TCP Programming

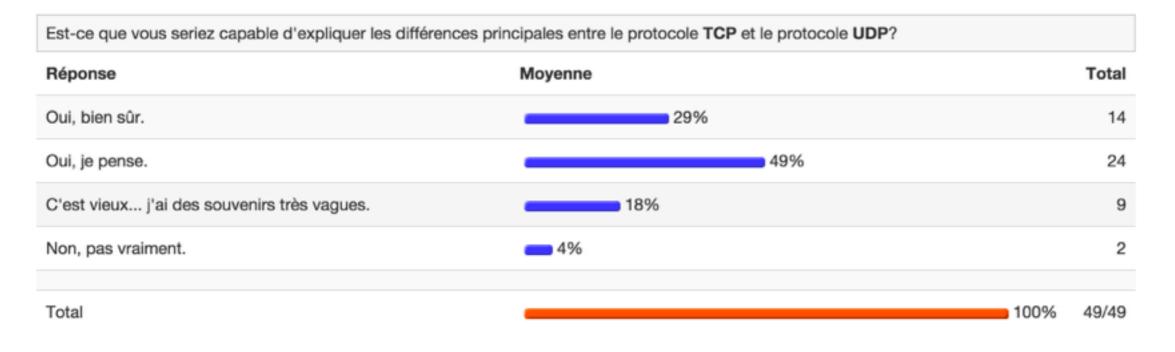
RES, Lecture 2

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Haute Ecole d'Ingénierie et de Gestion du Canton de Vaud Est-ce que vous seriez capable d'expliquer les différences principales entre le protocole TCP et le protocole UDP?

| RÉPONSE | MOYENNE | TOTAL |
|---|------------|-------|
| Oui, bien sûr. | 30% | 16 |
| Oui, je pense. | 38% | 20 |
| C'est vieux j'ai des souvenirs très vagues. | 26% | 14 |
| Non, pas vraiment. | 6 % | 3 |
| Total | 100% | 53/53 |



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Est-ce que vous avez déjà fait de la programmation réseau en Java?

| RÉPONSE | MOYENNE | TOTAL |
|---|-------------|-------|
| Oui, j'ai déjà implémenté des clients et des serveurs, pour TCP et UDP | ■ 6% | 3 |
| Oui, j'ai déja implémenté une application client-serveur TCP | 8 % | 4 |
| Non, mais j'ai déjà utilisé la Socket API dans d'autres langages | 49% | 26 |
| Non, je ne sais pas du tout comment on implémente des applications client-serveur | 38% | 20 |
| Total | 100% | 53/53 |

| Est-ce que vous avez déjà fait de la programmation réseau el | n Java? | |
|---|---------|------------|
| Réponse | Moyenne | Total |
| Oui, j'ai déjà implémenté des clients et des serveurs, pour TCP et UDP | 10% | 5 |
| Oui, j'ai déja implémenté une application client-serveur TCP | 33% | 16 |
| Non, mais j'ai déjà utilisé la Socket API dans d'autres langages | 33% | 16 |
| Non, je ne sais pas du tout comment on implémente des applications client-serveur | 24% | 12 |
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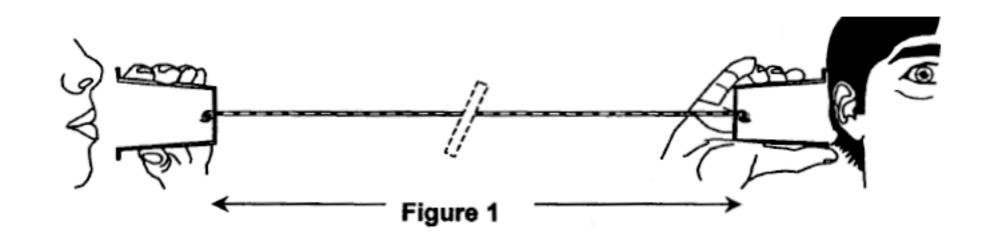
Est-ce que vous avez déjà utilisé la plate-forme Node.js?

| RÉPONSE | MOYENNE | TOTAL |
|---|------------|-------|
| Oui, j'ai déjà développé des applications en Node.js et je suis à l'aise. | 4 % | 2 |
| Oui, j'ai installé Node.js et j'ai fait quelques essais. | 19% | 10 |
| Non, j'en ai entendu parler mais je n'ai jamais essayé. | 47% | 25 |
| Non, je n'ai jamais entendu parler de Node.js | 30% | 16 |
| Total | 100% | 53/53 |

| Est-ce que vous avez déjà utilisé la plate-forme Node.js? | | |
|--|---------|------------|
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| Oui, j'ai installé Node.js et j'ai fait quelques essais. | 10% | 5 |
| Non, j'en ai entendu parler mais je n'ai jamais essayé. | 45% | 22 |
| Non, je n'ai jamais entendu parler de Node.js | 39% | 19 |
| Total | | 100% 49/49 |

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Client-Server Programming



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Proprietary Protocol



What is an Application-Level Protocol?



- A set of rules that specify how the application components (e.g. clients and servers) communicate with each other. Typically, a protocol defines at least:
 - Which transport-layer protocol is used to exchange application-level messages. (e.g. TCP for HTTP)
 - Which port number(s) to use (e.g. 80 for HTTP)
 - What kind of messages are exchanged by the application components and the structure of these messages.
 - The actions that need to be taken when these messages are received and the effect that is expected.
 - Whether the protocol is stateful or stateless. In other words, whether the protocol requires the server to manage a session for every connected client.

Network Programming

Given a application-level protocol,

how can we implement a client and server in a particular programming language?

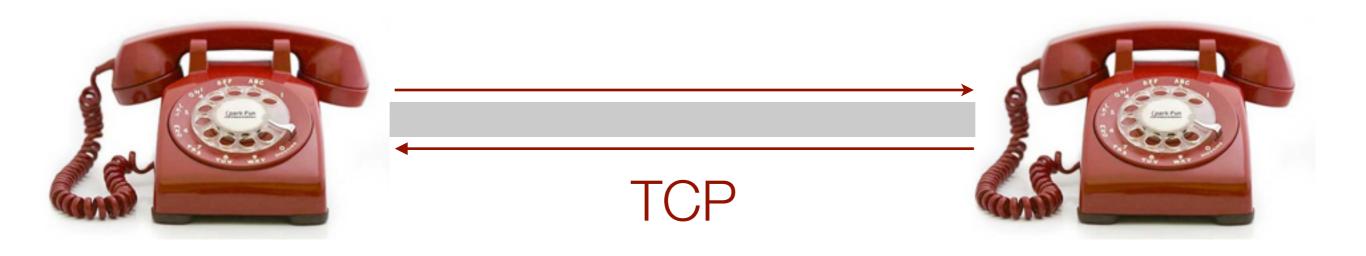
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The TCP Protocol



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Transport Protocols

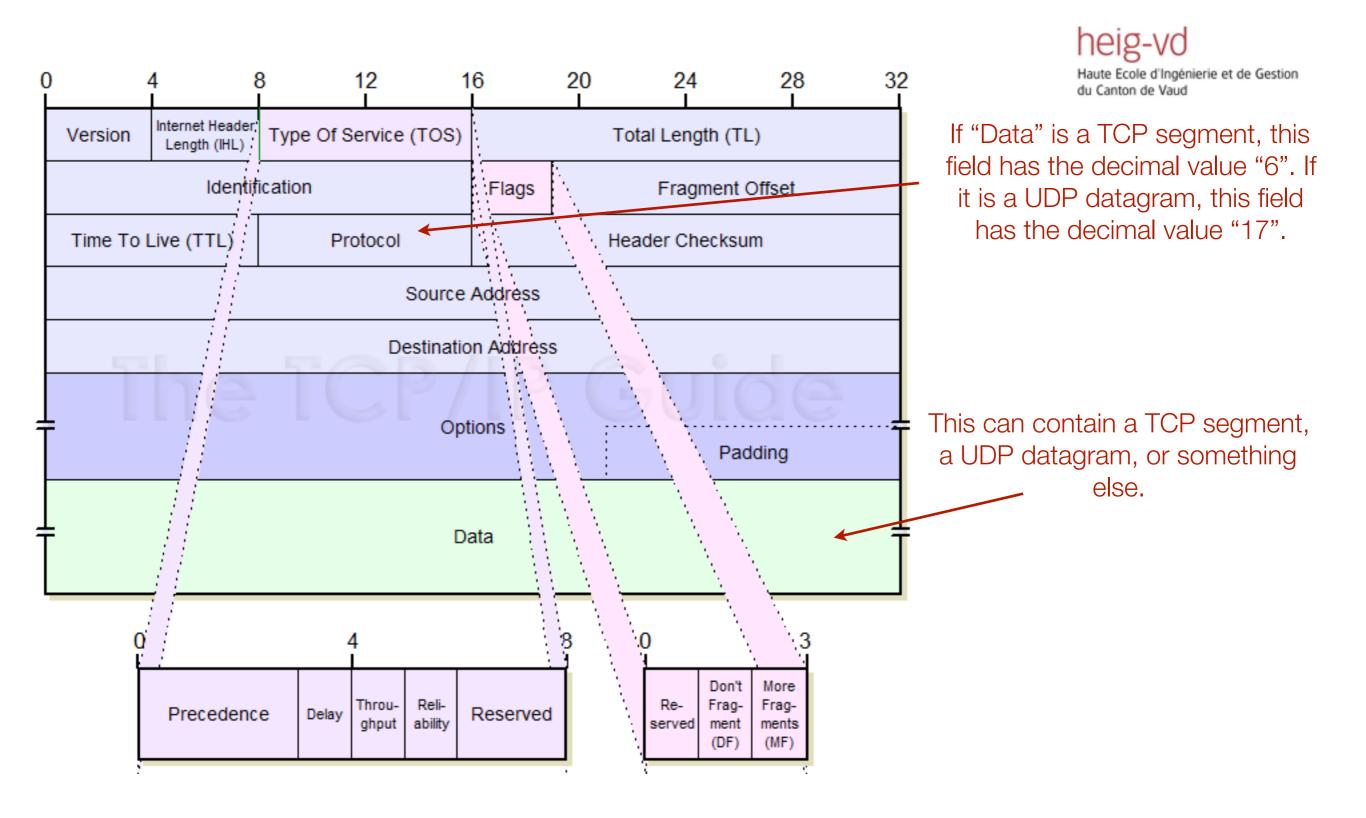


- Both TCP and UDP are transport protocols.
- This means that they make it possible for **two programs** (i.e. applications, processes) possibly running on **different machines** to **exchange data**.
- The two protocols also make it possible for several programs to share the same network interface. They use the notion of port for this purpose.
- TCP and UDP define the **structure of messages**. With TCP, messages are called **segments**. With UDP, messages are used **datagrams**.
- The structure of TCP segments (number and size of headers) is more complex than the structure of UDP datagrams.
- Both TCP segments and UDP datagrams can be **encapsulated in IP packets**. In that case, we say that the **payload** of the IP packet is a TCP segment, respectively a UDP datagram.

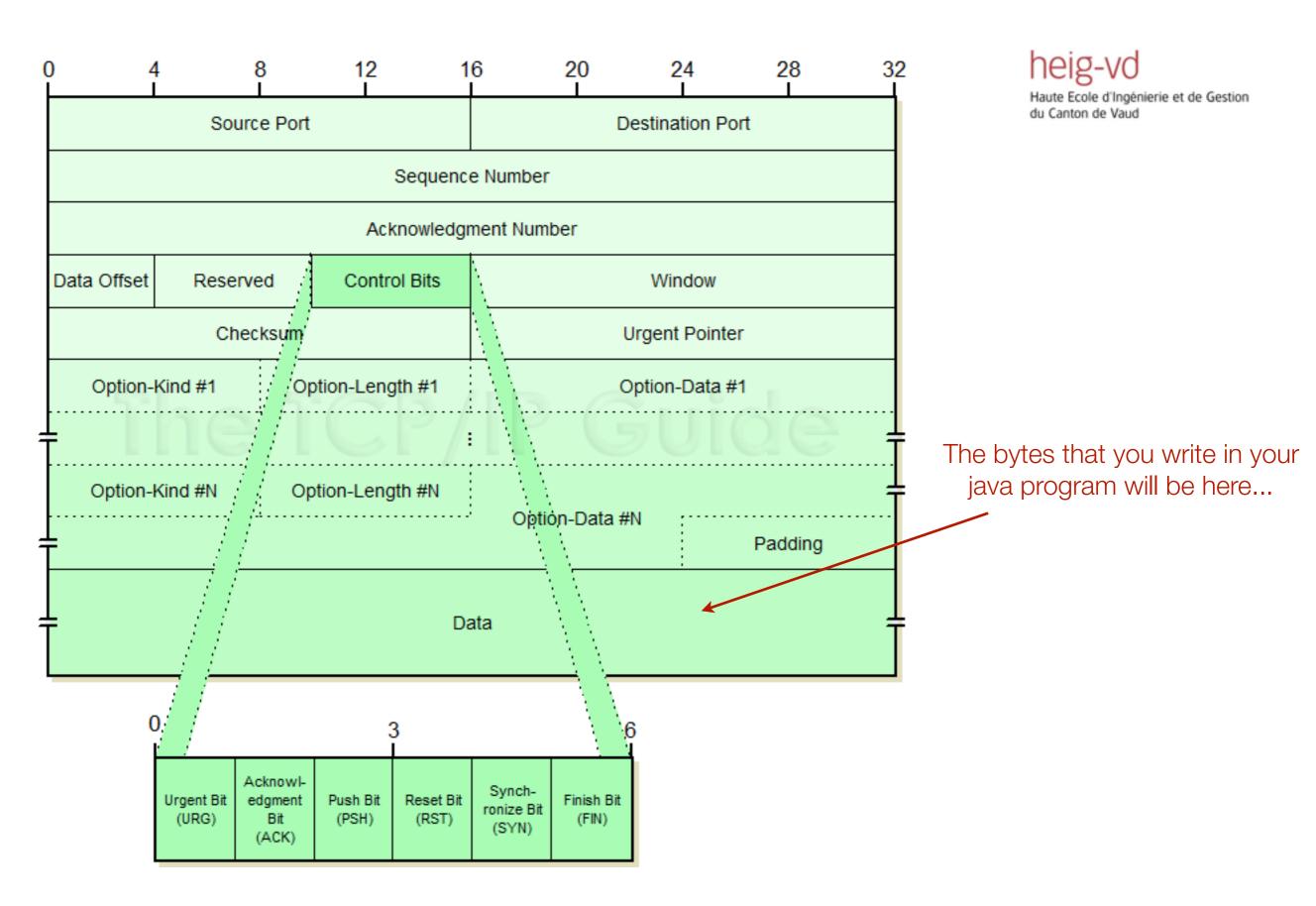
Transport Protocols



- TCP provides a connection-oriented service. The client and the server first have to establish a connection. They can then exchange data through a bi-directional stream of bytes.
- TCP provides a **reliable data transfer service**. It makes sure that all bytes sent by one program are received by the other. It also preserves the **ordering** of the exchanged bytes.
- UDP provides a **connectionless service**. The client can send information to the server at any time, **even if there is no server listening**. In that case, the information will simply be lost.
- UDP does not guarantee the delivery of datagrams. It is possible that a datagram sent by one client will never reach its destination. The ordering is not guaranteed either.
- TCP supports unicast communication. UDP supports unicast, broadcast and multicast communication. This is useful for service discovery.



http://www.tcpipguide.com/free/t IPDatagramGeneralFormat.htm



http://www.tcpipguide.com/free/t_TCPMessageSegmentFormat-3.htm

Example: telnet www.heig-vd.ch 80



The Socket API



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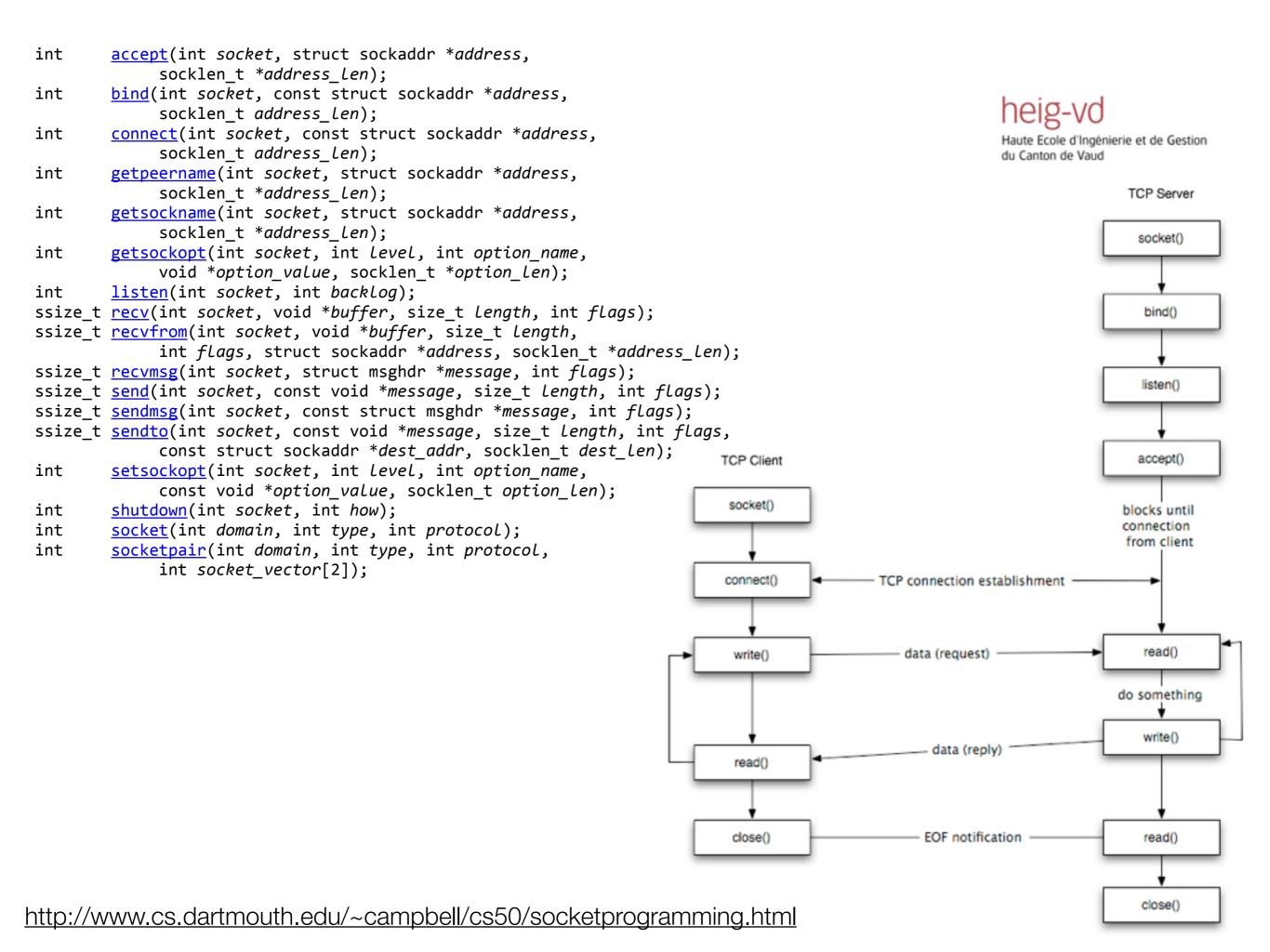
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The Socket API



- The Socket API is a standard interface, which defines data structures and functions for writing client-server applications.
- It has originally been developed in the context of the Unix operating system and specified as a C API.
- It is now available across nearly all operating systems and programming environments.

<sys/socket.h>



Using the Socket API for a TCP Server

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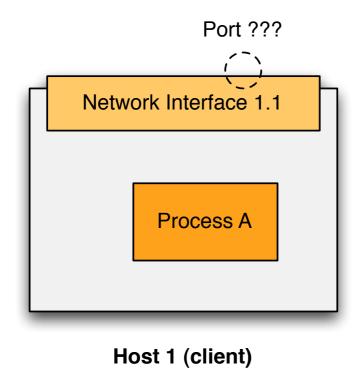
- 1. Create a "receptionist" socket
- 2. Bind the socket to an IP address / port
- 3. Loop
 - 3.1. Accept an incoming connection (block until a client arrives)
 - 3.2. Receive a new socket when a client has arrived
 - 3.3. **Read** and **write** bytes through this socket, communicating with the client
 - 3.4. Close the client socket (and go back to listening)
- 4. Close the "receptionist" socket

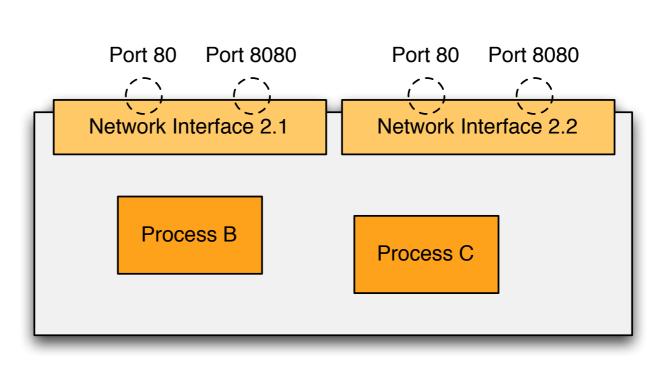
Using the Socket API for a TCP Client

- 1. Create a socket
- 2. Make a connection request on an IP address / port
- 3. **Read** and **write** bytes through this socket, communicating with the client
- 4. Close the client socket

Using the Socket API



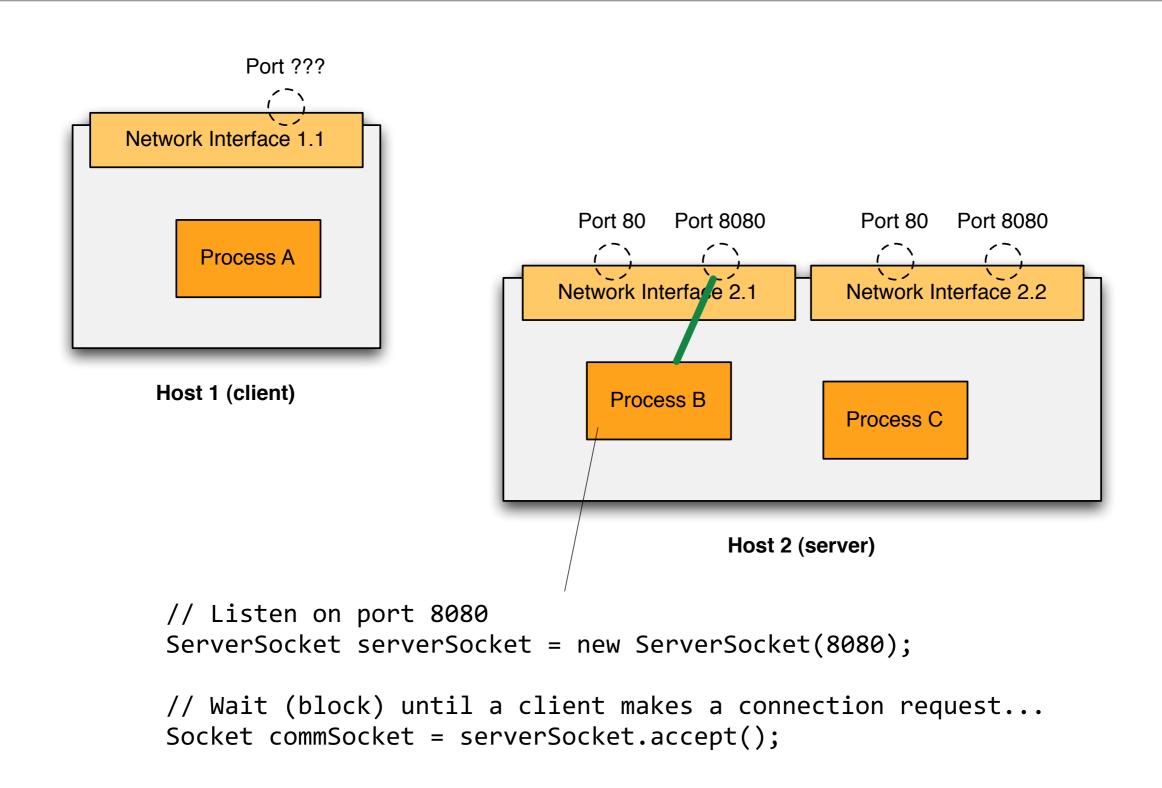




Host 2 (server)

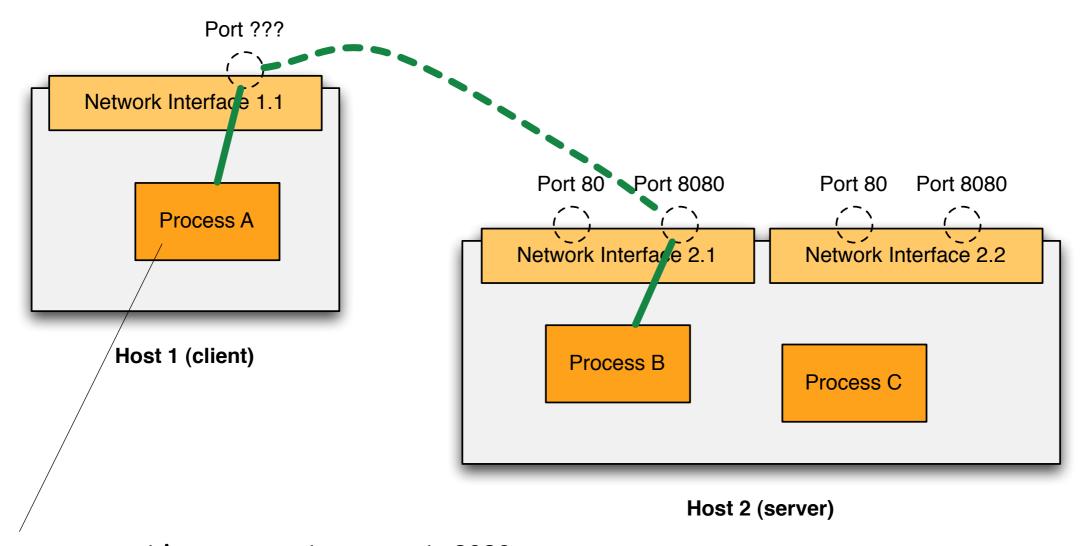
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Using the Socket API in Java

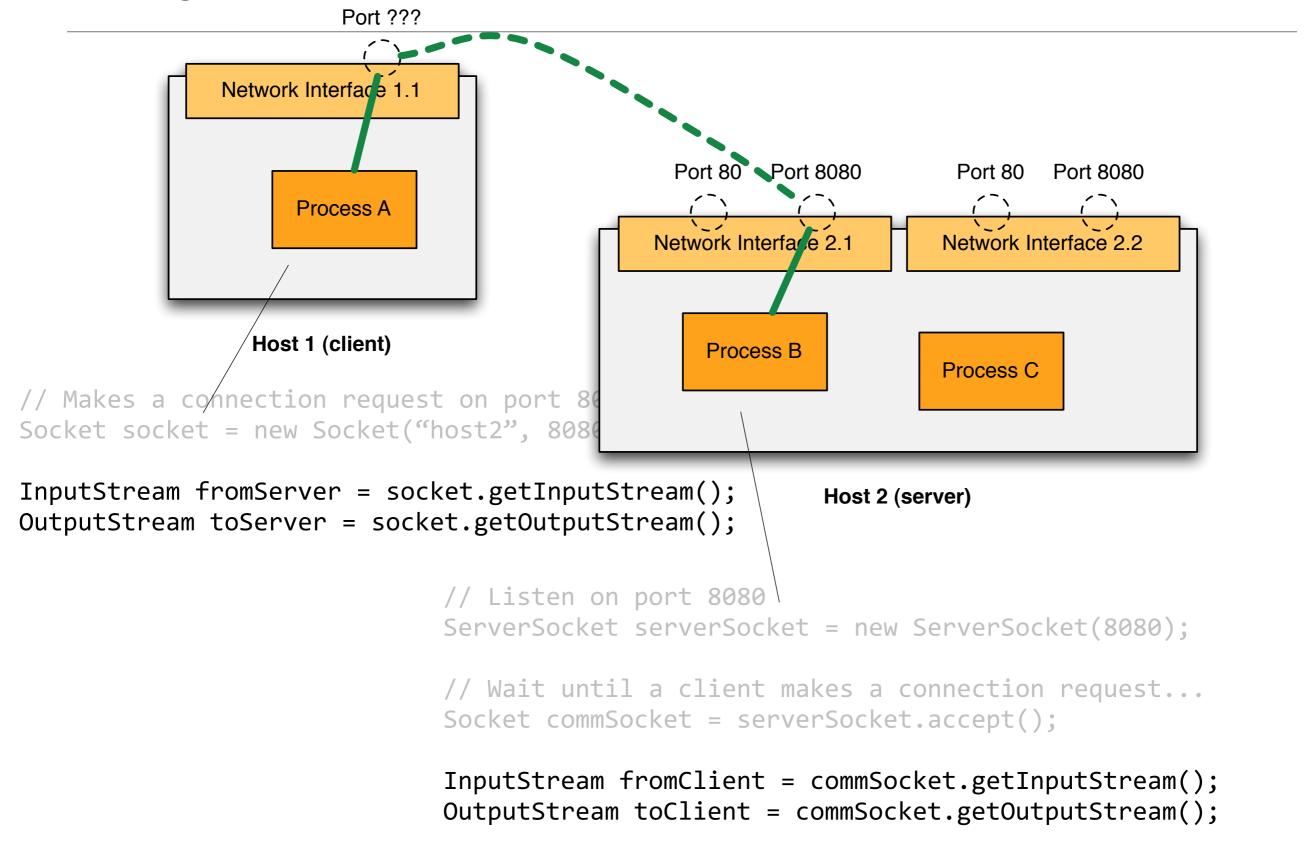




// Makes a connection request on port 8080
Socket serverSocket = new Socket("host2", 8080);

Using the Socket API in Java





Example: 05-DumbHttpClient



Code walkthrough

establish a connection , with server

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```

```
public void sendWrongHttpRequest() {
    Socket clientSocket = null;
    OutputStream os = null;
    InputStream is = null;
    try {
         clientSocket = new Socket("www.heig-vd.ch", 80);
                                                               get streams to send and
         os = clientSocket.getOutputStream();
                                                                     receive bytes
         is = clientSocket.getInputStream();
         String malformedHttpRequest = "Hello, sorry, but I don't speak HTTP...\r\n\r\n";
         os.write(malformedHttpRequest.getBytes());
         ByteArrayOutputStream responseBuffer = new ByteArrayOutputStream();
         byte[] buffer = new byte[BUFFER SIZE];
                                                                       read bytes sent by the
         int newBytes;
         while ((newBytes = is.read(buffer)) != -1) {
                                                                           server until the
             responseBuffer.write(buffer, 0, newBytes);
                                                                        connection is closed
         }
         LOG.log(Level.INFO, "Response sent by the server: ");
         LOG.log(Level.INFO, responseBuffer.toString());
    } catch (IOException ex) {
         LOG.log(Level.SEVERE, null, ex);
    } finally {
```

Example: 04-StreamingTimeServer



Code walkthrough

bind on TCP port



```
ServerSocket serverSocket = null;
Socket clientSocket = null;
BufferedReader reader = null;
PrintWriter writer = null;
try {
  serverSocket = new ServerSocket(listenPort);
                                                                 block until a client makes a
  logServerSocketAddress(serverSocket);
                                                                     connection request
  clientSocket = serverSocket.accept();
  logSocketAddress(clientSocket);
  reader = new BufferedReader(new InputStreamReader(clientSocket.getInputStream()));
 writer = new PrintWriter(clientSocket.getOutputStream());
 for (int i = 0; i < numberOfIterations; i++) {</pre>
                                                                        we want to exchange
   writer.println(String.format("{'time' : '%s'}", new Date()));
                                                                         characters with the
   writer.flush();
                                                                          clients (we should
   LOG.log(Level.INFO, "Sent data to client, doing a pause...");
   Thread.sleep(pauseDuration);
                                                                        specify the encoding!)
} catch (IOException | InterruptedException ex)
  LOG.log(Level.SEVERE, ex.getMessage());
                                                         we make sure to flush
} finally {
   reader.close();
                                                           the buffer, so that
  writer.close();
                                                         characters are actually
   clientSocket.close();
                                                                  sent!
   serverSocket.close();
```

Running and interacting with network apps on Vagrant





How to use Vagrant?



```
Usage: vagrant [options] <command> [<args>]
                                     Print the version and exit.
    -v, --version
    -h, --help
                                     Print this help.
Common commands:
                     manages boxes: installation, removal, etc.
     box
                     connect to a remotely shared Vagrant environment
     connect
     destrov
                     stops and deletes all traces of the vagrant machine
     global-status
                     outputs status Vagrant environments for this user
     halt
                     stops the vagrant machine
                     shows the help for a subcommand
     help
     init
                     initializes a new Vagrant environment by creating a Vagrantfile
                     log in to Vagrant Cloud
     login
                     packages a running vagrant environment into a box
     package
                     manages plugins: install, uninstall, update, etc.
     plugin
     provision
                     provisions the vagrant machine
     rdp
                     connects to machine via RDP
     reload
                     restarts vagrant machine, loads new Vagrantfile configuration
                     resume a suspended vagrant machine
     resume
     share
                     share your Vagrant environment with anyone in the world
                     connects to machine via SSH
     ssh
     ssh-config
                     outputs OpenSSH valid configuration to connect to the machine
     status
                     outputs status of the vagrant machine
                     suspends the machine
     suspend
                     starts and provisions the vagrant environment
     up
     version
                     prints current and latest Vagrant version
```

The Vagrantfile

end

what kind of "base" box do we want to use



under /vagrant in the VM

```
# -*- mode: ruby -*-
# vi: set ft=ruby :
# Vagrantfile API/syntax version. Don't touch/unless you know what you're doing!
VAGRANTFILE API VERSION = "2"
                                                                 the IP address assigned
Vagrant.configure(VAGRANTFILE_API_VERSION) ▶do |config|
  config.vm.box = "phusion/ubuntu-14.04-amd64"
                                                                         to the VM
  config.vm.network "private_network", ip: "192.168.42.42"
  config.vm.provision "shell", path: "provision.sh", privileged: false
                                                                   this script is executed at
  # config.vm.network "forwarded_port", guest: 80, host: 8080
                                                                      "provisioning time"
  # config.ssh.forward_agent = true
  # config.vm.synced_folder "../data", "/vagrant_data"
  config.ssh.forward_x11 = true
                                                                  PAT: localhost:8080 will be
  # config.vm.provider "virtualbox" do
                                                                         forwarded to
      # Don't boot with headless mode
  #
      vb.gui = true
  #
                                                                       192.168.42.42:80
  #
      # Use VBoxManage to customize the VM. For example to change memory:
      vb.customize ["modifyvm", :id, "--memory", "1024"]
  # end
                                             (additional) shared folders; by default, the host
                                             directory containing the Vagrantfile is available
```

config.vm.network "private_network", ip: "192.168.42.42"
config.vm.network "forwarded_port", guest: 9907, host: 4207

Network

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Another laptop (10.192.95.122)

\$ telnet 10.192.95.121 4207

Your laptop (10.192.95.121) \$ telnet 192.168.42.42 9907 telnet localhost 4207 Vagrant box (192.168.42.42) listen(9907) \$ telnet localhost 9907

La commande Isof



```
NAME
      lsof - list open files
SYNOPSIS
      lsof [ -?abChKlnNOPRtUvVX ] [ -A A ] [ -c c ] [ +c c ] [ +|-d d ] [ +|-D D ] [ +|-e s ] [ +|-f [cfgGn] ] [ -F [f] ] [ -g [s] ] [ -i [i] ] [ -
k k ] [ +|-L [1] ] [ +|-m m
      ][+|-M][-o[o]][-ps][+|-r[t[m<fmt>]]][-s[p:s]][-S[t]][-T[t]][-us][+|-w][-x[f1]][-z[z]][-Z[Z]]
[ -- ] [names]
DESCRIPTION
      Lsof revision 4.86 lists on its standard output file information about files opened by processes for the following UNIX dialects:
           Apple Darwin 9 and Mac OS X 10.[567]
           FreeBSD 4.9 and 6.4 for x86-based systems
           FreeBSD 8.2, 9.0 and 10.0 for AMD64-based systems
           Linux 2.1.72 and above for x86-based systems
           Solaris 9, 10 and 11
      (See the DISTRIBUTION section of this manual page for information on how to obtain the latest lsof revision.)
      An open file may be a regular file, a directory, a block special file, a character special file, an executing text reference, a library, a
      stream or a network file (Internet socket, NFS file or UNIX domain socket.) A specific file or all the files in a file system may be
      selected by path.
```

```
$ lsof
$ lsof -i | grep -i listen
$ lsof -i -P | grep -i listen
```

Handling Concurrency



Concurrency in Network Programming

You don't want your server to talk to only one client at the time, do you?

Even for **stateless** protocols...



blocking IO (synchronous)

n employee = n threads employees are expensive limited space for employees in the truck few employees => long queue





non-blocking IO (asynchronous)

there is only 1 employee (1 thread) customers are <u>called back</u> when the request is fulfilled no queue

Concurrent Programming

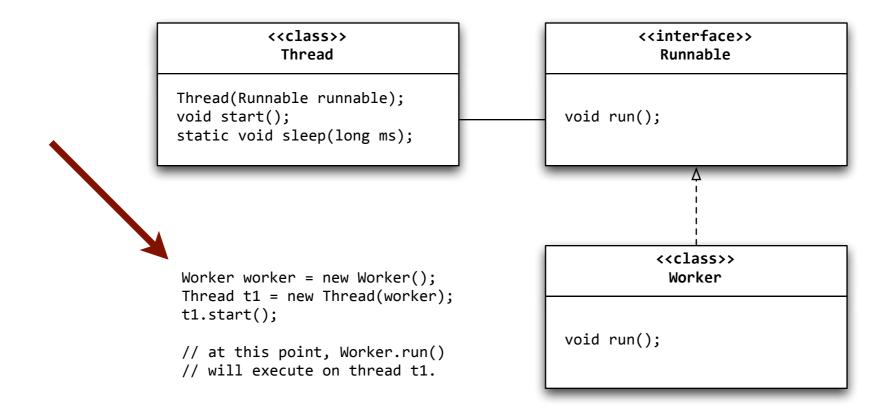


- On top of the **operating system**, it is possible launch the Java Virtual Machine (**JVM**) several times (by invoking the java command). In this scenario, there is **one process (program) for every JVM instance**.
- If you don't do anything special, there is a **single execution thread** within each JVM. This means that all instructions in your code are executed **sequentially**.
- Very often, you write software where you want to perform several tasks at the same time (concurrently). For instance:
 - Manage a UI while fetching data from the network,
 - Talking to one HTTP client while talking to another HTTP client,
 - Have a worker do complex calculations on a subset of the data, while having another worker do the same calculations on another subset.
- You can use threads (also called lightweight processes) for this purpose.

Concurrent Programming in Java



- In Java, there are two main types
 - The Thread class, which could be extended to implement the behavior you want to run in parallel.
 - The **Runnable interface**, which is implemented for the same purpose and is passed as an argument to the Thread constructor.



Concurrent Programming in Java



- There are other classes related to threads, in the java.util.concurrent package.
 An important one is the ExecutorService, which makes it possible to use thread pools.
- A thread pool gives you a way to limit the number of threads spawned (by your server), so that you will not consume all resources. Others are queued.

http://www.vogella.com/ tutorials/ JavaConcurrency/ article.html

```
package de.vogella.concurrency.threadpools;
import java.util.concurrent.ExecutorService;
import java.util.concurrent.Executors;
public class Main {
  private static final int NTHREDS = 10;
 public static void main(String[] args) {
   ExecutorService executor = Executors.newFixedThreadPool(NTHREDS);
   for (int i = 0; i < 500; i++) {
      Runnable worker = new MyRunnable(10000000L + i);
      executor.execute(worker);
   // This will make the executor accept no new threads
   // and finish all existing threads in the queue
    executor.shutdown();
   // Wait until all threads are finish
   executor.awaitTermination();
   System.out.println("Finished all threads");
```

Single Threaded
Single Process
Blocking

Not really an option...

The server implements a loop.

It waits for a client to arrive.

Then services the client until done.

Then only goes back to accept the next client.

Can only talk to 1 client at the time

It is only when we reach this line that a new client can connect

```
serverSocket = new ServerSocket(port);
while (true) {
   clientSocket = serverSocket.accept();
   in = new BufferedReader(new
   InputStreamReader(clientSocket.getInputStream()));
   out = new PrintWriter(clientSocket.getOutputStream());
   String line;
   boolean shouldRun = true;
   LOG.info("Reading until client sends BYE");
   while ( (shouldRun) && (line = in.readLine()) != null ) {
      if (line.equalsIgnoreCase("bye")) {
          shouldRun = false;
      out.println("> " + line.toUpperCase());
      out.flush();
   clientSocket.close();
   in.close();
   out.close();
```

Single Threaded
Multi Process
Blocking

How apache httpd did it (with pre-fork, kind of...)

The server implements a loop.
It waits for a client to arrive.
When the client arrives, the server forks a new process.

The child process serves the client while the server is immediately ready to serve the next client.

Forking a process is kind of heavy...
and resource hungry

While the child process serves the client...

... the parent can immediately welcome the next client.

```
while(1) { // main accept() loop
    sin size = sizeof their addr;
   new_fd = accept(sockfd, (struct sockaddr *)&their_addr,
&sin_size);
   if (new fd == -1) {
        perror("accept");
        continue;
   inet_ntop(their_addr.ss_family,
        get in addr((struct sockaddr *)&their addr),
        s, sizeof s);
    printf("server: got connection from %s\n", s);
   if (!fork()) { // this is the child process
        close(sockfd); // child doesn't need the listener
        if (send(new_fd, "Hello, world!", 13, 0) == -1)
            perror("send");
        close(new fd);
        exit(0);
    close(new_fd); // parent doesn't need this
```

http://www.beej.us/guide/bgnet/output/html/multipage/clientserver.html#simpleserver

Multi Threaded
Single Process
Blocking

The 'old' Java way

The server uses a first thread to wait for connection requests from clients.

Each time a client arrives, a new thread is created and used to serve the client.

Millions of clients, millions of threads?

Resource hungry.
Not scalable.

The ReceptionistWorker implements a run() method that will execute on its own thread.

```
private class ReceptionistWorker implements Runnable {
  @Override
   public void run() {
     ServerSocket serverSocket;
     trv {
        serverSocket = new ServerSocket(port);
     } catch (IOException ex) {
        LOG.log(Level.SEVERE, null, ex);
        return;
     while (true) {
        LOG.log(Level.INFO, "Waiting for a new client");
        try {
          Socket clientSocket = serverSocket.accept();
          LOG.info("A new client has arrived...");
          new Thread(new ServantWorker(clientSocket)).start();
        } catch (IOException ex) {
          LOG.log(Level.SEVERE, ex.getMessage(), ex);
```

As soon as a client is connected, a new thread is created.

The code that manages the interaction with the client executes on this thread.

2 types of workers, n+1 threads

Example: 07-TcpServers



Single Thread Single Process Asynchronous Programming

The 'à la Node.js' way

The server uses a single thread, but in a non-blocking, asynchronous way.

Callback functions have to be written, so that they can be invoked when clients arrive, when data is received, etc.

Different programming logic. Scalable.

We are registering callback functions on the various types of events that can be notified by the server...

```
// let's create a TCP server
var server = net.createServer();
// it reacts to events: 'listening', 'connection', 'close', etc.
// register callback functions, to be invoked when the events
// occur (everything happens on the same thread)
server.on('listening', callbackFunctionToCallWhenSocketIsBound);
server.on('connection',
callbackFunctionToCallWhenNewClientHasArrived);
//Start listening on port 9907
server.listen(9907);
// This callback is called when the socket is bound and is in
// listening mode. We don't need to do anything special.
function callbackFunctionToCallWhenSocketIsBound() {
   console.log("The socket is bound and listening");
   console.log("Socket value: %j", server.address());
// This callback is called after a client has connected.
function callbackFunctionToCallWhenNewClientHasArrived(socket) {
```

... and we code these functions, implementing the behavior that is expected when the events occur.

Select is a blocking operation (with a possible timeout). It blocks until something has happened on one of the provided sets of file descriptors.

Single Thread
Single Process
IO Multiplexing

The 'select' way

Sockets are set in a non-blocking state, which means that read(), write() and other functions do not block.

System calls such as select() or poll() block, but work on multiple sockets.

They return if data has arrived on at least one of the sockets.

Watch out for performance.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <sys/time.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <unistd.h>
int main(void) {
    fd set rfds;
    struct timeval tv;
    int retval;
    /* Watch stdin (fd 0) to see when it has input. */
    FD ZERO(&rfds);
    FD SET(0, &rfds);
    /* Wait up to five seconds. */
    tv.tv sec = 5;
    tv.tv_usec = 0;
    retval = select(1, &rfds, NULL, NULL, &tv);
    /* Don't rely on the value of tv now! */
    if (retval == -1)
        perror("select()");
    else if (retval)
        printf("Data is available now.\n");
        /* FD ISSET(0, &rfds) will be true. */
    else
        printf("No data within five seconds.\n");
    return 0;
```

Here, we know that something has happened on one of the sockets. We can iterate over the set of file descriptors and get the data.

Example: 06-PresenceApplication

