

CSSE 490

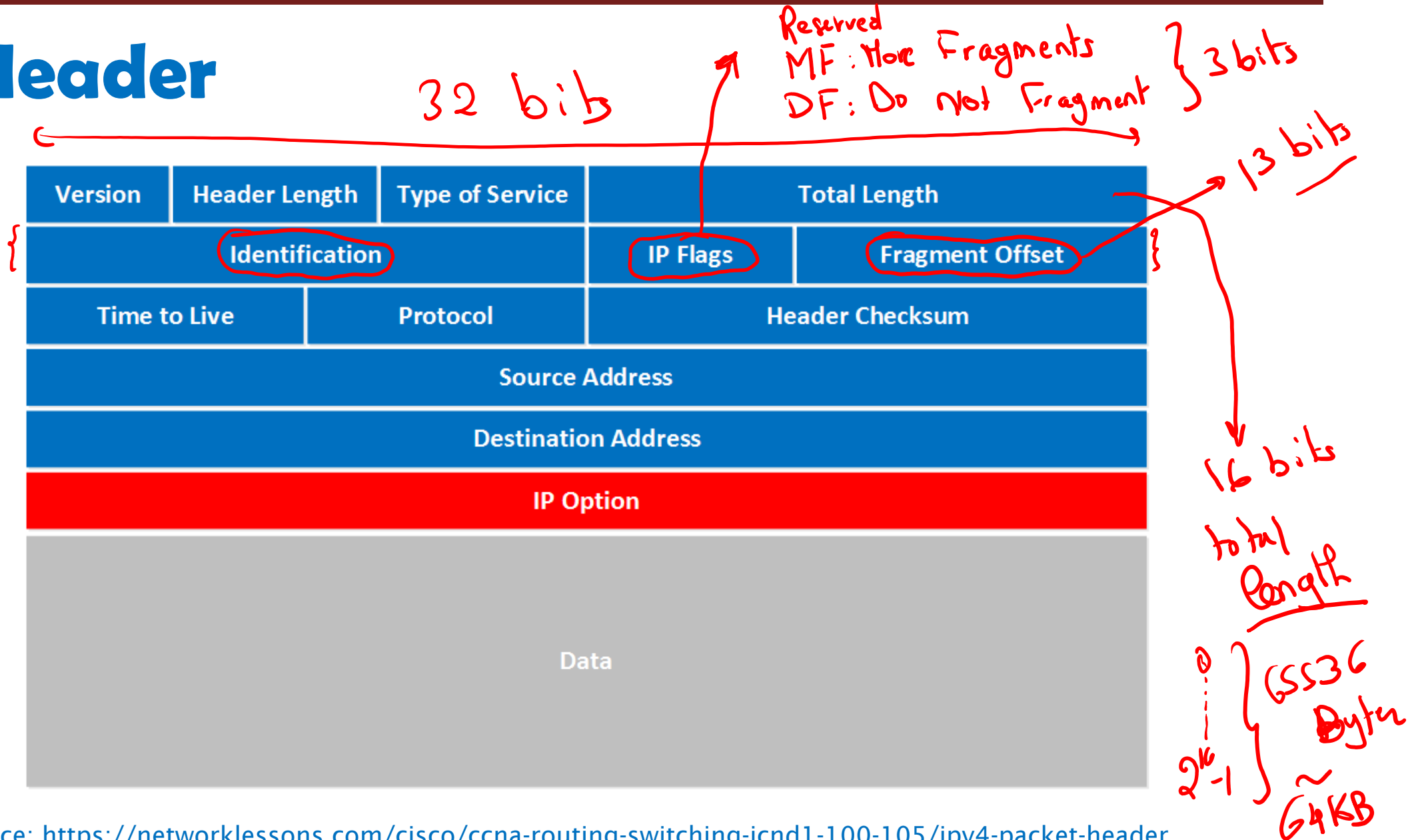
Network Security

Day 10: Layer 3 Attacks

Outline

- ❑ IP Fragmentation
- ❑ IP Fragmentation Attacks
- ❑ Ping of Death
- ❑ Teardrop
- ❑ Memory DoS

IP Header



Fragmentation: Why?

Recall from Ethernet Frames discussion

Hardware Limits

Physical World Limits

□ Maximum Transmission Unit (MTU)

□ 46 ≤ MTU ≤ 1500 bytes

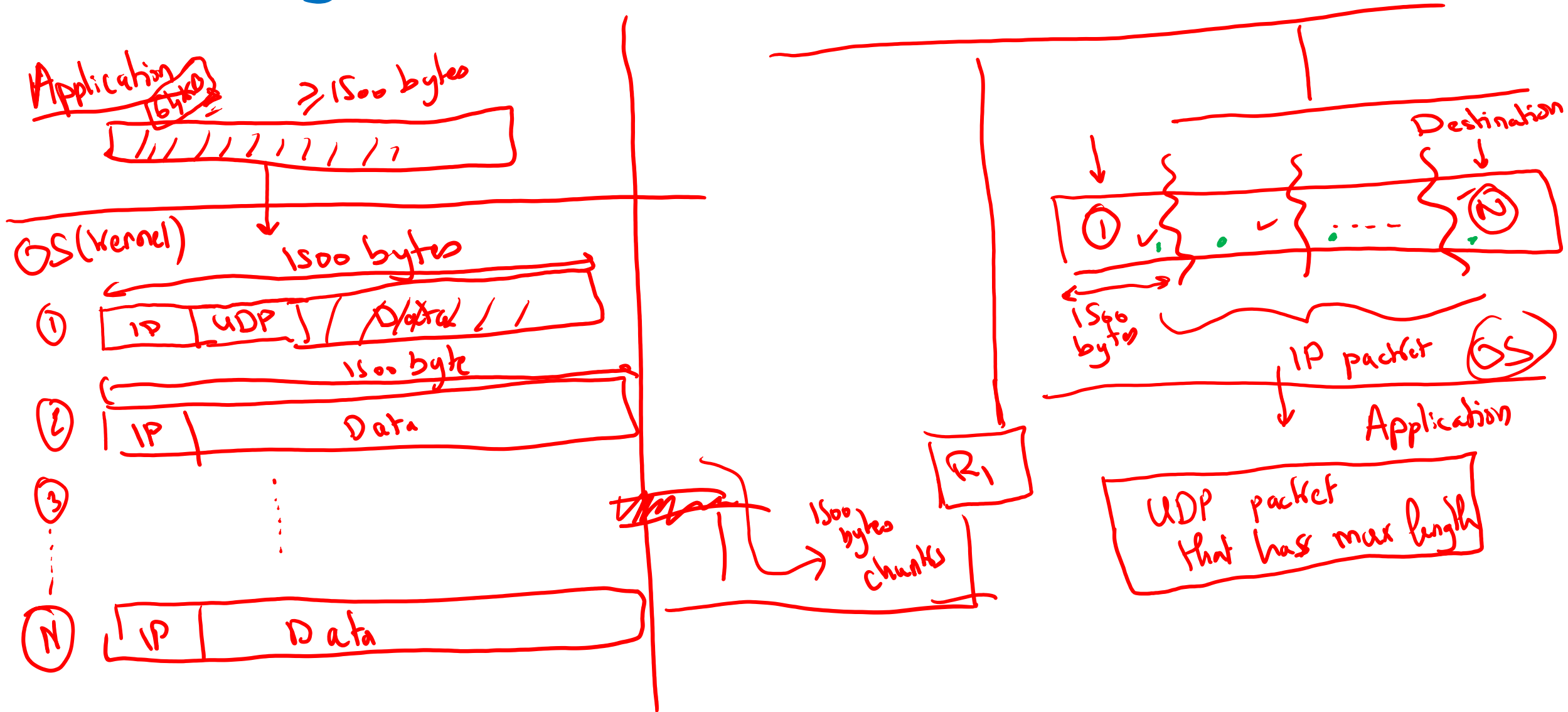
Detect Collisions

Hard limit on how big a packet can be

*File 3MB
~ 3 × 10⁶ Bytes*

↳ ≥ 1500: Fragment (IP-fragmentation)

IP Fragmentation



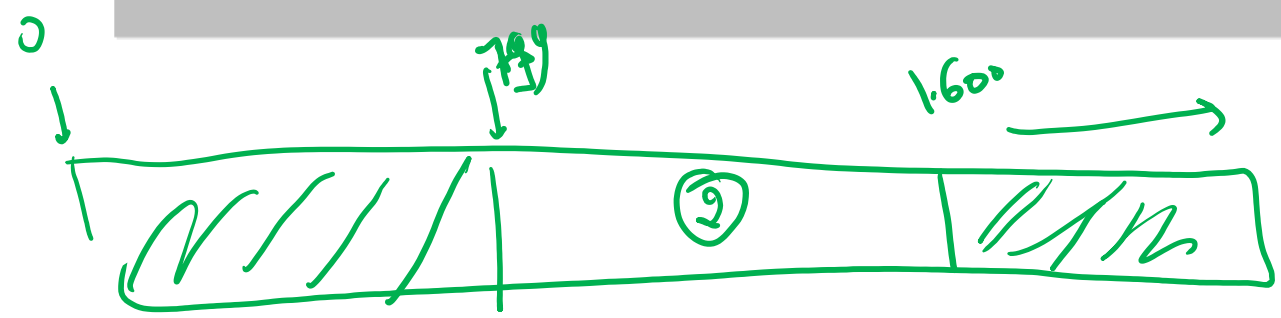
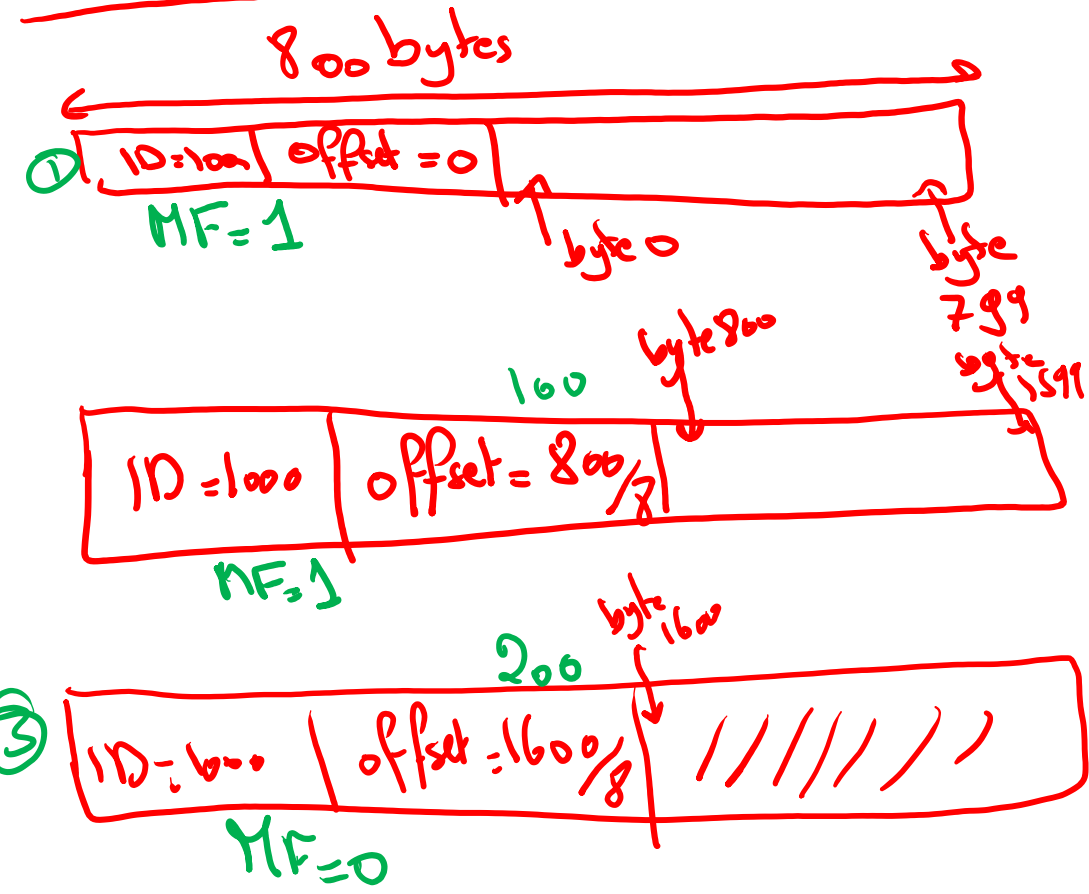
Fragmentation Offsets

Version	Header Length	Type of Service	Total Length	
Identification			IP Flags	Fragment Offset
Time to Live	Protocol		Header Checksum	
Source Address				
Destination Address				
IP Option				
Data				

multiple of 8
16 bits

13 bit byte offset of the first byte in the packet w.r.t total length

MTU = 800 Bytes (1600 → change) bytes



Fragmentation Demo

`send_fragments.py`

Rules

- ❑ Protocols are just rules
- ❑ Note everyone follows rules
- ❑ Packets are created artifacts



Questions

- Can you create a packet that **is larger than 65535 bytes**?
- Can you create **abnormal conditions** using packet offsets and payload sizes?
- Can you use a small amount of bandwidth to **tie up a target's resources**?

Ping of Death Attack

Q1: Can you create a packet that is larger than 65535 bytes?



```
#define MAX_PKT_SIZE 65535

struct ip_pkt {
    // ...
    char payload[MAX_PKT_SIZE];
};
```

64k + 1000 - 8

≥ 64k

buffer overflow
in the kernel

Still there

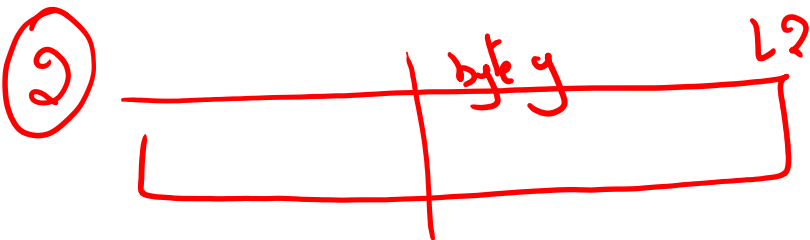
Windows “Ping of Death” bug
revealed – patch now!

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Microsoft, Vulnerability

The Teardrop Attack

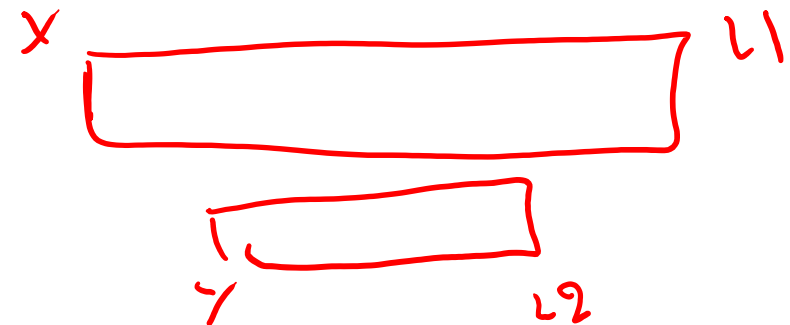
Q2: Can you create abnormal conditions using packet offsets and payload sizes?



$$x + L1 = y$$

$$L2 + y > L1$$

```
if(pkt1->offset < pkt2->offset){  
    // allocate room for the packet payload  
    data = kmalloc(pkt2->len - pkt1->len);  
}
```



$L2 < L1 \rightarrow 20 \rightarrow$ unsigned
Huge number

Memory DoS using IP Fragments

Q3: Can you use a small amount of bandwidth to tie up a target's resources?

