Establishing a TCP Connection: Three-Way Handshake *[RFC 9293, Aug. 2022]*

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    TCP Peer A                                                TCP Peer B
1.  CLOSED                                                    LISTEN
2.  SYN-SENT    --> <SEQ=100><CTL=SYN>                --> SYN-RECEIVED
3.  ESTABLISHED <-- <SEQ=300><ACK=101><CTL=SYN,ACK>   <-- SYN-RECEIVED
4.  ESTABLISHED --> <SEQ=101><ACK=301><CTL=ACK>       --> ESTABLISHED
5.  ESTABLISHED --> <SEQ=101><ACK=301><CTL=ACK><DATA> --> ESTABLISHED
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Figure 6: Basic Three-Way Handshake for Connection Synchronization

In line 2 of Figure 6, TCP Peer A begins by sending a SYN segment indicating that it will use sequence numbers starting with sequence number 100. In line 3, TCP Peer B sends a SYN and acknowledges the SYN it received from TCP Peer A. Note that the acknowledgment field indicates TCP Peer B is now expecting to hear sequence 101, acknowledging the SYN that occupied sequence 100.

At line 4, TCP Peer A responds with an empty segment containing an ACK for TCP Peer B's SYN; and in line 5, TCP Peer A sends some data. Note that the sequence number of the segment in line 5 is the same as in line 4 because the ACK does not occupy sequence number space (if it did, we would wind up ACKing ACKs!).

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Figure 12: Normal Close Sequence