

# CSE 333

## Lecture 18 -- server sockets

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# Administrivia

Exercise covering client-side programming posted late yesterday, due Monday before class

Next exercise covers today's server-side code. Post today or wait until Monday? (Due Wed. in either case)

HW4 posted now, files pushed after class, due last Thursday of the quarter (+ late days if you have them)

# Today

Network programming

server-side programming

# Servers

Pretty similar to clients, but with additional steps

there are seven steps:

figure out the address and port on which to listen

create a socket

**bind** the socket to the address and port on which to listen

indicate that the socket is a **listening** socket

**accept** a connection from a client

**read** and **write** to that connection

**close** the connection

## Accepting a connection from a client

Step 1. Figure out the address and port on which to listen.

Step 2. Create a socket.

Step 3. **Bind** the socket to the address and port on which to listen.

Step 4. Indicate that the socket is a **listening** socket.

# Servers

Servers can have multiple IP addresses

“multihomed”

usually have at least one externally visible IP address, as well as a local-only address (127.0.0.1)

When you bind a socket for listening, you can:

specify that it should listen on all addresses

by specifying the address “INADDR\_ANY” or “in6addr\_any” --  
0.0.0.0 or :: (i.e., all 0's)

specify that it should listen on a particular address

# bind( )

The “bind( )” system call associates with a socket:

an address family

AF\_INET: IPv4

AF\_INET6: IPv6 (also handles IPv4 clients on POSIX systems)

a local IP address

the special IP address **INADDR\_ANY** (“0.0.0.0”) means “all local IPv4 addresses of this host”

use **in6addr\_any** (instead of INADDR\_ANY) for IPv6

a local port number

# listen( )

The “listen( )” system call tells the OS that the socket is a listening socket to which clients can connect

you also tell the OS how many pending connections it should queue before it starts to refuse new connections

you pick up a pending connection with “accept( )”

when listen returns, remote clients can start connecting to your listening socket

you need to “accept( )” those connections to start using them



# Server socket, bind, listen

*see server\_bind\_listen.cc*

## Accepting a connection from a client

Step 5. **accept()** a connection from a client.

Step 6. **read()** and **write()** to the client.

Step 7. **close()** the connection.

# accept( )

The “accept( )” system call waits for an incoming connection, or pulls one off the pending queue

it returns an active, ready-to-use socket file descriptor connected to a client

it returns address information about the peer

use `inet_ntop( )` to get the client’s printable IP address

use `getnameinfo( )` to do a **reverse DNS lookup** on the client

# Server accept, read/write, close

*see server\_accept\_rw\_close.cc*

# Something to note...

Our server code is not concurrent

- single thread of execution

- the thread blocks waiting for the next connection

- the thread blocks waiting for the next message from the connection

A crowd of clients is, by nature, concurrent

- while our server is handling the next client, all other clients are stuck waiting for it

# Before we go...

*hw4 demo*

# Exercise 1

Write a program that:

- creates a listening socket, accepts connections from clients

- reads a line of text from the client

- parses the line of text as a DNS name

- does a DNS lookup on the name

- writes back to the client the list of IP addresses associated with the DNS name

- closes the connection to the client

# Exercise 2

Write a program that:

- creates a listening socket, accepts connections from clients

- reads a line of text from the client

- parses the line of text as a DNS name

- connects to that DNS name on port 80

- writes a valid HTTP request for “/”

- see next slide for what to write

- reads the reply, returns the reply to the client



# Exercise 2 continued

Here's a valid HTTP request to server `www.foo.com`

note that lines end with `'\r\n'`, not just `'\n'`

```
GET / HTTP/1.0\r\n
Host: www.foo.com\r\n
Connection: close\r\n
\r\n
```

See you on Monday!