NETWORK PROGRAMMING

UNIT 3 ELEMENTARY TCP SOCKETS

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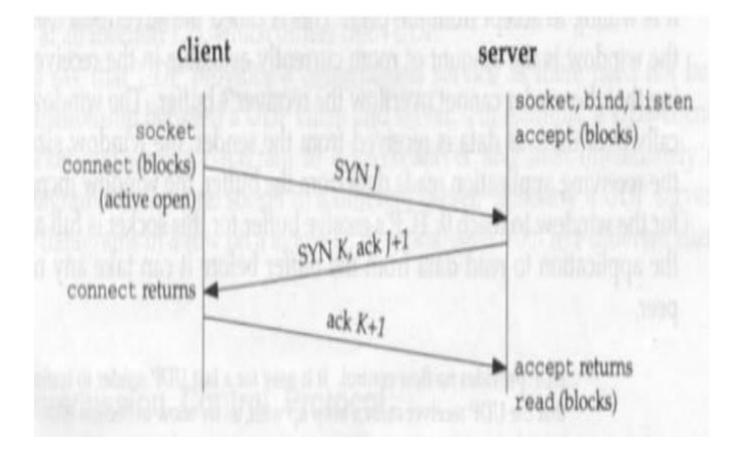




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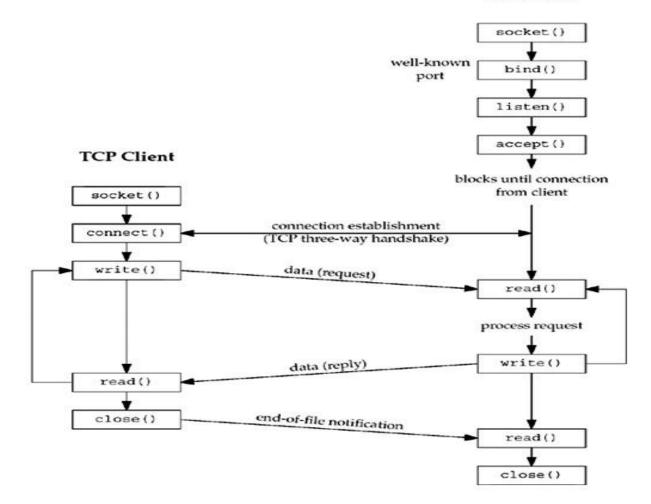
- 1. socket function
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TCP THREE-WAY HANDSHAKE



Socket Functions For Elementary TCP Client/Server

TCP Server



SOCKET FUNCTION

To open a socket for performing network I/O

#include <sys/socket.h>

int socket (int family, int type, int protocol);

returns: nonnegative descriptor if OK, -1 on error

family	Description	
AF_INET	IPv4 protocols	
AF INET6	IPv6 protocols	
AF LOCAL	Unix domain protocols (Chapter 15)	
AF ROUTE	Routing sockets (Chapter 18)	
AF_KEY	Key socket (Chapter 19)	

Figure 4.3. type of socket for socket function.

type	Description		
SOCK_STREAM	stream socket		
SOCK_DGRAM	datagram socket		
SOCK_SEQPACKET	sequenced packet socket		
SOCK_RAW	raw socket		

Figure 4.4. protocol of sockets for AF INET or AF INET6.

Protocol	Description		
IPPROTO_TCP	TCP transport protocol		
IPPROTO_UDP	UDP transport protocol		
IPPROTO_SCTP	SCTP transport protocol		

SOCKET FUNCTION

Combinations of family and type for the socket function.

	AF-INET	AF_INET6	AF_LOCAL	AF_ROUTE	AF_KEY
SOCK_STREAM SOCK_DGRAM	TCP	TCP	YES		
	UDP	UDP	YES		
SOCK RAW	IPv4	IpV6		YES	YES

The Connect() Function (1/3)

• Is used by a client to establish a connection with a server via a 3-way handshake

```
#include <sys/socket.h>
int connect(int sockfd, const struct sockaddr *servaddr,
socklen_t addrlen);
```

Returns: 0 if OK, -1 on error

- sockfd is a socket descriptor returned by the socket() function
- servaddr contains the IP address and port number of the server
- addrlen has the length (in bytes) of the server socket address structure

THE CONNECT() FUNCTION (2/3)

- This function returns only when the connection is established or an error occurs
- Some possible errors:
 - If the client TCP receives no response to its SYN segment, ETIMEDOUT is returned
 - The connection-establishment timer expires after 75 seconds
 - The client will resend SYN after 6 seconds later, and again another 24 seconds later. If no response is received after a total of 75 seconds, the error is returned

THE CONNECT() FUNCTION (3/3)

- Hard error: RST received in response to client TCP's SYN (server not running)
 - returns ECONNREFUSED
- If an ICMP "destination unreachable" is received from an intermediate router, EHOSTUNREACH or ENETUNREACH is returned. This is a **soft error**
 - Upon receiving the first ICMP message, the client kernel will keep sending SYNs at the same time intervals as mentioned earlier, until after 75 seconds have elapsed (4.4BSD)

The bind() Function (1/2)

Assign a local protocol address to a socket

#include <sys/socket.h>

Returns: 0 if OK, -1 on error

- sockfd is a socket descriptor returned by the socket() function
- myaddr is a pointer to a protocol-specific address. With TCP, it has the IP address and port number of the server
- addrlen has the length (in bytes) of the server socket address structure

The bind() Function (2/2)

IP address/Port number assignment :

Process specifies			
IP address	Port	Results	
Wildcard	0	Kernel chooses IP address and port	
Wildcard	Nonzero	Kernel chooses IP address, process specifies port	
Local IP addr	0	Process specifies IP address, kernel chooses port	
Local IP addr	Nonzero	Process specifies IP address and port	

Wildcard address: INADDR_ANY (IPv4), in6addr_any (IPv6)

struct sockaddr_in servaddr; servaddr.sin_addr.s_addr = htonl(INADDR_ANY);

TCP servers typically bind their well-known port and clients let the kernel choose an ephemeral port

The listen() Function (1/2)

Is used by a server to convert an unconnected socket to a passive socket

#include <sys/socket.h>

int listen(int sockfd, int backlog);

Returns: 0 if OK, -1 on error

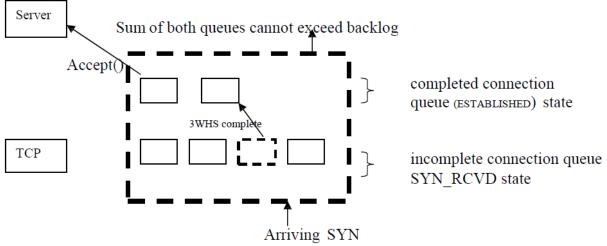
- sockfd is a socket descriptor returned by the socket() function
- backlog specifies the maximum number of connections the kernel should queue for this socket



The listen() Function (2/2)

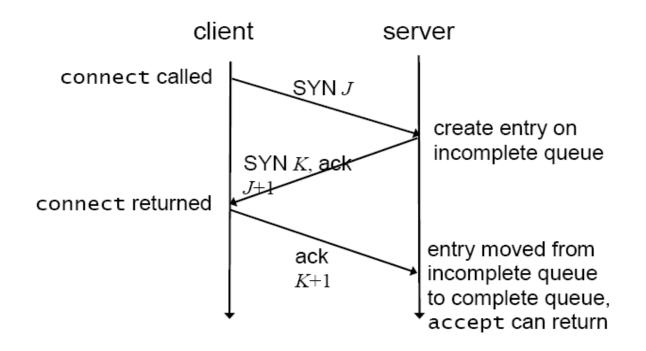
The kernel maintains two queues and the backlog is the sum of these two queues

- An **Incomplete Connection Queue**, which contains an entry for each SYN that has arrived from a client for which the server is awaiting completion of the TCP three way handshakes. These sockets are in the **SYN_RECD** state
- A Completed Connection Queue which contains an entry for each client with whom three handshakes has completed. These sockets are in the ESTABLISHED state.



The two queues maintained by TCP for a listening socket.

THE TWO QUEUES





The accept() Function (1/2)

• Is called by a server to return a new descriptor, created automatically by the kernel, for the connected socket

```
#include <sys/socket.h>
```

Returns: non-negative descriptor if OK, -1 on error

- *sockfd* is a socket descriptor returned by the socket() function
- *cliaddr* contains the IP address and port number of the connected client (a value-result argument)
- *addrlen* has the length (in bytes) of the returned client socket address structure (a value-result argument)
- If the completed connection queue is empty, the process is put to sleep



The accept() Function (2/2)

- The new socket descriptor returned by accept() is called a *connected socket*, whereas the one returned by socket() is called a *listening socket*
 - A given server usually creates only one *listening socket*. It exists for the lifetime of the server
 - A *connected socket* is created for each client connection that is accepted. It exists only for the duration of the connection
- Both *cliaddr* and *addrlen* may be set to the NULL pointer, if the server is not interested in knowing the identity of the client



The UNIX fork() Function (1/2)

Is used in UNIX to create a new process

#include <unistd.h>

```
pid_t fork(void);
```

Returns: 0 in child, process ID of child in parent, -1 on error

- *fork()* is called once, but returns
 - Once in the calling process, called the *parent*
 - Once in the newly created process, called the child
- A parent may have more than 1 child process



The UNIX fork() Function (2/2)

- All descriptors open in the parent before fork() are shared with the child after fork()
 - The connected socket is then shared between the parent and the child
- Two typical uses of fork() :
 - A process makes a copy of itself so that one copy can handle one operation, and the other copy does something else
 - This is typical for network servers
 - A process want to execute a new program by calling exec() in the child process
 - User commands in UNIX are typically handled this way
- fork() can be used to implement concurrent servers



The UNIX exec() Function (1/3)

- Is used in UNIX to execute a program.
- Is a family name for six like functions virtually doing the same thing, only slightly different in syntax

```
#include <unistd.h>
```

Returns: -1 on error, no return on success

 Descriptors open in the process before calling exec() normally remain open in the new program



exec Function (2/3)

int execl (const char *pathname, const char *arg0, /* (char *) 0 */);

int execv (const char *pathname, char *const argv[]);

int execve (const char *pathname, char *const argv[], char *const envp[]);

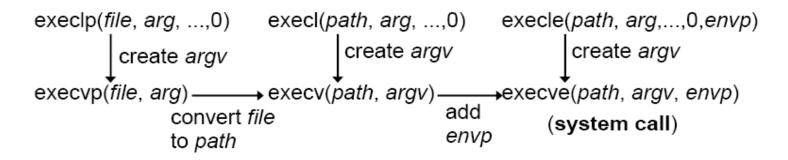
int execlp (const char *filename, const char *arg0, ... /* (char *) 0 */);

int execvp (const char *filename, char *const argv[]);

All return: -1 on error, no return on success



THE EXEC FAMILY (3/3)



Meaning of different letters :

- I: needs a list of arguments
- v: needs an argv[] vector (I and v are mutually exclusive)
- e : needs an envp[] array
- p : needs the PATH variable to find the executable file



close function

• The normal Unix close function is also used to close a socket and terminate a TCP connection.

#include <unistd.h>
int close (int sockfd);

Returns: 0 if OK, -1 on error



getsockname () and getpeername():

These two functions return either the local protocol address associated with a socket (getsockname) or the foreign protocol address associated with a socket (getpeername).

#include <sys/socket.h>

int getsockname(int sockfd, struct sockaddr *localaddr, socklen_t *addrlen);

int getpeername(int sockfd, struct sockaddr *peeraddr, socklen_t *addrlen);

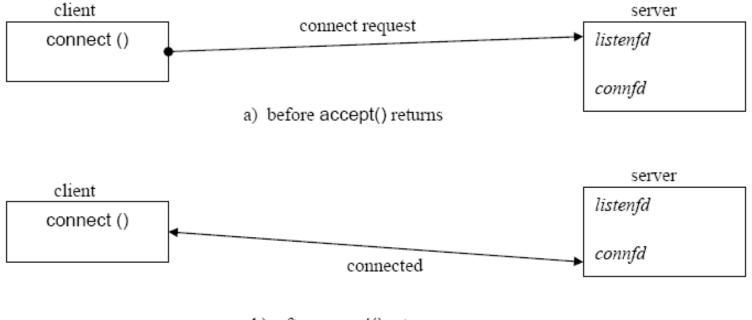
Both return: 0 if OK, -1 on error



CONCURRENT SERVERS: OUTLINE

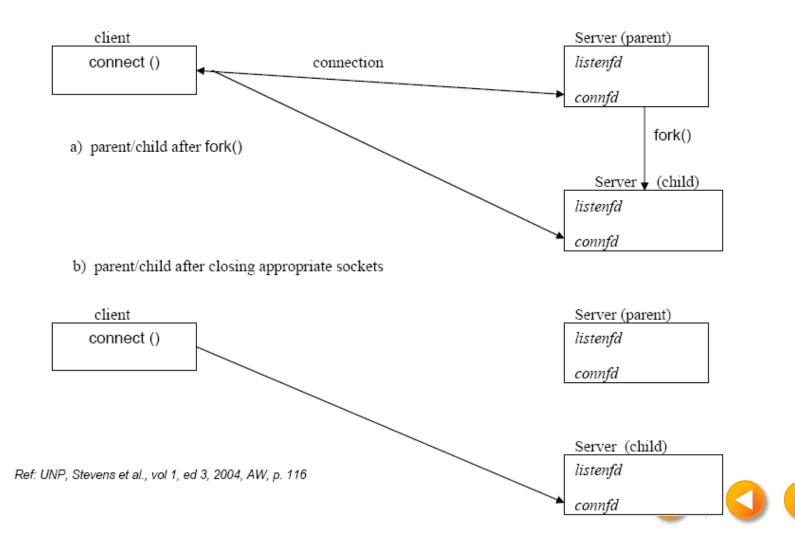
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pid_t pid;
int listenfd, connfd;
listenfd = Socket (...);
/* fill in socket_in{} with server's well-known port */
Bind (listenfd, ...);
Listen (listenfd, LISTENQ);
for (;;){
         connfd = Accept (listenfd, ...); /* probably blocks */
         if ((pid = Fork()) == 0) {
                   Close (listenfd); /* child closes listening socket */
                   doit (connfd); /* process the request */
                   Close (connfd); /* done with this client */
                   exit (0); /* child terminates */
         Close (connfd); /* parent closes connected socket */
```

Server/Client Connection Status (1/2)



b) after accept() returns

Server/Client Connection Status (2/2)



ASSIGNMENT #3

- 1. Write a note on socket Function
- 2. Write a note on connect Function
- 3. Write a note on bind Function
- 4. Write a note on listen Function
- 5. Write a note on accept Function
- 6. What is purpose of fork () and exec ()
- 7. Describe close function
- 8. Describe getsockname and getpeername Functions
- 9. When Hard error and soft error occurs
- 10. What is diff. between complete connection queue and incomplete connection queue.
- 11. Dead line 2^{nd} sept 2013

