Network Programming: Part 2

CS351: Systems Programming
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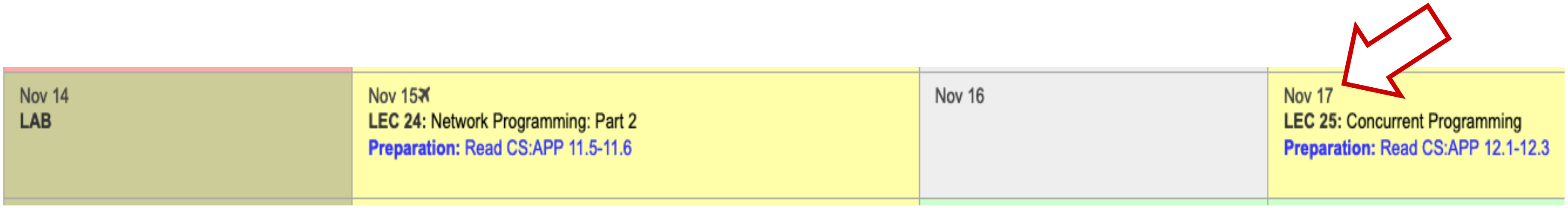

Nov 14 **LAB**	Nov 15✈ **LEC 24:** Network Programming: Part 2 **Preparation:** Read CS:APP 11.5-11.6	Nov 16	Nov 17 **LEC 25:** Concurrent Programming **Preparation:** Read CS:APP 12.1-12.3

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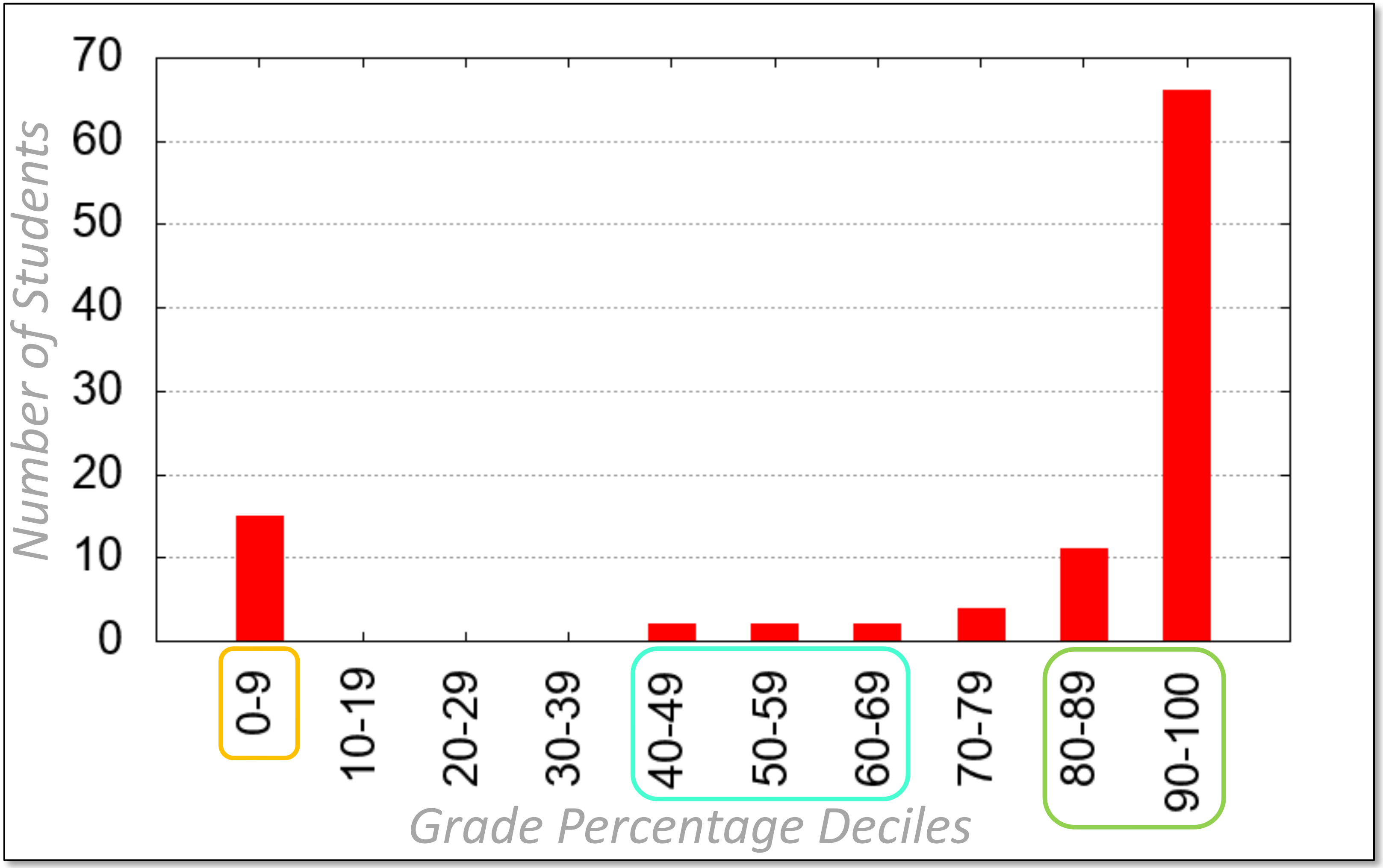

- **Good overall!**
- Zero grades: ensure timely completion of lab.
- Low grades: work with TA to get feedback.

State of the art: SDN

- **“Software-Defined Networking”**

- **"Production Experience with SDN Systems”**
  Dr Richard Alimi (Principal Engineer at Google)
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Host and Service Conversion: `getaddrinfo`

- **`getaddrinfo` is the modern way to convert string representations of hostnames, host addresses, ports, and service names to socket address structures.**
  - Replaces obsolete `gethostbyname` and `getservbyname` funcs.

- **Advantages:**
  - Reentrant (can be safely used by threaded programs).
  - Allows us to write portable protocol-independent code
    - Works with both IPv4 and IPv6

- **Disadvantages**
  - Somewhat complex
  - Fortunately, a small number of usage patterns suffice in most cases.

Host and Service Conversion: `getaddrinfo`

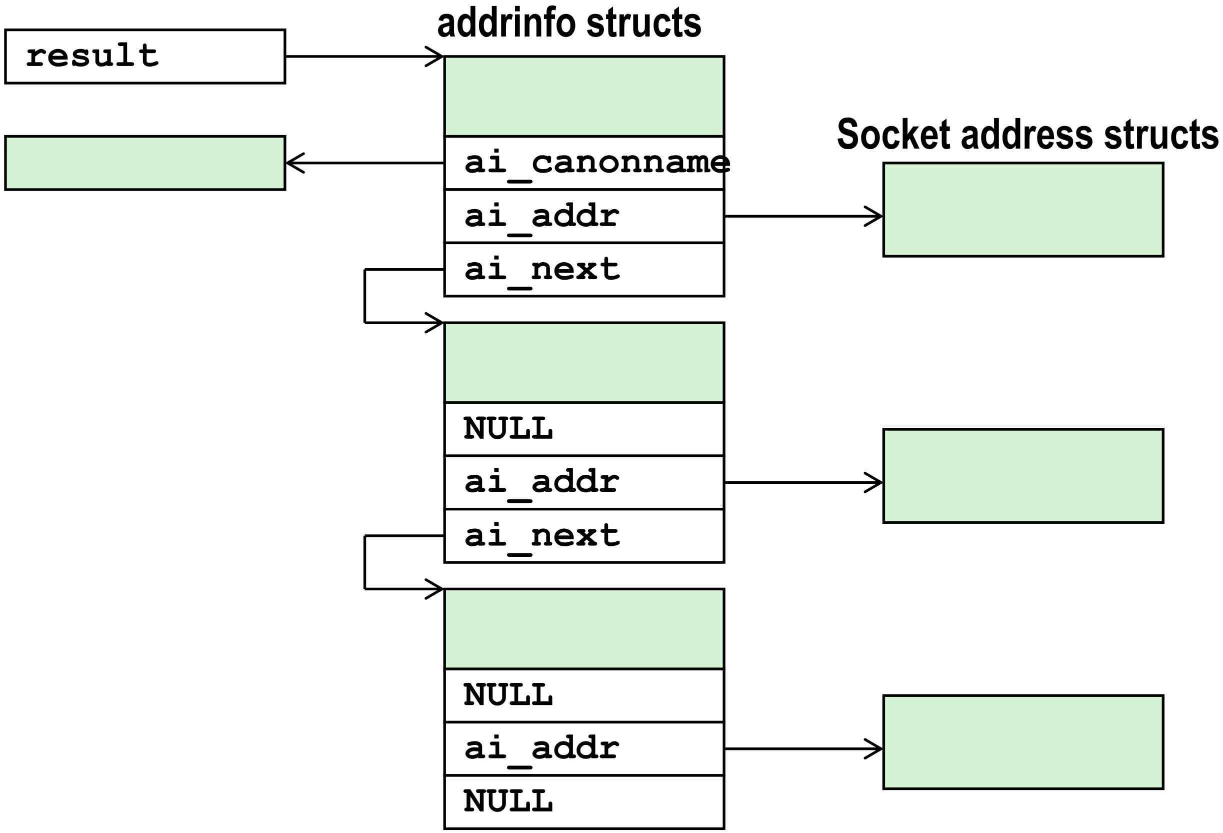
```
int getaddrinfo(const char *host,            /* Hostname or address */
                const char *service,         /* Port or service name*/
                const struct addrinfo *hints,/* Input parameters */
                struct addrinfo **result);   /* Output linked list */

void freeaddrinfo(struct addrinfo *result);  /* Free linked list */

const char *gai_strerror(int errcode);       /* Return error msg */
```

- **Given `host` and `service`, `getaddrinfo` returns `result` that points to a linked list of `addrinfo` structs, each of which points to a corresponding socket address struct, and which contains arguments for the sockets interface functions.**
- **Helper functions:**
  - `freeadderinfo` frees the entire linked list.
  - `gai_strerror` converts error code to an error message.

Linked List Returned by getaddrinfo



- Clients: walk this list, trying each socket address in turn, until the calls to socket and connect succeed.
- Servers: walk the list until calls to socket and bind succeed.

addrinfo Struct

```
struct addrinfo {
    int              ai_flags;     /* Hints argument flags */
    int              ai_family;    /* First arg to socket function */
    int              ai_socktype;  /* Second arg to socket function */
    int              ai_protocol;  /* Third arg to socket function  */
    char            *ai_canonname; /* Canonical host name */
    size_t           ai_addrlen;   /* Size of ai_addr struct */
    struct sockaddr *ai_addr;      /* Ptr to socket address structure */
    struct addrinfo *ai_next;      /* Ptr to next item in linked list */
};
```

- **Each addrinfo struct returned by getaddrinfo contains arguments that can be passed directly to socket function.**
- **Also points to a socket address struct that can be passed directly to connect and bind functions .**

Host and Service Conversion: getnameinfo

- **getnameinfo is the inverse of getaddrinfo, converting a socket address to the corresponding host and service.**
  - Replaces obsolete gethostbyaddr and getservbyport funcs.
  - Reentrant and protocol independent.

```
int getnameinfo(const SA *sa, socklen_t salen, /* In: socket addr */
                char *host, size_t hostlen,    /* Out: host */
                char *serv, size_t servlen,    /* Out: service */
                int flags);                    /* optional flags */
```

Conversion Example

```
#include "csapp.h"

int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    struct addrinfo *p, *listp, hints;
    char buf[MAXLINE];
    int rc, flags;

    /* Get a list of addrinfo records */
    memset(&hints, 0, sizeof(struct addrinfo));
    hints.ai_family = AF_INET;       /* IPv4 only */
    hints.ai_socktype = SOCK_STREAM; /* Connections only */
    if ((rc = getaddrinfo(argv[1], NULL, &hints, &listp)) != 0) {
        fprintf(stderr, "getaddrinfo error: %s\n", gai_strerror(rc));
        exit(1);
    }
```

hostinfo.c

Conversion Example (cont)

```
    /* Walk the list and display each IP address */
    flags = NI_NUMERICHOST; /* Display address instead of name */
    for (p = listp; p; p = p->ai_next) {
        Getnameinfo(p->ai_addr, p->ai_addrlen,
                    buf, MAXLINE, NULL, 0, flags);
        printf("%s\n", buf);
    }

    /* Clean up */
    Freeaddrinfo(listp);

    exit(0);
}
```

hostinfo.c

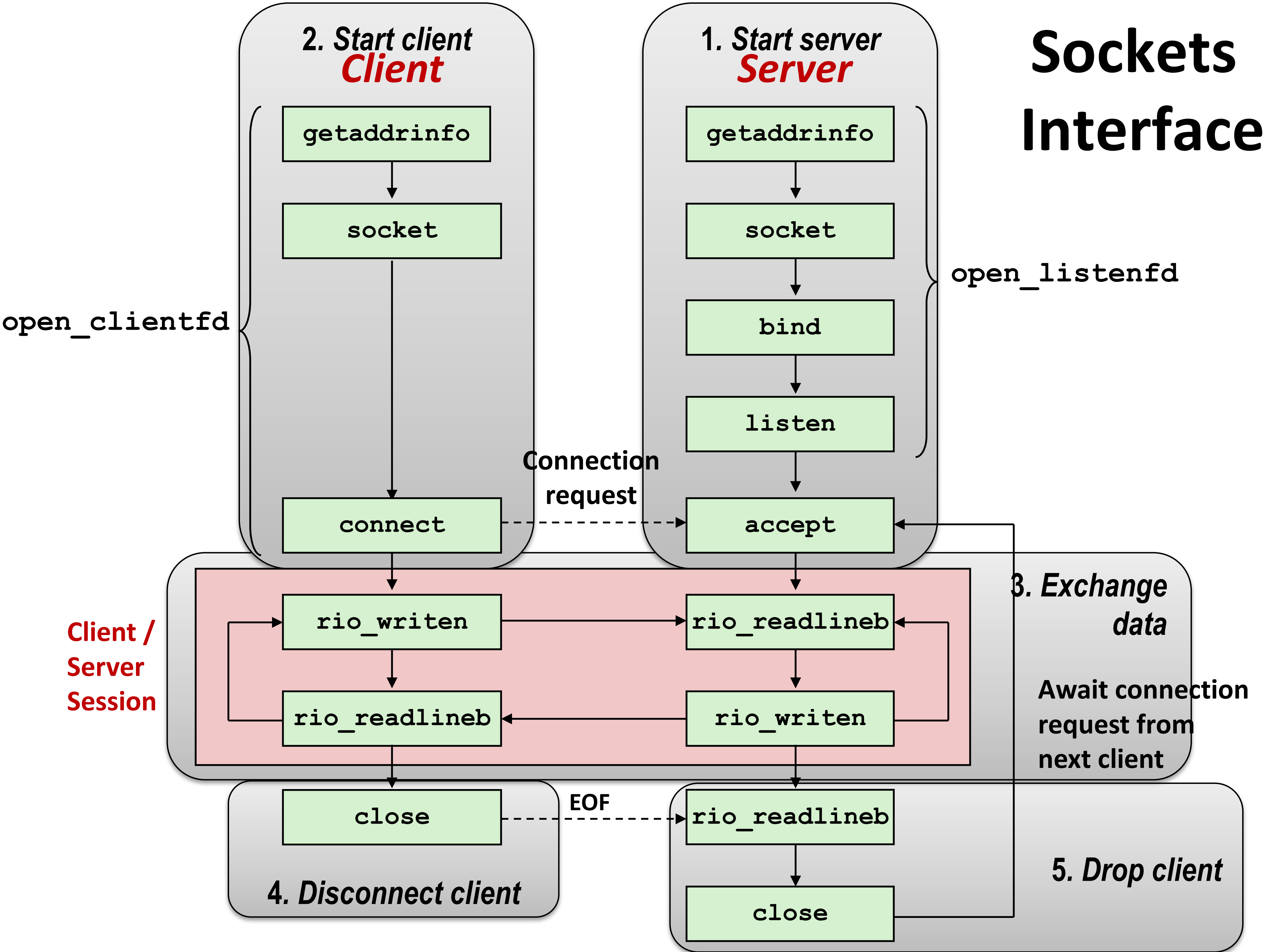
Running hostinfo

```
fourier> ./hostinfo localhost
127.0.0.1

fourier> ./hostinfo www.cs.iit.edu
216.47.157.249

fourier> ./hostinfo twitter.com
104.244.42.129
104.244.42.1
```

Sockets Interface



2. Start client

Client

getaddrinfo

socket

connect

open_clientfd

1. Start server

Server

getaddrinfo

socket

bind

listen

accept

open_listenfd

Connection request

Client / Server Session

rio_writen

rio_readlineb

rio_readlineb

rio_writen

3. Exchange data

Await connection request from next client

close

EOF

rio_readlineb

close

4. Disconnect client

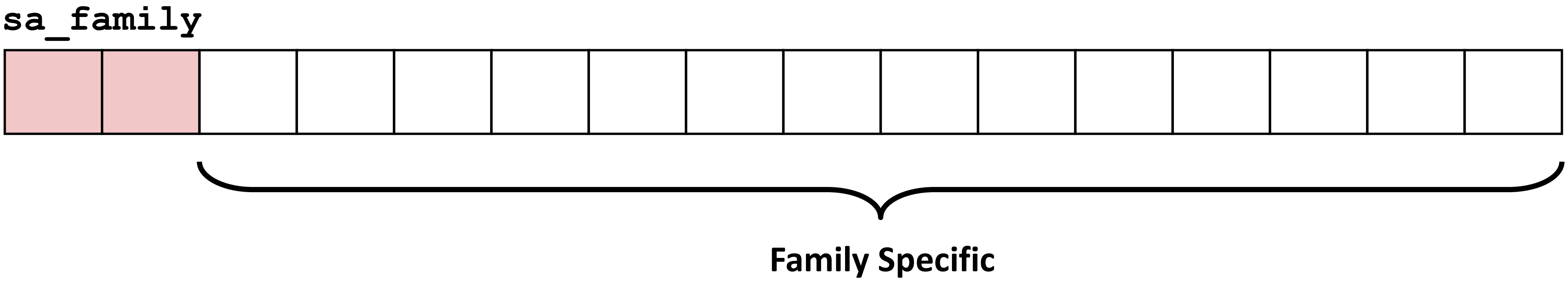
5. Drop client

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;`

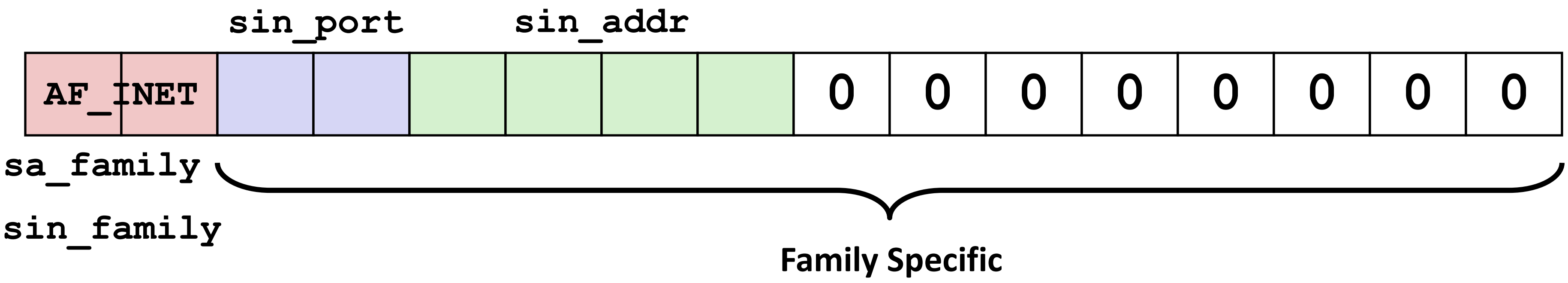
```
struct sockaddr {
  uint16_t  sa_family;    /* Protocol family */
  char      sa_data[14];  /* Address data.   */
};
```



Recall: Socket Address Structures

- **Internet-specific socket address:**
  - Must cast (`struct sockaddr_in *`) to (`struct sockaddr *`) for functions that take socket address arguments.

```
struct sockaddr_in  {
  uint16_t        sin_family;  /* Protocol family (always AF_INET) */
  uint16_t        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) */
};
```



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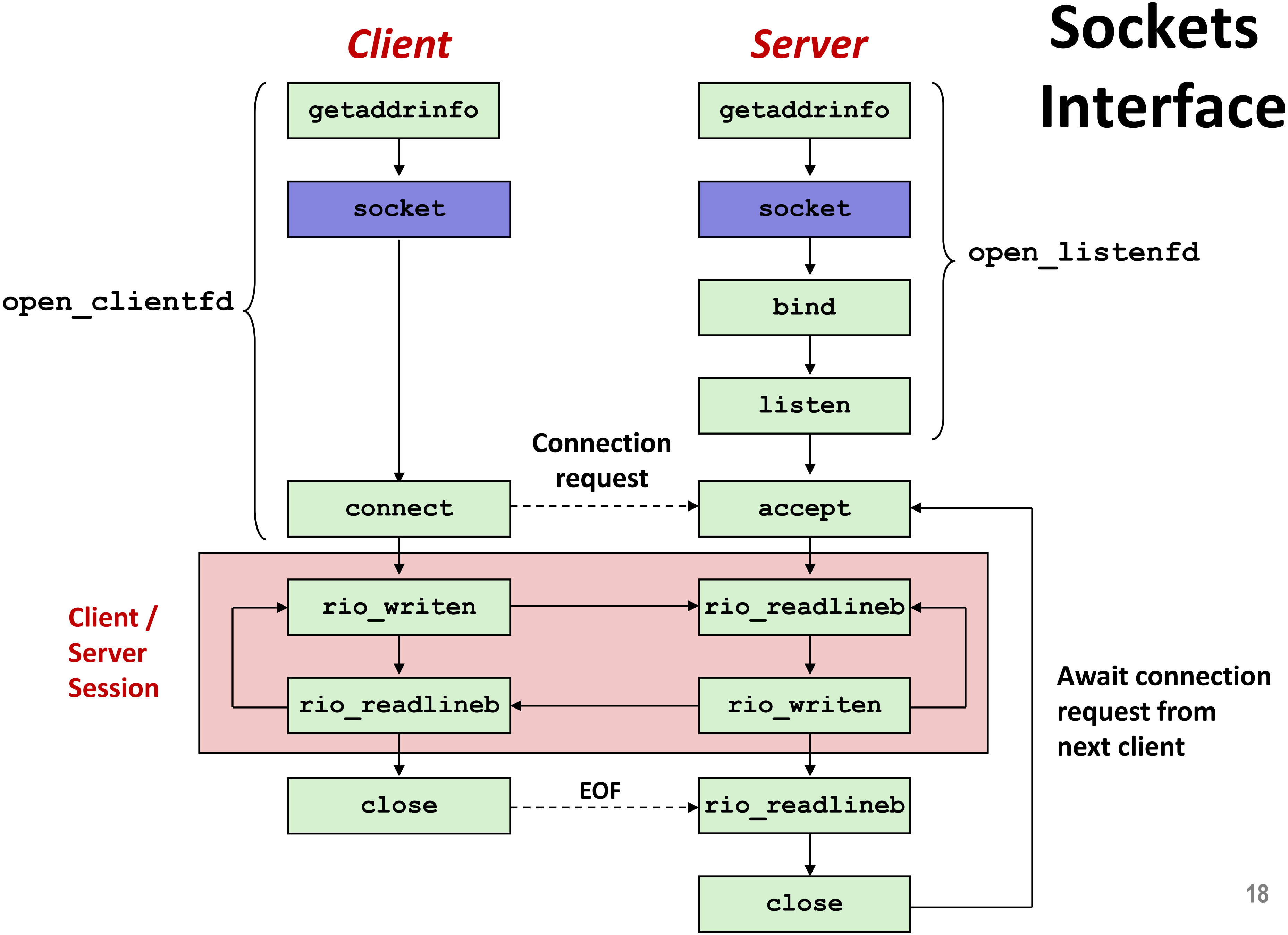


Sockets Interface: `socket`

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

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

- Example:

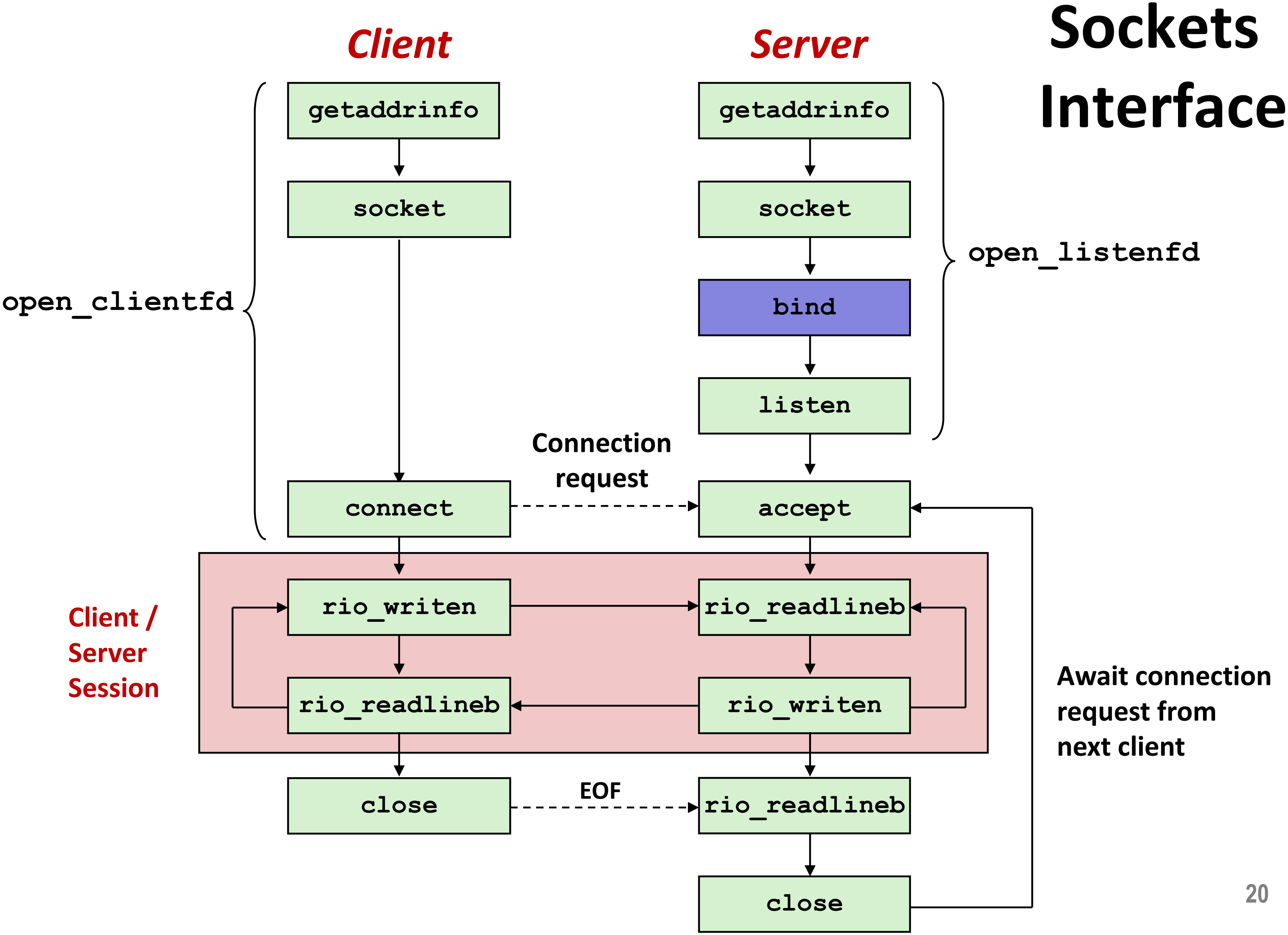
```
int clientfd = Socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0);
```

Indicates that we are using 32-bit IPV4 addresses

Indicates that the socket will be the end point of a connection

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

Sockets Interface



Sockets Interface: `bind`

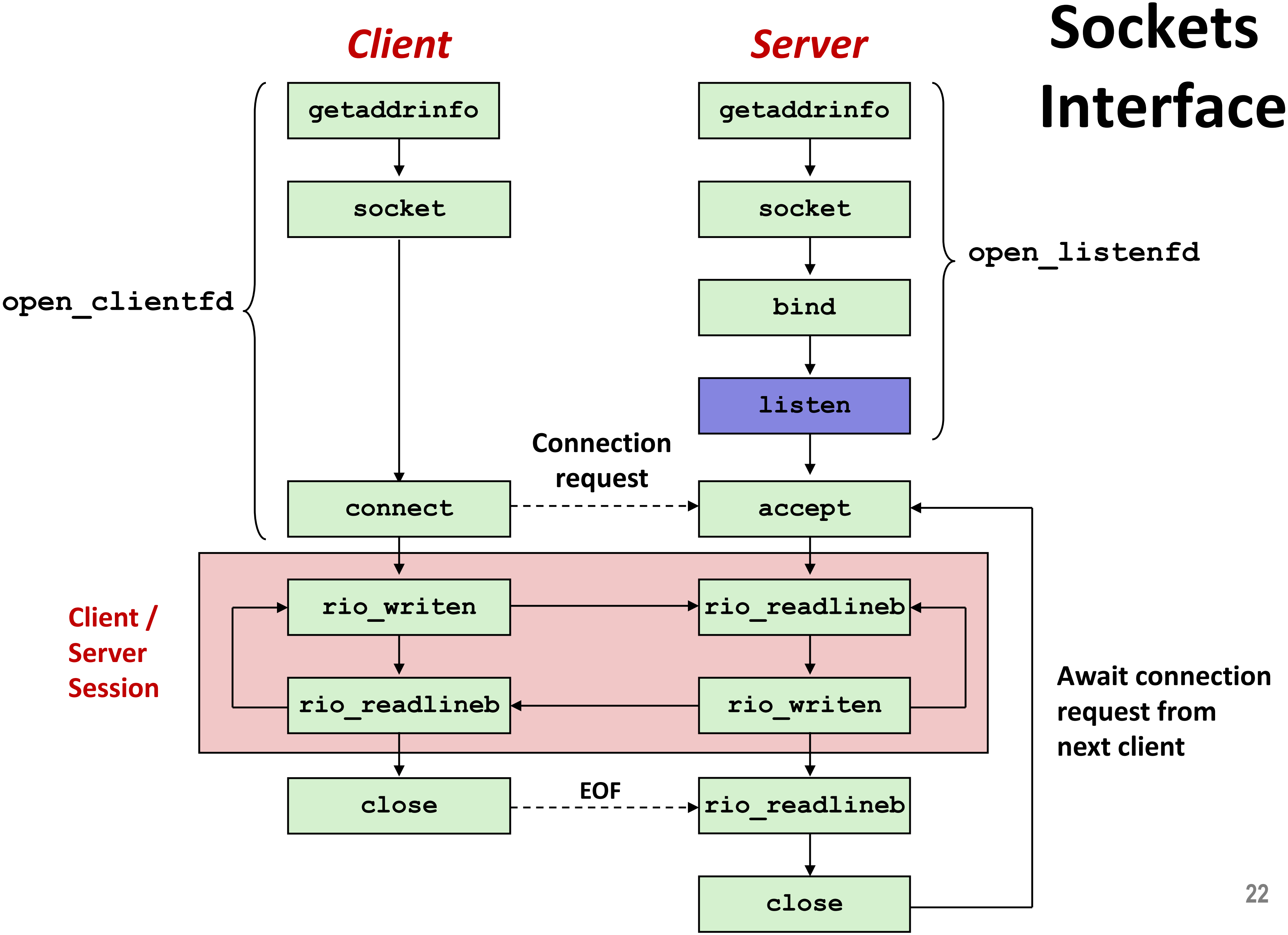
- A server uses `bind` to ask the kernel to associate the server’s socket address with a socket descriptor:

```
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



Sockets Interface: `listen`

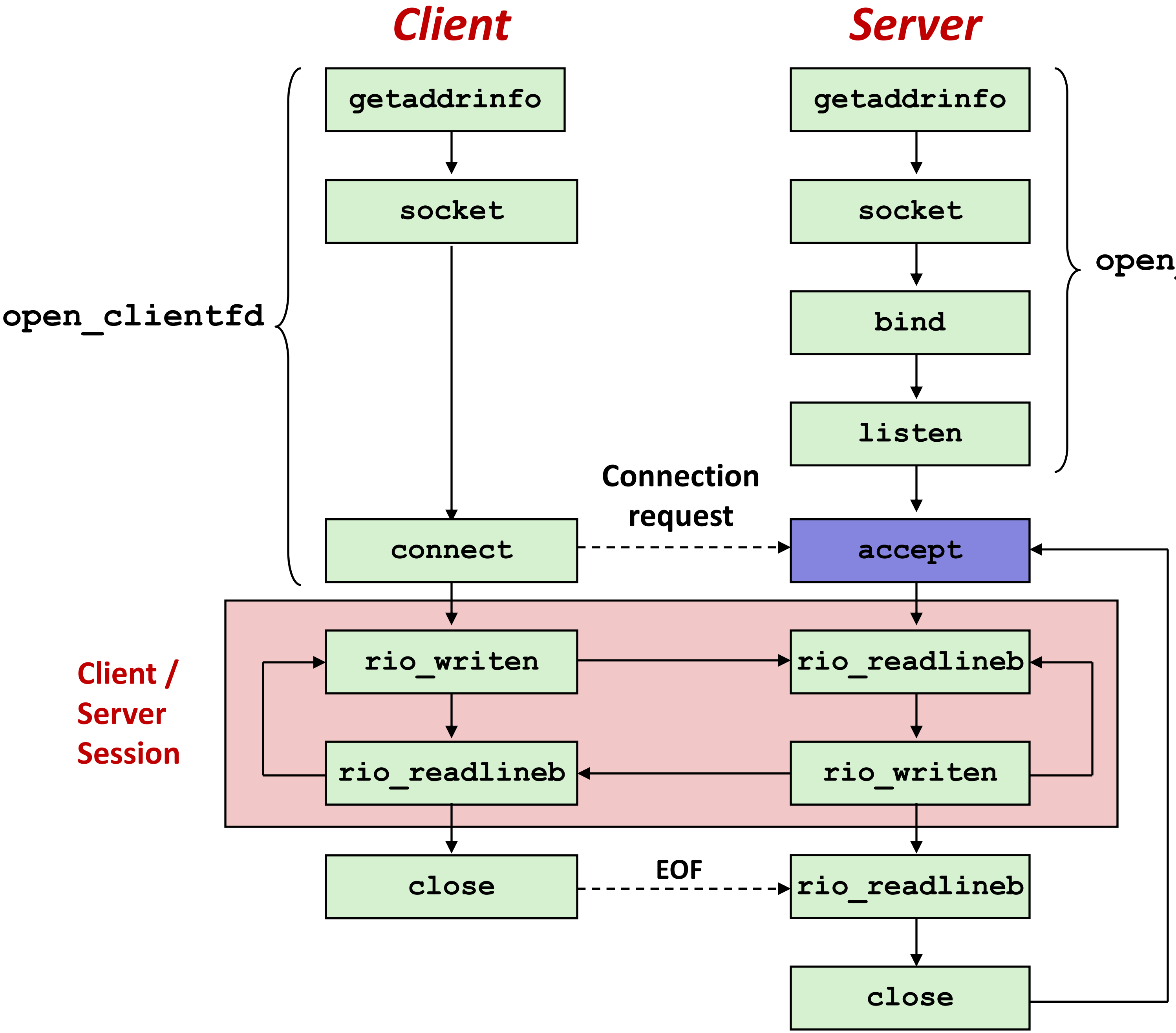
- By default, kernel assumes that descriptor from socket function is an *active socket* that will be on the client end of a connection.
- A server calls the listen function to tell the kernel that a descriptor will be used by a server rather than a client:

```
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



Await connection request from next client

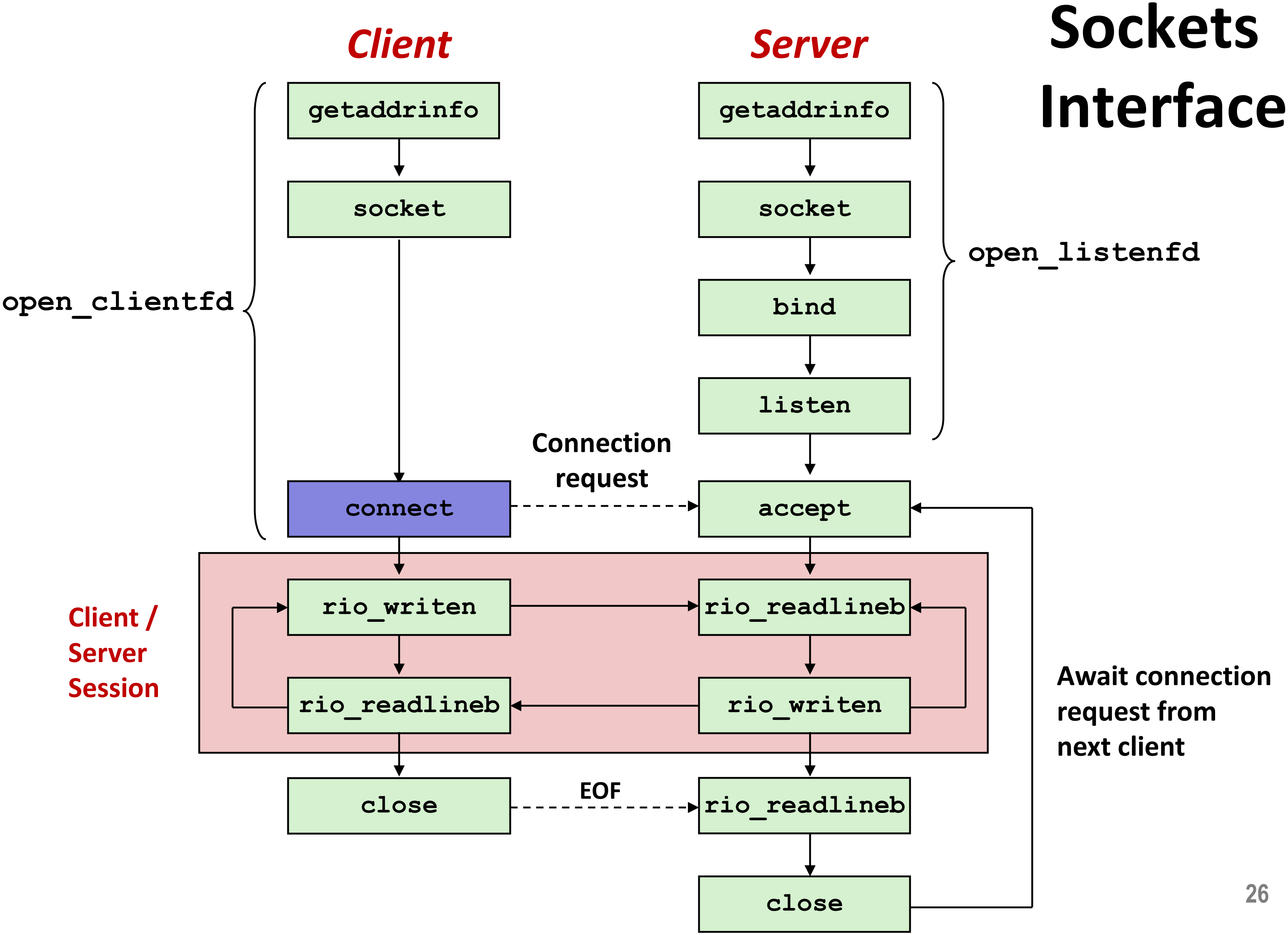
Sockets Interface: `accept`

- 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



Sockets Interface: `connect`

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

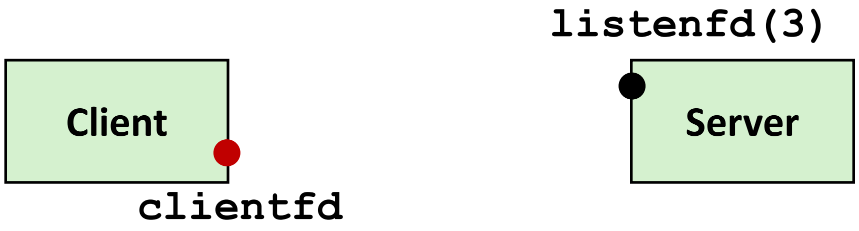
```
int connect(int clientfd, SA *addr, socklen_t addrlen);
```

- **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

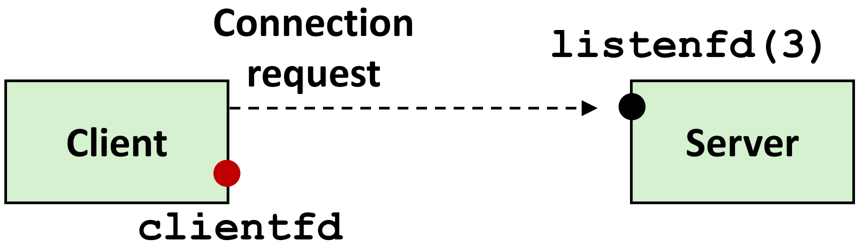
    `(x:y, addr.sin_addr:addr.sin_port)`
    - `x` is client address
    - `y` is ephemeral port that uniquely identifies client process on client host

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

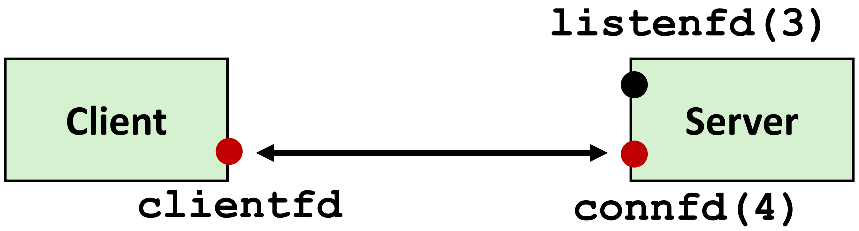
accept Illustrated



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

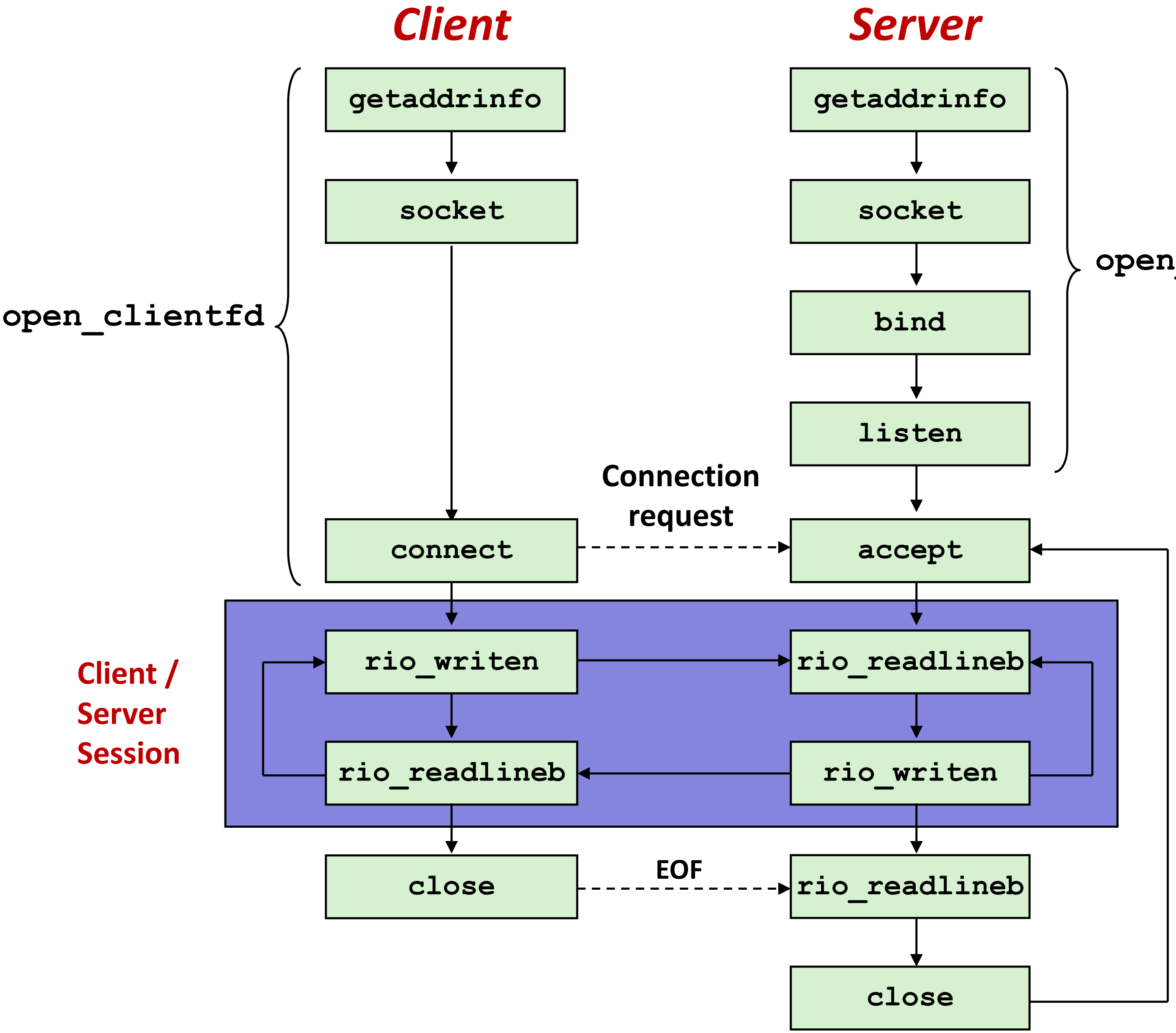
Connected vs. Listening Descriptors

- **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

Sockets Interface



Await connection request from next client

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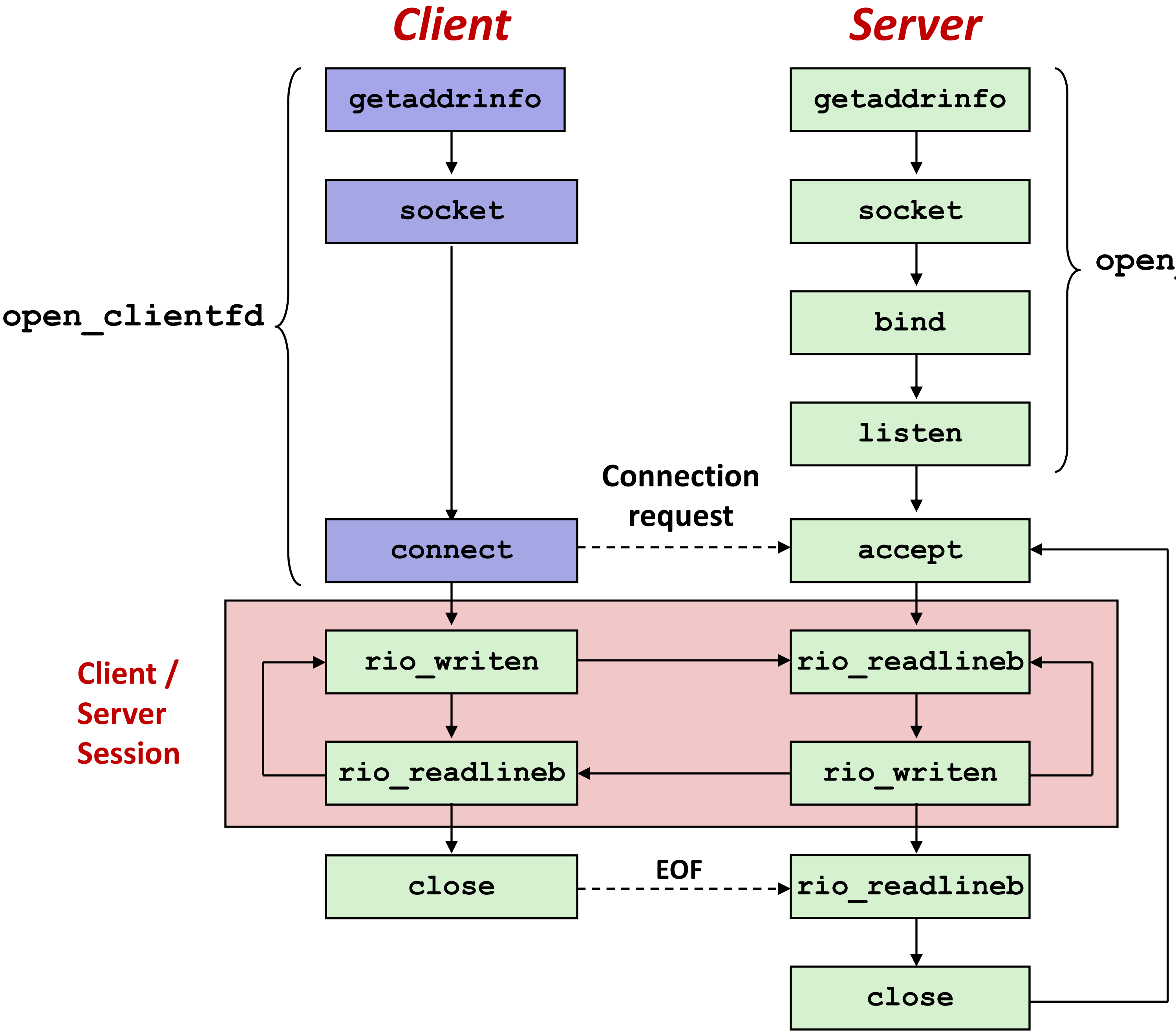

Await connection request from next client

Sockets Helper: open_clientfd

- Establish a connection with a server

```
int open_clientfd(char *hostname, char *port) {
  int clientfd;
  struct addrinfo hints, *listp, *p;

  /* Get a list of potential server addresses */
  memset(&hints, 0, sizeof(struct addrinfo));
  hints.ai_socktype = SOCK_STREAM;  /* Open a connection */
  hints.ai_flags = AI_NUMERICSERV;  /* …using numeric port arg. */
  hints.ai_flags |= AI_ADDRCONFIG;  /* Recommended for connections */
  Getaddrinfo(hostname, port, &hints, &listp);
```

csapp.c

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)
            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;
}
```

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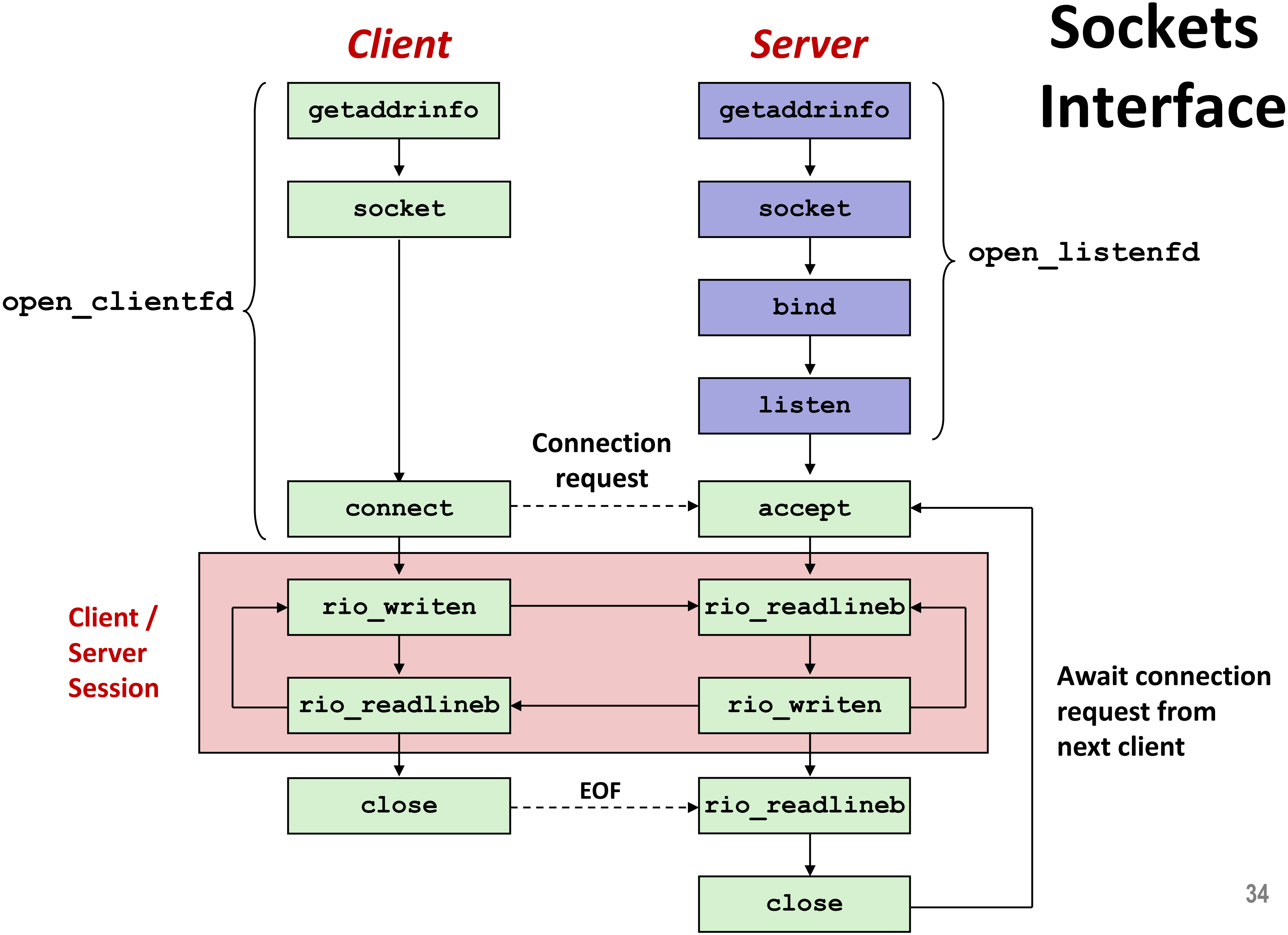
Sockets Interface



Sockets Helper: open_listenfd

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

```
 int open_listenfd(char *port)
{
    struct addrinfo hints, *listp, *p;
    int listenfd, optval=1;

    /* Get a list of potential server addresses */
    memset(&hints, 0, sizeof(struct addrinfo));
    hints.ai_socktype = SOCK_STREAM;            /* Accept connect. */
    hints.ai_flags = AI_PASSIVE | AI_ADDRCONFIG; /* …on any IP addr */
    hints.ai_flags |= AI_NUMERICSERV;           /* …using port no. */
    Getaddrinfo(NULL, port, &hints, &listp);
```

csapp.c

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;
}
```

csapp.c

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

Echo Client: Main Routine

```c
#include "csapp.h"

int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    int clientfd;
    char *host, *port, buf[MAXLINE];
    rio_t rio;

    host = argv[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);
    }
}
```

echo.c

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

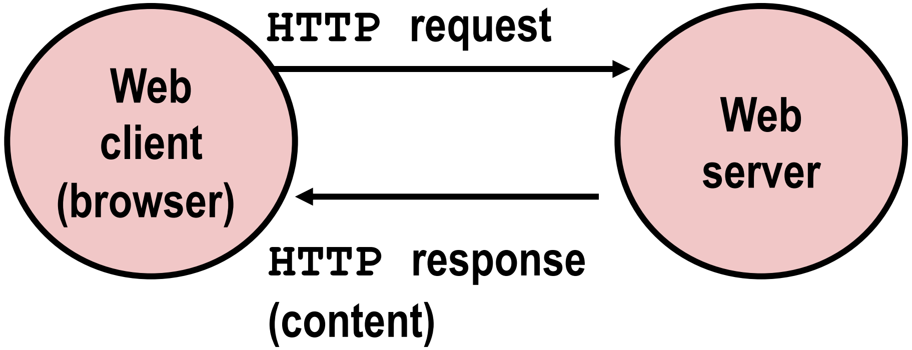
- **Usage:**
  - ***`linux> telnet <host> <portnumber>`***
  - Creates a connection with a server running on ***`<host>`*** and listening on port ***`<portnumber>`***

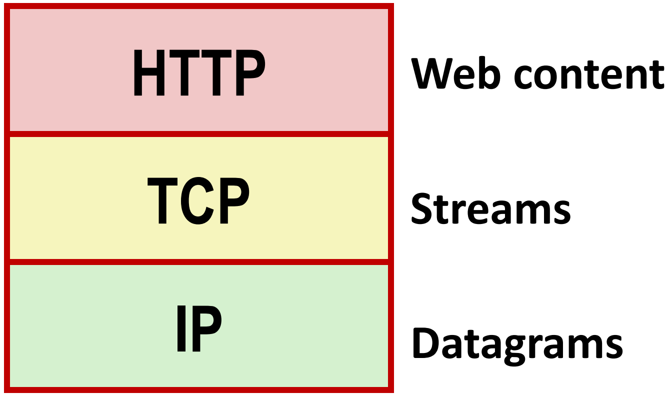
Testing the Echo Server With `telnet`

```
testmachine > ./echoserveri 10315
Connected to (testmachine.cs.iit.edu, 58700)
server received 18 bytes
server received 8 bytes



fourier > telnet testmachine.cs.iit.edu 10315
Trying 216.47.155.6...
Connected to testmachine.cs.iit.edu.
Escape character is '^]'.
Can you hear me?
Can you hear me?
Hellow?
Hellow?
^]
telnet> quit
Connection closed.
fourier>
```

Web Server Basics

- **Clients and servers communicate using the HyperText Transfer Protocol (HTTP)**
  - Client and server establish TCP connection
  - Client requests content
  - Server responds with requested content
  - Client and server close connection (eventually)
- **Current version is HTTP/1.1**
  - RFC 2616, June, 1999.





`http://www.w3.org/Protocols/rfc2616/rfc2616.html`

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`	HTML document
`text/plain`	Unformatted text
`image/gif`	Binary image encoded in GIF format
`image/png`	Binar image encoded in PNG format
`image/jpeg`	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: `http://www.iit.edu:80/index.html`**
- **Clients use *prefix* (`http://www.iit.edu:80`) to infer:**
  - What kind (protocol) of server to contact (HTTP)
  - Where the server is (`www.iit.edu`)
  - What port it is listening on (80)
- **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
  - `<version>` is HTTP version of request (`HTTP/1.0` or `HTTP/1.1`)

- **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

```
$ { echo "GET /index.html HTTP/1.1"; echo "Host: www.iit.edu"; echo; sleep 1;
} | nc www.iit.edu 80
HTTP/1.1 301 Moved Permanently
Server: nginx
Date: Wed, 02 Nov 2022 06:03:56 GMT
Content-Type: text/html; charset=iso-8859-1
Content-Length: 238
X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff
Location: https://www.iit.edu/index.html
Cache-Control: max-age=1209600
Expires: Wed, 16 Nov 2022 06:03:56 GMT
X-Request-ID: v-22a5e508-5a74-11ed-b257-7334d81ceddf
Age: 671231
Via: varnish
X-Cache: HIT
X-Cache-Hits: 4
Connection: keep-alive

<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//IETF//DTD HTML 2.0//EN">
<html><head>
<title>301 Moved Permanently</title>
</head><body>
<h1>Moved Permanently</h1>
<p>The document has moved <a
href="https://www.iit.edu/index.html">here</a>.</p>
</body></html>
```

Example HTTP Transaction, Take 2

```
$ telnet acme.com 80
Trying 23.93.76.124...
Connected to acme.com.
Escape character is '^]'.
GET / HTTP/1.1
Host: acme.com

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Server: thttpd/2.30 ??May2019
Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
Date: Thu, 10 Nov 2022 00:26:38 GMT
Last-Modified: Wed, 24 Aug 2022 17:22:01 GMT
Accept-Ranges: bytes
Connection: close
Content-Length: 7956

<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.01 Transitional//EN"
"http://www.w3.org/TR/html4/loose.dtd">
<html lang="en">

…
Connection closed by foreign host.
```

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

Tiny Web Server

- **Tiny Web server described in the textbook**
  - 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

Per-lecture feedback

- Better sooner rather than later!
- I can help with issues sooner.
- There is a per-lecture feedback form.
- **The form is anonymous.**
  (It checks that you're at Illinois Tech to filter abuse, but I don't see who submitted any of the forms.)
- https://forms.gle/qoeEbBuTYXo5FiU1A
- I'll remind about this at each lecture.