

Network Transport

Socket Programming

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Network

Reference

- Learn the structure or the format of network packets
 - Visit: www.networksorcery.com for IP
- Coding for unpacking the packets according to the packet format
 - Refer to:
<https://docs.python.org/3.6/library/struct.html#>

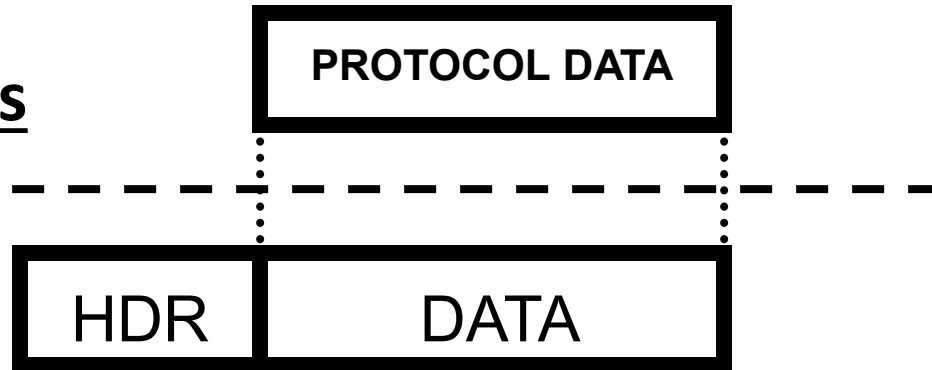
Inter-Layer Relationships

Packing for packets

- Each layer uses the layer below
 - The lower layer adds headers to the data from the upper layer
 - The data from the upper layer can also be a header on data from the layer above ...

Unpacking for packets

- Backward



IP Characteristics

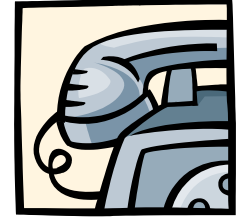
- Datagram-based
 - Connectionless
- Unreliable
 - Best efforts delivery
 - No delivery guarantees
- Logical (32-bit) addresses
 - Unrelated to physical addressing
 - Leading bits determine network membership

UDP Characteristics

- Also datagram-based
 - Connectionless, unreliable, can broadcast
- Applications usually message-based
 - No transport-layer retries
 - Applications handle (or ignore) errors
- Processes identified by port number
- Services live at specific ports
 - Usually below 1024, requiring privilege



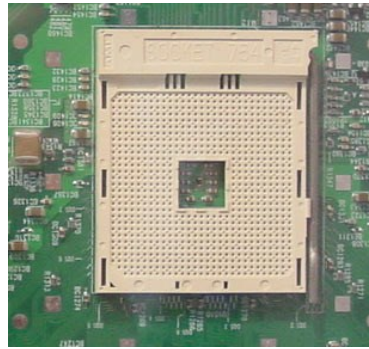
TCP Characteristics



- Connection-oriented
 - Two endpoints of a virtual circuit
- Reliable
 - Application needs no error checking
- Stream-based
 - No predefined blocksize
- Processes identified by port numbers
- Services live at specific ports

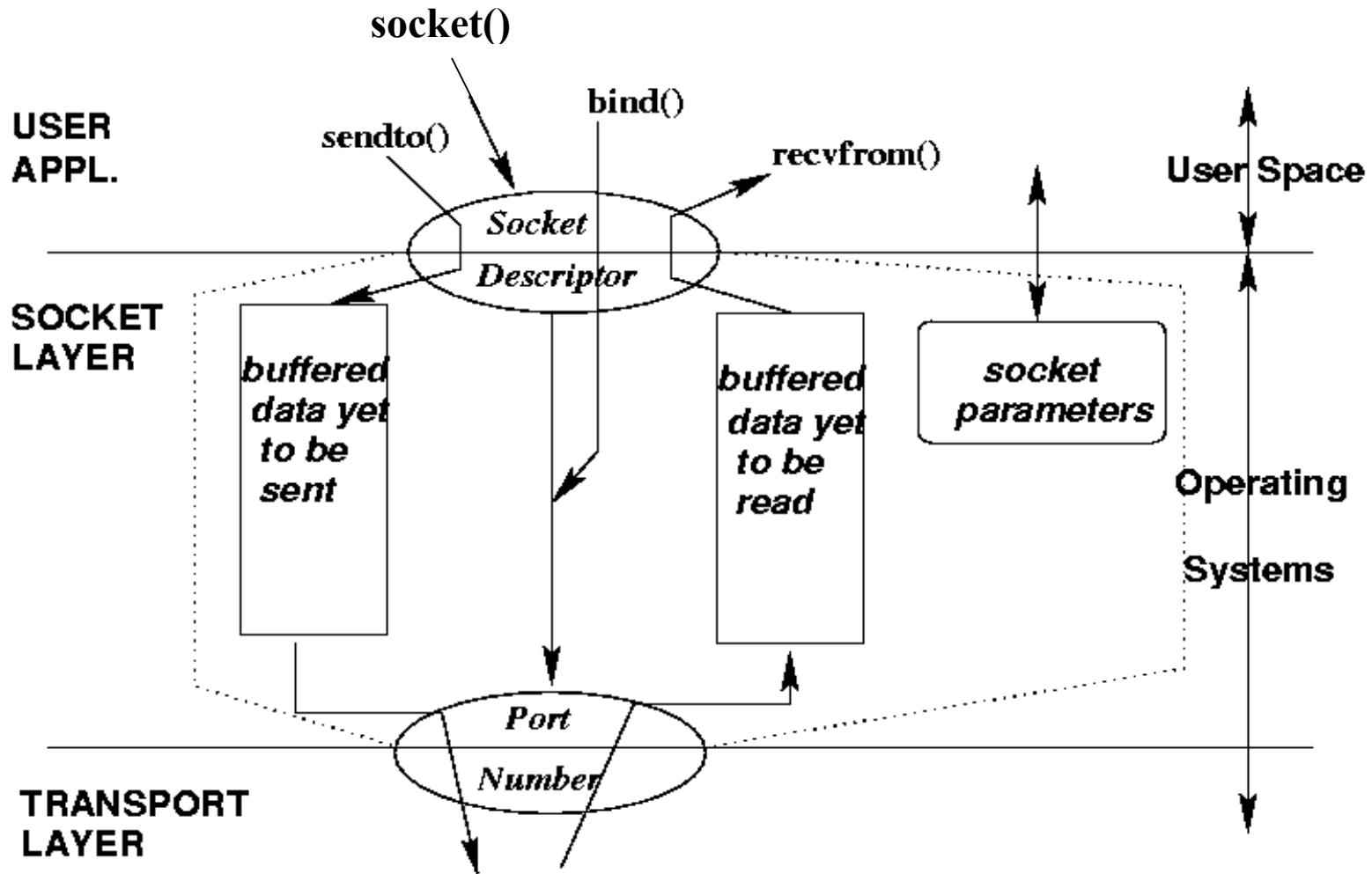
Sockets

- Various sockets... Any similarity?



- Endpoint of a connection
 - Identified by **IP address** and **Port number**
- Primitive to implement high-level networking interfaces
 - e.g., Remote procedure call (RPC)

Socket: Conceptual View



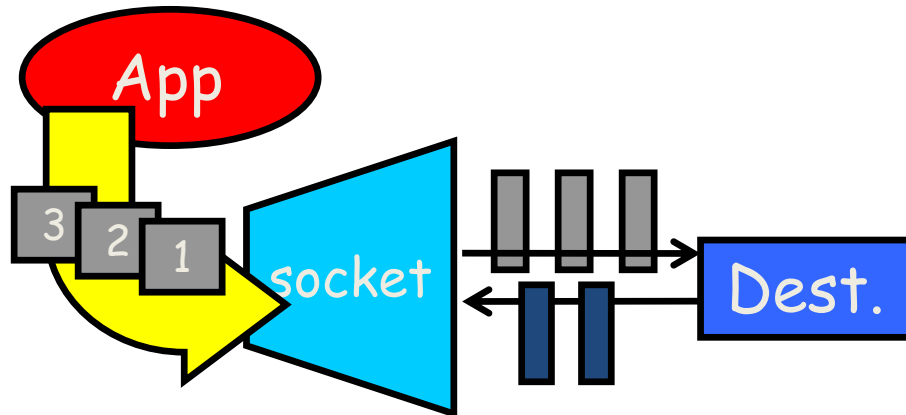
What is a socket?

- An interface between application and network
 - The application creates a socket
 - The socket *type* dictates the style of communication
 - reliable vs. best effort
 - connection-oriented vs. connectionless
- Once configured the application can
 - pass data to the socket for network transmission
 - receive data from the socket (transmitted through the network by some other host)

Two essential types of sockets

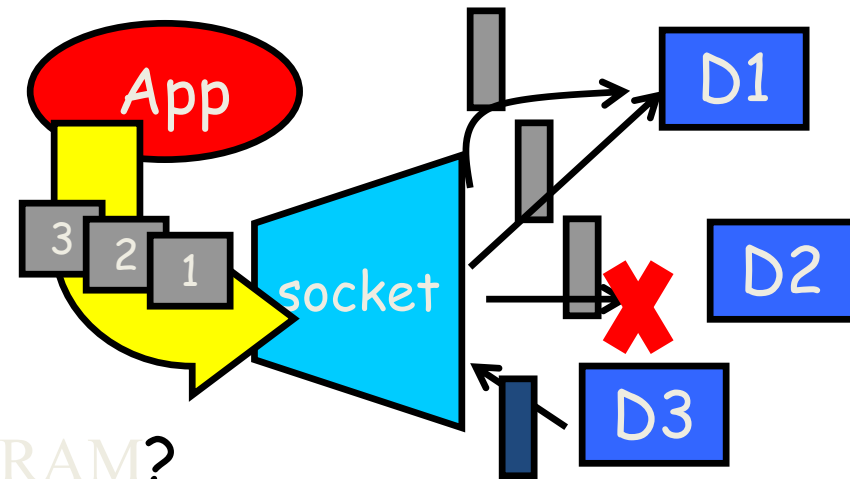
- SOCK_STREAM

- a.k.a. TCP
- reliable delivery
- in-order guaranteed
- connection-oriented
- bidirectional



- SOCK_DGRAM

- a.k.a. UDP
- unreliable delivery
- no order guarantees
- no notion of “connection” – app indicates dest. for each packet
- can send or receive

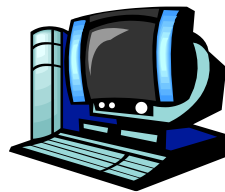


Q: why have type SOCK_DGRAM?

A Socket-eye view of the Internet



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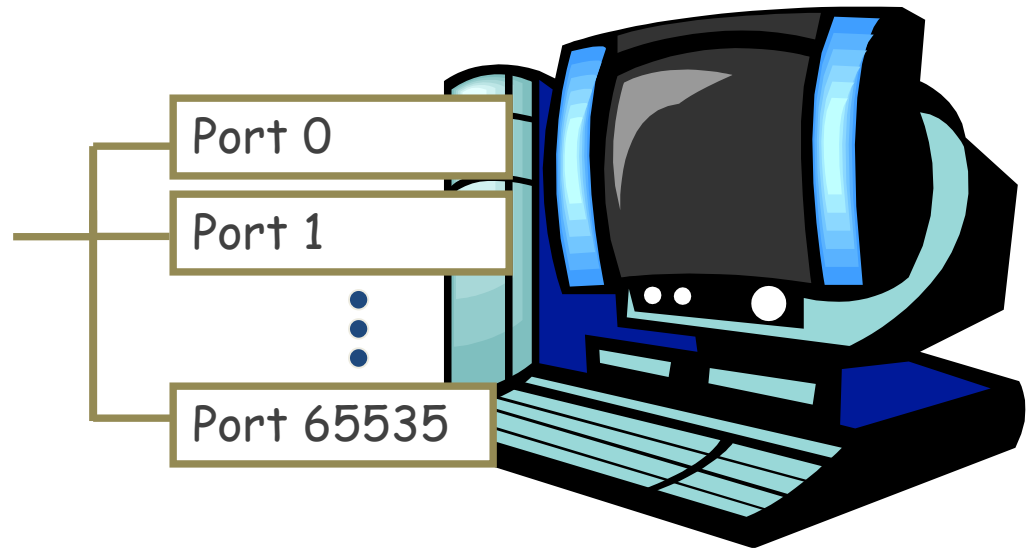


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- Each host machine has an IP address
- When a packet arrives at a host

Ports

- Each host has 65,536 ports
- Some ports are *reserved for specific apps*
 - 20,21: FTP
 - 23: Telnet
 - 80: HTTP
 - 443: HTTPS
 - see RFC 1700
 - about 2000 ports are reserved



A socket provides an interface to send data to/from the network through a port

Addresses, Ports and Sockets

- Like apartments and mailboxes
 - You are the application
 - Your apartment building address is the address
 - Your mailbox is the port
 - The post-office is the network
 - The socket is the key that gives you access to the right mailbox (one difference: assume outgoing mail is placed by you in your mailbox)

- Q: How do you choose which port a socket connects to?

The bind function

- associates and (can exclusively) reserves a port for use by the socket
- `int status = bind(sockid, &addrport, size);`
 - `status`: error status, = -1 if bind failed
 - `sockid`: integer, socket descriptor
 - `addrport`: struct `sockaddr`, the (IP) address and port of the machine (address usually set to `INADDR_ANY` – chooses a local address)
 - `size`: the size (in bytes) of the `addrport` structure
- `bind` can be skipped for both types of sockets.
When and why?

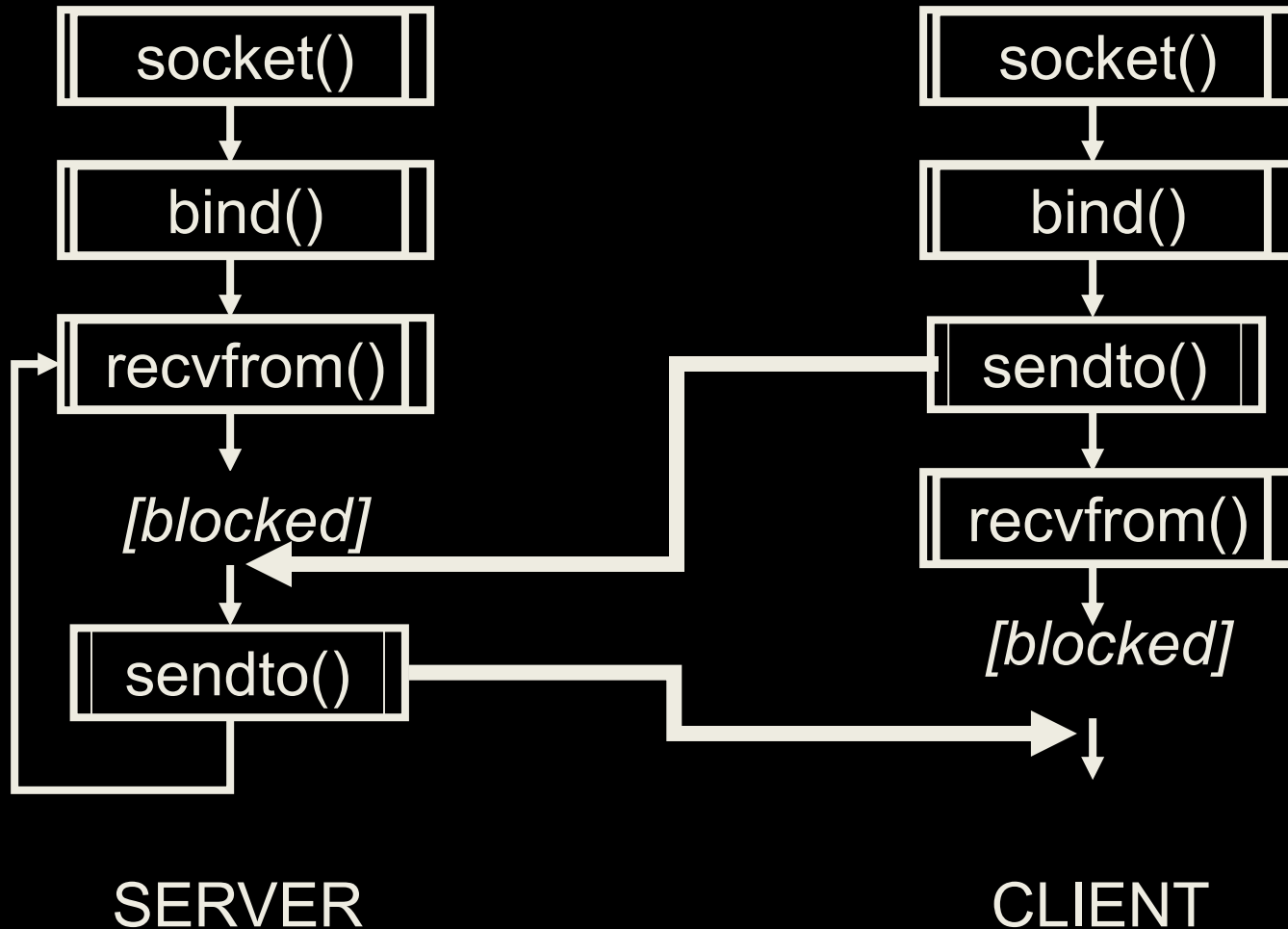
Skipping the bind

- **SOCK_DGRAM:**
 - if only sending, no need to bind. The OS finds a port each time the socket sends a pkt
 - if receiving, need to bind
- **SOCK_STREAM:**
 - destination determined during conn. setup
 - don't need to know port sending from (during connection setup, receiving end is informed of port)

Connection Setup (SOCK_STREAM)

- Recall: no connection setup for SOCK_DGRAM
- A connection occurs between two kinds of participants
 - passive: waits for an active participant to request connection
 - active: initiates connection request to passive side
- Once connection is established, passive and active participants are “similar”
 - both can send & receive data
 - either can terminate the connection

Connectionless Services



Simple Connectionless Server

```
import random
from socket import *

def main():
    s = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_DGRAM)
    s.bind(('', 54321)) # port number

    while 1:
        rand = random.randint(0,10)
        message, address = s.recvfrom(1024)
        print( 'Server recieved ', message)
        message = message.upper()
        if rand >= 4:
            s.sendto(message, address)

main()
```

Note that the *bind()* argument is a two-element tuple of address and port number

Simple Connectionless Client

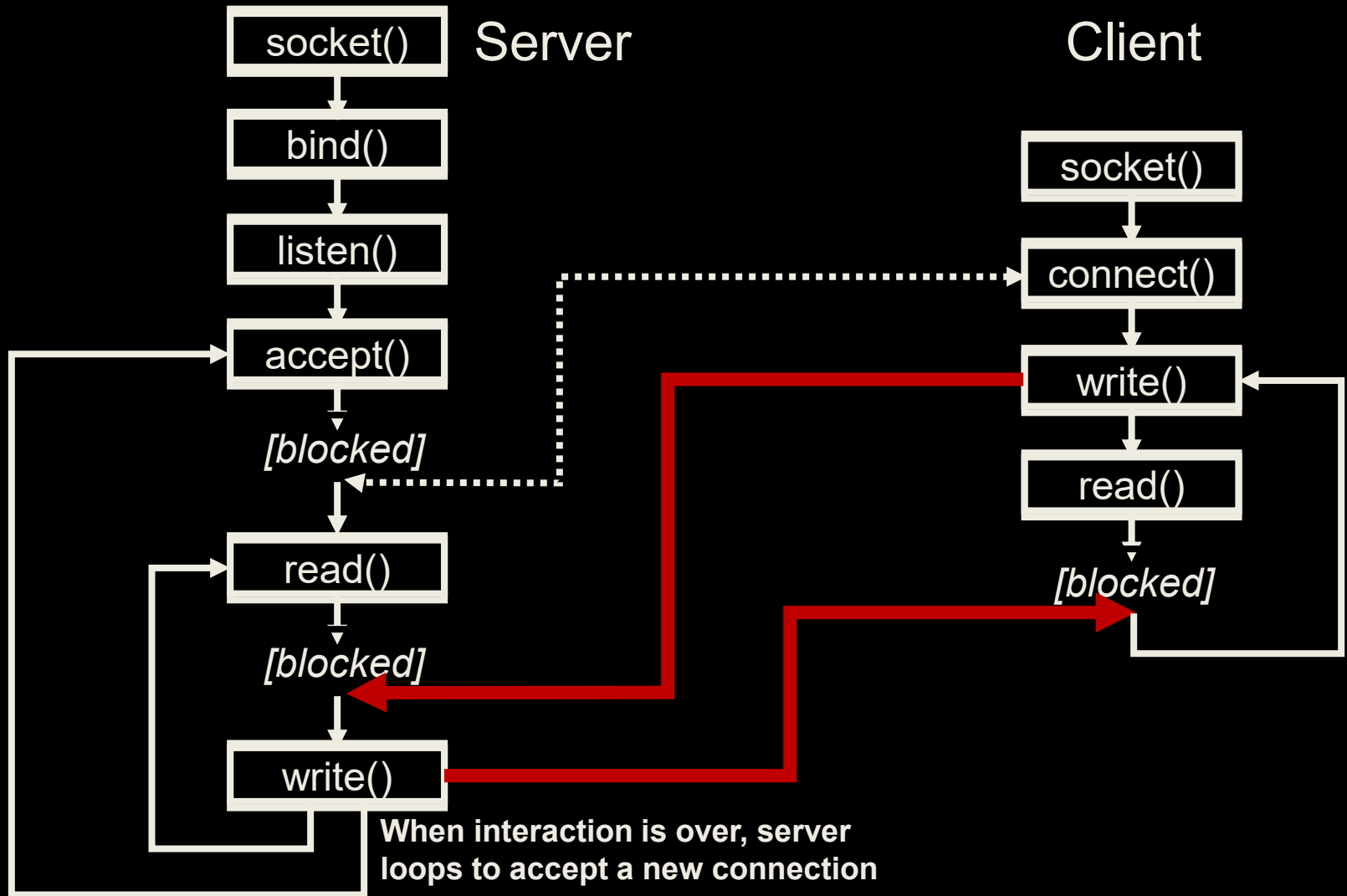
```
import time
from socket import *

for ping in range(10):
    c = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_DGRAM)
    c.settimeout(1)
    message = b"hello, mercy"
    address = ('localhost', 54321) # port number

    start = time.time()
    c.sendto(message, address)

    try:
        data, server = c.recvfrom(1024)
        end = time.time()
        elapsed = end - start
        print("%s of %d took %d" %(data, ping, elapsed))
    except timeout:
        print ("Request timed out")
```

Connection-Oriented Services



Simple Connection Server

```
from socket import *

def main():
    s=socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM)
    s.bind((' ',10530))
    s.listen(1)
    conn, (rmip, rmpt) = s.accept()

    while 1:
        print ("connected by ", str(rmip)+"": " + str(rmpt))
        data = conn.recv(1024)
        #print ("What was delivered: ", data.decode())

        #if not data:
            #break
        conn.close()
main()
```

Note that the *bind()* argument is a two-element tuple of address and port number

Simple Connection Client

```
from socket import *

def main():
    s = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM)
    s.connect(('localhost', 10530))
    sendme = "Give me the data"
    s.send(sendme.encode())
main()
```