

Programming Internet with Socket API



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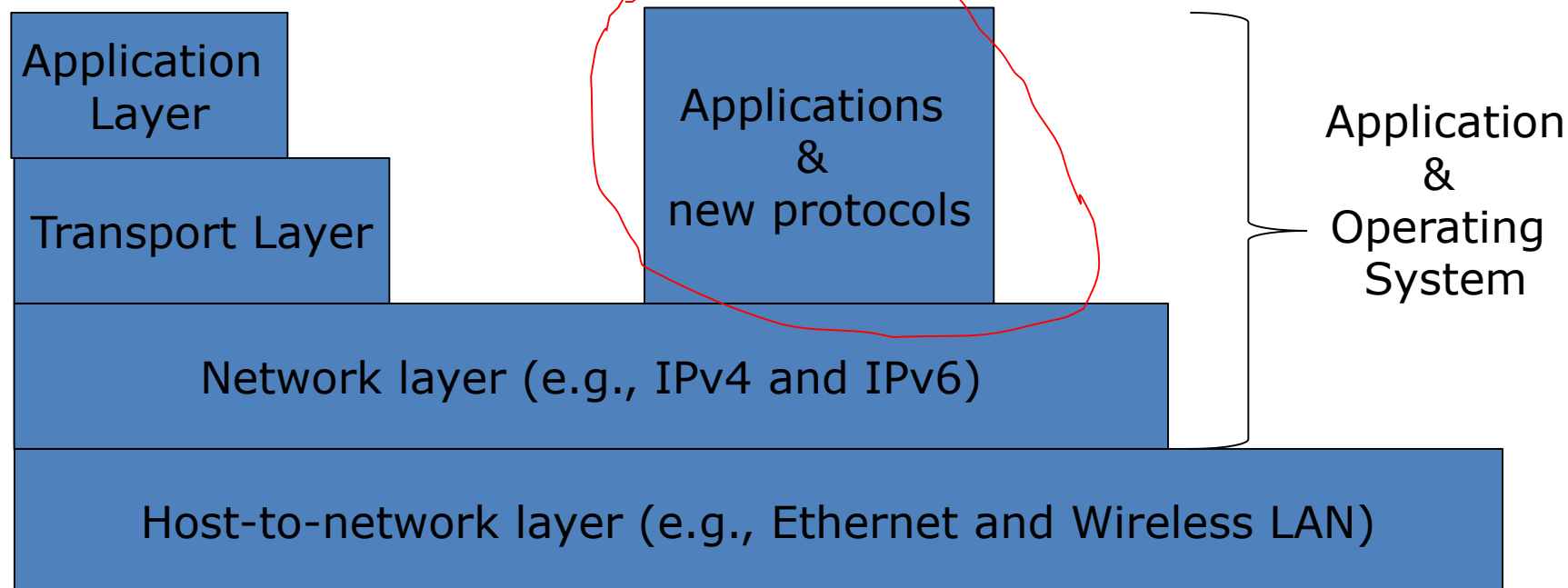
- ❑ Some pictures used in this presentation were obtained from the Internet
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Outline

- Socket programming with Internet
 - Berkeley Sockets
 - ip(7)
 - ipv6(7)
 - Example programs

Internet Protocol: Programming

- How to access functionality provided by Internet Protocol and to build new transport layer protocols?



Working with Ethernet using Berkeley Socket API

- ❑ Interested in two domains
 - AF_INET, see Linux manual page, ip(7)
 - AF_INET6, see Linux manual page, ipv6(7)
- ❑ Examples
 - Creating a socket
 - Sending messages
 - Receiving messages

Communication Domain

- ❑ `int socket(int domain, int type, int protocol)`
- ❑ Our interests
 - `AF_INET`
 - ❑ See `ip(7)` for more information
 - `AF_INET6`
 - ❑ See `ipv6(7)` for more information

Communication Type

- ❑ `int socket(int domain, int type, int protocol)`
- ❑ Specify a communication semantics with a communication domain
- ❑ For `AF_INET` and `AF_INET6`
 - **`SOCK_RAW`**
 - ❑ For raw IP packets (including the link level header)
 - `SOCK_DGRAM`
 - ❑ For UDP (discussed in the future)
 - `SOCK_STREAM`
 - ❑ For TCP (discussed in the future)

Protocol

- ❑ `int socket(int domain, int type, int protocol)`
- ❑ Specifies a particular protocol to be used with the socket.
- ❑ Protocol is a protocol number in network order
- ❑ If type is `SOCK_RAW`
 - A valid IANA IP protocol (defined in [RFC 1700](#)/[RFC 3232](#)) assigned numbers.
 - See
 - ❑ Typical location: `/usr/include/netinet/in.h`

Sending Messages

- ❑ `ssize_t send(int sockfd, const void *buf, size_t len, int flags);`
- ❑ `ssize_t sendto(int sockfd, const void *buf, size_t len, int flags, const struct sockaddr *dest_addr, socklen_t addrlen);`
- ❑ `ssize_t sendmsg(int sockfd, const struct msghdr *msg, int flags);`
- ❑ `ssize_t write(int fd, const void *buf, size_t count);`

Sending Messages

- For more see `send(2)`, `sendto(2)`, `sendmsg(2)`, and `write(2)`

Sending Message

□ Relationship among the system calls

- `write(fd, buf, len);`
is equivalent to
`send(sockfd, buf, len, 0);`
- `send(sockfd, buf, len, flags);`
is equivalent to
`sendto(sockfd, buf, len, flags, NULL, 0);`
- `write(fd, buf, len);`
is equivalent to
`sendto(sockfd, buf, len, 0, NULL, 0);`

Sending Messages

- ❑ `ssize_t sendto(int sockfd, const void *buf, size_t len, int flags, const struct sockaddr *dest_addr, socklen_t addrlen);`
 - `sockfd`: the file descriptor of the sending socket
 - `buf`: message to send
 - `len`: message len
 - `flags`: the bitwise OR of flags or 0
 - `dest_addr`: the address of the target
 - `addrlen`: the size of the target address

Receiving Messages

- ❑ `ssize_t recv(int sockfd, void *buf, size_t len, int flags);`
- ❑ `ssize_t recvfrom(int sockfd, void *buf, size_t len, int flags, struct sockaddr *src_addr, socklen_t *addrlen);`
- ❑ `ssize_t recvmsg(int sockfd, struct msghdr *msg, int flags);`
- ❑ `ssize_t write(int fd, const void *buf, size_t count);`

Receiving Message

- For more information, see `recv(2)`, `recvfrom(2)`, `recvmsg(2)`, and `read(2)`

Receiving Message

□ Relationship among the system calls

- `read(fd, buf, len);`

is equivalent to

`recv(sockfd, buf, len, 0);`

- `recv(sockfd, buf, len, flags);`

is equivalent to

`recvfrom(sockfd, buf, len, flags, NULL, NULL);`

- `read(fd, buf, len);`

is equivalent to

`recvfrom(sockfd, buf, len, 0, NULL, NULL);`

Putting Together

- See sample programs

Summary

- Application and new protocol implementation
 - Berkeley Socket APIs
 - AF_INET
 - AF_INET6