



Web Technology (KCS-602) Unit 3

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Datagrams

- Datagrams are collection of information sent from one device to another device via the established network.
- When the datagram is sent to the targeted device, there is no assurance that it will reach to the target device safely and completely.
- It may get damaged or lost in between. Likewise, the receiving device also never know if the datagram received is damaged or not.

Java DatagramSocket and DatagramPacket

- Java DatagramSocket and DatagramPacket classes are used for connection-less socket programming.
- **Java DatagramSocket** class represents a connection-less socket for sending and receiving datagram packets.
- A datagram is basically an information but there is no guarantee of its content, arrival or arrival time.

- **Java DatagramPacket** is a message that can be sent or received. If you send multiple packet, it may arrive in any order. Additionally, packet delivery is not guaranteed.

Constructors of DatagramSocket class

- `DatagramSocket()` throws `SocketException`: it creates a datagram socket and binds it with the available Port Number on the localhost machine.
- `DatagramSocket(int port)` throws `SocketException`: it creates a datagram socket and binds it with the given Port Number.
- `DatagramSocket(int port, InetAddress address)` throws `SocketException`: it creates a datagram socket and binds it with the specified port number and host address.

Java DatagramPacket Class Methods

| Method | Description |
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| 1) InetAddress getAddress() | It returns the IP address of the machine to which the datagram is being sent or from which the datagram was received. |
| 2) byte[] getData() | It returns the data buffer. |
| 3) int getLength() | It returns the length of the data to be sent or the length of the data received. |
| 4) int getPort() | It returns the port number on the remote host to which the datagram is being sent or from which the datagram was received. |