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ISO OSI Model

International Standards Organization defines 7 layers of protocols known as the *Open Systems Interconnection* model.

- 1] **Physical Layer**: Electrical/physical standards. Example: physical Ethernet hardware like NICs and cabling.
- 2] **Data-Link Layer**: Divide a bit-stream into higher-level entities like packets. Error detections. Example: Ethernet protocol (CSMA/CD).
- 3] **Network Layer**: Includes concepts of destination addressing and routing. Must handle network congestion. Example: IP operates at this level.
- 4] Transport Layer: End-to-end reliability.

Examples: TCP and UDP.

ISO OSI Model: Higher Layers

WRT TCP/IP protocols, the above layers are usually implemented within kernel-space. However, the following application layers usually operate in user-space. They do not really map well into the TCP/IP protocol suite.

- 5] **Session layer**: allows remote terminal access. Authentication.
- 6] **Presentation layer**: transformation services like compression.
- 7] Application layer: end-user program.

Alphabet Soup of Protocols

IPv4 Internet Protocol version 4
Reliable package delivery. Uses 32-bit addresses. Accessed using raw sockets.

IPv6 Internet Protocol version 6
Mid-90s redesign of IPv4. Uses 128-bit
addresses. Accessed using raw sockets.

TCP Transmission Control Protocol

Connection oriented protocol. Provides a reliable full-duplex byte stream. Can use IPv4 or IPv6. Accessed using stream sockets.

UDP User Datagram Protocol
Connectionless protocol. Unreliable: no
guarantee that datagrams reach destination.
Can use IPv4 or IPv6. Accessed using datagram
sockets.

Alphabet Soup of Protocols Continued

Used for error and control information by networking software. Also used by popular ping program.

ARP Address Resolution Protocol

Used for converting a IPv4 address into a hardware address (like a 6-byte ethernet address).

RARP Reverse Address Resolution Protocol
Used for converting a hardware address into a
IPv4 address. Used to have diskless computers
figure out their IPv4 address.

Applications of Protocols

- ping uses ICMP.
- traceroute uses ICMP and UDP.
- BOOTP (bootstrap protocol), DHCP (bootstrap protocol), NTP (time protocol), TFTP (trivial FTP), SNMP (network management) use UDP.
- SMTP (email), telnet (remote login), ftp (file transfer), HTTP (web protocol), NNTP (net news) use TCP.
- DNS (domain name system), NFS (network file system) Sun RPC (remote procedure call) use both UDP and TCP.

Internet Addressing

- IPv4 uses 32-bit binary addresses.
- Instead of an absolute number, IPv4 addresses are often represented in dotted notation as 4 decimal numbers separated by periods. Example: 128.226.6.4.
- Domain name system used to map human-friendly hostnames into binary addresses.
- Domain name system functions as a distributed hierarchical database.
- Routines like gethostbyname(), inet_addr(), inet_aton() used for conversion.
- Multi-homed hosts may have multiple addresses and names.

Ports

- It is not enough to merely specify which host you want to connect to. It is also necessary to specify which program instance on the host you want to connect to.
- The program instance is referred to using a 16-bit number referred to as a port number.
- TCP and UDP use disjoint port number spaces.
- Ports 0-1023 are referred to as well-known ports. Ports 1024-49151 are registered ports.
 Ports 49152-65535 are ephemeral ports.
- Under Unix, ports 0-1023 can only be accessed by root.
- Ports can also be referred to by name.
 Translation between service name and port number using getservbyname().

Some Well Known Ports

The file /etc/services contains a mapping from service names to the port numbers used. An extract for some well-known services:

echo	7/tcp		
echo	7/udp		
discard	9/tcp	sink null	
discard	9/udp	sink null	
discard	9/udp		
daytime	13/tcp		
daytime	13/udp		
ftp-data	20/tcp		
ftp	21/tcp		
ssh	22/tcp		# SSH Remote Login Protocol
ssh	22/udp		
telnet	23/tcp		
smtp	25/tcp	mail	
time	37/tcp	timserver	
time	37/udp	timserver	
http	80/tcp	WWW	# WorldWideWeb HTTP
http	80/udp		# HyperText Transfer Protocol
https	443/tcp		<pre># http protocol over TLS/SSL</pre>
https	443/udp		

Network Debugging Tools

Since many network protocols use textual protocols, it is relatively easy to understand network interactions.

telnet

Specify the TCP port running the service as an additional argument.

curl

Wide variety of options.

netcat

Much enhanced network debugging tool.

Example using curl

```
$ curl -D bing.headers http://www.binghamton.edu >/dev/null
          100 59557
         0 59557 0
$ cat bing.headers
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Wed, 20 Apr 2016 21:39:57 GMT
Server: Apache/2.4.12 (Unix) mod_python/3.5.0- Python/2.6.6 OpenSSL/1.0.1e-fips
X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
Set-Cookie: insideee_last_visit=1145828397; expires=Thu, 20-Apr-2017 21:39:57 GMT; Max-Age=31536000; path=/
Set-Cookie: insideee_last_activity=1461188397; expires=Thu, 20-Apr-2017 21:39:57 GMT; Max-Age=31536000; path=/
Set-Cookie: insideee_tracker=a%3A1%3A%7Bi%3A0%3Bs%3A5%3A%22index%22%3B%7D; path=/
Expires: Mon, 26 Jul 1997 05:00:00 GMT
Last-Modified: Wed, 20 Apr 2016 21:39:57 GMT
Pragma: no-cache
Vary: Accept-Encoding
Transfer-Encoding: chunked
Content-Type: text/html; charset=utf-8
```

Connecting to TCP Services Using telnet

Before Binghamton moved to gmail:

```
$ telnet mail.binghamton.edu 25
Trying 128.226.1.18...
Connected to mail.binghamton.edu.
Escape character is '^]'.
220 Binghamton ESMTP University SMTP Server.
Usage is monitored. Spamming is NOT allowed.
HELP
HELP
214-This is Sendmail version 8.9.3
214-Topics:
214-For local information send email to ...
214 End of HELP info
OUIT
OUIT
221 bingnet2.cc.binghamton.edu closing connection
Connection closed by foreign host.
```

Example using netcat

Connection Parameters

- A connection is defined by its 2 endpoints.
- Each endpoint specified by 2 numbers: a IP address and a port number.
- The two values specifying each endpoint: a IP address and a port number is referred to as a socket.
- A socket pair is a 4-tuple which specifies both endpoints of the connection.
- Routines in socket API successively fill in this 4-tuple.

Networking Variations

When setting up a connection, a program must decide:

- Whether it wants to act as a *client* or a *server*.
- Whether it needs connection-oriented service (using TCP) or datagram service (using UDP).
- Above gives rise to 4 basic combinations.
- When designing servers, another basic decision is whether to use a concurrent or iterative server.

Sockets Overview

- Sockets are referred to via file-descriptors and normal I/O routines (like read(), write()) operate on them.
- Sockets can be used for many protocols other than the TCP/IP protocol suite.
- Besides basic socket API, need auxiliary routines for looking up host addresses, port numbers for different services and protocol numbers.

Socket API Overview

- socket() creates a descriptor for use in network communication.
- connect() connects to a remote peer (used by a client).
- close() terminates communication and deallocates descriptor.
- bind() binds a local IP address and port to a socket.
- listen() places a socket in passive mode and sets a limit on the number of incoming TCP connections which can be enqueued.
- accept() accepts the next incoming connection (used by a server).

Socket API Overview Continued

- recv(), recvmsg(), recvfrom() receives
 the next incoming datagram.
- send(), sendmsg(), sendto() sends a outgoing datagram.
- shutdown() terminates a TCP connection in one or both directions.
- getpeername() returns remote endpoint address (hostaddress and port).
- getsockopt(), setsockopt() allows control over socket options.

TCP Connection Phone Analogy

- socket() creates a telephone.
- bind() sets your phone number.
- listen() turns on the ringer.
- connect() dials the published phone number.
- accept() picks up the phone (and gets the identity of the caller, somewhat like caller-id, except caller-id works before pick-up).
- DNS similar to telephone book.
 gethostbyname(), getservbyname() look
 up numbers in phone book.

TCP Client Socket Usage

- 1. socket(): create socket.
- 2. connect(): connect to server.
- 3. write(): send request.
- 4. read(): read response.
- 5. Loop back to 3 if necessary.
- 6. close(): close connection, free socket.

TCP Server Socket Usage

- 1. socket(): create socket.
- 2. bind() address (ip address, protocol number) to socket.
- 3. listen() in passive mode for incoming connections, queueing requests if necessary.
- 4. accept() incoming connection from client.
- 5. read() request from client.
- 6. write() response to client.
- 7. Loop back to 5 if necessary.
- 8. close() connection to client. Loop back to 4.

Communication Domains

Socket API evolved in an environment with a large number of network protocols including TCP/IP, Xerox XNS, IBM SNA, etc. Hence API tried to abstract out details of actual network protocols by defining a communication domain:

Protocol Family

The networking protocol being used.

Address Family

The format of addressing used for the protocol

The intent was that the same protocol could support different kinds of addresses. In practice, there was a 1:1 mapping and hence POSIX currently only specifies AF_* constants for address family constants.

Common Socket Domains

AF_UNIX

Intra-host communication via kernel. Address format is simply a pathname and address structure is of type sockaddr_un.

AF_INET

Inter-host communication via IPv4 networking. Address format is a 32-bit net address + 16-bit port number and address structure is of type sockaddr_in.

AF_INET6

Inter-host communication via IPv6 networking. Address format is a 128-bit net address + 16-bit port number and address structure is of type sockaddr_in6.

Socket Type

SOCK DGRAM

Datagram (message boundaries preserved) connection-less communication without any guaranteed delivery. UDP internet transport protocol.

SOCK_STREAM

Stream oriented (no message boundaries) connection oriented communication with guaranteed delivery. TCP internet transport protocol.

Creating a Socket

int socket(int domain, int type, int protocol);

domain

Specified using AF_* constant like AF_UNIX, AF_INET, etc.

type

One of SOCK_DGRAM or SOCK_STREAM.

protocol

Specified as 0 to allow system to automatically choose protocol suitable for first 2 arguments; can use IPPROTO_RAW for raw sockets.

Successful return with non-negative file descriptor; -1 on error.

Socket Endpoint Addresses

Addresses and protocol numbers must be specified in *network-order* which is big-endian. Use htons(), htonl(), ntohs() and ntohl() to convert between host and network unsigned shorts and longs.

A endpoint address is specified using a pointer to struct sockaddr. This is a generic structure for different protocols:

IP Socket Addresses

TCP/IP sockets will pass a pointer to a struct sockaddr_in (cast to a struct sockaddr). Initialize to 0. Copy in components using gethostbyname() and getservbyname().

bind() Call

sockfd

Descriptor of previously created socket.

my_addr

Pointer to socket address. Usually cast from pointer to struct sockaddr_in. Use INADDR_ANY to listen to all local host interfaces.

addrlen

Length of 2nd argument.

bind() assigns a name to a socket. Used by server to setup local socket. Instead of specifying the local address explicitly, specifying INADDR_ANY allows the system to choose appropriate local address (as well as allows listening on any of the local addresses if the host is multi-homed).

listen() Call

int listen(int sockfd, int backlog);

sockfd

Descriptor of previously created socket.

backlog

Maximum length the queue of pending connections may grow to. May be silently rounded down to maximum implementation value SOMAXCONN.

Applies only to sockets of type SOCK_STREAM.

Marks socket as passive. Cannot be applied to sockets returned by accept() or on a connected socket (on which connect() has been called).

accept() Call

sockfd

Descriptor of previously created socket.

addr

Pointer to socket address of peer connecting socket. Type depends on domain as for bind(). Can be specified as NULL if do not need peer address.

addrlen

Value-result parameter containing length of 2nd argument. Specify as 0 if not interested in peer address.

Blocks until a connection is received. Returns file descriptor to **new** socket which is the socket connected to the peer socket (performing the connect()). sockfd can be used to accept more connections by having accept() called again.

connect() Call

sockfd

Descriptor of previously created socket.

addr

Pointer to socket address. Usually cast from pointer to struct sockaddr_in as for bind().

addrlen

Length of 2nd argument.

If of type SOCK_DGRAM, this call specifies the address to which datagrams are to be sent or received. If of type SOCK_STREAM, this call attempts to make a connection to another socket specified by addr.

Socket I/O

- Since sockets are file descriptors, can simply use read() and write() for performing I/O (specific routines for datagrams).
- Can even use C's standard I/O after opening a FILE stream on socket using fdopen().

Echo Server Log

```
$ ./echo-server 2234 &
[1] 31085
$ ./echo-client 127.0.0.1 2234
hello world
*** hello world
hello again
*** hello again
^D
$
```

Example Connection-Oriented Server

Connection-Oriented Server Continued

Connection-Oriented Server Continued

```
while (1) {
   struct sockaddr_in rsin;
   socklen_t rlen = sizeof(rsin);
   char buf[MAX_BUF];
   FILE *rf;
   int rs = accept(s, (struct sockaddr*)&rsin, &rlen);
   if (rs < 0) {
     perror("accept"); exit(1);
   }
   if (!(rf = fdopen(rs, "r"))) {
      perror("fdopen"); exit(1);
   }
   while ((fgets(buf, MAX_BUF, rf))) {
      write(rs, "*** ", 4);
      write(rs, buf, strlen(buf));
   }
}</pre>
```

Example Connection-Oriented Client

Example Connection-Oriented Client Continued

```
memset(&sin, 0, sizeof(sin));
sin.sin_family = AF_INET;
if (inet_pton(AF_INET, argv[1], &sin.sin_addr.s_addr) <= 0) {
  fprintf(stderr, "cannot convert %s:", argv[1]);
  exit(1);
}
sin.sin_port = htons((unsigned short)port);

if (connect(s, (const struct sockaddr*)&sin, sizeof(sin)) < 0) {
  fprintf(stderr, "cannot connect:");
  exit(1);
}</pre>
```

Example Connection-Oriented Client Continued

```
char *line = NULL;
int lineSize = 0;
int nRead;
FILE *in = fdopen(s, "r");
if (in == NULL) {
  fprintf(stderr, "cannot open file on socket %d:", s);
  exit(1);
while ((nRead = getline(&line, &lineSize, stdin)) > 0) {
  int nWrite = 0;
  while (nWrite < nRead) {</pre>
    int n = write(s, line + nWrite, nRead - nWrite);
    if (n <= 0) break;
    nWrite += n;
  if (nWrite < nRead) {</pre>
    fprintf(stderr, "could not write");
    exit(1);
  if (getline(&line, &lineSize, in) > 0) {
    printf("%s", line);
free(line);
```

Auxiliary Routines: gethostbyname()

gethostbyname() Log

```
$ ./gethostbyname www.binghamton.edu
www.binghamton.edu 128.226.136.6
$ ./gethostbyname www.google.com
www.google.com 216.58.217.164
$ ./gethostbyname www.yahoo.com
www.yahoo.com 98.139.183.24
    98.138.253.109
    98.139.180.149
$
```

gethostbyname() Program

In ./programs/gethostbyname.c:

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
 int i;
 for (i = 1; i < argc; i++) {
    struct hostent *p = gethostbyname(argv[i]);
    if (!p) {
      fprintf(stderr, "cannot resolve %s\n", argv[i]);
    else {
      int addrLen = p->h_length;
      int a;
     printf("%s", arqv[i]);
      for (a= 0; p->h_addr_list[a]; a++) {
        char *aP = p->h_addr_list[a];
        int j;
        for (j = 0; j < addrLen; j++) {
          printf("%s%d", (j > 0) ? "." : " ",
                 (unsigned char)aP[j]);
        printf("\n");
```

Shutting Down a Socket

- If close() is called and there is still data
 waiting to be transmitted over the socket, then
 normally close() tries to complete the
 transmission.
- Note that a socket descriptor can be duplicated using dup() and close() will deallocate socket end-point only when last descriptor referring to it is closed.
- Sometimes it is necessary to indicate to one process that there is no more data coming in one direction ... we need to shutdown the socket in one direction while keeping it open in the other direction.

Socket shutdown() Function

int shutdown(int sockfd, int how);

how governs how the socket is to be shut down:

SHUT_RD (0)

Stop receiving data for this socket. If further data arrives, reject it.

SHUT_WR (1)

Stop trying to transmit data from this socket. Discard any data waiting to be sent. Stop looking for acknowledgement of data already sent; don't retransmit it if it is lost.

SHUT_RDWR (2)

Disable both transmission and reception.

Datagrams

- Uses UDP.
- Sockets created using SOCK_DGRAM.
- No guarantee of datagram delivery.
- Use with higher-level protocol which attempts datagram retransmission.
- Alternatively, use with applications which can stand data loss like audio/video or real-time games.
- More efficient than connection oriented protocols like TCP for short 1-off messages.

Sending Datagrams

- Send size bytes of data from buffer via socket to remote socket specified by addr/length.
- send() can only be used with connected sockets.
- flags are bitwise-or of:

MSG_OOB

Send out-of-band data.

MSG_DONTROUTE

Bypass routing table lookup.

MSG_DONTWAIT

Non-blocking.

Returns # of bytes sent; -1 on (local) error.

Receiving Datagrams

int recv(int socket, void *buffer, size_t size, int flags);

- Receive upto size bytes of data into buffer via socket. Return remove socket address in addr/*lengthPtr.
- The recv() call normally used on a connected socket and is identical to recvfrom() call with a NULL addr parameter.
- If the datagram is longer than size bytes, then get the first size bytes only. There is no way to get the rest of the datagram --- it is lost. Hence using datagram protocols requires knowing datagrapm lengths.

Receiving Datagrams Continued

• flags are bitwise-or of:

MSG_OOB

Send out-of-band data.

MSG_PEEK

Peek at incoming message.

MSG_DONTWAIT

Non-blocking.

MSG_WAITALL

Wait until size bytes have been received.

Returns # of bytes received. -1 on error.

Upcase Client-Server Log

Adapted from text:

```
$ ./upcase-server 1234 &
[3] 21983
   ./upcase-client ::1 1234 hola mundo
Server received 4 bytes from (::1, 42681)
Response 1: HOLA
Server received 5 bytes from (::1, 42681)
Response 2: MUNDO
$ kill 21983
$
```

Upcase Server

In ./programs/upcase-server.c:

```
int
main(int argc, char *argv[])
 int port;
 if (argc != 2 ||
     (port = atoi(argv[1])) < 1024) {
   fprintf(stderr, "%s PORT\n", argv[0]); exit(1);
 int sfd = socket(AF_INET6, SOCK_DGRAM, 0);
 if (sfd == -1) {
   fprintf(stderr, "cannot create socket: %s\n", strerror(errno));
   exit(1);
 struct sockaddr_in6 svaddr;
 memset(&svaddr, 0, sizeof(struct sockaddr_in6));
 svaddr.sin6 family = AF INET6;
 svaddr.sin6_port = htons(port);
 if (bind(sfd, (struct sockaddr *) &svaddr,
          sizeof(struct sockaddr in6)) == -1) {
   fprintf(stderr, "cannot bind socket: %s\n", strerror(errno));
   exit(1);
```

Upcase Server Continued

```
/* Receive messages, convert to uppercase, and return to client */
for (;;) {
 struct sockaddr_in6 claddr;
 char buf[BUF_SIZE];
 char claddrStr[INET6 ADDRSTRLEN];
 socklen t len = sizeof(struct sockaddr in6);
 ssize_t numBytes = recvfrom(sfd, buf, BUF_SIZE, 0,
                      (struct sockaddr *) &claddr, &len);
  if (numBytes == -1) {
    fprintf(stderr, "recvfrom error: %s\n", strerror(errno));
    exit(1);
  if (inet_ntop(AF_INET6, &claddr.sin6_addr, claddrStr,
                INET6_ADDRSTRLEN) == NULL) {
    fprintf(stderr, "Couldn't convert client address to string: %s\n",
            strerror(errno));
    exit(1);
 else {
   printf("Server received %ld bytes from (%s, %u)\n",
           (long) numBytes, claddrStr, ntohs(claddr.sin6_port));
```

Upcase Server Continued

Upcase Client

In ./programs/upcase-client.c:

```
int
main(int argc, char *argv[])
  int port;
 if (argc < 4 | | strcmp(argv[1], "--help") == 0 | |
      (port = atoi(argv[2])) < 1024) {
    fprintf(stderr, "usage: %s host-address port msg...\n", argv[0]);
    exit(1);
 int sfd = socket(AF_INET6, SOCK_DGRAM, 0); //create client socket
 if (sfd == -1) {
    fprintf(stderr, "socket creation error: %s\n", strerror(errno));
    exit(1);
 struct sockaddr in6 svaddr;
 memset(&svaddr, 0, sizeof(struct sockaddr_in6));
 svaddr.sin6_family = AF_INET6;
  svaddr.sin6_port = htons(port);
  if (inet_pton(AF_INET6, argv[1], &svaddr.sin6_addr) <= 0) {</pre>
    fprintf(stderr, "inet_pton failed for address '%s': %s\n",
            argv[1], strerror(errno));
    exit(1);
```

Upcase Client Continued

```
/* Send messages to server; echo responses on stdout */
for (int j = 3; j < argc; j++) {
  char resp[BUF_SIZE];
  size_t msgLen = strlen(argv[j]);
  if (sendto(sfd, argv[j], msgLen, 0, (struct sockaddr *) &svaddr,
             sizeof(struct sockaddr_in6)) != msgLen) {
    fprintf(stderr, "cannot sendto %zu bytes: %s\n",
            msgLen, strerror(errno));
    exit(1);
  ssize_t numBytes = \
    recvfrom(sfd, resp, BUF_SIZE, 0, NULL, NULL);
  if (numBytes == -1) {
    fprintf(stderr, "recvfrom error: %s", strerror(errno));
    exit(1);
 printf("Response %d: %.*s\n", j - 2, (int) numBytes, resp);
exit(EXIT_SUCCESS);
```

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