

ECE4574 – Large-Scale SW Development for Engineering Systems

Lecture 7 – Network Programming; Frameworks

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Course Updates

- Sprint 1 starts on Monday
 - Project proposals will be graded by the end of the day on Thursday
- HW1 due this Friday, 11:59 PM
- Quiz 3 next Wednesday, September 20

Today's Objectives

Network Programming

- App-level network programming
- SSL/TLS
 - Public Key Infrastructure

Application Programming Interfaces

- What is an API
- How do we use an API

Frameworks

- What is a framework?
- Examples of common frameworks

SOCKETS PROGRAMMING

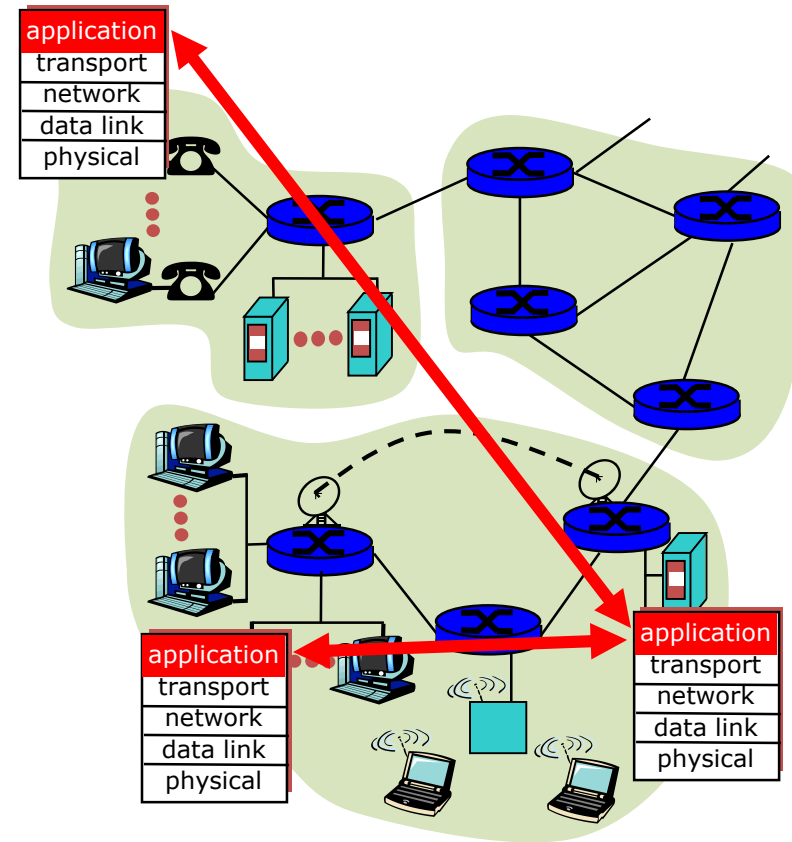
Creating a network application

Write programs that

- run on different end systems and
- communicate over a network.
- e.g., Web: Web server software communicates with browser software

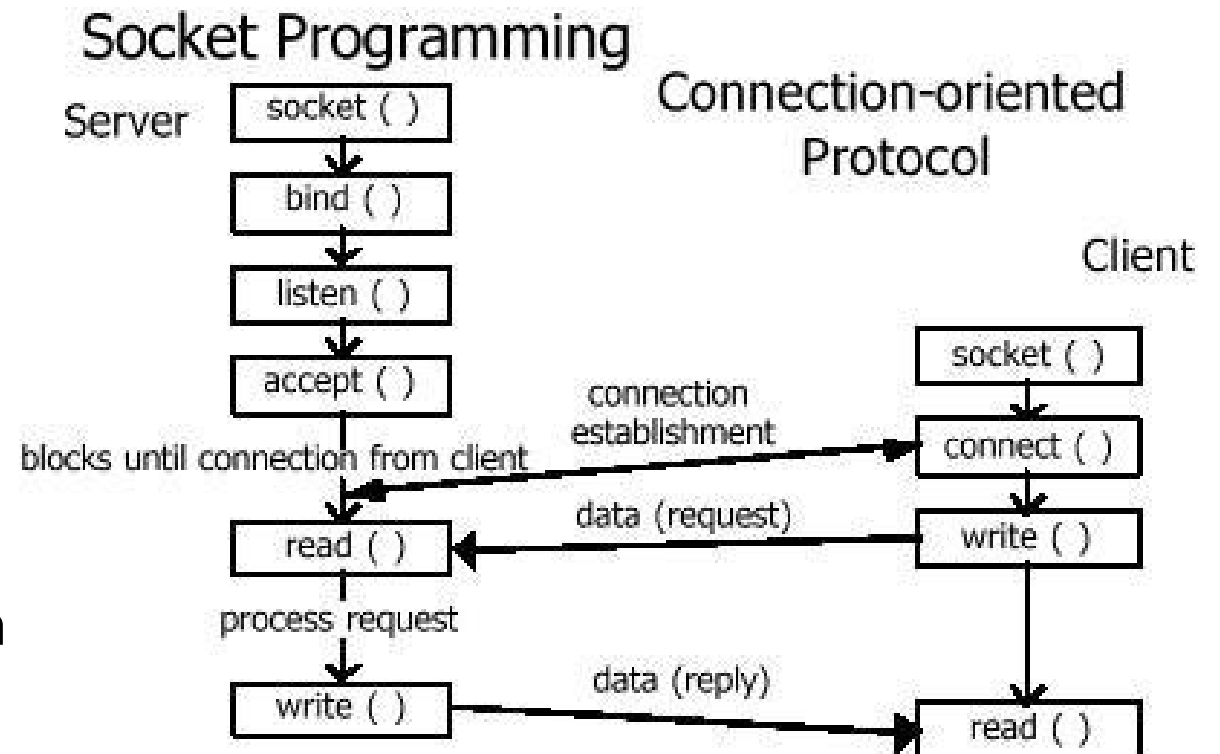
Less software is written for devices in network core

- network core devices do not run user application code
- application on end systems allows for rapid app development, propagation



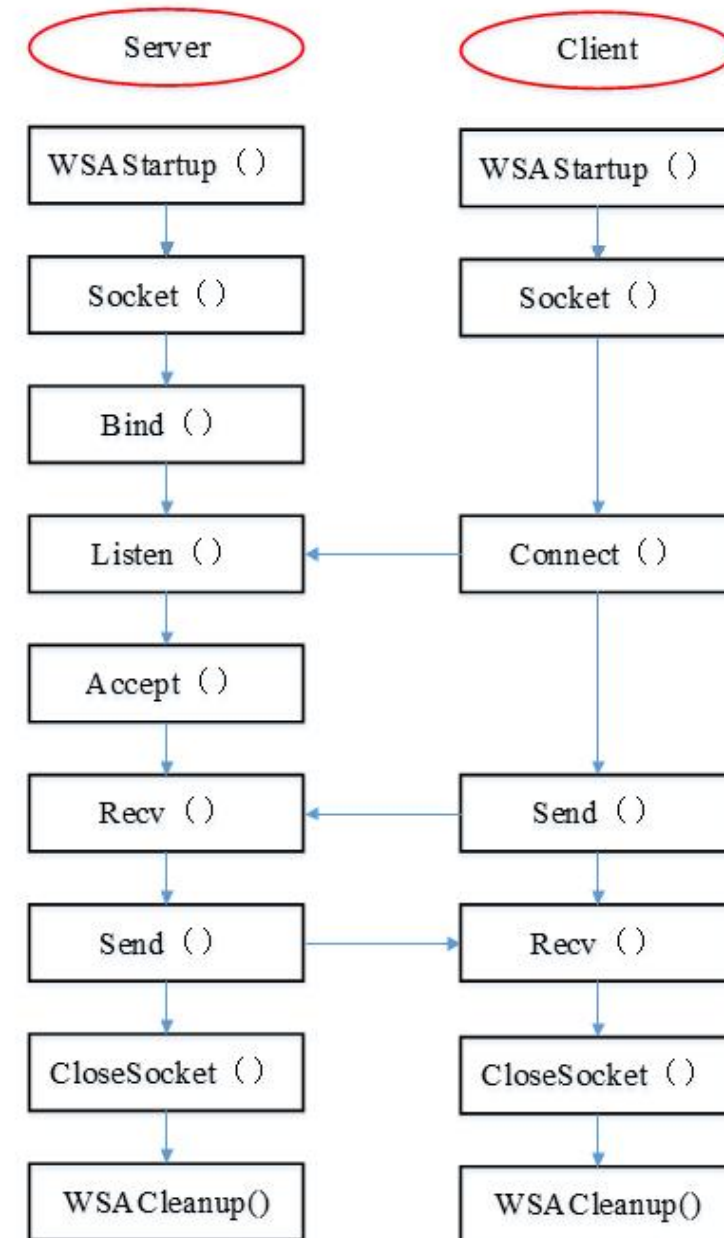
A socket is a way of connecting two processes on (typically) different machines on the network

- Socket A listens for a message on a particular port, on a particular IP address
- Socket B sends a message to the chosen port, on the IP address
- Socket A furnishes the message to the program, and further communication can take place in similar fashion
- Sockets require setup and connection



WinSock is the standard sockets implementation on Windows machines

- There's an API for us to write programs
 - Applications Programming Interface
- There's also an SPI for developers to write their own transport layer
 - Service Provider Interface
- On Linux, the sockets API is part of the standard OS programming interface
- I will show an example, communicating with a web server
 - BUT, the edge machines can both be custom code
 - We can define a port number and write a system that runs on two machines on the web



Demonstration of a Winsock app in Visual Studio

- This application uses HTTP to talk to a web server
- I had to choose carefully since very few web sites still use HTTP, without traffic encryption
- The URL being accessed is www.geocities.com
- The complete HTTP request is:

GET / HTTP/1.1

Host: www.geocities.com

Connection: keep-alive

Cache-Control: max-age=0

Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1

User-Agent: Mozilla /5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/85.0.4183.121 Safari/537.36

Accept: text/html, application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,image/apng,*/*;q=0.8,application/signed-exchange;v=b3;q=0.9\n

Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate

Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.9

Where did I get the complete HTTP request, with all of the optional tags? I cheated – I used a *packet sniffer* to discover what my web browser sent when visiting the site

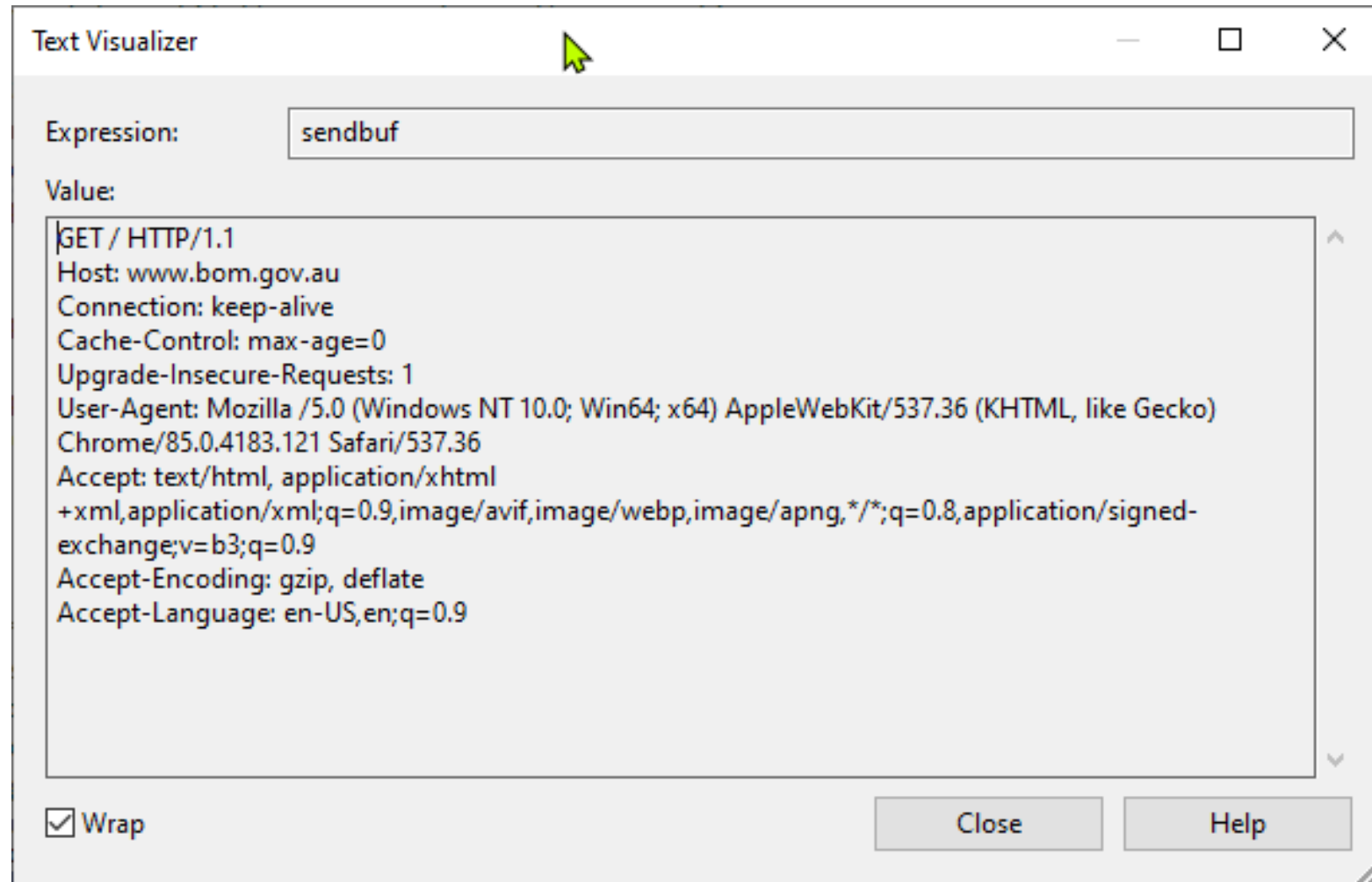
- A packet sniffer captures and displays all of the traffic on the network
- By running it on my own machine, I see all packets going to/from my machine – as well as everything else on my local network
- I just copied the raw traffic transmitted when my browser issued an HTTP request, and pasted it into my code
- I did this because modern web servers require the right things in terms of “languages accepted”, “formats accepted” and so on.
- I use WireShark - <https://www.wireshark.org/>

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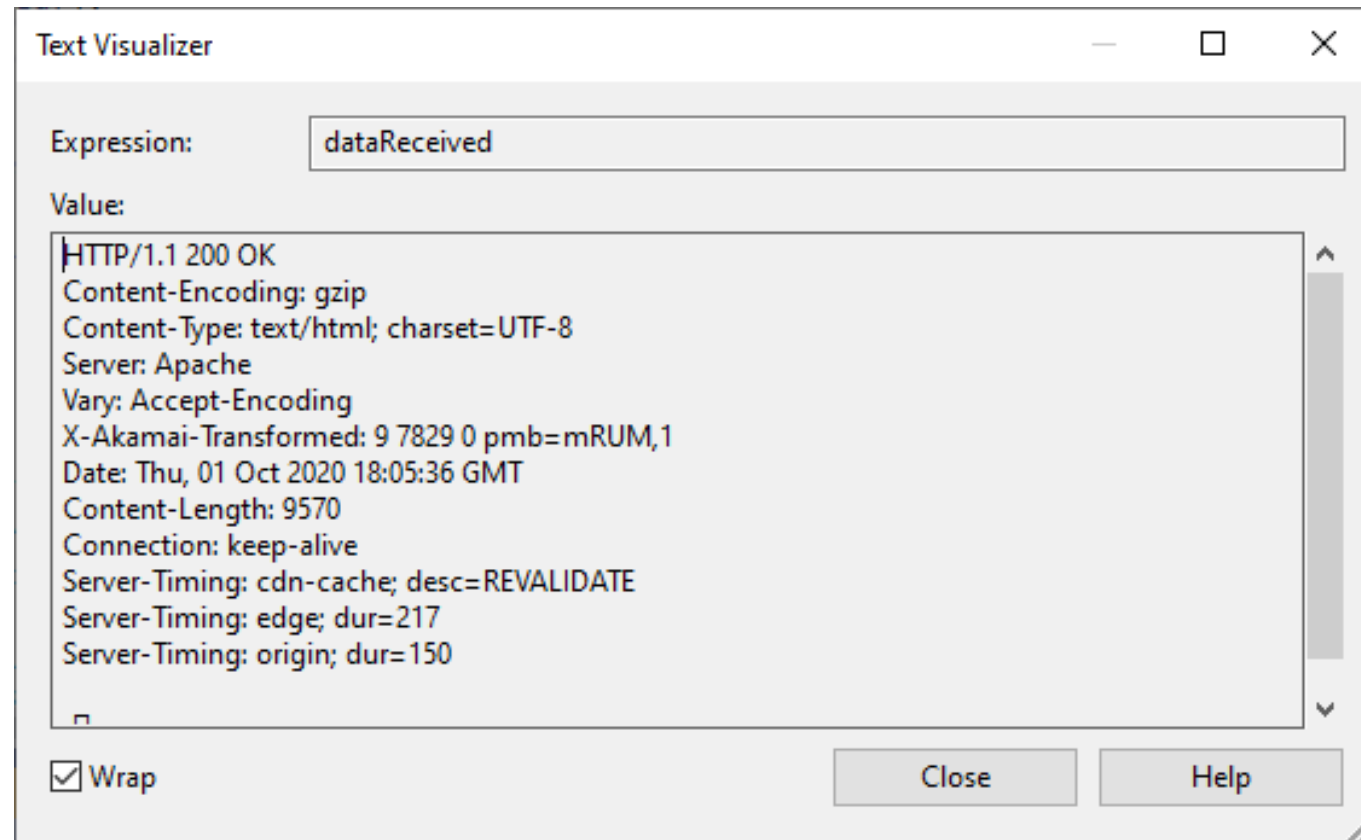
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Here is my HTTP request, as sent by the application

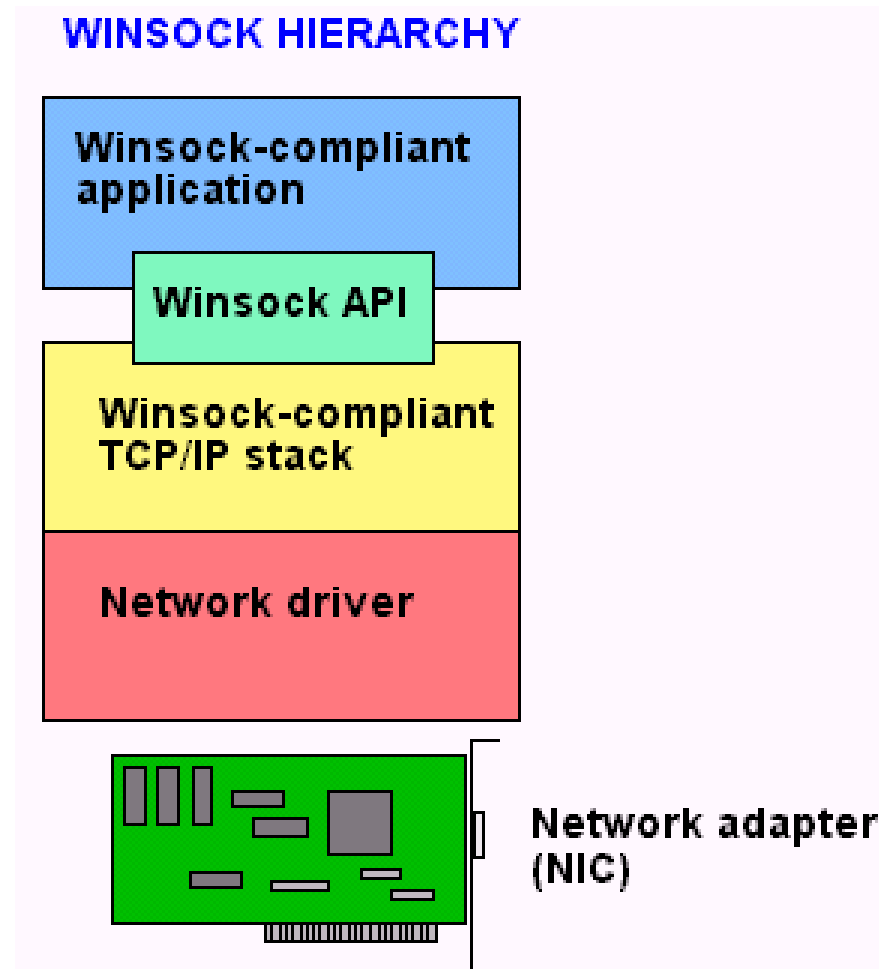


... and here is the response from the server at
<http://bom.gov.au>



APP-LEVEL NETWORK PROGRAMMING

When we use higher-level application programming interfaces like QNetworkAccessManager, they sit on top of, and use, the sockets API to access network resources



In Qt, there are several classes used to support simple HTTP and HTTPS web requests

- QNetworkAccessManager
 - There is one of these in an app using HTTP networking
 - It handles configuration and queueing of requests/results
 - Supports both HTTP and HTTPS, FTP, ...
- QNetworkRequest
 - Contains a single request: URL, tokens, command, etc...
- QNetworkReply
 - The URL and headers of the network request, along with the data received in reply
 - The initial part of the data contains the HTTP reply code

```

#include <QCoreApplication>
#include "httpstalker.h"

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    QCoreApplication a(argc, argv);
    HTTPSTalker talkObj;
    talkObj.tryHTTPS(QString("https://www.google.com"));
    return a.exec();
}

=====

// httpstalker.h
#include <QObject>
#include <QtCore>
#include <QNetworkAccessManager>
#include <QNetworkReply>

class HTTPSTalker : public QObject {
    Q_OBJECT
    QNetworkAccessManager *manager;
public:
    HTTPSTalker();
    void tryHTTPS(QString);
public slots:
    void replyFinished(QNetworkReply*);
};

```

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#include "httpstalker.h"

HTTPSTalker::HTTPSTalker() {
    manager = new QNetworkAccessManager();
}

void HTTPSTalker::tryHTTPS(QString hostName) {
    QNetworkRequest request;
    QNetworkReply *reply = NULL;
    connect(manager, SIGNAL(finished(QNetworkReply*)),
            this, SLOT(replyFinished(QNetworkReply*)));

    QSslConfiguration config =
        QSslConfiguration::defaultConfiguration();
    config.setProtocol(QSsl::TlsV1_2);
    request.setSslConfiguration(config);
    request.setUrl(QUrl(hostName));
    request.setHeader(QNetworkRequest::ServerHeader,
        "application/json");
    manager->get(request);
    qDebug() << request.url();
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void HTTPSTalker::replyFinished(QNetworkReply* reply) {
    qDebug() << "REPLY: " << reply->error();
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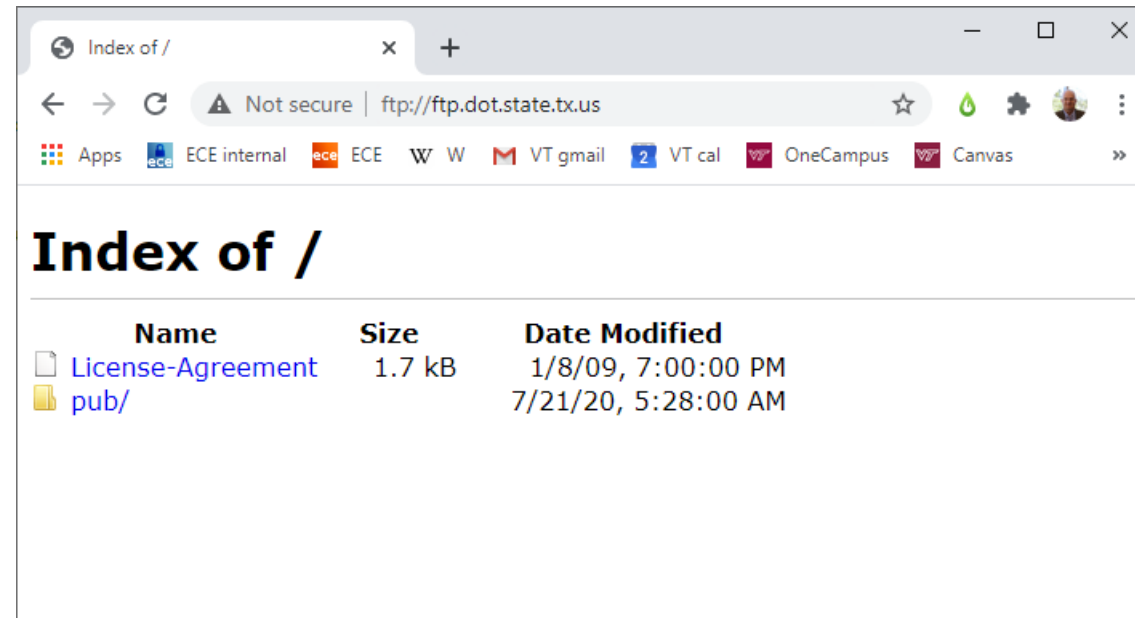
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ftp is the File Transfer Protocol – used for connecting to file servers (that support ftp) for upload/download

- ftp uses TCP, so data transfer is reliable
- you can send ftp client requests from a browser, or ftp clients like FileZilla
- ftps establishes a secure connection just as HTTPS does



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    ftpObj.tryFTP(QString(
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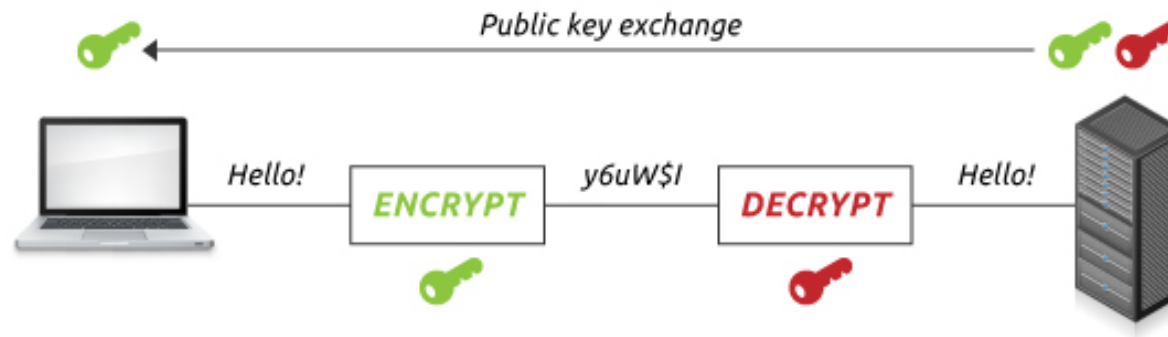
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WEB TRAFFIC SECURITY - SSL/TLS

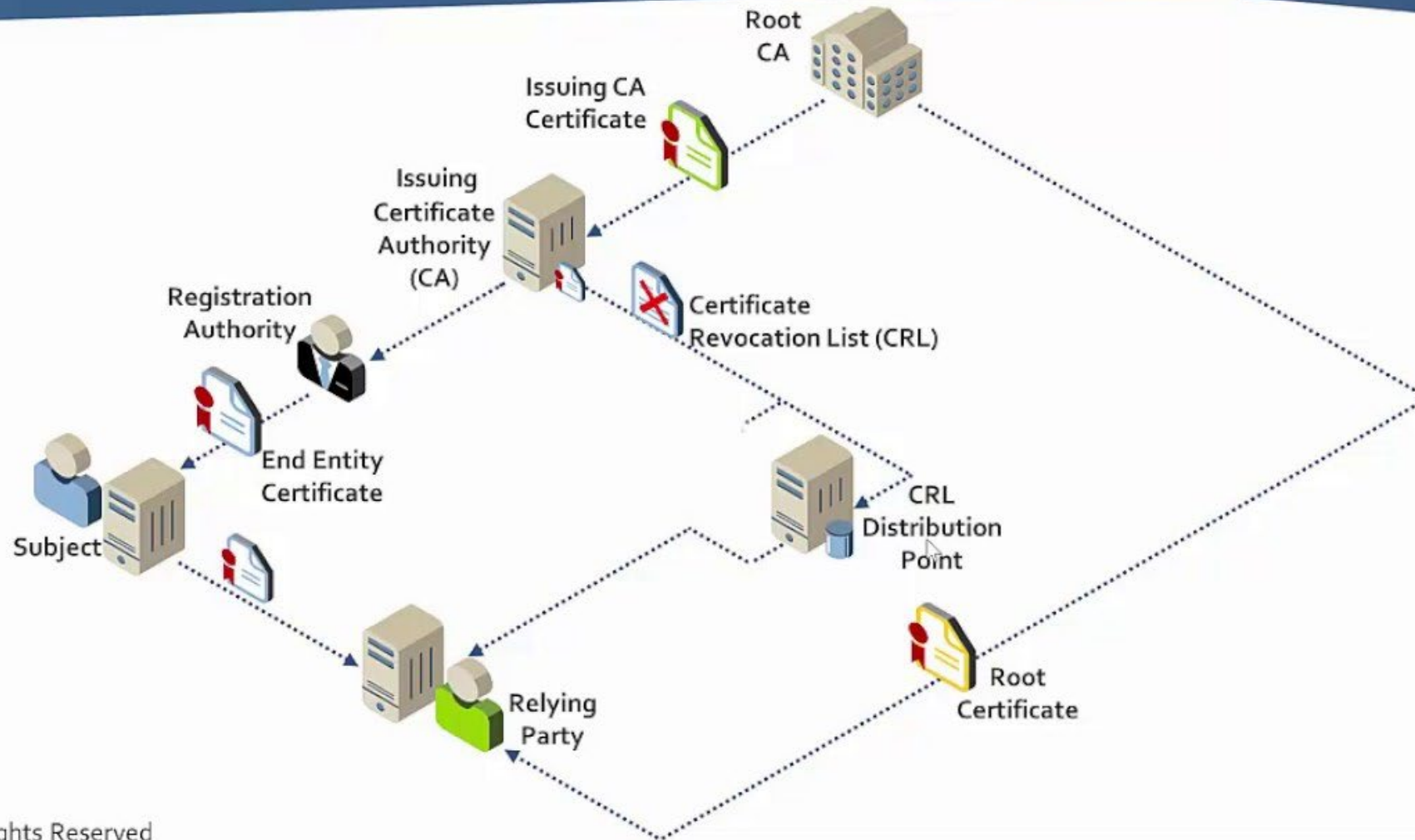
SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) and TLS (Transport Layer Security) encrypt application data before using IP to send it over the web

Though SSL was deprecated in 2015, we still say “SSL” – though it’s usually the TLS protocol being used

1. Client says “I want to connect – here are ciphers I support”
2. Server says “let’s use this one” and sends a certificate with its public key
3. Client confirms the certificate, so the key can be trusted
4. Client creates a session key, encrypts it with the public key, and sends it to server
5. The session key is now used to encrypt traffic for that session



Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)



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APIS AND FRAMEWORKS

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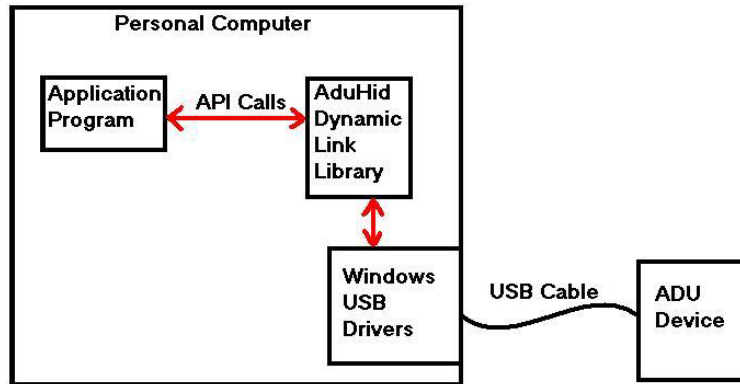
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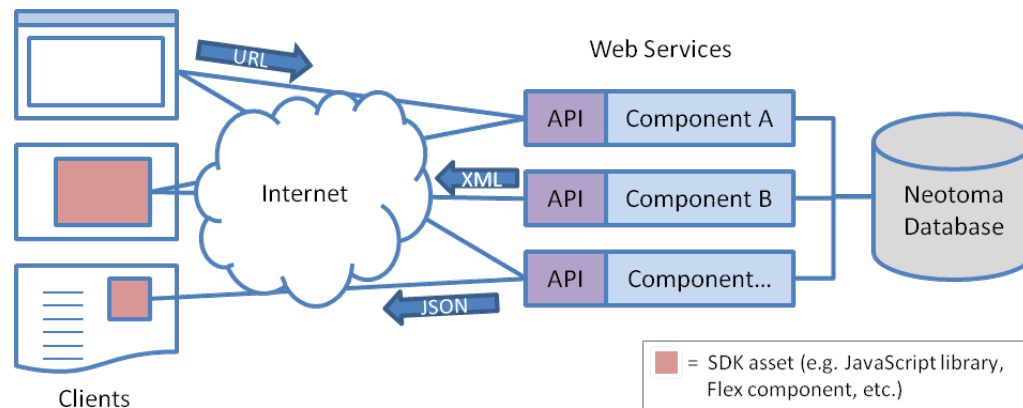
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APIs can be messaged with in a variety of ways



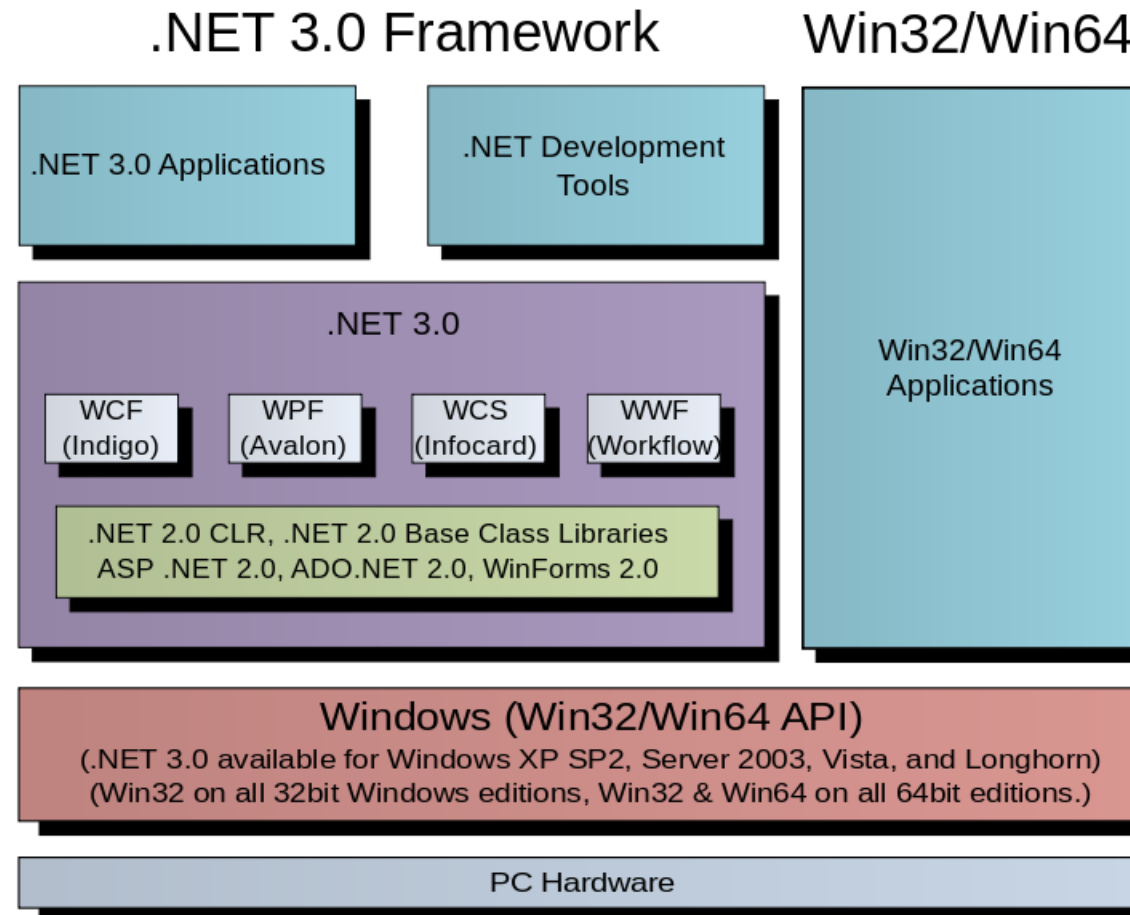
- APIs can "exist" locally
 - as in a simple program
 - communicate by function calls



- Or they can run on a web server
 - to support web requests via XML or similar protocol

Windows has an API that documents function calls at a low level

- `__WSAFDIsSet`
- `_IRDPSessionEvents`
- `accept`
- `AcceptEx`
- `AcquireSRWLockExclusive`
- `AcquireSRWLockShared`
- `ActivateAudioInterfaceAsync`
- `bind`
- `BindMoniker`
- `BSTR_UserFree`
- `BSTR_UserFree64`
- `BSTR_UserMarshal`
- `BSTR_UserMarshal64`
- `BSTR_UserSize`
- `BSTR_UserSize64`
- `BSTR_UserUnmarshal`
- `BSTR_UserUnmarshal64`
- `CloseCompressor`
- `CloseDecompressor`
- `CloseHandle`
- `closesocket`
- `CloseTrace`
- `CLSIDFromString`
- ...



Web-based APIs document what sort of web transactions will be handled by a given web service

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Introduction

Directions API

Distance Matrix API

Elevation API

Geocoding API

Time Zone API

The Google Elevation API

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[What Can You Do with the Elevation API?](#)

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- Google's Elevation API allows https requests for the elevation of a point
 - Low volume, 1/2¢ per call – but each account has a \$200 monthly credit
- `http://maps.googleapis.com/maps/api/elevation/json?locations=39.7391536,-104.9847034&key=API_KEY`

- ## IBM i Access for Windows data transformation API list

The following IBM® i Access for Windows data transformation APIs are listed alphabetically.

- **cwbDT_ASCII11ToBin4**
Use the IBM i Access for Windows cwbDT_ASCII11ToBin4 command.
- **cwbDT_ASCII6ToBin2**
Use the IBM i Access for Windows cwbDT_ASCII6ToBin2 command.
- **cwbDT_ASCII1PackedToPacked**
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- **cwbDT_ASCII1ToHex**
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An API specification must contain several types of information

- Data Structures
- System Requirements
- Operations
- Interface

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#ifndef FULLSPACETESTOPERATORS_H_
#define FULLSPACETESTOPERATORS_H_

#include "DOTk_Operators.H"

class FullSpaceTestOperators: public DOTk_Operators
{
public:
    FullSpaceTestOperators();
    virtual ~FullSpaceTestOperators(){}

    /* ===== Main Interface ===== */

    virtual Real Fval(const Vector& u, const Vector& z);
    virtual void Cval(const Vector& u, const Vector& z, Vector& cval);

    virtual void F_u(const Vector& u, const Vector& z, Vector &g);
    virtual void C_u(const Vector& u, const Vector& z, const Vector& dx, Vector& J_dx);
    virtual void adjC_u(const Vector& u, const Vector& z, const Vector& dy, Vector& J_dy);

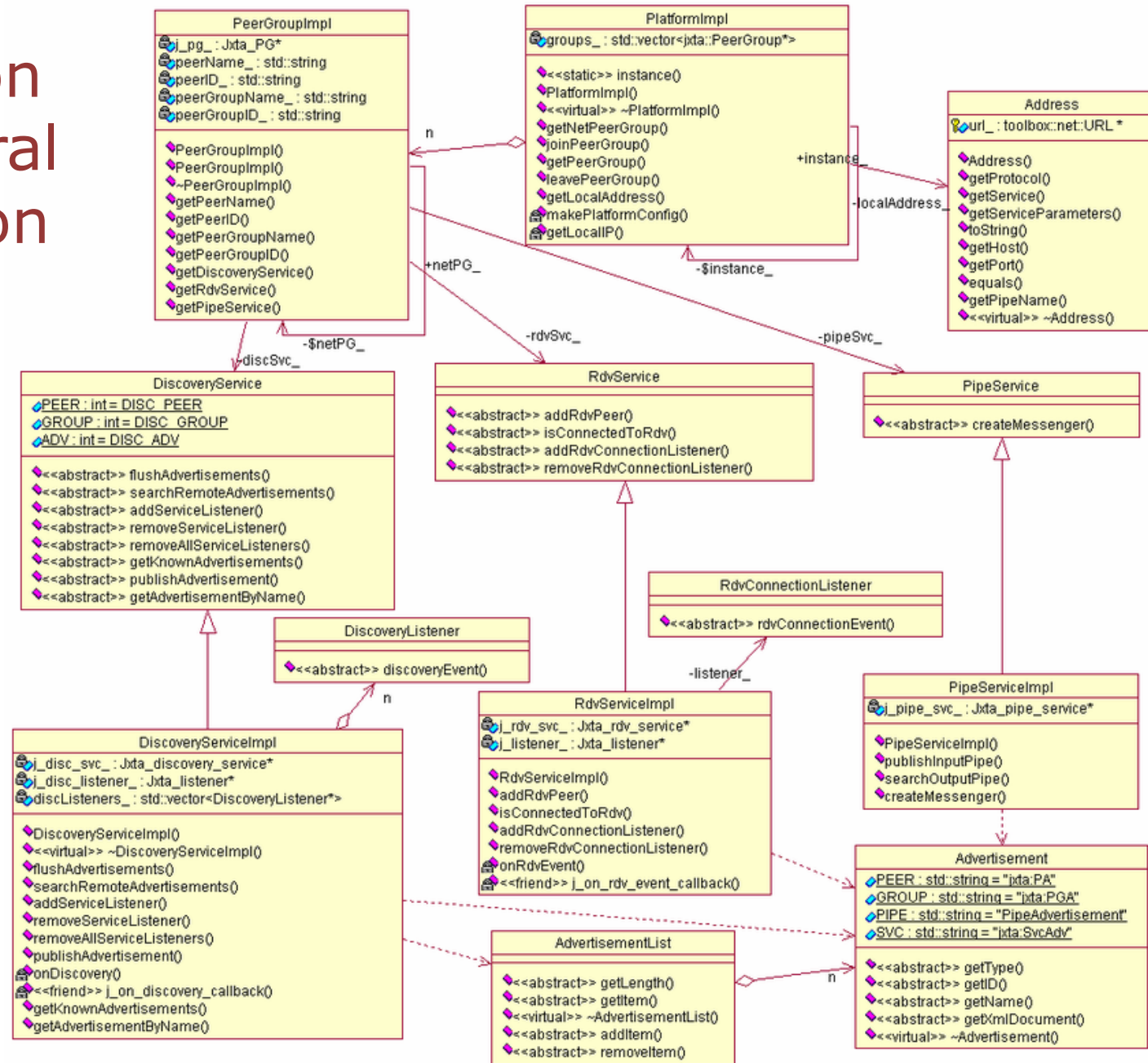
    virtual void F_uu(const Vector& u, const Vector& z, const Vector& dx, Vector& H_dx);
    virtual void adjC_uu(const Vector& u, const Vector& z, const Vector& lambda, const Vector& du, Vector& adjC_du);

private:
    // unimplemented
    FullSpaceTestOperators(const FullSpaceTestOperators&);
    FullSpaceTestOperators operator=(const FullSpaceTestOperators&);
};

#endif /* FULLSPACETESTOPERATORS_H_ */
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FRAMEWORKS

What is a framework? Is it different from an API?

- A framework is "a platform for developing software applications".
- Generally it will *contain* an API, but there is more to it:
 - A programming interface (API)
 - Classes of objects that interact significantly
 - An architecture
 - Typical interactions

When developing an application, designing and writing to a library is different than writing to a framework

Using libraries:

- You design all of the system architecture
- Most system classes are left to you to design
- You code will use selected functionality from libraries but will be the "center"
- Emphasis is on laying out a complete solution, with the help of certain pieces of the solution coming from the libraries

Using frameworks:

- Much of the architecture is fixed
- Many or most classes are specified as part of the framework
- Your code will generally fit into certain spots in the framework
- Emphasis is on tailoring the framework to your specific needs

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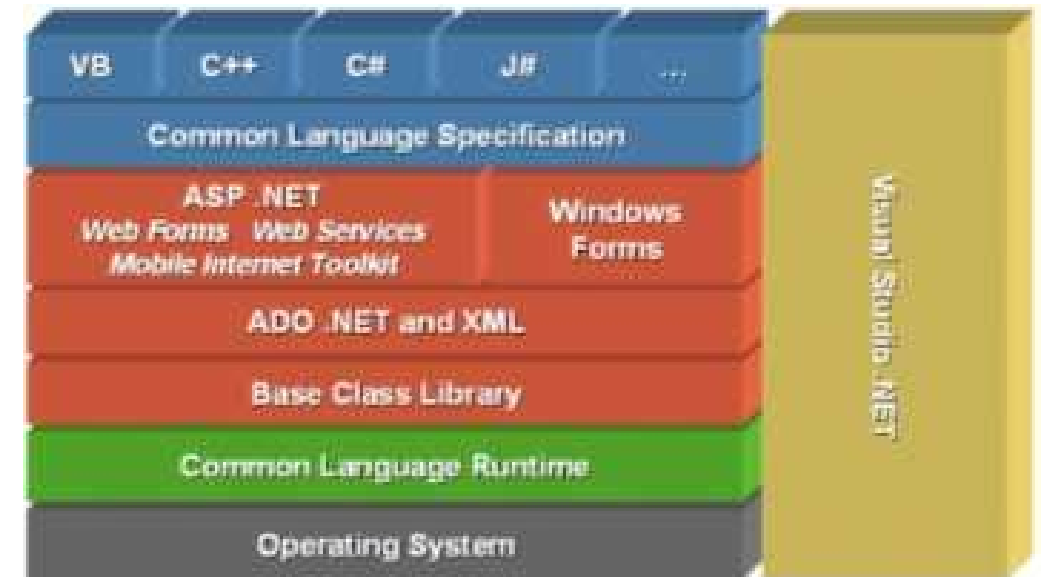
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4. Non-modifiable framework code
We modify its behavior through overrides or defined extension mechanisms, not by changing its code

As one example, .NET is a framework for creation of applications on modern versions of Windows

- Several APIs are included
- However, the way that a .NET Windows app will generally run is fixed
 - UI
 - Interaction with the system
 - Interaction with other apps



Some examples of popular frameworks

- [.NET](#) (Windows)
- [Cocoa](#) (Mac OS X)
- [Cocoa Touch](#) (iOS)
- [Android Application Framework](#)
- [KDE Frameworks](#) (Linux)
- [Valve Source](#) (gaming framework)
- [Spring framework](#) (Java)
- [Sample code](#) for a framework using DirectX

Programming to a framework is often less work but requires more research

1. Select the right framework (if any)
2. Understand and adopt the prevalent design
3. Code to the needed APIs
4. Look for large chunks of the problem that are already solved for you

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