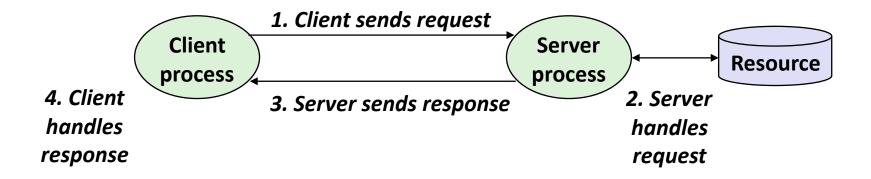
Network Programming

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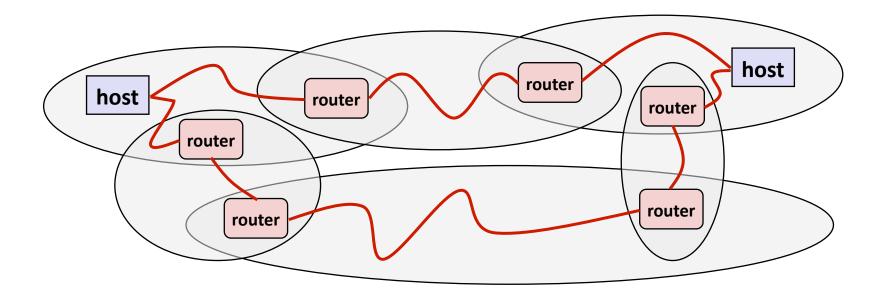
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Last Time: Client-Server Transaction



Note: clients and servers are processes running on hosts (can be the same or different hosts)

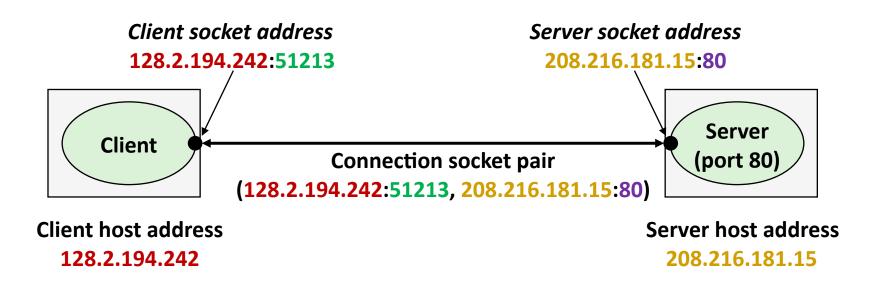
Last Time: Logical Structure of an internet



Internet Connections

- Clients and servers communicate by sending streams of bytes over connections:
 - Point-to-point, full-duplex (2-way communication), and reliable.
- A socket is an endpoint of a connection
 - Socket address is an IPaddress:port pair
- A port is a 16-bit integer that identifies a process:
 - Ephemeral port: Assigned automatically on client when client makes a connection request
 - Well-known port: Associated with some service provided by a server (e.g., port 80 is associated with Web servers)
- A connection is uniquely identified by the socket addresses of its endpoints (socket pair)
 - (cliaddr:cliport, servaddr:servport)

Putting it all Together: Anatomy of an Internet Connection



51213 is an ephemeral port allocated by the kernel

80 is a well-known port associated with Web servers

Clients

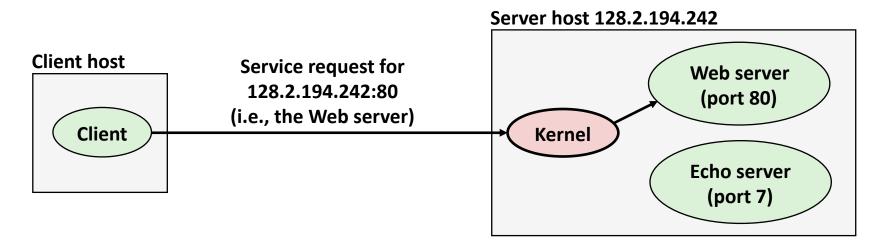
Examples of client programs

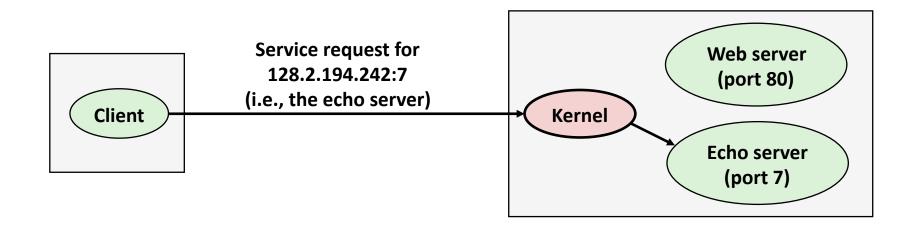
Web browsers, ftp, telnet, ssh

How does a client find the server?

- The IP address in the server socket address identifies the host (more precisely, an adapter on the host)
- The (well-known) port in the server socket address identifies the service, and thus implicitly identifies the server process that performs that service.
- Examples of well know ports
 - Port 7: Echo server
 - Port 23: Telnet server
 - Port 25: Mail server
 - Port 80: Web server

Using Ports to Identify Services





Servers

- Servers are long-running processes (daemons)
 - Created at boot-time (typically) by the init process (process 1)
 - Run continuously until the machine is turned off
- Each server waits for requests to arrive on a well-known port associated with a particular service
 - Port 7: echo server
 - Port 23: telnet server
 - Port 25: mail server
 - Port 80: HTTP server
- A machine that runs a server process is also often referred to as a "server"

Server Examples

Web server (port 80)

- Resource: files/compute cycles (CGI programs)
- Service: retrieves files and runs CGI programs on behalf of the client

FTP server (20, 21)

Resource: files

Service: stores and retrieve files

See /etc/services for a comprehensive list of the port mappings on a Linux machine

Telnet server (23)

Resource: terminal

Service: proxies a terminal on the server machine

Mail server (25)

Resource: email "spool" file

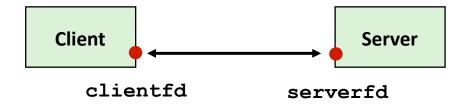
Service: stores mail messages in spool file

Sockets Interface

- Created in the early 80's as part of the original Berkeley distribution of Unix that contained an early version of the Internet protocols
- Provides a user-level interface to the network
- Underlying basis for all Internet applications
- Based on client/server programming model

Sockets

- What is a socket?
 - To the kernel, a socket is an endpoint of communication
 - To an application, a socket is a file descriptor that lets the application read/write from/to the network
 - Remember: All Unix I/O devices, including networks, are modeled as files
- Clients and servers communicate with each other by reading from and writing to socket descriptors



■ The main distinction between regular file I/O and socket I/O is how the application "opens" the socket descriptors

Example: Echo Client and Server

On Client On Server

greatwhite> ./echoserveri 15213

linux> echoclient greatwhite.ics.cs.cmu.edu 15213

server connected to BRYANT-TP4.VLSI.CS.CMU.EDU (128.2.213.29), port 64690

type: hello there

server received 12 bytes

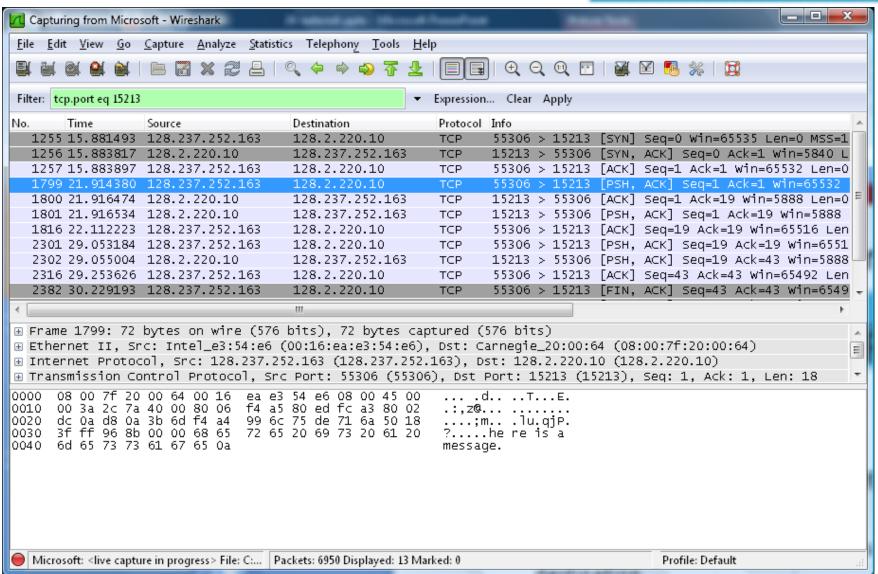
echo: HELLO THERE

type: ^D

Connection closed

Watching Echo Client / Server WIRES





Ethical Issues

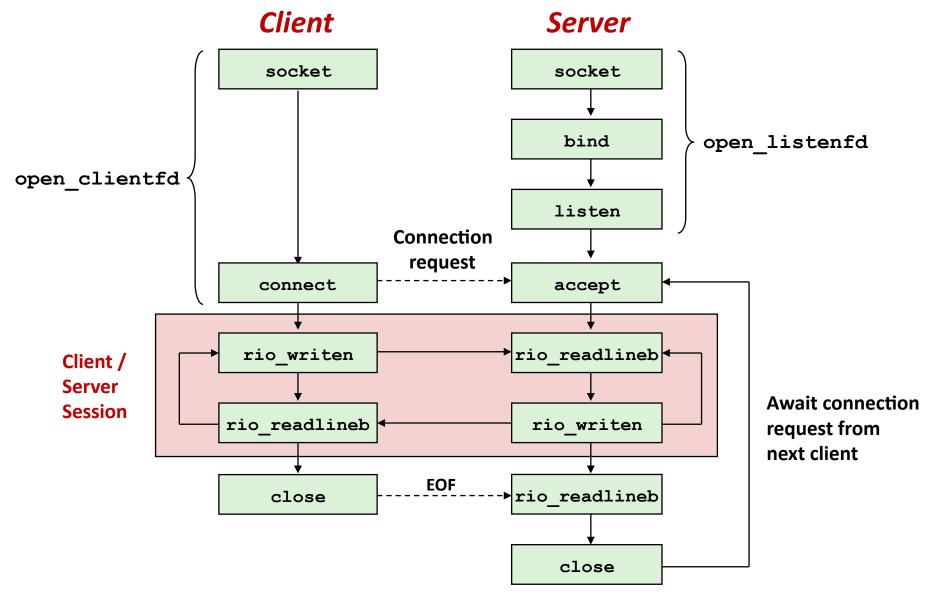
Packet Sniffer

- Program that records network traffic visible at node
- Promiscuous mode: Record traffic that does not have this host as source or destination

University Policy

Network Traffic: Network traffic should be considered private. Because of this, any "packet sniffing", or other deliberate attempts to read network information which is not intended for your use will be grounds for loss of network privileges for a period of not less than one full semester. In some cases, the loss of privileges may be permanent. Note that it is permissable to run a packet sniffer explicitely configured in non-promiscuous mode (you may sniff packets going to or from your machine). This allows users to explore aspects of networking while protecting the privacy of others.

Overview of the Sockets Interface

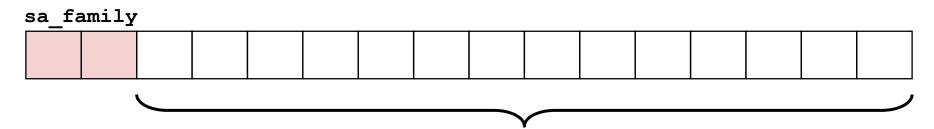


Socket Address Structures

Generic socket address:

- For address arguments to connect, bind, and accept
- Necessary only because C did not have generic (void *) pointers when the sockets interface was designed

```
struct sockaddr {
  unsigned short sa_family; /* protocol family */
  char sa_data[14]; /* address data. */
};
```

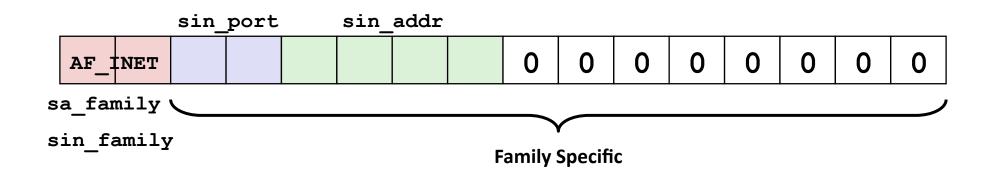


Family Specific

Socket Address Structures

- Internet-specific socket address:
 - Must cast (sockaddr_in *) to (sockaddr *) for connect,
 bind, and accept

```
struct sockaddr_in {
  unsigned short sin_family; /* address family (always AF_INET) */
  unsigned short sin_port; /* port num in network byte order */
  struct in_addr sin_addr; /* IP addr in network byte order */
  unsigned char sin_zero[8]; /* pad to sizeof(struct sockaddr) */
};
```



Echo Client Main Routine

Send line to

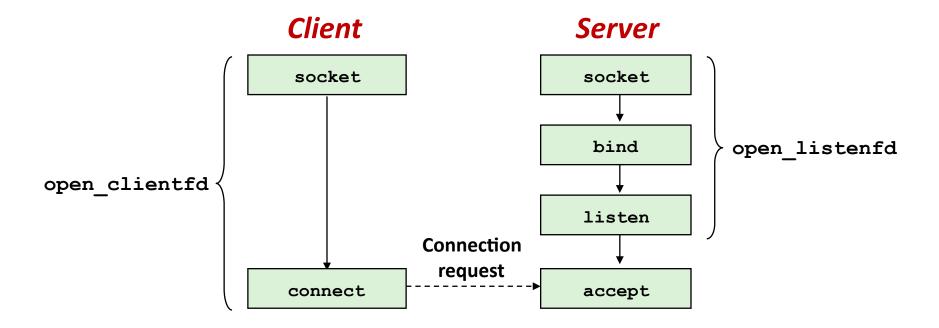
Receive line

from server

server

```
#include "csapp.h"
/* usage: ./echoclient host port */
int main(int argc, char **argv)
                                                    Read input
    int clientfd, port;
                                                    line
    char *host, buf[MAXLINE];
    rio t rio;
    host = argv[1]; port = atoi(argv[2]);
    clientfd = Open clientfd(host, port);
   Rio readinitb(&rio, clientfd);
   printf("type:"); fflush(stdout); 
    while (Fgets(buf, MAXLINE, stdin) != NULL) {
       Prio writen(clientfd, buf, strlen(buf));
        Rio readlineb(&rio, buf, MAXLINE);
                                                     Print server
        printf("echo:");
                                                     response
        Fputs(buf, stdout);
        printf("type:"); fflush(stdout);
    Close(clientfd);
    exit(0);
```

Overview of the Sockets Interface



Echo Client: open clientfd

```
int open clientfd(char *hostname, int port) {
  int clientfd:
                                                This function opens a connection
 struct hostent *hp;
                                                from the client to the server at
  struct sockaddr in serveraddr;
                                                hostname:port
                                                                   Create
  if ((clientfd = socket(AF INET, SOCK STREAM, 0)) < 0)</pre>
    return -1; /* check errno for cause of error */
                                                                   socket
 /* Fill in the server's IP address and port */
  if ((hp = gethostbyname(hostname)) == NULL)
    return -2; /* check h errno for cause of error */
                                                                   Create
 bzero((char *) &serveraddr, sizeof(serveraddr));
                                                                   address
  serveraddr.sin family = AF INET;
 bcopy((char *)hp->h addr list[0],
        (char *)&serveraddr.sin addr.s addr, hp->h length);
  serveraddr.sin port = htons(port);
 /* Establish a connection with the server */
  if (connect(clientfd, (SA *) &serveraddr,
                                                                   Establish
      sizeof(serveraddr)) < 0)</pre>
                                                                   connection
    return -1;
 return clientfd;
```

Echo Client: open_clientfd (socket)

socket creates a socket descriptor on the client

- Just allocates & initializes some internal data structures
- AF INET: indicates that the socket is associated with Internet protocols
- SOCK STREAM: selects a reliable byte stream connection
 - provided by TCP

```
int clientfd; /* socket descriptor */
if ((clientfd = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0)) < 0)
    return -1; /* check errno for cause of error */
... <more>
```

Echo Client: open_clientfd

(gethostbyname)

The client then builds the server's Internet address

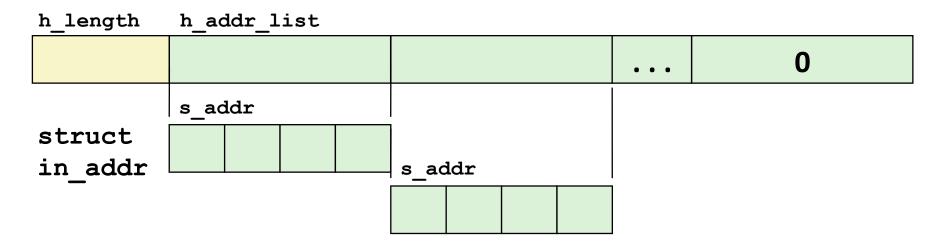
A Careful Look at bcopy Arguments

```
/* DNS host entry structure */
struct hostent {
    . . .
    int h_length; /* length of an address, in bytes */
    char **h_addr_list; /* null-terminated array of in_addr structs */
};
```

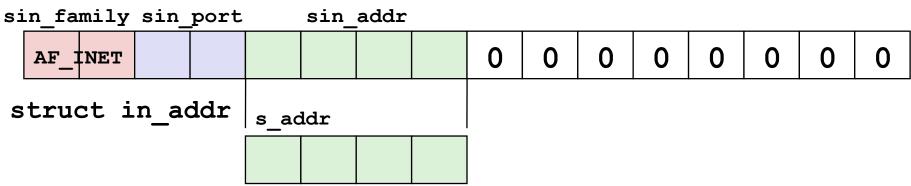
```
struct sockaddr_in {
    . . .
    struct in_addr sin_addr; /* IP addr in network byte order */
    /* Internet address structure */
    struct in_addr {
        unsigned int s_addr; /* network byte order (big-endian) */
    };
```

Bcopy Argument Data Structures

struct hostent



struct sockaddr_in



Echo Client: open_clientfd

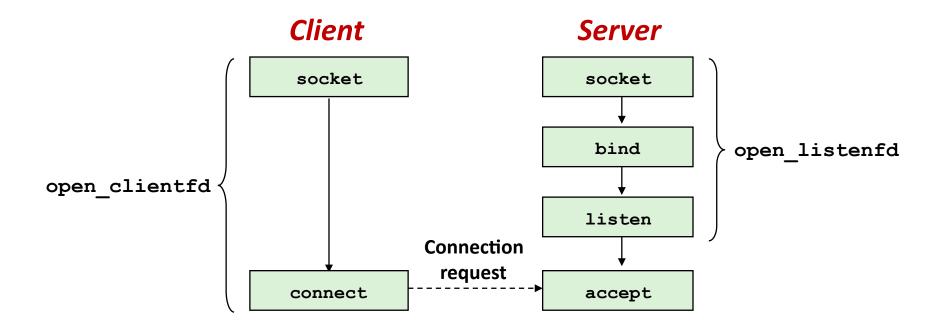
(connect)

- Finally the client creates a connection with the server
 - Client process suspends (blocks) until the connection is created
 - After resuming, the client is ready to begin exchanging messages with the server via Unix I/O calls on descriptor clientfd

Echo Server: Main Routine

```
int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    int listenfd, connfd, port, clientlen;
    struct sockaddr in clientaddr;
    struct hostent *hp;
   char *haddrp;
   unsigned short client port;
   port = atoi(argv[1]); /* the server listens on a port passed
                             on the command line */
    listenfd = open listenfd(port);
   while (1) {
        clientlen = sizeof(clientaddr);
        connfd = Accept(listenfd, (SA *)&clientaddr, &clientlen);
        hp = Gethostbyaddr((const char *)&clientaddr.sin addr.s addr,
                        sizeof(clientaddr.sin addr.s addr), AF INET);
        haddrp = inet ntoa(clientaddr.sin addr);
        client port = ntohs(clientaddr.sin port);
        printf("server connected to %s (%s), port %u\n",
                hp->h name, haddrp, client port);
        echo(connfd);
        Close (connfd);
```

Overview of the Sockets Interface



Office Telephone Analogy for Server

Socket: Buy a phone

Bind: Tell the local administrator what number you want to use

Listen: Plug the phone in

Accept: Answer the phone when it rings

Echo Server: open_listenfd (cont.)

```
. . .
 /* Listenfd will be an endpoint for all requests to port
      on any IP address for this host */
   bzero((char *) &serveraddr, sizeof(serveraddr));
   serveraddr.sin family = AF INET;
   serveraddr.sin addr.s addr = htonl(INADDR ANY);
   serveraddr.sin port = htons((unsigned short)port);
   if (bind(listenfd, (SA *)&serveraddr, sizeof(serveraddr)) < 0)
       return -1;
   /* Make it a listening socket ready to accept
      connection requests */
   if (listen(listenfd, LISTENQ) < 0)
       return -1;
  return listenfd;
```

(socket)

- socket creates a socket descriptor on the server
 - **AF INET**: indicates that the socket is associated with Internet protocols
 - SOCK_STREAM: selects a reliable byte stream connection (TCP)

```
int listenfd; /* listening socket descriptor */

/* Create a socket descriptor */
if ((listenfd = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0)) < 0)
    return -1;</pre>
```

(setsockopt)

■ The socket can be given some attributes

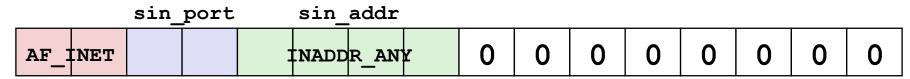
- Handy trick that allows us to rerun the server immediately after we kill it
 - Otherwise we would have to wait about 15 seconds
 - Eliminates "Address already in use" error from bind()
- Strongly suggest you do this for all your servers to simplify debugging

(initialize socket address)

- Initialize socket with server port number
- Accept connection from any IP address

```
struct sockaddr_in serveraddr; /* server's socket addr */
...
/* listenfd will be an endpoint for all requests to port
    on any IP address for this host */
bzero((char *) &serveraddr, sizeof(serveraddr));
serveraddr.sin_family = AF_INET;
serveraddr.sin_port = htons((unsigned short)port);
serveraddr.sin_addr.s_addr = htonl(INADDR_ANY);
```

■ IP addr and port stored in network (big-endian) byte order



```
sa_family
sin family
```

Echo Server: open_listenfd (bind)

bind associates the socket with the socket address we just created

(listen)

- listen indicates that this socket will accept connection (connect) requests from clients
- LISTENQ is constant indicating how many pending requests allowed

```
int listenfd; /* listening socket */
...
/* Make it a listening socket ready to accept connection requests */
   if (listen(listenfd, LISTENQ) < 0)
        return -1;
   return listenfd;
}</pre>
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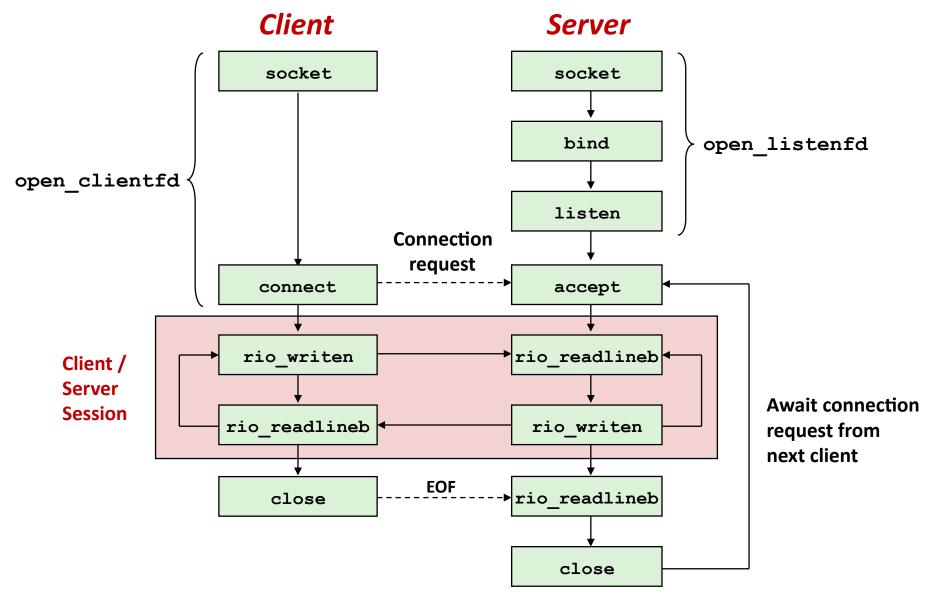
We're finally ready to enter the main server loop that accepts and processes client connection requests.

Echo Server: Main Loop

■ The server loops endlessly, waiting for connection requests, then reading input from the client, and echoing the input back to the client.

```
main() {
    /* create and configure the listening socket */
    while(1) {
        /* Accept(): wait for a connection request */
        /* echo(): read and echo input lines from client til EOF */
        /* Close(): close the connection */
    }
}
```

Overview of the Sockets Interface



Echo Server: accept

accept() blocks waiting for a connection request

```
int listenfd; /* listening descriptor */
int connfd; /* connected descriptor */
struct sockaddr_in clientaddr;
int clientlen;

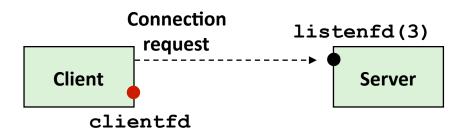
clientlen = sizeof(clientaddr);
connfd = Accept(listenfd, (SA *)&clientaddr, &clientlen);
```

- accept returns a connected descriptor (connfd) with the same properties as the listening descriptor (listenfd)
 - Returns when the connection between client and server is created and ready for I/O transfers
 - All I/O with the client will be done via the connected socket
- accept also fills in client's IP address

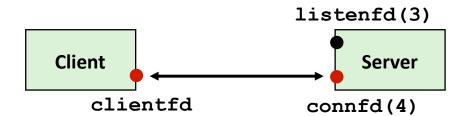
Echo Server: accept Illustrated



1. Server blocks in accept, waiting for connection request on listening descriptor
listenfd



2. Client makes connection request by calling and blocking in connect



3. Server returns connfd from accept. Client returns from connect. Connection is now established between clientfd and connfd

Connected vs. Listening Descriptors

Listening descriptor

- End point for client connection requests
- Created once and exists for lifetime of the server

Connected descriptor

- End point of the connection between client and server
- A new descriptor is created each time the server accepts a connection request from a client
- Exists only as long as it takes to service client

Why the distinction?

- Allows for concurrent servers that can communicate over many client connections simultaneously
 - E.g., Each time we receive a new request, we fork a child to handle the request

Echo Server: Identifying the Client

■ The server can determine the domain name, IP address, and port of the client

Echo Server: echo

- The server uses RIO to read and echo text lines until EOF (end-of-file) is encountered.
 - EOF notification caused by client calling close (clientfd)

```
void echo(int connfd)
{
    size_t n;
    char buf[MAXLINE];
    rio_t rio;

    Rio_readinitb(&rio, connfd);
    while((n = Rio_readlineb(&rio, buf, MAXLINE))) != 0) {
        upper_case(buf);
        Rio_writen(connfd, buf, n);
        printf("server received %d bytes\n", n);
    }
}
```

Testing Servers Using telnet

- The telnet program is invaluable for testing servers that transmit ASCII strings over Internet connections
 - Our simple echo server
 - Web servers
 - Mail servers

Usage:

- unix> telnet <host> <portnumber>
- Creates a connection with a server running on <host> and listening on port <portnumber>

Testing the Echo Server With telnet

```
greatwhite> echoserver 15213
linux> telnet greatwhite.ics.cs.cmu.edu 15213
Trying 128.2.220.10...
Connected to greatwhite.ics.cs.cmu.edu.
Escape character is '^]'.
hi there
HI THERE
```

For More Information

- W. Richard Stevens, "Unix Network Programming: Networking APIs: Sockets and XTI", Volume 1, Second Edition, Prentice Hall, 1998
 - THE network programming bible
- Unix Man Pages
 - Good for detailed information about specific functions
- Complete versions of the echo client and server are developed in the text
 - Updated versions linked to course website
 - Feel free to use this code in your assignments