

Report By Team - 9

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Assignment 1 : A simple client server program with the help of socket programming.

Socket: An interface between an application process and transport layer.

*The application process can send/receive messages to/from another application process (local or remote) via a socket

* In Unix jargon, a socket is a file descriptor – an integer associated with an open file.

* Types of Sockets: Internet Sockets, unix sockets, X.25 sockets etc Internet sockets characterized by IP Address (4 bytes) and port number (2 bytes).

Types of Internet Sockets

* Stream Sockets (SOCK_STREAM)

-Connection oriented

- Rely on TCP to provide reliable two-way connected communication

* Datagram Sockets (SOCK_DGRAM)

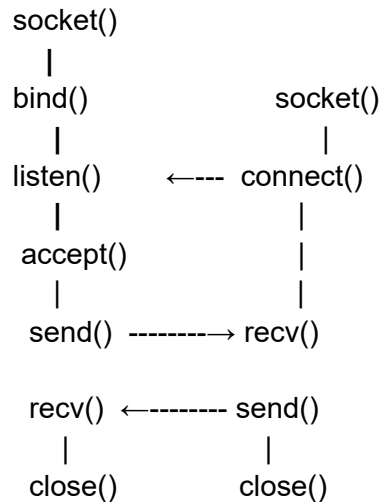
-Rely on UDP

-Connection is unreliable

Connection Oriented Protocol

Server

Client



Socket() --- Get the file descriptor

*int socket(int domain, int type, int protocol);

- domain should be set to AF_INET

-type can be SOCK_STREAM or SOCK_DGRAM

-set protocol to 0 to have socket choose the correct protocol based on type

-socket() returns a socket descriptor for use in later system calls or -1 on error

Dealing with IP address

*int inet_aton(const char *cp, struct in_addr *inp);

* Example usage: struct sockaddr_in my_addr;

my_addr.sin_family = AF_INET;

my_addr.sin_port = htons(MYPORT);

inet_aton("10.0.0.5",&(my_addr.sin_addr));

memset(&(my_addr.sin_zero),'\0',8);

*inet_aton() gives non-zero on success and zero on failure.

* To convert binary IP to string: inet_ntoa()

printf("%s",inet_ntoa(my_addr.sin_addr));

connect() -- Hello!

*Connects to a remote host

* int connect(int sockfd, struct sockaddr *serv_addr, int addrlen)

- sockfd is the socket descriptor returned by socket()

- serv_addr is pointer to struct sockaddr that contains information on destination IP address and port

- addrlen is set to sizeof(struct sockaddr) returns -1 on error
- * At times, you don't have to bind() when you are using connect().

accept() - Thank you for calling !

- *accept() gets the pending connection on the port you are listen()ing on
- * int accept(int sockfd, void *addr, int *addrlen);
- sockfd is the listening socket descriptor
- information about incoming connection is stored in addr which is a pointer to a local struct sockaddr_in
- addrlen is set to sizeof(struct sockaddr_in)
- accept returns a new socket file descriptor to use for this accepted connection and -1 on error

send() and recv() -- Let's talk !

- *int recv(int sockfd, void *buf, int len, int flags);
- sockfd is the socket descriptor to read from
- buf is the buffer to read the information into
- len is the maximum length of the buffer
- set flags to 0 for now
- recv() returns the number of bytes actually read into the buffer or -1 on error
- If recv() returns 0, the remote side has closed connection on you

close() - Bye !

- *int close(int sockfd);
- Closes connection corresponding to the socket descriptor and frees the socket descriptor
- Will prevent any more sends and recvs