



Sockets

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What is a Socket

- A socket is one end-point of a two way communication link between two programs running on the network
- It represents the connection between a client program and a server program
- Imagine the analogous of a telephone device!



Socket types

- Stream socket
 - Streaming, bidirectional connection
 - Ordered, reliable delivering of packets
- Datagram socket
 - There is not a connection. Each packet is sent independently from the others
 - Unordered, unreliable delivering of packets
- Raw sockets
 - Out of our scope



Stream Socket lifetime

- Creation
 - Unbound 'file descriptor' of STREAM socket type
- Binding
 - Assigning a name to the socket – until a name is assigned, no messages may be received. Communicating processes are bound by an *association*, which in Internet is composed of local and foreign addresses, and local and foreign ports.
 - The ***bind()*** system call specifies half of an association {local address, local port}, while the ***connect*** and ***accept*** primitives complete the association {foreign address, foreign port}.



Stream Socket lifetime (cont.)

- Connection
 - Connection establishment is usually asymmetric, between a **server** and a **client**
 - The server ***binds*** a socket to a well known address and passively ***listens***, which means that he waits for a client to ***connect***
 - When a client connects, the server ***accepts*** the connection.
- Data transfer
 - When the two process are connected, data flow may begin between them
- Discard
 - When the communication ends, the sockets must be ***closed***, to enable the system to release resources, especially the bounded names (e.g. local ports) because they cannot be reused until they are available from any possible association.



Stream sockets: How does it work (synopsis)

Client

- Create the socket
- Connect to Server
- Communicate

Server

- Create the socket
- Bind to local port
- Listen
- Accept
- Communicate



Stream sockets: Java Example

- package java.net
- Classes
 - InetAddress
 - Socket
 - ServerSocket



Class **ServerSocket**

- Constructor
 - **ServerSocket**(int port)
 - **ServerSocket**(int port, int backlog)
 - **ServerSocket**(int port, int backlog, InetAddress bindAddr)
- Methods
 - Socket **accept**()
 - void **close**()
 - InetAddress **getInetAddress**()
 - int **getLocalPort**()



Class **Socket**

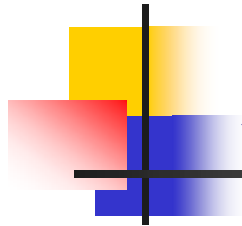
- Constructor
 - **Socket** (InetAddress address, int port)
 - **Socket** (String host, int port)
- Methods
 - InputStream **getInputStream()**
 - OutputStream **getOutputStream()**
 - void **close()**
 - InetAddress **getInetAddress()**
 - int **getLocalPort()**



Class **InetAddress**

- Methods

- *static* InetAddress **getByName**(String host)
- *static* InetAddress **getLocalHost**()
- String **getHostAddress**()
- String **getHostName**()

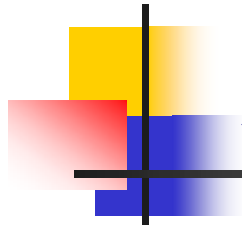


Java Client example

```
import java.io.*;
import java.net.*;

public class EchoClient {
    public static int serverPort = 12345;
    public static String serverHost = "levantes";
    public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
        /* create the socket – connect to the server */
        Socket echoSocket = new Socket(serverHost, serverPort);

        /* create the input-output streams */
        PrintWriter out = new PrintWriter(echoSocket.getOutputStream(), true);
        BufferedReader in = new BufferedReader(
            new InputStreamReader( echoSocket.getInputStream() ));
    }
}
```

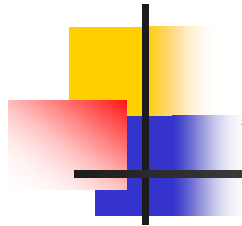


Java Client example (cont.)

```
        BufferedReader stdIn = new BufferedReader(
                                new InputStreamReader(System.in));

        /* communicate */
        String userInput;
        while ((userInput = stdIn.readLine()) != null) {
            out.println(userInput);
            System.out.println("echo: " + in.readLine());
        }

        /* release resources */
        out.close();
        in.close();
        echoSocket.close();
    }
}
```

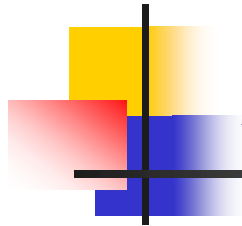


Java Server example

```
import java.io.*;
import java.net.*;

public class EchoServer {
    public static String PORT = 12345;
    public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
        /* create socket */
        ServerSocket mainSocket = new ServerSocket(PORT);

        /* listen for incoming connection, accept it
         * and create a new Socket for this connection */
        Socket clientSocket = mainSocket.accept();
    }
}
```



Java Server example (cont.)

```
/* create input and output streams for this connection */
BufferedWriter out = new BufferedWriter(new
    OutputStreamWriter(clientSocket.getOutputStream()));
BufferedReader in = new BufferedReader(new
    InputStreamReader(clientSocket.getInputStream()));

/* communicate */
int character=0;
while (character != -1) {
    character = in.read();
    out.write(character);
}
```



Java Server example (cont.)

```
        /* release resources */  
        out.close();  
        in.close();  
        clientSocket.close();  
        mainSocket.close();  
    }  
}
```



Datagram Socket lifetime

- Creation
 - Same as STREAM sockets
- Binding
 - Same as STREAM sockets
- Communication (send packet, receive packet)
 - In DGRAM sockets there is not a connection between the two process.
 - Each packet is sent independently, it may be routed differently and may arrive out-of-order with previous packets, it may arrive duplicate or it may not arrive at all.
 - If it arrives, the data are guaranteed that will not be corrupted.
- Discard
 - Same as STREAM sockets, all resources must be released in order to be available again.



Datagram sockets: How does it work (synopsis)

Client

- Create socket
- Create packet
- Send packet

Server

- Create socket
- Bind to local port
- Receive packet



Datagrams: Java Client example

- package java.net
- Classes:
 - DatagramPacket
 - DatagramSocket



Datagrams: Java Client example

```
import java.net.*;  
import java.io.*;
```

```
public class DatagramClient{  
    public static int MAXBUFLen=1024;  
    public static String serverHost = "levantes";  
    public static int serverPort = 12345;  
  
    public static void main(String args[]) throws Exception{  
        /* create the socket */  
        DatagramSocket ds = new DatagramSocket();
```



Datagrams: Java Client example

```
/* create the packet */
InetAddress serverAddress = InetAddress.getByName(serverHost);
byte[] buf = new byte[MAXBUFLLEN];
// ... add to "buf" array the data we want to send
DatagramPacket dp = new DatagramPacket(buf,
                                       buf.length, serverAddress, serverPort);

/* send the packet */
ds.send(dp);

/* release resources */
ds.close();
    }
}
```



Datagrams: Java Server example

```
import java.net.*;  
import java.io.*;
```

```
public class DatagramServer{  
    public static int MAXBUFLen=1024;  
    public static int port = 12345;  
  
    public static void main(String args[]) throws Exception{  
        /* create the socket – bind it to a local port */  
        DatagramSocket ds = new DatagramSocket(port);
```



Datagrams: Java Server example

```
/* create the buffer-packet where the received data
 * will be written */
byte[] buf = new byte[MAXBUFLen];
DatagramPacket dp = new DatagramPacket(buf, buf.length);

/* receive the packet */
ds.receive(dp);
byte[] data = dp.getData();
// ... do something with the data

/* release resources */
ds.close();
}
}
```



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