

**INF1060:**

**Introduction to Operating Systems and Data Communication**



**Data Communication:**  
**Introduction to Berkeley Sockets**

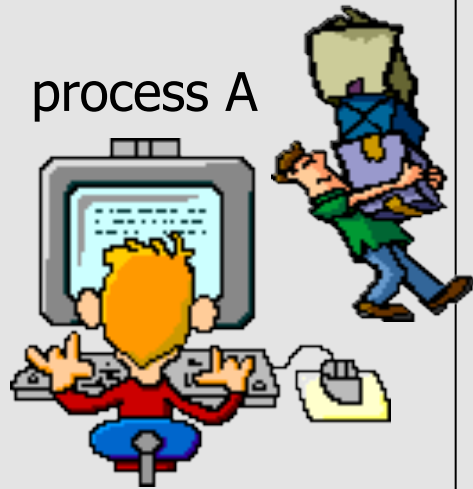
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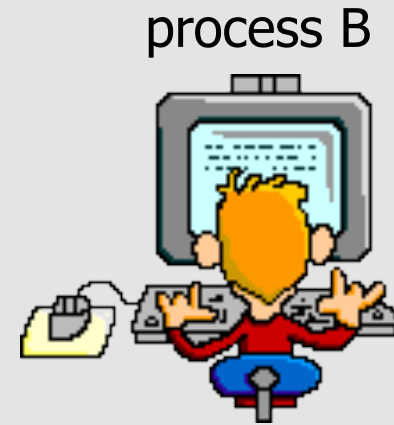
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# Big Picture

Machine 1



Machine 2



network

# Goal

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- Introduce socket API
- We will write two programs
  - A “client” and a “server”
- Each will run on one machine
  - the server will run on “anakin.ifi.uio.no” (129.240.64.199)
- They will work as follows
  - The client sends the text “Hello world!” to the server
  - The server writes the received text on the screen
  - The server sends the received text back to the client and quits
  - The client writes the received text onto the screen and quits

# What we want

Machine 1

client



Hello world!



network

anakin.ifi.uio.no

server



Hello world!



# What we want

## Client

```
int main()
{
    char buf[13];

    /* Send data */
    write(sd, "Hello world!", 12);

    /* Read data from the socket */
    read(sd, buf, 12);

    /* Add a string termination sign,
       and write to the screen. */
    buf[12] = '\0';
    printf("%s\n", buf);

}
```

## Server

```
int main()
{
    char buf[13];

    /* read data from the sd and
       write it to the screen */
    read(sd, buf, 12);
    buf[12] = '\0';
    printf("%s\n", buf );

    /* send data back over the connection */
    write(sd, buf, 12);

}
```

# Read & Write

- Same functions used for files etc.
- The call `read(sd, buffer, n);`
  - Reads `n` characters
  - From socket `sd`
  - Stores them in the character array `buffer`
- The call `write(sd, buffer, n);`
  - Writes `n` characters
  - From character array `buffer`
  - To the socket `sd`

# Alternatives to Read & Write

- The call `recv(sd, buffer, n, flags);`
  - Reads `n` characters
  - From socket `sd`
  - Stores them in the character array `buffer`
  - Flags, normally just `0`, but e.g., `MSG_DONTWAIT`, `MSG_MORE`, ...
- The call `send(sd, buffer, n, flags);`
  - Writes `n` characters
  - From character array `buffer`
  - To the socket `sd`
  - Flags
- Several similar functions like `...to/from, ...msg`

# Creation of a connection

- One side must be the active one
  - take the initiative in creating the connection
  - this side is called the *client*
- The other side must be passive
  - it is prepared for accepting connections
  - waits for someone else to take initiative for creating a connection
  - this side is called the *server*
- This use of the words client and server is not entirely consistent with everyday use, but for programming this is conventional



# Special for the server side

- In case of **TCP**
  - one socket on the server side is dedicated to waiting for a connection
  - for each client that takes the initiative, a separate socket on the server side is created
  - this is useful for all servers that must be able to serve several clients concurrently (web servers, mail servers, ...)

# To do – slightly more details

## Client

<Necessary includes>

```
int main()
{
    char buf[13];
    <Declare some more data structures>
    <Create a socket called "sd">
    <Identify the server that you want to contact>
    <Connect to the server>

    /* Send data */
    write(sd, "Hello world!", 12);

    /* Read data from the socket */
    read(sd, buf, 12);

    /* Add a string termination sign,
       and write to the screen. */
    buf[12] = '\0';
    printf("%s\n", buf);

    <Closing code>
}
```

## Server

<Necessary includes>

```
int main()
{
    char buf[13];
    <Declare some more data structures>
    <Create a socket called "request-sd">
    <Define how the client can connect>
    <Wait for a connection, and create a new socket "sd"
       for that connection>

    /* read data from the sd and
       write it to the screen */
    read(sd, buf, 12);
    buf[12] = '\0';
    printf("%s\n", buf );

    /* send data back over the connection */
    write(sd, buf, 12);

    <Closing code>
}
```

# <Necessary includes>

```
#include <netinet/in.h>
#include <sys/socket.h>
#include <netdb.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
```

- prototypes & defines (`htons`, etc.)
- prototypes (`send`, `connect`, etc.)
- prototypes (`gethostbyname`, etc.)
- prototypes (`printf`, etc.)
- prototypes (`bzero`, etc.)

- These five files are needed by both client and server
- They include definitions and declarations as described on the following slides
- Some systems will have the same declarations in different files – the above examples should work at IFI (see `/usr/include` on Linux & Solaris)

# <Create a socket>

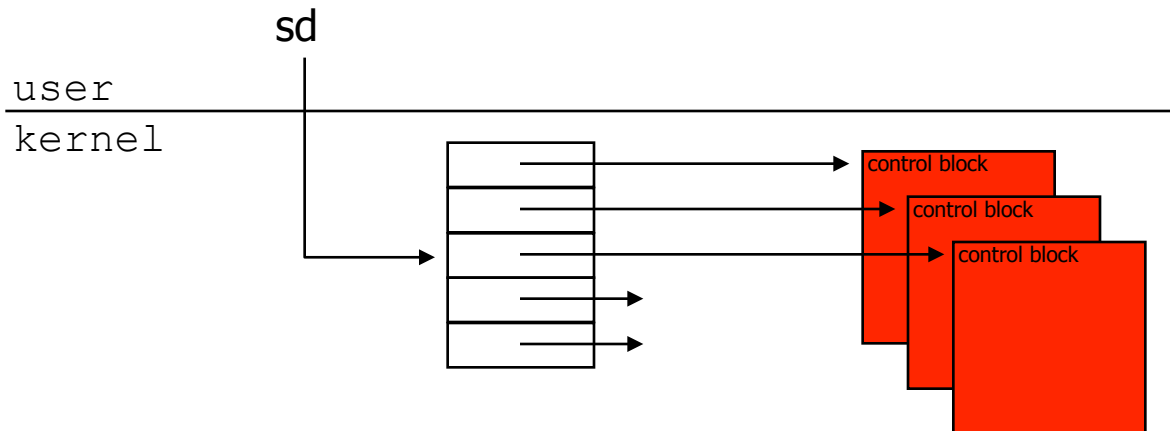
## Client

```
/* declarations */  
int sd;  
  
/* creation of the socket */  
sd = socket(PF_INET,  
           SOCK_STREAM,  
           IPPROTO_TCP);
```

## Server

```
/* declarations */  
int request_sd;  
  
/* creation of the socket */  
request_sd = socket(PF_INET,  
                  SOCK_STREAM,  
                  IPPROTO_TCP);
```

- Call to the function `socket()` creates a transport control block (hidden in kernel), and returns a reference to it (integer used as index)



# More about the `socket` call

```
sd = socket(int domain, int type, int protocol)
```

- `PF_INET`, `SOCK_STREAM` and `IPPROTO_TCP` are constants that are defined in the included files
  - `<bits/socket.h>` which is included by `<sys/socket.h>`
  - `<netinet/in.h>`
- The use of the constants that we used on the previous slides (and above) creates a *TCP socket*
- Many other possibilities exist
  - Domain: `PF_UNIX`, `PF_INET`, `PF_INET6`, ...
  - Type: `SOCK_STREAM`, `SOCK_DGRAM`, ...
  - Protocol: `IPPROTO_TCP`, `IPPROTO_UDP`, ...

# How to identify clients to accept, and servers to contact?

## ■ Machine??

— by its **IP address** (e.g., 129.240.64.199)

## ■ Application/service/program??

— by (IP address and) **port number**

— standard applications have own, “well-known” port numbers

- SSH: 22
- Mail: 25
- Web: 80
- Look in `/etc/services` for more

# Address structure

## ■ struct `sockaddr_in` :

- `sin_family` address family used (defined through a macro)
- `sin_port` 16-bit transport protocol port number
- `sin_addr` 32-bit IP address defined as a new structure  
`in_addr` having one `s_addr` element only
- `sin_zero` padding (to have an equal size as `sockaddr`)
- declared in `<netinet/in.h>`

■ Defines IP address and port number in a way the Berkeley socket API needs it

# Address structure

## Client

```
/* declaration */
struct sockaddr_in serveraddr;

/* clear the structure */
bzero(&serveraddr,
      sizeof(struct sockaddr_in));

/* This will be an address of the
 * Internet family */
serveraddr.sin_family = AF_INET;

/* Add the server address - anakin */
inet_pton(AF_INET,
          "129.240.64.199",
          &serveraddr.sin_addr);

/* Add the port number */
serveraddr.sin_port = htons(2009);
```

## Server

```
/* declaration */
struct sockaddr_in serveraddr;

/* clear the structure */
bzero(&serveraddr,
      sizeof(struct sockaddr_in));

/* This will be an address of the
 * Internet family */
serveraddr.sin_family = AF_INET;

/* Allow all own addresses to receive */
serveraddr.sin_addr.s_addr = INADDR_ANY;

/* Add the port number */
serveraddr.sin_port = htons(2009);
```



# Address structure

- Fill address type (“family”), address and port number into the structure

— `serveraddr.sin_family = AF_INET;`

— `serveraddr.sin_addr.s_addr = INADDR_ANY;` (@ server)

— `inet_pton( AF_INET, “129.240.64.199”,  
&serveraddr.sin_addr );` (@ client)

— `serveraddr.sin_port = htons( 2009 );`

— `AF_INET`

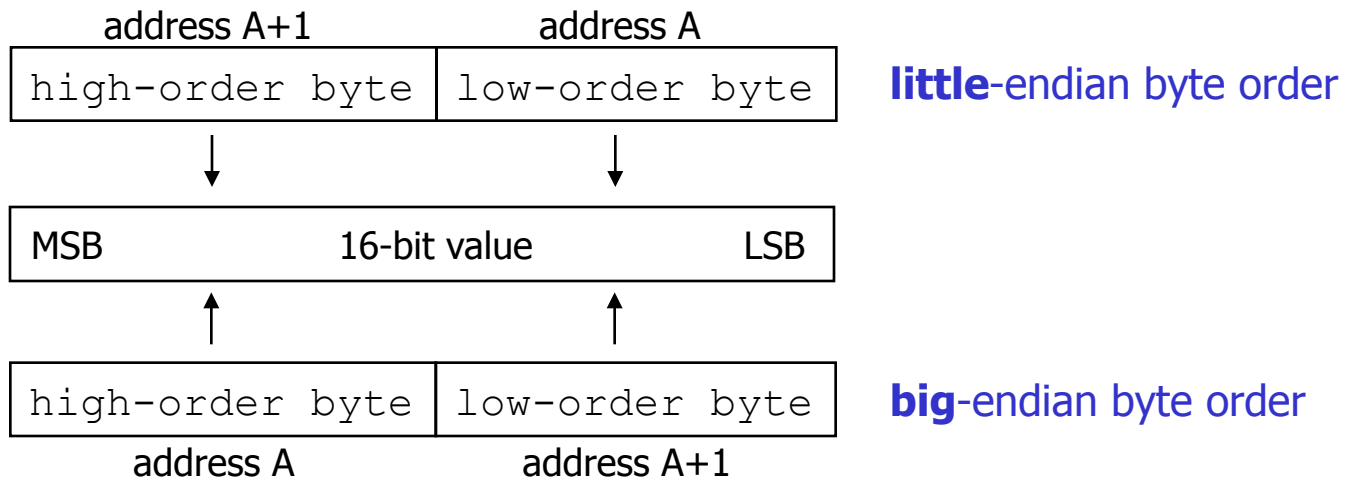
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**Why not only:**

- `serveraddr.sin_addr.s_addr = 129.240.64.199 ?`
- `serveraddr.sin_port = 2009 ?`
- any (Internet) address
- in this context: any own Internet address

# Byte Order

- Different machines may have different representation of multi-byte values
- Consider a 16-bit integer: made up of 2 bytes

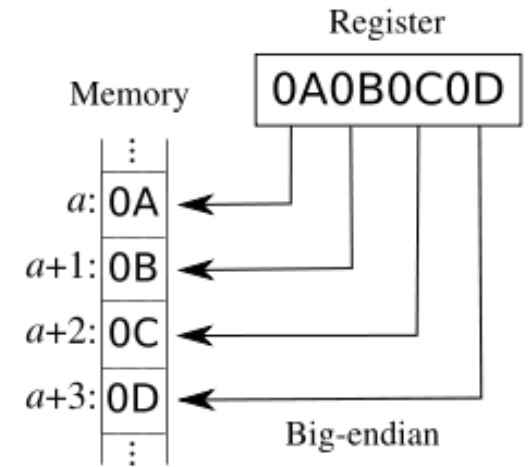
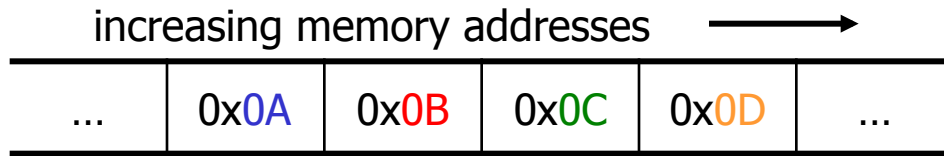


# Byte Order: Storing 32-bit 0x0A0B0C0D

Assuming 8-bit (one byte) atomic elements...

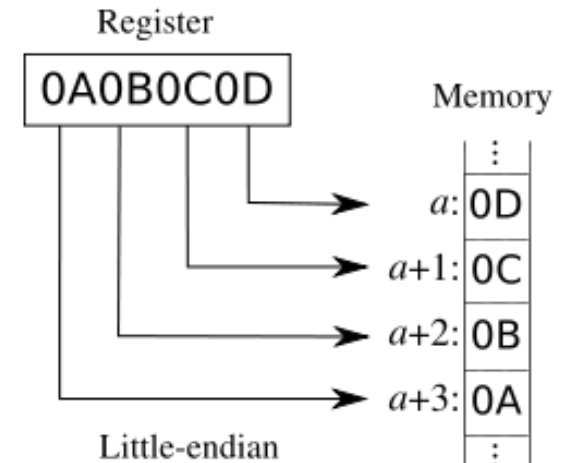
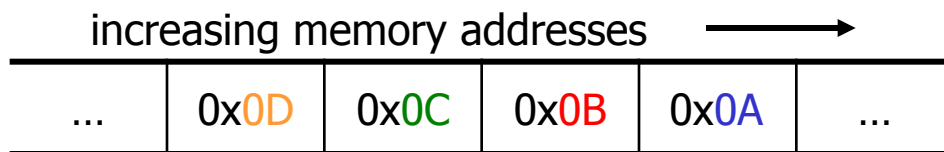
## ...big endian:

- the most significant byte (MSB), 0x0A, is stored on the *lowest* memory address
- the least significant byte (LSB), 0x0D, is stored on the **highest** memory address



## ... little endian:

- 0x0A is stored on the **highest** memory address
- 0x0D is stored on the *lowest* memory address



# Byte Order: IP address example

- IPv4 host address: represents a 32-bit address
  - written on paper (“dotted decimal notation”): 129.240.71.213
  - binary in bits: 10000001 11110000 01000111 10001011
  - hexadecimal in bytes: 0x81 0xf0 0x47 0x8b

- Big-endian (“normal” left to right):

– one 4 byte `int` on PowerPC, POWER, Sparc, ...: 0x81f0478b

- Little-endian:

– one 4 byte `int` on x86, StrongARM, XScale, ...:

**Problem!**  
0x8b47f081

- Middle/mixed/PDP endian:

– one 4 byte `int` on PDP-11:

0xf0818b47

- **Network byte order:**

0x81f0478b

# Byte Order: Translation

- Byte order translation makes communication over several platforms possible
- `htons()` / `htonl()`
  - **host-to-network** short / long
  - translate a 16 / 32-bit integer value to network format
- `ntohs()` / `ntohl()`
  - **network-to-host** short/long
  - translate a 16 / 32-bit integer value to host format
- Little-endian (x86 etc.): `ntohl(0x81f0478b) == 0x8b47f081`
- Big-endian (PowerPC etc.): `ntohl(0x81f0478b) == 0x81f0478b`

# Presentation and Numeric Address Formats

- The network...
  - ...does not interpret the “dotted decimal notation” *presentation* format
  - ...needs a *numeric* binary format in network byte order
- `inet_pton()`
  - translate the text string to a numeric binary format needed by the address structure
- `inet_ntop()`
  - translate the (numeric) string

`inet_pton()` is new for IPv6.

Oldest:

```
serveraddr.sin_addr.s_addr =  
    inet_addr("129.240.64.199");
```

Newer:

```
inet_aton("129.240.64.199",  
    &serveraddr.sin_addr);
```

a text

# How far have we gotten now?

## Client

✓ <Necessary includes>

```
int main()
{
    char buf[13];
    ✓ <Declare some more data structures>
    ✓ <Create a socket called "sd">
    ✓ <Identify the server that you want to contact>
    <Connect to the server>

    /* Send data */
    write(sd, "Hello world!", 12);

    /* Read data from the socket */
    read(sd, buf, 12);

    /* Add a string termination sign,
       and write to the screen. */
    buf[12] = '\0';
    printf("%s\n", buf);

    <Closing code>
}
```

## Server

✓ <Necessary includes>

```
int main()
{
    char buf[13];
    ✓ <Declare some more data structures>
    ✓ <Create a socket called "request-sd">
    ✓ <Define how the client can connect>
    <Wait for a connection, and create a new socket "sd"
       for that connection>

    /* read data from the sd and
       write it to the screen */
    read(sd, buf, 12);
    buf[12] = '\0';
    printf("%s\n", buf );

    /* send data back over the connection */
    write(sd, buf, 12);

    <Closing code>
}
```

# Binding, Listening, Accepting and Connecting

## Client

```
/* Connect */
connect(sd,
        (struct sockaddr*)&serveraddr,
        sizeof(struct sockaddr_in));
```

## Server

```
/* Bind the address to the socket */
bind(request_sd,
      (struct sockaddr*)&serveraddr,
      sizeof(struct sockaddr_in));

/* Activate listening on the socket */
listen(request_sd, SOMAXCONN);

/* Wait for connection */
clientaddrlen =
    sizeof(struct sockaddr_in);

sd = accept(request_sd,
            (struct sockaddr*)&clientaddr,
            &clientaddrlen);
```



# Some details about the previous slides

- `bind( int sfd, struct sockaddr *a, socklen_t al )`
  - a machine can have several addresses (several network cards, loopback, ...) – “assign a name“
  - tells the socket on the server side which local protocol (i.e., *IP address* and *port number*) to listen to
  
- `listen( int sfd, int backlog )`
  - prepares the server for listening to connect requests, and initializes a queue for connect requests (→ passive)
  - the second parameter (`SOMAXCONN`) defines how long the queue(s) should be

# More details

- `sd = accept( int sfd, struct sockaddr *a, socklen_t *al )`
  - take the first connect request from the connect request queue
  - wait for the connect request to arrive if the queue is empty
  - returns a **new socket** that the server can use to communicate with the client
  - `a (clientaddr)` contains information about the client
  - `al` must be initialized, so `accept` knows size of `a`
  
- `connect( int sfd, struct sockaddr *serv_a, socklen_t al )`
  - connects client socket to a server that is specified in the address structure
  - a three-way handshake is initiated for TCP
  - possible errors
    - ETIMEDOUT – no response (after several tries) and timer expired
    - ECONNREFUSED – server not running or not allowed to connect
    - EHOSTUNREACH – HOST not reachable
    - ENETUNREACH – NET not reachable

# Closing of Sockets

## Client

```
/* Close the socket */  
close(sd);
```

## Server

```
/* Close both sockets */  
close(sd);  
close(request_sd);
```

- Note that the semantics of close depends
  - On the kind of protocol
  - Some possible extra settings
  - (similar for file descriptors used to operate on disk...)
- All data that has not been read yet may be thrown away

# Complete Client

## Client

```
#include <netinet/in.h>
#include <sys/socket.h>
#include <netdb.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

int main()
{
    /* Declarations */
    struct sockaddr_in serveraddr;
    int sd;
    char buf[13];

    /* Create socket */
    sd = socket(PF_INET,
                SOCK_STREAM,
                IPPROTO_TCP);

    /* Clear address structure */
    bzero(&serveraddr,
          sizeof(struct sockaddr_in));

    /* Add address family */
    serveraddr.sin_family = AF_INET;
```

## Client ctd.

```
/* Add IP address of anakin.ifi.uio.no */
inet_pton(AF_INET, "129.240.64.199",
           &serveraddr.sin_addr);
/* Add the port number */
serveraddr.sin_port = htons(2009);

/* Connect */
connect(sd,
        (struct sockaddr*)&serveraddr,
        sizeof(struct sockaddr_in));

/* Send data */
write(sd, "Hello world!", 12 );

/* Read data */
read(sd, buf, 12 );

/* add string end sign, write to screen*/
buf[12] = '\0';
printf("%s\n", buf);

/* Close socket */
close(sd);
}
```

# Complete Server

## Server

```
#include <netinet/in.h>
#include <sys/socket.h>
#include <netdb.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

int main()
{
    /* Declarations */
    struct sockaddr_in serveraddr;
    struct sockaddr_in clientaddr;
    int clientaddrlen;
    int request_sd, sd;
    char buf[13];

    /* Create socket */
    request_sd = socket(PF_INET,
                       SOCK_STREAM,
                       IPPROTO_TCP);

    /* Fill in the address structure */
    bzero(&serveraddr,
          sizeof(struct sockaddr_in));
    serveraddr.sin_family = AF_INET;
    serveraddr.sin_addr.s_addr = INADDR_ANY;
    serveraddr.sin_port = htons(2009);
```

## Server ctd.

```
/* Bind address to socket */
bind(request_sd,
      (struct sockaddr*)&serveraddr,
      sizeof(struct sockaddr_in));

/* Activate connect request queue */
listen(request_sd, SOMAXCONN);

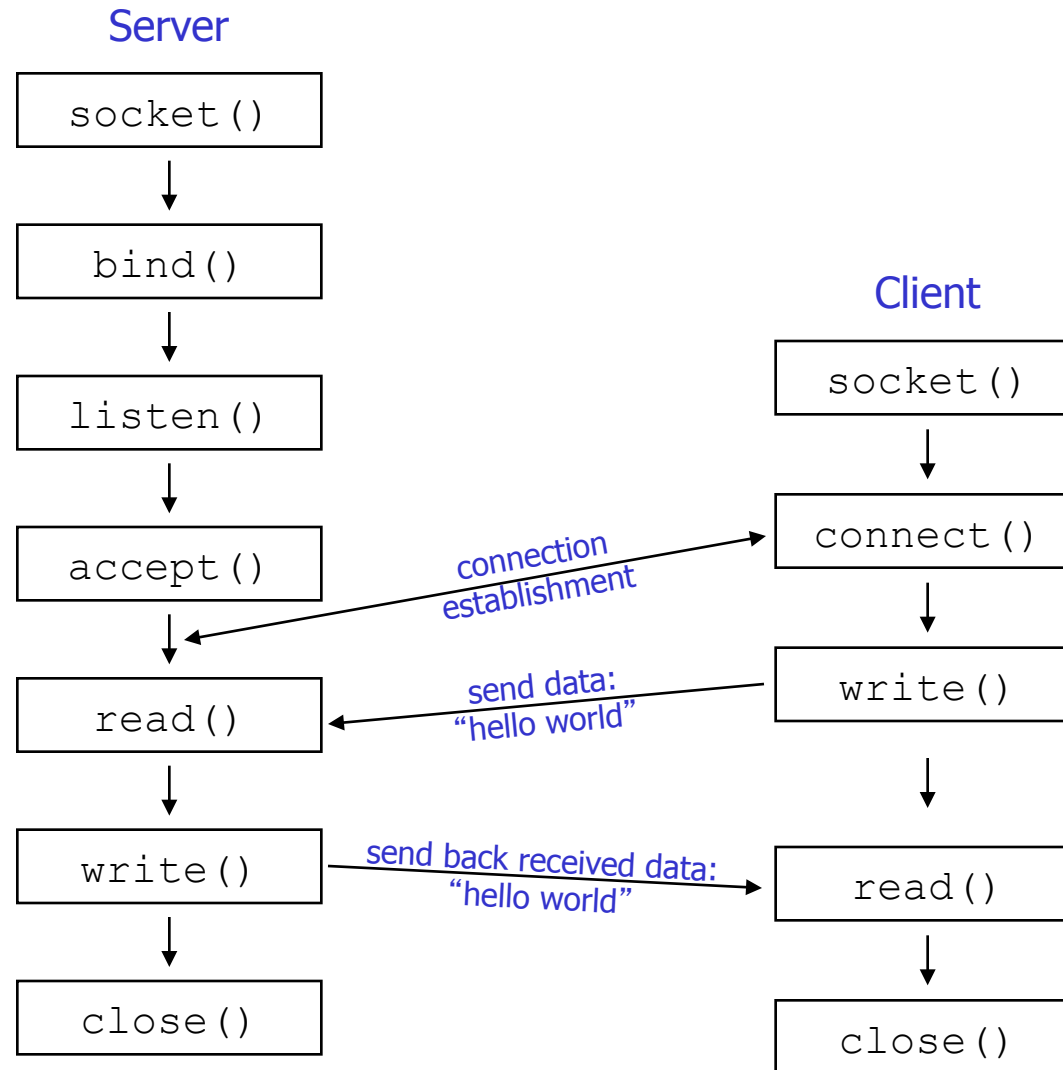
/* Receive connection */
clientaddrlen =
    sizeof(struct sockaddr_in);
sd = accept(request_sd,
            (struct sockaddr*)&clientaddr,
            &clientaddrlen);

/* Read data from socket and write it */
read(sd, buf, 12);
buf[12] = '\0';
printf("%s\n", buf);

/* Send data back over connection */
write(sd, buf, 12);

/*Close sockets */
close(sd); close(request_sd);
}
```

# Summary of Socket Functions for our Elementary TCP Client-Server



# Compilation of these socket programs

- The example can be downloaded from the web pages (<http://www.ifi.uio.no/~inf1060/programs/client-server-example>)
- IFI's Linux machines
  - `gcc client1.c -o client`
- IFI's Solaris machines
  - `gcc client1.c -o client -lsocket -lnsl`
- Cygwin on Windows
  - `gcc client1.c -o client`
- Similar for `server1.c`
- For testing, run server on **anakin** (or change the address in the client) and start client on another machine
  - Testing on one host: use `127.0.0.1`
- Note for BSD / Mac systems: `#include <sys/types.h>`

# Complete Server

## Server

```
...  
  
int main()  
{  
    /* Declarations */  
    ...  
  
    /* Create socket */  
    request_sd = socket(...);  
  
    /* Fill in the address structure */  
    ...  
  
    /* Bind address to socket */  
    bind(...);  
  
    /* Activate connect request queue */  
    listen(...);  
}
```

## Server ctd.

```
/* Receive connection */  
sd = accept(...);  
  
/* Process the request*/  
...  
  
/*Close sockets */  
close(sd);  
  
close(request_sd);  
}
```

Iterative servers?



# Iterative Servers

## Server

```
...  
  
int main()  
{  
    /* Declarations */  
    ...  
  
    /* Create socket */  
    request_sd = socket(...);  
  
    /* Fill in the address structure */  
    ...  
  
    /* Bind address to socket */  
    bind(...);  
  
    /* Activate connect request queue */  
    listen(...);  
}
```

## Server ctd.

```
for (;;) {  
    /* Receive connection */  
    sd = accept(...);  
  
    /* Process the request*/  
    ...  
  
    /*Close sockets */  
    close(sd);  
}  
  
close(request_sd);  
}
```

Concurrent servers?

# Concurrent Iterative Servers

## Server

```
...  
  
int main()  
{  
    /* Declarations */  
    ...  
    pid_t pid;  
  
    /* Create socket */  
    request_sd = socket(...);  
  
    /* Fill in the address structure */  
    ...  
  
    /* Bind address to socket */  
    bind(...);  
  
    /* Activate connect request queue */  
    listen(...);  
}
```

## Server ctd.

```
for (;;) {  
    /* Receive connection */  
    sd = accept(...);  
  
    if ((pid = fork()) == 0) {  
        close(request_sd);  
        /* Process the request*/  
        ...  
  
        /*Close sockets */  
        close(sd);  
        exit(0)  
    }  
  
    /*Close sockets */  
    close(sd);  
}  
  
close(request_sd);  
}
```

# Select

- Problems with these examples:
  - iterative: cannot serve more than one socket at once
  - concurrent: overhead (a process per socket)
- Solution: functions that tell you when a socket becomes available (`select`)
- ```
int select(int nfd, fd_set *restrict readfds, fd_set *restrict writefds, fd_set *restrict errorfds, struct timeval *restrict timeout)
```

  - check whether fd's (sockets) from the `nfd` set are available for reading (`readfds`), writing (`writefds`), or have exceptional conditions pending (`errorfds`)
  - Null argument: don't check. Timeout = time limit for check (Null = block).
  - result is given by changing `readfds` / `writefds` / `errorfds`

# Select usage and macros

## ■ Select usage

- Declare and initialize `fd_set`; add relevant sockets to `fd_set`; give select a copy of `fd_set` for every operation of interest (read/write/exceptional); loop through copies to take action

## ■ Preparing `fd_set` is done with some macros

- `FD_CLR(fd, &fdset)`
  - removes the socket descriptor `fd` from the socket descriptor set `fdset`
- `FD_ISSET(fd, &fdset)`
  - returns nonzero if socket descriptor `fd` is a member of `fdset`; else 0
- `FD_SET(fd, &fdset)`
  - adds socket descriptor `fd` to `fdset`
- `FD_ZERO(&fdset)`
  - initializes `fdset` to 0, representing the empty set
- `FD_SETSIZE` - max. number of FDs; use this as the first parameter for select

# Complete Select-based Server

## Server

```
#include <netinet/in.h>
#include <sys/socket.h>
#include <netdb.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <time.h>

int main()
{
    /* Declarations */
    struct sockaddr_in serveraddr;
    struct sockaddr_in clientaddr;
    int clientaddrlen, i, rc;
    int request_sd, sd[2], numsocks, maxsocks;
    char buf[13];
    fd_set fds, readfds;
    struct timeval timeout;

    numsocks = 0; maxsocks = 2;
    timeout.tv_sec = 5;
    timeout.tv_usec = 0;

    /* Create socket */
    request_sd = socket(PF_INET,
                       SOCK_STREAM,
                       IPPROTO_TCP);
```

## Server ctd.

```
/* Fill in the address structure */
bzero(&serveraddr,
      sizeof(struct sockaddr_in));
serveraddr.sin_family = AF_INET;
serveraddr.sin_addr.s_addr = INADDR_ANY;
serveraddr.sin_port = htons(2009);

/* Bind address to socket */
bind(request_sd,
      (struct sockaddr*)&serveraddr,
      sizeof(struct sockaddr_in));

/* Activate connect request queue */
listen(request_sd, SOMAXCONN);

/* Initialize fd set */
FD_ZERO(&fds);
FD_SET(request_sd, &fds);
```

# Complete Select-based Server ctd.

## Server ctd.

```
for (;;) {

    readfds=fds;
    rc=select(FD_SETSIZE, &readfds, NULL,
              NULL, &timeout);

    /* Something went wrong */
    if (rc<0)
        return -1;

    /* Nothing happened,select continued */
    if (rc==0) {
        printf("Timeout!\n");

        for(i=0; i<numsocks; i++) {
            /* Send a response */
            write(sock[i], "Server ACK!",11);
            /* Close sockets */
            close(sock[i]);
            FD_CLR(sock[i], &fds);
        }
        return 0;
    }
}
```

## Server ctd.

```
for (i = 0; i < FD_SETSIZE; i++)
    if(FD_ISSET (i, &readfds)) {

        if(i == request_sd) {
            /* new connection request */
            if(numsocks < maxsocks) {
                sock[numsocks] = accept(request_sock,
   (struct sockaddr *)&clientaddr,
   (socklen_t *)&clientaddrlen);
                FD_SET(sock[numsocks], &fds);
                numsocks++;
            } else {
                printf("Ran out of socket space.\n");
                return -1;
            }
        } else {
            /* data arrived on an existing socket */
            read(i, buf,12);
            buf[12] = '\0';
            printf("From socket %d: %s\n",i,buf);
        }
    }
    close(request_sock);
}
```

# Summary

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- We have implemented a short program where two processes communicate over a network
- Next: the magic of how data is sent...

# Literature

- “Berkeley UNIX System Calls and Interprocess Communication”, Lawrence Besaw, University of Wisconsin
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