

**From a host, wishing to establish communication with another host**

DEAR <HOST 2 IP ADDRESS>,

A user has asked me to establish communication with you at your earliest convenience. Would you be so kind as to describe your preferences respecting modes of connection?

You will notice that I have taken the liberty of enquiring via the 22<sup>nd</sup> port. I gather that it is customary in these circumstances to include the word 'SYN'.

Sincerely yours,  
<HOST 1 IP ADDRESS>

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**From a host, accepting another host's invitation to communicate**

DEAR <HOST 1 IP ADDRESS>,

Thank you very much for your request. I am happy for us to converse using any commonly accepted protocol and port, if in so doing we may observe the necessary standards of reliability, security, efficiency, decency and, of course, professional courtesy. Your mention of 'SYN' lends weight to my belief that we should employ the popular protocol 'TCP/IP'.

I trust that, as reputable hosts, your opinion and mine coincide in these matters. Permit me to respond to your closing remark with a respectful 'SYN ACK'.

Sincerely yours,  
<HOST 2 IP ADDRESS>

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**From a host, acknowledging the receipt of another host's acceptance**

DEAR <HOST 2 IP ADDRESS>,

Your prompt reply afforded me the greatest pleasure. By way of reassurance I shall, directly after this opening exchange, send you my user's public key for your perusal.

Once this confidence has been shared we may carry on our conversation behind the bulwark of strong encryption. It only remains to add, 'ACK'.

Sincerely yours,  
<HOST 1 IP ADDRESS>