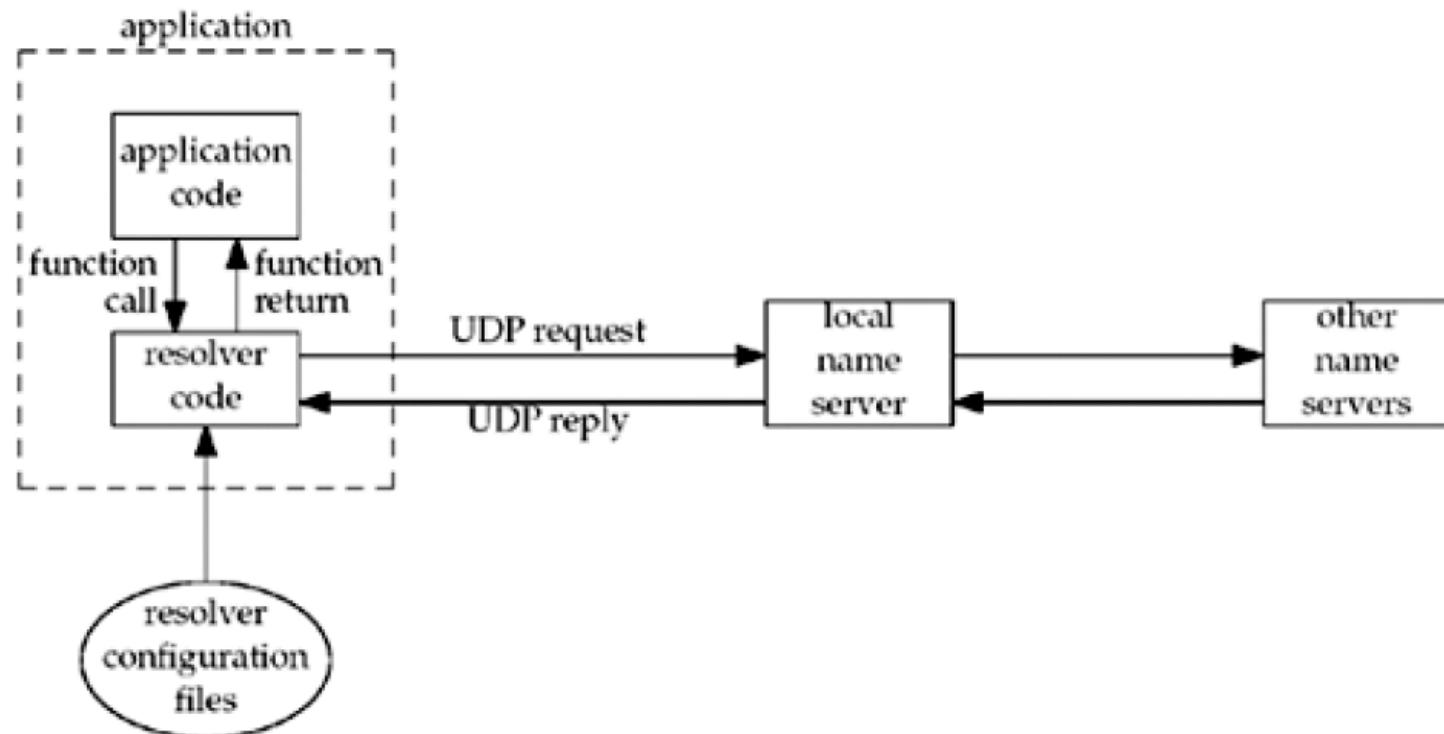


# Advanced Name and Address Conversions

- *getaddrinfo, getnameinfo, gai\_strerror, freeaddrinfo*
- *host\_serv, tcp\_connect, tcp\_listen, udp\_client, udp\_connect, udp\_server*
- Reentrant functions: *gethostbyname\_r, gethostbyaddr\_r*

**Figure 11.1. Typical arrangement of clients, resolvers, and name servers.**



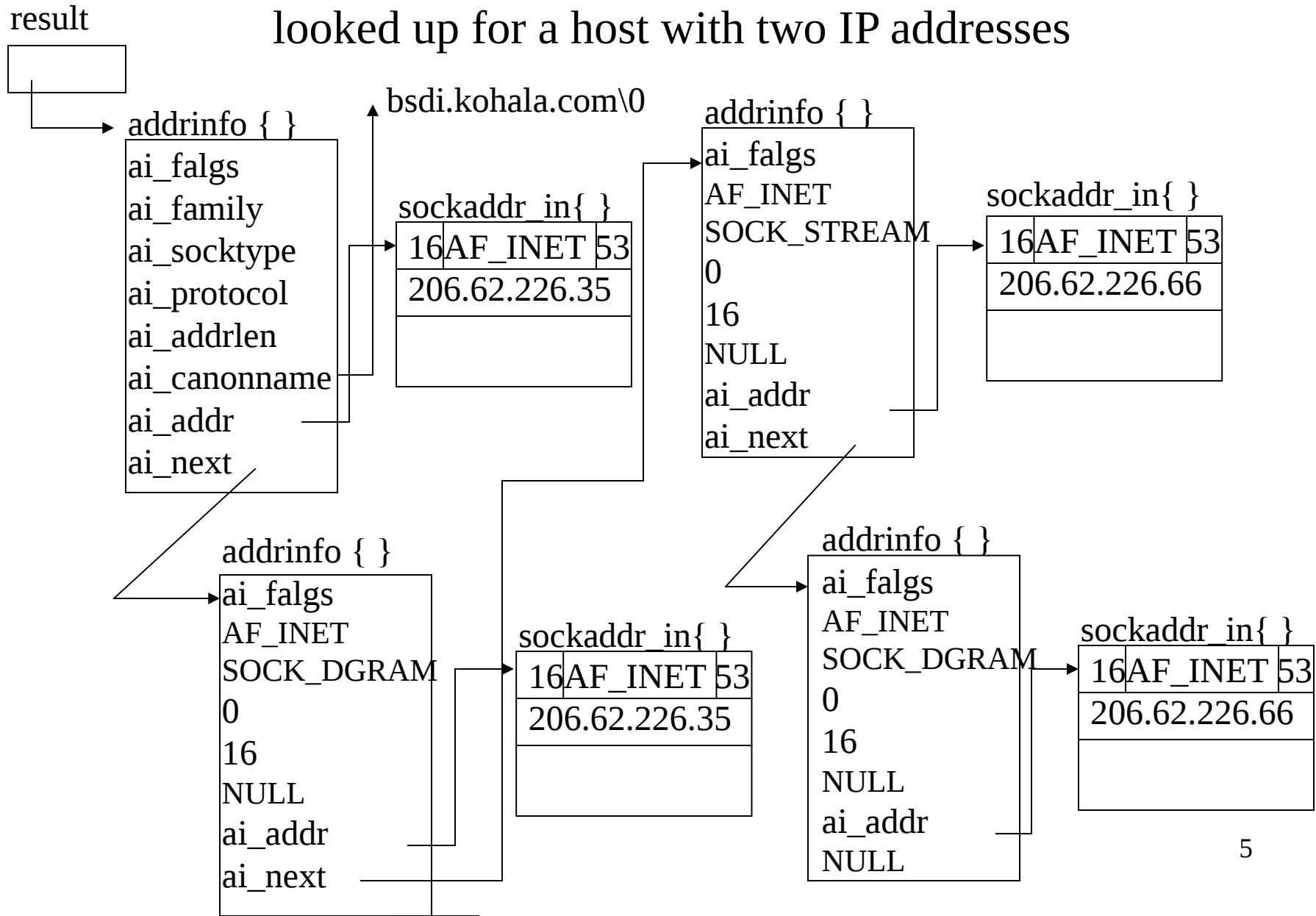
**CNAME** CNAME stands for "canonical name." A common use is to assign CNAME records for common services, such as `ftp` and `www`. If people use these service names instead of the actual hostnames, it is transparent when a service is moved to another host. For example, the following could be CNAMEs for our host `linux`:

<code>ftp</code>	<code>IN</code>	<code>CNAME</code>	<code>linux.unpbook.com.</code>
<code>www</code>	<code>IN</code>	<code>CNAME</code>	<code>linux.unpbook.com.</code>

# *getaddrinfo* Function

```
#include <netdb.h>
int getaddrinfo (const char *hostname, const char *service,
                 const struct addrinfo *hints, struct addrinfo **result);
    returns: 0 if OK, nonzero on error
struct addrinfo {
    int      ai_flags;          /* AI_PASSIVE, AI_CANONNAME */
    int      ai_family;         /* AF_XXX */
    int      ai_socktype;       /* SOCK_XXX */
    int      ai_protocol;       /* 0 or IPPROTO_XXX for IPv4 and IPv6
*/
    size_t   ai_addrlen;        /* length of ai_addr */
    char    *ai_canonname;      /* ptr to canonical name for host */
    struct sockaddr *ai_addr;   /* ptr to socket address structure */
    struct addrinfo *ai_next;   /* ptr to next structure in linked list */};
```

Example *addrinfo* Returned by *getaddrinfo*  
no hints are provided and the domain service is  
looked up for a host with two IP addresses



# *getaddrinfo* Example

```
main(int argc, char *argv[]) {  
  
    int sockfd;  
    struct addrinfo hints, *servinfo, *p;  
    int rv;  
  
    memset(&hints, 0, sizeof hints);  
    hints.ai_family = AF_UNSPEC;   
    hints.ai_socktype = SOCK_STREAM;  
  
    if ((rv = getaddrinfo("www.apple.com", "http", &hints, &servinfo)) != 0) {  
        fprintf(stderr, "getaddrinfo: %s\n", gai_strerror(rv));  
        exit(1);  
    }  
  
    for(p = servinfo; p != NULL; p = p->ai_next) {  
        printf("IP address is %s\n", inet_ntoa(((struct sockaddr_in *) p->ai_addr)->sin_addr));  
    }  
}
```

# *getnameinfo* Example

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```
#include <netinet/in.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/socket.h>
#include <netdb.h>
#include <arpa/inet.h>

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {

    struct sockaddr_in ssaa, *sain; /* input */
    struct sockaddr *sa; /* input */
    char hbuf[NI_MAXHOST], sbuf[NI_MAXSERV];

    sain = &ssaa;
    sain->sin_family = AF_INET;
    sain->sin_port = htons(80);
    inet_aton("140.113.1.1", &sain->sin_addr);
    sa = (struct sockaddr *) sain;
    if (getnameinfo(sa, sizeof(struct sockaddr), hbuf, sizeof(hbuf), sbuf,
                    sizeof(sbuf), 0)) {
        printf("could not get hostname\n");
    }
    printf("host=%s, serv=%s\n", hbuf, sbuf);
}
```

# *gai\_strerror, freeaddrinfo, host\_serv, getnameinfo*

```
#include <netdb.h>
```

```
char *gai_strerror (int error);
```

returns: pointer to string describing error message

*error*: returned from *getaddrinfo*

```
#include <netdb.h>
```

```
void freeaddrinfo (struct addrinfo *ai);
```

```
#include <unp.h>
```

```
struct addrinfo *host_serv (const char *hostname, const char *service,  
                           int family, int socktype);
```

returns: pointer to addrinfo structure if OK, NULL on error  
(initializes a hints structure, calls getaddrinfo, returns a pointer)

```
#include <netdb.h>
```

```
int getnameinfo (const struct sockaddr *sockaddr, socklen_t addrlen,  
                 char *host, size_t hostlen, char *serv, size_t servlen, int flags);
```

returns: 0 if OK, -1 on error

*tcp\_connect, tcp\_listen, udp\_client,  
udp\_connect, udp\_server*

calls *getaddrinfo* and provides protocol independency

```
#include <unp.h>
```

```
int tcp_connect (const char *hostname, const char *service);
```

returns: connected socket descriptor if OK, no return on error

(calls *getaddrinfo*, tries each *addrinfo* structure by calling *socket*, *connect*)

```
int tcp_listen (const char *hostname, const char *service, socklen_t *lenptr);
```

returns: connected socket descriptor if OK, no return on error

(calls *getaddrinfo*, creates *socket*, binds address, returns *sockfd* and size  
of socket address structure)

```
int udp_client (const char *hostname, const char *service,
```

```
    void **saptr, socklen_t *lenp);
```

returns: unconnected socket descriptor if OK, no return on error

```
int udp_connect (const char *hostname, const char *service);
```

returns: connected socket descriptor if OK, no return on error

```
int udp_server (const char *hostname, const char *service, socklen_t *lenptr);
```

returns: unconnected socket descriptor if OK, no return on error

# Reentrant Functions

## *gethostbyname\_r, gethostbyaddr\_r*

Reentrant problem: `gethostbyname`/`gethostbyaddr` called from main flow of control and from a signal handler. `hostent` structure may be overwritten.

Two solutions:

1. Caller allocates the structure and reentrant function fills in the caller's structure --- `gethostbyanem_r`
2. Reentrant function calls `malloc` and dynamically allocates memory --- `getaddrinfo`

```
#include <netdb.h>
struct hostent *gethostbyname_r (const char *hostname, struct hostent *result,
                               char *buf, int buflen, int *h_errno);
struct hostent *gethostbyaddr_r (const char *addr, int len, int type,
                               struct hostent *result, char *buf, int buflen, int *h_errno);
both return: nonnull pointer if OK, NULL on error
```