Java Networking

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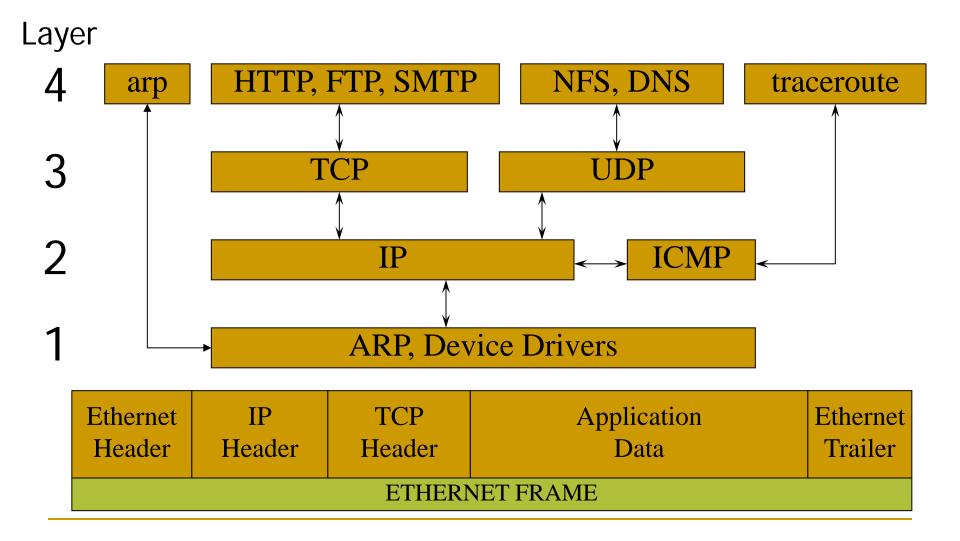
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- Datagrams

Networking Basics

- Computers running on the Internet communicate with each other using either the Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) or the User Datagram Protocol (UDP)
- TCP/IP network model

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Layer	Function	Application
Application	End-user application programs	
Transport Communication among programs	Communication among programs on a net (TCP/UDP)	Transport
Network	Basic communication, addressing, and routing (IP, ICMP)	Network
Link(Data Link)	Network hardware and device drivers(ARP, RARP)	Link

Networking Basics



TCP (Transmission Control Protocol)

- A connection-based protocol that provides a reliable flow of data between two computers.
- Provides a point-to-point channel for applications that require reliable communications.
 - □ The Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP), File Transfer Protocol (FTP), and Telnet are all examples of applications that require a reliable communication channel
- Guarantees that data sent from one end of the connection actually gets to the other end and in the same order it was sent. Otherwise, an error is reported.

UDP (User Datagram Protocol)

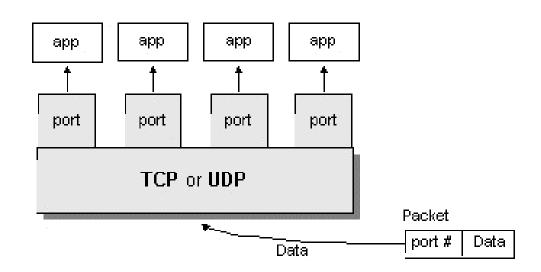
- A protocol that sends independent packets of data, called datagrams, from one computer to another with no guarantees about arrival. UDP is not connection-based like TCP and is not reliable:
 - Sender does not wait for acknowledgements
 - Arrival order is not guaranteed
 - Arrival is not guaranteed
- Used when speed is essential, even in cost of reliability
 - e.g. streaming media, games, Internet telephony, etc.

Ports

- Data transmitted over the Internet is accompanied by addressing information that identifies the computer and the port for which it is destined.
 - □ The computer is identified by its 32-bit IP address, which IP uses to deliver data to the right computer on the network. Ports are identified by a 16-bit number, which TCP and UDP use to deliver the data to the right application.
- Why don't we specify the port in a Web browser?

Ports – Cont.

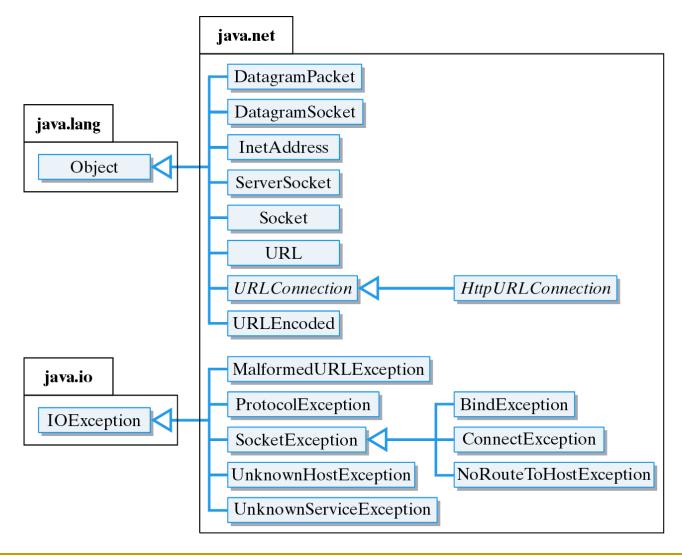
- Port numbers range from 0 to 65,535 (16-bit)
 - Ports 0 1023 are called *well-known ports*. They are reserved for use by well-known services:
 - 20, 21: FTP
 - 23: TELNET
 - 25: SMTP
 - 110: POP3
 - 80: HTTP



Networking Classes in the JDK

- Through the classes in java.net, Java programs can use TCP or UDP to communicate over the Internet.
 - The URL, URLConnection, Socket, and ServerSocket classes all use TCP to communicate over the network.
 - The DatagramPacket, DatagramSocket, and MulticastSocket classes are for use with UDP.

Networking Classes in the JDK



TCP/IP in Java

- Accessing TCP/IP from Java is straightforward.
 The main functionality is in the following classes:
 - Java.net.InetAddress: Represents an IP address (either IPv4 or IPv6) and has methods for performing DNS lookup (next slide).
 - □ Java.net.Socket: Represents a TCP socket.
 - □ Java.net.ServerSocket: Represents a server socket which is capable of waiting for requests from clients.

DNS - Domain name system

- The **Domain Name system** (DNS) associates various sorts of information with so-called domain names.
- Most importantly, it serves as the "phone book" for the Internet by translating human-readable computer hostnames, e.g. www.example.com, into the IP addresses, e.g. 208.77.188.166, that networking equipment needs to deliver information.
- It also stores other information such as the list of mail exchange servers that accept email for a given domain.

DNS Lookup Example

■ The following program performs a DNS lookup to find the IP numbers that are associated with a given domain name.

```
public class DomainName2IPNumbers {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    try {
      InetAddress[] a = InetAddress.getAllByName(args[0]);
      for (int i = 0; i<a.length; i++)
            System.out.println(a[i].getHostAddress());
    } catch (UnknownHostException e) {
        System.out.println("Unknown host!");
    }
}</pre>
```

Client-Server Model

- A common paradigm for distributed applications
- Asymmetry in connection establishment:
 - Server waits for client requests at a well known address (IP+port)
 - Connection is established upon client request
- For example: Web servers and browsers

Sockets: Low-Level Networking

- A *socket* is one endpoint of a two-way communication link between two programs running on the network.
- An endpoint is a combination of an IP address and a port number.
- A socket is bound to a port number so that the TCP layer can identify the application that data is destined to be sent.

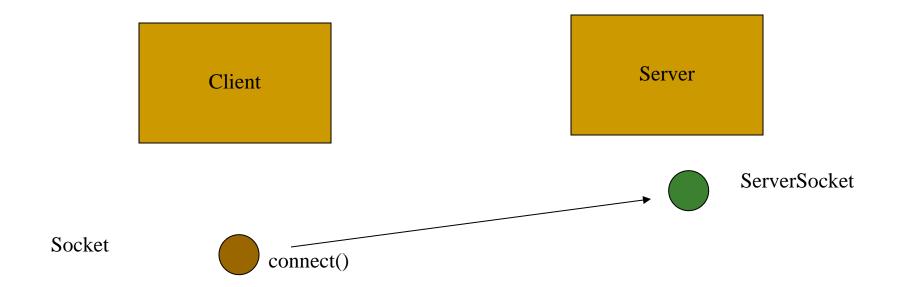
TCP Sockets

Client Server

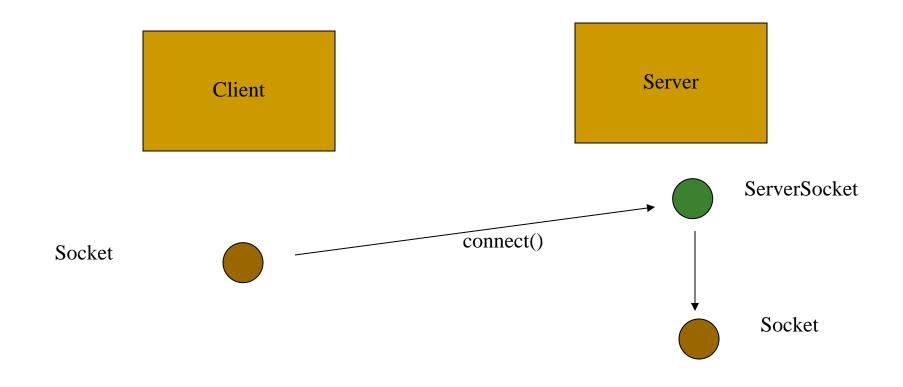
accept() ServerSocket

Socket

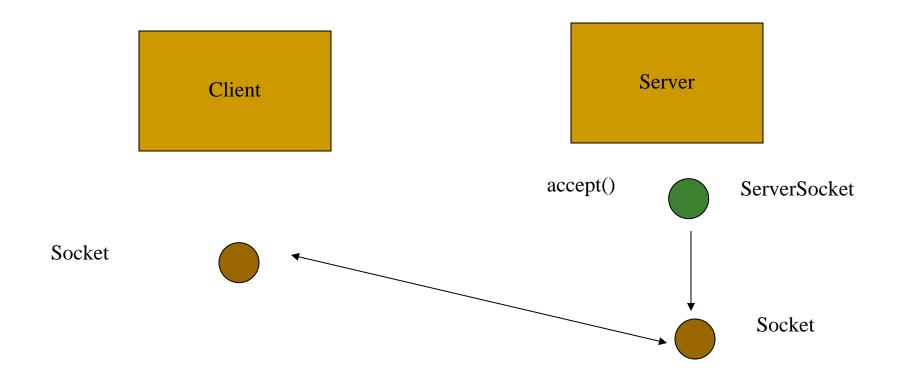
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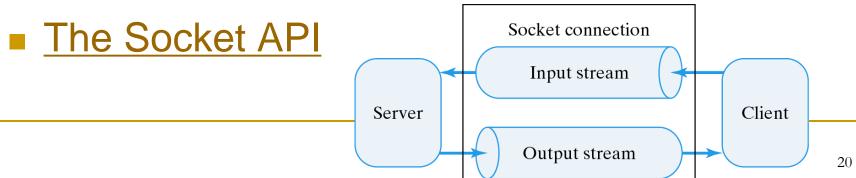


Sockets



Java Sockets

- Java wraps OS sockets (over TCP) by the objects of class java.net.Socket
- new Socket(String remoteHost, int remotePort)
 Creates a TCP socket and connects it to the remote host on the remote port (hand shake)
- Write and read using streams:
 - InputStream getInputStream()
 - OutputStream getOutputStream()



SimpleClient Example

This client tries to connect to a server (coming soon...) and port given on the command line, then sends some output to the server, and finally receives some input which is printed on the screen.

```
import java.net.*;
import java.io.*;
public class SimpleClient {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    try {
      Socket con = new Socket(args[0], Integer.parseInt(args[1]));
      PrintStream out = new PrintStream(con.getOutputStream());
      out.print(args[2]);
      out.write(0); // mark end of message
      out.flush();
      InputStreamReader in = new InputStreamReader(con.getInputStream());
      int c;
      while ((c = in.read())!=-1)
        System.out.print((char)c);
      con.close();
    } catch (IOException e) {
                                                                         Can you think of
      System.err.println(e);
                                                                            a better place
                                                                            for the close
                                                                               action?
```

Class ServerSocket

- This class implements server sockets. A server socket waits for requests to come in over the network. It performs some operation based on that request, and then possibly returns a result to the requester.
- A server socket is technically not a socket: when a client connects to a server socket, a TCP connection is made, and a (normal) socket is created for each end point.

SimpleServer Example

The server creates a server socket that listen on the port given on the command line. It then enters infinite loop doing the following: when a connection with a client is established it reads some input from the client (terminated with a 0 byte).

```
1 import java.io.*;
 2 import java.net.ServerSocket;
 3 import java.net.Socket;
 4 □ /**
     * A simple server socket listener that listens to port number 8888, and prints
     * whatever received to the console.
     */
 8 □ public class SimpleSocketListener {
10
      ServerSocket server;
       int serverPort = 8888;
11
       InputStream in = null;
12
      // Constructor to allocate a ServerSocket listening at the given port.
13
14 ⊟
      public SimpleSocketListener() {
15 ⊟
          try {
             server = new ServerSocket(serverPort);
16
             System.out.println("ServerSocket: " + server);
17
          } catch (IOException e) {
18 ⊟
             e.printStackTrace();
19
20
21
```

```
22
       // Start listening.
       private void listen() {
23 ⊟
          while (true) { // run until you terminate the program
24 ⊟
25 ⊟
             try {
                // Wait for connection. Block until a connection is made.
26
27
               Socket socket = server.accept();
                System.out.println("Socket: " + socket);
28
                in = socket.getInputStream();
29
30
                int byteRead;
                // Block until the client closes the connection (i.e., read() returns -1)
31
                while ((byteRead = in.read()) != -1) {
32 ⊟
                   System.out.print((char)byteRead);
33
                }
34
35
                System.out.println("Close Socket: " + socket);
            } catch (IOException e) {
36 ⊟
                e.printStackTrace();
37
            } finally {
38 ⊟
                try{
39 ⊟
                    if(in != null)
40 ⊟
                        in.close();
41
                }catch (IOException e) {
42 ⊟
                    e.printStackTrace();
43
44
45
46
47
48
      public static void main(String[] args) {
49 ⊟
          new SimpleSocketListener().listen(); // Start the server and listening
50
51
52
```

SimpleNetClient Example

```
1 import java.awt.*;
 2 import java.awt.event.*;
 3 import java.io.*;
4 import java.net.Socket;
 5 import java.net.*;
6 import javax.swing.*;
8 ≡ public class SimpleNetClient extends JFrame implements ActionListener {
       Socket client = null;
      String serverAddr = "localhost";
10
       int serverPort = 8888;
11
12
      PrintWriter out;
13
      JTextField tf;
      public SimpleNetClient() {
14 ⊟
15 ⊟
          try {
             client = new Socket(serverAddr, serverPort);
16
             System.out.println("Client: " + client);
17
             out = new PrintWriter(client.getOutputStream());
18
19
             out.println("Hello");
             out.flush(); // need to flush a short message
20
          } catch (UnknownHostException e) {
21 ⊟
22
             e.printStackTrace();
23 ⊟
          } catch (IOException e) {
24
             e.printStackTrace();
25
          // Set up the UI
26
27
          Container cp = this.getContentPane();
          cp.setLayout(new FlowLayout(FlowLayout.LEFT, 15, 15));
28
          cp.add(new JLabel("Enter your message or \"quit\""));
29
          tf = new JTextField(40);
30
          tf.addActionListener(this);
31
          cp.add(tf);
32
          this.setDefaultCloseOperation(EXIT ON CLOSE);
33
34
          this.pack();
          this.setTitle("Simple Client");
35
          this.setVisible(true);
36
37
```

SimpleNetClient Example

```
@Override
39
       public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
40 ⊟
          String message = tf.getText();
41
          if (message.equals("quit")) {
42 ⊟
             // Need to close the socket to orderly disconnect from the server
43
44 ⊟
             try {
                if(out != null)
45 ⊟
                    out.close();
46
                if(client != null)
47 ⊟
                    client.close();
48
                System.exit(0);
49
             } catch (IOException e1) {
50 ⊟
                e1.printStackTrace();
51
52
          } else {
53 ⊟
54
             // Send the message entered to the network socket
             out.println(message);
55
56
             out.flush();
             tf.setText("");
57
58
59
60
       public static void main(String[] args) {
61 ⊟
          new SimpleNetClient();
62
63
64
```

Accepting Connections

Usually, the accept() method is executed within an infinite loop

```
□ i.e., while(true) { . . . }
```

- The accept method returns a new socket (with a new port) for the new channel. It blocks until connection is made
- Whenever accept() returns, a new thread is launched to handle that interaction (not in our example)
- Hence, the server can handle several requests concurrently

Threaded Server Example

```
import java.io.*;
   import java.net.ServerSocket;
   import java.net.Socket;
 4
 5 □ public class SimpleThreadedSocketListener {
       ServerSocket server:
       int serverPort = 8888;
       // Constructor to allocate a ServerSocket listening at the given port.
       public SimpleThreadedSocketListener() {
10 ⊟
          try {
11
             server = new ServerSocket(serverPort);
12
             System.out.println("ServerSocket: " + server);
          } catch (IOException e) {
13 ⊟
             e.printStackTrace();
14
15
16
17
       // Start listening.
       private void listen() {
18 ⊟
19 ⊟
          while (true) { // run until you terminate the program
20 ⊟
             try {
                // Wait for connection. Block until a connection is made.
21
                Socket socket = server.accept();
22
                System.out.println("Socket: " + socket);
23
24
                // Start a new thread for each client to perform block-IO operations.
                new ClientThread(socket).start();
25
             } catch (IOException e) {
26 ⊟
                e.printStackTrace();
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29
30
       public static void main(String[] args) {
31 ⊟
          new SimpleThreadedSocketListener().listen();
32
33
```

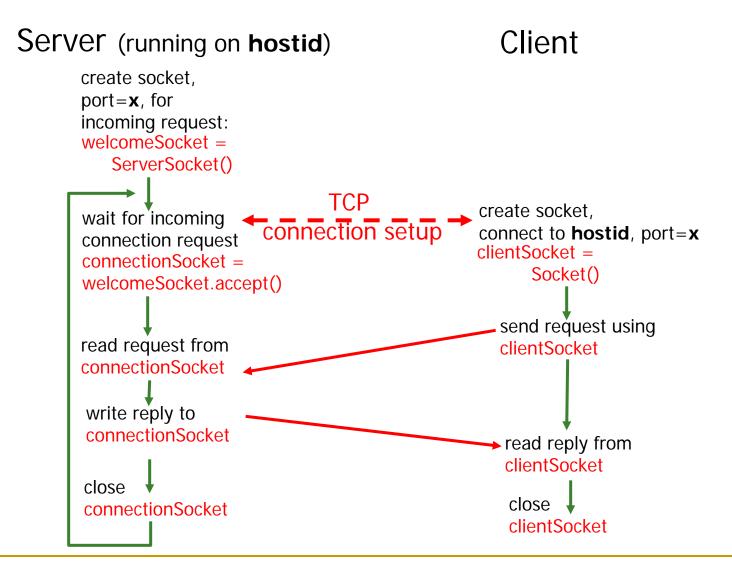
```
// Fork out a thread for each connected client to perform block-IO
35
       class ClientThread extends Thread {
36 ⊟
          Socket socket;
37
          public ClientThread(Socket socket) {
38 ⊟
             this.socket = socket;
39
40
          @Override
41
          public void run() {
42 ⊟
43
             InputStream in = null;
44 ⊟
             try {
45
                in = socket.getInputStream();
46
47
                BufferedReader rd = new BufferedReader(new InputStreamReader(in));
48
                String line;
                while ((line = rd.readLine()) != null) {
49 ⊟
                    System.out.println(line);
50
51
52
             } catch (IOException e) {
53 ⊟
                e.printStackTrace();
54
55 ⊟
             } finally {
56 ⊟
                try{
                     if(in != null){
57 ⊟
58
                         in.close();
59
                     }
60
                     socket.close();
61
                    System.out.println("Close Socket: " + socket);
                }catch (IOException e) {
62 ⊟
                    e.printStackTrace();
63
64
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```

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Timeout

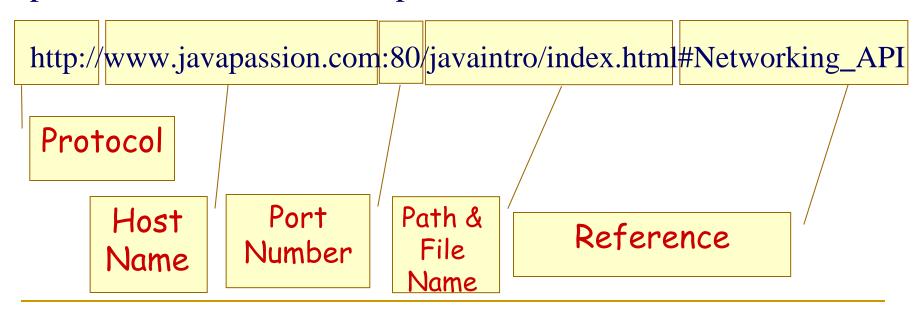
- You can set timeout values to the blocking accept () method of ServerSocket
- Use the method: serverSocket.setSoTimeout(milliseconds)
- If timeout is reached before the method returns, java.net.SocketTimeoutException is thrown.

Client/server socket interaction: TCP



URL - Uniform Resource Locator

- URL is a reference (an address) to a resource on the Internet.
 - □ A resource can be a file, a database query and more.
- URLs are just a subset of the more general concept of Uniform Resource Identifiers (URIs) which are meant to describe all points in the information space



Class URL

- Class URL represents a Uniform Resource Locator, a pointer to a "resource" on the World Wide Web.
- We distinguish between:
 - Absolute URL contains all of the information necessary to reach the resource.
 - Relative URL contains only enough information to reach the resource relative to (or in the context of) another URL.

Class URL Cont.

Constructing URLs:

```
URL w3c1 = new URL("http://www.w3.org/TR/");
URL w3c2 = new URL("http", "www.w3.org", 80, "TR/");
URL w3c3 = new URL(w3c2, "xhtml1/");
```

- If the string is not an absolute URL, then it is considered relative to the URL
- More constructors can be found in the <u>URL</u>
 API

URL addresses with Special characters

- Some URL addresses also contain these special characters, for example the space character.
 - □ Like this: http://foo.com/hello world/
- To make theses characters legal they need to be encoded before passing them to the URL constructor.

```
URL url = new URL("http://foo.com/hello%20world");
```

One class that can help us with this is the URI class:

```
URI uri = new URI("http", "foo.com", "/hello world/", "");
URL url = uri.toURL();
```

Another one is the URLEncoder class...

URLEncoder

- Contains a utility method encode for converting a string into an encoded format (used in URLs)
- To convert a string, each character is examined in turn:
 - Space is converted into a plus sign +
 - □ a-z, A-Z, 0-9, ., -, * and _ remain the same.
 - □ The bytes of all special characters are replaced by hexadecimal numbers, preceded with %
- To decode an encoded string, use decode() of the class URLDecoder
- The URLEncoder API.

URL Encoding

- URL Encoding is the process of converting string into valid URL format.
- Valid URL format means that the URL contains only what is termed "alpha | digit | safe | extra | escape" characters.
 - You can read more about the what and the whys of these terms on the World Wide Web Consortium site: http://www.w3.org/Addressing/URL/url-spec.html
 - URL Encoding Reference

URL Encoding Cont.

- URL encoding is normally performed to convert data passed via html forms, because such data may contain special character, such as "/", ".", "#", and so on, which could either:
 - Have special meanings
 - □ Is not a valid character for an URL
- For instance, the "#" character needs to be encoded because it has a special meaning of that of an html anchor. The <space> character also needs to be encoded because is not allowed on a valid URL format. Also, some characters, such as "~" might not transport properly across the internet.

URL Encoding Cont.

- Example: The URL encoding of "This is a simple & short test" is "This+is+a+simple+%26+short+test"
- Note that because the <space> character is very commonly used, a special code (the "+" sign) has been reserved as its URL encoding

MalformedURLException

URL constructors throws a MalformedURLException if the arguments to the constructor refer to a null or unknown protocol. Typically, you want to catch and handle this exception by embedding your URL constructor statements in a try/catch pair, like this:

ImFeelingLucky Example

- The following program sends a request to the Google server and extracts the result.
- Google search engine accepts GET requests of a specific format. It's reply always contain a Location header line if the search is successful.

```
import java.net.*;
import java.io.*;
public class ImFeelingLucky {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        try {
            Socket con = new Socket("www.google.com", 80);
            String req = "/search?"+
            "g="+URLEncoder.encode(args[0], "UTF8")+"&"+
            "btnI="+URLEncoder.encode("I'm Feeling Lucky", "UTF8");
            BufferedWriter out =
                new BufferedWriter(new OutputStreamWriter(con.getOutputStream(),
                        "UTF8"));
            out.write("GET "+req+" HTTP/1.1\r\n");
            out.write("Host: www.google.com\r\n");
            out.write("User-Agent: IXWT\r\n\r\n");
            out.flush();
```

ImFeelingLucky Example Cont.

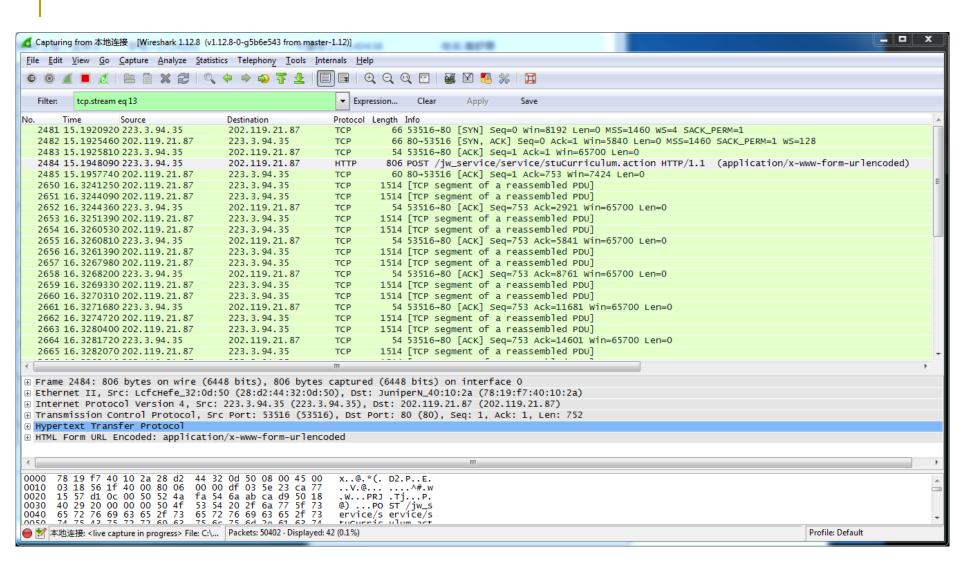
```
BufferedReader in =
       new BufferedReader(new InputStreamReader(con.getInputStream()));
   String line;
   System.out.print("The prophet spoke thus: ");
   while ((line = in.readLine()) != null) {
        if (line.startsWith("Location:")) {
            System.out.println("Direct your browser to "+
                    line.substring(9).trim()+
            " and you shall find great happiness in life.");
            break:
        } else if (line.trim().length()==0) {
            System.out.println("I am sorry - my crystal ball is blank.");
            break:
   con.close();
} catch (IOException e) {
   System.err.println(e);
                                                               Finally would
                                                                  be the right
                                                                   place...
```

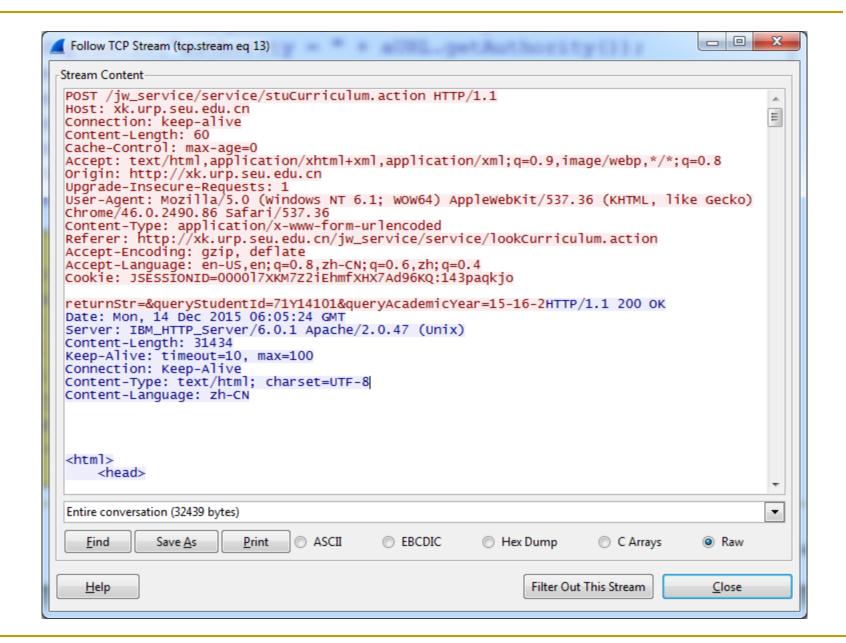
Parsing a URL

The following methods of URL can be used for parsing URLs:

```
import java.net.*;
import java.io.*;
public class ParseURL {
    public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
        URL aURL = new URL("http://java.sun.com:80/docs/books/tutorial"
                           + "/index.html?name=networking#DOWNLOADING");
        System.out.println("protocol = " + aURL.getProtocol());
    System.out.println("authority = " + aURL.getAuthority());
        System.out.println("host = " + aURL.getHost());
        System.out.println("port = " + aURL.getPort());
        System.out.println("path = " + aURL.getPath());
        System.out.println("query = " + aURL.getOuery());
        System.out.println("filename = " + aURL.getFile());
        System.out.println("ref = " + aURL.getRef());
                                  The Output
         protocol = http
         authority = java.sun.com:80
         host = java.sun.com
         port = 80
         path = /docs/books/tutorial/index.html
         query = name=networking
         filename = /docs/books/tutorial/index.html?name=networking
         ref = DOWNLOADING
```







URLConnection

- Represent a communications link between the application and a URL. Instances of this class can be used both to read from and to write to the resource referenced by the URL.
- Creating a connection to a URL:
 - The connection object is created by invoking the openConnection method on a URL. If the protocol of the URL is HTTP, the returned object is of class HttpURLConnection.
 - □ The setup parameters and general request properties are manipulated.
 - The actual connection to the remote object is made, using the connect method.
 - The remote object becomes available. The header fields and the contents of the remote object can be accessed.
- See the URLConnection class API for more information

URLConnection Cont.

- The life cycle of a URLConnection object has two parts:
 - Before actual connection establishment
 - Connection configuration (setAllowUserInteraction, setDoInput and more)
 - After actual connection establishment
 - Content retrieval
- Moving from the first phase to the second is implicit
 - A result of calling some committing methods, like getDate()

URLConnection Example

```
import java.net.*;
import java.io.*;
public class URLConnectionReader {
    public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
        URL yahoo = new URL("http://www.yahoo.com/");
        URLConnection yc = yahoo.openConnection();
        BufferedReader in = new BufferedReader()
                                new InputStreamReader(
                                yc.getInputStream()));
        String inputLine;
        while ((inputLine = in.readLine()) != null)
            System.out.println(inputLine);
        in.close();
```

Class HttpURLConnection

- A URLConnection with support for HTTPspecific features.
 - responseMessage field
 - getRequestMethod()
 - usingProxy()
- The HttpURLConnection API

Datagrams

- A datagram is an independent, self-contained message sent over the network whose arrival, arrival time, and content are not guaranteed.
- The java.net package contains three classes to help you write Java programs that use datagrams to send and receive packets over the network: DatagramSocket, DatagramPacket, and MulticastSocket

Client/server socket interaction: UDP

Client Server (running on **hostid**) create socket, create socket, port = x, for clientSocket = incoming request: DatagramSocket() serverSocket = DatagramSocket() Create, address (hostid, port=x, send datagram request using clientSocket read request from serverSocket write reply to serverSocket read reply from specifying client clientSocket host address, port umber close clientSocket