

# CS419: Computer Networks

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*Sockets Programming*

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# Socket programming

Goal: learn how to build client/server application that communicate using sockets

## Socket API

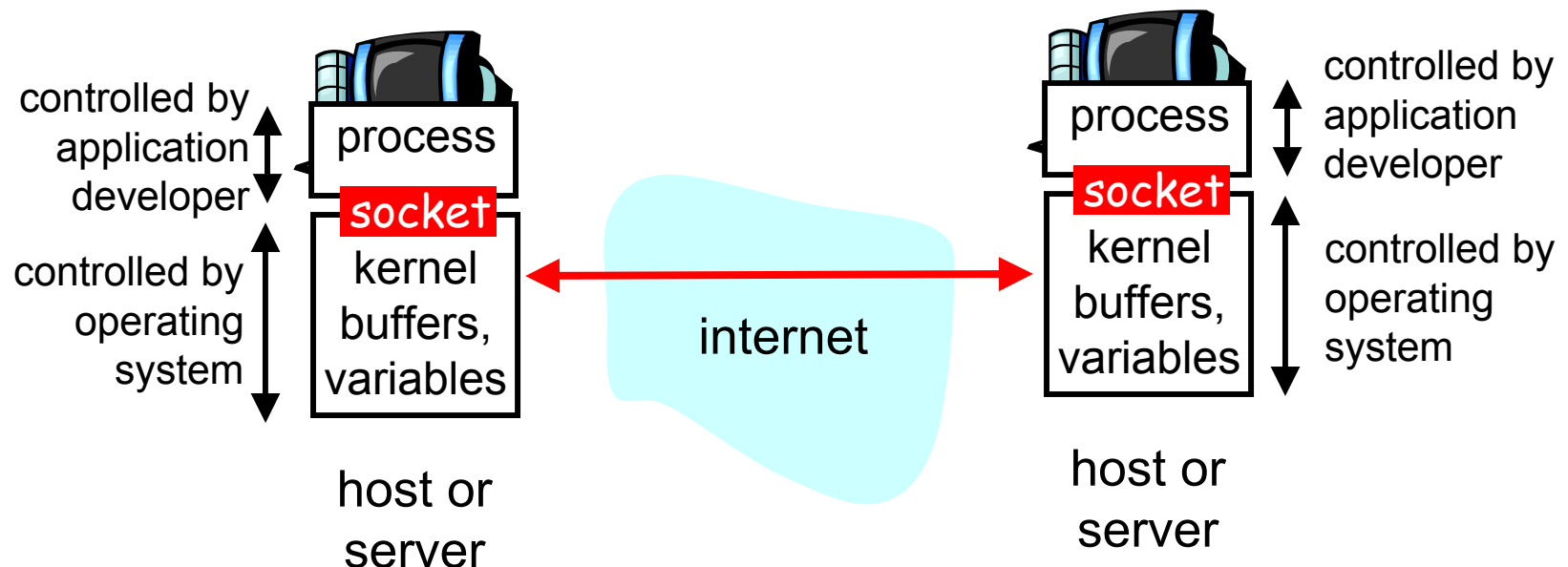
- introduced in BSD4.1 UNIX, 1981
- Sockets are explicitly created, used, released by applications
- client/server paradigm
- two types of transport service via socket API:
  - unreliable datagram
  - reliable, byte stream-oriented

### socket

a *host-local*, *application-created/owned*, *OS-controlled* interface (a “door”) into which application process can **both send and receive** messages to/from another (remote or local) application process

# Sockets

Socket: a door between application process and end-end-transport protocol (UCP or TCP)



# Languages and Platforms

Socket API is available for many languages on many platforms:

- C, Java, Perl, Python,...
- \*nix, Windows,...

Socket Programs written in any language and running on any platform can communicate with each other!

Writing communicating programs in different languages is a good exercise

# Decisions

- Before you go to write socket code, decide
  - Do you want a **TCP**-style reliable, full duplex, connection oriented channel? Or do you want a **UDP**-style, unreliable, message oriented channel?
  - Will the code you are writing be the **client** or the **server**?
    - Client: you assume that there is a process already running on another machines that you need to connect to.
    - Server: you will just start up and wait to be contacted

# Socket programming with TCP

## Client must contact server

- server process must first be running
- server must have created socket (door) that welcomes client's contact

## Client contacts server by:

- creating client-local TCP socket
- specifying IP address, port number of server process

- When **client creates socket**: client TCP establishes connection to server TCP
- When contacted by client, **server TCP creates new socket** for server process to communicate with client
  - Frees up incoming port
  - allows server to talk with multiple clients

## application viewpoint

*TCP provides reliable, in-order transfer of bytes ("pipe") between client and server*

# Pseudo code TCP client

- Create socket, connectSocket
- Do an active connect specifying the IP address and port number of server
- Read and Write Data Into  
connectSocket to Communicate with  
server
- Close connectSocket

# Pseudo code TCP server

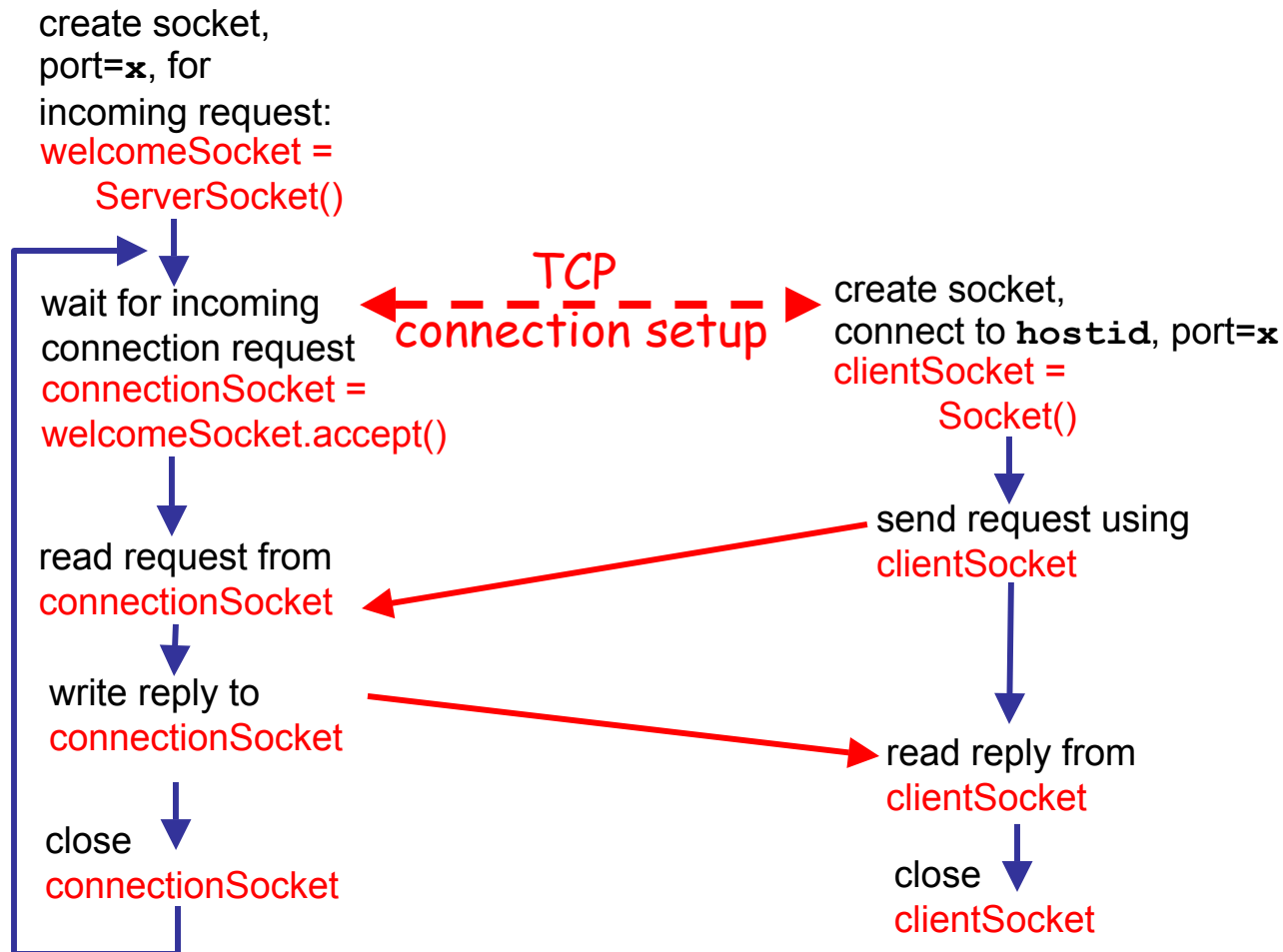
- Create socket (serverSocket)
- Bind socket to a specific port where clients can contact you
- Register with the kernel your willingness to listen that on socket for client to contact you
- Loop
  - Accept new connection (connectSocket)
  - Read and Write Data Into connectSocket to Communicate with client
  - Close connectSocket
  - End Loop
- Close serverSocket



# Client/server socket interaction: TCP (Java)

Server (running on `hostid`)

Client



# TCP Java Client Code

```
import java.io.*;
import java.net.*;
class TCPClient {
    public static void main(String argv[]) throws Exception
    {
        Socket clientSocket = new Socket("boo.cs.cornell.edu", 6789);
        DataOutputStream outToServer =
            new DataOutputStream(clientSocket.getOutputStream());
        BufferedReader inFromServer =
            new BufferedReader(new
                InputStreamReader(clientSocket.getInputStream()));
        outToServer.writeBytes(stuff_to_write);
        stuff_to_read = inFromServer.readLine();
        clientSocket.close();
    }
}
```

# TCP Java Server Code (listening thread)

```
import java.io.*;
import java.net.*;
class TCPServer {
    public static void main(String argv[]) throws Exception
    {
        ServerSocket listen_socket = new ServerSocket(6789);
        while(true) {
            Socket client_socket = listen_socket.accept();
            Connection c = new Connection(client_socket);
        }
    }
}
```

# TCP Java Server Code (spawned thread)

```
class Connection extends Thread {  
    while(true) {  
        BufferedReader inFromClient =  
            new BufferedReader(new  
                InputStreamReader(connectionSocket.getInputStream()));  
  
        DataOutputStream outToClient = new  
            DataOutputStream (connectionSocket.getOutputStream());  
  
        inputString = inFromClient.readLine();  
        .....  
        outToClient.writeBytes(outputString);  
    }  
}
```

# Socket programming with UDP

UDP: very different mindset than TCP

- no connection just independent messages sent
- no handshaking
- sender explicitly attaches IP address and port of destination
- server must extract IP address, port of sender from received datagram to know who to respond to

UDP: transmitted data may be received out of order, or lost

application viewpoint

*UDP provides unreliable transfer of groups of bytes (“datagrams”) between client and server*

# Pseudo code UDP server

- Create socket
- Bind socket to a specific port where clients can contact you
- Loop
  - (Receive UDP Message from client x)+
  - (Send UDP Reply to client x)\*
- Close Socket

# Pseudo code UDP client

- Create socket
- Loop
  - (Send Message To Well-known port of server)+
  - (Receive Message From Server)
- Close Socket

# Example: Java client (UDP)

```
import java.io.*;  
import java.net.*;
```

```
class UDPClient {  
    public static void main(String args[]) throws Exception  
    {
```

Create  
input stream

```
        BufferedReader inFromUser =  
            new BufferedReader(new InputStreamReader(System.in));
```

Create  
client socket

```
        DatagramSocket clientSocket = new DatagramSocket();
```

Translate  
hostname to IP  
address using DNS

```
        InetAddress IPAddress = InetAddress.getByName("hostname");
```

```
        byte[] sendData = new byte[1024];  
        byte[] receiveData = new byte[1024];
```

```
        String sentence = inFromUser.readLine();  
        sendData = sentence.getBytes();
```



# Example: Java client (UDP), cont.

Create datagram with  
data-to-send,  
length, IP addr, port

Send datagram  
to server

Read datagram  
from server

```
DatagramPacket sendPacket =  
    new DatagramPacket(sendData, sendData.length, IPAddress, 9876);  
  
clientSocket.send(sendPacket);  
  
DatagramPacket receivePacket =  
    new DatagramPacket(receiveData, receiveData.length);  
  
clientSocket.receive(receivePacket);  
  
String modifiedSentence =  
    new String(receivePacket.getData());  
  
System.out.println("FROM SERVER:" + modifiedSentence);  
clientSocket.close();  
}  
}
```

# Example: Java server (UDP)

```
import java.io.*;  
import java.net.*;
```

```
class UDPServer {  
    public static void main(String args[]) throws Exception  
    {
```

Create  
datagram socket  
at port 9876



```
DatagramSocket serverSocket = new DatagramSocket(9876);
```

```
byte[] receiveData = new byte[1024];  
byte[] sendData = new byte[1024];
```

```
while(true)  
{
```

Create space for  
received datagram



```
DatagramPacket receivePacket =  
    new DatagramPacket(receiveData, receiveData.length);
```

Receive  
datagram



```
serverSocket.receive(receivePacket);
```

# Example: Java server (UDP), cont

```
String sentence = new String(receivePacket.getData());
```

Get IP addr  
port #, of  
sender

```
→ InetAddress IPAddress = receivePacket.getAddress();  
→ int port = receivePacket.getPort();
```

```
String capitalizedSentence = sentence.toUpperCase();
```

```
sendData = capitalizedSentence.getBytes();
```

Create datagram  
to send to client

```
→ DatagramPacket sendPacket =  
    new DatagramPacket(sendData, sendData.length, IPAddress,  
                        port);
```

Write out  
datagram  
to socket

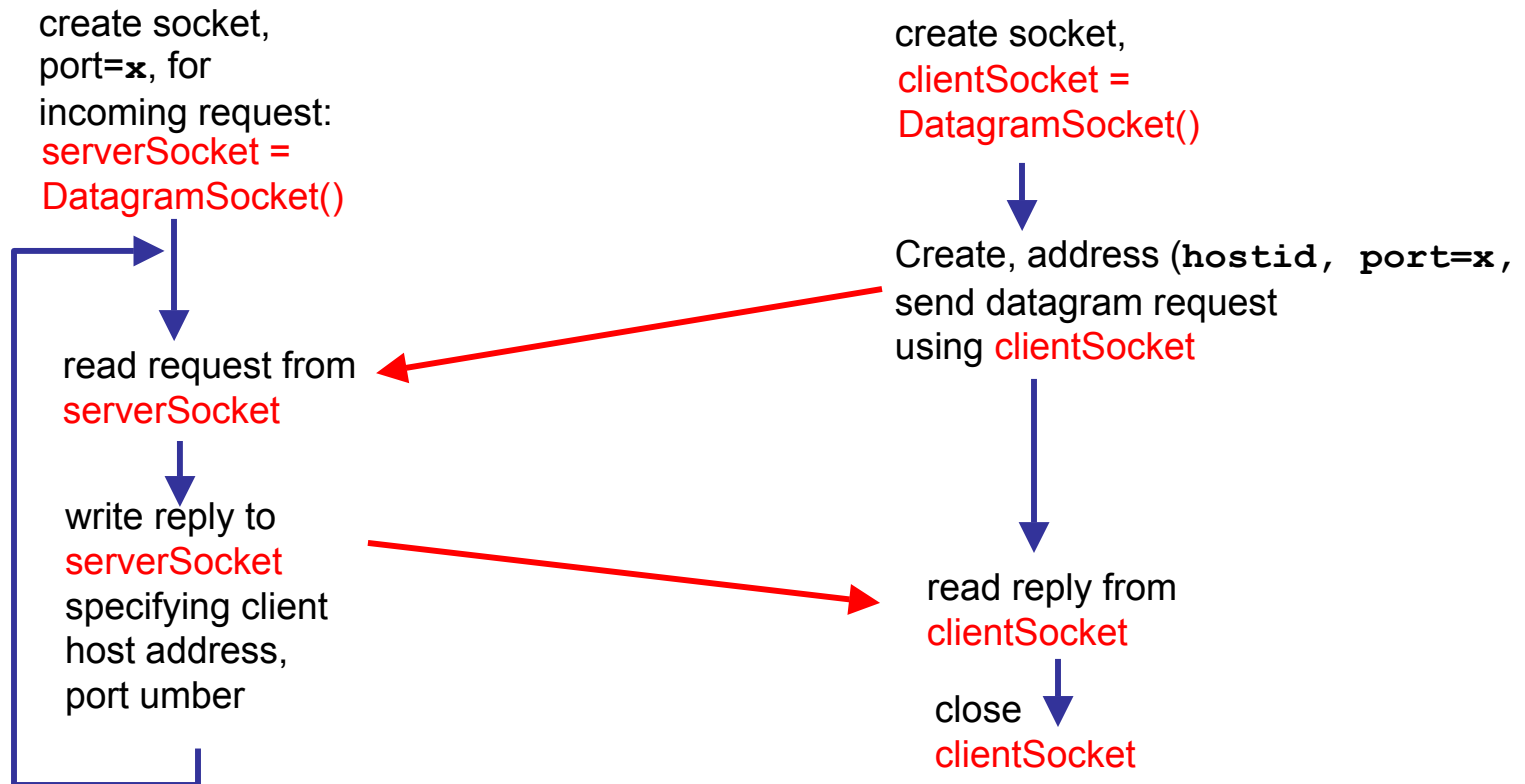
```
→ serverSocket.send(sendPacket);  
    }  
}
```

End of while loop,  
loop back and wait for  
another datagram

# Client/server socket interaction: UDP

Server (running on `hostid`)

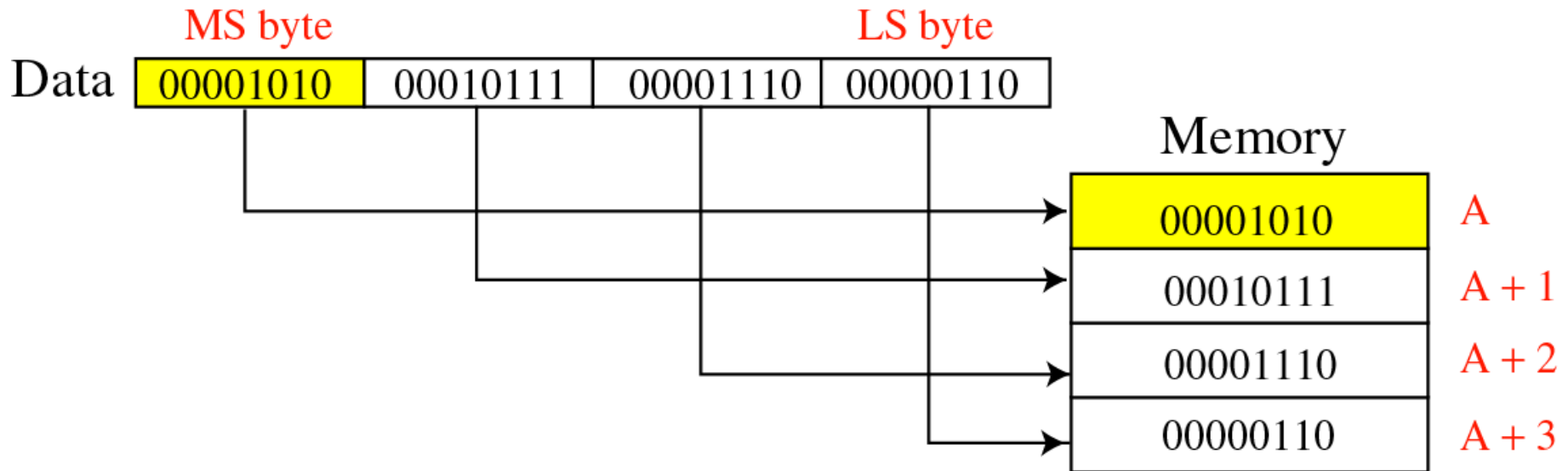
Client



# C/C++ Sockets

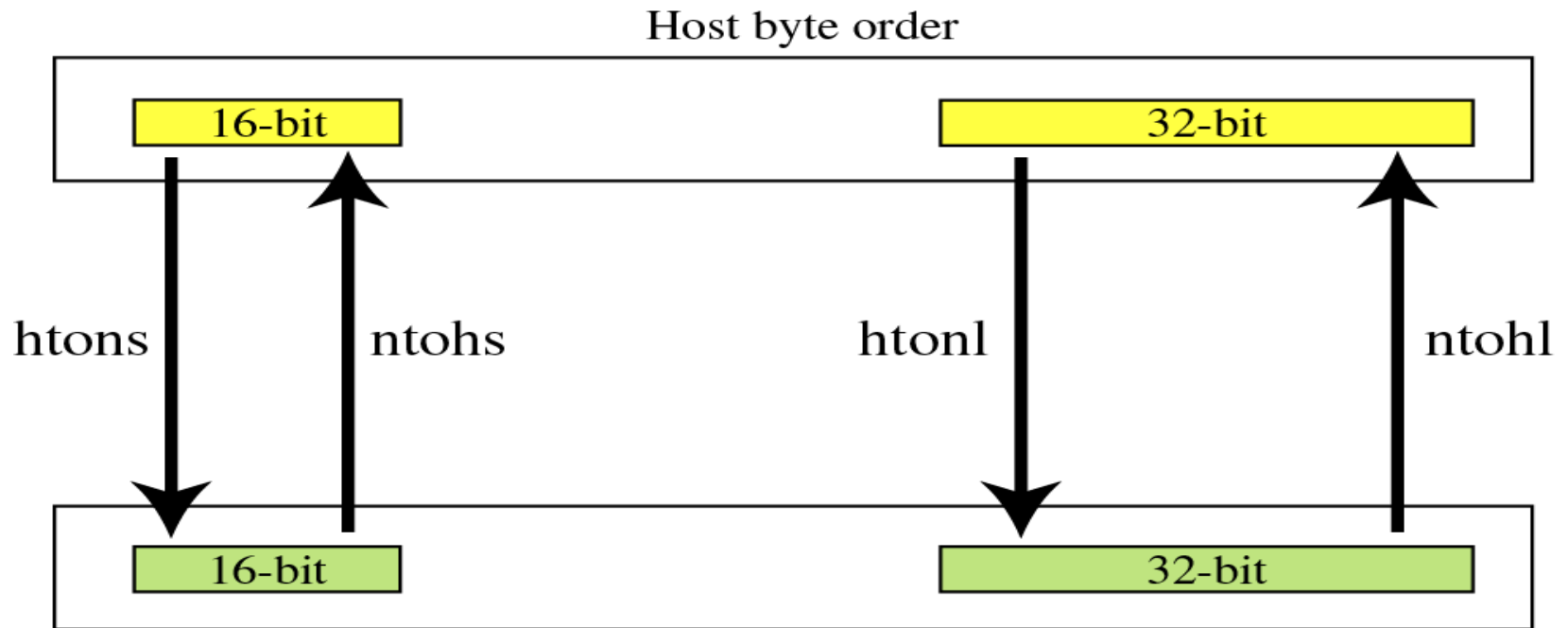
# Byte ordering

- Big Endian byte-order



The byte order for the TCP/IP protocol suite is big endian.

# Byte-Order Transformation



Network byte order

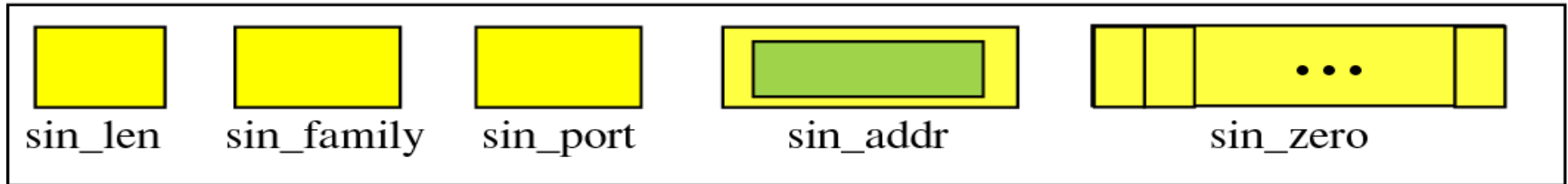
```
u_short  htons ( u_short  host_short ) ;
```

```
u_short  ntohs ( u_short  network_short ) ;
```

```
u_long   htonl ( u_long   host_long ) ;
```

```
u_long   ntohl ( u_long   network_long ) ;
```

# Socket address structure



**sockaddr\_in**

```
struct  sockaddr_in
{
    u_char      sin_len ;
    u_short     sin_family ;
    u_short     sin_port ;
    struct in_addr sin_addr ;
    char        sin_zero [8] ;
};
```



# Some Definitions

- Internet Address Structure

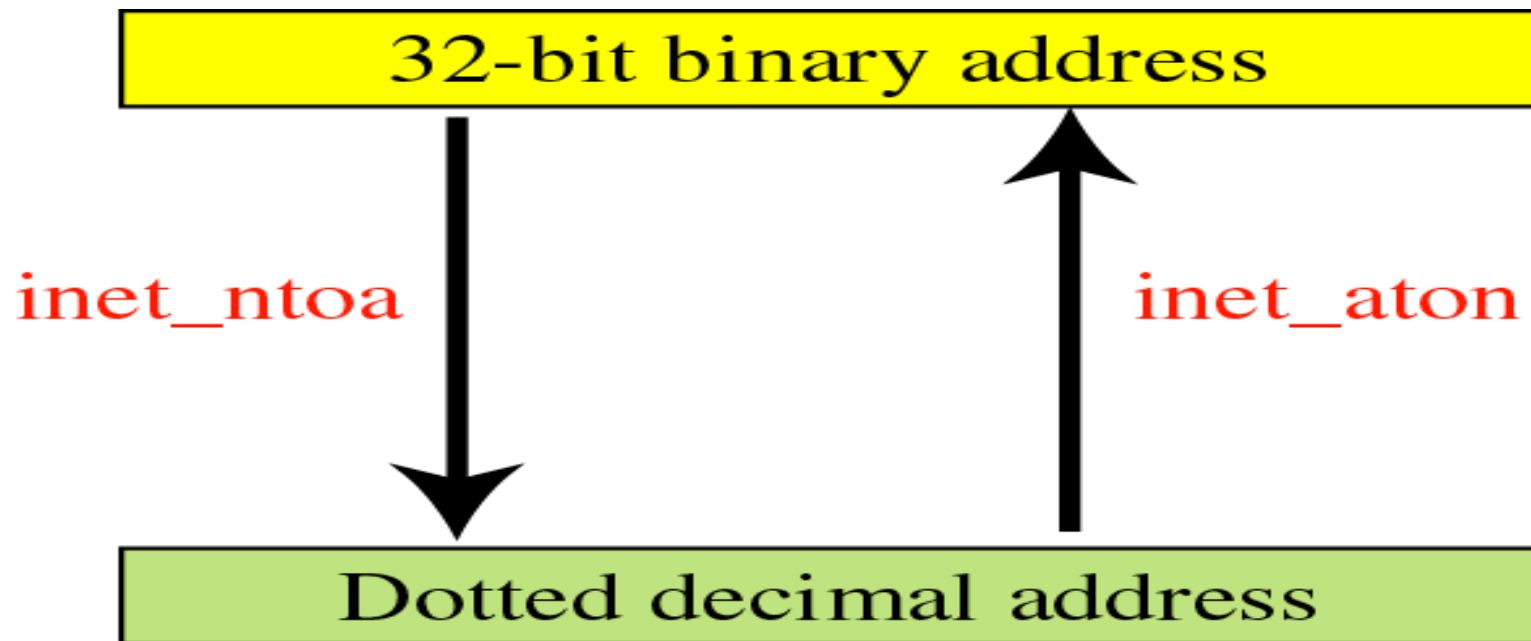
```
struct in_addr
{
    in_addr_t s_addr;
};
```

in\_addr\_t is defined as a long on linux machines,  
implying 32 bit addresses!

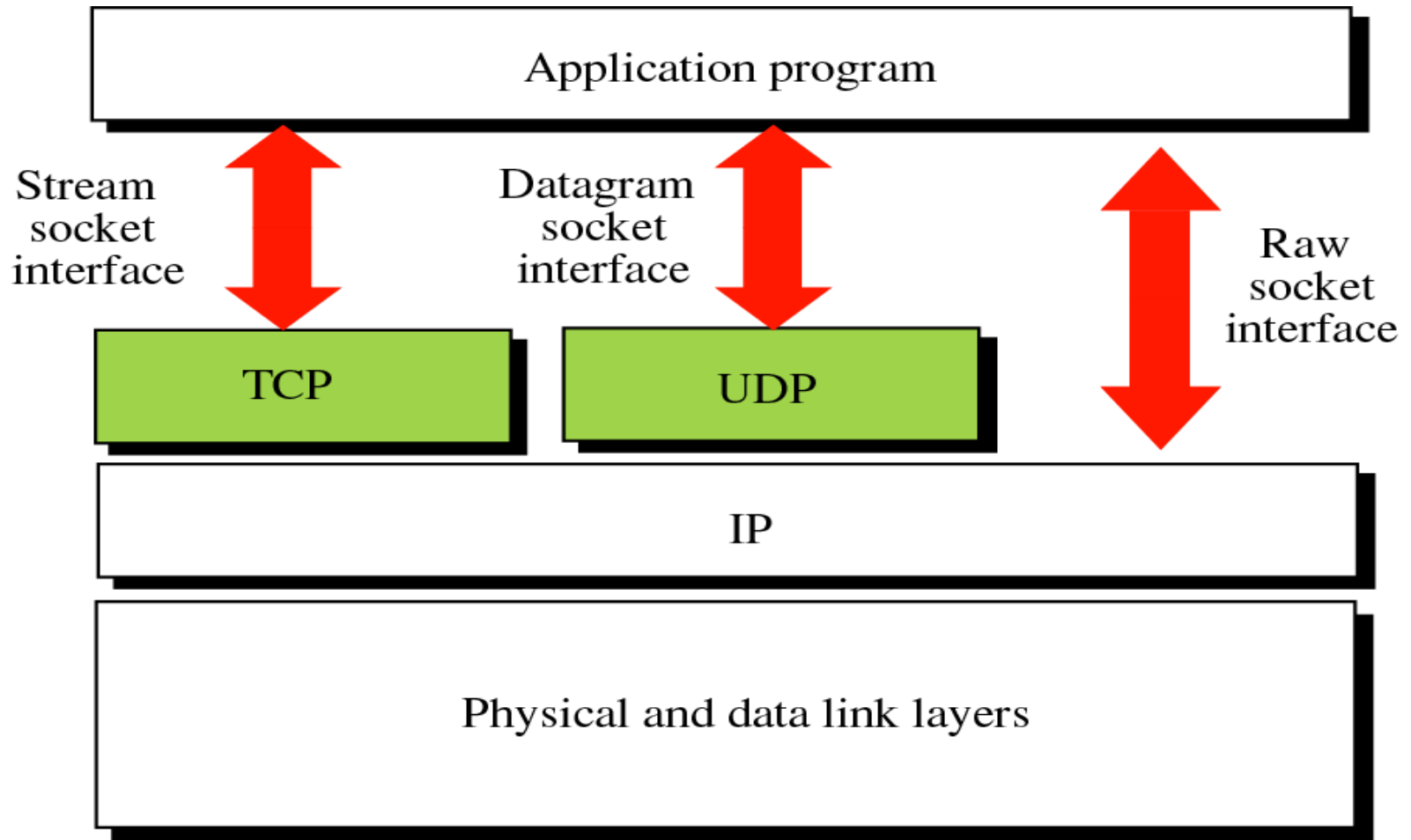
# Address Transformation

int     **inet\_aton** ( const char   *\*strptr* , struct in\_addr *\*addrptr* ) ;

char    **\*inet\_ntoa** (struct in\_addr *inaddr* ) ;



# Socket Types



# CONNECTION-ORIENTED SERVICE

Client

1. Create transport endpoint: **socket( )**

2. Assign transport endpoint an address (optional): **bind( )**

3. Determine address of server: **gethostbyname()**

4. Connect to server: **connect( )**

4. Formulate message and send: **write ( )**

5. Wait for packet to arrive: **read( )**

6. Release transport endpoint: **close( )**

Server

1. Create transport endpoint for incoming connection request: **socket()**

2. Assign transport endpoint an address: **bind( )**

3. Announce willing to accept connections: **listen( )**

4. Block and Wait for incoming request: **accept( )**

5. Wait for a packet to arrive: **read ( )**

6. Formulate reply (if any) and send: **write( )**

7. Release transport endpoint: **close( )**



# Connectionless Service (UDP)

## Server

1. Create transport endpoint: **socket()**

2. Assign transport endpoint an address: **bind()**

3. Wait for a packet to arrive: **recvfrom()**

4. Formulate reply (if any) and send: **sendto()**

5. Release transport endpoint: **close()**

## Client

1. Create transport endpoint: **socket()**

2. Assign transport endpoint an address (optional): **bind()**

3. Determine address of server: **gethostbyname()**

4. Formulate message and send: **sendto()**

5. Wait for packet to arrive: **recvfrom()**

6. Release transport endpoint: **close()**



# Procedures That Implement The Socket API

## Creating and Deleting Sockets

- `fd=socket(protofamily, type, protocol)`

Creates a new socket. Returns a file descriptor (fd). Must specify:

- the protocol family (e.g. TCP/IP)
- the type of service (e.g. STREAM or DGRAM)
- the protocol (e.g. TCP or UDP)

- `close(fd)`

Deletes socket.

For connected STREAM sockets, sends EOF to close connection.

# Procedures That Implement The Socket API

## Putting Servers “on the Air”

- **bind**(fd,laddress,laddresslen)  
Used by server to establish port to listen on.  
When server has >1 IP addrs, can specify “IF\_ANY”, or a specific one
- **listen** (fd, queuesize)  
Used by connection-oriented servers only, to put server “on the air”  
Queuesize parameter: how many pending connections can be waiting

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- `afd = accept (lfd, caddress, caddresslen)`  
Used by connection-oriented servers to accept one new connection
  - There must already be a listening socket (`lfd`)
  - Returns `afd`, a new socket for the new connection, and
  - The address of the caller (e.g. for security, log keeping. etc.)



# Procedures That Implement The Socket API

## How Clients Communicate with Servers?

- **connect** (fd, saddress, saddreslen)

Used by connection-oriented clients to connect to server

- There must already be a socket bound to a connection-oriented service on the fd
- There must already be a listening socket on the server
- You pass in the address (IP address, and port number) of the server.

Used by connectionless clients to specify a “default send to address”

- Subsequent “sends” don’t have to specify a destination address

# Procedures That Implement The Socket API

## How Clients Communicate with Servers? (TCP)

- `int write (fd, data, length)`

Used to send data

- write is the “normal” write function; can be used with both files and sockets

- `int read (fd, data, length)`

Used to receive data... parameters are similar!

NOTE : both functions can return a value less than the length

# Procedures That Implement The Socket API

## How Clients Communicate with Servers(UDP)

- **int sendto** (fd, data, length, flags, destaddress, addresslen)

Used to send data.

- Connectionless socket, so we need to specify the dest address

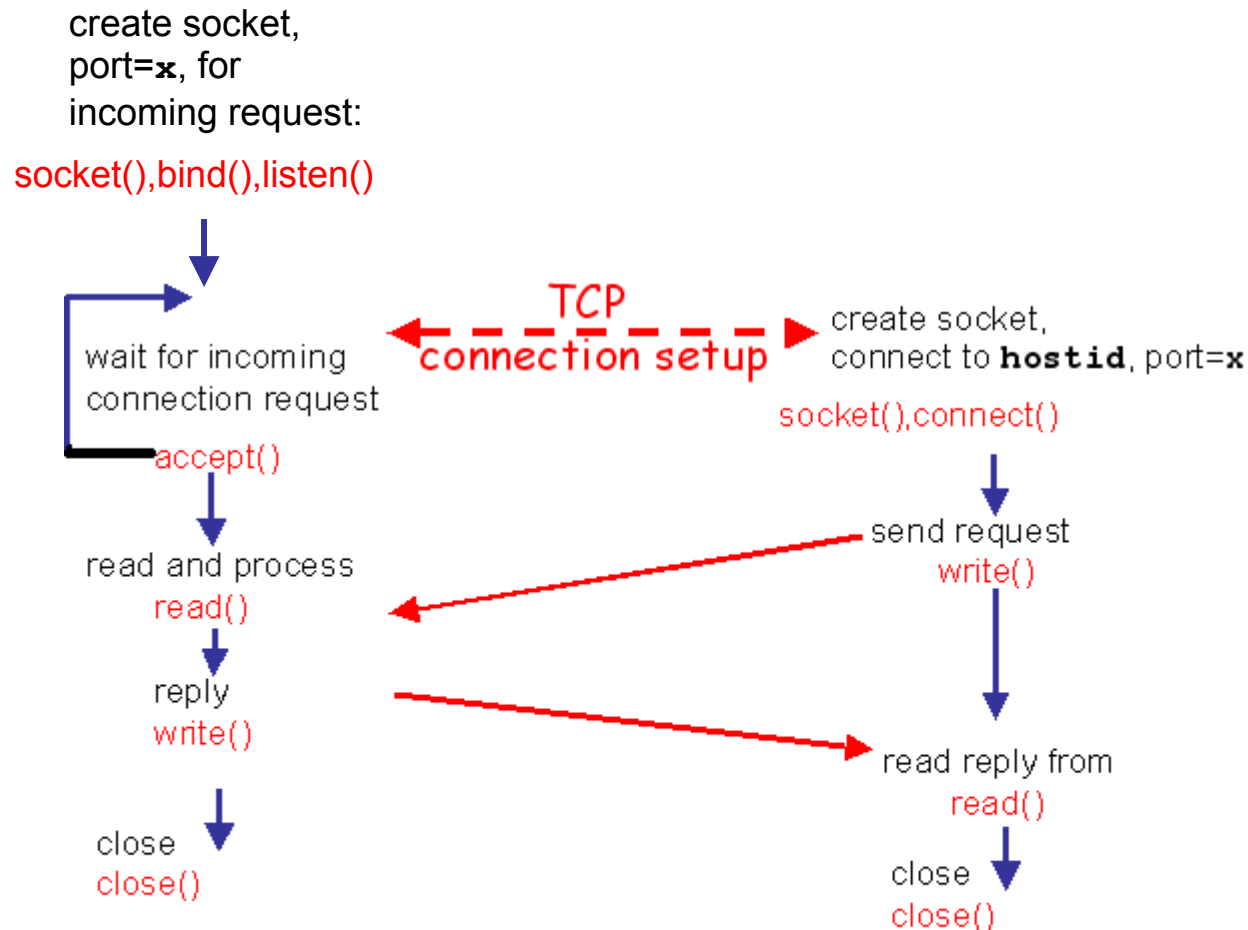
- **int  
recvfrom**(fd,data,length,flags,srcaddress,addresslen)

Used to receive data... parameters are similar, but in reverse

# Concurrent Server: TCP (C/C++)

Server (running on `hostid`)

Client



# Non-blocking I/O

- By default, `accept()`, `recv()`, etc block until there's input
- What if you want to do something else while you're waiting?
- We can set a socket to not block (i.e. if there's no input an error will be returned)
- ... or, we can tell the kernel to let us know when a socket is ready, and deal with it only then

# non-blocking/select

- The host uses `select()` to get the kernel to tell it when the peer has sent a message that can be `recv()`'d
- Can specify multiple sockets on which to wait
  - `select` returns when one or more sockets are ready
  - operation can time out !

# Java vs C

- Java hides more of the details
  - new ServerSocket of Java = socket, bind and listen of C
  - new Socket hides the getByName (or gethostbyname) of C; Unable to hide this in the UDP case though
  - Socket API first in C for BSD; more options and choices exposed by the interface than in Java ?

# PROJECT 1 : BASIC SOCKETS

AIM: Write a program (referred to as the **IP box**) that opens four sockets, two TCP and two UDP

## 2 TCP SOCKETS :

1. A **receive-config** socket : IP BOX acts as a Server (must be bound to a port you have to find, and the interface IP address)
2. A **send-config** socket : IP BOX acts a reciever



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- 2 UDP SOCKETS
- App -- acts as the interface between the IP layer and the application
- Iface – represents the network interface
- Both must be bound to an used port and the interface address

# IP BOX OPERATION

- Send-config sockets connects to the Test Box and sends a “ready-to-test” command
- The Test Box then connects to recv-config socket and send a ‘\n’ terminated command which must be echoed
- The Test Box then sends UDP packets to app and iface sockets which must be echoed (Note : If the Test Box does not receive your echo, it retransmits the packet)

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- On receiving both the echoes, the Test Box sends a “send-stat” command to the send-config socket
- The IP box sends a “list-of-stats”
- The Test Box then sends an exit message ( during final test, this will have a 40 character hex string representing a hashed timestamp, which your program must RECORD!)