

Chapter: 2

Internet Addresses

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IP Address:

- An **IP address**, or **Internet Protocol address**, is a **numerical label** assigned to devices that are connected to a computer network.
- The IP address serves as a **unique identifier** that enables devices to communicate with each other over the network.

There are two main types of IP addresses:

- IPv4
- IPv6.

IPv4:

- (Internet Protocol version 4) addresses are **32-bit binary numbers**.
- It consists of 4 numbers separated by the dots.
- Each number can be from 0-255 in decimal numbers.
But computers do not understand decimal numbers,

they instead change them to binary numbers which are only 0 and 1. Therefore, in binary, this (0-255) range can be written as (00000000 – 11111111).

- A total of **(2³²) devices approximately** = 4,294,967,296 can be **assigned** with IPv4.
- IP Address range: 0.0.0.0 to 255.255.255.255
- An example of an IPv4 address is 192.0.2.1.

IPv6:

- (Internet Protocol version 6) addresses are **128-bit binary numbers**, which are typically represented in hexadecimal format.
- IPv6 is written as a group of **8 hexadecimal numbers** separated with **colons(:)**
- A total of **(2¹²⁸) devices** can be assigned with **unique addresses** which are actually more than enough for upcoming future generations.

- An example of an IPv6 address is 2001:0db8:85a3:0000:0000:8a2e:0370:7334.

InetAddress:

- The **InetAddress** class is a Java class that represents an IP address, which can be either an IPv4 or IPv6 address.
- The **java.net.InetAddress** class provides methods to get the IP of any host name.
- For example www.google.com, www.facebook.com, etc.
- An IP address is represented by 32-bit or 128-bit.
- InetAddress can **handle** both **IPv4** and **IPv6** addresses.

There are two types of addresses:

- Unicast - An identifier for a **single interface**.
- Multicast - An identifier for a **set of interfaces**.

Creating new InetAddress Objects:

Steps:

1. Import the **java.net.InetAddress** class:

```
import java.net.InetAddress;
```

2. Declare object of InetAddress e.g. address and call the static method `getByName("domain_name")` of InetAddress

```
InetAddress address =  
InetAddress.getByName("www.example.com");
```

3. Print the result

```
System.out.println(address);
```

Note: that the **getByName()** method can throw an **UnknownHostException** if the host name is not valid. You should handle this exception appropriately in your code.

Example:

```
import java.io.*;
import java.net.*;
public class InetAddressExample{
    public static void main(String[] args){
        try{
            InetAddress ip=InetAddress.getByName("www.google.
            com");

            System.out.println("Host Name: "+ip.getHostName());
            System.out.println("IP Address: "+ip.getHostAddress())
            ;
        }catch(Exception e){System.out.println(e);}
        }
    }
```

Getter Methods:

1. **getHostName()**: Returns the host name associated with the IP address as a string. If the host name is not available, the method returns the IP address in textual form.
2. **getHostAddress()**: Returns the IP address in textual form as a string.
3. **getAddress()**: Returns the raw IP address as a byte array. For IPv4 addresses, the array will contain four bytes; for IPv6 addresses, it will contain 16 bytes.
4. **getCanonicalHostName()**: Returns the fully qualified domain name (FQDN) of the host associated with the instance of InetAddress class.

Example:

```
import java.io.*;
import java.net.*;
public class InetAddressExample{
public static void main(String[] args){
try{
InetAddress ip=InetAddress.getByName("www.
google.com");

System.out.println("Host Name: "+ip.getHostNa
me());
System.out.println("IP Address: "+ip.getHostAd
dress());
System.out.println("Canonical Host
Name: "+ip.getCanonicalHostName());
System.out.println("IP Address: "+ip.getHostAd
dress());

}catch(Exception e){System.out.println(e);}
}
}
```


Address Types:

- **Wildcard Address:** 0.0.0.0 or :: => `isAnyLocalAddress()`
- **Loopback Address :** address connects to the same computer i.e. 0::1; 127.0.0.1 => `isLoopbackAddress()`
- **link-local address:** address used to help IPv6 networks self-configure without necessarily using a server e.g. FE80:: => `isLinkLocalAddress()`
- **site-local address:** ip forwarded by routers within a site or campus e.g. FEC0:: => `isSiteLocalAddress()`;
- **Multicast Address:** broadcasts content to all subscribed computers rather than to one particular computer e.g. 224.0.0.0 to 239.255.255.255 or IPv6 multicast addresses start with FF. FF00:: => `isMulticastAddress()`;

- **global multicast address:** subscribers around the world e.g. 224.0.2.1; begins FF0E or FF1E => isMCGlobal();
- **organization-wide multicast address:** subscribers within all the sites of a company or organization e.g. begin with FF08 or FF18, => isMCOrgLocal()
- **site-wide multicast address:** Packets addressed to a site-wide address will only be transmitted within their local site e.g. 224.0.2.1; FF05 or FF15 => isMCSiteLocal();
- **subnet-wide multicast address:** Packets addressed to a link-local address will only be transmitted within their own subnet e.g. FF02 or FF12 => isMCLinkLocal();
- **interface-local multicast address:** Packets addressed to an interface-local address are not sent beyond the network interface from which they originate, not even to a different network interface on the same node e.g. FF01 or FF11 => isMCNodeLocal();

Methods:

- isAnyLocalAddress()
- isLoopbackAddress()
- isLinkLocalAddress()
- isMCGlobal()
- isMCLinkLocal()
- isMCNodeLocal()
- isMCOrgLocal()
- isMCSiteLocal()
- isMulticastAddress():

Testing Reachability:

- Connections can be blocked for many reasons, including firewalls, proxy server, misbehaving routers, and broken cables, or simply because the remote host is not turned on
- Testing whether a particular node is reachable from the current host (i.e., whether a network connection can be made)
- If the host responds within timeout milliseconds, the methods return true; otherwise, they return false.

- **Methods:**

```
public boolean isReachable(int timeout) throws  
IOException
```

```
public boolean isReachable(NetworkInterface  
interface, int ttl, int timeout) throws IOException
```

ttl(time to live) - the maximum number of network hops the connection will attempt before being discarded.

Inet4Address:

Example:

```
import java.io.*;
import java.net.*;
public class Inet4AddressExample{
public static void main(String[] args){
try{
    //Get the Inet4Address object for a given IP
    address string
    Inet4Address ip=(Inet4Address)Inet4Address.get
    ByName("192.168.0.1");

    System.out.println("Host Name: "+ip.getHostNa
    me());
    System.out.println("IP Address: "+ip.getHostAd
    dress());

catch(Exception e){System.out.println(e);}
}
}
```

Inet6Address:

This class represents IPv6 address and extends the InetAddress class.

Methods of this class provide facility to represent and interpret IPv6 addresses.

Methods of this class takes input in the following formats:

1. **x:x:x:x:x:x:x:x** –This is the general form of IPv6 address where each x can be replaced with a 16 bit hexadecimal value of the address.

For example:

4B0C:0:0:0:880C:99A8:4B0:4411

2. When the address contains multiple set of 8 bits as '0'. In such cases '::' is replaced in place of 0's to make the address shorter.

For example:

4B0C::880C:99A8:4B0:4411

3. **x:x:x:x:x:x:d.d.d.d** –A third format is used when hybrid addressing(IPv6 + IPv4) has to be taken care of. In such cases the first 12 bytes are used for IPv6 addressing and remaining 4 bytes are used for IPv4 addressing.

For example:

2001:0db8:85a3::8a2e:0370:192.168.0.1

InetAddress – Factory Methods:

- The **InetAddress** class is used to encapsulate both, the numerical IP address and the domain name for that address.
- The InetAddress class has no visible constructors.
- The InetAddress class has the inability to create objects directly, hence **factory methods** are used for the purpose.

- Factory Methods are **static methods** in a class that return an object of that class.

Method	Description
<code>public static InetAddress getLocalHost() throws UnknownHostException</code>	This method returns the instance of <code>InetAddress</code> containing the local hostname and address.
<code>public static InetAddress getByName (String host) throws UnknownHostException</code>	This method returns the instance of <code>InetAddress</code> containing IP and Host name of host represented by host argument.

Method	Description
<pre>public static InetAddress[] getAllByName(String hostName) throws UnknownHostException</pre>	<p>This method returns the array of the instance of InetAddress class which contains IP addresses.</p>
<pre>public static InetAddress getByAddress(byte IPAddress[]) throws UnknownHostException</pre>	<p>This method returns an InetAddress object created from the raw IP address.</p>
<pre>public static InetAddress getByAddress(String hostName, byte IPAddress[]) throws UnknownHostException</pre>	<p>This method creates and returns an InetAddress based on the provided hostname and IP address.</p>

Example:

```
// To get and print InetAddress of Local Host
InetAddress address1 = InetAddress.getLocalHost();
System.out.println("InetAddress of Local Host : "
    + address1);

// To get and print InetAddress of Named Host
InetAddress address2
    = InetAddress.getByName("45.22.30.39");
System.out.println("InetAddress of Named Host : "
    + address2);

// To get and print ALL InetAddresses of Named
Host
InetAddress address3[]
    = InetAddress.getAllByName("172.19.25.29");
for (int i = 0; i < address3.length; i++) {
    System.out.println(
        "ALL InetAddresses of Named Host : "
        + address3[i]);
}

// To get and print InetAddresses of Host with
specified IP Address
byte IPAddress[] = { 125, 0, 0, 1 };
InetAddress address4
    = InetAddress.getByAddress(IPAddress);
System.out.println(
```

```

        "InetAddresses of Host with specified IP Address
: "
        + address4);

// To get and print InetAddresses of Host with
specified IP Address and hostname
byte[] IPAddress2
    = { 105, 22, (byte)223, (byte)186 };
InetAddress address5 = InetAddress.getByAddress(
    "gfg.com", IPAddress2);
System.out.println(
    "InetAddresses of Host with specified IP Address
and hostname : "
    + address5);

```

Output:

InetAddress of Local Host : localhost/127.0.0.1

InetAddress of Named Host : /45.22.30.39

ALL InetAddresses of Named Host : /172.19.25.29

InetAddresses of Host with specified IP Address :
/125.0.0.1

InetAddresses of Host with specified IP Address and
hostname : gfg.com/105.22.223.186

SpamCheck:

- A number of services monitor spammers, and inform clients whether a host attempting to connect to them is a known spammer or not.
- These real-time blackhole lists need to respond to queries extremely quickly, and process a very high load.
- Thousands, maybe millions, of hosts query them repeatedly to find out whether an IP address attempting a connection is or is not a known spammer.
- To find out if a certain IP address is known spammer, reverse the byte of the address, add the domain of the blackhole service, and look it up. If the address is found, it's a spammer. If it isn't, it's not.
- For instance, if you want to ask `sbl.spamhaus.org` if `192.168.0.1` is a spammer, you would look up the hostname `1.0.168.192.sbl.spamhaus.org`.

- If the DNS query succeeds, if it returns the address 127.0.0.2 then the host is known to be a spammer. Otherwise it isn't.

Example:

```
public class SpamCheckIp {  
  
    public static boolean isSpam(String ipAddress) {  
        // Reverse the IP address and append the blacklist  
        domain  
        String blacklistDomain = "sbl.spamhaus.org";  
        String reversedIpAddress = new  
        StringBuilder(ipAddress).reverse().toString();  
        String query = reversedIpAddress + "." +  
        blacklistDomain;  
  
        try {  
            // Perform a DNS lookup on the query string  
            InetAddress address =  
            InetAddress.getByName(query);  
  
            // Return true if the IP address is listed in the  
            blacklist
```

```
        return
address.getHostAddress().equals("127.0.0.2");
    } catch (UnknownHostException ex) {
        // The DNS lookup failed, so assume the IP
address is not listed
        return false;
    }
}
```

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    String ipAddress = "192.0.2.1";
    boolean isSpam = isSpam(ipAddress);
    System.out.println("Is spam \n"+isSpam);
}
}
```

Output:

Is spam?

False

Processing Web Server Logfiles:

- Web Server logs track the hosts that access a website.
- By default, the log reports the IP addresses of the sites that connect to the server.
- They can be used to analyze user behavior, track website performance, and identify potential security issues.

Example:

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

public class WebLogTest {

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        String file = "logfile.txt";
        try (FileInputStream fin = new FileInputStream(file);
            Reader in = new InputStreamReader(fin);
            BufferedReader bin = new BufferedReader(in);) {

            for (String entry = bin.readLine(); entry != null; entry = bin.readLine())
            {
                // separate out the IP address
                int index = entry.indexOf(' '); // position of the first space
            }
        }
    }
}
```

```
String ip = entry.substring(0, index); // read IP
String theRest = entry.substring(index); // reads remain (extra
information)
```

```
// Ask DNS for the hostname and print it out
try {
    InetAddress address = InetAddress.getByName(ip);
    System.out.println(address.getHostName() + theRest);
} catch (UnknownHostException ex) {
    System.err.println(entry);
}
}
} catch (IOException ex) {
    System.out.println("Exception: " + ex);
}
}
}
```

Sample Log:

205.160.186.76 unknown

[11/Mar/2023:22:53:76 -0500] “GET

/bgs/greenbg.gif HTTP 1.0” 200 50