Networking Sockets

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Topics

- How does software do something complicated like networking? Layers!
- What are the two types of sockets?
- What syscalls can we use to work with sockets?

Networking

- Programs can communicate with each other via a network.
 - Can be across a network (wifi, wired, ...)
 - Can be on the same computer!
- More Resources
 - Beej's Guide to Network Programming https://beej.us/guide/bgnet/ is popular.
 - The Linux Programming Interface (our recommended text) is also great.

Basics of the Networking Stack

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Networking Stack

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 Each layer provides a service to the layer above it.



Physical Layer

• Phy (Physical) Layer:

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generates and receives signals.

- Need to know how to physically send and receive data.
- Focuses on voltage and signalling.
- Analogy: Amazon package delivery:



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Link Layer

• Link (MAC) Layer:

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- This is only for a (small area) local network.
- E.g., wired or wireless local network.
- LAN = Local Area Network

Application
Transport
IP
Link (MAC)
Phy

- Link layer has MAC addresses for addressing.
 MAC =... MAC address look like: 05:35:5a:30:f9:05
- Analogy: Amazon package delivery:
 - need an address and routes (how to get there).

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IP (Network) Layer

- IP ("Network") Layer:
 - IP =.. Internet Protocol
- What if you want to connect a wired local network with a wireless local network?
 - Still need addressing and routing but it needs to be something common for both wired and wireless.
 - IP addresses look like: 192.168.7.53



Transport Layer



 Imagine sending/receiving lots of packages: 3 problems can occur:



Think car crash; or human errors like losing a package in a warehouse.

They may be delivered by different trucks via different routes.

If the sender mistakenly thinks the package is lost and re-sends.

Transport Layer (cont)



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Application Layer

• Application Layer:

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 Often features a well-known protocol such as: HTTP and FTP.



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ABCD Spot the Address

Which of the following is ______

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- 1) an IP Address
- 2) a MAC Address
- 3) Port Number
 - a) 8001
 - b) 19:02:16:08:07:01
 - c) 153.10.23.103
 - d) 0xF532 5E85 0005 235F

Socket Interface

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Socket Syscalls

- An application can use a socket to communicate with another process (local or remote)
- There are five key syscalls
 - socket()
 - bind()
 - listen()
 - accept()
 - connect()

socket()

int socket(int domain, int type, int protocol)

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- Functions to send/receive
 - socket-specific calls: send(), recv(), sendto(), recvfrom()
 - file I/O calls: read(), write()
- int domain
 - Specifies what protocol is used. What is a protocol?
 - ...
 - Domain examples
 - AF_UNIX: Local communication (this computer)
 - AF_INET: IPv4 Internet protocols
 - AF_INET6: IPv6 Internet protocols

socket() cont

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- int type
 - SOCK_STREAM: TCP
 - Connection-based / connection-oriented: will explain later
 - SOCK_DGRAM: UDP
 - Connectionless: will explain later.
- int protocol

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- Always 0 for us; not used for AF_UNIX, AF_INET, and AF_INET6.
- Some domains allow different protocols.

Stream Socket Sequence (TCP)



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TCP Explanation: bind()

- socket() creates a socket.
- bind()..
 - Uses a generic address struct.

```
struct sockaddr {
   sa_family_t sa_family;
   char sa_data[14];
   // size varies.
   // bind() given struct size.
```

 Different protocols use different structs (with different-yet-similar names, and different fields).

TCP Explanation: listen(), accept()

- listen()..
 - i.e., it's used to wait for a connection to come (a server).
 - By default, a socket is active.
- accept()..
 - Returns a **new socket** to use for the new connection.
 - The original socket is only used to accept new connections.
- connect()..
 - "connection-oriented" means we establish a connection first.

ABCD TCP Call Sequence

• Which of the following is the most likely sequence of calls for a TCP server?



Datagram Socket Sequence (UDP)



UDP Explanation

- "connectionless" means
 - It is like an SMS message that is received one-off
 - Each time we receive a message we are told who sent it.
- UDP has no active or passive sockets
 - sendto() needs to specify the receiver's address every time.
 - recvfrom() tells you who sent it.

ABCD UDP Call Sequence

• Which of the following is the most likely sequence of calls for a UDP server?



ABCD: Who's call is it?

• Which of the options on the right is most likely to use all of the following calls (*not in order*):

```
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close()
read()
socket()
write()
```

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TCP Activity

- Create two TCP programs: server and client.
 - Implement the socket sequence using AF_UNIX. (Local machine)
 - The client should be able to send messages typed on the terminal to the server.
 - The server should be able to print out the messages.
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Summary

- Network Stack has layers (bottom-up)
 phy, link, IP, transport, application
- Socket: Connect to communicate across network.
- TCP:
 - Connection-oriented; in-order delivery.
 - Server: socket(), bind(), listen(), accept(), read(), write()... close()
 - Client: socket(), connect(), write(), read(), ... close()
- UDP:
 - Connectionless
 - Server: socket(), bind(), recvfrom(), sendto(), ... close()
 - Client: socket(), sendto(), recvfrom(), close()