

# Chapter .11

# Name and Address Conversions



### DNS(Donmain Name System)

• 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.



### Resouce record

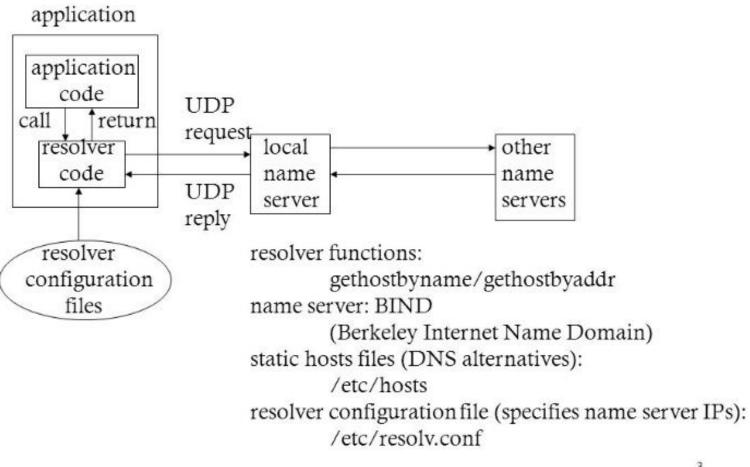
- Entries in DNS: resource records (RRs) for a host
  - A record: maps a hostname to a 32-bit IPv4 addr
  - AAAA (quad A) record: maps to a 128-bit IPv6 addr
  - PTR record: maps IP addr to hostname
  - MX record: specifies a mail exchanger of the host
  - CNAME record: assigns canonical name for common services

e.g.	solaris	IN	A	206.62.226.33
		IN	AAAA	5f1b:df00:ce3e:e200:0020:0800:2078:e3e3
		IN	MX	5 solaris.kohala.com
		IN	MX	10 mailhost.kohala.com
		IN	PTR	33.226.62.206.in-addr.arpa
	www	IN	CNAME bsdi.kohala.com	

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### Resolver and name server

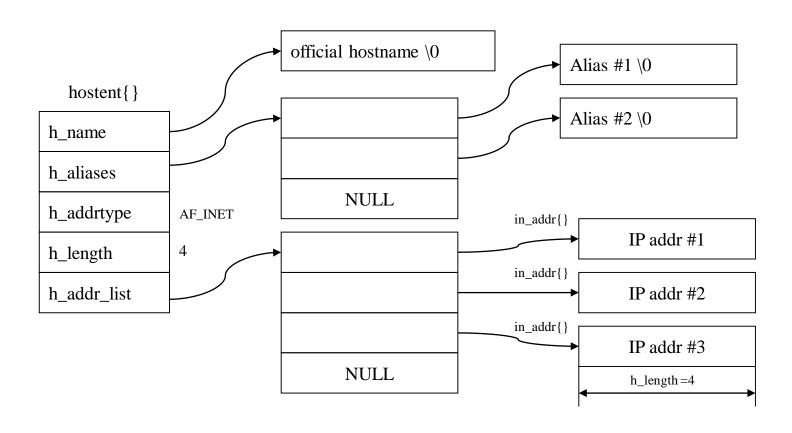




- **Gethostbyname** is the most basic function that looks up a hostname.
- If successful, it returns a **pointer to a hostent structure** that contains all the IPv4 addresses for the host. However, it is limited in that it can only return IPv4 addresses

```
#include < netdb.h >
struct hostent *gethostbyname (const char *hostname);
        returns: nonnull pointer if OK, NULL on error with h_errno set
struct hostent {
                                 /* official (canonical) name of host */
        char
                *h name;
                **h aliases;
                                 /* ptr to array of ptrs to alias names */
        char
                                 /* host addr type: AF_INET
                h_addrtype;
        int
                                 /* length of address: 4
                h_length;
        int
                **h addr list;
                                 /* ptr to array of ptrs with IPv4/
        char
                                 /* first address in list */
#define h_addr h_addr_list[0]
```







```
main(int argc, char **argv)
   char *ptr, **pptr;
   char str [INET ADDRSTRLEN];
   struct hostent *hptr;
   while (--argc > 0) {
         ptr = *++argv;
         if ((hptr = gethostbyname (ptr)) == NULL) {
             err msg ("gethostbyname error for host: %s: %s",
                     ptr, hstrerror (h errno) );
             continue;
                 'official hostname: %s\n", hptr->h_name)
         printf
         for (pptr = hptr->h aliases; *pptr ! = NULL; pptr++)
             printf ("\talias: %s\n", *pptr);
         switch (hptr->h addrtype)
         case AF INET:
             pptr = hptr->h addr list;
             for (; *pptr != NULL; pptr++)
                 printf ("\taddress: %s\n",
                         Inet_ntop (hptr->h_addrtype, *pptr, str, sizeof (str)
             break;
```



```
freebsd % hostent cnn.com

official hostname: cnn.com

address: 64.236.16.20

address: 64.236.16.52

address: 64.236.16.84

address: 64.236.16.116

address: 64.236.24.4

address: 64.236.24.2

address: 64.236.24.12

address: 64.236.24.20

address: 64.236.24.28
```

freebsd % hostent www
official hostname: linux. unpbook.com
alias: www.unpbook.com
address: 206.168.112.219

- Web server with multiple IPv4 addresses
- Name having a CNAME record



### gethostbyaddr

### Prototype

```
struct hostent *gethostbyaddr(const char *addr,
size_t len,
int family)
```

- Returns: nonnull pointer if OK,
   NULL on error with *h errno* set.
- The same hostent structure is returned, but the field of interest is h\_name



### Reentrant functions

- gethostbyname and gethostbyaddr are not reentrant
  - Uses a static structure (hostent) to store the result (part of BIND code)
  - Problem for threads and signal handlers



```
static struct hostent host ;
                               /* result stored here */
struct hostent *
                                                            main ()
gethostbyname (const char *hostname)
                                                                  struct hostent *hptr;
    return (gethostbyname2 (hostname, family));
                                                   Reentrant ...
                                                                  signal (SIGALRM, sig alrm);
                                                   problem
struct hostent *
gethostbyname2 (const char *hostname, int family)
                                                                  hptr = gethostbyname ( ... ) ;
                                                                   . . .
   /* call DNS functions for A or AAAA query */
   /* fill in host structure */
                                                            void
   return (&host) ;
                                                             sig alrm (int signo)
                                                                 struct hostent *hptr;
struct hostent *
                                                                 hptr = gethostbyname ( ... ) ;
gethostbyaddr (const char *addr, socklen t len, int family)
                                                                 . . .
   /* call DNS functions for PTR query in in-addr.arpa domai }
   /* fill in host structure */
   return (&host);
```



#### Reentrant functions

- There are two ways to make reentrant functions
  - The caller can prepare the necessary memory space and pass it to the function. The caller should also free the memory space later
  - The function allocates the required memory space dynamically, fills the memory space, and returns the pointer of the memory space to the caller. The caller should call some function to release the memory space later; otherwise there will be memory leakage



### Reentrant functions

- There is a reentrant problem with the variable errno.
  - Every process has only one copy of the variable
  - But a signal handler may interfere with the value of the variable
  - Better to return the error number from functions



### Reentrant functions

Returns: nonnull pointer if OK, NULL on error



### getservbyname & getservbyport

### getservbyname

Converts a service name to a port number

```
struct servent *getservbyname(const char *servname,
const char *protoname)
struct servent {char *s_name;
char **s_aliases;
int s_port;
char *s_proto;}
```

- Returns: nonnull pointer if OK, NULL on error
- protoname can be NULL or point to "udp" or "tcp"



### getservbyname & getservbyport

• Typical calls to this function could be as follows:

```
struct servent *sptr;

sptr = getservbyname("domain", "udp"); /* DNS using UDP */
sptr = getservbyname("ftp", "tcp"); /* FTP using TCP */
sptr = getservbyname("ftp", NULL); /* FTP using TCP */
sptr = getservbyname("ftp", "udp"); /* this call will fail */
```

• lines from the /etc/services file are:

```
freebsd% grep -e ^ftp -e ^domain /etc/services
ftp-data
               20/tcp
                         #File Transfer [Default Data]
               21/tcp #File Transfer [Control]
ftp
                        #Domain Name Server
domain
               53/tcp
domain
               53/udp #Domain Name Server
           574/tcp #FTP Software Agent System
ftp-agent
ftp-agent
            574/udp
                        #FTP Software Agent System
ftps-data
            989/tcp
                                     # ftp protocol, data, over TLS/SSL
              990/tcp
ftps
                                     # ftp protocol, control, over TLS/SSL
```



### getservbyname & getservbyport

# getservbyport

Converts a port number to a service name

```
struct servent *getservbyport(int port, const char *protname)
```

Returns: nonnull pointer if OK, NULL on error

```
struct servent *sptr;

sptr = getservbyport (htons (53), "udp"); /* DNS using UDP */
sptr = getservbyport (htons (21), "tcp"); /* FTP using TCP */
sptr = getservbyport (htons (21), NULL); /* FTP using TCP */
sptr = getservbyport (htons (21), "udp"); /* this call will fail */
```



```
int getaddrinfo(const char *hostname,
const char *service,
const struct addrinfo *hints,
struct addrinfo **result);
```

- Returns: 0 if OK, nonzero on error
- hostname is either a hostname or an address string
- service is either a service name or a decimal port number string
- hints is either a null pointer or a pointer to an addrinfo structure that the caller fills in with hints about the types of information that the caller wants returned



#### Struct addrinfo {

```
hints
int ai_flags;
int ai_family;
int ai_socktype;
      protocol;
int ai
socklen_t ai_addrlen;
char *ai_canonname;
sturct sockaddr* ai_addr;
struct addrinfo * ai_next;
```

- ai\_flagsAI PASSIVE, AI CANONNAME
- ai\_family
  - $-\,AF\_xxx$
- ai\_socktype
  - SOCK\_DGRAM, SOCK\_STREAM
- ai\_protocol
  - IPROTO UDP, IPROTO TCP
- ai\_addrlen
  - length of ai\_addr
- ai\_canonname
- ai addr
  - socket structure containing information
- ai next
  - pointer to the next addrinfo structure or NULL



#### ai\_flags elements

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.

AI ALL If specified along with AI V4MAPPED, then returns IPv4-mapped IPv6

addresses in addition to any AAAA records belonging to the name.

AI\_ADDRCONFIG Only looks up addresses for a given IP version if there is one or more

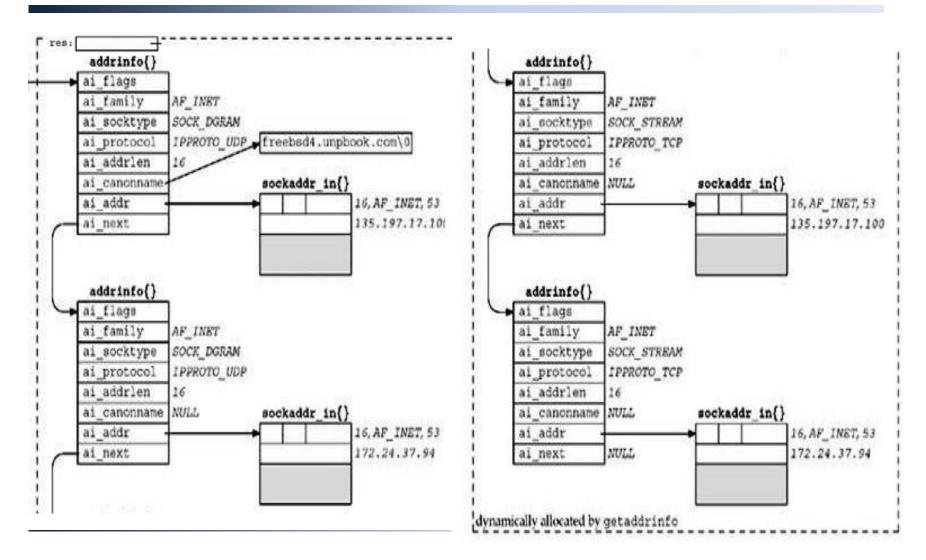
interface that is not a loopback interface configured with an IP address of

that version.



- If hints is NULL, addrinfo assumes a value of 0 for ai\_flags, as\_socktype, ai\_protocol, and AF\_UNSPEC for ai\_family
- Multiple structures returned if:
  - Multiple addresses for hostname
  - Service is provided by multiple socket types,
     depending on the ai\_socktype hint
- Order not determined







- testga
  - f inet: the address family
  - c : the canonical name
  - h bsdi: the hostname
  - s domain: the service name

```
freebsd % testga -f inet -c -h freebsd4 -s domain

socket (AF_INET, SOCK_DGRAM, 17), ai_canonname = freebsd4.unpbook.com
        address: 135.197.17.100:53

socket (AF_INET, SOCK_DGRAM, 17)
        address: 172.24.37.94:53

socket (AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 6), ai_canonname = freebsd4.unpbook.com
        address: 135.197.17.100:53

socket (AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 6)
        address: 172.24.37.94:53
```



```
Testga -f inet -t stream -h gateway.tuc.noao.edu -s daytime
 (-t socktype, -s service name)
freebsd % testga -f inet -t stream -h gateway.tuc.noao.edu -s daytime
socket (AF_INET, SOCK STREAM, 6)
        address: 140.252.108.1:13
socket (AF INET, SOCK STREAM, 6)
        address: 140.252.1.4:13
socket (AF INET, SOCK STREAM, 6)
        address: 140.252.104.1:13
testga -h alpha -s ftp
freebsd % testga -h aix -s ftp -t stream
socket (AF INET6, SOCK STREAM, 6)
         address: [3ffe:b80:1f8d:2:204:acff:fe17:bf38]:21
socket (AF INET, SOCK STREAM, 6)
         address: 192.168.42.2:21
```



### gai\_strerror

# gai\_strerror

const char \*gai\_strerror(int error)

Constant	Description		
EAI AGAIN	Temporary failure in name resolution		
EAI BADFLAGS	Invalid value for ai_flags		
EAI FAIL	Unrecoverable failure in name resolution		
EAI_FAMILY	ai family not supported		
EAI MEMORY	Memory allocation failure		
EAI NONAME	hostname or service not provided, or not known		
EAI OVERFLOW	User argument buffer overflowed (getnameinfo() only)		
EAI SERVICE	service not supported for ai_socktype		
EAI SOCKTYPE	ai socktype not supported		
EAI SYSTEM	System error returned in errno		



### freeaddrinfo

### freeaddrinfo

• All storage returned by *getaddrinfo* is dynamically allocated.

void freeaddrinfo(struct addrinfo \*ai)

• ai should point to the first addrinfo structure



- - Returns an addrinfo structure for the given host and service
  - It always returns a canonical name
- tcp\_connect (lib/tcp\_connect.c)
   int tcp\_connect(const char \*hostname,
   const char \*service);
  - Returns an connected socket descriptor



```
struct addrinfo hints, *res;
     bzero (&hints, sizeof (struct addrinfo));
     hints.ai flags = AI CANONNAME; /* always return canonical name */
     hints.ai family = family; /* AF UNSPEC, AF INET, AF INET6, etc. */
     hints.ai socktype = socktype; /* 0, SOCK STREAM, SOCK DGRAM, etc. */
10
11
     if ( (n = getaddrinfo(host, serv, &hints, &res)) != 0)
12
         return (NULL);
                              /* return pointer to first on linked list */
13
     return (res);
14 1
do {
    sockfd = socket (res->ai family, res->ai socktype, res->ai protocol);
    if (sockfd < 0)
        continue:
                             /*ignore this one */
    if (connect (sockfd, res->ai addr, res->ai addrlen) == 0)
        break:
                             /* success */
   Close(sockfd); /* ignore this one */
} while ( (res = res->ai next) != NULL);
```



- - Returns a listening socket descriptor



```
do {
   listenfd =
       socket(res->ai family, res->ai socktype, res->ai protocol);
   if (listenfd < 0)
       continue; /* error, try next one */
   Setsockopt(listenfd, SOL SOCKET, SO REUSEADDR, &on, sizeof (on) ) ;
   if (bind(listenfd, res->ai addr, res->ai addrlen) == 0)
                           /* success */
       break:
   Close (listenfd); /* bind error, close and try next one */
 } while ( (res = res->ai next) != NULL);
if (res == NULL) /* errno from final socket () or bind () */
    err sys ("tcp listen error for %s, %s", host, serv);
Listen (listenfd, LISTENQ);
if (addrlenp)
     *addrlenp = res->ai addrlen; /* return size of protocol address *
freeaddrinfo (ressave);
                                                                     W
return (listenfd);
```



Returns an unconnected socket descriptor



```
do {
   sockfd = socket (res->ai family, res->ai socktype, res->ai protocol);
   if (sockfd >= 0)
       break: /* success */
} while ( (res = res->ai next) ! = NULL);
if (res = NULL) /* errno set from final socket () */
   err sys ("udp client error for %s, %s", host, serv);
*saptr = Malloc (res->ai addrlen);
memcpy (*saptr, res->ai addr, res->ai addrlen);
*lenp = res->ai addrlen;
freeaddrinfo (ressave);
return (sockfd);
```



- - Returns a connected socket descriptor



- - Returns an unconnected socket descriptor



```
do {
   sockfd = socket (res->ai family, res->ai socktype, res->ai protocol);
   if (sockfd < 0)
      continue; /* error - try next one */
   if (bind (sockfd, res->ai addr, res->ai addrlen) == 0)
              /* success */
      break:
   Close (sockfd); /* bind error - close and try next one */
} while ( (res = res->ai_next) != NULL);
if (res = NULL) /* errno from final socket() or bind() */
   err sys ("udp server error for %s, %s", host, serv);
if (addrlenp)
   freeaddrinfo (ressave) ;
return (sockfd);
```



### getnameinfo

# getnameinfo

• Returns: 0 if OK, -1 on error



Flags for getnameinfo

Constant	Description		
NI_DGRAM	datagram service		
NI_NAMEREQD	return an error if name cannot be resolved from address		
NI_NOFQDN	return only hostname portion of FQDN		
NI_NUMERICHOST	return numeric string for hostname		
NI_NUMERICSERV	return numeric string for service name		

Figure 11.17 flags for getnameinfo.