Chapter 2
APPLICATIONS

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Overview

• Learn specific application layer protocols
  – http, ftp, smtp, pop, dns, etc.
• How to program network applications?
• Socket API for Java and Active Oberon
• Goals
  – learn about protocols by examining popular application-level protocols
  – conceptual and implementation aspects of network application protocols
  – client-server paradigm
  – service models
Applications vs. Application-Layer Protocols

- Application: communicating, distributed process
  - running in network hosts in “user space”
  - exchange messages to implement application
  - e.g. email, ftp, web
- Application-layer protocol
  - one part of application
  - define messages exchanged by applications and actions taken
  - use communication services provided by transport layer protocols (TCP, UDP)
Network applications: some jargon

• Process: program running within a host
  – within same host, two processes communicate using interprocess communication (defined by Operating System).
  – processes running on different hosts communicate with an application-layer protocol through messages

• User agent: software process, interfacing with user “above” and network “below”
  – implements application-level protocol
  – Examples
    • Web: browser
    • E-mail: mail reader
    • streaming audio/video: media player
Client-server paradigm

Typical network app has two parts: **Client** and **Server**

**Client**
- initiates contact with server ("client speaks first")
- typically requests service from server
- Web: client implemented in browser
- email: client in mail reader

**Server**
- provides requested service to client
- e.g. Web server sends requested Web page, mail server delivers e-mail
API: Application Programming Interface

- Defines interface between application and transport layers
- socket: Internet API
- two processes communicate by sending data into socket, reading data out of socket

- How does a process identify the other process with which it wants to communicate?
  - IP address of host running other process
  - “port number”: allows receiving host to determine to which local process the message should be delivered
  - lots more on this later…
What transport service does an application need?

Data loss
- some apps (e.g. audio) can tolerate some loss
- other apps (e.g. file transfer) require 100% reliable data transfer

Timing
- some apps (e.g. Internet telephony, interactive games) require low delay to be “effective”

Bandwidth
- some apps (e.g. multimedia) require minimum amount of bandwidth to be “effective”
- other apps (“elastic apps”) make use of whatever bandwidth they get
Transport service requirements of common applications

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<td>few Kbps up</td>
<td>yes, 100’s msec</td>
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<td>no loss</td>
<td>elastic</td>
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Internet transport protocols services

TCP service

- connection-oriented: setup required between client, server
- reliable transport between sending and receiving process
- flow control: sender won’t overwhelm receiver
- congestion control: throttle sender when network overloaded
- does not provide timing, minimum bandwidth guarantees

UDP service

- unreliable data transfer between sending and receiving process
- does not provide connection setup, reliability, flow control, congestion control, timing, or bandwidth guarantee
- Why bother? Why is there a UDP service at all?!?
### Internet apps: application, transport protocols

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The Web: The http protocol

http: hypertext transfer protocol

- Web’s application layer protocol
- client/server model
  - client: browser that requests, receives, and “displays” Web objects
  - server: Web server sends objects in response to requests
- http 1.0: RFC 1945
- http 1.1: RFC 2616
More on the http protocol

- client initiates TCP connection (creates socket) to server, port 80
- server accepts TCP connection from client
- http messages (application-layer protocol messages) exchanged between browser (http client) and Web server (http server)
- TCP connection closed

http is “stateless”
- server maintains no information about past client requests

aside

- Protocols that maintain “state” are complex!
- past history (state) must be maintained
- if server/client crashes, their views of “state” may be inconsistent, must be reconciled
Example for http

Suppose user enters URL www.inf.ethz.ch/education/index.html
(assume that web page contains text, references to 10 jpeg images)

1. http client initiates TCP connection to http server (process) at www.inf.ethz.ch. Port 80 is default for http server.


3. http client sends http request message (containing URL) into TCP connection socket

4. http server receives request message, forms response message containing requested object (index.html in directory education), sends message into socket.
Example for http (continued)


Then…
Steps 1-6 repeated for each of the 10 jpeg objects

5. http server closes TCP connection
Non-persistent vs. persistent connections

**Non-persistent**
- http/1.0
- server parses request, responds, closes TCP connection
- 2 RTTs (round-trip-time) to fetch object
  - TCP connection
  - object request/transfer
- each transfer suffers from TCP’s initially slow sending rate
- many browsers open multiple parallel connections

**Persistent**
- default for http/1.1
- on same TCP connection: server, parses request, responds, parses new request,…
- client sends requests for all referenced objects as soon as it receives base HTML
- fewer RTTs, less slow start
http message format: request

- two types of http messages: request, response
- http request message: ASCII (human-readable format)

```
GET /somedir/page.html HTTP/1.1
Host: www.servername.com
User-agent: Mozilla/4.0
Accept-language: de
```

Carriage return and line feed indicate end of message.
http request message: the general format

```
method: URL: version
header field name: value
```

Entity Body
http message format: response

status line
(protocol
status code
status phrase)

header
lines

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Thu, 06 Aug 1998 12:00:15 GMT
Server: Apache/1.3.0 (Unix)
Last-Modified: Mon, 22 Jun 1998 ...
Content-Length: 6821
Content-Type: text/html

data, e.g.
requested
html file

data data data data data data ...
http response status codes

First line of server→client response message.
A few sample codes:

200 OK
  – request succeeded, requested object later in this message
301 Moved Permanently
  – requested object moved, new location specified later in this message (Location:)
400 Bad Request
  – request message not understood by server
404 Not Found
  – requested document not found on this server
505 HTTP Version Not Supported
Be your own http client

1. Telnet to your favorite Web server:
   `telnet www.sbb.ch 80`

2. Type in a GET http request:
   `GET /index.htm HTTP/1.0`

3. Check out response message
   sent by http server…

   - Opens TCP connection to
     port 80 (default http server
     port) at www.sbb.ch.

   - Anything typed in sent to
     port 80 at www.sbb.ch

   - By typing this (hit carriage
     return twice), you send this
     minimal (but complete)
     GET request to http server

   Could you check the SBB timetable from
   within your own application?!?
User-server interaction: authentication

- Authentication: control access to server content
- Authorization credentials: typically name and password
- Stateless: client must present authorization in each request
  - Authorization: header line in each request
  - If no authorization: header, server refuses access, sends

WWW authenticate:

header line in response

client

usual http request msg

401: authorization req.
WWW-authenticate:

usual http request msg
+ Authorization: <cred>

usual http response msg

server

usual http request msg
+ Authorization: <cred>

usual http response msg

usual http response msg

usual http response msg
Cookies: keeping “state”

- server-generated #, server-remembered #, later used for
  - authentication
  - remembering user preferences
  - remembering previous choices
  - (...privacy?)
- server sends “cookie” to client in response msg
  Set-cookie: 1678453
- client presents cookie in later requests
  Cookie: 1678453
Conditional GET: client-side caching

- Goal: don’t send object if client has up-to-date cached version

- Client: specify date of cached copy in http request
  If-modified-since: <date>

- Server: response contains no object if cached copy is up-to-date:
  HTTP/1.0 304 Not Modified

- Server: response contains object if cached copy is not up-to-date:
  HTTP/1.1 200 OK
  <data>
Web Caches (a.k.a. proxy server)

- Goal: satisfy client request without involving origin server
- User sets browser: Web accesses via web cache
- Client sends all http requests to web cache
  - object in web cache: web cache returns object
  - else web cache requests object from origin server, then returns object to client
Why Web Caching?

- Assumption: cache is “close” to client (e.g. in same network)
- Smaller response time: cache “closer” to client
- Decrease traffic to distant servers
- Link out of institutional/local ISP network is often a bottleneck
ftp: The file transfer protocol

- transfer file to/from remote host
- client/server model
  - client: side that initiates transfer (either to/from remote)
  - server: remote host
- ftp: RFC 959
- ftp server: port 21
ftp: separate control and data connections

- ftp client contacts ftp server at port 21, specifying TCP as transport protocol
- two parallel TCP connections opened
  - control: exchange commands, responses between client, server. “out of band control”
  - data: file data to/from server
- ftp server maintains “state”: current directory, earlier authentication
ftp commands and responses

Sample commands
- sent as ASCII text over control channel
- `USER username`
- `PASS password`
- `LIST` returns list of files in current directory
- `RETR filename` retrieves (gets) file
- `STOR filename` stores (puts) file onto remote host

Sample return codes
- status code and phrase (as in http)
- 331 Username OK, password required
- 125 data connection already open; transfer starting
- 425 Can’t open data connection
- 452 Error writing file
Electronic Mail

Three major components
- user agents
- mail servers
- simple mail transfer protocol: smtp

User Agent
- a.k.a. “mail reader”
- composing, editing, reading mail messages
- Examples: Outlook, Netscape Messenger, elm, Eudora
- outgoing, incoming messages stored on server
Electronic Mail: mail servers

- mailbox contains incoming messages (yet to be read) for user
- message queue of outgoing (to be sent) mail messages
- smtp protocol between mail servers to send email messages
  - “client”: sending mail server
  - “server”: receiving mail server

- Why not sending directly?
Electronic Mail: SMTP

- uses TCP to reliably transfer email message from client to server, on port 25
- direct transfer: sending server to receiving server
- three phases of transfer
  - handshake (greeting)
  - transfer of messages
  - closure
- command/response interaction
  - commands: ASCII text
  - response: status code and phrase
- SMTP: RFC 821
Sample smtp interaction

S: 220 hamburger.edu
C: HELO crepes.fr
S: 250 Hello crepes.fr, pleased to meet you
C: MAIL FROM: <alice@crepes.fr>
S: 250 alice@crepes.fr... Sender ok
C: RCPT TO: <bob@hamburger.edu>
S: 250 bob@hamburger.edu ... Recipient ok
C: DATA
S: 354 Enter mail, end with "." on a line by itself
C: Do you like ketchup?
C: How about pickles?
C: .
S: 250 Message accepted for delivery
C: QUIT
S: 221 hamburger.edu closing connection

You can be your own smtp client: telnet to a mail server you know (telnet mail.inf.ethz.ch 25) and play with the protocol...
smtp: more details

- smtp uses persistent connections
- smtp requires message (header & body) to be in 7-bit ASCII
- certain character strings not permitted in msg (e.g., \texttt{CRLF\ CRLF}, which is used to determine the end of a message by the server).
- Thus msg has to be encoded (usually into either base-64 or quoted printable)

Comparison with http

- http: pull
- email: push
- both have ASCII command/response interaction and status codes
- http: each object encapsulated in its own response msg (1.0), or by use of content-length field (1.1)
- smtp: multiple objects sent in multipart msg (as we will see on the next slides)
Mail message format

- smtp: protocol for exchanging email msgs
- RFC 822: standard for text message format:
- header lines, e.g.
  - To:
  - From:
  - Subject:
    (!) Caution: these are not smtp commands! They are like the header of a letter, whereas smtp commands are like the address on the envelope
- body
  - the “message”
  - ASCII characters only
Message format: multimedia extensions

- MIME: multimedia mail extension, RFC 2045, 2056
- additional lines in message header declare MIME content type

```
From: alice@crepes.fr
To: bob@hamburger.edu
Subject: Picture of yummy crepe.
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Transfer-Encoding: base64
Content-Type: image/jpeg

base64 encoded data ..... 
........................
......base64 encoded data
```
MIME types

Content-Type: type/subtype; parameters

Text
- example subtypes: `plain`, `enriched`, `html`

Image
- example subtypes: `jpeg`, `gif`

Audio
- example subtypes: `basic` (8-bit mu-law encoded), `32kadpcm` (32 kbps coding)

Video
- example subtypes: `mpeg`, `quicktime`

Application
- other data that must be processed by reader before "viewable"
- example subtypes: `msword`, `octet-stream`
From: alice@crepes.fr
To: bob@hamburger.edu
Subject: Picture of yummy crepe.
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: multipart/mixed; boundary=98766789

--98766789
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable
Content-Type: text/plain

Dear Bob,
Please find a picture of a crepe.

--98766789
Content-Transfer-Encoding: base64
Content-Type: image/jpeg

base64 encoded data ..... 
........................
.......base64 encoded data
--98766789--
Mail access protocols

- SMTP: delivery/storage to receiver’s server
- Mail access protocol: retrieval from server
  - POP: Post Office Protocol [RFC 1939]
    - authorization (agent <-> server) and download
  - IMAP: Internet Mail Access Protocol [RFC 2060]
    - more features (more complex)
      - manipulation of stored messages on server
  - HTTP: Hotmail, Yahoo! Mail, etc.
POP3 protocol

Authorization phase
• client commands:
  – user: declare username
  – pass: password
• server responses
  – +OK
  – -ERR

Transaction phase
• client commands
  – list: list message numbers
  – retr: retrieve message by number
  – dele: delete
  – quit
People have many identifiers
• passport number, AHV number, student number, name, etc.

Internet hosts, routers
• IP address (129.132.130.152); used for addressing datagrams
• Name (photek.ethz.ch); used by humans

• We need a map from names to IP addresses (and vice versa?)

Domain Name System
• distributed database implemented in hierarchy of many name servers
• application-layer protocol host, routers, name servers to communicate to resolve names (name/address translation)
  – note: is a core Internet function, but only implemented as application-layer protocol
  – complexity at network’s “edge”
DNS name servers

Why not centralize DNS?
• single point of failure
• traffic volume
• distant centralized database
• maintenance

...it does not scale!

• no server has all name-to-IP address mappings

local name servers
– each ISP, company has local (default) name server
– host DNS query first goes to local name server

authoritative name server
– for a host: stores that host’s IP address, name
– can perform name/address translation for that host’s name
DNS: Root name servers

- contacted by local name server that cannot resolve name
- root name server
  - contacts authoritative name server if name mapping not known
  - gets mapping
  - returns mapping to local name server
  - currently 13 root name servers worldwide
Simple DNS example

- host photek.ethz.ch wants IP address of gaia.cs.umass.edu

1. contact local DNS server, dns.ethz.ch
2. dns.ethz.ch contacts root name server, if necessary
3. root name server contacts authoritative name server, dns.umass.edu, if necessary
DNS extended example

Root name server:
- may not know authoritative name server
- may know *intermediate name server*: who to contact to find authoritative name server
DNS Iterated queries

Recursive query
- puts burden of name resolution on contacted name server
- heavy load?

Iterated query
- contacted server replies with name of server to contact
- “I don’t know this name, but ask this server”
DNS: Caching and updating records

- once (any) name server learns mapping, it *caches* mapping
  - cache entries timeout (disappear) after some time

- update/notify mechanisms under design by IETF
  - RFC 2136
DNS resource records

DNS: distributed database storing resource records (RR)

RR format: (name, ttl, class, type, value)

- **Type=A**
  - `name` is hostname
  - `value` is IP address

- **Type=NS**
  - `name` is domain (e.g. foo.com)
  - `value` is IP address of authoritative name server for this domain

- **Type=CNAME**
  - `name` is alias name for some "canonical" (the real) name
  - `value` is canonical name

- **Type=MX**
  - `value` is name of mail server associated with `name`
Example of DNS lookup

```bash
cat

Example of DNS lookup

```
DNS protocol, messages

DNS protocol

- *query* and *reply* messages, both with same message format

**msg header**

- identification: 16 bit number for query, reply to query uses same number
- flags:
  - query or reply
  - recursion desired
  - recursion available
  - reply is authoritative
DNS protocol, messages

- Name, type fields for a query
- RRs in response to query
- Records for authoritative servers
- Additional “helpful” info that may be used
Socket programming

Goal

• Learn building client/server applications that communicate using sockets, the standard application programming interface

Socket API

• introduced in BSD4.1 UNIX, 1981
• explicitly created, used, released by applications
• client/server paradigm
• two types of transport service via socket API
  – unreliable datagram
  – reliable, byte stream-oriented

socket

a host-local, application-created/owned, OS-controlled interface (a “door”) into which application process can both send and receive messages to/from another (remote or local) application process
Socket programming with TCP

Socket
• a door between application process and end-end-transport protocol (UDP or TCP)

TCP service
• reliable transfer of *bytes* from one process to another
Socket programming with TCP

Client must contact server
- server process must first be running already
- server must have created socket (“door”) that welcomes client’s contact

Client contacts server by
- creating client-local TCP socket
- specifying IP address and port number of server process

- When client creates socket: client TCP establishes connection to server TCP
- When contacted by client, server TCP creates new socket for server process to communicate with client
  - allows server to talk with multiple clients

TCP provides reliable, in-order transfer of bytes (“pipe”) between client and server

application viewpoint
Socket programming with TCP (Java)

Example client-server application

- client reads line from standard input (\texttt{inFromUser} stream), sends to server via socket (\texttt{outToServer} stream)
- server reads line from socket
- server converts line to uppercase, sends back to client
- client reads and prints modified line from socket (\texttt{inFromServer} stream)
Client/server socket interaction with TCP (Java)

Server (running on hostid)

- Create socket, port=x, for incoming request:
  
```
  welcomeSocket = ServerSocket()
```

- Wait for incoming connection request:
  
```
  connectionSocket = welcomeSocket.accept()
```

- Read request from connectionSocket:

- Write reply to connectionSocket:

- Close connectionSocket:

Client

- Create socket, connect to hostid, port=x:
  
```
  clientSocket = Socket()
```

- Send request using clientSocket:

- Read reply from clientSocket:

- Close clientSocket:
Example: Java client (TCP)

```java
import java.io.*;
import java.net.*;

class TCPClient {
    public static void main(String argv[]) throws Exception {
        String sentence;
        String modifiedSentence;

        BufferedReader inFromUser =
            new BufferedReader(new InputStreamReader(System.in));

        Socket clientSocket = new Socket("hostname", 6789);

        DataOutputStream outToServer =
            new DataOutputStream(clientSocket.getOutputStream());
```

- Create input stream
- Create client socket, connect to server
- Create output stream attached to socket

```java
        Socket clientSocket = new Socket("hostname", 6789);

        DataOutputStream outToServer =
            new DataOutputStream(clientSocket.getOutputStream());
```
Example: Java client (TCP), continued

```java
BufferedReader inFromServer =
    new BufferedReader(new InputStreamReader(clientSocket.getInputStream()));

sentence = inFromUser.readLine();
outToServer.writeBytes(sentence + '\n');
modifiedSentence = inFromServer.readLine();
System.out.println("FROM SERVER: " + modifiedSentence);
clientSocket.close();
```
Example: Java server (TCP)

```java
import java.io.*;
import java.net.*;

class TCPServer {
    public static void main(String argv[]) throws Exception {
        String clientSentence; String capitalizedSentence;
        ServerSocket welcomeSocket = new ServerSocket(6789);
        while(true) {
            Socket connectionSocket = welcomeSocket.accept();
            BufferedReader inFromClient =
                new BufferedReader(new InputStreamReader(connectionSocket.getInputStream()));
        }
    }
}
```
Example: Java server (TCP), continued

```java
DataOutputStream outToClient = new DataOutputStream(connectionSocket.getOutputStream());
clientSentence = inFromClient.readLine();
capitalizedSentence = clientSentence.toUpperCase() + '\n';
outToClient.writeBytes(capitalizedSentence);
```
Problem: One client can block other clients

Problem can be solved with threads:

```java
ServerSocket welcomeSocket = new ServerSocket(6789);
while(true) {
    Socket connectionSocket = welcomeSocket.accept();
    ServerThread thread = new ServerThread(connectionSocket);
    thread.start();
}
```

```java
public class ServerThread extends Thread {
    /* Handles connection socket */
    /* “More or less” code of old server loop */
}
```

Alternative solution: Client opens socket after reading input line
Socket programming with UDP

Remember: UDP: no “connection” between client and server

- no handshaking
- sender explicitly attaches IP address and port of destination
- server must extract IP address, port of sender from received datagram

- UDP: transmitted data may be received out of order, or lost

**Application viewpoint**

*UDP provides unreliable transfer of groups of bytes ("datagrams") between client and server*
Client/server socket interaction: UDP (Java)

Server (running on hostid)

Client

create socket, port=x, for incoming request:
serverSocket = DatagramSocket()

read request from serverSocket

write reply to serverSocket specifying client host address, port number

create socket, clientSocket = DatagramSocket()

Create, address (hostid, port=x), send datagram request using clientSocket

read reply from clientSocket

close clientSocket
Example: Java client (UDP)

Input: receives packet (TCP received “byte stream”)
Output: sends packet (TCP sent “byte stream”)

Client process

Client UDP socket

to network  from network

sendPacket

receivePacket

inFromUser

keyboard  monitor

sendPacket

UDP packet

UDP socket

input stream

UDP packet

UDP socket
import java.io.*;
import java.net.*;

class UDPClient {
    public static void main(String args[]) throws Exception {
        BufferedReader inFromUser =
            new BufferedReader(new InputStreamReader(System.in));
        DatagramSocket clientSocket = new DatagramSocket();
        InetAddress IPAddress = InetAddress.getByName("hostname");
        byte[] sendData = new byte[1024];
        byte[] receiveData = new byte[1024];
        String sentence = inFromUser.readLine();
        sendData = sentence.getBytes();
Example: Java client (UDP), continued

Create datagram with:
- data-to-send
- length
- IP addr
- port

```java
DatagramPacket sendPacket =
    new DatagramPacket(sendData, sendData.length, IPAddress, 9876);
```

Send datagram to server:
```java
clientSocket.send(sendPacket);
```

Read datagram from server:
```java
DatagramPacket receivePacket =
    new DatagramPacket(receiveData, receiveData.length);
```
```java
String modifiedSentence =
    new String(receivePacket.getData());
```
```java
System.out.println("FROM SERVER:" + modifiedSentence);
clientSocket.close();
```
Example: Java server (UDP)

```java
import java.io.*;
import java.net.*;

class UDPServer {
    public static void main(String args[]) throws Exception {
        DatagramSocket serverSocket = new DatagramSocket(9876);
        byte[] receiveData = new byte[1024];
        byte[] sendData = new byte[1024];

        while(true) {
            DatagramPacket receivePacket =
                new DatagramPacket(receiveData, receiveData.length);
            serverSocket.receive(receivePacket);
        }
    }
}
```
Example: Java server (UDP), continued

```java
String sentence = new String(receivePacket.getData());
 InetAddress IPAddress = receivePacket.getAddress();
 int port = receivePacket.getPort();

 String capitalizedSentence = sentence.toUpperCase();
 sendData = capitalizedSentence.getBytes();
 DatagramPacket sendPacket =
 new DatagramPacket(sendData, sendData.length, IPAddress, port);
 serverSocket.send(sendPacket);
```

Get IP addr, port #, of sender
Create datagram to send to client
Write out datagram to socket
End of while loop, loop back and wait for another datagram
Network System in Active Oberon / Bluebottle

- AosNet: Defines a generic network device.
- AosIP: Offers IP
- AosTCP
  - Contains a Connection-oriented class that keeps track of the connection status
  - Offers a Receive and a Send Method
- AosUDP: Offers datagram services
- AosDNS
  - Implements a DNS cache and offers host lookup functionality
- AosTCPServices
  - Offers a simple abstraction to write TCP services
Establishing a Client to Server Connection

Client wants to connect to "huga.ethz.ch“ on port 80

- It needs to find the IP address with a DNS-Lookup

2. Open the Connection (to 129.132.134.32:80)
   1. NEW(connection);
   2. connection.Open(AosIP.NilPort, ip, 80, res);
      AosIP.NilPort tells the system to automatically select the outgoing port.
   3. If res = Ok then use the connection

AosConnection
Open(localPort, ip, foreignPort, res);
Send(...)
Receive(...)
Close
TCP Client in Active Oberon: RFC865 (Quote of the day)

The following Active Oberon program opens a TCP client connection to a RFC865 compliant “Quote of the day” server, reads the quote and prints it to the kernel log.

The program demonstrates these steps:
- Open a reader stream on the "command line"
- Perform a DNS lookup
- Print the IP address to the kernel log
- Open a TCP connection
- Open a reader stream on a TCP connection
- Reading from the connection
- Closing the connection
MODULE RFC865Client; (* Author TF: QOTD Client *)
IMPORT
    AosOut, AosCommands, AosIP, AosDNS, AosTCP, AosIO;
CONST QuotePort = 17;

PROCEDURE GetQuote*(par : PTR) : PTR;
VAR
    s : AosCommands.Parameters;
    sr : AosIO.StringReader;
    connection : AosTCP.Connection;
    serverName : ARRAY 32 OF CHAR;
    line : ARRAY 513 OF CHAR;
    serverIP, res : LONGINT;
    reader : AosIO.Reader;
BEGIN
    s := par(AosCommands.Parameters); (*open reader stream ...*)
    AosIO.OpenStringReader(sr, LEN(s.str^));
    AosIO.SetString(sr, s.str^); (* ... on parameters *)
    AosIO.ReadToken(sr, serverName); (* read server name *)
TCP Client in Active Oberon (2)

(* perform a DNS lookup *)
AosDNS.HostByName(serverName, serverIP, res);
IF res # 0 THEN (* result not 0 \(\rightarrow\) DNS lookup failed *)
  AosOut.String("Host not found."); AosOut.Ln;
  RETURN NIL
END;

(* print IP address *)
AosIP.AdrToStr(serverIP, line);
AosOut.String("Server found at ");
AosOut.String(line); AosOut.Ln;

(* open a connection to the serverIP *)
NEW(connection);
connection.Open(AosIP.NilPort, serverIP, QuotePort, res);
IF res # 0 THEN
  AosOut.String("Could not connect to host.");
  AosOut.Ln; RETURN NIL
END;
TCP Client in Active Oberon (3)

(* Open a reader stream on the connection receiver *)
AosIO.OpenReader(reader, connection.Receive);
REPEAT
  reader.Ln(line);
  AosOut.String(line); AosOut.Ln
UNTIL reader.res # 0;
(* Close the connection to release the local port *)
connection.Close;
RETURN NIL
END GetQuote;

END RFC865Client.

System.Free RFC865Client ~
System.OpenKernelLog
(* Execute the Aos.Call command to start the program *)
Aos.Call RFC865Client.GetQuote bluebottle.ethz.ch ~
Open a Server on Port 80 using AosTCPServices

AosTCPServices.OpenService(service, 80, generator);

This opens port 80 and waits for clients. For each arriving client, **ClientGenerator** is called to instantiate a Handler for this connection.

1. Client Request
2. Service calls Generator
3. Generator returns client-agent object
4. Service passes the connection to the client-agent.
Open a Server on Port 80 using AosTCPServices

Since the client-agent is an active object that runs in its own process, the service is right-away ready to handle new client requests.

The client-agent must be a subclass of AosTCPServices.Agent. AosTCPServices.Agent provides the connection “client” and implements code to close the connection.

When the connection is no longer needed – determined either by the protocol state or by a connection failure – the client-agent calls the “Terminate” procedure to close the connection correctly.
TCP Server in Active Oberon (1)

The following Active Oberon program implements an Echo server (RFC 862). The setup of the connection is left to AosTCP Services. AosTCP Services opens the server port and accepts TCP connections to this port. For each connection it starts an Active Object as an agent to handle the requests.

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MODULE EchoServer; (*Author pj m; PURPOSE: TCP echo server*)
IMPORT AosModules, AosOut, AosTCP, AosTCP Services, AosIO;
CONST EchoPort = 7; EchoBufSize = 4096;
TYPE
  (* EchoAgent is a subclass of AosTCP Services.Agent *)
  EchoAgent = OBJECT (AosTCP Services.Agent)
    VAR len, res: LONGINT;
    buf: ARRAY EchoBufSize OF CHAR;
    (* body creates a new process for each instance *)
    BEGIN {ACTIVE}
     ...
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BEGIN {ACTIVE}
  LOOP
    client.Receive(buf, 0, LEN(buf), 1, len, res);
    IF res # 0 THEN EXIT END; (*abort if reading fails*)
    client.Send(buf, 0, len, FALSE, res);
    IF res # 0 THEN EXIT END; (*abort if writing fails*)
  END;
  Terminate (*terminate the agent*)
END EchoAgent;

VAR echo: AosTCPServices.Service;
PROCEDURE Open* (par: PTR): PTR;
BEGIN (* Open a new service on the EchoPort. *)
  AosTCPServices.OpenService(echo, EchoPort, NewEchoAgent);
  (* NewEchoAgent is procedure to be called whenever
  a connection is made to the port *)
  RETURN NIL
END Open;
PROCEDURE Close*(par: PTR): PTR;
BEGIN (* close the service *)
   AosTCPServices.CloseService(echo);
   RETURN NIL
END Close;

PROCEDURE NewEchoAgent(c: AosTCP.Connection; s: AosTCPServices.Service): AosTCPServices.Agent;
VAR a: EchoAgent;
BEGIN (* Create a new agent of type EchoAgent *)
   NEW(a, c, s); RETURN a
END NewEchoAgent;

PROCEDURE Cleanup;
BEGIN (* Cleanup handler; invoked if module is unloaded *)
   IF Close(NIL) = NIL THEN END
END Cleanup;

BEGIN (* install termination handler *)
   AosModules.InstallTermHandler(Cleanup)
END EchoServer.
Networking Examples in Active Oberon

- The source code of all the networking code is available and installed. The following list of modules is particularly interesting:
  - Aos3Com90x.Mod, AosRTL8139.Mod: low level hardware drivers
  - AosIP.Mod: implements IP
  - AosTCP.Mod: implements TCP
  - AosTCPServices.Mod: implements an abstract TCP service
  - AosTestServer.Mod
    - implements RFC 862 (Echo), RFC 863 (Discard), RFC 864 (Chargen) and RFC 867 (Daytime)
  - AosQuoteServer.Mod: implements RFC865 (Quote of the day)
  - WebFTPServer.Mod: implements a FTP server
  - WebHTTPServer.Mod: implements a HTTP1.1 server
  - AosHTTPServer.Mod: implements a basic HTTP/1.0 server
  - AosSMTPClient.Mod: implements RFC 862 (SMTP client)