COMP2310/COMP6310 Systems, Networks, & Concurrency

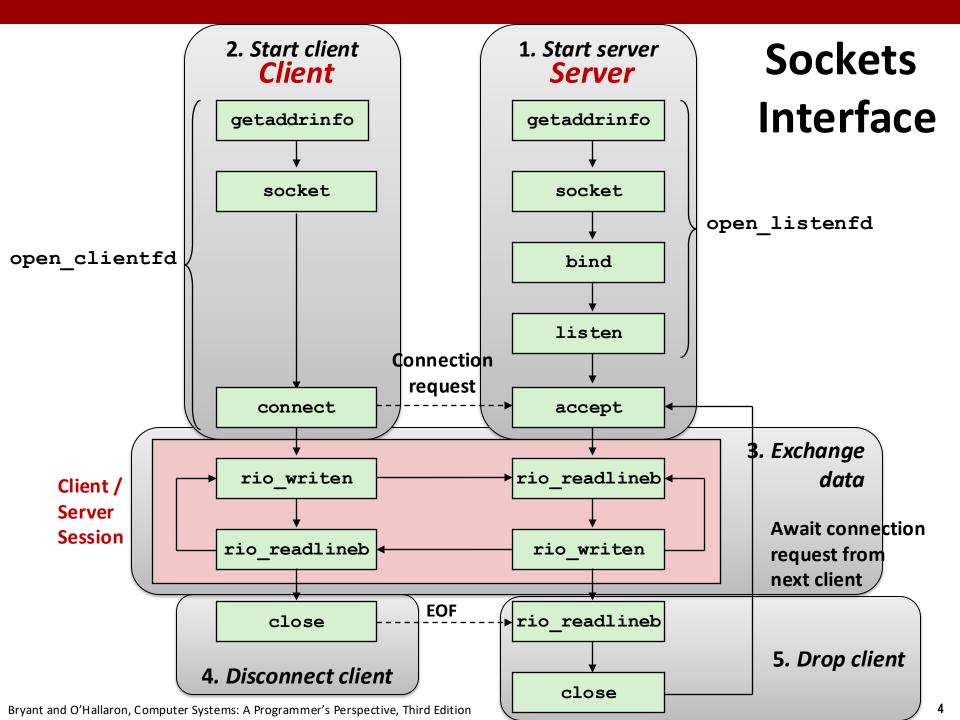
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Course Update

- Assignment 1 Marking now, due in about 2 weeks...
- Quiz 2 Due today!
 - Cover weeks 3-6 of lectures
 - > 30 questions in 30 mins
- Checkpoint 2 Released Friday 27 September
 - Due Thursday 10 October

Network Programming: Part II

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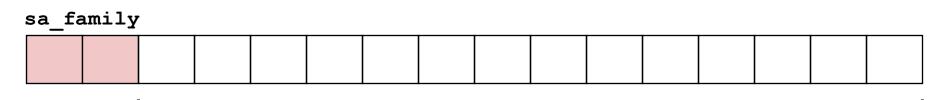


Recall: Socket Address Structures

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
- For casting convenience, we adopt the Stevens convention: typedef struct sockaddr SA;

```
struct sockaddr {
  uint16_t sa_family; /* Protocol family */
  char sa_data[14]; /* Address data. */
};
```

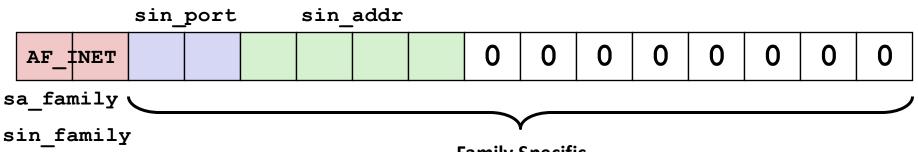


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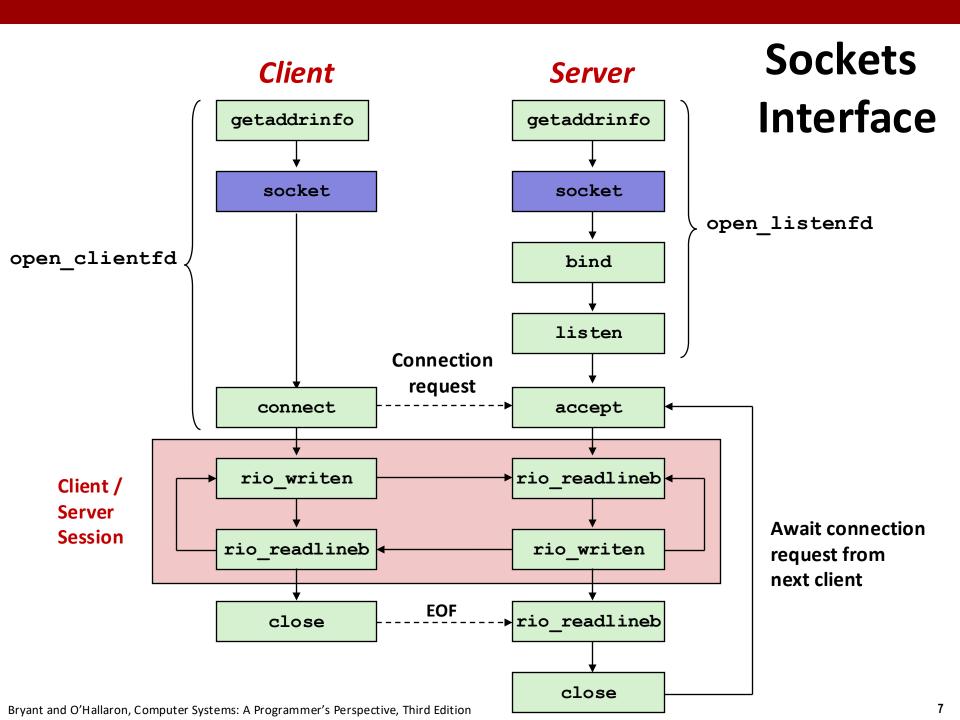
Recall: Socket Address Structures

Internet-specific socket address:

• Must cast (struct sockaddr_in *) to (struct sockaddr *) for functions that take socket address arguments.



Family Specific

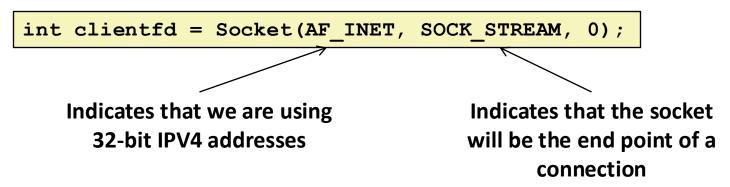


Sockets Interface: socket

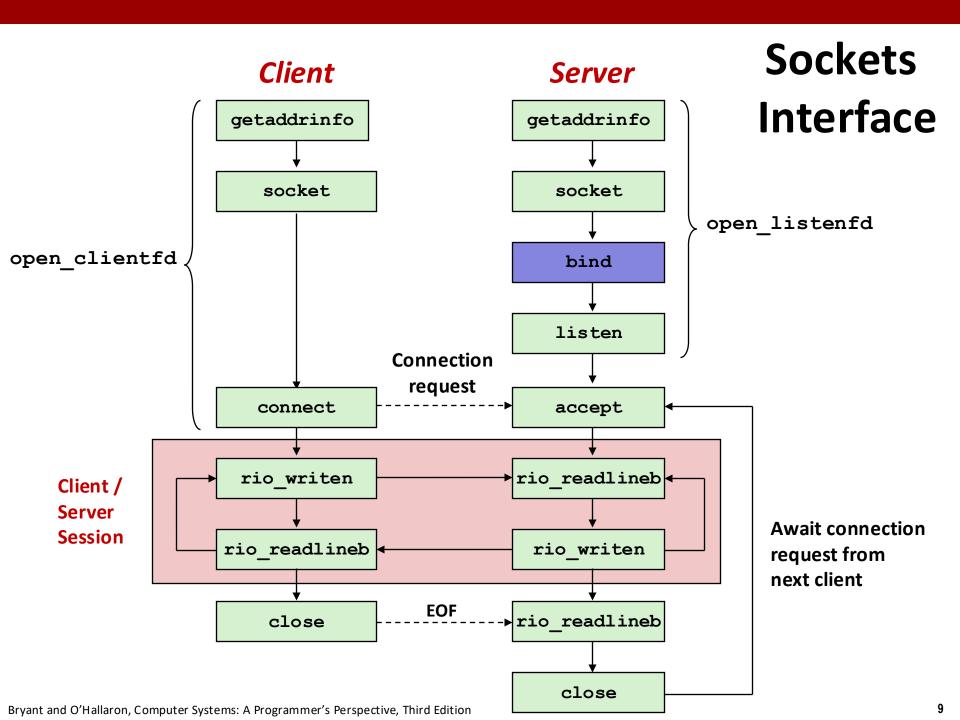
Clients and servers use the socket function to create a socket descriptor:

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

Example:



Protocol specific! Best practice is to use getaddrinfo to generate the parameters automatically, so that code is protocol independent.



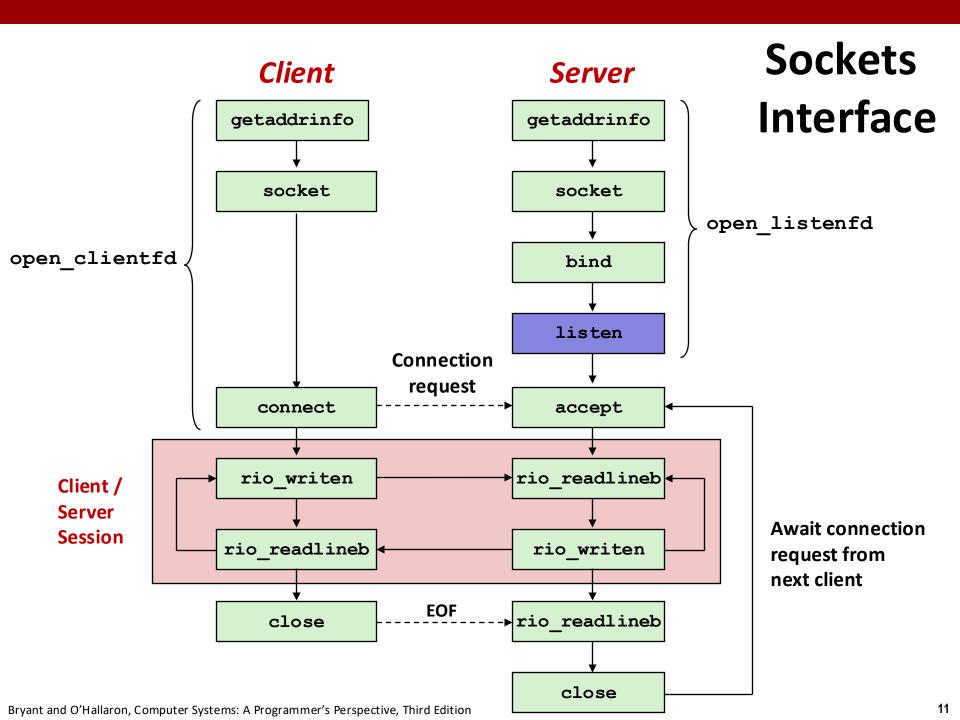
Sockets Interface: bind

A server uses bind to ask the kernel to associate the server's socket address with a socket descriptor:

```
int bind(int sockfd, SA *addr, socklen_t addrlen);
```

- The process can read bytes that arrive on the connection whose endpoint is addr by reading from descriptor sockfd.
- Similarly, writes to sockfd are transferred along connection whose endpoint is addr.

Best practice is to use getaddrinfo to supply the arguments addr and addrlen.

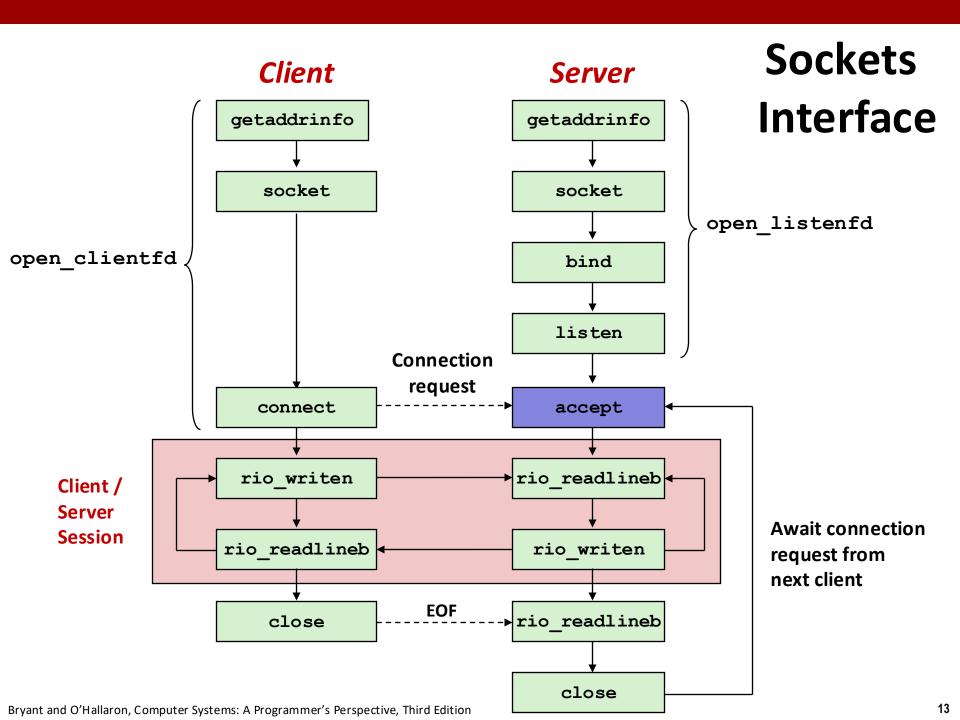


Sockets Interface: listen

- By default, kernel assumes that descriptor from socket function is an active socket that will be on the client end of a connection.
- A server calls the listen function to tell the kernel that a descriptor will be used by a server rather than a client:

```
int listen(int sockfd, int backlog);
```

- Converts sockfd from an active socket to a listening socket that can accept connection requests from clients.
- backlog is a hint about the number of outstanding connection requests that the kernel should queue up before starting to refuse requests.

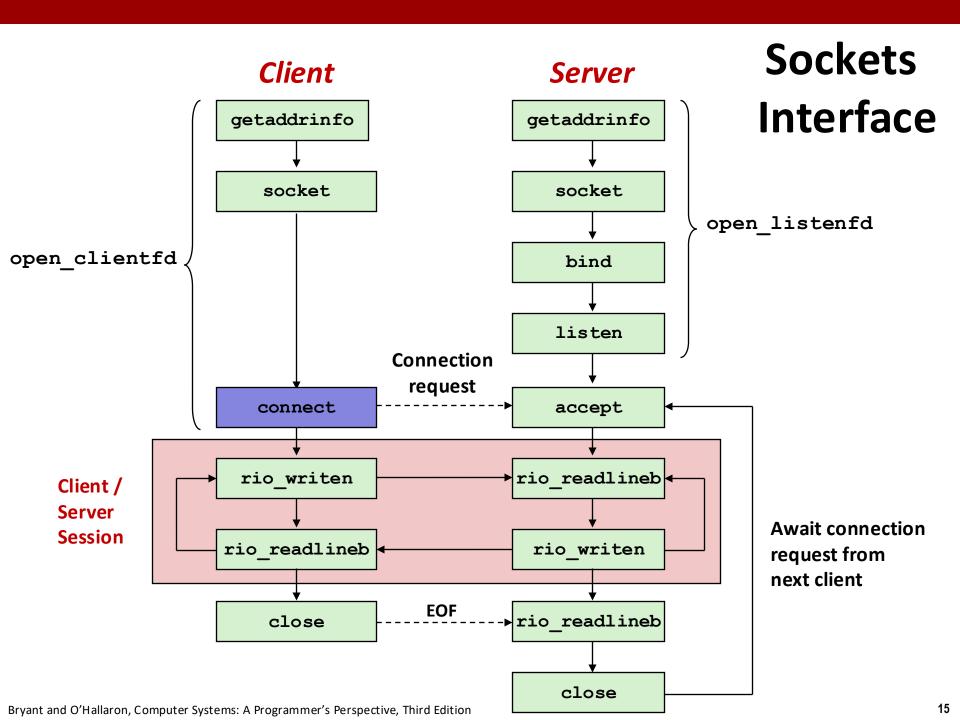


Sockets Interface: accept

Servers wait for connection requests from clients by calling accept:

```
int accept(int listenfd, SA *addr, int *addrlen);
```

- Waits for connection request to arrive on the connection bound to listenfd, then fills in client's socket address in addr and size of the socket address in addrlen.
- Returns a connected descriptor that can be used to communicate with the client via Unix I/O routines.



Sockets Interface: connect

A client establishes a connection with a server by calling connect:

```
int connect(int clientfd, SA *addr, socklen_t addrlen);
```

- Attempts to establish a connection with server at socket address addr
 - If successful, then clientfd is now ready for reading and writing.
 - Resulting connection is characterized by socket pair

```
(x:y, addr.sin_addr:addr.sin_port)
```

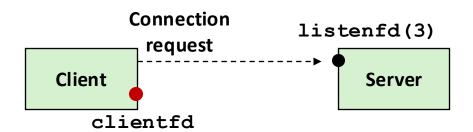
- x is client address
- y is ephemeral port that uniquely identifies client process on client host

Best practice is to use getaddrinfo to supply the arguments addr and addrlen.

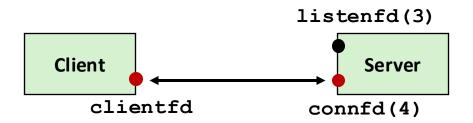
accept Illustrated



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

Connected vs. Listening Descriptors

Listening descriptor

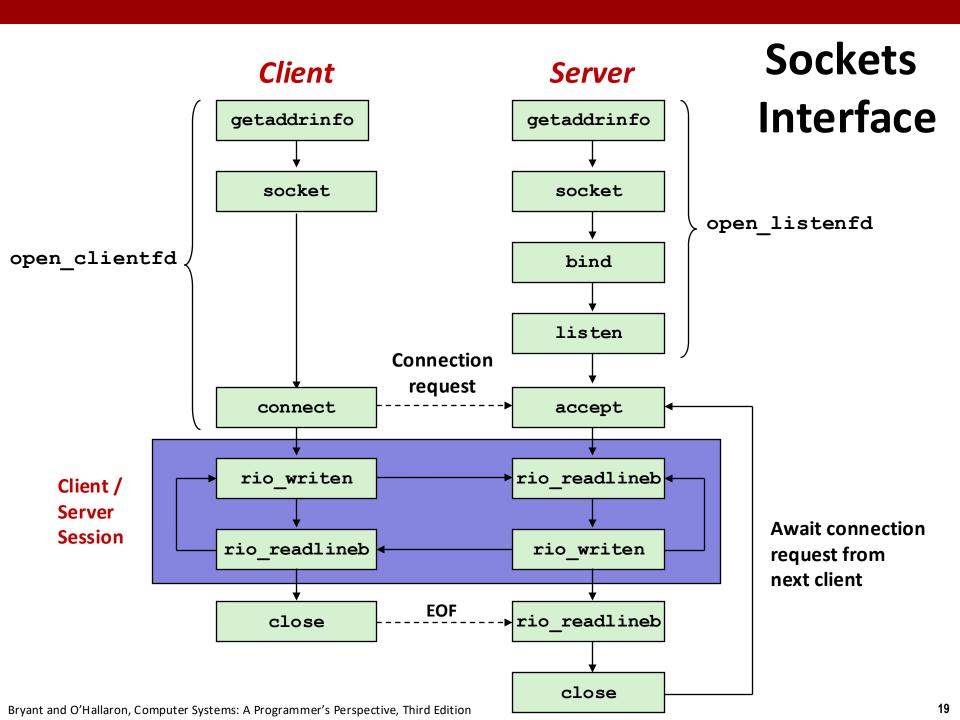
- End point for client connection requests
- Created once and exists for lifetime of the server

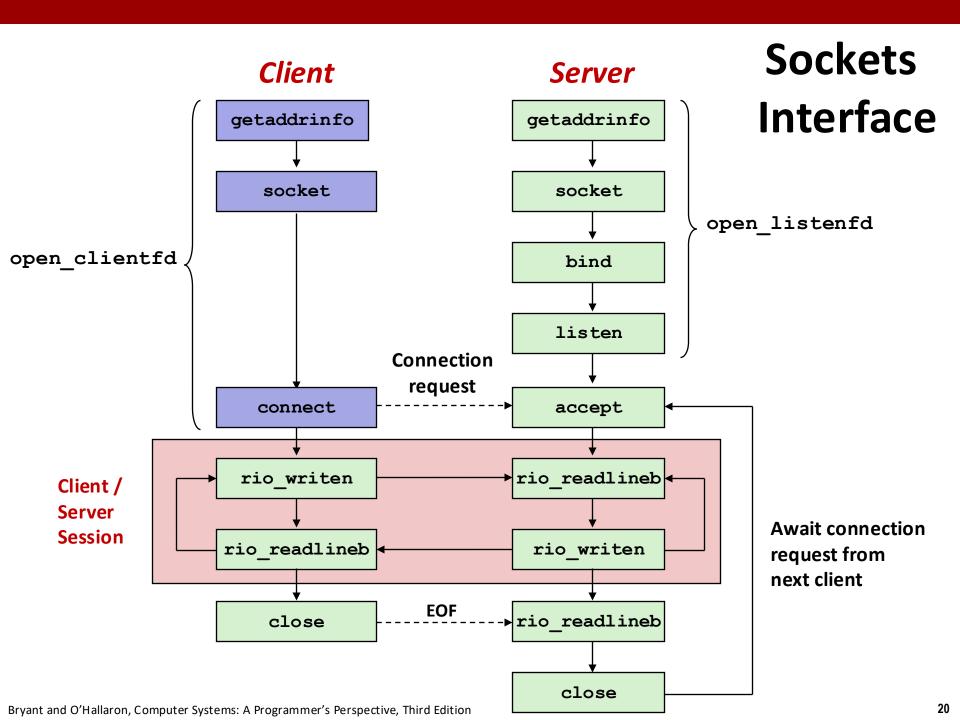
Connected descriptor

- 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



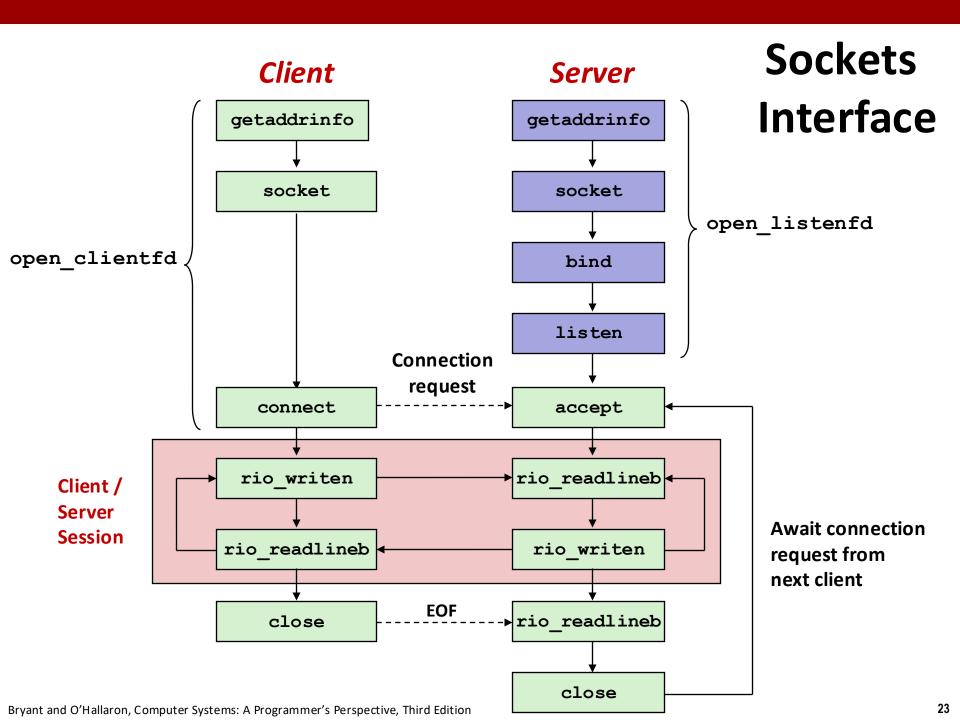


Sockets Helper: open_clientfd

Establish a connection with a server

Sockets Helper: open_clientfd (cont)

```
/* Walk the list for one that we can successfully connect to */
for (p = listp; p; p = p->ai next) {
    /* Create a socket descriptor */
    if ((clientfd = socket(p->ai family, p->ai socktype,
                           p->ai protocol)) < 0)</pre>
        continue; /* Socket failed, try the next */
    /* Connect to the server */
    if (connect(clientfd, p->ai addr, p->ai addrlen) != -1)
        break; /* Success */
    Close (clientfd); /* Connect failed, try another */
/* Clean up */
Freeaddrinfo(listp);
if (!p) /* All connects failed */
    return -1;
else /* The last connect succeeded */
    return clientfd;
                                                           csapp.c
```



Sockets Helper: open_listenfd

Create a listening descriptor that can be used to accept connection requests from clients.

Sockets Helper: open_listenfd (cont)

```
/* Walk the list for one that we can bind to */
for (p = listp; p; p = p->ai next) {
   /* Create a socket descriptor */
    if ((listenfd = socket(p->ai family, p->ai socktype,
                           p->ai protocol)) < 0)
        continue; /* Socket failed, try the next */
   /* Eliminates "Address already in use" error from bind */
    Setsockopt(listenfd, SOL SOCKET, SO REUSEADDR,
               (const void *)&optval , sizeof(int));
    /* Bind the descriptor to the address */
    if (bind(listenfd, p->ai addr, p->ai addrlen) == 0)
       break; /* Success */
   Close(listenfd); /* Bind failed, try the next */
}
                                                         csapp.c
```

Sockets Helper: open_listenfd (cont)

```
/* Clean up */
Freeaddrinfo(listp);
if (!p) /* No address worked */
    return -1;

/* Make it a listening socket ready to accept conn. requests */
if (listen(listenfd, LISTENQ) < 0) {
    Close(listenfd);
    return -1;
}
return listenfd;
}</pre>
```

Key point: open_clientfd and open_listenfd are both independent of any particular version of IP.

Echo Client: Main Routine

```
#include "csapp.h"
int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    int clientfd;
    char *host, *port, buf[MAXLINE];
    rio t rio;
   host = arqv[1];
   port = argv[2];
    clientfd = Open clientfd(host, port);
   Rio readinitb(&rio, clientfd);
    while (Fgets(buf, MAXLINE, stdin) != NULL) {
       Rio writen(clientfd, buf, strlen(buf));
       Rio readlineb(&rio, buf, MAXLINE);
       Fputs(buf, stdout);
    Close(clientfd);
    exit(0);
                                                  echoclient.c
```

Iterative Echo Server: Main Routine

```
#include "csapp.h"
void echo(int connfd);
int main(int argc, char **argv)
    int listenfd, connfd;
    socklen t clientlen;
    struct sockaddr storage clientaddr; /* Enough room for any addr */
    char client hostname[MAXLINE], client port[MAXLINE];
    listenfd = Open listenfd(argv[1]);
    while (1) {
       clientlen = sizeof(struct sockaddr storage); /* Important! */
       connfd = Accept(listenfd, (SA *)&clientaddr, &clientlen);
       Getnameinfo((SA *) &clientaddr, clientlen,
                    client hostname, MAXLINE, client port, MAXLINE, 0);
       printf("Connected to (%s, %s)\n", client hostname, client port);
       echo(connfd);
       Close (connfd);
    exit(0);
                                                               echoserveri.c
```

Echo Server: echo function

- The server uses RIO to read and echo text lines until EOF (end-of-file) condition is encountered.
 - EOF condition 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) {
        printf("server received %d bytes\n", (int)n);
        Rio_writen(connfd, buf, 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:

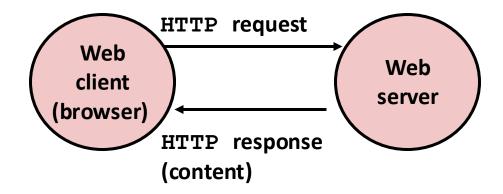
- linux> telnet <host> <portnumber>
- Creates a connection with a server running on <host> and listening on port <portnumber>

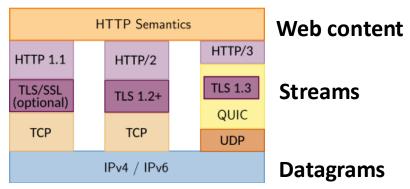
Testing the Echo Server With telnet

```
whaleshark> ./echoserveri 15213
Connected to (MAKOSHARK.ICS.CS.CMU.EDU, 50280)
server received 11 bytes
server received 8 bytes
makoshark> telnet whaleshark.ics.cs.cmu.edu 15213
Trying 128.2.210.175...
Connected to whaleshark.ics.cs.cmu.edu (128.2.210.175).
Escape character is '^]'.
Hi there!
Hi there!
Howdy!
Howdy!
^1
telnet> quit
Connection closed.
makoshark>
```

Web Server Basics

- Clients and servers communicate using the HyperText Transfer Protocol (HTTP)
 - Client and server establish
 TCP/QUIC connection
 - Client requests content
 - Server responds with requested content
 - Client and server close connection (eventually)
- Current version is HTTP/3
 - RFC 9114 in 2022. HTTP/3
 - HTTP semantics are consistent across versions





https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HTTP/3

https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc9114

Web Content

Web servers return content to clients

 content: a sequence of bytes with an associated MIME (Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions) type

Example MIME types

text/html

text/plain

image/gif

image/png

image/jpeg

HTML document

Unformatted text

Binary image encoded in GIF format

Binar image encoded in PNG format

Binary image encoded in JPEG format

You can find the complete list of MIME types at:

http://www.iana.org/assignments/media-types/media-types.xhtml

Static and Dynamic Content

- The content returned in HTTP responses can be either static or dynamic
 - Static content: content stored in files and retrieved in response to an HTTP request
 - Examples: HTML files, images, audio clips
 - Request identifies which content file
 - Dynamic content: content produced on-the-fly in response to an HTTP request
 - Example: content produced by a program executed by the server on behalf of the client
 - Request identifies file containing executable code
- Bottom line: Web content is associated with a file that is managed by the server

URLs and how clients and servers use them

- Unique name for a file: URL (Universal Resource Locator)
- Example URL: https://www.anu.edu:443/index.html
- Clients use *prefix* (https://www.anu.edu:443) to infer:
 - What kind (protocol) of server to contact (HTTPS)
 - Where the server is (www.anu.edu)
 - What port it is listening on (443)
- Servers use suffix (/index.html) to:
 - Determine if request is for static or dynamic content.
 - No hard and fast rules for this
 - One convention: executables reside in cgi-bin directory
 - Find file on file system
 - Initial "/" in suffix denotes home directory for requested content.
 - Minimal suffix is "/", which server expands to configured default filename (usually, index.html)

HTTP Requests

HTTP request is a request line, followed by zero or more request headers

- Request line: <method> <uri> <version>
 - <method> is one of GET, POST, OPTIONS, HEAD, PUT,
 DELETE, or TRACE
 - <uri>is typically URL for proxies, URL suffix for servers
 - A URL is a type of URI (Uniform Resource Identifier)
 - See http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc2396.txt
- Request headers: <header name>: <header data>
 - Provide additional information to the server

HTTP Responses

HTTP response is a response line followed by zero or more response headers, possibly followed by content, with blank line ("\r\n") separating headers from content.

Response line:

<version> <status code> <status msg>

- <version> is HTTP version of the response
- <status code> is numeric status
- <status msg> is corresponding English text
 - 200 OK Request was handled without error
 - 301 Moved Provide alternate URL
 - 404 Not found Server couldn't find the file
- Response headers: <header name>: <header data>
 - Provide additional information about response
 - Content-Type: MIME type of content in response body
 - Content-Length: Length of content in response body

Example HTTP Transaction

```
whaleshark> telnet www.cmu.edu 80
                                                                                                                                   Client: open connection to server
Trying 128.2.42.52...
                                                                                                                                   Telnet prints 3 lines to terminal
Connected to WWW-CMU-PROD-VIP.ANDREW.cmu.edu.
Escape character is '^]'.
GET / HTTP/1.1
                                                                                                                                   Client: request line
                                                                                                                                   Client: required HTTP/1.1 header
Host: www.cmu.edu
                                                                                                                                   Client: empty line terminates headers
HTTP/1.1 301 Moved Permanently
                                                                                                                                   Server: response line
Date: Wed, 05 Nov 2014 17:05:11 GMT
                                                                                                                                   Server: followed by 5 response headers
Server: Apache/1.3.42 (Unix)
                                                                                                                                   Server: this is an Apache server
Location: http://www.cmu.edu/index.shtml Server: page has moved here
Transfer-Encoding: chunked
                                                                                                                                   Server: response body will be chunked
Content-Type: text/html; charset=...
                                                                                                                                   Server: expect HTML in response body
                                                                                                                                   Server: empty line terminates headers
15c
                                                                                                                                   Server: first line in response body
                                                                                                                                   Server: start of HTML content
<hr/>

</BODY></HTML>
                                                                                                                                   Server: end of HTML content
                                                                                                                                   Server: last line in response body
```

- HTTP standard requires that each text line end with "\r\n"
- Blank line (" \r n") terminates request and response headers

Server: closes connection

Connection closed by foreign host.

Example HTTP Transaction, Take 2

```
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                                         Client: open connection to server
Trying 128.2.42.52...
                                         Telnet prints 3 lines to terminal
Connected to WWW-CMU-PROD-VIP.ANDREW.cmu.edu.
Escape character is '^]'.
GET /index.shtml HTTP/1.1
                                         Client: request line
                                         Client: required HTTP/1.1 header
Host: www.cmu.edu
                                        Client: empty line terminates headers
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
                                        Server: response line
Date: Wed, 05 Nov 2014 17:37:26 GMT
                                         Server: followed by 4 response headers
Server: Apache/1.3.42 (Unix)
Transfer-Encoding: chunked
Content-Type: text/html; charset=...
                                         Server: empty line terminates headers
1000
                                         Server: begin response body
<html ..>
                                         Server: first line of HTML content
</html>
                                         Server: end response body
                                         Server: close connection
Connection closed by foreign host.
```

Tiny Web Server

■ Tiny Web server described in text

- Tiny is a sequential Web server
- Serves static and dynamic content to real browsers
 - text files, HTML files, GIF, PNG, and JPEG images
- 239 lines of commented C code
- Not as complete or robust as a real Web server
 - You can break it with poorly-formed HTTP requests (e.g., terminate lines with "\n" instead of "\r\n")

Tiny Operation

- Accept connection from client
- Read request from client (via connected socket)
- Split into <method> <uri> <version>
 - If method not GET, then return error
- If URI contains "cgi-bin" then serve dynamic content
 - (Would do wrong thing if had file "abcgi-bingo.html")
 - Fork process to execute program
- Otherwise serve static content
 - Copy file to output

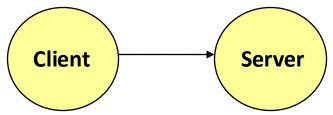
Tiny Serving Static Content

```
void serve static(int fd, char *filename, int filesize)
    int srcfd;
    char *srcp, filetype[MAXLINE], buf[MAXBUF];
    /* Send response headers to client */
    get filetype(filename, filetype);
    sprintf(buf, "HTTP/1.0 200 OK\r\n");
    sprintf(buf, "%sServer: Tiny Web Server\r\n", buf);
    sprintf(buf, "%sConnection: close\r\n", buf);
    sprintf(buf, "%sContent-length: %d\r\n", buf, filesize);
    sprintf(buf, "%sContent-type: %s\r\n\r\n", buf, filetype);
    Rio writen(fd, buf, strlen(buf));
    /* Send response body to client */
    srcfd = Open(filename, O RDONLY, 0);
    srcp = Mmap(0, filesize, PROT READ, MAP PRIVATE, srcfd, 0);
   Close (srcfd);
    Rio writen(fd, srcp, filesize);
   Munmap(srcp, filesize);
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```

Serving Dynamic Content

- Client sends request to server
- If request URI contains the string "/cgi-bin", the Tiny server assumes that the request is for dynamic content

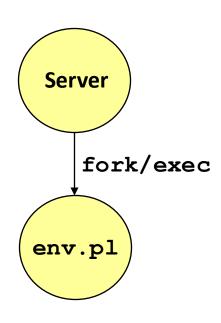
GET /cgi-bin/env.pl HTTP/1.1



Serving Dynamic Content (cont)

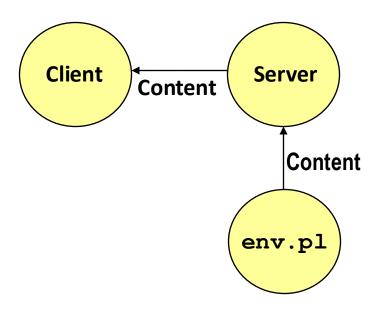
 The server creates a child process and runs the program identified by the URI in that process





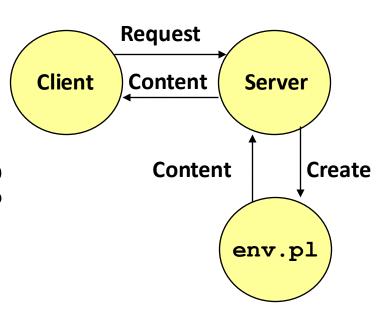
Serving Dynamic Content (cont)

- The child runs and generates the dynamic content
- The server captures the content of the child and forwards it without modification to the client



Issues in Serving Dynamic Content

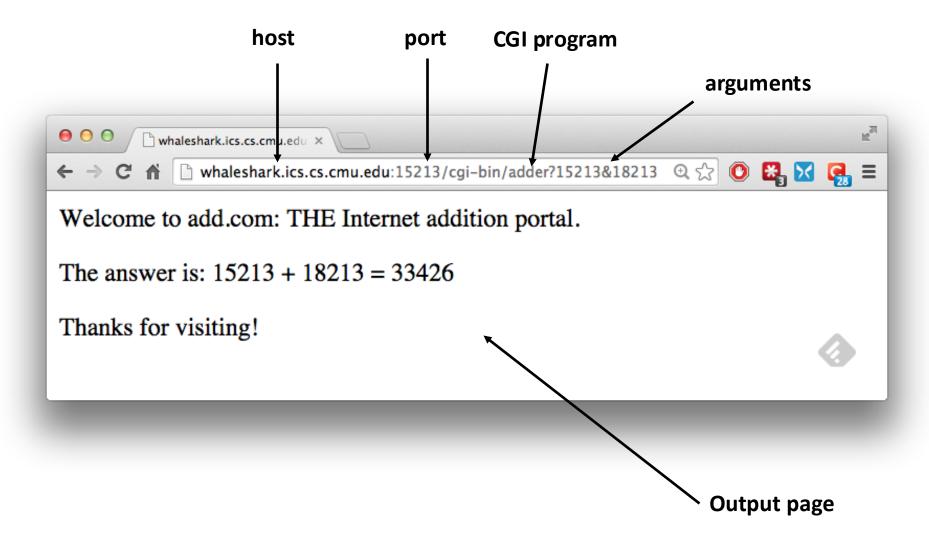
- How does the client pass program arguments to the server?
- How does the server pass these arguments to the child?
- How does the server pass other info relevant to the request to the child?
- How does the server capture the content produced by the child?
- These issues are addressed by the Common Gateway Interface (CGI) specification.



CGI

- Because the children are written according to the CGI spec, they are often called CGI programs.
- However, CGI really defines a simple standard for transferring information between the client (browser), the server, and the child process.
- CGI is the original standard for generating dynamic content. Has been largely replaced by other, faster techniques:
 - E.g., fastCGI, Apache modules, Java servlets, Rails controllers
 - Avoid having to create process on the fly (expensive and slow).

A CGI Program



- Question: How does the client pass arguments to the server?
- Answer: The arguments are appended to the URI
- Can be encoded directly in a URL typed to a browser or a URL in an HTML link
 - http://add.com/cgi-bin/adder?15213&18213
 - adder is the CGI program on the server that will do the addition.
 - argument list starts with "?"
 - arguments separated by "&"
 - spaces represented by "+" or "%20"

URL suffix:

cgi-bin/adder?15213&18213

Result displayed on browser:

```
Welcome to add.com: THE Internet addition portal.
```

```
The answer is: 15213 + 18213 = 33426
```

Thanks for visiting!

- Question: How does the server pass these arguments to the child?
- Answer: In environment variable QUERY_STRING
 - A single string containing everything after the "?"
 - For add: QUERY STRING = "15213&18213"

```
/* Extract the two arguments */
if ((buf = getenv("QUERY_STRING")) != NULL) {
    p = strchr(buf, '&');
    *p = '\0';
    strcpy(arg1, buf);
    strcpy(arg2, p+1);
    n1 = atoi(arg1);
    n2 = atoi(arg2);
}
adder.c
```

- Question: How does the server capture the content produced by the child?
- Answer: The child generates its output on stdout. Server uses dup2 to redirect stdout to its connected socket.

```
void serve dynamic(int fd, char *filename, char *cgiargs)
   char buf[MAXLINE], *emptylist[] = { NULL };
   /* Return first part of HTTP response */
   sprintf(buf, "HTTP/1.0 200 OK\r\n");
   Rio writen(fd, buf, strlen(buf));
   sprintf(buf, "Server: Tiny Web Server\r\n");
   Rio writen(fd, buf, strlen(buf));
   if (Fork() == 0) { /* Child */
       /* Real server would set all CGI vars here */
       setenv("QUERY STRING", cgiargs, 1);
       Execve(filename, emptylist, environ); /* Run CGI program */
   Wait(NULL); /* Parent waits for and reaps child */
                                                            tiny.c
```

Notice that only the CGI child process knows the content type and length, so it must generate those headers.

```
/* Make the response body */
sprintf(content, "Welcome to add.com: ");
sprintf(content, "%sTHE Internet addition portal.\r\n", content);
sprintf(content, "%sThe answer is: %d + %d = %d\r\n",
        content, n1, n2, n1 + n2);
sprintf(content, "%sThanks for visiting!\r\n", content);
/* Generate the HTTP response */
printf("Content-length: %d\r\n", (int)strlen(content));
printf("Content-type: text/html\r\n\r\n");
printf("%s", content);
fflush(stdout);
exit(0);
                                                               adder
```

```
bash:makoshark> telnet whaleshark.ics.cs.cmu.edu 15213
Trying 128.2.210.175...
Connected to whaleshark.ics.cs.cmu.edu (128.2.210.175).
Escape character is '^]'.
GET /cgi-bin/adder?15213&18213 HTTP/1.0
                                                    HTTP request sent by client
HTTP/1.0 200 OK
                                                    HTTP response generated
Server: Tiny Web Server
                                                    by the server
Connection: close
Content-length: 117
Content-type: text/html
                                                    HTTP response generated
Welcome to add.com: THE Internet addition portal.
                                                    by the CGI program
p>The answer is: 15213 + 18213 = 33426
Thanks for visiting!
Connection closed by foreign host.
bash:makoshark>
```

Data Transfer Mechanisms

Standard

- Specify total length with content-length
- Requires that program buffer entire message

Chunked

- Break into blocks
- Prefix each block with number of bytes (Hex coded)

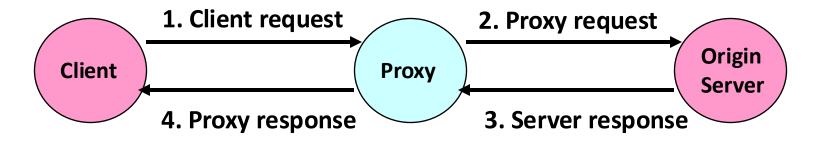
Chunked Encoding Example

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK\n
Date: Sun, 31 Oct 2010 20:47:48 GMT\n
Server: Apache/1.3.41 (Unix)\n
Keep-Alive: timeout=15, max=100\n
Connection: Keep-Alive\n
Transfer-Encoding: chunked\n
Content-Type: text/html\n
\r\
d75\r\n
        First Chunk: 0xd75 = 3445 bytes
<ntml>
<head>
........<s: rel="stylesheet"</li>.
type="text/css">
</head>
<body id="calendar body">
<div id='calendar'>
cellspacing='1' id='cal'>
</body>
</html>
\r\n
        Second Chunk: 0 bytes (indicates last chunk)
0\r\n
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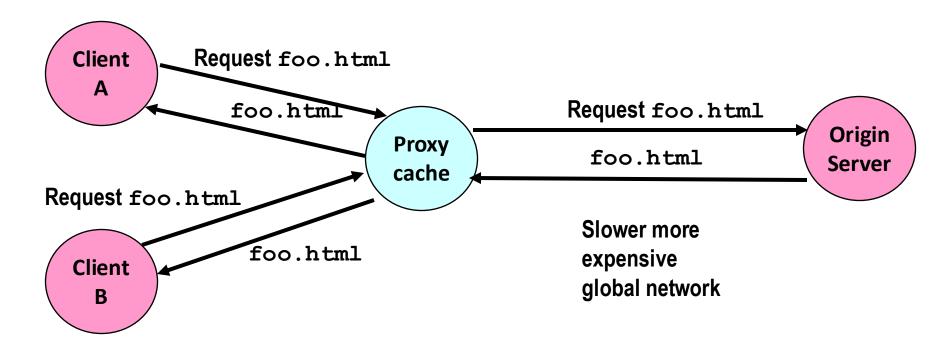
Proxies

- A proxy is an intermediary between a client and an origin server
 - To the client, the proxy acts like a server
 - To the server, the proxy acts like a client



Why Proxies?

- Can perform useful functions as requests and responses pass by
 - Examples: Caching, logging, anonymization, filtering, transcoding



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For More Information

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- Complete versions of all code in this lecture is available from the 213 schedule page.
 - http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~213/schedule.html
 - csapp.{.c,h}, hostinfo.c, echoclient.c, echoserveri.c, tiny.c, adder.c
 - You can use any of this code in your assignments.