Ch11. Connecting to Processes Near and Far Servers and Sockets

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Chapter Summary

- client/server programming using pipes and sockets
- Interprocess communication and client/server design.
- The idea and techniques of socket programming

Common Interface for different types of sources

- **Disk/Device File**
  - Use open() to connect, and use **read()** and **write()** to transfer data.
- **Pipes**
  - Use pipe() to create, use fork() to share, and use **read()** and **write()** to transfer data
- **Sockets**
  - Use socket(), listen(), and connect() to connect, and use **read()** and **write()** to transfer data.

Use **read()** and **write()** system call to transfer data to/from processes

bc: A UNIX CALCULATOR

- Bc can handle very long number:

```
seokin@compasslab1:~$ bc
bc 1.07.1
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For details type `warranty'.
12^123
5486473221892422150934082166721730811348667928100671624512517021843 4\
5654170952335908278072027739886783697236736945670410816929451212 8
1000+1000
2000
20000000+200000
20200000
```

- But bc Is Not a calculator!

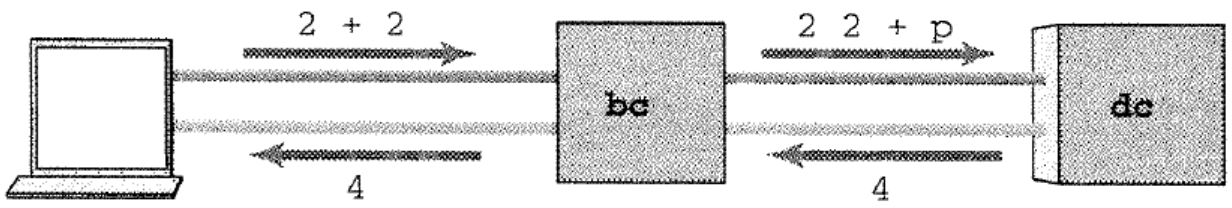
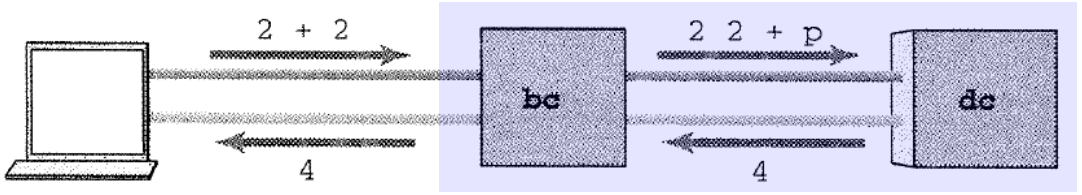


FIGURE 11.3

bc and dc as coroutines.

bc: A UNIX CALCULATOR

- Ideas from bc
  - **Client/Server Model**
    - dc provides a service (calculation)
    - bc provides a user interface AND uses the service
    - bc is called a client of dc.
  - **Bidirectional Communication**
    - Using pipes, you need two pipes
  - **Persistent Service (coroutines)**
    - Both processes continue to run
    - Control passes from one to the other as each completed its part of the job
    - bc has the job of parsing input and printing the computation results
    - dc has the job of computing



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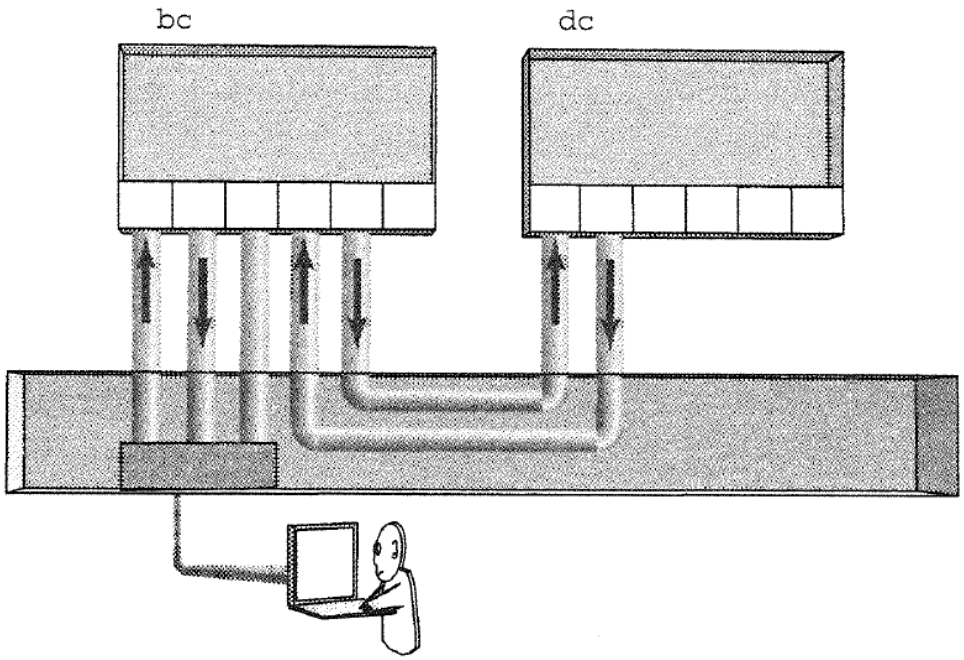
bc and dc as coroutines.

Coding bc: pipe, fork, dup, exec



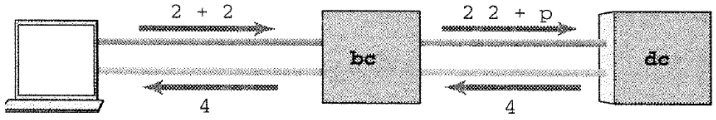


FIGURE 11.4

bc, dc, and kernel.

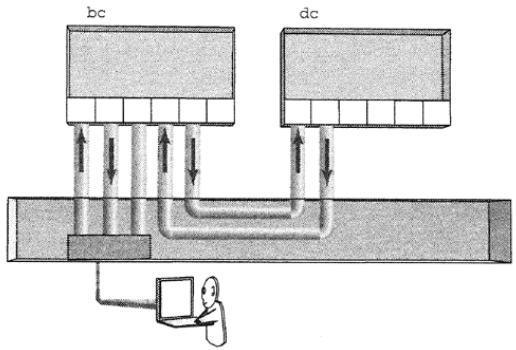
(a) Create two pipes.

(b) Create a process to run `dc`.

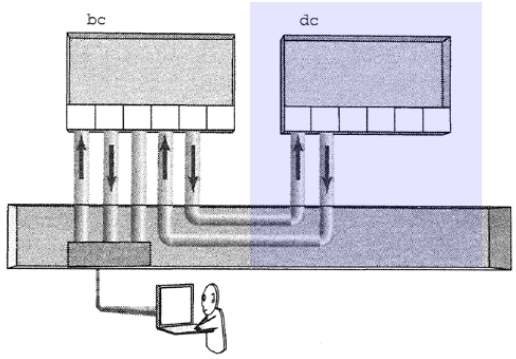
(c) In the new process, redirect `stdin` and `stdout` to the pipes, then `exec dc`.

(d) In the parent, read and parse user input, write commands to dc, read response from dc, and send response to user.

```
/**     tinybc.c        * a tiny calculator that uses dc to do its work
 **                     * demonstrates bidirectional pipes
 **                     * input looks like number op number which
 **                       tinybc converts into number \n number \n op \n p
 **                       and passes result back to stdout
 **
 **              +-----------+                    +----------+
 **      stdin  >0            >== pipetodc ====>             |
 **             |  tinybc     |                    |   dc -   |
 **      stdout <1            <== pipefromdc ==<             |
 **              +-----------+                    +----------+
 **
 **                  * program outline
 **                          a. get two pipes
 **                          b. fork (get another process)
 **                          c. in the dc-to-be process,
 **                                  connect stdin and out to pipes
 **                                  then execl dc
 **                          d. in the tinybc-process, no plumbing to do
 **                                  just talk to human via normal i/o
 **                                   and send stuff via pipe
 **                          e. then close pipe and dc dies
 **                   * note: does not handle multiline answers
 **/
```

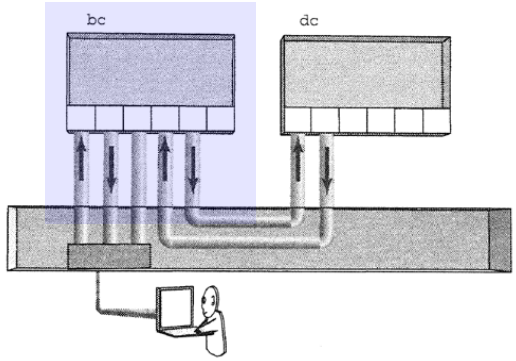



```
#include        <stdio.h>
#include        <unistd.h>
#include        <stdlib.h>
#define         oops(m, x){perror(m); exit(x);}

void be_dc(int in[2], int out[2]);
void be_bc(int todc[2], int fromdc[2]);
void fatal(char mess[]);

main()
{
        int     pid, todc[2], fromdc[2];        /* equipment    */

        /* make two pipes */

        if ( pipe(todc) == -1 || pipe(fromdc) == -1 )
                oops("pipe failed", 1);

        /* get a process for user interface */

        if ( (pid = fork()) == -1 )
                oops("cannot fork", 2);
        if ( pid == 0 )                         /* child is dc  */
                be_dc(todc, fromdc);
        else {
                be_bc(todc, fromdc);            /* parent is ui */
                wait(NULL);                     /* wait for child */
        }
}
```




```
void be_dc(int in[2], int out[2])
/*
 *      set up stdin and stdout, then execl dc
 */
{
    /* setup stdin from pipein  */
        if ( dup2(in[0],0) == -1 )      /* copy read end to 0   */
                oops("dc: cannot redirect stdin",3);
        close(in[0]);                   /* moved to fd 0        */
        close(in[1]);                   /* won't write here     */

    /* setup stdout to pipeout  */
        if ( dup2(out[1], 1) == -1 )    /* dupe write end to 1  */
                oops("dc: cannot redirect stdout",4);
        close(out[1]);                  /* moved to fd 1        */
        close(out[0]);                  /* won't read from here */

    /* now execl dc with the - option */
        execlp("dc", "dc", "-", NULL );
        oops("Cannot run dc", 5);
}
```

Standard input stream will be processed.




```
void be_bc(int todc[2], int fromdc[2])
/*
 *      read from stdin and convert into to RPN, send down pipe
 *      then read from other pipe and print to user
 *      Uses fdopen() to convert a file descriptor to a stream
 */
{
        int     num1, num2;
        char    operation[BUFSIZ], message[BUFSIZ], *fgets();
        FILE    *fpout, *fpin, *fdopen();

        /* setup */
        close(todc[0]);                 /* won't read from pipe to dc   */
        close(fromdc[1]);               /* won't write to pipe from dc */ ④

        fpout = fdopen( todc[1],   "w" );       /* convert file desc-   */
        fpin  = fdopen( fromdc[0], "r" );       /* riptors to streams   */ ⑤
        if ( fpout == NULL || fpin == NULL )
                fatal("Error converting pipes to streams");
```

```
    /* main loop */
    while ( printf("tinybc: "), fgets(message,BUFSIZ,stdin) != NULL ){

            /* parse input */
            if ( sscanf(message,"%d%[-+*/^]%d",&num1,operation,
              &num2)!=3){
                    printf("syntax error\n");
                    continue;
            }

            if ( fprintf( fpout , "%d\n%d\n%c\np\n", num1, num2,
                            *operation ) == EOF )
                                    fatal("Error writing");
            fflush(  fpout );
            if ( fgets( message, BUFSIZ, fpin ) == NULL )
                    break;
            printf("%d %c %d = %s", num1, *operation , num2, message); // stdout
    }
    fclose(fpout);          /* close pipe          */
    fclose(fpin);           /* dc will see EOF     */
}
```

2\n2\n+\np\n

```
void fatal(char mess[])
{
        fprintf(stderr, "Error: %s\n", mess);
        exit(1);
}
```

```
$ cc tinybc.c -o tinybc ; ./tinybc
tinybc: 2+2 ⟶ no spaces
2 + 2 = 4
tinybc: 55^5
55 ^ 5 = 503284375
tinybc:


…
tynybc: ctrl+D
 $
```

`fdopen`: Making File Descriptors Look like Files

- `fopen`: file name → FILE *
- `fdopen`: file descriptor → FILE *
  - you can use **standard**, **buffered I/O** operations;
  - **`tinybc.c` uses `fprintf` and `fgets` to send data through the pipes to `dc`.**

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popen: MAKING PROCESSES LOOK LIKE FILE

- We examine the popen library function.

- We see what popen does and how popen works, and then we write our own version.

What popen Does

- fopen() opens a buffered connection to a file:

```
FILE *fp;                          /* a pointer to a struct */
fp = fopen( "file1", "r" );        /* args are filename, connection type */
c = getc(fp);                      /* read char by char */
fgets(buf, len, fp);               /* line by line      */
fscanf(fp,"%d%d%s",&x,&y,x);       /* token by token    */
fclose(fp);                        /* close when done   */
```

- popen() opens a buffered connection to a process:

```
FILE *fp;                          /* same type of struct */

fp = popen("ls", "r");             /* args are program name, connection type */
fgets(buf, len, fp);               /* exactly the same functions             */
pclose(fp);                        /* close when done */
```

What popen Does

- Similarities between popen and fopen.

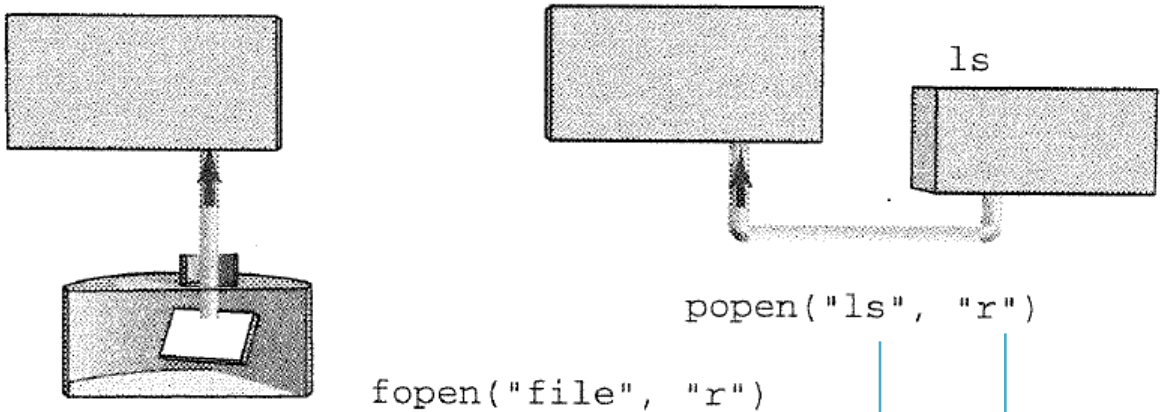

FIGURE 11.5

fopen and popen.

It can be either "r" or "w", but never "a".

It can be any shell command.

```
/* popendemo.c
 *      demonstrates how to open a program for standard i/o
 *      important points:
 *              1. popen() returns a FILE *, just like fopen()
 *              2. the FILE * it returns can be read/written
 *                 with all the standard functions
 *              3. you need to use pclose() when done
 */
#include        <stdio.h>
#include        <stdlib.h>

int main()
{
        FILE    *fp;
        char    buf[100];
        int     i = 0;

        fp = popen( "who|sort", "r" );          /* open the command  */

        while ( fgets( buf, 100, fp ) != NULL ) /* read from command */
                printf("%3d %s", i++, buf );    /* print data        */

        pclose( fp );                           /* IMPORTANT!        */
        return 0;
}
```

- `pclose` is Required
  - A process needs to be waited for, or it becomes a *zombie*.
  - **`pclose` calls `wait`.**

Writing popen: Using fdopen

- How does `popen` work?
  - `popen` **runs** a program and **returns** a connection to the standard input or standard output of that program.

```
FILE    *fp;
char    buf[100];
int     i = 0;

fp = popen( "who|sort", "r" );

while ( fgets( buf, 100, fp ) != NULL )
        printf("%3d %s", i++, buf );

pclose( fp );
return 0;
```

Writing `popen`: Using `fdopen`

popen("cmd", "**r**")

```
                pipe(p)
                fork()
  parent          |          child
    +-------------+-------------+
close(p[1]);                    close(p[0]);
fp = fdopen(p[0],"r")           dup2(p[1], 1);
return fp;                      close(p[1]);
                                execl("/bin/sh","sh","-c",cmd,NULL);
```

The only program that can run any shell command is the shell itself

```
FILE    *fp;
char    buf[BUFSIZ];

fp = popen("ls","r");
while( fgets(buf, BUFSIZ,fp) != NULL)
    fputs(buf, stdout);
return 0;
```

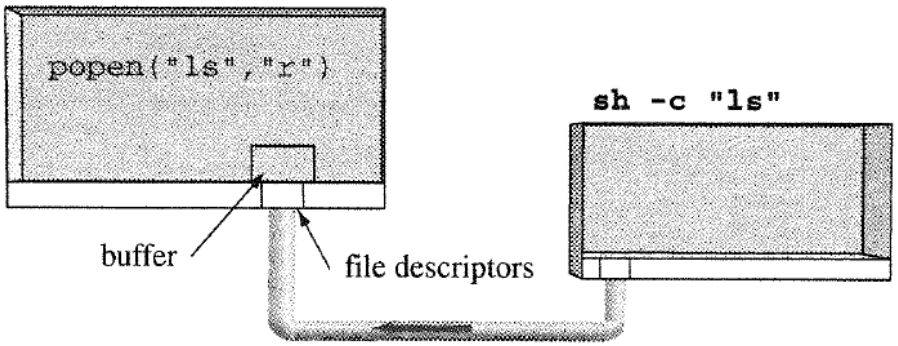

FIGURE 11.6

Reading from a shell command.

```
/*  popen.c -  a version of the Unix popen() library function
 *      FILE *popen( char *command, char *mode )
 *              command is a regular shell command
 *              mode is "r" or "w"
 *              returns a stream attached to the command, or NULL
 *              execls "sh" "-c" command
 *    todo: what about signal handling for child process?
 */
#include        <stdio.h>
#include        <signal.h>
#define READ    0
#define WRITE   1
```

```
const char* given_command = "who | sort";
const char* given_mode    = "r";


void main(){

    FILE* fp = popen(given_command, given_mode);
    char buf[100];
    int i=0;

    while(fgets(buf,100, fp)!=NULL)
        printf("%3d %s", i++, buf);
    pclose(fp);

    return 0;
}
```

```
FILE *popen(const char *command, const char *mode)
{
        int     pfp[2], pid;            /* the pipe and the process     */
        FILE    *fdopen(), *fp;         /* fdopen makes a fd a stream   */
        int     parent_end, child_end;  /* of pipe                      */

        if ( *mode == 'r' ){            /* figure out direction         */
                parent_end = READ;
                child_end = WRITE ;
        } else if ( *mode == 'w' ){
                parent_end = WRITE;
                child_end = READ ;
        } else return NULL ;

        if ( pipe(pfp) == -1 )                  /* get a pipe           */
                return NULL;
        if ( (pid = fork()) == -1 ){            /* and a process        */
                close(pfp[0]);                  /* or dispose of pipe   */
                close(pfp[1]);
                return NULL;
        }
```

```
    /* --------------- parent code here ------------------- */
    /*   need to close one end and fdopen other end         */

    if ( pid > 0 ){
            if (close( pfp[child_end] ) == -1 )
                    return NULL;
           return fdopen( pfp[parent_end] , mode );   /* same mode */
    }

    /* --------------- child code here --------------------- */
    /*   need to redirect stdin or stdout then exec the cmd  */

   if ( close(pfp[parent_end]) == -1 )     /* close the other end  */
           exit(1);                        /* do NOT return        */

    if ( dup2(pfp[child_end], child_end) == -1 )
            exit(1);

   if ( close(pfp[child_end]) == -1 )       /* done with this one   */
            exit(1);

                                           /* all set to run cmd   */
    execl( "/bin/sh", "sh", "-c", command, NULL );
    exit(1);
}
```

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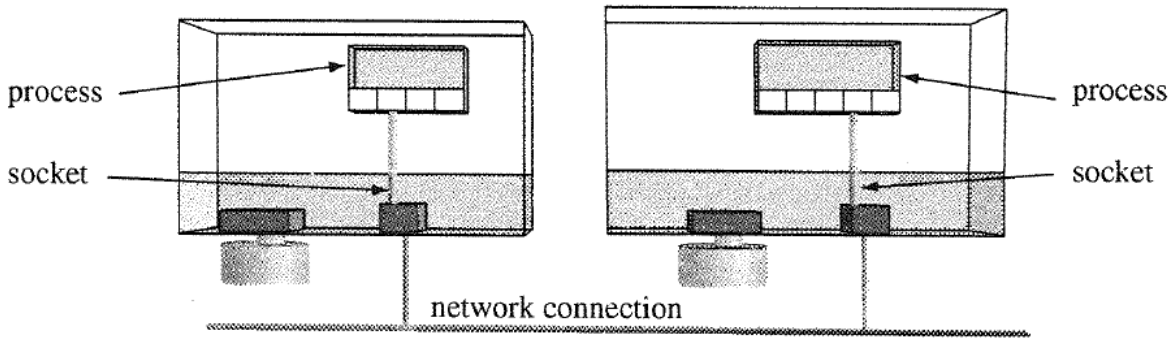
- bc: A Unix Calculator
- popen: Making Process Look like Files
- Sockets: Connecting to Remote Processes

Sockets

- Limitations of pipes
  - It can only connect related processes : ex) parent/child
  - It can only connect processes on the same computer
- Unix provides another method of inter-process communication : sockets
- Sockets allow processes to create pipe-like connections to unrelated processes and even to process on other computers



Important Concepts in Socket Programming

- **Client and server**
  - In Unix terms, server is a program, not a computer
  - A server process wait for a request processes it and loops back to take the next request but a client does not loop.
- **Hostname and port:**
  - A server on the internet is a process running on a computer
  - The computer is called the host, and it has a hostname and a port number.
- **Address family**
  - Like phone-number or zip code, a host has an address.
- **Protocol**
  - A set of rules that governs interaction between client and server.

Example: Time Server and Client

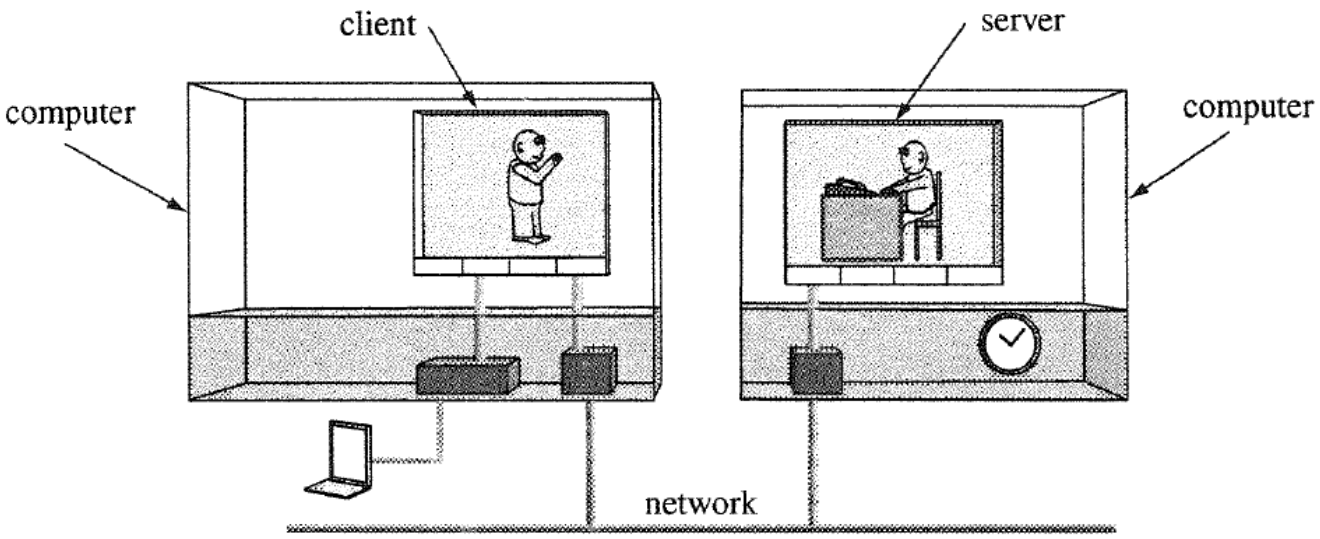


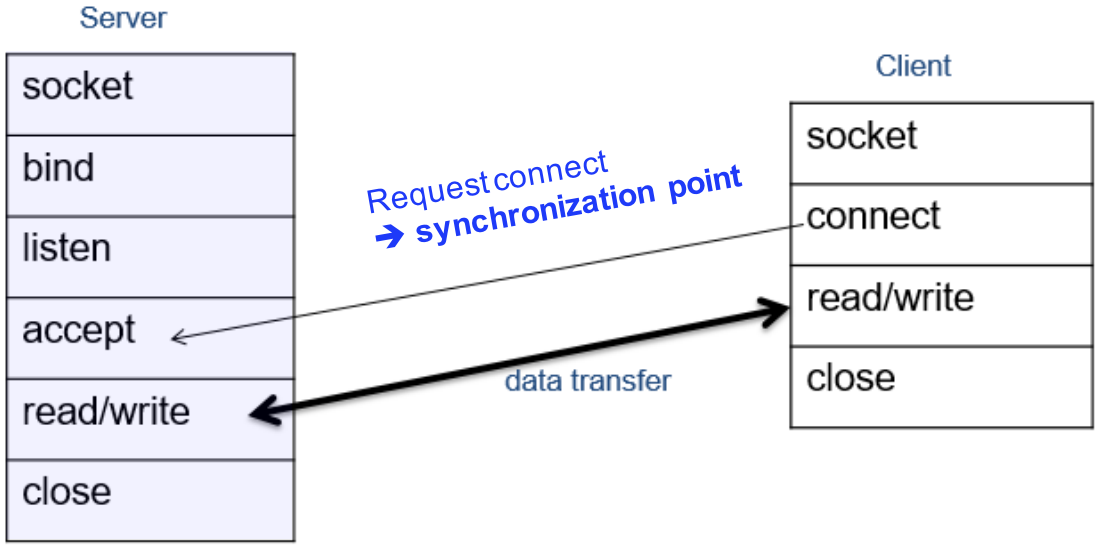
FIGURE 11.9

Processes on different computers.

```
seokin@compasslab1:~/workspace/system_programming/labs/lab10$  ./timeserv &
[1] 21714
seokin@compasslab1:~/workspace/system_programming/labs/lab10$  ./timeclnt
compasslab1  23000
Wow! got a call!!!
The time here is ..Tue Nov 13 23:49:31 2018
seokin@compasslab1:~/workspace/system_programming/labs/lab10$
```

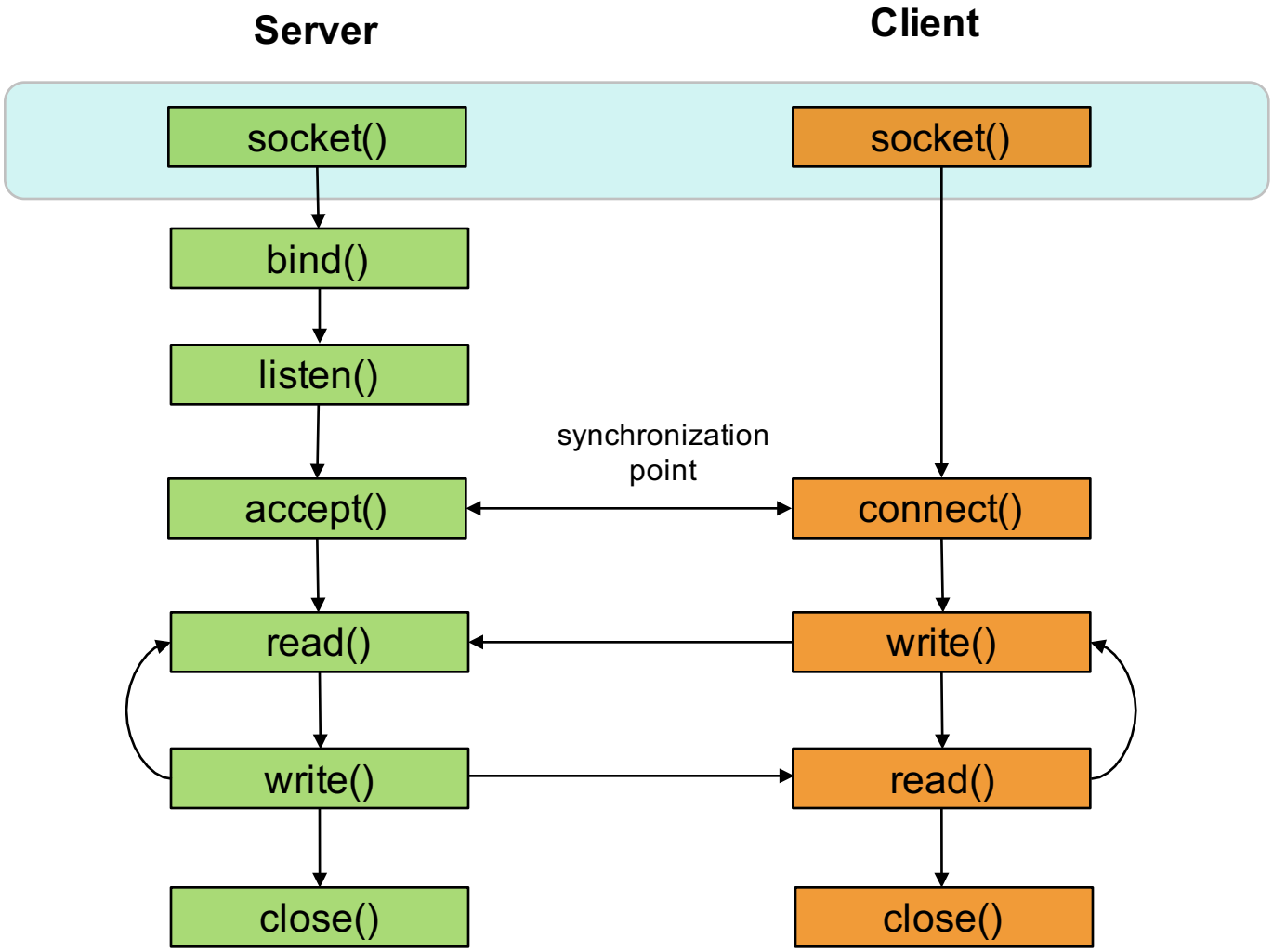
Writing `timeserv.c`: A Time Server

action	syscall
1. Get a phone line	`socket`
2. Assign a number	`bind`
3. Allow incoming calls	`listen`
4. Wait for a call	`accept`
5. Transfer data	`read/write`
6. Hang up	`close`



Writing `timeserv.c`: A Time Server

- Step 1: Ask kernel for a socket



Writing `timeserv.c`: A Time Server

- Step 1: Ask kernel for a socket

socket	
PURPOSE	Create a socket
INCLUDE	#include <sys/types.h> #include <sys/socket.h>
USAGE	sockid = socket(int domain, int type, int protocol)
ARGS	domain — communication domain. PF_INET is for Internet sockets type — type of socket. SOCK_STREAM looks like a pipe protocol — protocol used within the socket. 0 is default.
RETURNS	-1 — if error sockid — a socket id if successful

PF_INET : IPv4 protocols (internet addresses)
PF_UNIX : local communication

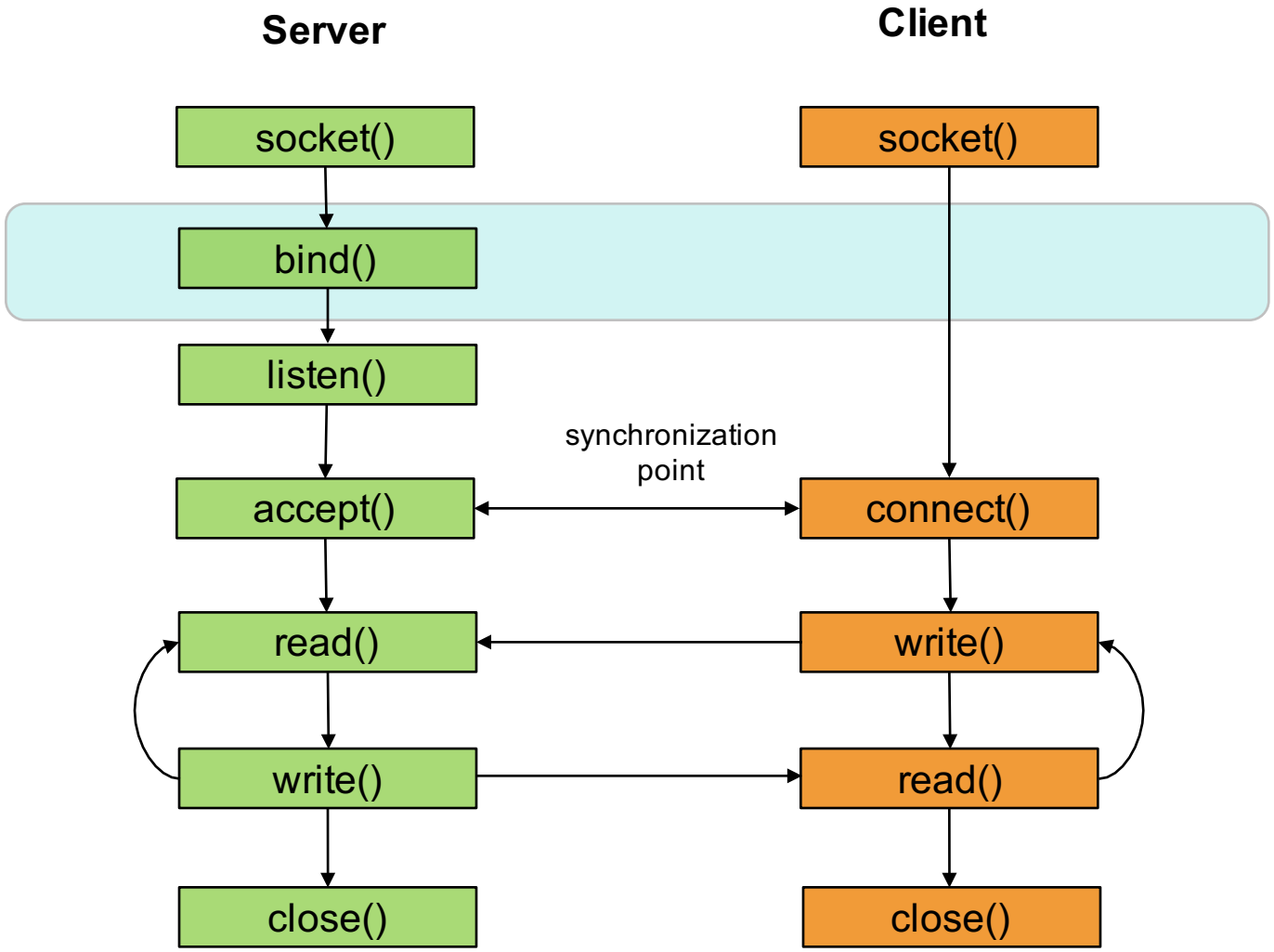
SOCK_STREAM : reliable, 2-way, connection-based service
SOCK_DGRAM : unreliable, connectionless

IPROTO_TCP, IPPROTO_UDP
0: system will determine the protocol

```
sock_id = socket( PF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0 );
if ( sock_id == -1 )
        oops( "socket" );
```

Writing `timeserv.c`: A Time Server

- Step 2: Bind address to socket; Address is host, port.



Writing `timeserv.c`: A Time Server

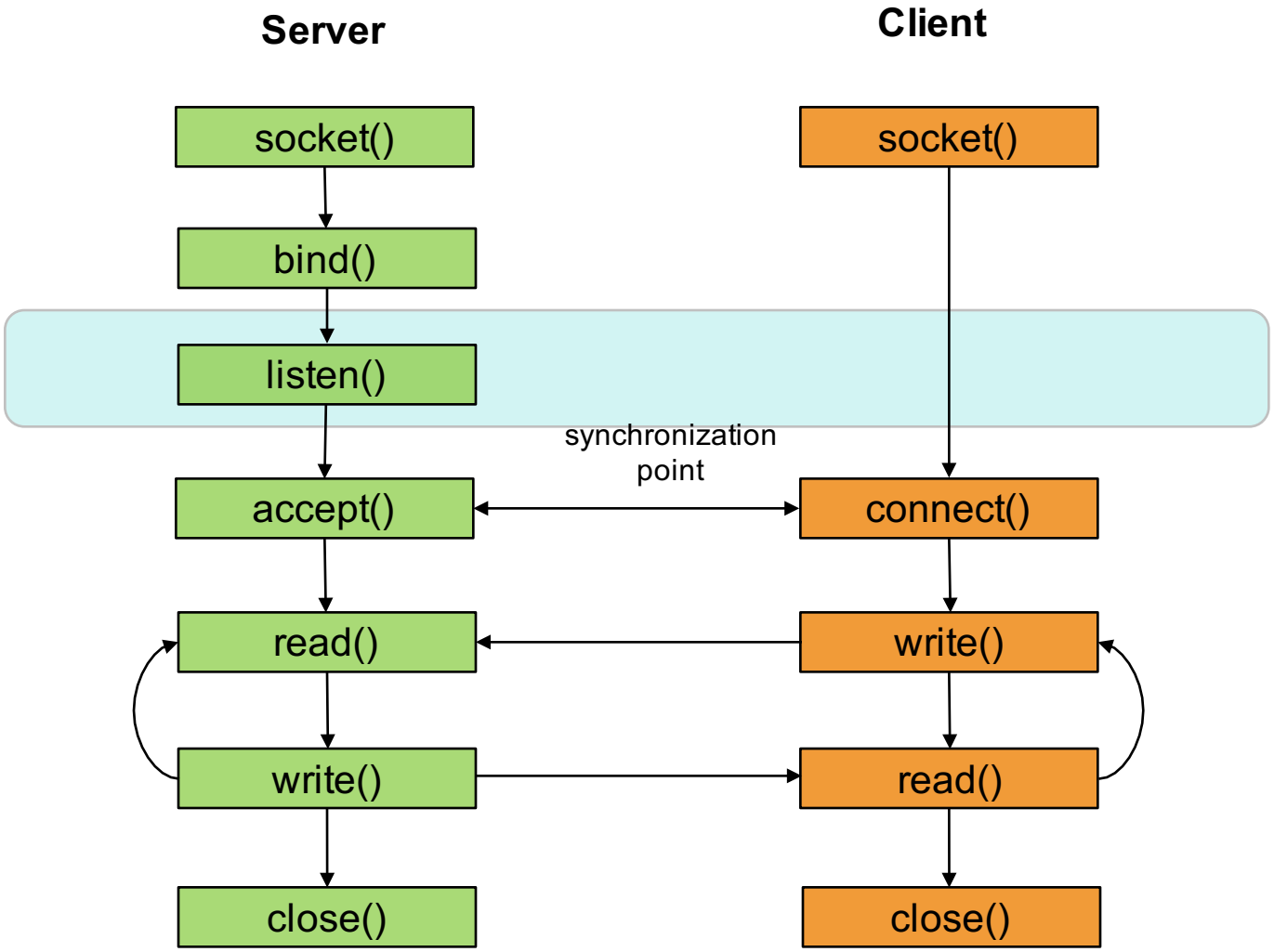
- Step 2: Bind address to socket; Address is host, port.

bind		
PURPOSE	Bind an address to a socket	
INCLUDE	#include <sys/types.h> #include <sys/socket.h>	
USAGE	result = bind(int sockid, struct sockaddr *addrp, socklen_t addrlen)	
ARGS	sockid	the id of the socket
	addrp	a pointer to a struct containing the address
	addrlen	the length of the struct
RETURNS	-1	if error
	0	if success

```
if ( bind(sock_id, (struct sockaddr *)&saddr, sizeof(saddr)) != 0 )
        oops( "bind" );
```

Writing `timeserv.c`: A Time Server

- Step 3: Allow incoming calls on socket



Writing `timeserv.c`: A Time Server

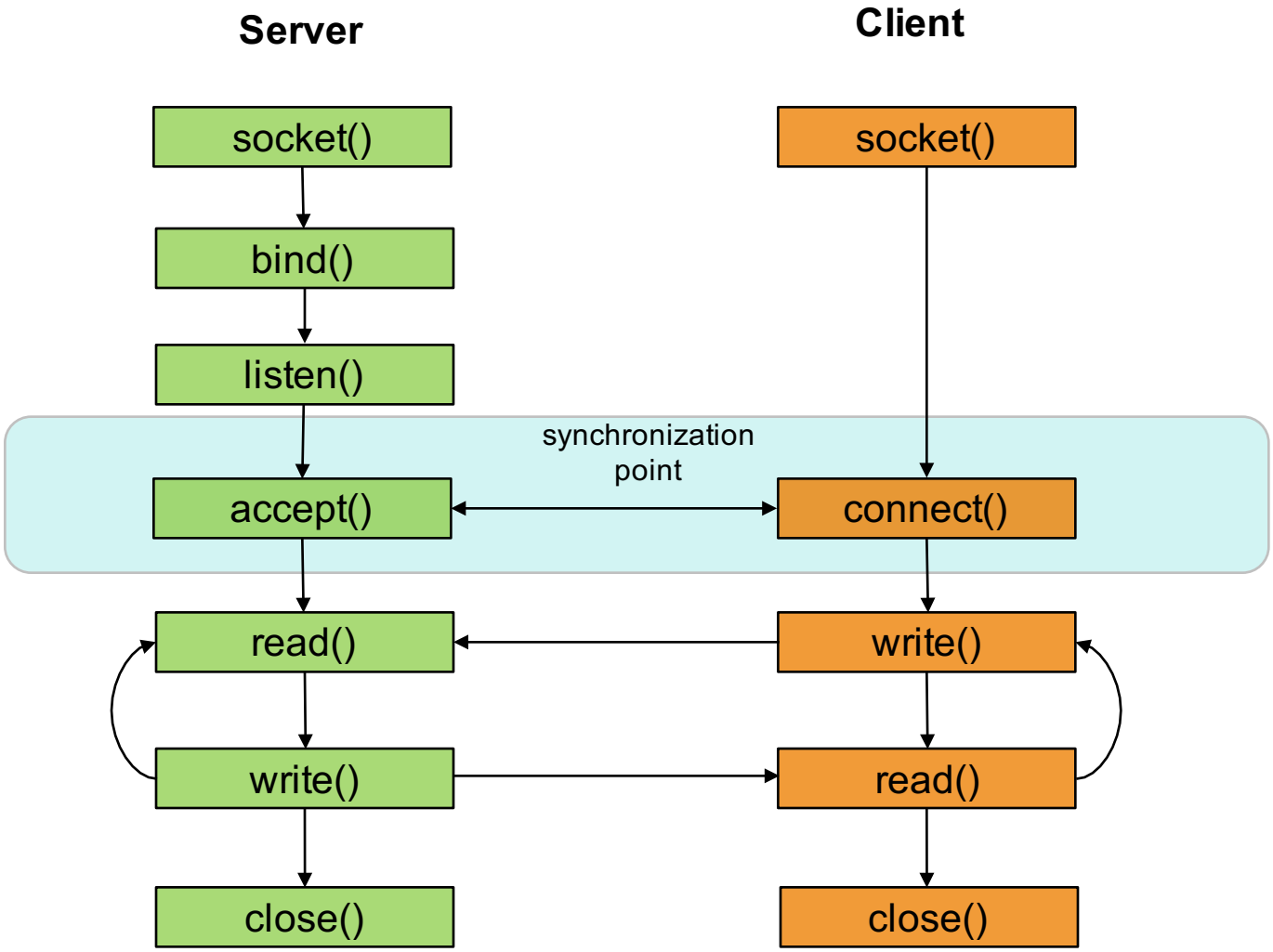
- Step 3: Allow incoming calls on socket

listen	
PURPOSE	Listen for connections on a socket
INCLUDE	#include <sys/socket.h>
USAGE	result = listen(int sockid, int qsize)
ARGS	sockid socket that will accept calls qsize backlog of incoming connections
RETURNS	-1 if error 0 if success

```
if ( listen(sock_id, 1) != 0 )
        oops( "listen" );
```

Writing `timeserv.c`: A Time Server

- Step 4: Wait For/Accept a connection



Writing `timeserv.c`: A Time Server

- Step 4: Wait For/Accept a connection

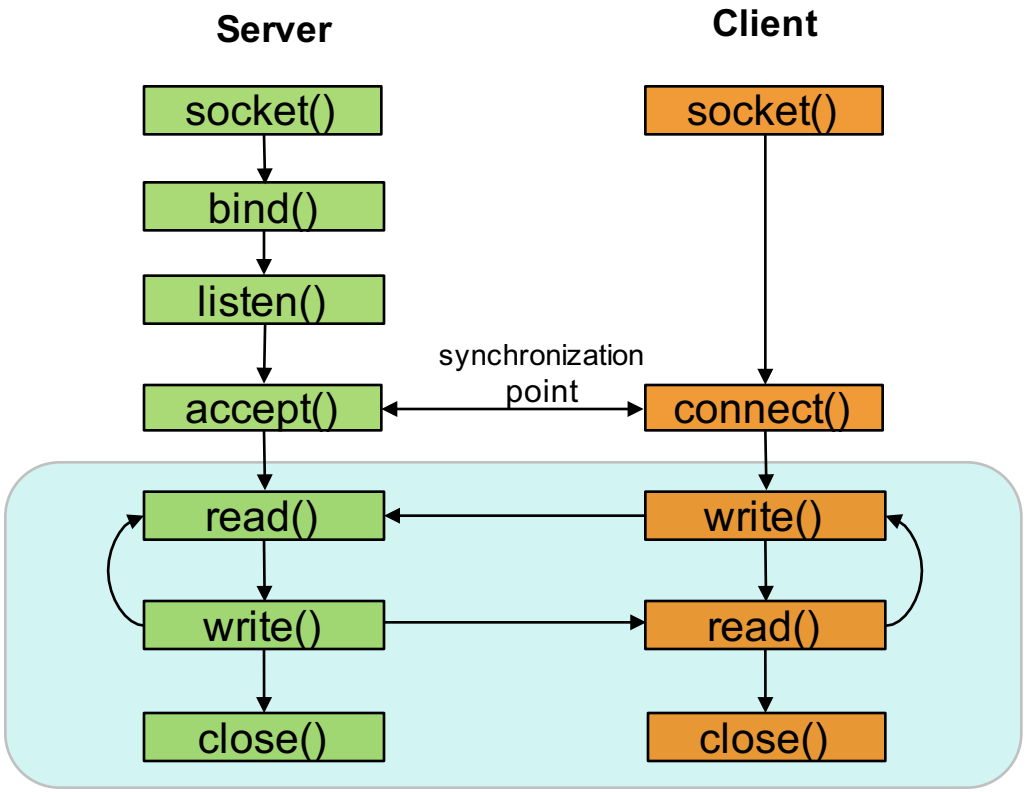
accept		
PURPOSE	Accept a connection on a socket	
INCLUDE	#include <sys/types.h> #include <sys/socket.h>	
USAGE	fd = accept(int sockid, struct sockaddr *callerid, socklen_t *addrlenp)	
ARGS	sockid	accept a call on this socket
	callerid	pointer to struct for address of caller
	addrlenp	pointer to storage for length of address of caller
RETURNS	-1	if error
	fd	a file descriptor open for reading and writing

```
sock_fd = accept(sock_id, NULL, NULL);
```

Writing `timeserv.c`: A Time Server

- Step 5: Transfer Data

- Step 6: Close Connection



Writing `timeserv.c`: A Time Server

```
/* timeserv.c - a socket-based time of day server
 */
#include  <stdlib.h>      //for exit()
#include  <stdio.h>
#include  <unistd.h>
#include  <sys/types.h>
#include  <sys/socket.h>
#include  <netinet/in.h>
#include  <netdb.h>
#include  <time.h>
#include  <strings.h>
#define   PORTNUM  13000    /* our time service phone number */
#define   HOSTLEN  256
#define   oops(msg)       { perror(msg) ; exit(1) ; }
```

```
int main(int ac, char *av[])
{
        struct  sockaddr_in   saddr;    /* build our address here */
        struct  hostent         *hp;    /* this is part of our    */
        char    hostname[HOSTLEN];      /* address                */
        int     sock_id,sock_fd;        /* line id, file desc     */
        FILE    *sock_fp;               /* use socket as stream   */
        char    *ctime();               /* convert secs to string */
        time_t  thetime;                /* the time we report     */

       /*
        * Step 1: ask kernel for a socket
        */

        sock_id = socket( PF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0 );    /* get a socket */
        if ( sock_id == -1 )
                oops( "socket" );
```

```
/*
 * Step 2: bind address to socket.  Address is host,port
 */

 bzero( (void *)&saddr, sizeof(saddr) ); /* clear out struct     */

 gethostname( hostname, HOSTLEN );        /* where am I ?         */
 hp = gethostbyname( hostname );          /* get info about host  */
                                          /* fill in host part    */
 bcopy( (void *)hp->h_addr, (void *)&saddr.sin_addr, hp->h_length);
 saddr.sin_port = htons(PORTNUM);         /* fill in socket port  */
 saddr.sin_family = AF_INET ;             /* fill in addr family  */

 if ( bind(sock_id, (struct sockaddr *)&saddr, sizeof(saddr)) != 0 )
         oops( "bind" );

/*
 * Step 3: allow incoming calls with Qsize=1 on socket
 */

  if ( listen(sock_id, 1) != 0 )
          oops( "listen" );
```

* htons(): translate a short integer from host byte order to network byte order

```
        /*
         * main loop: accept(), write(), close()
         */

          while ( 1 ){
                sock_fd = accept(sock_id, NULL, NULL); /* wait for call */
                  printf("Wow! got a call!\n");
                 if ( sock_fd == -1 )
                        oops( "accept" );       /* error getting calls  */

                sock_fp = fdopen(sock_fd,"w");  /* we'll write to the   */
                if ( sock_fp == NULL )          /* socket as a stream   */
                        oops( "fdopen" );       /* unless we can't      */

                thetime = time(NULL);           /* get time             */
                                                /* and convert to strng */
                 fprintf( sock_fp, "The time here is .." );
                 fprintf( sock_fp, "%s", ctime(&thetime) );
                fclose( sock_fp );              /* release connection   */
          }
}
```

```
struct hostent {
  char *h_name; /* official name of host */
  char **h_aliases; /* alias list */
  int h_addrtype; /* host address type */
  int h_length; /* length of address */
  char **h_addr_list; /* list of addresses */
};
#define h_addr h_addr_list[0] /* for backward compatibility */
```

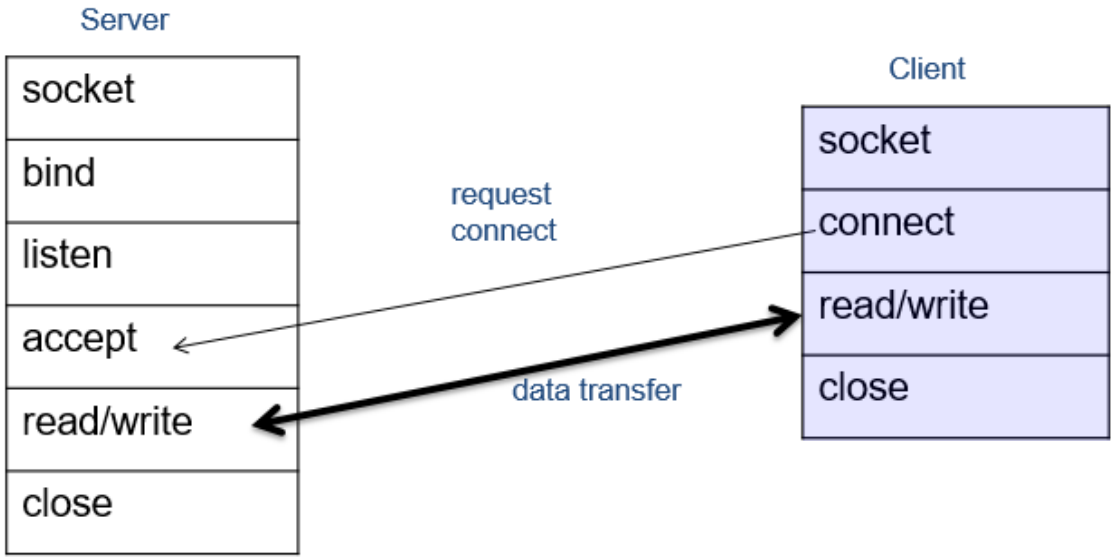
```
struct sockaddr {
  unsigned short sa_family; /* Address family (e.g. AF_INET) */
  char sa_data[14]; /* Family-specific address information */
}
```

```
struct in_addr {
  unsigned long s_addr; /* Internet address (32 bits) */
}
```

```
struct sockaddr_in {
  unsigned short sin_family; /* Internet protocol (AF_INET) */
  unsigned short sin_port; /* Address port (16 bits) */
  struct in_addr sin_addr; /* Internet address (32 bits) */
  char sin_zero[8]; /* Not used */
}
```

Writing `timeclnt.c`: a Time Client

action	syscall
1. Get a phone line	`socket`
2. Call the server	`connect`
3. Transfer data	`read/write`
4. Hang up	`close`



Writing `timeclnt.c`: a Time Client

- Establish a connection

connect		
PURPOSE	Connect to a socket	
INCLUDE	#include <sys/types.h> #include <sys/socket.h>	
USAGE	result = connect(int sockid, struct sockaddr *serv_addrp, socklen_t addrlen);	
ARGS	sockid	socket to use for connection
	serv_addrp	pointer to struct containing server address
	addrlen	length of that struct
RETURNS	-1	if error
	0	if success

```
/* timeclnt.c - a client for timeserv.c
 *              usage: timeclnt hostname portnumber
 */
#include       <stdio.h>
#include       <sys/types.h>
#include       <sys/socket.h>
#include       <netinet/in.h>
#include       <netdb.h>
#include        <stdlib.h>
#include        <strings.h>

 #define        oops(msg)       { perror(msg); exit(1); }
 main(int ac, char *av[])
 {
      struct sockaddr_in  servadd;        /* the number to call */
      struct hostent      *hp;            /* used to get number */
      int    sock_id, sock_fd;            /* the socket and fd  */
      char   message[BUFSIZ];             /* to receive message */
      int    messlen;                     /* for message length */
```

```
/*
 * Step 1: Get a socket
 */

   sock_id = socket( AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0 );     /* get a line    */
   if ( sock_id == -1 )
           oops( "socket" );                        /* or fail       */

/*
 * Step 2: connect to server
 *         need to build address (host,port) of server  first
 */

   bzero( &servadd, sizeof( servadd ) );    /* zero the address     */

   hp = gethostbyname( av[1] );             /* lookup host's ip #   */
   if (hp == NULL)
           oops(av[1]);                     /* or die               */
   bcopy(hp->h_addr, (struct sockaddr *)&servadd.sin_addr, hp->h_length);

   servadd.sin_port = htons(atoi(av[2]));   /* fill in port number  */

   servadd.sin_family = AF_INET ;           /* fill in socket type  */

                                                /* now dial     */
   if ( connect(sock_id,(struct sockaddr *)&servadd, sizeof(servadd)) !=0)
           oops( "connect" );
```

```
    /*
     * Step 3: transfer data from server, then hangup
     */

      messlen = read(sock_id, message, BUFSIZ);      /* read stuff    */
      if ( messlen == - 1 )
             oops("read") ;

      if ( write( 1, message, messlen ) != messlen )  /* and write to */
             oops( "write" );                         /* stdout       */
      close( sock_id );
}
```