



Network Socket Programming - 3

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Agenda

- Basic concepts in NP
- Introduction to IP & TCP/UDP
- *Introduction to Sockets*



Introduction to Sockets

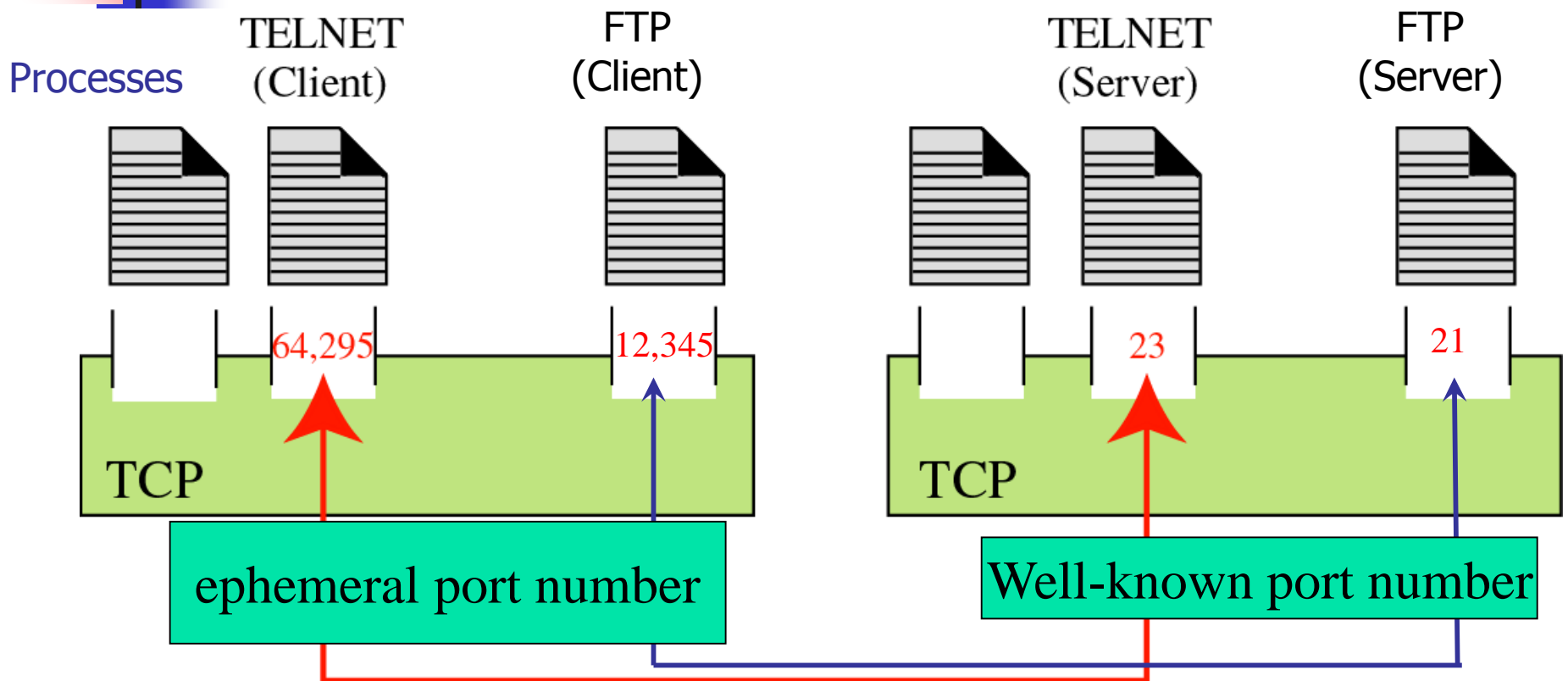
- *Reviews of some helpful points*
- *Sockets interface*
- Major system calls
- Sample programs



Review

- Introduction to Sockets
 - Some Helpful Points
 - Client-Server Model
 - Data Structure of IP Address
 - Host Byte Order vs. Network Byte Order
 - Host Entry Structure of DNS
 - Connections
 - Socket Interface
 - What is **Socket**?
 - Types of Sockets
 - **SOCK_STREAM** (TCP) and **SOCK_DGRAM** (UDP)

Connection and Port Number



A connection is identified by (Source IP address, Source Port Number, Destination IP address, Destination Port Number),
i.e. a pair of **socket address**

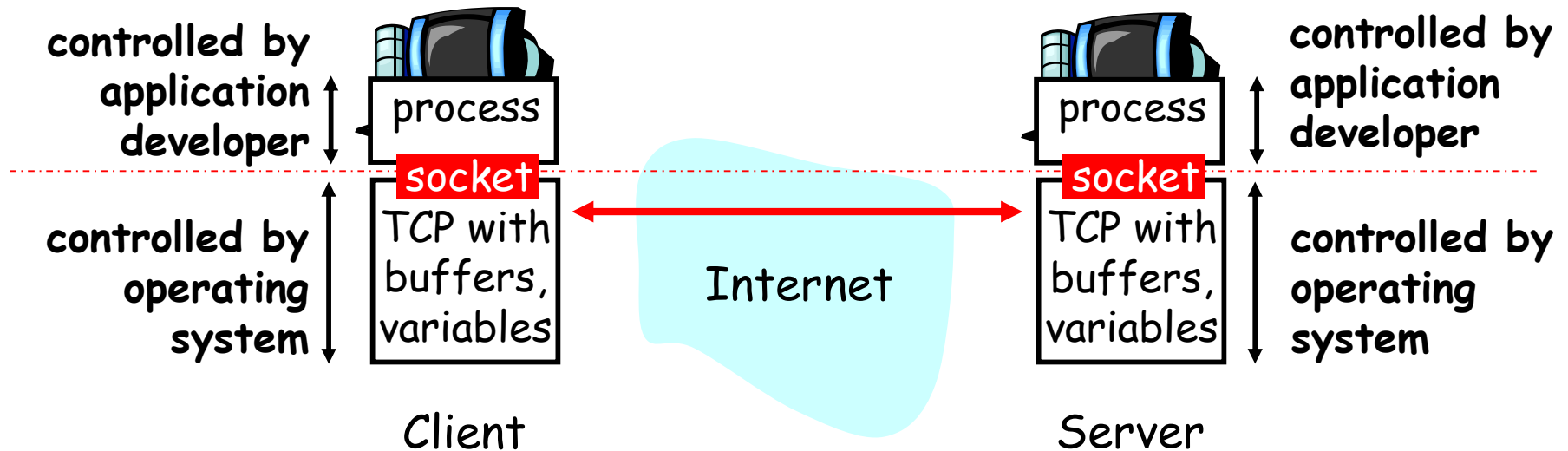


Understanding Socket

- An extension to OS's I/O system, enabling communication between processes and machines
- A **host-local, application-created/owned, OS-controlled** interface (a “door”) into which application process can **both send and receive** messages to/from another (remote or local) application process
- A socket can be treated the same as a standard file descriptor except that
 - It is created with the `socket()`
 - Additional system calls are needed to connect and activate it
 - `recv()` and `send()` are also used as counterparts to `read()` and `write()`

Socket Programming using TCP


- Socket: a door between application process and end-transport protocol (UDP or TCP)
- TCP service: reliable transfer of bytes from one process to another



Socket Address

Generic socket address

```
struct sockaddr {  
    unsigned short sa_family;    /* PF_INET for IPv4 */  
    char sa_data[14];           /* protocol-specific address,  
                                up to 14 bytes. */  
};
```



Internet-specific socket address

```
struct sockaddr_in {  
    unsigned short sin_family;    /* AF_INET */  
    unsigned short sin_port;      /* 16-bit port number */  
                                /* Network Byte Order */  
    struct in_addr sin_addr;      /* 32-bit IP Address */  
                                /* Network Byte Order */  
    char sin_zero[8];            /* unused */  
};
```




Introduction to Sockets

Part III: major system calls



Socket Programming: Telephone Analogy

- A telephone call over a “telephony network” works as follows:
 - Both parties have a telephone installed.
 - A phone number is assigned to each telephone.
 - Turn on ringer to listen for a caller.
 - Caller lifts telephone and dials a number.
 - Telephone rings and the receiver of the call picks it up.
 - Both Parties talk and exchange data.
 - After conversation is over they hang up the phone.



Dissecting the Analogy

- A network application works as follows:
 - An endpoint (telephone) for communication is created on both ends.
 - An address (phone no) is assigned to both ends to distinguish them from the rest of the network.
 - One of the endpoint(receiver) waits for the communication to start.
 - The other endpoints (caller) initiate a connection.
 - Once the call has been accepted, a connection is made and data is exchanged (talk).
 - Once data has been exchanged the endpoints are closed (hang up).



In the world of sockets.....

- `socket()` – Create endpoint for communication
- `bind()` - Assign a unique telephone number
- `listen()` – Wait for a caller
- `connect()` - Dial a number
- `accept()` – Receive a call
- `send()`, `recv()` – Talk
- `close()` – Hang up



System Calls

- Socket operation
- Byte order operation
- Address formats conversion
- Socket option
- Name and address operation



System Calls – Socket Operation

- **socket()**
 - returns a socket descriptor
- **bind()**
 - What address I am on / what port to attach to
- **connect()**
 - Connect to a remote host
- **listen()**
 - Waiting for someone to connect to my port
- **accept()**
 - Get a socket descriptor for an incoming connection
- **send() and recv()**
 - Send and receive data over a connection
- **read(), write()**
 - Read from / Write to a particular socket, similar to recv()/ send()
- **sendto() and recvfrom()**
 - Send and receive data without connection
- **close() and shutdown()**
 - Close a connection Two way / One way



System Calls – Byte Order Conversion

- `htonl()`
 - host byte order → network byte order for *long int*
- `htons()`
 - host byte order → network byte order for *short int*
- `ntohl()`
 - network byte order → host byte order for *long int*
- `ntohs()`
 - network byte order → host byte order for *short int*



System Calls – Address Formats Conversion

- **inet_aton()**
 - IP address in numbers-and-dots notation (ASCII string) → IP address structure in **network byte order**
- **inet_addr()**
 - same function with inet_aton()
- **inet_ntoa()**
 - IP address structure in **network byte order** → IP address in numbers-and-dots notation (ASCII string)
- **inet_pton()**
 - Similar to inet_aton() but working with **IPv4 and IPv6**
- **inet_ntop()**
 - Similar to inet_ntoa() but working with **IPv4 and IPv6**



System Calls – Socket Option

- `getsockopt()`
 - Allow an application to require information about the socket
- `setsockopt()`
 - Allow an application to set a socket option
- eg. get/set sending/receiving buffer size of a socket



System Calls – Name and Address Operation

gethostbyname()

- retrieving host entries from DNS and the query key is a DNS domain name

gethostbyaddr()

- retrieving host entries from DNS and the query key is an IP address

gethostname()

- Obtaining the name of a host

getservbyname()

- Mapping a named service onto a port number

getservbyport()

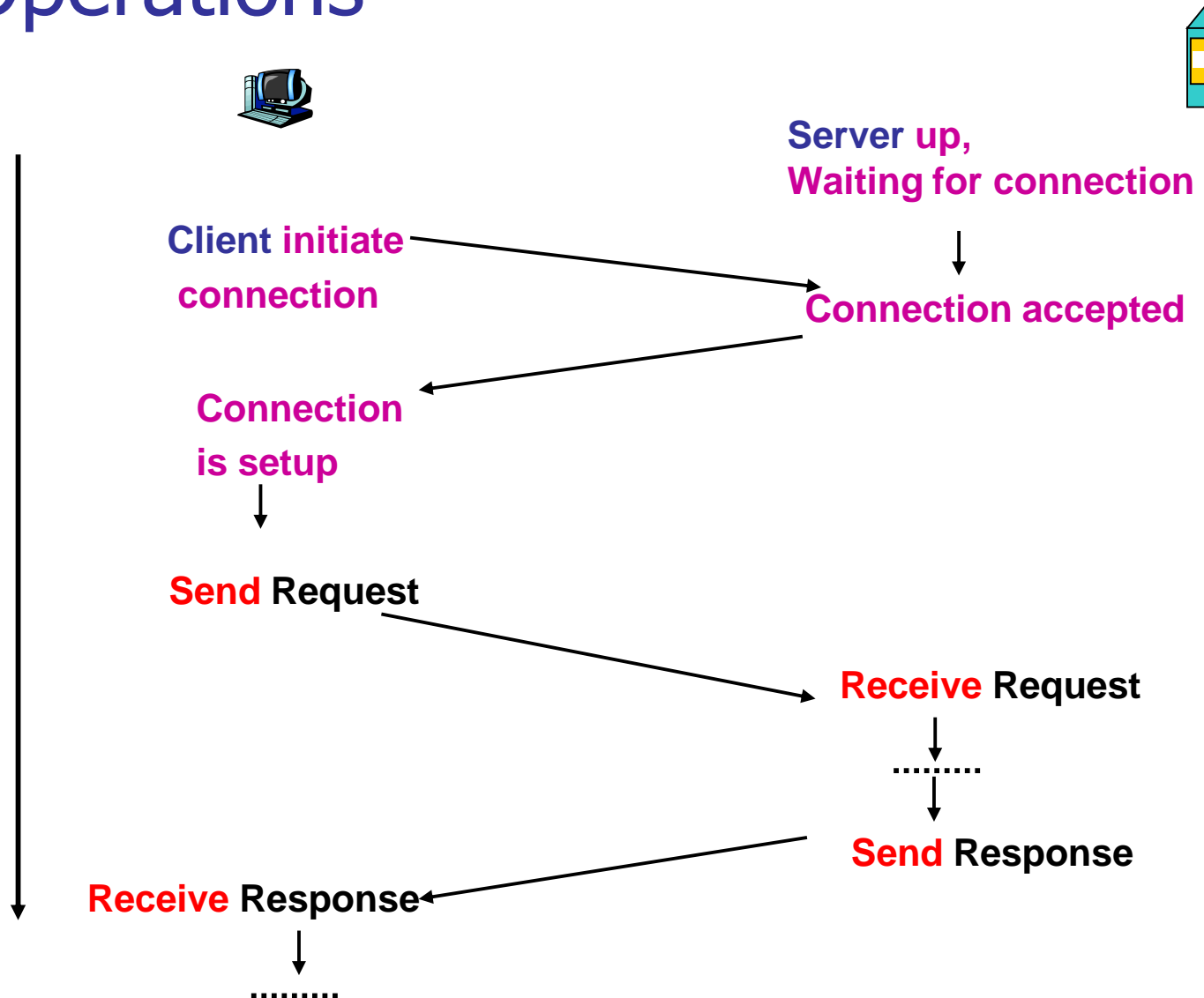
- Obtaining an entry from the services database given the port number assigned to it



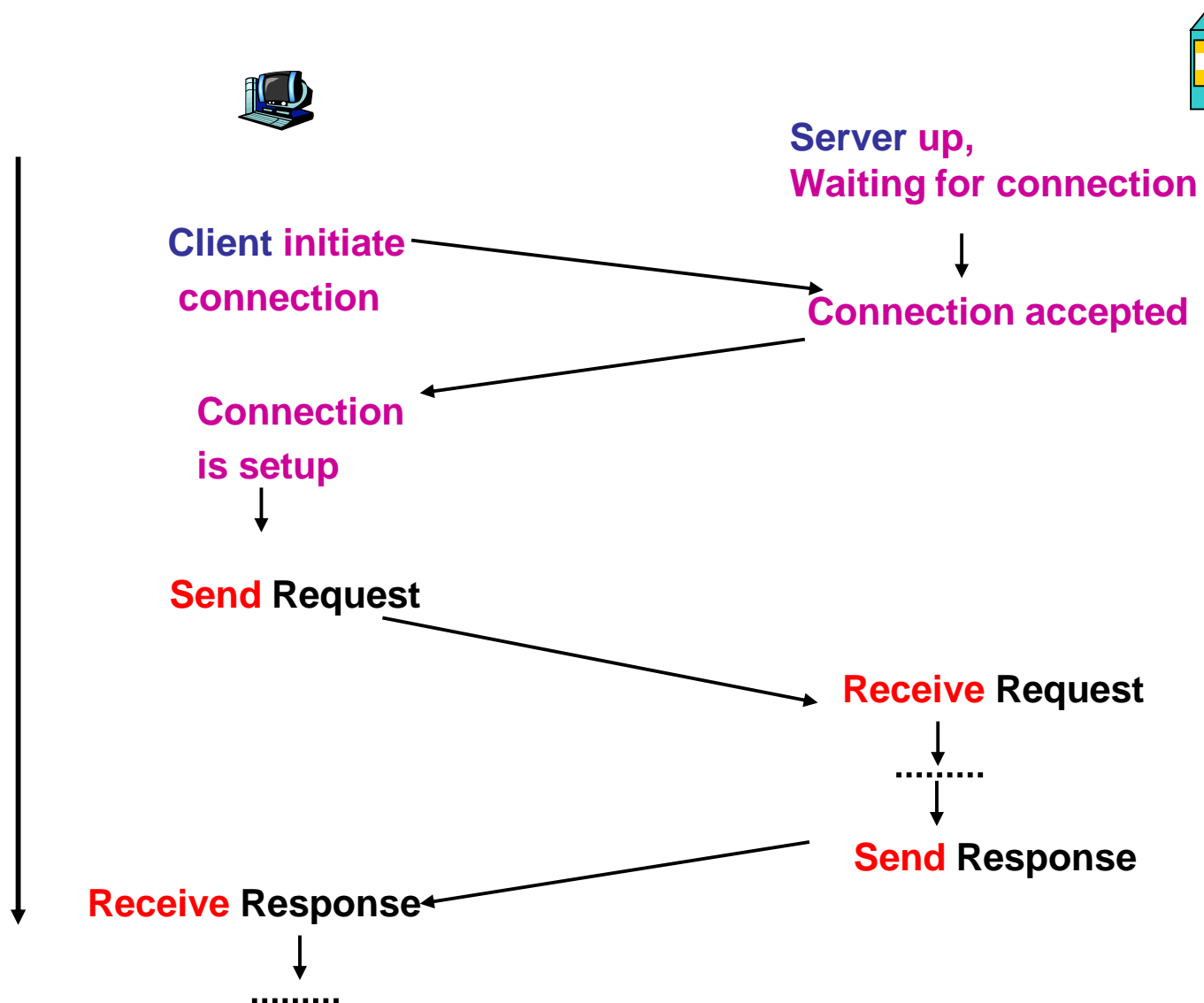
Using UDP to query Local DNS Server

Returns a pointer to struct hostent (host entry structure) on success

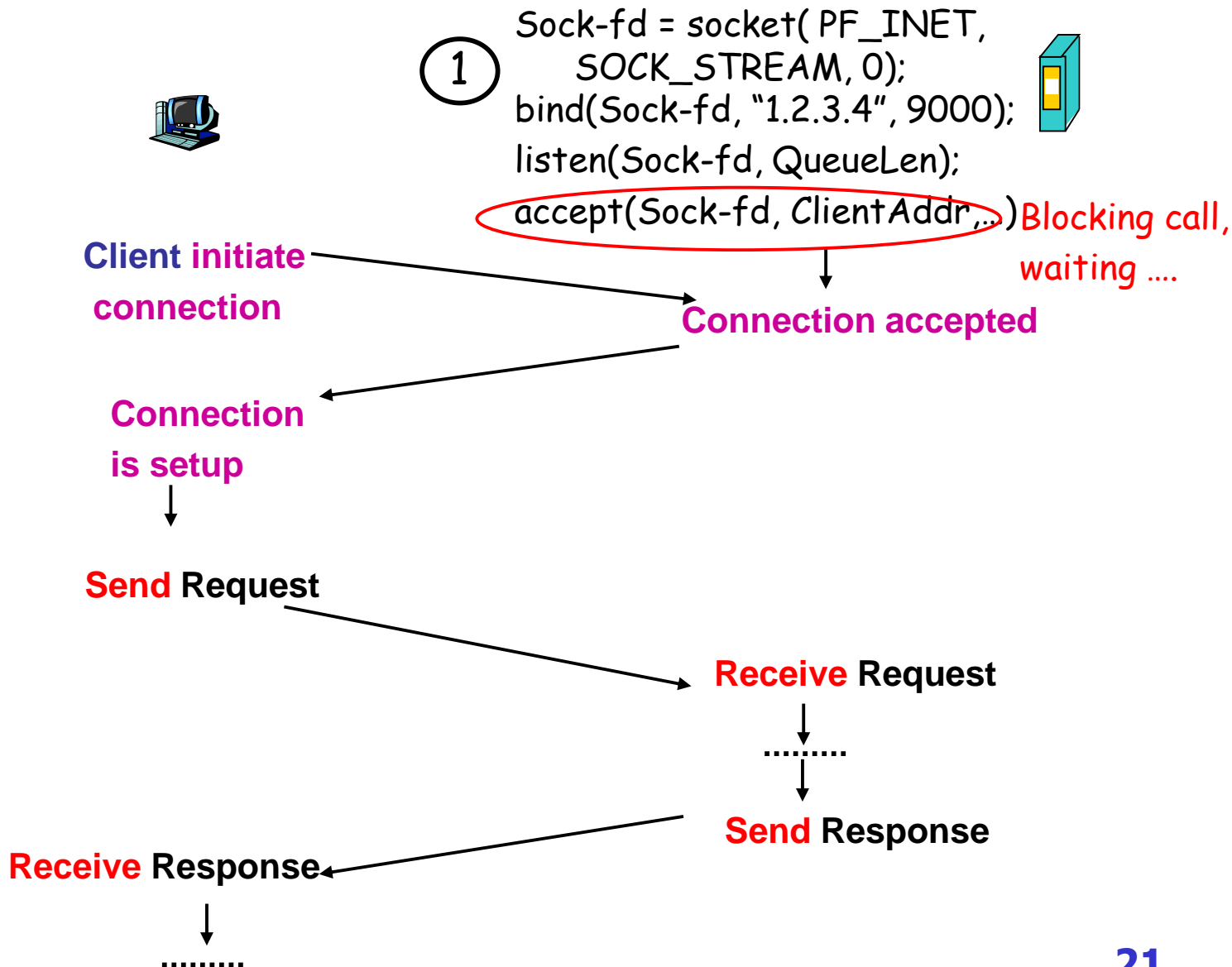
Process of Socket Operation: TCP Operations



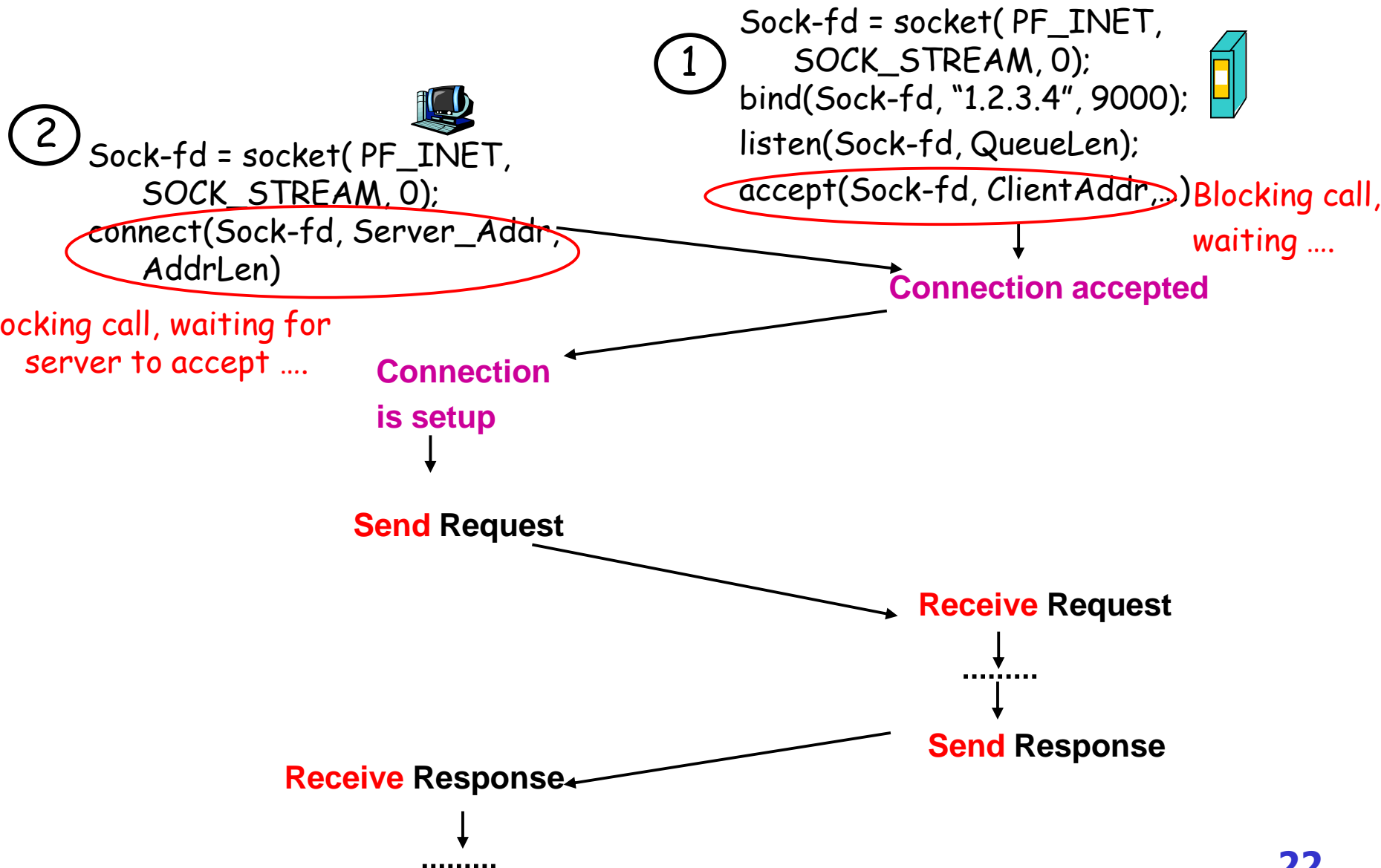
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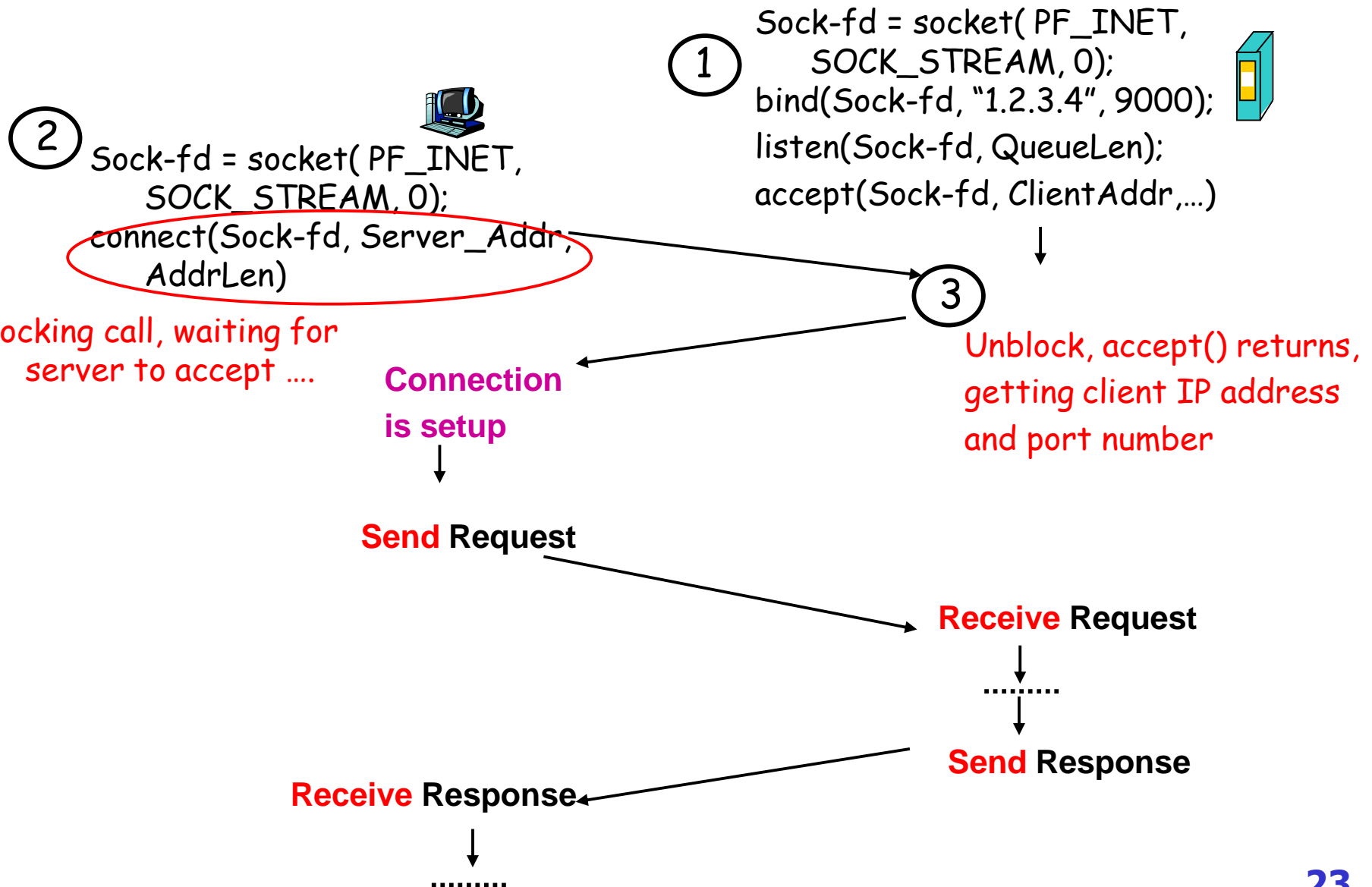
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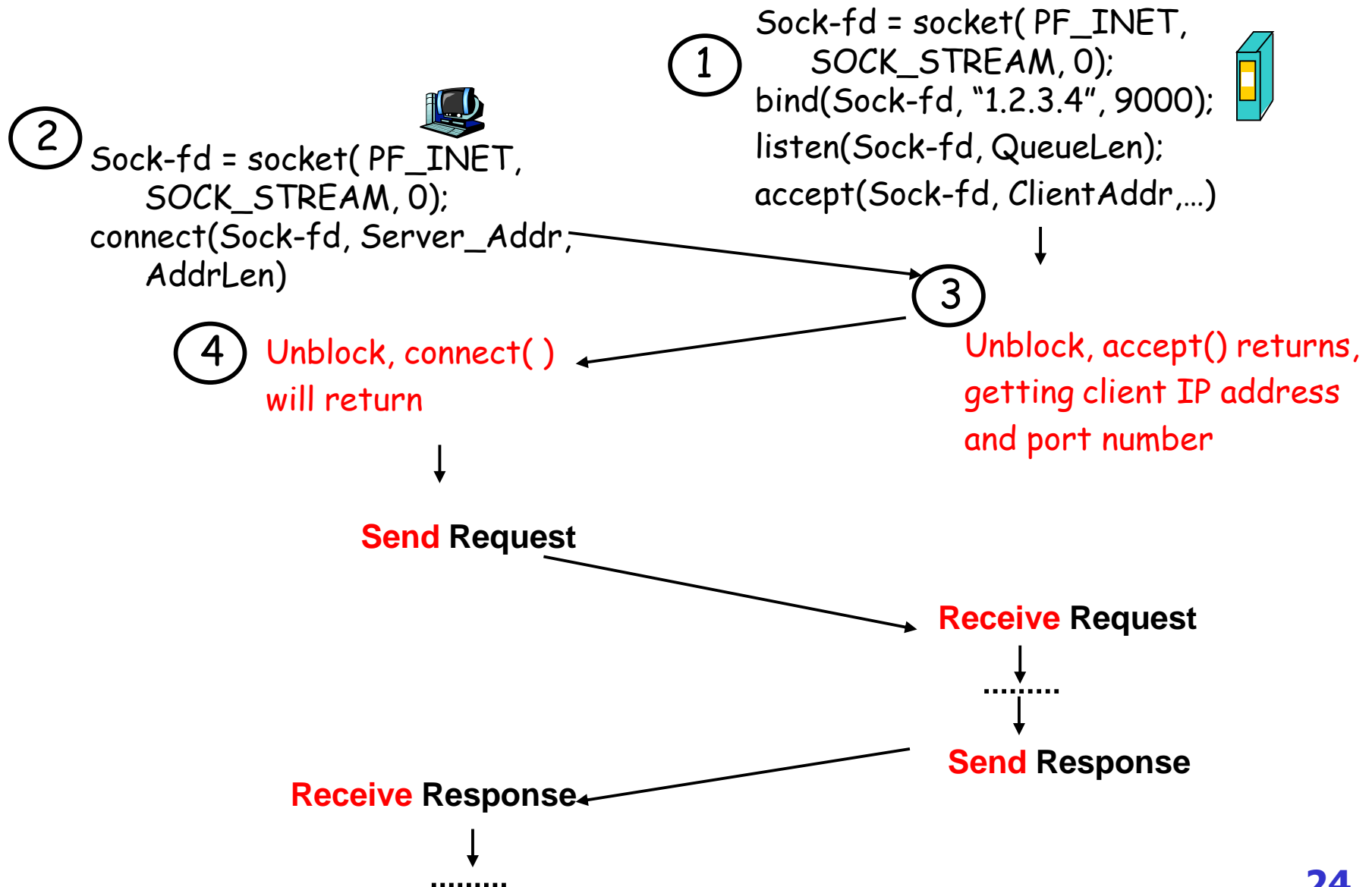
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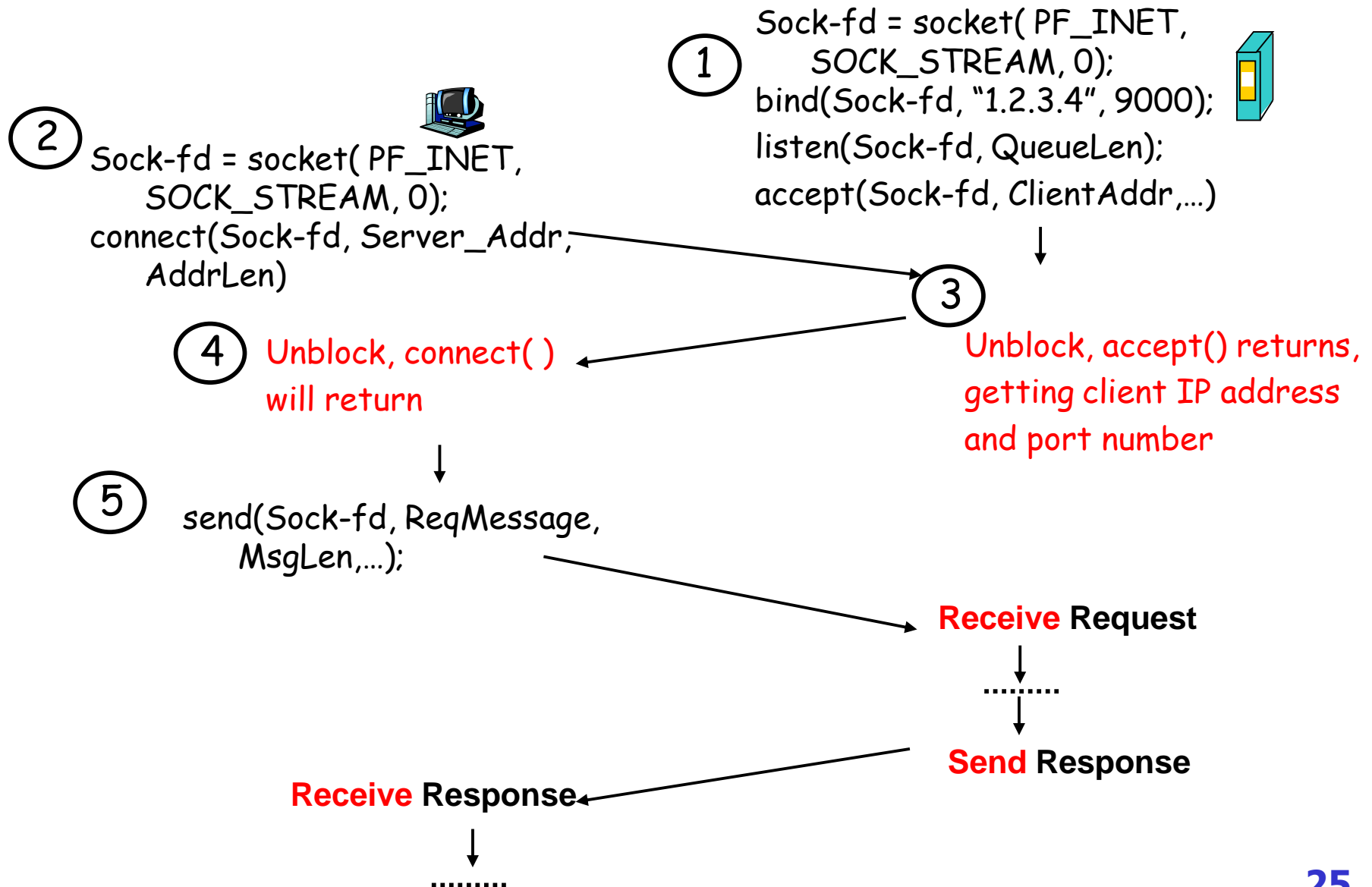
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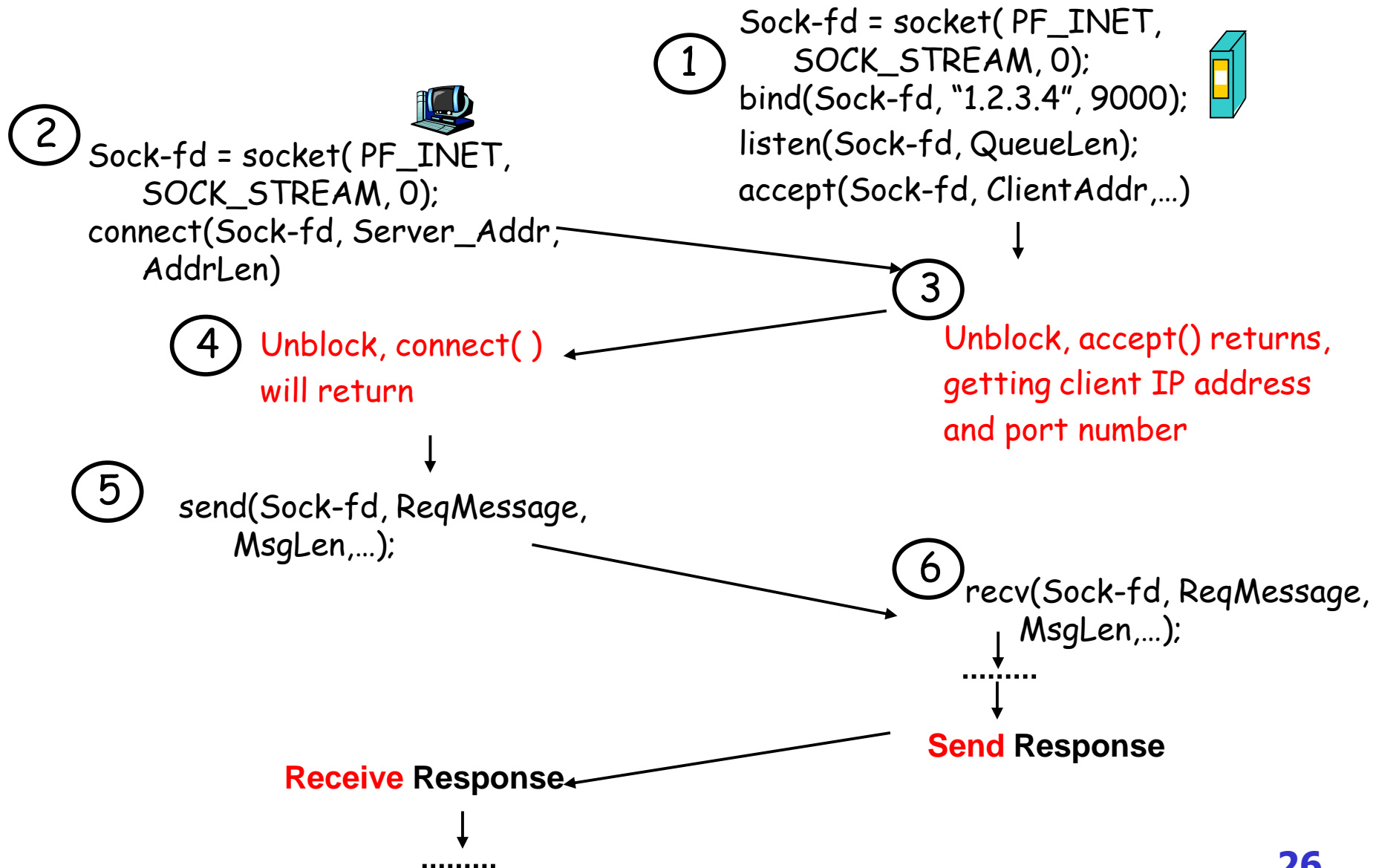
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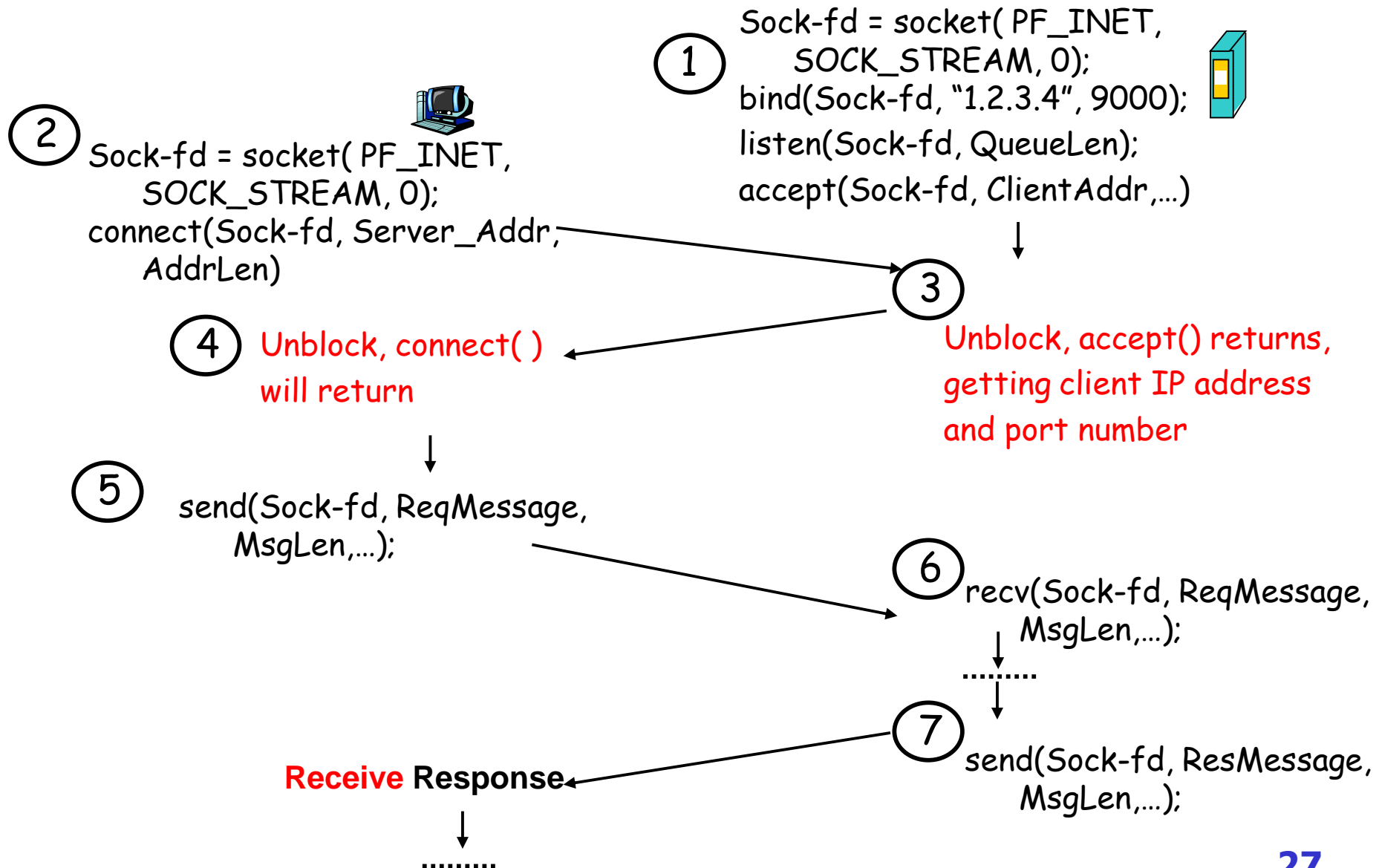
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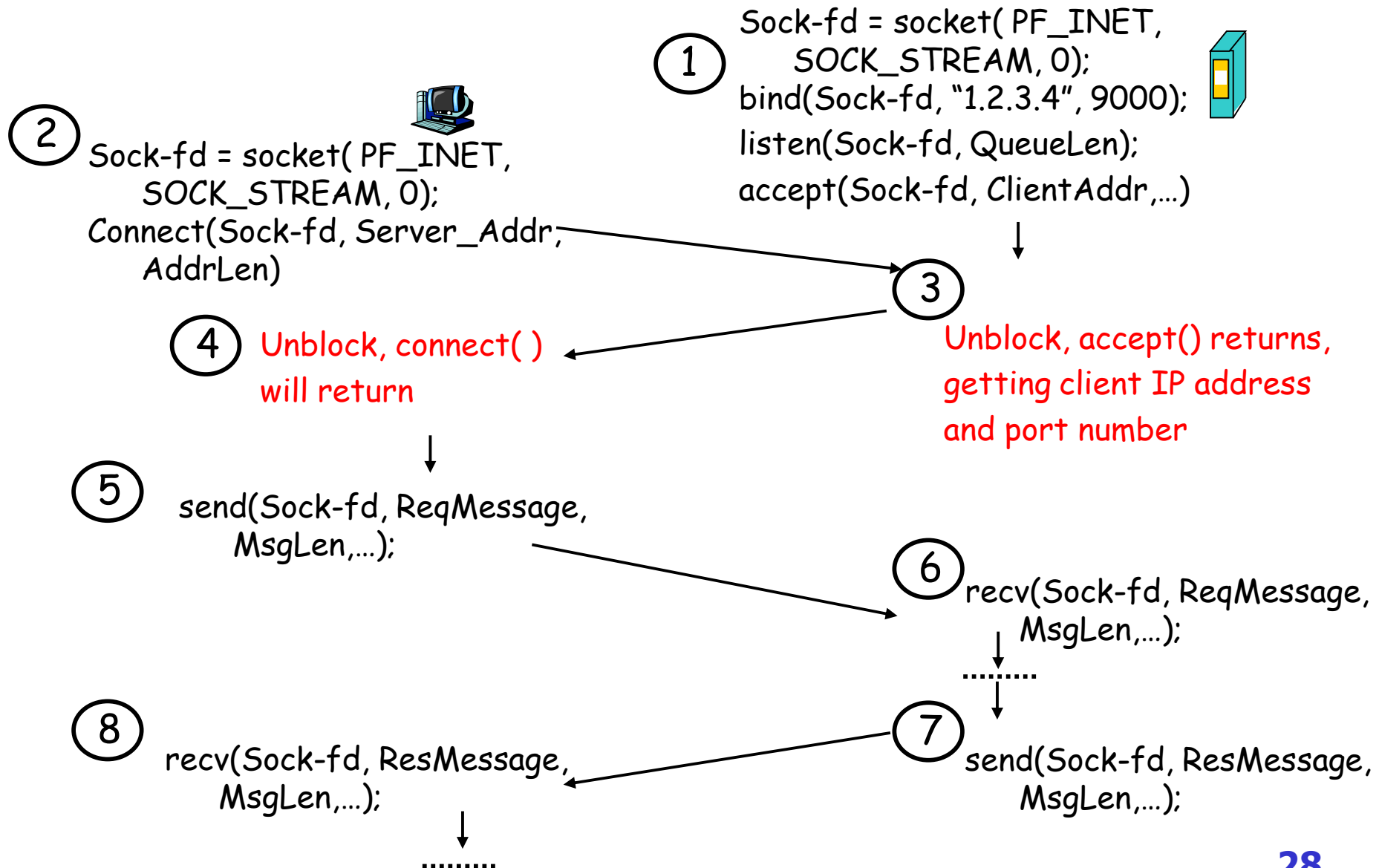
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System Calls – socket()

- An application calls socket() to create a new socket that can be used for network communication
- The call returns a descriptor for the newly created socket

```
#include <sys/socket.h>
```

```
int socket (int family, int type, int protocol);
```

- Socket descriptor
 - success
 - -1 – failed

Protocol family

PF_INET
PF_INET6
PF_UNIX
.....

Socket type

SOCK_STREAM
SOCK_DGRAM
SOCK_RAW
.....

Specific protocol

Often be set as **0**
Be not 0 in raw socket

System Calls – bind()

- An application calls `bind()` to specify the local endpoint address (a **local IP address and protocol port number**) for a socket
- For TCP/IP, the endpoint address uses the ***sockaddr_in*** structure.
- Must **cast** Internet-specific socket address (`struct sockaddr_in *`) to generic socket address (`struct sockaddr *`) for **bind**
- **Servers** use *bind* to specify the **well-known port** at which they will await connections

```
#include <sys/socket.h>
```

```
int bind (int sockfd, const struct sockaddr *myaddr, socklen_t addrlen);
```

0 – success
-1 – failed

Socket
descriptor to
be bound

The local address to
which the socket should
be bound

The length of the
structure (bytes)

System Calls – listen()

- Connection-oriented **servers** call *listen()* to place a socket in *passive mode* and make it ready to accept incoming connections
- *listen()* also sets the number of incoming connection requests that the protocol software should enqueue for a given socket while the server handles another request
- It only applies to socket used with **TCP**

```
#include <sys/socket.h>
```

```
int listen (int sockfd, int qlength);
```

0 – success
-1 – failed

Socket that should
be prepared for
use by a server

The length of the
request queue for
that socket

System Calls – accept()

- The **server** calls `accept()` to extract the next incoming request
- `accept()` **creates a new socket** for each new connection request, and returns the descriptor of the new socket to its caller
- `accept()` fills in the structure (`sockaddr`) with the IP address and protocol port number of the remote machine
- Must **cast** Internet-specific socket address (`struct sockaddr_in *`) to generic socket address (`struct sockaddr *`) for **`accept()`**

```
#include <sys/socket.h>
```

```
int accept (int sockfd, struct sockaddr *cliaddr, socklen_t *addrlen);
```

Socket Descriptor
(non-zero) –
success
-1 – failed

Socket on
which to
wait

The address of the client
that placed the request

The length of the
client address

System Calls – connect()

- After creating a socket, a **client** calls *connect()* to establish an active connection to a remote server
- Must **cast** Internet-specific socket address (`struct sockaddr_in *`) to generic socket address (`struct sockaddr *`) for **connect**

```
#include <sys/socket.h>
```

```
int connect (int sockfd, const struct sockaddr *servaddr, socklen_t addrlen);
```

0 – success
-1 – failed

Socket to
connect

The server's address to
which the socket should
connect

The length of the
server's address
(bytes)

System Calls – send()

- Both clients (to transmit request) and servers (to transmit replies) used *send()* to transfer data across a **TCP connection**
- The application passes the descriptor of a socket to which the data should be sent, the address of the data to be sent, and the length of the data
- Usually, send copies outgoing data into buffers in the OS kernel

```
#include <sys/socket.h>
```

```
ssize_t send (int sockfd, const void *buff, size_t nbytes, int flags);
```

Number of bytes
that are sent
successfully

-1 – failed

socket
descriptor
you want to
send data
to

The address
of the data
to be sent

The number
of bytes to
be sent

The flag controlling
the connection,
usually 0



System Calls – `recv()`

- Both clients (to receive a reply) and servers (to receive a request) use *recv* to receive data from a **TCP connection**
- If the buffer cannot hold an incoming user datagram, *recv* fills the buffer and discards the remainder

```
#include <sys/socket.h>
```

```
ssize_t recv (int sockfd, void *buff, size_t nbytes, int flags);
```

Number of bytes
that are received
successfully
-1 – failed

socket
descriptor
to read
from

The address in
memory into
which the data
to be placed

The
length of
the buffer
area

The flag
controlling the
reception,
usually 0

System Calls – sendto() & recvfrom()

- Allow the caller to send or receive a message over **UDP**
- sendto() requires the caller to specify a destination
- recvfrom() uses an argument to specify where to record the sender's address

```
#include <sys/socket.h>
ssize_t sendto (int sockfd, const void *buff, size_t nbytes, int flags,
               const struct sockaddr *to, socklen_t addrlen);
```

Destination
address

The length of the
destination address

```
#include <sys/socket.h>
ssize_t recvfrom (int sockfd, void *buff, size_t nbytes, int flags,
                 struct sockaddr *from, socklen_t *addrlen);
```

Number of bytes that are sent
or received successfully
-1 – failed

Where to record the
sender's address

The length of the
sender's address



Using Read and Write with sockets

- In Linux, as in most other UNIX systems, programmers can use *read* instead of *recv*, and *write* instead of *send*
 - *int read (sockfd, bptr, buflen)*
 - *int write (sockfd, bptr, buflen)*
- The chief advantage of *send* and *recv* is that they are easier to spot in the code



System Calls – close()

- Once a client or server finishes using a socket, it calls *close* to deallocate it
- Any unread data waiting at the socket will be discarded

```
#include <unistd.h>  
int close (int sockfd);
```

0 – success
-1 – failed

Socket to be closed

System Calls – inet_aton() & inet_addr()

- Converts an IP address in numbers-and-dots notation into unsigned long in **network byte order**

```
#include <arpa/inet.h>
```

```
int inet_aton (const char *string, struct in_addr *address);
```

1 – success
0 – error

Pointer to the string that
contains the numbers-
and-dots notation

Pointer to IP address
structure

```
#include <arpa/inet.h>
```

```
in_addr_t inet_addr (const char *string);
```

When success: return the 32-bit
address in network byte order
When failed: return INADDR_NONE

Pointer to the string that
contains the numbers-and-
dots notation



System Calls – inet_ntoa()

- Mapping a 32-bit integer (an IP address in **network byte order**) to an ASCII string in dotted decimal format

```
#include <arpa/inet.h>  
char *inet_ntoa (struct in_addr inaddr);
```

Pointer to the string
contains the numbers-
and-dots notation

IP address structure
in network byte order

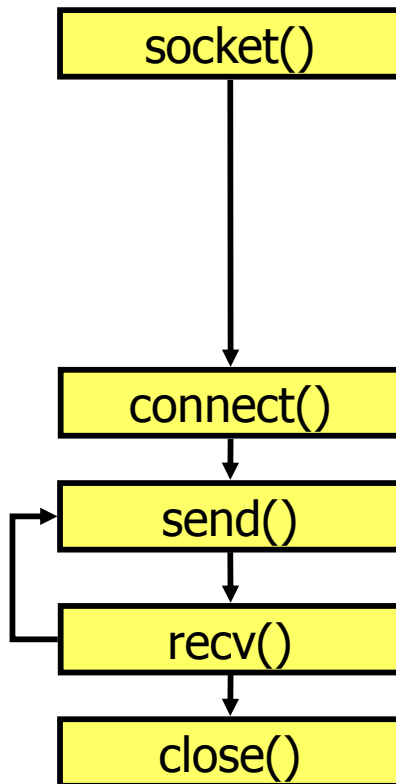


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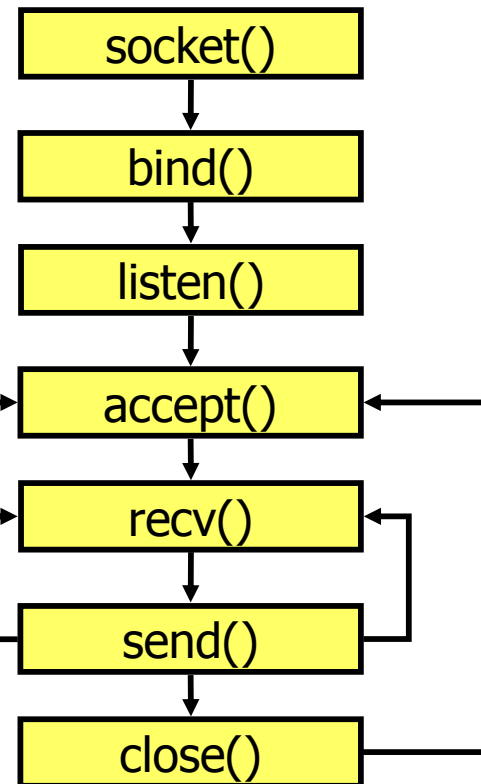
Part IV: sample programs

Overview of TCP-based sockets API

TCP Client



TCP Server



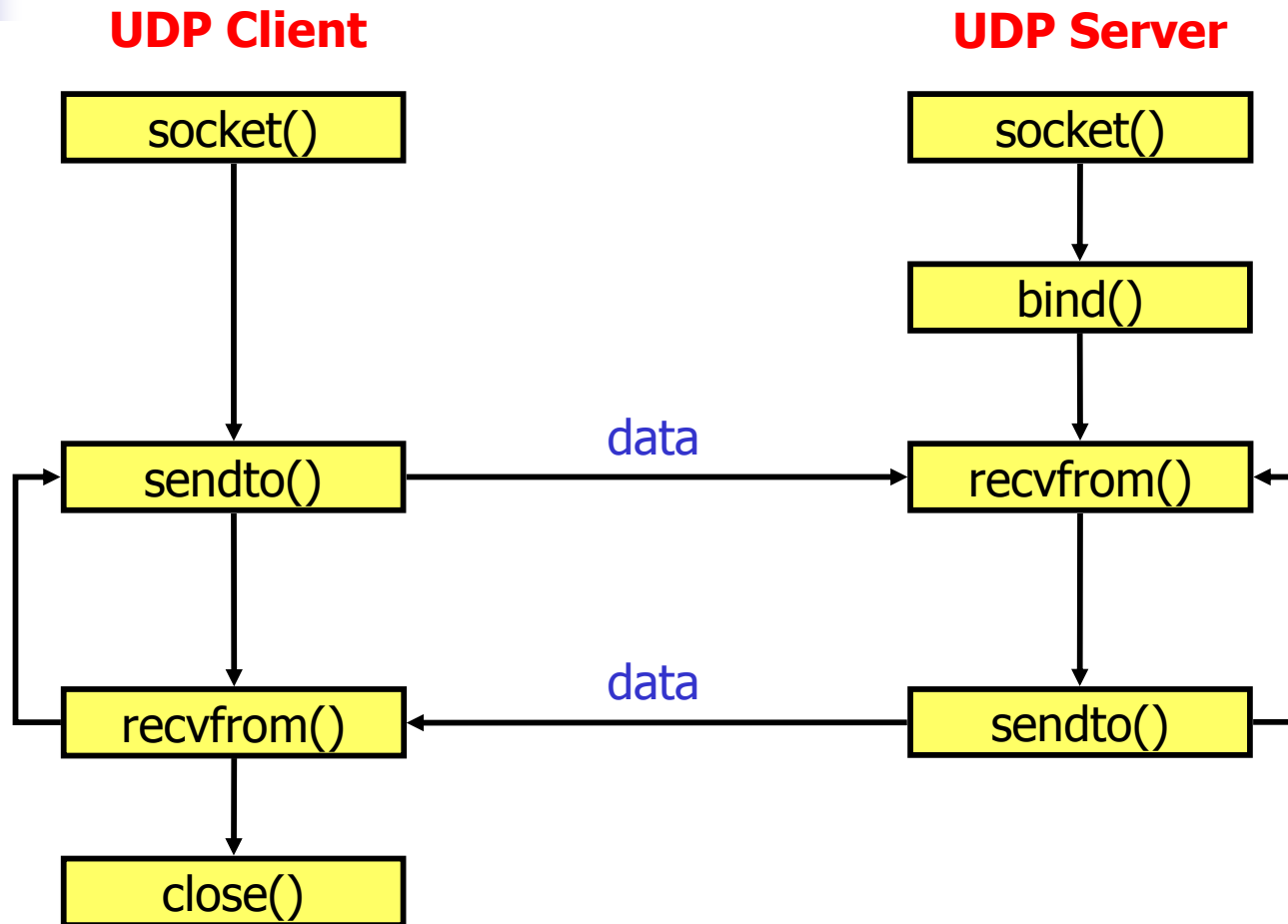
Connection request

data

data

Await
connection
request from
next client

Overview of UDP-based sockets API



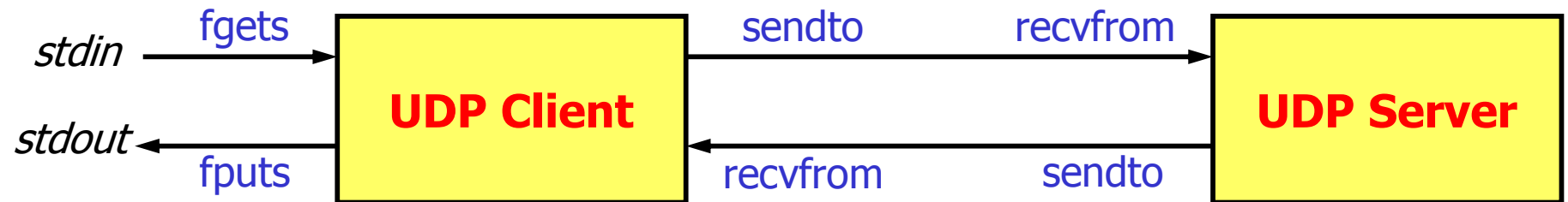


Sample programs

- UDP-based echo service
 - An echo service simply sends back to the originating source any data it receives
 - A very useful debugging and measurement tool
 - UDP Based Echo Service: be defined as a datagram based application on UDP. A server listens for UDP datagrams on UDP port 7. When a datagram is received, the data from it is sent back in an answering datagram.
- Sample programs
 - `udpechoclt.c`
 - `udpechosvr.c`



Basic flow of UDP-based echo service





Head part of UDP EchoClient

```
#include <stdio.h> /* for printf() and fprintf() */
#include <sys/socket.h> /* for socket(), sendto() and
                        recvfrom() */
#include <arpa/inet.h> /* for sockaddr_in and inet_addr() */
#include <stdlib.h> /* for atoi() and exit() */
#include <string.h> /* for memset() */
#include <unistd.h> /* for close() */
```



Initial part of UDP EchoClient

```
#define ECHOMAX 255 /* Longest string to echo */

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    int sock; /* Socket descriptor */
    struct sockaddr_in echoServAddr; /* Echo server address */
    struct sockaddr_in fromAddr; /* Source address of echo */
    unsigned short echoServPort; /* Echo server port */
    unsigned int fromSize; /* In-out of address size
                           for recvfrom() */
    char *servIP; /* IP address of server */
    char *echoString; /* String to send to echo server */
    char echoBuffer[ECHOMAX+1]; /* Buffer for receiving
                                echoed string */
    int echoStringLength; /* Length of string to echo */
    int respStringLength; /* Length of received response */
}
```



Argument check part of UDP EchoClient

```
if ((argc < 3) || (argc > 4)) /* Test for correct number of
arguments */
{
    printf("Usage: %s <Server IP> <Echo Word> [<Echo Port>]\n",
          argv[0]);
    exit(1);
}

servIP = argv[1]; /* First arg: server IP address (dotted quad) */
echoString = argv[2]; /* Second arg: string to echo */
if ((echoStringLen = strlen(echoString)) > ECHOMAX) /* Check input
length */
    printf("Echo word too long.\n");
if (argc == 4)
    echoServPort = atoi(argv[3]); /* Use given port, if any */
else
    echoServPort = 7; /* 7 is the well-known port for echo service */
```

ASCII to integer

I/O part of UDP EchoClient

```
/* Create a datagram/UDP socket */
if ((sock = socket(PF_INET, SOCK_DGRAM, IPPROTO_UDP)) < 0)
    printf("socket() failed.\n");

/* Construct the server address structure */
memset(&echoServAddr, 0, sizeof(echoServAddr)); /*Zero out structure*/
echoServAddr.sin_family = AF_INET; /* Internet addr family */
echoServAddr.sin_addr.s_addr = inet_addr(servIP); /*Server IP address*/
echoServAddr.sin_port = htons(echoServPort); /* Server port */

/* Send the string to the server */
if ((sendto(sock, echoString, echoStringLen, 0,
    (struct sockaddr *) &echoServAddr, sizeof(echoServAddr)))
    != echoStringLen)
    printf("sendto() sent a different number of bytes than expected.\n");

/* Recv a response */
fromSize = sizeof(fromAddr);
if ((respStringLen = recvfrom(sock, echoBuffer, ECHOMAX, 0,
    (struct sockaddr *) &fromAddr, &fromSize)) != echoStringLen)
    printf("recvfrom() failed\n");
```

Generic socket address



Last part of UDP EchoClient

```
if (echoServAddr.sin_addr.s_addr != fromAddr.sin_addr.s_addr)
{
    printf("Error: received a packet from unknown source.\n");
    exit(1);
}

/* null-terminate the received data */
echoBuffer[respStringLen] = '\0';
printf("Received: %s\n", echoBuffer); /*Print the echoed message*/
close(sock);
exit(0);
}
```



Head part of UDP EchoServer

```
#include <stdio.h> /* for printf() and fprintf() */
#include <sys/socket.h> /* for socket(), bind(), sendto()
                        and recvfrom() */
#include <arpa/inet.h> /* for sockaddr_in and inet_ntoa() */
#include <stdlib.h> /* for atoi() and exit() */
#include <string.h> /* for memset() */
#include <unistd.h> /* for close() */
```



Initial part of UDP EchoServer

```
#define ECHOMAX 255 /* Longest string to echo */

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    int sock; /* Socket */
    struct sockaddr_in echoServAddr; /* Local address */
    struct sockaddr_in echoClntAddr; /* Client address */
    unsigned int cliAddrLen; /* Length of client address */
    char echoBuffer[ECHOMAX]; /* Buffer for echo string */
    unsigned short echoServPort; /* Server port */
    int recvMsgSize; /* Size of received message */
```



Argument check part of UDP EchoServer

```
if (argc != 2)
{
    printf("Usage: %s <UDP SERVER PORT>\n", argv[0]);
    exit(1);
}
```



Socket part of UDP EchoServer

```
echoServPort = atoi(argv[1]); /* First arg: local port */

/* Create socket for sending/receiving datagrams */
if ((sock = socket(PF_INET, SOCK_DGRAM, 0)) < 0)
    printf("socket() failed.\n");
/* Construct local address structure */
memset(&echoServAddr, 0, sizeof(echoServAddr));
echoServAddr.sin_family = AF_INET;
echoServAddr.sin_addr.s_addr = htonl(INADDR_ANY);
echoServAddr.sin_port = htons(echoServPort);
/* Bind to the local address */
if ((bind(sock, (struct sockaddr *) &echoServAddr,
    sizeof(echoServAddr))) < 0)
    printf("bind() failed.\n");
```



Main loop of UDP EchoServer

```
for (;;) /* Run forever */
{
    /* Set the size of the in-out parameter */
    cliAddrLen = sizeof(echoClntAddr);
    /* Block until receive message from a client */
    if ((recvMsgSize = recvfrom(sock, echoBuffer, ECHOMAX,
        0, (struct sockaddr *) &echoClntAddr, &cliAddrLen)) < 0)
        printf("recvfrom() failed.\n");
    printf("Handling client %s\n", inet_ntoa(echoClntAddr.sin_addr));
    /* Send received datagram back to the client */
    if ((sendto(sock, echoBuffer, recvMsgSize, 0,
        (struct sockaddr *) &echoClntAddr,
        sizeof(echoClntAddr))) != recvMsgSize)
        printf("sendto() sent a different number of bytes
            than expected.\n");
}
}
```



Run the Sample Programs (1)

- Give correct arguments

Server process window

```
[shiyen@localhost 20071022]$ ./udpechosvr  
Usage: ./udpechosvr <UDP SERVER PORT>
```

Client process window

```
[shiyen@localhost 20071022]$ ./udpechoclt  
Usage: ./udpechoclt <Server IP> <Echo Word> [<Echo Port>]
```




Run the Sample Programs (2)

- Use correct username

Server process window

```
[shiyang@localhost 20071022]$ ./udpechosvr 7  
bind() failed.
```

Note: binding the port number less than 1024 requires root authority

Client process window

```
[shiyang@localhost 20071022]$ ./udpechoclt 192.168.1.253 hello
```



Run the Sample Programs (3)

- Successful running using root

Server process window

```
[root@localhost 20071022]# ./udpechosvr 7  
Handling client 192.168.1.253
```

Client process window

```
[root@localhost 20071022]# ./udpechoclt 192.168.1.253 hello  
Received: hello  
[root@localhost 20071022]#
```



Run the Sample Programs (4)

- Successful running using other username

Server process window

```
[shiyen@localhost 20071022]$ ./udpechosvr 1500  
Handling client 192.168.1.253
```

Client process window

```
[shiyen@localhost 20071022]$ ./udpechoclt 192.168.1.253 hello 1500  
Received: hello  
[shiyen@localhost 20071022]$
```

Summary:

Conceptual View of Socket

