TCP/IP

STEP 1

The TCP protocol breaks data into packets.

To :
From :

STEP 2

The packets travel from router to router over the Internet according to the IP protocol.

STEP 3

The TCP protocol reassembles the packets into the original whole.
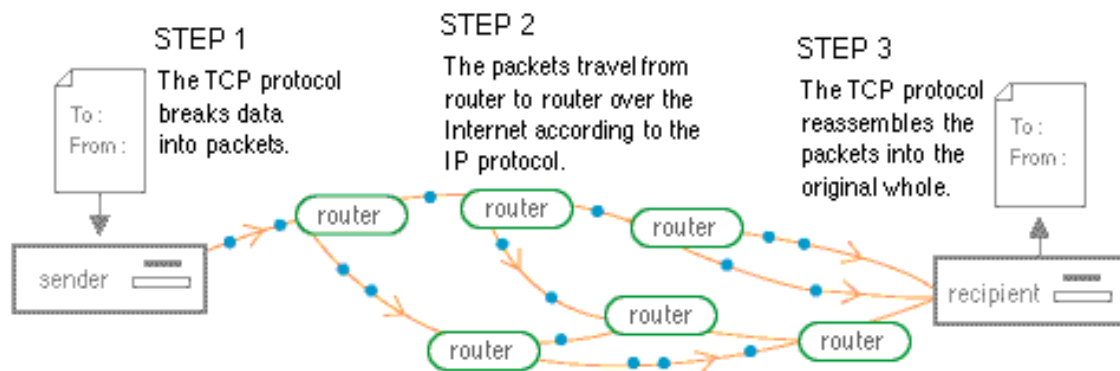
To :
From :

sender

router

router

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recipient

Figure 2. How data travels over the Net.