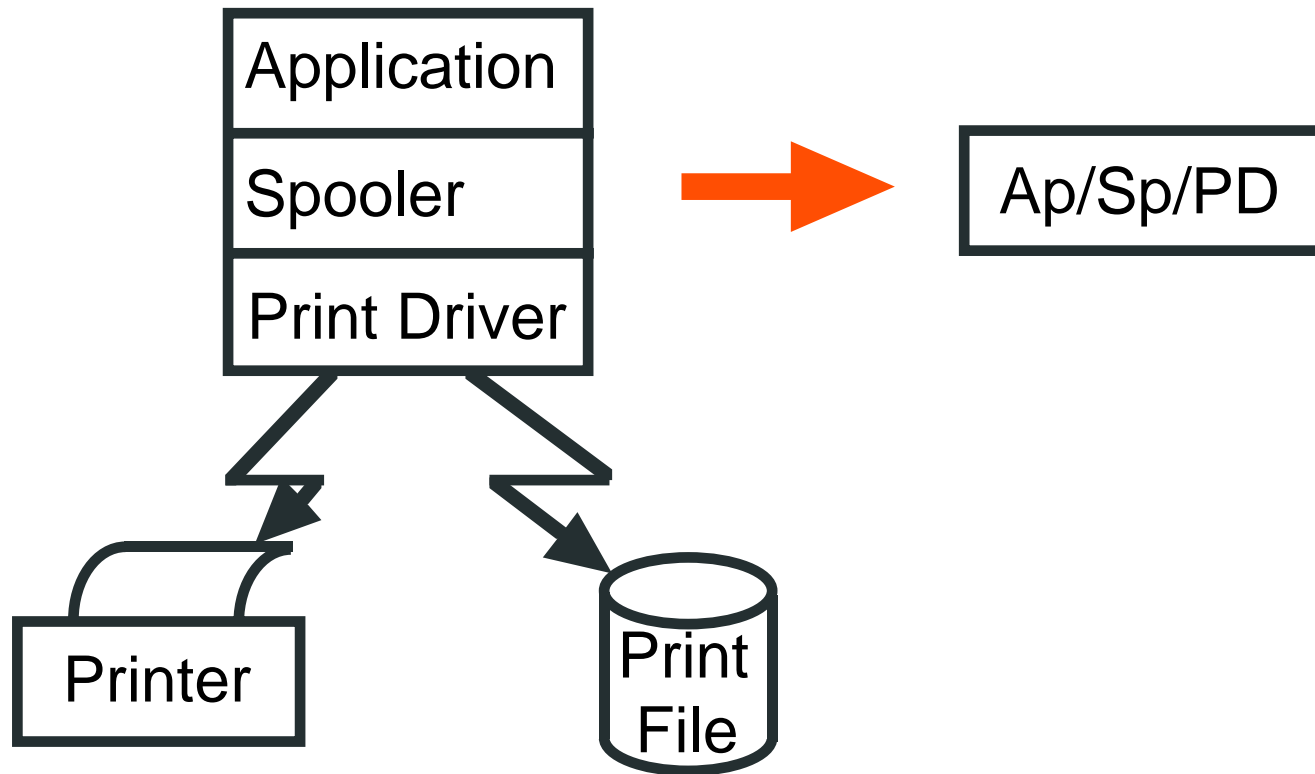# Internet Printing Protocol (IPP) Model and Protocol

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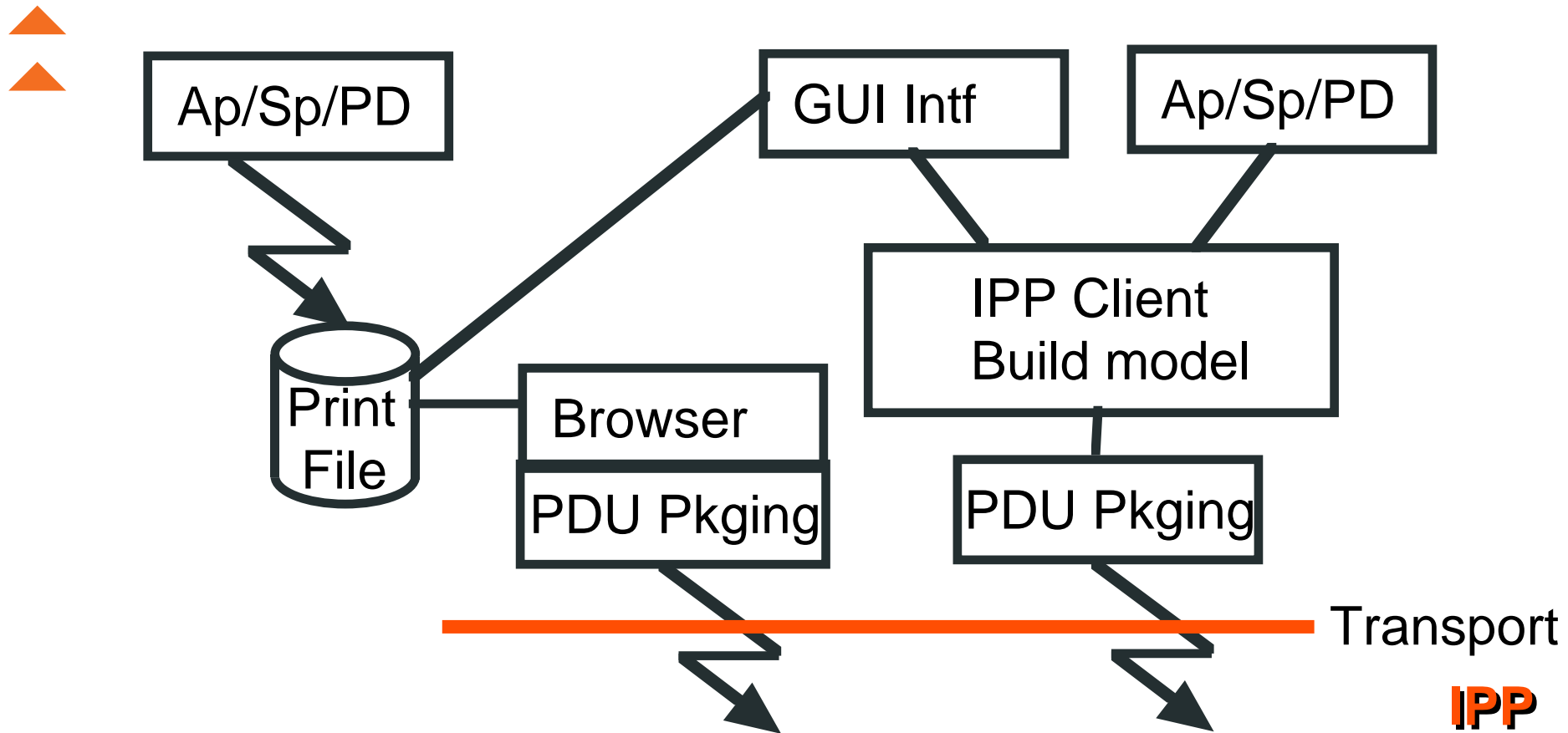**IPP**

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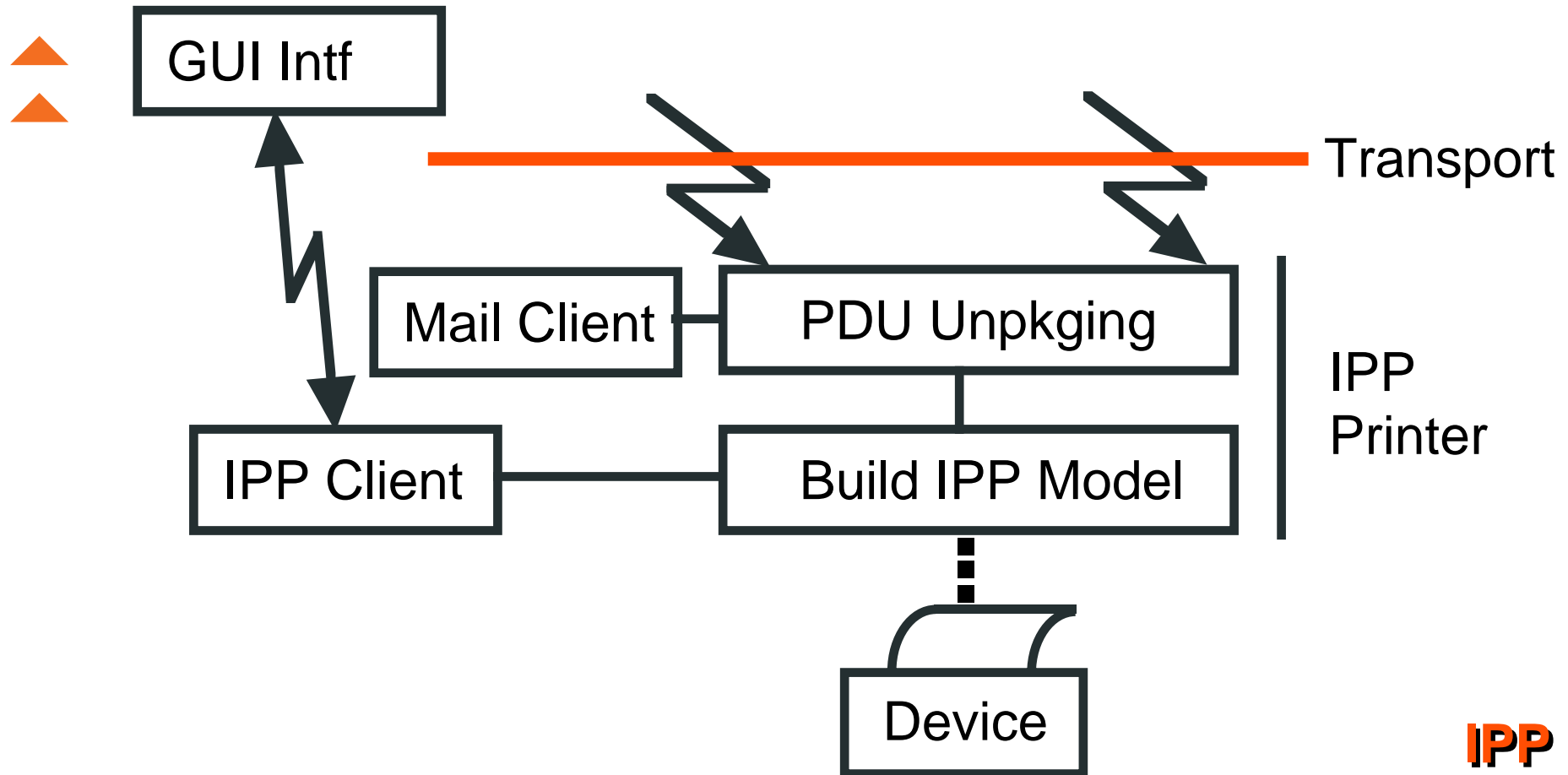
Application

Spooler

Print Driver

→ Ap/Sp/PD

Printer

Print File

IPP

Print Job Submission

| Ap/Sp/PD | | GUI Intf | Ap/Sp/PD |

Print File

Browser
PDU Pkging

IPP Client
Build model

PDU Pkging

Transport

IPP

Print Job Reception

GUI Intf

Transport

Mail Client

PDU Unpkging

IPP Client

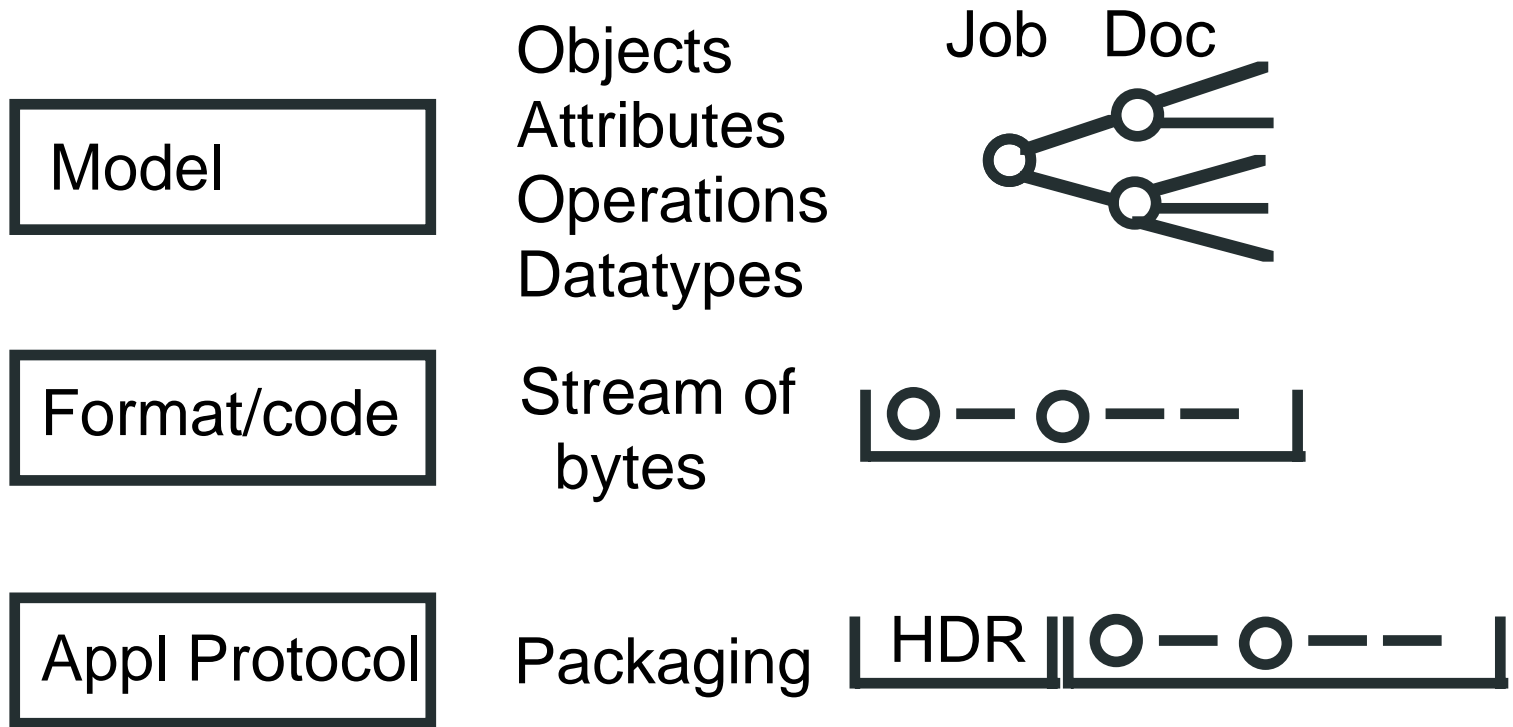Build IPP Model

IPP Printer

Device

Objects and Operations

- Printer
  - Print
  - Get Attributes
  - Get Jobs
- Job
  - Get Attributes
  - Cancel Job

IPP
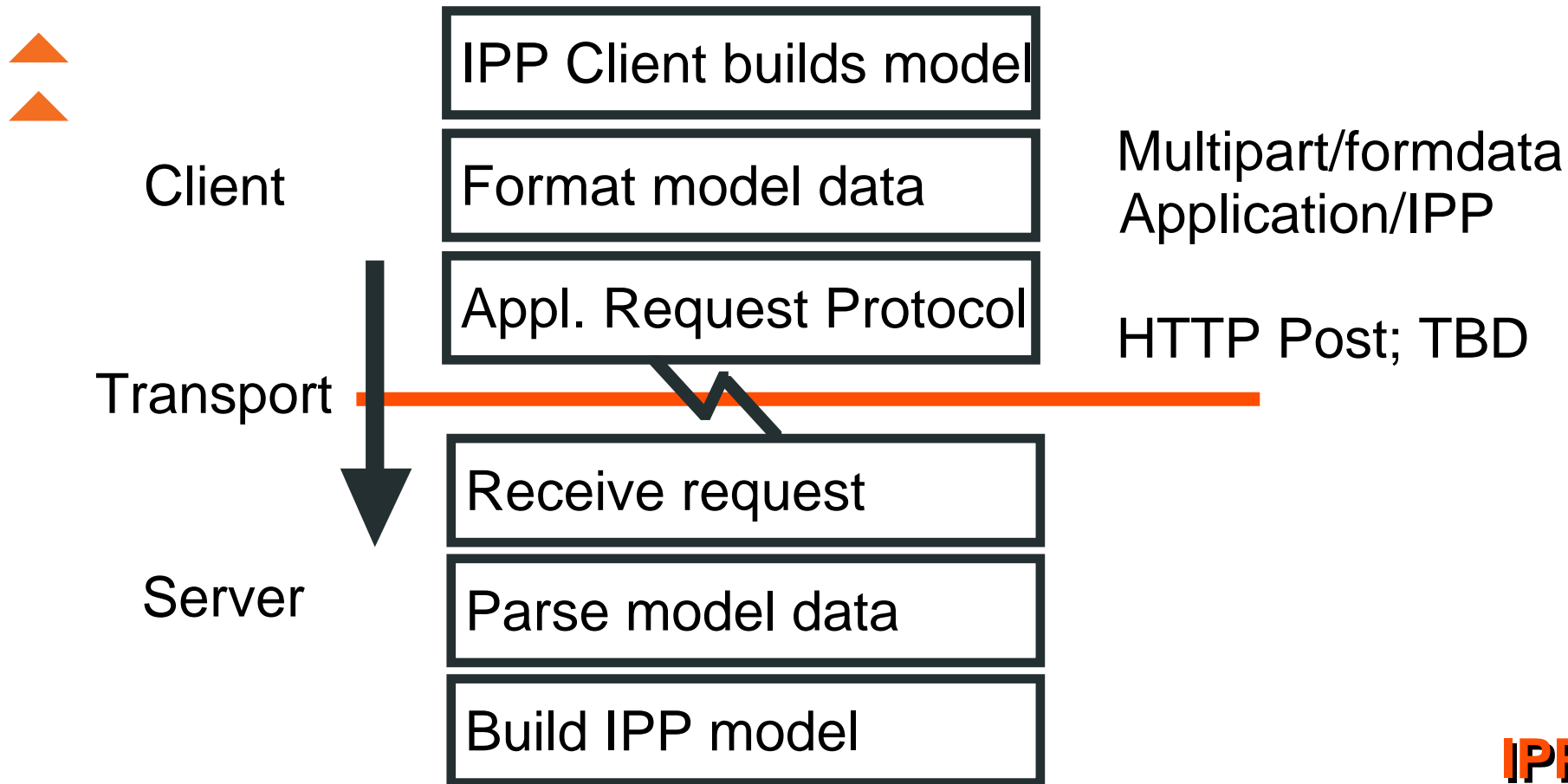
Protocol and Model Relationships

Model	Objects Attributes Operations Datatypes	Job Doc
Format/code	Stream of bytes	
Appl Protocol	Packaging	HDR

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Request Protocol

IPP Client builds model

Client

Format model data

Appl. Request Protocol

Multipart/formdata
Application/IPP

HTTP Post; TBD

Transport

Receive request

Server

Parse model data

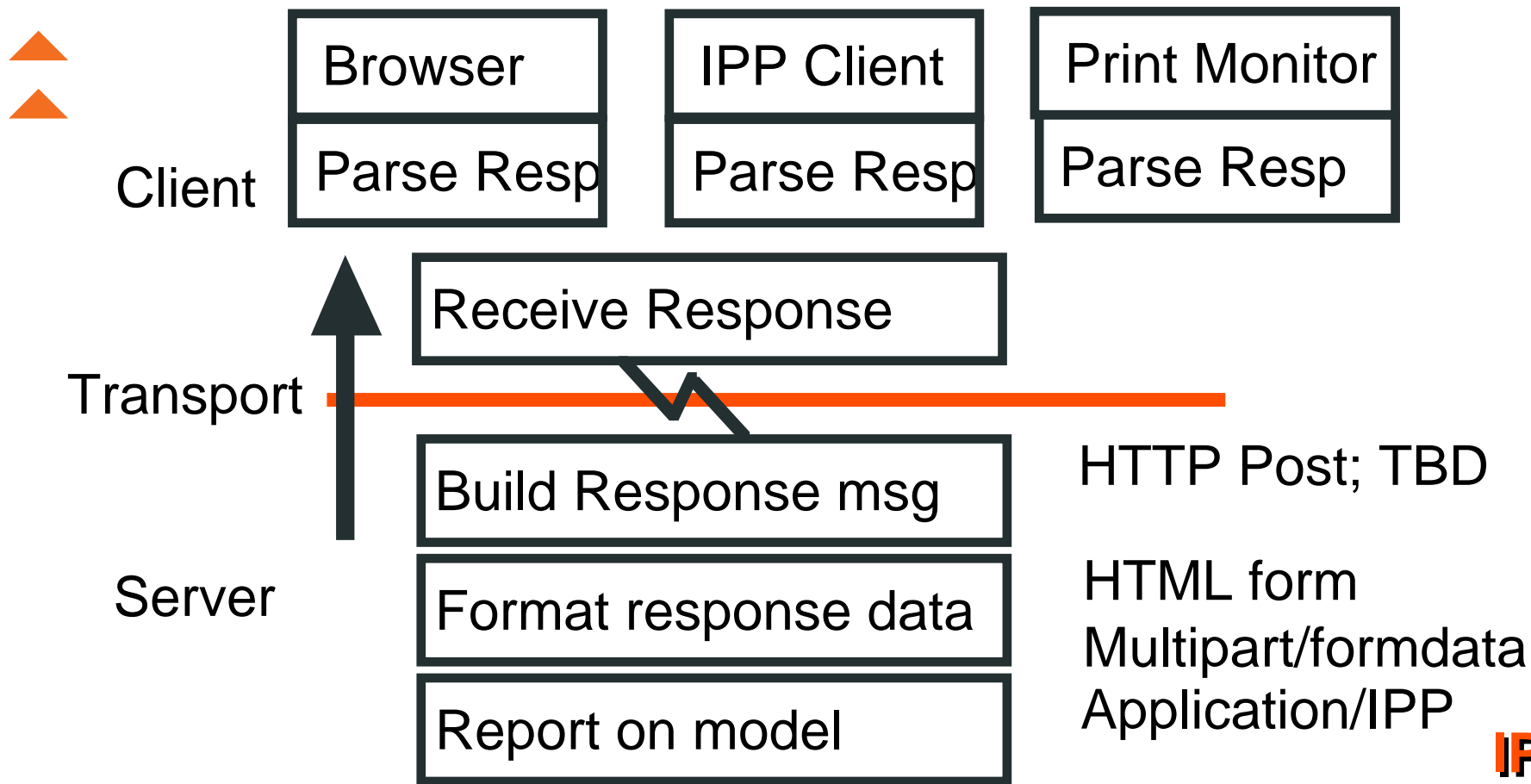Build IPP model

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Why two "Protocols"

- Concern about message size
  - Multipart/formdata is verbose
  - Need Multipart "tree" for full IPP
- Concern about HTTP applicability

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Response Protocol

Browser	IPP Client	Print Monitor
Parse Resp	Parse Resp	Parse Resp

Client

Receive Response

Transport

Build Response msg — HTTP Post; TBD

Server

Format response data — HTML form

Report on model — Multipart/formdata
Application/IPP

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Protocol Properties

- Number of Messages to print:
  - Single Post prints Job
  - Create Job; Send data (chunky?)
- Normal response is 3 URLs
  - Send data URL
  - Query Job URL
  - Modify (Cancel) Job URL
  - Allows system scaling

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Protocol Issues

- Status inquiries
  during data transmission
- What must server implement
  - Full HTTP 1.1
  - IPP subset of HTTP 1.1
  - TBD Protocol

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Protocol Issues (cont.)

- Does Request format determine Response format
- How are Operations coded
  - In the formated data
  - In the Protocol Header
  - In the URL that is the target

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Interoperability

- One "protocol"; two syntaxes
  - Server must implement both
- Two separate protocols
  - formdata over HTTP
  - appl/IPP over TBD
  - server may implement either

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