Project 3
Unreliable Datagrams

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2 Implementation details
   - Using the networking pseudo-device
   - Interrupts
   - Miniports
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3 Concluding Thoughts (Grading)
Basics

- How to make computers to communicate?
- **Protocol**: Set of formats and rules to exchange data.
- Different layers of abstraction for different functionality.
- **UDP**: A *transport layer* protocol.
What do unreliable datagrams involve?

- Build a UDP/IP-like networking stack.
- Use the pseudo-network interface `network.h` for "IP".
- Use ports to identify endpoints.
- A *minimessage* layer for thread I/O.
void minimsg_initialize();
miniport_t* miniport_create_unbound(
    int port_number);
miniport_t* miniport_create_bound(
    network_address_t addr,
    int remote_unbound_port_number);
void miniport_destroy(miniport_t* miniport);
int minimsg_send(miniport_t* local_unbound_port,
    miniport_t* local_bound_port,
    minimsg_t* msg, int len);
int minimsg_receive(miniport_t* local_unbound_port,
    miniport_t** new_local_bound_port,
    minimsg_t* msg, int *len);
Overview

The networking device should be treated as the IP layer of your system.

It transparently enables communication between other systems running minithreads.

- network5.c
- network6.c
Networking is interrupt-driven

- `network_initialize()` installs the handler.
- **Should be initialized after** `clock_initialize` **and before** interrupts.
- The prototype/behavior is similar to the clock interrupt.
- Each received packet triggers an interrupt.
- Interrupts are delivered on the current thread’s stack.
- **This should finish as soon as possible!**
Header generation

- **Datagram = Header + Payload**
- Use the interface in `miniheader.h` to pack/unpack.
- Set the protocol field of the header to `PROTOCOL_MINIDATAGRAM`.
- Use `pack_address(...)` to pack source & destination addresses.
- Use `pack_unsigned_short(...)` to pack source & destination ports.
typedef struct {
    // sender address
    network_address_t sender;
    // header+payload
    char buffer[MAX_NETWORK_PKT_SIZE];
    // size
    int size;
} network_interrupt_arg_t;

The header and the data are joined in the buffer; you must strip it off.
Striping the header

- Copy the header from the byte buffer into a mini_header_t*.
- Check the protocol field of the header.
- Unpack the source and destination addresses.
- Unpack the destination port.
Sending datagrams

- Call `network_send_pkt()` from `minimsg_send()` to send datagrams.

```c
int network_send_pkt(
    network_address_t dest_address,
    int hdr_len, char* hdr,
    int data_len, char* data);
```

- Header contains information about the sender & receiver.
- Reject datagrams larger than `MINIMSG_MAX_MSG_SIZE`. 
Overview

A miniport is a data structure that represents a one-way communication endpoint.

- **Unbound ports** are used for listening and can receive from any remote port – not *bound* because any (network_address, port) can send data to it.

- **Bound ports** are used for sending data – *bound* because sending data to this port results in a specific (network_address, port) receiving data.
A sends from its port 2 to B’s port 3

- Unbound (listening) Port 1 and 3
- Bound (used for sending) Port 2
- Threads: A, B
Minimsg layer creates bound port 100 and delivers the message

- A’s message is delivered to B’s unbound (listening) port 3.
- B is unblocked.
- The bound (used for sending) port 100 is created in order to allow B to respond.
B responds to A over the new bound port.

- B receives a reference to its bound (used for sending) port 100.
- B can send to 100.
- The message will be sent to A’s unbound (used for listening) port 1.
What does the datastructure look like?

Conceptually it looks like this*:

```c
struct miniport {
    char port_type;
    int port_number;

    queue_t *incoming_data;
    semaphore_t * datagrams_ready;

    network_address_t remote_addr;
    int remote_unbound_port;
}
```

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*the next slide should be referenced when implementing
You should use unions

Unions store two overlapping datastructures\(^\dagger\).

```c
union {
    struct {
        queue_t *incoming_data;
        semaphore_t* datagrams_ready;
    } unbound;
    struct {
        network_address_t remote_addr;
        int remote_unbound_port;
    } bound;
};
```

\(^\dagger\) You should use this to replace the last 4 variables from the struct on the previous page
Implementation specs

- `miniport_send` sends data to the “remote port”.
- Your computer can also talk to itself – remote port may refer to a local port!
- A miniport is identified by a 16-bit unsigned number (the actual datatype is bigger).
- Unbound miniports are in [0-32767] – can be chosen by the user.
- Bound miniports are in [32768-65535] – assign successive numbers automatically.
The sender assembles a header that identifies the end points of communication.

The receiver strips the header to identify the destination, enqueues the packet, and wakes up any sleeping threads.
**Minimsg Functions**

- `minimsg_send` is non-blocking – i.e. doesn’t wait for the send to succeed.
- Sends data using `network_send_pkt()`.
- `minimsg_receive` blocks until a message is received.
- Provides a bound port so a reply may be sent.
Port operations must be $O(1)$.  
Do not waste resources.  
Make sure to not reassign ports that are in-use.  
The application destroys remote miniports.  
We will be grading you on your implementation and test cases.