byte The Receiver Expects to Receive	
Offset	Indicates The Length of The TCP Header	

Flags in TCP		
Reserved	3- bit	For Future Use
Nonce	1- bit	Experimental Use
CWR	1- bit	Respond to Indications of Network Congestion with Congestion Avoidance
ECE	1- bit	Notify The Endpoints of Any Network Congestion to Avoid Dropping Packets
URG	1- bit	Indicates a Packet That Should Have Priority
ACK	1- bit	Acknowledging The Data Was Received
PSH	1- bit	Informing Data Should Be Sent Immediately
RST	1- bit	Aborting The TCP Connection
SYN	1- bit	Synchronizing The Sequence Numbers
FIN	1- bit	closing The Connection



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Dissecting Window Size	
Window Size 16-bit	Controls The Flow of Data
Scaling Factor	A Value For Expanding Window Size
Window Size Scaling Factor	2 ^ (Scaling Factor) if Scaling Factor >= 0
Calculated Window Size	Window Size * Window Size Scaling Factor

Additional Header Values in TCP	
Checksum	A Calculated Value For Error Detection
Urgent Pointer	Points to The Sequence Number of Urgent Data
Options	Extra Options Like Timestamps And No-operation



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