

# MTU 問題討論

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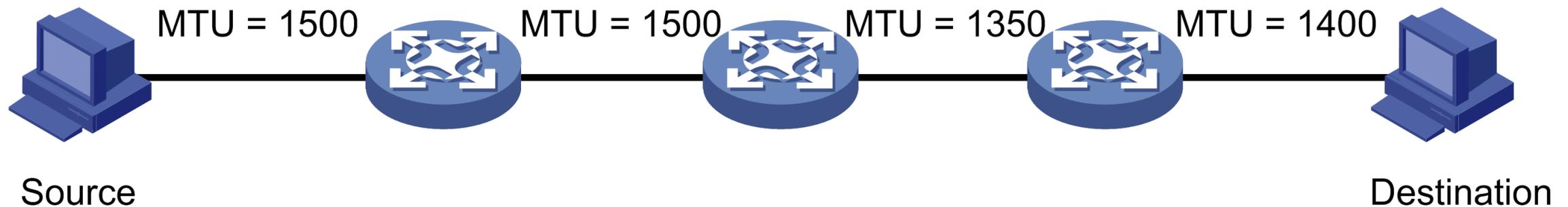
# MTU versus MSS



# What's MTU?

## MTU (Maximum Transmission Unit)

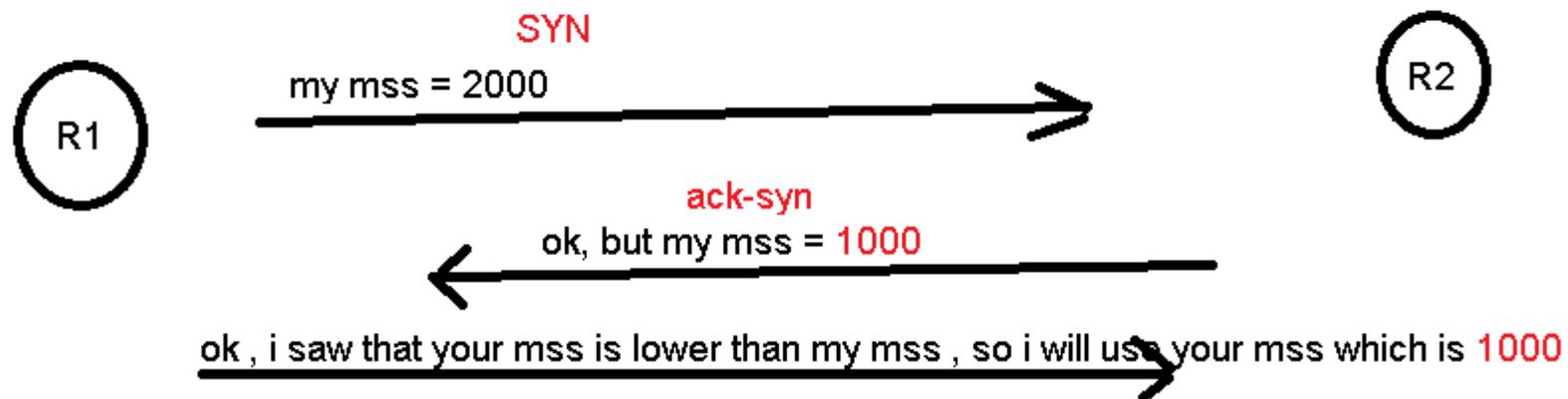
- 封包在網路上最大可以被傳輸的大小(packet size)
- 每個網路設備或介面，可接受最大封包大小不一定一樣。
- 不論自己的設備MTU可以設定多大，需考慮封包傳送到目的地途中所有經過的設備之MTU。
- 在乙太網路上，標準的MTU定義為 1500 bytes。



# What's MSS?

## MSS (TCP Maximum Segment Size)

- TCP封包在網路上，每個封包可以傳輸的最大的data大小 (payload size)。
- 為了達到最佳的傳輸效能，TCP協議在建立連接的時候通常要協商雙方的MSS值。
- 傳送端主機會根據其出口介面的傳輸單元最大值 (MTU) 來計算 TCP MSS。
- **MSS = MTU - 40 (20 Byte for TCP + 20 Byte IP)**。



# MTU vs. MSS

## 3.1. RFC 879

RFC 879 [RFC879] discusses the MSS option and other topics. In the Introduction, it states:

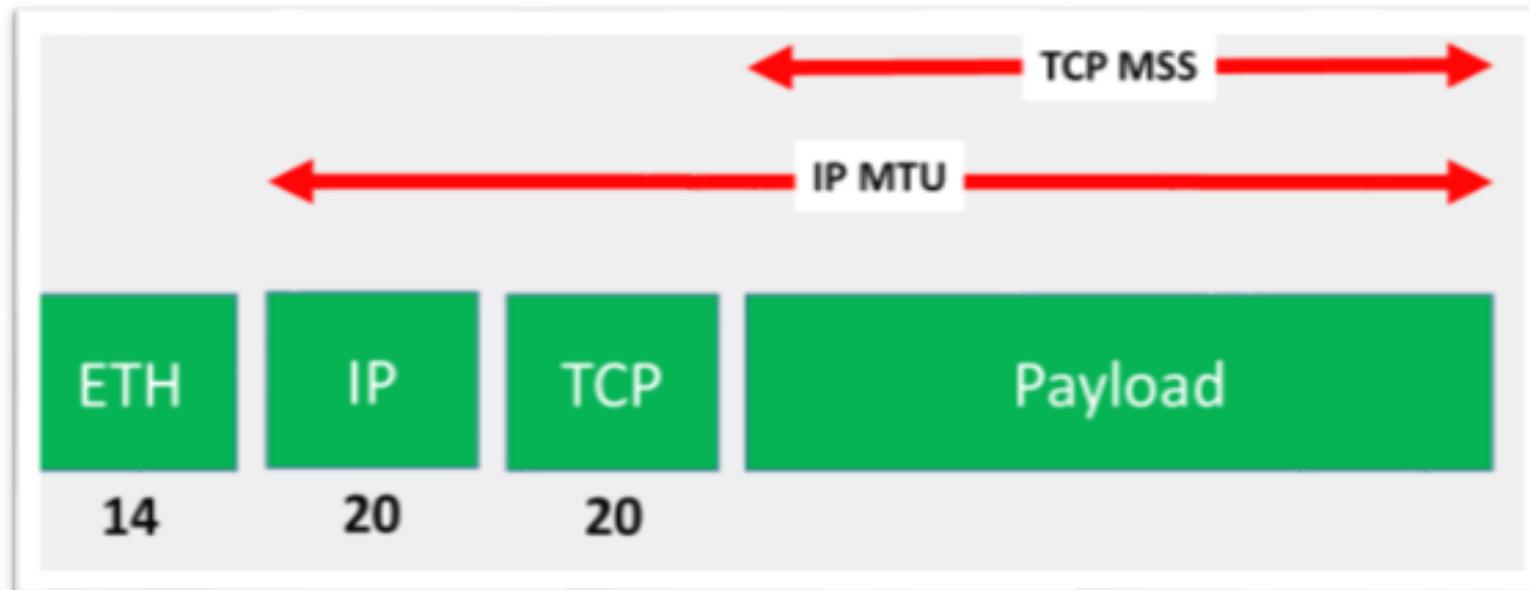
THE TCP MAXIMUM SEGMENT SIZE IS THE IP MAXIMUM DATAGRAM SIZE MINUS FORTY.

<https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/rfc6691>

IP = 20 Bytes  
TCP = 20 Bytes

**MTU** = Payload + IP + TCP = 1500

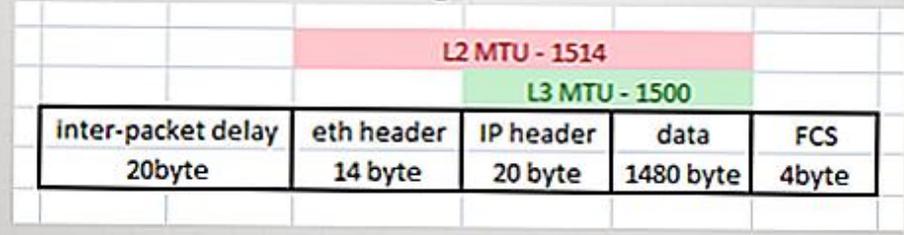
**MSS** = MTU - 40 (20 Byte for TCP + 20 Byte IP)  
= 1500 - 40  
= **1460**



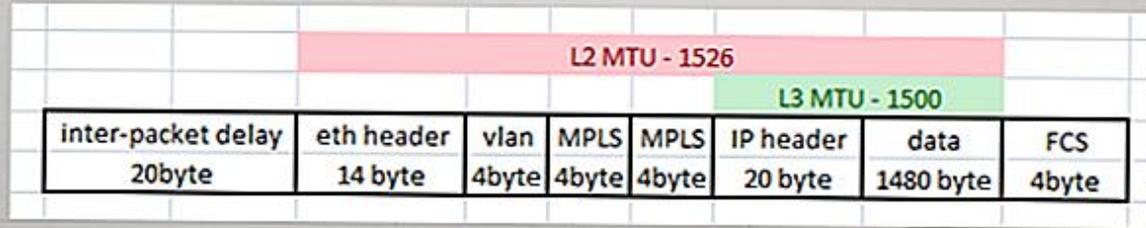
# MPLS MTU

## MTU Maximum Transmit Unit

- A normal frame for a switch/router



- MPLS frame inside a vlan

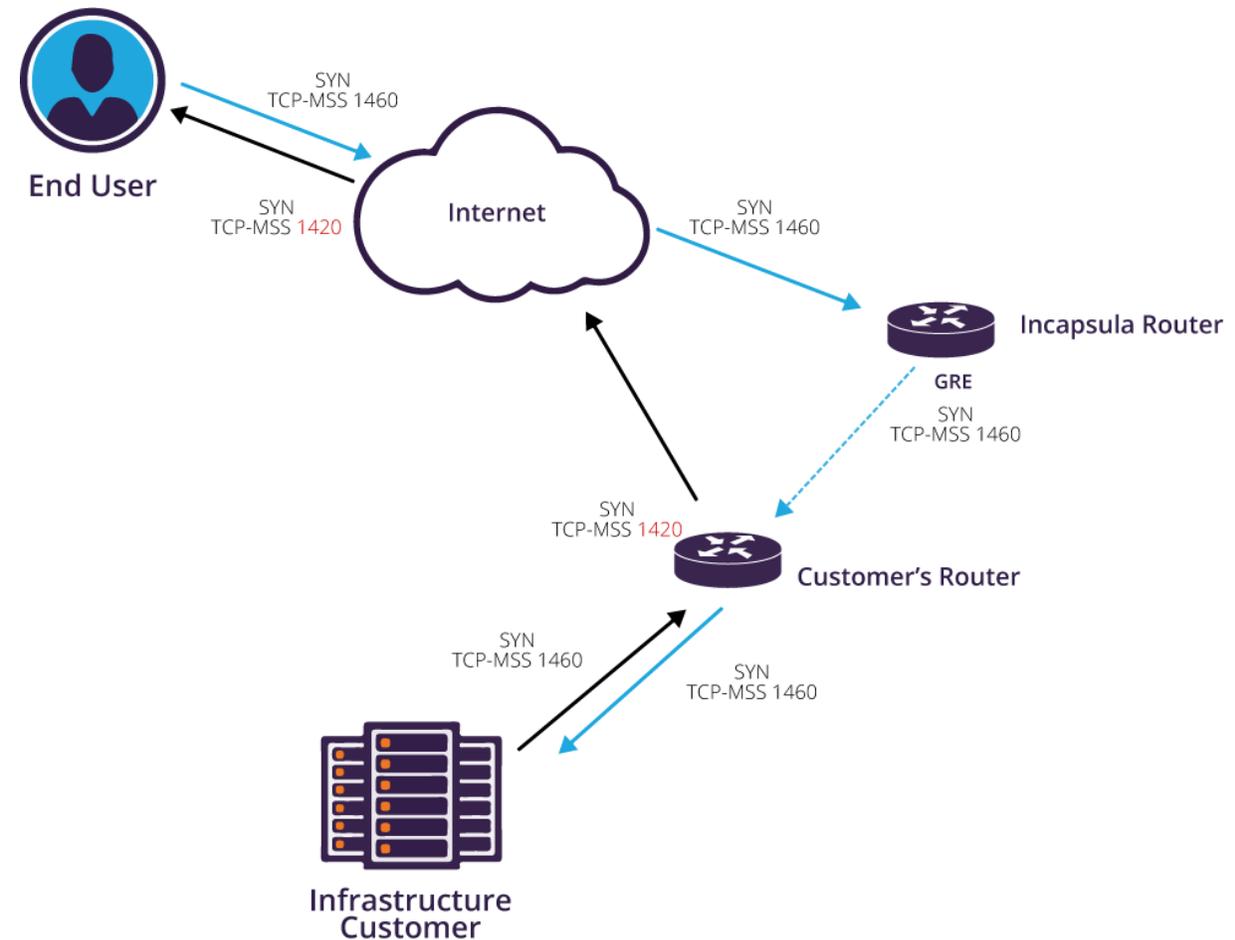


# MTU 問題-自救解法



# MTU問題-自救方法說明

- $MSS = MTU - 40$  (20 Byte for TCP + 20 Byte IP)。
- 利用 TCP MSS 的協商機制。
- 壓低 MTU 來影響 MSS 協商，讓整體封包大小下降。



# MTU 1500

```
C:\Windows\system32>netsh interface ipv4 show subinterface
```

MTU	MediaSenseState	接收的位元組	傳送的位元組	介面
4294967295		1	0	3875 Loopback Pseudo-Interface 1
1500	1	329582630	19023949	Ethernet0
1500	1	0	6082	VirtualBox Host-Only Network

# MTU 1500

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
13	9.189902	192.168.21.126	20.197.71.89	TLSv1.2	159	Application Data
14	9.250692	20.197.71.89	192.168.21.126	TLSv1.2	229	Application Data
15	9.303813	192.168.21.126	20.197.71.89	TCP	54	60683 → 443 [ACK] Seq=106 Ack=176 Win=1029 Len=0
24	24.664614	192.168.21.126	13.58.219.225	TCP	66	58663 → 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256 SACK_PERM=1
25	24.673927	192.168.21.126	140.112.254.4	DNS	109	Standard query 0x5488 AAAA ec2-13-58-219-225.us-east-2.compute.amazonaws.com
26	24.703150	192.168.21.126	168.95.1.1	DNS	109	Standard query 0x5488 AAAA ec2-13-58-219-225.us-east-2.compute.amazonaws.com
27	24.730584	140.112.254.4	192.168.21.126	DNS	177	Standard query response 0x5488 AAAA ec2-13-58-219-225.us-east-2.compute.amazonaws.com
28	24.765617	168.95.1.1	192.168.21.126	DNS	177	Standard query response 0x5488 AAAA ec2-13-58-219-225.us-east-2.compute.amazonaws.com
29	24.909629	13.58.219.225	192.168.21.126	TCP	66	443 → 58663 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM=1 WS=128
30	24.909890	192.168.21.126	13.58.219.225	TCP	54	58663 → 443 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=262656 Len=0
31	24.916076	192.168.21.126	13.58.219.225	TLSv1	571	Client Hello
32	25.179436	13.58.219.225	192.168.21.126	TCP	60	443 → 58663 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=518 Win=63744 Len=0
33	25.179438	13.58.219.225	192.168.21.126	SSL	288	[TCP Previous segment not captured] , Continuation Data

Window size value: 64240

[Calculated window size: 64240]

Checksum: 0x0351 [unverified]

[Checksum Status: Unverified]

Urgent pointer: 0

Options: (12 bytes), Maximum segment size, No-Operation (NOP), No-Operation (NOP), SACK permitted, No-Operation (NOP), Window scale

  TCP Option - Maximum segment size: 1460 bytes

    Kind: Maximum Segment Size (2)

    Length: 4

    MSS Value: 1460

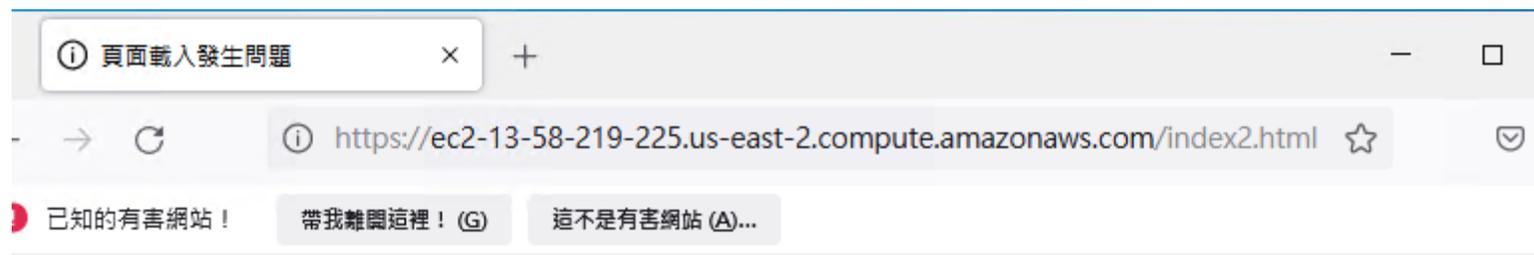
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  > TCP Option - SACK permitted

  > TCP Option - No-Operation (NOP)

  > TCP Option - Window scale: 7 (multiply by 128)



## 連線已逾時

伺服器 `ec2-13-58-219-225.us-east-2.compute.amazonaws.com` 花了太久時間還是無回應。

- 該網站可能暫時無法使用或太過忙碌，請過幾分鐘後再試試。
- 若無法載入任何網站，請檢查您的網路連線狀態。
- 若電腦或網路被防火牆或 Proxy 保護，請確定 Firefox 被允許存取網路。

重試

# MTU 1492

C:\Windows\system32>netsh interface ipv4 set subinterface "Ethernet0" mtu=1492 store=persistent  
確定。

C:\Windows\system32>netsh interface ipv4 show subinterface

MTU	MediaSenseState	接收的位元組	傳送的位元組	介面
4294967295		1	0	4865 Loopback Pseudo-Interface 1
1492	1	579598976	95111227	Ethernet0
1500	1	0	6662	VirtualBox Host-Only Network

# MTU 1492

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
580	198.864656	192.168.21.126	13.58.219.225	TCP	54	58663 → 443 [RST, ACK] Seq=519 Ack=1 Win=0 Len=0
682	225.977228	192.168.21.126	13.58.219.225	TCP	66	58678 → 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=65340 Len=0 MSS=1452 WS=256 SACK_PERM=1
691	226.219379	13.58.219.225	192.168.21.126	TCP	66	443 → 58678 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM=1 WS=128
692	226.219509	192.168.21.126	13.58.219.225	TCP	54	58678 → 443 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=262656 Len=0
693	226.225329	192.168.21.126	13.58.219.225	TLSv1.3	571	Client Hello
694	226.467840	13.58.219.225	192.168.21.126	TCP	60	443 → 58678 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=518 Win=63744 Len=0
695	226.469271	13.58.219.225	192.168.21.126	TLSv1.3	1506	Server Hello, Change Cipher Spec, Application Data, Application Data
696	226.469274	13.58.219.225	192.168.21.126	TLSv1.3	296	Application Data, Application Data
697	226.469403	192.168.21.126	13.58.219.225	TCP	54	58678 → 443 [ACK] Seq=518 Ack=1695 Win=262656 Len=0
698	226.480446	192.168.21.126	13.58.219.225	TLSv1.3	118	Change Cipher Spec, Application Data
699	226.480997	192.168.21.126	13.58.219.225	TLSv1.3	630	Application Data
700	226.722558	13.58.219.225	192.168.21.126	TCP	60	443 → 58678 [ACK] Seq=1695 Ack=582 Win=64128 Len=0
701	226.722805	13.58.219.225	192.168.21.126	TLSv1.3	325	Application Data

Acknowledgment number (raw): 0

1000 .... = Header Length: 32 bytes (8)

> Flags: 0x002 (SYN)

Window size value: 65340

[Calculated window size: 65340]

Checksum: 0xbf68 [unverified]

[Checksum Status: Unverified]

Urgent pointer: 0

✓ Options: (12 bytes), Maximum segment size, No-Operation (NOP), Window scale, No-Operation (NOP), No-Operation (NOP), SACK permitted

✓ TCP Option - Maximum segment size: 1452 bytes

Kind: Maximum Segment Size (2)

Length: 4

MSS Value: 1452

> TCP Option - No-Operation (NOP)



# MTU 1493

```
C:\Windows\system32>netsh interface ipv4 set subinterface "Ethernet0" mtu=1493 store=persistent  
確定。
```

```
C:\Windows\system32>netsh interface ipv4 show subinterface
```

MTU	MediaSenseState	接收的位元組	傳送的位元組	介面
4294967295		1	0	4865 Loopback Pseudo-Interface 1
1493	1	579673554	96216706	Ethernet0
1500	1	0	6662	VirtualBox Host-Only Network

# MTU 1493

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
2322	513.263300	192.168.21.126	13.58.219.225	TCP	66	58703 → 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=65385 Len=0 MSS=1453 WS=256 SACK_PERM=1
2323	513.505392	13.58.219.225	192.168.21.126	TCP	66	443 → 58703 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM=1 WS=128
2324	513.505574	192.168.21.126	13.58.219.225	TCP	54	58703 → 443 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=262912 Len=0
2325	513.512021	192.168.21.126	13.58.219.225	TLSv1.3	733	Client Hello
2326	513.758961	13.58.219.225	192.168.21.126	TCP	60	443 → 58703 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=680 Win=63616 Len=0
2327	513.758964	13.58.219.225	192.168.21.126	TLSv1.3	294	Server Hello, Change Cipher Spec, Application Data, Application Data
2328	513.760757	192.168.21.126	13.58.219.225	TLSv1.3	118	Change Cipher Spec, Application Data
2329	513.767615	192.168.21.126	13.58.219.225	TLSv1.3	613	Application Data
2332	514.002816	13.58.219.225	192.168.21.126	TCP	60	443 → 58703 [ACK] Seq=241 Ack=744 Win=64128 Len=0
2333	514.003021	13.58.219.225	192.168.21.126	TLSv1.3	325	Application Data
2334	514.009507	13.58.219.225	192.168.21.126	TCP	60	443 → 58703 [ACK] Seq=512 Ack=1303 Win=63616 Len=0
2335	514.010133	13.58.219.225	192.168.21.126	TLSv1.3	1089	[TCP Previous segment not captured] , Continuation Data
2336	514.010175	192.168.21.126	13.58.219.225	TCP	66	58703 → 443 [ACK] Seq=1303 Ack=512 Win=262400 Len=0 SLE=1965 SRE=3000

> Flags: 0x002 (SYN)

Window size value: 65385

[Calculated window size: 65385]

Checksum: 0xbf68 [unverified]

[Checksum Status: Unverified]

Urgent pointer: 0

∨ Options: (12 bytes), Maximum segment size, No-Operation (NOP), Window scale, No-Operation (NOP), No-Operation (NOP), SACK permitted

∨ TCP Option - Maximum segment size: 1453 bytes

Kind: Maximum Segment Size (2)

Length: 4

MSS Value: 1453

> TCP Option - No-Operation (NOP)

> TCP Option - Window scale: 8 (multiply by 256)



# MTU 調整 command

Linux

ifconfig

sudo ifconfig eth0 mtu 1492

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-33-231:~$ ifconfig
eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 172.31.33.231 netmask 255.255.240.0 broadcast 172.31.47.255
    inet6 fe80::8bc:a5ff:feb0:575e prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether 0a:bc:a5:b0:57:5e txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 157935 bytes 157026341 (157.0 MB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 62408 bytes 15628707 (15.6 MB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```

Windows

netsh interface ipv4 show subinterface

netsh interface ipv4 set subinterface "Ethernet0" mtu=1500 store=persistent

```
C:\Windows\system32>netsh interface ipv4 show subinterface

   MTU  MediaSenseState  接收的位元組  傳送的位元組  介面
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4294967295      1          1          0      3875  Loopback Pseudo-Interface 1
1500            1  329582630  19023949  Ethernet0
1500            1          0          6082  VirtualBox Host-Only Network
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# Router MSS 調整

## MSS clamping

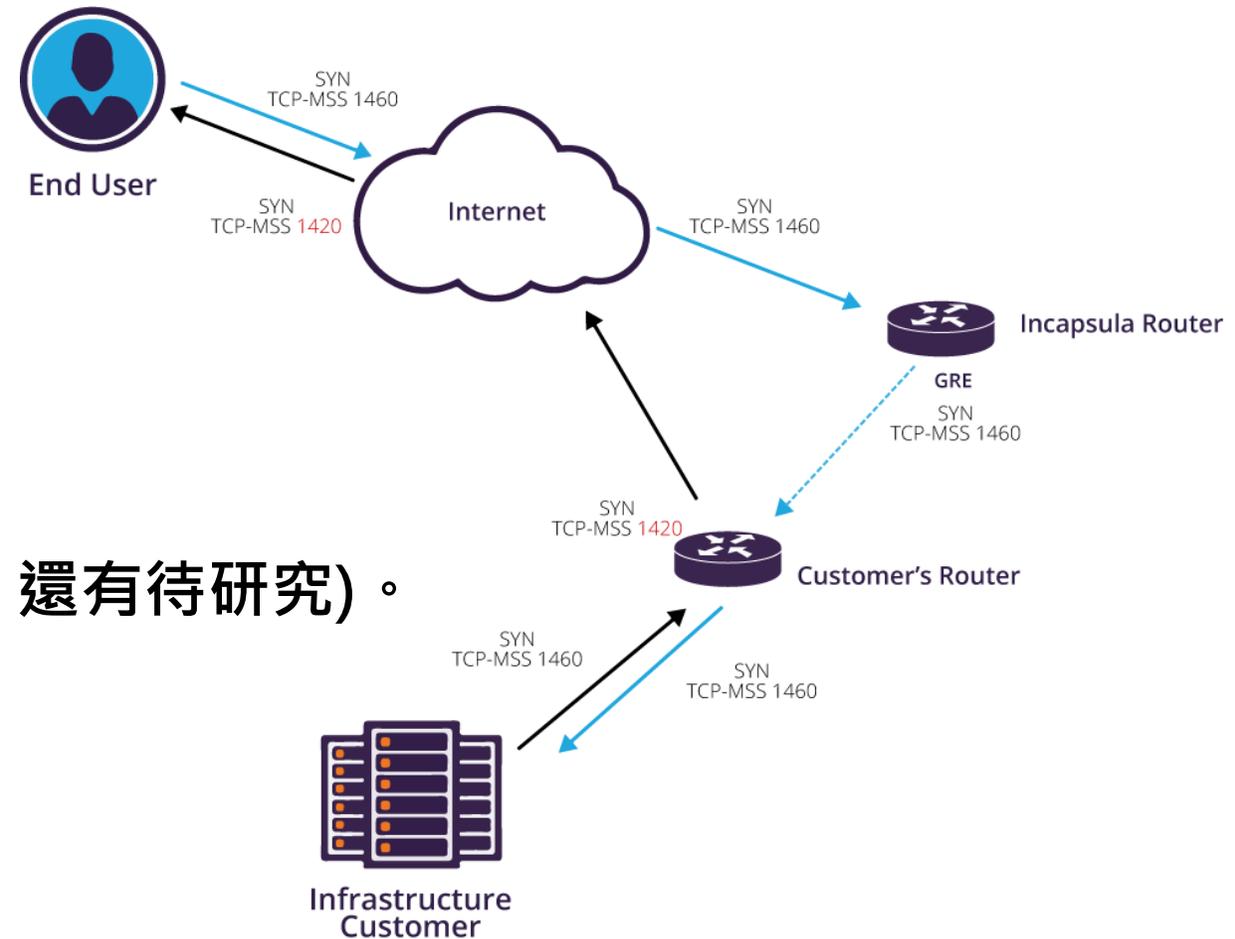
Interfaces / WAN (em0) ☰ 📊 ?

### General Configuration

<b>Enable</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enable interface
<b>Description</b>	<input type="text" value="WAN"/> Enter a description (name) for the interface here.
<b>IPv4 Configuration Type</b>	<input type="text" value="Static IPv4"/>
<b>IPv6 Configuration Type</b>	<input type="text" value="DHCP6"/>
<b>MAC Address</b>	<input type="text" value="xxxxxxxxxxxx"/> This field can be used to modify ("spoof") the MAC address of this interface. Enter a MAC address in the following format: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx or leave blank.
<b>MTU</b>	<input type="text"/> If this field is blank, the adapter's default MTU will be used. This is typically 1500 bytes but can vary in some circumstances.
<b>MSS</b>	<input type="text" value="1400"/> If a value is entered in this field, then MSS-clamping for TCP connections to the value entered above minus 40 for IPv4 (TCP/IPv4 header size) and minus 60 for IPv6 (TCP/IPv6 header size) will be in effect.
<b>Speed and Duplex</b>	<input type="text" value="Default (no preference, typically autoselect)"/> Explicitly set speed and duplex mode for this interface. WARNING: MUST be set to autoselect (automatically negotiate speed) unless the port this interface connects to has its speed and duplex forced.

# MTU問題-自救解法

- $MSS = MTU - 40$  (20 Byte for TCP + 20 Byte IP)。
- 利用 TCP MSS 的協商機制。
- 壓低 MTU 來影響 MSS 協商，讓整體封包大小下降。



- 自行壓低 client 端 MTU。
- 調整 Layer3設備 MSS 值 (比較複雜，還有待研究)。