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Lecture 10M: Networking

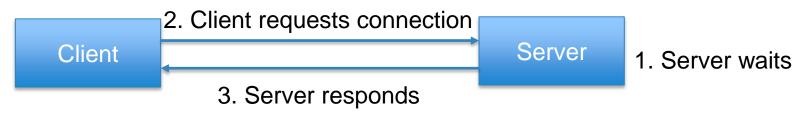
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Client/Server

- What is a client/server?
- In Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) networking, one computer requests a connection with another computer.
- We assign the names client/server accordingly:
 - Server waits for connection requests
 - A client requests a connection with a server
 - The server responds

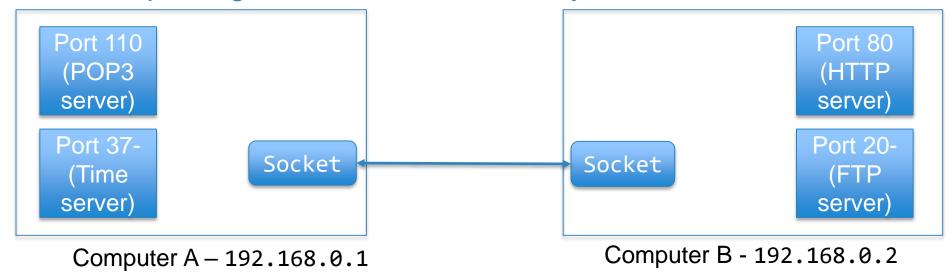


 Once a connection is established, either client or server can send and receive data



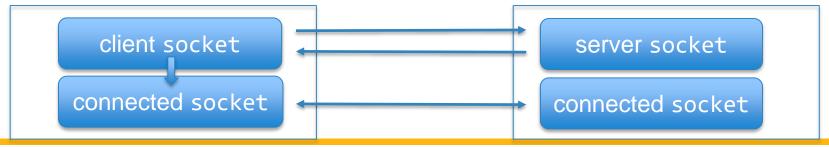
Terminology

- An IP address is a number like 127.0.0.1 that serves as a unique identifier for a computer on a network
- A socket is an endpoint of two-way communication between computers on a network
- A port number identifies which application on a computer gets the data received by a socket



Sockets

- While there is only one socket class, make a distinction between the states a socket can be in:
 - A server socket
 - waits for connection requests from client sockets
 - creates a new connected socket when it accepts
 - A client socket
 - requests a connection with a server socket
 - turns into a connected socket when connection is accepted
 - A connected socket
 - can send and receive data





Computer A Computer B

Establishing a connection

1. Server makes a server socket, binds to a "port", and listens

```
s = socket.socket()
s.bind(("", port))
s.listen(5)
```

A socket, like something that gets plugged into A port is just a number 0-65535 0-1023 are reserved

"max connections", according to documentation, but even 0 works

2. Client makes a *client* socket to connect to the server socket

```
s = socket.socket()
s.connect(("localhost", port))
The port number on which
the server is listening
```

The IP address of the server. "127.0.0.1" or "localhost" means the same computer as the client ("this computer").

3. The server makes a regular socket once the client connects

s.accept()

```
connected socket information about client
```

accept method waits until it receives a connection request, then returns connected socket to

communicate on. Connection is complete; connected sockets are used to communicate.



Communicating with connected sockets

 Once the connection is established a connected socket can:

```
•send(str_to_send) A string
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- recv(no_of_bytes) maximum # of bytes to receive at once
 - What type do you think this method returns?
 - The string sent by the other connected socket, of course
- close() terminates the connection

listen first, then connect

- Can a server socket accept without first listening?
 - Nope. Error in server program.
- What do you think happens when a client socket tries to connect when no server socket is listening and accepting?
 - Error in client program.
- What do you think happens when a connected socket sends a message without the other connected socket ready to recv?
 - Nothing. The message will get sent, but not received.
- What do you think happens when connected socket is ready to recv but no message is sent?
 - By default, the socket blocks (waits) indefinitely. You can set a timeout so that program execution can continue.

Hello World!

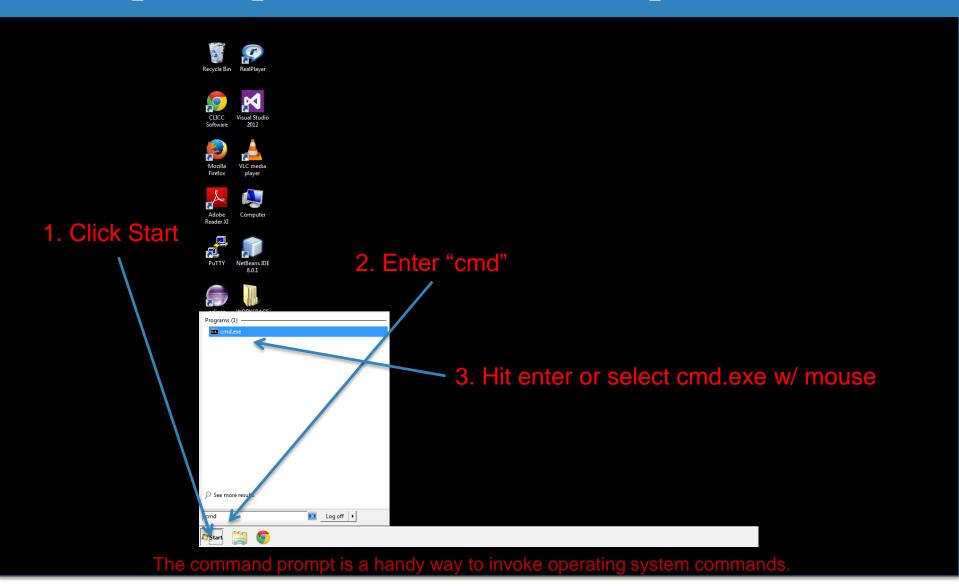
Today we're going to create a "Hello World!" program in Python, except that "Hello World!" will print to your partner's computer's console rather than your own!

The 0th step is to log on to the PIC lab computers using your usual Bruin Online username and password. If these do not work for you, please discuss with the PIC lab attendant. If the problem cannot resolved, please work with a (potentially new) friend.

The following slides provide a graphical tutorial.

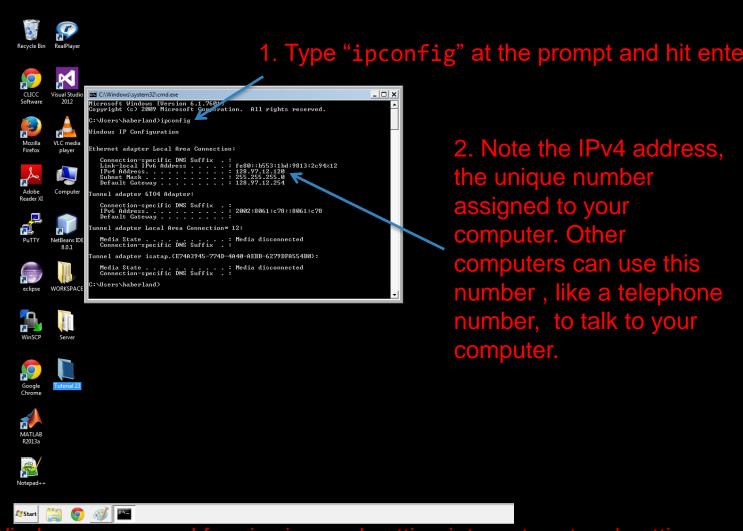


Step 1: Open Command Prompt





Step 2: Get your IP address

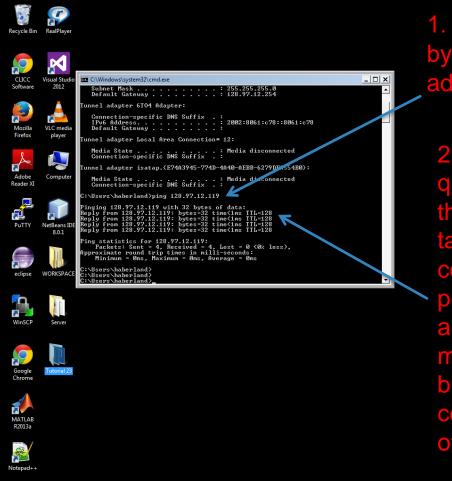


ipconfig is a Windows command for viewing and setting internet protocol settings



Step 3: Ping your partner

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1. Type "ping" followed by your partner's IP address and hit enter.

2. You should get replies quickly! This indicates that your computer can talk to your partner's computer (at least on the port used by the ping application. A firewall might block *other* ports, but at least your computer can "see" the other one)

Ping is a command to test whether your computer can talk to another



Step 5: Write a Server

- One of your computers will need to run a server program. The server needs to:
 - Create a server socket and bind it (any) unreserved port
 - Prepare the server socket to listen
 - Print "Waiting for connection...," to the console
 - accept any incoming connection request, returning a connected socket (and "the address bound to the socket on the other end of the connection")
 - Print "Connection request accepted!" to the console
 - send a message, "Hello World!"
 - Print "Message sent!" to the console
 - Close the socket
- Refer to the readings only if absolutely necessary! Try to figure it out from the names of functions above and socket documentation.



Step 6: Write a Client

- The other computer will need to run a client program. The client needs to:
 - Create a client socket
 - Print "Connecting to server..." to the console.
 - Have the socket connect to the other computer at its IPv4 address, and specifically, the port associated with the server program.
 - Print "Waiting for reply..." to the console.
 - Have the socket recv the message from the server program and print it to the console
 - Close the socket.
- Again, please refer to the readings only if absolutely necessary!

Step 7: Go Beyond

Continue to build a chat program for the assignment

