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# Outline

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- UDP Sockets
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- Domain Name Conversion
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# Socket Options

# Socket Options



- Socket options affect various features of the operation of a socket.

```
1 #include <sys/socket.h>
2 int getsockopt(int sockfd , int level , int optname , void * optval ,
3               socklen_t * optlen );
4 int setsockopt(int sockfd , int level , int optname , const void * optval ,
5               socklen_t optlen );
6 //Both return 0 on success, or -1 on error
```

- *sockfd* - socket descriptor
- *level* - system layer that interprets the option
  - general socket (**SOL\_SOCKET**),
  - protocol specific (**IPPROTO\_IP**, **IPPROTO\_TCP**, etc.)
- *optname* - name of the option
- *optval* - value of the option
- *optlen* - length of the option value

# Socket Options (2)



- Two types of options
  - Flag - binary option that enables or disables a feature
  - Value - can be integer, char, struct timeval, and more
- Levels of socket options
  - General SOL\_SOCKET
    - SO\_BROADCAST, SO\_DONTROUTE, SO\_KEEPALIVE, SO\_LINGER, SO\_RCVBUF, SO\_SNDBUF
  - IP, ICMP, IPV6, ICMPV6
    - IP\_HDRINCL, IP\_TOS, IP\_TTL, IP\_MULTICAST\_TTL
  - TCP
    - TCP\_MAXSEG, TCP\_NODELAY

# Generic Socket Options (1)



- **SO\_BROADCAST**
  - Enabling a process to send broadcast packets
  - UDP type datagram sockets only, no connection-oriented sockets
  - works if supported by network (e.g. ethernet)
- **SO\_DONTROUTE**
  - Bypassing normal routing mechanisms
  - Used by routing daemons, such as gated or routed
- **SO\_KEEPALIVE**

# SO\_KEEPALIVE



- Normally used by servers, but it is not part of the standard
- When the connection is idle and the peer host crashes or becomes unreachable, setting this option sends out **9 keepalive probes after 2 hours of inactivity**
- Probes are sent **75 seconds apart**, and can only be changed as a system parameter
  - Peer responds with the expected **ACK**
    - Another probe will be sent after another 2 hours
  - Peer responds with an **RST**
    - Socket is closed and error set to ECONNRESET
  - Peer **does not respond**
    - Another probe is sent after 75 seconds
    - If there is no response to all the probes, socket is closed with error set to ETIMEDOUT or EHOSTUNREACH



# SO\_LINGER

```
1 struct linger {  
2     int l_onoff; /* 0=off, nonzero=on */  
3     int l_linger; /*linger tme in secs */  
4 }
```

- Only TCP `close()` is affected by `SO_LINGER`

no linger -  
graceful shut

- Case 1:** `linger->l_onoff` is zero (`linger->l_linger` has no meaning)... This is the default.

`close()` will return immediately. On `close()`, the underlying stack attempts to **gracefully shutdown** the connection after ensuring **all unsent data is sent**. In the case of connection-oriented protocols such as TCP, the stack also ensures that **sent data is acknowledged** by the peer. The stack will perform the above-mentioned graceful shutdown in the **background** (after the call to `close()` returns), regardless of whether the socket is blocking or non-blocking.

- Case 2:** `linger->l_onoff` is non-zero and `linger->l_linger` is zero:

linger 0 time  
- abort

A `close()` returns immediately. The underlying stack **discards any unsent data**, and, in the case of connection-oriented protocols such as TCP, **sends a RST** (reset) to the peer (this is termed a **hard or abortive close**). All subsequent attempts by the peer's application to `read()/recv()` data will result in an `ECONNRESET`.

- Case 3:** `linger->l_onoff` is non-zero and `linger->l_linger` is non-zero:

linger some  
time

A `close()` will either block (if a blocking socket) or fail with `EWOULDBLOCK` (if non-blocking) until a graceful shutdown completes or the time specified in `linger->l_linger` elapses (time-out). Upon time-out the stack behaves as in case 2 above.

# Generic Socket Option (5)



- **SO\_RCVBUF**
  - Each socket has a receiver buffer
  - Changes the receiver buffer size
  - The timing of setting this option is important
- **SO\_SNDBUF**
  - TCP socket has a send buffer but UDP socket does not
  - For TCP, SO\_SNDBUF changes the send buffer size
  - For UDP, SO\_SNDBUF limits the maximum UDP datagram size

# Generic Socket Options (6)



- **SO\_RCVLOWAT**
  - Each socket has a receive low-water mark
  - Amount of data that must be in the socket receive buffer before `select()` returns "readable"
- **SO\_SNDLOWAT**
  - Each socket has a send low-water mark
  - Amount of space that is available in the socket send buffer before `select()` returns "writable"

# Generic Socket Options (7)



- **SO\_REUSEADDR**

- Allows a listening server to start and bind its well-known port, even if previously established connections exist that use the same port as their local port
  - when a server restarts while previous child is still alive
- Allows a new server to be started on the same port as an existing server that is bound to the wildcard address, as long as each instance binds to a different local IP address
  - multiple servers can reside on the same machine as long as each server has a different local ip address
- Security concerns of SO\_REUSEADDR
  - some systems do not allow specific binding to happen AFTER wildcard binding
  - avoid rogue server to attach to existing services

# IPv4 Socket Options



- `IP_HDRINCL`
  - Set for a raw IP socket
  - The program can build its own IP header for all the datagrams sent on the raw socket
- Raw sockets
  - Read and write ICMP and IGMP packets
  - Read and write IPv4 datagrams with an IPv4 protocol field not processed by the kernel
    - OSPF (89)
  - Build its own IP header using `IP_HDRINCL` socket option

# TCP Socket Options



- TCP\_MAXSEG
  - Fetch and set the TCP Maximum Segment Size
- TCP\_NODELAY
  - If set, disables TCP Nagle algorithm
  - TCP Nagle algorithm states that if a given connection has outstanding data (sent but not acknowledged), then no small packets will be sent on the connection
  - Reduces the number of small packets



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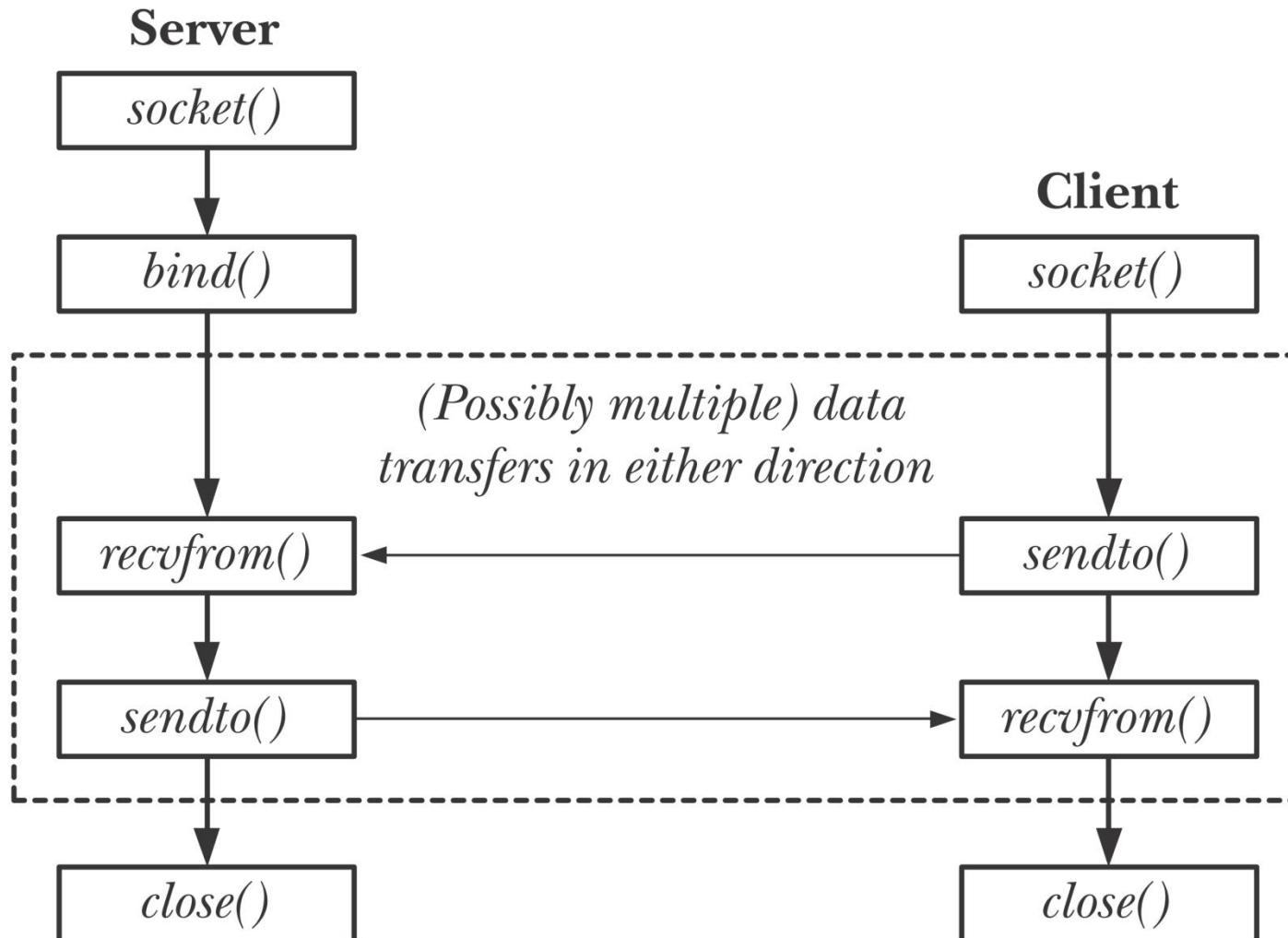


# UDP Sockets

- If TCP communication is compared to making a telephone call, UDP communication is compared to posting a letter.
  - Connectionless
  - Unreliable
  - Datagram protocol
  - Popular applications
    - DNS(the Domain Name System)
    - NFS(the Network File System)
    - SNMP(Simple Network Management Protocol)
    - Multimedia
- Just as with the postal system, when multiple datagrams (letters) are sent from one address to another, there is no guarantee that they will arrive in the order they were sent, or even arrive at all.



# UDP Client Server



# Exchanging Messages



- The *recvfrom()* and *sendto()* system calls receive and send datagrams (*one at a time*) on a datagram socket.

```
1  #include <sys/socket.h>
2  ssize_t recvfrom(int  sockfd , void * buffer , size_t  length ,
3      int  flags ,struct sockaddr * src_addr , socklen_t * addrlen );
4  //Returns number of bytes received, 0 on EOF, or -1 on error
5  ssize_t sendto(int  sockfd , const void * buffer , size_t  length ,
6      int  flags , const struct sockaddr * dest_addr , socklen_t  addrlen );
7  //Returns number of bytes sent, or -1 on error
```

- The return value and the first three arguments to these system calls are the same as for *read()* and *write()*.
- Final two arguments of *recvfrom()* and *sendto()* are similar to the final two arguments in *accept()* and *connect()*.

# Recvfrom() & sendto()



- Both functions return the length of data that was written or read.
- Writing a datagram of length 0 is acceptable.
  - IP+UDP header + no app layer data.
- `recvfrom()` can return 0.
  - This is not same as `read()` returning 0.
  - 0 is the length of datagram.
- Regardless of the value specified for length, *recvfrom()* retrieves exactly one message from a datagram socket.
  - If the size of that message exceeds length bytes, the message is silently truncated to length bytes.
  - Using `rcvmsg()`, `MSG_TRUNC` flag can be used to detect this.

# UDP Client-Server



- We will use echo protocol.



- Server
  - Create UDP socket & bind at well-known port number.
  - Read datagram and echo back to sender
- Client
  - Create UDP Socket
  - Read from *stdin* and send datagram to server
  - Read from UDP socket and write to *stdout*.

# UDP Server



```
1  int
2  main(int argc, char **argv)
3  {
4      int      sockfd;
5      struct sockaddr_in servaddr, cliaddr;
6      sockfd = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_DGRAM, 0);
7      bzero(&servaddr, sizeof(servaddr));
8      servaddr.sin_family = AF_INET;
9      servaddr.sin_addr.s_addr = htonl(INADDR_ANY);
10     servaddr.sin_port = htons(SERV_PORT);
11     bind(sockfd, (SA *) &servaddr, sizeof(servaddr));
12     dg_echo(sockfd, (SA *) &cliaddr, sizeof(cliaddr));
13 }
```

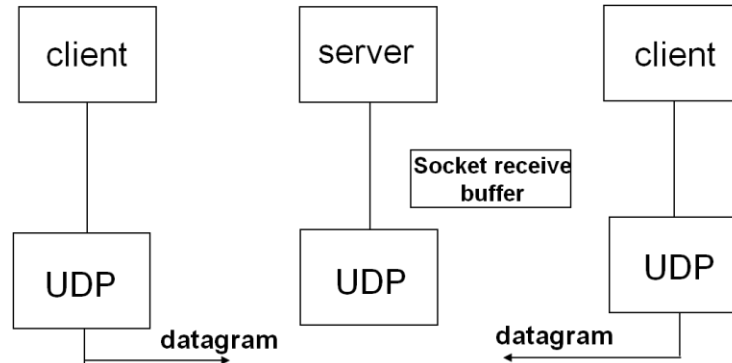
- UDP socket is created by specifying the second arg as SOCK\_DGRAM.

```
1  #define      SA      struct sockaddr
2  void dg_echo(int sockfd, SA *pcliaddr, socklen_t clilen)
3  {
4      int      n;
5      socklen_t len;
6      char      mesg[MAXLINE];
7      for ( ; ; ) {
8          len = clilen;
9          n = recvfrom(sockfd, mesg, MAXLINE, 0, pcliaddr, &len);
10         sendto(sockfd, mesg, n, 0, pcliaddr, len);
11     }
12 }
```

- This function never terminates.
- Since UDP is connectionless protocol, there is nothing like an EOF as in TCP.

- What we discussed is an iterative server.
  - Client requests are handled one after another. There is no call to `fork()`.
  - In general most TCP servers are concurrent, and most UDP servers are iterative.
- UDP socket has a receive buffer. Incoming datagrams are queued there.
  - When server calls `recvfrom()`, a datagram is returned in FIFO order.
  - Buffer has a limited size (default 40000bytes).

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# UDP Client



```
1  int main(int argc, char **argv)
2  {
3      int sockfd;
4      struct sockaddr_in servaddr;
5      if (argc != 2)
6          err_quit("usage : udpcli <IpAddress>");
7      bzero(&servaddr, sizeof(servaddr));
8      servaddr.sin_family = AF_INET;
9      servaddr.sin_port = htons(SERV_PORT);
10     inet_pton(AF_INET, argv[1], &servaddr.sin_addr);
11     sockfd = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_DGRAM, 0);
12     dg_cli(stdin, sockfd, (SA *) &servaddr, sizeof(servaddr));
13     exit(0);
14 }
```

- When client uses *sendto()* at that kernel allocates an ephemeral port to the socket local endpoint.

# UDP Client



```
1 void dg_cli(FILE *fp, int sockfd, const SA *pservaddr, socklen_t servlen)
2 {
3     int n;
4     char sendline[MAXLINE], recvline[MAXLINE+1];
5     while(fgets(sendline, MAXLINE, fp) != NULL) {
6         sendto(sockfd, sendline, strlen(sendline), 0, pservaddr, servlen);
7         n = recvfrom(sockfd, recvline, MAXLINE, 0, NULL, NULL);
8         recvline[n] = 0; /* null terminate */
9         fputs(recvline, stdout);
10    }
11 }
```

- In *recvfrom()* last two arguments are specified as NULL. This tells the kernel that we are not interested in knowing who sent the reply.

# Lost Datagrams



- If the client's datagram is lost to the server, the server will wait indefinitely on *recvfrom()*.
- If the server's datagram to client is lost, then the client will wait indefinitely on *recvfrom()*.
- Solution:
  - Put a timeout. But this will not tell whether the client's datagram is lost or the server's reply is lost.
    - Use timers
  - Use application level reliability support.
    - Sequence numbers
    - Acknowledgements
    - Timeout & retransmission

# UDP Sockets & Asynchronous Errors



- Client `sendto()` returns successfully after writing a datagram to UDP socket send buffer.
- But due to some reason say “*Server Not Running*”, the server host will send ICMP “*port unreachable*” error.
  - This error or “*network unreachable*” or “*host unreachable*” are asynchronous errors.
- The basic rule is that an asynchronous error is not returned for a UDP socket unless the socket has been connected.
- Reason:
  - An unconnected Udp socket can be used to send datagrams to multiple destinations. If error is received, then Udp can return only `errno` but not which destination.
  - Therefore only connected UDP socket receives asynch errors.

# Connected UDP Sockets



- Calling `connect()` on a datagram socket causes the kernel to record a particular address as this socket's peer.
  - This does not result in anything like a TCP connection: there is no three-way handshake. Instead, the kernel just records the IP address and port number of the peer.
- With a connected UDP socket, three changes:
  - We can no longer specify the destination IP address and port for an output operation. That is, we do not use `sendto()` but use `write` or `send` instead.
  - We do not use `recvfrom` but `read` or `recv` instead.
  - Asynchronous errors are returned to the process for a connected UDP socket.
- Only datagrams sent by the peer socket may be read on the socket.

# Using connect() Multiple Times



- A process with a connected UDP socket can call connect again for that socket for one of two reasons:
  - To specify a new IP address and port
  - To disconnect the socket
- connect can be called only one time for a TCP socket. But in UDP, it can be called multiple times with different peer addresses.
- To disconnect a UDP socket, we call connect but set the family member of the socket address structure (sin\_family for IPv4 or sin6\_family for IPv6) to AF\_UNSPEC.

# UDP datagram size & IP fragmentation



- IP fragmentation occurs transparently to higher protocol layers, but nevertheless is generally considered undesirable.
  - IP doesn't perform retransmission
  - A datagram can be reassembled at the destination only if all fragments arrive
  - The entire datagram is unusable if any fragment is lost or contains transmission errors.
- In some cases, this can lead to significant rates of data loss (for UDP) or degraded transfer rates (for TCP).
- Modern TCP implementations employ algorithms (path MTU discovery) to determine the MTU of a path between hosts.

# UDP datagram size & IP fragmentation



- A UDP-based application generally doesn't know the MTU of the path between the source and destination hosts.
- UDP-based applications that aim to avoid IP fragmentation typically adopt a conservative approach.
  - The transmitted IP datagram is less than the IPv4 minimum reassembly buffer size of 576 bytes.
  - This value is likely to be lower than the path MTU.
  - $576 - 20(\text{IPv4}) - 8(\text{UDP header}) = 548$  bytes.
- In practice, many UDP-based applications opt for a still lower limit of 512 bytes for their datagrams.





# TCP vs UDP?

# When to use UDP instead of TCP?



- Advantages of UDP:
  - UDP supports broadcasting and multicasting
  - UDP has no connection setup or teardown
    - For a two packet request-reply, we need 8 extra packets to be transmitted in TCP
    - UDP:  $RTT + SPT$ , TCP:  $2 * RTT + SPT$
- Features of TCP not provided by UDP:
  - Positive acknowledgments, retransmission of lost packets, duplicate detection, and sequencing of packets reordered by the network
    - Seq nos, estimate RTO
  - Windowed flow control
  - Slow start and congestion avoidance
    - to determine the current network capacity and to handle periods of congestion

# When to use UDP instead of TCP?



- Recommendations:
  - UDP must be used for broadcast and multicast applications
    - Error control or reliability be added if reqd at appl layer
  - UDP can be used for simple request-reply applications, but error detection must be built into the application
    - Acknowledgements, timeouts, retransmissions
  - UDP should not be used for bulk data transfer
    - Bulk transfer requires flow control along with error control which is like replicating TCP at appl layer
- Certain types of applications (e.g., streaming video and audio transmission) can function acceptably without the reliability provided by TCP.
  - Delays by TCP retries may be worse than losing a part of the stream.
  - Use UDP and adopt application-specific recovery strategies due to occasional packet loss.



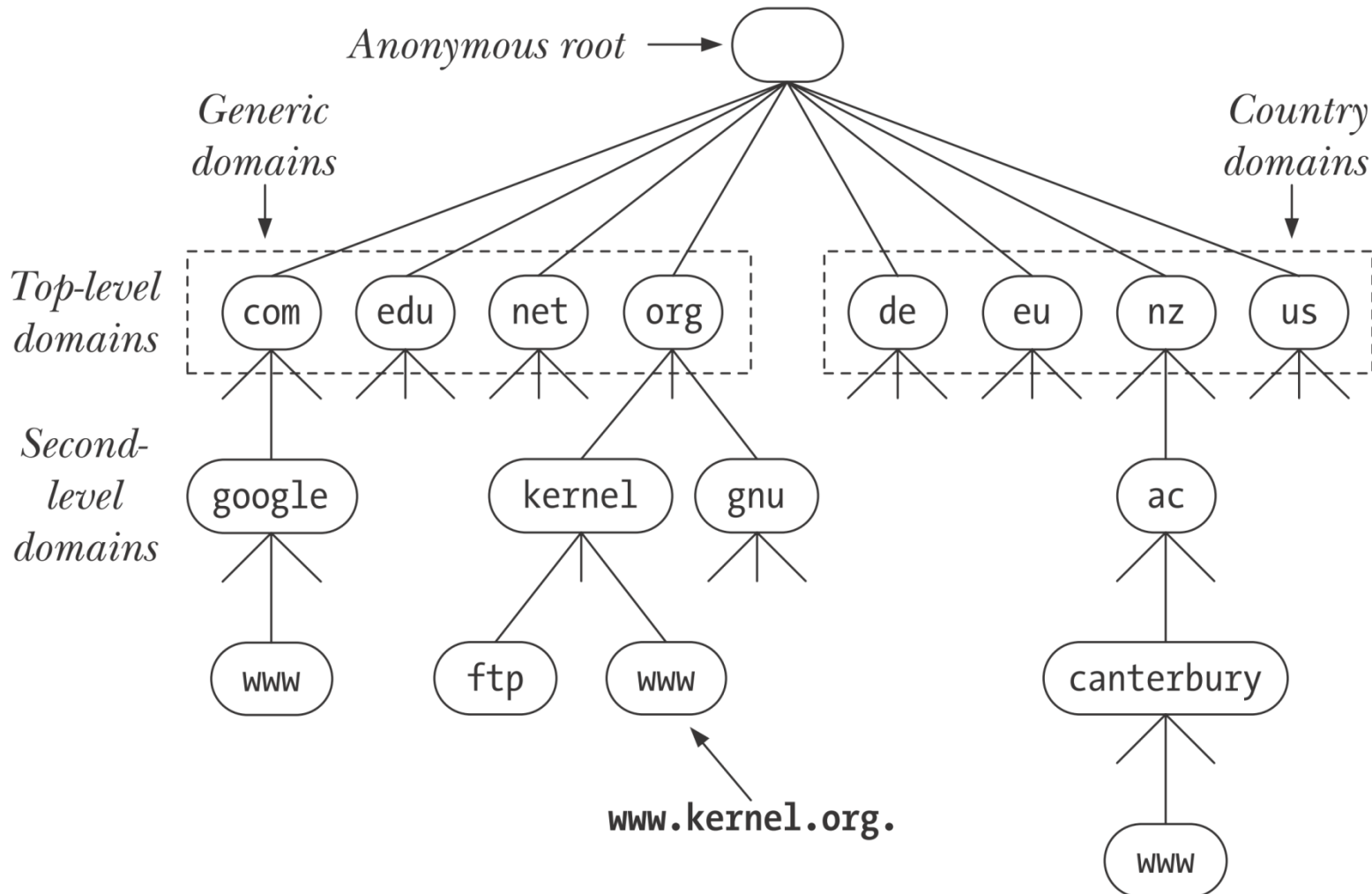
# **Name and Address Conversions (T1: 11, R1: 59.8)**

- Two functions which we use to convert a domain name to IP address:
  - `gethostbyname()` - obsolete
  - `getaddrinfo()` - supports both IPv6 and IPv4
- The DNS is used primarily to map between hostnames and IP addresses.
  - A hostname can be either a simple name, such as *solaris* or *freebsd*, or a fully qualified domain name (FQDN), such as *solaris.unpbook.com*.
- Before DNS, mappings between hostnames and IP addresses were defined in a manually maintained local file, `/etc/hosts`

```
1 # IP-address      canonical hostname      [aliases]
2 127.0.0.1         localhost
```

- The `/etc/hosts` scheme scales poorly.
- DNS was devised to address this problem.
  - Hostnames are organized into a hierarchical namespace.
    - Node in the DNS hierarchy has a label (name), which may be up to 63 characters.
    - At the root of the hierarchy is an unnamed node, the “anonymous root.”
  - A node’s domain name consists of all of the names from that node up to the root concatenated together, with each name separated by a period ( . )
  - No single organization or system manages the entire hierarchy.
    - Instead, there is a hierarchy of DNS servers, each of which manages a branch (a zone) of the tree.
    - For adding a host, admin has to add it to local name server.
  - DNS servers employ caching techniques to avoid unnecessary communication for frequently queried domain names.

# DNS



# DNS Lookup



- Not every name server knows about every other name server.
- Name server must know the IP address of root servers.
- Root servers know the name and location for all second-level domains.

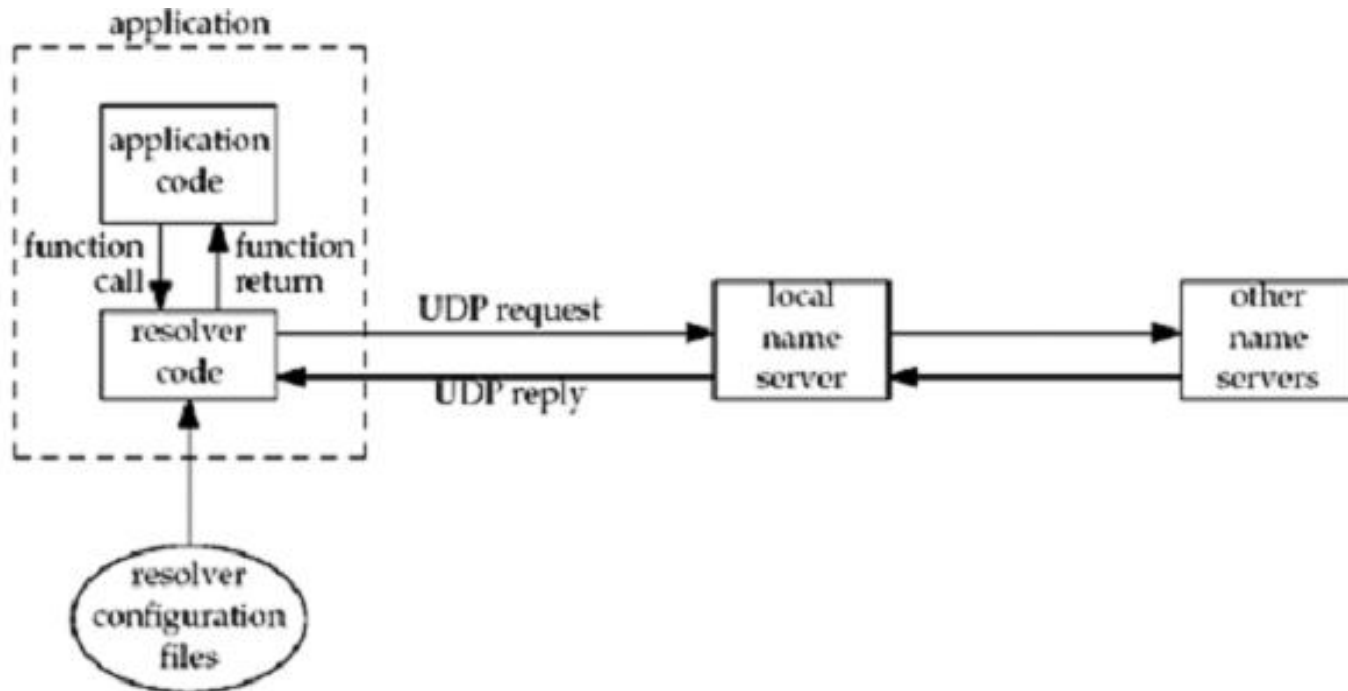


# Recursive and Iterative Lookups



- DNS resolution requests fall into two categories: recursive and iterative.
  - In a recursive request, the requester asks the server to handle the entire task of resolution.
- When an application on the local host calls *getaddrinfo()*, that function makes a recursive request to the local DNS server.
- If the local DNS server does not itself have the information to perform the resolution, it resolves the domain name iteratively.

# Resolvers and Name Servers



Resolver is part of the application

# The /etc/services File



- Well-known port numbers are centrally registered by IANA.
  - Each of these ports has a corresponding service name.
    - Because service numbers are centrally managed and are less volatile than IP addresses, an equivalent of the DNS server is usually not necessary. Instead, the port numbers and service names are recorded in the file `/etc/services`.
  - The `getaddrinfo()` and `getnameinfo()` functions use the information in this file to convert service names to port numbers and vice versa.

# The /etc/services File



```
1  # Service name  port/protocol  [aliases]
2  echo           7/tcp         Echo      # echo service
3  echo           7/udp         Echo
4  ssh            22/tcp
5  ssh            22/udp
6  telnet         23/tcp
7  telnet         23/udp
8  smtp           25/tcp
9  smtp           25/udp
10 domain         53/tcp
11 domain         53/udp
12 http           80/tcp
13 http           80/udp
14 ntp            123/tcp
15 ntp            123/udp
16 login          513/tcp
17 who            513/udp
18 shell          514/tcp
19 syslog         514/udp
```

# Host and Service Conversion



- The `getaddrinfo()` function converts host and service names to IP addresses and port numbers.
  - successor to the obsolete `gethostbyname()` and `getservbyname()` functions
- Given a host name and a service name, `getaddrinfo()` returns a list of socket address structures, each of which contains an IP address and port number.

```
1  #include <sys/socket.h>
2  #include <netdb.h>
3  int getaddrinfo(const char * host , const char * service ,
4                const struct addrinfo * hints , struct addrinfo ** result );
5  //Returns 0 on success, or nonzero on error
```

# The getaddrinfo() Function



- As input, getaddrinfo() takes the arguments host, service, and hints.
  - Host:
    - It can be hostname or numeric address string 172.24.2.19
  - Service:
    - This contains either service name or port number.
  - Hints:
    - The hints argument points to an addrinfo structure that specifies further criteria for selecting the socket address structures returned via result.

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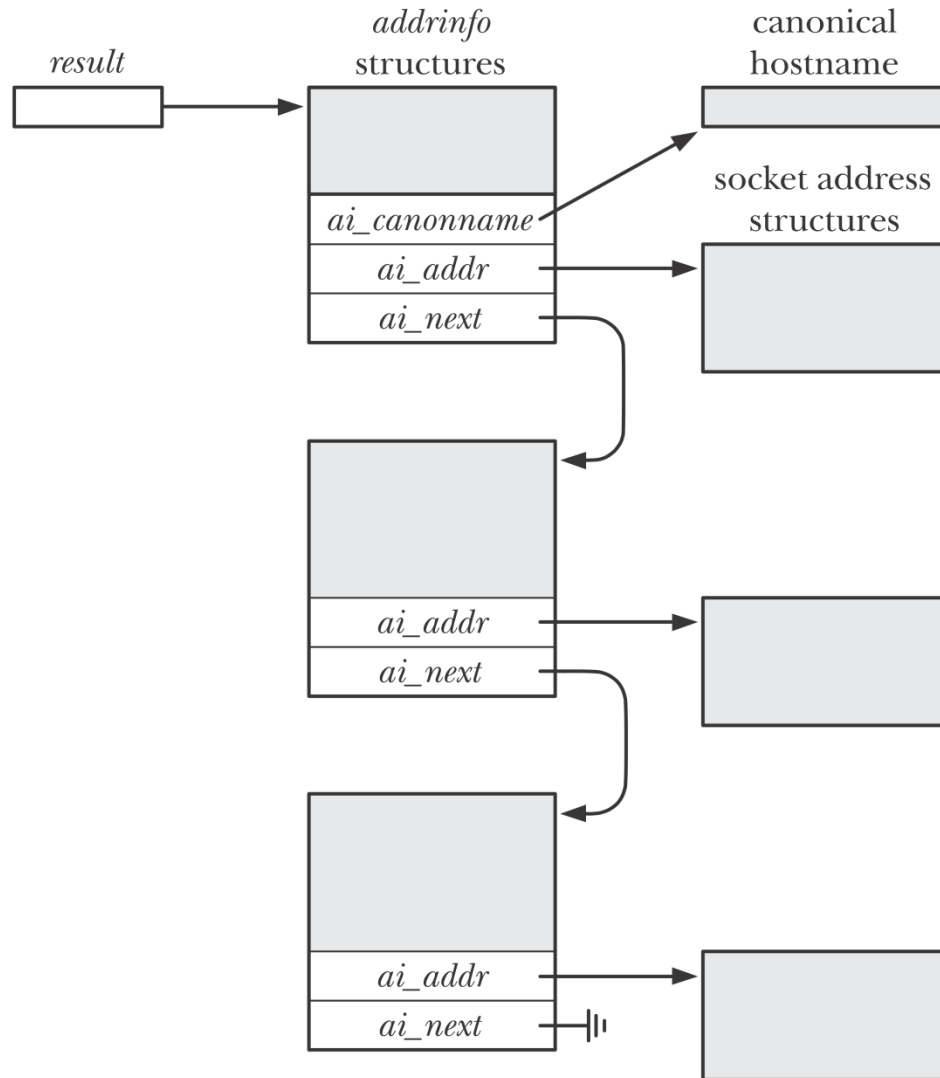
# Addrinfo structure



- As output, getaddrinfo() dynamically allocates a linked list of addrinfo structures and sets result pointing to the beginning of this list.
- Each of these addrinfo structures includes a pointer to a socket address structure corresponding to host and service.

```
1 struct addrinfo {  
2     int     ai_flags;           /* Input flags (AI_* constants) */  
3     int     ai_family;         /* Address family */  
4     int     ai_socktype;       /* Type: SOCK_STREAM, SOCK_DGRAM */  
5     int     ai_protocol;       /* Socket protocol */  
6     size_t  ai_addrlen;        /* Size of structure pointed to by ai_addr */  
7     char    *ai_canonname;     /* Canonical name of host */  
8     struct sockaddr *ai_addr;  /* Pointer to socket address structure */  
9     struct addrinfo *ai_next;  /* Next structure in linked list */  
10 };
```

# Result





# The *hints* Argument



- Hints is either a null pointer or a pointer to an `addrinfo` structure.
  - the caller fills in this structure with hints about the types of information the caller wants returned.
- The members of the hints structure that can be set by the caller are:
  - `ai_flags` (zero or more `AI_XXX` values OR'ed together)
  - `ai_family` (an `AF_xxx` value)
  - `ai_socktype` (a `SOCK_xxx` value)
  - `ai_protocol`
- For example,
  - if the specified service is provided for both TCP and UDP, set `ai_socktype` member of the hints structure to `SOCK_DGRAM`. Then only information returned will be for datagram sockets.

# The *hints* Argument



- **AI\_PASSIVE**
  - The caller will use the socket for a passive open.
- **AI\_CANONNAME**
  - Tells the function to return the canonical name of the host.
- **AI\_NUMERICHOST**
  - Prevents any kind of name-to-address mapping; the hostname argument must be an address string.
- **AI\_NUMERICSERV**
  - Prevents any kind of name-to-service mapping; the service argument must be a decimal port number string.
- **AI\_V4MAPPED**
  - If specified along with an ai\_family of AF\_INET6, then returns IPv4-mapped IPv6 addresses corresponding to A records if there are no available AAAA records.

# The *hints* Argument



- Returns linked list of addrinfo structures, linked through the ai\_next pointer.
- There are two ways that multiple structures can be returned:
  - Multiple ips per hostname; one sockaddr structure for each ip
  - Service is provided for multiple socket types; SOCK\_STREAM or SOCK\_DGRAM
- For example, if no hints are provided and if the domain service is looked up for a host with two IP addresses, four addrinfo structures are returned:
  - One for the first IP address and a socket type of SOCK\_STREAM
  - One for the first IP address and a socket type of SOCK\_DGRAM
  - One for the second IP address and a socket type of SOCK\_STREAM
  - One for the second IP address and a socket type of SOCK\_DGRAM

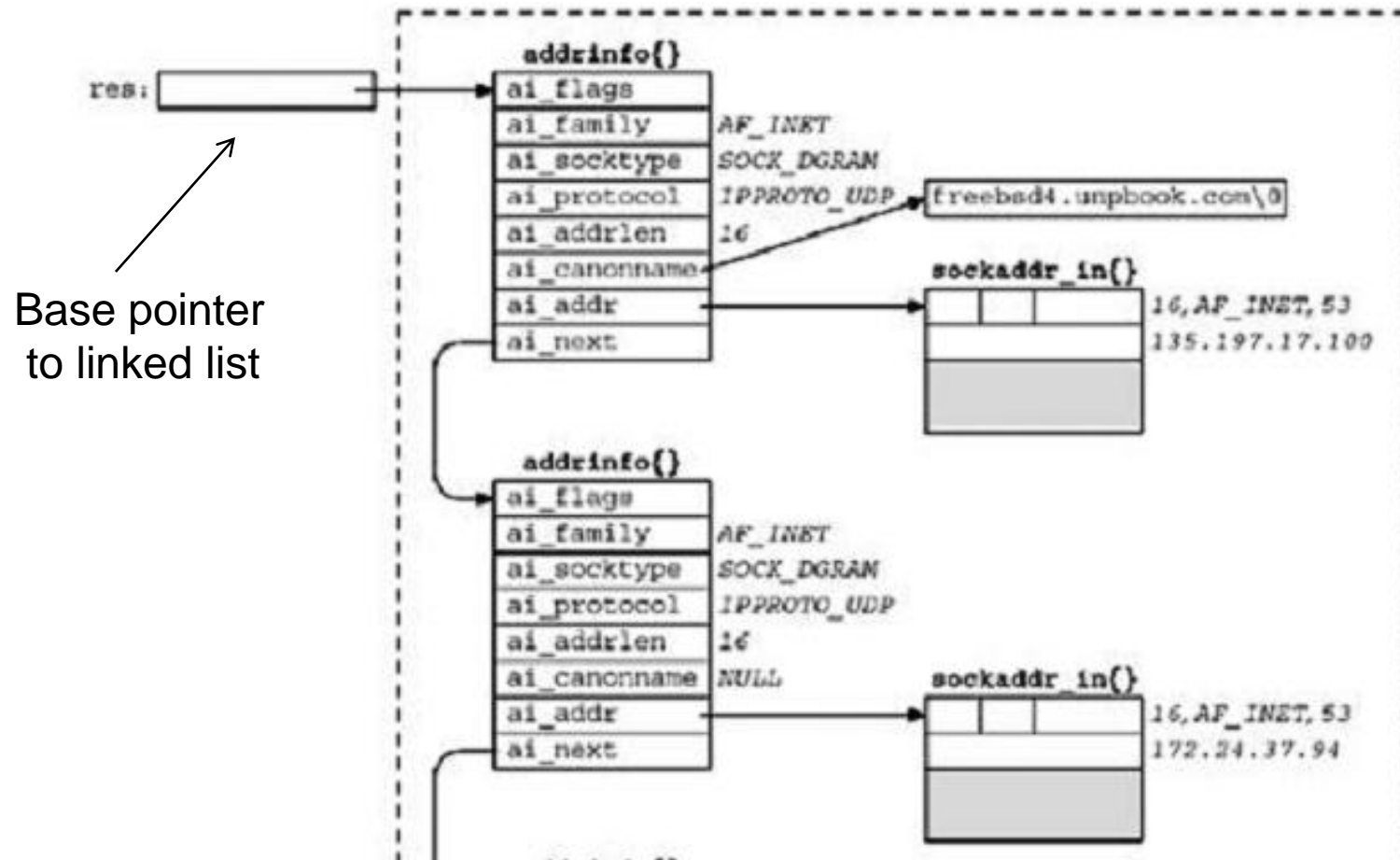
# Example



- Consider the following code

```
1 struct addrinfo hints, *res;  
2 bzero(&hints, sizeof(hints) ) ;  
3 hints.ai_flags = AI_CANONNAME;  
4 hints.ai_family = AF_INET;  
5 getaddrinfo("freebsd4", "domain", &hints, &res);
```

# Result

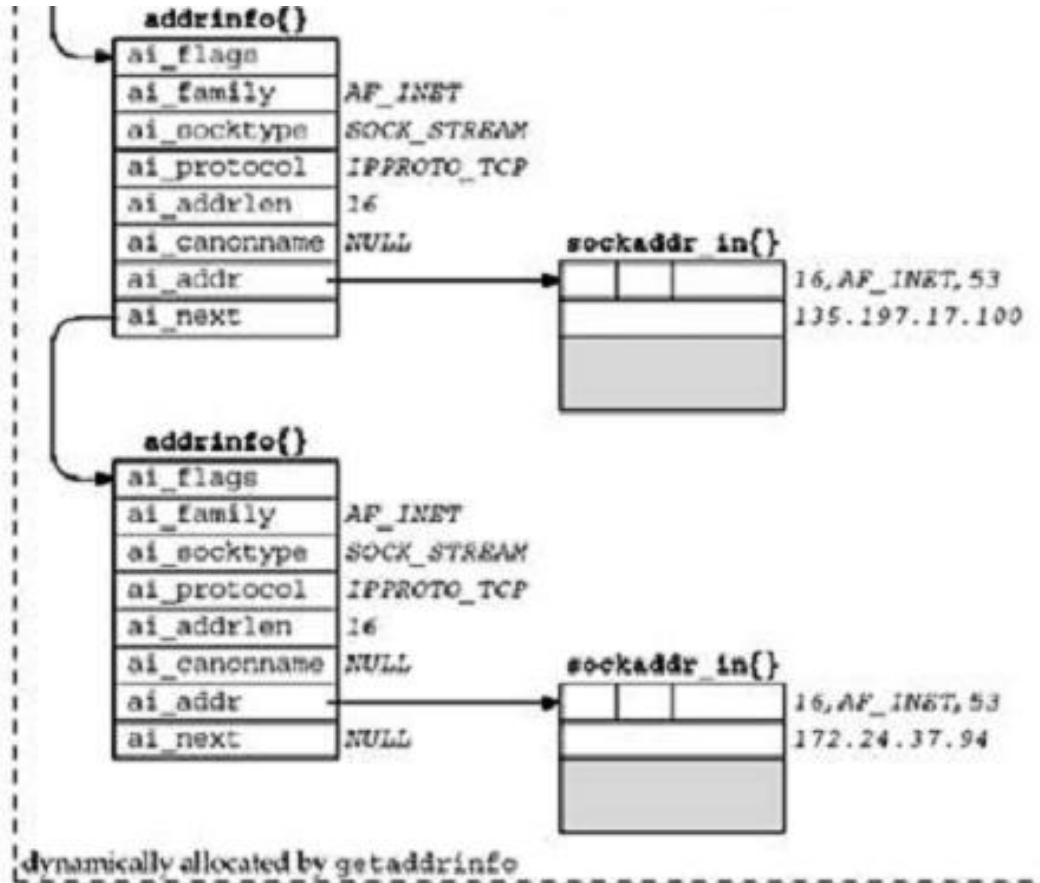


# Result

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- Sockaddr structure in addrinfo structures is ready for
  - a call to socket
  - then either a call to connect or sendto (for a client), or bind (for a server).
- The arguments to socket are the members ai\_family, ai\_socktype, and ai\_protocol.
- The second and third arguments to either connect or bind are ai\_addr, and ai\_addrlen

# On client side



```
1  int tcp_connect (const char *host, const char *serv)
2  {
3      int sockfd, n;
4      struct addrinfo hints, *res, *ressave;
5      bzero(&hints, sizeof (struct addrinfo));
6      hints.ai_family = AF_UNSPEC;
7      hints.ai_socktype = SOCK_STREAM;
8      if ( (n = getaddrinfo (host, serv, &hints, &res)) != 0)
9          err_quit("tcp_connect error for %s, %s: %s",
10                  host, serv, gai_strerror (n));
11      ressave = res;
12      do {
13          sockfd = socket (res->ai_family, res->ai_socktype, res->ai_protocol);
14          if (sockfd < 0)
15              continue;          /*ignore this one */
16          if (connect (sockfd, res->ai_addr, res->ai_addrlen) == 0)
17              break;             /* success */
18          Close(sockfd);          /* ignore this one */
19      } while ( (res = res->ai_next) != NULL);
20      if (res == NULL)             /* errno set from final connect() */
21          err_sys ("tcp_connect error for %s, %s", host, serv);
22      freeaddrinfo (ressave);
23      return (sockfd);
24  }
```



# Server side usage

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```
1 int tcp_listen(const char *host, const char *serv, socklen_t *addrlenp)
2 { struct addrinfo hints, *res, *ressave;
3   bzero(&hints, sizeof (struct addrinfo)) ;
4   hints.ai_flags = AI_PASSIVE;
5   hints.ai_family = AF_UNSPEC;
6   hints.ai_socktype = SOCK_STREAM;
7   if ( (n = getaddrinfo (host, serv, &hints, &res)) != 0)
8     err_quit("tcp_listen error for %s, %s: %s",
9             host, serv, gai_strerror(n)) ;
10  ressave = res;
11  do {listenfd =socket(res->ai_family, res->ai_socktype, res->ai_protocol);
12      if (listenfd < 0)continue; /* error, try next one */
13      setsockopt(listenfd, SOL_SOCKET, SO_REUSEADDR, &on, sizeof (on) ) ;
14      if (bind(listenfd, res->ai_addr, res->ai_addrlen) == 0)
15        break; /* success */
16      close (listenfd); /* bind error, close and try next one */
17    } while ( (res = res->ai_next) != NULL);
18  if (res == NULL) /* errno from final socket () or bind () */
19    err_sys ("tcp_listen error for %s, %s", host, serv);
20  listen (listenfd, LISTENQ);
21  if (addrlenp)
22    *addrlenp = res->ai_addrlen; /* return size of protocol address */
23  freeaddrinfo (ressave);
24  return (listenfd);
25 }
```

```
1 listenfd = tcp_listen (NULL, argv[1], NULL);
```

```
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```

# Freeing *addrinfo* Lists



- The *getaddrinfo()* function dynamically allocates memory for all of the structures referred to by *result*.

```
1  #include <sys/socket.h>
2  #include <netdb.h>
3  void freeaddrinfo(struct addrinfo * result );
```

- Diagnosing errors
  - Errors returned by *getaddrinfo()* are not stored in *errno*.
  - They have to be looked up using

```
1  #include <netdb.h>
2  const char *gai_strerror(int  errcode );
3  //Returns pointer to string containing error message
```

# Error Codes



| Error constant | Description   |
|----------------|---|
| EAI_ADDRFAMILY | No addresses for <i>host</i> exist in <i>hints.ai_family</i> (not in SUSv3, but defined on most implementations; <i>getaddrinfo()</i> only)                             |
| EAI_AGAIN      | Temporary failure in name resolution (try again later)  |
| EAI_BADFLAGS   | An invalid flag was specified in <i>hints.ai_flags</i>  |
| EAI_FAIL       | Unrecoverable failure while accessing name server   |
| EAI_FAMILY     | Address family specified in <i>hints.ai_family</i> is not supported   |
| EAI_MEMORY     | Memory allocation failure   |
| EAI_NODATA     | No address associated with <i>host</i> (not in SUSv3, but defined on most implementations; <i>getaddrinfo()</i> only)   |
| EAI_NONAME     | Unknown <i>host</i> or <i>service</i> , or both <i>host</i> and <i>service</i> were NULL, or AI_NUMERICSERV specified and <i>service</i> didn't point to numeric string |
| EAI_OVERFLOW   | Argument buffer overflow  |
| EAI_SERVICE    | Specified <i>service</i> not supported for <i>hints.ai_socktype</i> ( <i>getaddrinfo()</i> only)  |
| EAI_SOCKTYPE   | Specified <i>hints.ai_socktype</i> is not supported ( <i>getaddrinfo()</i> only)  |
| EAI_SYSTEM     | System error returned in <i>errno</i>   |

# getnameinfo()



- This function is the converse of *getaddrinfo()*. Takes socket address structure and returns host, and service.

```
1  #include <sys/socket.h>
2  #include <netdb.h>
3  int getnameinfo(const struct sockaddr * addr , socklen_t  addrlen,
4  char * host , size_t  hostlen , char * service ,
5  size_t  servlen , int  flags );
6  //Returns 0 on success, or nonzero on error
```

- NI\_DGRAM
  - Default is stream socket service. This make datagram service.
- NI\_NAMEREQD
  - Default: if no name found, return numeric ip and port. If this is on, error is returned.

# gethostbyname()



- Returns only A type (IPv4) records

```
1  #include <netdb.h>
2  struct hostent *gethostbyname (const char *hostname);
3  //Returns: non-null pointer if OK, NULL on error with h_errno set
4  struct hostent {
5      char  *h_name;          /* official (canonical) name of host */
6      char  **h_aliases;     /* pointer to array of pointers to alias names */
7      int    h_addrtype;     /* host address type: AF_INET */
8      int    h_length;       /* length of address: 4 */
9      char  **h_addr_list;   /* ptr to array of ptrs with IPv4 addrs */
10 };
```

- can return multiple IP addresses pointed by h\_addr\_list.

# gethostbyname() example



```
1 void main(int argc, char* argv){
2     char    *ptr, **pptr;
3     char    str [INET_ADDRSTRLEN];
4     struct hostent *hptr;
5     ptr = argv[1];
6     if ( (hptr = gethostbyname (ptr) ) == NULL) {
7         err_msg ("gethostbyname error for host: %s: %s",
8                 ptr, hstrerror (h_errno) );
9         printf ("official hostname: %s\n", hptr->h_name);
10        for (pptr = hptr->h_aliases; *pptr != NULL; pptr++)
11            printf ("\talias: %s\n", *pptr);
12        switch (hptr->h_addrtype) {
13            case AF_INET:
14                pptr = hptr->h_addr_list;
15                for ( ; *pptr != NULL; pptr++)
16                    printf ("\taddress: %s\n",
17                            inet_ntop (hptr->h_addrtype, *pptr, str, sizeof (str)));
18                break;
19            default:
20                err_ret ("unknown address type");
21                break;
22        }}
23 }
```

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# Q&A







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