

Rust Networking Tutorial

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Like C and C++, Rust has a **main** entry point



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1 fn is_prime(n: u32) -> bool {  
2     for i in (2..n) {  
3         if n % i == 0 {  
4             return false;  
5         }  
6     }  
7     true  
8 }
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TcpListener

```
1 fn handle_client(stream: TcpStream) {  
2     // ...  
3 }  
4  
5 fn main() -> Result<()> {  
6     let address = "127.0.0.1:80";  
7     let listener = TcpListener::bind(address)?;  
8  
9     // accept connections and process serially  
10    for stream in listener.incoming() {  
11        handle_client(stream?);  
12    }  
13    Ok(())  
14 }
```



TcpStream

```
1 fn main() -> Result<()> {
2     let addr = "127.0.0.1:34254"
3     let mut stream = TcpStream::connect(addr)?;
4
5     stream.write(&[1])?;
6     stream.read(&mut [0; 128])?;
7     Ok(())
8 } // the stream is closed here
```



UdpSocket

```
1 fn main() -> Result<()> {
2     {
3         let addr = "127.0.0.1:34254"
4         let mut socket = UdpSocket::bind(addr)?;
5
6         let mut buf = [0; 10];
7         let (amt, src) = socket.recv_from(&mut buf)?;
8
9         let buf = &mut buf[..amt];
10        buf.reverse();
11        socket.send_to(buf, &src)?;
12    } // the socket is closed here
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Comparison with C

```

1 let args: Vec<String> = env::args().collect();
2 match args.len() {
3     1 => panic!("Please pass port number to command line"),
4     _ => (),
5 }
6 let port = &args[1];
7 let address = format!("localhost:{}", port);
8 let listener = TcpListener::bind(address)?;
9 match listener {
10     Ok(v) => (),
11     Err(e) => panic!("Error connecting: {}", e)
12 }
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1 if (argc < 2) {
2     printf("Please pass port number to command line\n");
3     exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
4 }
5 int port_number = atoi(argv[1]);
6 int socket_fd = socket(AF_INET6, SOCK_STREAM, 0);
7 if (socket_fd < 0) {
8     perror("Error creating socket:");
9     exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
10 }
11 int set = 1;
12 int ret = setsockopt(socket_fd, SOL_SOCKET, SO_REUSEADDR, &set,
13 if (ret < 0) {
14     perror("setsockopt failed");
15     return -1;
16 }
17 struct sockaddr_in6 server_address;
18 memset(&server_address, 0, sizeof(server_address));
19 server_address.sin6_family = AF_INET6;
20 server_address.sin6_port = htons(port_number);
21 server_address.sin6_addr = in6addr_any;
22 ret = bind(socket_fd, (struct sockaddr*)&server_address, sizeof
23 if (ret < 0) {
24     perror("Bind failed");
25     exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
26 }
27 ret = listen(socket_fd, 1);
28 if (ret < 0) {
29     perror("Listen failed");
30     exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
31 }

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