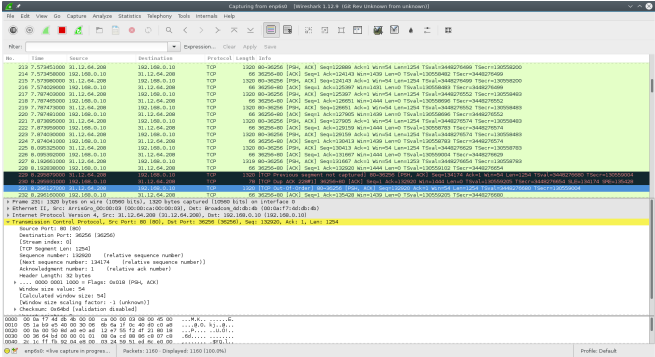


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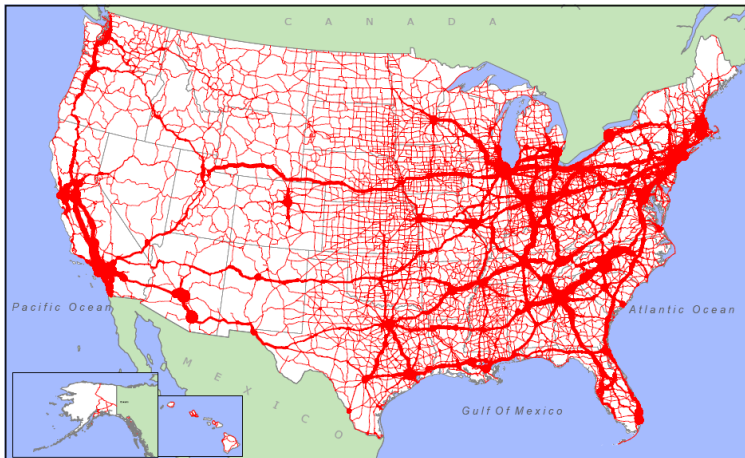


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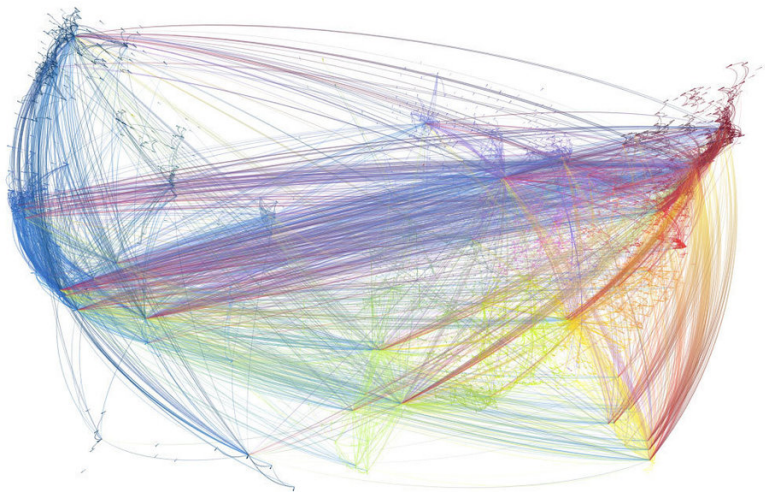


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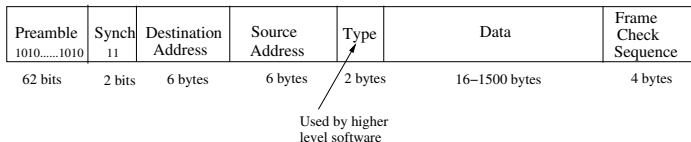
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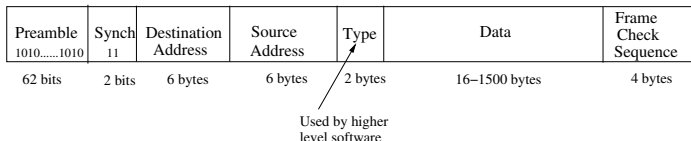


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try { // meanwhile, on www.party.com...
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while (selector.select(50) == 0);
```

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Once `select()` comes back with a non-zero ready count, then we can get the set of ready channels from the `Selector` with the `selectedKeys()` method and iterate through them.

```
Set readySet = selector.selectedKeys();
for (Iterator itr = readySet.iterator(); itr.hasNext();) {
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    itr.remove(); // remove the key from the ready set
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```
java -Djava.security.manager  
-Djava.security.policy=mysecurity.policy  
LargerHttpd <port> <maxthreads>
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Exercises

- ▶ Modify the object server example to be single threaded.
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