A Quick Guide to Networking Software

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Mission Briefing

Welcome to this quick guide in networking programming. You will be given a username and password to access any of the RC lab computers. They are connected to Internet and running Linux.

Your mission, should you decide to accept it, is to complete the tasks that will be presented as you move along the guide. They involve the development of programs that communicate through the Internet.

The tools that you will be using are the basis for the development of network applications over the Internet (web browsers and servers, email, peer-to-peer, remote logins, file transfers ...).

The kind of network applications you will be able to develop, on your own, at the end of this guide, will only be bounded by your imagination.

As always, should you or any team member be caught in thrall of network programming, the author would disavow any knowledge of your actions.

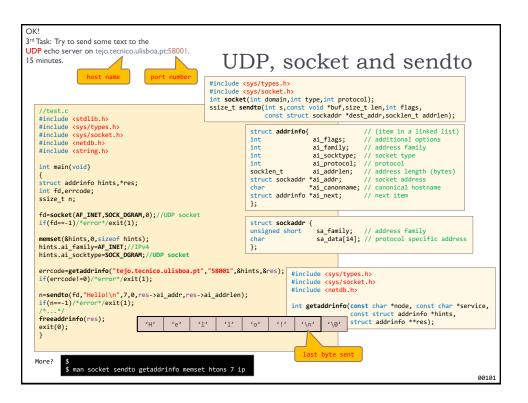
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Login: alunos
Password: alunos
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Welcome, you are inside now.
I^{st} Task: Get the host name!
You have 10 minutes.
      gethostname
                                                   #include <unistd.h>
                                                   int gethostname(char *name, size_t len);
          //test.c
          #include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <string.h>
                                                                                 # makefile

    gcc test.c -o test
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          #include <errno.h>
          extern int errno;
          int main(void)
                                                                                 running on tejo.tecnico.ulisboa.pt
          char buffer[128];
          if(gethostname(buffer,128)==-1)
    fprintf(stderr,"error: %s\n",strerror(errno));
                                                                                 gcc test.c -o test
$ ./test
                                                                                  host name: tejo.tecnico.ulisboa.pt
          else printf("host name: %s\n",buffer);
          exit(0);
                                     #include <string.h>
                                      char *strerror(int errnum);
                                                                               More?
                                                                                       $ man gethostname strerror
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Good! Move on!
2<sup>nd</sup> Task: Now that you have a name, get the IP address.
                                                                                                          #include <sys/socket.h>
#include <netdb.h>
     getaddrinfo
                                                                                                          int getaddrinfo(const char *node, const char *service,
                                                          #include <arpa/inet.h>
                                                                                                                                 const struct addrinfo *hints,
struct addrinfo **res);
        #include <stdio.h:
                                                          const char *inet_ntop(int af,
                                                                                                           void freeaddrinfo(struct addrinfo *res);
       #include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/socket.h>
#include <netdb.h>
#include <arpa/inet.h>
#include <string.h>
                                                                const void *src,char *dst,
socklen_t size);
                                                                                                          const char *gai_strerror(int errcode);
                                                                                                     struct addrinfo {
                                                                                                                                                  // (item in a linked list)
                                                                                                                             ai_flags;
                                                                                                                                                  // additional options
                                                                                                     int
                                                                                                                             ai_family; // address family
ai_socktype; // socket type
                                                                                                    int
       int main(void)
                                                                                                     int
                                                                                                                             ai protocol:
                                                                                                                                                 // protocol
                                                                                                    al_protocol; // protocol sength (bytes) struct sockadd *al_addr: // socket address char *al_canonname; // canonical hostname struct addrinfo *al_next; // next item
         truct addrinfo hints,*res,*p;
       int errcode;
char buffer[INET_ADDRSTRLEN];
struct in_addr *addr;
                                                    #include <string.h>
void *memset(void *s,int c,size_t n); [
       memset(&hints,0,sizeof hints);
hints.ai_family=AF_INET;//IPv4
hints.ai_socktype=SOCK_DGRAM;
                                                                                                            hints.ai_flags=AI_CANONNAME;
       if((errcode=getaddrinfo("tejo.tecnico.ulisboa.pt",NULL,&hints,&res))!=0)
             fprintf(stderr, "error: getaddrinfo: %s\n",gai_strerror(errcode));
                                                                                                                                        struct in_addr{
uint32_t s_a
             !\
printf("canonical hostname: %s\n",res->ai_canonname);
                                                                                                                                                            s_addr; // 32 bits
             for(p=res;p!=NUL;p=p->ai_next){
   addr=&((struct sockaddr_in *)p->ai_addr)->sin_addr;
   printf("internet address: %s (%081x)\n",
                       inet_ntop(p->ai_family,addr,buffer,sizeof buffer),
                                                                                                                uint32_t ntohl(uint32_t netlong);
                                                                                              0xC1==193
                       ({\tt long\ unsigned\ int}) {\tt ntohl}({\tt addr->s\_addr}));
             freeaddrinfo(res);
                                                                                                               Long (32 bits) 0x76543210
Little endian system Ne
                                         gcc test.c -o test
$ ./test
                                                                                                                                                  Network byte order
                                                                                                                                                       ADDR 0x76
ADDR+1 0x54
ADDR+2 0x32
                                          $ ./test
canonical hostname: tejo.tecnico.ulisboa.pt
internet address: 193.136.138.142 (C1888A8E)
                                                                                                                     ADDR 0x10
                                                                                                                     ADDR+1 0x32
ADDR+2 0x54
                                                                                                                     ADDR+3 0x76
                                                                                                                                                       ADDR+3 0x10
      $ man getaddrinfo inet_ntop memset ntohl 7 ip
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4th Task: Now, receive the echo from the UDP echo server.
20 minutes.
                                                              UDP and recyfrom
      //test.c
      #include <stdio.h>
      #include <stdlib.h>
                                        #include <sys/types.h>
      #include <sys/types.h>
                                        #include <sys/socket.h>
                                        #include <sys/socket.h>
      #include <netdb.h>
      #include <string.h>
      #include <unistd.h>
                                                                 gcc test.c -o test
      int main(void)
                                                                 $ ./test
                                                                echo: Hello!
      int fd;
      struct sockaddr addr;
      socklen_t addrlen;
      ssize t n;
                                                                               Question 2: How do you know the
      char buffer[128+1];
                                                                               message you received came from the
                                                                               UDP echo server on tejo:58001.
      /*...*///see previous task code
                                                                               Question 3: Which port number is
      addrlen=sizeof(addr);
                                                                               your UDP client listening to when it
      n=recvfrom(fd,buffer,128,0,&addr,&addr1en);
                                                                               is waiting for the echo reply?
      if(n==-1)/*error*/exit(1);
buffer[n] = '\0';
                                                                               Question 4: How many bytes do
      printf("echo: %s\n", buffer);
                                           Question 1: What happens if the
                                           messages do not arrive at the destination? Try specifying a wrong port number for the destination
                                                                              you expect to receive from recvfrom?
      close(fd);
      exit(0);
                                           echo server. Did you get an error
                                                                               Question 5: Do you expect buffer
                                                                               content to be a NULL terminated
                                           message?
            $ man recvfrom
                                                                                                               00110
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Answer to question 3: The system assigned some unused Answers port in the range 1024 through 5000 when you first called sendto and this is the port recvfrom is listening to. If you want to use a specific port number you have to use bind. More on that later. Answer to question I: No message will be received back at the client and it will block in recvfrom. No error will be detected unless Answer to question 4: In this particular case, you should timeouts are used. expect to receive 7 bytes (see sendto in previous slide). You are using UDP. There are no guarantees that the messages will be delivered at the destination, and the order by which they are Answer to question 5: In this particular case, you should delivered may not be the same in which they not expect buffer to be NULL terminated. See sendto in previous slide and notice that the '\0' was not sent. were transmitted. Answer to question 2: You have to check the recvfrom addr output argument. See, in the Question 2: How do you know the next slide, how to use getnameinfo for that message you received came from the purpose. UDP echo server on tejo:58001. If you only want to receive messages from a specific address, then use send and recv. Find Question 3: Which port number is out more on manual page 2 (man 2 send your UDP client listening to when it is waiting for the echo reply? Question I: What happens if the Question 4: How many bytes do messages do not arrive at the you expect to receive from destination? Try specifying a wrong recvfrom? port number for the destination echo server. Did you get an error Question 5: Do you expect buffer message? content to be a NULL terminated string? 00111

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5th Task: Check who sent you the message.
     getnameinfo
                                        #include <sys/socket.h>
                                        #include <netdb.h>
                                        int getnameinfo(const struct sockaddr *addr, socklen_t addrlen,
       #include <stdio.h>
#include <netdb.h>
#include <sys/socket.h>
/* ... */
                                                          char *host, socklen_t hostlen,
                                                          char *serv, socklen_t servlen, int flags);
                                                                      $ make
       int main(void)
                                                                     gcc test.c -o test
      $ ./test
echo: Hello!
                                                                     sent by [tejo.tecnico.ulisboa.pt:58001]
           buffer[128];
       int errcode;
       char host[NI_MAXHOST], service[NI_MAXSERV];//consts in <netdb.h>
       /*...*/// see previous task code
       addrlen=sizeof(addr);
n=necvfrom(fd,buffer,128,0,&addr,&addrlen);
if(n==-1)/*error*/exit(1);
/*...*/
       printf("sent by [%s:%s]\n",host,service);
                                                                                                            More?
       exit(0);
                                                                                          $ man getnameinfo
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OK. Now let's move from UDP to TCP.
TCP is connection-oriented.
6^{th} Task: Connect to the TCP echo server on tejo.tecnico.ulisboa:58001.
10 minutes.
                                               TCP, socket and connect
                                              #include <sys/types.h>
                                               #include <sys/socket.h>
      #include <stdlib.h>
                                              int connect(int sockfd,const struct sockaddr *serv_addr,
      #include <sys/types.h>
                                                            socklen_t addrlen);
      #include <sys/socket.h>
#include <netdb.h>
      #include <string.h>
                                                                          Question 6: Did you notice that the host
                                                                          name and port number are the same as
      int main(void)
      struct addrinfo hints,*res;
                                                                          Question 7: What do you expect to happen
      int fd,n;
                                                                          if you type the wrong host name or port
      fd=socket(AF_INET,SOCK_STREAM,0);//TCP socket
                                                                          number?
      if(fd==-1)exit(1);//error
      memset(&hints,0,sizeof hints);
hints.ai_family=AF_INET;//IPv4
                                                         errcode=getaddrinfo("193.136.138.142","58001",&hints,&res);
      hints.ai_socktype=SOCK_STREAM;//TCP socket
      n=getaddrinfo("tejo.tecnico.ulisboa.pt","58001",&hints,&res);
      if(n!=0)/*error*/exit(1);
      n=connect(fd,res->ai_addr,res->ai_addrlen);
if(n==-1)/*error*/exit(1);
                                                                                                          More?
                                                                                        $ man connect
      }
                                                                                                                   01001
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Answer to question 6: There is no problem in having two servers on the same port number as long as they are using different protocols. In this case, one is using UDP and the other TCP. Answer to question 7: If you type the wrong host name, getaddrinfo would give you an error, unless you type a name that also exists. If you type the wrong port number, connect would give you an error, unless there is a TCP server listening on that port.

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7th Task: Send some text over the connection you have just established
and read the response.
10 minutes.
                                                            TCP, write and read
       //test.c
       #include <stdio.h>
                                                      #include <unistd.h>
                                                      ssize_t write(int fd,const void *buf,size_t count);
ssize_t read(int fd,void *buf,size_t count);
      #include <unistd.h>
      #include <string.h>
/* ... */
      int main(void)
                                                                                       gcc test.c -o test
$ ./test
                                                     also used to write and
  read to/from files
      ssize_t nbytes,nleft,nwritten,nread;
                                                                                       echo: Hello!
      char *ptr,buffer[128+1];
      /*...*///see previous task code
ptr=strcpy(buffer, "Hello! \n");
      nbytes=7;
      nleft=nbytes;
                                                                            Question 8: Did you notice that you may
      while(nleft>0){nwritten=write(fd,ptr,nleft);
                        if(nwritten<=0)/*error*/exit(1);</pre>
                                                                           have to call write and read more than
                                                                           once?
                        nleft-=nwritten;
                       ptr+=nwritten;}
      Question 9: What do you expect to happen
                                                                            if your messages do not arrive at the
                                                                           destination?
                        else if(nread==0)break;//closed by peer
                        nleft-=nread;
                       ptr+=nread;}
      nread=nbytes-nleft;
                                                                                                             More?
      buffer[nread] = '\0';
printf("echo: %s\n", buffer);
                                                                                            $ man 2 write read
      close(fd);
      exit(0);
                                                                                                                     01011
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Answers

Answer to question 8: There is no guarantee that write would send all the bytes you requested when you called it. Transport layer buffers may be full. However, write returns the number of bytes that were sent (accepted by the transport layer). So, you just have to use this information to make sure everything is sent.

You may also have to call read more that once, since read would return as soon as data is available at the socket. It may happen that, when read returns, there was still data to arrive. Since read returns the number of bytes read from the socket, you just have to use this information to make sure nothing is missing.

Answer to question 9: If the transport layer can not deliver your messages to the destination, the connection will be lost. In some circumstances, this may take a few minutes due to timeouts. If your process is blocked in a read when the connection is lost, then read would return -I and errno would be set to the appropriate error. If you call write on a lost connection, write would return -I,

If you call write on a lost connection, write would return -1, errno will be set to EPIPE, but the system would raise a SIGPIPE signal and, by default, that would kill your process. See the next slide for a way to deal with the SIGPIPE signal.

Note however, that if the connection is closed by the peer.

Note however that, if the connection is closed, by the peer process, in an orderly fashion, while read is blocking your process, then read would return 0, as a sign of EOF(end-of-file).

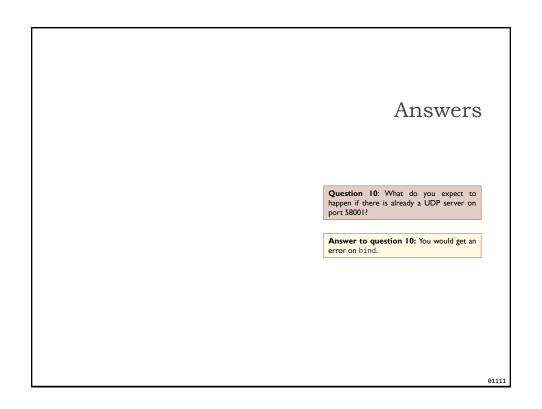
Question 8: Did you notice that you may have to call write and read more than once?

Question 9: What do you expect to happen if your messages do not arrive at the destination?

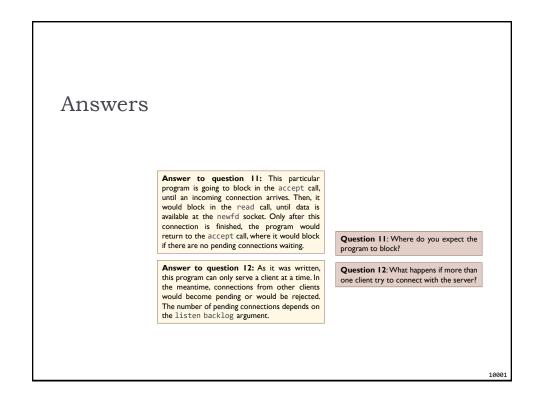
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Be careful. If the connection is lost and you write to the socket, the system
will raise a SIGPIPE signal and, by default, this will kill your process.
8<sup>th</sup> Task: Protect the application against SIGPIPE signals.
    TCP and the SIGPIPE signal
                                               int sigaction(int signum, const struct sigaction *act,
                                                              struct sigaction *oldact);
      #include <signal.h>
      /*···*/
                                                                                                        More?
      int main(void)
                                                                               $ man sigaction 7 signal
      struct sigaction act;
      memset(&act,0,sizeof act);
      act.sa handler=SIG IGN;
      if(sigaction(SIGPIPE,&act,NULL)==-1)/*error*/exit(1);
                          now on, the SIGPIPE
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Let's move from clients to servers.
Servers have well-known ports.
9th Task: Write a UDP echo server and run it on port 58001.
                                                                                          UDP server and bind
          #include <stdlib.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/socket.h>
#include <netdb.h>
#include <string.h>
                                                                                    #include <sys/types.h>
                                                                                    #include <sys/socket.h>
                                                                                    int bind(int sockfd,const struct sockaddr *my_addr,
                                                                                                   socklen_t addrlen);
          int main(void)
                                                                                                                                                                        More?
          ttuct addrinfo hints,*res;
int fd,errcode;
struct sockaddr addr;
socklen_t addrlen;
                                                                 Use bind to register the server well known address (and port) with the system.
                                                                                                                                                       $ man 2 bind
          ssize_t n,nread;
char buffer[128];
                                                                                                                     Question 10: What do you expect to happen if there is already a UDP server on
          if((fd=socket(AF_INET,SOCK_DGRAM,0))==-1)exit(1);//error
                                                                                                                     port 58001?
          memset(&hints,0,sizeof hints);
          immemset(unins);
ints.ai_family=AF_INET;//IPv4
hints.ai_socktype=SOCK_DGRAN;//UDP socket
hints.ai_flags=AI_PASSIVE;
if((errcode=getaddrinfo(NULL, "58001",&hints,&res))!=0)/*error*/exit(1);
                                                                                                                                              Note: You can also use
                                                                                                                                              bind to register the
                                                                                                                                              address (and port) in clients. In that case, if
          if(bind(fd,res->ai_addr,res->ai_addrlen)==-1)/*error*/exit(1);
                                                                                                                                              you set the port number to 0, the system assigns
          while(1){addrlen=sizeof(addr);
    nread=recvfrom(fd,buffer,128,0, &addr,&addrlen);
    if(nread==-1)/*error*/exit(1);
    n=sendto(fd,buffer,nread,0,&addr,addrlen);
    if(n==-1)/*error*/exit(1);
                                                                                                                                              some unused port in the
                                                                                                                                              range 1024 through 5000.
          //freeaddrinfo(res);
          //freeaddrinf
//close(fd);
//exit(0);
}
                                                                       Send only the bytes you read.
                                                                                                                                                                                    01110
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Now, do the same, but with TCP.
10th Task: Write a TCP echo server and run it also on port 58001.
20 minutes.
                                                   TCP server, bind, listen and accept
            #include <stdlib.h>
           #include <std10.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/socket.h>
#include <netdb.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <unistd.h>
                                                                   #include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/socket.h>
int bind(int sockfd,const struct sockaddr *my_addr,
                                                                  int bind(int sockrd,const struct sockadur *m
socklen_t addrlen);
int listen(int sockfd,int backlog);
int accept(int sockfd,struct sockadur *addr,
socklen_t *addrlen);
            int main(void)
           {
    struct addrinfo hints,*res;
    int fd,newfd,errcode;
    ssize_t n,nw;
    struct sockaddr addr;
    socklen_t addrlen;
    char *ptr,buffer[128];
            if((fd=socket(AF INET,SOCK STREAM,0))==-1)exit(1);//error
           memset(&hints,0,sizeof hints);
hints.ai_family=AF_INET;//IPv4
hints.ai_socktype=SOCK_STREAM;//TCP socket
hints.ai_flags=AI_PASSIVE;
                                                                                                                                                                                     Returns a socket
                                                                                                                       associated with the new connection
            if((\texttt{errcode} = \textbf{getaddrinfo}(\texttt{NULL}, \texttt{"58001"}, \texttt{\&hints}, \texttt{\&res}))! = \emptyset) / *\texttt{error*} / \texttt{exit}(1);
                                                                                                                                            Question II: Where do you expect the
            if(bind(fd,res->ai_addr,res->ai_addrlen)==-1)/*error*/exit(1);
                                                                                                                                            program to block?
            if(listen(fd,5)==-1)/*error*/exit(1);
            while(1){addrlen=sizeof(addr);
                                                                                                                                            Question 12: What happens if more than
                         if((newfd=accept(fd,&addr,&addrlen))==-1)
/*error*/exit(1);
                                                                                                                                            one client try to connect with the server?
                         \label{eq:while} \begin{aligned} & \text{while}((\text{n=read}(\text{newfd},\text{buffer},\text{128}))!=\emptyset) \\ & \text{if}(\text{n=-1})/\text{*error*}/\text{exit}(1); \\ & \text{ptr=8buffer}[\emptyset]; \end{aligned}
                                                                                                                                            {f Note}: Do not forget to
                               while(n>0){if((nw=write(newfd,ptr,n))<=0)/*error*/exit(1);
n-=nw; ptr+=nw;}</pre>
                                                                                                                                            protect your application against the SIGPIPE signal.
                           close(newfd);
                                                                                                                                                                                                  More?
            //freeaddrinfo(res);close(fd);exit(0);
}
                                                                                                                                       $ man 2 bind listen accept 7 tcp
                                                                                                                                                                                                                 10000
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If you are already serving a client, send "busy\n" to new incoming clients.
11th Task: Change the previous code to do that.
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           select
15 minutes.
                                                                                                                                                                                                                             #include <sys/time.h>
                                                                                                                                                                                                                            #include <sys/types.h>
#include <unistd.h>
                                                                             #define max(A,B) ((A)>=(B)?(A):(B))
                                                                             int main(void)
                                                                                                                                                                                                                             int select(int n,fd_set *readfds,fd_set *writefds,
                                                                           int main(void)
int fd,newfd,afd=0;
fd_set rfds;
enum (alde,busy) state;
ilma=xfd_counter;
ilma=xfd_counter;
ilma=xfd_counter;
ilma=xfd_counter;
ilma=xfd_counter;
ilma=xfd_counter;
ilma=xfd_counter;
ilma=xfd_counter;
ilma=xfd_set *exceptfd
FD_CLR(int fd,fd_set *exce);
FD_TSSET(int fd,fd_set *set);
FD_SET(int fd,fd_set *set);
interval fd_set *set);
FD_SET(int fd,fd_set *set);
FD_SET(int fd,fd_set *set);
interval fd_set *exceptfd
fl_set *red
fd_set *red
fd_set *red
fd_set *red
fd_set *red
fd_set *exceptfd
fl_set *exceptfd
f
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            fd_set *exceptfds,struct timeval *timeout);
                                                                                                                                                                                                                            FD_CLR(int fd,fd_set *set);
                                                                                                                                                                                                                           FD_ISSET(int fd,fd_set *set);
FD_SET(int fd,fd_set *set);
FD_ZERO(fd_set *set);
                                                                                                          counter=select(maxfd+1,&rfds,(fd_set*)NULL,(fd_set*)NULL,(struct timeval *)NULL);
if(counterc=0)/*error*/exit(1);
                                                                                                        art(newfacet(addr);

art(newfacet(fd,&addr,&addrlen))==-1)/*error*/exit(1);

/*...write "busy"in in newfd */

close(newfd);

else if(fD.SSY(fdf,&fds))(FD.CLk(&fd,&fds);

if((neread(afd,buffer,128))=0)

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if((neread(afd,buffer,128))=0)

if((neread(afd,buffer,128))=0)

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ff(neread(afd,buffer,128));

/*...write buffer in afd */)

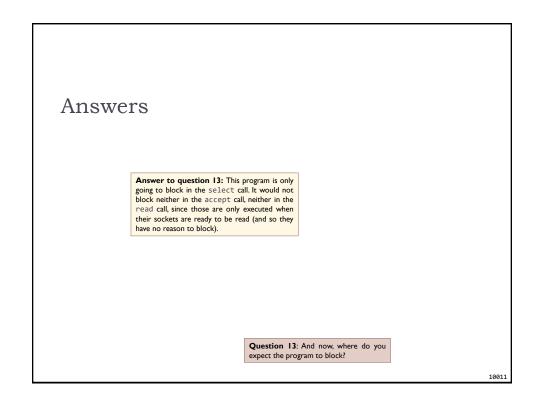
else(close(afd);state=idle;}//connection closed by peer

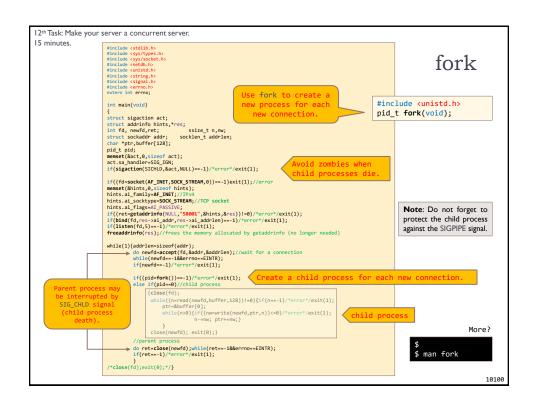
break;

/*close(fd);exit(0);*/

/*close(fd);exit(0);*/

/*/main
                                                                                                                                  afd_newfd_state=busy;}
break;
case busy: if(FD_ISSE(fd_&fdds)){FD_CR(fd_&fds);}
addrlens!zeof(addr);
if((newfd-accept(fd_&addr_eddrlen))==-1)/*error*/exit(1);
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    More?
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          Question 13: And now, where do you
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     $ man 2 select
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Further Reading

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