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What is it?

- Blocking

A blocking operation (function call, system call) is basically one that can take a long time. In particular, if you made a function that read data, and waited for data to arrive before returning, it would be a blocking operation, because it could take arbitrarily long before the data arrived, and the CPU would be idle (or another thread would be scheduled to run).

- Non Blocking

A non-blocking operation, on the other hand, would be one designed to return immediately, with some return value indicating that it does not have data at this time.

Why we need?

- ✓ Synchronous & As-synchronous
- ✓ I/O control
- ✓ Socket High performance
- ✓ Real time system / application

Example

- User blocking

```
void blocking1() {  
    char ch;  
    cin>>ch;  
}
```

```
While(1) {  
    // do something  
}
```

WaitForSingleObject

This model of I/O is called *blocking I/O*

```
while (1) {  
    nbytes = read(descr[fd], buff, sizeof(buff)-1);  
    if (nbytes < 0) { //handle the error  
        return 0;  
    } else if (!nbytes) { //process the buffer  
        // DO SOMETHING;  
    }  
} //while
```

How to implement?

- Solution
 - Callback.
 - Multiple Threads
 - Set option for socket, I/O

Reference & Source code

- C/C++ for Win
<http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms738573%28VS.85%29.aspx>

