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Intro to Networks and Communications

Client/Server Computing and **Socket Programming**

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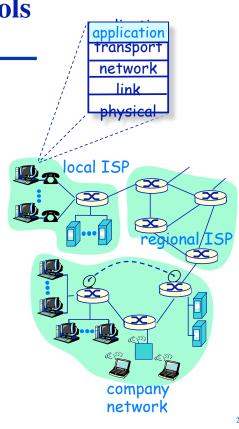
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Application-Layer Protocols

Overview

- Application-layer protocols define:
 - » The types of messages exchanged
 - » The syntax and of messages
 - » The rules for when and how messages are sent
- ◆ Public protocols (defined in RFCs)
 - » HTTP, FTP, SMTP, POP, IMAP, DNS
- Proprietary protocols
 - » RealAudio, RealVideo
 - » IP telephony
 - » ...



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Hypertext Transfer Protocol -- HTTP/1.1

Abstract

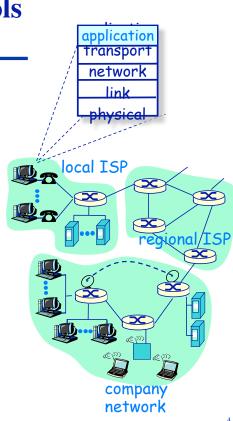
The Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) is an application-level protocol for distributed, collaborative, hypermedia information systems. It is a generic, stateless, protocol which can be used for many tasks beyond its use for hypertext, such as name servers and distributed object management systems, through extension of its request methods, error codes and headers [47]. A feature of HTTP is the typing and negotiation of data representation, allowing systems to be built independently of the data being transferred.

HTTP has been in use by the World-Wide Web global information initiative since 1990. This specification defines the protocol referred to as "HTTP/1.1", and is an update to RFC 2068 [33].

Application-Layer Protocols

Outline

- ◆ The architecture of distributed systems
 - » Client/Server computing
 - » P2P computing
 - » Hybrid (Client/Server and P2P) systems
- The programming model used in constructing distributed systems
 - » Socket programming
- Example client/server systems and their application-level protocols
 - » The World-Wide Web (HTTP)
 - » Reliable file transfer (FTP)
 - » E-mail (SMTP & POP)
 - » Internet Domain Name System (DNS)

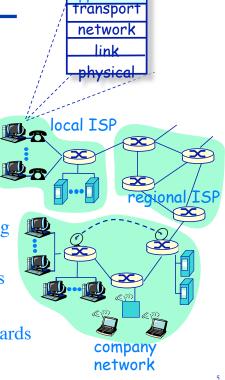


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Application-Layer Protocols

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 - » The World-Wide Web (HTTP)
 - » Reliable file transfer (FTP)
 - » E-mail (SMTP & POP)
 - » Internet Domain Name System (DNS)
- Protocol design issues:
 - » In-band v. out-of-band control signaling
 - » Push v. pull protocols
 - » Persistent v. non-persistent connections
- ◆ Client/server service architectures
 - » Contacted server responds versus forwards request

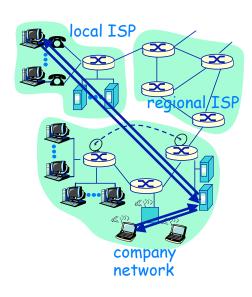


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Application-Layer Protocols

Client-Server Architecture



Server:

- » always-on host
- » permanent IP address
- » server farms for scaling

Clients:

- » communicate with server
- » may be intermittently connected
- » may have _____IP addresses
- » do not communicate directly with each other

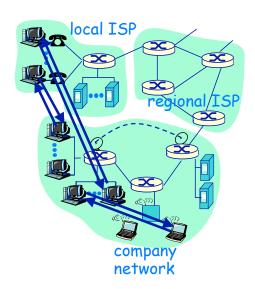
Application-Layer Protocols

Pure P2P Architecture

- ♦ No always-on server
- Arbitrary end systems directly communicate
- Peers are intermittently connected and change IP addresses
- ◆ Example: Gnutella

Highly scalable

But difficult to manage



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Application-Layer Protocols

Hybrid of Client-Server and P2P

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- » File transfer P2P
- » File search centralized:
 - ❖ Peers register content at central server
 - ❖ Peers query same central server to locate content

Instant messaging

- » Chatting between two users is P2P
- » Presence detection/location centralized:
 - * User registers its IP address with central server when it comes online
 - User contacts central server to find IP addresses of buddies

Application-Layer Protocols

Transport Services

Data loss

- Some apps (e.g., audio) can tolerate some loss
- ◆ Other apps (e.g., file transfer, telnet) require 100% reliable data transfer

Timing

◆ Some apps (e.g., Internet telephony, interactive games) require low delay to be "effective"

Bandwidth

- ◆ Some apps (e.g., multimedia) require minimum amount of bandwidth to be "effective"
- Other apps ("elastic apps") make use of whatever bandwidth they get

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Internet Applications

Transport Service Requirements

Application	Data loss	Bandwidth	Time Sensitive
file transfer	no loss	elastic	no
e-mail	no loss	elastic	no
Web documents	no loss	elastic	no
real-time audio/video	loss-tolerant	audio: 5kbps-1Mbps	yes, 100's msec
		video:10kbps-5Mbps	
stored audio/video	loss-tolerant	same as above	yes, few secs
interactive games	loss-tolerant	few kbps up	yes, 100's msec
instant messaging	no loss	elastic	yes and no

Internet Transport Protocols

Services Provided

◆ TCP service:

- » connection-oriented: setup required between client, server
- » reliable transport between sending and receiving process
- » flow control: sender won't overwhelm receiver
- » congestion control: throttle sender when network overloaded
- » *does not provide:* timing, minimum bandwidth guarantees

UDP service:

- » *unreliable* data transfer between sending and receiving process
- » does not provide: connection setup, reliability, flow control, congestion control, timing, or minimum bandwidth guarantees

Why bother? Why is there a UDP?

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Internet Applications

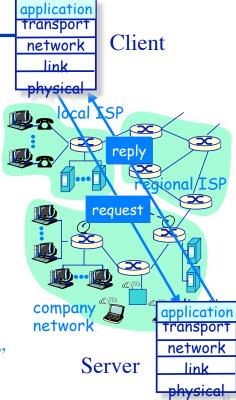
Application and Transport Protocols

A	pplication	Application layer protocol	Underlying transport protocol
	e-mail	SMTP [RFC 2821]	TCP
remote termi	nal access	Telnet [RFC 854]	TCP
	Web	HTTP [RFC 2616]	TCP
1	ile transfer	FTP [RFC 959]	TCP
streaming	multimedia	proprietary	TCP or UDP
		(e.g. RealNetworks)	
Internet	telephony	proprietary (e.g., Dialpad)	typically UDP

The Application Layer

The client-server paradigm

- ◆ Typical network application has two pieces: and _____
- Client:
 - » Initiates contact with server ("speaks first")
 - » Requests service from server
 - » For Web, client is implemented in browser; for e-mail, in mail reader
- Server:
 - » Provides requested service to client
 - » "Always" running
 - » May also include a "client interface"



Client/Server Paradigm

Socket programming

- are the fundamental building block for client/server systems
- Sockets are created and managed by applications
 - » Strong analogies with files

socket

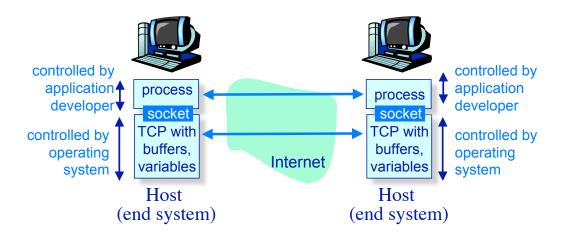
a <u>host-local</u>, <u>application</u>
<u>created/released</u>, <u>OS-controlled</u>
interface into which an
application process can <u>both</u>
<u>send and receive</u> messages
to/from another (remote or local)
application process

- ◆ Two types of transport services are available via the socket API:
 - » _____ sockets: unreliable, datagram-oriented communications
 - » _____ sockets: reliable, stream-oriented communications

Client/Server Paradigm

Socket-programming using TCP

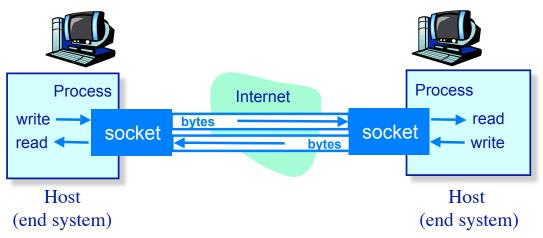
- ◆ A socket is an application created, OS-controlled interface into which an application can both send and receive messages to and from another application
 - » A "door" between application processes and end-to-end transport protocols



Socket Programming using TCP

TCP socket programming model

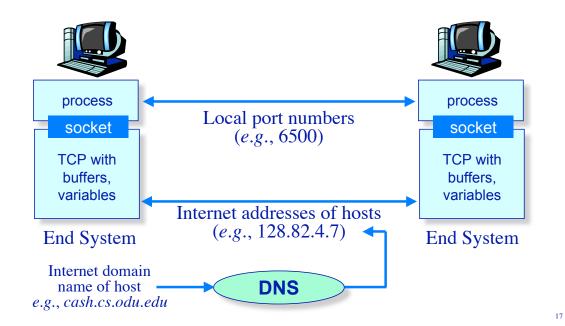
- ◆ A TCP socket provides a reliable _____ communications channel from one process to another
 - » A "pair of pipes" abstraction



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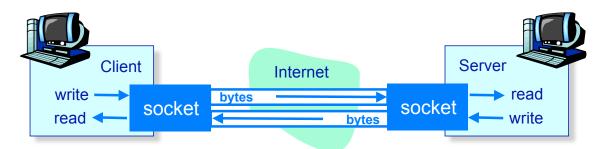
Network addressing for sockets

◆ Sockets are addressed using an and



Socket Programming using TCP

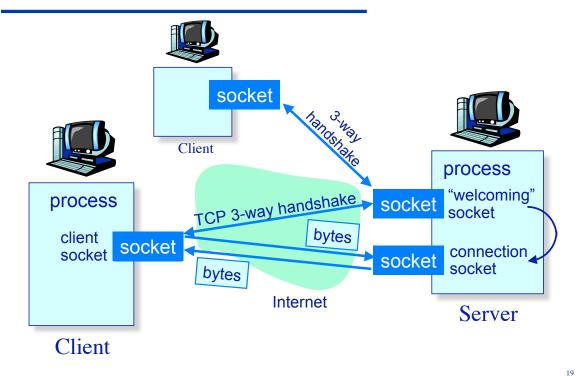
Socket programming in general



- Client creates a local TCP socket specifying the IP and port number of server process
 - » if necessary, client resolves IP address from hostname
- Client contacts server
 - » Server process must be running
 - » Server must have created socket that "welcomes" client's contact
- When the client creates a socket, the client's TCP establishes connection to server's TCP
- When contacted by a client, server creates a new socket for server process to communicate with client
 - » This allows the server to talk with multiple clients

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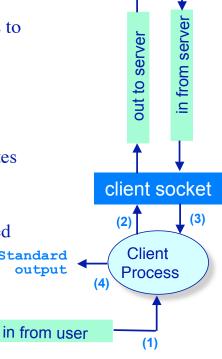
Socket creation in the client-server model



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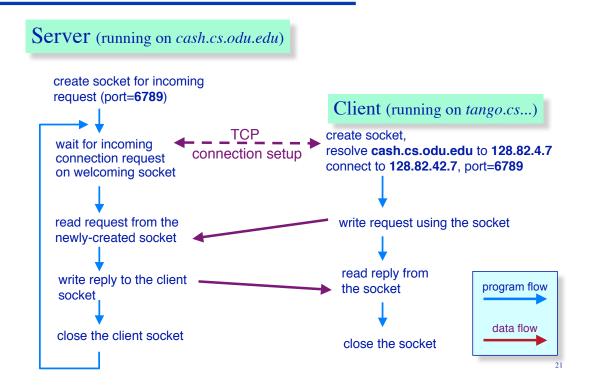
Client structure

- Client reads from standard input, writes to server via a socket
- Server reads line from a socket
- Server does some computation and writes back to client
- Client reads from socket, prints modified line to standard output Standard



Standard input output

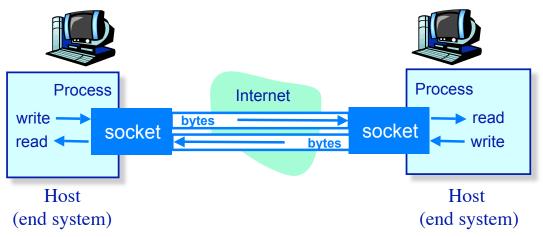
Client/server TCP socket interaction



Socket Programming using UDP

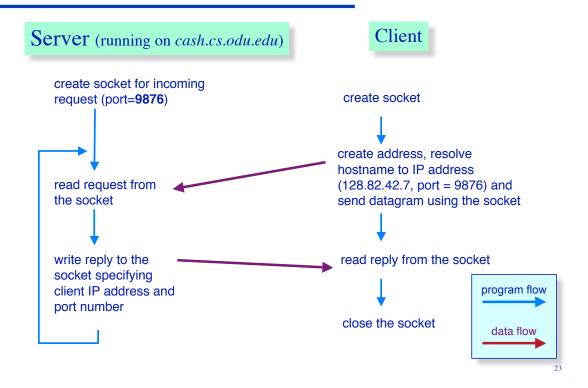
UDP socket programming model

- ◆ A UDP socket provides an _____ bi-directional communication channel from one process to another
 - » A "datagram" abstraction



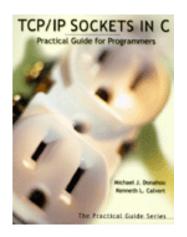
Socket Programming using UDP

Client/server UDP socket interaction



Socket Programming in C

Recommended Reading



TCP/IP Sockets in C: Practical Guide for Programmers
Donahoo and Calvert
\$25.95

Include Files

```
#include <stdio.h> /* printf() and fprintf() */
#include <sys/types.h /* Socket data types */
#include <sys/socket.h> /* socket(), connect(), send(), recv() */
#include <netinet/in.h> /* IP Socket data types */
#include <arpa/inet.h> /* sockaddr_in, inet_addr() */
#include <stdlib.h> /* atoi() */
#include <string.h> /* memset() */
#include <unistd.h> /* close() */
```

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Socket Programming in C

TCP/IP Sockets

mySock = socket(family, type, protocol);

TCP/IP-specific sockets

	Family	Type	Protocol
TCP	PF_INET	SOCK_STREAM	IPPROTO_TCP
UDP		SOCK_DGRAM	IPPROTO_UDP

◆ Socket reference

» File (socket) descriptor in UNIX

sockaddr	Family	Blob		
	2 bytes	2 bytes	4 bytes	8 bytes
sockaddr_in	Family	Port	Internet address	Not used

TCP Client/Server Interaction

Server starts by getting ready to receive client connections...

Client

- 1. Create a TCP socket
- 2. Establish connection
- 3. Communicate
- 4. Close the connection

- 1. Create a TCP socket
- 2. Bind socket to a port
- 3. Set socket to listen
- 4. Repeatedly:
 - a) Accept new connection
 - b) Communicate
 - c) Close the connection

TCP Client/Server Interaction

```
/* Create socket for incoming connections */
if ((servSock = socket(PF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, IPPROTO_TCP)) < 0) {
   perror ("socket() failed");
   exit (-1);
}</pre>
```

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TCP Client/Server Interaction

```
/* Mark the socket so it will listen for incoming connections */
if (listen(servSock, MAXPENDING) < 0) {
   perror ("listen() failed");
   exit (-1);
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```

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TCP Client/Server Interaction

Server is now blocked waiting for connection from a client

Later, a client decides to talk to the server...

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TCP Client/Server Interaction

```
/* Create a reliable, stream socket using TCP */
if ((sock = socket(PF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, IPPROTO_TCP)) < 0) {
    perror ("socket() failed");
    exit(-1);
}</pre>
```

Client

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TCP Client/Server Interaction

```
stringLen = strlen(mytring);  /* Determine input length */

/* Send the string to the server */
if (send(sock, myString, stringLen, 0) != stringLen) {
    perror("send() sent a different number of bytes than expected");
    exit (-1);
}
```

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TCP Client/Server Interaction

```
/* Receive message from client */
if ((recvMsgSize = recv(clientSocket, buffer, RCVBUFSIZE, 0)) < 0) {
    perror("recv() failed");
    exit (-1);
}</pre>
```

Client

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TCP Client/Server Interaction

close(sock);

close(clientSocket);

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Socket Programming in C

TCP Tidbits

- Client must know the server's address and port
- Server only needs to know its own port
- ◆ No correlation between send() and recv()

Client send("Hello Bob") recv() -> "Hello " recv() -> "Bob" send("Hi ") send("Jane")

Closing a Connection

- close() used to delimit communication
- Analogous to EOF

Echo Client	Echo Server		
send(string)	recv(buffer)		
while (not received entire string) $recv(buffer)$ $print(buffer)$	while(client has not closed connection) send(buffer) recv(buffer)		
close(socket)	close(client socket)		

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Socket Programming in C

Compiling and Running

```
% g++ TCPEchoClient.c -o TCPEchoClient -lsocket -lnsl
-o executable - name of the executable (instead of a.out)
-lsocket -lnsl - includes libraries necessary for socket communication
```

Running:

```
% ./TCPEchoClient 130.127.48.60 50000
```

UDP Sockets

- C programs written using TCP or UDP sockets can look very similar
- ◆ How UDP sockets differ:
 - » no connect (*we'll come back to this later)
 - » use sendto() and recvfrom() instead of send() and recv()
 - » UDP preserves message boundaries

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```
Generic
```

Specific

```
struct sockaddr
      unsigned short sa family;
                                 /* Address family (e.g., AF INET) */
      char sa data[14];
                                    /* Protocol-specific address information */
struct sockaddr in
      unsigned short sin_family; /* Internet protocol (AF_INET) */
     unsigned short sin_port;
struct in_addr sin_addr;
                                   /* Port (16-bits) */
                                   /* Internet address (32-bits) */
                                    /* Not used */
      char sin_zero[8];
};
struct in addr
                                /* Internet address (32-bits) */
      unsigned long s_addr;
```

sockaddr	Family	Blob		
	2 bytes	2 bytes	4 bytes	8 bytes
sockaddr_in	Family	Port	Internet address	Not used

UDP Client/Server Interaction

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Server

- 1. Create a UDP socket
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- 3. Repeatedly communicate

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UDP Client/Server Interaction

```
/* Create socket for data from a client */
if ((sock = socket(PF_INET, SOCK_DGRAM, IPPROTO_UDP)) < 0) {
    perror("socket() failed");
    exit (-1);
}</pre>
```

Client

- 1. Create a UDP socket
- 2. Communicate
- 3. Close the socket

- 1. Create a UDP socket
- 2. Bind socket to a port
- 3. Repeatedly communicate

UDP Client/Server Interaction

```
servAddr.sin family = AF INET;
                                              /* Internet address family */
servAddr.sin_addr.s_addr = htonl(INADDR_ANY); /* Any incoming interface */
servAddr.sin port = htons(servPort);
                                            /* Local port */
if (bind(sock, (struct sockaddr *)&echoServAddr, sizeof(echoServAddr)) < 0) {</pre>
     perror("bind() failed");
      exit(-1);
}
                                                           Server
             Client
```

Create a UDP socket 1.

Close the socket

- Communicate 2.
- Close the socket

- Create a UDP socket 1.
- Bind socket to a port 2.
- Repeatedly communicate

Repeatedly communicate

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Socket Programming in C

UDP Client/Server Interaction

```
for (;;) /* Run forever */
     clientAddrLen = sizeof(clientAddr);
     /* Receive message from client */
     if ((recvMsgSize = recvfrom(sock, buffer, RCVBUFSIZE, 0,
                  (struct sockaddr*) &clientAddr, &clientAddrLen)) < 0) {</pre>
         perror ("recvfrom() failed");
         exit (-1);
     }
                                                           Server
              Client
                                             Create a UDP socket
                                         1.
    Create a UDP socket
1.
                                              Bind socket to a port
                                         2.
     Communicate
2.
```

3.

UDP Client/Server Interaction

Server is now blocked waiting for data from a client

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Client

- Create a UDP socket 1.
- Communicate 2.
- Close the socket

Server

- Create a UDP socket 1.
- Bind socket to a port 2.
- Repeatedly communicate

Socket Programming in C

UDP Client/Server Interaction

```
/* Create a datagram socket using UDP */
if ((sock = socket(PF_INET, SOCK_DGRAM, IPPROTO UDP)) < 0) {</pre>
     perror("socket() failed");
     exit (-1);
}
       Client
```

- Create a UDP socket
- Communicate 2.

1.

Close the socket

- Create a UDP socket 1.
- Bind socket to a port 2.
- Repeatedly communicate 3.

UDP Client/Server Interaction

```
servAddr.sin_family
                      = AF INET;
                                             /* Internet address family */
servAddr.sin_addr.s_addr = inet_addr(servIP); /* Server IP address */
servAddr.sin_port
                    = htons(servPort);
                                             /* Server port */
stringLen = strlen(myString); /* Determine input length */
/* Send the string to the server */
if (sendto(sock, myString, stringLen, 0, (struct sockaddr*)
         &servAddr, sizeof(servAddr)) != stringLen) {
      perror("sendto() sent a different number of bytes than expected");
     exit (-1);
}
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     Communicate
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                                           Repeatedly communicate
     Close the socket
```

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Socket Programming in C

UDP Client/Server Interaction

Create a UDP socket

2. Communicate

1.

3. Close the socket

- 1. Create a UDP socket
- 2. Bind socket to a port
- 3. Repeatedly communicate

UDP Client/Server Interaction

close(sock);

Client

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- Close the socket

Server

- 1. Create a UDP socket
- 2. Bind socket to a port
- 3. Repeatedly communicate

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UDP Sockets

connect and UDP

- ◆ You can use connect () on UDP sockets!
- When used at the client, it saves state about the server's IP address and port
- ◆ From then on, you can use send() instead of sendto() to send messages to the server.
- ◆ You will *not* be able to receive messages from any place other than the "connected" server on the socket.
- ◆ This call does not affect the server at all. Nothing is sent to the server to indicate that the socket is "connected".

Name Resolution

- ◆ We have to do name resolution manually in C
 - » use gethostbyname () to determine the IP address
 - » display the hostname, any aliases, and list of addresses

```
#include <netdb.h> /* for gethostbyname() */
struct hostent* gethostbyname (const char* hostName);
```

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Name Resolution

Example

Message Boundaries

TCP Behavior

- ◆ TCP does not preserve message boundaries
 - » one side sends separate messages back-to-back
 - » the receiver could receive both messages with one recv call
- Options for dealing with this
 - » read from TCP socket one byte at a time until a delimiter (such as '\n') is reached
 - » save state so that parts of a partially-received message don't get lost

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Message Boundaries

UDP Behavior

- UDP preserves message boundaries
- ◆ Each call to recvfrom() returns data from at most one sendto() call
- ◆ Different calls to recvfrom() will not return data from the same sendto() call

Message Boundaries

Examples

- ◆ UDPMsgClient.c
 - » sends the user-input message and then sends "EXTRA MSG"
- ◆ TCPMsgClient.c
 - » sends the user-input message and then sends "EXTRA MSG"
- ◆ TCPMsgServer.c
 - » prints out messages received from client
- ◆ TCPShortServer.c
 - » reads only 5 bytes at a time
- ◆ UDPShortServer.c
 - » reads only 5 bytes at a time

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