



Interprocess Communication





Multicast communication

- A multicast sends a single message from one process to each of the members of a group of processes.
- The sender is unaware of the identities of the individual recipients and of the size of the group.
- IP multicast is built on top of the Internet Protocol (IP).
- A multicast group is specified by a Class D Internet address, an address whose first 4 bits are 1110 in IPv4.
- The membership of multicast groups is dynamic, allowing computers to join or leave at any time and to join an arbitrary number of groups.



Multicast communication

- At the application programming level, IP multicast is available **only via UDP**
- Multicast routers. IP packets can be multicast both on a **local network** and on the **wider Internet**.

EX:

- 224.0.0.1 (all-systems.mcast.net) – all systems on the local subnet.
- - 224.0.0.2 (all-routers.mcast.net) – all routers on the local subnet.
- - 224.0.0.11 (mobile-agents.mcast.net) – mobile agents on the local subnet



Multicast communication

- The Java API provides a datagram interface to IP multicast through the class **MulticastSocket**, which is a subclass of **DatagramSocket** with the additional capability of being able to join multicast groups.
- A process can **join** a multicast group with a given multicast address by invoking the `joinGroup` method of its multicast socket.
- process can **leave** a specified group with by invoking the `leaveGroup` method of its multicast socket.



Multicast peer joins a group and sends and receives datagrams

```
import java.net.*;
import java.io.*;
public class MulticastPeer{
    public static void main(String args[]){
        // args give message contents & destination multicast group (e.g. "228.5.6.7")
        MulticastSocket s =null;
        try {
            InetAddress group = InetAddress.getByName(args[1]);
            s = new MulticastSocket(6789);
            s.joinGroup(group);
            byte [] m = args[0].getBytes();
            DatagramPacket messageOut =
                new DatagramPacket(m, m.length, group, 6789);
            s.send(messageOut);

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        } catch (Exception e) {
            e.printStackTrace();
        }
    }
}
```



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```
// get messages from others in group
    byte[] buffer = new byte[1000];
    for(int i=0; i< 3; i++) {
        DatagramPacket messageIn =
            new DatagramPacket(buffer, buffer.length);
        s.receive(messageIn);
        System.out.println("Received:" + new String(messageIn.getData()));
    }
    s.leaveGroup(group);
} catch (SocketException e){System.out.println("Socket: " + e.getMessage());
} catch (IOException e){System.out.println("IO: " + e.getMessage());}
} finally {if(s != null) s.close();}
}
}
```



Transmission Control Protocol (TCP)

- **Connection oriented**
 - Explicit set-up and tear-down of TCP session
- **Stream-of-bytes service**
 - Sends and receives a stream of bytes, **not messages**
- **Reliable, in-order delivery**
 - Checksums to detect corrupted data
 - Acknowledgments & retransmissions for reliable delivery
 - Sequence numbers to detect losses and reorder data
- **Flow control**
 - Prevent overflow of the receiver's buffer space
- **Congestion control**
 - Adapt to network congestion for the greater good



An Analogy: Talking on a Cell Phone

- Alice and Bob on their cell phones
 - Both Alice and Bob are talking
- What if Alice couldn't understand Bob?
 - Bob asks Alice to repeat what she said
- What if Bob hasn't heard Alice for a while?
 - Is Alice just being quiet?
 - Or, have Bob and Alice lost reception?
 - How long should Bob just keep on talking?
 - Maybe Alice should periodically say “uh huh”
 - ... or Bob should ask “Can you hear me now?” ☺



Some Take-Aways from the Example

- Acknowledgments from receiver
 - Positive: “okay” or “ACK”
 - Negative: “please repeat that” or “NACK”
- Timeout by the sender (“stop and wait”)
 - Don’t wait indefinitely without receiving some response
 - ... whether a positive or a negative acknowledgment
- Retransmission by the sender
 - After receiving a “NACK” from the receiver
 - After receiving no feedback from the receiver



Challenges of Reliable Data Transfer

- **Over a perfectly reliable channel**
 - All of the data arrives in order, just as it was sent
 - Simple: sender sends data, and receiver receives data
- **Over a channel with bit errors**
 - All of the data arrives in order, but some bits corrupted
 - Receiver detects errors and says “please repeat that”
 - Sender retransmits the data that were corrupted
- **Over a lossy channel with bit errors**
 - Some data are missing, and some bits are corrupted
 - Receiver detects errors but cannot always detect loss
 - Sender must wait for acknowledgment (“ACK” or “OK”)
 - ... and retransmit data after some time if no ACK arrives



TCP Support for Reliable Delivery

■ Checksum

- Used to detect corrupted data at the receiver
- ...leading the receiver to drop the packet

■ Sequence numbers

- Used to detect missing data
- ... and for putting the data back in order

■ Retransmission

- Sender retransmits lost or corrupted data
- Timeout based on estimates of round-trip time
- Fast retransmit algorithm for rapid retransmission



TCP client makes connection to server, sends request and receives reply

```
import java.net.*;
import java.io.*;
public class TCPClient {
    public static void main (String args[]) {
        // arguments supply message and hostname of destination
        Socket s = null;
        try{
            int serverPort = 7896;
            s = new Socket(args[1], serverPort);
            DataInputStream in = new DataInputStream( s.getInputStream());
            DataOutputStream out =
                new DataOutputStream( s.getOutputStream());
            out.writeUTF(args[0]);                // UTF is a string encoding see Sn 4.3
            String data = in.readUTF();
            System.out.println("Received: "+ data) ;
        } catch (UnknownHostException e){
            System.out.println("Sock:"+e.getMessage());
        } catch (EOFException e){System.out.println("EOF:"+e.getMessage());}
        } catch (IOException e){System.out.println("IO:"+e.getMessage());}
    } finally {if(s!=null) try {s.close();} catch (IOException
e){System.out.println("close:"+e.getMessage());}}
    }
}
```



TCP server makes a connection for each client and then echoes the client's request

```
import java.net.*;
import java.io.*;
public class TCPServer {
    public static void main (String args[]) {
        try{
            int serverPort = 7896;
            ServerSocket listenSocket = new ServerSocket(serverPort);
            while(true) {
                Socket clientSocket = listenSocket.accept();
                Connection c = new Connection(clientSocket);
            }
        } catch(IOException e) {System.out.println("Listen :"+e.getMessage());}
    }
}

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