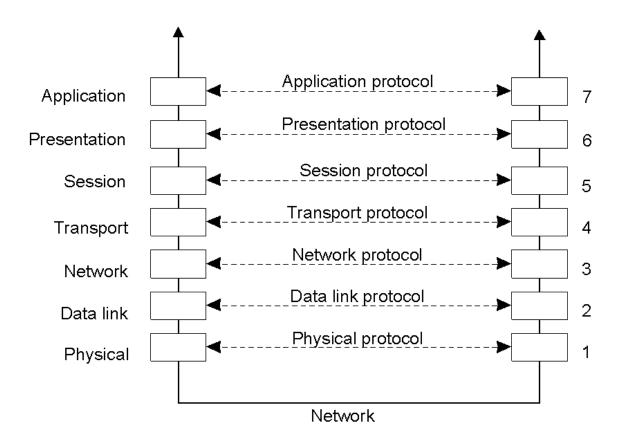
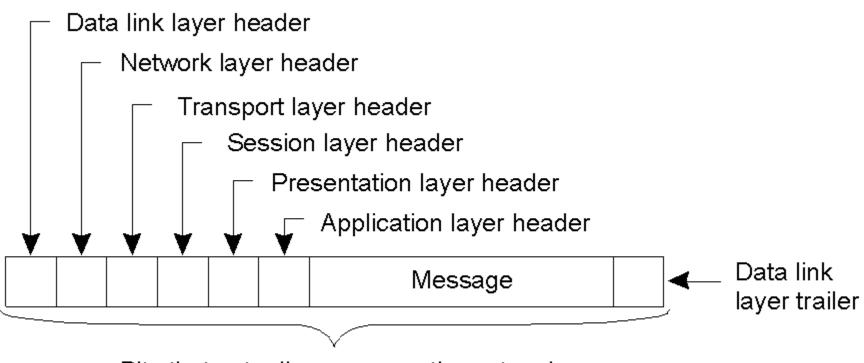
Communication

Layers, interfaces, and protocols in the OSI model.



- International Standards Organization (ISO)
 - Developed a reference model that clearly identifies the various levels involved, gives them standard names, and points out which level should do which job.
- Open systems Interconnection Reference Model
- Protocols: rules determining how an open system can communicate with another open system.
- Connection-oriented protocols: Before exchanging data the sender and receiver first explicitly establish a connection, and possibly negotiate the protocol they will use
- Connectionless protocols: No setup in advance is needed.

Dropping a letter in a mailbox



Bits that actually appear on the network

Physical Layer

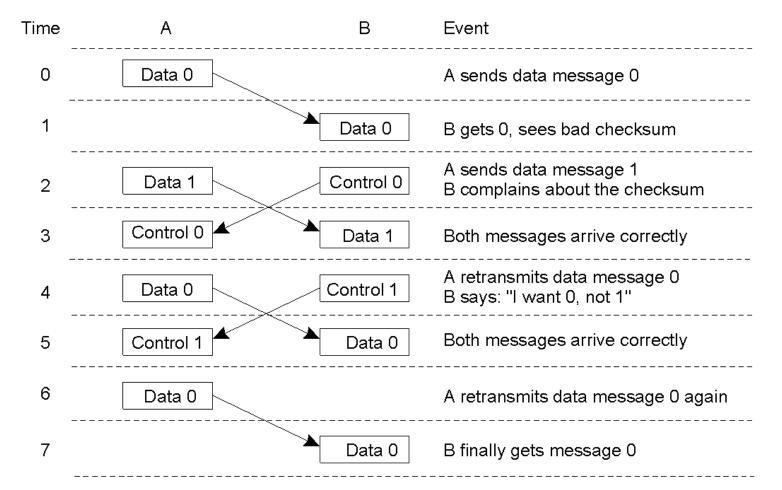
Undertakes the actual transmission of the message.

- How many volts to use for 0 and 1?
- How many bits per second can be sent?
- Can transmission take place in both directions simultaneously?
- Size and shape of the network connector
- Number of pins and meanings of each

Data Link Layer

- Provide mechanisms to detect and correct errors during the bit transmission
 - Bits are grouped into units called frames.
 - A special bit pattern is placed at the beginning and at the end of each frame to mark it.
 - A checksum is computed by adding up all the bytes in the frame in a certain way.
 - Frames are assigned sequence numbers

Data Link Layer



Discussion between a receiver and a sender in the data link layer.

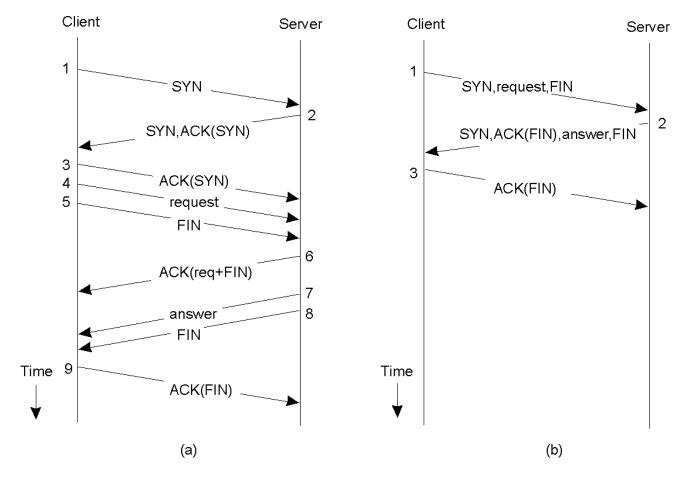
Network Layer

- The choosing of the best path from the sender to the receiver is called routing.
- Routing is the major task of the network layer.
- Example of Connectionless protocol: IP
 - No connection setup.
 - Each IP packet is routed to its destination independently of all others.
 - No internal path is selected and remembered.
- Example of Connection-oriented protocol ATM Virtual Channels
 - A unidirectional connection from the source to the destination is established.
 - A collection of virtual channels between two hosts comprise a virtual path.

Transport Protocols

- Delivers messages without loss.
- Each message is broken into pieces called packets
- A sequence number is assigned to each packet
- Transport Layer Header
 - Which packets have been sent
 - Which have been received
 - How many more the receiver has room to accept
 - Which should be retransmitted

TCP & Client-Server TCP (TCP for Transactions, T/TCP)



Higher Level Protocols

Session Layer

- Provides dialog control, to keep track of which party is currently talking
- Provides synchronization facilities
 - Insert checkpoints into long transfers, so that in the event of a crash, it is necessary to go back only to the last checkpoint

Presentation Layer

- Is concerned with the meaning of the bits
 - It is possible to define records such a name, address, amount of money, and other valuable info that might be contained in a message, and have the sender notify the receiver that a message contains a particular record in a certain format.
 - Makes communication easier between machines with different internal representations

Application Protocols

- Contains a collection of standard network applications, like e-mail, file transfer, terminal emulation, etc.
- FTP
 - FTP protocol versus ftp program
- HTTP (HyperText Transfer Protocol)
 - Remotely manage and handle the transfer of Web pages
 - Web browsers and web servers
 - JAVA RMI

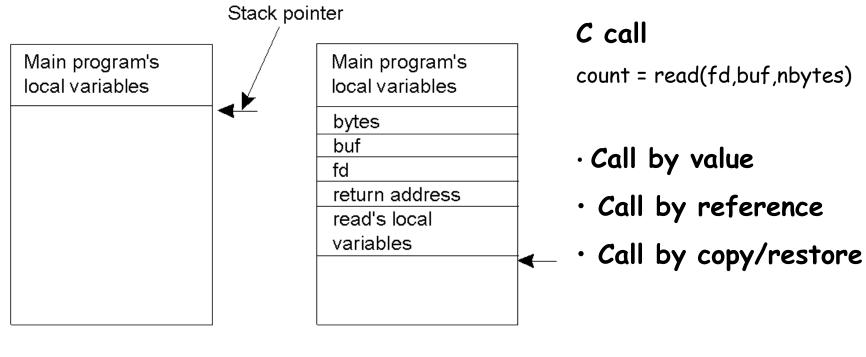
Remote Procedure Call - RPC

Explicit message exchange using send and receive does not conceal communication.

Main Idea behind RPCs

- Allow programs to call procedures located on other machines
- Subtle problems exist, since the calling and called procedures:
 - run on different machines
 - execute on different address spaces
 - failures may occur

Conventional Procedure Call



(a)

(b)

- Parameter passing in a local procedure call: the stack before the call to read
- b) The stack while the called procedure is active

RPC versus Calling a System Call - Read data from a file

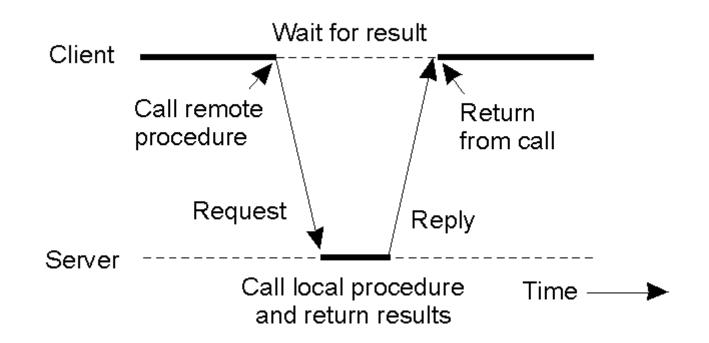
Local file

- The programmer calls read
- The read routine is extracted from the library by the linker
- It is a short procedure that calls a system call
- The read procedure is a kind of interface between the user code and the local OS.

Remote file

- The programmer calls read
- the read routine is extracted from the library by the linker (it is now called client stub)
- it packs the parameters into a message and requests that message to be sent to the server
- When the message arrives at the server, the OS passes it up to a server stub.
- The server stub unpacks the parameters and calls the server procedure in the usual way.

Client and Server Stubs



Principle of RPC between a client and server program.

Client and Server Stubs

Client's side:

- read is called placing appropriate arguments in the stack (in the conventional way)
- the read library routine does a call to the OS (as happens in the conventional call)
- Unlike the original one, it does not ask the OS to perform a system call but to send a message to the server

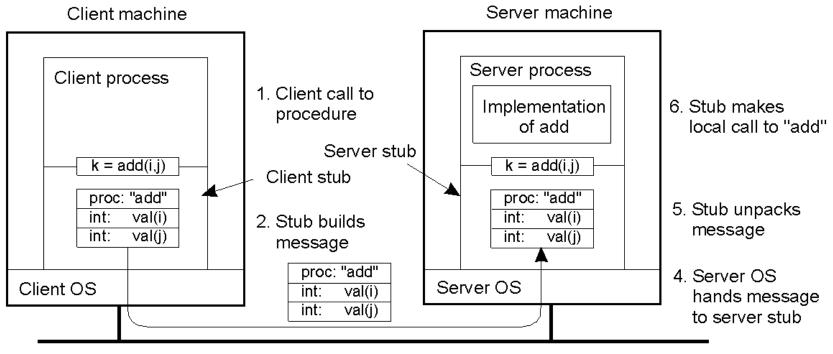
Server's side:

- the server procedure is called in the usual way; the parameters and the return address are all on the stack and nothing seems unusual.
- The transparency achieved is the main beauty of the scheme!

Steps of a Remote Procedure Call

- 1. Client procedure calls client stub in normal way
- 2. Client stub builds message, calls local OS
- 3. Client's OS sends message to remote OS
- 4. Remote OS gives message to server stub
- 5. Server stub unpacks parameters, calls server
- 6. Server does work, returns result to the stub
- 7. Server stub packs it in message, calls local OS
- 8. Server's OS sends message to client's OS
- 9. Client's OS gives message to client stub
- 10. Stub unpacks result, returns to client

Passing Value Parameters (1)

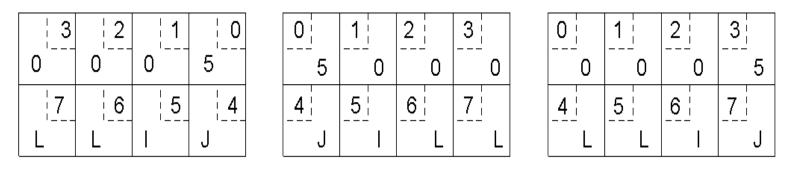


3. Message is sent across the network

Packing parameters into a message is called parameter marshalling.

Passing Value Parameters (2)

- Each machine has its own representation for numbers, characters, and other data items. IBM mainframes use the EBCDIC character code, whereas IBM PCs use ASCII
- Intel Pentium machines number their bytes from right to left (little endian), Sun SPARC number them the other way (big endian).



(b)

(C)

(a)

- a) Original message on the Pentium
- b) The message after receipt on the SPARC
- c) The message after being inverted. The little numbers in boxes indicate the address of each byte

Passing Reference Parameters

- How are pointers or in general references passed?
 - \square With the greatest of difficulty, if at all \otimes

Possible Solutions

- 1. Forbid pointers
- 2. Copy the object pointed to by the pointer into the message and send it to the server.
 - The server copies it at some place in its memory space, and calls the routine passing a pointer to it.
 - When the routine ends, the server copies back the object's value into one parameter of the message and sends the message to the client.
 - > If the stubs know whether the object is an input or output parameter to the server, one of the two copies can be avoided.
 - > The above approach does not work with complex objects (i.e, dynamic arbitrary data structures).

Parameter Specification and Stub Generation

- a) A procedure
- b) The corresponding message:
 - A character is placed in the rightmost byte of a word
 - A float is transmitted as a whole word
 - An array as a group of words equal to the array length, preceded by a word giving the length.

```
foobar( char x; float y; int z[5] )
{
....
}
```

(a)

foobar's local variables	
	Х
У	
5	
z[0]	
z[1]	
z[2]	
z[3]	
z[4]	

Parameter Specification and Stub Generation

The caller and the callee agree on:

- The format of the messages
- The representation of simple data structures
 - integers are represented in two's complement, characters in 16-bit Unicode, floats in IEEE standard #754 format, etc.
- The actual exchange of the message
 - □ TCP/IP?
 - UDP?
- Stubs for the same RPC protocol but different procedures generally differ only in their interface to the applications.
- An interface consists of a collection of procedures that can be called by a client, and which are implemented by a server.
- Interfaces are often specified by means of an Interface Definition Language (IDL),
 - then compiled into a client stub and a server stub, along with the appropriate compile-time or run-time interfaces.

Asynchronous RPC

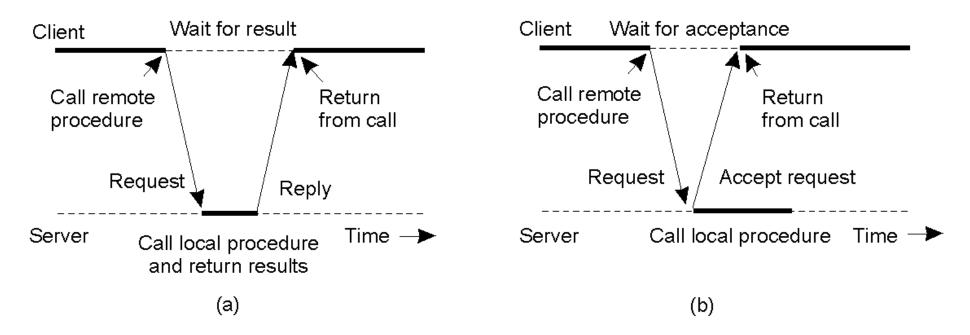
Examples where blocking is not necessary

- Transferring money from one account to another
- Adding entries into a database
- Starting remote services
- Batch processing

Asynchronous RPCs

 A client immediately continues after issuing the RPC request.

Asynchronous RPC (1)

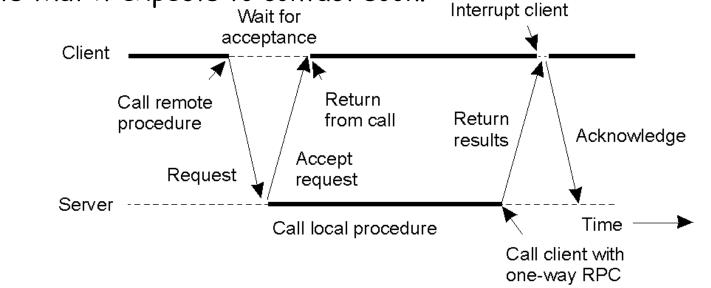


- a) The interconnection between client and server in a traditional RPC
- b) The interaction using asynchronous RPC

Asynchronous RPC (2)

Deferred Synchronous RPCs

• A client may want to pre-fetch the network addresses of a set of hosts that it expects to contact soon.

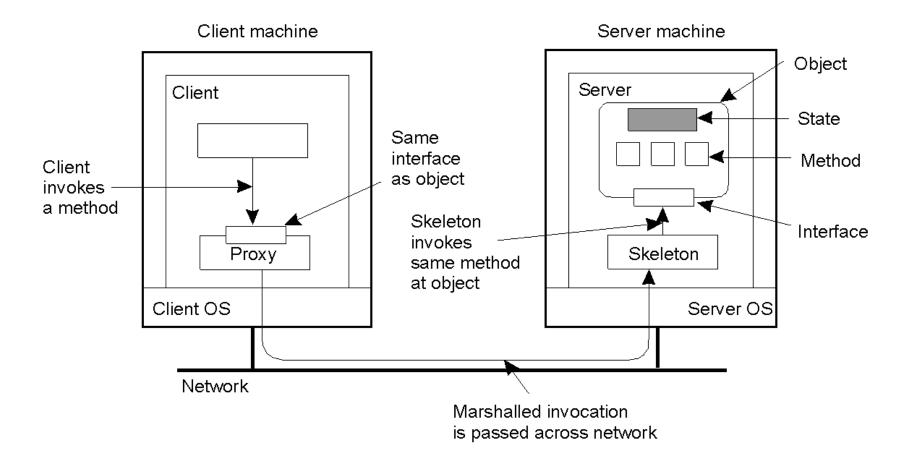


- A client and server interacting through two asynchronous RPCs
- Combining two asynchronous RPCs is referred as a deferred synchronous RPC.
- Completely Asynchronous RPCs

Distributed Objects

- The key feature of an object is that it encapsulates data, called state, and the operations on those data, called methods.
- Methods are made available through an interface.
- When a client binds to a distributed object, an implementation of the object's interface, called proxy, is loaded into the client's address space.
 - It marshals method invocations into messages and unmarshals reply messages to return the result to the client
 - Proxy = client stub
 - Skeleton = server stub
- Simple remote object: its state is not distributed, but its interface might be.
- Persistent Objects: continues to exist even if it is currently not contained in the address space of a server process
- Transient Objects: exists only as long as the server that manages it is active.

Distributed Objects



Binding a Client to an Object

- Object references are supported by RMI systems
- When a process holds an object reference, it must first bind to the reference's object before invoking any of its methods.
 - Binding results in a proxy being installed in the process's address space.
- Implicit Binding: binding is done automatically
 - The client is offered a mechanism that allows it to directly invoke methods using only a reference to the object.
- Explicit Binding: more transparent to the client
 - The client first calls a special function to bind to the object and then invokes any method.

Implementation of Object References

- An object reference should provide the following information:
 - The network address of the machine where the state of the object resides
 - An endpoint (port) identifying the server that manages the object
 - An id identifying which object in this server.
- If a server crashes and recovers, a new endpoint might be assigned to it
 - > All object references become invalid
 - Have a local daemon per machine listening to a well-known endpoint, and keep track of the server-to-endpoint assignments in an endpoint table.
 - Replace the endpoint with an id in the object reference

Implementation of Object References

- Encoding the network address of the server within the object's reference is also not a good idea
 - Location servers
- Assumption of using the same protocol stack can be dropped
 - Add more information in the object reference
 - identification of the protocol
 - proxy implementation handle

Static versus Dynamic Remote Memory Invocations

Static Invocation

- Use predefined interface definitions
 - make use of an object-based language (e.g., JAVA) that will handle stub generation automatically.
 - Example: fobject.append(int);

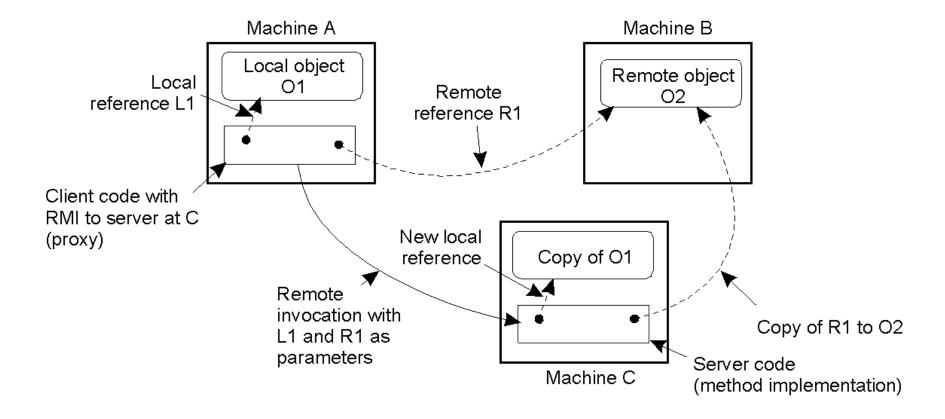
Dynamic Invocation

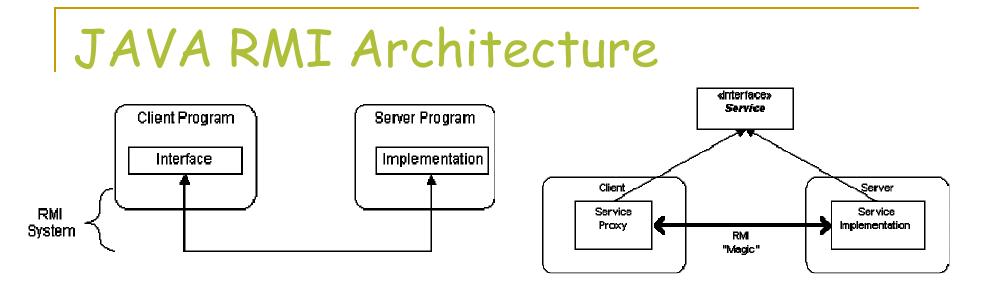
- compose a method invocation at run time
- Example: invoke(fobject,id(append), int);
- Usefulness of Dynamic Invocations
 - browser that is used to examine sets of objects and supports remote object invocations
 - dynamic invocations in a batch processing service where invocations can be handled along with a time determining when the invocation should be done

Parameter Passing

- Object references can be used as parameters to method invocations
- References are passed by value
 They are copied from one machine to another
- References to local objects are treated differently for efficiency
 - The referenced local object may be copied as a whole and passed along with the invocation

Parameter Passing





The definition of behavior and the implementation of that behavior are separate concepts:

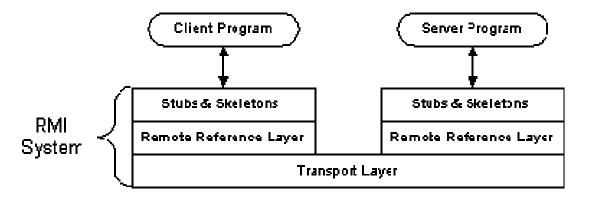
- □ The definition of a remote service is coded using a Java interface.
- \square The implementation of the remote service is coded in a class.
- □ RMI supports two classes that implement the same interface.

o The first class is the implementation of the behavior, and it runs on the server.

o The second class acts as a proxy for the remote service and it runs on the client.

Material taken from http://java.sun.com/developer/onlineTraining/rmi/RMI.html

RMI Architecture Layers



- The Stubs and Skeleton layer intercepts method calls made by the client to the interface reference variable and redirects these calls to a remote RMI service. Implements the stub and skeletons needed.
- The Remote Reference layer connects clients to remote service objects that are running and exported on a server. Defines and supports the invocation semantics of the RMI connection.
- The transport layer is based on TCP/IP connections between machines in a network. A client is connected to a a remote service implementation by establishing a unicast point-to-point connection.

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Naming Remote Objects

- How does a client find an RMI remote service?
 - A naming or directory service is run on a well-known host and port number.
- How does a client obtains a reference to a service object?
 - RMI includes a simple service called the RMI registry, which runs on each machine that hosts remote service objects and accepts queries for services by default on port 1099.
 - Each object should be exported and registered.
 - The registry provides a remote reference to a service object (a URL is used to describe the service object).

Using RMI - Example

- Parts composing a working RMI
 - Interface definitions for the remote services
 - Implementations of the remote services
 - Stub and Skeleton files
 - A server to host the remote services
 - An RMI Naming service that allows clients to find the remote services
 - A class file provider (an HTTP or FTP server)
 - A client program that needs the remote services

Using RMI - Example

Steps to build a system:

- 1. Write and compile Java code for interfaces
- 2. Write and compile Java code for implementation classes
- 3. Generate Stub and Skeleton class files from the implementation classes
- 4. Write Java code for a remote service host program
- 5. Develop Java code for RMI client program
- 6. Install and run RMI system

Example -Interface

```
public interface Calculator
                 extends java.rmi.Remote {
  public long add(long a, long b)
     throws java.rmi.RemoteException;
  public long sub(long a, long b)
     throws java.rmi.RemoteException;
  public long mul(long a, long b)
     throws java.rmi.RemoteException;
  public long div(long a, long b)
     throws java.rmi.RemoteException;
```

Example - Implementation

public class CalculatorImpl

extends java.rmi.server.UnicastRemoteObject **implements** Calculator { // Implementations must have an explicit constructor in order to declare the // RemoteException exception

```
When the constructor calls
                                                              super(), it activates code
public CalculatorImpl() throws java.rmi.RemoteException
                                                              that performs the RMI
                                                              linking and remote object
super();
                                                              initialization.
public long add(long a, long b) throws java.rmi.RemoteException {
      return a + b:
public long sub(long a, long b) throws java.rmi.RemoteException {
      return a - b:
public long mul(long a, long b) throws java.rmi.RemoteException {
      return a * b:
public long div(long a, long b) throws java.rmi.RemoteException {
      return a / b:
```

Example - Stubs and Skeletons & Host Server

- The stub and skeleton files are created using the RMI compiler, rmic (rmic CalculatorImpl)
- This generates the Calculator_Stub.class and Calculator_Skel.class

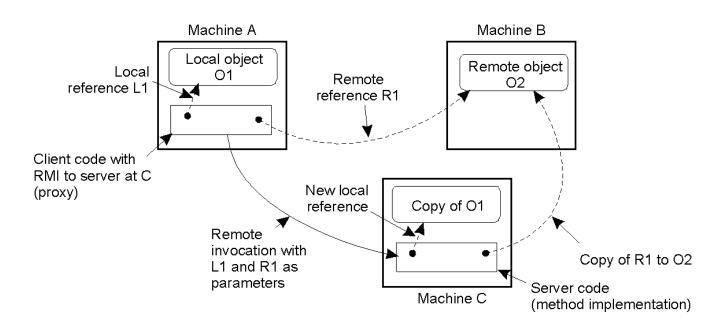
```
Host Server
public class CalculatorServer {
    public CalculatorServer() {
        try {
            Calculator c = new CalculatorImpl();
            Naming.rebind("rmi://localhost:1099/CalculatorService", c);
        } catch (Exception e) {
            System.out.println("Trouble: " + e);
        }
    }
    public static void main(String args[]) {
        new CalculatorServer();
    }
}
```

```
import java.rmi.Naming;
                                                     Example - Client
import java.rmi.RemoteException;
import java.net.MalformedURLException;
import java.rmi.NotBoundException;
public class CalculatorClient {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
          try {
              Calculator c = (Calculator) Naming.lookup( "rmi://localhost/CalculatorService");
              System.out.println( c.sub(4, 3) );
              System.out.println( c.add(4, 5) );
              System.out.println( c.mul(3, 6) );
              System.out.println( c.div(9, 3) );
          } catch (MalformedURLException murle) {
              System.out.println();
                                      System.out.println( "MalformedURLException");
              System.out.println(murle);
          } catch (RemoteException re) {
              System.out.println();
                                      System.out.println( "RemoteException");
              System.out.println(re);
          } catch (NotBoundException nbe) {
              System.out.println();
                                      System.out.println( "NotBoundException");
              System.out.println(nbe);
          } catch ( java.lang.ArithmeticException ae) {
              System.out.println();
                                      System.out.println( "java.lang.ArithmeticException");
              System.out.println(ae);
           }
      }
}
```

Parameter-Passing in RMI

- When a local object is passed to a remote method, the object itself is passed by value, not the reference to the object.
- When a remote method returns an object, a copy of the whole object is returned to the calling program.
- A Java object can be simple and self-contained, or it could refer to other Java objects in complex graph-like structure.
- Because different JVMs do not share heap memory, RMI must send the referenced object and all objects it references.
- RMI uses a technology called serialization to transform an object into a linear format that can then be sent over the network wire.
- Object serialization essentially flattens an object and any objects it references.

Parameter-Passing in RMI



A client program can obtain a reference to a remote object:

- through the RMI Registry program, or
- as the return value from a method call

Distributing and Installing RMI Software

- To run an RMI application, the supporting class files must be placed in locations that can be found by the server and the clients.
- For the server, the following classes must be available to its class loader:
 - Remote service interface definitions
 - Remote service implementations
 - Skeletons for the implementation classes
 - Stubs for the implementation classes
 - All other server classes
- For the client, the following classes must be available to its class loader:
 - Remote service interface definitions
 - Stubs for the remote service implementation classes
 - Server classes for objects used by the client (such as return values)
 - All other client classes

Distributing and Installing RMI Software

- The RMI supports loading of classes from FTP and HTTP servers (class <u>RMIClassLoader</u>).
 - classes can be deployed in one, or only a few places,
 - all nodes in a RMI system will be able to get the proper class files to operate.
- If the remote JVM needs to load a class file for an object, it looks for the embedded URL and contacts the server at that location for the file.
- When the property java.rmi.server.useCodebaseOnly is set to true, then the JVM will load classes from either a location specified by the CLASSPATH environment variable or the URL specified in this property.

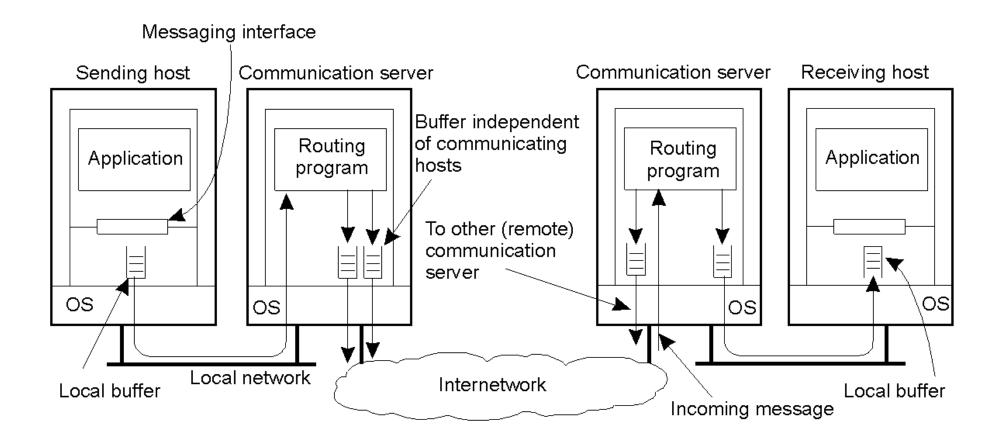
Message-Oriented Communication

- Applications are executed on hosts
- The hosts are connected through a network of communication servers
- Each host is connected to some communication server

Example: Electronic Mail System

- Each host runs an application by which a user can compose, send, receive and read messages.
- Each host is connected to a mail server
- Each message is first stored in one of the output buffers of the local mail server.
- The server removes messages from its buffers and sends them to their destination.
- The target mail server stores the message in an input buffer for the designated receiver (in the receiver's mailbox).
- The interface at the receiving host offers a service to the receiver's user agent by which the latter can regularly check for incoming mail.

Persistence and Synchronicity in Communication



Persistence and Synchronicity in Communication

Persistent communication

 a message that has been submitted for transmission is stored by the communication system as long as it takes to deliver it to the receiver.

Transient communication

- a message is stored by the communication system only as long as the sending and receiving application are executing.
 - If a communication server cannot deliver a message to the next communication server or the receiver, the message will be discarded
 - It works like a traditional store-and-forward router
- Asynchronous Communication
 - A sender continues its execution immediately after it has submitted its message for transmission
- Synchronous Communication
 - The sender is blocked until its message is stored in a local buffer at the receiving host, or actually delivered to the receiver.

Persistence and Synchronicity in Communication

Persistent Asynchronous Communication

- Each message is either persistently stored in a buffer at the local host or at the first communication server.
 - A e-mail system is an example

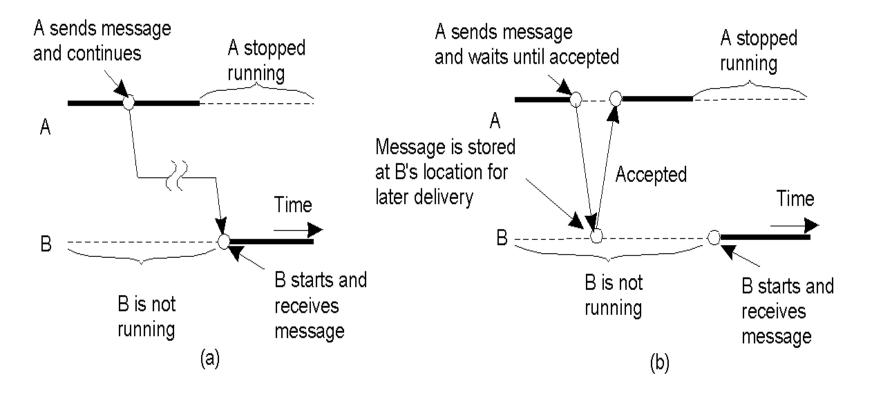
Persistent Synchronous Communication

- Messages can be persistently stored at the receiving host and a sender is blocked until this happens
- Transient Asynchronous Communication
 - The message is temporarily stored at a local buffer at the sending host, after which the sender immediately continues
 - UDP is an example

Transient Synchronous Communication

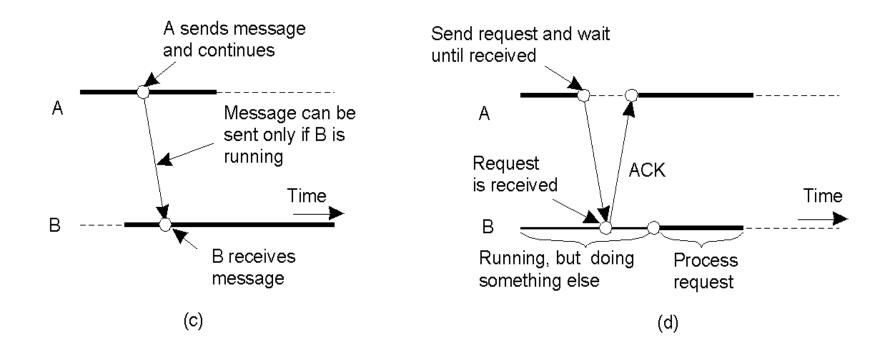
- The sender is blocked until the message is stored in a local buffer at the receiving host, or
- until the message is delivered to the receiver for further processing, or
- until it receives a reply message from the other side (RPCs,RMIs)

Persistence and Synchronicity in Communication



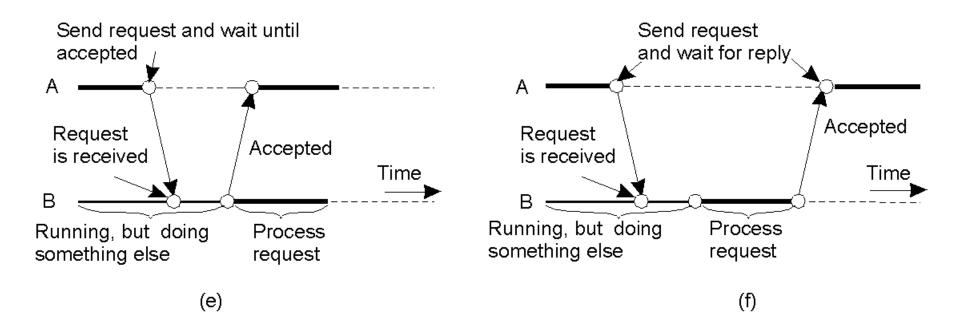
- a) Persistent asynchronous communication
- b) Persistent synchronous communication

Persistence and Synchronicity in Communication



- c) Transient asynchronous communication
- d) Receipt-based transient synchronous communication

Persistence and Synchronicity in Communication



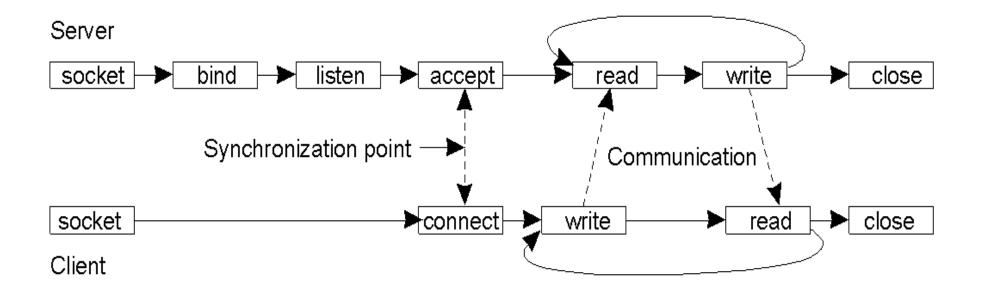
- e) Delivery-based transient synchronous communication at message delivery
- f) Response-based transient synchronous communication

Berkeley Sockets

Primitive	Meaning
Socket	Create a new communication endpoint
Bind	Attach a local address to a socket
Listen	Announce willingness to accept connections
Accept	Block caller until a connection request arrives
Connect	Actively attempt to establish a connection
Send	Send some data over the connection
Receive	Receive some data over the connection
Close	Release the connection

- A socket is a communication endpoint to which an application can write data that are to be sent out over the underlying network, and from which incoming data can be read.
- Socket primitives for TCP/IP.

Berkeley Sockets



Connection-oriented communication pattern using sockets.

Sockets

The BSD UNIX supports: The "UNIX system domain" for processes communicating on one machine The "Internat domain" for processes communicating over the Internet (using the DARPA [Defense Advanced Research Project] communications protocols)

Each socket has a type: Stream (default: TCP) Datagram (default: UDP)

bind(sd, <sockname>,length): associates the name <sockname> with the socket sd.

listen(sd,qlength): specifies the maximum length of the queue which stores incoming requests for connections to the socket #include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/socket.h>
#define BUF_LEN 256
#define ADDRESS "mysocket"

```
int main(void) {
```

int sd,ns, len, fromlen; char buf[BUF_LEN]; struct sockaddr_un sockaddr, clientsockaddr;

sd = socket(AF_UNIX,SOCK_STREAM,0);

```
sockaddr.sun_family = AF_UNIX;
strcpy(sockaddr.sun_path, ADDRESS);
len = sizeof(sockaddr.sun_family) +
strlen(sockaddr.sun_path);
```

```
bind(sd, (struct sockaddr *)&sockaddr, len);
listen(sd,1);
```

```
while (1) {
```

```
}
close(ns);
sleep(3);
```

Sockets

}

```
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/socket.h>
#define BUF_LEN 256
#define ADDRESS "mysocket"
```

```
int main(void) {
    int sd, len;
    struct sockaddr_un sockaddr;
```

```
sd = socket(AF_UNIX,SOCK_STREAM,0);
```

```
sockaddr.sun_family = AF_UNIX;
strcpy(sockaddr.sun_path, ADDRESS);
```

```
len = sizeof(sockaddr.sun_family) + strlen(sockaddr.sun_path);
if (connect(sd,&sockaddr, len) == -1)
exit(1);
write(sd,"hi guy",6);
close(sd);
```

A client process in the UNIX System Domain

The Message-Passing Interface (MPI)

Some of the most intuitive message-passing primitives of MPI.

Primitive	Meaning
MPI_bsend	Append outgoing message to a local send buffer
MPI_send	Send a message and wait until copied to remote buffer
MPI_ssend	Send a message and wait until receipt starts
MPI_sendrecv	Send a message and wait for reply
MPI_recv	Receive a message; block if there are none
MPI_irecv	Check if there is an incoming message, but do not block

MPI - A Simple Example

```
/*The Parallel Hello World Program*/
#include <stdio.h>
#include <mpi.h>
int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    int node;
    char buf[64];
    FILE *fp;
```

}

```
MPI_Init(&argc,&argv);
MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &node);
sprintf(buf,"file%d",node);
fp = fopen(buf,"r");
fprintf(fp, "Hello World from Node %d\n",node);
fclose(fp);
MPI_Finalize();
```

MPI - Basic Concepts

- A communicator is a collection of processes that can send messages to each other.
- There is a default communicator whose group contains all initial processes, called MPI_COMM_WORLD.
- A process is identified by its rank in the group associated with a communicator.

MPI - A simple example with send-receive

```
int main(int argc, char **argv) {
   int rank, size;
   double x[10];
   MPI Status status;
   MPI_Init(&argc, &argv);
   MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &size);
   MPI Comm rank(MPI COMM WORLD, &rank);
   if (rank == 0) {
         for (int i=0; i<10; i++) x[i] = 0.1^{*}i;
         MPI Send(x, 10, MPI DOUBLE, 1, 666, MPI COMM WORLD);
   else if (rank == 1) {
         MPI Recv(x, 10, MPI DOUBLE, 0, 666, MPI COMM WORLD, & status);
   MPI Finalize();
}
                         Send an array from process 0 to 1
```

- int MPI_Send(void 8message, int count, MPI_Datatype datatype, int dest, int tag)

 int MPI_recv(void *message, int count, MPI_Datatype datatype, int source, int tag, MPI_Comm comm, MPI_Status *status)

MPI Tags

 Messages are sent with an accompanying user-defined integer *tag*, to assist the receiving process in identifying the message.

Messages can be screened at the receiving end by specifying a specific tag, or not screened by specifying MPI_ANY_TAG as the tag in a receive.

Another Simple Example

include <stdio.h>
#include "mpi.h"

```
int main(int argc, char **argv) {
                                 /* rank of process */
    int my_rank;
                                 /* number of processes */
    int p;
                                 /* rank of sender */
    int source;
    int dest;
                                 /* rand of receiver */
                                 /* tag for message */
    int tag = 50;
    char message[100];
                                 /* storage for message */
                                             /* return status for receive */
    MPI Status status;
    MPI_INIT(&argc, &argv);
    MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &my_rank);
    MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD,&p);
    if (my rank = 0)
           sprinf(message, "Greetings from process %d!", my_rank);
           dest = 0;
           MPI_Send(message, strlen(message)+1, MPI_CHAR, dest, tag, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
    else {
           for (source = 1; source < p; sopurce++) {</pre>
                      MPI_Recv(message,100, MPI_CHAR, source, tag, MPI_COMM_WORLD,
    &status);
                      printf("%s\n", message);
           }
```

Introduction to Collective Operations in MPI

- Collective operations are called by all processes in a communicator.
- MPI_BCAST distributes data from one process (the root) to all others in a communicator.
- MPI_REDUCE combines data from all processes in communicator and returns it to one process.
- In many numerical algorithms, SEND/RECEIVE can be replaced by BCAST/REDUCE, improving both simplicity and efficiency.

MPI - Further Information

- Online examples available at <u>http://www.mcs.anl.gov/mpi/tutorials/perf</u>
- The Standard itself:
 - at <u>http://www.mpi-forum.org</u>
 - All MPI official releases, in both postscript and HTML

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