

TCP Programming

RES, Lecture 2 (first part)

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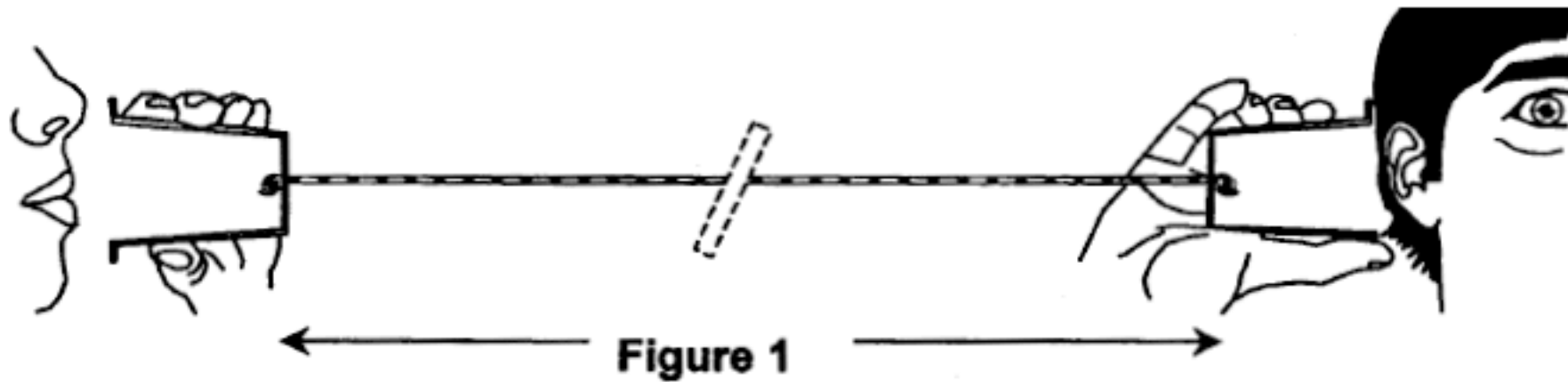


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Client-Server Programming





HTTP



SMTP



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Proprietary Protocol



What is an Application-Level Protocol?

- **A set of rules** that specify how the application components (e.g. clients and servers) **communicate with each other**. Typically, a protocol defines at least:
 - **Which transport-layer protocol** is used to exchange application-level messages. (e.g. TCP for HTTP)
 - **Which port number(s)** to use (e.g. 80 for HTTP)
 - **What kind of messages** are exchanged by the application components and the **structure** of these messages.
 - The **actions** that need to be taken when these messages are received and the **effect** that is expected.
 - Whether the protocol is **stateful** or **stateless**. In other words, whether the protocol requires the server to manage a session for every connected client.



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The TCP Protocol





TCP



UDP



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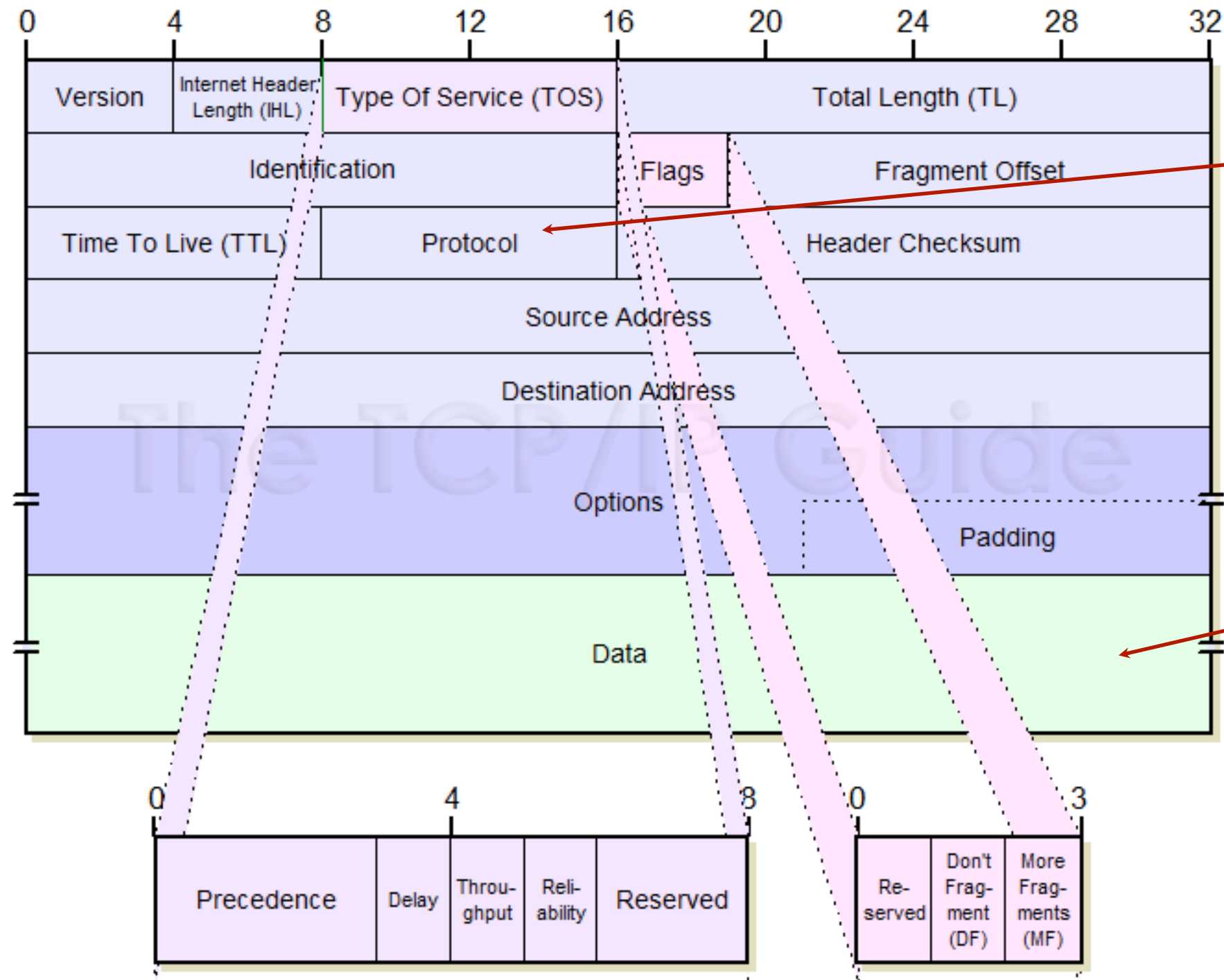
- Both TCP and UDP are **transport protocols**.
- This means that they make it possible for **two programs** (i.e. applications, processes) possibly running on **different machines** to **exchange data**.
- The two protocols also make it possible for several programs to **share the same network interface**. They use the notion of **port** for this purpose.
- TCP and UDP define the **structure of messages**. With TCP, messages are called **segments**. With UDP, messages are used **datagrams**.
- The structure of TCP segments (**number and size of headers**) is more complex than the structure of UDP datagrams.
- Both TCP segments and UDP datagrams can be **encapsulated in IP packets**. In that case, we say that the **payload** of the IP packet is a TCP segment, respectively a UDP datagram.



Transport Protocols

- TCP provides a **connection-oriented service**. The client and the server first have to establish a connection. They can then exchange data through a **bi-directional stream of bytes**.
- TCP provides a **reliable data transfer service**. It makes sure that all bytes sent by one program are received by the other. It also preserves the **ordering** of the exchanged bytes.
- UDP provides a **connectionless service**. The client can send information to the server at any time, **even if there is no server listening**. In that case, the information will simply be lost.
- UDP **does not guarantee the delivery** of datagrams. It is possible that a datagram sent by one client will never reach its destination. The ordering is not guaranteed either.
- TCP supports **unicast** communication. UDP supports **unicast, broadcast and multicast** communication. This is useful for **service discovery**.

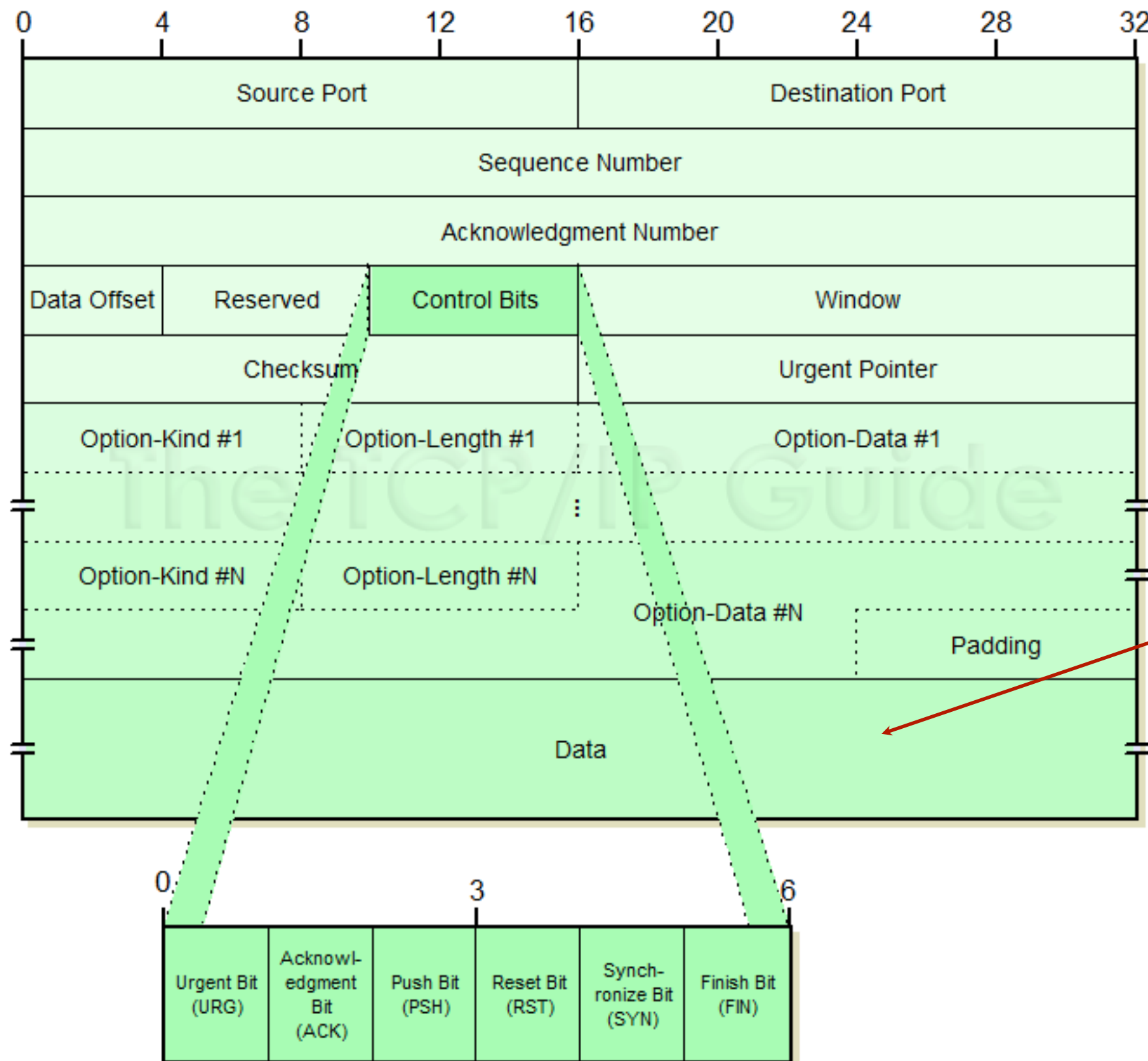




If "Data" is a TCP segment, this field has the decimal value "6". If it is a UDP datagram, this field has the decimal value "17".

This can contain a TCP segment, a UDP datagram, or something else.



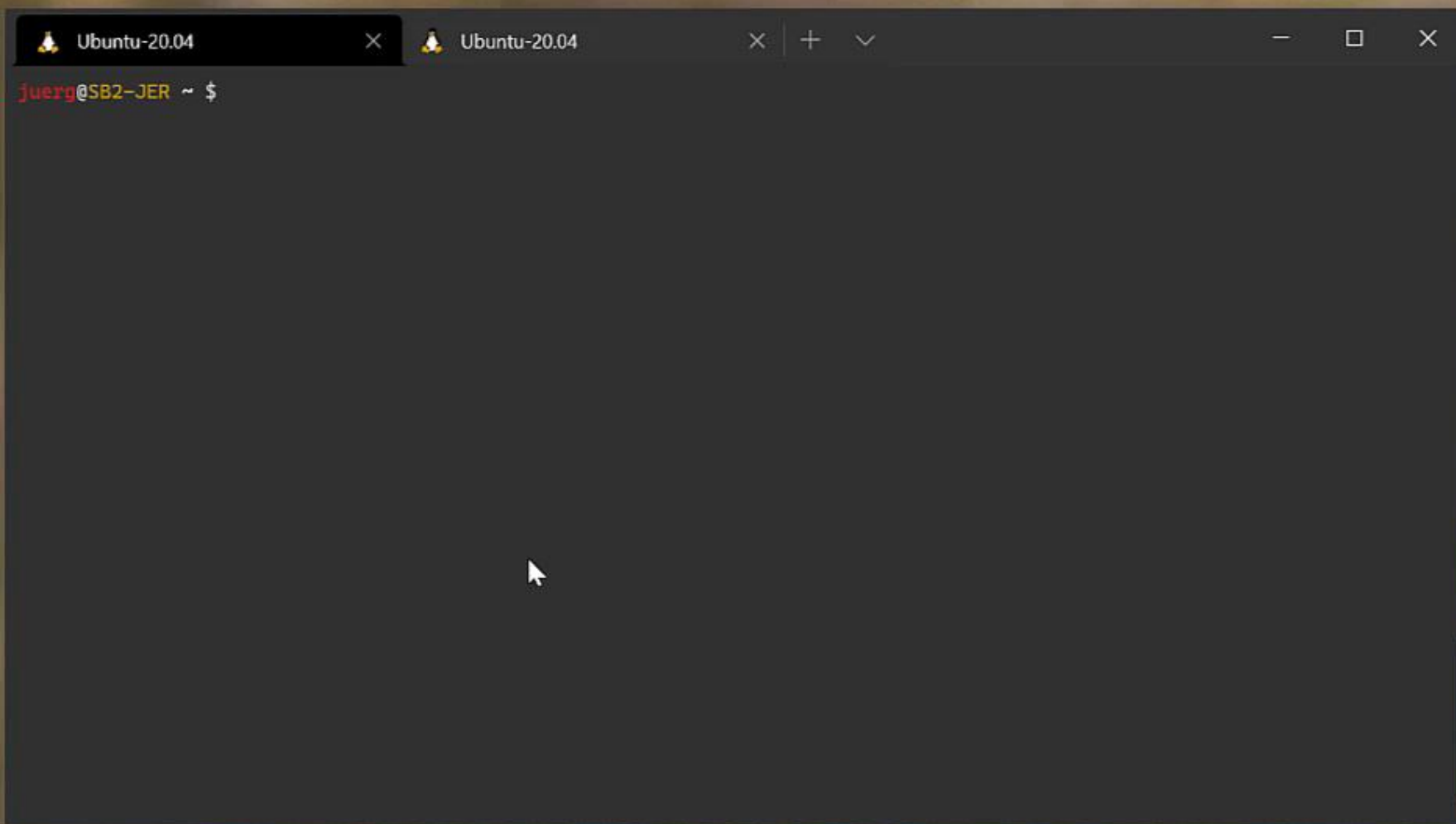
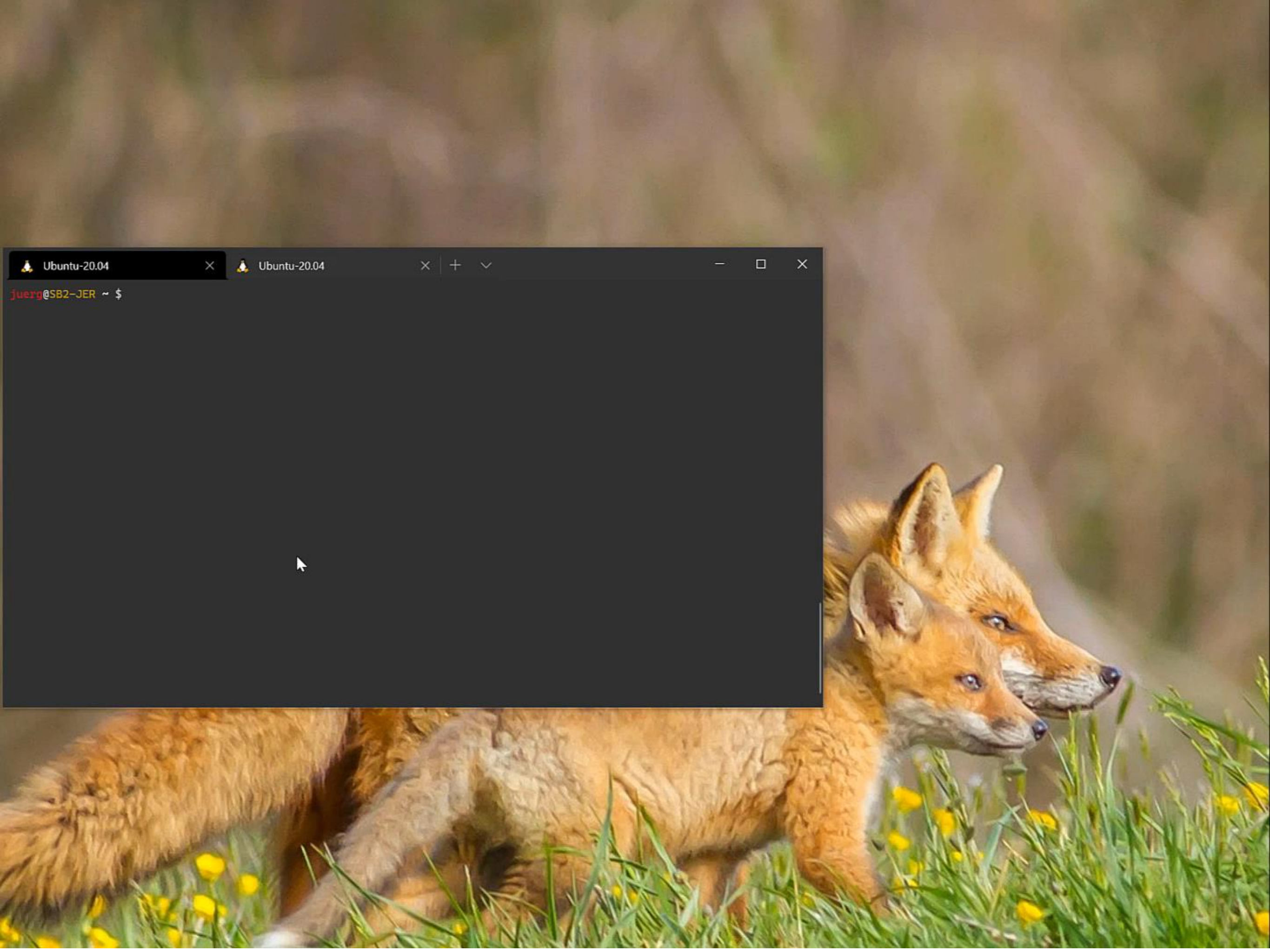


The bytes that you write in your java program will be here...



Example: **telnet www.google.ch 80**





Example (server): **nc -kl 2019**

Example (client): **nc localhost 2019**

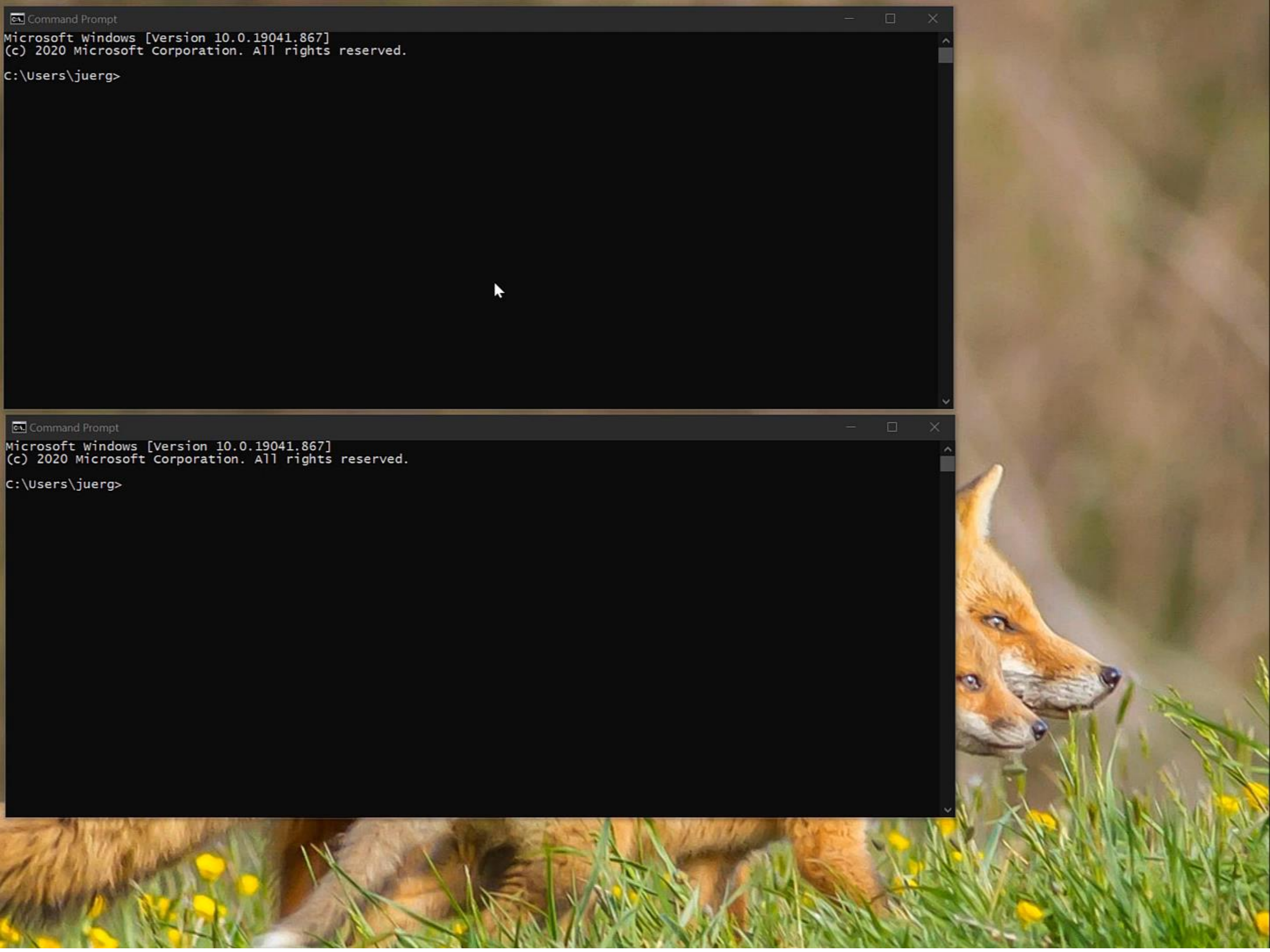



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C:\Users\juerg>
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Command Prompt - ncat -lk 2019
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C:\Users\juerg>ncat -lk 2019
asdfasdf
fsdfgsdfg
dfgsdfg
Hello world
Salut
sdfasdf
Hello
ADD 10 20
RESULT 30
```

```
Command Prompt - ncat 10.193.156.177 2019
IPv4 Address. . . . . : 192.168.91.100
Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
Default Gateway . . . . . : 192.168.91.1

Wireless LAN adapter Wi-Fi:

Connection-specific DNS Suffix . : einet.ad.eivd.ch
Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::7960:38ce:8662:3fe1%25
IPv4 Address. . . . . : 10.193.156.177
Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
Default Gateway . . . . . : 10.193.156.1

Ethernet adapter Bluetooth Network Connection:

Media State . . . . . : Media disconnected
Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :

C:\Users\juerg>ncat 10.193.156.177 2019
asdfasdf
fsdfgsdfg
dfgsdfg
Hello world
Salut
^C
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[RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=0 Len=0
[SYN] Seq=0 Win=65535 Len=0 MSS=65495 W
[SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=65535 Len=0
[ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=2619648 Len=0
[PSH, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=2619648 Len=
[ACK] Seq=1 Ack=9 Win=2619648 Len=0
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0000	02 00 00 00 45 00 00 28 85 ba 40 00 80 06 00 00E..(..@.....
0010	0a c1 9c b1 0a c1 9c b1 ff f7 07 e3 5f 11 80 22_..."
0020	d2 1f 97 e5 50 10 27 f9 e7 e2 00 00P.'.....

The Socket API



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The Socket API

- The Socket API is a **standard interface**, which defines **data structures** and **functions** for writing client-server applications.
- It has originally been developed in the context of the Unix operating system and specified as a C API.
- It is now available **across nearly all operating systems and programming environments**.

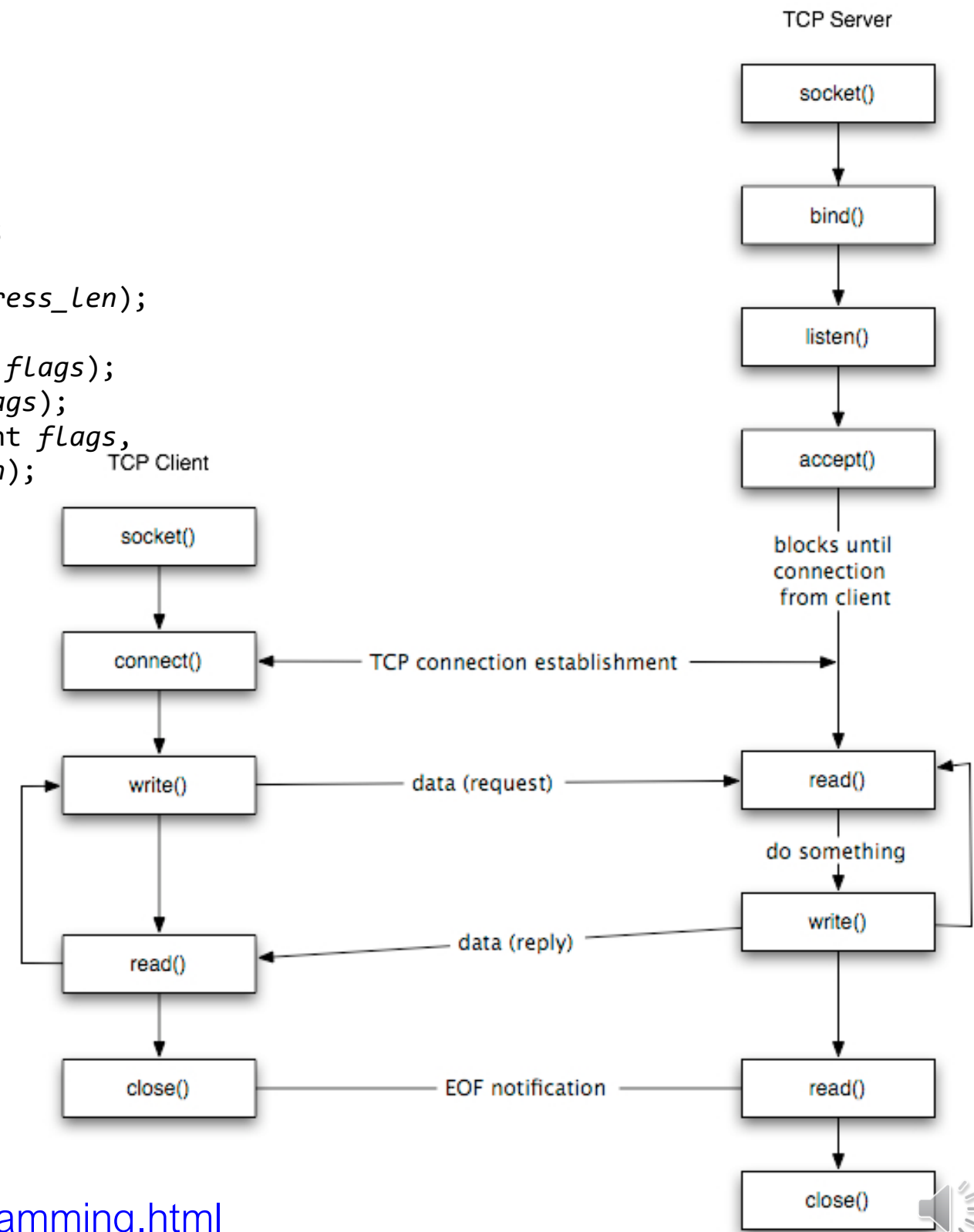
`<sys/socket.h>`



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int  accept(int socket, struct sockaddr *address,
          socklen_t *address_len);
int  bind(int socket, const struct sockaddr *address,
          socklen_t address_len);
int  connect(int socket, const struct sockaddr *address,
           socklen_t address_len);
int  getpeername(int socket, struct sockaddr *address,
               socklen_t *address_len);
int  getsockname(int socket, struct sockaddr *address,
               socklen_t *address_len);
int  getsockopt(int socket, int level, int option_name,
               void *option_value, socklen_t *option_len);
int  listen(int socket, int backlog);
ssize_t recv(int socket, void *buffer, size_t length, int flags);
ssize_t recvfrom(int socket, void *buffer, size_t length,
                 int flags, struct sockaddr *address, socklen_t *address_len);
ssize_t recvmsg(int socket, struct msghdr *message, int flags);
ssize_t send(int socket, const void *message, size_t length, int flags);
ssize_t sendmsg(int socket, const struct msghdr *message, int flags);
ssize_t sendto(int socket, const void *message, size_t length, int flags,
               const struct sockaddr *dest_addr, socklen_t dest_len);
int  setsockopt(int socket, int level, int option_name,
               const void *option_value, socklen_t option_len);
int  shutdown(int socket, int how);
int  socket(int domain, int type, int protocol);
int  socketpair(int domain, int type, int protocol,
               int socket_vector[2]);

```



Using the Socket API for a TCP **Server**

1. Create a "receptionist" **socket**
2. **Bind** the socket to an IP address / port
3. Loop
 - 3.1. **Accept** an incoming connection (**block** until a client arrives)
 - 3.2. Receive a new socket when a client has arrived
 - 3.3. **Read** and **write** bytes through this socket, communicating with the client
 - 3.4. **Close** the client socket (and go back to listening)
4. **Close** the "receptionist" socket

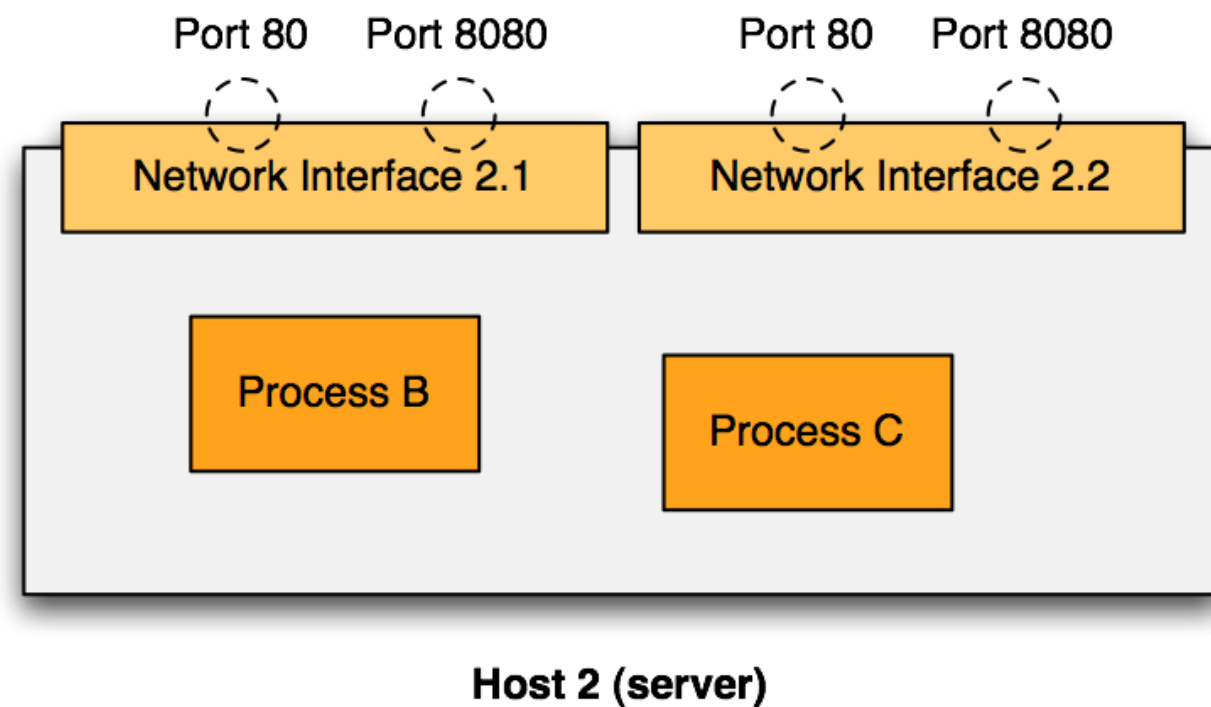
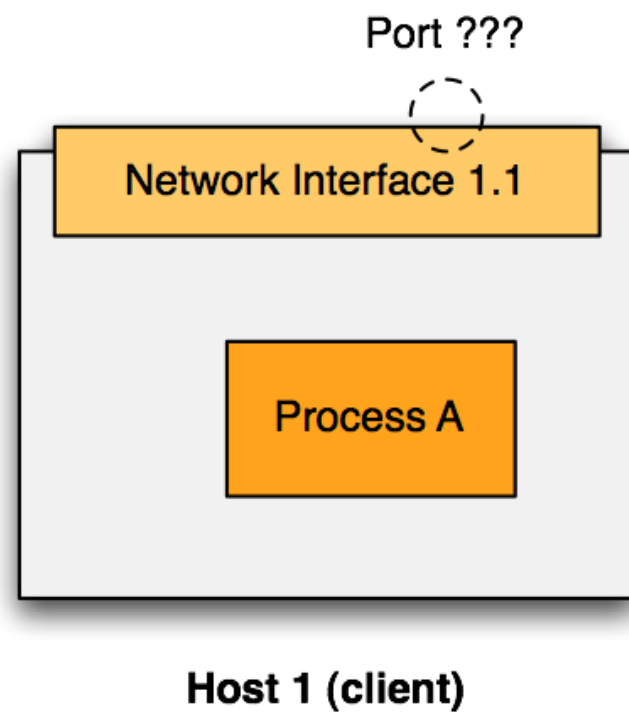


Using the Socket API for a TCP **Client**

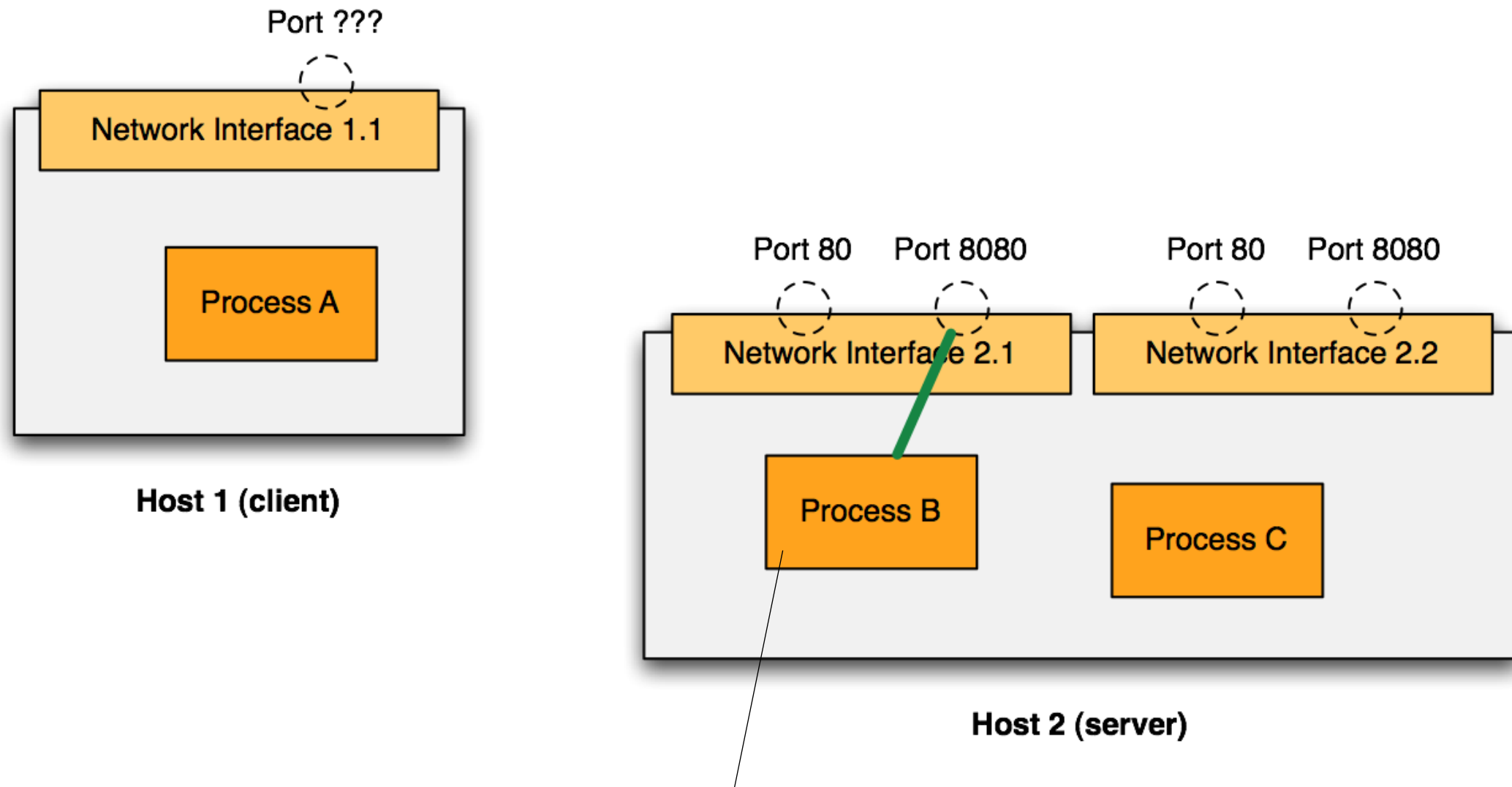
1. Create a **socket**
2. Make a **connection request** on an IP address / port
3. **Read** and **write** bytes through this socket, communicating with the client
4. **Close** the client socket



Using the Socket API



Using the Socket API in Java

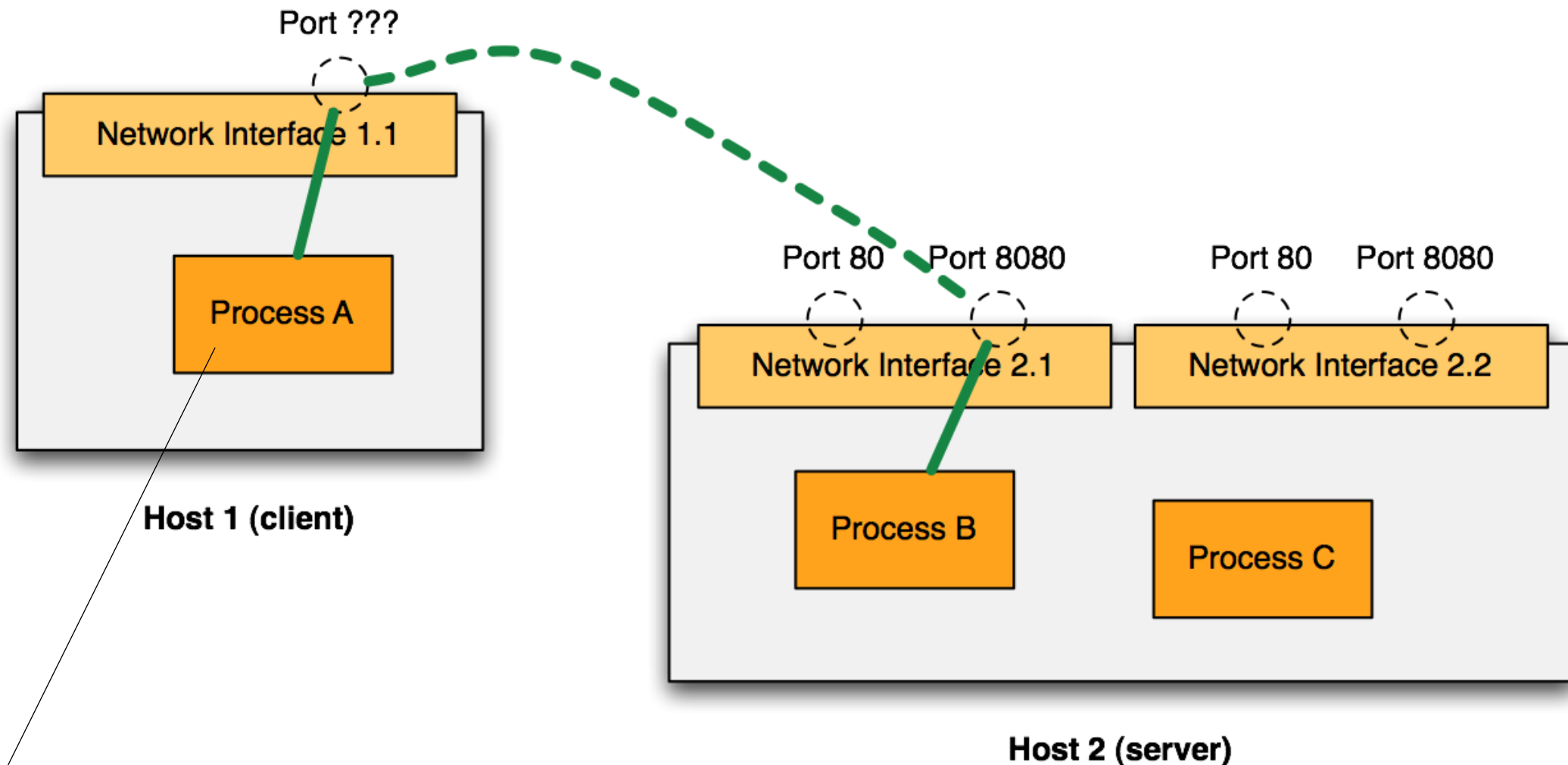


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// Listen on port 8080
ServerSocket serverSocket = new ServerSocket(8080);

// Wait (block) until a client makes a connection request...
Socket commSocket = serverSocket.accept();
```



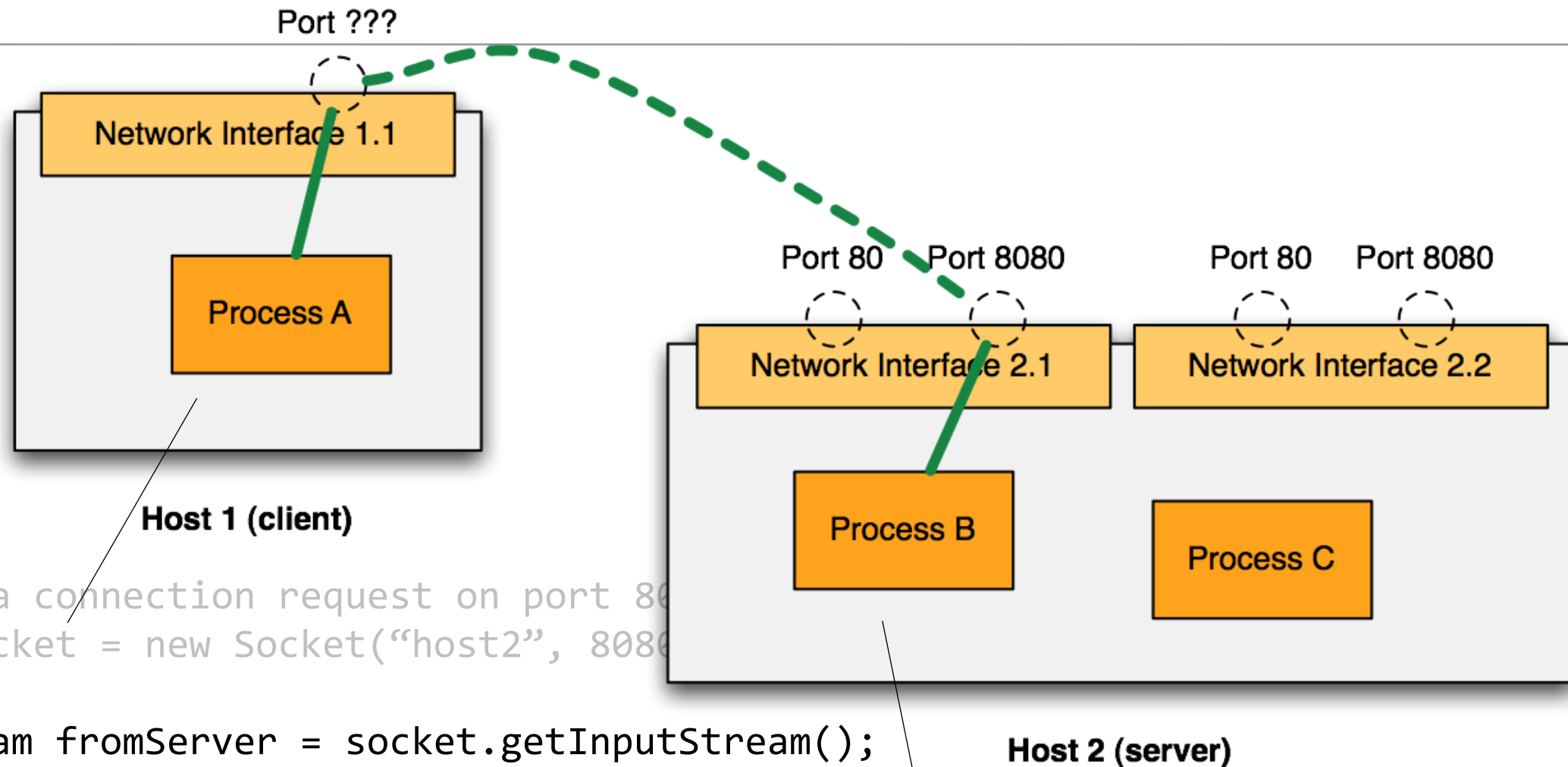
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// Makes a connection request on port 8080
Socket socket = new Socket("host2", 8080);



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InputStream fromServer = socket.getInputStream();
OutputStream toServer = socket.getOutputStream();
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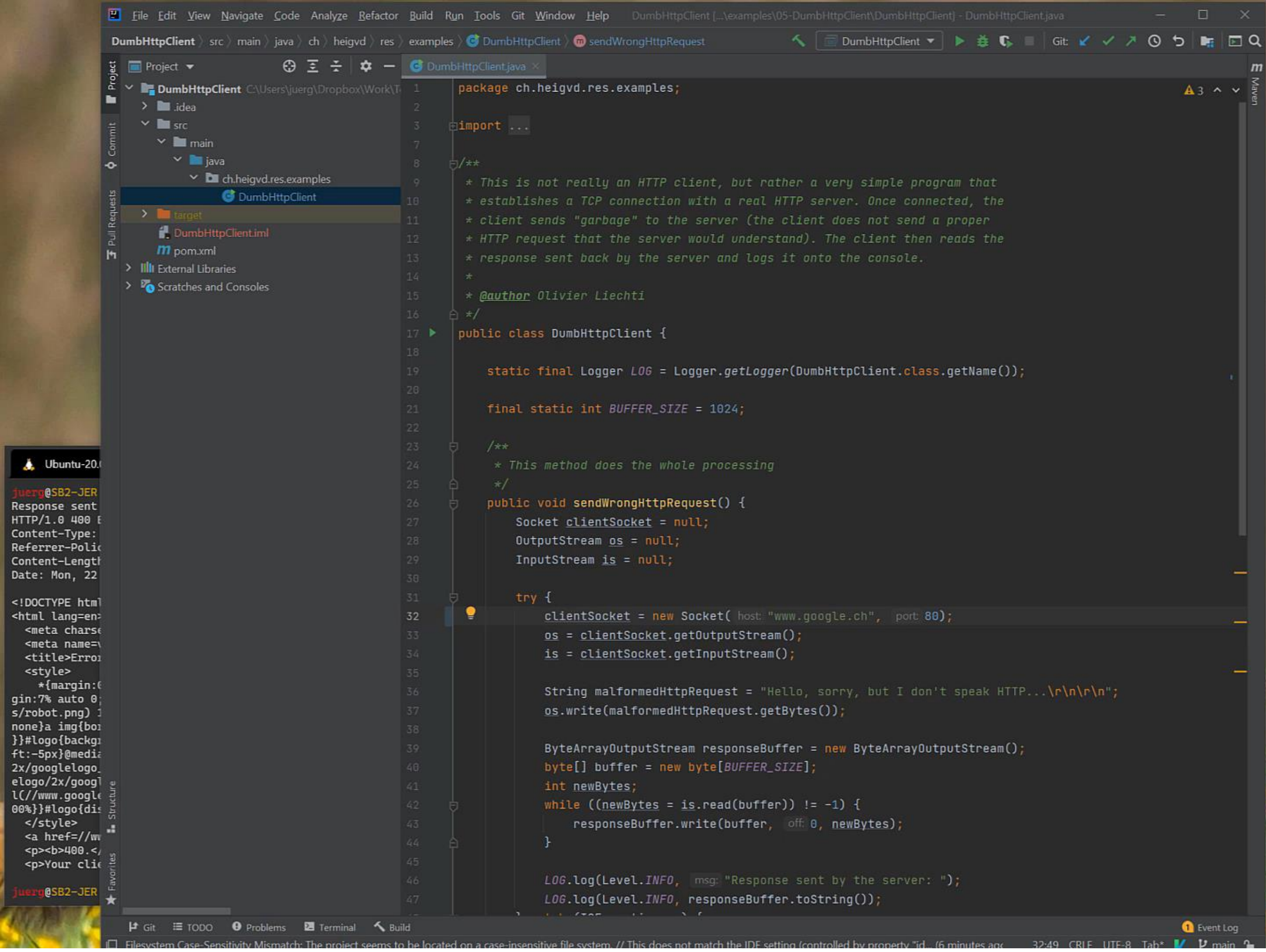
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Example: **05-DumbHttpClient**





Example: **04-StreamingTimeServer**



End of part 1

