

CS209

Computer system design and application

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Java-era build tools



I have mentioned Ant last time, another notable build product is Maven, another product from the Apache foundation.

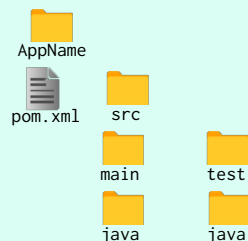
maven

"maven" is a word to designate a wise knowledgeable person in the dialect (yiddish) of Central European Jews.

project object model pom.xml

Maven is based on a structure that is always the same, and many common tasks are implicit. What isn't implicit is described in an XML file.

Directory structure



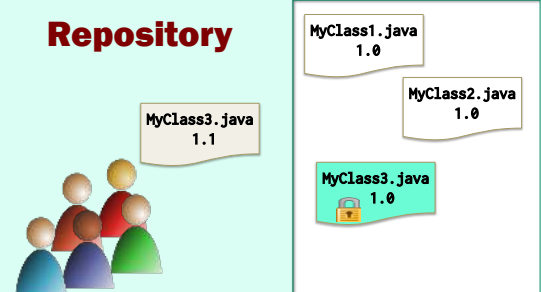
maven

Source Control

Another category of useful tools are source control systems. They are repositories where the source code for a project is store. They ensure that only one developer modifies a time at a time, and they also keep track of changes, allowing to revert back in time when changes were bad. There are also some more advanced functions for merging parts that have evolved independently.

Source Control Systems

Repository



A check-in/check-out system makes files read-only when someone is modifying them.

Source Control Systems

SCCS  Bell Laboratories First one, 1970s

 SUBVERSION 


 git

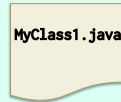
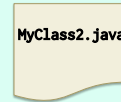
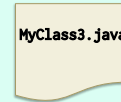
There are many systems, the first ones were local to one computer, today they can be local or use a web server.


Testing

A very important phase in the life of a developer is testing, which is both kind of boring and difficult to do properly. Testing is a task that has to be done repeatedly, because very often a change (new feature, bug fix) breaks something that used to work. For big projects, you have "test suites" that just run the software through a lot of controls and checks that everyone of them is passed.

Testing is more difficult when several developers are working on the same project.

 TheProgram

 MyClass1.java  MyClass2.java  MyClass3.java

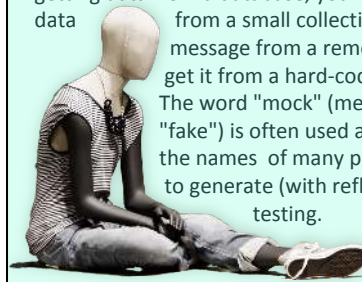


The fastest developer cannot wait on the slowest one to test the code!

You usually want to test your code as early as possible, even if you are using objects and methods currently being developed by someone else (remember that object-oriented programming is mostly objects exchanging messages by calling methods)

Write dummy classes and methods for testing

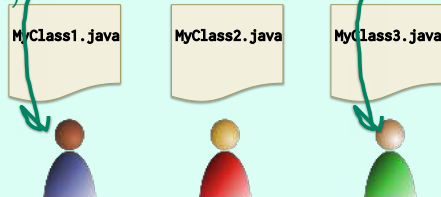
The tactic is usually to create very simple objects and methods that simply simulate the real thing. Instead of getting data from a database, you'll always return the same data from a small collection. Instead of getting a message from a remote server, you'll get it from a hard-coded method. The word "mock" (meaning "imitation" or "fake") is often used and can be found in the names of many products helping to generate (with reflection...) code for testing.



MOCK

Write dummy classes and methods for testing

Works on a beautiful GUI (View) Reads data from Collections Ugly UI Debugs and optimizes DB queries (Model)



This allows developers to test their code without having to wait for others – or without having written all their methods.

DEPENDENCY INJECTION

An important idea for testing is that when an object depends on another object from a different class, it should not create the other object, but should get a reference to it. The dependency is "injected" (passed). This makes testing far easier, because you don't have to worry about what the constructor should look like and what arguments it takes. Dependency injection is central to some development frameworks such as Spring and is considered a good development practice.

Several aspects to testing

Testing covers many fields – included the behaviour when something that wasn't expected happens.

Expected result?

New change doesn't break something?
(Non regression)

What the user wanted?
(User Acceptance Test)

Correct performance?
(Load testing)

JUNIT

junit.org

also TestNG

Some tests are usually carried out by support teams, not by developers themselves. For the testing part that directly regards developers, some tools exist that are based on annotations.

```
import static org.junit.Assert.*;
import org.junit.*;

class MyClass {
    public int method1 {
    }
    public int method2 {
    }
}

class MyClassTest {
    @Test
    public void testmethod1 {
    }
    @Test
    public void testmethod2 {
    }
}
```

The idea is to mirror a class with a test class that checks, in a test method, a method from the original class.

Test methods?

A test method, annotated as such, use an assertxxx() function to compare the result of a method to test to an expected result.

```
@Test
public void testmethod1 {
    // Create object,
    // initialize parameters ...
    assertEquals(expected_result,
                  obj.method1(...));
}
```

```
assertEquals("message", A, B);
assertTrue(A);
assertFalse(A);
assertNotNull(A);
...
```

There are many assertxxx methods, that can optionally take a message as parameter.

```
@Test
@Before
@After
@Test(expected = Exception.class)
@Test(timeout = 100)
```

Annotations allow to define "before" and "after" operations, and even to check that we are getting the proper exception.

Ideally test only one class

As many test methods as you want

"Test suites"

Normally you are supposed to test one class at once, and you can have multiple test methods to test different aspects (there is NOT a one-to-one correspondance between methods being tested and test methods).

Tests can be run from multiple environments.

Running JUnit Tests

IDE



Build tool



Command line

```
java org.junit.runner.JUnitCore TestClass1 [...other test classes...]
```

Deployment

Distributing the program

The last aspect isn't the list important. How are you going to distribute your program? Cases when the program is a single .class are very rare. Usually you need quite a number of files to successfully run a program.

.exe

.class

.class

.class

package

.class

.class

Compared to a standard .exe file in Windows, Java is a mess. You may need several .class files, as well as one or several packages, to successfully run your program.

And it can be much worse.

Departure: Shenzhen, China (SZX)
Arrival: London, United Kingdom (All airports)
Departure Date: 14/12/17
☐ Only Direct Flights ☐ Single Airline

CSS file

Data

Flight	Departure	Arrival
CA3310-BA38	Shenzhen (SZX)	07
CA3310/937	Shenzhen (SZX)	07
MU5368-VS251	Shenzhen (SZX)	07
MU5368/551	Shenzhen (SZX)	07
CA1306-BA38	Shenzhen (SZX)	08
CA1306	Shenzhen (SZX)	08
BA38	Beijing (PEK)	12
CA1306/937	Shenzhen (SZX)	08

+ JDBC driver Images

When you need to send by mail several files, you often zip them. You do the same in Java in a .jar file.

single file

The JVM knows how to read and execute a .jar file without having to unzip it first.

Jar files

Either a complementary library
(such as JDBC drivers)

java -cp somefile.jar myprog

Or the main program

java -jar myprog.jar

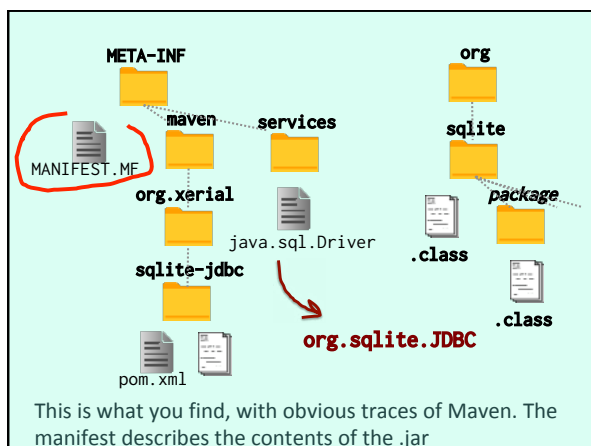
"jar" means "java archive", it's inspired by "tar" (tape archive), an old Unix command. It's also a pun, as a jar is usually a glass or earthenware container with a wide opening.

Jar files

Java archive

Technically, a **.jar** file is a compressed (zip) file.

In practice, it IS a zip file, and you can apply unzip to a .jar. Which I have done for the SQLite driver.



Manifest-Version: 1.0
 Archiver-Version: Plexus Archiver
 Created-By: Apache Maven Bundle Plugin
 Built-By: leo
 Build-Jdk: 1.8.0_74
 Bnd-LastModified: 1484116742984
 Bundle-Description: SQLite JDBC library
 Bundle-License: <http://www.apache.org/licenses/LICENSE-2.0.txt>
 Bundle-ManifestVersion: 2
 Bundle-Name: SQLite JDBC
 Bundle-SymbolicName: org.xerial.sqlite-jdbc;singleton:=true
 Bundle-Version: 3.16.1
 Export-Package: org.sqlite;version="3.16.1.SNAPSHOT";uses:="javax.sql,org.sqlite.core,org.sqlite.jdbc4",org.sqlite.core;version="3.16.1.SNAPSHOT";uses:="org.sqlite,org.sqlite.date,org.sqlite.jdbc4",org.sqlite.date;version="3.16.1.SNAPSHOT",org.sqlite.javax;version="3.16.1.SNAPSHOT";uses:="javax.sql,org.sqlite,org.sqlite.jdbc4",org.sqlite.jdbc3;version="3.16.1.SNAPSHOT";uses:="org.sqlite,org.sqlite.core",org.sqlite.jdbc4;version="3.16.1.SNAPSHOT";uses:="javax.sql,org.sqlite,org.sqlite.core,org.sqlite.jdbc3",org.sqlite.util;version="3.16.1.SNAPSHOT"
 Import-Package: javax.sql;resolution:=optional
 Originally-Created-By: Apache Maven Bundle PluginTool: Bnd-2.1.0.20130426-122213

This is the content of the Manifest file.

Note that references to files in a .jar are supposed to be in the .jar, unless they are prefixed by **file:**:

References to files

file:path

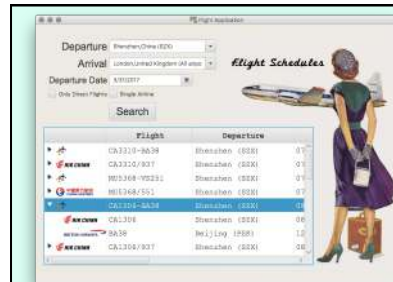
Operating System

.jar file

look in **CLASSPATH**

```
this.getClass()
  .getClassLoader()
  .getResource("images/image.png")
```

images must be in **CLASSPATH**



Before packaging my application into a .jar file, I must have clean directories.

FlightController FlightModel FlightView CustomSQLFunc resources

.class .class .class .class images data

FlightApp.class

main() is here

```
$ jar cvf FlightApp.jar CustomSQLFunc FlightController
FlightModel FlightView resources
added manifest
adding: CustomSQLFunc/(in = 0) (out= 0)(stored 0%)
adding: CustomSQLFunc/ConvertMinToHour.class(in = 1223)
(out= 734)(deflated 39%)
adding: CustomSQLFunc/GetArrivalTime.class(in = 2280)
(out= 1226)(deflated 46%)
adding: CustomSQLFunc/GetDayOfWeek.class(in = 1374)
...
```

A default manifest is created.

FlightController FlightModel FlightView CustomSQLFunc resources

.class .class .class .class images data

FlightApp.class

Create file manifest.txt

```
Main-Class:FlightController.FlightApp
Class-Path:resources sqlite-jdbc-x.x.x.jar
```

I can customize the Manifest.xml file by creatin a manifest.txt saying first where is the main my default class path

Carriage return required!

FlightController FlightModel FlightView CustomSQLFunc resources

.class .class .class .class images data

FlightApp.class

Create file manifest.txt

```
Main-Class:FlightController.FlightApp
Class-Path:resources sqlite-jdbc-x.x.x.jar
```

\$ jar **u**m FlightApp.jar manifest.txt
 CustomSQLFunc FlightController FlightModel
 FlightView resources

u means "update"

FlightController	FlightModel	FlightView	CustomSQLFunc	resources
.class FlightApp.class	.class	.class	.class	images data

An IDE (or ant or maven)
 can also prepare
 the .jar file.

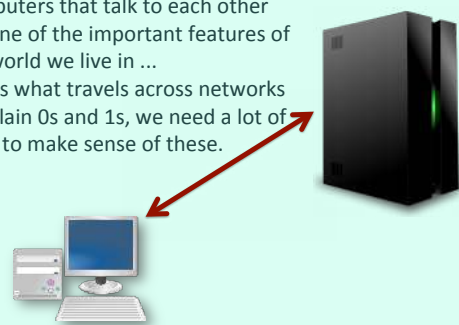
... but it's always good to be able to do it by hand.


Network Programming

(short overview)

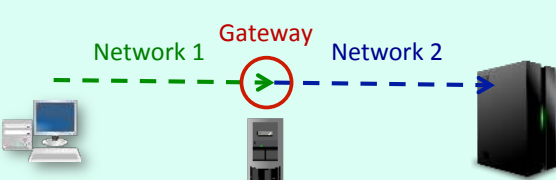
Change of topic, to switch to something that is in
 no way specific to Java, but that Java can ALSO do.

Computers that talk to each other
 are one of the important features of
 the world we live in ...
 But as what travels across networks
 are plain 0s and 1s, we need a lot of
 rules to make sense of these.





Sending a message between computers is very much like sending a letter, say to the White House. You may drop it in a China Post mailbox, but it will not be delivered by China Post. China Post will take it by plane to the US, perhaps to Los Angeles, where the letter will be handled to another network (USPS, United States Postal Services). Additionally, none of them cares about what you wrote.

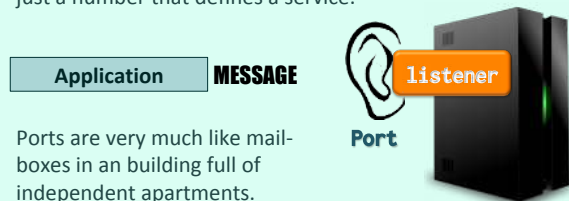


It's very much the same with computers. Your machine is on a network, and what you send must reach a special computer called a gateway that has two network cards connected to different networks and will send your "message" to another network (and possibly many gateways) until it reaches the target computer.

Need for PROTOCOLS (RULES)

In the same way that there are rules for sending a letter (address on the front, sender address on the back, country at the bottom when sending abroad, stamps...) there are rules for sending messages on a computer network. The word used isn't "rules" but "protocols", which basically means the same ("behavior rules").

To be able to send a message, some program must be there to receive it. Some programs, collectively known as listeners or servers, do this. There may be several ones on one computer, they are listening for a "port" which is just a number that defines a service.

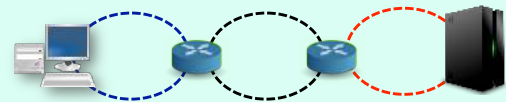


IP address

To send your message you must provide the port, but also the address or name of the computer (a name will be converted to an address). You may have seen IP address, they look like 192.254.23.127. Your message will be packaged with this information

according to a set of rules known as TCP

Transmission Control Protocol



TCP relies on another set of rules that ensure that your message travels from your network to the target network:

Application
Host-to-Host
Internet

IP Internet Protocol



"Internet" simply means "between networks"



All this can only work if you can reach the network and the gateway, where machines know as "routers" will direct your message.

Application
Host-to-Host
Internet
Network Access



We have seen URI/URL (more or less the same already) a lot of operations in which networks are involved are transparent, and done by methods in libraries. However, if you have special needs, you may want to code a network application of your own.

How does it work at a low level?

In Java (as in C) network communications are based on a "socket". In Java it's a class, and you use it like a file.

Based on a SOCKET

Client socket Server socket

stream, like a file

```
import java.net.*;
class Socket
class ServerSocket
```

talks to one server
can serve several clients

```
Socket s = new Socket(hostname,
                       port_number);

in = new BufferedReader(new
    InputStreamReader(s.getInputStream()));
out = new BufferedWriter(new
    OutputStreamWriter(s.getOutputStream()));
```

What travels along a network is nothing more than a byte stream. As a socket works in both directions, you have both an input and an output stream.

```
while ((fromServer = in.readLine()) != null) {
    // Analyze fromServer message
    // Prepare fromUser message
    out.write(fromUser);
}
in.close();
out.close();
s.close();
```


It's just a matter of reading and writing. All the lower-level protocols are managed inside the socket object (much easier than in C, for those who have taken or are taking CS205). However YOUR application needs a protocol: messages and answers need a meaning!

Example:

Get the home page of a website

A simple example is getting the home page of any website. Your browser uses a protocol the name of which must be familiar to you: HTTP, or Hyper-Text Transfer Protocol. It sends messages that must be understandable to a server, and the server sends back "web pages", using a protocol that must be understandable by the server. As this protocol is publicly specified, anybody can write an HTTP server or a browser as long as you respect the rules.

In the case of HTTP, I have represented the server by an Apache maiden ("Apache" is a very popular web server). The program that runs is called "httpd", the "d" is often used in Unix system to indicate that a program runs in the background without interacting with the screen nor the keyboard (these programs are called "daemons" in Unix systems)

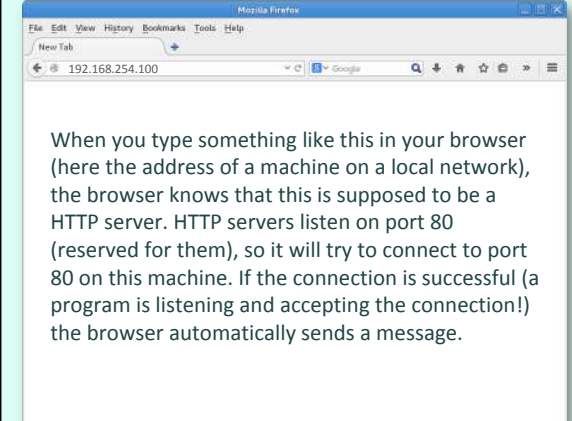


The HTTP protocol is an application protocon on top of TCP: just text with special keywords. Let's take a look at it.

Protocol

HTTP

TCP



When you type something like this in your browser (here the address of a machine on a local network), the browser knows that this is supposed to be a HTTP server. HTTP servers listen on port 80 (reserved for them), so it will try to connect to port 80 on this machine. If the connection is successful (a program is listening and accepting the connection!) the browser automatically sends a message.


```
GET / HTTP/1.1
Host: 192.168.254.100
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 5.1; rv:2.0.1) [...]
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;[...]
Accept-Language: en-gb,en;q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Accept-Charset: ISO-8859-1,utf-8;q=0.7,*;q=0.7
Keep-Alive: 115
Connection: keep-alive
Cache-Control: max-age=0
```

[empty line]



This is what is sent; only the first two lines and the empty line at the end are mandatory.

The first line says "send me your home page, I'm talking this version of HTTP". The second line repeats the server address for control.




var
www
htdocs
.htaccess?
index.html

An Apache server will look into some special directories, will check for a .htaccess file that may require a password, and if everything is OK will send back file index.html.

index.html may look like this. What the browser will display is between `<body>` and `</body>`

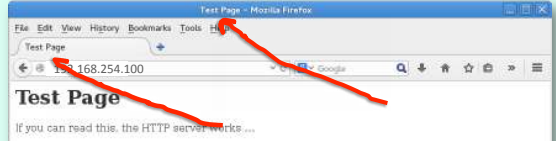
```
<html>
  <head>
    <title>Test Page</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h1>Test Page</h1>
    <p>If you can read this, the HTTP server works ...</p>
  </body>
</html>
```

↓
index.html



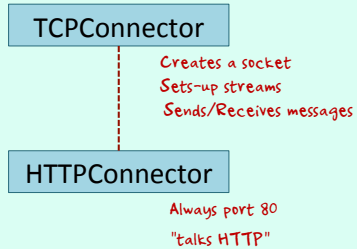
```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: [...]
Server: Apache/2/2/15 (Linux/SUSE)
Last-Modified: [date]
ETag: "2d7d-b7-4a3c52ef29046"
Accept-Ranges: bytes
Content-Length: 175
Keep-Alive: timeout=15, max=100
Connection: Keep-Alive
Content-Type: text/html
[empty line]
<html>
  <head>
    <title>Test Page</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h1>Test Page</h1>
    <p>If you can read this, the HTTP server works ...</p>
  </body>
</html>
```

Before the page, Apache sends a "header", which is read by the browser



Information in the `<head>` `</head>` section of the HTML page is used by the browser for setting window/tab titles.

Borrowing from something done in C++ by a British consultant called Vic Hargrave, I have created two classes to make programming easier.



```

import java.net.Socket;
import java.net.SocketTimeoutException;
import java.io.*;

class TCPConnector {
    private String    hostName;    www.sample.com
    private String    hostAddr;    123.123.123.123
    private int        port;
    private Socket    s = null;
    private BufferedReader in = null;
    private BufferedWriter out = null;
}
  
```

The TCPConnector class sets up a socket for communicating with a server.

```

public TCPConnector(String host, int portNum)
    throws IOException {
    hostName = host;
    port = portNum;
    s = new Socket(host, portNum);
    s.setSoTimeout(1000);
    hostAddr = s.getInetAddress().toString().split("/")[1];
    in = new BufferedReader(new
        InputStreamReader(s.getInputStream()));
    out = new BufferedWriter(new
        OutputStreamWriter(s.getOutputStream()));
}
  
```

A simple constructor. Method `getInetAddress()` returns, when transformed into a string, a website name (possibly empty) followed by "/" and an IP address.

Closing connections properly is important ...

```

public void close() throws IOException {
    try {
        in.close();
        out.close();
        s.close();
    } catch (java.net.SocketException e) {
        // Do nothing
    }
}

public String getHostAddr() {
    return hostAddr;
}
  
```

And other than this two simple methods to receive and send a message. You need to flush the message when sending, otherwise it won't go before buffers are full...

```
public void send(String msg) throws IOException {
    out.write(msg);
    out.flush(); // IMPORTANT
}

public String receive() throws IOException {
    try {
        String s = in.readLine();
        return s;
    } catch (SocketTimeoutException e) {
        return null;
    }
}
```

class HTTPConnector extends TCPConnector { This one is simplistic
private StringBuffer header; and should be far
private StringBuffer body; more complicated.

```
public HTTPConnector(String host) throws IOException {
    super(host, 80);
    header = new StringBuffer();
    body = new StringBuffer();
}
```

```
public String get(String pagename) throws IOException {
    String msg;
    header.delete(0, header.length());
    body.delete(0, body.length());
}
```

The get function handles separately header and body. The goal is to be able to store if needed into the header the length of the body, so that the other end can check that the full message was received.

```
header.append("GET " + pagename + " HTTP/1.1\n");
header.append("Host: " + getHostAddr() + "\n");
header.append("User-Agent: Java test program\n");
header.append("\n");
send(header.toString());
header.delete(0, header.length());
boolean reading_header = true;
int bytesToRead = -1;
int read = 0;
while ((bytesToRead != 0)
    && ((msg = receive()) != null)) {
    if (reading_header) {
        if (msg.trim().isEmpty()) {
            reading_header = false;
        }
    }
}
```

We send the basic message, then wait for the answer. We first read the header (over when we read an empty line)

```
if (reading_header) {
    if (msg.trim().isEmpty()) {
        reading_header = false;
    } else {
        if (msg.toLowerCase()
            .startsWith("content-length")) {
            bytesToRead = Integer
                .parseInt(msg.split(":")[1]
                    .trim());
        }
        header.append(msg);
    }
}
```

When reading the header, if the content length is given then we read it.


```

        header.append(msg);
    }
    } else {
        read = 1 + msg.length();
        body.append(msg);
        body.append("\n");
        bytesToRead -= read;
    }
    }
    return body.toString();
}
}

```

And we finally return the body (and only the body) that we have read.

```

public class GetHomePage {

    public static void main(String[] args)
        throws IOException {
        if (args.length > 0) {
            HTTPConnector h = new HTTPConnector(args[0]);
            System.out.println(h.get("/"));
            h.close();
        }
    }
}

```

HTTPConnector can get any page, we are asking for the home-page specifically.

All this will actually be automatically done for you if you pass to a method that takes an URI or URL as parameter anything that starts with "http:"

**Many packages in Java have
built-in networking capabilities**
java.net.URI

```

URI resourceName = new URI("...");
"file:...    "
"http:...   "

```

<http://www.iana.org/assignments/uri-schemes/uri-schemes.xhtml>

Writing Your Own Server

Writing a server is hardly more difficult than writing a client (actually, it's easier, because a server doesn't need a nice interface).

1 Define your top-level protocol!

What are the messages that the server understands?

The first, and probably more important step, is to define the application protocol. You are going to send some commands to the server. What does it understand? How does it reply? What does it say when it receives a wrong command? what are the parameters associated with a command?

1 Define your top-level protocol!

Title
Director
Actors/Actresses
Year
Country



For instance I have written a server that queries a database for films that match some conditions.

1 Define your top-level protocol!

KEYWORD `cond`

ACTRESS Audrey Hepburn

My protocol is a keyword followed by a condition. This message would ask for the list of films in which Audrey Hepburn played.

1 Define your top-level protocol!

KEYWORD `cond[|cond ...]`

ACTRESS Audrey Hepburn | Ingrid Bergman

I may want to implement "or". This would return films with either Audrey Hepburn or Ingrid Bergman.

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Define your top-level protocol!

KEYWORD cond[|cond ...|], **OTHER_KEYWORD** cond[|cond ...|] ...]

ACTRESS Audrey Hepburn | Ingrid Bergman,
DIRECTOR Hitchcock

I may also want the films to match some other conditions, and this becomes films with either Audrey Hepburn or Ingrid Bergman, but directed by Hitchcock.

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Define your top-level protocol!

```
public class FilmProtocol {
    private static Connection con = null;
    public FilmProtocol(Connection cnx) {
        con = cnx;
    }
    public String processInput(String theInput) {
        ...
    }
    private String runQuery(String query) {
        ...
    }
}
```

My protocol parses (analyzes) the message, builds the suitable query and runs the query against the database.

2

Write the server

Just a big loop

The server just waits for queries, and executes them.

```
import java.net.*;           I'm passing the port I'm using on the
import java.io.*;           command line (never hard-code it in
import java.sql.*;           the program, the port may already be
                              taken)

public class FilmServer {

    public static void main(String[] args) throws IOException {
        Connection con = null;

        if (args.length != 1) {
            System.err.println("Usage: java FilmServer <port number>");
            System.exit(1);
        }
        //
        // Here, connect to the database (not shown)
        //
    }
}
```

```

FilmProtocol filmP = new FilmProtocol(con);
int portNumber = Integer.parseInt(args[0]);
String inputLine, outputLine;
PrintWriter out = null;
BufferedReader in = null;
ServerSocket serverSocket = null;
Socket clientSocket = null;

// We create a FilmProtocol (that does all the job) then
// create a socket and loop forever (we should have a way
// to stop it cleanly in real life)
try {
    serverSocket = new ServerSocket(portNumber);
    System.err.println("Film server started on port "
        + args[0]);

    while (true) {
        clientSocket = serverSocket.accept();
        System.err.println("Accepted connection");
        out =
            new PrintWriter(clientSocket.getOutputStream(), true);
        in = new BufferedReader(
            new InputStreamReader(clientSocket.getInputStream()));
    }
}

```

Autoflush (with an arrow pointing to the `true` parameter in the `PrintWriter` constructor)

As said earlier, it's really the FilmProtocol Object that does the tough bits ...

```

// Wait for input
if ((inputLine = in.readLine()) != null) {
    outputLine = filmP.processInput(inputLine);
    out.println(outputLine);
}
clientSocket.close();
} catch (...) {
    ...
} finally {
    ...
}
}

```

3

Write a client

This one is very basic

Once the server is ready and that we know the protocol, time to write a (command-line here) client. It won't be a sexy program, but it will be functional.

```

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

public class FilmClient {

    public static void main(String[] args) throws IOException {

        if (args.length != 2) {
            System.err.println(
                "Usage: java FilmClient <host name> <port number>");
            System.exit(1);
        }

        String hostName = args[0];
        int portNumber = Integer.parseInt(args[1]);
        boolean loop = true;
    }
}

```

The client must be told where to connect.

```

while (loop) {
    try {
        Socket      sock = new Socket(hostName, portNumber);
        PrintWriter out =
            new PrintWriter(sock.getOutputStream(), true);
        BufferedReader in = new BufferedReader(
            new InputStreamReader(sock.getInputStream()));
    } {
        BufferedReader stdIn =
            new BufferedReader(new InputStreamReader(System.in));
        String fromServer;
        String fromUser;
    }
}

```

As any query is independent (there is no "session") I'm creating (and closing) one connection for each query. Better suited to my server in that case.

```

System.out.print("Query> ");
// read from input
fromUser = stdIn.readLine();
// send to server
out.println(fromUser);
// read from server
while ((fromServer = in.readLine()) != null) {
    if (fromServer.length() > 0) {
        System.out.println(fromServer);
    }
    if (fromServer.equals("Goodbye")) {
        loop = false;
        break;
    }
}
}

```

When I exit the server sends an acknowledgement. Note that I just expect raw data from the server (an error message would be raw data)

```

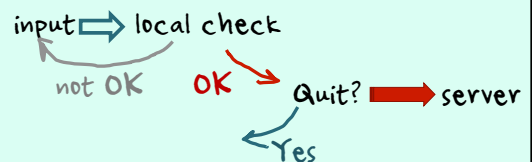
} catch (UnknownHostException e) {
    System.err.println("Don't know about host " + hostName);
    System.exit(1);
} catch (IOException e) {
    System.err.println("Couldn't get I/O to " + hostName);
    System.exit(1);
}
}
}
}

```

Handling here connection errors.

A critical approach of the client

Not efficient to let the server check everything



The client is very dumb. It would be better if it knew the protocol and could check before sending if the message is correct. It would give less work to the server and use a little less bandwidth.

A critical approach of the client

Not efficient to let the server check everything

No rendering

Standard data exchange format
(CSV, XML, JSON ...)

Client in charge of user interface

The client is also dumping the data it gets "as is". It would be better to send the data formatted in a way or another, and let the client display it nicely.

A critical approach of the client

Not efficient to let the server check everything

No rendering

Might be a graphical interface ...

**But sometimes requirement for
scripted processing !**

Finally a graphical interface would be better but if machines talk to machines command-line interfaces mustn't be neglected.