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System Call Implementation

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System Call – recvfrom()

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recvfrom() system call

A system call is a way for a user-space program to request a low-level service from the operating system's kernel.

The recvfrom() system call is primarily used to receive data over a network using sockets, particularly with UDP, which is a connectionless protocol.

When a program wants to communicate with another, it creates a socket and associates it with the other program's socket.

In addition to receiving data, recvfrom() also provides the sender's address information—such as their IP address and port number—making it useful for identifying the source of the message.

Since the OpenVms operating system did not install I performed the system call on a windows operating system. After running the system call, the following initial output was generated.



To test the call, the command echo "Hello World" | ncat -u 127.0.0.1 12345 was executed in the command prompt. This command's purpose is to send the text 'Hello World' as a UDP packet to the local computer (127.0.0.1) via port 12345.

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The sent message is then expected to appear in the compiler's output.