

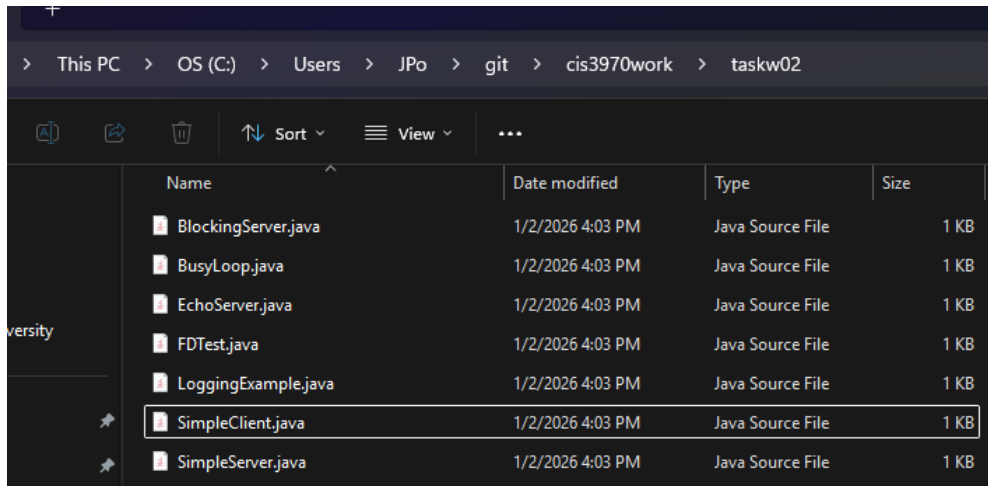
## Task W02

For this task, we will explore some common Linux networking tools that will help us inspect and begin to understand what happens during communication between programs. I encourage you to review the Java code, but do not worry if you do not understand it now, because we will learn more about it later in the semester.

### Set Up

First, we must set up our experiment environment. There are several ways to approach this, but these steps describe how I set it up. (Note: ignore the “placeholder.txt” file in these images. You will not have it.)

Get the Java files from the taskw02 folder in our class cis3970 repository and place them in a taskw02 folder in your cis3970 repository. I used Git Bash in Windows, as in the previous assignment.



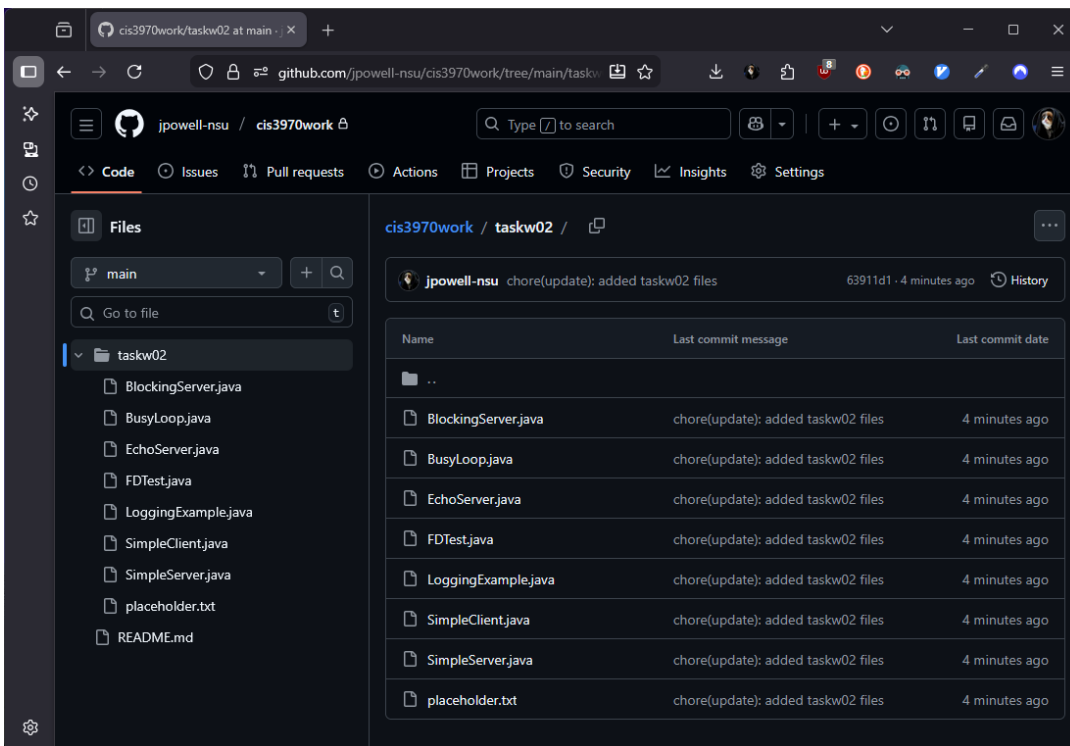
```
JPo@JPO-DESKTOP MINGW64 ~/git/cis3970work (main)
$ ls taskw02/
BlockingServer.java  EchoServer.java  LoggingExample.java  SimpleServer.java
BusyLoop.java       FDTest.java     SimpleClient.java    placeholder.txt

JPo@JPO-DESKTOP MINGW64 ~/git/cis3970work (main)
$ git add .

JPo@JPO-DESKTOP MINGW64 ~/git/cis3970work (main)
$ git commit -m "chore(update): added taskw02 files"
[main 63911d1] chore(update): added taskw02 files
 8 files changed, 136 insertions(+)
 create mode 100644 taskw02/BlockingServer.java
 create mode 100644 taskw02/BusyLoop.java
 create mode 100644 taskw02/EchoServer.java
 create mode 100644 taskw02/FDTest.java
 create mode 100644 taskw02/LoggingExample.java
 create mode 100644 taskw02/SimpleClient.java
 create mode 100644 taskw02/SimpleServer.java
 create mode 100644 taskw02/placeholder.txt

JPo@JPO-DESKTOP MINGW64 ~/git/cis3970work (main)
$ git push
Enter passphrase for key '/c/Users/JPo/.ssh/id_rsa':
Enumerating objects: 12, done.
Counting objects: 100% (12/12), done.
Delta compression using up to 24 threads
Compressing objects: 100% (10/10), done.
Writing objects: 100% (11/11), 2.18 KiB | 2.18 MiB/s, done.
Total 11 (delta 1), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0 (from 0)
remote: Resolving deltas: 100% (1/1), done.
To github.com:jpowell-nsu/cis3970work.git
 f259d2e..63911d1 main -> main

JPo@JPO-DESKTOP MINGW64 ~/git/cis3970work (main)
$ |
```



In Linux, I cloned my repository, but if yours is already there from Lab W02, you can do “git pull” instead.

```

Terminal - odinstudent@Xubuntu: ~/git
odinstudent@Xubuntu:~/git$ git clone git@github.com:jpowell-nsu/cis3970work.git
Cloning into 'cis3970work'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 14, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (14/14), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (10/10), done.
Receiving objects: 100% (14/14), done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (1/1), done.
remote: Total 14 (delta 1), reused 11 (delta 1), pack-reused 0 (from 0)
odinstudent@Xubuntu:~/git$ ls cis
cis3970work/ cis4000work/
odinstudent@Xubuntu:~/git$ ls cis
cis3970work/ cis4000work/
odinstudent@Xubuntu:~/git$ ls cis3970work/taskw02/
BlockingServer.java  EchoServer.java  SimpleClient.java
BusyLoop.java        FDTest.java      placeholder.txt   SimpleServer.java
odinstudent@Xubuntu:~/git$

```

Note: There are other ways to do this, but ultimately it comes down to getting your files into Linux.

We need the Java compiler to perform command-line compilation and execution of Java programs.

Test if you have it by issuing the command: `javac`

If it indicates you do not have it installed: `sudo apt install openjdk-25-jdk-headless`

Once installed, compile the Java programs by going into the directory and using `javac`.

```

Terminal - odinstudent@Xubuntu: ~/git/cis3970work/taskw02
odinstudent@Xubuntu:~/git$ cd cis3970work/taskw02/
odinstudent@Xubuntu:~/git/cis3970work/taskw02$ javac BlockingServer.java
odinstudent@Xubuntu:~/git/cis3970work/taskw02$ javac EchoServer.java
odinstudent@Xubuntu:~/git/cis3970work/taskw02$ javac LoggingExample.java
odinstudent@Xubuntu:~/git/cis3970work/taskw02$ javac SimpleClient.java
odinstudent@Xubuntu:~/git/cis3970work/taskw02$ javac BusyLoop.java
odinstudent@Xubuntu:~/git/cis3970work/taskw02$ javac FDTest.java
odinstudent@Xubuntu:~/git/cis3970work/taskw02$ javac Simple
SimpleClient.java SimpleServer.java
odinstudent@Xubuntu:~/git/cis3970work/taskw02$ javac SimpleServer.java
odinstudent@Xubuntu:~/git/cis3970work/taskw02$

```

We also need to install Wireshark and htop (alternatively, you can use top).

```
sudo apt install wireshark-qt
```

```
sudo apt install htop
```

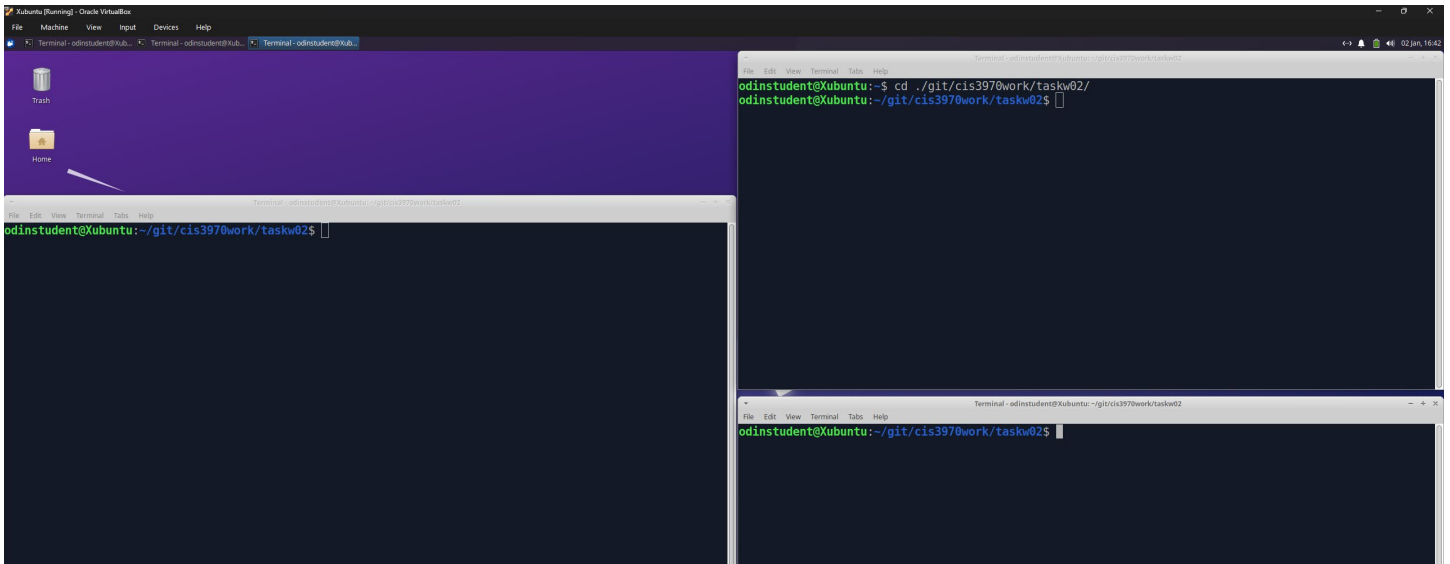
Now we are ready.

## Part A - Seeing a Socket Program on the Network

Tools: netstat, ss, and lsof

Concept: A socket is an OS resource bound to a port.

For this, we will need three terminals, at least two of them in the taskw02 directory with your Java files.



In one of the taskw02 terminals, issue the command:

```
java SimpleServer
```

In another terminal, issue the commands:

```
ss -ltn
```

Then issue the command

```
lsof -i :4242
```

Notice that port 4242 is now listening for connections and that Java is using it. Applications do not own the network; the OS does and allows them to use it.

Now in the third terminal, issue the command:

```
java simpleClient
```

Leave it running for a little bit. Every few seconds, the client and server are exchanging messages. Now, reissue the ss and lsof commands and notice the changes. The lsof output shows they are communicating on a different port (port 48026 in my case). We will learn more about this later in the semester.

To stop the programs, you can hit Ctrl-c in the terminals. Take a screenshot and save it in the taskw02 folder. This will be a record of your completion of this step.

```
odinstudent@Xubuntu:~/git/cis3970work/taskw02$ ss -ltn
State      Recv-Q    Send-Q    Local Address:Port    Peer Address:Port    Process
LISTEN     0          244       127.0.0.1:5432        0.0.0.0:*             java
LISTEN     0          4096     127.0.0.53%lo:53      0.0.0.0:*             java
LISTEN     0          128      127.0.0.1:631        0.0.0.0:*             java
LISTEN     0          50        *:4242                *:.*                   java
LISTEN     0          128      [::]:631             [::]:.*               java

odinstudent@Xubuntu:~/git/cis3970work/taskw02$ lsof -i :4242
COMMAND    PID    USER   FD   TYPE    DEVICE  SIZE/OFF  NODE NAME
java      12505 odinstudent  5u  IPv6  91795      0t0  TCP *:4242 (LISTEN)

odinstudent@Xubuntu:~/git/cis3970work/taskw02$ ss -ltn
State      Recv-Q    Send-Q    Local Address:Port    Peer Address:Port    Process
LISTEN     0          244       127.0.0.1:5432        0.0.0.0:*             java
LISTEN     0          4096     127.0.0.53%lo:53      0.0.0.0:*             java
LISTEN     0          128      127.0.0.1:631        0.0.0.0:*             java
LISTEN     0          50        *:4242                *:.*                   java
LISTEN     0          128      [::]:631             [::]:.*               java

odinstudent@Xubuntu:~/git/cis3970work/taskw02$ lsof -i :4242
COMMAND    PID    USER   FD   TYPE    DEVICE  SIZE/OFF  NODE NAME
java      12505 odinstudent  5u  IPv6  91795      0t0  TCP *:4242 (LISTEN)
java      12505 odinstudent  6u  IPv6  91796      0t0  TCP localhost:4242->localhost:48026 (ESTABLISHED)
java      12528 odinstudent  5u  IPv6  91068      0t0  TCP localhost:48026->localhost:4242 (ESTABLISHED)

odinstudent@Xubuntu:~/git/cis3970work/taskw02$
```

```
odinstudent@Xubuntu:~/git/cis3970work/taskw02$ java SimpleServer
Server listening on port 8080
Client connected from /127.0.0.1:48026
Received: Client here
Received: Client here
Received: Client here
Received: Client here
^Codinstudent@Xubuntu:~/git/cis3970work/taskw02$
```

```
odinstudent@Xubuntu:~/git/cis3970work/taskw02$ java SimpleClient
Client attempting to connect...
Connected to server
Server> Echo from server: Client here
Server> Echo from server: Client here
Server> Echo from server: Client here
Server> Echo from server: Client here
^Codinstudent@Xubuntu:~/git/cis3970work/taskw02$
```

## Part B - Talking to Java Without Writing Java

Tools: nc (netcat)

Concept: Separate protocol behavior from application code.

The great thing about sockets is that they are generalized. Two completely different programs written in different languages can exchange messages (of course, internally, they must know how to read each other's messages).

In one of the taskw02 terminals, start the EchoServer: `java EchoServer`

In another terminal, issue the command: `nc localhost 9000`

Our echo server is listening on port 9000, and netcat lets us pass strings to it. Try typing in “Hello Server!” and hitting enter. The server received the message, displayed it, and echoed it back to the client.

The key idea is that connections and protocols can be tested without complete client code, because just about anything can send messages over sockets.

To stop the program, you can hit Ctrl-c as before. Take a screenshot and save it in the taskw02 folder. This will be a record of your completion of this step.

```
odinstudent@Xubuntu:~/git/cis3970work/taskw02$ ss -ltn
State      Recv-Q    Send-Q    Local Address:Port    Peer Address:Port    Process
LISTEN     0          244       127.0.0.1:5432        0.0.0.0:*             java
LISTEN     0          4096     127.0.0.53%lo:53      0.0.0.0:*             java
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odinstudent@Xubuntu:~/git/cis3970work/taskw02$ lsof -i :4242
COMMAND    PID    USER   FD   TYPE    DEVICE  SIZE/OFF  NODE NAME
java      12505 odinstudent  5u  IPv6  91795      0t0  TCP *:4242 (LISTEN)

odinstudent@Xubuntu:~/git/cis3970work/taskw02$ ss -ltn
State      Recv-Q    Send-Q    Local Address:Port    Peer Address:Port    Process
LISTEN     0          244       127.0.0.1:5432        0.0.0.0:*             java
LISTEN     0          4096     127.0.0.53%lo:53      0.0.0.0:*             java
LISTEN     0          128      127.0.0.1:631        0.0.0.0:*             java
LISTEN     0          50        *:4242                *:.*                   java
LISTEN     0          128      [::]:631             [::]:.*               java

odinstudent@Xubuntu:~/git/cis3970work/taskw02$ lsof -i :4242
COMMAND    PID    USER   FD   TYPE    DEVICE  SIZE/OFF  NODE NAME
java      12505 odinstudent  5u  IPv6  91795      0t0  TCP *:4242 (LISTEN)
java      12505 odinstudent  6u  IPv6  91796      0t0  TCP localhost:4242->localhost:48026 (ESTABLISHED)
java      12528 odinstudent  5u  IPv6  91068      0t0  TCP localhost:48026->localhost:4242 (ESTABLISHED)

odinstudent@Xubuntu:~/git/cis3970work/taskw02$
```

```
odinstudent@Xubuntu:~/git/cis3970work/taskw02$ java SimpleServer
Server listening on port 8080
Client connected from /127.0.0.1:48026
Received: Client here
Received: Client here
Received: Client here
Received: Client here
^Codinstudent@Xubuntu:~/git/cis3970work/taskw02$ java EchoServer
Server receive: Hello Server!
^
```

```
odinstudent@Xubuntu:~/git/cis3970work/taskw02$ java SimpleClient
Client attempting to connect...
Connected to server
Server> Echo from server: Client here
Server> Echo from server: Client here
Server> Echo from server: Client here
Server> Echo from server: Client here
^Codinstudent@Xubuntu:~/git/cis3970work/taskw02$ nc localhost :9000
nc: port number invalid: :9000
odinstudent@Xubuntu:~/git/cis3970work/taskw02$ nc localhost 9000
Hello Server!
Echo: Hello Server!
```

## Part C - Blocking, Threads, and “Why Is It Hanging?”

Tools: jstack, jps

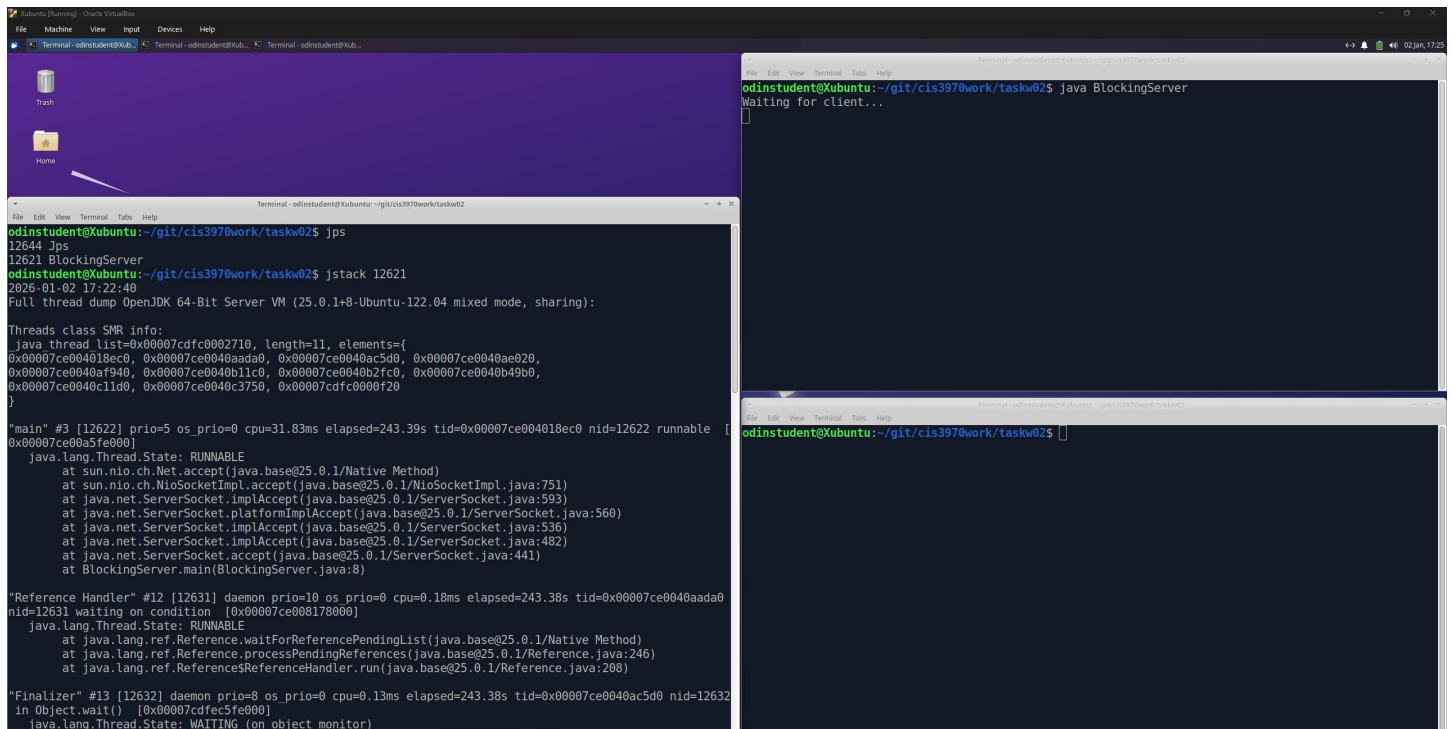
Concept: Blocking I/O causes threads to wait and can be hard to detect during debugging.

In one of the taskw02 terminals, issue the command: `java BlockingServer`

In another, get the Java process ID number for the server: `jps`

Then do a thread dump and identify the blocked thread: `jstack <PID>`

Scroll through the information. You can see that the thread is in a runnable state and is waiting from the attached listener. A “stuck” program may simply be waiting.



The screenshot shows three terminal windows in Oracle VM VirtualBox. The top-left window shows the command `java BlockingServer` being executed, with the output `Waiting for client...`. The bottom-left window shows the command `jps` being executed, listing the process `12621 BlockingServer`. The right window shows the command `jstack 12621` being executed, displaying a full thread dump. The thread dump shows the main thread in a `Runnable` state, waiting for a client connection. The thread dump also shows the `Reference Handler` and `Finalizer` threads.

```
odinstudent@Xubuntu:~/git/cis3970work/taskw02$ java BlockingServer
Waiting for client...

odinstudent@Xubuntu:~/git/cis3970work/taskw02$ jps
12644 jps
12621 BlockingServer
odinstudent@Xubuntu:~/git/cis3970work/taskw02$ jstack 12621
2026-01-02 17:22:40
Full thread dump OpenJDK 64-Bit Server VM (25.0.1+8-Ubuntu-122.04 mixed mode, sharing):

Threads class SMR info:
 java.thread.list=0x00007cdfc0002710, length=11, elements={
 0x00007ce004018ec0, 0x00007ce0040baada0, 0x00007ce0040ac5d0, 0x00007ce0040ae020,
 0x00007ce0040af940, 0x00007ce0040b11c0, 0x00007ce0040b2fc0, 0x00007ce0040b49b0,
 0x00007ce0040c11d0, 0x00007ce0040c3750, 0x00007cdfc0000f20
 }

"main" #3 [12622] prio=5 os_prio=0 cpu=31.83ms elapsed=243.39s tid=0x00007ce004018ec0 nid=12622 runnable
0x00007ce00a5fe000
  java.lang.Thread.State: RUNNABLE
    at sun.nio.ch.NioSocketImpl.accept(java.base@25.0.1/NioSocketImpl.java:751)
    at sun.nio.ch.NioSocketImpl.accept(java.base@25.0.1/NioSocketImpl.java:751)
    at java.net.ServerSocket.implAccept(java.base@25.0.1/ServerSocket.java:593)
    at java.net.ServerSocket.platformImplAccept(java.base@25.0.1/ServerSocket.java:560)
    at java.net.ServerSocket.implAccept(java.base@25.0.1/ServerSocket.java:536)
    at java.net.ServerSocket.implAccept(java.base@25.0.1/ServerSocket.java:482)
    at java.net.ServerSocket.accept(java.base@25.0.1/ServerSocket.java:441)
    at BlockingServer.main(BlockingServer.java:8)

"Reference Handler" #12 [12631] daemon prio=10 os_prio=0 cpu=0.18ms elapsed=243.38s tid=0x00007ce0040aada0
nid=12631 waiting on condition [0x00007ce008178000]
  java.lang.Thread.State: RUNNABLE
    at java.lang.ref.Reference.waitForReferencePendingList(java.base@25.0.1/Native Method)
    at java.lang.ref.Reference.processPendingReferences(java.base@25.0.1/Reference.java:246)
    at java.lang.ref.Reference$ReferenceHandler.run(java.base@25.0.1/Reference.java:208)

"Finalizer" #13 [12632] daemon prio=8 os_prio=0 cpu=0.13ms elapsed=243.38s tid=0x00007ce0040ac5d0 nid=12632
in Object.wait() [0x00007cdfc5fe000]
  java.lang.Thread.State: WAITING (on object monitor)
```

To stop the program, you can hit Ctrl-c like before. Take a screenshot and save it in the taskw02 folder.

## Part D - Watching Java Consume System Resources

Tool: top, htop

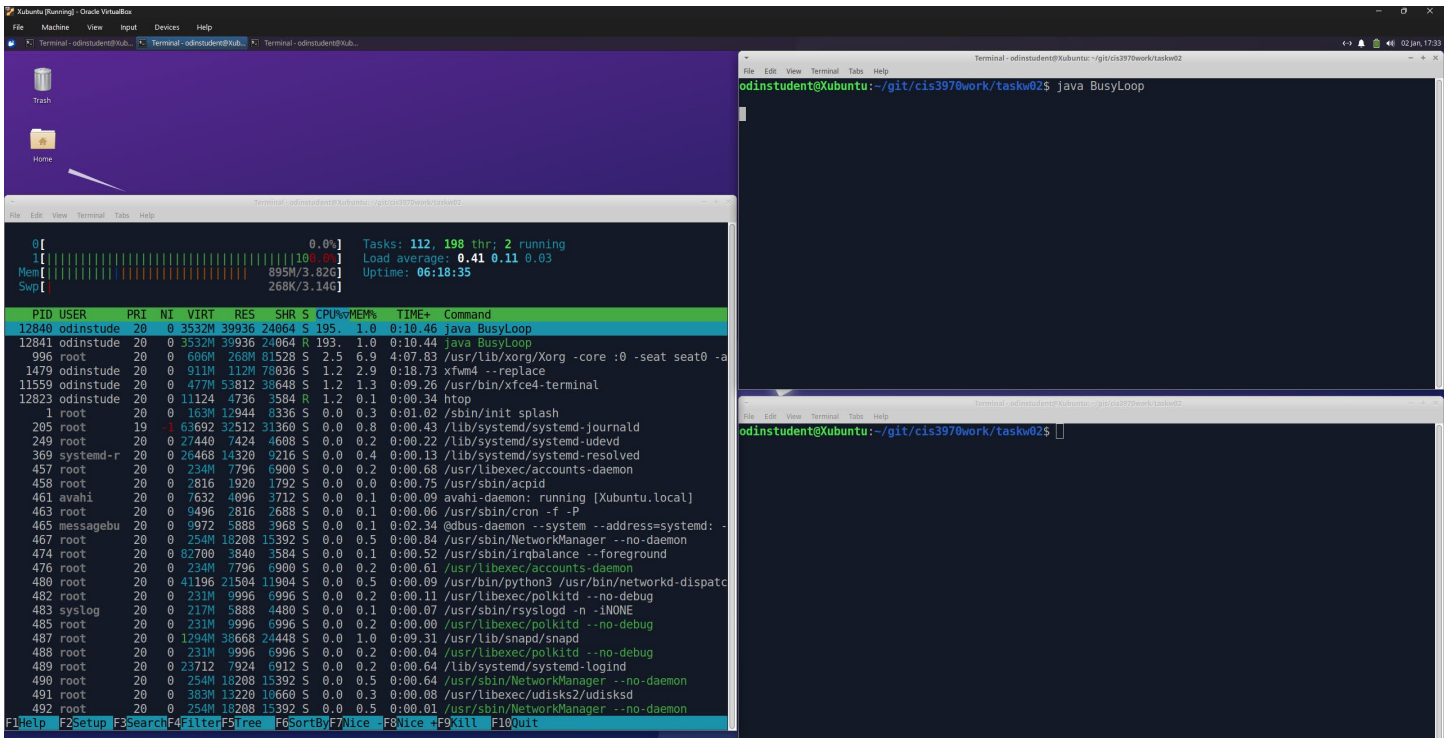
Concept: Programs compete for CPU and memory.

Note: This one will eat up resources and slow everything down. Be ready to hit Ctrl-c on the Java program terminal.

In one of the terminals (htop or top): `htop`

In one of the taskw02 terminals: `java BusyLoop`





CPU 1 maxed out in mine. Hit Ctrl-c to kill the program. The lesson: bad code affects the system. Use q to exit htop.

Take a screenshot and save it in the taskw02 folder.

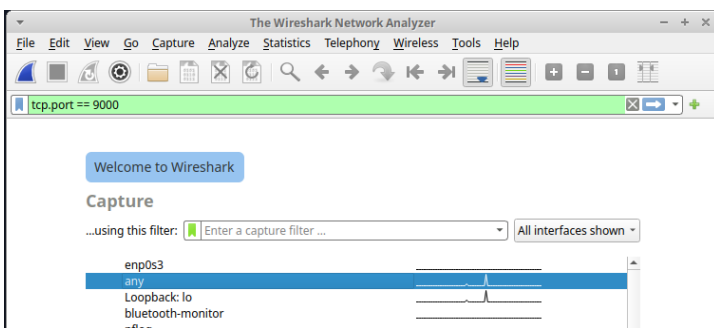
## Part E - Network Traffic Is Real and Visible

Tool: wireshark

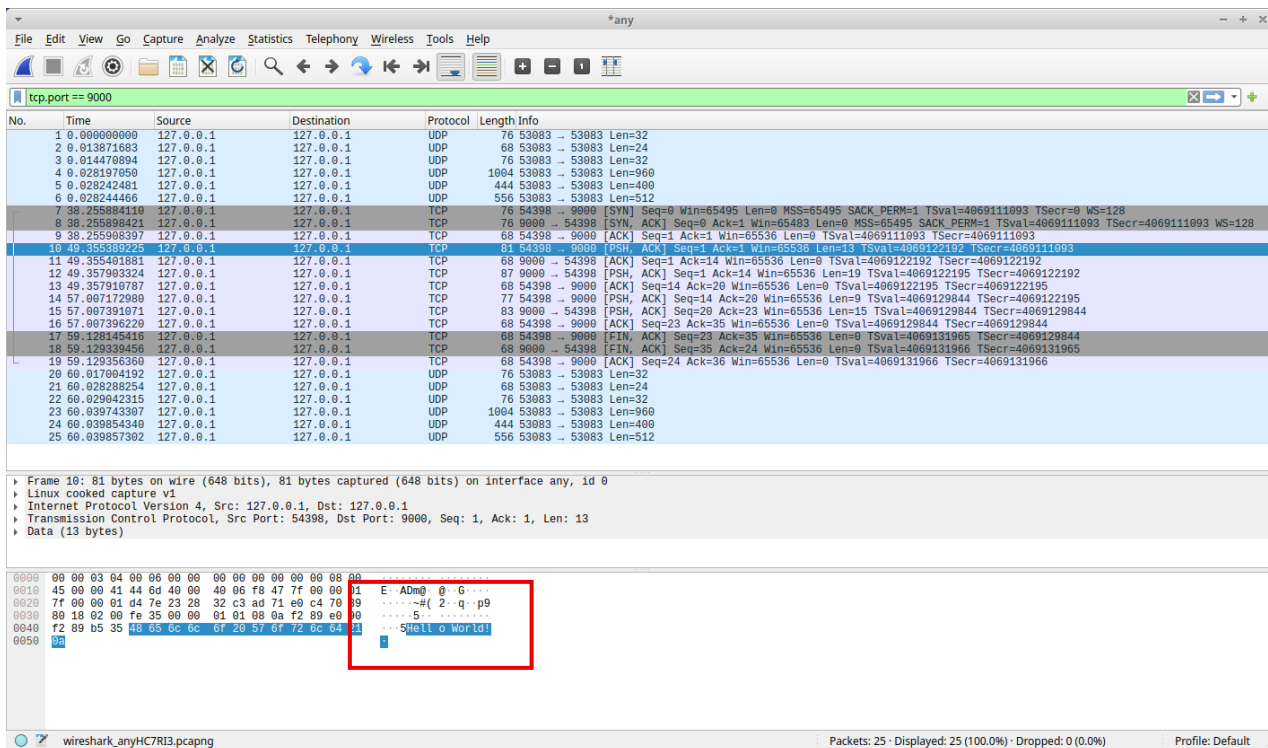
Concept: Java sockets generate real packets.

Start Wireshark (you will likely need sudo at the command line): `sudo wireshark`

Enter “tcp.port == 9000” as the filter and select “any” as the interface. Click the shark fin to start capturing packets.



Now start the EchoServer, use netcat, and exchange some messages as before. Stop the EchoServer and stop Wireshark collection. You can see TCP handshake information, packets, and even data!



Your code generates network traffic... And maybe encryption is needed?

Take a screenshot and save it in the taskw02 folder.

## Part F - Firewalls Can Break Correct Code

Tool: iptables

Concept: The environment can block applications.

In one of the terminals, let us set up the Linux firewall to block input from port 9000:

```
sudo iptables -I INPUT -p tcp -i lo --dport 9000 -j DROP
```

This command causes the firewall to drop any packets on that port, thus preventing them from reaching any application. There is a similar REJECT option instead of DROP; however, REJECT sends a notification back to the sender. Drop makes it less noticeable to an attacker. You can see the firewall rules, including the one you just added. Yours should be near the top of the INPUT chain.

```
sudo iptables -L --line-numbers
```

Start up the EchoServer again and use netcat to send messages like before. Notice nothing happens.

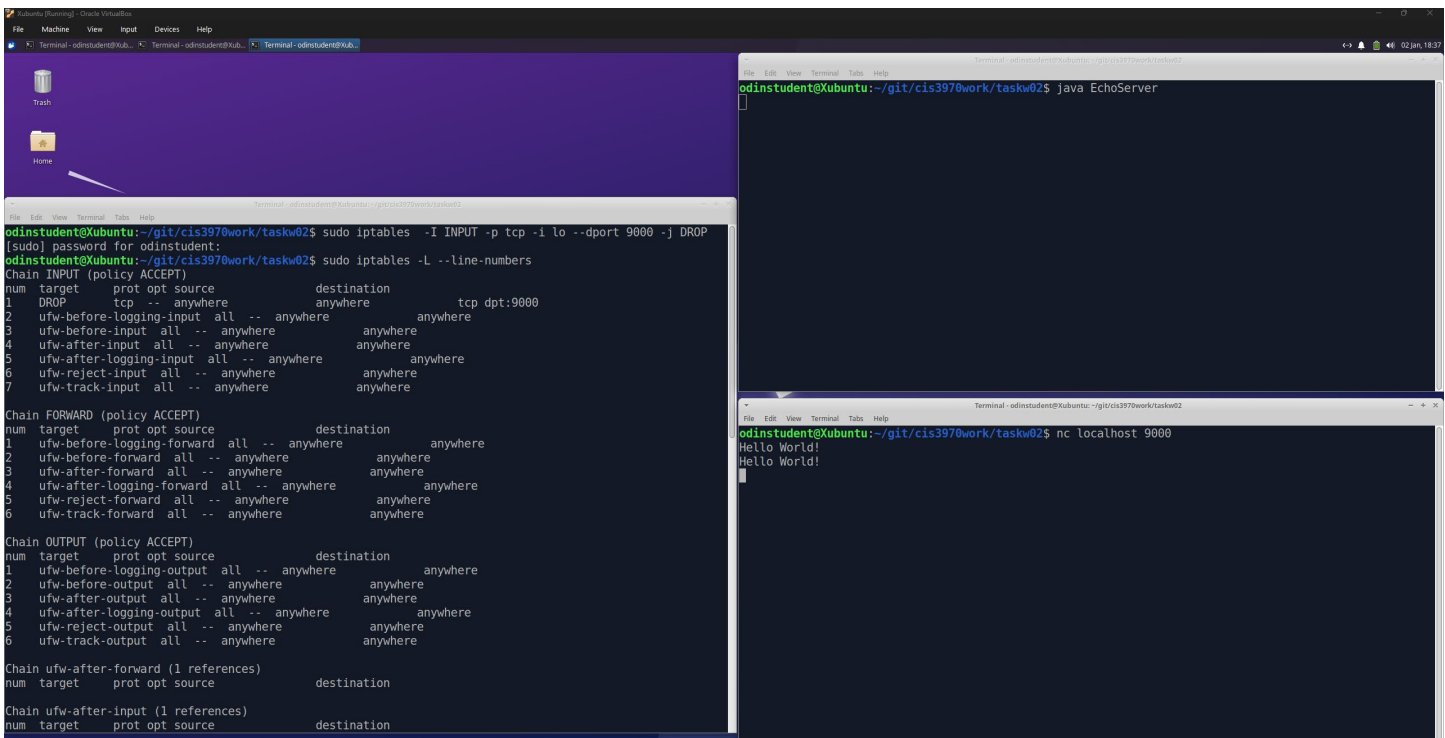
Let us remove the rule.

Find out which line it is in the rules: `sudo iptables -L --line-numbers`

Remove the rule (1 in my case): `sudo iptables -D INPUT 1`

It should work again. This means that the applications we write may need to have ports opened to allow traffic.

Take a screenshot and save it in the taskw02 folder.



## Part G - Debugging Without a GUI

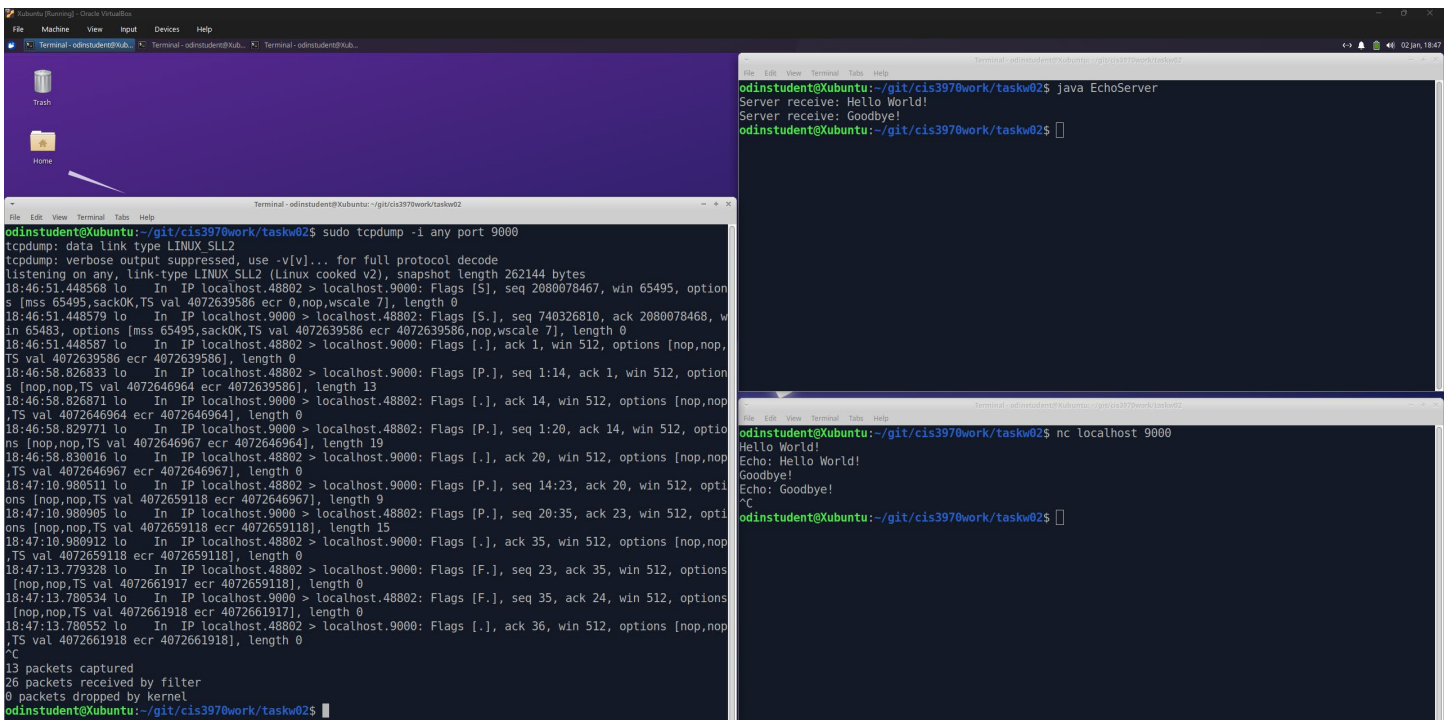
Tool: tcpdump

Concept: Network debugging works on servers, too.

In one of the terminals, start the tcpdump: `sudo tcpdump -i any port 9000`

Restart the EchoServer and rerun netcat to see what happens.

You can see everything the protocol did to get the messages communicated.



Take a screenshot and save it in the taskw02 folder.



## Part H - Logging Beats Print Statements

Tool: Java logging + Linux output

Concept: Logs create a timeline of execution.

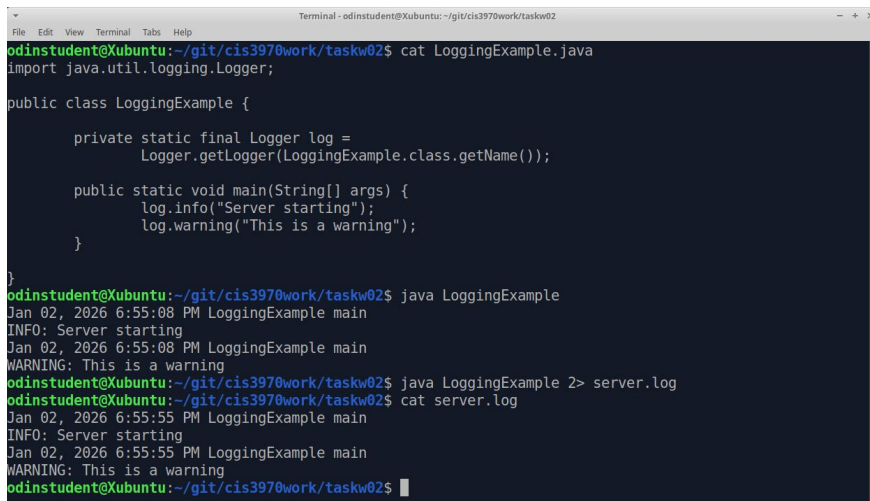
LoggingExample.java demonstrates the Java Logger, a great way to log activity generated instead of using print statements.

View the code: `cat LoggingExample.java`

Run the code: `java LoggingExample`

Redirect it to a file: `java LoggingExample 2> server.log`

View the log file: `cat server.log`



```
Terminal - odinstudent@Xubuntu: ~/git/cis3970work/taskw02
File Edit View Terminal Tabs Help
odinstudent@Xubuntu:~/git/cis3970work/taskw02$ cat LoggingExample.java
import java.util.logging.Logger;

public class LoggingExample {

    private static final Logger log =
        Logger.getLogger(LoggingExample.class.getName());

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        log.info("Server starting");
        log.warning("This is a warning");
    }

}

odinstudent@Xubuntu:~/git/cis3970work/taskw02$ java LoggingExample
Jan 02, 2026 6:55:08 PM LoggingExample main
INFO: Server starting
Jan 02, 2026 6:55:08 PM LoggingExample main
WARNING: This is a warning
odinstudent@Xubuntu:~/git/cis3970work/taskw02$ java LoggingExample 2> server.log
odinstudent@Xubuntu:~/git/cis3970work/taskw02$ cat server.log
Jan 02, 2026 6:55:55 PM LoggingExample main
INFO: Server starting
Jan 02, 2026 6:55:55 PM LoggingExample main
WARNING: This is a warning
odinstudent@Xubuntu:~/git/cis3970work/taskw02$
```

Take a screenshot and save it in the taskw02 folder.

## Part I - Encryption Is a Layer, Not Magic

Tool: openssl

Concept: TLS wraps sockets

Issue the command: `openssl s_client -connect example.com:443`

Inspect the chain and identify the handshake steps. Secure sockets, which will be explored later this semester, are still sockets, but wrapped for security.

Take a screenshot and save it in the taskw02 folder.

## Submission

When complete, remember to commit all the screenshots in the taskw02 folder to your git repository. Then return to Moodle and put “done” in the submission textbox.