

# **TCP Versus UDP Performance In Term Of Bandwidth Usage**

A thesis submitted to the Faculty of Information Technology in partial  
fulfilment of the requirement for the degree  
Master of Science (Information Technology)  
Universiti Utara Malaysia

By  
**Mostfa M. Kaytan**

**Copyright © Mostfa M. Kaytan, 2010. All Rights Reserved.**

## **PERMISSION TO USE**

In presenting this thesis in partial fulfilment of the requirements for a postgraduate degree from University Utara Malaysia, I agree that the University Library may make it freely available for inspection. I further agree that permission for copying of this thesis in any manner, in whole or in part, for scholarly purposes may be granted by my supervisor, in his absence, by the Dean of the Faculty of Information Technology. It is understood that any copying or publication or use of this thesis or parts thereof for financial gain should not be allowed without my written permission. It is also understood that due recognition shall be given to me and to University Utara Malaysia for any scholarly use which may be made of any material from my thesis.

Request for permission to copy or to make use of material in this thesis, in whole or in part should be addressed to:

Dean of Research and Postgraduate Studies

College of Arts and Sciences

Universiti Utara Malaysia

06010 UUM Sintok

Kedah Darul Aman

Malaysia

## **ABSTRACT**

This project is mainly about how to establish User Datagram Protocol (UDP) and Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) connection in the same network simulation. For that, we will be using four types of TCP which are TCP Tahoe, TCP Reno, TCP NewReno and TCP Vegas. From there, we are going to differentiate them in term bandwidth usage and define how it works and describes several effect that occurred when its work together. In order to create the topology and run the protocols, we use Network Simulator 2 (NS2) to create and run the coding. To run the codes, we use command which use a few code in running the coding. Then we will get a topology, which is the flow of the packet within the source and destination, base on the coding. A graph also appears after the command.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

In the name of Allah, Allah says:

((Work; so Allah will see your work and (so will) His Messenger and the believers ;))

(Al-Quran: Tawba-105)

Conducting this project marks the end of an interesting and eventful journey. It could not have been achieved without the academic professional and personal support of the following people.

Firstly, I would like to extend special thanks to my supervisor, Assoc. Prof. Hatim Mohamad Tahir, of the Faculty of Information Technology, University Utara Malaysia (UUM) for tirelessly offering his encouragement, wisdom and experience, who provided me with constant guidance and constructive criticism throughout all stages of my research. I would like to thank my evaluator Mr. Rosmadi B Bakar for his suggestion and his encouragement. I would like to thank my friend Dr. Mohammed M. Kadhum for his consultation and his suggestion regard the research results. As well, thanks to the Ministry of Higher Education Iraq for the financial support awarded to me.

Secondly, I am grateful to all FTM lecturers for their guidance and unconditional support, also for all UUM staff that provided me with a warm hospitality and assistance during my time in Sintok.

Thirdly, Much appreciation to my friends, who have helped me to get accustomed to the culture and traditions, and have showed me a magnificent meaning of friendship at every crossroad. Their warmth and empathy will ever never be forgotten.

Finally, a very big thank must go to all my family members for their immeasurable support. I wish to acknowledge my parents for their unwavering support and confidence in me. There are not enough words for me to express my feelings of deep appreciation to my parents. I would like to dedicate this thesis to my wife and daughters who lovely encouraged and supported me through all my study. Many thanks as well as to my brothers Bsam and Ali for their assistances and do all my business in Iraq during the time I m doing my Master.

For those all, I would like to say

"شكرا لنفقتكم بي ودعانكم لي ودعمكم اللا محدود"

# Contents

PERMISSION TO USE.....	ii
ABSTRACT.....	iii
ACKNOWLEDGMENT.....	iv
DEDICATION.....	v
CONTENTS .....	vi
LIST OF FIGURES .....	ix
ABBREVIATIONS.....	x
CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION.....	1
1.1 Introduction.....	1
1.2 Work Background.....	4
1.2.1 Transmission control protocol (TCP).....	4
1.2.2 TCP Reno .....	5
1.2.3 User datagram protocol (UDP).....	6
1.2.4 Network Simulation -2.....	7
1.3 Problem Statements .....	9
1.4 Research Questions.....	10
1.5 Research Objectives.....	10
1.6 Scope and limitation.....	11
1.7 Significant of Study .....	11
1.8 Definition of Terms.....	12
1.9 Organization of the Thesis .....	13
CHAPTER TWO: LITERATURE REVIEW .....	14
2.1 Introduction.....	14
2.2 Interaction between TCP and UDP flows in Wireless.....	15
2.3 Multi-hop UDP with TCP flow.....	16
2.4 TCP Vegas vs. TCP Reno.....	18
2.5 TCP Startup Performance in Large Bandwidth .....	19

2.6 A Comparative Analysis of TCP Tahoe, Reno, New-Reno, and Vegas.....	20
2.6.1 TCP Tahoe.....	20
2.6.2 New-Reno.....	21
2.6.3 Vegas.....	22
2.6.4 TCP RENO.....	22
2.7 TCP Tahoe /Reno.....	24
2.8 TCP vs. UDP Performance Evaluation for CBR Traffic on Wireless Multihop Network .....	24
2.9 Behavior of TCP in variable-bandwidth environments .....	25
2.10 Reno TCP.....	27
CHAPTER THREE: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY .....	29
3.1 Introduction.....	29
3.2 Description of experiments .....	30
3.3 Simulation steps .....	31
3.3.1 Problem Definition.....	31
3.3.2 Design the Simulation Model.....	32
3.3.3 Configuration the Simulation Model.....	32
3.3.4 Design the Experiments .....	32
3.3.5 Conduct the Experiments .....	33
3.3.6 Analysis & Evaluation the Results.....	33
CHAPTER FOUR: SIMULATION RESULTS .....	34
4.1 TCP Tahoe Simulation results: .....	34
4.1.1 TCP Tahoe with 200Kb rate of CBR .....	35
4.1.2 TCP Tahoe with 4Mb rate of CBR.....	36
4.2 TCP Reno Simulation results:.....	36
4.2.1 TCP Reno with 200Kb rate of CBR.....	36
4.2.2 TCP Reno with 4Mb rate of CBR .....	36
4.3 TCP Newreno Simulation results: .....	37

4.3.1 TCP Newreno with 200Kb rate of CBR.....	37
4.3.1 TCP Newreno with 4Mb rate of CBR.....	38
4.4 TCP Vegas Simulation results: .....	38
4.4.1 TCP Vegas with 200Kb rate of CBR .....	38
4.4.2 TCP Vegas with 4Mb rate of CBR.....	39
CHAPTER FIVE: DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION .....	40
5.1 Introduction.....	40
5.2 Discussions of the finding.....	41
5.3 Implications of the study.....	42
5.4 Limitations of the study .....	42
5.5 Conclusion .....	43
REFERENCES .....	44
Appendix A.....	50
Appendix B .....	51
Appendix C .....	86



## LIST OF FIGURE

FIGURE 1.1 TCPIIP PROTOCOL SUITES .....	1
FIGURE 1.2 DISCREET EVENT SCHEDULER.....	8
FIGURE 1.3 THE BASIC SIMULATION OBJECTS IN NS AND THEIR INTERCONNECTIONS .....	9
FIGURE 2.1 THE TCP VS UDP SCENARIO .....	16
FIGURE 2.2 EXAMPLE OF UDP INTER PACKET DELIVERY TIME IN THE STATIC MULTI-HOP SCENARIO .....	17
FIGURE 3.1 SIMULATION TEST-BED MODEL .....	29
FIGURE 3.2 SIMULATION MODEL .....	32
FIGURE 4.1 THE BANDWIDTH USAGE OF TCP TAHOE WITH 200KB OF UDP .....	34
FIGURE 4.2 THE BANDWIDTH USAGE OF TCP TAHOE WITH 4MB OF UDP.....	35
FIGURE 4.3 THE BANDWIDTH USAGE OF TCP RENO WITH 200KB OF UDP .....	36
FIGURE 4.4 THE BANDWIDTH USAGE OF TCP RENO WITH 4MB OF UDP.....	36
FIGURE 4.5 THE BANDWIDTH USAGE OF TCP NEWRENO WITH 200KB OF UDP .....	37
FIGURE 4.6 THE BANDWIDTH USAGE OF TCP NEWRENO WITH 4MB OF UDP .....	38
FIGURE 4.7 THE BANDWIDTH USAGE OF TCP VEGAS WITH 200KB OF UDP .....	38
FIGURE 4.8 THE BANDWIDTH USAGE OF TCP VEGAS WITH 4MB OF UDP.....	39

## ABBREVIATIONS

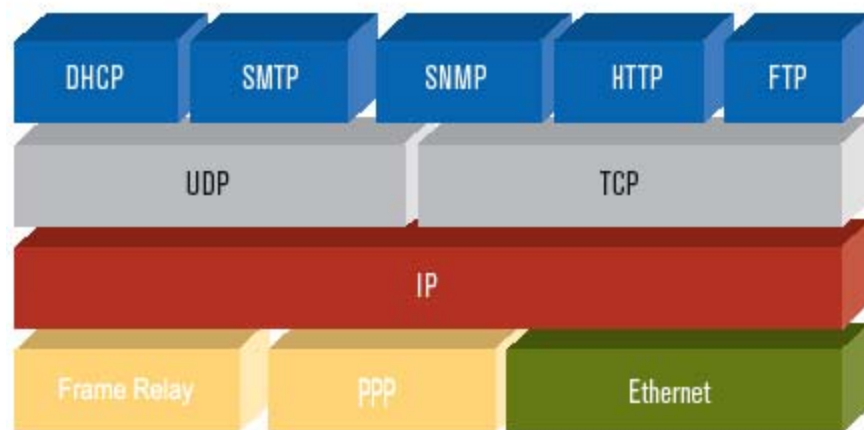
TCP	Transport Control Protocol
UDP	User Datagram Protocol
FTP	File Transfer Protocol
CBR	Constant Bit Rate
NS	Network Simulation
NAM	Network Animator
TCL	Tool Command Language
OTCL	Object extension of TCL
HTTP	Hypertext Transfer Protocol
POP	Post Office Protocol
SMTP	Simple Mail Transfer Protocol
ATM	Asynchronous Transfer Mode
DSSS	Direct-Sequence Spread Spectrum.

# CHAPTER ONE

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Introduction

Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP), the most common of all network protocol suites, used for communication on the Internet. TCP/IP is a hierarchical protocol made up of interactive layers (as shown in Figure I) each layer has a specific functionality. (Ross, 2008)



**Figure 1.1 TCPIIP Protocol Suite**

According to (Ross,2008) application layer are placed at the top of TCP / IP stack, it defines protocols such as (FTP, HTTP, Telnet and so on) for application communication. These protocols are acting as interface for the actual application program. The transport layer follows the application layer. TCP/IP makes available two distinct transport layer protocols to the application layer: Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) and User Datagram Protocol (UDP). The transport layer follows the application

The contents of  
the thesis is for  
internal user  
only

## References

**REFERENCES**

A study of the behavior of TCP in variable-bandwidth environments. from

<http://citeseerx.ist.psu.edu/viewdoc/summary?doi=10.1.1.59.8428> 2/8

A Comparative Analysis of TCP Tahoe, Reno, New-Reno, SACK and Vegas. (1998).

from

<http://inst.eecs.berkeley.edu/~ee122/fa05/projects/Project2/SACKRENEVEGAS.pdf>

A.K.Aggarwal, A. (2003). ACC – ABCD Compliant NS-2.

Allman, M., and Falk, A. (1999). On the Effective Evaluation of TCP. *ACM Computer Communication Review*.

Allman, M., Paxson, V., and Stevens, W. (1999). TCP Congestion Control. *RFC 2581, IETF*

Bajaj, s., Breslau, L., Estrin, D., Fall, K., Floyd, S., Haldar, P., et al. (1999). Improving Simulation for Network Research. *IEEE*.

Barbeau, J. G. M. (2000). "Comparison of Bandwidth Usage: Service Location Protocol and Jini."

Chohan, N. (2006). An Analysis of TCP through Simulation.

Eddy, W. M. (2004). *Improving Transmission Control Protocol Performance With Path Error Rate Information*. College of Engineering and Technology of Ohio

## References

- University.
- Fall, K. and Floyd, S. 1996. Simulation-based Comparison of Tahoe, Reno and SACK TCP.
- Fang, Q., Jia, W., and Wu, J. (2005). Available Bandwidth Detection with Improved Transport Control Algorithm for Heterogeneous Networks. *ACM*, 656 - 659.
- Floyd, S., and Fall, K. (1999). Promoting the use of end-to-end congestion control in the Internet. *IEEE/ACM Transactions on Networking*, 7(4).
- Floyd, S., and Fall, K. 2001. Why we don't know how to simulate the Internet.
- Floyd, S., and Fall, K. 1997. Difficulties in Simulating the Internet.
- Forouzan, B. (2000). *TCP/IP Protocol Suite*. Boston: McGrawHill.
- Giannoulis, S., Antonopoulos, C., Topalis, E., Athanasopoulos, A., Prayati, A., and Koubias, S. TCP vs. UDP Performance Evaluation for CBR Traffic On Wireless Multihop Networks. from <http://www.wcl.ee.upatras.gr/csndsp/CD/contents/Sessions/Presentations/A7%20-%20Wireless%20LAN/A7.4.pdf>
- Gill, M. and Zafar, M. S. (2008). Evaluation of UDP and SCTP for SIP-T and TCP, UDP and SCTP with constant traffic.
- Govea, J., and Barbeau, M. (2000). Comparison of Bandwidth Usage: Service Location Protocol and Jini. from [www.scs.carleton.ca/~barbeau/Publications/2000/TR\\_00\\_06.pdf](http://www.scs.carleton.ca/~barbeau/Publications/2000/TR_00_06.pdf)
- Hassan, M., and Jain, R. (2004). *High Performance TCP/IP Networking Concepts*,

## References

- Issues, and solutions*. London: Prentice Hall.
- Hossain, T. I. E. (2009). Introduction to Network Simulator NS2.
- Huston, G., and Telstra. (2009). TCP Performance. *The Internet Protocol Journal*, 3(2).
- Issariyakul, T., and Hossain, E. (2009). *Introduction to Network Simulator NS2*. New York, USA: Springer Science+Business Media.
- Jacobson, V. (1988). *Congestion avoidance and control*. Paper presented at the ACM SIGCOMM Special Interest Group on Data Communications.
- Jeonghoon Mo, R. J. L., Venkat Anantharam, and Jean Walrand. (2004). Analysis and Comparison of TCP Reno and Vegas [Electronic Version].
- Jin, C., X.Wei, D., and Low, S. H. (2004). FAST TCP: Motivation, Architecture, Algorithms, Performance. *IEEE Infocom*
- Kazantzidis, M. (2001). How to measure available bandwidth on the Internet. from <http://citeseerx.ist.psu.edu/viewdoc/summary?doi=10.1.1.25.2565>
- Khorashadi, B., Chen, A., Ghosal, D., Chuah, C.-N., and Zhang, M. (2007). Impact of Transmission Power on the Performance of UDP in Vehicular Ad Hoc Networks. *IEEE*, 3698-3703.
- Kurose, J., and Ross, K. (2005). *Networking: A Top-Down Approach Featuring the Internet* (3 ed.). Boston: Addison-Wesley.
- Lai, Y. and Yao, C. (2000). The Performance Comparison between TCP Reno and TCP Vegas. *IEEE*, 61 – 66.

## References

- Lee, H., Lee, S.-h., and Choi, Y. (2001). The Influence of the Large Bandwidth-Delay Product on TCP Reno, NewReno, and SACK. *IEEE*, 327-334.
- Mattsson, N.-E. (2004). *A DCCP module for NS-2*. Lulea Tekniska University.
- Mehra, P., and Zakhor, A. (2003). Receiver-Driven Bandwidth Sharing for TCP. *IEEE*, 7(4), 740- 752.
- Mo, J., La, R. J., Anantharam, V., and Walrand, J. (1999). Analysis and Comparison of TCP Reno and Vegas. *IEEE*, 3, 1556-1563
- Peterson, L. L., and Davide, B. S. (2003). *Network Simulation Experiments Manual*. San Francisco, USA: Morgan Kaufmann Publishers.
- Polyzos, G. X. a. G. C. (2003). "Wireless link layer enhancements for TCP and UDP applications."
- Postel, J. (1981). Transmission Control Protocol. *RFC 793*.
- Ren Wang, G. P., Kenshin Yamada, M.Y. Sanadidi, and Mario Gerla. (2004). TCP Startup Performance in Large Bandwidth Delay Networks [Electronic Version].
- Rohner, C., Nordstrm, E., Gunningberg, P., & Tschudinn, C. (1998). Interactions between TCP, UDP and routing protocols in wireless multi-hop ad hoc networks.ROSS, J. F. K. K. W. (2008). Computer network.
- Ross, J. F. K. K. W. (2008). Computer network.
- S.Floyd, and T.Henderson. (1999). The NewReno Modification to TCP's Fast Recovery Algorithm. *RFC 2582*.



## References

- S. Giannoulis, C. A., E. Topalis, A. Athanasopoulos, A. Prayati, S. Koubias. TCP vs. UDP Performance Evaluation for CBR Traffic On Wireless Multihop Networks [Electronic Version] from <http://www.google.com.my/search?hl=en&ei=aGKoSvPFBIme6gPN3uWYBga&andsa=1>.
- S.Sudha, Maddipati, S., and Ammasaigounden, N. (2008). A new adaptive marker for bandwidth fairness between TCP and UDP traffic in DiffServ. *IEEE*, 1-5.
- Singh, H., and Singh, S. (2002). Energy Consumption of TCP Reno, Newreno, and SACK in Multi-Hop Wireless Networks. *ACM*, 206 - 216.
- Singh, M., Guha, S., and Francis, P. (2005). Utilizing spare network bandwidth to improve TCP performance. *ACM*.
- Stevens, W. (1997). TCP Slow Start, Congestion Avoidance, Fast Retransmit, and Fast Recovery Algorithms. *RFC 2001, IEEE*.
- Stevens ,W.(1994).TCP/IP illustrated.
- Todorovic, M. (2005). *Comparative Study Of The End-To-End Compliant Tcp Protocols For Wireless Networks*. Texas Tech University, USA.
- Wang, R., Pau, G., Yamada, K., Sanadidi, M. Y., and Gerla, M. (2002). TCP Startup Performance in Large Bandwidth Delay Networks. from [www.ieee-infocom.org/2004/Papers/16\\_5.PDF](http://www.ieee-infocom.org/2004/Papers/16_5.PDF)
- Xu, S., and Saadawi, T. (2001). Does the ieee 802.11 mac protocol work well in multihop wireless ad hoc networks? . *IEEE Communications Magazine*, 39(4).

## References

- Xylomenos, G., and Polyzos, G. C. (1999). TCP and UDP Performance over a Wireless LAN. *IEEE*, 439–446.
- Yaacob, N. A. (2003). Utilizing Snort in the analysis of intrusion Detection System. University Utara Malaysia.
- Zafar, M. S., and Gill, M. S. (2008). *Evaluation of UDP and SCTP for SIP-T and TCP, UDP and SCTP with constant traffic*. Blekinge Institute of Technology.
- Zakhor, P.M. (2003). Receiver-Driven Bandwidth Sharing for TCP [Electronic Version] from <http://www.google.com.my/search?hl=en&q=Receiver-Driven+Bandwidth+Sharing+for+TCP.6/8>