Client-Server communication in C#





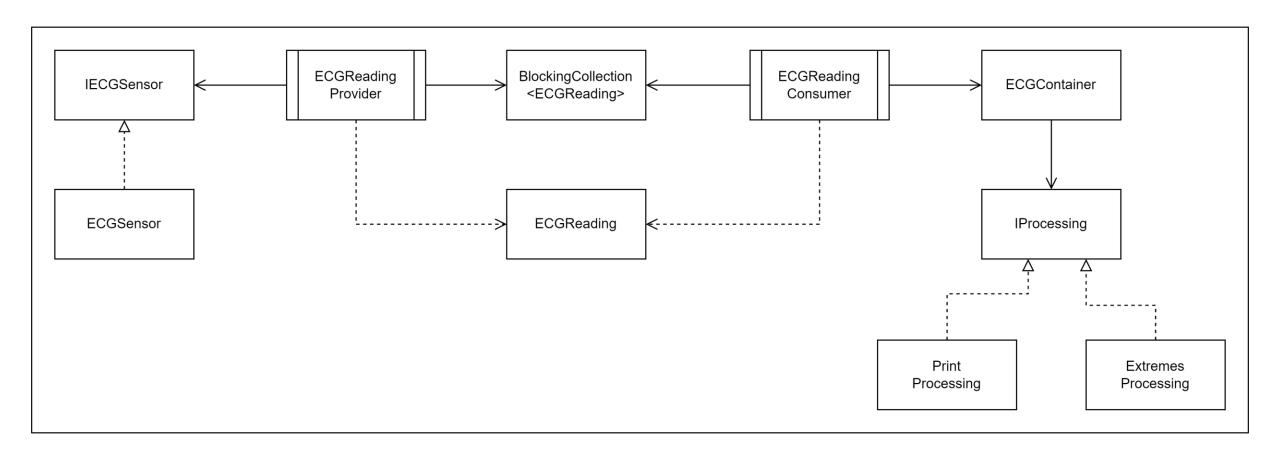
Agenda

The end goal

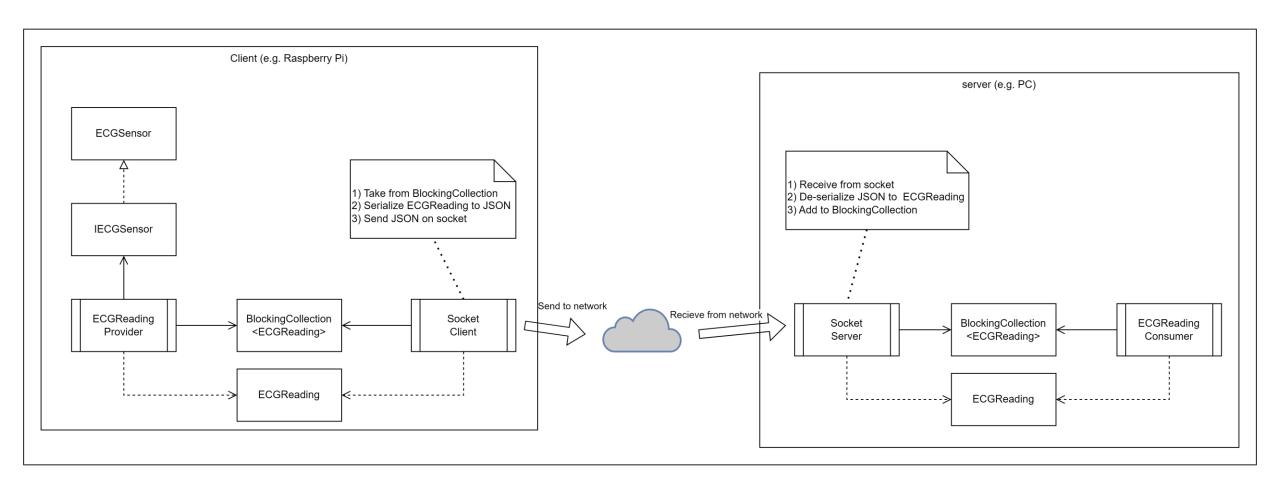
Client <-> Server socket communication

Where we want to end up

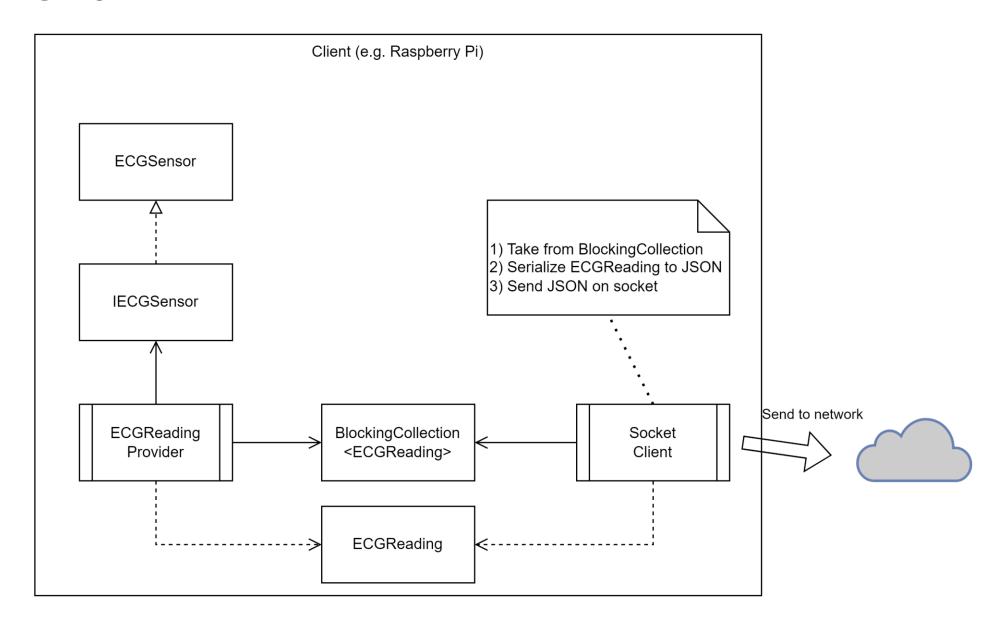
We want to go from this



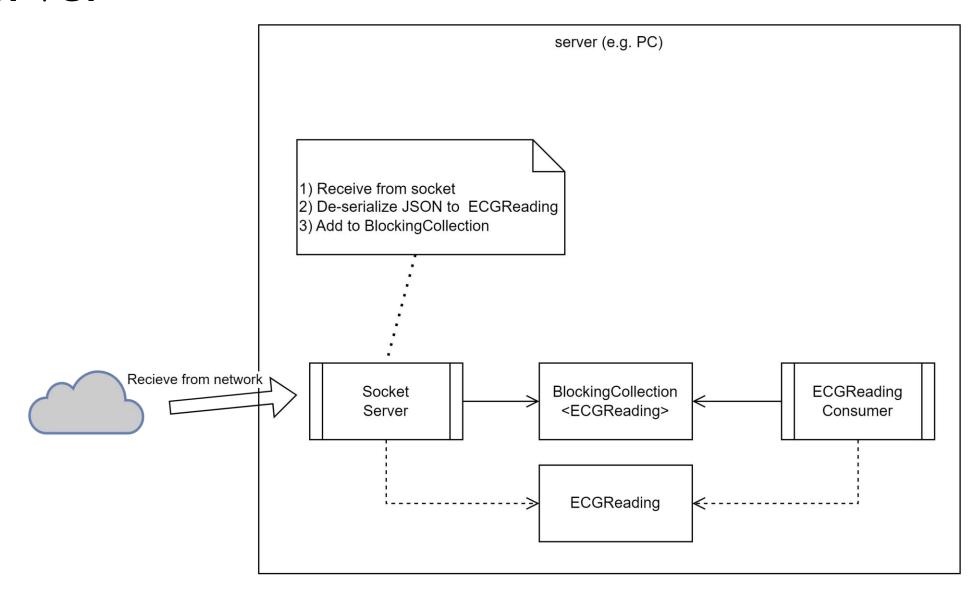
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Client

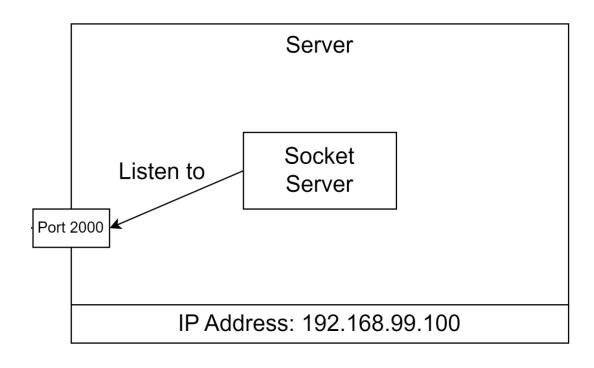


Server



Socket communication

The server listens



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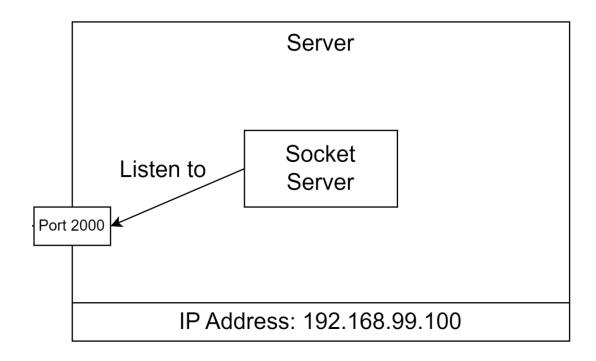
- IP Address
- Port number

The server listens

The server can have multiple network cards and more than one address.

IP Address to listen to can be:

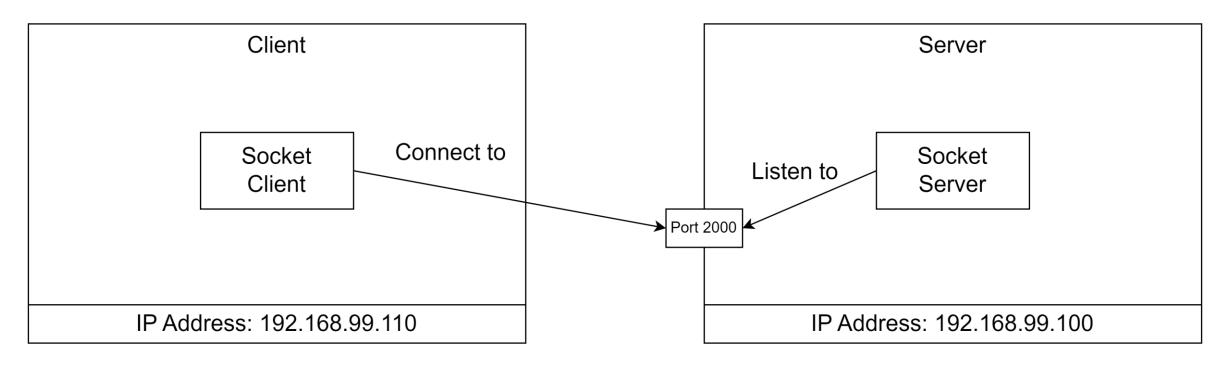
- **Any** <= all network interfaces
- **Loopback** <= 127.0.0.1
- A specific IP address



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- Port number

The client connects to the server



The client connects to a server socket:

- IP Address
- Port number

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   public void RunServer()
        // listen to 'Any' which means all network addresses for this machine
        IPAddress ipAddress = IPAddress.Any;
        IPEndPoint ipEndPoint = new IPEndPoint(ipAddress, 2000);
        using Socket listener = new Socket(ipEndPoint.AddressFamily, SocketType.Stream, ProtocolType.Tcp);
        listener.Bind(ipEndPoint);
        Console.WriteLine($"Listening on: {ipAddress}");
        listener.Listen();
        var handler = listener.Accept();
        while (true)
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Create and IPEndPoint with Address = Any and Port = 2000.

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   public void RunServer()
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Associate socket with local endpoint on the machine.

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Convert to text (UTF-8)

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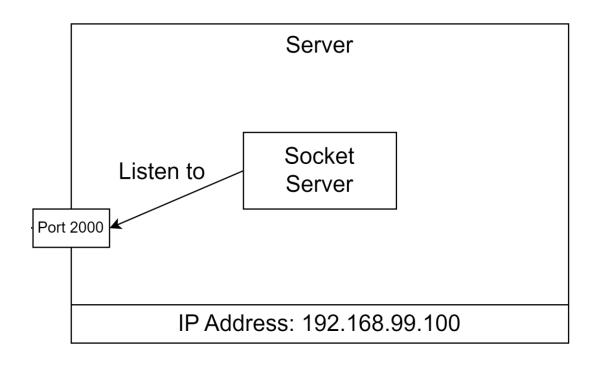
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Send "ACK" message back to the client.

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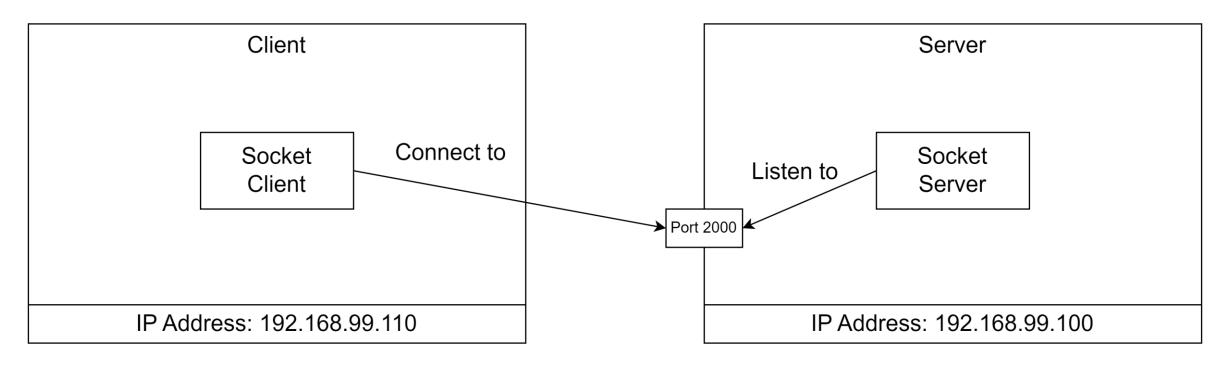
The server listens



The Server specifies where to listen:

- IP Address = Any
- Port number = 2000

The client connects to the server



The client connects to a server socket:

- IP Address
- Port number

```
class SocketClient
   public void RunClient()
        IPAddress ipAddress = IPAddress.Parse("127.0.0.1");
        IPEndPoint ipEndPoint = new IPEndPoint(ipAddress, 2000);
        using Socket client = new Socket(ipEndPoint.AddressFamily, SocketType.Stream, ProtocolType.Tcp);
        client.Connect(ipEndPoint);
        for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++)
            // Send message.
            var message = "Hello " + i;
            var messageBytes = Encoding.UTF8.GetBytes(message);
            client.Send(messageBytes, SocketFlags.None);
            Console.WriteLine($"Socket client sent message: {message}");
            // Receive ack.
            var buffer = new byte[1024];
            var received = client.Receive(buffer, SocketFlags.None);
            var response = Encoding.UTF8.GetString(buffer, 0, received);
            Console.WriteLine($"Client received: {response}");
            Thread.Sleep(1000);
        client.Shutdown(SocketShutdown.Both);
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Create and IPEndPoint with Address = 127.0.0.1 (localhost) and Port = 2000.

If the server is on a different machine, the Address shall be the IP address of that machine.

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Create the socket and connect to the IP Endpoint.

The connection attempt may time out if the endpoint does not exist, which will throw an

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class SocketClient
                                                                         Send the bytes.
   public void RunClient()
        IPAddress ipAddress = IPAddress.Parse("127.0.0.1");
        IPEndPoint ipEndPoint = new IPEndPoint(ipAddress, 20
                                                          family, SocketType.Stream, ProtocolType.Tcp);
        using Socket client = new Socket(ipEndPoint.Add
        client.Connect(ipEndPoint);
        for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++)
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            client.Send(messageBytes, SocketFlags.None);
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Create the message to send. Convert to bytes. Send the bytes.

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       client.Connect(ipEndPoint);
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          // Send message.
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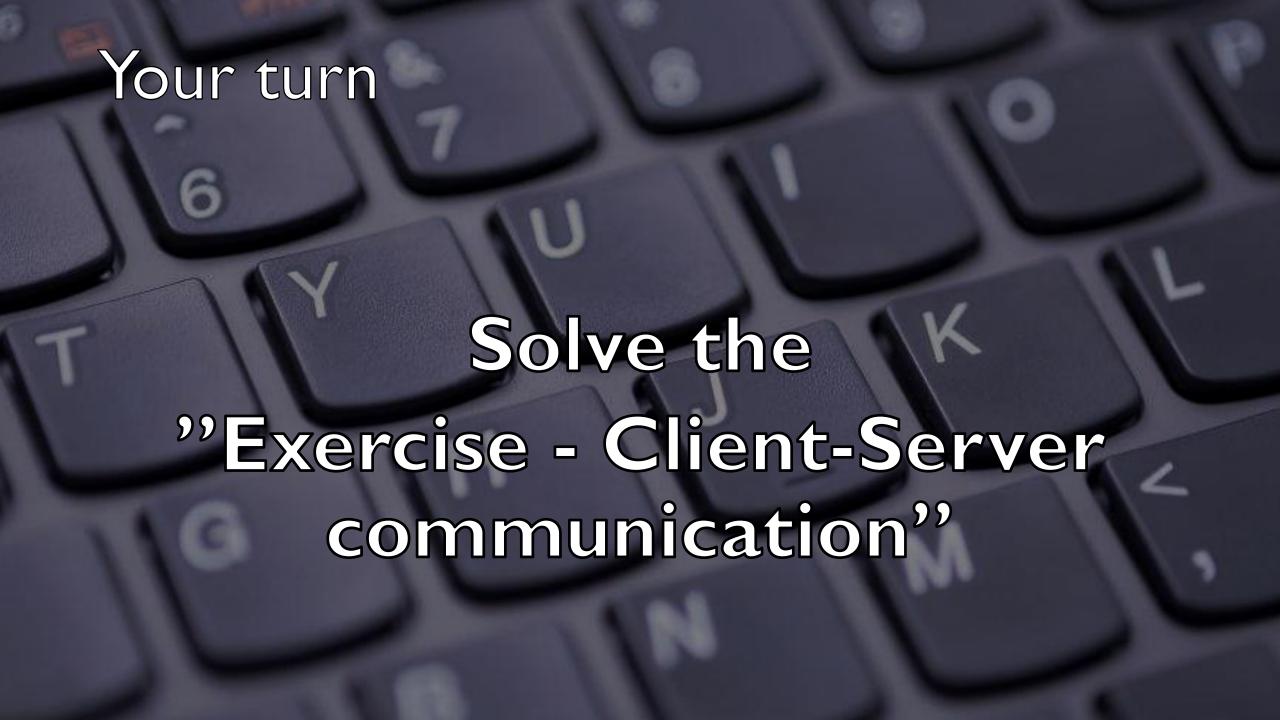
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           var response = Encoding.UTF8.GetStr
           Console.WriteLine($"Client receiv
                                             {response}");
           Thread.Sleep(1000);
       client.Shutdown(SocketShutdown.Both);
```

Shutdown both sending and receiving socket when done.



Sending objects from the client

```
internal class SocketClient
    private readonly BlockingCollection<ECGReading> _ecgReadings;
    public SocketClient(BlockingCollection<ECGReading> ecgReadings)
        _ecgReadings = ecgReadings;
    public void Run()
        IPAddress ipAddress = IPAddress.Parse("127.0.0.1");
        IPEndPoint ipEndPoint = new IPEndPoint(ipAddress, 2000);
        using Socket client = new Socket(ipEndPoint.AddressFamily, SocketType.Stream, ProtocolType.Tcp);
        client.Connect(ipEndPoint);
        while (!_ecgReadings.IsCompleted)
            try
                ECGReading ecgReading = _ecgReadings.Take();
                string objectAsJson = JsonSerializer.Serialize(ecgReading);
                var messageBytes = Encoding.UTF8.GetBytes(objectAsJson);
                client.Send(messageBytes, SocketFlags.None);
                Console.WriteLine($"Socket client sent message: {objectAsJson}");
            catch (InvalidOperationException)
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    try
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        string objectAsJson = JsonSerializer.Serialize(ecgReading);
        var messageBytes = Encoding.UTF8.GetBytes(objectAsJson);
        client.Send(messageBytes, SocketFlags.None);
        Console.WriteLine($"Socket client sent message: {objectAsJson}");
    catch (InvalidOperationException)
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client.Shutdown(SocketShutdown.Both);
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Receiving objects on the server

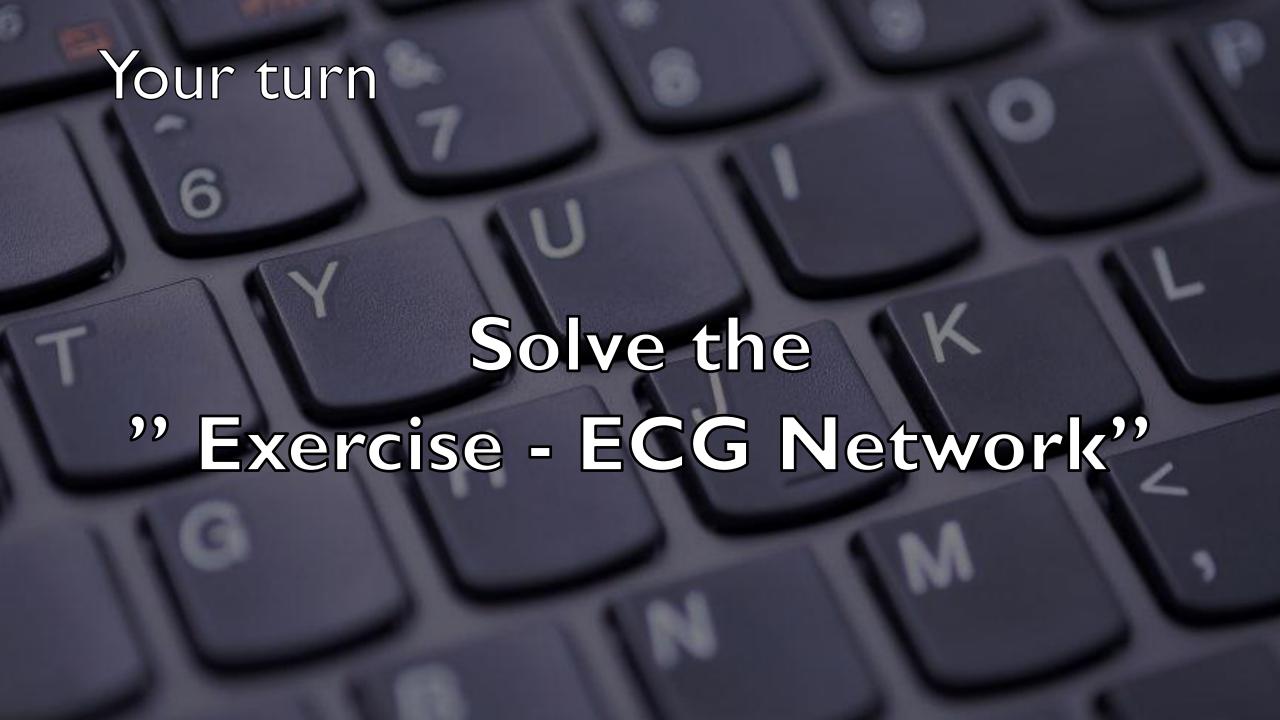
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    listener.Bind(ipEndPoint);
    Console.WriteLine($"Listening on: {ipAddress}");
    listener.Listen();
    var handler = listener.Accept();
    while (!ShallStop)
        byte[] buffer = new byte[1024];
        int numberOfBytesReceived = handler.Receive(buffer, SocketFlags.None);
        if (numberOfBytesReceived > 0)
            string receivedData = Encoding.UTF8.GetString(buffer, 0, numberOfBytesReceived);
            Console.WriteLine($"Server received:{receivedData}");
            try
                ECGReading? ecgReading = JsonSerializer.Deserialize<ECGReading>(receivedData);
                if (ecgReading != null) _ecgReadings.Add(ecgReading);
            catch (System.Text.Json.JsonException e)
                // log any parsing exceptions
                Console.WriteLine(e);
    listener.Close();
    _ecgReadings.CompleteAdding();
public bool ShallStop { get; set; } = false;
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