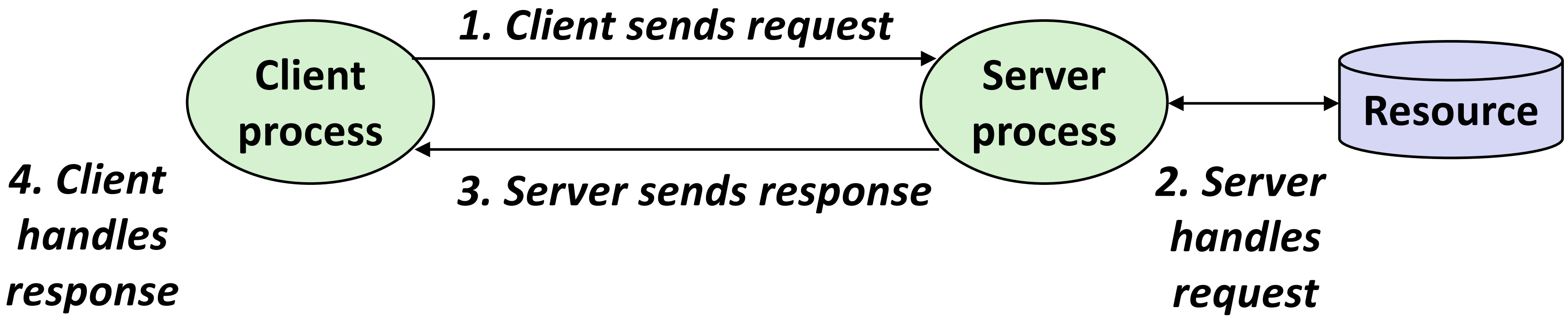
COMP2310/COMP6310
Systems, Networks, & Concurrency

Convener: Shoaib Akram

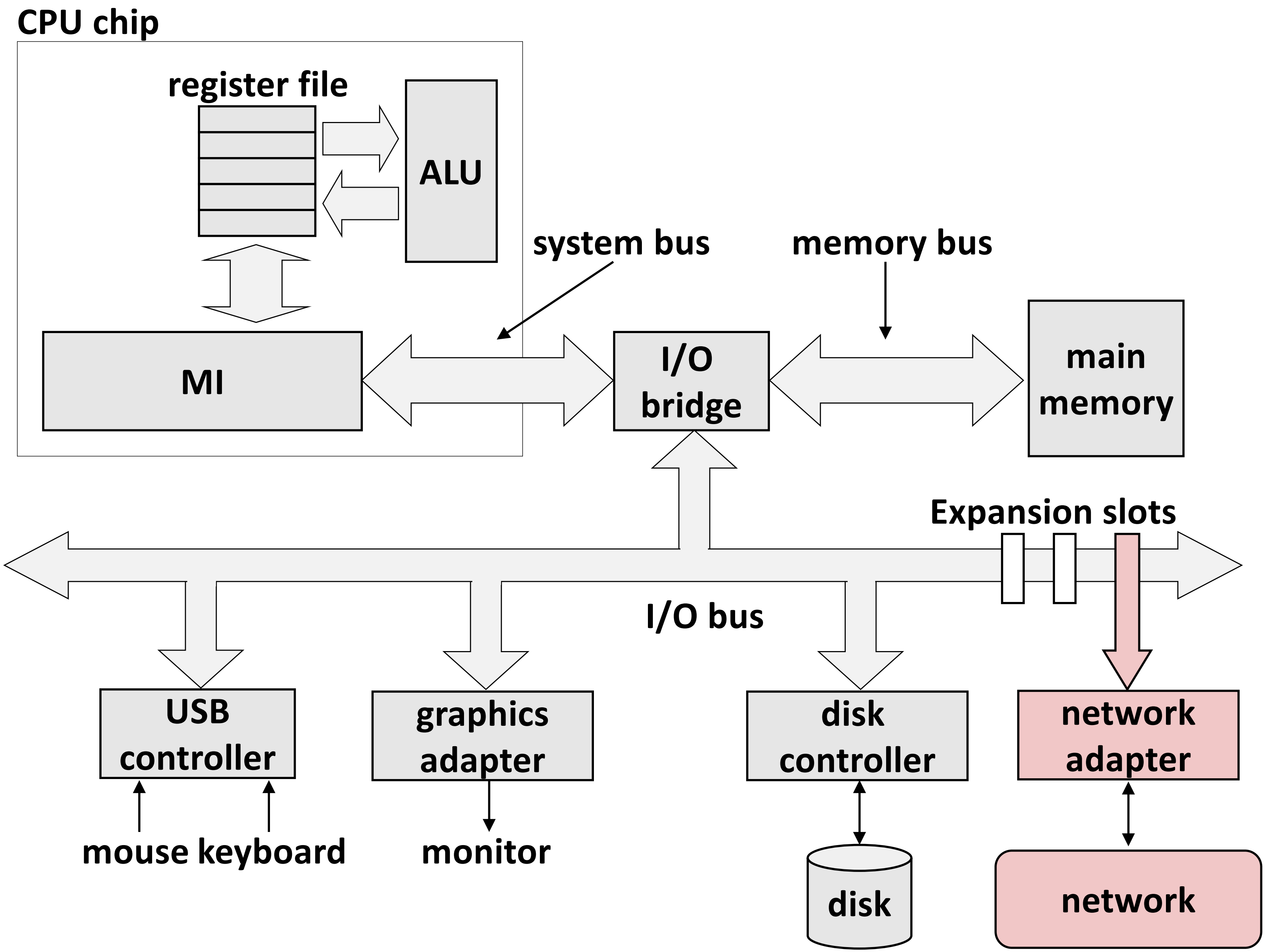
A Client-Server Transaction

- **Most network applications are based on the client-server model:**
  - A ***server*** process and one or more ***client*** processes
  - Server manages some ***resource***
  - Server provides ***service*** by manipulating resource for clients
  - Server activated by request from client (vending machine analogy)



Note: clients and servers are processes running on hosts (can be the same or different hosts)

Hardware Organization of a Network Host



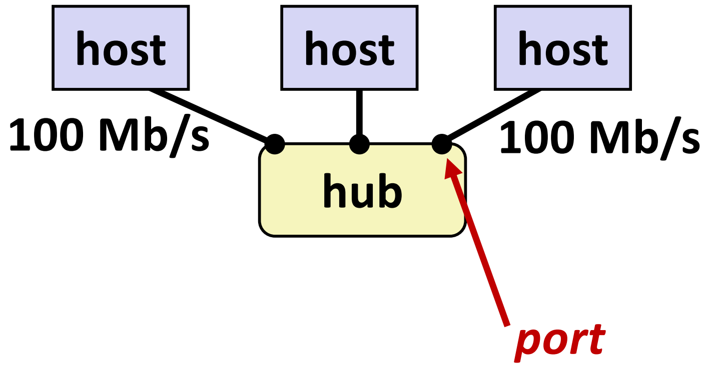
Computer Networks

- **A *network* is a hierarchical system of boxes and wires organized by geographical proximity**
  - SAN (System Area Network) spans cluster or machine room
    - Switched Ethernet
  - LAN (Local Area Network) spans a building or campus
    - Ethernet is most prominent example
  - WAN (Wide Area Network) spans country or world
    - Typically high-speed point-to-point phone lines

- **An *internetwork (internet)* is an interconnected set of networks**
  - The Global IP Internet (uppercase "I") is the most famous example of an internet (lowercase "i")

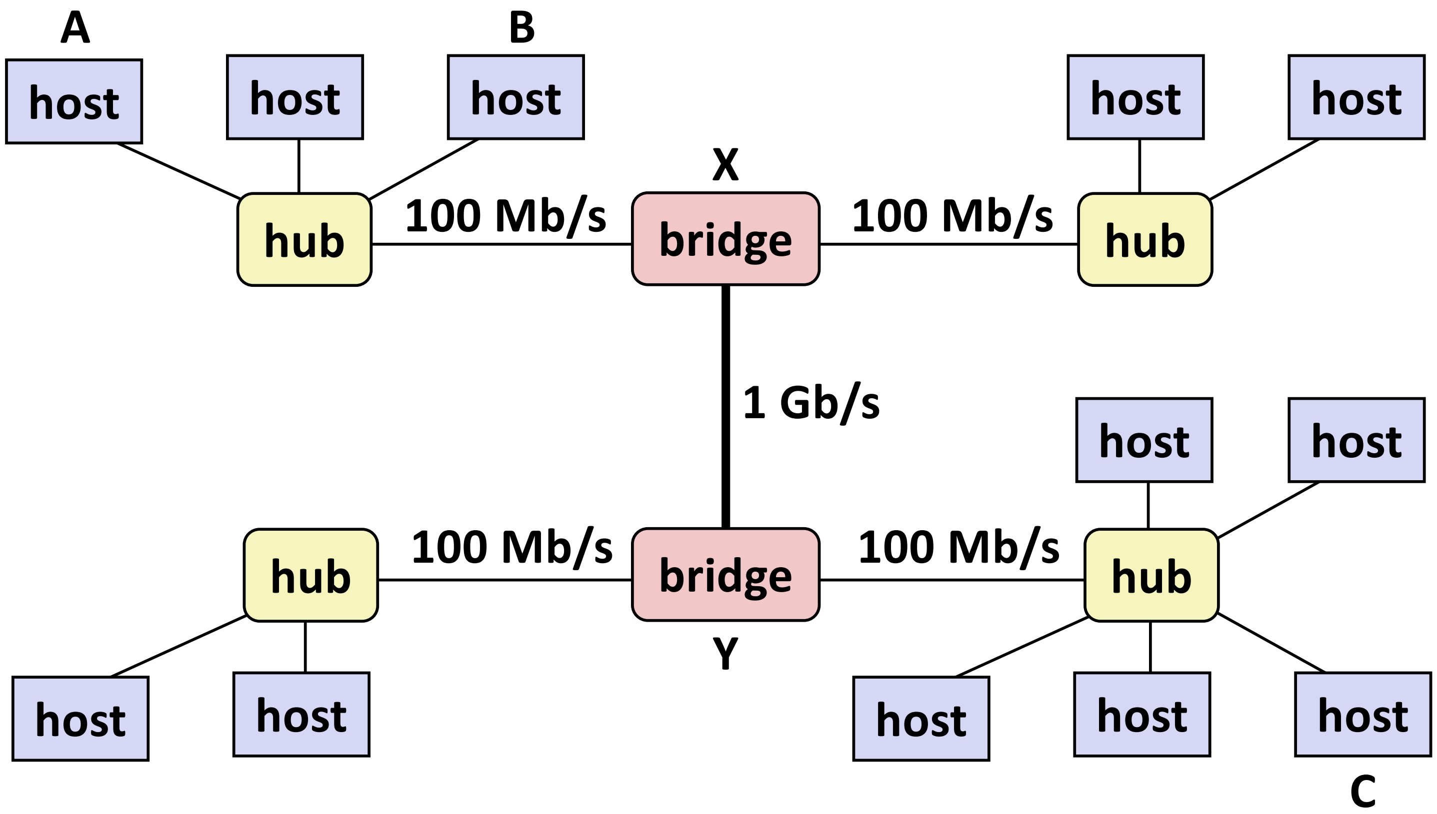
- **Let's see how an internet is built from the ground up**

Lowest Level: Ethernet Segment



- **Ethernet segment consists of a collection of *hosts* connected by wires (twisted pairs) to a *hub***
- **Spans room or floor in a building**
- **Operation**
  - Each Ethernet adapter has a unique 48-bit address (MAC address)
    - E.g., 00:16:ea:e3:54:e6
  - Hosts send bits to any other host in chunks called ***frames***
  - Hub slavishly copies each bit from each port to every other port
    - Every host sees every bit
    - Note: Hubs are on their way out. Bridges (switches, routers) became cheap enough to replace them

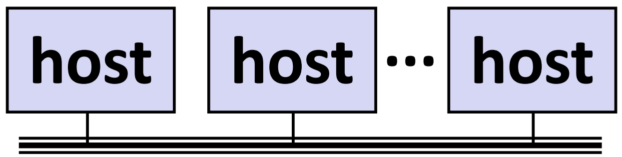
Next Level: Bridged Ethernet Segment



- Spans building or campus
- Bridges cleverly learn which hosts are reachable from which ports and then selectively copy frames from port to port

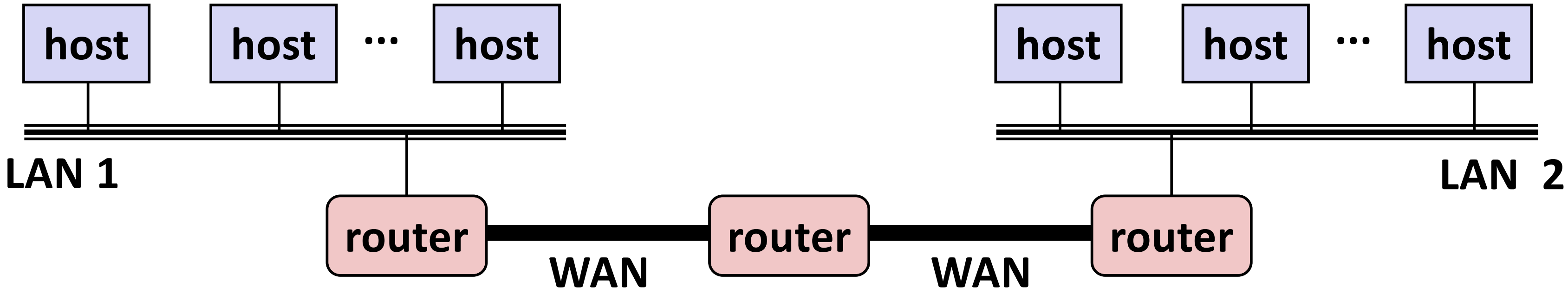
Conceptual View of LANs

- For simplicity, hubs, bridges, and wires are often shown as a collection of hosts attached to a single wire:



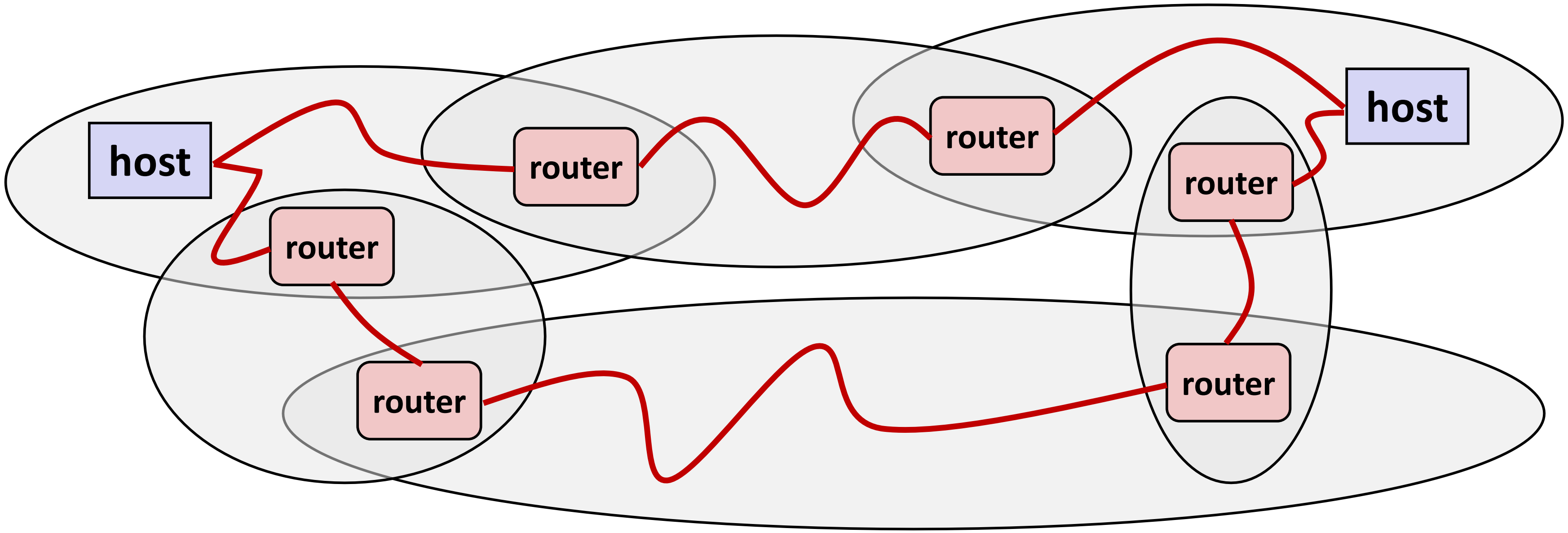
Next Level: internets

- Multiple incompatible LANs can be physically connected by specialized computers called ***routers***
- The connected networks are called an ***internet*** (lower case)



LAN 1 and LAN 2 might be completely different, totally incompatible (e.g., Ethernet, Fibre Channel, 802.11*, T1-links, DSL, …)

Logical Structure of an internet



- **Ad hoc interconnection of networks**
  - No particular topology
  - Vastly different router & link capacities
- **Send packets from source to destination by hopping through networks**
  - Router forms bridge from one network to another
  - Different packets may take different routes

The Notion of an internet Protocol

- **How is it possible to send bits across incompatible LANs and WANs?**

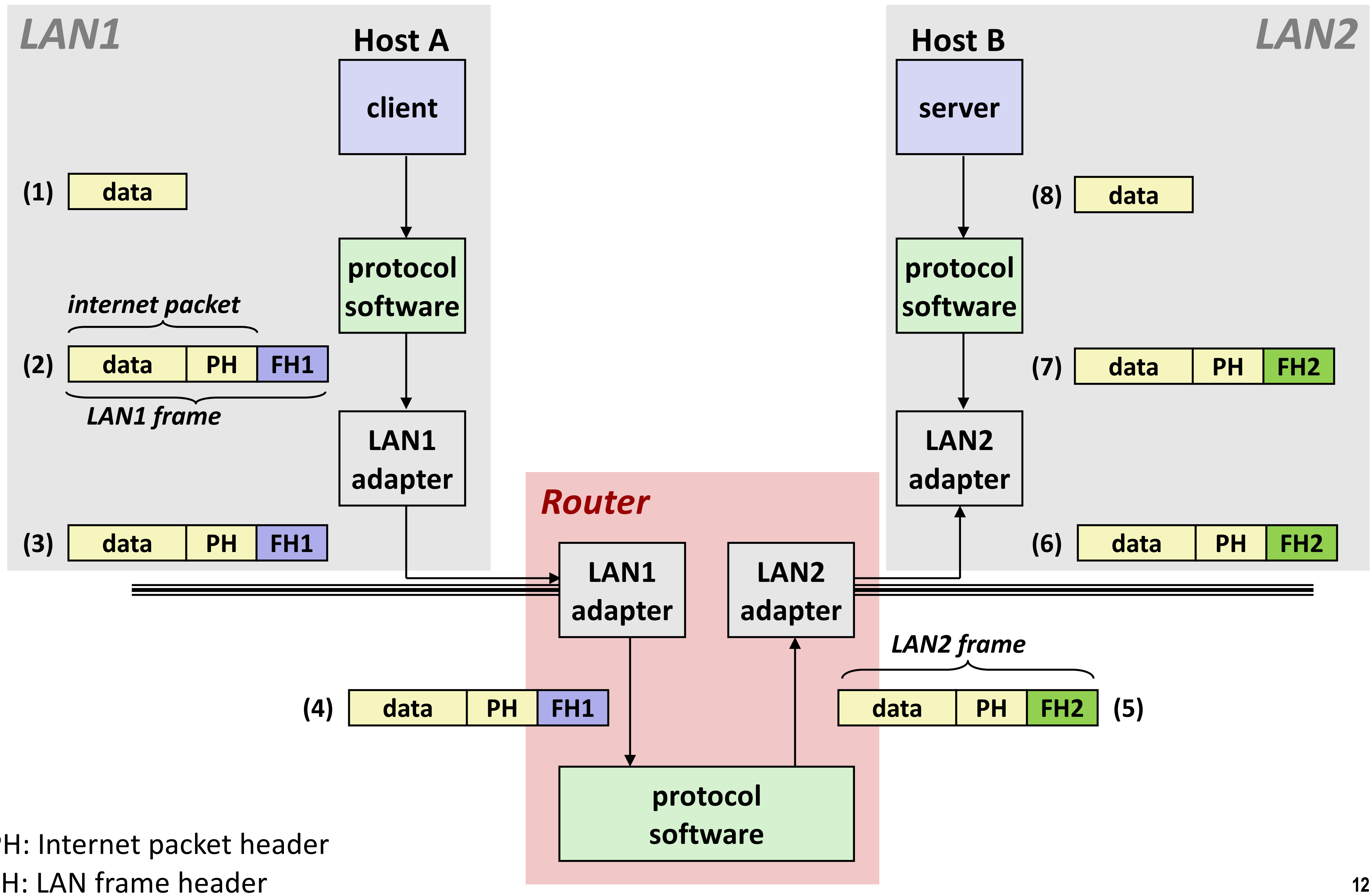
- **Solution: *protocol* software running on each host and router**
  - Protocol is a set of rules that governs how hosts and routers should cooperate when they transfer data from network to network.
  - Smooths out the differences between the different networks

What Does an internet Protocol Do?

- **Provides a *naming scheme***
  - An internet protocol defines a uniform format for ***host addresses***
  - Each host (and router) is assigned at least one of these internet addresses that uniquely identifies it

- **Provides a *delivery mechanism***
  - An internet protocol defines a standard transfer unit (***packet***)
  - Packet consists of ***header*** and ***payload***
    - Header: contains info such as packet size, source and destination addresses
    - Payload: contains data bits sent from source host

Transferring internet Data Via Encapsulation



PH: Internet packet header

FH: LAN frame header

Other Issues

- **We are glossing over a number of important questions:**
  - What if different networks have different maximum frame sizes? (segmentation)
  - How do routers know where to forward frames?
  - How are routers informed when the network topology changes?
  - What if packets get lost?

- **These (and other) questions are addressed by the area of systems known as *computer networking***

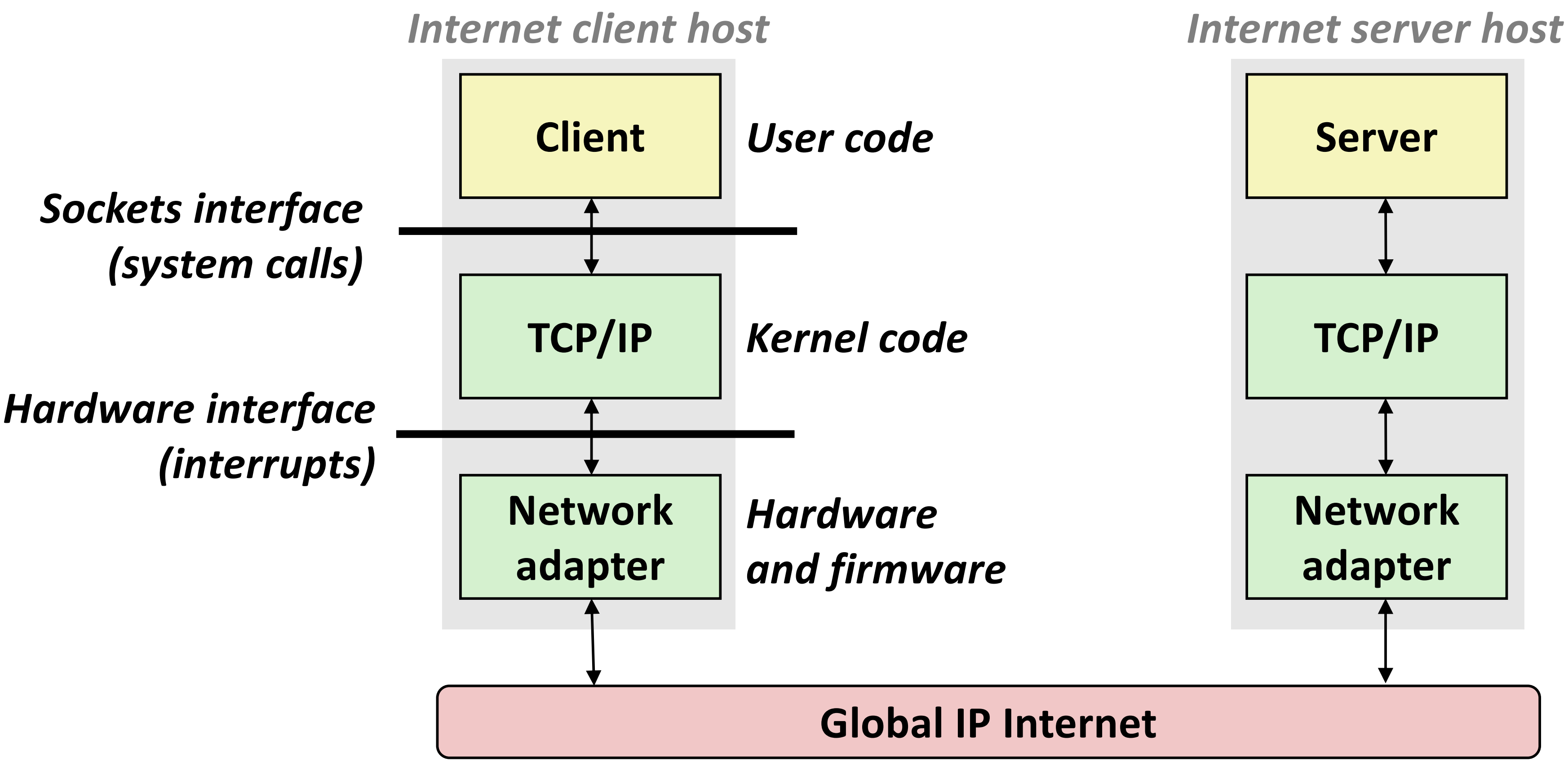
Global IP Internet (upper case)

- **Most famous example of an internet**

- **Based on the TCP/IP protocol family**
  - IP (Internet Protocol) :
    - Provides *basic naming scheme* and unreliable *delivery capability* of packets (datagrams) from *host-to-host*
  - UDP (Unreliable Datagram Protocol)
    - Uses IP to provide *unreliable* datagram delivery from *process-to-process*
  - TCP (Transmission Control Protocol)
    - Uses IP to provide *reliable* byte streams from *process-to-process* over *connections*

- **Accessed via a mix of Unix file I/O and functions from the *sockets interface***

Hardware and Software Organization of an Internet Application



A Programmer's View of the Internet

1. Hosts are mapped to a set of 32-bit *IP addresses*

- 128.2.203.179

2. The set of IP addresses is mapped to a set of identifiers called Internet *domain names*

- 128.2.203.179 is mapped to www.cs.cmu.edu

3. A process on one Internet host can communicate with a process on another Internet host over a *connection*

Aside: IPv4 and IPv6

- **The original Internet Protocol, with its 32-bit addresses, is known as *Internet Protocol Version 4* (IPv4)**

- **1996: Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) introduced *Internet Protocol Version 6* (IPv6) with 128-bit addresses**
  - Intended as the successor to IPv4

- **As of 2015, vast majority of Internet traffic still carried by IPv4**
  - Only 4% of users access Google services using IPv6.

- **We will focus on IPv4, but will show you how to write networking code that is protocol-independent.**

(1) IP Addresses

- **32-bit IP addresses are stored in an *IP address struct***
  - IP addresses are always stored in memory in *network byte order* (big-endian byte order)
  - True in general for any integer transferred in a packet header from one machine to another.
    - E.g., the port number used to identify an Internet connection.

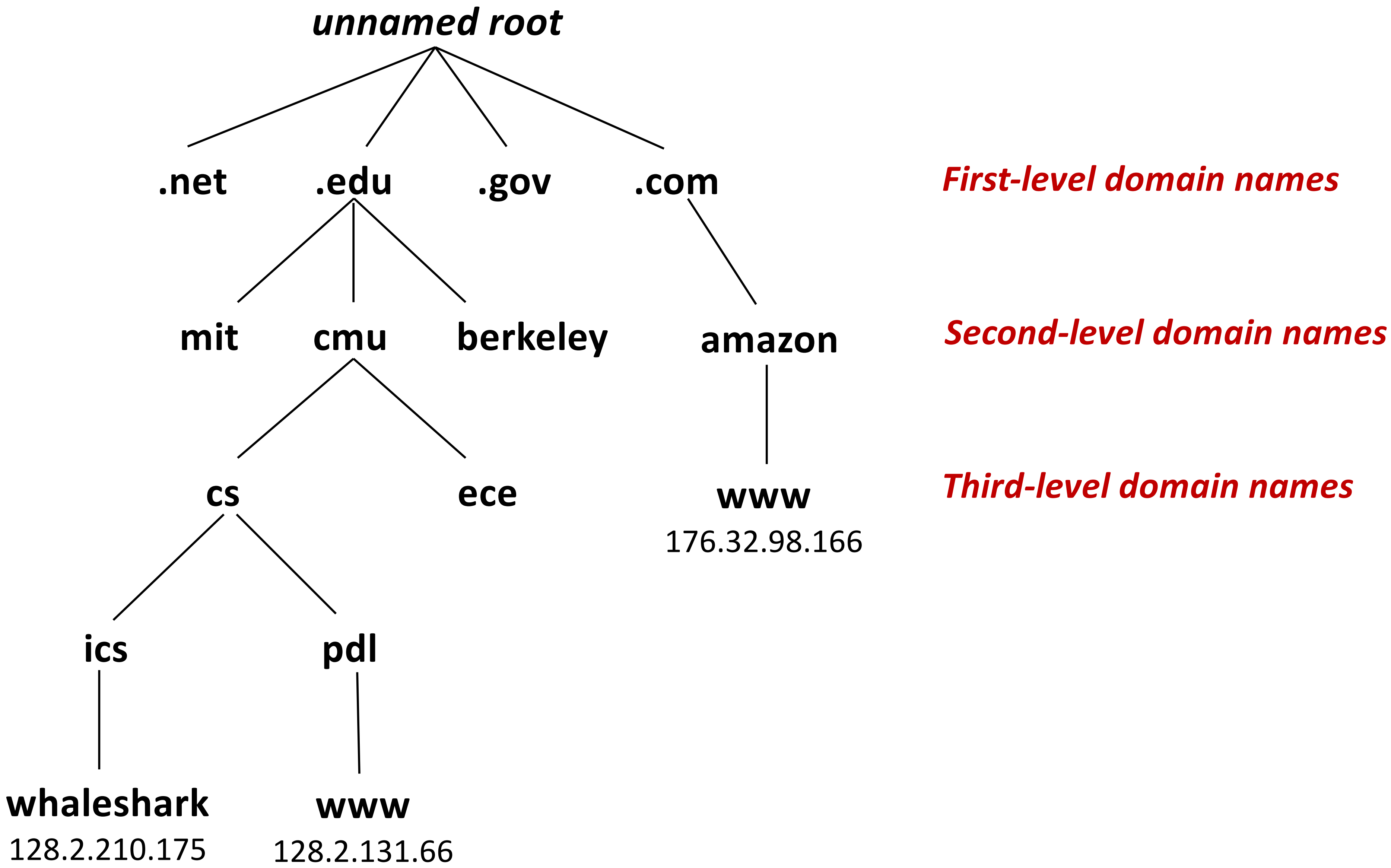
```
/* Internet address structure */
struct in_addr {
    uint32_t  s_addr; /* network byte order (big-endian) */
};
```

Dotted Decimal Notation

- **By convention, each byte in a 32-bit IP address is represented by its decimal value and separated by a period**
  - IP address: `0x8002C2F2 = 128.2.194.242`

- **Use `getaddrinfo` and `getnameinfo` functions (described later) to convert between IP addresses and dotted decimal format.**

(2) Internet Domain Names



Domain Naming System (DNS)

- **The Internet maintains a mapping between IP addresses and domain names in a huge worldwide distributed database called *DNS***

- **Conceptually, programmers can view the DNS database as a collection of millions of *host entries.***
  - Each host entry defines the mapping between a set of domain names and IP addresses.
  - In a mathematical sense, a host entry is an equivalence class of domain names and IP addresses.

Properties of DNS Mappings

- **Can explore properties of DNS mappings using `nslookup`**
  - Output edited for brevity

- **Each host has a locally defined domain name `localhost` which always maps to the *loopback address* `127.0.0.1`**

```
linux> nslookup localhost
Address: 127.0.0.1
```

- **Use `hostname` to determine real domain name of local host:**

```
linux> hostname
whaleshark.ics.cs.cmu.edu
```

Properties of DNS Mappings (cont)

- **Simple case: one-to-one mapping between domain name and IP address:**

```
linux> nslookup whaleshark.ics.cs.cmu.edu
Address: 128.2.210.175
```

- **Multiple domain names mapped to the same IP address:**

```
linux> nslookup cs.mit.edu
Address: 18.62.1.6
linux> nslookup eecs.mit.edu
Address: 18.62.1.6
```

Properties of DNS Mappings (cont)

- **Multiple domain names mapped to multiple IP addresses:**

```
linux> nslookup www.twitter.com
Address: 199.16.156.6
Address: 199.16.156.70
Address: 199.16.156.102
Address: 199.16.156.230

linux> nslookup twitter.com
Address: 199.16.156.102
Address: 199.16.156.230
Address: 199.16.156.6
Address: 199.16.156.70
```

- **Some valid domain names don’t map to any IP address:**

```
linux> nslookup ics.cs.cmu.edu
*** Can't find ics.cs.cmu.edu: No answer
```

(3) Internet Connections

- **Clients and servers communicate by sending streams of bytes over *connections*. Each connection is:**
  - *Point-to-point*: connects a pair of processes.
  - *Full-duplex*: data can flow in both directions at the same time,
  - *Reliable*: stream of bytes sent by the source is eventually received by the destination in the same order it was sent.

- ***A socket* is an endpoint of a connection**
  - *Socket address* is an `IPaddress:port` pair

- **A *port* is a 16-bit integer that identifies a process:**
  - ***Ephemeral port*:** Assigned automatically by client kernel when client makes a connection request.
  - ***Well-known port:*** Associated with some *service* provided by a server (e.g., port 80 is associated with Web servers)

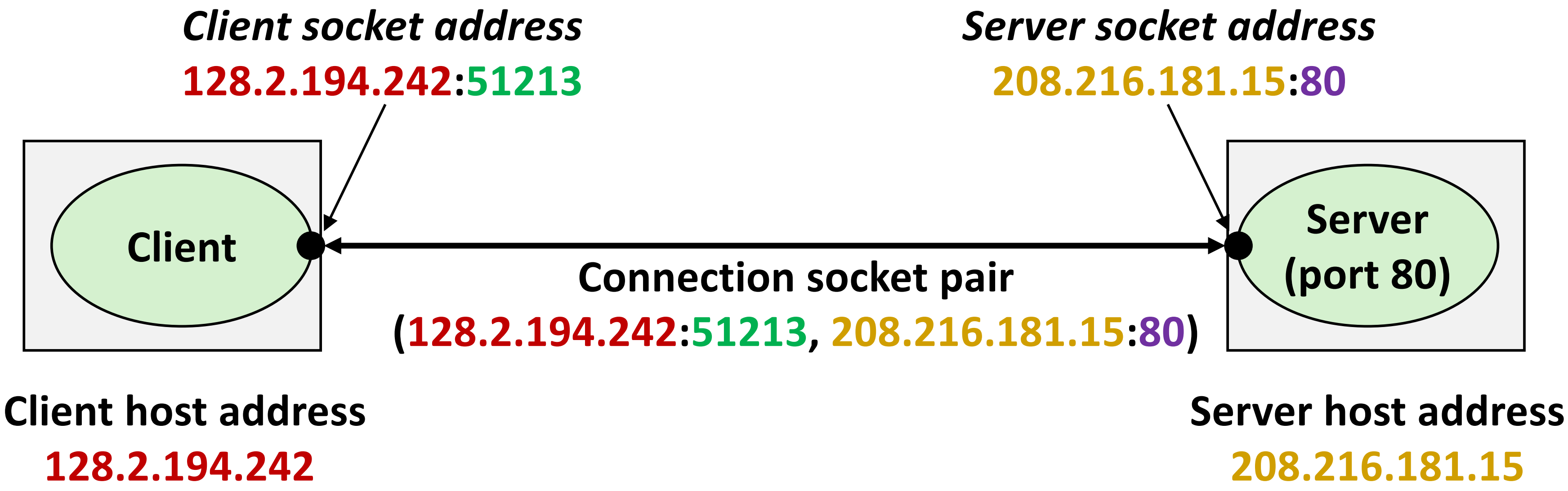
Well-known Ports and Service Names

- **Popular services have permanently assigned *well-known ports and* corresponding *well-known service names*:**
  - echo server: 7/echo
  - ssh servers: 22/ssh
  - email server: 25/smtp
  - Web servers: 80/http

- **Mappings between well-known ports and service names is contained in the file `/etc/services` on each Linux machine.**

Anatomy of a Connection

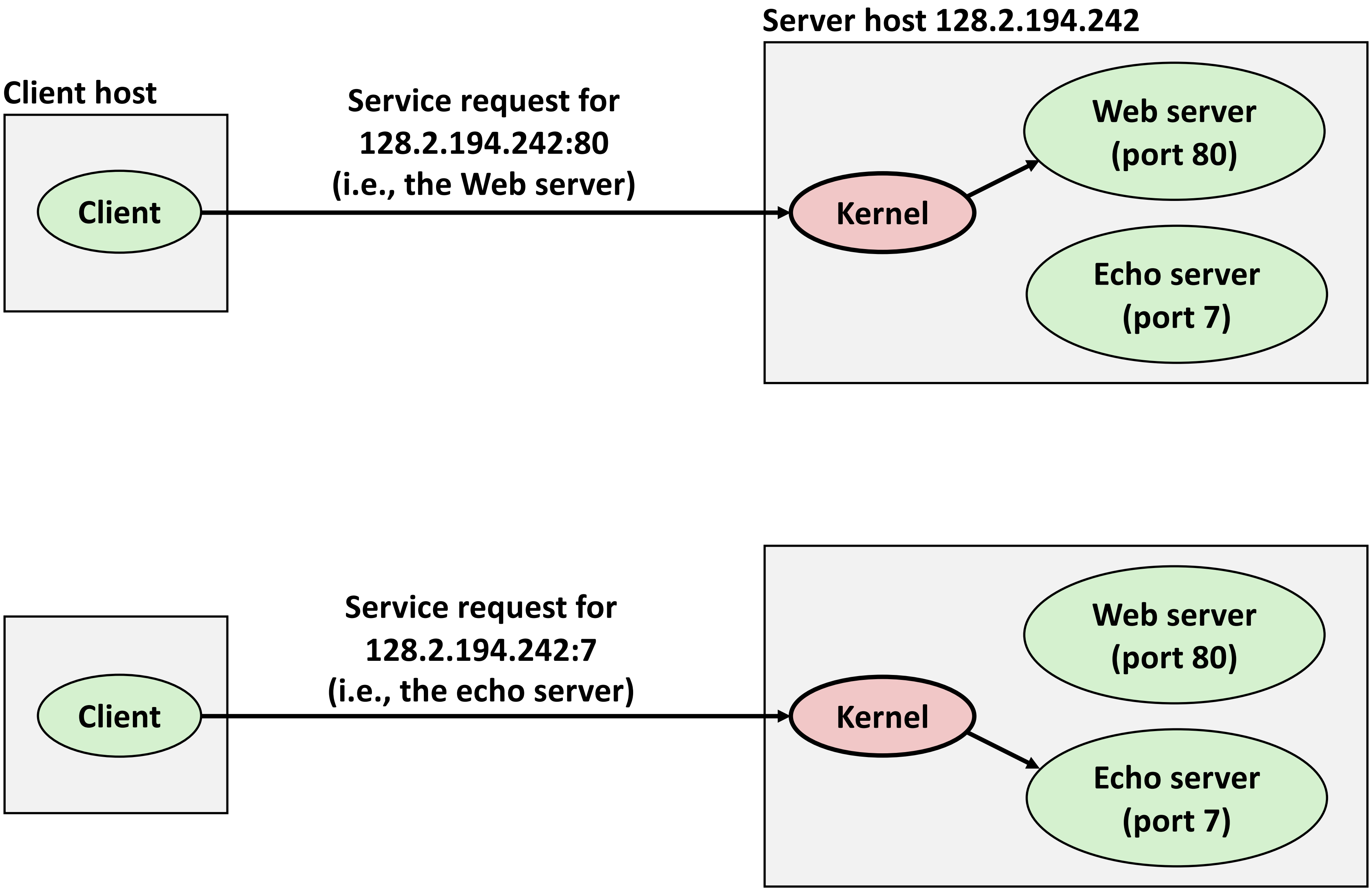
- A connection is uniquely identified by the socket addresses of its endpoints (*socket pair*)
  - `(cliaddr:cliport, servaddr:servport)`



51213 is an ephemeral port allocated by the kernel

80 is a well-known port associated with Web servers

Using Ports to Identify Services



Sockets Interface

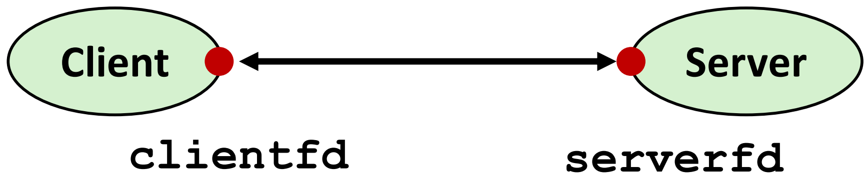
- **Set of system-level functions used in conjunction with Unix I/O to build network applications.**

- **Created in the early 80’s as part of the original Berkeley distribution of Unix that contained an early version of the Internet protocols.**

- **Available on all modern systems**
  - Unix variants, Windows, OS X, IOS, Android, ARM

Sockets

- **What is a socket?**
  - To the kernel, a socket is an endpoint of communication
  - To an application, a socket is a file descriptor that lets the application read/write from/to the network
    - ***Remember:*** All Unix I/O devices, including networks, are modeled as files
- **Clients and servers communicate with each other by reading from and writing to socket descriptors**



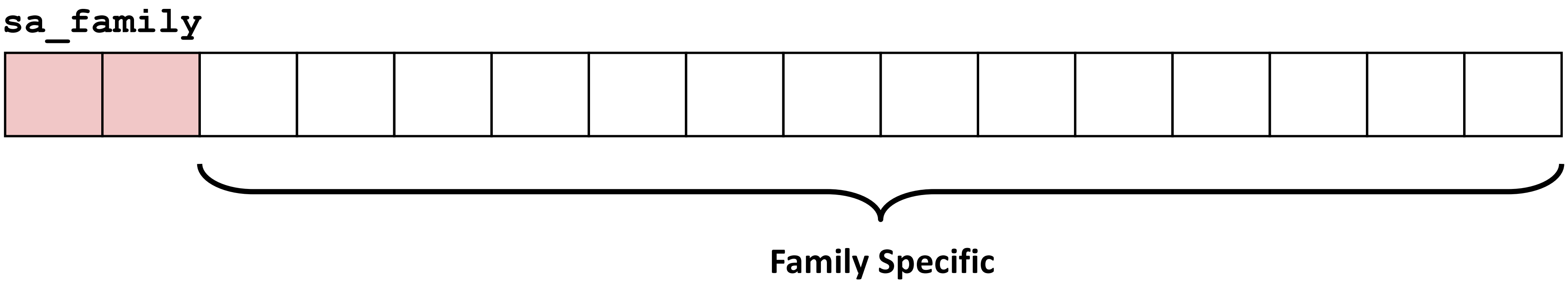
- **The main distinction between regular file I/O and socket I/O is how the application "opens" the socket descriptors**

Socket Address Structures

- **Generic socket address:**
  - For address arguments to **`connect`**, **`bind`**, and **`accept`**
  - Necessary only because C did not have generic (**`void *`**) pointers when the sockets interface was designed
  - For casting convenience, we adopt the convention:

    `typedef struct sockaddr SA;`

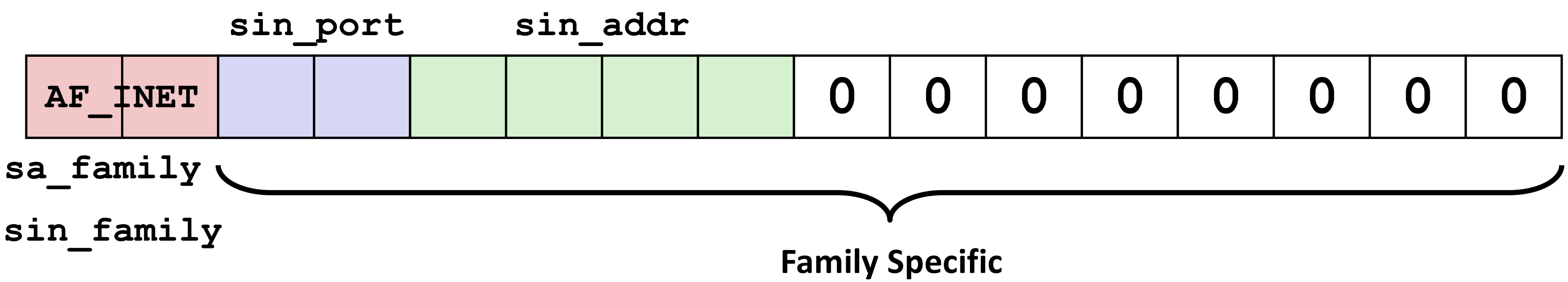
```
struct sockaddr {
  uint16_t  sa_family;    /* Protocol family */
  char      sa_data[14];  /* Address data.   */
};
```



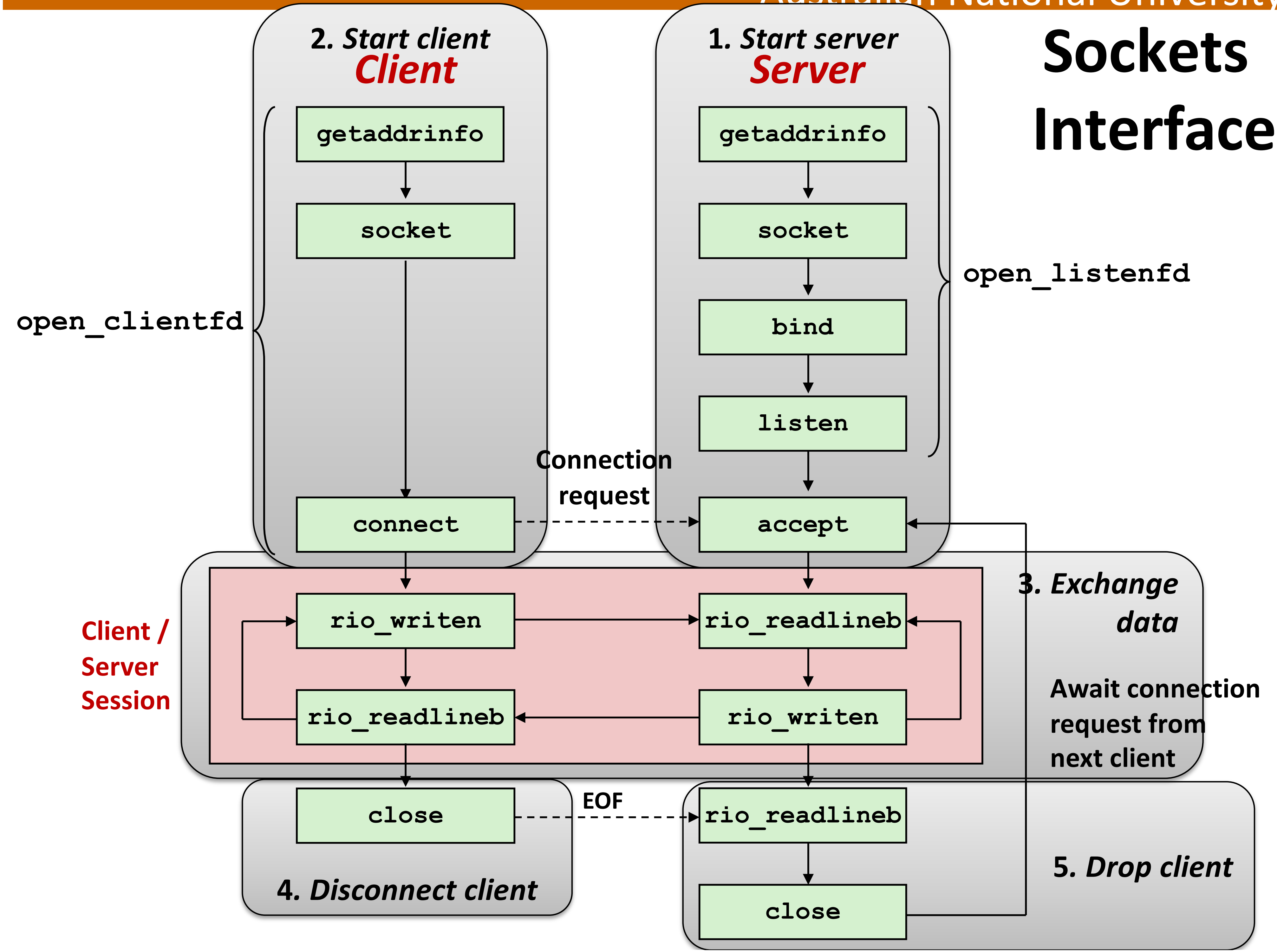
Socket Address Structures

- **Internet-specific socket address:**
  - Must cast (`struct sockaddr_in *`) to (`struct sockaddr *`) for functions that take socket address arguments.

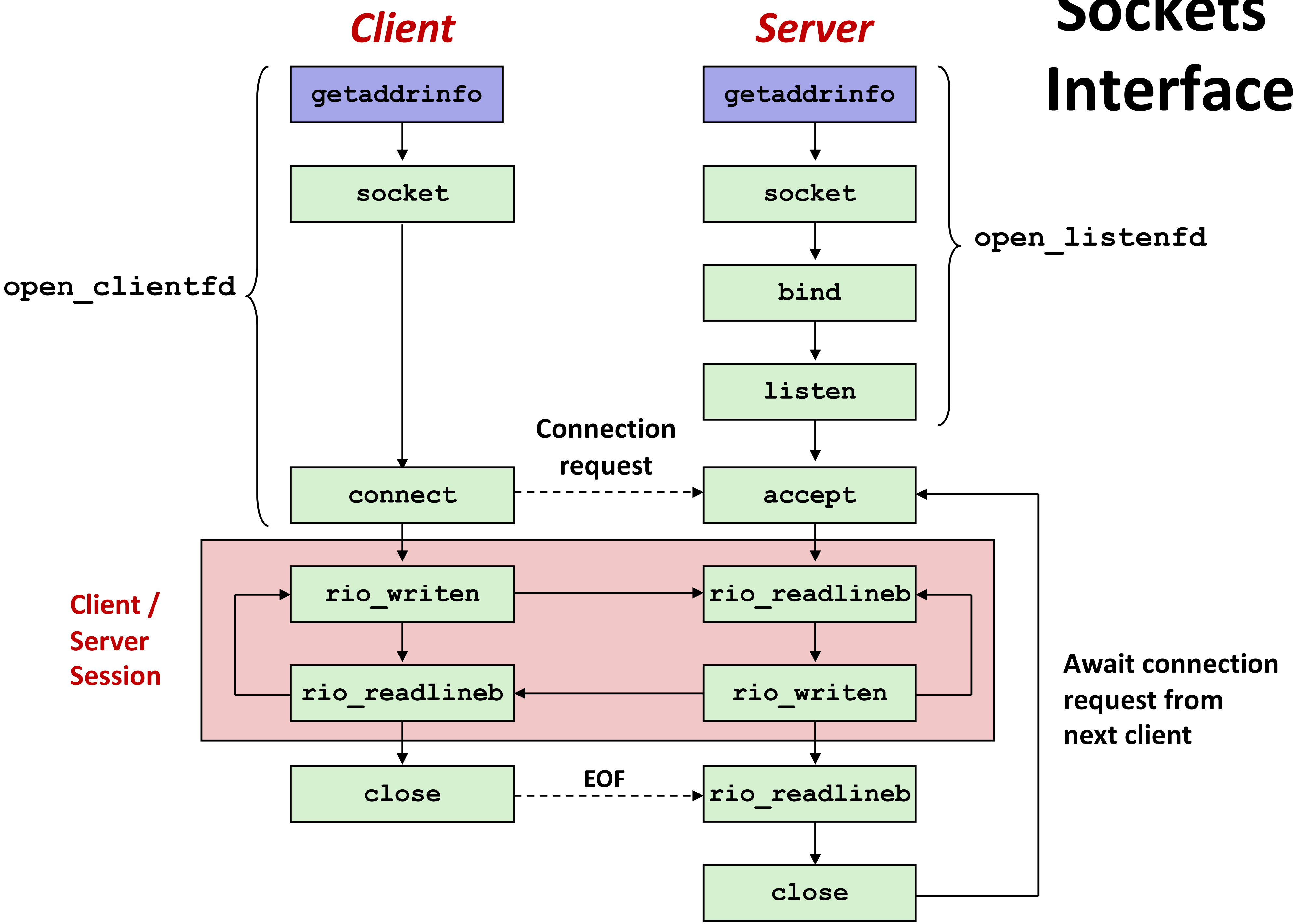
```
struct sockaddr_in  {
  uint16_t        sin_family;  /* Protocol family (always AF_INET) */
  uint16_t        sin_port;    /* Port num in network byte order */
  struct in_addr  sin_addr;    /* IP addr in network byte order */
  unsigned char   sin_zero[8]; /* Pad to sizeof(struct sockaddr) */
};
```



Sockets Interface



Sockets Interface



Host and Service Conversion: `getaddrinfo`

- **`getaddrinfo` is the modern way to convert string representations of hostnames, host addresses, ports, and service names to socket address structures.**
  - Replaces obsolete `gethostbyname` and `getservbyname` funcs.

- **Advantages:**
  - Reentrant (can be safely used by threaded programs).
  - Allows us to write portable protocol-independent code
    - Works with both IPv4 and IPv6

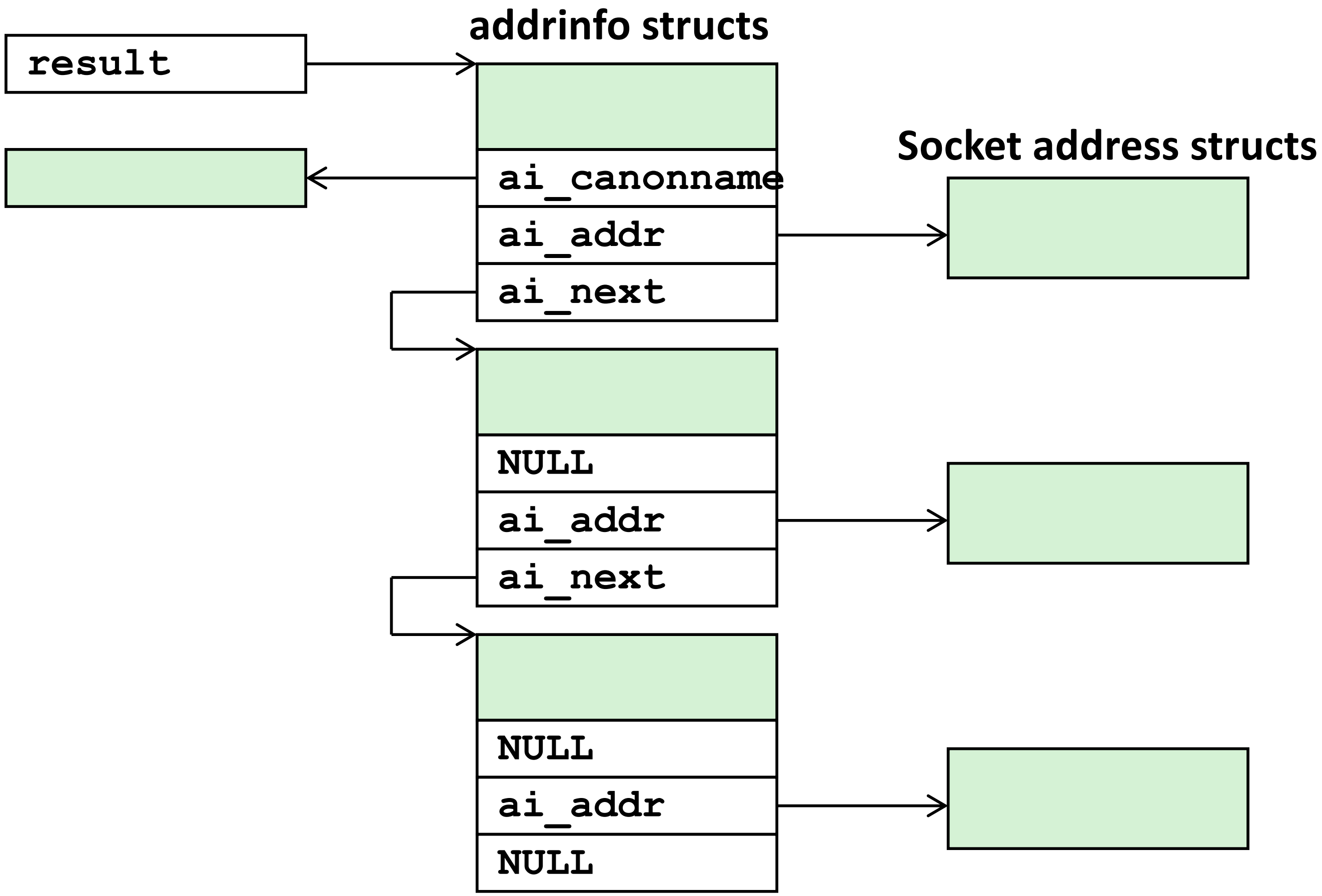
- **Disadvantages**
  - Somewhat complex
  - Fortunately, a small number of usage patterns suffice in most cases.

Host and Service Conversion: getaddrinfo

```
int getaddrinfo(const char *host,            /* Hostname or address */
                const char *service,         /* Port or service name
*/
                const struct addrinfo *hints,/* Input parameters */
                struct addrinfo **result);   /* Output linked list */

void freeaddrinfo(struct addrinfo *result);  /* Free linked list */

const char *gai_strerror(int errcode);       /* Return error msg */
```

- **Given `host` and `service`, `getaddrinfo` returns `result` that points to a linked list of `addrinfo` structs, each of which points to a corresponding socket address struct, and which contains arguments for the sockets interface functions.**
- **Helper functions:**
  - `freeadderinfo` frees the entire linked list.
  - `gai_strerror` converts error code to an error message.

Linked List Returned by `getaddrinfo`



- **Clients: walk this list, trying each socket address in turn, until the calls to `socket` and `connect` succeed.**
- **Servers: walk the list until calls to `socket` and `bind` succeed.**

addrinfo Struct

```
struct addrinfo {
    int              ai_flags;     /* Hints argument flags */
    int              ai_family;    /* First arg to socket function */
    int              ai_socktype;  /* Second arg to socket function */
    int              ai_protocol;  /* Third arg to socket function  */
    char            *ai_canonname; /* Canonical host name */
    size_t           ai_addrlen;   /* Size of ai_addr struct */
    struct sockaddr *ai_addr;      /* Ptr to socket address structure */
    struct addrinfo *ai_next;      /* Ptr to next item in linked list */
};
```

- **Each addrinfo struct returned by getaddrinfo contains arguments that can be passed directly to `socket` function.**
- **Also points to a socket address struct that can be passed directly to `connect` and `bind` functions .**

Host and Service Conversion: `getnameinfo`

- **`getnameinfo` is the inverse of getaddrinfo, converting a socket address to the corresponding host and service.**
  - Replaces obsolete `gethostbyaddr` and `getservbyport` funcs.
  - Reentrant and protocol independent.

```
int getnameinfo(const SA *sa, socklen_t salen, /* In: socket addr */
                char *host, size_t hostlen,    /* Out: host */
                char *serv, size_t servlen,    /* Out: service */
                int flags);                    /* optional flags */
```

Conversion Example

```
#include "csapp.h"

int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    struct addrinfo *p, *listp, hints;
    char buf[MAXLINE];
    int rc, flags;

    /* Get a list of addrinfo records */
    memset(&hints, 0, sizeof(struct addrinfo));
    hints.ai_family = AF_INET;        /* IPv4 only */
    hints.ai_socktype = SOCK_STREAM; /* Connections only */
    if ((rc = getaddrinfo(argv[1], NULL, &hints, &listp)) != 0) {
        fprintf(stderr, "getaddrinfo error: %s\n", gai_strerror(rc));
        exit(1);
    }
```

hostinfo.c

Conversion Example (cont)

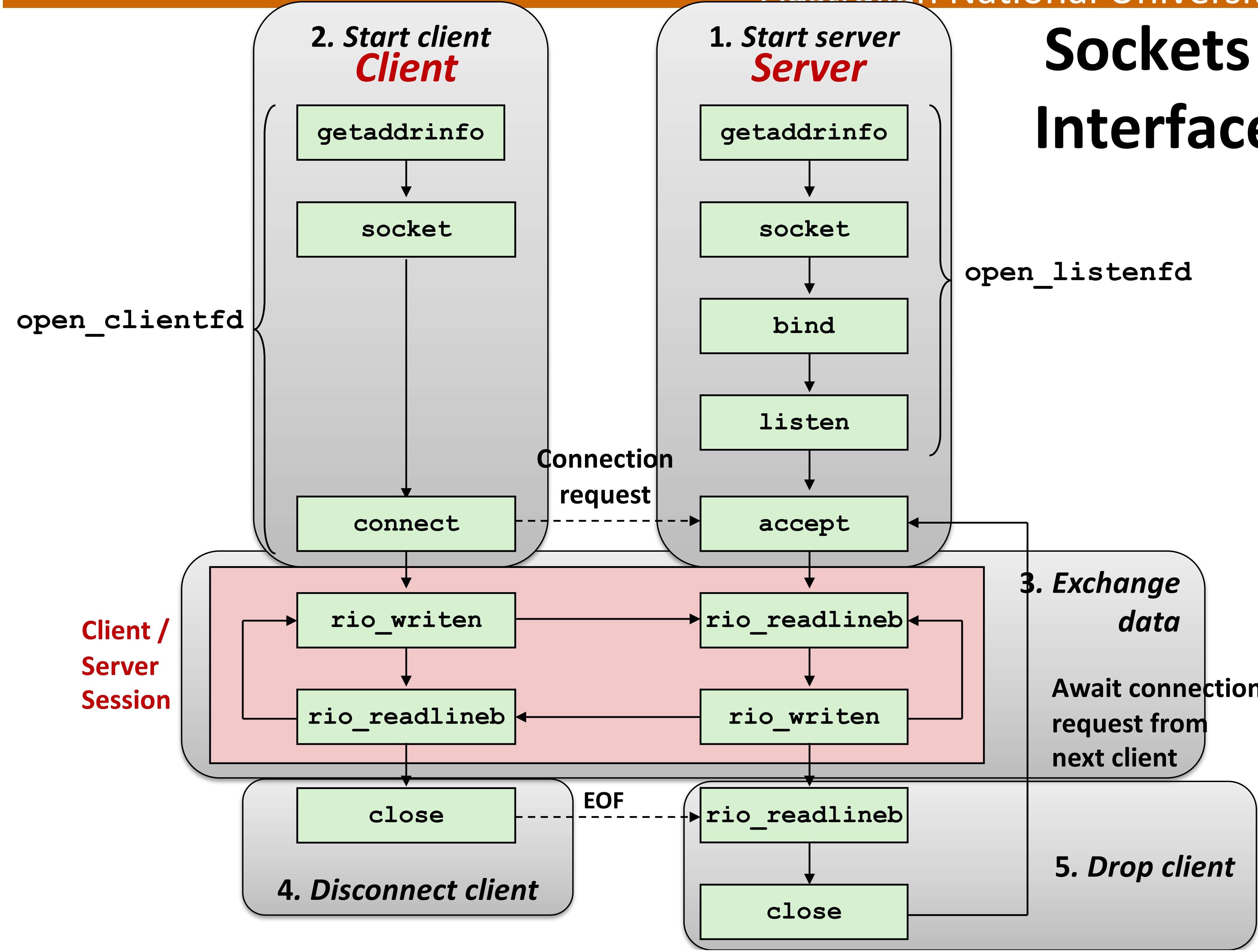
```
    /* Walk the list and display each IP address */
    flags = NI_NUMERICHOST; /* Display address instead of name */
    for (p = listp; p; p = p->ai_next) {
        Getnameinfo(p->ai_addr, p->ai_addrlen,
                    buf, MAXLINE, NULL, 0, flags);
        printf("%s\n", buf);
    }

    /* Clean up */
    Freeaddrinfo(listp);

    exit(0);
}
```

hostinfo.c

Running hostinfo

```
whaleshark> ./hostinfo localhost
127.0.0.1

whaleshark> ./hostinfo whaleshark.ics.cs.cmu.edu
128.2.210.175

whaleshark> ./hostinfo twitter.com
199.16.156.230
199.16.156.38
199.16.156.102
199.16.156.198
```

Sockets Interface

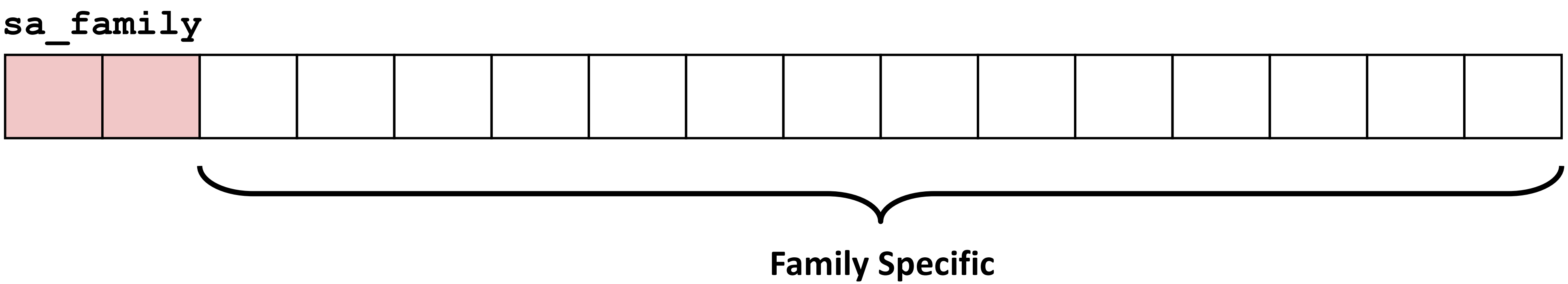


Recall: Socket Address Structures

- **Generic socket address:**
  - For address arguments to **`connect`**, **`bind`**, and **`accept`**
  - Necessary only because C did not have generic (**`void *`**) pointers when the sockets interface was designed
  - For casting convenience, we adopt the Stevens convention:

    `typedef struct sockaddr SA;`

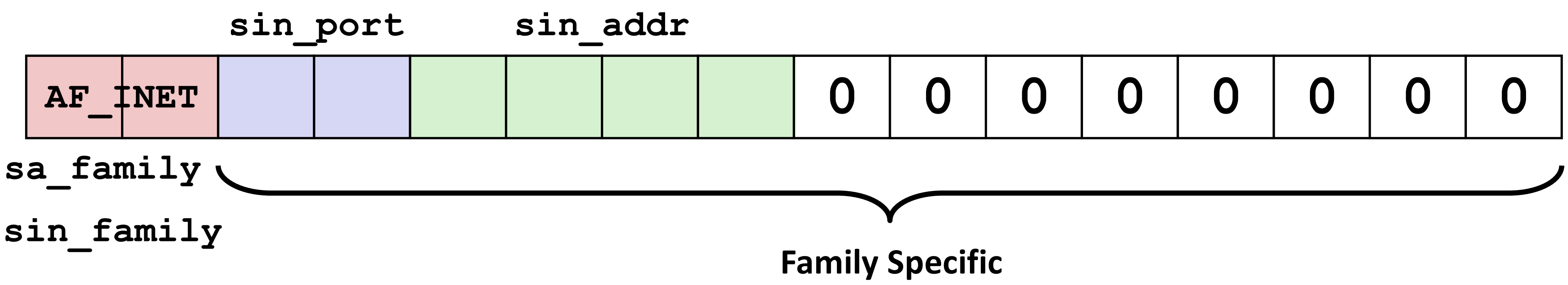
```
struct sockaddr {
  uint16_t  sa_family;    /* Protocol family */
  char      sa_data[14];  /* Address data.   */
};
```



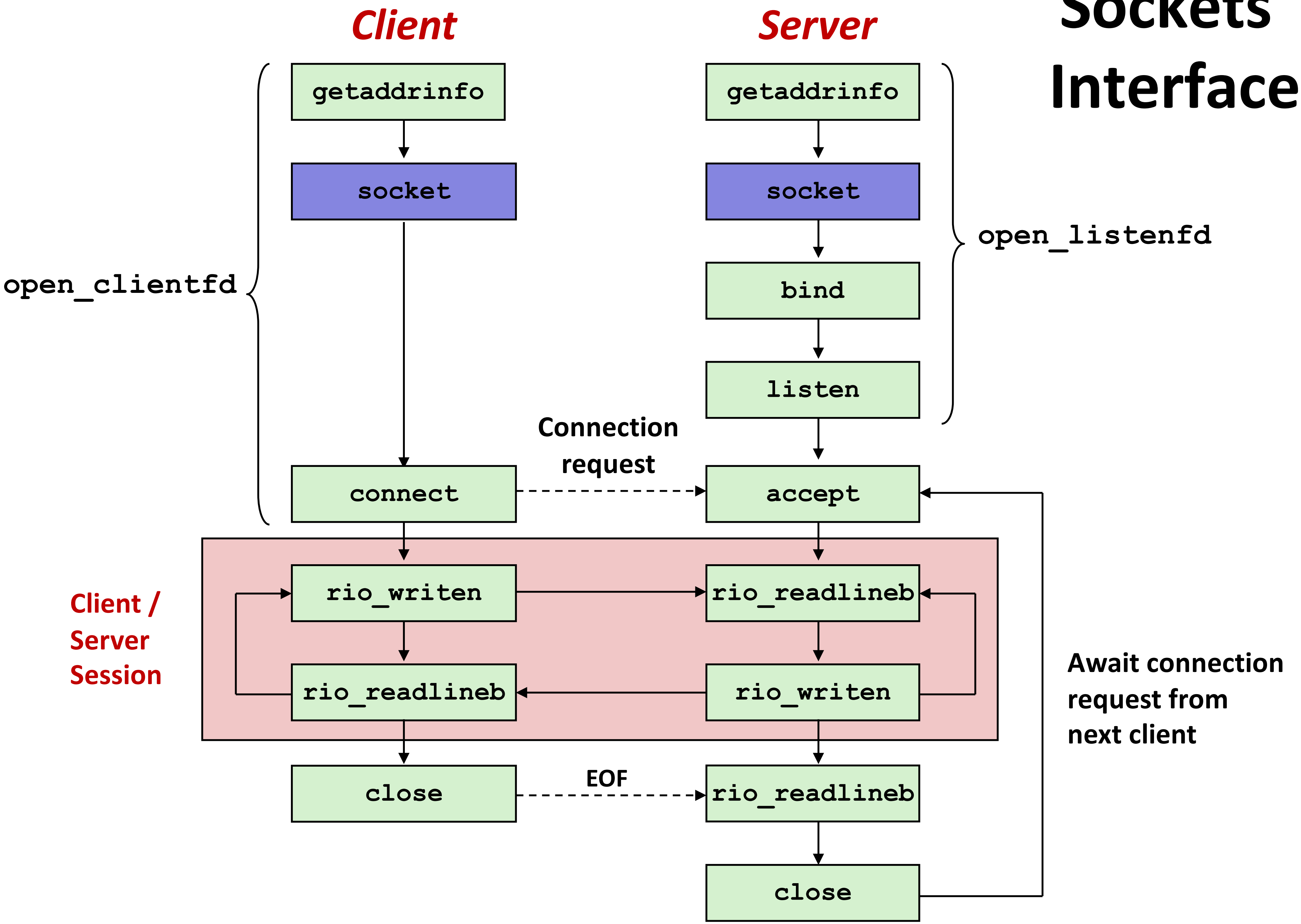
Recall: Socket Address Structures

- **Internet-specific socket address:**
  - Must cast (`struct sockaddr_in *`) to (`struct sockaddr *`) for functions that take socket address arguments.

```
struct sockaddr_in  {
  uint16_t        sin_family;  /* Protocol family (always AF_INET) */
  uint16_t        sin_port;    /* Port num in network byte order */
  struct in_addr  sin_addr;    /* IP addr in network byte order */
  unsigned char   sin_zero[8]; /* Pad to sizeof(struct sockaddr) */
};
```



Sockets Interface



Sockets Interface: `socket`

- Clients and servers use the `socket` function to create a *socket descriptor*:

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

- Example:

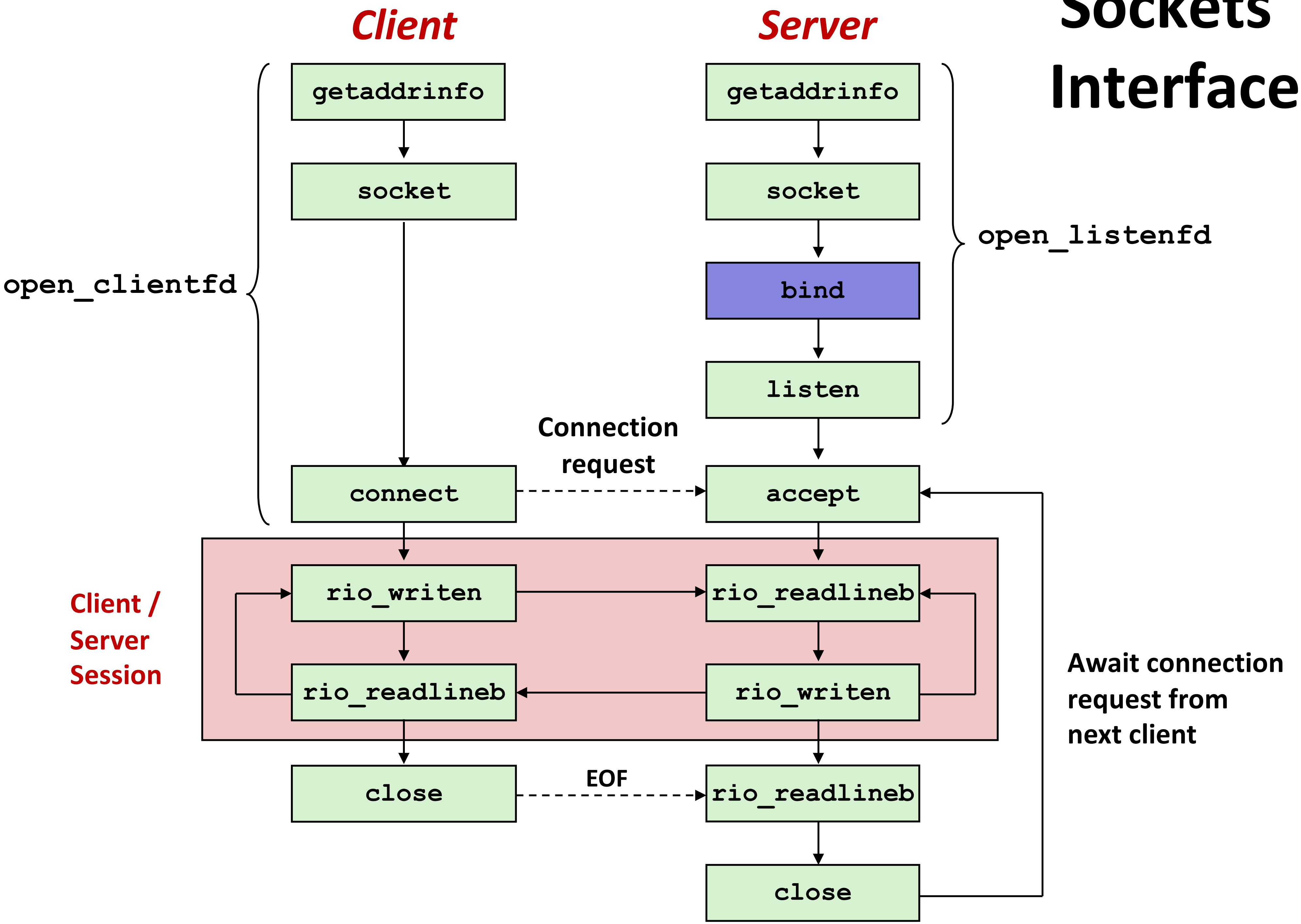
```
int clientfd = Socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0);
```

Indicates that we are using 32-bit IPV4 addresses

Indicates that the socket will be the end point of a connection

Protocol specific! Best practice is to use `getaddrinfo` to generate the parameters automatically, so that code is protocol independent.

Sockets Interface



Sockets Interface: `bind`

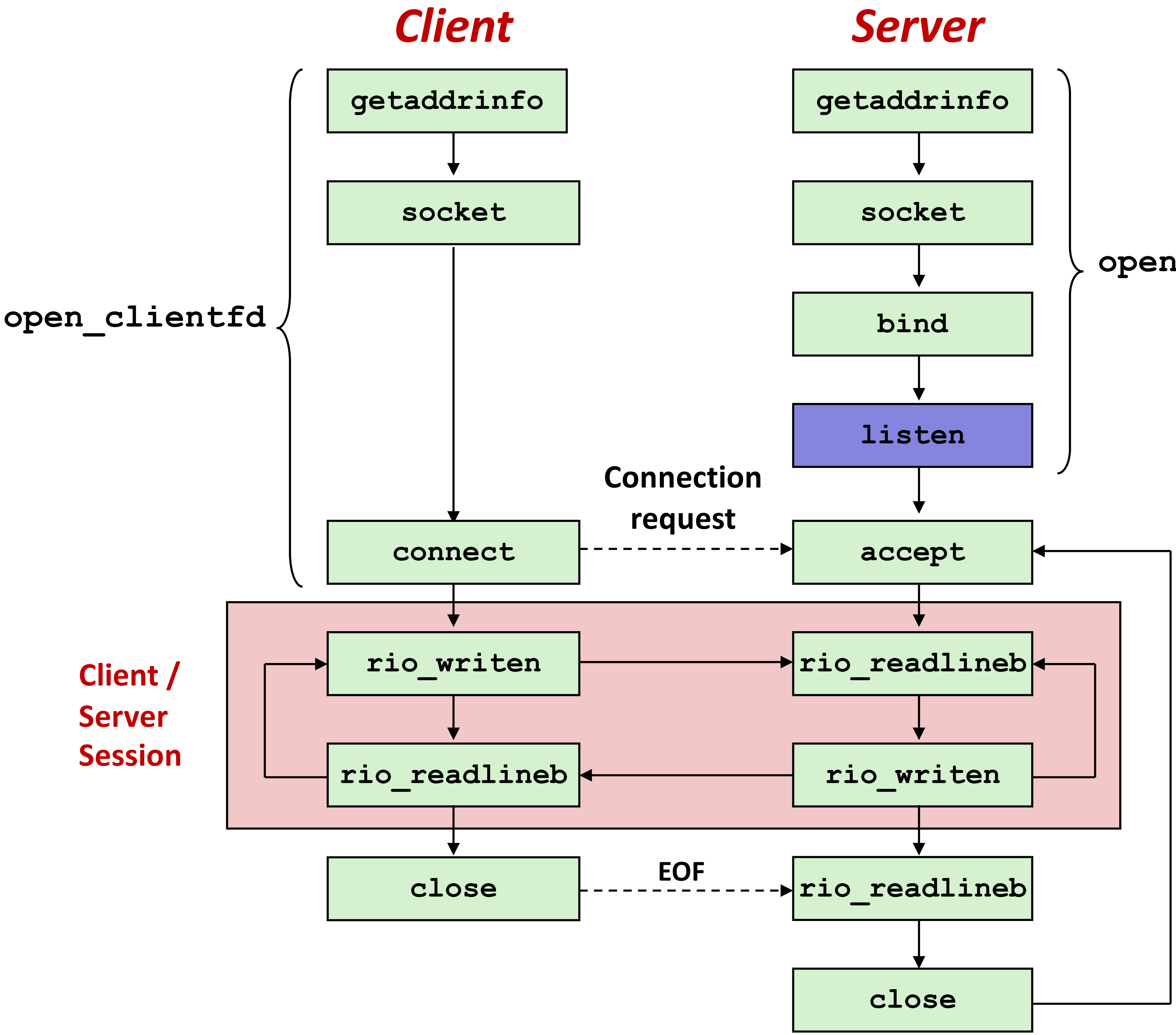
- A server uses `bind` to ask the kernel to associate the server's socket address with a socket descriptor:

```
int bind(int sockfd, SA *addr, socklen_t addrlen);
```

- The process can read bytes that arrive on the connection whose endpoint is `addr` by reading from descriptor `sockfd`.
- Similarly, writes to `sockfd` are transferred along connection whose endpoint is `addr` .

Best practice is to use `getaddrinfo` to supply the arguments `addr` and `addrlen`.

Sockets Interface



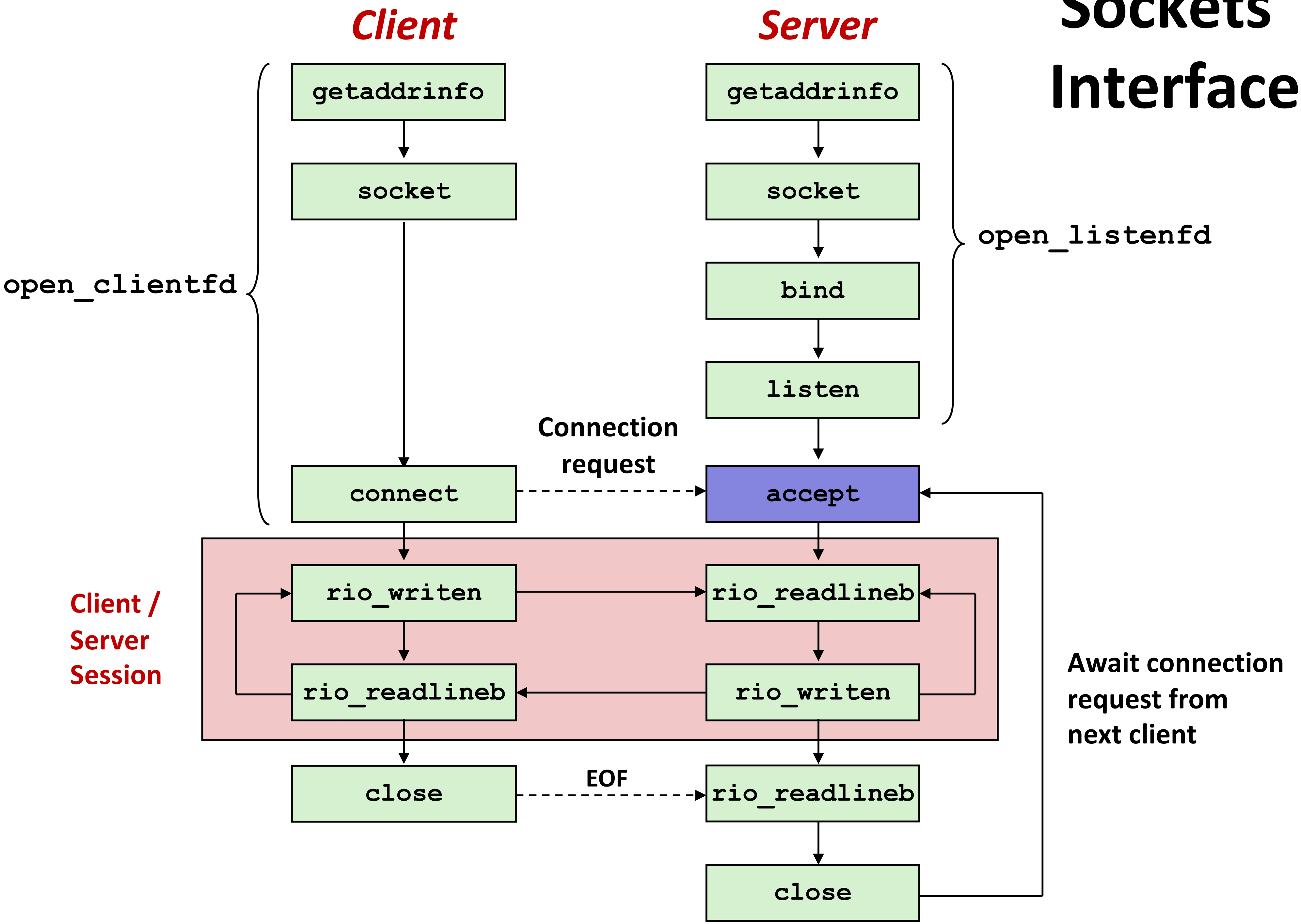
Sockets Interface: `listen`

- By default, kernel assumes that descriptor from socket function is an *active socket* that will be on the client end of a connection.
- A server calls the listen function to tell the kernel that a descriptor will be used by a server rather than a client:

```
int listen(int sockfd, int backlog);
```

- Converts `sockfd` from an active socket to a *listening socket* that can accept connection requests from clients.
- `backlog` is a hint about the number of outstanding connection requests that the kernel should queue up before starting to refuse requests.

Sockets Interface



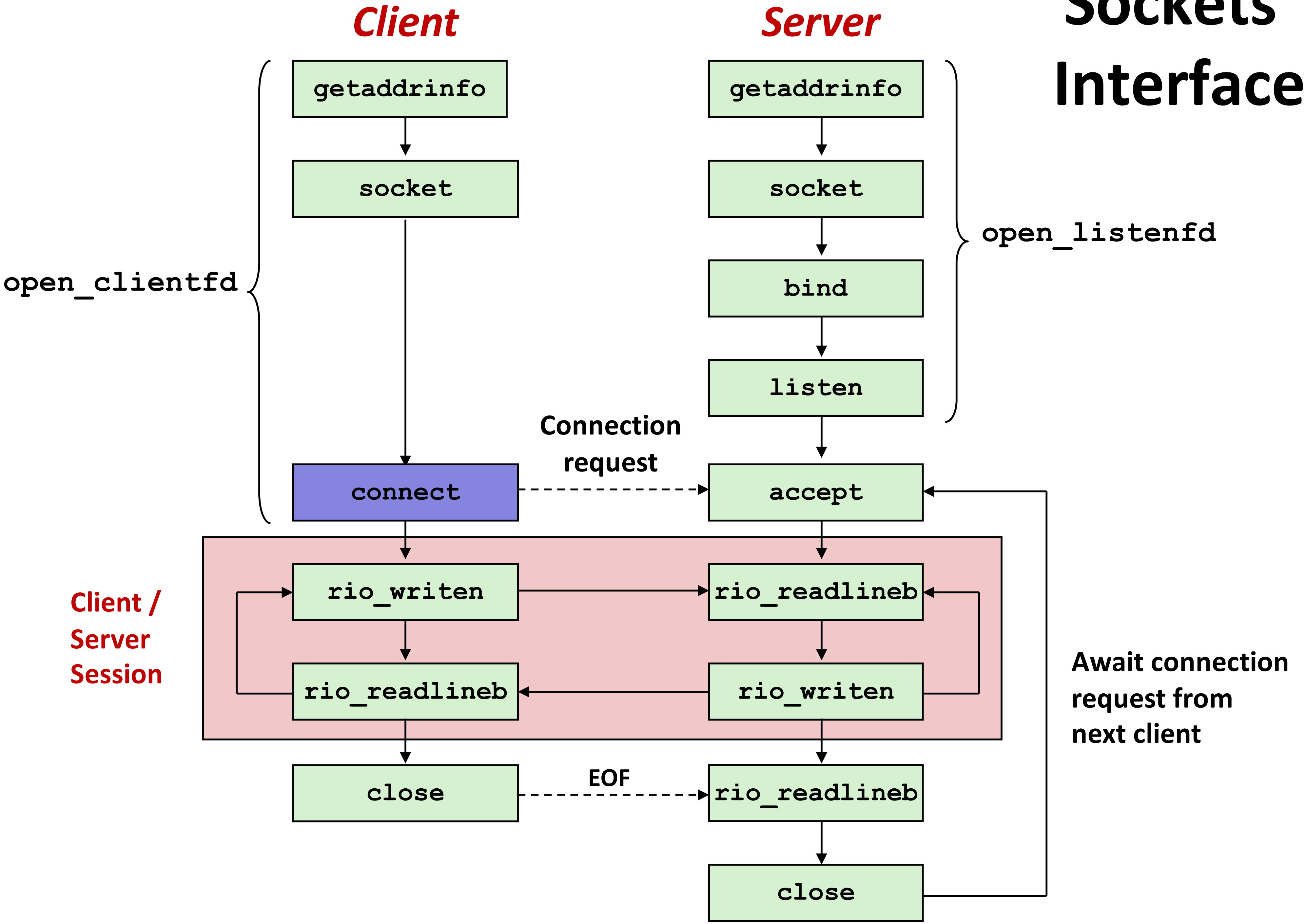
Sockets Interface: `accept`

- **Servers wait for connection requests from clients by calling `accept`:**

```
int accept(int listenfd, SA *addr, int *addrlen);
```

- **Waits for connection request to arrive on the connection bound to `listenfd`, then fills in client's socket address in `addr` and size of the socket address in `addrlen`.**
- **Returns a *connected descriptor* that can be used to communicate with the client via Unix I/O routines.**

Sockets Interface



Sockets Interface: `connect`

- **A client establishes a connection with a server by calling connect:**

```
int connect(int clientfd, SA *addr, socklen_t addrlen);
```

- **Attempts to establish a connection with server at socket address `addr`**
  - If successful, then `clientfd` is now ready for reading and writing.
  - Resulting connection is characterized by socket pair

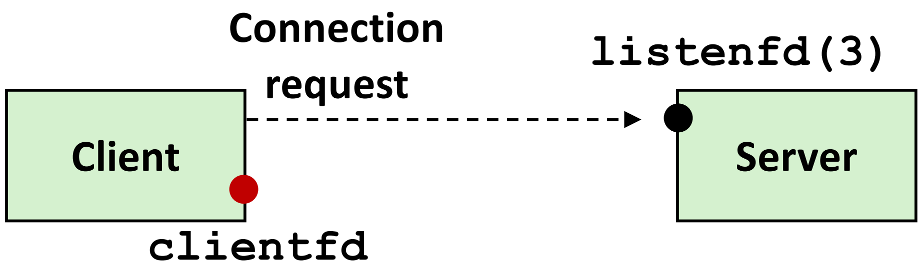
    `(x:y, addr.sin_addr:addr.sin_port)`

    - `x` is client address
    - `y` is ephemeral port that uniquely identifies client process on client host

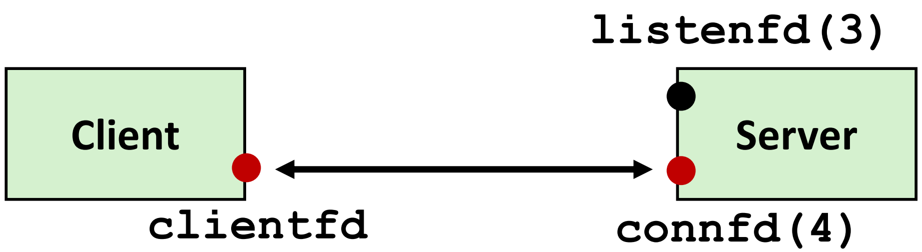
Best practice is to use `getaddrinfo` to supply the arguments `addr` and `addrlen`.

accept Illustrated

1. Server blocks in `accept`, waiting for connection request on listening descriptor `listenfd`



2. Client makes connection request by calling and blocking in `connect`



3. Server returns `connfd` from `accept`. Client returns from `connect`. Connection is now established between `clientfd` and `connfd`

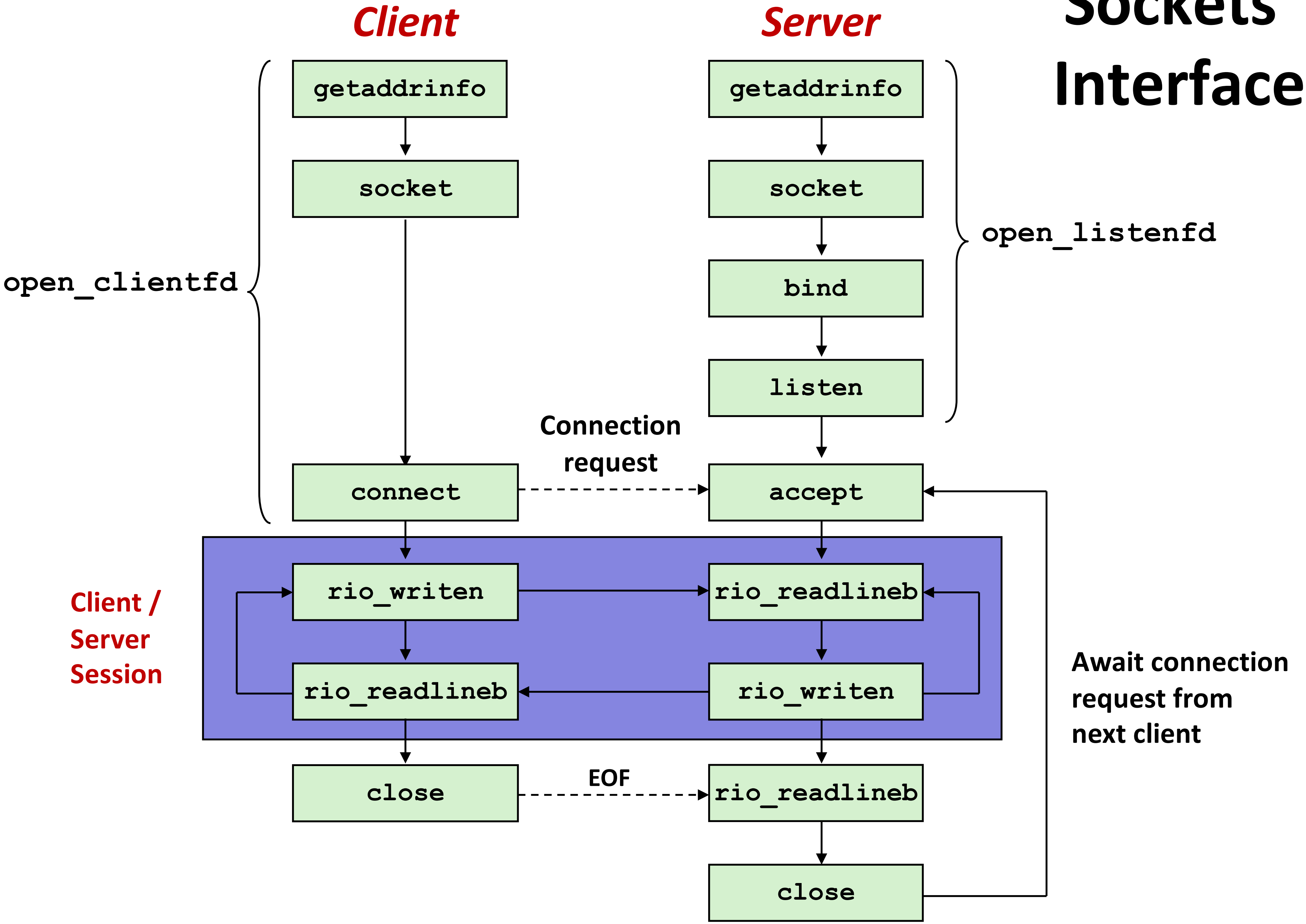
Connected vs. Listening Descriptors

- **Listening descriptor**
  - End point for client connection requests
  - Created once and exists for lifetime of the server

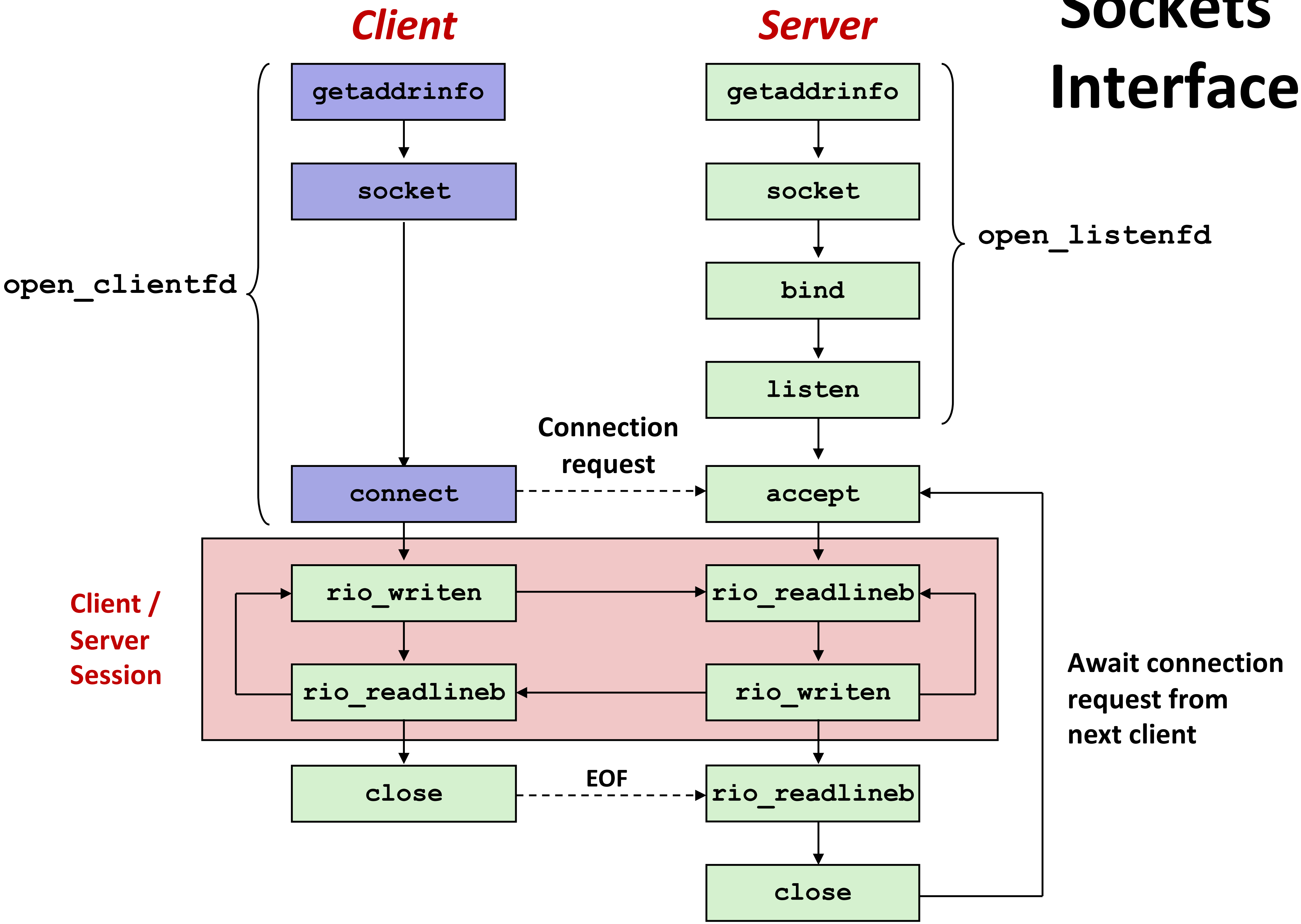
- **Connected descriptor**
  - End point of the connection between client and server
  - A new descriptor is created each time the server accepts a connection request from a client
  - Exists only as long as it takes to service client

- **Why the distinction?**
  - Allows for concurrent servers that can communicate over many client connections simultaneously
    - E.g., Each time we receive a new request, we fork a child to handle the request

Sockets Interface



Sockets Interface



Sockets Helper: open_clientfd

- **Establish a connection with a server**

```
int open_clientfd(char *hostname, char *port) {
  int clientfd;
  struct addrinfo hints, *listp, *p;

  /* Get a list of potential server addresses */
  memset(&hints, 0, sizeof(struct addrinfo));
  hints.ai_socktype = SOCK_STREAM;  /* Open a connection */
  hints.ai_flags = AI_NUMERICSERV;  /* …using numeric port arg. */
  hints.ai_flags |= AI_ADDRCONFIG;  /* Recommended for connections */
  Getaddrinfo(hostname, port, &hints, &listp);
```

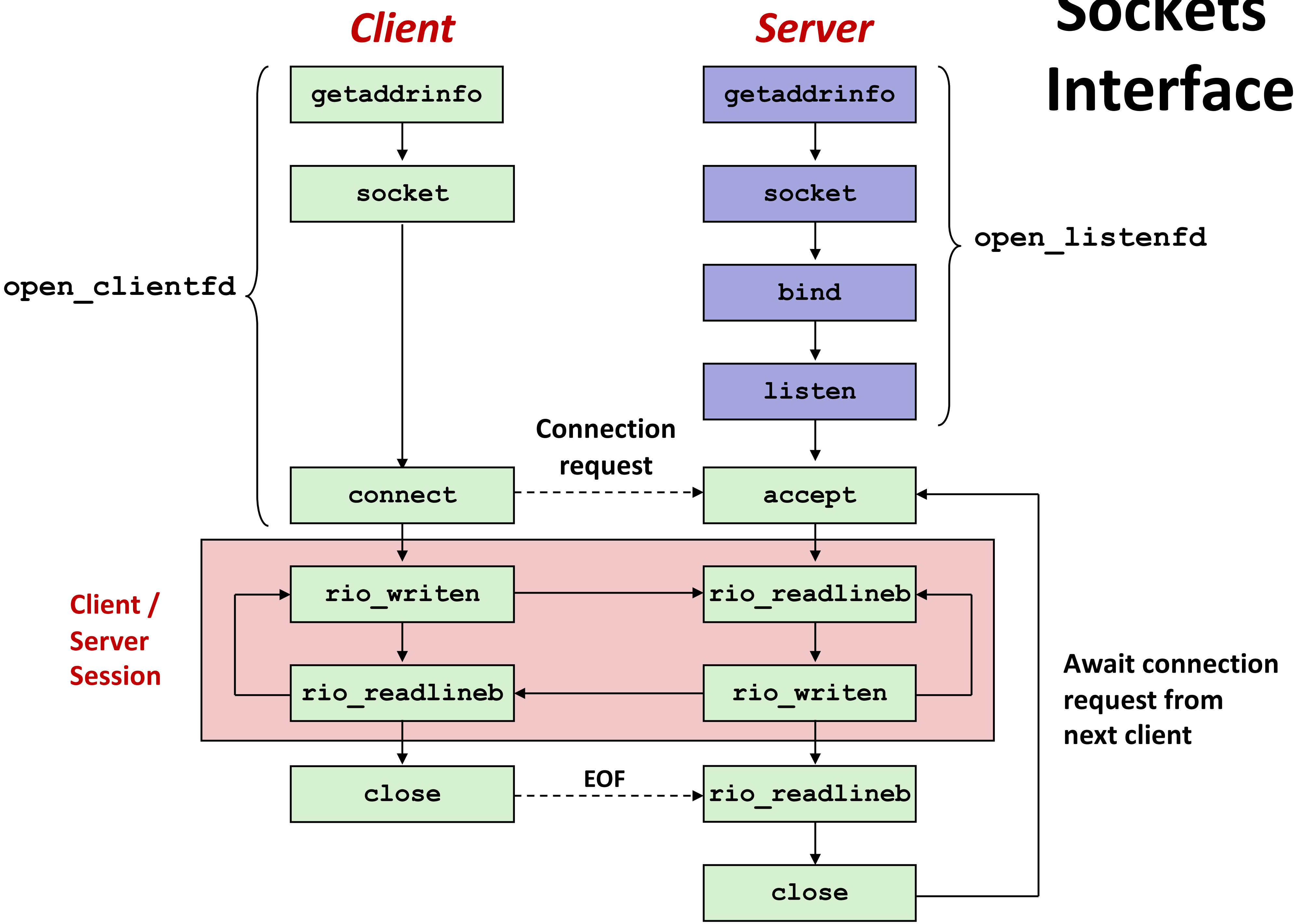
csapp.c

Sockets Helper: `open_clientfd` (cont)

```
    /* Walk the list for one that we can successfully connect to */
    for (p = listp; p; p = p->ai_next) {
        /* Create a socket descriptor */
        if ((clientfd = socket(p->ai_family, p->ai_socktype,
                               p->ai_protocol)) < 0)
            continue; /* Socket failed, try the next */

        /* Connect to the server */
        if (connect(clientfd, p->ai_addr, p->ai_addrlen) != -1)
            break; /* Success */
        Close(clientfd); /* Connect failed, try another */
    }

    /* Clean up */
    Freeaddrinfo(listp);
    if (!p) /* All connects failed */
        return -1;
    else    /* The last connect succeeded */
        return clientfd;
}
```

csapp.c

Sockets Interface



Sockets Helper: open_listenfd

- Create a listening descriptor that can be used to accept connection requests from clients.

```
int open_listenfd(char *port)
{
    struct addrinfo hints, *listp, *p;
    int listenfd, optval=1;

    /* Get a list of potential server addresses */
    memset(&hints, 0, sizeof(struct addrinfo));
    hints.ai_socktype = SOCK_STREAM;             /* Accept connect. */
    hints.ai_flags = AI_PASSIVE | AI_ADDRCONFIG; /* …on any IP addr */
    hints.ai_flags |= AI_NUMERICSERV;            /* …using port no. */
    Getaddrinfo(NULL, port, &hints, &listp);
```

csapp.c

Sockets Helper: `open_listenfd` (cont)

```
    /* Walk the list for one that we can bind to */
    for (p = listp; p; p = p->ai_next) {
        /* Create a socket descriptor */
        if ((listenfd = socket(p->ai_family, p->ai_socktype,
                               p->ai_protocol)) < 0)
            continue;  /* Socket failed, try the next */

        /* Eliminates "Address already in use" error from bind */
        Setsockopt(listenfd, SOL_SOCKET, SO_REUSEADDR,
                   (const void *)&optval , sizeof(int));

        /* Bind the descriptor to the address */
        if (bind(listenfd, p->ai_addr, p->ai_addrlen) == 0)
            break; /* Success */
        Close(listenfd); /* Bind failed, try the next */
    }
```

csapp.c

Sockets Helper: `open_listenfd` (cont)

```
    /* Clean up */
    Freeaddrinfo(listp);
    if (!p) /* No address worked */
        return -1;

    /* Make it a listening socket ready to accept conn. requests */
    if (listen(listenfd, LISTENQ) < 0) {
        Close(listenfd);
        return -1;
    }
    return listenfd;
}
```
csapp.c

- **Key point:** `open_clientfd` and `open_listenfd` are both independent of any particular version of IP.

Echo Client: Main Routine

```
#include "csapp.h"

int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    int clientfd;
    char *host, *port, buf[MAXLINE];
    rio_t rio;

    host = argv[1];
    port = argv[2];

    clientfd = Open_clientfd(host, port);
    Rio_readinitb(&rio, clientfd);

    while (Fgets(buf, MAXLINE, stdin) != NULL) {
        Rio_writen(clientfd, buf, strlen(buf));
        Rio_readlineb(&rio, buf, MAXLINE);
        Fputs(buf, stdout);
    }
    Close(clientfd);
    exit(0);
}
```

echoclient.c

Iterative Echo Server: Main Routine

```
#include "csapp.h"
void echo(int connfd);

int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    int listenfd, connfd;
    socklen_t clientlen;
    struct sockaddr_storage clientaddr; /* Enough room for any addr */
    char client_hostname[MAXLINE], client_port[MAXLINE];

    listenfd = Open_listenfd(argv[1]);
    while (1) {
        clientlen = sizeof(struct sockaddr_storage); /* Important! */
        connfd = Accept(listenfd, (SA *)&clientaddr, &clientlen);
        Getnameinfo((SA *) &clientaddr, clientlen,
                    client_hostname, MAXLINE, client_port, MAXLINE, 0);
        printf("Connected to (%s, %s)\n", client_hostname, client_port);
        echo(connfd);
        Close(connfd);
    }
    exit(0);
}
```

echoserveri.c

Echo Server: echo function

- **The server uses RIO to read and echo text lines until EOF (end-of-file) condition is encountered.**
  - EOF condition caused by client calling **`close(clientfd)`**

```
void echo(int connfd)
{
    size_t n;
    char buf[MAXLINE];
    rio_t rio;

    Rio_readinitb(&rio, connfd);
    while((n = Rio_readlineb(&rio, buf, MAXLINE)) != 0) {
        printf("server received %d bytes\n", (int)n);
        Rio_writen(connfd, buf, n);
    }
}
```

echo.c

Testing Servers Using `telnet`

- **The `telnet` program is invaluable for testing servers that transmit ASCII strings over Internet connections**
  - Our simple echo server
  - Web servers
  - Mail servers

- **Usage:**
  - **`linux>`** ***`telnet <host> <portnumber>`***
  - Creates a connection with a server running on ***`<host>`*** and listening on port ***`<portnumber>`***

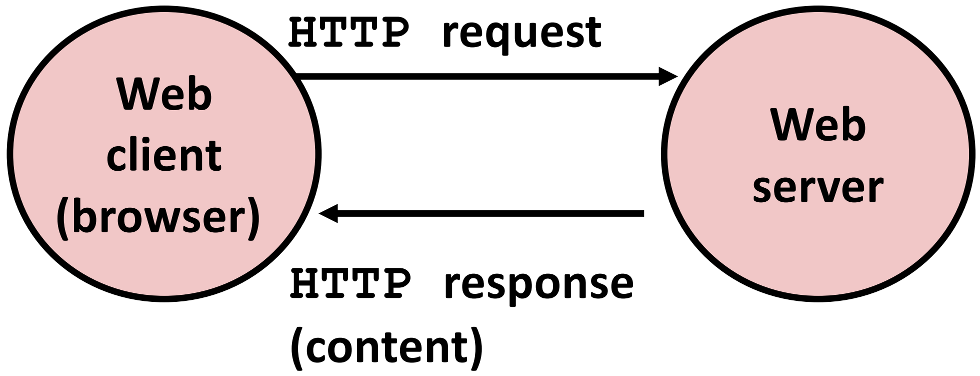
Testing the Echo Server With `telnet`

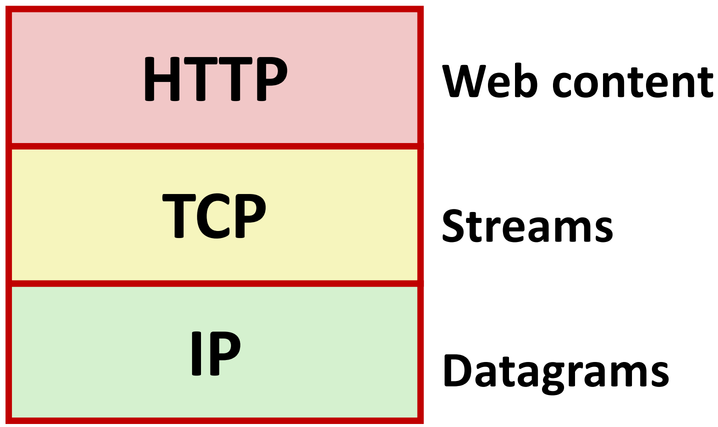
```
whaleshark> ./echoserveri 15213
Connected to (MAKOSHARK.ICS.CS.CMU.EDU, 50280)
server received 11 bytes
server received 8 bytes
```

```
makoshark> telnet whaleshark.ics.cs.cmu.edu 15213
Trying 128.2.210.175...
Connected to whaleshark.ics.cs.cmu.edu (128.2.210.175).
Escape character is '^]'.
Hi there!
Hi there!
Howdy!
Howdy!
^]
telnet> quit
Connection closed.
makoshark>
```

Web Server Basics

- **Clients and servers communicate using the HyperText Transfer Protocol (HTTP)**
  - Client and server establish TCP connection
  - Client requests content
  - Server responds with requested content
  - Client and server close connection (eventually)
- **Current version is HTTP/1.1**
  - RFC 2616, June, 1999.





`http://www.w3.org/Protocols/rfc2616/rfc2616.html`

Web Content

- **Web servers return *content* to clients**
  - *content:* a sequence of bytes with an associated MIME (Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions) type

- **Example MIME types**
  - `text/html` HTML document
  - `text/plain` Unformatted text
  - `image/gif` Binary image encoded in GIF format
  - `image/png` Binar image encoded in PNG format
  - `image/jpeg` Binary image encoded in JPEG format

You can find the complete list of MIME types at:
`http://www.iana.org/assignments/media-types/media-types.xhtml`

Static and Dynamic Content

- **The content returned in HTTP responses can be either *static* or *dynamic***
  - *Static content*: content stored in files and retrieved in response to an HTTP request
    - Examples: HTML files, images, audio clips
    - Request identifies which content file
  - *Dynamic content*: content produced on-the-fly in response to an HTTP request
    - Example: content produced by a program executed by the server on behalf of the client
    - Request identifies file containing executable code
- **Bottom line: *Web content is associated with a file that is managed by the server***

URLs and how clients and servers use them

- **Unique name for a file: URL (Universal Resource Locator)**
- **Example URL: `http://www.cmu.edu:80/index.html`**
- **Clients use *prefix* (`http://www.cmu.edu:80`) to infer:**
  - What kind (protocol) of server to contact (HTTP)
  - Where the server is (`www.cmu.edu`)
  - What port it is listening on (80)
- **Servers use *suffix* (`/index.html`) to:**
  - Determine if request is for static or dynamic content.
    - No hard and fast rules for this
    - One convention: executables reside in `cgi-bin` directory
  - Find file on file system
    - Initial "`/`" in suffix denotes home directory for requested content.
    - Minimal suffix is "`/`", which server expands to configured default filename (usually, `index.html`)

HTTP Requests

- **HTTP request is a *request line*, followed by zero or more *request headers***

- **Request line: `<method> <uri> <version>`**
  - `<method>` is one of `GET`, `POST`, `OPTIONS`, `HEAD`, `PUT`, `DELETE`, or `TRACE`
  - `<uri>` is typically URL for proxies, URL suffix for servers
    - A URL is a type of URI (Uniform Resource Identifier)
    - See http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc2396.txt
  - `<version>` is HTTP version of request (`HTTP/1.0` or `HTTP/1.1`)

- **Request headers: `<header name>: <header data>`**
  - Provide additional information to the server

HTTP Responses

- **HTTP response is a *response line* followed by zero or more *response headers*, possibly followed by *content*, with blank line ("`\r\n`") separating headers from content.**

- **Response line:**

  `<version> <status code> <status msg>`

  - <version> is HTTP version of the response
  - <status code> is numeric status
  - <status msg> is corresponding English text
    - 200 OK Request was handled without error
    - 301 Moved Provide alternate URL
    - 404 Not found Server couldn't find the file

- **Response headers: `<header name>: <header data>`**
  - Provide additional information about response
  - `Content-Type:` MIME type of content in response body
  - `Content-Length:` Length of content in response body

Example HTTP Transaction

```
whaleshark> telnet www.cmu.edu 80          Client: open connection to server
Trying 128.2.42.52...                      Telnet prints 3 lines to terminal
Connected to WWW-CMU-PROD-VIP.ANDREW.cmu.edu.
Escape character is '^]'.
GET / HTTP/1.1                             Client: request line
Host: www.cmu.edu                          Client: required HTTP/1.1 header
                                           Client: empty line terminates headers
HTTP/1.1 301 Moved Permanently             Server: response line
Date: Wed, 05 Nov 2014 17:05:11 GMT        Server: followed by 5 response headers
Server: Apache/1.3.42 (Unix)               Server: this is an Apache server
Location: http://www.cmu.edu/index.shtml Server: page has moved here
Transfer-Encoding: chunked                 Server: response body will be chunked
Content-Type: text/html; charset=...       Server: expect HTML in response body
                                           Server: empty line terminates headers
15c                                        Server: first line in response body
<HTML><HEAD>                               Server: start of HTML content
…
</BODY></HTML>                             Server: end of HTML content
0                                          Server: last line in response body
Connection closed by foreign host.         Server: closes connection
```

- **HTTP standard requires that each text line end with "`\r\n`"**
- **Blank line ("`\r\n`") terminates request and response headers**

Example HTTP Transaction, Take 2

```
whaleshark> telnet www.cmu.edu 80         Client: open connection to server
Trying 128.2.42.52...                     Telnet prints 3 lines to terminal
Connected to WWW-CMU-PROD-VIP.ANDREW.cmu.edu.
Escape character is '^]'.
GET /index.shtml HTTP/1.1                 Client: request line
Host: www.cmu.edu                         Client: required HTTP/1.1 header
                                          Client: empty line terminates headers
HTTP/1.1 200 OK                           Server: response line
Date: Wed, 05 Nov 2014 17:37:26 GMT       Server: followed by 4 response headers
Server: Apache/1.3.42 (Unix)
Transfer-Encoding: chunked
Content-Type: text/html; charset=...
                                          Server: empty line terminates headers
1000                                      Server: begin response body
<html ..>                                 Server: first line of HTML content
…
</html>
0                                         Server: end response body
Connection closed by foreign host.        Server: close connection
```

Tiny Web Server

- **Tiny Web server described in text**
  - Tiny is a sequential Web server
  - Serves static and dynamic content to real browsers
    - text files, HTML files, GIF, PNG, and JPEG images
  - 239 lines of commented C code
  - Not as complete or robust as a real Web server
    - You can break it with poorly-formed HTTP requests (e.g., terminate lines with “\n” instead of “\r\n”)

Tiny Operation

- **Accept connection from client**
- **Read request from client (via connected socket)**
- **Split into <method> <uri> <version>**
  - If method not GET, then return error
- **If URI contains "`cgi-bin`" then serve dynamic content**
  - (Would do wrong thing if had file "`abcgi-bingo.html`")
  - Fork process to execute program
- **Otherwise serve static content**
  - Copy file to output

Tiny Serving Static Content

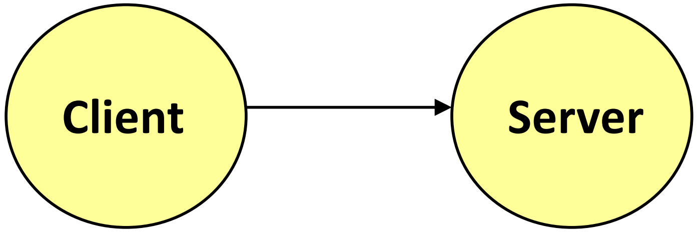
```
void serve_static(int fd, char *filename, int filesize)
{
    int srcfd;
    char *srcp, filetype[MAXLINE], buf[MAXBUF];

    /* Send response headers to client */
    get_filetype(filename, filetype);
    sprintf(buf, "HTTP/1.0 200 OK\r\n");
    sprintf(buf, "%sServer: Tiny Web Server\r\n", buf);
    sprintf(buf, "%sConnection: close\r\n", buf);
    sprintf(buf, "%sContent-length: %d\r\n", buf, filesize);
    sprintf(buf, "%sContent-type: %s\r\n\r\n", buf, filetype);
    Rio_writen(fd, buf, strlen(buf));

    /* Send response body to client */
    srcfd = Open(filename, O_RDONLY, 0);
    srcp = Mmap(0, filesize, PROT_READ, MAP_PRIVATE, srcfd, 0);
    Close(srcfd);
    Rio_writen(fd, srcp, filesize);
    Munmap(srcp, filesize);
}
```

tiny.c

Serving Dynamic Content

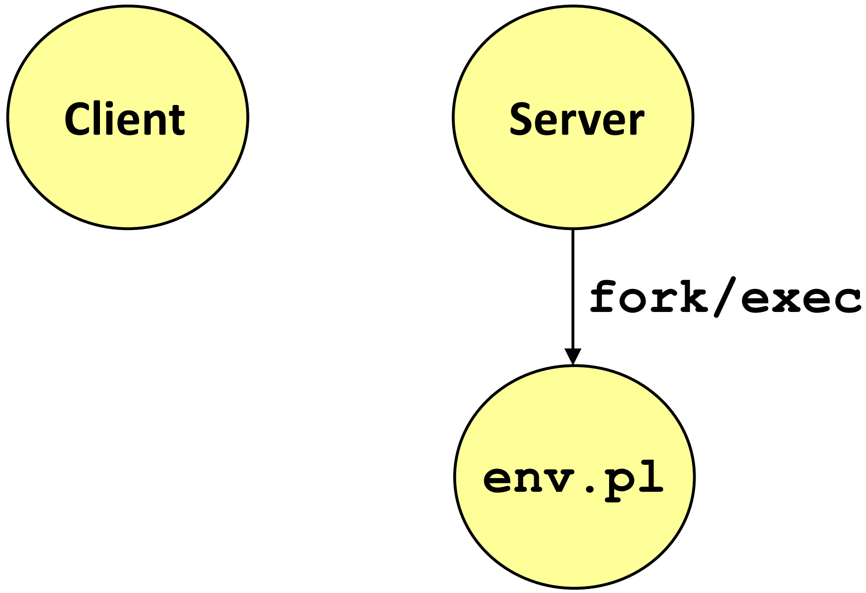
- **Client sends request to server**
- **If request URI contains the string "`/cgi-bin`", the Tiny server assumes that the request is for dynamic content**

`GET /cgi-bin/env.pl HTTP/1.1`



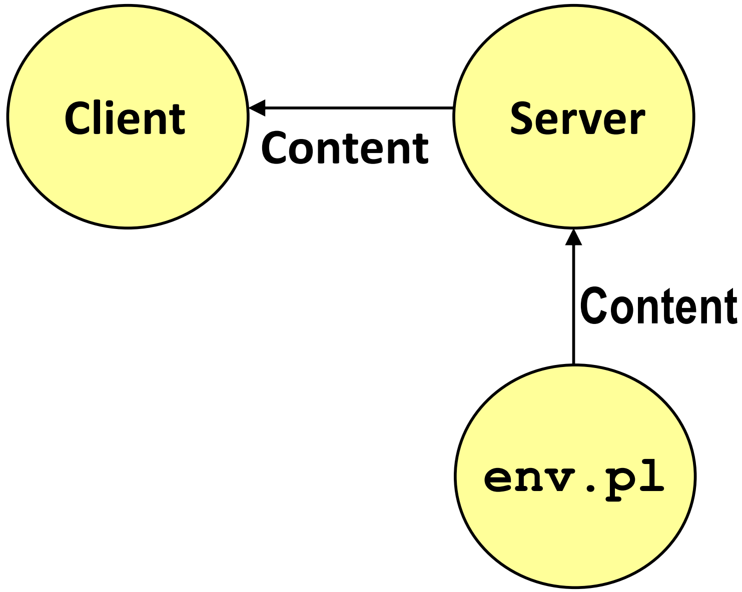
Serving Dynamic Content (cont)

- **The server creates a child process and runs the program identified by the URI in that process**



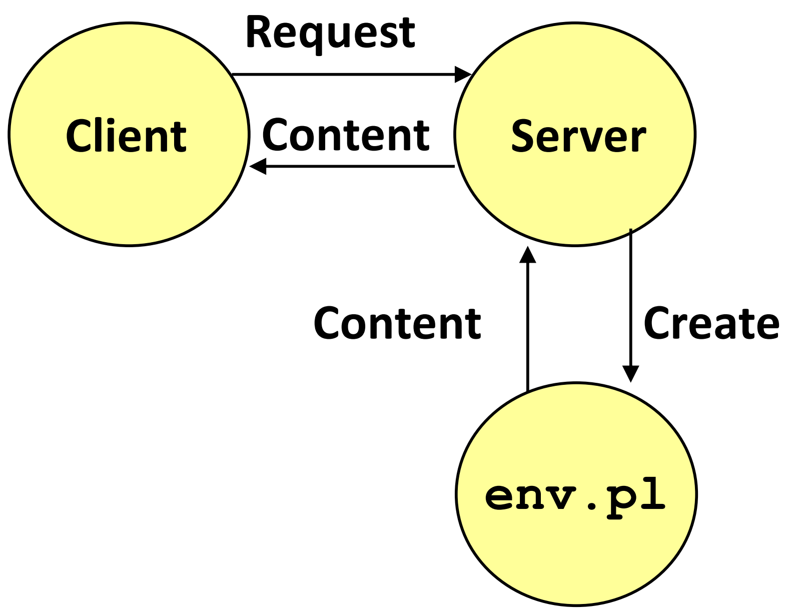
Serving Dynamic Content (cont)

- The child runs and generates the dynamic content
- The server captures the content of the child and forwards it without modification to the client



Issues in Serving Dynamic Content

- How does the client pass program arguments to the server?
- How does the server pass these arguments to the child?
- How does the server pass other info relevant to the request to the child?
- How does the server capture the content produced by the child?
- These issues are addressed by the **Common Gateway Interface (CGI)** specification.



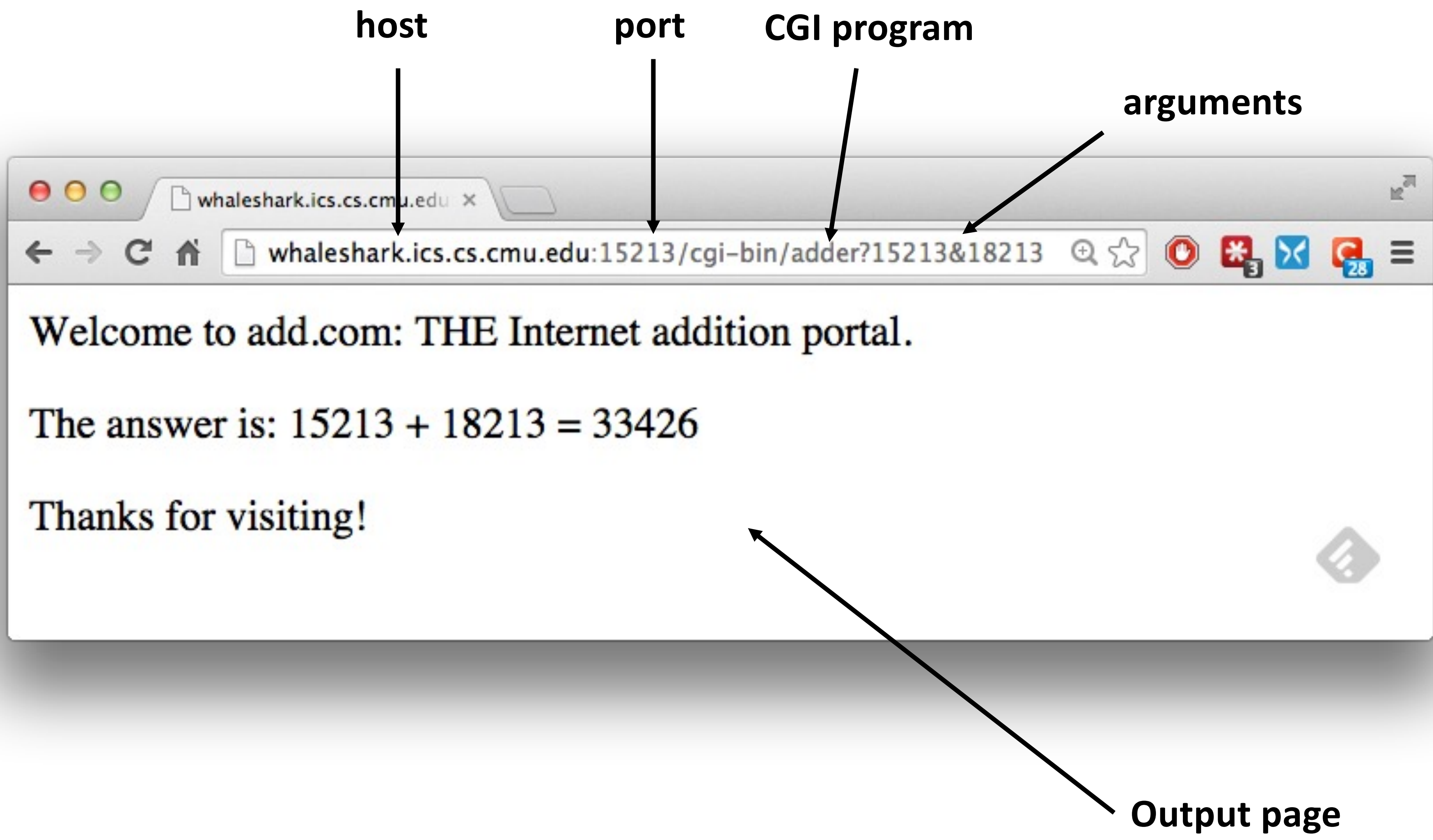
CGI

- **Because the children are written according to the CGI spec, they are often called *CGI programs.***

- **However, CGI really defines a simple standard for transferring information between the client (browser), the server, and the child process.**

- **CGI is the original standard for generating dynamic content. Has been largely replaced by other, faster techniques:**
  - E.g., fastCGI, Apache modules, Java servlets, Rails controllers
  - Avoid having to create process on the fly (expensive and slow).

The add.com Experience



Serving Dynamic Content With GET

- **<u>Question:</u> How does the client pass arguments to the server?**
- **<u>Answer:</u> The arguments are appended to the URI**

- **Can be encoded directly in a URL typed to a browser or a URL in an HTML link**
  - `http://add.com/cgi-bin/adder?15213&18213`
  - `adder` is the CGI program on the server that will do the addition.
  - argument list starts with `"?"`
  - arguments separated by `"&"`
  - spaces represented by `"+" or "%20"`

Serving Dynamic Content With GET

- **URL suffix:**
  - `cgi-bin/adder?15213&18213`

- **Result displayed on browser:**

```
Welcome to add.com: THE Internet
addition portal.

The answer is: 15213 + 18213 = 33426

Thanks for visiting!
```

Serving Dynamic Content With GET

- **Question: How does the server pass these arguments to the child?**
- **Answer: In environment variable QUERY_STRING**
  - A single string containing everything after the "?"
  - For add: `QUERY_STRING` = "`15213&18213`"

```
/* Extract the two arguments */
if ((buf = getenv("QUERY_STRING")) != NULL) {
     p = strchr(buf, '&');
     *p = '\0';
     strcpy(arg1, buf);
     strcpy(arg2, p+1);
     n1 = atoi(arg1);
     n2 = atoi(arg2);
}
```

adder.c

Serving Dynamic Content with GET

- **Question: How does the server capture the content produced by the child?**
- **Answer: The child generates its output on `stdout`. Server uses `dup2` to redirect `stdout` to its connected socket.**

```
void serve_dynamic(int fd, char *filename, char *cgiargs)
{
    char buf[MAXLINE], *emptylist[] = { NULL };

    /* Return first part of HTTP response */
    sprintf(buf, "HTTP/1.0 200 OK\r\n");
    Rio_writen(fd, buf, strlen(buf));
    sprintf(buf, "Server: Tiny Web Server\r\n");
    Rio_writen(fd, buf, strlen(buf));

    if (Fork() == 0) { /* Child */
        /* Real server would set all CGI vars here */
        setenv("QUERY_STRING", cgiargs, 1);
        Dup2(fd, STDOUT_FILENO);         /* Redirect stdout to client */
        Execve(filename, emptylist, environ); /* Run CGI program */
    }
    Wait(NULL); /* Parent waits for and reaps child */
}
```

tiny.c

Serving Dynamic Content with GET

- **Notice that only the CGI child process knows the content type and length, so it must generate those headers.**

```
    /* Make the response body */
    sprintf(content, "Welcome to add.com: ");
    sprintf(content, "%sTHE Internet addition portal.\r\n<p>", content);
    sprintf(content, "%sThe answer is: %d + %d = %d\r\n<p>",
            content, n1, n2, n1 + n2);
    sprintf(content, "%sThanks for visiting!\r\n", content);

    /* Generate the HTTP response */
    printf("Content-length: %d\r\n", (int)strlen(content));
    printf("Content-type: text/html\r\n\r\n");
    printf("%s", content);
    fflush(stdout);

    exit(0);
```

adder.c

Serving Dynamic Content With GET

```
bash:makoshark> telnet whaleshark.ics.cs.cmu.edu 15213
Trying 128.2.210.175...
Connected to whaleshark.ics.cs.cmu.edu (128.2.210.175).
Escape character is '^]'.
GET /cgi-bin/adder?15213&18213 HTTP/1.0

HTTP/1.0 200 OK
Server: Tiny Web Server
Connection: close
Content-length: 117
Content-type: text/html

Welcome to add.com: THE Internet addition portal.
<p>The answer is: 15213 + 18213 = 33426
<p>Thanks for visiting!
Connection closed by foreign host.
bash:makoshark>
```

HTTP request sent by client

HTTP response generated by the server

HTTP response generated by the CGI program

For More Information

- **W. Richard Stevens et. al. "Unix Network Programming: The Sockets Networking API", Volume 1, Third Edition, Prentice Hall, 2003**
  - THE network programming bible.
- **Michael Kerrisk, "The Linux Programming Interface", No Starch Press, 2010**
  - THE Linux programming bible.
- **Complete versions of all code in this lecture is available from the 213 schedule page.**
  - `http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~213/schedule.html`
  - csapp.{.c,h}, hostinfo.c, echoclient.c, echoserveri.c, tiny.c, adder.c
  - You can use any of this code in your assignments.