

# Remote Procedure Calls

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# Outline

- **Remote Procedure Call ( Sun RPC )**
  - Theoretical Introductions
  - Practical programming using Sun RPC
- **Required practical RPC programs ( CLP – II )**

## References

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# Remote Procedure Call

# Remote Procedure Call

**RPC is a call to a procedure/function located on another machine**

## Machine A

### Client\_proc

```
int client_proc (int num1, int num2 )  
{
```

```
    result = add ( num1, num2 );
```

```
}
```

## Machine B

### Server\_proc as a Daemon

```
int server_proc()  
{
```

```
    result = add ( num1, num2 );
```

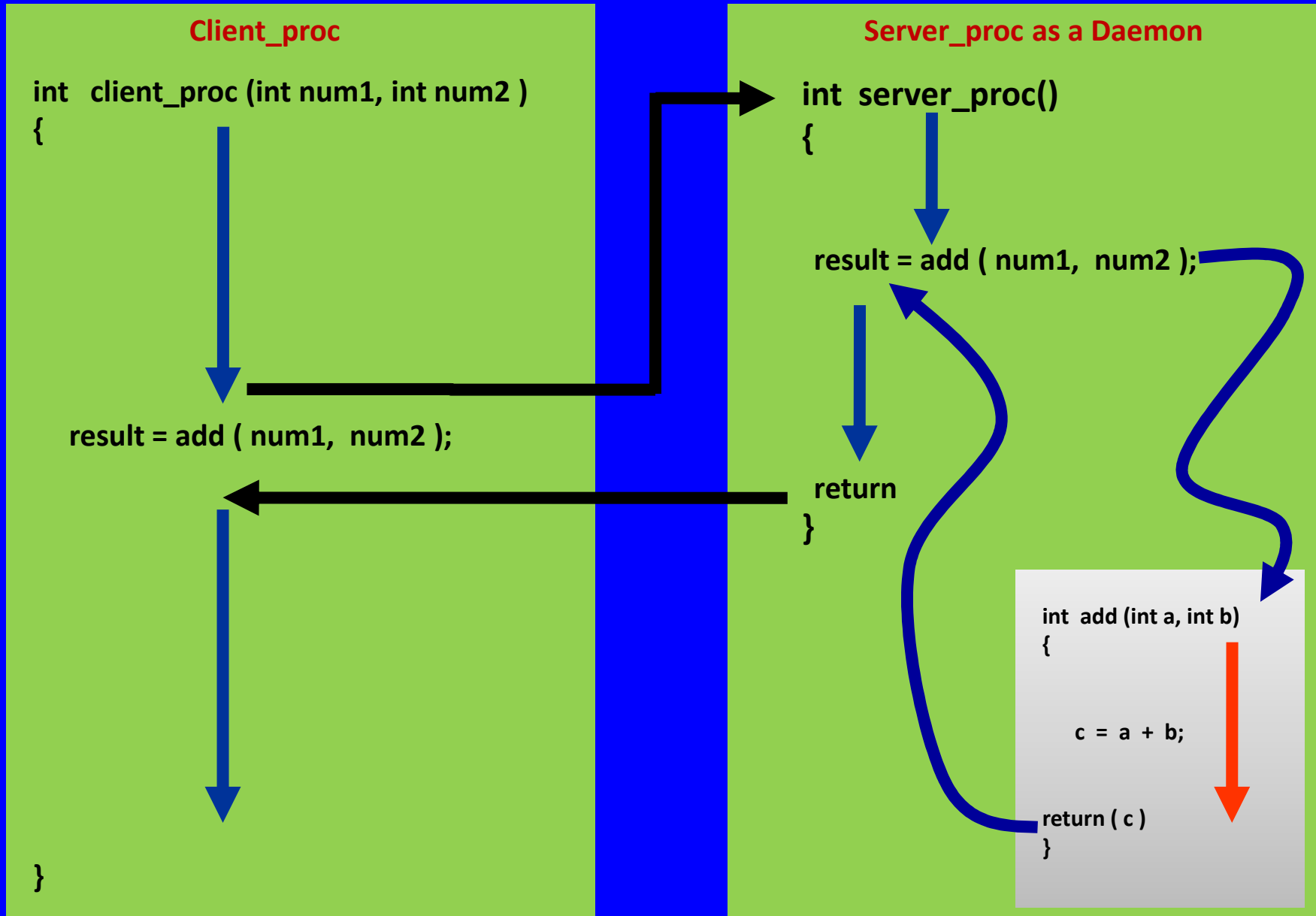
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    return
```

```
}
```

```
int add (int a, int b)  
{
```

```
    c = a + b;
```

```
    return ( c )  
}
```



**RPC programming: First step**  
**awareness about technology**

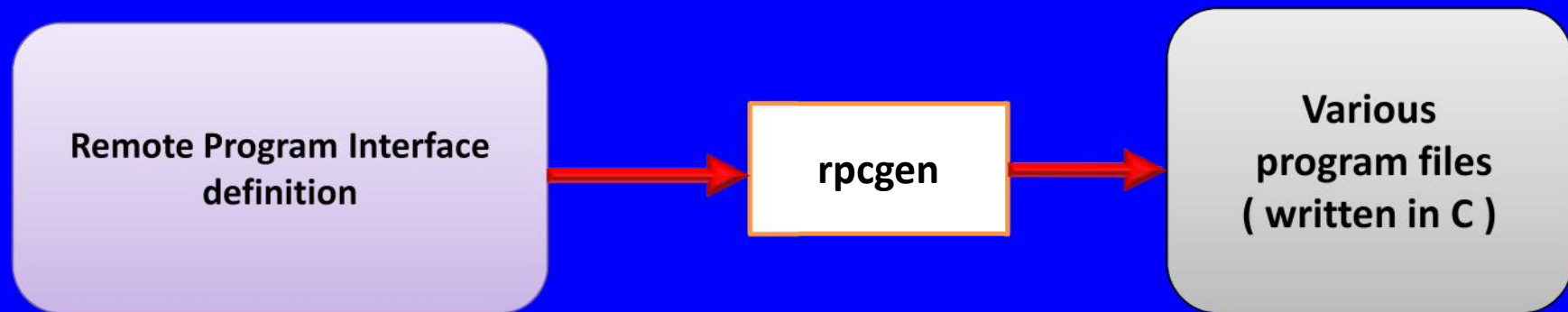
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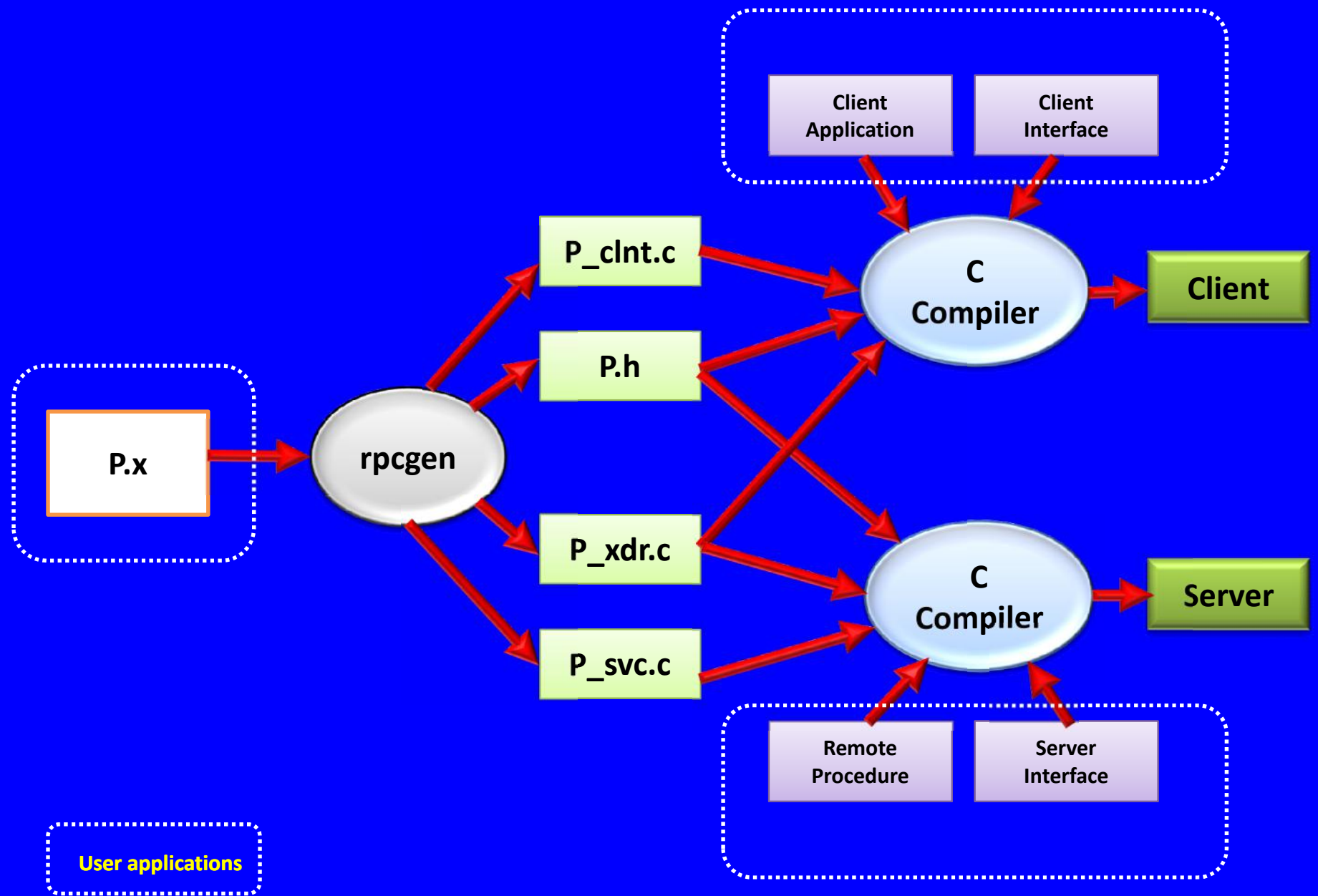
1. Sun RPC (ONC RPC)
2. DCE RPC
3. ISO RPC



# Sun RPC

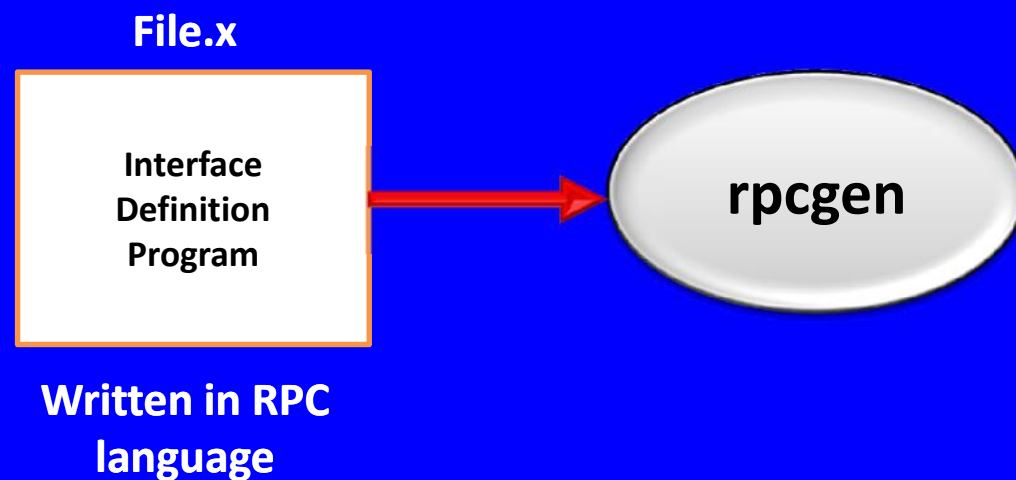
❖ **rpcgen** : **rpcgen** is a compiler.





# RPC language

- Provides function and data declaration facilities.



# **The RPC Language Data types**

# typedefs

- ❖ typedefs have the same syntax as C typedefs:

**"typedef" declaration**

# Constants

```
"const" const-ident "=" integer
```

```
const PI = 3.14;
```

Converted into C language as

```
#define PI 3.14
```

## Fixed array in RPC

```
typedef int a[10];  
  
program IARRAY_PROGRAM {  
  
    version IARRAY_VERSION {  
  
        int IARRAYADD(a)=1;  
  
    }=1;  
}=22222222;
```

# Variable-Length Array Declarations

- ❑ type-ident variable-ident "<" value ">"
- ❑ type-ident variable-ident "<" ">"

1. `int array1<12>; /* at most 12 items */`
2. `int array2<>; /* any number of items */`



# Strings

- strings are declared using the string keyword and compiled into char \*s in the output header file.

```
❏ string name< >;
```

Converted into :

```
char* name;
```

## voids

- The variable is not named as void.
- void declarations can only occur in following places:
  1. union definitions
  2. program definitions as the argument
  3. Return type of the result of a remote procedure.

```
program DUMMY_PROGRAM {  
  
    void PROCEDURE_ADD( void );  
  
};
```

# Structures

```
struct Point {  
    int x;  
    int y;  
};
```

# Enumerations

- same syntax as C enumerations

```
enum colortype {  
    RED = 0,  
    GREEN = 1,  
    BLUE = 2  
};
```

## Booleans ( bool\_t )

- The boolean type called `bool_t` is either `TRUE` or `FALSE`.
- Things declared as type `bool` are compiled into `bool_t` in the output header file.

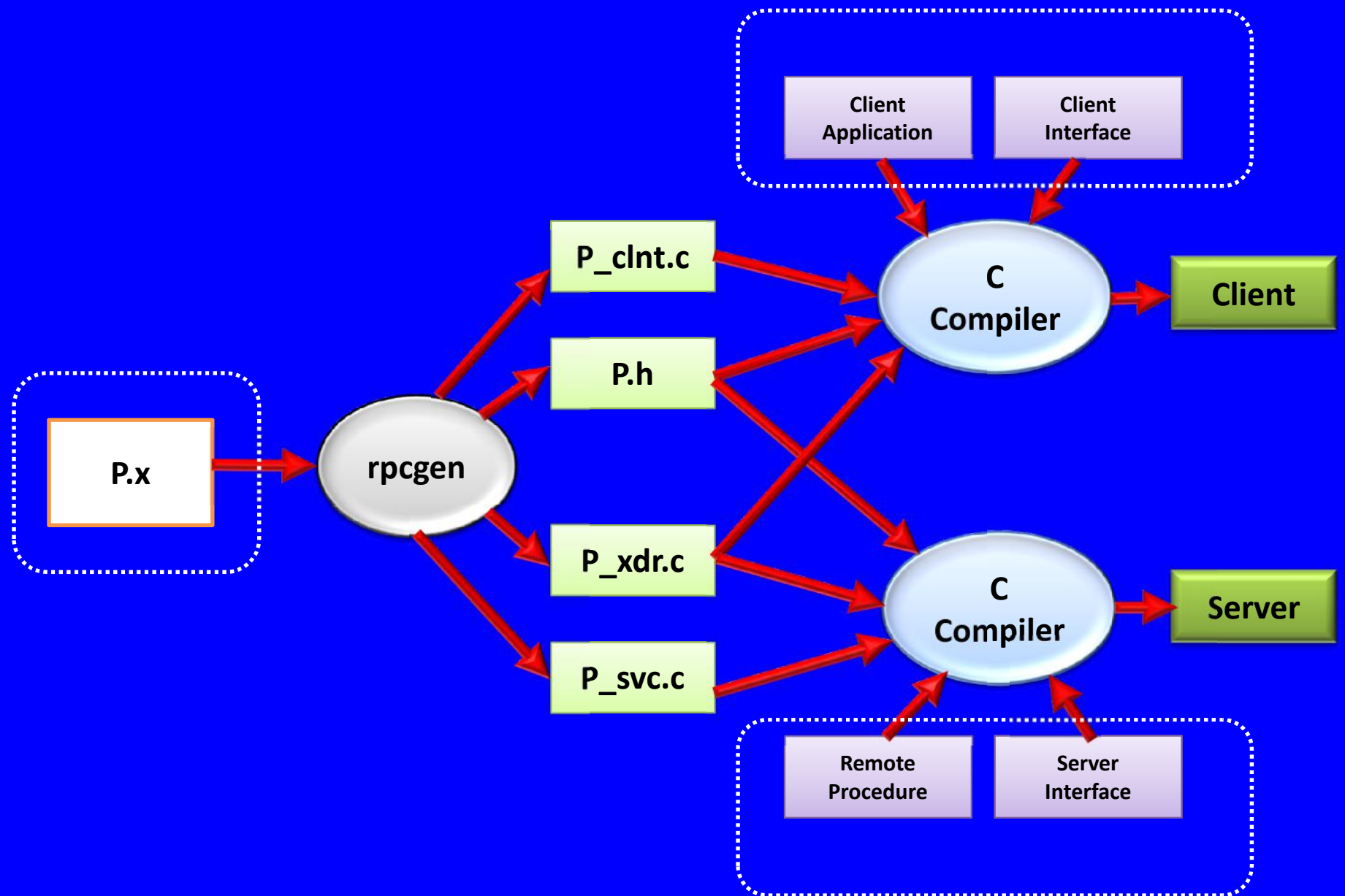
```
bool AreYouMarried;
```

becomes `bool_t AreYouMarried;`

## Example IDL file

P.x

```
program MY_FIRST_RPC_PROGRAM {  
  
    version MY_FIRST_PROGRAM_VERSION {  
  
        void procedure(void)=1;  
  
    }=1;  
  
}=“32 bit hex number”;
```



## test program

- **Specification file** : test.x
- **Client program** : test\_client.c
- **Server program** : test\_server.c



## Note: test\_client.c

- ❖ A client template for an interface.
- Contains:
  - Declaration of function parameters.
  - Return values for each of the functions.

▪ The template code written by rpcgen. test\_client.c

```
void
test_program_1(char *host)
{
    CLIENT *clnt;
    void *result_1;
    char *testproc_1_arg;

#ifdef DEBUG
    clnt = clnt_create (host, TEST_PROGRAM, TEST_VERSION, "udp");
    if (clnt == NULL) {
        clnt_pcreateerror (host);
        exit (1);
    }
#endif /* DEBUG */

    result_1 = testproc_1((void*)&testproc_1_arg, clnt);
    if (result_1 == (void *) NULL) {
        clnt_perror (clnt, "call failed");
    }
#ifdef DEBUG
    clnt_destroy (clnt);
#endif /* DEBUG */
}
```

Return value of a Function

Function parameter

```
int
main (int argc, char *argv[])
{
    char *host;

    if (argc < 2) {
        printf ("usage: %s server_host\n", argv[0]);
        exit (1);
    }
    host = argv[1];
    test_program_1 (host);
    exit (0);
}
```

## test\_server.c:

- ❖ The server function: in test\_server.c file
- ❖ It does nothing.
- ❖ It contains only comments:

```
/*  
 * This is sample code generated by rpcgen.  
 * These are only templates and you can use them  
 * as a guideline for developing your own functions.  
 */  
#include "test.h"  
  
void *  
testproc_1_svc(void *argp, struct svc_req *rqstp)  
{  
    static char * result;  
  
    /*  
     * insert server code here  
     */  
  
    return (void *) &result;  
}
```

```
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[root@localhost test1]# ls
Makefile.test  test_client.o  test.h          test_server.o  test.x
test_client*   test_clnt.c    test_server*    test_svc.c
test_client.c  test_clnt.o    test_server.c   test_svc.o
[root@localhost test1]# ./test_server
```

**Start server  
program**

```
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[root@localhost test1]# ./test_client 127.0.0.1
[root@localhost test1]#
```

**Step - I**

**Remote Procedure Call: Second step**  
**Theoretical Background**



# RPC: Introduction

## What Is RPC ?

- ❖ RPC is a technique for constructing distributed, client-server based applications.



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graph TD; A[RPC Technology] --> B[Distributed Client/Server applications]
```

RPC Technology

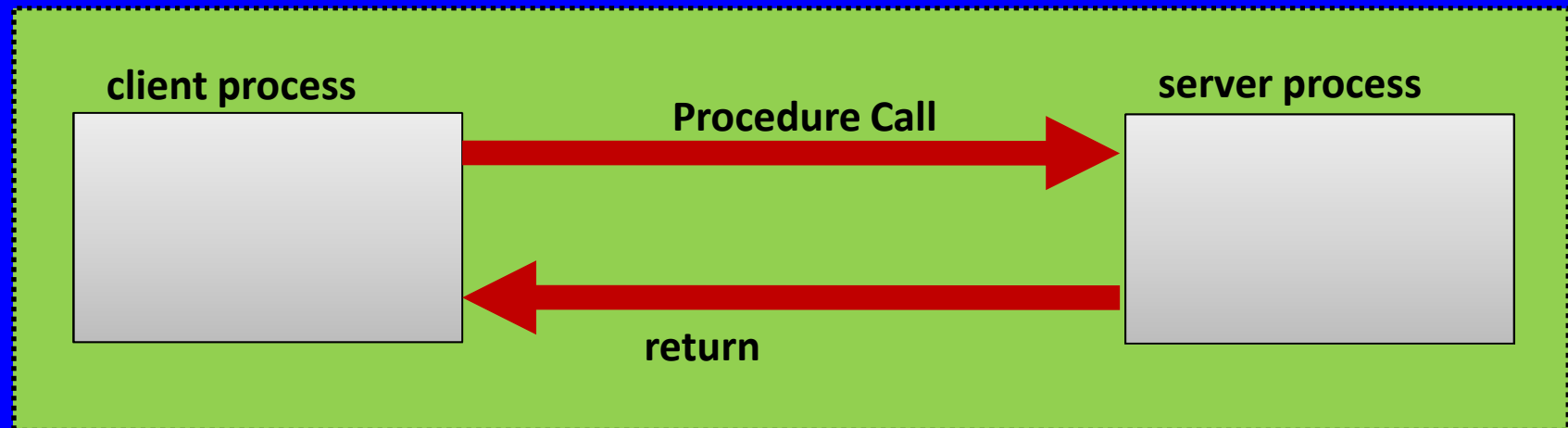
Distributed  
Client/Server applications

- ❖ Extending LPC: the calling procedure and called procedure need not exist in the same address space.

## RPC on a single host

- Client and server processes are in separate address spaces.

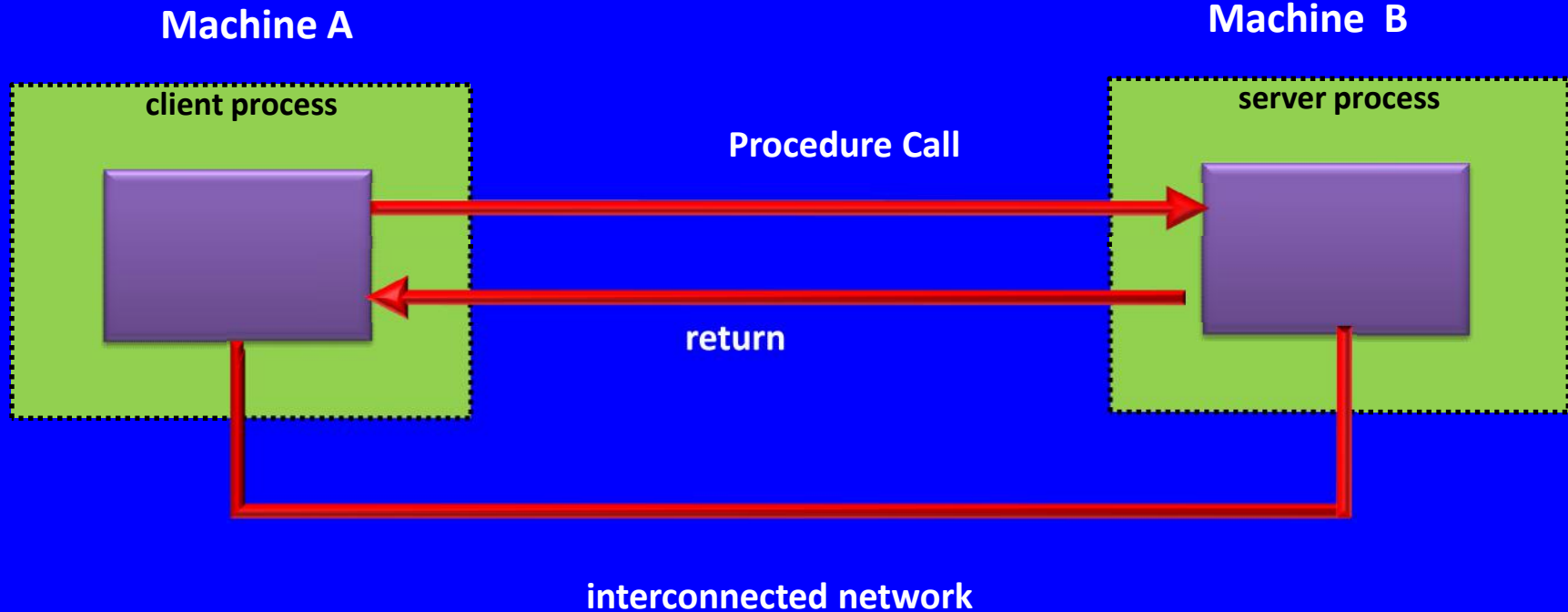
### Machine A



- ❖ A process call a procedure in another process on the same host.

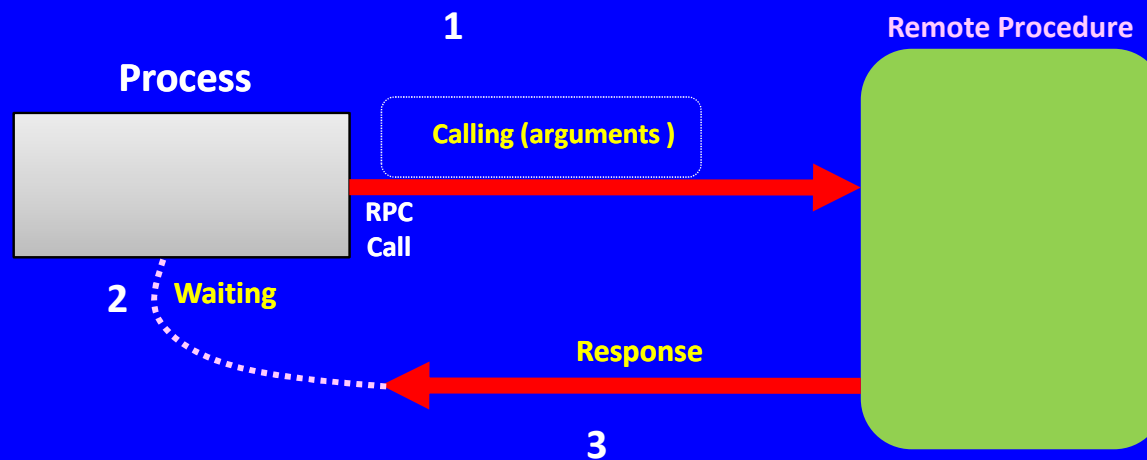
## RPC between hosts

- RPC in general allows a client on one host to call a server procedure on another host.



## How RPC works ?

- ❖ An RPC is analogous to a function call.



- ❖ When an RPC is made, the calling arguments are passed to the remote procedure and the caller waits for a response to be returned from the remote procedure.

## Machine A

### Client\_proc

```
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    result = add ( num1, num2 );
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## Machine B

### Server\_proc as a Daemon

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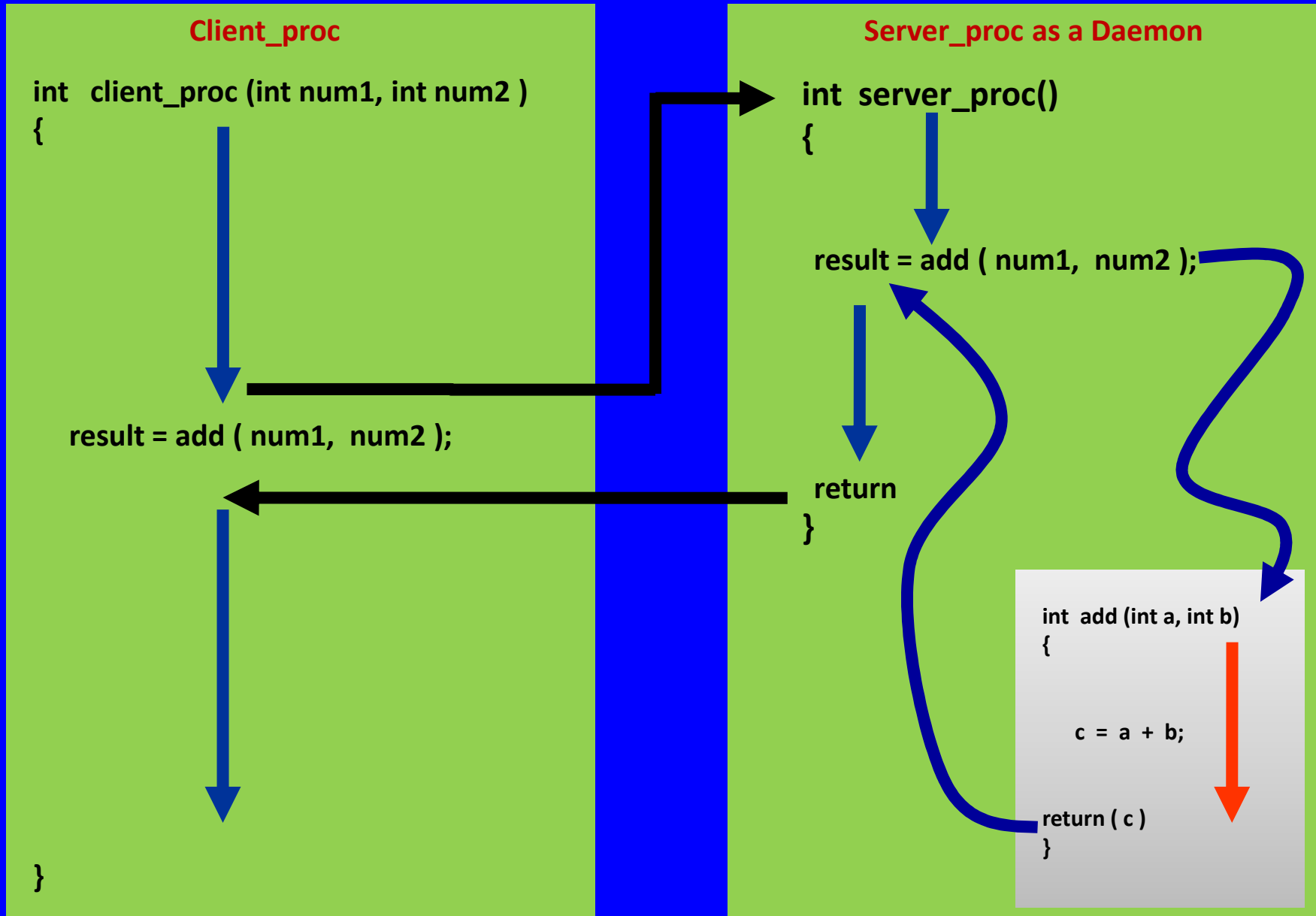
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    return ( c )  
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```



## The RPC Model

- Similar to that of the local model, which works as follows:

### Caller process

1. sends a call message to the server process and blocks for a reply message.
2. When the caller receives the reply message, it gets the results of the procedure.
3. The caller process then continues executing.

### Server process

1. a process is dormant -- awaiting the arrival of a call message.
2. The server process computes a reply against call from the client.
3. Sends reply back to the requesting client.
4. After this, the server process becomes dormant again.

## Machine A

Client\_proc



RPC Call



## Machine B

Server\_proc as a Daemon



Invoke  
service



Call Service



service  
executes



Return answer



Request completed

Return Reply



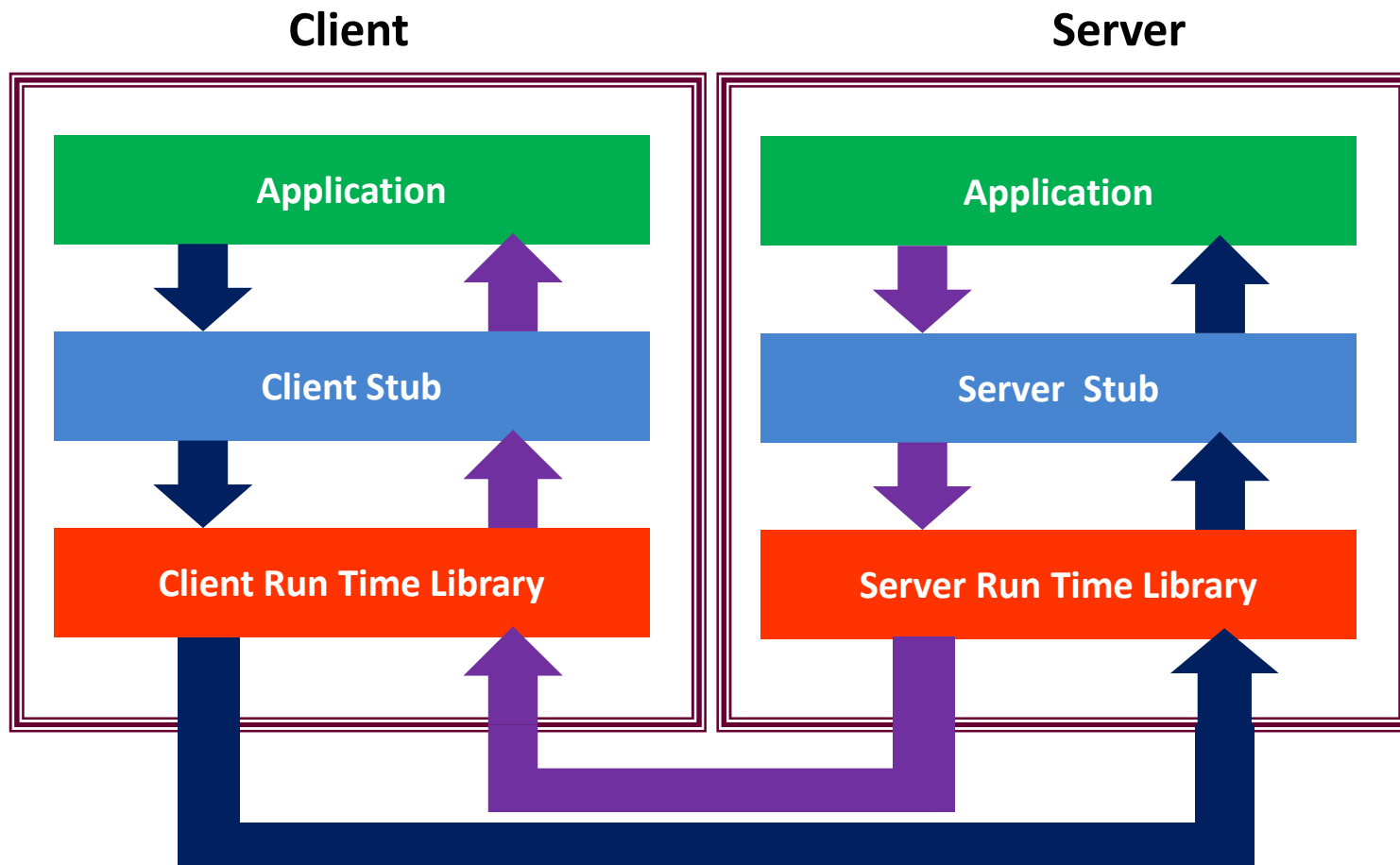
Program  
continue





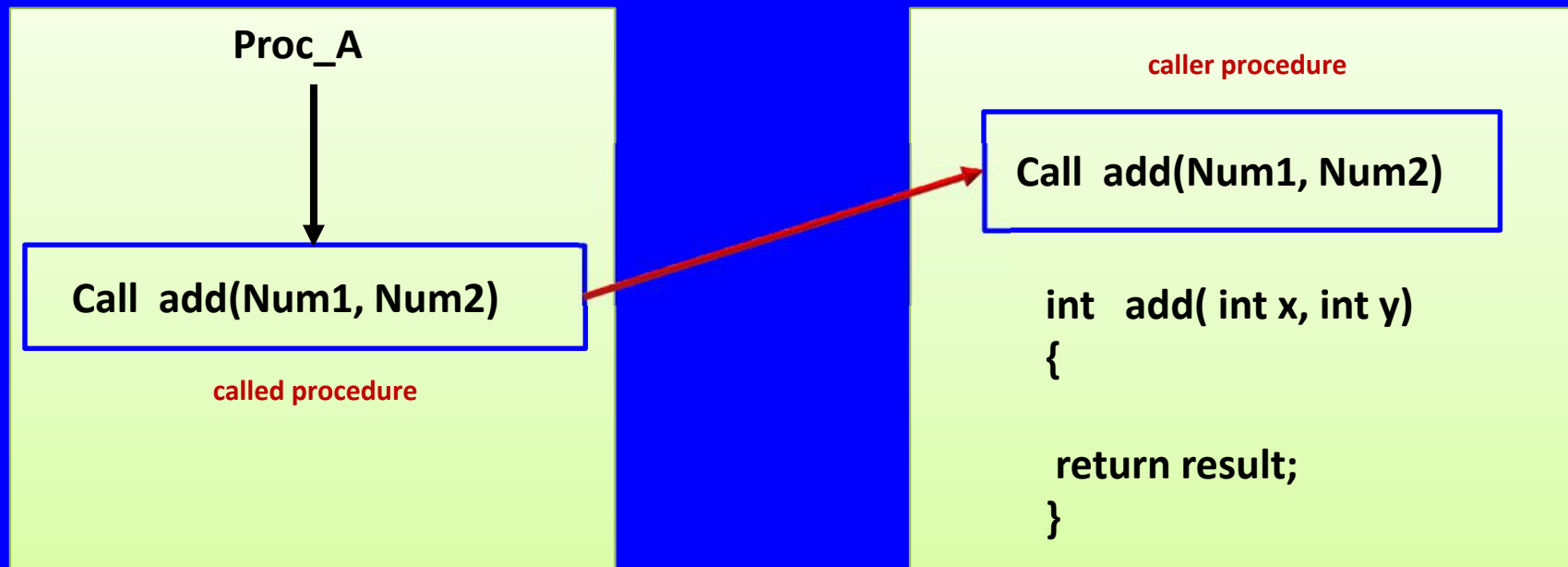
# RPC Architecture

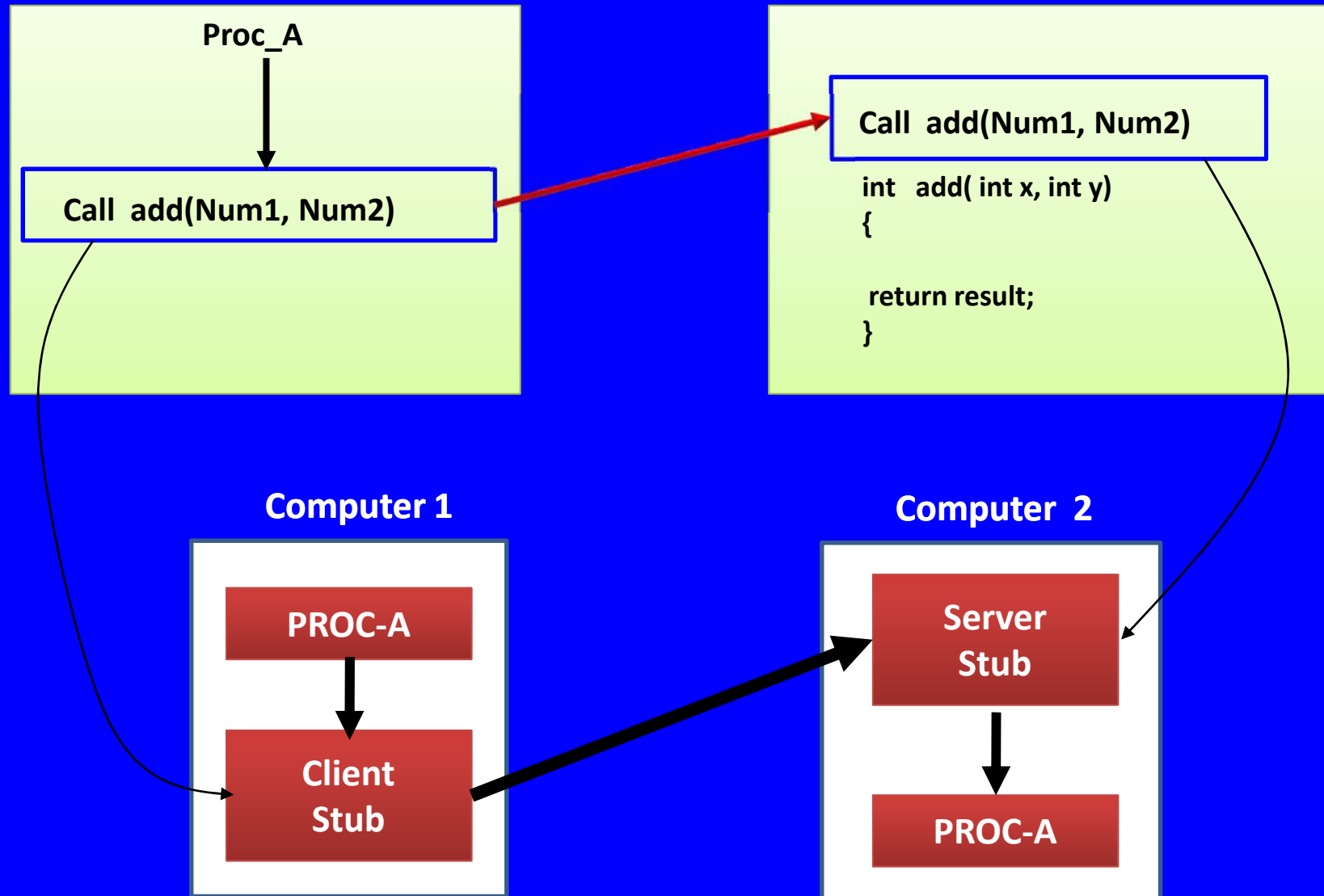
- ❖ The client application calls a local stub procedure instead of the actual code implementing the procedure.



Stubs are compiled and linked with the client application

# Stub procedures



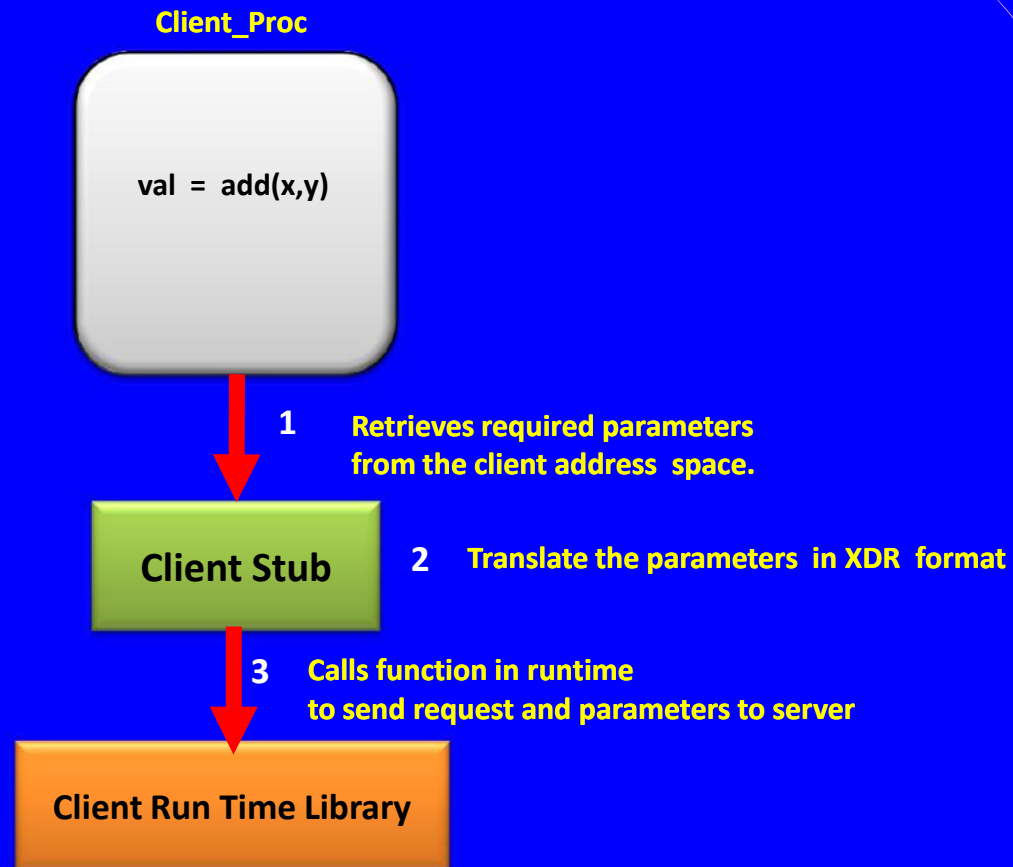


▪ Replaces the called procedure

▪ Replaces the caller procedure

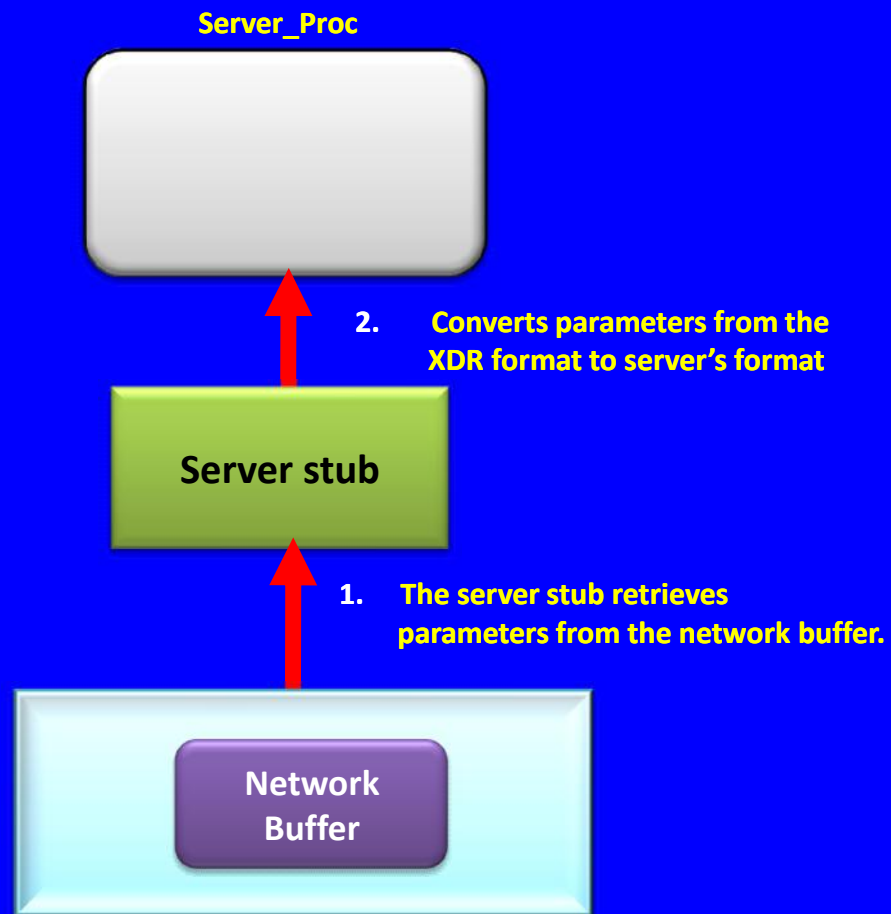
# Client Stub

- ❖ The client stub code contains (instead of actual procedure code)

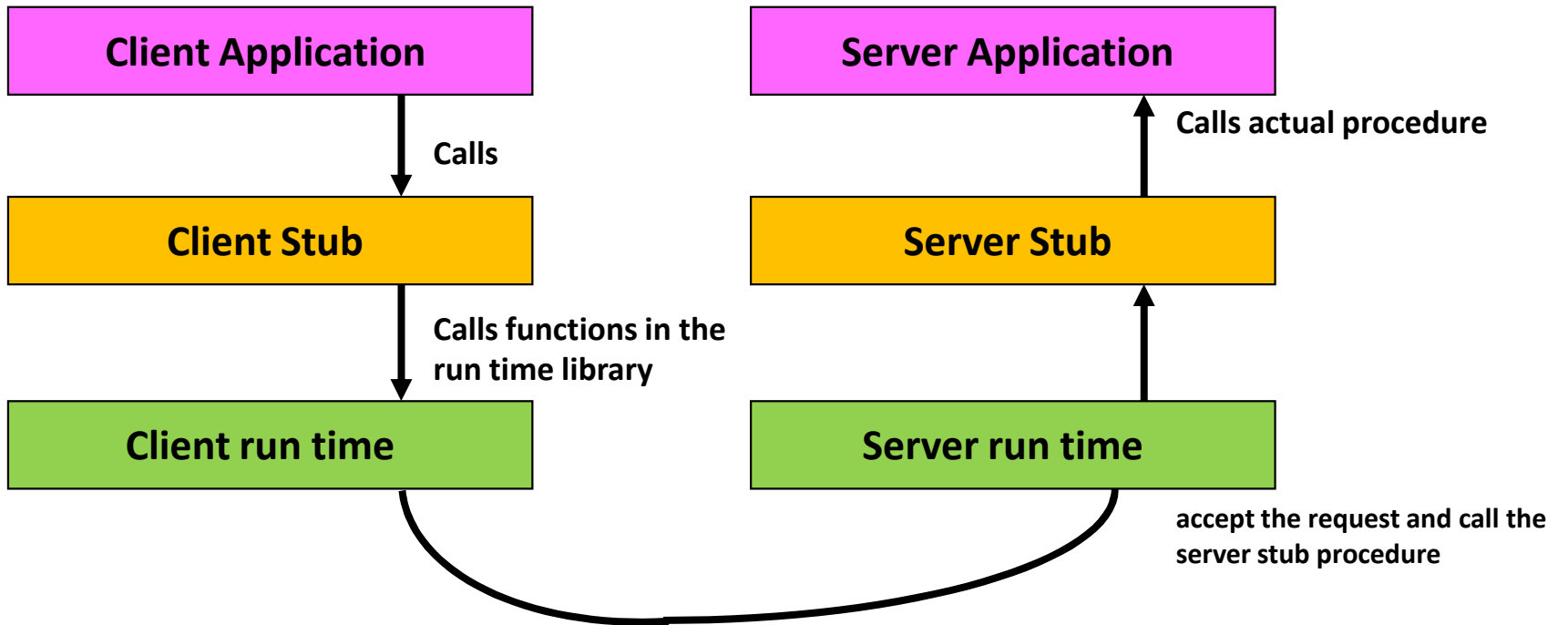


# Server Stub

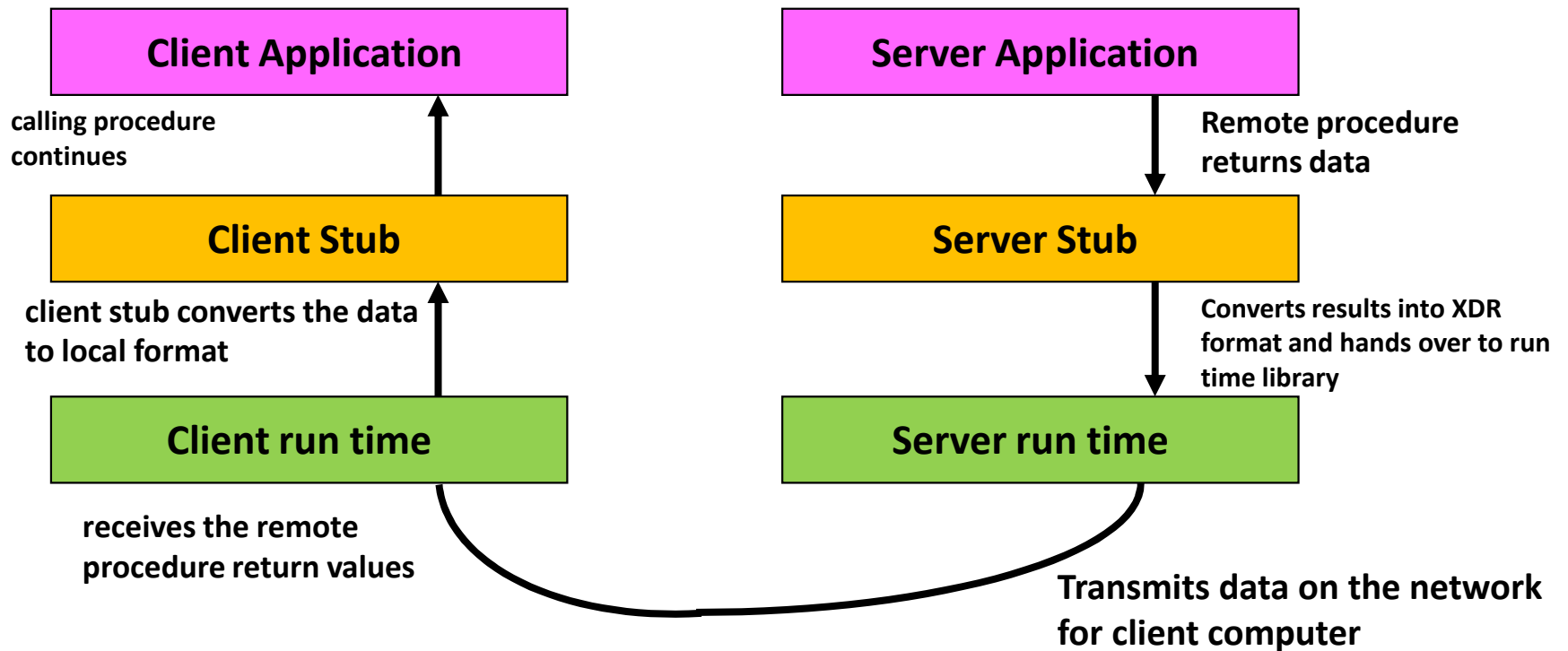
❖ Server stub performs



## RPC calling sequence



## RPC return sequence





**Step - II**

# **Remote Procedure Call: Third step**

## **Sun RPC**

**Sun RPC (ONC RPC)**

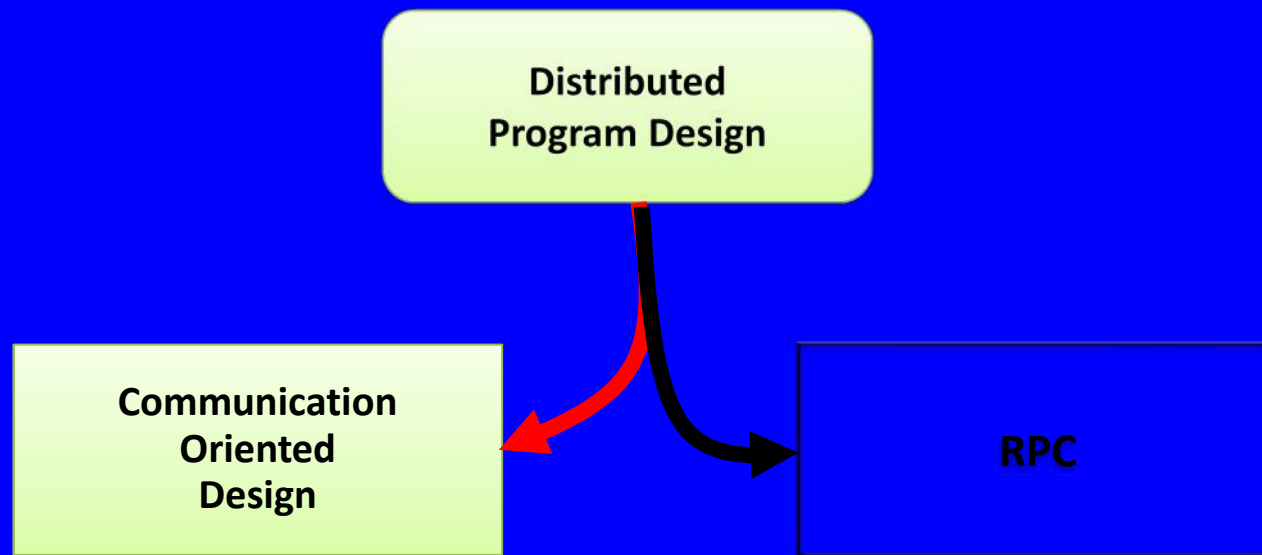
**Distributed  
Program Design**

```
graph TD; A[Distributed Program Design] --> B[Communication Oriented Design]; A --> C[RPC];
```

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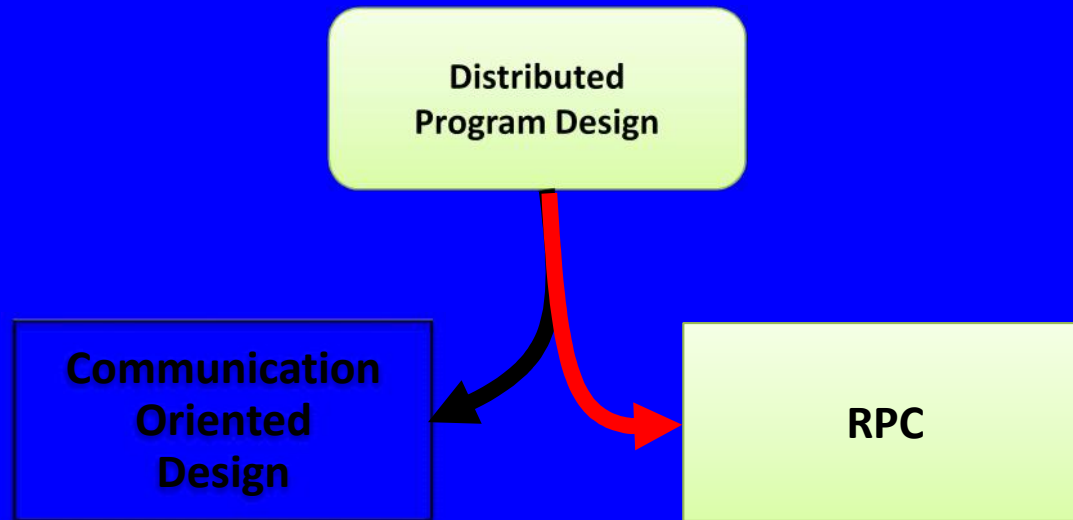
**Communication  
Oriented  
Design**

**RPC**



❖ **Typical socket approach:**

- **Design protocol first.**
- **Build programs based upon the protocol.**

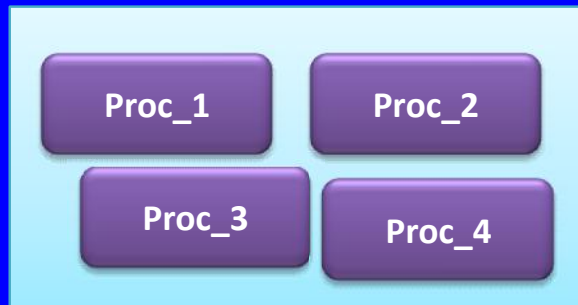


## ❖ RPC

- Build application ( write stand alone application)
- Divide programs up and add communication protocols.

# RPC issues

- ❖ RPC server can have many procedures

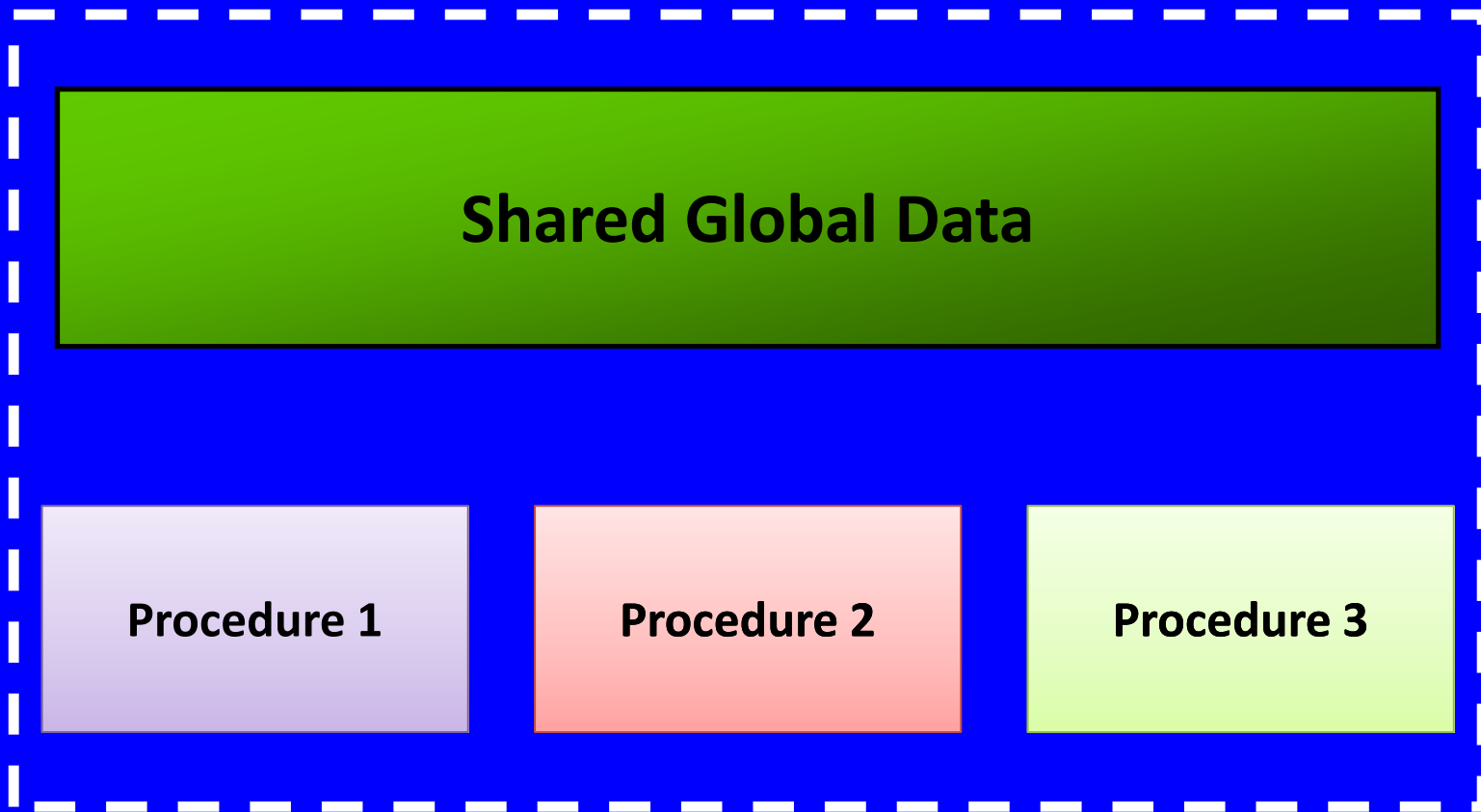


## Basic issues

- ❖ Identify and access the remote procedure
- ❖ Parameters required to call a procedure
- ❖ Return value from the procedure

# Sun RPC Organization

Remote Program





# Procedure Arguments

- ❖ Single argument: Sun RPC includes support for a single argument to a remote procedure.
- ❖ Typically the single argument is a structure that contains a number of values.

```
struct Num {  
    int a, b;  
};  
  
Call proc_add( struct Num);
```

```
proc_add (int a, int b)  
{  
    .....  
}
```

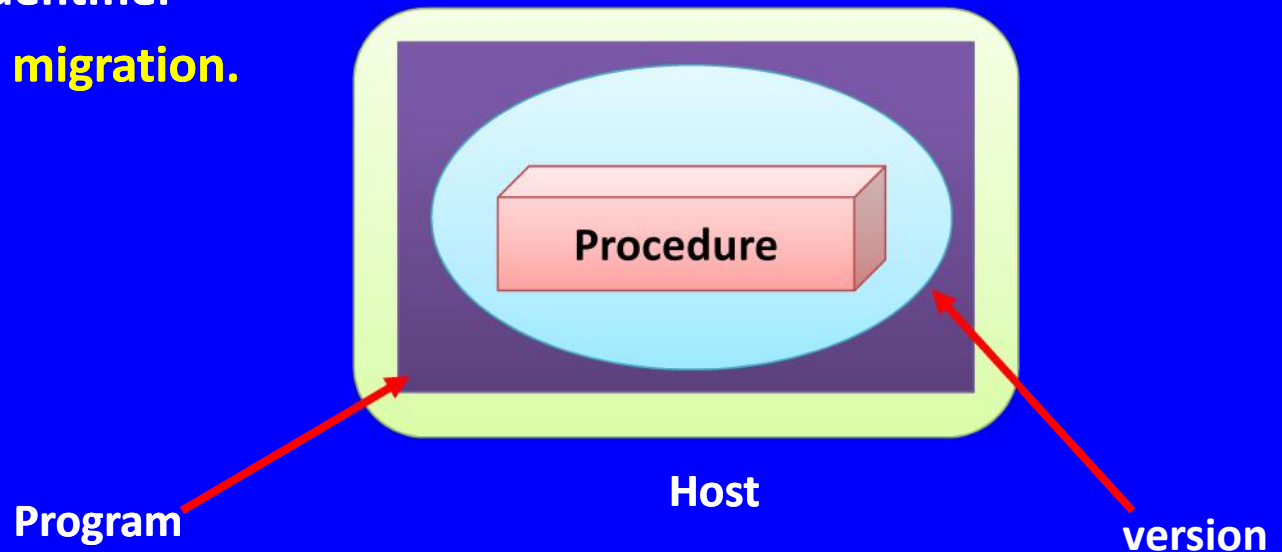
## Procedure Identification

❖ Each procedure is identified by:

- **Hostname (IP Address)**
- **Program identifier**
- **Procedure identifier**

❖ **Program Version identifier**

- **for testing and migration.**



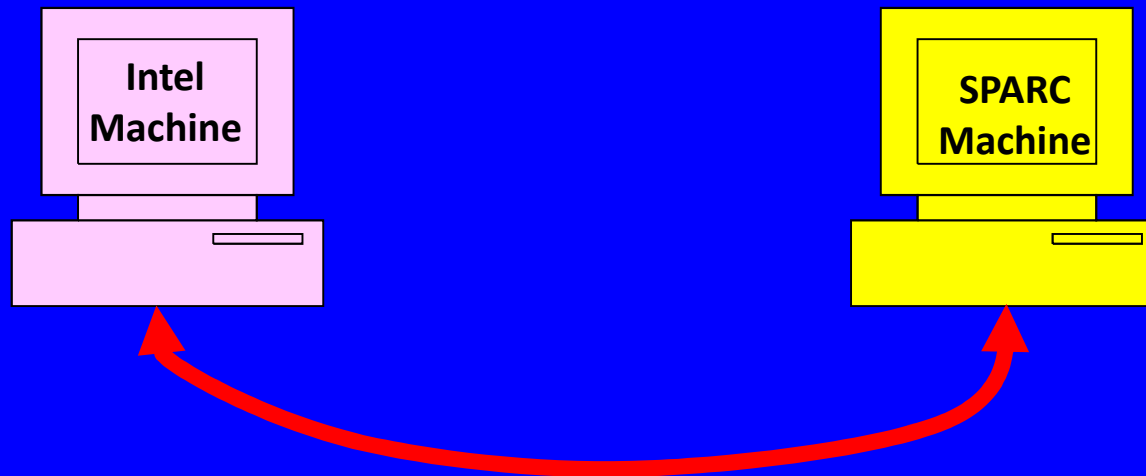
## Assigning Program Numbers

- Program numbers are assigned in groups of 0x20000000 according to the following chart:

0x0 - 0x1fffffff	Defined by Sun
<b>0x20000000 - 0x3fffffff</b>	<b>Defined by user</b>
0x40000000 - 0x5fffffff	Transient
0x60000000 - 0x7fffffff	Reserved
0x80000000 - 0x9fffffff	Reserved
0xa0000000 - 0xbfffffff	Reserved
0xc0000000 - 0xdfffffff	Reserved
0xe0000000 - 0xffffffff	Reserved

# External Data Representation (XDR)

- ❖ XDR is a machine-independent description and encoding of data that can communicate between diverse machines



- ❖ **Serialization:** Converting from a particular machine representation to XDR format is called serializing; the reverse process is deserializing.

## Finding a Remote Procedure

- How does a client find the right server over the network?

☐ **Ordinary client-server code:** the user must supply a host name and a port number.

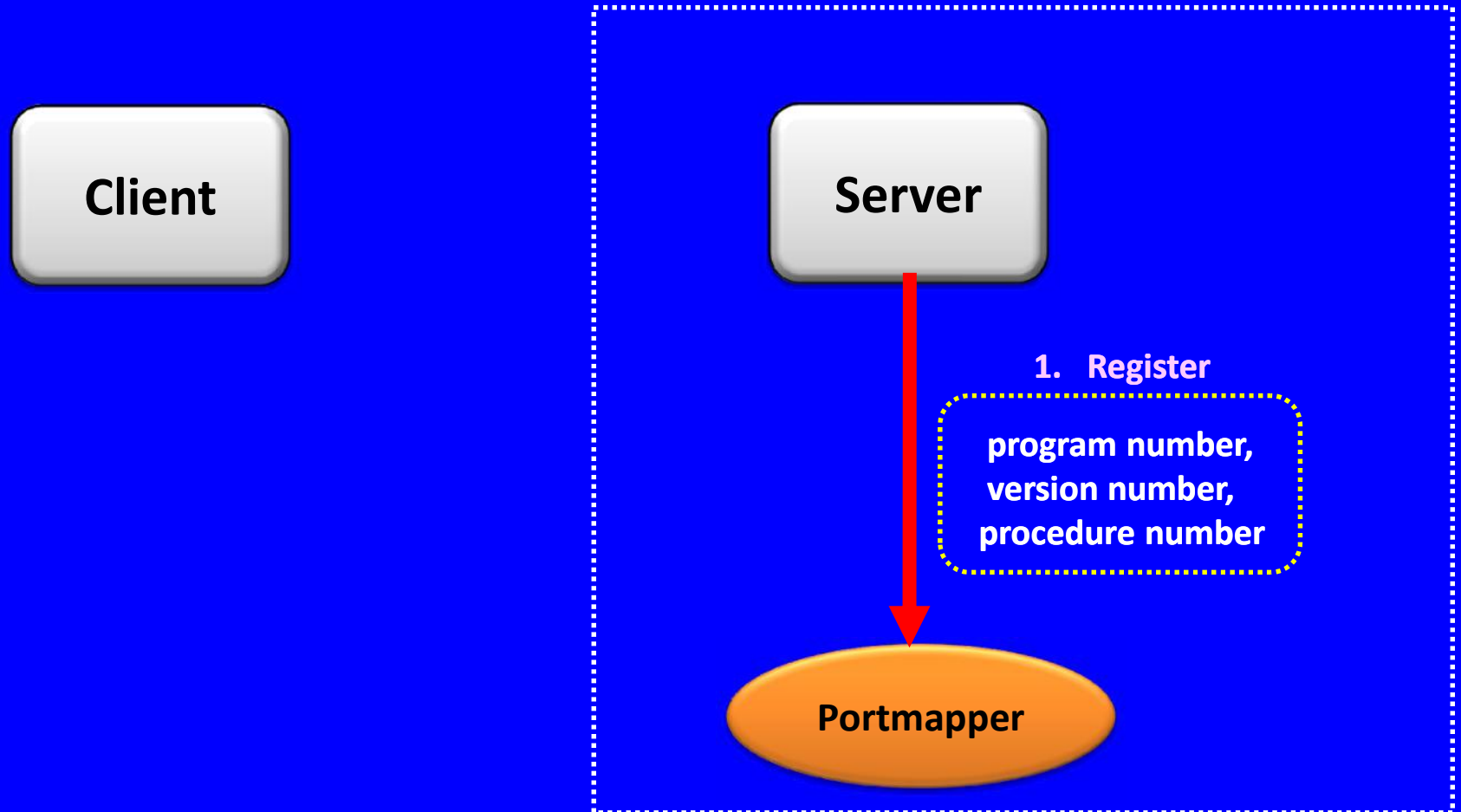
☐ **RPC:** the user only supplies a host name

## Portmapper (rpcbind)

- Each system (RPC servers) runs a port mapper server.
- Portmapper provides a central registry for RPC services.
- Servers tell the port mapper what services they offer.

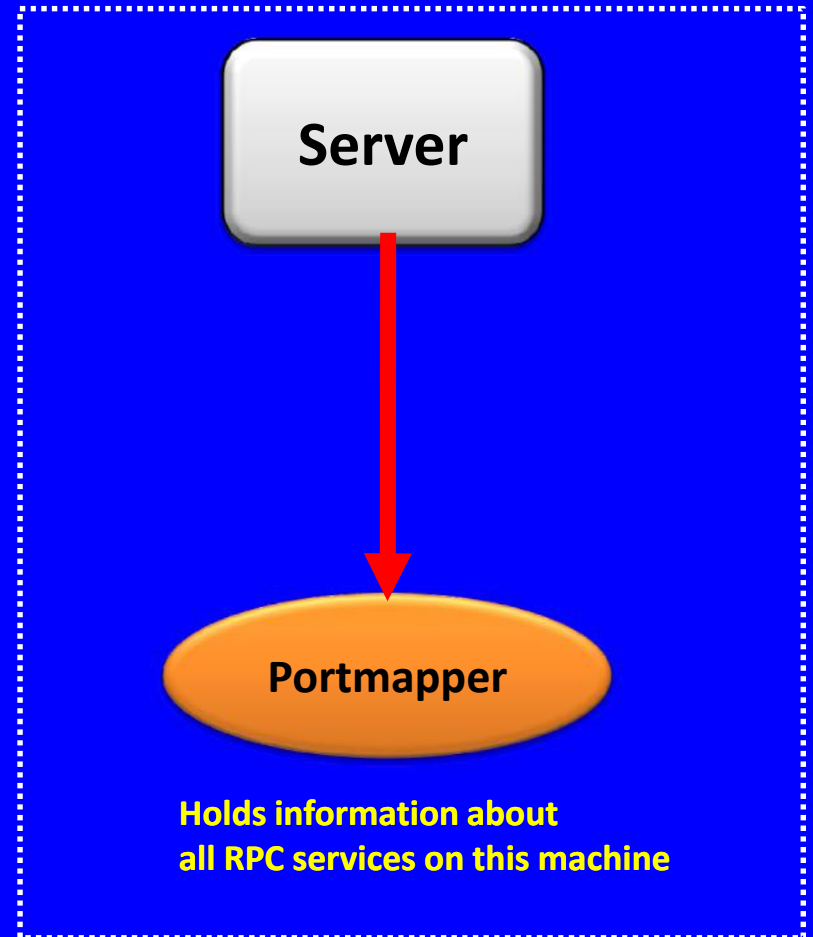
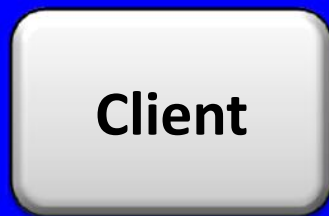
## **Steps in RPC Communication**

- ❖ Each server registers itself with the portmapper when it first starts.

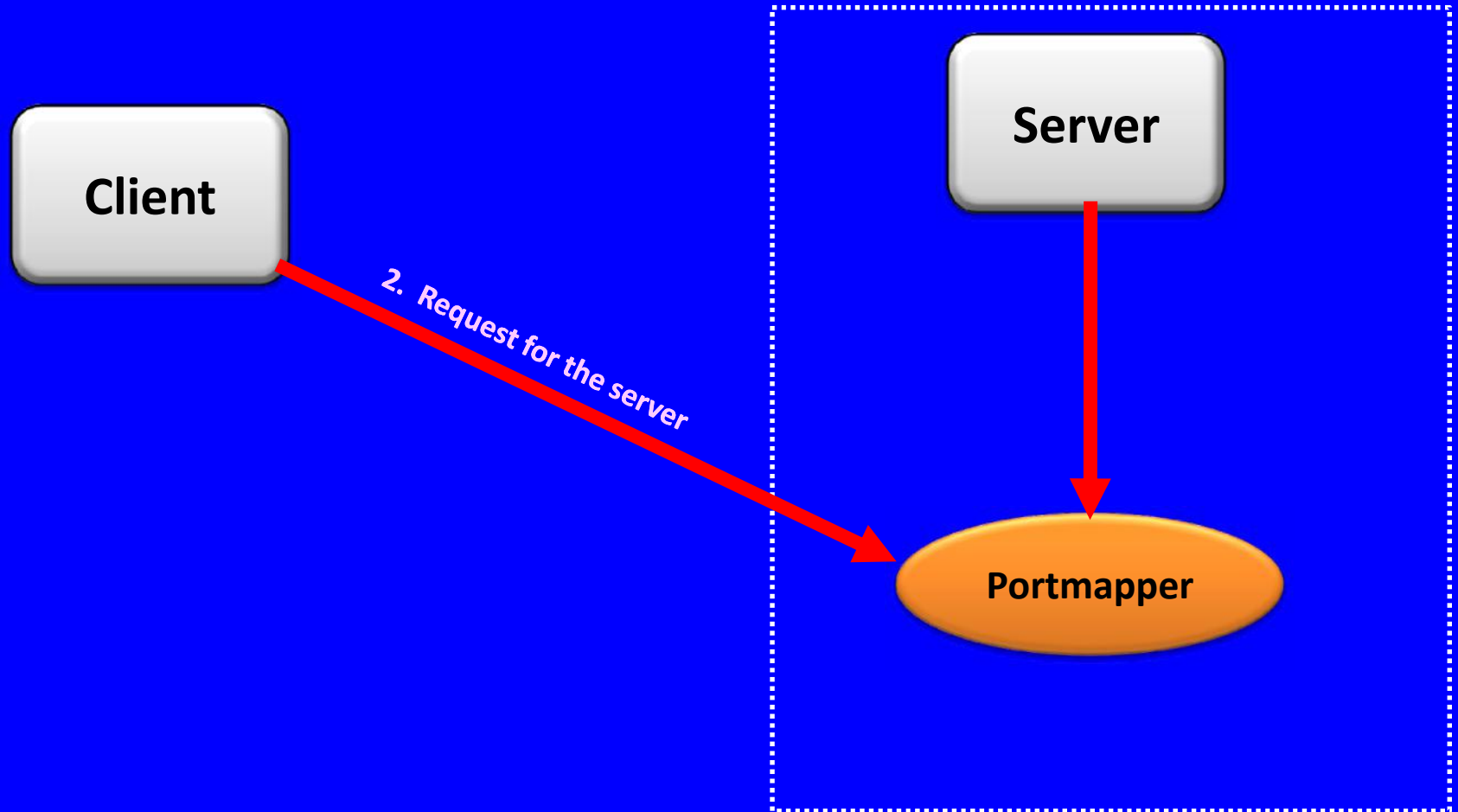




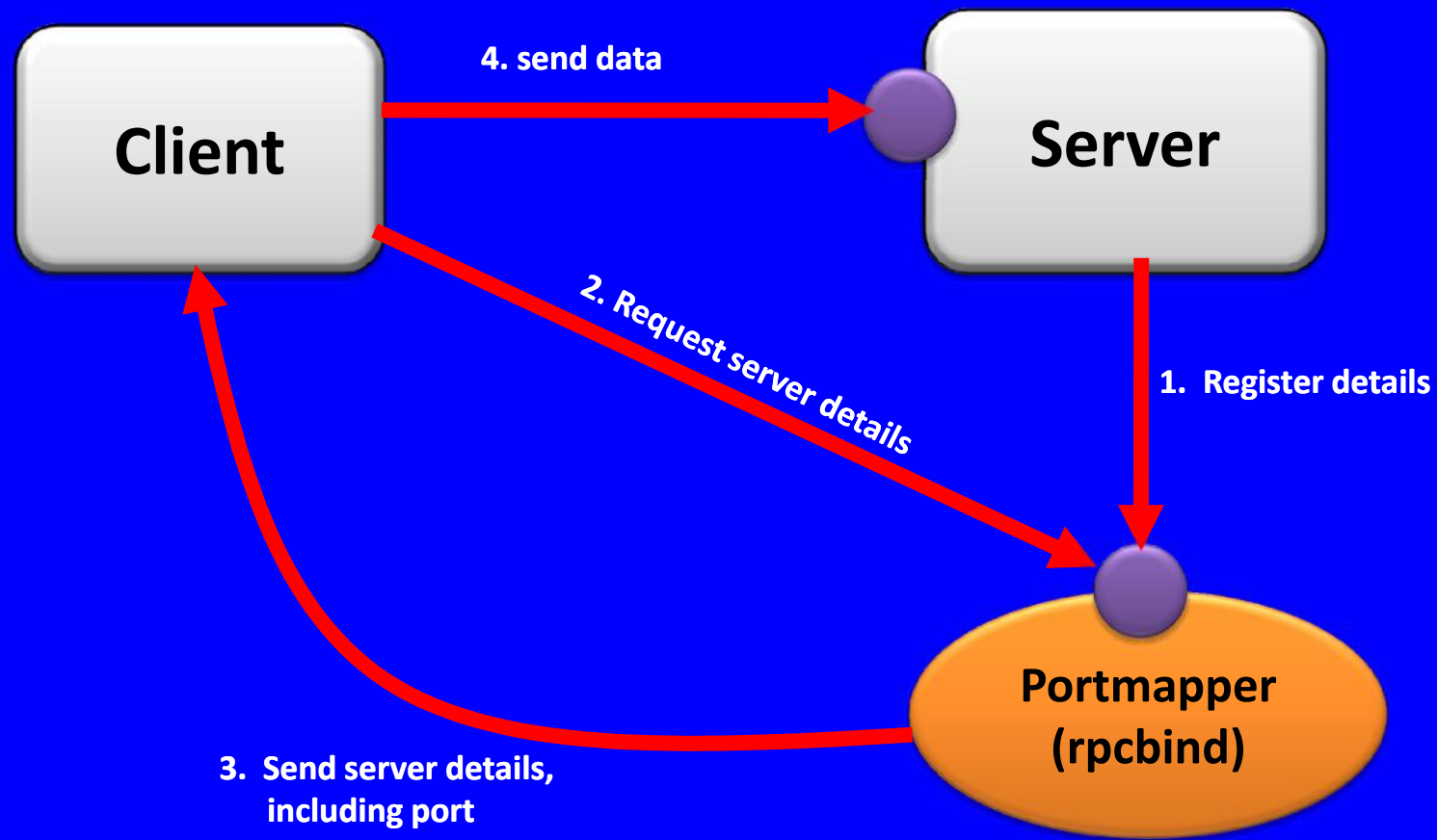
❖ portmapper holds a database of RPC services



- ❖ The client asks to the portmapper for the port of the server.



# Steps in RPC Communication



# Introduction to ONC RPC programming

## Steps to handle

- Step 1. **Create the IDL**
- Step 2. **Generate sample client and server code**
- Step 3. **First test of the client and server**
- Step 4. **Getting the server to do some work**
- Step 5. **Making the client functional**

## **Step 1. Create the IDL (Defining the interface)**

- 1. Declarations for constants used in the client or server.**
- 2. Declarations of the data types used ( especially in arguments to remote procedures).**
- 3. Declarations of remote programs, the procedures contain in each program, and the types of their parameters.**

## File with .x extension

```
program program_name {
```

```
    version program_version {
```

```
        procedure_name_1()= 'procedure_number';
```

```
        procedure_name_2()= 'procedure_number';
```

```
        .....
```

```
        procedure_name_N()= 'procedure_number';
```

```
    } = 'version_number';
```

```
} = '32-bits Hex number';
```

## Example: demo1.x

```
Program DEMO_PROG {  
    version DEMO_VERSION {  
        type1 PROC1(operands1) = 1;  
        type2 PROC2(operands2) = 2;  
    } = 1;  
} = 40000000;
```

### Color Code:

Keywords

Generated Symbolic Constants

Used to generate stub and procedure names



## Program Numbers

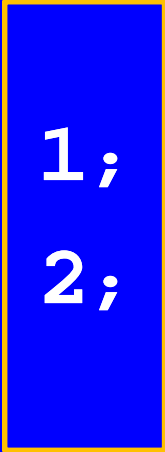
- Each remote program executing on a computer must be assigned a unique 32 – bit integer that the caller uses to identify it.

```
Program DEMO_PROG {  
    version DEMO_VERSION {  
        type1 PROC1(operands1) = 1;  
        type2 PROC2(operands2) = 2;  
    } = 1;  
} = 40000000;
```

0x20000000 - 0x3fffffff

## Procedure Numbers

```
Program DEMO_PROG {  
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    } = 1;  
} = 40000000;
```



- ❖ SUN RPC assigns an integer identifier to each remote procedure inside a given remote program.
- ❖ The procedures are numbered sequentially: 1,2,3...N.

## Procedure Names

```
Program DEMO_PROG {  
    version DEMO_VERSION {  
        type1 PROC1 (operands1) = 1;  
  
        type2 PROC2 (operands2) = 2;  
    } = 1;  
} = 40000000;
```

## Version numbers

```
Program DEMO_PROG {
```

```
    version DEMO_VERSION {
```

```
        type1 PROC1(operands1) = 1;
```

```
        type2 PROC2(operands2) = 2;
```

```
    } = 1;
```

```
} = 40000000;
```

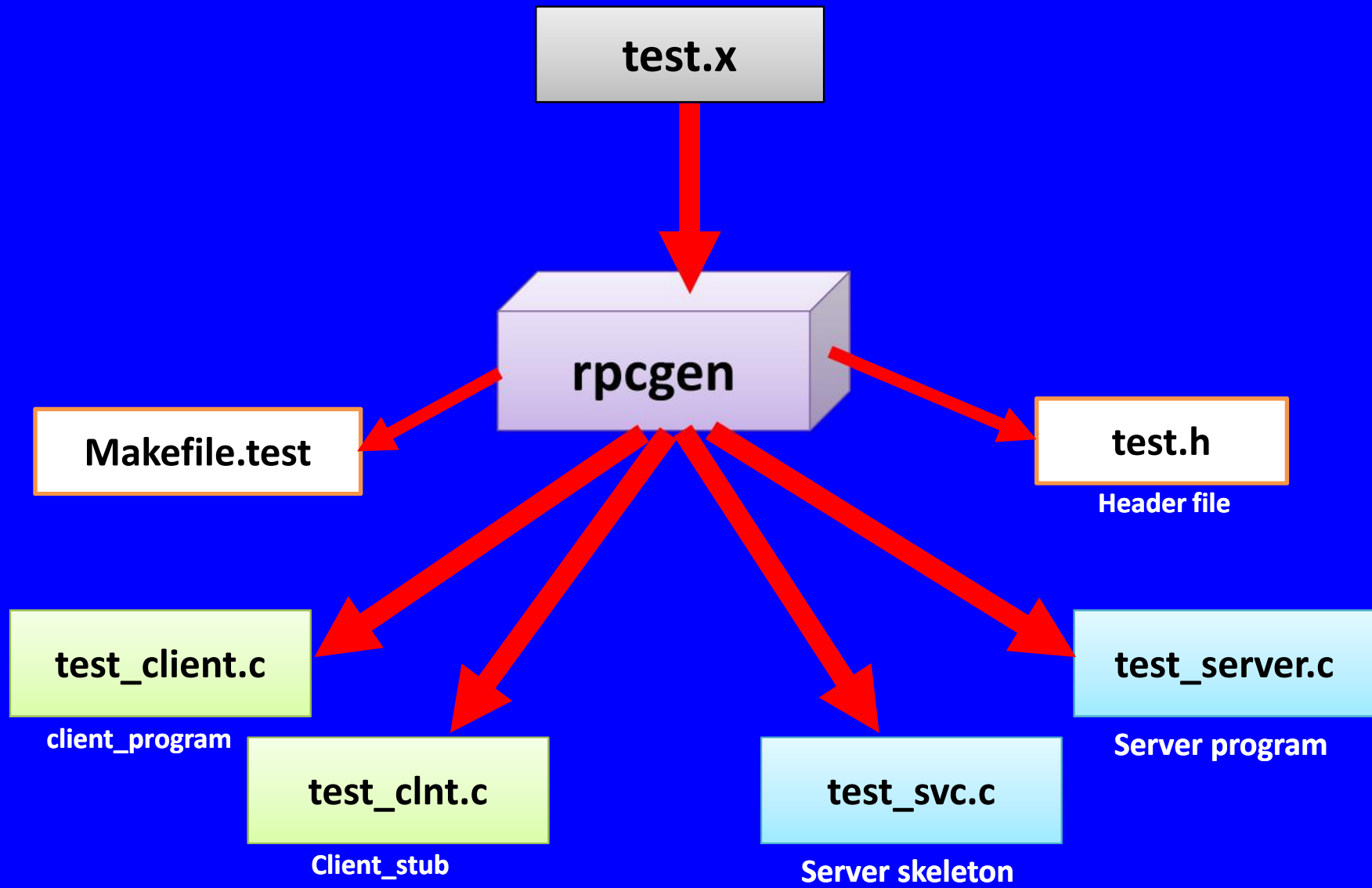
## Example specification file : test.x

```
program TEST_PROGRAM {  
    version TEST_VERSION {  
        void TEST_PROC(void)=1;  
    }=1;  
} = 22222222;
```

## Step 2. Generate sample client and server code

```
[root@localhost test1]# ls  
test.x  
[root@localhost test1]# rpcgen -a -C test.x
```

`$ rpcgen -a -C test.x`



## test.h

```
#ifndef _TEST_H_RPCGEN
#define _TEST_H_RPCGEN
```

```
#include <rpc/rpc.h>
```

```
#ifdef __cplusplus
extern "C" {
#endif
```

```
#define TEST_PROGRAM 22222222
#define TEST_VERSION 1
```

```
#if defined(__STDC__) || defined(__cplusplus)
#define TESTPROC 1
```

```
extern void * testproc_1(void *, CLIENT *);
extern void * testproc_1_svc(void *, struct svc_req *);
extern int test_program_1_freeresult (SVCXPRT *, xdrproc_t, caddr_t);
```

```
program TEST_PROGRAM {
```

```
    version TEST_VERSION {
```

```
        void TEST_PROC(void)=1;
```

```
    }=1;
```

```
    } = 22222222;
```

```
graph TD
    subgraph Definitions
        direction TB
        TP["#define TEST_PROGRAM 22222222"]
        TV["#define TEST_VERSION 1"]
        TPROC["#define TESTPROC 1"]
    end
    subgraph ProgramBlock ["program TEST_PROGRAM {"]
        direction TB
        subgraph VersionBlock ["version TEST_VERSION {"]
            direction TB
            TPROC_U["void TEST_PROC(void)=1;"]
        end
        TV_U["}=1;"]
    end
    TP_U["} = 22222222;"]

    TP --> TP_U
    TV --> TV_U
    TPROC --> TPROC_U
```



**Step 3. First test of the client and server**

# Edit makefile

- Edit the makefile and find the line that defines CFLAGS:

1

CFLAGS += -g  
and change it to:

CFLAGS += -g -DRPC\_SVC\_FG

- We will make sure that the server is compiled so that the symbol `RPC_SVC_FG` is defined.
- This will cause our server to run in the foreground.

- Change **RPCGENFLAGS =** to
- **RPCGENFLAGS = -C**

- **rpcgen generates code that conforms to ANSI C, add a -C parameter to the rpcgen command**

```
# This is a template Makefile generated by rpcgen
```

```
# Parameters
```

```
CLIENT = test_client
```

```
SERVER = test_server
```

```
SOURCES_CLNT.c =
```

```
SOURCES_CLNT.h =
```

```
SOURCES_SVC.c =
```

```
SOURCES_SVC.h =
```

```
SOURCES.x = test.x
```

```
TARGETS_SVC.c = test_svc.c test_server.c
```

```
TARGETS_CLNT.c = test_clnt.c test_client.c
```

```
TARGETS = test.h test_clnt.c test_svc.c test_client.c test_server.c
```

```
OBJECTS_CLNT = $(SOURCES_CLNT.c:%.c=%.o) $(TARGETS_CLNT.c:%.c=%.o)
```

```
OBJECTS_SVC = $(SOURCES_SVC.c:%.c=%.o) $(TARGETS_SVC.c:%.c=%.o)
```

```
# Compiler flags
```

```
CFLAGS += -g
```

```
LDLIBS += -lnsl
```

```
RPCGENFLAGS =
```

```
# Compiler flags
```

```
CFLAGS += -g -DRPC_SVC_FG
```

```
LDLIBS += -lnsl
```

```
RPCGENFLAGS = -C
```

▪ The template code written by rpcgen. test\_client.c

```
void
test_program_1(char *host)
{
    CLIENT *clnt;
    void *result_1;
    char *testproc_1_arg;

#ifdef DEBUG
    clnt = clnt_create (host, TEST_PROGRAM, TEST_VERSION, "udp");
    if (clnt == NULL) {
        clnt_pcreateerror (host);
        exit (1);
    }
#endif /* DEBUG */

    result_1 = testproc_1((void*)&testproc_1_arg, clnt);
    if (result_1 == (void *) NULL) {
        clnt_perror (clnt, "call failed");
    }
#ifdef DEBUG
    clnt_destroy (clnt);
#endif /* DEBUG */
}
```

Return value of a Function

Function parameter

```
int
main (int argc, char *argv[])
{
    char *host;

    if (argc < 2) {
        printf ("usage: %s server_host\n", argv[0]);
        exit (1);
    }
    host = argv[1];
    test_program_1 (host);
    exit (0);
}
```

## `test_client.c:`

- **A client template for an interface created by rpcgen.**
- **Contains:**
  - **Declaration of function parameters.**
  - **Return values for each of the functions.**

## test\_server.c

- ❖ The server function: in test\_server.c file
- ❖ It does nothing.
- ❖ It contains only comments:



```
/*  
 * This is sample code generated by rpcgen.  
 * These are only templates and you can use them  
 * as a guideline for developing your own functions.  
 */  
#include "test.h"  
  
void *  
testproc_1_svc(void *argp, struct svc_req *rqstp)  
{  
    static char * result;  
  
    /*  
     * insert server code here  
     */  
  
    return (void *) &result;  
}
```

## Step 4. Getting the server to do some work

- Replace comments with a single print statement:

```
printf("connection checked \n");
```

```
#include "test.h"

void *
testproc_1_svc(void *argp, struct svc_req *rqstp)
{
    static char * result;

    /*
     * inserted test code here
     */
    printf("connection checked\n");

    return (void *) &result;
}
```

## Step 5. Run programs

### ❖ Build using make

```
[root@localhost test1]# make -f Makefile.test
cc -g -DRPC_SVC_FG -c -o test_clnt.o test_clnt.c
cc -g -DRPC_SVC_FG -c -o test_client.o test_client.c
cc -g -DRPC_SVC_FG -o test_client test_clnt.o test_client.o -lnsl
cc -g -DRPC_SVC_FG -c -o test_svc.o test_svc.c
cc -g -DRPC_SVC_FG -c -o test_server.o test_server.c
cc -g -DRPC_SVC_FG -o test_server test_svc.o test_server.o -lnsl
```

```
root@localhost: /root/2011/BE_IT/RPC/examples/test1 - Shell - Konsole <2
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[root@localhost test1]# ls
Makefile.test  test_client.o  test.h          test_server.o  test.x
test_client*   test_clnt.c    test_server*    test_svc.c
test_client.c  test_clnt.o    test_server.c   test_svc.o
[root@localhost test1]# ./test_server
█
```

```
root@localhost: /root/2011/BE_IT/RPC/examples/test1 - Shell - Konsole
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[root@localhost test1]# ./test_client 127.0.0.1
[root@localhost test1]# █
```

root@localhost: /root/2011/BE\_IT/RPC/examples/test1 - Shell - Konsole

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```
[root@localhost test1]# ./test_client 127.0.0.1
```

```
[root@localhost test1]#
```

root@localhost: /root/2011/BE\_IT/RPC/examples/test1 - Shell - Konsole <

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```
[root@localhost test1]# ls
```

```
Makefile.test  test_client.o  test.h          test_server.o  test.x
```

```
test_client*   test_clnt.c    test_server*    test_svc.c
```

```
test_client.c  test_clnt.o    test_server.c   test_svc.o
```

```
[root@localhost test1]# ./test_server
```

```
connection checked
```

**Step - III**

**Remote Procedure Call: Fourth Step**  
**Write meaningful RPC programs**



## add.c

- This program prints out the addition of two numbers provided by the user on the command line.

```
$ ./add 5 6
```

```
11
```

```
$
```

❖ first get the stand-alone application working.

## Data and functions in the program

**ilInfo**

```
struct InputInfo {  
    int num1;  
    int num2;  
};
```

**oInfo**

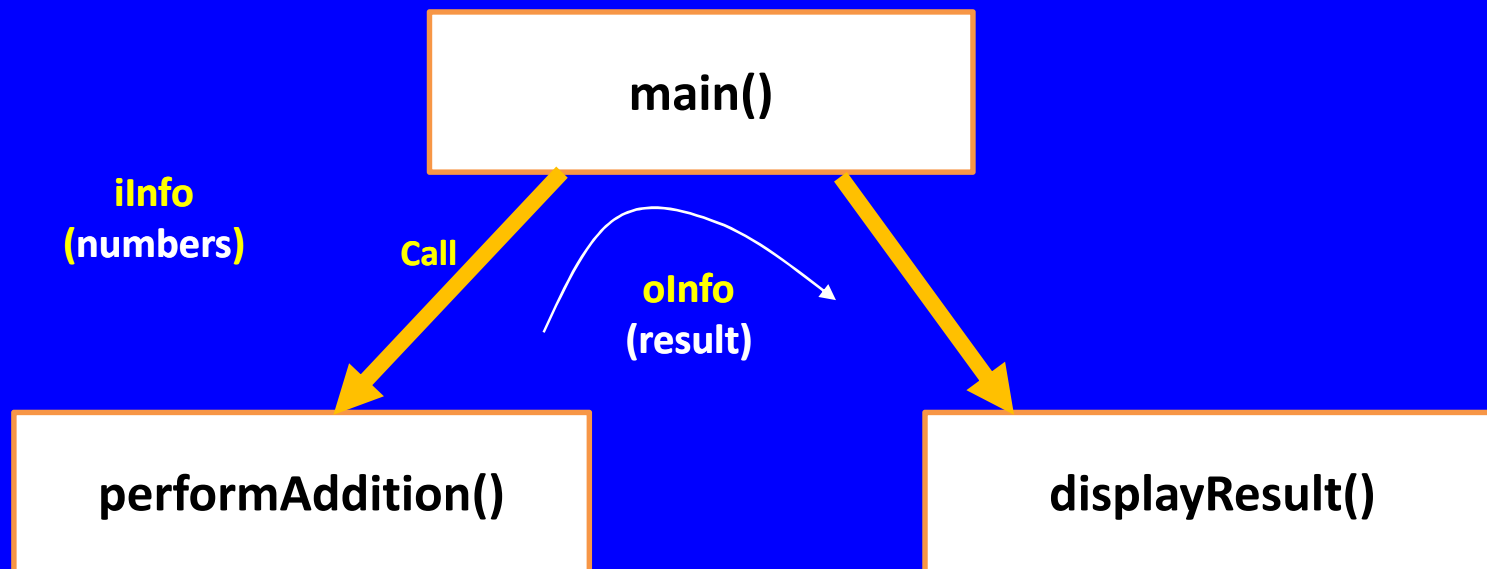
```
struct OutputInfo {  
    int result;  
};
```

```
void displayResult(struct OutputInfo oInfo);
```

```
struct OutputInfo performAddition(struct InputInfo ilInfo);
```

# Flow of Functions

one machine,  
(in one program)



## add.c

```
#include<stdio.h>
```

```
struct InputInfo {  
    int num1;  
    int num2;  
};
```

```
struct OutputInfo {  
    int result;  
};
```

```
void displayResult(struct OutputInfo oInfo);  
struct OutputInfo performAddition(struct InputInfo iInfo);
```

```
int main(int argc, char* argv[])  
{
```

```
    int n1, n2;
```

```
    struct InputInfo iInfo;
```

```
    struct OutputInfo oInfo;
```

```
    if(argc != 3){
```

```
        printf("usage: ./add num1 num2\n");
```

```
        exit(-1);
```

```
    }
```

```
    n1 = atoi(argv[1]);
```

```
    n2 = atoi(argv[2]);
```

```
    iInfo.num1 = n1;
```

```
    iInfo.num2 = n2;
```

```
    oInfo = performAddition(iInfo);
```

```
    displayResult(oInfo);
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

```
struct InputInfo {  
    int num1;  
    int num2;  
};
```

```
struct OutputInfo {  
    int result;  
};
```

```
struct InputInfo {  
    int num1;  
    int num2;  
};
```

```
struct OutputInfo performAddition( struct InputInfo ilInfo )  
{  
    struct OutputInfo oInfo;  
    int    sum;  
  
    sum = ilInfo.num1 + ilInfo.num2;  
  
    oInfo.result = sum;  
  
    return oInfo;  
}
```

```
void displayResult( struct OutputInfo oInfo )  
{  
    printf(" sum of two numbers=%d\n ", oInfo.result );  
}
```

## Note about add.c

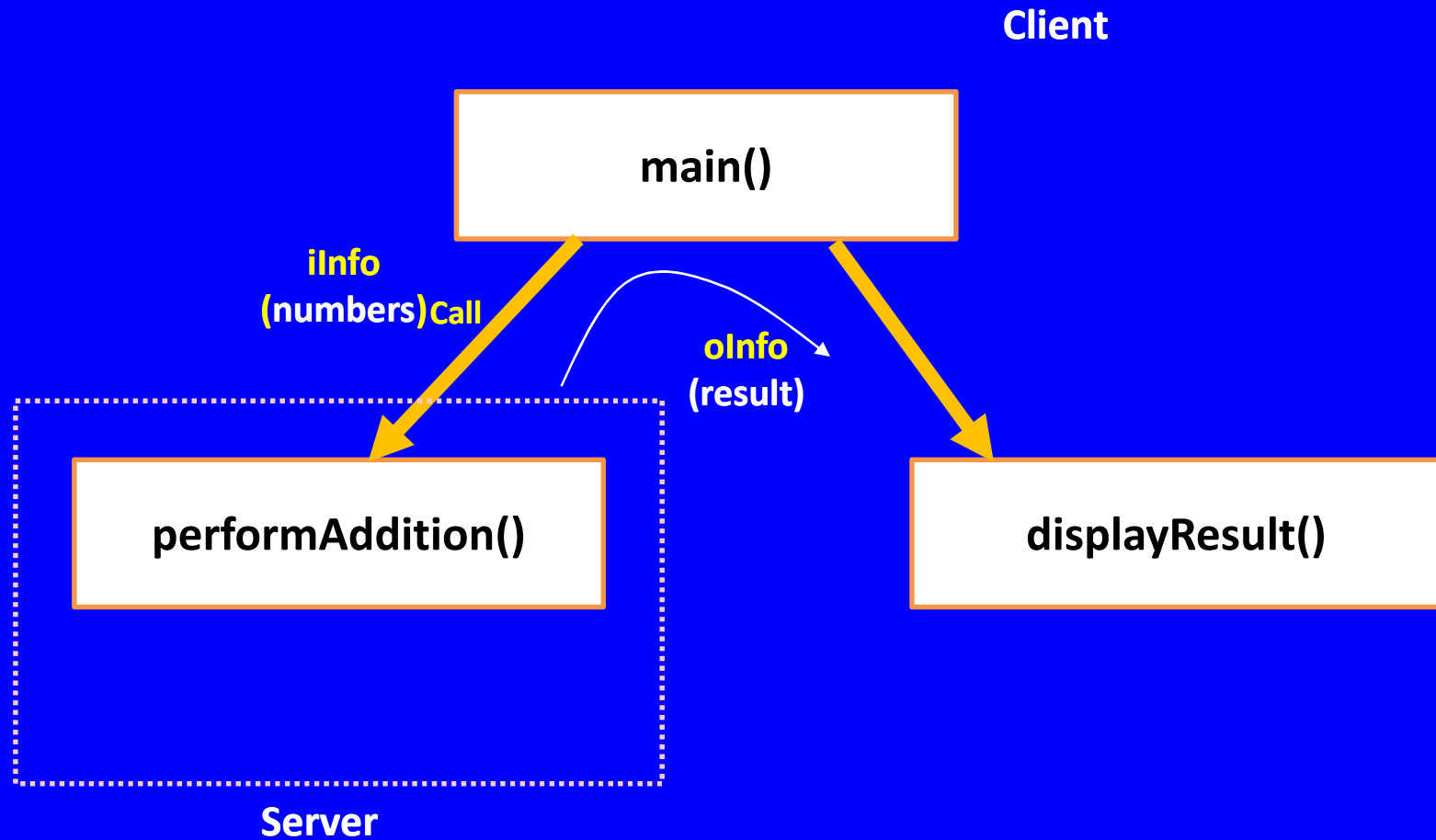
- **Complex data structures:** standalone program to networked RPC conversion becomes easier.
- **Coding strategy:**
  - Write the standalone application first (perform addition);
  - then convert into the network code (RPC)



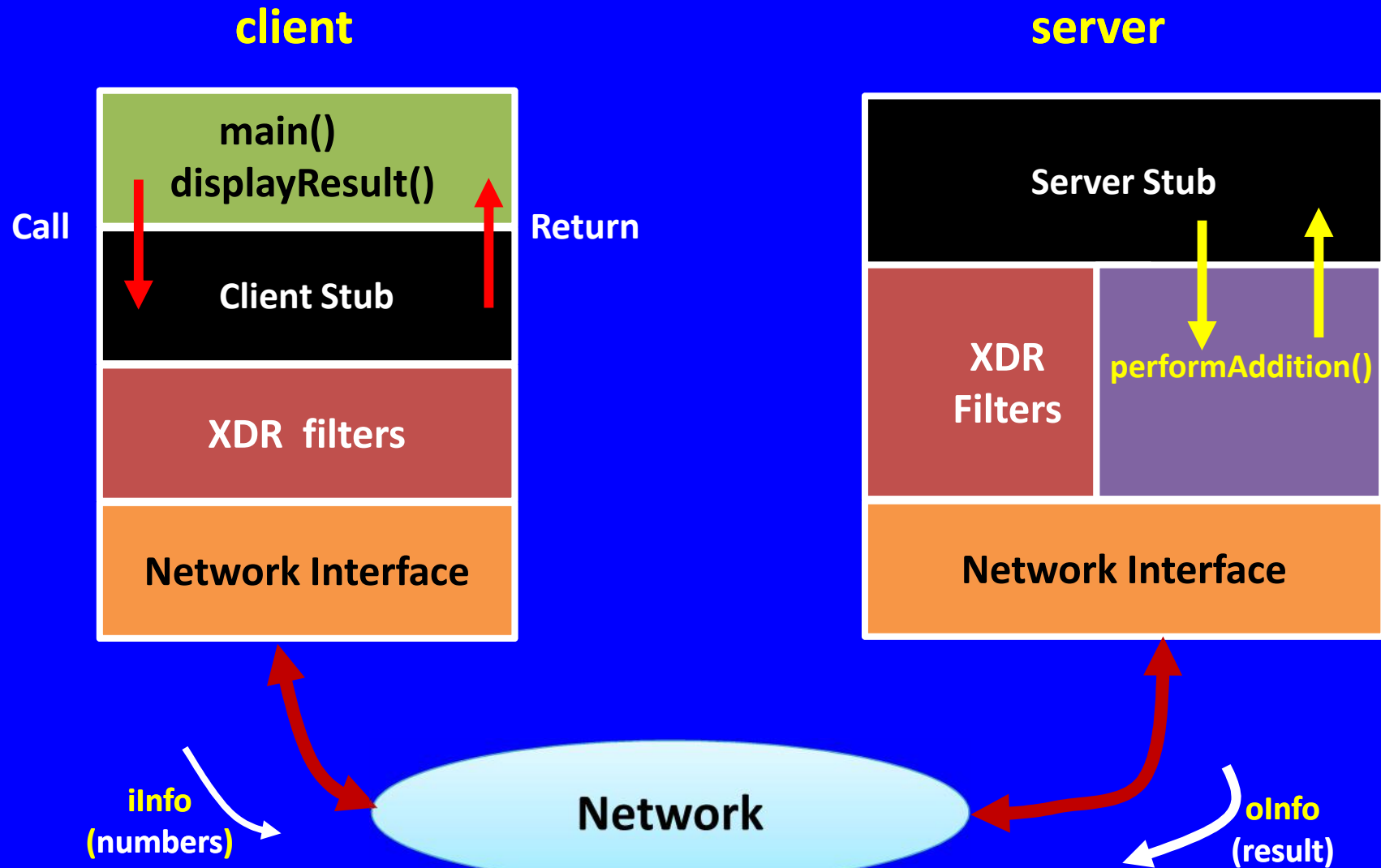
## add.c program ( rpc based)

- Convert standalone add.c into a network application using RPC.
- performAddition() will be the remote procedure.

# Flow of Functions



# RPC Communication

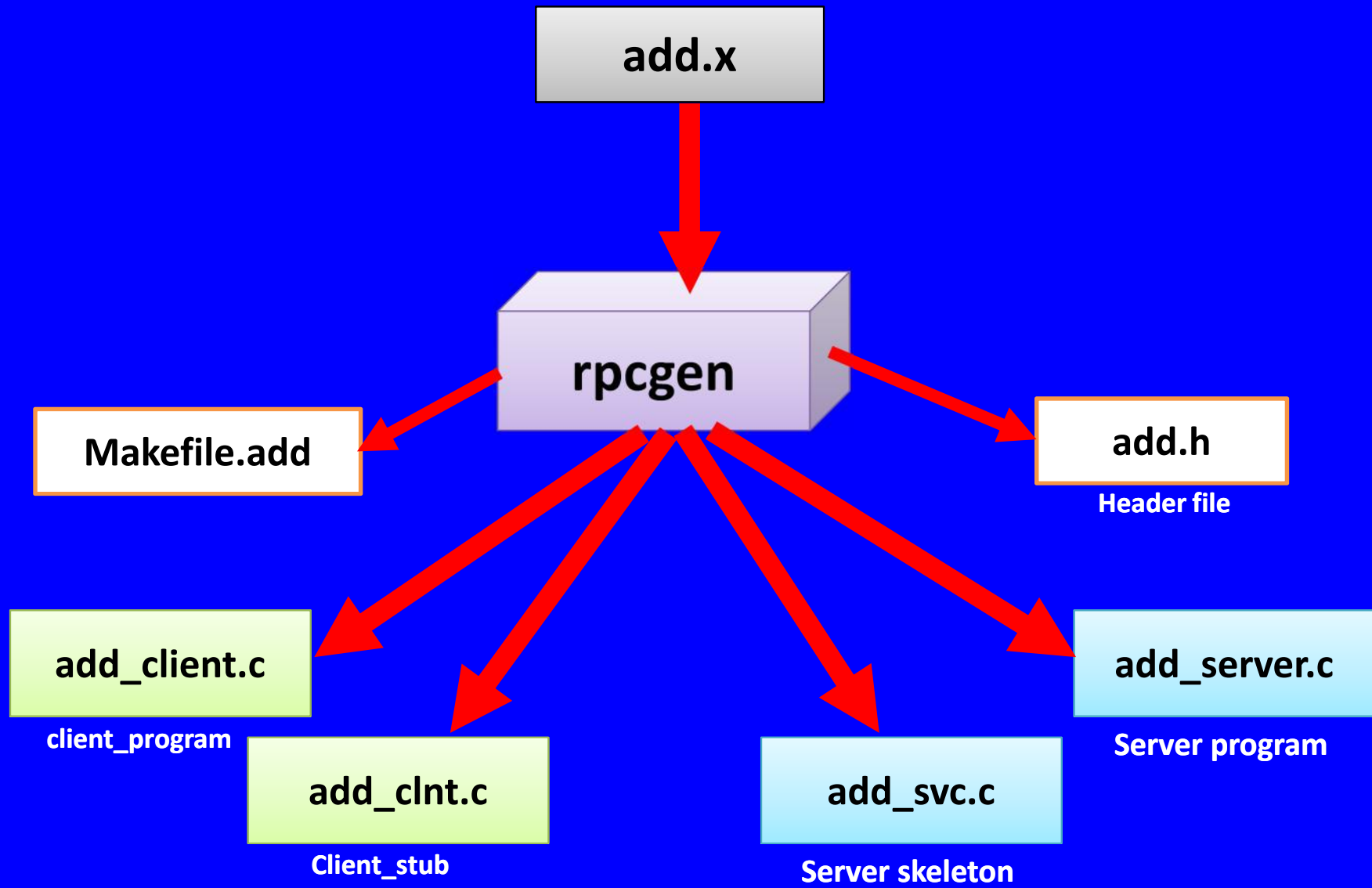


**\$ rpcgen -C add.x**

- ❖ **add.h** → header file for C datatypes involved in network commn
- ❖ **add\_xdr.c** → XDR filters
- ❖ **add\_clnt.c** → client stub
- ❖ **add\_svc.c** → server skeleton

❖ We do not have to look at these '.c' files

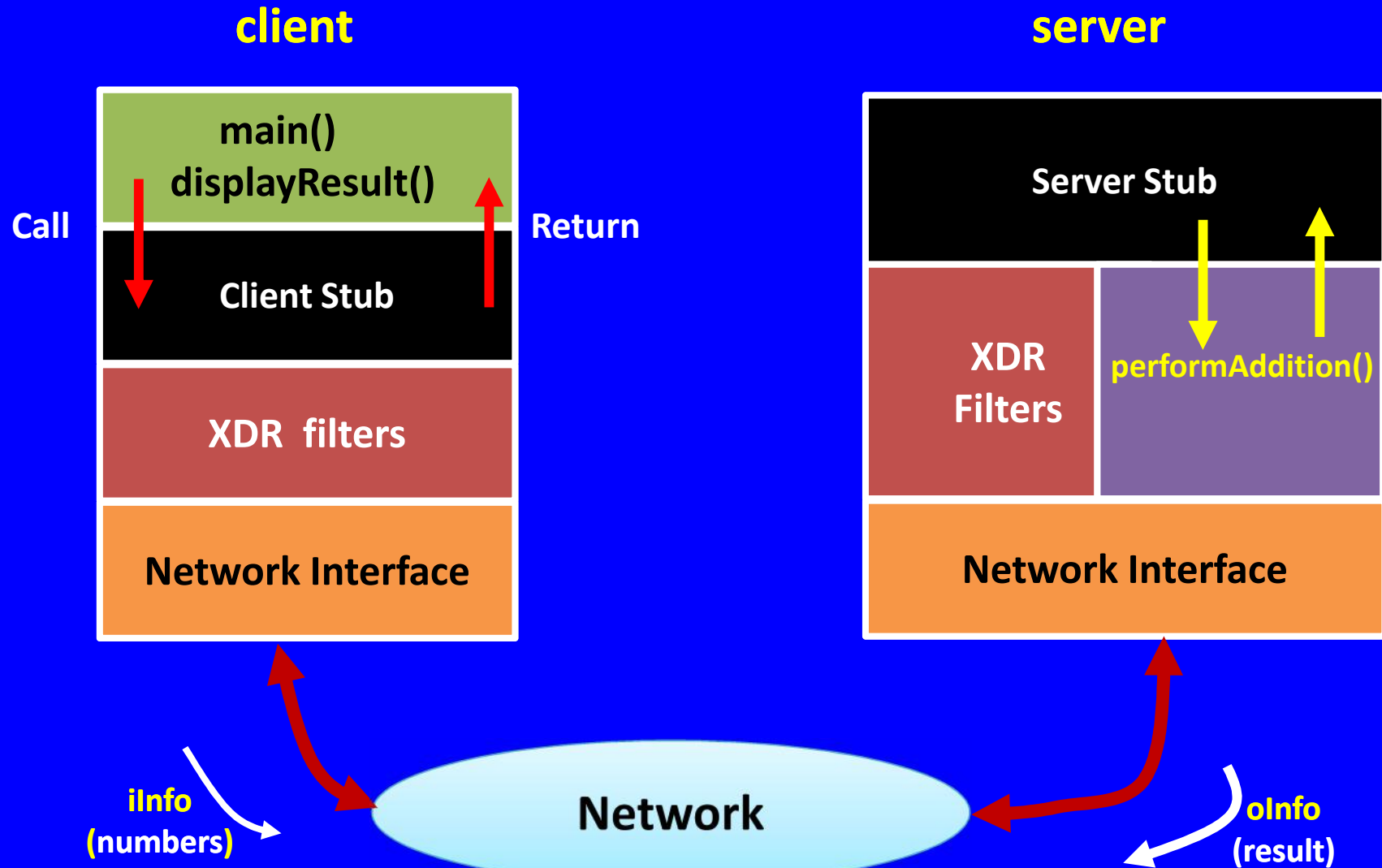
`$ rpcgen -a -C add.x`



## Note

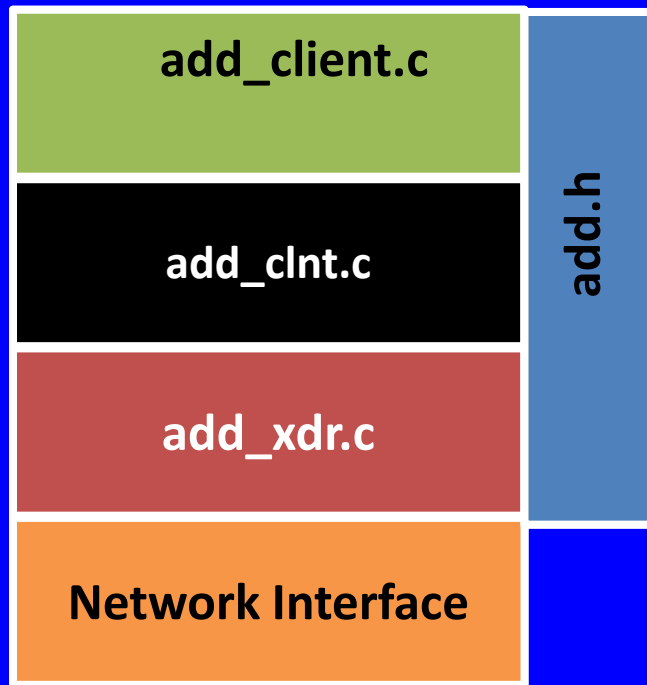
- These files must not already exist
- The programmer must provide the functionalities in terms of codes.

# Relationships among Files

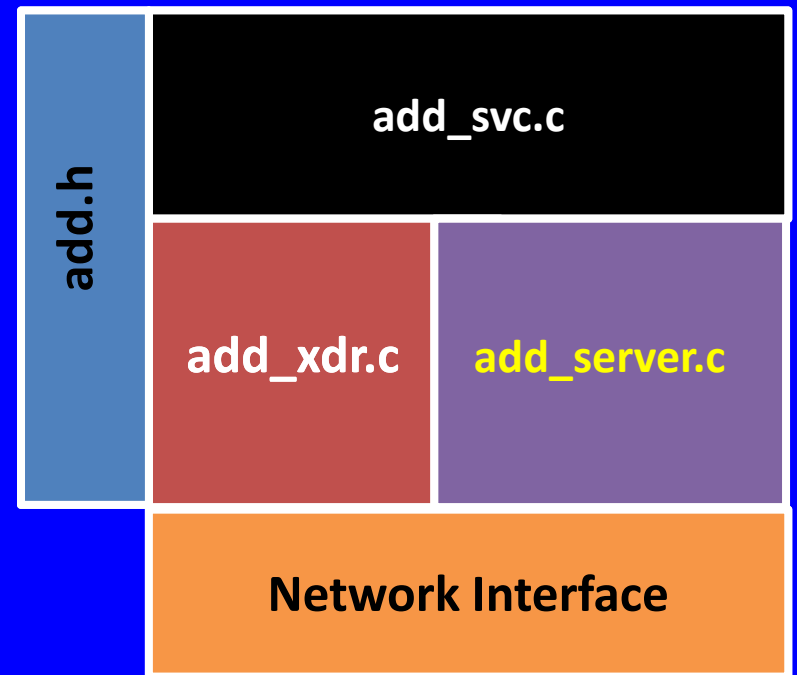


# Relationships among Files

**client**



**server**



**ilInfo**  
(numbers)

**Network**

**olInfo**  
(result)





## add.x

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```
struct InputInfo {
    int num1;
    int num2;
};

struct OutputInfo {
    int result;
};

program ADDPROGRAM {
    version ADDVERSION {
        struct OutputInfo performAddition(struct InputInfo iInfo)=1;
    }=1;
}=22222222;
```

## Notes

### Standard RPC

The remote procedure can only take one input, and return one output.

- ❖ Program, version, and function names must be in uppercase.

**add.h**

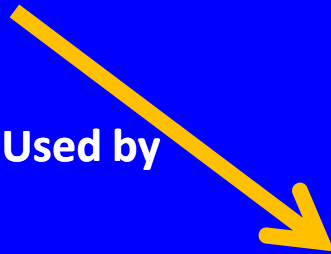
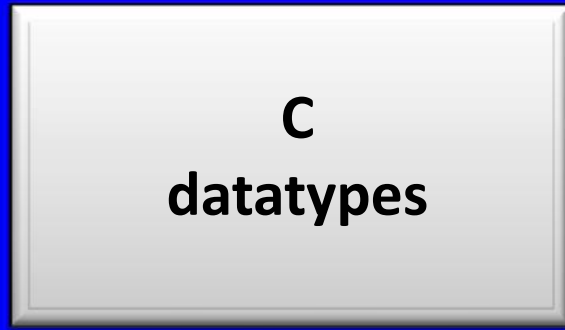
**C  
datatypes**

Generated from  
datatypes of **.X** file.

Used by

**add\_client.c**

**add\_server.c**



```
struct InputInfo {
    int num1;
    int num2;
};
typedef struct InputInfo InputInfo;

struct OutputInfo {
    int result;
};
typedef struct OutputInfo OutputInfo;

#define ADDPROGRAM 22222222
#define ADDVERSION 1

#if defined(__STDC__) || defined(__cplusplus)
#define performAddition 1
extern struct OutputInfo * performaddition_1(struct InputInfo *, CLIENT *);
extern struct OutputInfo * performaddition_1_svc(struct InputInfo *, struct svc_req *);
extern int addprogram_1_freeresult (SVCXPRT *, xdrproc_t, caddr_t);

#else /* K&R C */
#define performAddition 1
extern struct OutputInfo * performaddition_1();
```

InputNumbers

Output result

Program number

Version number

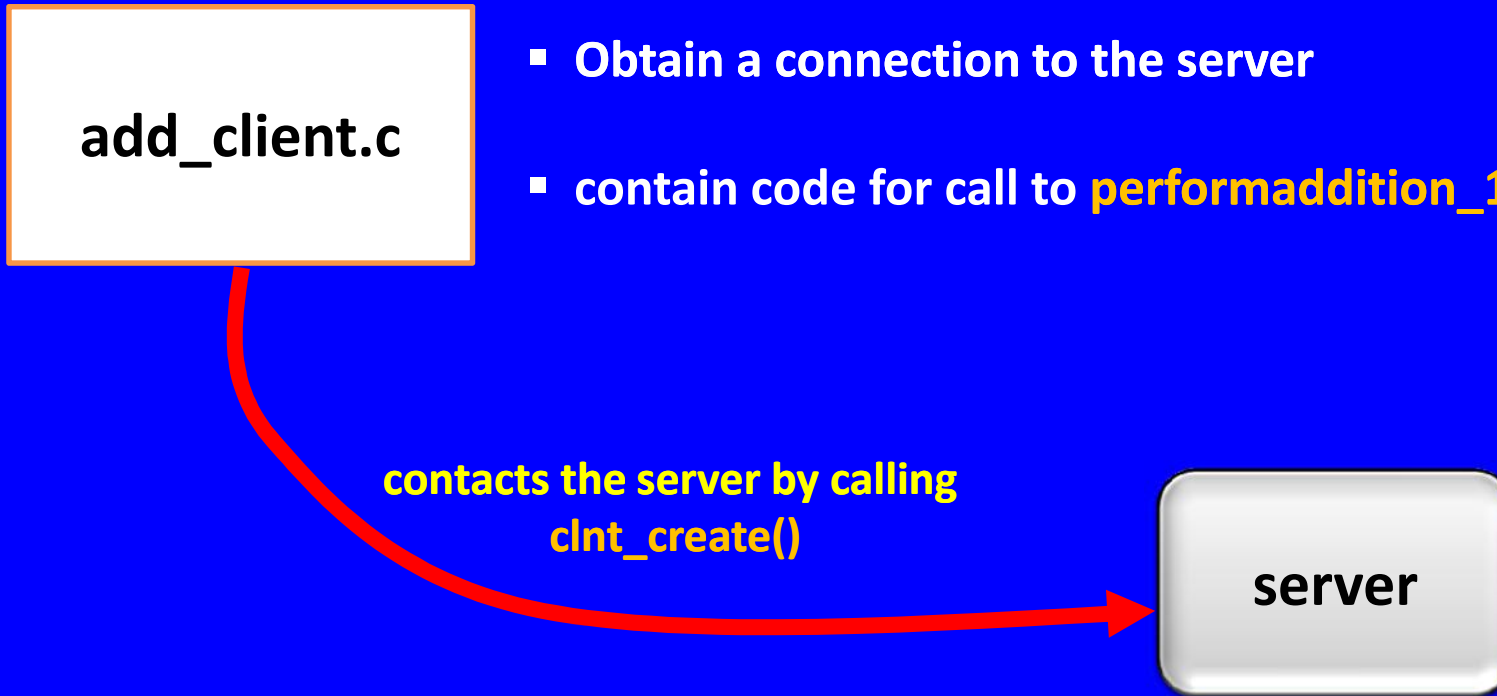
## add\_client.c

add\_client.c

- Obtain a connection to the server
- contain code for call to **performaddition\_1()**

contacts the server by calling  
**clnt\_create()**

server



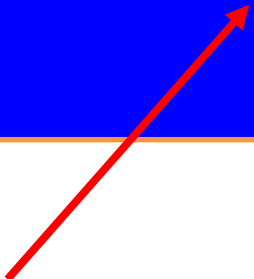
`clnt_create()`

- **contact the portmapper on the specified host to get the server details**

❖ **failure : returns NULL**

❖ **Success: returns a client handle**

**client handle** (used in other RPC library functions)



```
clnt = clnt_create(  
    host,          host name of ( server program , portmapper)  
    prog,          Server program  
    version,       Server program version  
    protocol       protocol ("udp" / "tcp")  
);
```

## add\_client.c

```
int
main (int argc, char *argv[])
{
    char *host;
    int m, n;
    if (argc < 4) {
        printf ("usage: %s server_host/IP num1 num2 \n", argv[0]);
        exit (1);
    }
    host = argv[1];
    m = atoi(argv[2]);
    n = atoi(argv[3]);
    addprogram_1 (host,m,n);
exit (0);
}
```

\$ ./add 5 6

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```
void displayResult( struct OutputInfo* oInfo )
{
    6 printf(" sum of two numbers=%d\n ", oInfo->result );
}
```

```
addprogram_1(char *host, int n1, int n2) 2 Provide appropriate no of
arguments
{
    CLIENT *clnt;
    struct OutputInfo *result_1;
    struct InputInfo performaddition_1_arg;

    performaddition_1_arg.num1 = n1;
    performaddition_1_arg.num2 = n2; 3 Assign numbers
#ifdef DEBUG
    clnt = clnt_create (host, ADDPROGRAM, ADDVERSION, "udp");
    if (clnt == NULL) {
        clnt_pcreateerror (host);
        exit (1);
    }
#endif /* DEBUG */

    result_1 = performaddition_1(&performaddition_1_arg, clnt);
    if (result_1 == (struct OutputInfo *) NULL) {
        clnt_perror (clnt, "call failed");
    }
    else { /* added part */
        5 displayResult(result_1); 4 Call server function
    }
#ifdef DEBUG
    clnt_destroy (clnt);
#endif /* DEBUG */
}
```

## add\_clnt.c

- **add\_clnt.c** is the client stub for network communication with the server

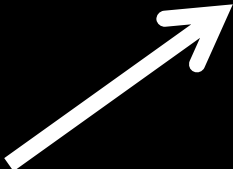
- ❖ It calls the XDR filters for argument passing
- ❖ It sends/receives network data to/from the server
- ❖ Sets a timeout for trying to contact the server
- ❖ all this is done by calling `clnt_call()`

```
#include <memory.h> /* for memset */
#include "add.h"

/* Default timeout can be changed using clnt_control() */
static struct timeval TIMEOUT = { 25, 0 };

struct OutputInfo *
performaddition_1(struct InputInfo *argp, CLIENT *clnt)
{
    static struct OutputInfo clnt_res;

    memset((char *)&clnt_res, 0, sizeof(clnt_res));
    if (clnt_call (clnt, performAddition,
        (xdrproc_t) xdr_InputInfo, (caddr_t) argp,
        (xdrproc_t) xdr_OutputInfo, (caddr_t) &clnt_res,
        TIMEOUT) != RPC_SUCCESS) {
        return (NULL);
    }
    return (&clnt_res);
}
```



## add\_svc.c

- ❑ **add\_svc.c** registers server's details with the **portmapper**

❑ **add\_svc.c** handles incoming messages

- ❖ Converts XDR format data to C formats
- ❖ calls **performaddition\_1\_svc()**
  - this is the server-side version of **performAddition()**
- ❖ sends results back to the client
  - converts C data to XDR data formats

## register

```
int
main (int argc, char **argv)
{
    register SVCXPRT *transp;

    pmap_unset (ADDPROGRAM, ADDVERSION);

    transp = svcudp_create(RPC_ANYSOCK);
    if (transp == NULL) {
        fprintf (stderr, "%s", "cannot create udp service.");
        exit(1);
    }
    if (!svc_register(transp, ADDPROGRAM, ADDVERSION, addprogram_1, IPPROTO_UDP)) {
        fprintf (stderr, "%s", "unable to register (ADDPROGRAM, ADDVERSION, udp).");
        exit(1);
    }

    transp = svctcp_create(RPC_ANYSOCK, 0, 0);
    if (transp == NULL) {
        fprintf (stderr, "%s", "cannot create tcp service.");
        exit(1);
    }
    if (!svc_register(transp, ADDPROGRAM, ADDVERSION, addprogram_1, IPPROTO_TCP)) {
        fprintf (stderr, "%s", "unable to register (ADDPROGRAM, ADDVERSION, tcp).");
        exit(1);
    }

    svc_run ();
    fprintf (stderr, "%s", "svc_run returned");
    exit (1);
    /* NOTREACHED */
}
```

## Call performaddition\_1\_svc()

```
static void
addprogram_1(struct svc_req *rqstp, register SVCXPRT *transp)
{
    union {
        struct InputInfo performaddition_1_arg;
    } argument;
    char *result;
    xdrproc_t _xdr_argument, _xdr_result;
    char *(*local)(char *, struct svc_req *);

    switch (rqstp->rq_proc) {
    case NULLPROC:
        (void) svc_sendreply (transp, (xdrproc_t) xdr_void, (char *)NULL);
        return;

    case performAddition:
        _xdr_argument = (xdrproc_t) xdr_InputInfo;
        _xdr_result = (xdrproc_t) xdr_OutputInfo;
        local = (char *(*)(char *, struct svc_req *)) performaddition_1_svc;
        break;
```

---

## add\_server.c

- This file contains performaddition\_1\_svc().
- The application code needs to be added.



stores details used for  
client authentication



```
#include "add.h"

struct OutputInfo *
performaddition_1_svc(struct InputInfo *argp, struct svc_req *rqstp)
{
    static struct OutputInfo  result;

    //////////////////////////////////////
    int sum;
    sum = argp->num1 + argp->num2;
    result.result = sum;

    //////////////////////////////////////
    return &result;
}
```

Functionalities provided by user

## Notes

- result **must be** static **so that its memory is not deleted when the function returns.**
- result **is retained so that the top-level server can convert it to network form**

## add\_xdr.c

```
#include "add.h"

bool_t
xdr_InputInfo (XDR *xdrs, InputInfo *objp)
{
    register int32_t *buf;

    if (!xdr_int (xdrs, &objp->num1))
        return FALSE;
    if (!xdr_int (xdrs, &objp->num2))
        return FALSE;
    return TRUE;
}

bool_t
xdr_OutputInfo (XDR *xdrs, OutputInfo *objp)
{
    register int32_t *buf;

    if (!xdr_int (xdrs, &objp->result))
        return FALSE;
    return TRUE;
}
```

**Step - IV**

**Remote Procedure Call: Fifth Step**  
**More Example Programs**

## Example 1: array in RPC

## Variable array in RPC

```
typedef int a<>;
```

```
program IARRAY_PROGRAM {
```

```
    version IARRAY_VERSION {
```

```
        int IARRAYADD(a)=1;
```

```
    }=1;
```

```
}=22222222;
```

## vadd.h

```
typedef struct {
    u_int iarray_len;
    int *iarray_val;
} iarray;

#define VADD_PROG 555575555
#define VADD_VERSION 1

#if defined(__STDC__) || defined(__cplusplus)
#define VADD 1
extern int *vadd_1(iarray *, CLIENT *);
extern int *vadd_1_svc(iarray *, struct svc_req *);
extern int vadd_prog_1_freeresult (SVCXPRT *, xdrproc_t, caddr_t);

#else /* K&R C */
#define VADD 1
extern int *vadd_1();
extern int *vadd_1_svc();
extern int vadd_prog_1_freeresult ();
#endif /* K&R C */

/* the xdr functions */

#if defined(__STDC__) || defined(__cplusplus)
extern bool_t xdr_iarray (XDR *, iarray*);

#else /* K&R C */
extern bool_t xdr_iarray ();

#endif /* K&R C */

#ifdef __cplusplus
}
#endif
```



```
#include "vadd.h"
```

## vadd\_client.c

```
void
```

```
vadd_prog_1(char *host, int* vArray, int sz)
```

```
{
```

```
    CLIENT *clnt;
```

```
    int *result_1;
```

```
    iarray vadd_1_arg;
```

3

Provide appropriate number of arguments and declare variables

```
////////////////////////////////////
```

```
//created in *.h header file
```

```
/* typedef struct {
```

```
    u_int iarray_len;
```

```
    int *iarray_val;
```

```
} iarray;
```

```
*/
```

```
////////////////////////////////////
```

```
////////////////////////////////////
```

4

```
vadd_1_arg.iarray_len = sz; //assign no of elements in the array
```

```
vadd_1_arg.iarray_val = vArray; // set up array for the server
```

```
////////////////////////////////////
```

```
#ifndef DEBUG
```

```
    clnt = clnt_create (host, VADD_PROG, VADD_VERSION, "udp");
```

```
    if (clnt == NULL) {
```

```
        clnt_pcreateerror (host);
```

```
        exit (1);
```

```
    }
```

```
#endif /* DEBUG */
```

```
    result_1 = vadd_1(&vadd_1_arg, clnt);
```

```
    if (result_1 == (int *) NULL) {
```

```
        clnt_perror (clnt, "call failed");
```

```

    result_1 = vadd_1(&vadd_1_arg, clnt);
    if (result_1 == (int *) NULL) {
        clnt_perror (clnt, "call failed");
    }
    else {
        printf("sum oof array elements=%d\n",*result_1);
    }
#endif
    clnt_destroy (clnt);
#endif /* DEBUG */
}

```

5

Display result

./add 127.0.0.1 12 45 5 7 8 9

```

int
main (int argc, char *argv[])
{

```

```

    char *host;
    ////////////////
    int *tArray, n, i;

```

```

    if (argc < 3) {
        printf ("usage: %s server_host\n", argv[0]);
        exit (1);
    }

```

```

    host = argv[1];

```

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```

    ////////////////

```

```

    n = argc-2; //size will be two less than ./ppgm localhost

```

```

    tArray = (int*)malloc(n*sizeof(int)); //create memory for elements

```

```

    for(i=2; i<argc; i++) { //assign values from command line iterate from second position ./pgm localhost 1 2 3 4 5
        tArray[i-2] = atoi(argv[i]); //index start from 0 -> i-2
    }

```

```

    vadd_prog_1 (host, tArray, n);

```

2

```

    exit (0);
}

```

## vadd\_server.c

```
#include "vadd.h"

int *
vadd_1_svc(iarray *argp, struct svc_req *rqstp)
{
    static int result;

    int i, sum;
    ////////////////////////////////////
    //for reference
    ////////////////////////////////////
    /*
    typedef struct {
        u_int iarray_len;
        int *iarray_val;
    } iarray;
    */
    ////////////////////////////////////
    printf("Got request from the client adding %d elements\n", argp->iarray_len);

    sum=0;
    for (i=0;i<argp->iarray_len;i++) {
        sum = sum + argp->iarray_val[i];
    }
    result = sum;
return &result;
}
~
```

**string\_lower\_Upper**

## strOperations.x

```
struct InputString {
    string iWord<>;
    int len;
    int option;
};

struct OutputString{
    string oWord<>;
};

program STRINGPROGRAM {
    version STRINGPROGRAMVERSION {
        struct OutputString LOWERUPPER(struct InputString)=1;
    }=1;
}=0x20000234;
```

```

void
stringprogram_1(char *host, char* strInput, int len, int ch)
{
    CLIENT *clnt;
    struct OutputString *result_1;
    struct InputString lowerupper_1_arg;

    ///////////////////////////////////
    lowerupper_1_arg.iWord = (char*)malloc( len * sizeof(char));
    strcpy(lowerupper_1_arg.iWord, strInput);
    lowerupper_1_arg.len = len;
    lowerupper_1_arg.option = ch;
    ///////////////////////////////////

#ifdef DEBUG
    clnt = clnt_create (host, STRINGPROGRAM, STRINGPROGRAMVERSION, "udp");
    if (clnt == NULL) {
        clnt_pcreateerror (host);
        exit (1);
    }
#endif /* DEBUG */

    result_1 = lowerupper_1(&lowerupper_1_arg, clnt);
    if (result_1 == (struct OutputString *) NULL) {
        clnt_perror (clnt, "call failed");
    }
    else {
        printf("result=%s\n", result_1->oWord);
    }

#ifdef DEBUG
    clnt_destroy (clnt);
#endif /* DEBUG */
}

```

```

int
main (int argc, char *argv[])
{
    char *host;
    ///////////////////////////////////
    int len, ch;
    char *iString;

    if (argc < 4) {
        printf ("usage: %s server_host\n", argv[0]);
        exit (1);
    }
    host = argv[1];
    ///////////////////////////////////
    len = strlen(argv[2]);
    ch = atoi(argv[3]);
    iString = (char*)malloc( len * sizeof(char));
    strcpy(iString, argv[2]);
    ///////////////////////////////////
    stringprogram_1 (host, iString, len, ch);///
exit (0);
}

```

## strOperations\_server.c

```
#include "strOperations.h"
#include <string.h>

void convert(char* iString);

struct OutputString *
lowerupper_1_svc(struct InputString *argp, struct svc_req *rqstp)
{
    static struct OutputString result;
    int len;
    char *temp;

    printf("received request\n");
    len = strlen(argp->iWord);

    temp = (char*)malloc( len * sizeof(char));
    strcpy(temp, argp->iWord);
    result.oWord = (char*)malloc( len * sizeof(char));
    convert(temp);

    strcpy(result.oWord, temp);
    printf("result=%s\n",temp);

    return &result;
}
```



```
void convert(char* iString)
{
    while( *iString != '\0') {

        *iString = toupper(*iString);
        ++iString;
    }
}
```

**arith\_operations**

## arith.x

```
struct InputInfo {
    int num1;
    int num2;

    int choice; /*choice*/
};

struct OutputInfo {
    int outputValue;
    float outputFloatValue;
};

program ARITHPROGRAM {
    version ARITHVERSION {
        struct OutputInfo performArithmetic(struct InputInfo iInfo)=1;
    }=1;
}=55555555;
```

```
//////////
void displayResult( struct InputInfo iInfo, struct OutputInfo* oInfo );
//////////
void arithprogram_1(char *host, int n1, int n2, int ch)
{
    CLIENT *clnt;
    struct OutputInfo *result_1;
    struct InputInfo performarithmetic_1_arg;

    //////////
    performarithmetic_1_arg.num1 = n1;
    performarithmetic_1_arg.num2 = n2;
    performarithmetic_1_arg.choice = ch;
    //////////
#ifdef DEBUG
    clnt = clnt_create (host, ARITHPROGRAM, ARITHVERSION, "udp");
    if (clnt == NULL) {
        clnt_pcreateerror (host);
        exit (1);
    }
#endif /* DEBUG */
    result_1 = performarithmetic_1(&performarithmetic_1_arg, clnt);
    if (result_1 == (struct OutputInfo *) NULL) {
        clnt_perror (clnt, "call failed");
    }
    else { //////////
        displayResult( performarithmetic_1_arg, result_1);
    }
#ifdef DEBUG
    clnt_destroy (clnt);
#endif /* DEBUG */
}
```

```
int main (int argc, char *argv[])
{
    char *host;
    int n1, n2, ch;

    if (argc != 5) {
        printf ("usage: %s server_host num1 num2 choice\n", argv[0]);
        exit (1);
    }
    host = argv[1];
    //////////////////////////////////

    n1 = atoi(argv[2]);
    n2 = atoi(argv[3]);
    ch = atoi(argv[4]);

    //////////////////////////////////
    arithprogram_1 (host, n1, n2, ch);
    exit (0);
}
```

```
void displayResult( struct InputInfo iInfo, struct OutputInfo* oInfo )
{
    if( iInfo.choice == 4) {
        printf(" division of two numbers=%f\n ", oInfo->outputFloatValue );
    }
    else if(iInfo.choice == 1) {
        printf(" sum of two numbers=%d\n ", oInfo->outputValue );
    }
    else if(iInfo.choice == 2) {
        printf(" subtraction of two numbers=%d\n ", oInfo->outputValue );
    }
    else if(iInfo.choice == 3) {
        printf(" multiplication of two numbers=%d\n ", oInfo->outputValue );
    }
}
```

```
#include "arith.h"

//////////
struct OutputInfo doAddition(struct InputInfo* iInfo);
struct OutputInfo doSubtraction(struct InputInfo* iInfo);
struct OutputInfo doMultiplication(struct InputInfo* iInfo);
struct OutputInfo doDivision(struct InputInfo* iInfo);
//////////
struct OutputInfo *
performarithmetic_1_svc(struct InputInfo *argp, struct svc_req *rqstp)
{
    static struct OutputInfo  result;

    //////////
    switch(argp->choice)
    {
        case 1:
            result = doAddition(argp);
            break;
        case 2:
            result = doSubtraction(argp);
            break;
        case 3:
            result = doMultiplication(argp);
            break;
        case 4:
            result = doDivision(argp);
            break;
    }//switch

    //////////
    return &result;
}
```

```
struct OutputInfo doAddition(struct InputInfo* iInfo)
{
    struct OutputInfo oInfo;
    int a;
    a = iInfo->num1 + iInfo->num2;
    oInfo.outputValue = a;
return oInfo;
}

//////////
struct OutputInfo doSubtraction(struct InputInfo* iInfo)
{
    struct OutputInfo oInfo;
    int s;
    s = iInfo->num1 - iInfo->num2;
    oInfo.outputValue = s;
return oInfo;
}
```



```
////////////////////
struct OutputInfo doMultiplication(struct InputInfo* iInfo)
{
    struct OutputInfo oInfo;
    int s;
    s = iInfo->num1 * iInfo->num2;
    oInfo.outputValue = s;
return oInfo;
}
////////////////////
struct OutputInfo doDivision(struct InputInfo* iInfo)
{
    struct OutputInfo oInfo;
    float d;
    d = (float)iInfo->num1 / iInfo->num2;
    oInfo.outputFloatValue = d;
return oInfo;
}
```

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```
[root@localhost ~]# cd 2011
[root@localhost 2011]# cd BE_IT/RPC/examples/
[root@localhost examples]# cd arith/
[root@localhost arith]# ./arith_client 127.0.0.1 12 11 1
sum of two numbers=23
[root@localhost arith]# ./arith_client 127.0.0.1 12 11 2
subtraction of two numbers=1
[root@localhost arith]# ./arith_client 127.0.0.1 12 11 3
multiplication of two numbers=132
[root@localhost arith]# ./arith_client 127.0.0.1 12 11 3
multiplication of two numbers=132
[root@localhost arith]# ./arith_client 127.0.0.1 12 11 4
division of two numbers=1.090909
[root@localhost arith]#
```

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```
[root@localhost arith]# ls
arith_client*  arith_client.o  arith_clnt.o  arith_server*  arith_se
arith_client.c  arith_clnt.c  arith.h      arith_server.c  arith_sv
[root@localhost arith]# vim arith.x
[root@localhost arith]# ./arith_server
```

**reverese\_number**

## revNumber.x

```
struct InputNumber {  
    int iNum;  
};  
  
struct OutputNumber {  
    int oRev;  
};  
  
program REVNUMBERPROGRAM {  
    version REVNUMBERVERSION {  
        struct OutputNumber GETREVERSE(struct InputNumber)=1;  
    }=1;  
}=0x20000567;
```

## revNumber\_client.c

```
#include "revNumber.h"

void
revnumberprogram_1(char *host, int num)
{
    CLIENT *clnt;
    struct OutputNumber *result_1;
    struct InputNumber  getreverse_1_arg;

    ///////////////////////////////////
    getreverse_1_arg.iNum = num;
    ///////////////////////////////////
#ifdef DEBUG
    clnt = clnt_create (host, REVNUMBERPROGRAM, REVNUMBERVERSION, "udp");
    if (clnt == NULL) {
        clnt_pcreateerror (host);
        exit (1);
    }
#endif /* DEBUG */

    result_1 = getreverse_1(&getreverse_1_arg, clnt);
    if (result_1 == (struct OutputNumber *) NULL) {
        clnt_perror (clnt, "call failed");
    }
    else {/////////////////////////////////
        printf("reverse of the number is=%d\n", result_1->oRev);
    }
#ifdef DEBUG
    clnt_destroy (clnt);
#endif /* DEBUG */
}
```

```
int
main (int argc, char *argv[])
{
    char *host;
    ////////////
    int num;
    if (argc < 3) {
        printf ("usage: %s server_host\n", argv[0]);
        exit (1);
    }
    host = argv[1];
    //////////////////////////////////////
    num = atoi(argv[2]);
    revnumberprogram_1 (host,num);
    exit (0);
}
```

## revNumber\_server.c

```
#include "revNumber.h"

struct OutputNumber getReverse(struct InputNumber* iN);

struct OutputNumber *
getreverse_1_svc(struct InputNumber *argp, struct svc_req *rqstp)
{
    static struct OutputNumber result;

    ///////////////////////////////////
    printf("got request\n");
    result = getReverse(argp);

    return &result;
}

struct OutputNumber getReverse(struct InputNumber* iN)
{
    struct OutputNumber oN;
    int r, reverse=0;

    while(iN->iNum){
        r = iN->iNum % 10;
        reverse = reverse*10+r;
        iN->iNum = iN->iNum/10;
    }
    oN.oRev = reverse;
    return oN;
}
```

# **Idempotent Vs Non-Idempotent Procedures**



- **Idempotent procedure: means the procedure can be called any number of times without harm.**

**add\_1(Num1, Num2)**

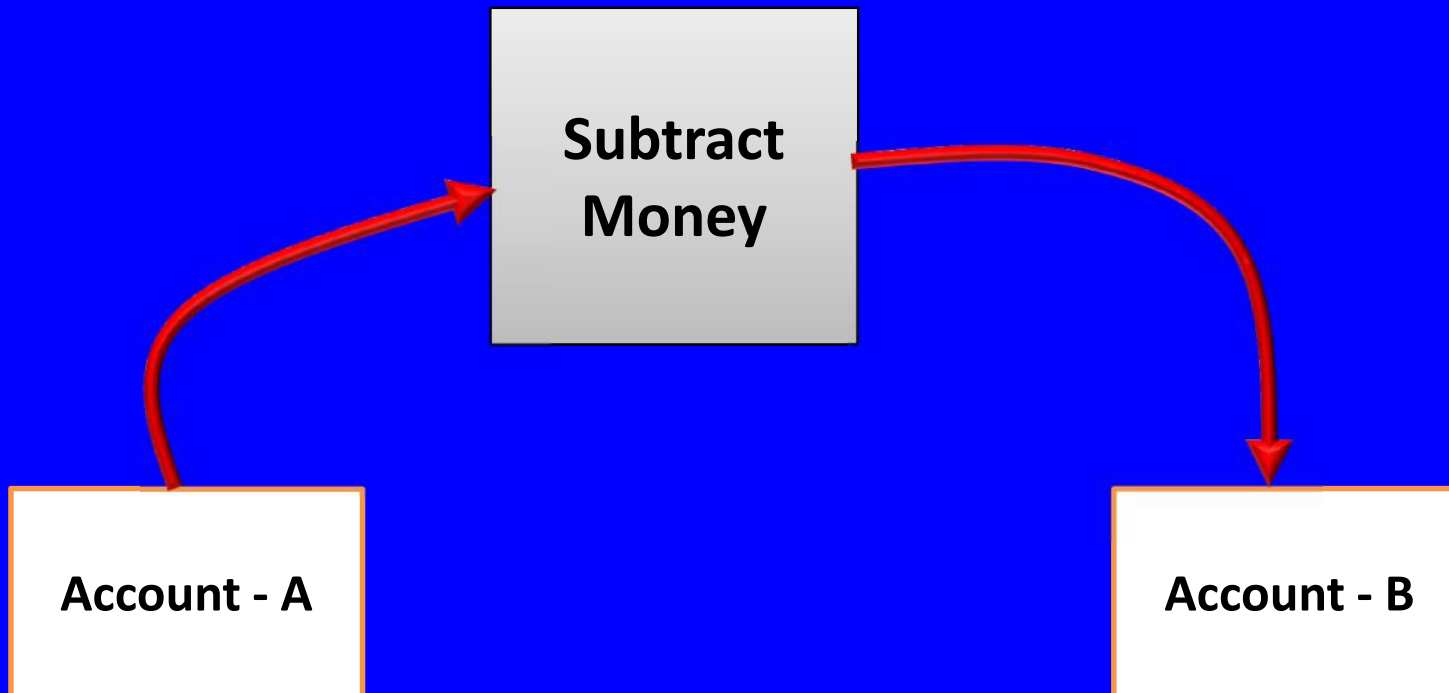
- ❖ **Returns correct result  
whether call it once or twice**

**Return\_time()**

- ❖ **This procedure may return different  
information each time , still OK (correct output)**

- **Nonidempotent procedure example:**

Called only once  
otherwise end result will be wrong



**Step - V**

**Thank You!**