

# Socket Overview

- Examples with socket-API programming
- Differences between TCP and UDP sockets
- Outline SMTP server program

## Socket Programming

Sockets are used to send data from one host to another

 Sockets provide an interface between the application and the Internet

Socket programming is analogous to simple file I/O

□ In UNIX, all devices are file abstractions

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Open, close, read, write

 Sockets are simply one more file abstraction

### <u>Sockets</u>

The API is used for communicating between a Client and a Server

Client

- \* Active participant in communication
- Initiates conversations and sends data

### □ Server

\* Passively listens and waits for data

Socket

- Protocol to use?
- Identifier of the other machine (IP + port)?
- Client or server?

### Socket-programming using TCP

<u>Socket:</u> an interface between application process and the transport protocol (UCP or TCP)

<u>TCP service</u>: reliable transfer of **bytes** from one process to another





<u>TCP</u> <u>Flow</u> <u>Chart</u>

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# Creating a Socket()

- descriptor = socket(protoFamily, type)
  - Creates a socket and returns an integer descriptor
  - ProtoFamily refers to Family of protocols that this protocol belongs to, for TCP/IP use AF\_INET
  - Type SOCK\_STREAM, SOCK\_DGRAM
    - SOCK\_STREAM Connection Oriented (TCP)
    - SOCK\_DGRAM Connectionless (UDP)

### A first, simple socket example

#### Client-server simple application:

- The client reads a line from standard input (inFromUser stream), sends it to server via socket (outToServer stream)
- 2) The server reads the line from its socket
- The server converts the line to uppercase, and sends it back to the client
- The client reads the modified line from its socket (inFromServer stream) and prints it to standard output
- \* Identify application vs. socket programming tasks \*



### Client/server socket interaction: TCP

#### I) Client contacts server

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

#### 2) Client contacts server by:

- Creating TCP socket,
  - Reserve required memory
  - Specify server IP address and port number
- Client TCP layer establishes a connection to server TCP layer (via TCP handshaking, chapter 3)

#### 3) Server creates new socket

- when contacted by client, for server process to communicate with <u>that particular client</u>
  - allows server to talk with multiple clients
  - source port numbers used to distinguish clients (more in Chapter 3)

#### **Application viewpoint:**

TCP provides reliable, in-order byte-stream transfer ("pipe") between client and server

### Client/server socket interaction: TCP

Server (running on hostid)	Client
create socket, port=x, for incoming request: <u>serverSocket = socket()</u>	
wait for incoming connection request connectionSocket = serverSocket.accept()	<pre>create socket, connect to hostid, port=x clientSocket = socket()</pre>
read request from connectionSocket write reply to connectionSocket close connectionSocket	send request using clientSocket read reply from clientSocket close clientSocket

Example app: TCP client

### Python TCPClient

	from socket import *
create TCP socket for server, remote port 12000	serverName = 'servername'
	serverPort = 12000
	<pre>sclientSocket = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM)</pre>
	clientSocket.connect((serverName,serverPort))
No need to attach server name, port (compare to UDP client to come)	<pre>sentence = raw_input('Input lowercase sentence:')</pre>
	clientSocket.send(sentence)
	→modifiedSentence = clientSocket.recv(1024)
	print 'From Server:', modifiedSentence
	clientSocket.close()

### Example app: TCP server

#### Python TCPServer

create TCP	r yululi i Ci Server
welcoming	from socket import *
socket	serverPort = 12000
server begins listening for incoming TCP requests	<pre>serverSocket = socket(AF_INET,SOCK_STREAM) serverSocket.bind(('',serverPort)) serverSocket.listen(1)</pre>
	print 'The server is ready to receive'
loop forever	while 1:
server waits on accept() for incoming requests, new, dedicated socket created on return	<pre>connectionSocket, addr = serverSocket.accept() sentence = connectionSocket.recv(1024)</pre>
read bytes from socket (but not address as in UDP)	capitalizedSentence = sentence.upper() connectionSocket.send(capitalizedSentence) connectionSocket.close()
close connection to this	

Socket programming with UDP

#### UDP: no "connection" between client and server

no handshaking

client (but not welcoming

socket)

- sender explicitly attaches IP address and port of destination to each packet
- server must extract IP address, port of sender from received packet

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

\_application viewpoint\_

UDP provides <u>unreliable</u> transfer of groups of bytes ("datagrams") between client and server

### Client/server socket interaction: UDP

**Server** (running on serverIP)

#### client



### Example: UDP client

	Python UDPClient	
include Python's socket library ───→	from socket import *	
	serverName = 'hostname'	
create UDP socket	serverPort = 12000	
for server	clientSocket = socket(socket.AF_INET,	
get user	socket.SOCK_DGRAM)	
keyboard input	<pre>message = raw_input('Input lowercase sentence:')</pre>	
Attach server name,	clientSocket.sendto(message,(serverName, serverPor	t))
port to message;	modifiedMessage, serverAddress =	
send into socket	clientSocket.recvfrom(2048)	
read reply	print modifiedMessage	
socket into string	clientSocket.close()	
print out received		
string and close		
socket		2-16

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### Example: UDP server

#### Python UDPServer

create UDP socket	from socket import *
	serverPort = 12000
bind socket to local	serverSocket = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_DGRAM)
port number 12000	serverSocket.bind((", serverPort))
loop forever	print " <i>The server is ready to receive</i> " while 1:
Read from UDP socket into message, getting client's address (client IP and port)	<pre>message, clientAddress = serverSocket.recvfrom(2048) modifiedMessage = message.upper() serverSocket.sendto(modifiedMessage, clientAddress)</pre>
send upper case	

send upper case string back to this client

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## <u>Connection-Oriented → TCP</u>

# The message is only transferred after a connection has been made

- Connection creates a virtual pipe between the client and the server such that each knows the other's IP address and protocol port number
- Both parties know that a message will be communicated
- No need to tell destination (IP address and port number) in subsequent messages
  - \* Because there is a connection!

### <u>Connectionless → UDP</u>

### Send Individual Messages

- \* as opposed to a continuous byte stream
- Socket has to be told where to send the message every time
  - Destination IP address and Port number
- Overhead data flow can get excessive if a large number of messages need to be sent between the same hosts

### <u>Class Example: SMTP Client (5 minutes</u> now, to come back to toward end of class)

- Develop a simple mail client that sends email to any recipient → a first attempt
  - 1) Recall the telnet practice with SMTP
  - 2) Connect to a mail server, dialogue with the mail server using the SMTP protocol
  - 3) Send an email message to the mail server.
    - Python provides smtplib, with built in methods, but this hides the details of SMTP and socket programming -> so do not use this
- To limit spam, mail servers do not accept TCP connections from arbitrary sources.

# Socket Flowcharts

### TCP vs. UDP



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### Review Server steps

- All servers begin by making a function call to "socket()" to create a socket and "bind()" to specify a protocol port number
- UDP: the server is now ready to accept messages
- TCP: additional steps to become ready are
  - Server calls listen() to place the socket in passive mode
  - Server calls accept() to accept a connection request if it comes in

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# Example to connect to google
from socket import *
print ("Creating Socket...")
s = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM)
print ("done.")
print ("Looking up port number...")
port = getservbyname('http', 'tcp')
print ("done.")
print ("connect to remote host on port %d" %port),
s.connect (("www.google.com", port))
print ("done.")
print ("done.")
print "Connected from", s.getsockname()
print "Connected to", s.getpeername()
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# Client example 2: client2.py
# Run the client after the server is running
from socket import * # Import socket module
s = socket()  # Create a socket object
host = gethostname() # Get local machine name
port = 12345  # Assign a port
print ("Client host is ", host)
s.connect((host, port))
print (s.recv(1024))
s.close  # Close the socket when done
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# Example 2: Server2.py
from socket import *
s = socket()
                     # Create a socket object
host = gethostname() # Get local machine name
port = 12345
                    # Assign a port number
s.bind((host, port)) # Bind to the port
print ("Server host is ", host)
s.listen(1)
                    # Wait for client conx
while True:
     c, addr = s.accept() # conx to client
     print ('Got connection from', addr)
     c.send('Thank you for connecting')
                 # Close the connection
     c.close()
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# Example 3: client3.py
from socket import *
HOST = 'localhost'
PORT = 29876
ADDR = (HOST,PORT)
BUFSIZE = 4096
cli = socket(AF_INET,SOCK_STREAM)
cli.connect((ADDR))
data = cli.recv(BUFSIZE)
print (data)
cli.close()
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# Example 3: server3.py
from socket import *
HOST = ''  # Use the local host
PORT = 29876  # Assign a port number
ADDR = (HOST, PORT) # define a tuple for the address
BUFSIZE = 4096 # Define buffer for data
# Create a new socket object (serv)
serv = socket( AF INET, SOCK STREAM)
# Bind our socket to the address
serv.bind((ADDR))  # Define an address 'tuple'
serv.listen(5)
                    # Allow 5 connections
print ('listening...')
conn,addr = serv.accept()
print ('...connected!')
conn.send('TEST')
conn.close()
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### To limit spam, mail servers do not accept TCP connection from arbitrary sources.

 You could try connecting both to both the Smith mail server and to a popular Webmail server, such as an AOL mail server, gmail...

### Mail message format



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fcapmaster:~ jcardell$ telnet smtp.smith.edu 25
   Trying 131.229.64.236...
   Connected to baton.smith.edu.
   Escape character is '^]'.
   220 baton.smith.edu ESMTP Sendmail ...
C: HELO jbc.edu
S: 250 baton.smith.edu Hello [131.229.102.128], pleased to meet you
C: MAIL FROM: <judy@jbc.edu>
S: 250 2.1.0 <judy@jbc.edu>... Sender ok
C: RCPT TO: <jcardell@smith.edu>
S: 250 2.1.5 <jcardell@smith.edu>... Recipient ok
C: DATA
S: 354 Enter mail, end with "." on a line by itself
C: to: Easter@Bunny.hop
C: from: Tooth@Fairy.fly
C: subject: How's Business?
C:
C: Hello Hoppy
C: Checking in to see how you're doing.
C: .
S: 250 2.0.0 s8GFb0Q4007216 Message accepted for delivery
C: QUIT
S: 221 2.0.0 baton.smith.edu closing connection
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# Send HELO command and print server response.
heloCommand = 'HELO smith.edu\r\n'
clientSocket.send(heloCommand)
recv1 = clientSocket.recv(1024)
print recv1
if recv1[:3] != '250':
      print ('250 reply not received from server.')
...
# Send DATA command and print server response.
data = 'DATAr'
clientSocket.send(data)
recv4 = clientSocket.recv(1024)
...
# Message ends with a single period.
clientSocket.send(endmsg)
# Send QUIT command and get server response.
quitcommand = 'QUIT\r\n'
clientSocket.send(quitcommand)
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### HW: Web Server

Develop a web server that handles one HTTP request at a time.

- Accept and parse the HTTP request message,
- Get the requested file from the server's file system
- Create an HTTP response message consisting of the requested file and the appropriate header lines
- Send the response directly to the client.
- Use any web browser for the client

HW: Web Server Due Dates

### □ Feb 22

- Python (or other) working code in 2 weeks
- Web server code, beautifully commented with meaningful variable and object names
- Screen shots of output

### \* For Feb 15 \*

- The HTML code that your web server will serve up to your requesting web browser
- (you will use a commercial web browser to contact your own web server)
- \* BE SURE to be working on your web server this first week as well!

# Appendix - Socket functions

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### <u>Socket API Overview –</u> details in appendix to these slides

- Socket Programming Procedures
  - Socket()
  - Bind()
  - & Listen()
  - Accept()
  - Connect()
  - \* Along with send and receive procedures
  - Close()
- And for DNS...
  - ✤ getHostByName
  - ✤ getServByName
  - ✤ getProtoByName

# Procedures: Socket()

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# Accept() - Server Procedure

- Newsock = accept(socket, caddr, caddrlen)
  - Accept() fills the fields of the struct caddr with the address of the client that formed the connection
  - Accept() creates a new socket for this connection and returns the descriptor of this new socket
  - The server's original "listen()" socket remains unchanged
- A request has come to the server
  - $\star \rightarrow$  The phone is ringing
- Accept picks up the connections (only TCP)

# Bind()

### Bind(socket, localAddr, addrLen)

- Call after socket() has been called to bind the socket to a protocol port number
- Used to assign the port at which the client/server will be waiting for connections/messages
  - The port number is part of the address structure
  - s.bind(('', 80)) specifies that the socket is reachable by any address the machine happens to have
- Socket descriptor
- ♦ localAddr socket address structure → including the port number
- addrLen length of the address

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# <u>Close()</u>

- The socket is no longer going to be used
- □ Close(sock)
  - Sock the descriptor
- Note: For a connection oriented socket, connection is terminated before socket is closed

# Connect() - Client Procedure

### Connect(socket, saddr, saddrlen)

- Arguments 'socket' is the desciptor of a socket on the client's computer to use for the connection
- saddr' and len specify the <u>server's</u> info
- With TCP, this initiates the connection to the specified server
- This is used to make the "phone call"

#### 🗆 Two uses

- Connection-oriented transport make the call
- Possible use Connectionless identify the server to send the many, independent messages

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## Listen() - Server Procedure

- Listen(socket, queuesize)
  - Called at server
  - socket descriptor at server
  - queueSize buffering of requests
- This procedure tells the server to leave a socket running, in passive mode, at this port

# Recv() and Recvfrom()

### Used to receive messages in a connection oriented communication

- Recv(socket, buffer, length, flags)
  - Buffer memory location/structure to store the data
  - $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$  Length the length of buffer
- Recvfrom() is used in connectionless communication
  - Recvfrom(socket, buffer, flags, sndraddr, saddrlen)
    - Sndraddr sender's address
    - Saddrlen length of sender's address

Send() and Sendto()

- Used to send packets from one host to another
  - Send(socket, data, length, flags)
    - Socket descriptor
    - Data pointer to buffer in memory with the data
    - Length of data to be sent
    - Flags for debugging, not general use (typ = 0)

### Sendto() is used with an unconnected socket

 Sendto (socket, data, length, flags, destAddress, addressLen)

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