Fall 2005 Handout 7

Another Perl program with a loop: a TCP port scanner

A TCP port number is 16 bits, so there are $2^{16} = 65,536$ possible TCP port numbers. (Ditto for UDP ports.) Every one of them is a potential entry point for an attacker. The underscore in the **65_536** in line 18 stands for a comma.

Line 24 creates the "filehandle" **S** just as line 23 creates the variable **\$address**. Both variables must be fed to the **connect** function in line 27. The **AF_INET** in line 24 means "IP version 4"; the **SOCK STREAM** means "TCP".

The functions in lines 24 and 34 (and 27) are Unix system calls. They are part of the operating system, and therefore deposit their error messages into the special variable \$1. On the other hand, the functions in lines 13 and 23 (and 29) are not part of the operating system, so we have to write our own error messages for them.

The **connect** function in line 27 might take a long time to return to us. If we're still stuck in the **connect** after 15 seconds, line 25 will wake us up with an alarm. Line 16 will then send us to the subroutine in line 40. The subroutine does nothing: it sends us straight back to the **connect** in line 27. But the visit to the subroutine will make the **connect** terminate and return the undefined value.

See also

```
http://scan.sygate.com/
   -On the Web at
  http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9547/src/port_scanner.pl
 1 #!/bin/perl
 2 #Output the numbers of the TCP ports we were able to open on the given host.
 3 #The argument is the hostname or IP address of the given host,
 4 #e.g., i5.nyu.edu or 128.122.253.152
 5
 6 use Socket;
 8 if (@ARGV != 1) {
 9
       die "$0: requires one argument";
10 }
11
12 $hostname = $ARGV[0];
13 $ip = inet aton($hostname)
       or die "$0: argument $hostname must be a hostname or dotted IP address";
14
15
16 $SIG{ALRM} = 'handle_sigalrm';
17
18 for ($port = 0; $port < 65_536; ++$port) {
19
       if ($port % 1000 == 0) {
           print "port $port\n"; #to assure us that we're making progress
20
21
       }
22
       $address = sockaddr_in($port, $ip) or die "$0: sockaddr_in failed";
23
```

socket(S, AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0) or die "\$0: \$!";

```
$servername = getservbyport($port, 'tcp');
29
30
            if (defined $servername) {
                print " $servername";
31
32
            }
33
            print "\n";
            shutdown(S, SHUT_RDWR) or die "$0: $!";
34
35
       }
36 }
37
38 exit 0;
39
40 sub handle_sigalrm {
           if ($_[0] ne 'ALRM') {
42
                    die "$0: received signal $_[0] instead of ALRM";
43
           }
44 }
       1$ port_scanner.pl 128.122.253.152 | head | cat -n
             1 port 0
             2
               128.122.253.152 22 ssh
             3
               128.122.253.152 25 smtp
             4 128.122.253.152 80
             5 128.122.253.152 111 sunrpc
                128.122.253.152 898
             7
                port 1000
       The /etc/nsswitch.conf file (p. 271) tells the getservbyport function in the above line 29
   to get its information from the file /etc/services.
       2$ awk '$1 == "services:"' /etc/nsswitch.conf
       services:
                    files
       3$ awk '$2 == "22/tcp"' /etc/services
       ssh
                22/tcp
                                      # Secure Shell
```

▼ Homework 7.1: probe for security holes

4\$ man -s 4 services

The wildcard has one blank and one tab in the [square brackets].

22/tcp

Combine the above Perl program with the **localhosts.pl** in Handout 1, p. 26 to try to connect to every port on every host on your local network. The first command line argument will be the name or IP address of the network, in our case **NYU-FDDI253-128-NET** or **128.122.253.128** (Handout 1, p. 21). The second command line argument will be the number of network bits in the netmask. For our network, it would be **26**.

5\$ lynx -source http://www.iana.org/assignments/port-numbers | grep '[]22/tcp'

SSH Remote Login Protocol

Use classic nested **for** loops. We saw the outer one in Handout 1, p. 27, line 33 of **localhosts.pl**.

ssh

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alarm(15);

if (connect(S, \$address)) {

print "\$hostname \$port";

```
1 for ($i = $network + 1; $i < $broadcast; ++$i) {</pre>
      for ($port = 0; $port < 65_536; ++$port) {</pre>
```

Run the Perl program in the background because it takes too long; nohup will keep the script going even if you log out.

```
1$ nohup localhosts.pl > myscript.out 2>&1 &
```

Hand in the script and a few lines of output. Do any interesting port numbers respond?



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fork without exec

See Bach pp. 148, 192-200; David Curry's O'Reilly book Using C on the UNIX System pp. 295-298; KP pp. 222-223; Men Without Women by Ernest Hemingway. Einstein said that space is what you measure with a rule, time is what you measure with a clock. To see the processes on a Windows system, righht-click the task bar at the botton of the screen and select Process Manager.

Why does the following program output three words instead of two?

```
http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9544/src/fork.c
1 #include <stdio.h> /* for printf and perror */
2 #include <stdlib.h> /* for EXIT SUCCESS */
3 #include <unistd.h> /* for fork */
5 int main(int argc, char **argv)
6 {
7
     printf("hello\n");
8
```

```
12
       }
13
14
       printf("goodbye\n");
15
       return EXIT SUCCESS;
16 }
```

if (fork() < 0) {

perror(argv[0]);

return EXIT FAILURE;

1\$ gcc -o ~/bin/fork fork.c 2\$ ls -l ~/bin/fork

> 3\$ fork hello goodbye goodbye

Perl doesn't require the empty parentheses in line 4. But C does, and I'm a C programmer.

-On the Web at

```
http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9547/src/fork.pl
```

```
1 #!/bin/perl
3 print "hello\n";
4 defined fork() or die "$0: $!";
5 print "goodbye\n";
```

7 exit 0;

```
Put the Perl program in your ~/bin subdirectory and say
```

```
4$ cd ~/bin
5$ pwd
6$ chmod 755 fork.pl
7$ ls -l fork.pl
8$ fork.pl
hello
goodbye
goodbye
```

Make it executable: change mode to **rwxr-xr-x**

▼ Homework 7.2: always flush before forking

Remove the \n from line 7 of the above program. Why does it now output hello twice, as well as goodbye twice?

```
hellogoodbye hellogoodbye
```

See _IOLBF in setvbuf(3); Bach p. 239 ex. 1; David Curry's O'Reilly book *Using C on the UNIX System* pp. 98–99.

In C, always do an fflush(stdout); (or better yet, an fflush(NULL);) immediately before a fork. In Perl, always do an autoflush.

▼ Homework 7.3: how many times will it print "hello"?

```
—On the Web at
  http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9544/src/fork3.c
 1 #include <stdio.h>
 2 #include <stdlib.h>
 3 #include <unistd.h>
 5 int main(int argc, char **argv)
 6 {
 7
       if (fork() < 0) {
 8
          perror(argv[0]);
 9
           return EXIT FAILURE;
10
11
12
       if (fork() < 0) {
13
          perror(argv[0]);
           return EXIT_FAILURE;
14
15
       }
16
17
       if (fork() < 0) {
18
           perror(argv[0]);
19
           return EXIT_FAILURE;
       }
20
21
22
       printf("hello\n");
```

return EXIT_SUCCESS;

23

```
24 }
       1$ gcc -o ~/bin/fork3 fork3.c
       2$ ls -1 ~/bin/fork3
       3$ fork3 | cat -n
   —On the Web at
  http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9547/src/fork3.pl
1 #!/bin/perl
 3 defined fork() or die "$0: $!";
 4 defined fork() or die "$0: $!";
 5 defined fork() or die "$0: $!";
 7 print "hello\n";
 8 exit 0;
       Put the Perl program in your ~/bin subdirectory and say
       4$ cd ~/bin
       5$ pwd
       6$ chmod 755 fork3.pl
                                  Make it executable: change mode to rwxr-xr-x
       7$ ls -1 fork3.pl
       8$ fork3.pl | cat -n
   How not to use fork
       See error EAGAIN in fork(2) and intro(2).
 1 /* For pedagogical purposes only. Do not try this! */
 2 #include <stdio.h>
 3 #include <stdlib.h>
 4 #include <unistd.h>
 6 int main(int argc, char **argv)
 7 {
       for (;;) {
 8
 9
          if (fork() < 0) {
10
               perror(argv[0]);
11
               return EXIT_FAILURE;
12
           }
13
       }
14 }
 1 #!/bin/perl
 2 #For pedagogical purposes only. Do not try this!
 4 for (;;) {
       defined fork() or die "$0: $!";
 6 }
```

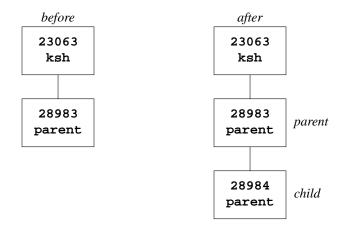
Parent and child

See David Curry's O'Reilly book *Using C on the UNIX System* pp. 284–285, 295–298. To see the PID number of each process,

The process in which pid > 0 is called the *parent*; the one in which pid == 0 is called the *child*. The standard output of the child is automatically directed to the same destination as the standard output of the parent.

```
1 /* Excerpt from /usr/include/sys/types.h.
 2 typedef int pid_t;
   —On the Web at
  http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9544/src/parent.c
 1 #include <stdio.h>
 2 #include <stdlib.h>
 3 #include <sys/types.h> /* for pid_t */
 4 #include <unistd.h>
 6 int main(int argc, char **argv)
 7 {
 8
       pid_t pid;
 9
10
       printf("My PID is %d and my parent's PID is %d.\n", getpid(), getppid());
11
       fflush(NULL);
12
13
       pid = fork();
       if (pid < 0) {
14
15
           perror(argv[0]);
16
           return EXIT_FAILURE;
17
       }
18
       printf("My PID is %d and my parent's PID is %d. fork returned %d.\n",
19
20
           getpid(), getppid(), pid);
21
22
       return EXIT_SUCCESS;
23 }
   3$ gcc -o ~/bin/parent parent.c
   4$ ls -l ~/bin/parent
   5$ parent
  My PID is 28983 and my parent's PID is 23063.
                                                                             before the fork
  My PID is 28983 and my parent's PID is 23063. fork returned 28984.
                                                                             parent
  My PID is 28984 and my parent's PID is 28983. fork returned 0.
                                                                             child
```

The last two lines above will not always come out in this order.



You can combine lines 13-14 to

```
13
       if ((pid = fork()) < 0) {</pre>
   —On the Web at
  http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9547/src/parent.pl
 1 #!/bin/perl
2 use FileHandle;
                     #for autoflush
 3 STDOUT->autoflush(1);
 5 $ppid = 'ps -o ppid= -p $$';
 6 chomp $ppid;
 7 print "My PID is $$ and my parent's PID is $ppid.\n";
9 $pid = fork();
10 defined $pid or die "$0: $!";
12 $ppid = 'ps -o ppid= -p $$';
13 chomp $ppid;
14 print "My PID is $$ and my parent's PID is $ppid. fork returned $pid.\n";
15
16 exit 0;
```

Make the parent and child do different things

See David Curry's O'Reilly book *Using C on the UNIX System* pp. 296–298.

```
-On the Web at
  http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9544/src/different1.c
 1 #include <stdio.h>
 2 #include <stdlib.h>
 3 #include <sys/types.h>
 4 #include <unistd.h>
 6 int main(int argc, char **argv)
7 {
 8
       pid_t pid = fork();
 9
       if (pid < 0) {
10
           perror(argv[0]);
11
           return EXIT_FAILURE;
       }
```

12

```
13
14
       if (pid == 0) {
            printf("I am the child.\n");
15
16
       } else {
17
            printf("I am the parent.\n");
18
19
20
       return EXIT_SUCCESS;
21 }
       1$ gcc -o ~/bin/different1 different1.c
       2$ ls -l ~/bin/different1
       3$ different1
       I am the parent.
       I am the child.
       The last two lines above will not always come out in this order.
   -On the Web at
  http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9547/src/different1.pl
 1 #!/bin/perl
 2 use FileHandle;
                      #for autoflush
 3 STDOUT->autoflush(1);
 5 $pid = fork();
 6 defined $pid or die "$0: $!";
 8 if ($pid == 0) {
 9
       print "I am the child.\n";
10 } else {
       print "I am the parent.\n";
12 }
13
14 exit 0;
```

The above program appears to be a classic opportunity to use **if-then-else**. But write it the following way instead, because the child's code will be short while the parent's code will go on and on.

Write the child's code before the parent's. The child's code must *always* end with a **return** from **main** or with an **exit** (line 16):

```
—On the Web at
  http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9544/src/different2.c
 1 #include <stdio.h>
 2 #include <stdlib.h>
 3 #include <sys/types.h>
 4 #include <unistd.h>
 6 int main(int argc, char **argv)
 7 {
 8
       pid_t pid = fork();
 9
       if (pid < 0) {
10
          perror(argv[0]);
           return EXIT_FAILURE;
11
12
       }
13
```

```
if (pid == 0) {
14
15
           printf("I am the child.\n");
           return EXIT_SUCCESS;
16
17
       }
18
19
       printf("I am the parent.\n");
20
       return EXIT SUCCESS;
21 }
       4$ gcc -o ~/bin/different2 different2.c
       5$ ls -l ~/bin/different2
       6$ different2
       I am the parent.
       I am the child.
   -On the Web at
  http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9547/src/different2.pl
 1 #!/bin/perl
 2 use FileHandle; #for autoflush
 3 STDOUT->autoflush(1);
 5 $pid = fork();
 6 defined $pid or die "$0: $!";
 8 if ($pid == 0) {
       print "I am the child.\n";
 9
10
       exit 0;
11 }
13 print "I am the parent.\n";
14 exit 0;
```

exec without fork

See Bach pp. 217–227; David Curry's O'Reilly book *Using C on the UNIX System* pp. 298–301; KP p. 220–222. The following program transforms itself into **cal** by calling **execl**. It retains no trace of its previous identity, so there is no way to undo the transformation. If the transformation succeeded, the statement(s) after the **execl** (lines 11–12) will therefore be destroyed before they have a chance to execute.

Always follow **execl** with a **perror**. Why is there no need to write lines 11–12 in an **if**? What does the **fflush** prevent?

fork creates a new process and adds it to the tree of processes; execl doesn't.

```
—On the Web at
http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9544/src/execl.c

1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <stdlib.h>
3 #include <unistd.h>
4

5 int main(int argc, char **argv)
6 {
7     printf("I am about to transform myself into the cal program.\n");
8     fflush(NULL);
9

10     execl("/bin/cal", "cal", "9", "1752", (char *)0);
```

```
perror(argv[0]);
12
       return EXIT_FAILURE;
13 }
       1$ gcc -o ~/bin/execl execl.c
       2$ ls -l ~/bin/execl
       3$ execl
       I am about to transform myself into the cal program.
             September 1752
       Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat
                1 2 14 15 16
       17 18 19 20 21 22 23
       24 25 26 27 28 29 30
       die gives us no control of the exit status number, so we use warn and exit instead.
   -On the Web at
  http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9547/src/exec.pl
 1 #!/bin/perl
 2
 3 use FileHandle;
 4 STDOUT->autoflush(1);
```

5 print "I am about to transform myself into the cal program. \n";

▼ Homework 7.4: what can go wrong with exec

- (1) What error message do you get if you misspell the first cal? To verify that the error message comes from perror (or from the die in Perl), remove the perror and try it again.
 - (2) What error message do you get if you try to turn yourself into a file whose **x** bits are off?

7 exec {'/bin/cal'} 'cal', '9', '1752'; #first arg has braces, not comma

#a number different from any that could be retunned by cal

- (3) What error message do you get if you try to turn yourself into a shellscript whose #!/bin/ksh line is misspelled or absent? See #! in execve(2).
 - (4) Change line 10 to

8 warn "\$0: \$!";

9 exit 2;

```
execl("/bin/ls", "ls", "-l", "*.c", (char *)0);
```

Why doesn't this list everything in the current directory whose name ends with .c? What does it try to list instead? See KP pp. 220-221.

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What the process retains after the exec

In the above example, cal inherits the following features (and more) from your C or C++ program. See Bach pp. 149–151, 221; David Curry's O'Reilly book Using C on the UNIX System pp. 299–300; fork(2).

- (1) **PID** and **PPID** numbers
- (2) owner and group
- (3) current directory
- (4) control terminal
- (5) environment variables

- (6) the **umask**
- (7) the right to use all the currently open file descriptors, but the new program should exercise this right only for file descriptors 0, 1, and 2.

▼ Homework 7.5: verify that the exec'ed process retains the right to use all the currently open file descriptors

Direct the above program's standard output into a file:

Observe that even after **prog** transforms itself into **cal**, its standard output is still directed to ~/outfile.



▼ Homework 7.6: the four flavors of exec

	fixed number of arguments	variable number of arguments
don't use \$PATH	execl	execv
use \$PATH	execlp	execvp

Each of these four functions ultimately calls the system call execve to perform the transformation.

See Bach pp. 217, 245 ex. 35; David Curry's O'Reilly book *Using C on the UNIX System* p. 299; exec1(2); execve(2).

Make the following changes in the above C program:

(1) Change line 10 to

Does it still work? execlp calls getenv("PATH").

(2) Add the following array to the program

and change line 10 to

Does it still work? Where else have we seen an array of strings that holds the command line of a program?

(3) Change line 10 to

Does it still work?



fork, exec, and wait

In peace sons bury fathers, but in war fathers bury sons.
 —Herodotus,
$$\it The$$

Histories, I, 87

See Bach pp. 213–227; David Curry's O'Reilly book *Using C on the UNIX System* pp. 301–309; KP pp. 222–225.

-On the Web at

http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9544/src/forkexecwait.c

1 #include <stdio.h>

```
2 #include <stdlib.h>
 3 #include <sys/wait.h>
 4 #include <unistd.h>
 6 int main(int argc, char **argv)
 7 {
 8
       pid_t pid = fork();
9
       int status;
10
       if (pid < 0) {
11
12
         perror(argv[0]);
13
          return 1;
14
       }
15
16 if (pid == 0) {
17
          /* Arrive here if I am the child. */
          execl("/usr/xpg4/bin/grep",
18
19
               "grep", "-q", "^abc1234:", "/etc/passwd", (char *)0);
20
          perror(argv[0]);
21
                          /* different from grep's exit status */
           return 3;
22
       }
23
24
       /* Arrive here if I am the parent. */
25
       pid = wait(&status);
26
       if (pid < 0) {
27
          perror(argv[0]);
28
           return 2;
29
30
       printf("My child's PID number was %d.\n", pid);
31
32
       if (WIFEXITED(status)) {
33
           printf("My child's exit status was %d.\n", WEXITSTATUS(status));
34
       }
35
36
       else if (WIFSIGNALED(status)) {
37
           printf("My child was terminated by signal number %d.\n", WTERMSIG(status));
38
39
       else if (WIFSTOPPED(status)) {
40
41
           printf("My child was stopped by signal number %d.\n", WSTOPSIG(status));
42
       }
43
44
       else {
           fprintf(stderr, "%s: couldn't find out how child ended up.\n", argv[0]);
45
46
          return 3;
47
       }
48
49
      return EXIT_SUCCESS;
50 }
```

```
1$ gcc -o ~/bin/forkexecwait forkexecwait.c

2$ ls -l ~/bin/forkexecwait

3$ forkexecwait

My child's PID number was 2759.

My child's exit status was 1.
```

See wait(2) for the various flavors of wait. See signal(3head) for a list of the signal numbers,

or

```
4$ awk '$1 == "#define" && $2 ~ /^SIG/' /usr/include/sys/iso/signal_iso.h | more #define SIGHUP 1 /* hangup */ #define SIGINT 2 /* interrupt (rubout) */ #define SIGQUIT 3 /* quit (ASCII FS) */
```

Bach p. 226: "Would it not be more natural to combine the two system calls [fork and exec1] into one...? Ritchie surmises that fork and exec exist as separate system calls, because when designing the UNIX system, he and Thompson were able to add the fork system call without having to change much code in the existing kernel."

The above child calls **execl** immediately after the **fork**. But later children will have alot of work to do between the **fork** and the **execl**. That's the real reason why **fork** and **execl** are separate system calls.

▼ Homework 7.7: examine the child's exit status

Run the above program. Give /usr/xpg4/bin/grep different arguments to verify that the parent can get three different exit status numbers from the child. 0 means that grep found what it was looking for; 1 means that grep didn't find what it was looking for; 2 means that you gave grep an incorrect regular expression (e.g., [abc]) or a misspelled or read-protected filename. See grep(1).

Now misspell /usr/xpg4/bin/grep and verify that the child is unable to execl it and returns 3.

fork-exec-wait in Perl

```
—On the Web at
  http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9544/src/forkexecwait.pl
     1 #!/bin/perl
    2 use POSIX;
    4 $pid = fork();
    5 defined $pid or die "$0: $!";
    7 if ($pid == 0) {
          #Arrive here if I am the child.
         exec {'/usr/xpg4/bin/grep'} 'grep', '-q', '^abc1234:', '/etc/passwd';
          warn "$0: $!";
    10
    11
          exit 3;
    12 }
    13
    14 #Arrive here if I am the parent.
    15 $pid = wait();
    16 if ($pid < 0) {
           die "$0: $!";
    17
    18 }
    19 print "My child's PID number was $pid.\n";
    21 if (WIFEXITED($?)) {
           print "My child's exit status was ", WEXITSTATUS($?), ".\n";
    23 }
    24
    25 elsif (WIFSIGNALED($?)) {
    26
           print "My child was terminated by signal number ", WTERMSIG($?), ".\n";
    27 }
    29 elsif (WIFSTOPPED($?)) {
           print "My child was stopped by signal number ", WSTOPSIG($?), ".\n";
    31 }
    32
    33 else {
           die "$0: couldn't find out how child ended up.";
    35 }
    36
    37 exit 0;
       1$ forkexecwait
       My child's PID number was 1701.
       My child's exit status was 1.
       If we changed lines 4–5 to
38 $pid = fork() or die "$0: $!"
```

then we would **die** whenever the **\$pid** was zero. But a zero **\$pid** is not a cause for death—it just means that I'm the child.

wait for a specific child

See David Curry's O'Reilly book *Using C on the UNIX System* p. 304.

	any child	child whose PID is pid
wait till child dies	wait(&status);	<pre>waitpid(pid, &status, 0);</pre>
return immediately	<pre>waitpid(-1, &status, WNOHANG);</pre>	<pre>waitpid(pid, &status, WNOHANG);</pre>

A process can give birth to a second child without first **wait**'ing for the elder child to die. Thus a process can be the parent of more than one child simultaneously.

wait returns the exit status of whichever child dies first. Since different children run at different speeds (as in life itself), this makes it impossible to predict which child will be harvested by a given call to wait. That's why wait returns the PID of the harvested child.

To wait for a specific child, use waitpid instead of wait:

```
—On the Web at
```

```
http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9544/src/waitpid.c
 1 #include <stdio.h>
 2 #include <stdlib.h>
 3 #include <sys/wait.h>
 4 #include <unistd.h>
 6 int main(int argc, char **argv)
 7 {
 8
       pid_t pid1 = fork();
 9
       pid_t pid2;
       int status;
10
11
       if (pid1 < 0) {
12
13
           perror(argv[0]);
14
           return 1;
15
       }
16
17
       if (pid1 == 0) {
18
           /* Arrive here if I am the first child. */
19
           execl("/usr/xpg4/bin/grep",
20
                "grep", "-q", "^abc1234:", "/etc/passwd", (char *)0);
21
           perror(argv[0]);
           return 3; /* different from grep's exit status */
22
23
       }
24
       /* Arrive here if I am the parent. */
25
26
       pid2 = fork();
27
       if (pid2 < 0) {
28
           perror(argv[0]);
29
           return 2;
30
       }
31
       if (pid2 == 0) {
32
33
           /* Arrive here if I am the second child. mailx -e returns
           exit status 0 if there is mail waiting for you, 1 otherwise. */
34
           execl("/bin/mailx", "mailx", "-e", (char *)0);
35
36
           perror(argv[0]);
37
           return 2; /* different from mail's exit status */
38
       }
```

```
39
40
       /* Arrive here if I am the parent. I don't necessarily have to wait
       for my children in the order in which they were born. */
41
42
43
       waitpid(pid2, &status, 0);
44
       if (WIFEXITED(status)) {
45
           if (WEXITSTATUS(status) == 0) {
               printf("There is mail waiting for you.\n");
46
           } else if (WEXITSTATUS(status) == 1) {
47
               printf("There is no mail waiting for you.\n");
48
49
           } else {
50
               printf("My second child couldn't turn into the mailx program.\n");
51
52
       } else if (WIFSIGNALED(status)) {
           printf("My second child (mailx) was terminated by signal number %d.\n",
53
54
               WTERMSIG(status));
55
       } else if (WIFSTOPPED(status)) {
56
           printf("My second child (mailx) was stopped by signal number %d.\n",
57
               WSTOPSIG(status));
       }
58
59
60
       waitpid(pid1, &status, 0);
61
       if (WIFEXITED(status)) {
           if (WEXITSTATUS(status) == 0) {
62
63
               printf("abc1234 has an account.\n");
64
           } else if (WEXITSTATUS(status) == 1) {
65
               printf("abc1234 has no account.\n");
66
           } else if (WEXITSTATUS(status) == 2) {
67
               printf("My first child (grep) couldn't search /etc/passwd.\n");
68
           } else {
               printf("My first child couldn't turn into the grep program.\n");
69
70
71
       } else if (WIFSIGNALED(status)) {
72
           printf("My first child (grep) was terminated by signal number %d.\n",
73
               WTERMSIG(status));
74
       } else if (WIFSTOPPED(status)) {
75
           printf("My first child (grep) was stopped by signal number %d.\n",
76
               WSTOPSIG(status));
       }
77
78
79
       return EXIT_SUCCESS;
80 }
       1$ gcc -o ~/bin/waitpid waitpid.c
       2$ ls -l ~/bin/waitpid
       3$ waitpid
       abc1234 has no account.
       There is mail waiting for you.
```

Non-blocking wait

See David Curry's O'Reilly book *Using C on the UNIX System* p. 305.

In all of the above examples, **wait** and **waitpid** cause the process to block (i.e., wait and do nothing) until a child dies. To always return immediately from **waitpid**, use **WNOHANG**:

```
—On the Web at
  http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9544/src/wnohang.c
 1 #include <stdio.h>
 2 #include <stdlib.h>
 3 #include <sys/wait.h>
 4 #include <unistd.h>
 6 int main(int argc, char **argv)
 7 {
 8
       pid t pid = fork();
 9
       int status;
10
       if (pid < 0) {
11
12
           perror(argv[0]);
13
           return EXIT_FAILURE;
14
       }
15
16
       if (pid == 0) {
17
           /* Arrive here if I am the child. */
18
           execl("/usr/xpg4/bin/grep",
19
                "grep", "-q", "^abc1234:", "/etc/passwd", (char *)0);
20
           perror(argv[0]);
21
           return 3; /* different from grep's exit status */
22
       }
23
       /* Arrive here if I am the parent. */
24
25
       if (waitpid(pid, &status, WNOHANG) == 0) {
26
27
           printf("The child isn't ready for harvesting yet, which is\n");
28
           printf("okay because I have plenty of other work to do.\n");
29
       } else if (WIFEXITED(status)) {
30
           if (WEXITSTATUS(status) == 0) {
31
               printf("abc1234 has an account.\n");
32
           } else if (WEXITSTATUS(status) == 1) {
               printf("abc1234 has no account.\n");
33
34
           } else {
35
               printf("My child (grep) couldn't search /etc/passwd.\n");
36
37
       } else if (WIFSIGNALED(status)) {
38
           printf("My child was terminated by signal number %d.\n", WTERMSIG(status));
39
       } else if (WIFSTOPPED(status)) {
40
           printf("My child was stopped by signal number %d.\n", WSTOPSIG(status));
41
       }
42
43
       pid = waitpid(-1, &status, WNOHANG);
44
       if (pid == 0) {
           printf("I have no children which are ready to be harvested right now.\n");
45
46
       } else {
47
           printf("My child's PID number was %d and his exit status was %d.\n",
48
               pid, WEXITSTATUS(status));
49
       }
50
51
       pid = wait(&status);
52
       if (pid < 0) {
```

```
53
           printf("I have no other children at all.\n");
54
       } else {
55
           printf("My child's PID number was %d and his exit status was %d.\n",
56
               pid, WEXITSTATUS(status));
57
       }
58
59
       return EXIT_SUCCESS;
60 }
       1$ gcc -o ~/bin/wnohang wnohang.c
       2$ ls -l ~/bin/wnohang
       3$ wnohang
       The child isn't ready for harvesting yet, which is
       okay because I have plenty of other work to do.
       I have no children which are ready to be harvested right now.
       My child's PID number was 17109 and his exit status was 1.
  —On the Web at
  http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9544/src/wnohang.pl
 1 #!/bin/perl
 2 use POSIX;
 4 $pid = fork();
 5 defined $pid or die "$0: $!";
 7 if ($pid == 0) {
 8
       #Arrive here if I am the child.
       exec {'/usr/xpg4/bin/grep'} 'grep', '-q', '^abc1234:', '/etc/passwd';
9
      warn "$0: $!";
10
11
       exit 3;
12 }
13
14 #Arrive here if I am the parent.
15 if (waitpid($pid, WNOHANG)) {
       if (WIFEXITED($?)) {
16
17
          print "The child's exit status is ", WEXITSTATUS($?), "\n";
18
19
       exit 0;
20 }
21
22 print "The child isn't ready for harvesting yet.\n";
23 wait();
24 if (WIFEXITED($?)) {
       print "The child's exit status is ", WEXITSTATUS($?), "\n";
26 }
27
28 exit 0;
       4$ wnohang.pl
       The child isn't ready for harvesting yet.
       The child's exit status is 1
```

See a zombie.

```
—On the Web at
  http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9547/src/zombie.c
 1 #include <stdio.h>
 2 #include <stdlib.h>
                          /* for perror, EXIT_SUCCESS, EXIT_FAILURE, system */
 3 #include <unistd.h> /* for fork, getpid, getppid */
 4 #include <sys/wait.h> /* for WIFEXITED and WEXITSTATUS */
6 int main(int argc, char **argv)
 7 {
 8
       char buffer[1000];
 9
       int status;
10
       int s;
11
       pid_t p;
12
13
       const pid_t pid = fork();
14
       if (pid < 0) {
15
           perror(argv[0]);
16
           return 1;
       }
17
18
19
       if (pid == 0) {
20
           /* Arrive here if I am the child. */
21
           return EXIT_SUCCESS; /* Turn into a zombie immediately. */
22
       }
23
       /* Arrive here if I am the parent. */
24
       sleep(1); /* Give the child time to turn into a zombie. */
25
26
27
       printf("My PID is %d and my child's PID is %d.\n", getpid(), pid);
       /* minus lowercase L for "long" */
28
29
       sprintf(buffer, "ps -l -p %d -p %d", getpid(), pid);
30
       system(buffer);
31
32
       p = wait(&status); /* Harvest the zombie. */
33
       if (p != pid) {
34
           fprintf(stderr, "%s: my child is %d, not %d.\n", argv[0], pid, p);
35
           return 2;
36
       }
37
38
       if (!WIFEXITED(status)) {
           fprintf(stderr, "%s: parent didn't receive exit status from child.\n",
39
40
               argv[0]);
41
           return 3;
42
       }
43
44
       s = WEXITSTATUS(status);
       if (s != EXIT_SUCCESS) {
45
46
           fprintf(stderr,
               "%s: parent received exit status %d instead of %d from child.\n",
47
48
               argv[0], s, EXIT_SUCCESS);
49
           return 4;
       }
50
51
```

```
52
      return EXIT_SUCCESS;
53 }
                                                                 TIME CMD
  F S UID PID PPID C PRI NI ADDR
                                            SZ
                                                   WCHAN TTY
                                             122 ? pts/6 0:00 24741.ex
                                     ?
  8 S 50766 25429 25428 0 47 20
  8 Z 50766 25430 25429 0 0
                                                                   0:00 <defunct>
  My PID is 25429 and my child's PID is 25430.
  —On the Web at
  http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9547/src/zombie.pl
1 #!/bin/perl
2 use POSIX;
3
4 $pid = fork();
5 defined $pid or die "$0: $!";
7 if ($pid == 0) {
      #Arrive here if I am the child.
9
      exit 0; #Turn into a zombie immediately.
10 }
11
12 #Arrive here if I am the parent.
            #Give the child time to turn into a zombie.
13 sleep 1;
15 print "My PID is $$ and my child's PID is $pid.\n",
      'ps -l -p $$ -p $pid'; #minus lowercase L for "long"
16
17
18 $p = wait();
               #Harvest the zombie.
19 if ($p != $pid) {
      warn "$0: my child is $pid, not $p.";
21
      exit 1;
22 }
23
24 if (!WIFEXITED($?)) {
      warn "$0: parent didn't receive exit status from child.";
26
      exit 2;
27 }
28
29 $status = WEXITSTATUS($?);
30 if ($status != 0) {
      warn "$0: parent received exit status $status instead of 0 from child.";
32
      exit 3;
33 }
34
35 exit 0;
```

The **s** column is the status of each process. The 'back quotes' in line 16 make the parent give birth to a second child (**ps**), and make the parent sleep until this second child is dead. That's why the parent's status is **s** (sleeping):

```
1$ zombie.pl
My PID is 25466 and my child's PID is 25467.

F S UID PID PPID C PRI NI ADDR SZ WCHAN TTY TIME CMD
8 S 50766 25466 25465 0 57 20 ? 496 ? pts/6 0:00 zombie.p
8 Z 50766 25467 25466 0 0 0:00 <defunct>
```

Server and client

In a conversation between two programs, the one that sends the first packet is the *client*; the other one is the *server*.

The server starts running first, and waits for a client to talk to it. In fact, the server probably runs 24 hours per day, and continues to run after the conversation is over. Moreover, a server probably talks to many clients simultaneously.

Either the server or the client can terminate the conversation. In the following examples, the **daytime** server at port 13 and the **finger** server at port 79 terminate the conversation. On the other hand, the client who talks to the **echo** server at port 7 decides when it's time to terminate.

/etc/services

```
See pp. 47-48; services(4); and http://www.iana.org/assignments/port-numbers
```

sed outputs a copy of the **/etc/services** file with the comments stripped away. Inside the argument of **awk**, a regular expression must be surrounded by slashes. If the regular expression contains a slash, it must therefore be preceded by a backslash.

The following caret ^ means "start of the second field", not "start of the entire line".

What telnet really does

telnet is a client that lets you say whatever you want to any server that speaks TCP. When your telnet terminates the conversation, it says Connection closed. When the server terminates the conversation, your telnet says (in iambic tetrameter) Connection closed by foreign host.

Try labinfu.unipv.it (Università degli Studi di Pavia; 193.204.35.58).

```
1$ telnet labinfu.unipv.it 7
    Trying 193.204.35.58...
    Connected to labinfu.unipv.it.
    Escape character is '^]'.
    "And this also," said Marlow suddenly,
    "And this also," said Marlow suddenly,
    "has been one of the dark places of the earth."
    "has been one of the dark places of the earth."
    control-]
    telnet> help
    telnet> quit
    Connection closed.
    2$
    The following server (daytime) requires no input from the client. When the server terminates your
conversation, telnet says Connection closed by foreign host:
    3$ telnet www.urz.uni-heidelberg.de 13
    Trying 129.206.218.89...
    Connected to www.urz.uni-heidelberg.de.
    Escape character is '^]'.
    Thu Dec 22 14:51:15 2005
    Connection closed by foreign host.
    4$
    5$ date
    Thu Dec 22 08:51:15 EST 2005
    The following server requires a newline, optionally preceded by a loginname:
    6$ telnet aixmita1.urz.uni-heidelberg.de 79
    Trying 129.206.218.160...
    Connected to aixmital.urz.uni-heidelberg.de.
    Escape character is '^]'.
    RETURN
                                           Idle TTY Host
      User
               Real Name
                                   What
                                                                 Console Location
             Horst Koeppel
    a86
                                 bash
                                           1:01 0 aixterm6
                                                                 (euler.pci.uni-he)
    bgarbrec Bjoern Garbrecht
                                 ssh2
                                           0:02
                                                   3 aixterm1
                                                                 (aixserv0.urz.uni)
    by6
            Nora Haerdle
                                 bash
                                          1 day 2 aixterm7
                                                                 (129.206.119.60)
    etc.
    Connection closed by foreign host.
    8$ telnet aixmita1.urz.uni-heidelberg.de 79
    Trying 129.206.218.160...
    Connected to aixmital.urz.uni-heidelberg.de.
    Escape character is '^]'.
    a86RETURN
      User
               Real Name
                                   What
                                           Idle TTY Host
                                                                 Console Location
    a86
             Horst Koeppel
                                 bash
                                           1:01
                                                    0 aixterm6
                                                                 (euler.pci.uni-he)
    Connection closed by foreign host.
    9$
```

Sockets

Each computer that is connected to the Internet is called a *host*. A *socket* is like a pipe, except that (1) the same socket can be used for both input and output, and (2) the two processes can run on different hosts. See David Curry's O'Reilly book *Using C on the UNIX System* p. 391. The process that runs on the host where you're logged in is called the *local* process; the one on the other host is the *remote* process.

The address family of a socket tells how far apart the two processes are allowed to be. A socket whose address family is **AF_UNIX** (David Curry's O'Reilly book *Using C on the UNIX System* p. 367) can be used only for communication between two processes that are running on the same Unix machine. An **AF_UNIX** socket is given a name and is stored in a directory, so you can see it with **1s -1**. It's similar to a named pipe:

A socket whose address family is **AF_INET** (David Curry's O'Reilly book *Using C on the UNIX System* p. 399) can be used for communication between two processes that are running on different hosts. An **AF_INET** socket is given a *port number* instead of a name and directory.

Communicate via a socket

See Bach pp. 383–388; David Curry's O'Reilly book *Using C on the UNIX System* pp. 398–399, 401–404, 405–407. Every host on the Internet has an *IP address;* David Curry's O'Reilly book *Using C on the UNIX System* calls it an *host address* on pp. 393–394. For example, the IP address of the host **www.unipv.it** (Università degli Studi di Pavia) is

```
1$ /usr/sbin/nslookup www.unipv.it
Server: NYUNSB.NYU.EDU
Address: 128.122.253.37
Name: www.unipv.it
Address: 193.204.35.36
```

written with three dots separating the four octets.

There is a server named **echo** at port 7 on the host **www.unipv.it** that is waiting for you to send it data. It will send a copy of the data back to you.

```
23 /* Excerpts from /usr/include/netinet/in.h. */
25 /* Only the superuser can bind to a port whose number is smaller than this.
26 David Curry's O'Reilly book Using C on the UNIX System pp. 412-413. */
27 #define IPPORT RESERVED 1024
29 /* Ports > IPPORT_USERRESERVED are reserved for servers, not necessarily
30 run by the superuser. */
31 #define IPPORT_USERRESERVED 5000
32
33 /* Tell server to accept a connection on any interface, David Curry's O'Reilly book Usin
34 #define INADDR ANY 0x00000000
36 typedef uint32_t in_addr_t;
37
38 struct in_addr {
39
       union {
40
            struct { uint8_t s_b1, s_b2, s_b3, s_b4; } _S_un_b;
            struct { uint16_t s_w1, s_w2; } _S_un_w;
41
            in_addr_t _S_addr;
42
43
        } _S_un;
44 };
46 #define s_addr _S_un._S_addr
47
48 struct sockaddr in {
                                   /* Internet socket address */
       u_short sin_family;  /* address family: AF_UNIX or AF_INET */
u_short sin_port;  /* port number from /etc/services */
49
50
       struct in_addr sin_addr; /* 32-bit IP address from nslookup */
51
52
       char sin_zero[8];
                                    /* padding */
53 };
       I discovered which header file contained the definition of struct sockaddr in by running just
   the C preprocessor. Then I used vi to search downwards for the first occurrence of sockaddr in. Then
   I searched upwards from there for the first occurrence of /usr/include.
        2$ gcc -E socket.c > socket.E
        3$ vi socket.E
        /sockaddr_in
                                               Slash searches downwards.
       ?/usr/include
                                                Question mark searches upwards.
   -On the Web at
   http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9544/src/socket.c
 1 /* Write one character to the program at port 7 (echo) of labinfu.unipv.it
 2 Then read one character back. */
 4 #include <stdio.h>
 5 #include <stdlib.h>
 6 #include <sys/types.h>
```

19 #define SOMAXCONN 1024

21 typedef unsigned short u_short;
22 typedef unsigned int u_int;

20 /* Excerpts from /usr/include/sys/types.h. */

```
7 #include <sys/socket.h>
9 int main(int argc, char **argv)
10 {
11
      const int s = socket(AF INET, SOCK STREAM, 0); /* file descriptor */
12
      struct sockaddr_in echo;
13
      char buffer[INET6_ADDRSTRLEN];
                                              /* for inet ntop */
14
                                              /* return value of inet_pton */
      int i;
15
      char c = 'A';
16
17
      if (s < 0) {
18
          perror(argv[0]);
19
          return 1;
20
      }
21
22
      bzero((char *)&echo, sizeof echo); /* fill the echo structure with zeroes */
      23
24
      echo.sin_port = htons(7);
                                         /* echo is at port number 7 */
25
      /* IP address of labinfu.unipv.it: */
26
27
      i = inet_pton(AF_INET, "193.204.35.58", &echo.sin_addr);
28
      if (i == 0) {
29
          fprintf(stderr, "%s: bad dotted string to IP address\n", argv[0]);
30
          return 2;
      }
31
32
33
      if (i != 1) {
34
          perror(argv[0]);  /* bad address family */
35
          return 3;
36
      }
37
38
      if (inet_ntop(AF_INET, &echo.sin_addr, buffer, sizeof buffer) == NULL) {
39
          perror(argv[0]);
40
          return 4;
41
42
      printf("Trying %s...\n", buffer);
43
44
      if (connect(s, (struct sockaddr *)&echo, sizeof echo) != 0) {
45
          perror(argv[0]);
46
          return 5;
47
      }
48
49
      printf("Connected to labinfu.unipv.it.\n");
50
51
      if (write(s, &c, 1) != 1) {
52
          perror(argv[0]);
53
          return 6;
54
      }
55
      c = ' \setminus 0'; /* Prove that the same character comes back from the server. */
56
57
58
      if (read(s, &c, 1) != 1) {
          perror(argv[0]);
59
60
          return 7;
```

```
}
61
62
63
       printf("%c\n", c);
64
       if (shutdown(s, SHUT RDWR) != 0) { /* Curry pp. 128-409 */
65
66
           perror(argv[0]);
67
           return 8;
       }
68
69
70
       printf("Connection closed.\n");
71
       return EXIT_SUCCESS;
72 }
       4$ gcc -o ~/bin/socket socket.c -lsocket -lns1 "Networking Services Library"
       5$ ls -l ~/bin/socket
       6$ socket
       Trying 193.204.35.58...
       Connected to labinfu.unipv.it.
       Connection closed.
       7$ echo $?
       0
   Network byte order
       See David Curry's O'Reilly book Using C on the UNIX System pp. 397–398; htons(3), htonl(3).
   Use use type punning to print the contents of s byte-by-byte:
   —On the Web at
   http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9544/src/byteorder.c
 1 #include <stdio.h>
 2 #include <stdlib.h>
 3 #include <sys/types.h>
 4 #include <netinet/in.h>
 6 int main(int argc, char **argv)
 7 {
 8
       unsigned short s = 0x1234; /* decimal 4660, binary 00010010 00110100 */
 9
       unsigned char *p = (char *)&s; /* Let the value of p be the address of s. */
10
       printf("The value of s is hexadecimal %04X.\n", s);
11
12
       printf("The address of s is %p.\n", p);
13
       printf("The number of bytes in s is %d.\n\n", sizeof s);
14
15
       printf("The contents of address %p is hexadecimal %02X.\n", p,
                                                                                p[0]);
16
       printf("The contents of address %p is hexadecimal %02X.\n\n", p + 1, p[1]);
17
18
       printf("htons returns %04X.\n", htons(s));  /* "host to network short" */
19
       return EXIT_SUCCESS;
20 }
   You could split line 9 to
       char *p;
10
       p = (char *)&s; /* Let the value of p be the address of s. */
```

```
—but why would you want to?
```

```
1$ gcc -o ~/bin/byteorder byteorder.c
2$ ls -l ~/bin/byteorder
3$ byteorder
The value of s is hexadecimal 1234.
The address of s is ffbff926.
The number of bytes in s is 2.
```

The contents of address ffbff926 is hexadecimal 12. The contents of address ffbff927 is hexadecimal 34.

htons returns 1234.

ffbff925 ffbff926 ffbff927 ffbff928

12	34	
00010010	00110100	

▼ Homework 7.8: find the byte order on your machine at work

What is the **sizeof** and byte order on your machine of these three variables:

```
1
       short s = 0x1234;
 2
       int i;
 3
       long 1 = 0x12345678;
 4
 5
       if (sizeof(int) == 2) {
 6
           i = 0x1234;
       } else if (sizeof(int) == 4) {
 7
 8
           i = 0x12345678;
 9
       } else {
           fprintf(stderr, "sizeof(int) == %d\n", sizeof(int));
10
11
       }
```

socket in Perl: pp. 217, 348-355, 498-500 in O'Reilly Perl book

We saw inet_aton, in X52.9547 Handout 1, p. 16; sockaddr_in and connect in X52.9547 Handout 7, p. 1.

—On the Web at

http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9544/src/socket.pl

```
1 #!/bin/perl
2 #Output one line to the echo server at port 7 of labinfu.unipv.it
3 #(193.204.35.58). Then input the line back from the server.
4
5 use Socket; #for AF_INET, etc.
6 use FileHandle; #for autoflush
7
8 socket(S, AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0) or die "$0: $!";
9 S->autoflush(); #pp. 130, 444 in O'Reilly Perl book
10
11 $ip = inet_aton('193.204.35.58') or die "$0: inet_aton failed";
12 $address = sockaddr_in(7, $ip) or die "$0: sockaddr_in failed";
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13

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14 print "Trying 193.204.35.58...\n";
15 connect(S, $address)
                                       or die "$0: $!";
16 print "Connected to labinfu.unipv.it; \n";
17
18 print S "Hello, there.\n"; #Write one line to the socket.
                                 #Read one line from the socket.
19 $line = <S>;
20 print $line;
21
22 shutdown(S, SHUT RDWR)
                                      or die "$0: $!";
23 print "Connection closed.\n";
24 exit 0;
       1$ chmod 755 socket.pl
                                            Make the perlscript executable: rwxr-xr-x
       2$ mv socket.pl ~/bin
                                            if the perlscript is not already in ~/bin
       3$ ls -l ~/bin/socket.pl
       4$ socket
       Trying 193.204.35.58...
       Connected to labinfu.unipv.it;
       Hello, there.
       Connection closed.
  socket in Java:
   —On the Web at
  http://i5.nyu.edu/~mm64/x52.9544/src/Echo.java
 1 import java.io.*;
 2 import java.net.*;
 3
 4 class Echo {
       static public void main(String[] argv) {
 5
 6
           try {
 7
                System.out.println("Trying 193.204.35.58...");
                Socket echo = new Socket("193.204.35.58", 7);
 8
 9
                System.out.println("Connected to labinfu.unipv.it.");
10
11
               OutputStream out = echo.getOutputStream();
12
                InputStream in = echo.getInputStream();
13
14
               byte[] buffer = new byte[100];
               buffer[0] = 'A';
15
16
               out.write(buffer, 0, 1);
17
               buffer[0] = ' \setminus 0';
18
               int len = in.read(buffer);
19
20
               if (len > 0) {
21
                    System.out.write(buffer, 0, len);
22
23
               System.out.print('\n');
24
25
                echo.close();
           }
26
27
          catch (UnknownHostException e) {
28
                e.printStackTrace(System.err);
```

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}
30
31
32
            catch (IOException e) {
                 e.printStackTrace(System.err);
33
            }
34
35
36
            System.out.println("Connection closed.");
37
            System.exit(0);
38
        }
39 }
       1$ javac Echo.java
                                                Run the java compiler.
       2$ ls -1 Echo.class
       3$ java Echo
                                                Run the java interpreter (a.k.a the Java Virtual Machine).
       Trying 193.204.35.58...
       Connected to labinfu.unipv.it.
       Connection closed.
```