

Examples of IPC Systems - POSIX

⑦ POSIX Shared Memory

- ⑦ Process first creates shared memory segment

```
shm_fd = shm_open(name, O_CREAT | O_RDWR, 0666);
```

- ⑦ Also used to open an existing segment to share it

- ⑦ Set the size of the object

```
ftruncate(shm_fd, 4096);
```

- ⑦ Now the process could write to the shared memory

```
sprintf(shared_memory, "Writing to shared memory");
```

IPC POSIX Producer

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <fcntl.h>
#include <sys/shm.h>
#include <sys/stat.h>

int main()
{
    /* the size (in bytes) of shared memory object */
    const int SIZE = 4096;
    /* name of the shared memory object */
    const char *name = "OS";
    /* strings written to shared memory */
    const char *message_0 = "Hello";
    const char *message_1 = "World!";

    /* shared memory file descriptor */
    int shm_fd;
    /* pointer to shared memory object */
    void *ptr;

    /* create the shared memory object */
    shm_fd = shm_open(name, O_CREAT | O_RDWR, 0666);

    /* configure the size of the shared memory object */
    ftruncate(shm_fd, SIZE);

    /* memory map the shared memory object */
    ptr = mmap(0, SIZE, PROT_WRITE, MAP_SHARED, shm_fd, 0);

    /* write to the shared memory object */
    sprintf(ptr, "%b", message_0);
    ptr += strlen(message_0);
    sprintf(ptr, "%s", message_1);
    ptr += strlen(message_1);

    return 0;
}
```

IPC POSIX Consumer

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <fcntl.h>
#include <sys/shm.h>
#include <sys/stat.h>

int main()
{
    /* the size (in bytes) of shared memory object */
    const int SIZE = 4096;
    /* name of the shared memory object */
    const char *name = "OS";
    /* shared memory file descriptor */
    int shm_fd;
    /* pointer to shared memory object */
    void *ptr;

    /* open the shared memory object */
    shm_fd = shm_open(name, O_RDONLY, 0666);

    /* memory map the shared memory object */
    ptr = mmap(0, SIZE, PROT_READ, MAP_SHARED, shm_fd, 0);

    /* read from the shared memory object */
    char *str = (char *)ptr;

    /* remove the shared memory object */
    shm_unlink(name);

    return 0;
}
```

Communications in Client-Server Systems

- Sockets
- Remote Procedure Calls
- Pipes
- Remote Method Invocation (Java)

Pipes

- Acts as a conduit allowing two processes to communicate
- Issues:
 - Is communication unidirectional or bidirectional?
 - In the case of two-way communication, is it half or full-duplex?
 - Must there exist a relationship (i.e., *parent-child*) between the communicating processes?
 - Can the pipes be used over a network?
- Ordinary pipes – cannot be accessed from outside the process that created it. Typically, a parent process creates a pipe and uses it to communicate with a child process that it created.
- Named pipes – can be accessed without a parent-child relationship.

Ordinary Pipes

- ❑ Ordinary Pipes allow communication in standard producer-consumer style
- ❑ Producer writes to one end (the **write-end** of the pipe)
- ❑ Consumer reads from the other end (the **read-end** of the pipe)
- ❑ Ordinary pipes are therefore unidirectional
- ❑ Require parent-child relationship between communicating processes



~~❑ Windows calls these anonymous pipes~~

❑ See Unix and Windows code samples in textbook

```
#include <unistd.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
```

```
int main()
{
    int fd[2];
    char buffer[100];
    pid_t pid;

    if (pipe(fd) == -1) {
        perror("pipe");
        return 1;
    }
```

```
    pid = fork();
    if (pid == -1) {
        perror("fork");
        return 1;
    }
```

```
    if (pid == 0) {
        // Child process
        close(fd[0]);
        strcpy(buffer, "Hello from the child process");
        write(fd[1], buffer, strlen(buffer));
    } else {
        // Parent process
        close(fd[1]);
        read(fd[0], buffer, sizeof(buffer));
        printf("Received message: %s\n", buffer);
    }

    return 0;
}
```


Named Pipes

- Named Pipes are more powerful than ordinary pipes
- Communication is bidirectional
- No parent-child relationship is necessary between the communicating processes
- Several processes can use the named pipe for communication
- Provided on both UNIX and Windows systems

```
int main()
{
    int pipe_fd;
    char buf[100];

    /* Create the named pipe */
    if (mkfifo(FIFO_NAME, 0666) == -1) {
        perror("mkfifo");
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }
```

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <fcntl.h>
#include <sys/stat.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <unistd.h>

#define FIFO_NAME "my_fifo"

int main()
{
    int pipe_fd;
    char buf[100];

    /* Create the named pipe */
    if (mkfifo(FIFO_NAME, 0666) == -1) {
        perror("mkfifo");
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }

```

```

/* Open the named pipe */
pipe_fd = open(FIFO_NAME, O_RDONLY);
if (pipe_fd == -1) {
    perror("open");
    exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
}

/* Read data from the pipe */
read(pipe_fd, buf, 100);
printf("Received message: %s\n", buf);

/* Close the pipe */
close(pipe_fd);

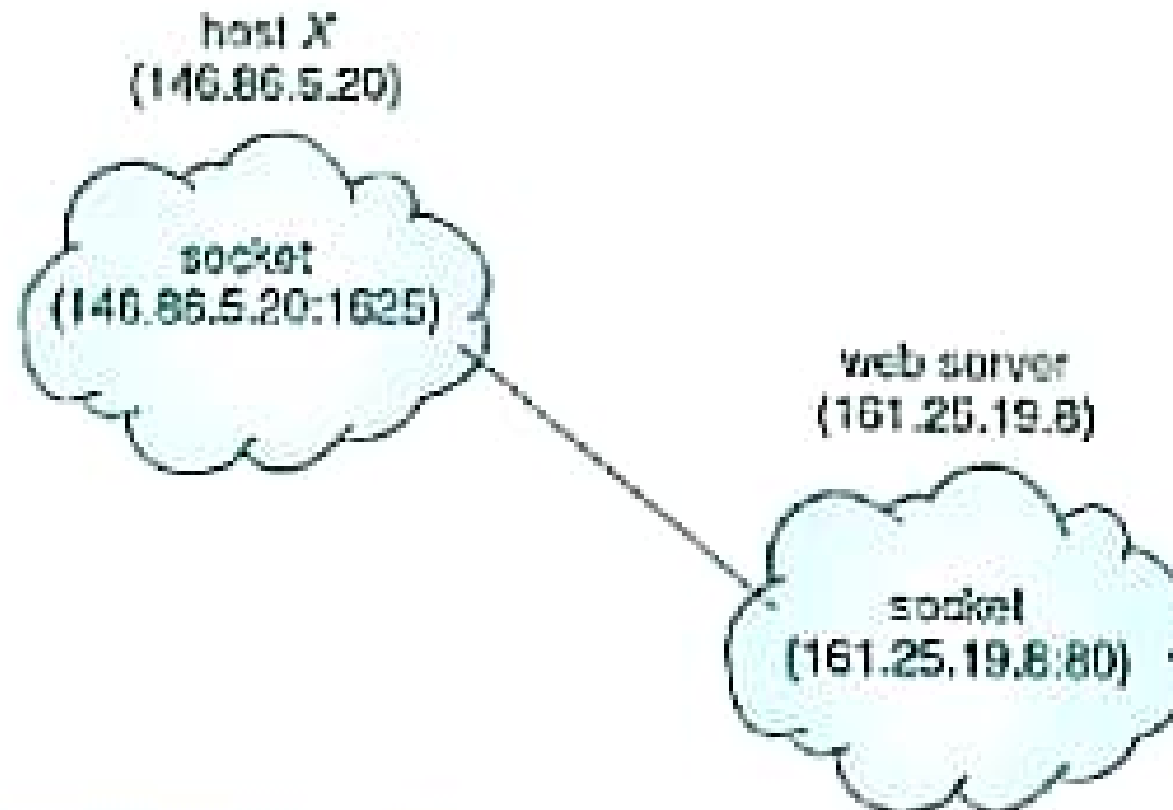
return 0;

```

Sockets

- A **socket** is defined as an endpoint for communication
- Concatenation of IP address and **port** – a number included at start of message packet to differentiate network services on a host
- The socket **161.25.19.8:1625** refers to port **1625** on host **161.25.19.8**
- Communication consists between a pair of sockets
- All ports below 1024 are *well known*, used for standard services
- Special IP address 127.0.0.1 (**loopback**) to refer to system on which process is running

Socket Communication



Sockets in Java

Three types of sockets

- **Connection-oriented (TCP)**
- **Connectionless (UDP)**
- **MulticastSocket** class— data can be sent to multiple recipients

Consider this “Date” server:

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

public class DateServer
{
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        try {
            ServerSocket sock = new ServerSocket(6013);

            /* now listen for connections */
            while (true) {
                Socket client = sock.accept();

                PrintWriter pout = new
                    PrintWriter(client.getOutputStream(), true);

                /* write the Date to the socket */
                pout.println(new java.util.Date().toString());

                /* close the socket and resume */
                /* listening for connections */
                client.close();
            }
        } catch (IOException ioe) {
            System.err.println(ioe);
        }
    }
}
```

Remote Procedure Calls

- Remote procedure call (RPC) abstracts procedure calls between processes on networked systems
 - Again uses ports for service differentiation
- **Stubs** – client-side proxy for the actual procedure on the server
- The client-side stub locates the server and **marshalls** the parameters
- The server-side stub receives this message, unpacks the marshalled parameters, and performs the procedure on the server
- On Windows, stub code compile from specification written in **Microsoft Interface Definition Language (MIDL)**

Remote Procedure Calls (Cont.)

- Data representation handled via **External Data Representation (XDL)** format to account for different architectures
 - **Big-endian** and **little-endian**
- Remote communication has more failure scenarios than local
 - Messages can be delivered *exactly once* rather than *at most once*
- OS typically provides a rendezvous (or **matchmaker**) service to connect client and server

Execution of RPC

