

Client-server architecture model

With sockets and multiprocessing in Python

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Architecture models

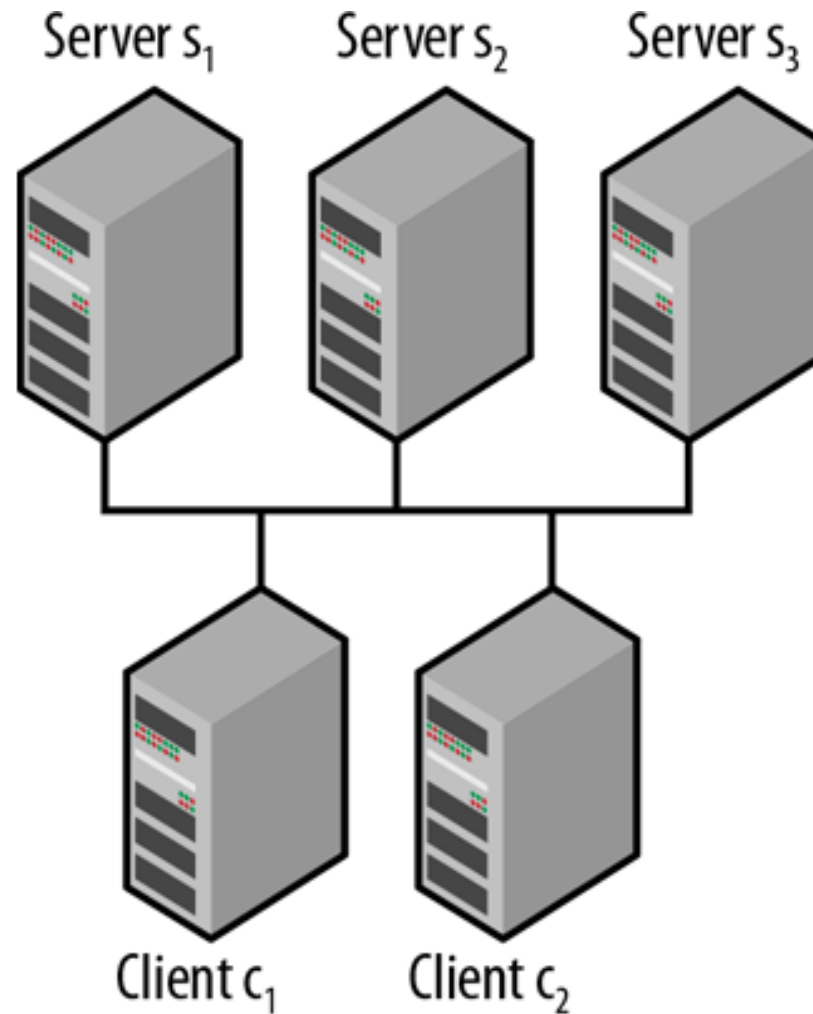
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CLIENT-SERVER ARCHITECTURE MODEL

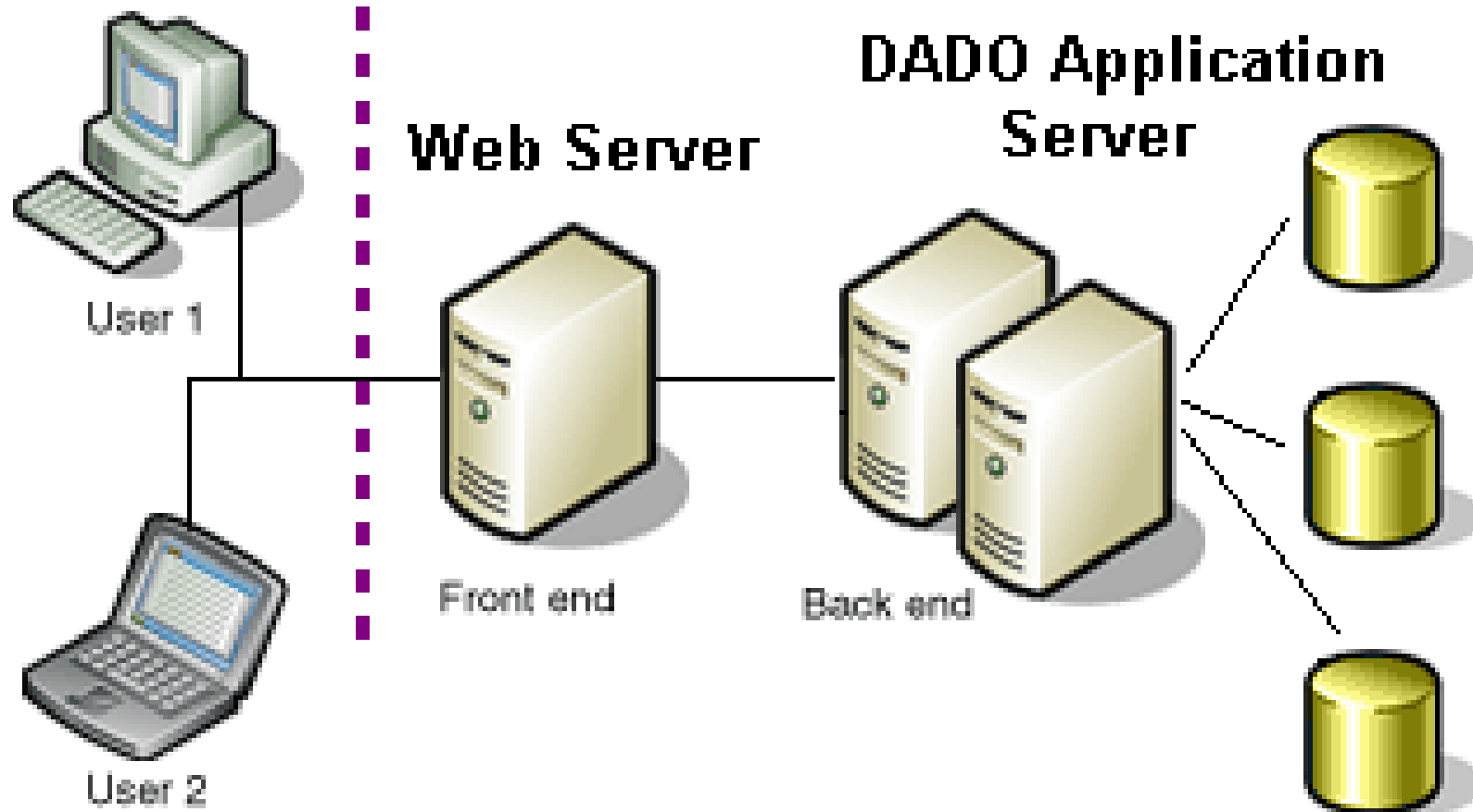
Client-server architecture model

- One server, one client
 - Toy model
 - Useful for explanations
 - Useless for real applications
- One server, multiple clients
 - Simplistic model
 - Useful for limited types of applications
- Multiple (and multiple types of) servers, multiple clients
 - Realistic model
 - Typical for distributed applications

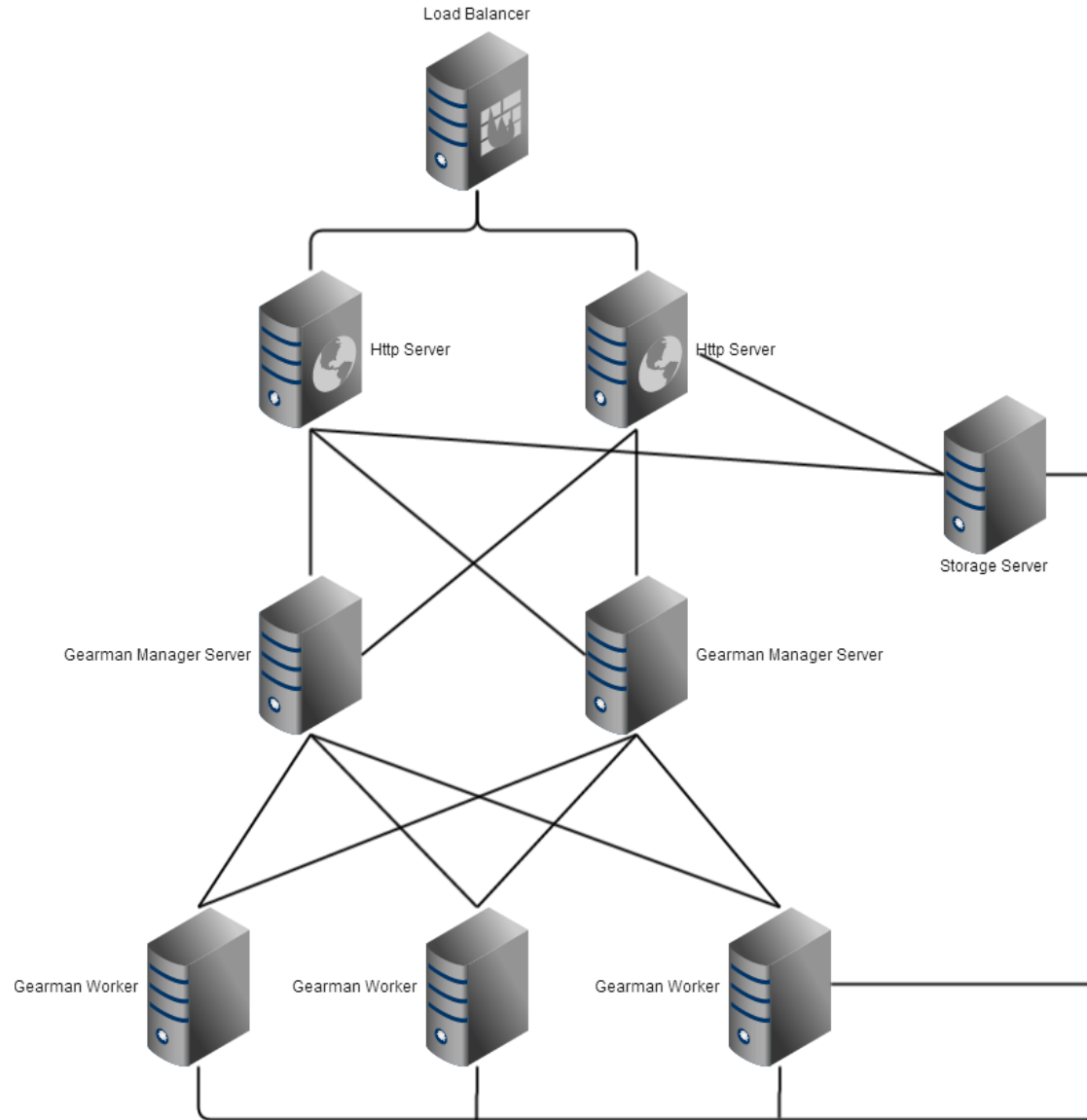
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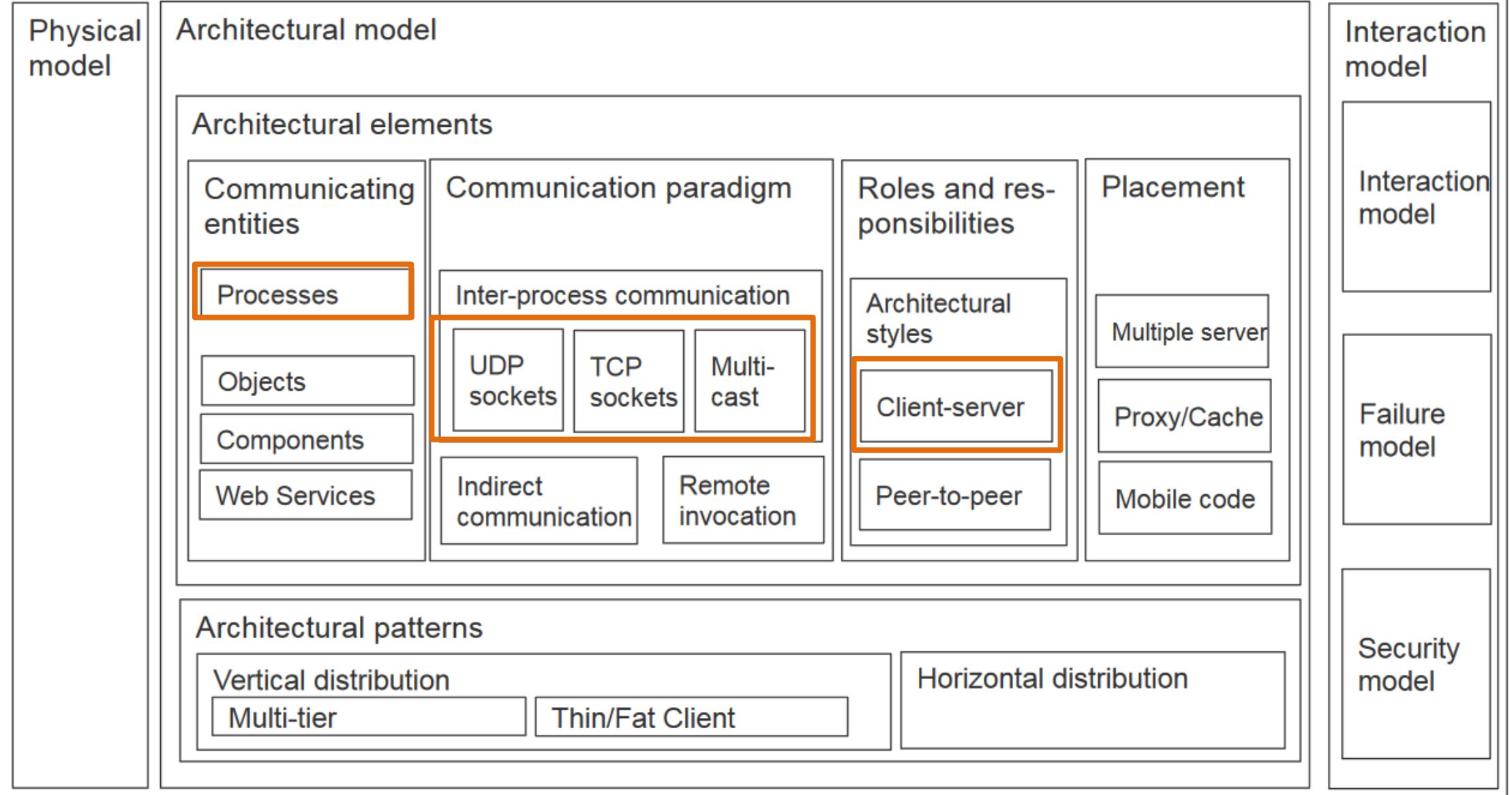
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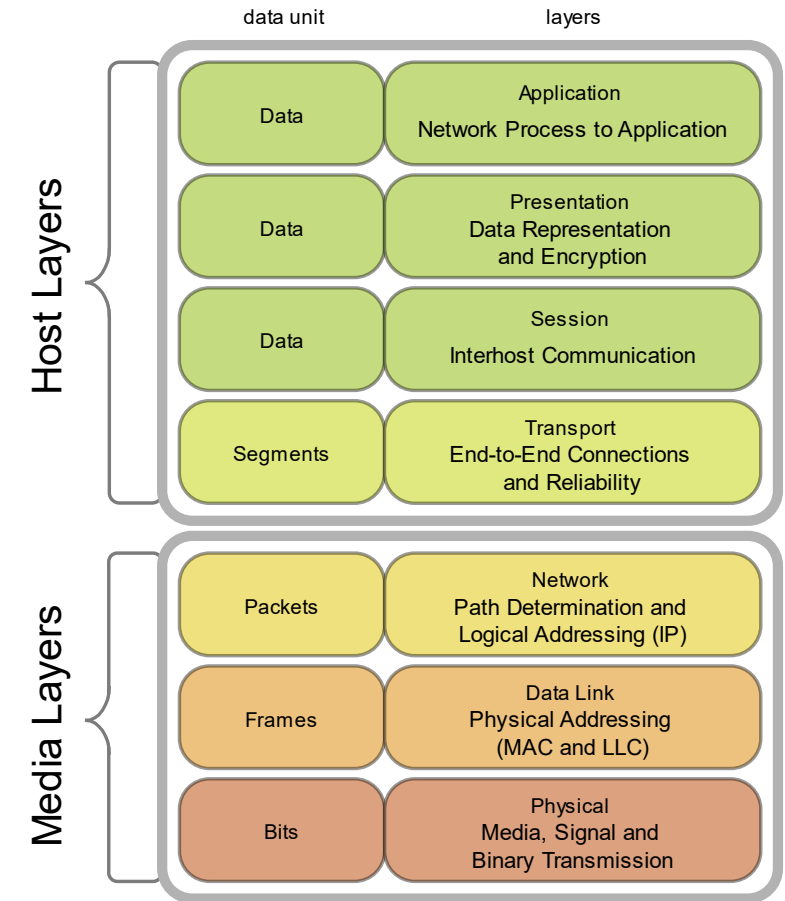


Descriptive models for distributed system design



Applications

- Host
 - IP address of the machine
 - Network layer
- Port
 - Port number where the application runs
 - Transport layer



Client-server architecture model

- **Server**
 - Application that passively waits for contact
 - Runs on big machines
 - Many clients simultaneously
- **Client**
 - Application that actively initiates contact
 - Runs on end-users' devices
- **Programming-level sockets**
 - Create and manage connections
 - *Send* and *receive* data through connections

SOCKETS

Sockets

- OS-level data structure
 - Remote IP address
 - Remote port number
 - Local IP address
 - Local port number
 - Message queue

Sockets in Python

- TCP and UDP
- Basic socket API functions

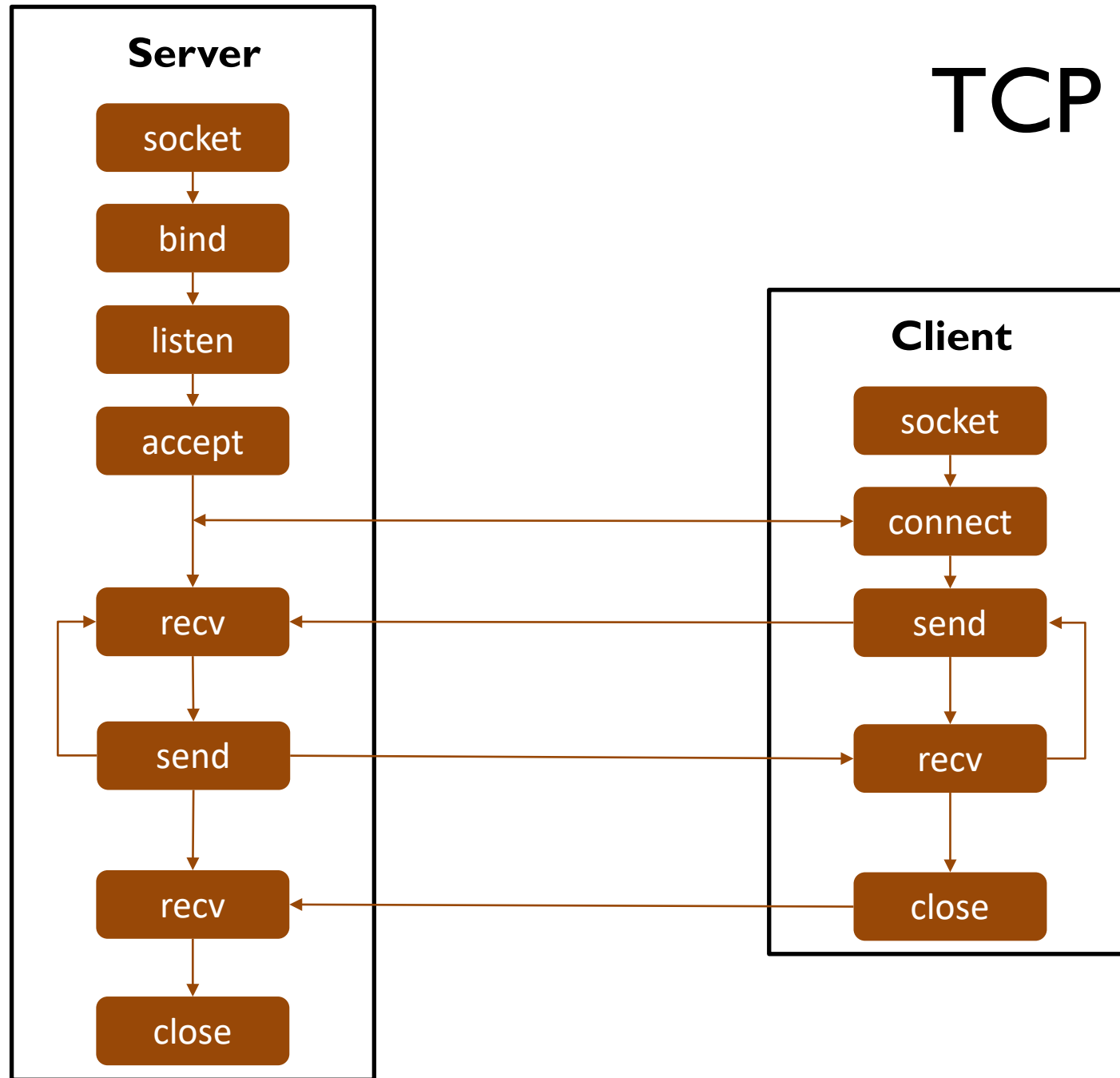
- `socket(family, type)`
- `bind(address)`
- `listen()`
- `accept()`
- `connect(address)`
- `send(bytes)`
- `recv(bufsize)`
- `close()`

- Family
 - `AF_INET`
 - `AF_INET6`
 - `AF_UNIX`
 - ...
- Type
 - `SOCK_STREAM` for TCP
 - `SOCK_DGRAM` for UDP

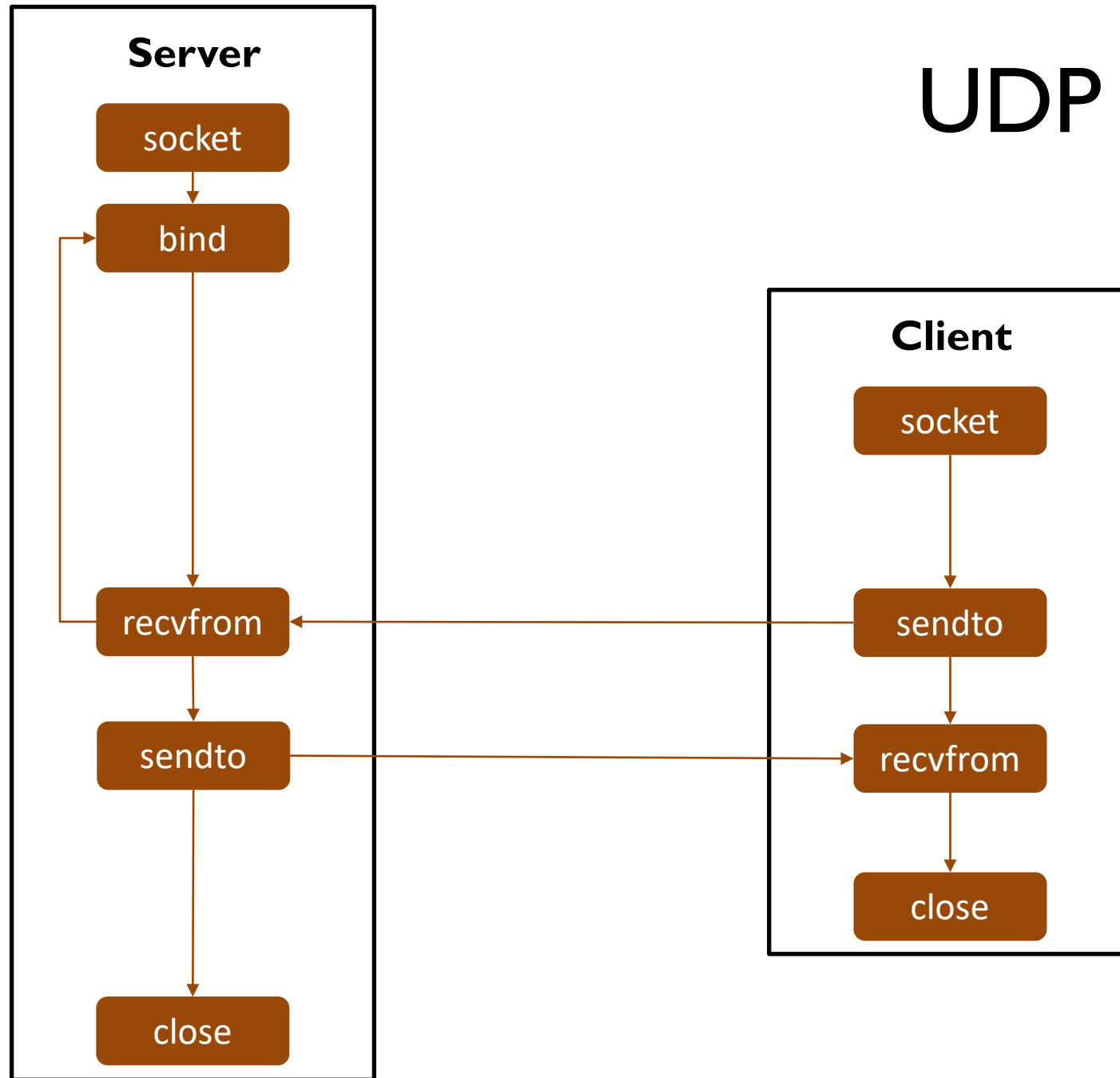
- Send
 - `send`
 - `sendall`
 - `sendto`

- Receive
 - `recv`
 - `recvfrom`

TCP data flow



UDP data flow



With sockets

ONE SERVER, ONE CLIENT

Server in Python

```
import socket

# Create a UDP socket
server_socket = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_DGRAM)

# Bind the socket to the port
server_address = '127.0.0.1'
server_port = 10001

# Buffer size
buffer_size = 1024

message = 'Hi client! Nice to connect with you!'

while True:
    print('\nWaiting to receive message...\n')

    data, address = server_socket.recvfrom(buffer_size)
    print('Received message from client: ', address)
    print('Message: ', data.decode())

    if data:
        server_socket.sendto(str.encode(message), address)
        print('Replied to client: ', message)
```

Client in Python

```
import socket

# Create a UDP socket
client_socket = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_DGRAM)

# Bind the socket to the port
server_address = '127.0.0.1'
server_port = 10001

# Buffer size
buffer_size = 4096

message = 'Hi server!'

try:
    # Send data
    client_socket.sendto(message.encode(), (server_address, server_port))
    print('Sent to server: ', message)

    # Receive response
    print('Waiting for response...')
    data, server = client_socket.recvfrom(buffer_size)
    print('Received message from server: ', data.decode())

finally:
    client_socket.close()
    print('Socket closed')
```

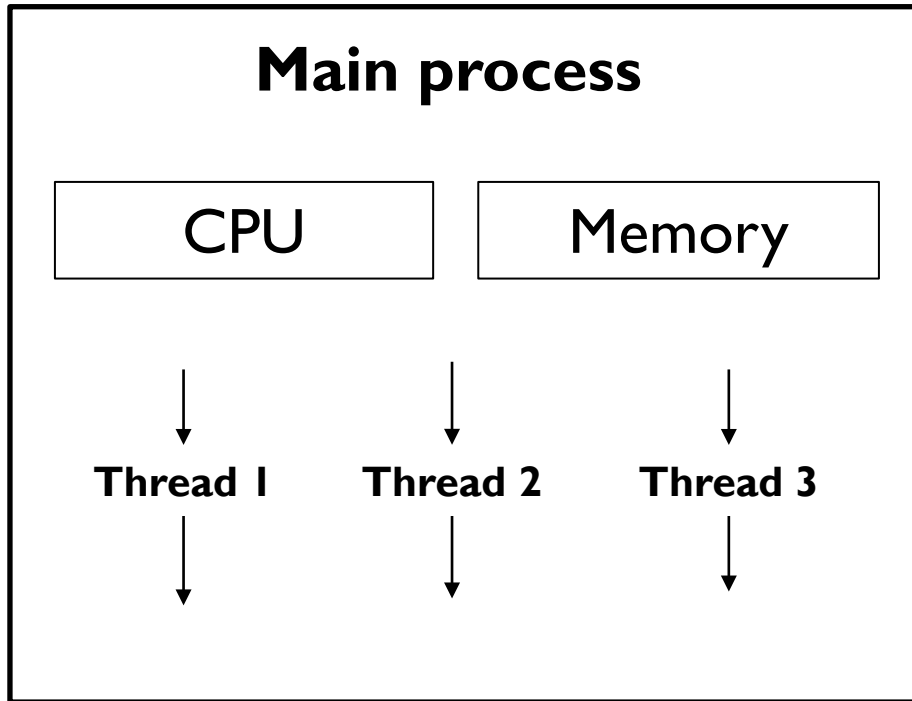
MULTIPROCESSING

Concurrency

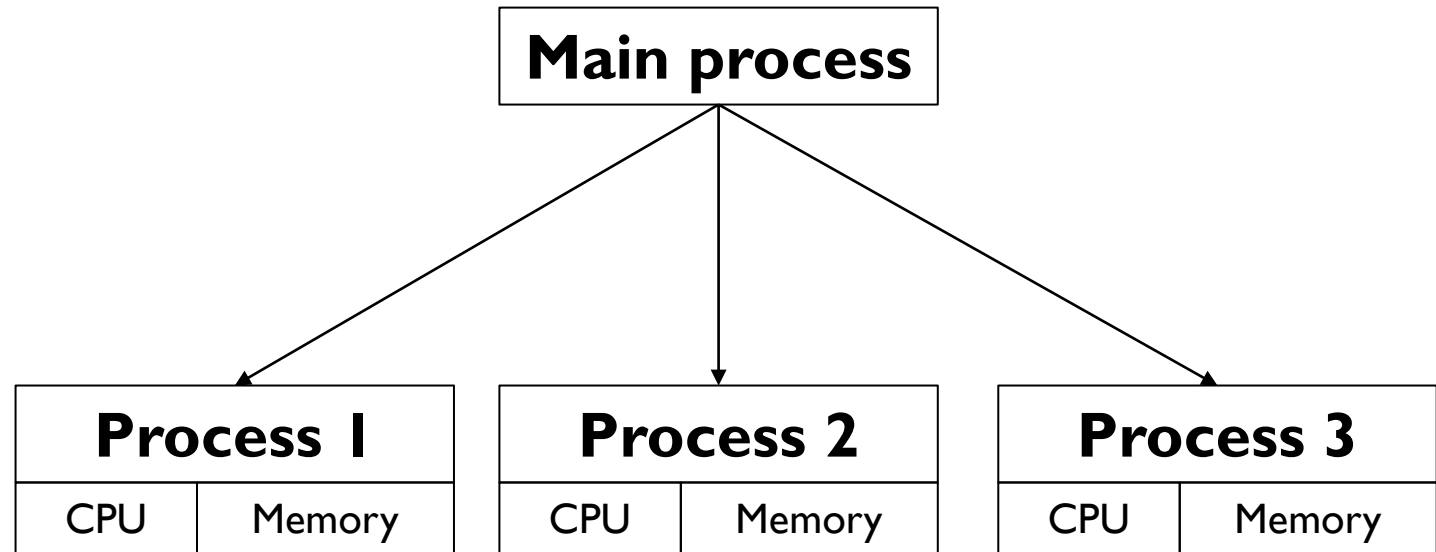
- **Program**
 - Source code for process(es)
- **Process**
 - Unit of program execution as seen by an OS
- **Thread**
 - Sequential flow of control within a process
 - Process can contain one or more threads
- **Multiprocessing**
 - Concurrent execution of several programs on one machine
- **Multithreading**
 - Execution of a program with multiple threads

Concurrency

Multithreading



Multiprocessing



Concurrency in Python

- Threads (`threading`)
- Processes (`multiprocessing`)
- Asynchronous I/O (`asyncio`)

Multiprocessing in Python

- Local and remote concurrency
- Enables spawning processes
 - `Process` class
- Process pool
 - `Pool` class
- Communication between processes
 - Queues
 - Pipes
- Synchronisation between processes
 - Standard synchronisation primitives (e.g., locks)

Process class

- `Process(target, name, args)`
 - `run()`
 - `start()`
 - `join()`

Processes in Python

```
from multiprocessing import Process
import os

def salute(course):
    print('Hello', course)
    print('Parent process id:', os.getppid())
    print('Process id:', os.getpid())

if __name__ == '__main__':
    p = Process(target=salute, args=('DS',))
    p.start()
    p.join()
```

With sockets

ONE SERVER, MULTIPLE CLIENTS

Exercise

Develop a client-server application that supports concurrency via multiprocessing. A client process sends a hello message to the server including its process ID. The server receives such a message and spawns a process that sends back a hello message with its own process ID.

Multiprocessing server

```
import multiprocessing
import socket
import os

class Server(multiprocessing.Process):
    def __init__(self, server_socket, received_data, client_address):
        super(Server, self).__init__()
        self.server_socket = server_socket
        self.received_data = received_data
        self.client_address = client_address

    def run(self):
        message = 'Hi ' + self.client_address[0] + ':' + str(self.client_address[1]) + '. This is server ' + str(os.getpid())
        self.server_socket.sendto(str.encode(message), self.client_address)
        print('Sent to client: ', message)

if __name__ == "__main__":
    server_socket = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_DGRAM)

    # Bind the socket to the port
    server_address = '127.0.0.1'
    server_port = 10001

    # Buffer size
    buffer_size = 1024

    print('Server up and running at {}:{}'.format(server_address, server_port))

    server_socket.bind((server_address, server_port))

    while True:
        data, address = server_socket.recvfrom(buffer_size)
        print('Received message \'{}\'' at {}:{}'.format(data.decode(), address[0], address[1]))
        p = Server(server_socket, data, address)
        p.start()
        p.join()
```

Multiple client processes

```
import socket
import multiprocessing
import os

def send_message(server_address, server_port):
    try:
        client_socket = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_DGRAM)

        message = 'Hi from ' + str(os.getpid()) + ' at ' + server_address + ':' + str(server_port)

        # Send data
        client_socket.sendto(str.encode(message), (server_address, server_port))
        print('Sent to server: ', message)

        # Receive response
        print('Waiting for response...')
        data, server = client_socket.recvfrom(1024)
        print('Received message: ', data.decode())

    finally:
        client_socket.close()
        print('Socket closed')

if __name__ == '__main__':
    # Bind the socket to the port
    server_address = '127.0.0.1'
    server_port = 10001

    for i in range(3):
        p = multiprocessing.Process(target=send_message, args=(server_address, server_port))
        p.start()
        p.join
```

Pool class

- **Synchronous execution**
 - `Pool.map()` and `Pool.starmap()`
 - `Pool.apply()`
- **Asynchronous execution**
 - `Pool.map_async()` and `Pool.starmap_async()`
 - `Pool.apply_async()`

Asynchronous multiprocessing server

```
import socket
import os
import multiprocessing

def send_message(server_socket, client_address):
    message = 'Hi ' + client_address[0] + ':' + str(client_address[1]) + '. This is server ' + str(
        os.getpid())
    server_socket.sendto(str.encode(message), client_address)
    print('Sent to client: ', message)

def test(x):
    return x * x

if __name__ == "__main__":
    # How many worker processes should be spawned
    number_processes = 4
    # Initialise the pool
    pool = multiprocessing.Pool(number_processes)

    server_socket = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_DGRAM)
    # server_socket.setsockopt(socket.SOL_SOCKET, socket.SO_REUSEADDR, 1)

    # Bind the socket to the port
    server_address = '127.0.0.1'
    server_port = 10001

    # Buffer size
    buffer_size = 1024

    print('Server up and running at {}:{}'.format(server_address, server_port))

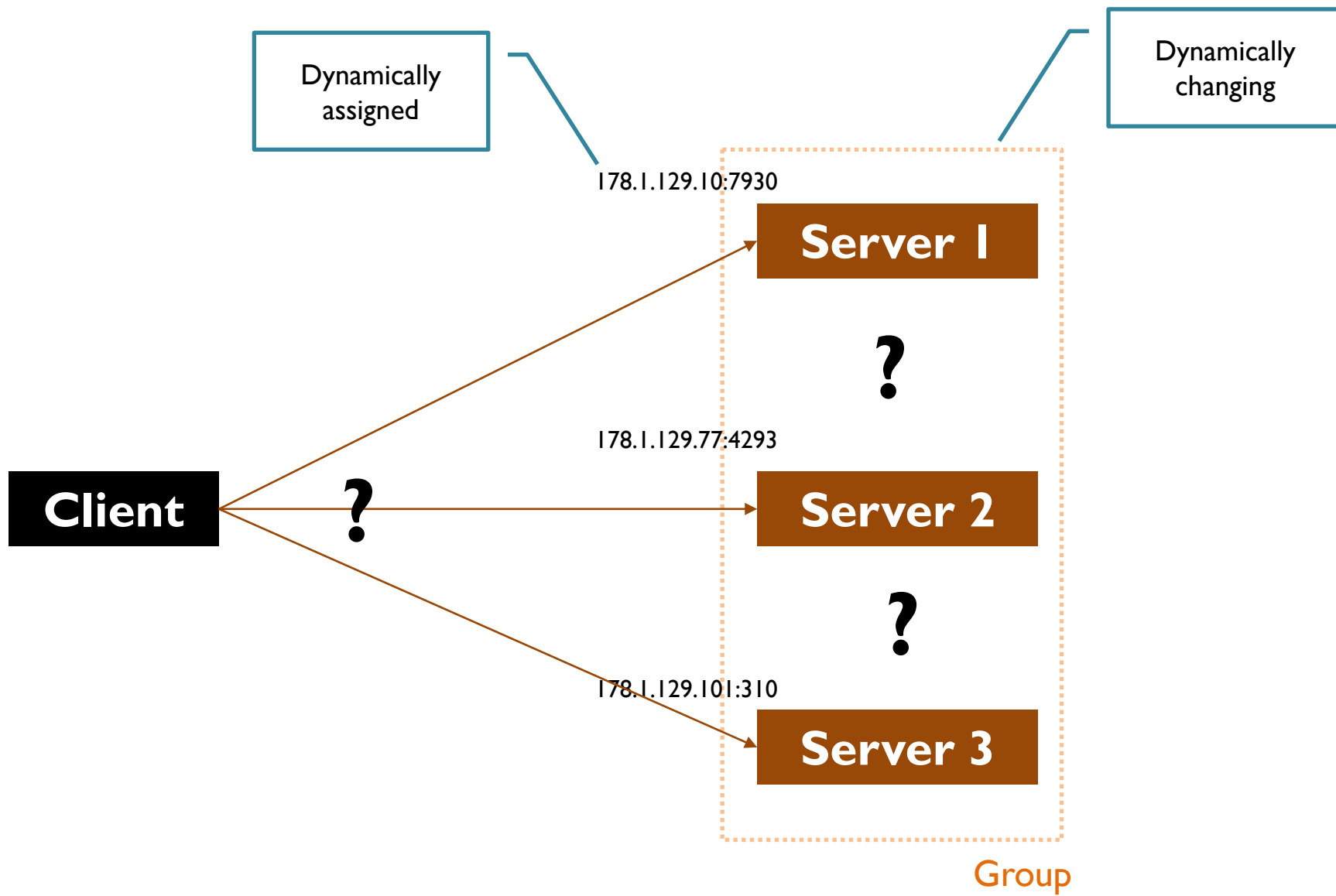
    server_socket.bind((server_address, server_port))

    while True:
        data, address = server_socket.recvfrom(buffer_size)
        print('Received message \'{}\'' at {}:{}'.format(data.decode(), address[0], address[1]))
        # `pool.apply` the `send_message()`
        pool.apply_async(send_message, args=(server_socket, address,))
```

Exercise

Develop a client-server application that supports asynchronous concurrency. The server should be able to receive requests from multiple clients at the same time. A client sends a number and receives back the square of that number.

**MULTIPLE SERVERS, MULTIPLE
CLIENTS**



Considerations

- What kind of architecture model will be the system based on?
- What happens when a new server comes in?
 - How should a new server find out about which are the existing servers in the group?
 - How should the existing servers find out about the new server?
- Which server to be contacted by a client?
 - Will there be a coordinator?
 - What will the responsibilities of the coordinator be?
 - How will be the coordinator chosen?

Considerations

- How should the system components communicate reliably?
 - What types of messages will be exchanged in the system?
 - What kind of communication reliability each type of messages requires?
 - Is causality among messages important?
- What happens when something goes wrong?
 - How to detect that a fault happened?
 - How will the system recover when a server crashes?
 - How will the system recover when the coordination crashes?
 - What if a client crashes?