

Computer Networks

The Socket API

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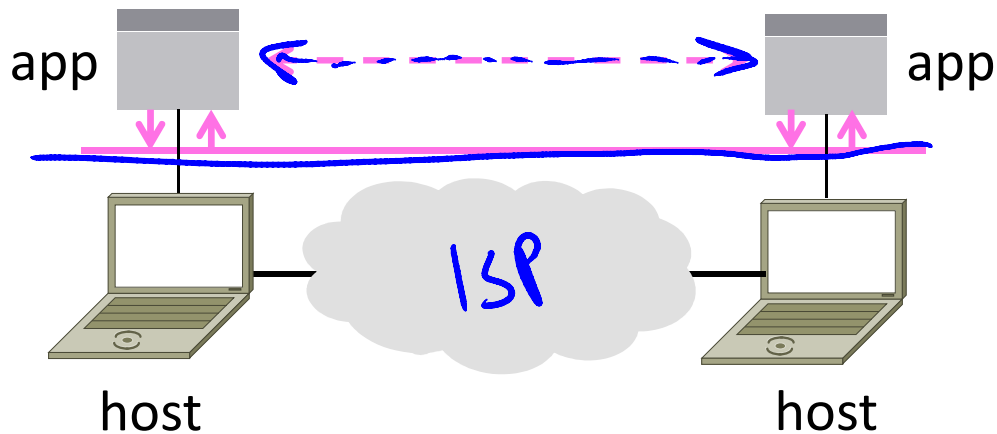
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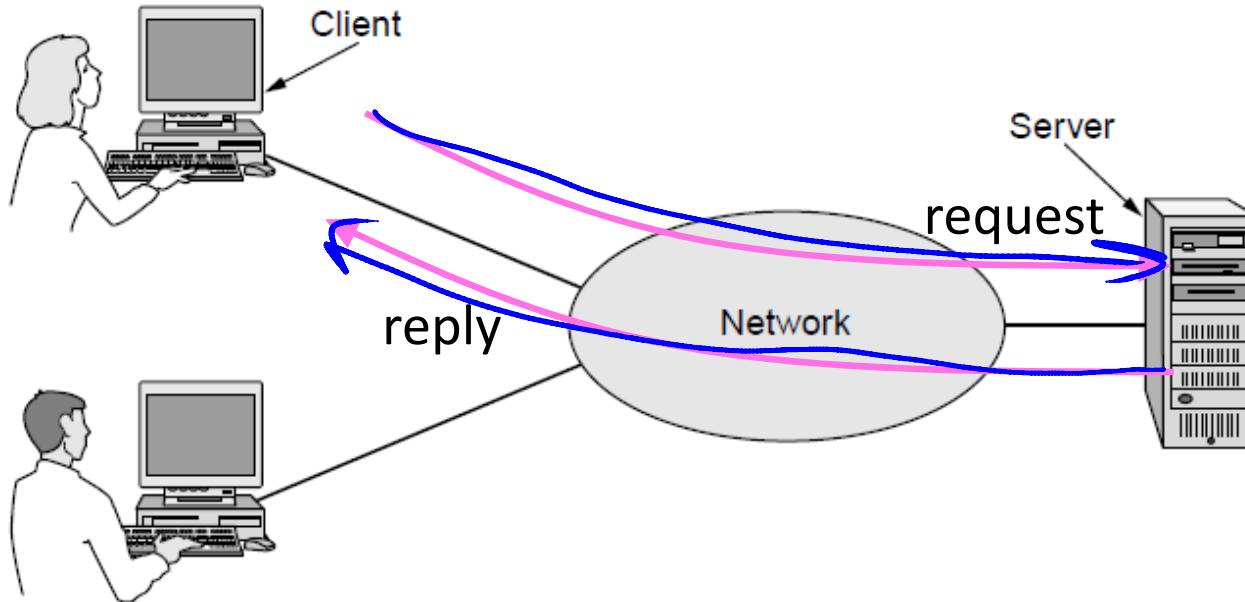
Network-Application Interface

- Defines how apps use the network
 - Lets apps talk to each other via hosts; hides the details of the network



Motivating Application

- Simple client-server setup



Motivating Application (2)

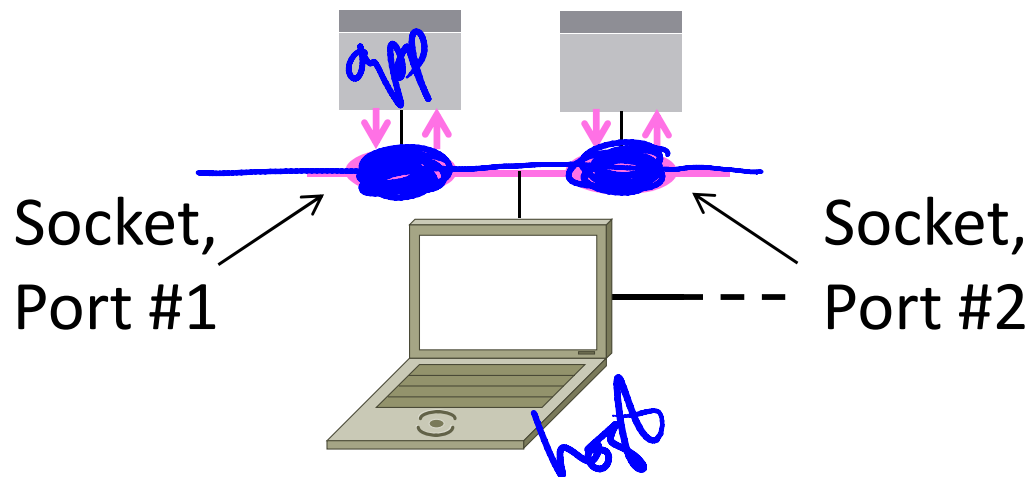
- Simple client-server setup
 - Client app sends a request to server app
 - Server app returns a (longer) reply
- This is the basis for many apps!
 - ➔ File transfer: send name, get file (§6.1.4)
 - ➔ Web browsing: send URL, get page
 - ➔ Echo: send message, get it back
- Let's see how to write this app ...

Socket API

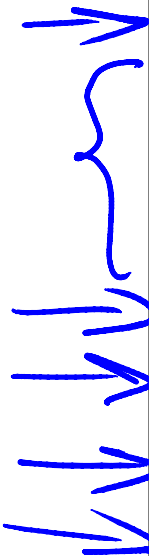
- Simple abstraction to use the network
 - The network service API used to write all Internet applications
 - Part of all major OSes and languages; originally Berkeley (Unix) ~1983
- Supports two kinds of network services
 - ➔ Streams: reliably send a stream of bytes »
 - Datagrams: unreliably send separate messages. (Ignore for now.)

Socket API (2)

- Sockets let apps attach to the local network at different ports



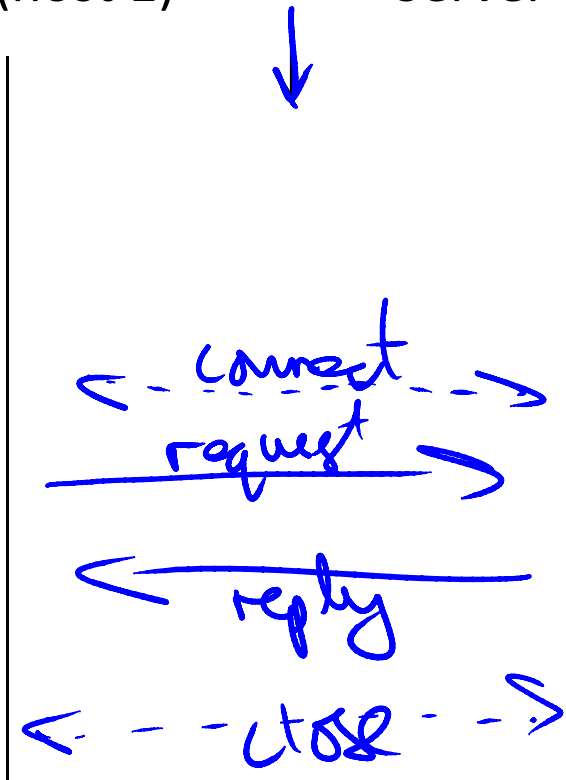
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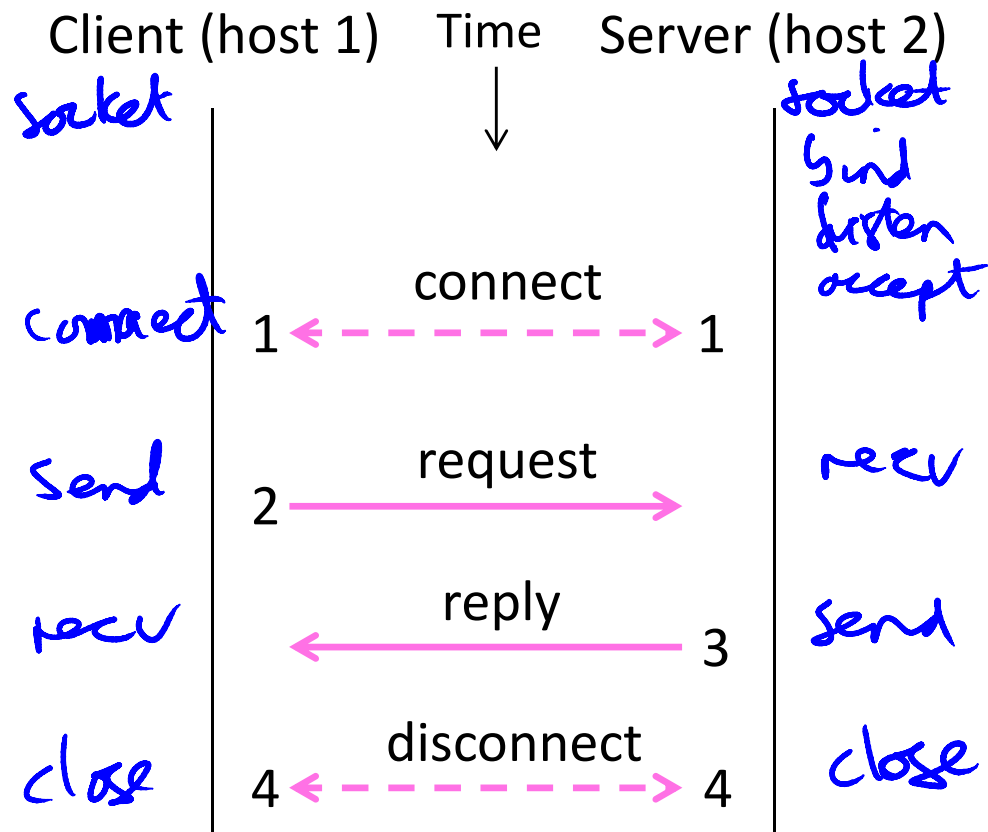
Primitive	Meaning
SOCKET	Create a new communication endpoint
BIND	Associate a local address with a socket
LISTEN	Announce willingness to accept connections; give queue size
ACCEPT	Passively establish an incoming connection
CONNECT	Actively attempt to establish a connection
SEND	Send some data over the connection
RECEIVE	Receive some data from the connection
CLOSE	Release the connection

Using Sockets

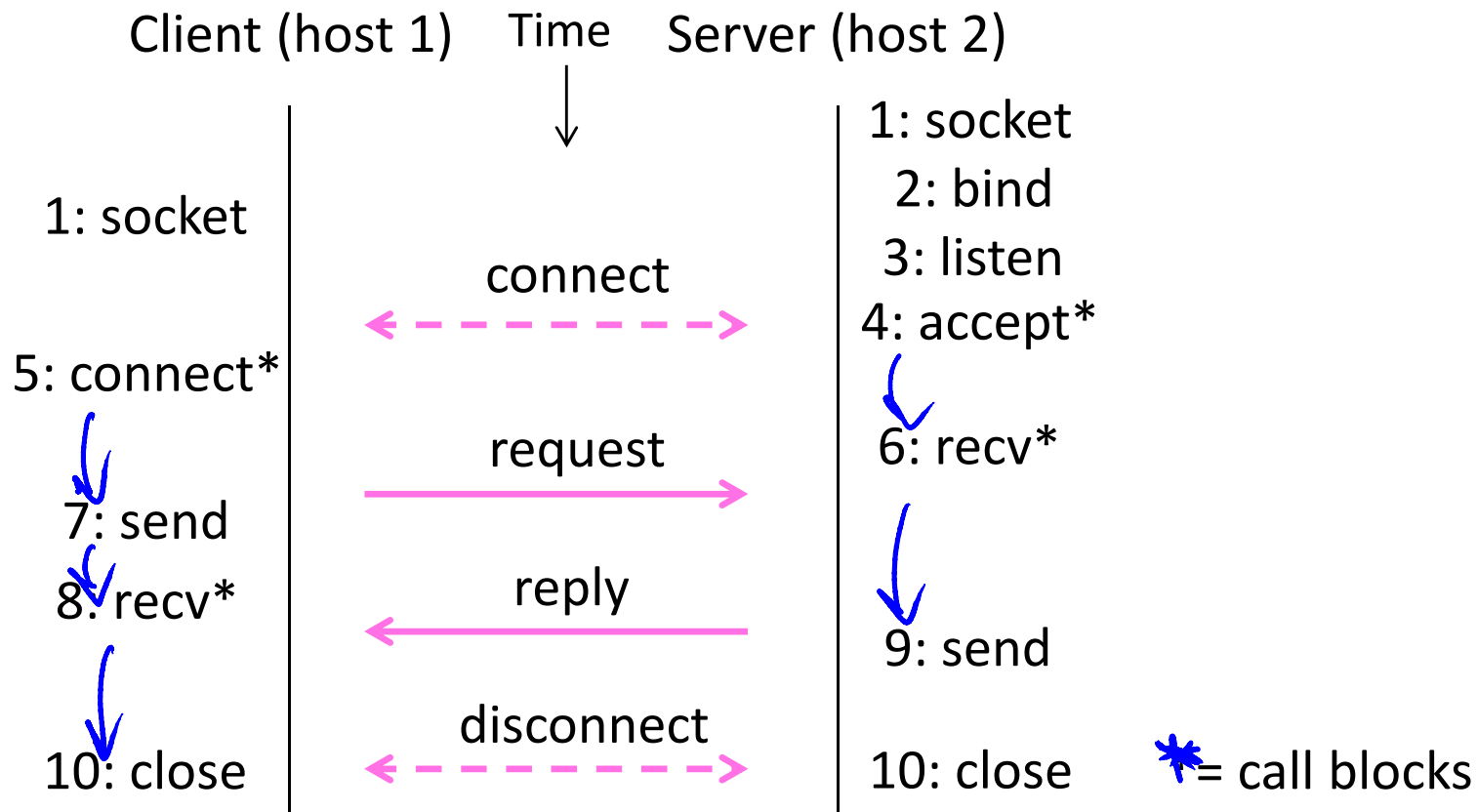
Client (host 1) Time Server (host 2)



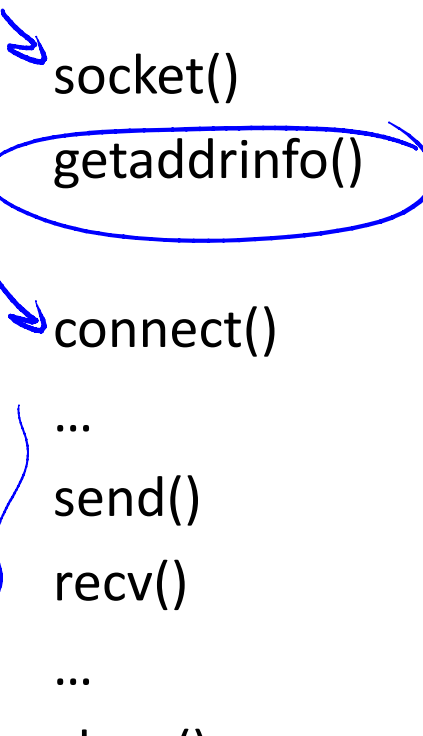
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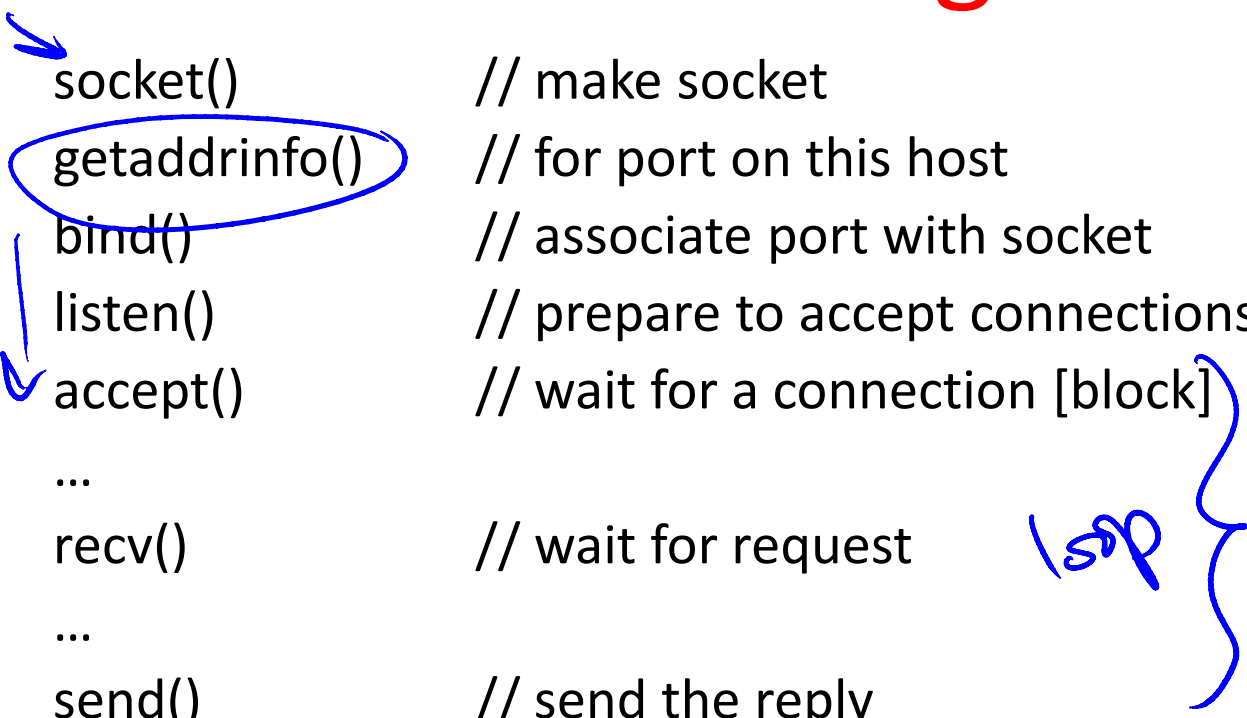


Client Program (outline)



```
socket()           // make socket
getaddrinfo()      // server and port name
                   // www.example.com:80
connect()          // connect to server [block]
...
send()             // send request
recv()             // await reply [block]
...               // do something with data!
close()            // done, disconnect
```

Server Program (outline)



```
socket()           // make socket
getaddrinfo()      // for port on this host
bind()             // associate port with socket
listen()           // prepare to accept connections
accept()           // wait for a connection [block]
...
recv()             // wait for request
...
send()             // send the reply
close()            // eventually disconnect
```

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