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- software does (with a little hardware help)
- the software is sometimes called the “network stack”
What is the “network stack”
the software team that makes “networking” happen

- a group of separate programs
- members of a common team
- with division of labor
- that cooperate
2 computers, 2 network stacks
A computer
Where is the network stack?

network interface
Who uses the network stack?

any program that asks, a.k.a. a “network program”
Two network programs can talk