

# UDP socket programming

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# Processes communicating

*process*: program running within a host

- within same host, two processes communicate using **inter-process communication** (defined by OS)
- processes in different hosts communicate by exchanging **messages**

## Request-response

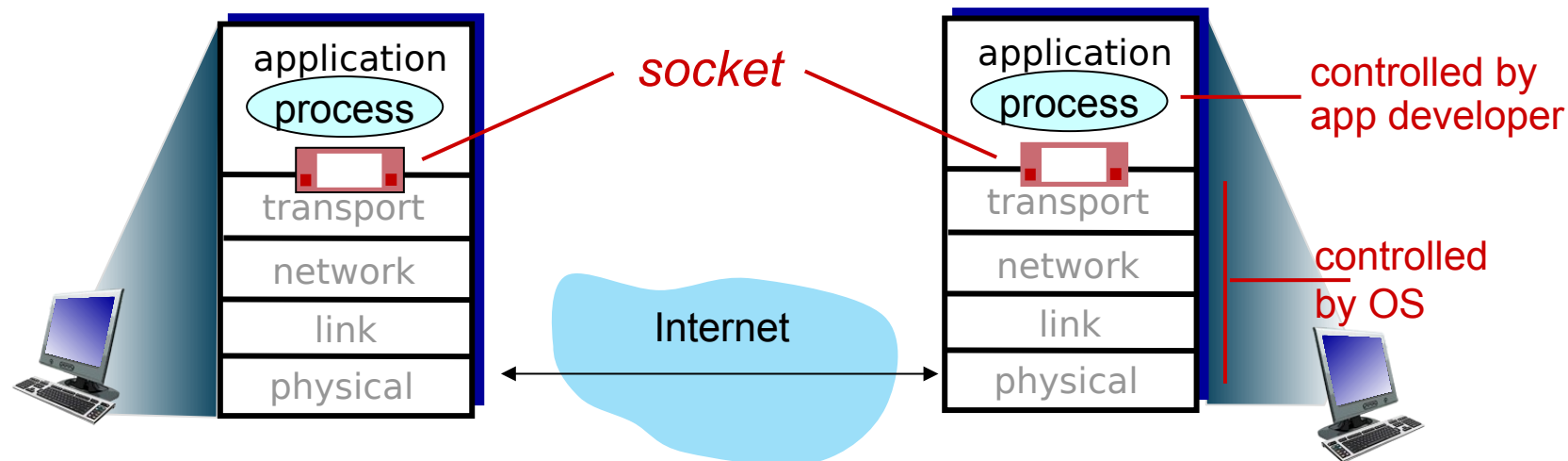
*client process*: process that initiates communication using a request

*server process*:

- process that waits to be contacted
  - sends a response to the client
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- note: applications with P2P architectures have client processes & server processes

# Sockets

1. Process sends/receives messages to/from its **socket**
  - Two sockets involved: one on each side
2. A socket is analogous to a **door** between network application process and the transport protocol
  - The sending process shoves the message out the “door”
  - **Not** the same as port number; sockets **use** port numbers



# What is a socket?

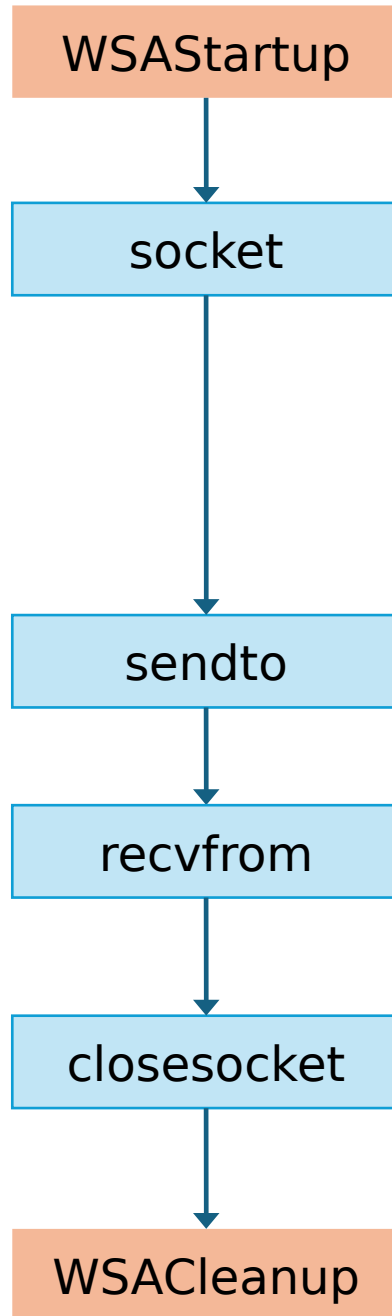
1. A network socket is a *data structure* that serves as an *endpoint for sending and receiving data* across a network
2. Sockets are defined by an application programming interface (API)
3. A socket is accessed by a “handle” ☾ *socket file descriptor*
4. When creating a socket instance, the transport layer protocol (TCP or UDP) is specified

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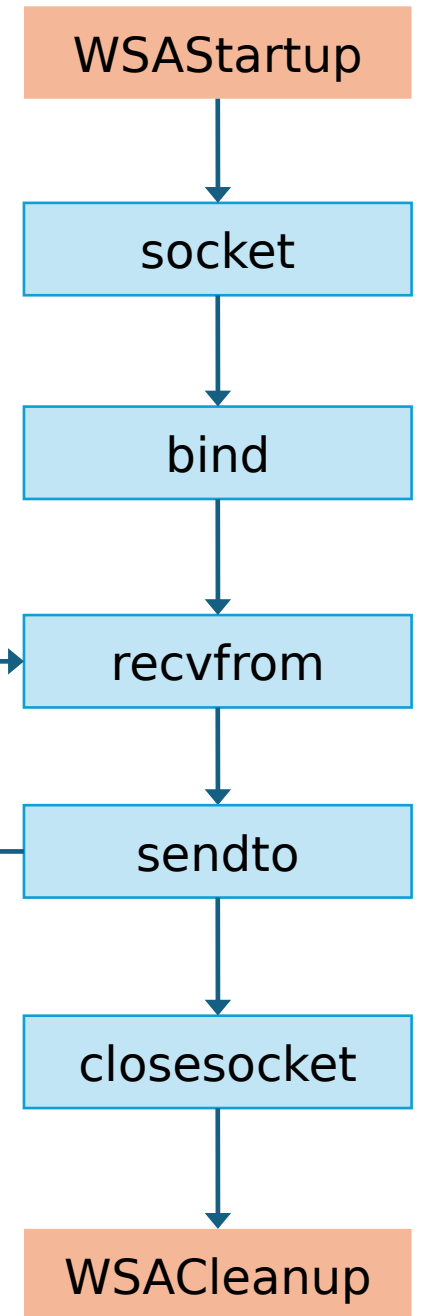
5. If a program shall **receive packets**, the program must **bind** the socket to a specific **port number**
  - So that the OS can deliver incoming data packets to the right application process
6. A socket that has received a packet, then **knows** the sender's IP address and port number
  - Needed for sending a response to the right **sending process**

# UDP sockets

Client



Server



request

response

# UDP server

```
#include <winsock2.h>
```

```
WSADATA wsa;  
SOCKET socketServer;
```

Holds address of a received  
message

```
struct sockaddr_in addressServer;  
struct sockaddr_in addressReceived;
```

Start use of Winsock DLL  
(Ws2\_32.dll)

```
WSAStartup(MAKEWORD(2,2), &wsa);
```

Create UDP-socket  
(IPv4)

```
socketServer = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_DGRAM, 0 );
```

Any address

```
// Initialize address structure  
addressServer.sin_addr.s_addr = INADDR_ANY;
```

Address is

```
addressServer.sin_family = AF_INET;
```

Specify port number  
IPv4

```
addressServer.sin_port = htons(8888); // LSB -> MSB
```

assign addressServer to the  
socket

```
bind(socketServer, (struct sockaddr*)& addressServer,  
      sizeof(addressServer));
```

get size of address  
structure

```
int nFromlen = sizeof(addressReceived);
```

Wait for a message:  
capture string and

```
recvfrom(socketServer, sReceivedString, STR_SIZE, 0,  
          (struct sockaddr*)& addressReceived, &
```

# UDP server

Any address  
Address is  
Specify port number

assign `addressServer` to the  
socket  
get size of address  
structure  
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recvfrom(socketServer, sReceivedString, STR_SIZE, 0,  
          (struct sockaddr*)& addressReceived, &  
          nFromlen);
```

```
sendto( ... );
```

```
closesocket(socketServer);
```

```
WSACleanup();
```



# Endianness - `htons()`

## Big-endian system

- stores the most significant byte (**MSB**) of a word at the smallest memory address

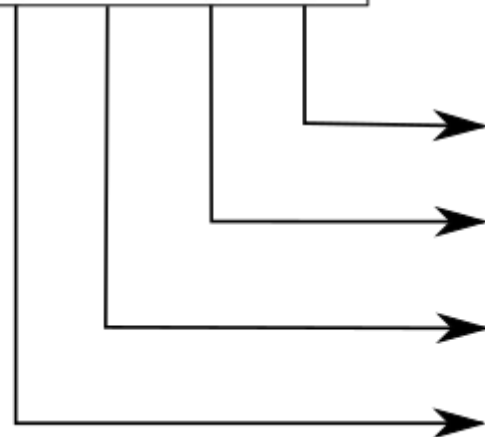
## Little-endian system

- stores the least-significant byte (**LSB**) at the smallest address

Little-endian

32-bit integer

0A0B0C0D



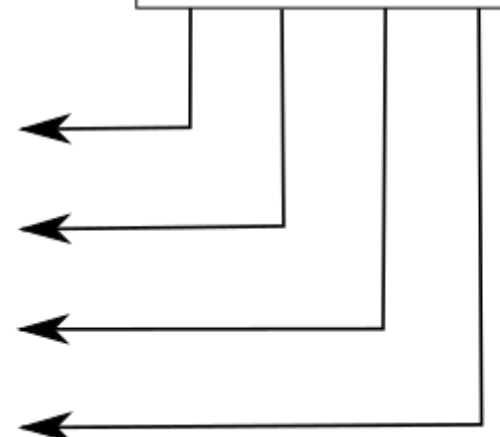
Memory

⋮		⋮
0D	$a$	0A
0C	$a+1$	0B
0B	$a+2$	0C
0A	$a+3$	0D
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Big-endian

32-bit integer

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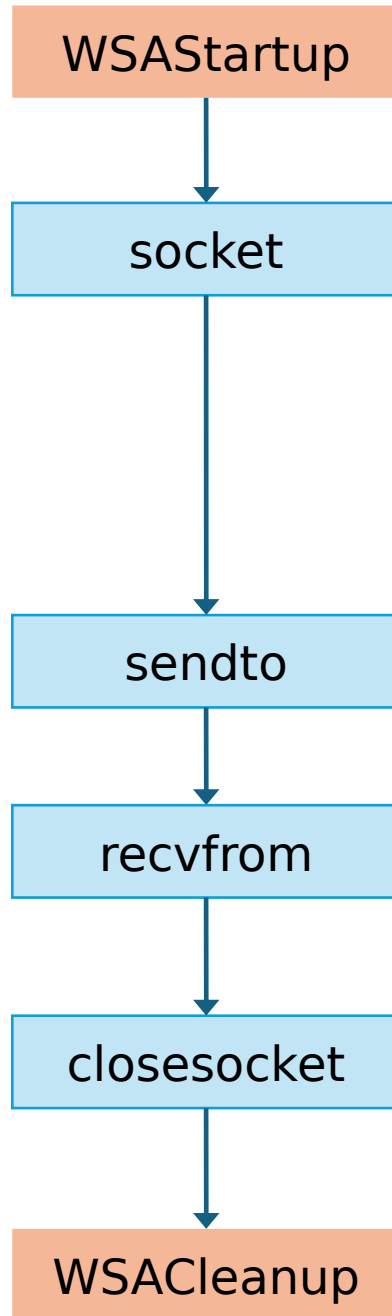


# Endianness

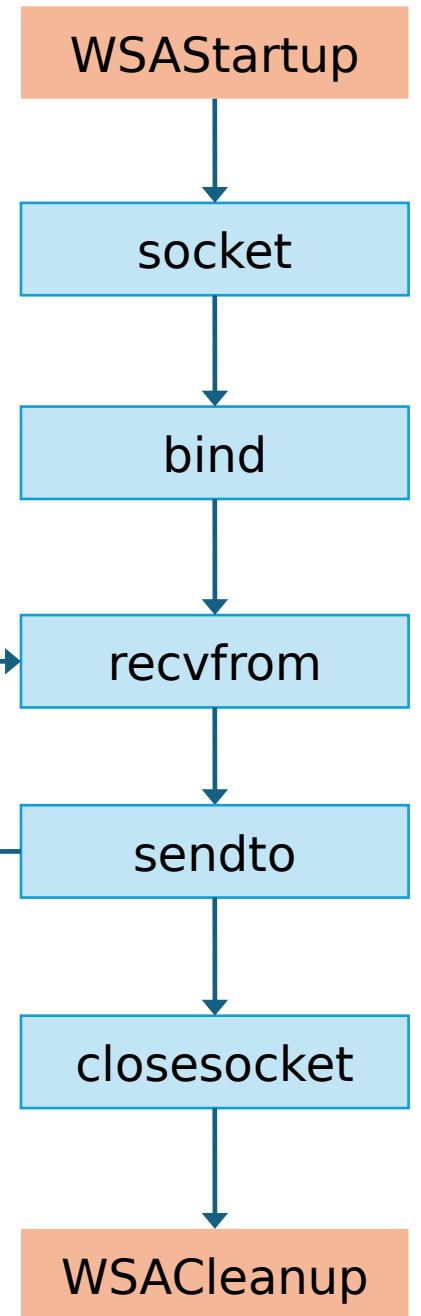
A big-endian system stores the most significant byte of a word at the smallest memory address and the least significant byte at the largest. A little-endian system, in contrast, stores the least-significant byte at the smallest address

# UDP sockets

Client



Server



request

response

# UDP client

```
#include <winsock2.h>
#include <ws2tcpip.h> // InetPton
```

```
WSADATA wsa;
SOCKET socketClient;
```

Holds target address	→	struct <code>sockaddr_in</code> <code>addressServer</code> ; char <code>sTarget</code> [] = " <code>127.0.0.1</code> "; // loopback address
Start use of Winsock DLL ( <i>Ws2_32.dll</i> )	→	<code>WSAStartup</code> (MAKEWORD(2,2), & <code>wsa</code> );
Create UDP-socket (IPv4)	→	<code>socketClient</code> = <code>socket</code> ( <code>AF_INET</code> , <code>SOCK_DGRAM</code> , 0 );
Receiver's IP address - convert text-address to binary	→	// Initialize address structure wrt. the target <code>InetPton</code> ( <code>AF_INET</code> , <code>__TEXT</code> ( <code>sTarget</code> ), &
Address form	→	<code>addressServer.sin_addr</code> );
Specify <b>target's</b> IPv4 port number	→	<code>addressServer.sin_family</code> = <code>AF_INET</code> ; <code>addressServer.sin_port</code> = <code>htons</code> ( <code>8888</code> ); // LSB -> MSB
Send message to target address using <code>socketClient</code>	→	<code>sendto</code> ( <code>socketClient</code> , <code>sMessage</code> , <code>sizeof</code> ( <code>message</code> ), 0, (struct <code>sockaddr*</code> )& <code>addressServer</code> , <code>sizeof</code> ( <code>addressServer</code> ) );

# UDP client

Receiver's IP address -  
convert text-address to binary  
form  
Specify target's IPv4  
port  
number  
Send message to address  
using socketClient

-----  
Receive message from  
client

Close the socket

```
struct sockaddr_in addressServer;
```

```
WSAStartup(MAKEWORD(2,2), &wsa);
```

```
socketClient = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_DGRAM, 0);
```

```
// Initialize address structure wrt. the target
```

```
InetPton(AF_INET, __TEXT("127.0.0.1"), &  
addressServer.sin_addr);
```

```
addressServer.sin_family = AF_INET;
```

```
addressServer.sin_port = htons(8888); // LSB -> MSB
```

```
sendto(socketClient, sSendText, strlen(sSendText), 0,  
(struct sockaddr*)&addressServer,  
sizeof(addressServer));
```

```
recvfrom( ... );
```

```
closesocket(socketClient);
```

```
WSACleanup();
```

# Linking in CLion

- In Windows, the WinSock library is implemented by **WS2\_32.dll**
- In CLion, this DLL is specified in CMakeLists.txt by the line

```
target_link_libraries(${CMAKE_PROJECT_NAME} Ws2_32)
```

# Programming exercise

1. Client reads a line of characters (data) from its keyboard and sends data to server
2. Server receives the data and converts characters to uppercase
3. Server sends modified data to client
4. Client receives modified data and displays line on its screen

# IP loopback address

- The special network address, 127.0.0.1, is defined as a **local loopback address**
- Hosts use local loopback addresses to send messages to themselves
- In Windows, the name **localhost** is an alias for 127.0.0.1

```
C:\Users\sigurde>tracert 127.0.0.1

Tracing route to UIA5CG4081L51 [127.0.0.1]
over a maximum of 30 hops:

    1      <1 ms      <1 ms      <1 ms  UIA5CG4081L51

Trace complete.

C:\Users\sigurde>tracert localhost

Tracing route to UIA5CG4081L51 [::1]
over a maximum of 30 hops:

    1      <1 ms      <1 ms      <1 ms  UIA5CG4081L51

Trace complete.
```