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Introduction: Need for Sockets

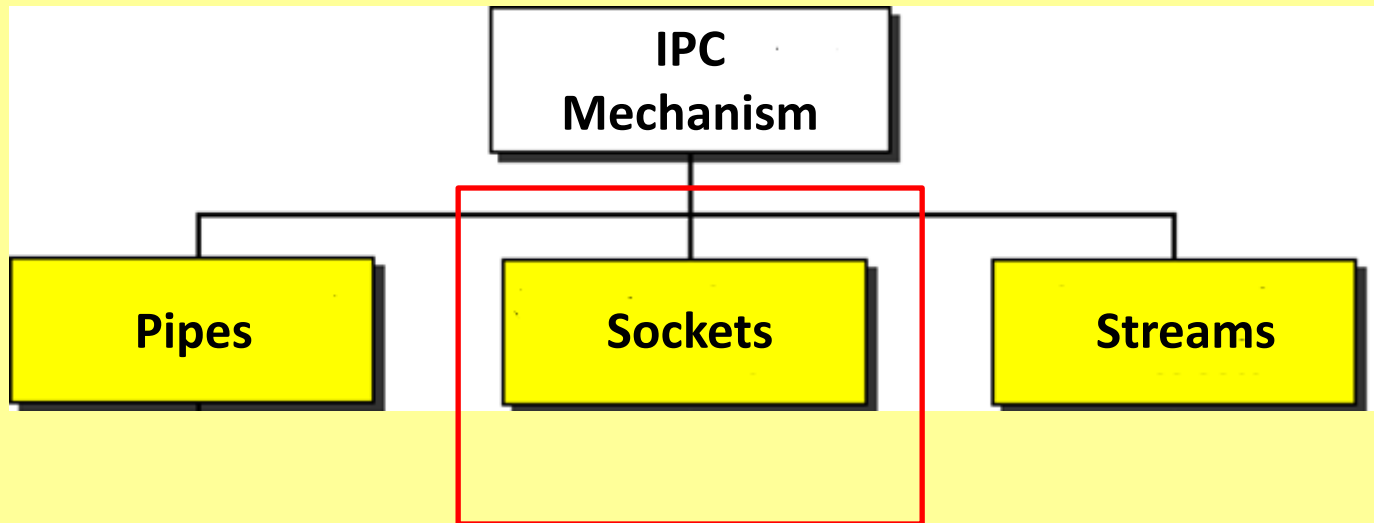
- Typical applications today consist of many cooperating processes either on the same host or on different hosts.

Example: Client-Server Application.

How to share (large amounts of) data?

- Share files? How to avoid contention? What kind of system support is available?
- We want a general mechanism that will work for processes irrespective of their location.

Making a Logical Connection to a (Remote) Process

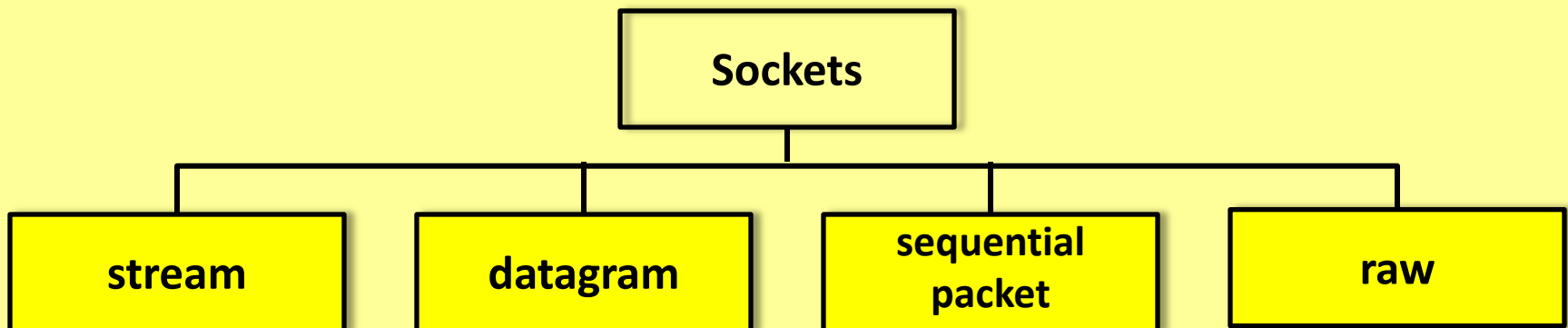


What are Sockets?

- **Socket** is an abstraction for an end point of communication that can be manipulated with a file descriptor.
- *It is an abstract object from which messages are sent and received.*
- **Sockets** are created within a ***communication domain*** just as **files** are created within a ***file system***.
- A **communication domain** is an abstraction introduced to bundle common properties of processes communicating through sockets.
Example: UNIX domain, internet domain.

Socket Types

Socket types define the communication properties visible to the application. Processes communicate only between sockets of the same type.

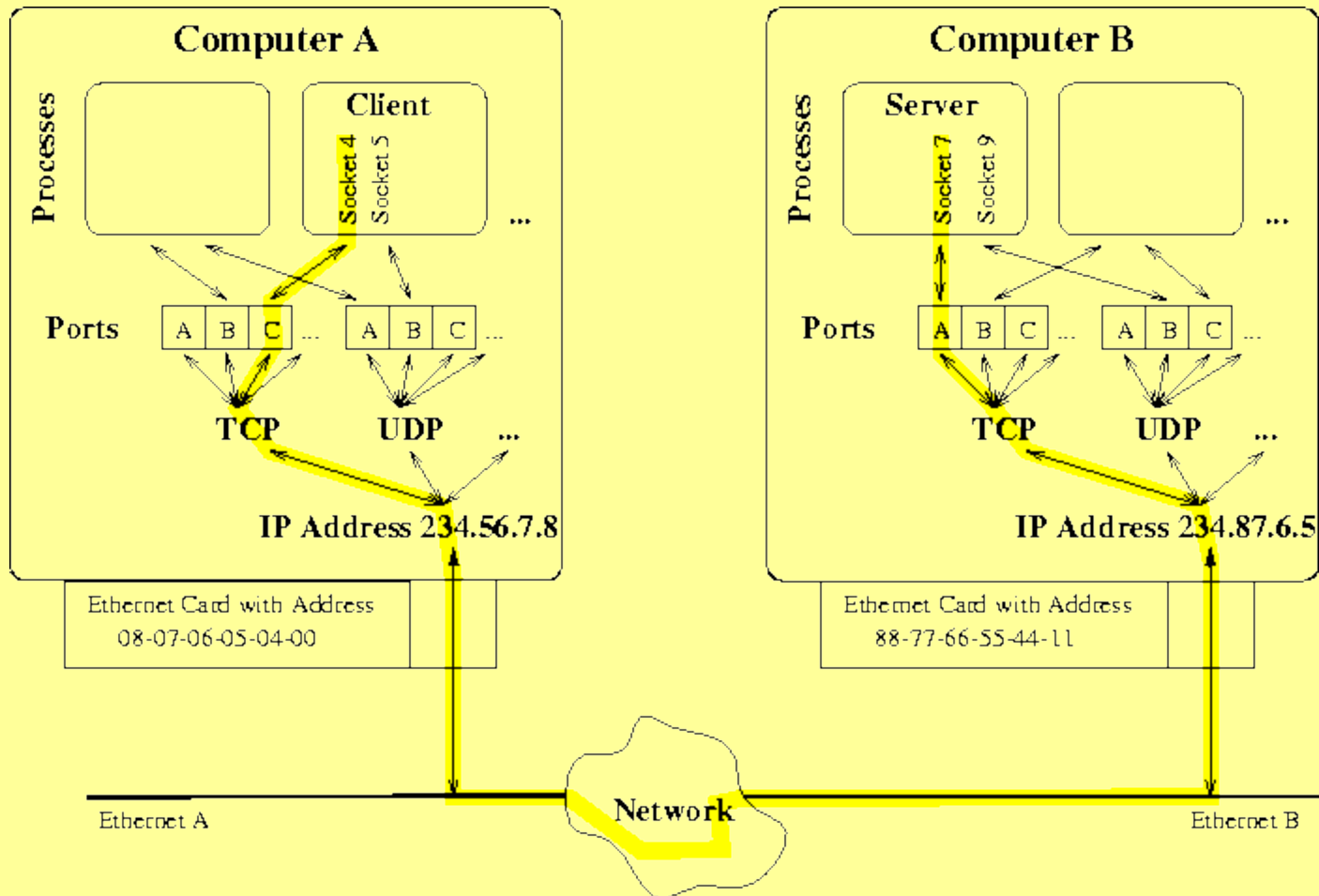


Identifying A Socket

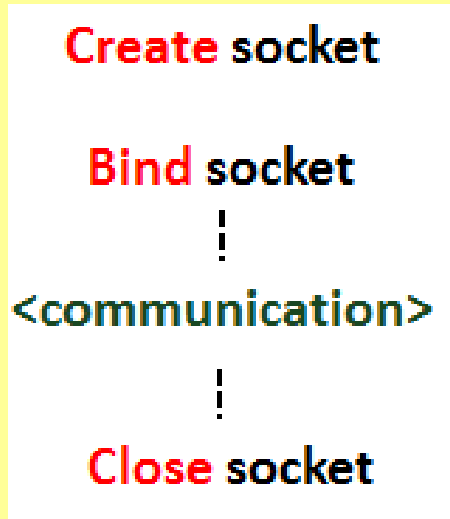
Each socket is identified by an address made up of:

Global end-point Address (*eg. IP address*)

Local end-point Address (*eg. Port Number*)



Anatomy of a Socket #1



Create Socket

1. A socket is created by a ***system call***, and has file-like semantics. Any process can do this, to communicate with any other process.
2. The ***system call*** returns a ***descriptor*** that is used as a reference to the socket.

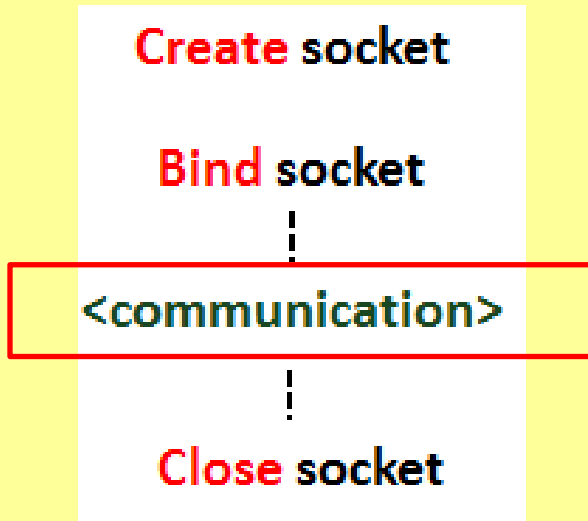
Bind Socket

1. Before communication can take place, the destination process must ***bind*** the ***descriptor*** to its ***socket address***. The sender may do so, if a reply is to be expected.
2. A ***system call*** is used to execute the binding.
3. Once bound, a socket address cannot be changed.

Close Socket

- A socket lasts until it is closed **OR** until every process with the descriptor exits.

Anatomy of a Socket #2



Communication

1. When communication begins, messages are **queued** at the sender-socket until transmitted by the associated device-driver.
2. Similarly for receiver-socket.

Anatomy of a Socket – C/C++

Create socket

Bind socket

!

<communication>

!

Close socket

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/* Create Socket */
int socket(int domain, int type, int protocol);

/* Bind Socket */
int bind(int s, const struct sockaddr *name, int namelen);

/* Communication */
// Initiate
int listen(int s, int backlog)
int connect(int s, struct sockaddr *name, int namelen)
// Communicate
read();
write();
int send(int s, const char *msg, int len, int flags);
int recv(int s, char *buf, int len, int flags);

/* Bind Socket */
close();
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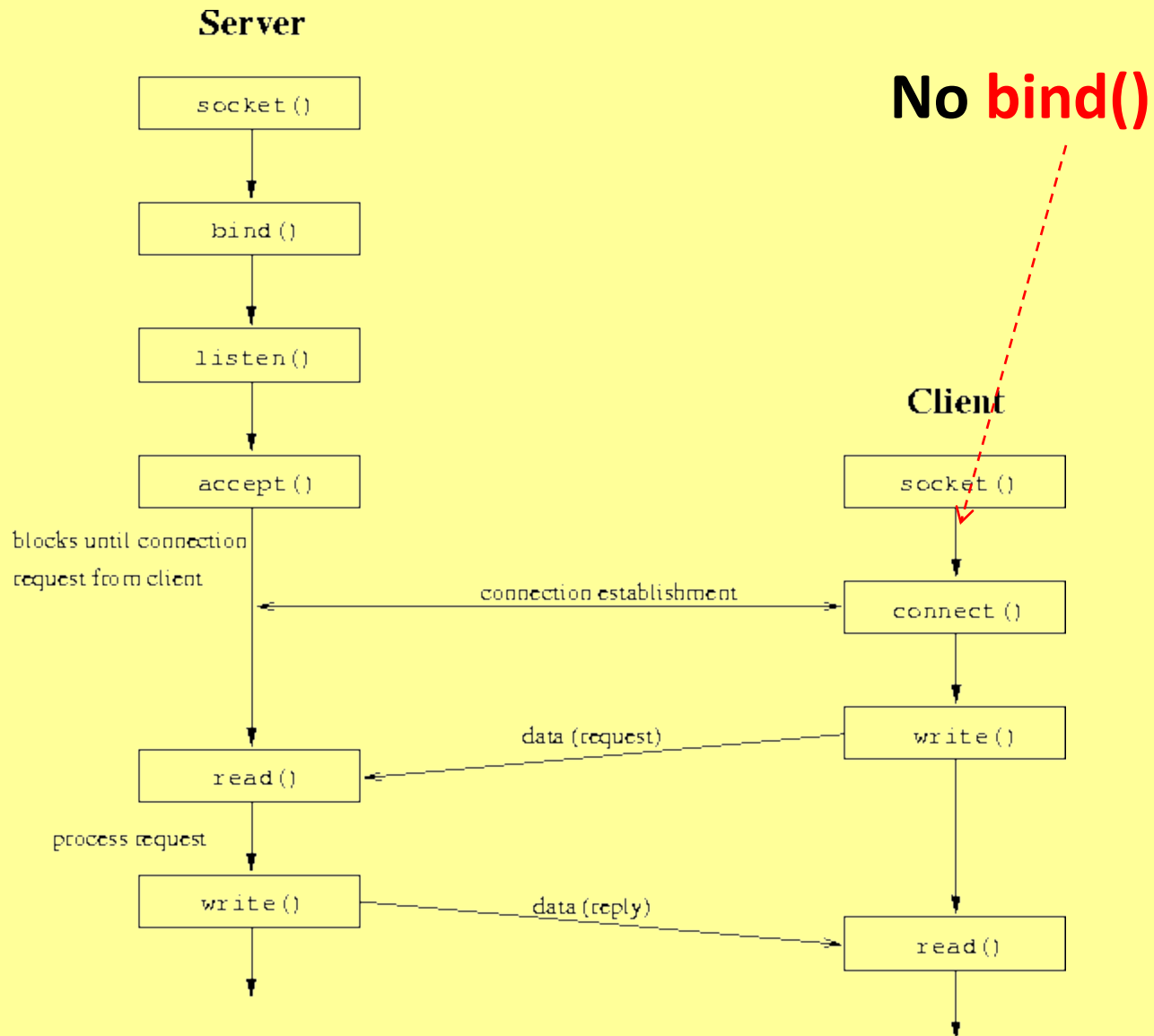
Examples

Socket System Calls:

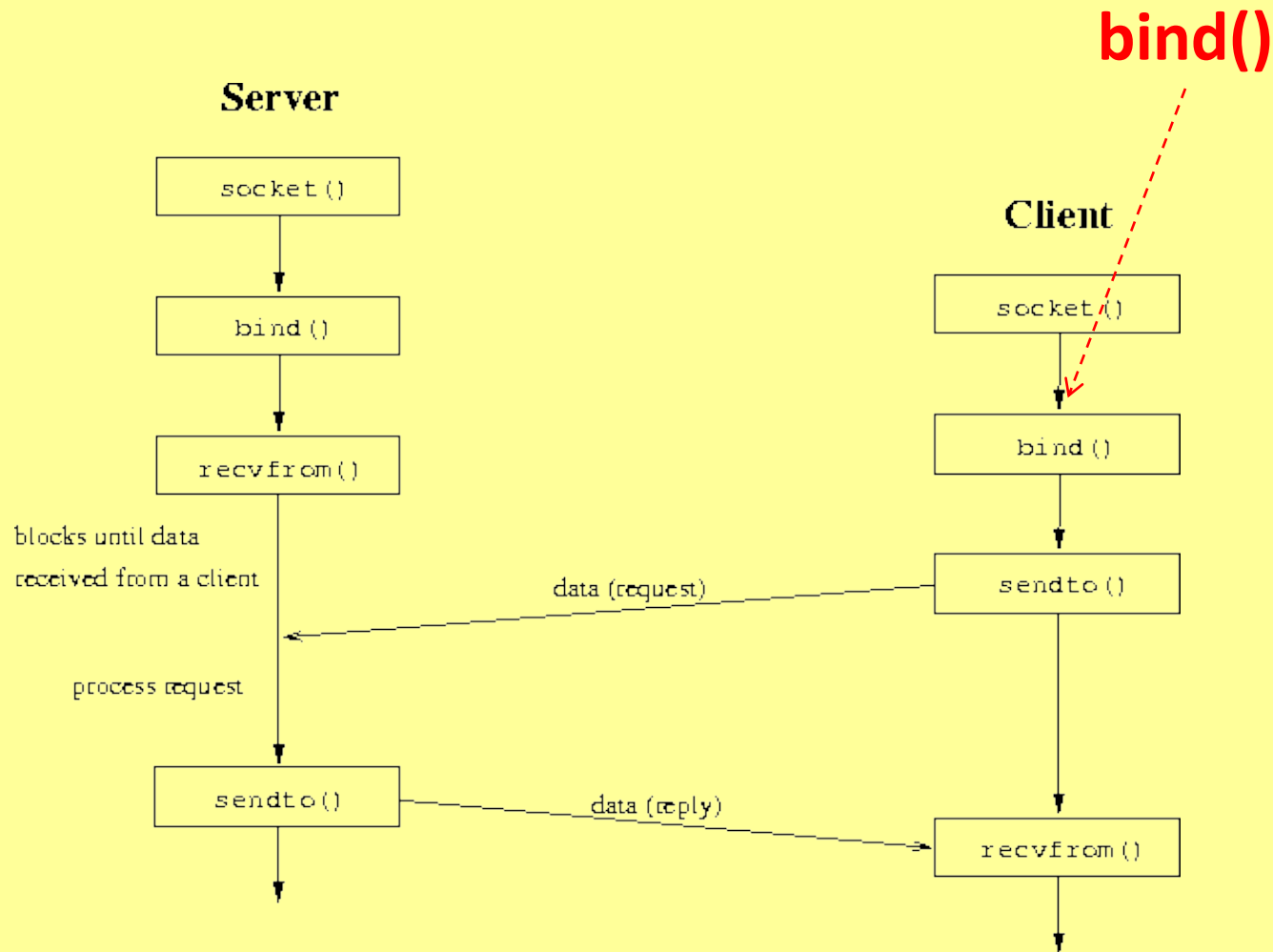
Connection-Oriented Protocol

Connection-less Protocol

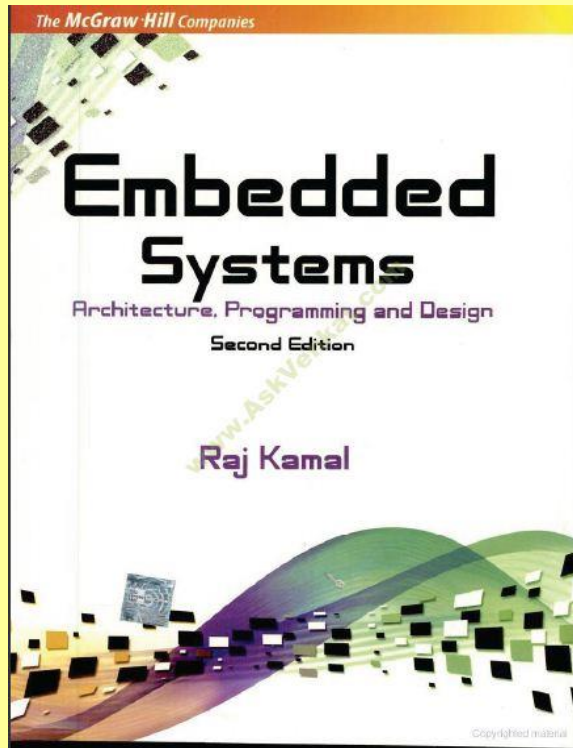
Example: Connection-oriented Protocol



Example: Connection-less Protocol



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