Network Programming: Part II

15-213/14-513/15-513: Introduction to Computer Systems
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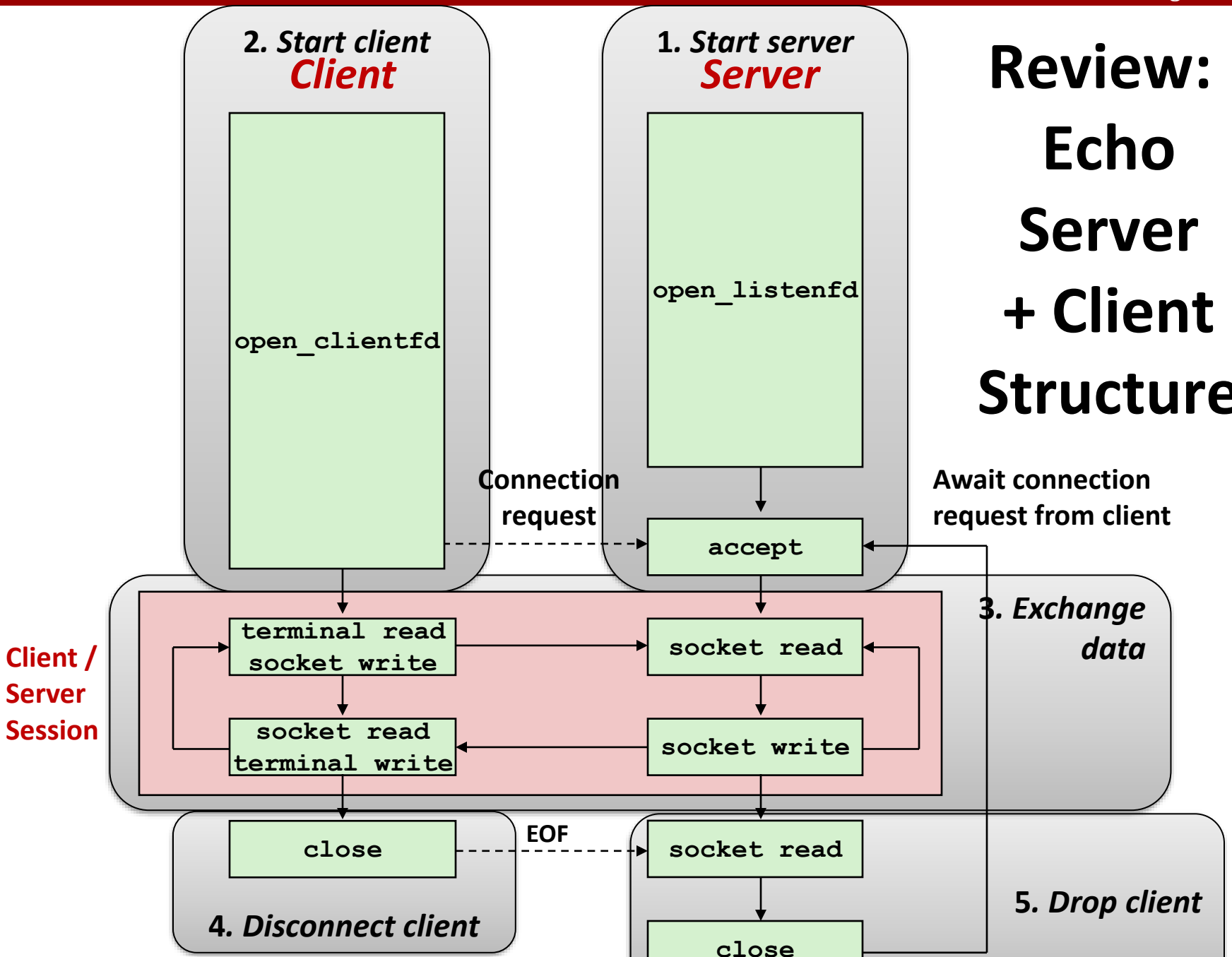
Reminders

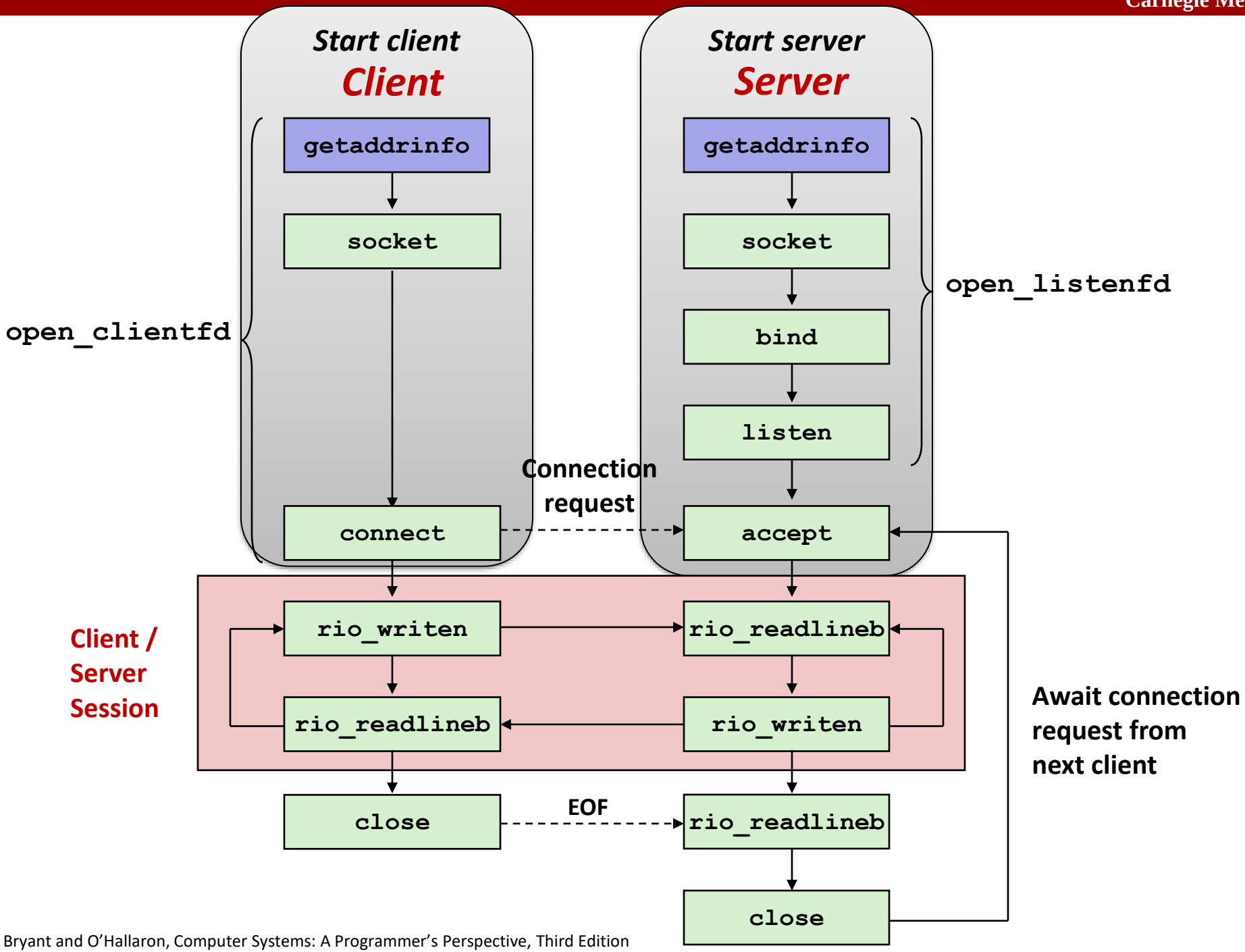
- **Shell lab due on Friday, July 28 at 11:59pm EDT**
- **Proxy lab out next week**
  - Checkpoint due Friday, August 4
  - Final due Friday, August 11 (no extensions!)
- **Final exam: Thursday August 10 (unless google form)**

Review: Echo Server + Client Structure



Today

- **Setting up connections**
- **Application protocol example: HTTP**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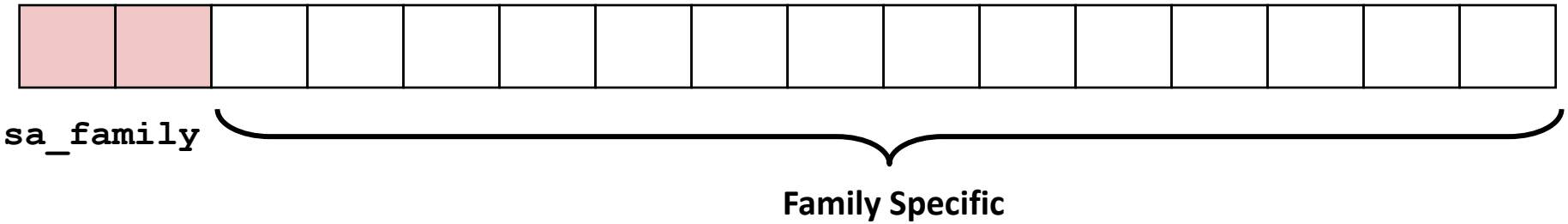
Review: Generic Socket Address

- **Generic socket address:**
  - For address arguments to **`connect`**, **`bind`**, and **`accept`**

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



Review: Socket Address Structures

- **Internet (IPv4) specific socket address:**
  - Must cast (**`struct sockaddr_in *`**) to (**`struct sockaddr *`**) for functions that take socket address arguments.

```
struct sockaddr_in  {
  uint16_t        sin_family;  /* Protocol family (always AF_INET) */
  uint16_t        sin_port;    /* Port num in network byte order */
  struct in_addr  sin_addr;    /* IP addr in network byte order */
  unsigned char   sin_zero[8]; /* Pad to sizeof(struct sockaddr) */
};
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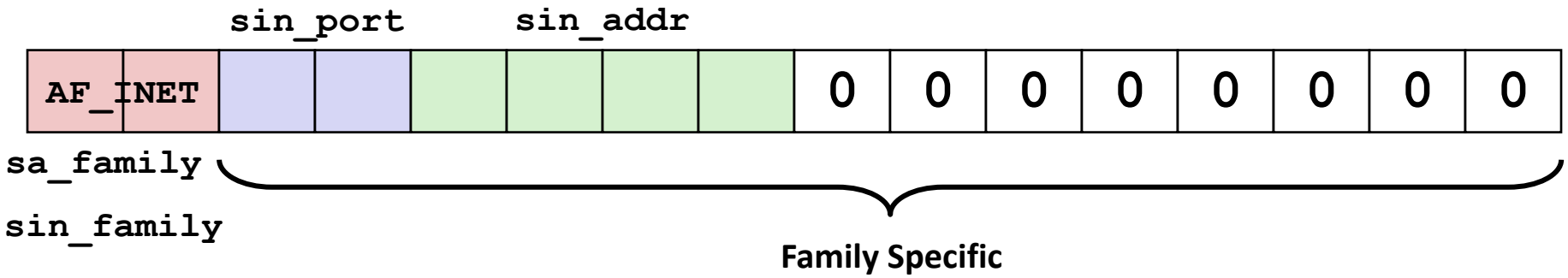
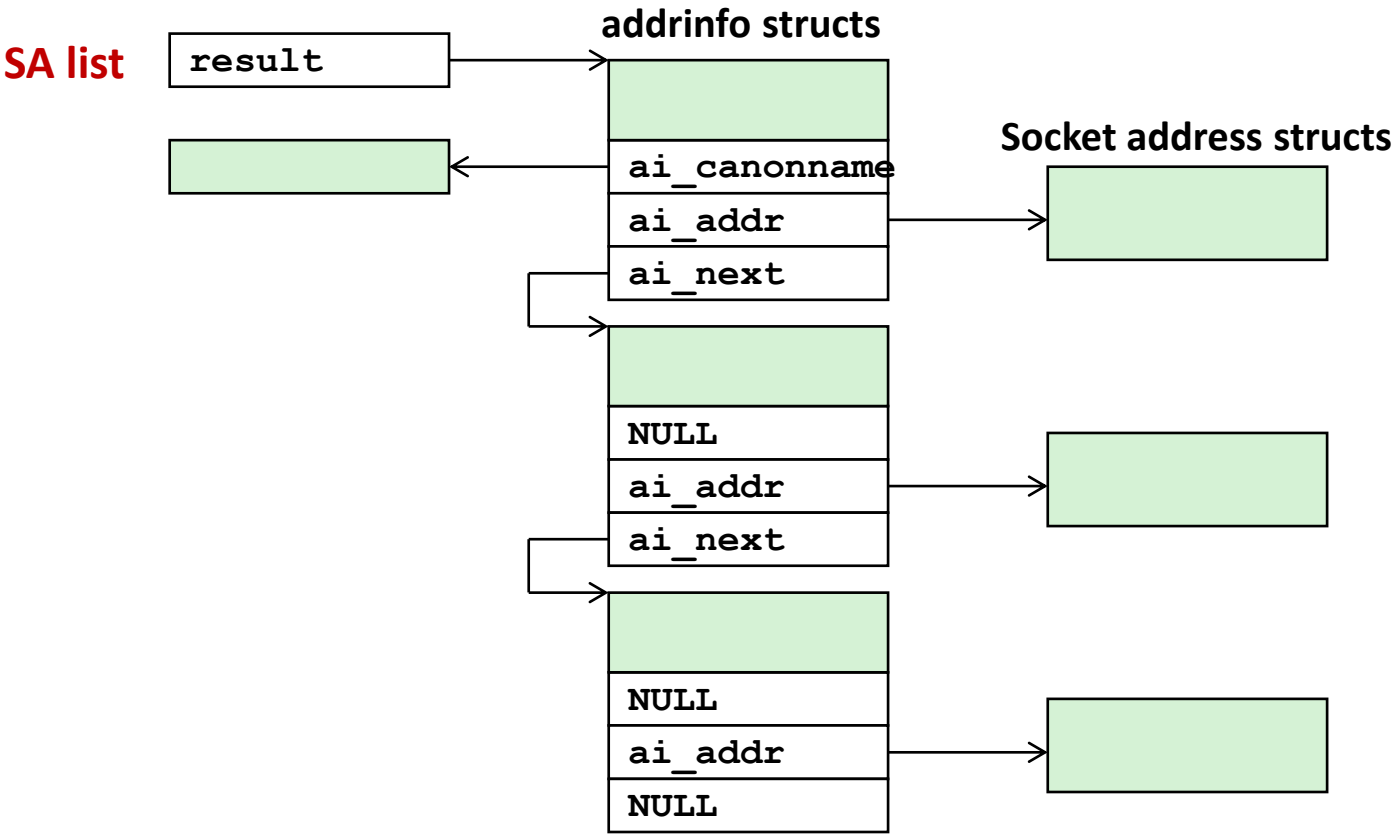
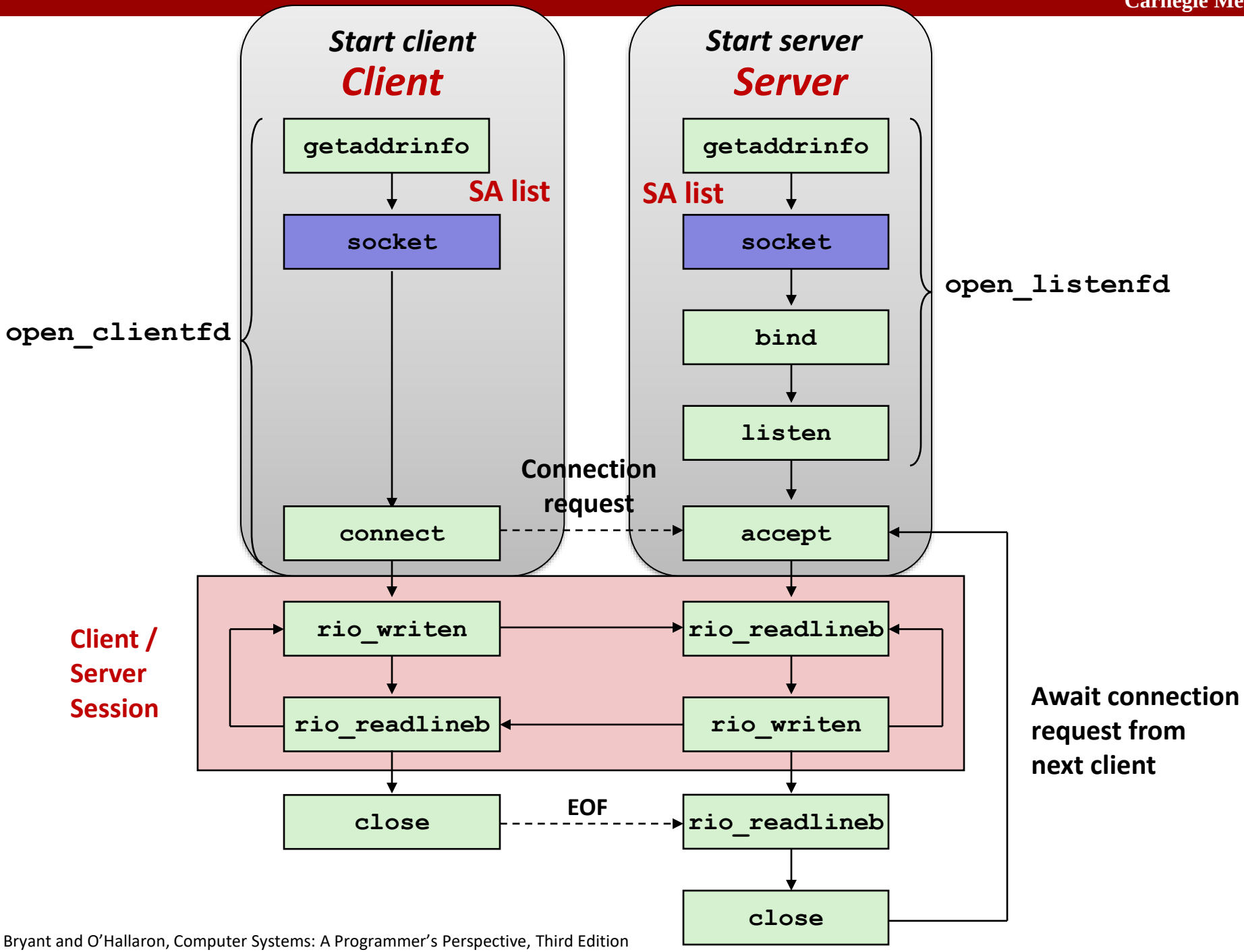


Review: `getaddrinfo`

- `getaddrinfo` converts string representations of hostnames, host addresses, ports, service names to socket address structures

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Sockets Interface: `socket`

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

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

- Example:

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

Protocol specific!

Indicates that we are using 32-bit IPV4 addresses

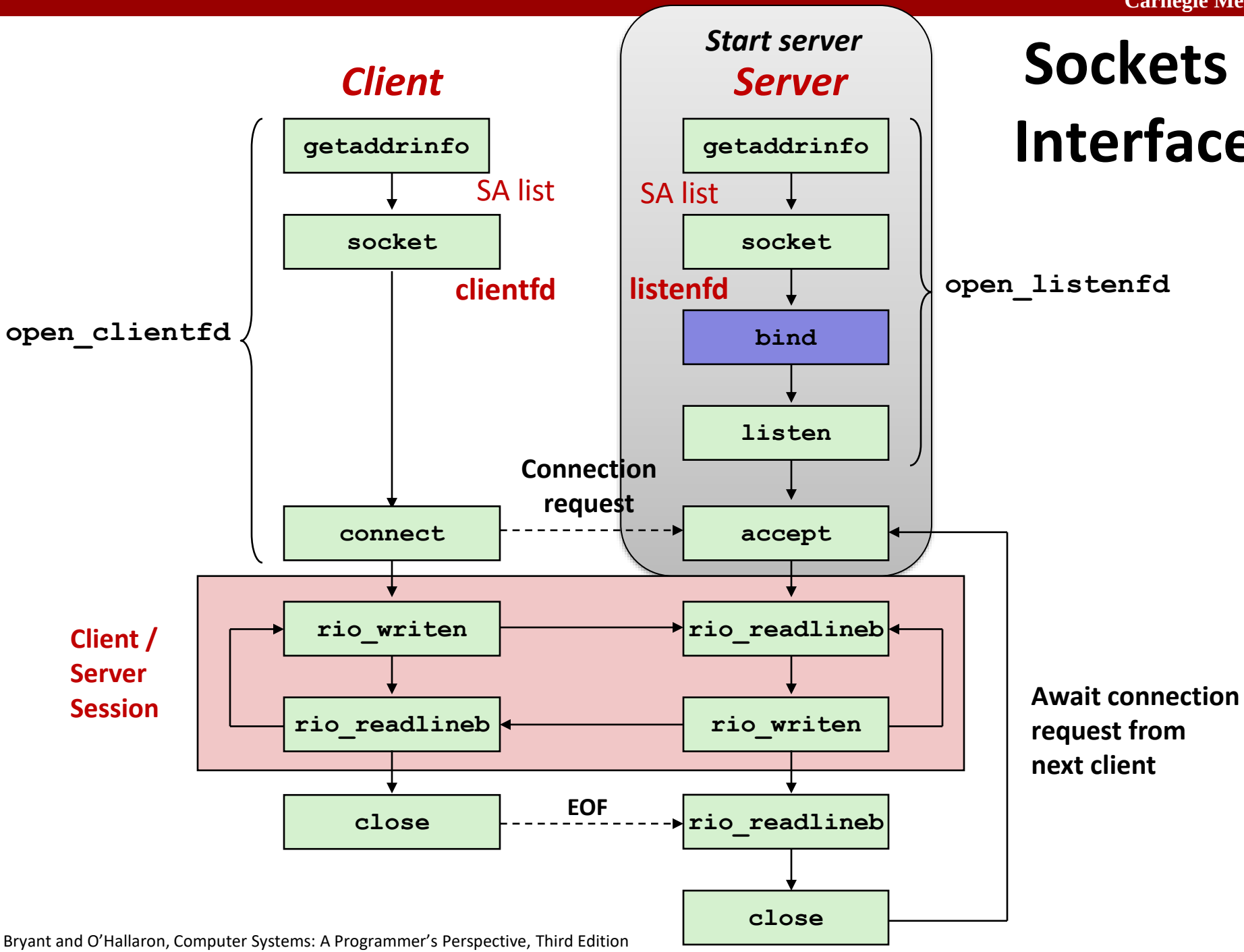
Indicates that the socket will be the end point of a reliable (TCP) connection

- Example:

```
int clientfd = socket(ai->ai_family, ai->ai_socktype,
                      ai->ai_protocol);
```

Use getaddrinfo and you don't have to know or care which protocol!

Sockets Interface



Sockets Interface: `bind`

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

```
int bind(int sockfd, SA *addr, socklen_t addrlen);
```

Our convention: `typedef struct sockaddr SA;`

- Process can read bytes that arrive on the connection whose endpoint is `addr` by reading from descriptor `sockfd`
- Similarly, writes to `sockfd` are transferred along connection whose endpoint is `addr`
- Best practice is to use `getaddrinfo` to supply the arguments `addr` and `addrlen`.

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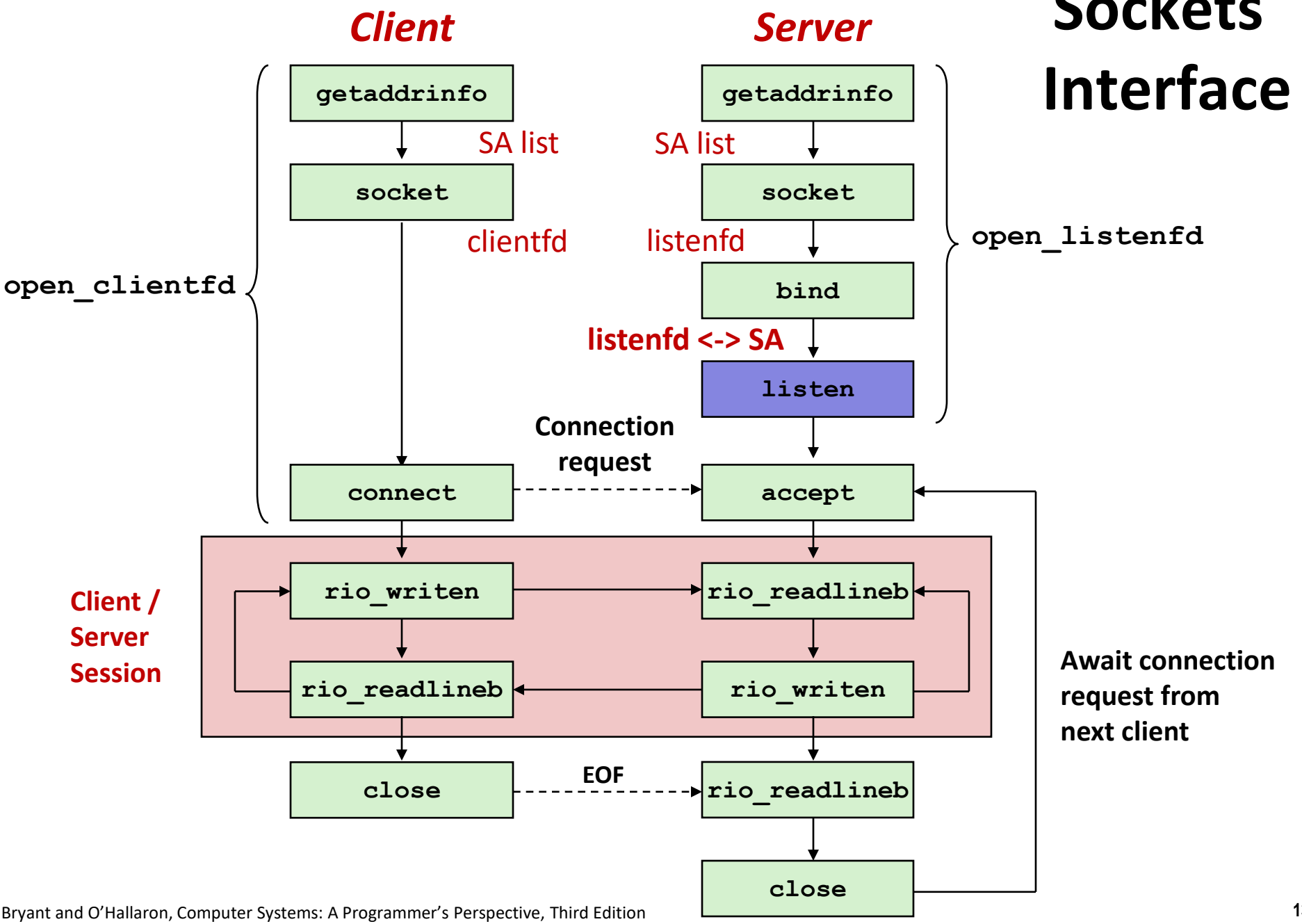


Sockets Interface: `listen`

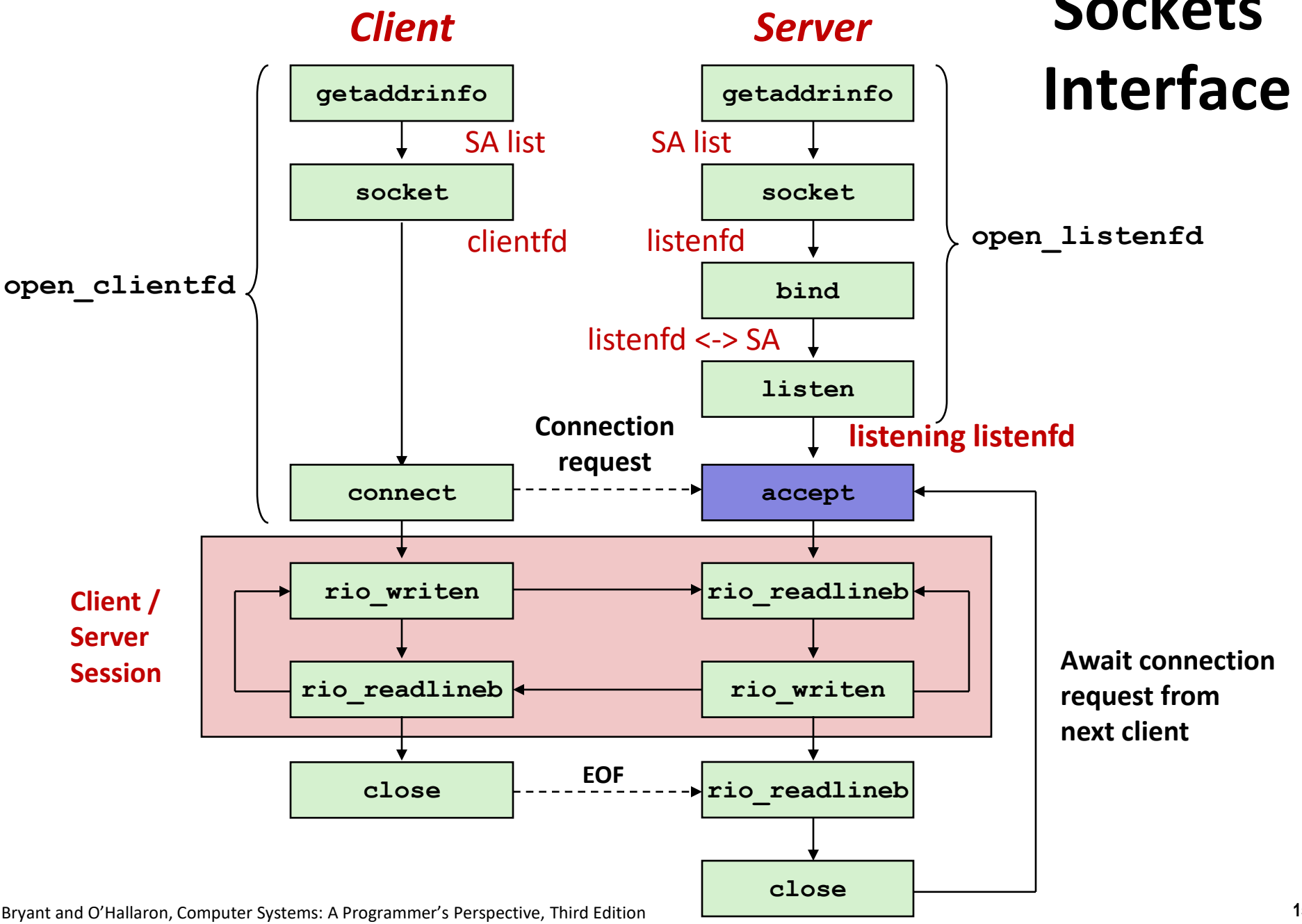
- Kernel assumes that descriptor from socket function is an *active socket* that will be on the client end
- A server calls the listen function to tell the kernel that a descriptor will be used by a server rather than a client:

```
int listen(int sockfd, int backlog);
```

- Converts `sockfd` from an active socket to a *listening socket* that can accept connection requests from clients.

- `backlog` is a hint about the number of outstanding connection requests that the kernel should queue up before starting to refuse requests (128-ish by default)

Sockets Interface



Sockets Interface: `accept`

- Servers wait for connection requests from clients by calling `accept`:

```
int accept(int listenfd, SA *addr, int *addrlen);
```

- Waits for connection request to arrive on the connection bound to `listenfd`, then fills in client's socket address in `addr` and size of the socket address in `addrlen`.

- Returns a *connected descriptor* `connfd` that can be used to communicate with the client via Unix I/O routines.

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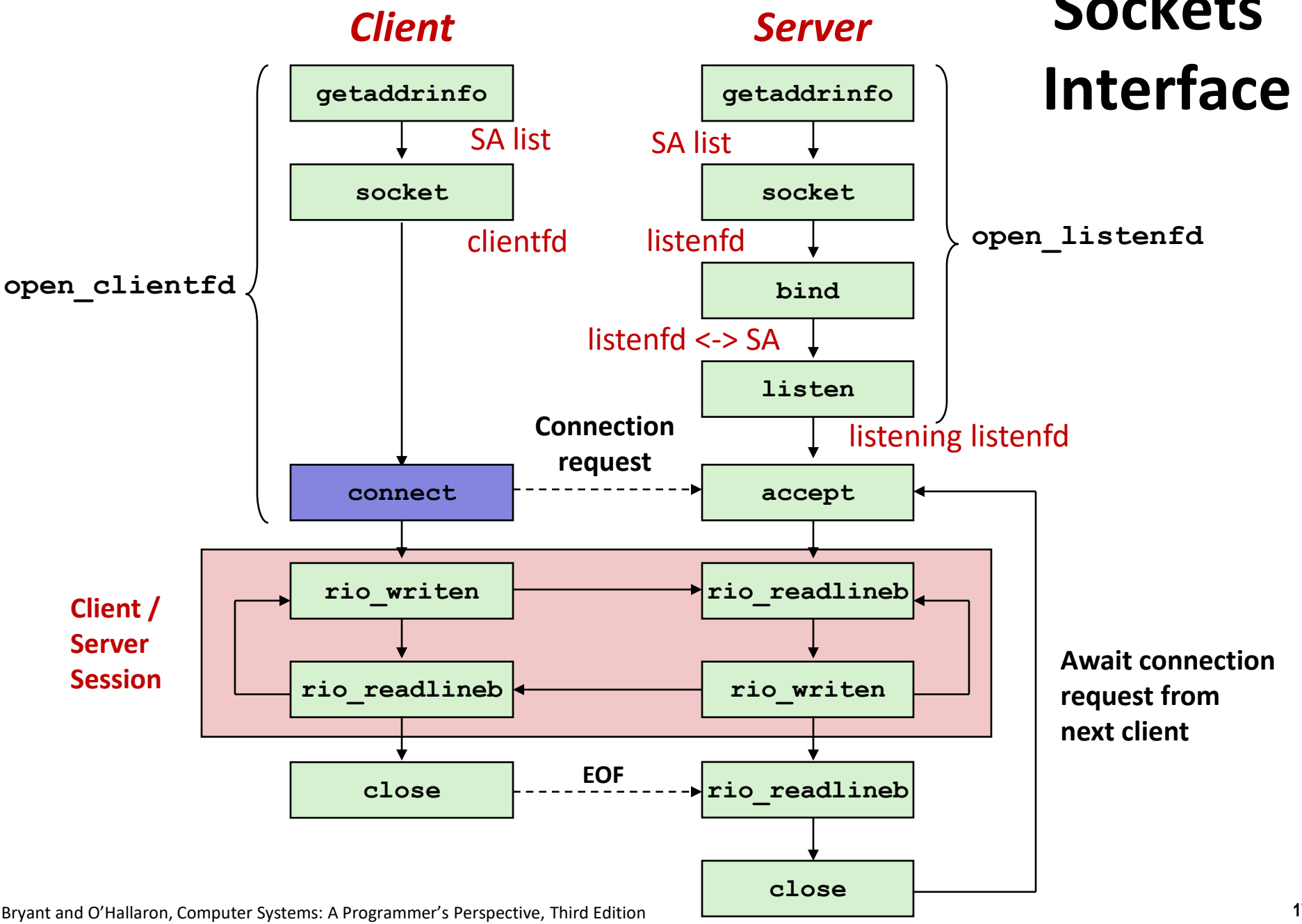


Sockets Interface: `connect`

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

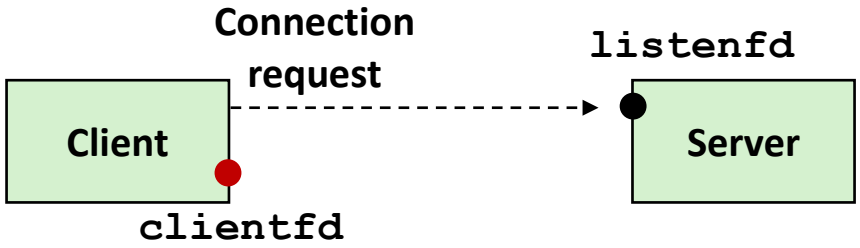
```
int connect(int clientfd, SA *addr, socklen_t addrlen);
```

- **Attempts to establish a connection with server at socket address `addr`**
  - If successful, then **`clientfd`** is now ready for reading and writing.
  - Resulting connection is characterized by socket pair

    (**`x:y, addr.sin_addr:addr.sin_port`**)
    - **`x`** is client address
    - **`y`** is ephemeral port that uniquely identifies client process on client host
- **Best practice is to use `getaddrinfo` to supply the arguments `addr` and `addrlen`.**

connect/accept Illustrated

1. Server blocks in `accept`, waiting for connection request on listening descriptor `listenfd`



2. Client makes connection request by calling and blocking in `connect`

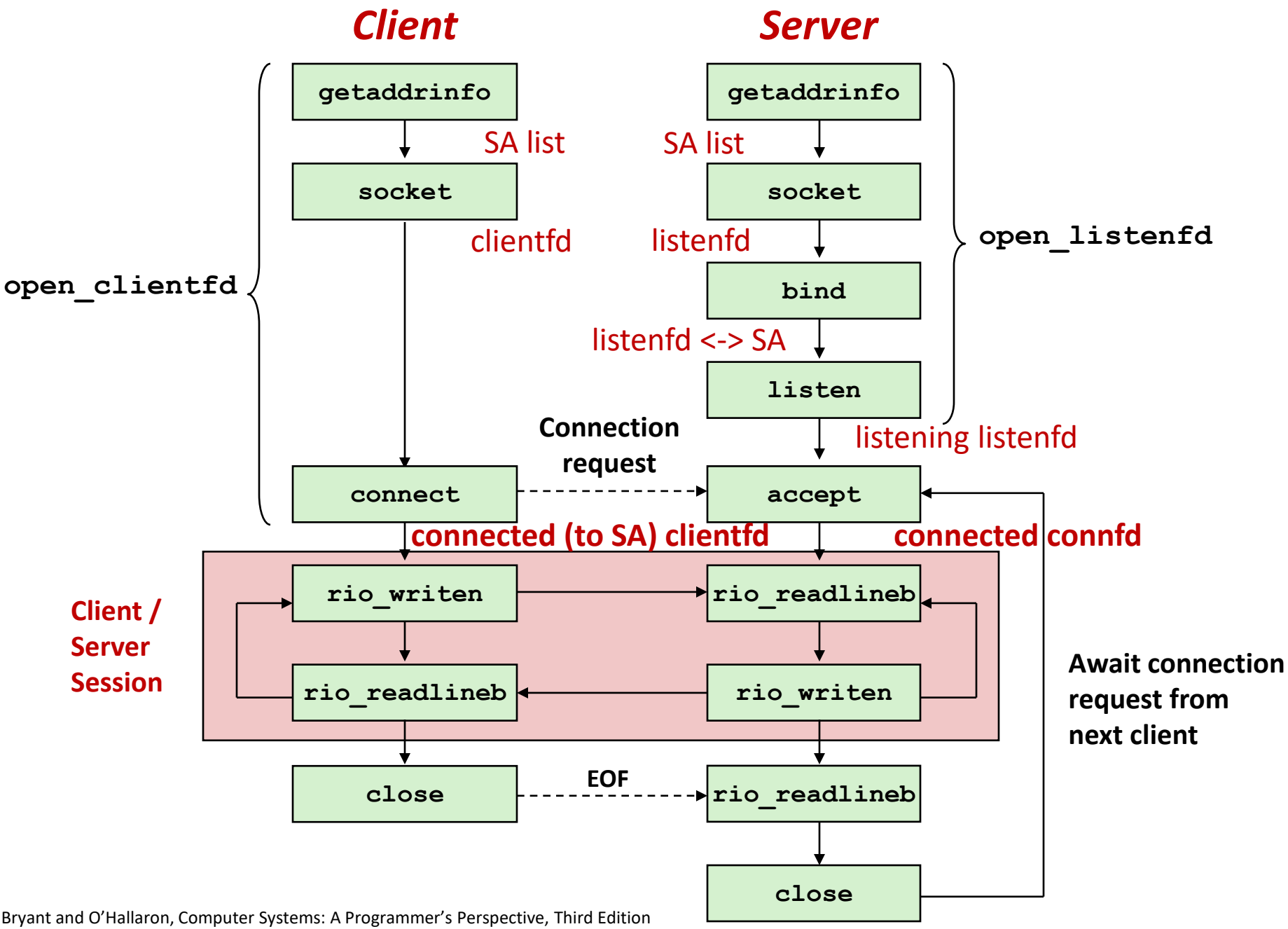
3. Server returns `connfd` from `accept`. Client returns from `connect`. Connection is now established between `clientfd` and `connfd`

Connected vs. Listening Descriptors

- **Listening descriptor**
  - End point for client connection requests
  - Created once and exists for lifetime of the server

- **Connected descriptor**
  - End point of the connection between client and server
  - A new descriptor is created each time the server accepts a connection request from a client
  - Exists only as long as it takes to service client

- **Why the distinction?**
  - Allows for concurrent servers that can communicate over many client connections simultaneously
    - E.g., Each time we receive a new request, we fork a child to handle the request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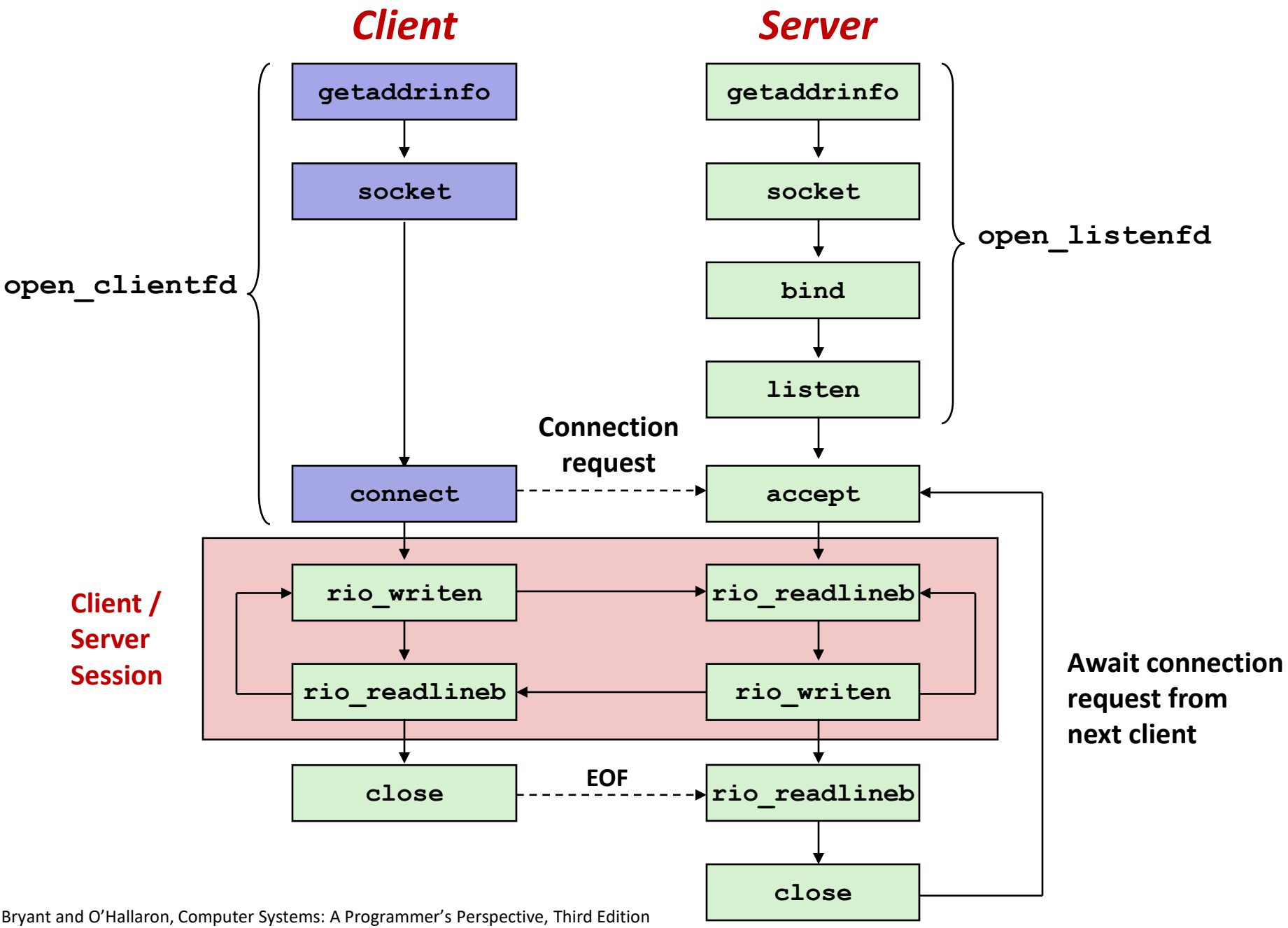
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Sockets Helper: `open_clientfd`

- Establish a connection with a server

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

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

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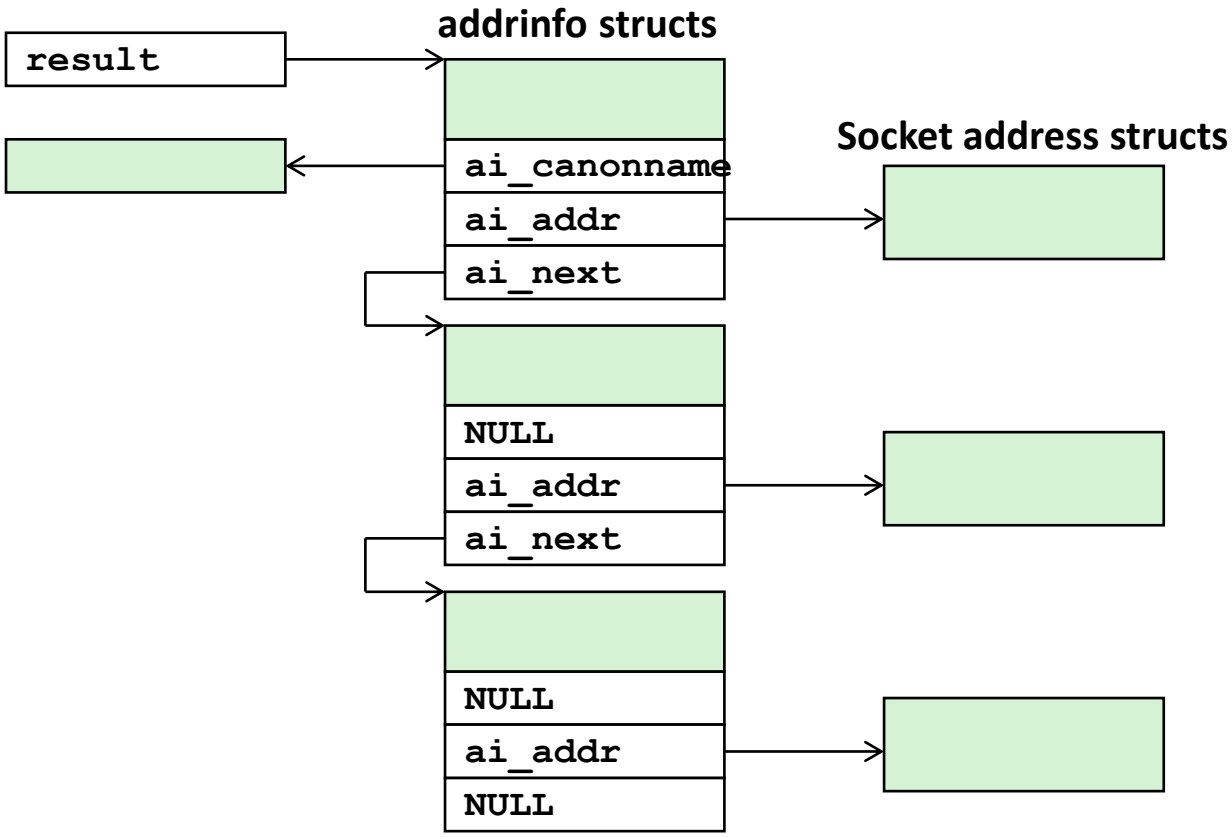
`AI_ADDRCONFIG` means "use whichever of IPv4 and IPv6 works on this computer". Good practice for clients, not for servers.

getaddrinfo



- Clients: walk this list, trying each socket address in turn, until the calls to `socket` and `connect` succeed.
- Servers: walk the list calling `socket`, `listen`, `bind` for *all* addresses, then use `select` to accept connections on any of them (beyond our scope)

Sockets Helper: `open_clientfd` (cont)

```
    /* Walk the list for one that we can successfully connect to */
    for (p = listp; p; p = p->ai_next) {
        /* Create a socket descriptor */
        if ((clientfd = socket(p->ai_family, p->ai_socktype,
                               p->ai_protocol)) < 0)
            continue; /* Socket failed, try the next */

        /* Connect to the server */
        if (connect(clientfd, p->ai_addr, p->ai_addrlen) != -1)
            break; /* Success */
        Close(clientfd); /* Connect failed, try another */
    }

    /* Clean up */
    Freeaddrinfo(listp);
    if (!p) /* All connects failed */
        return -1;
    else    /* The last connect succeeded */
        return clientfd;
}
```

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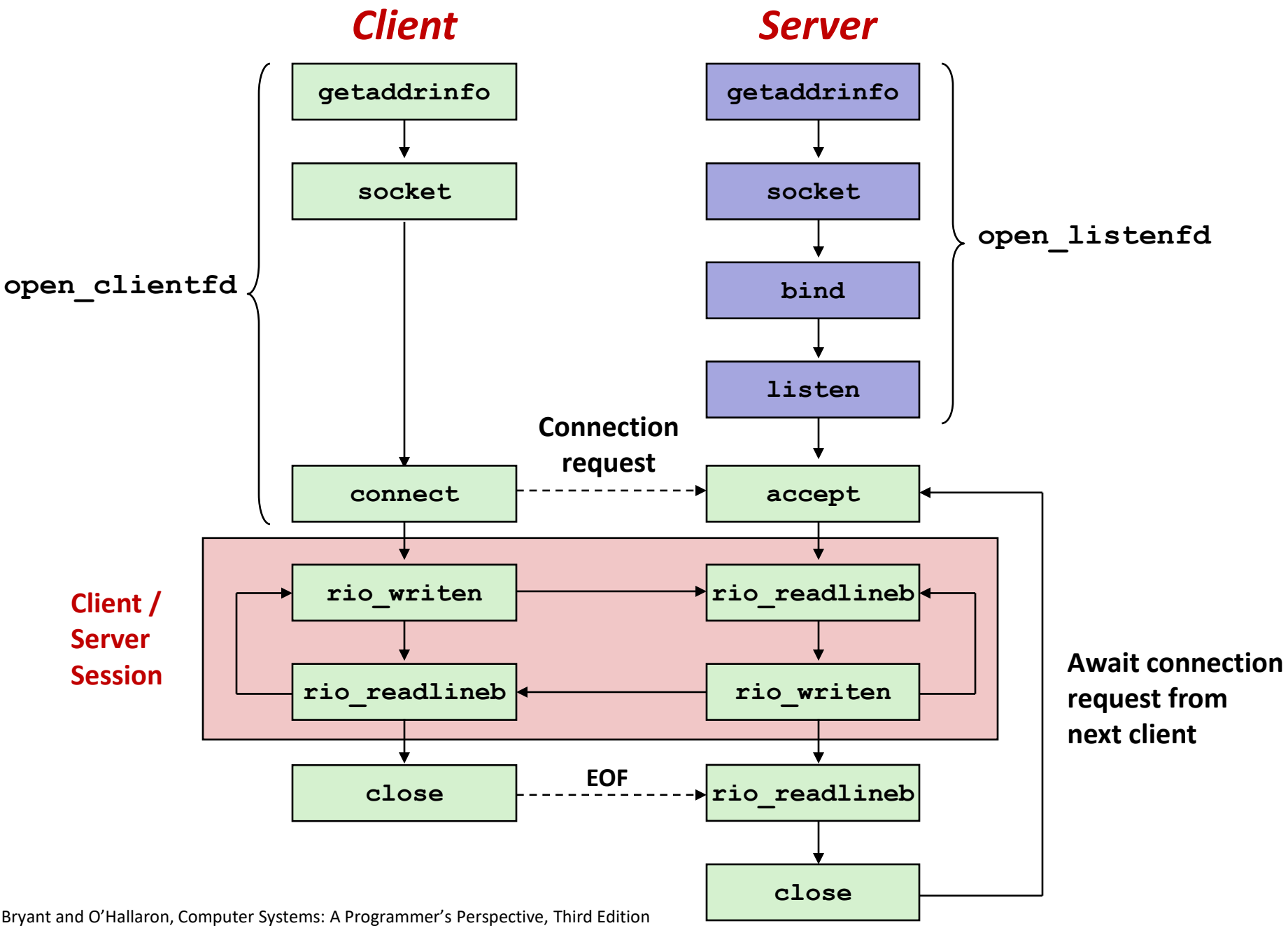
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Sockets Helper: `open_listenfd`

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

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

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

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`AI_PASSIVE` means "I plan to listen on this socket."
`AI_ADDRCONFIG` normally not used for servers, but we use it for convenience

Sockets Helper: `open_listenfd` (cont)

```
    /* Walk the list for one that we can bind to */
    for (p = listp; p; p = p->ai_next) {
        /* Create a socket descriptor */
        if ((listenfd = socket(p->ai_family, p->ai_socktype,
                               p->ai_protocol)) < 0)
            continue;  /* Socket failed, try the next */

        /* Eliminates "Address already in use" error from bind */
        Setsockopt(listenfd, SOL_SOCKET, SO_REUSEADDR,
                   (const void *)&optval , sizeof(int));

        /* Bind the descriptor to the address */
        if (bind(listenfd, p->ai_addr, p->ai_addrlen) == 0)
            break; /* Success */
        Close(listenfd); /* Bind failed, try the next */
    }
```

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A production server would not break out of the loop on the first success.
We do that for simplicity only.

Sockets Helper: `open_listenfd` (cont)

```
    /* Clean up */
    Freeaddrinfo(listp);
    if (!p) /* No address worked */
        return -1;

    /* Make it a listening socket ready to accept conn. requests */
    if (listen(listenfd, LISTENQ) < 0) {
        Close(listenfd);
        return -1;
    }
    return listenfd;
}
```

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

Testing Servers Using `telnet`

- **The `telnet` program is invaluable for testing servers that transmit ASCII strings over Internet connections**
  - Our simple echo server
  - Web servers
  - Mail servers

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

Testing the Echo Server With `telnet`

```
whaleshark> ./echoserveri 15213
Connected to (MAKOSHARK.ICS.CS.CMU.EDU, 50280)
server received 11 bytes
server received 8 bytes



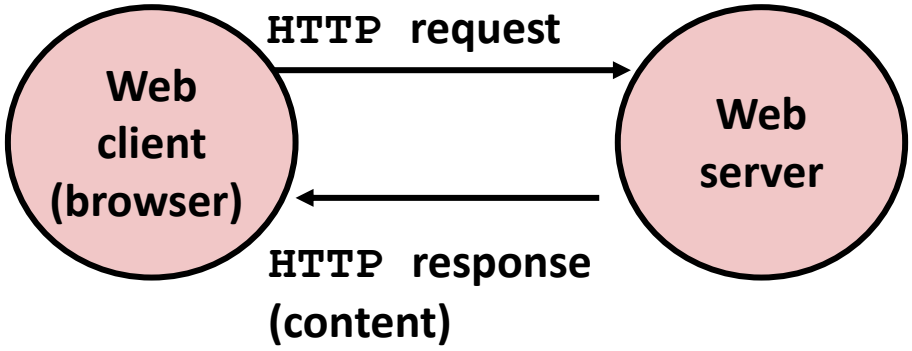
makoshark> telnet whaleshark.ics.cs.cmu.edu 15213
Trying 128.2.210.175...
Connected to whaleshark.ics.cs.cmu.edu (128.2.210.175).
Escape character is '^]'.
Hi there!
Hi there!
Howdy!
Howdy!
^]
telnet> quit
Connection closed.
makoshark>
```

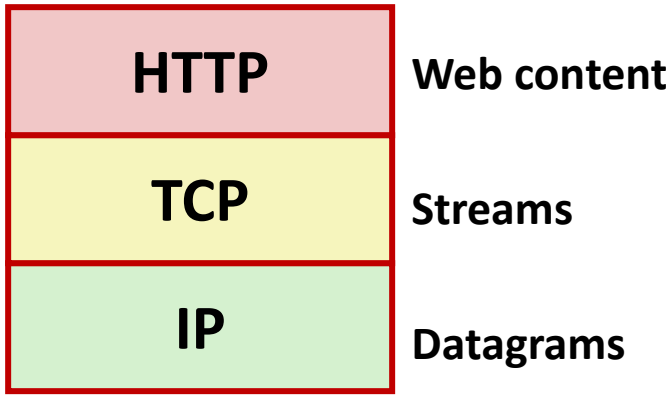
Today

- Setting up connections
- **Application protocol example: HTTP**

Web Server Basics

- **Clients and servers communicate using the HyperText Transfer Protocol (HTTP)**
  - Client and server establish TCP connection
  - Client requests content
  - Server responds with requested content
  - Client and server close connection (eventually)
- **Current version is HTTP/2.0 but HTTP/1.1 widely used still**
  - RFC 2616, June, 1999.





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

Web Content

- **Web servers return *content* to clients**
  - *content:* a sequence of bytes with an associated MIME (Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions) type

- **Example MIME types**

`text/html`	HTML document
`text/plain`	Unformatted text
`image/gif`	Binary image encoded in GIF format
`image/png`	Binary image encoded in PNG format
`image/jpeg`	Binary image encoded in JPEG format

You can find the complete list of MIME types at:
`http://www.iana.org/assignments/media-types/media-types.xhtml`

Static and Dynamic Content

- **The content returned in HTTP responses can be either *static* or *dynamic***
  - *Static content*: content stored in files and retrieved in response to an HTTP request
    - Examples: HTML files, images, audio clips, Javascript programs
    - Request identifies which content file
  - *Dynamic content*: content produced on-the-fly in response to an HTTP request
    - Example: content produced by a program executed by the server on behalf of the client
    - Request identifies file containing executable code
- ***Web content associated with a file that is managed by the server***

URLs and how clients and servers use them

- **Unique name for a file: URL (Universal Resource Locator)**
- **Example URL: `http://www.cmu.edu:80/index.html`**
- **Clients use *prefix* (`http://www.cmu.edu:80`) to infer:**
  - What kind (protocol) of server to contact (HTTP)
  - Where the server is (**`www.cmu.edu`**)
  - What port it is listening on (80)
- **Servers use *suffix* (`/index.html`) to:**
  - Determine if request is for static or dynamic content.
    - No hard and fast rules for this
    - One convention: executables reside in **`cgi-bin`** directory
  - Find file on file system
    - Initial "**/**" in suffix denotes home directory for requested content.
    - Minimal suffix is "**/**", which server expands to configured default filename (usually, **`index.html`**)

HTTP Request Example

```
GET / HTTP/1.1                          Client: request line
Host: www.cmu.edu                       Client: required HTTP/1.1 header
                                        Client: blank line terminates headers
```

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

HTTP Requests

- **HTTP request is a *request line*, followed by zero or more *request headers***

- **Request line: `<method> <uri> <version>`**
  - **`<method>`** is one of **`GET`**, **`POST`**, **`OPTIONS`**, **`HEAD`**, **`PUT`**, **`DELETE`**, or **`TRACE`**
  - **`<uri>`** is typically URL for proxies, URL suffix for servers
    - A URL is a type of URI (Uniform Resource Identifier)
    - See http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc2396.txt
  - **`<version>`** is HTTP version of request (**`HTTP/1.0`** or **`HTTP/1.1`**)

- **Request headers: `<header name>: <header data>`**
  - Provide additional information to the server

HTTP Responses

- **HTTP response is a *response line* followed by zero or more *response headers*, possibly followed by *content*, with blank line ("\r\n") separating headers from content.**

- **Response line:**

  <version> <status code> <status msg>

  - <version> is HTTP version of the response
  - <status code> is numeric status
  - <status msg> is corresponding English text
    - **200 OK** Request was handled without error
    - **301 Moved** Provide alternate URL
    - **404 Not found** Server couldn't find the file

- **Response headers: <header name>: <header data>**
  - Provide additional information about response
  - **Content-Type:** MIME type of content in response body
  - **Content-Length:** Length of content in response body

Example HTTP Transaction

```
whaleshark> telnet www.cmu.edu 80          Client: open connection to server
Trying 128.2.42.52...                      Telnet prints 3 lines to terminal
Connected to WWW-CMU-PROD-VIP.ANDREW.cmu.edu.
Escape character is '^]'.
GET / HTTP/1.1                             Client: request line
Host: www.cmu.edu                          Client: required HTTP/1.1 header
                                           Client: blank line terminates headers
HTTP/1.1 301 Moved Permanently             Server: response line
Date: Wed, 05 Nov 2014 17:05:11 GMT        Server: followed by 5 response headers
Server: Apache/1.3.42 (Unix)               Server: this is an Apache server
Location: http://www.cmu.edu/index.shtml   Server: page has moved here
Transfer-Encoding: chunked                 Server: response body will be chunked
Content-Type: text/html; charset=...       Server: expect HTML in response body
                                           Server: empty line terminates headers
15c                                        Server: first line in response body
<HTML><HEAD>                               Server: start of HTML content
...
</BODY></HTML>                             Server: end of HTML content
0                                          Server: last line in response body
Connection closed by foreign host.         Server: closes connection
```

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Example HTTP Transaction, Take 2

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GET /index.shtml HTTP/1.1                  Client: request line
Host: www.cmu.edu                          Client: required HTTP/1.1 header
                                           Client: blank line terminates headers
HTTP/1.1 200 OK                            Server: response line
Date: Wed, 05 Nov 2014 17:37:26 GMT        Server: followed by 4 response headers
Server: Apache/1.3.42 (Unix)
Transfer-Encoding: chunked
Content-Type: text/html; charset=...
                                           Server: empty line terminates headers
1000                                       Server: begin response body
<html ..>                                  Server: first line of HTML content
…
</html>
0                                          Server: end response body
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Example HTTP(S) Transaction, Take 3

```
whaleshark> openssl s_client www.cs.cmu.edu:443
CONNECTED(00000005)
…
Certificate chain
…
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Server certificate
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
MIIGDjCCBPagAwIBAgIRAMiF7LBPDoySilnNoU+mp+gwDQYJKoZIhvcNAQELBQAw
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... HTML Content Continues Below ...
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