Network Programming (Part 1)

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Objectives

- We will cover:
  - Network programming key concepts
  - Client/server computing
  - Client/server computing in COS 333
  - Network programming in Python
    - How to compose a client
    - How to compose a server

Agenda

- **Key concepts**
- Client/server computing
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- Network programming: daytime example
- Network programming: echo example

Key Concepts

- Network Address
  - ***Medium Access Control (MAC) address***
    - Example: 90:1b:0e:6a:32:26
  - ***Internet Protocol (IP) address***
    - Example: 128.112.136.61
    - Example: 140.180.223.22
    - Example: 127.0.0.1

To determine the IP address of your computer:
Mac or Linux: `ifconfig`
MS Windows: `ipconfig`

Key Concepts

- Network address (cont.)
  - ***Domain name***
    - ***Domain Name System (DNS)*** converts to IP address
    - Example: cs.princeton.edu
      - Same as 128.112.136.61
    - Example: princeton.edu
      - 140.180.223.22
    - Example: localhost
      - Same as 127.0.0.1

Key Concepts

- See **ipaddress.py**

```
$ python ipaddress.py cs.princeton.edu
Host name: cs.princeton.edu
IP address: 128.112.136.61
$ python ipaddress.py princeton.edu
Host name: princeton.edu
IP address: 140.180.223.22
$ python ipaddress.py localhost
Host name: localhost
IP address: 127.0.0.1
$
```

See also: `nslookup` program

Key Concepts

- ***Port***
  - A software abstraction
  - 16-bit integer (0 - 65535)

Key Concepts

- ***Socket***
  - IP address + port
  - Used to implement…

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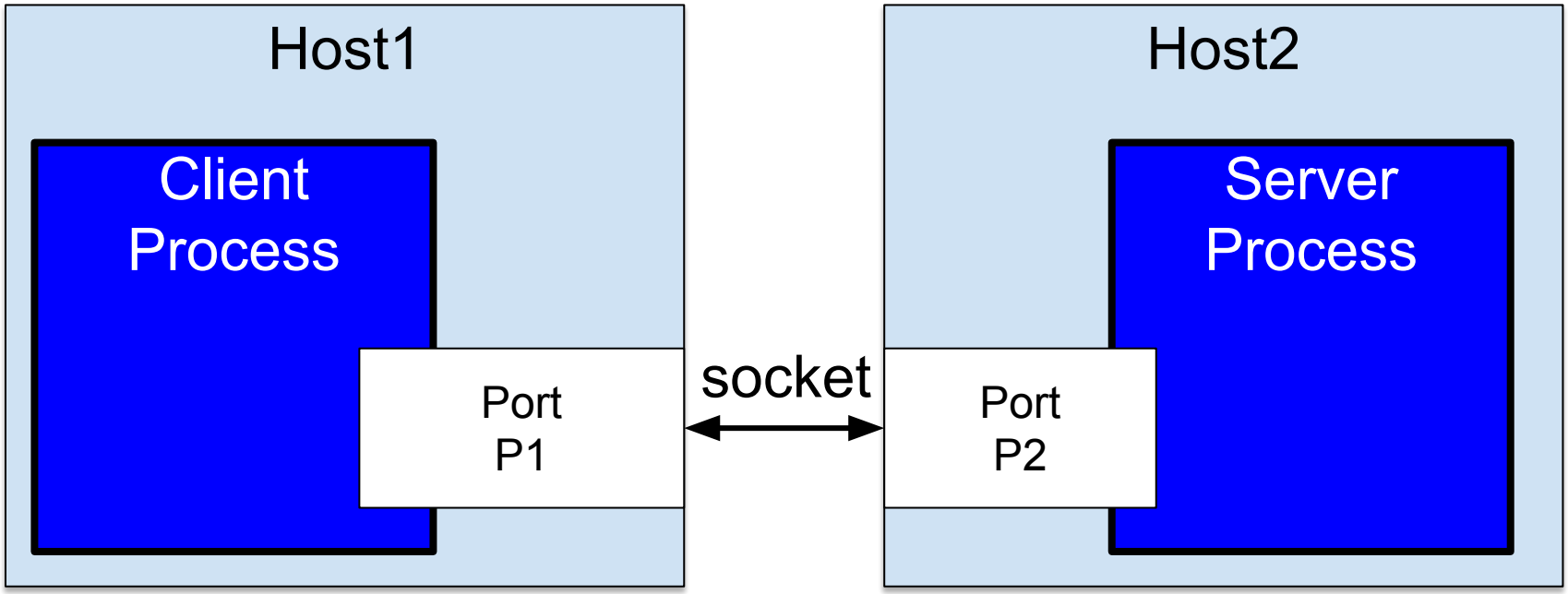
Client/Server Computing

The big picture



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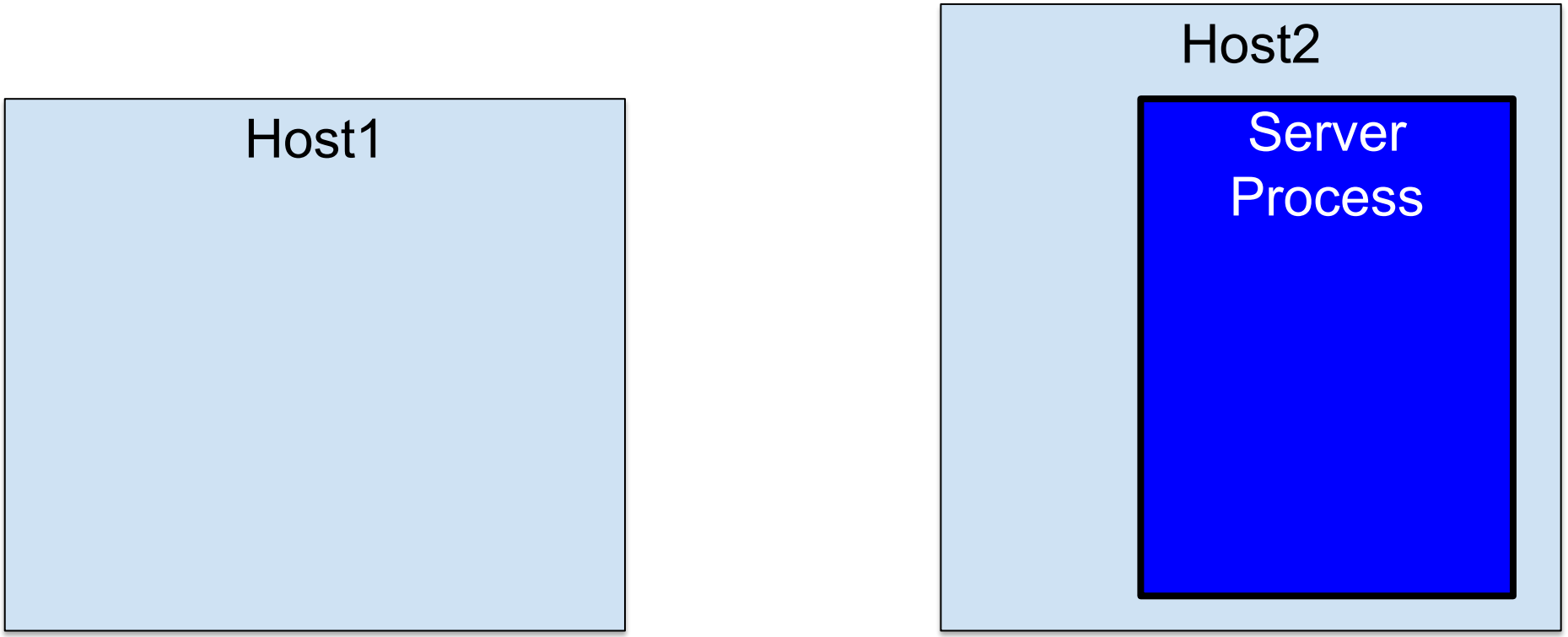

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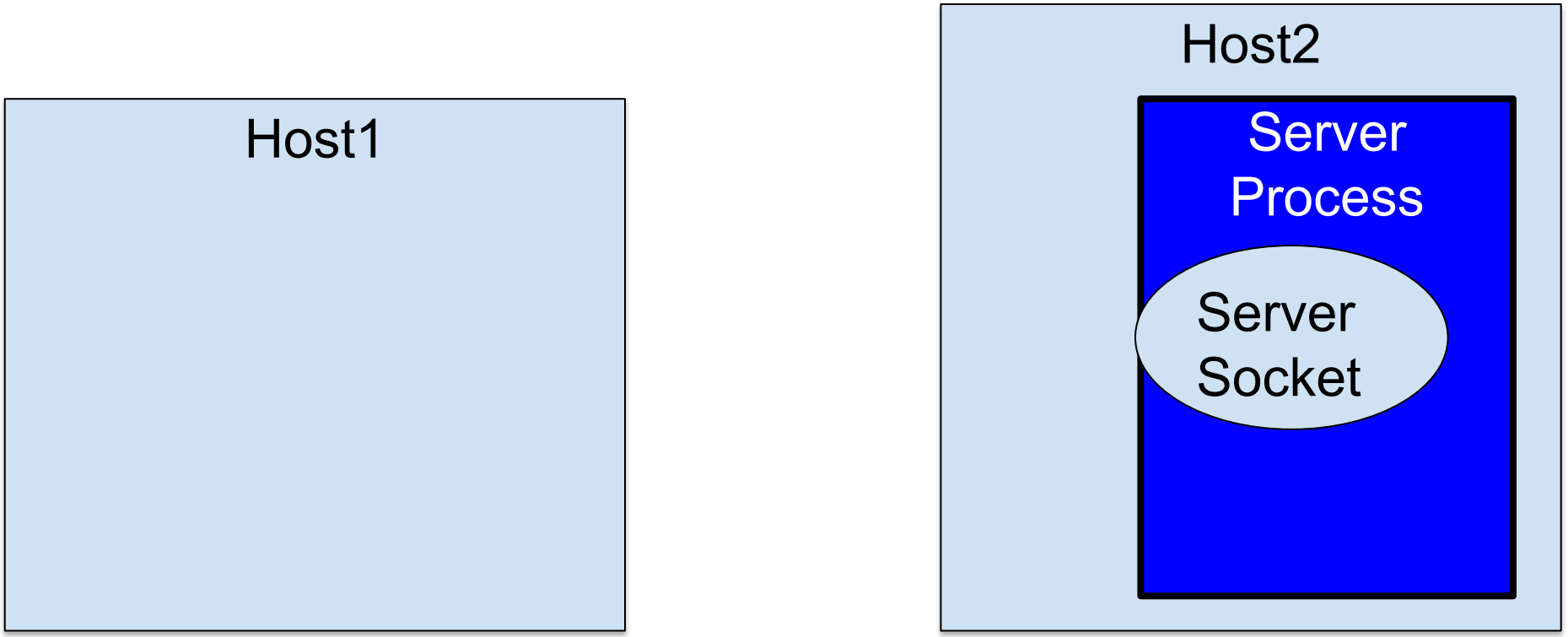

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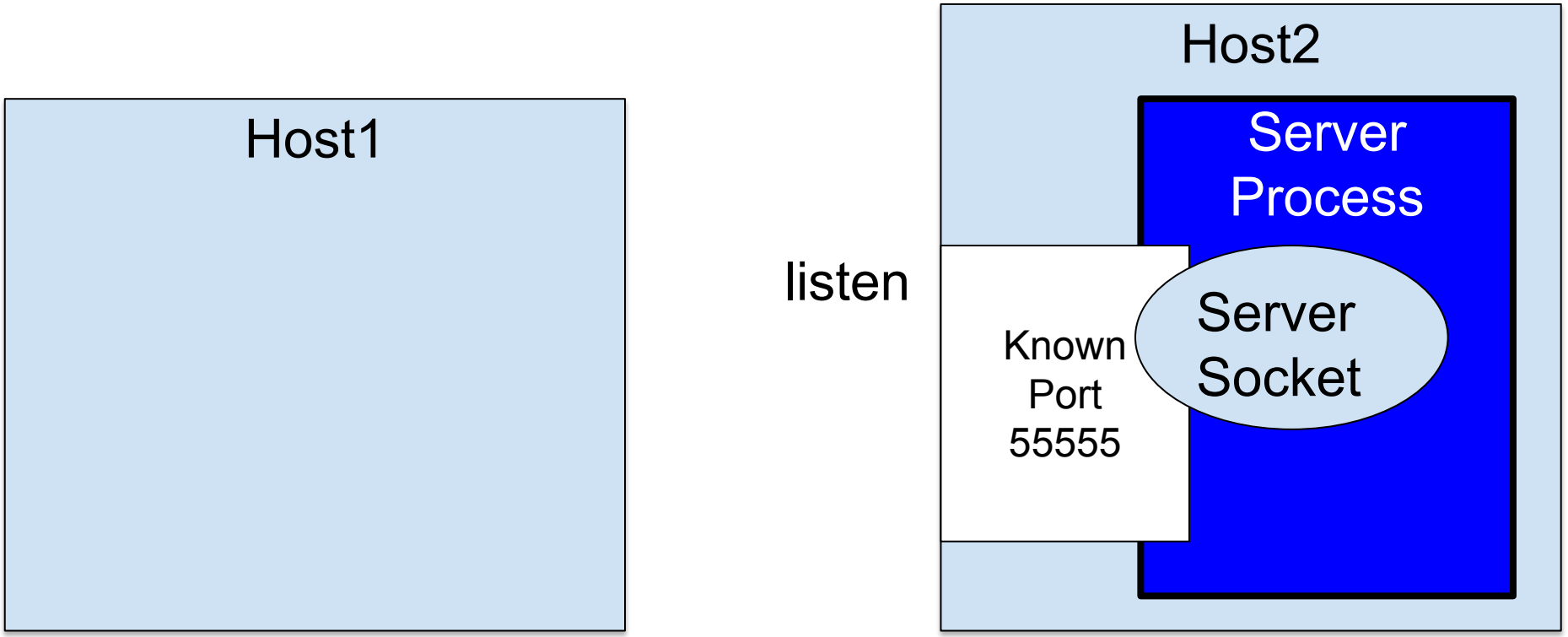

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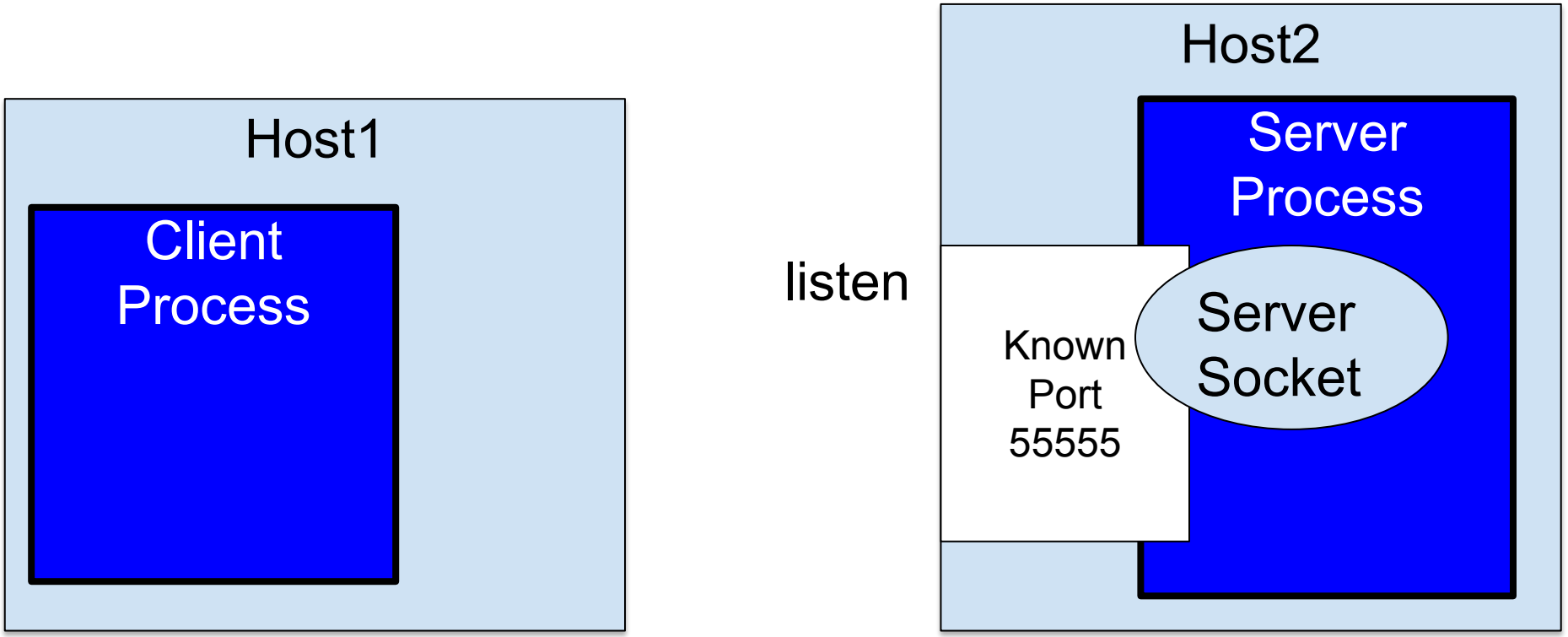

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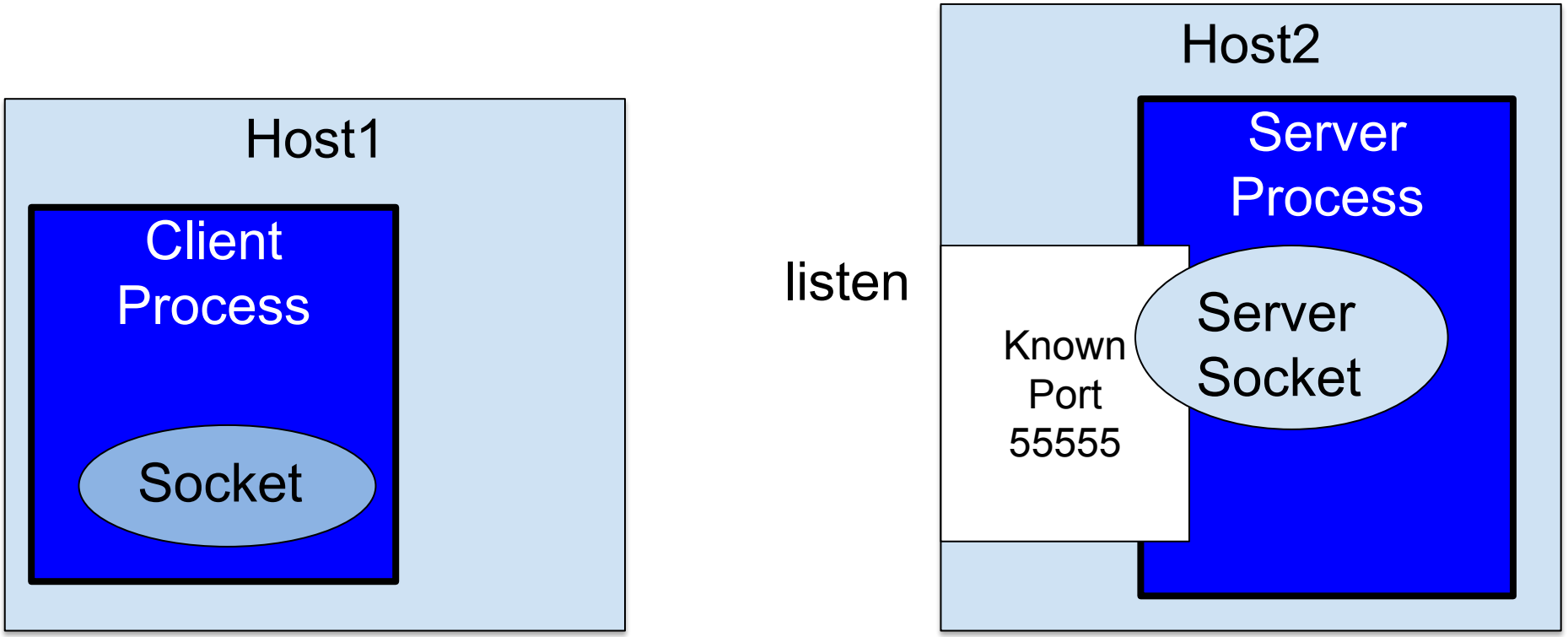

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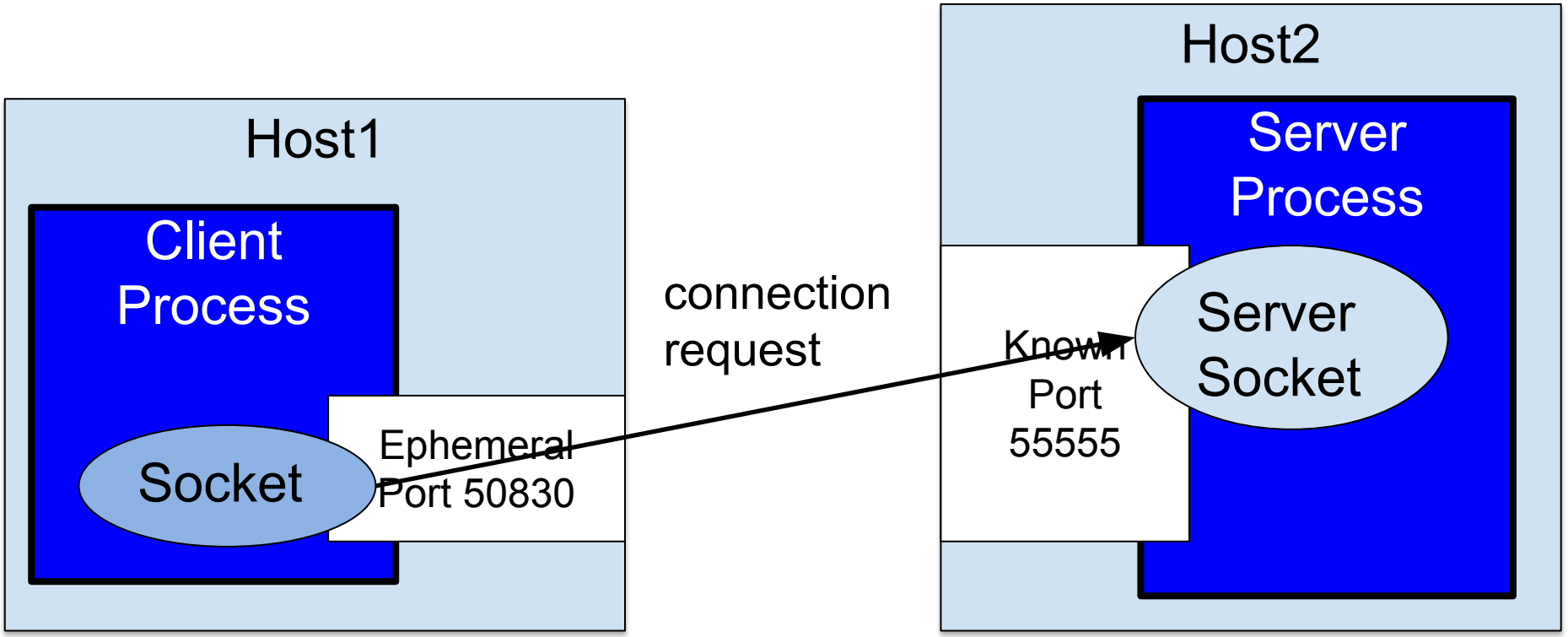

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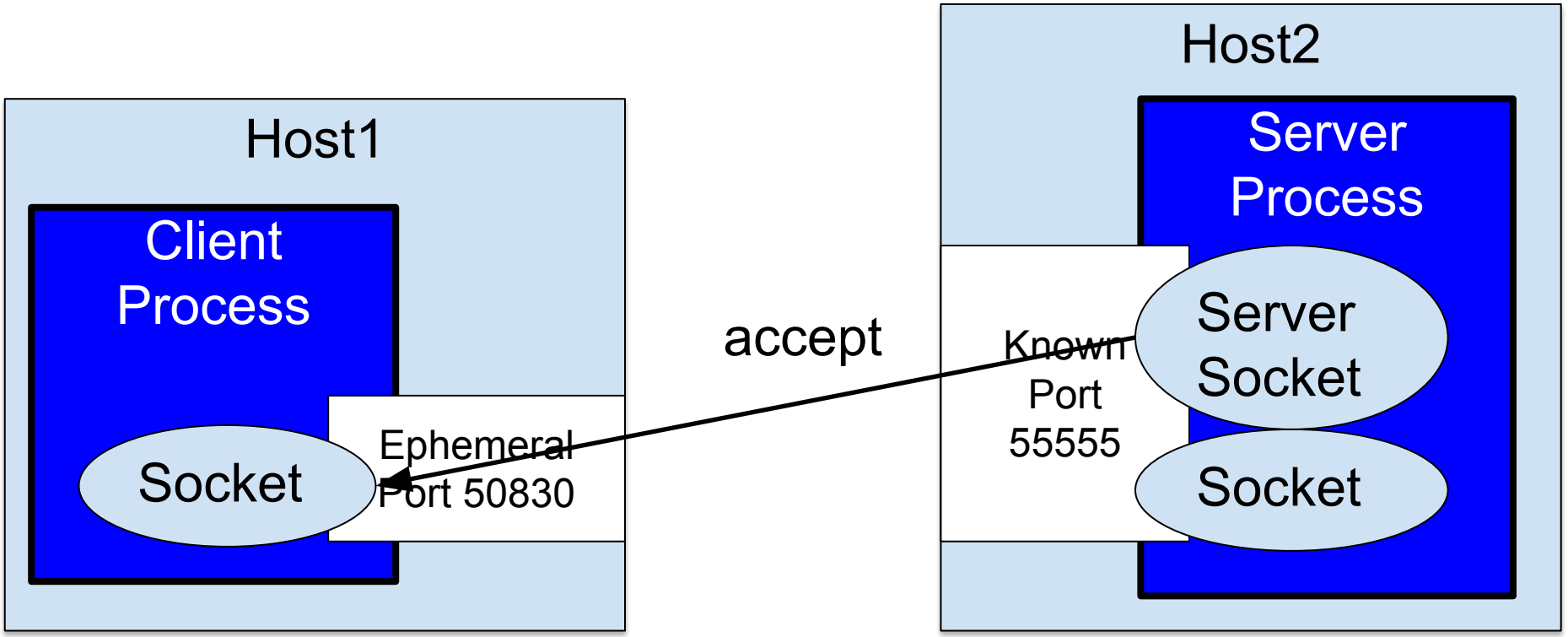

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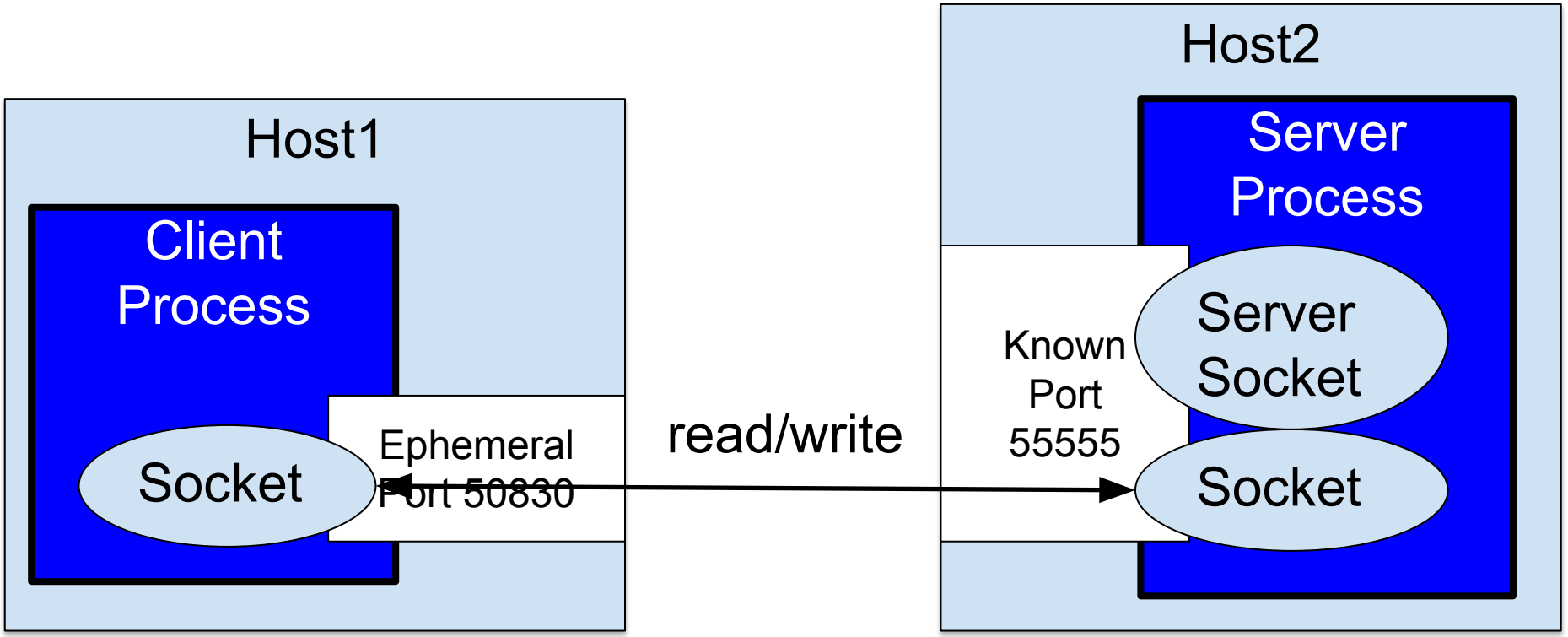

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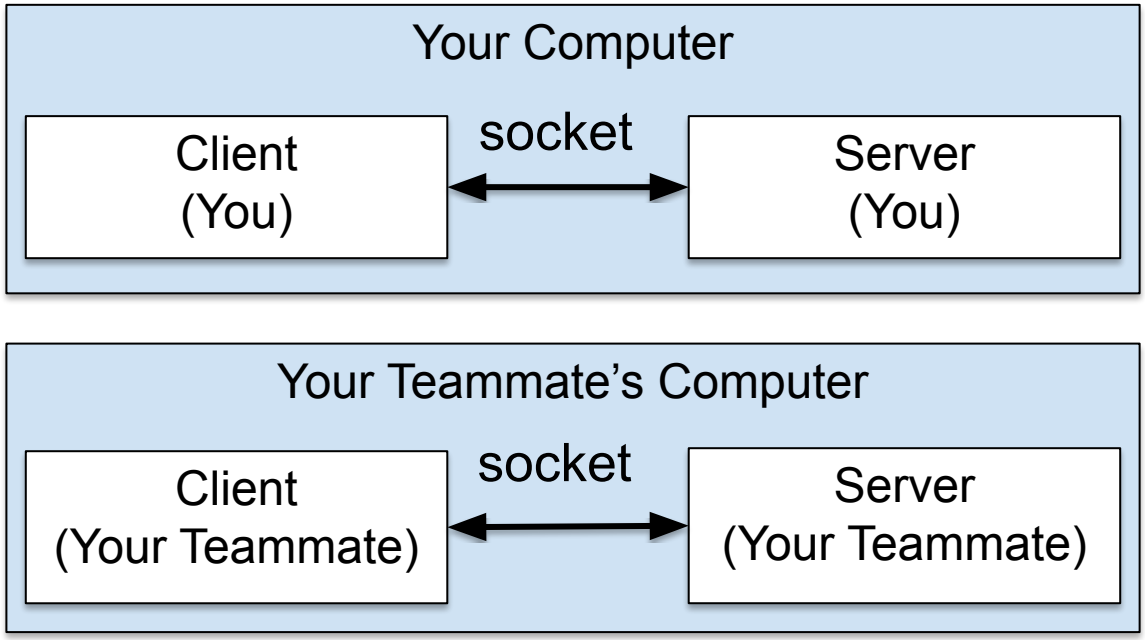
Client/Server in COS 333

Option 1: Run server on local computer
Run client on same local computer



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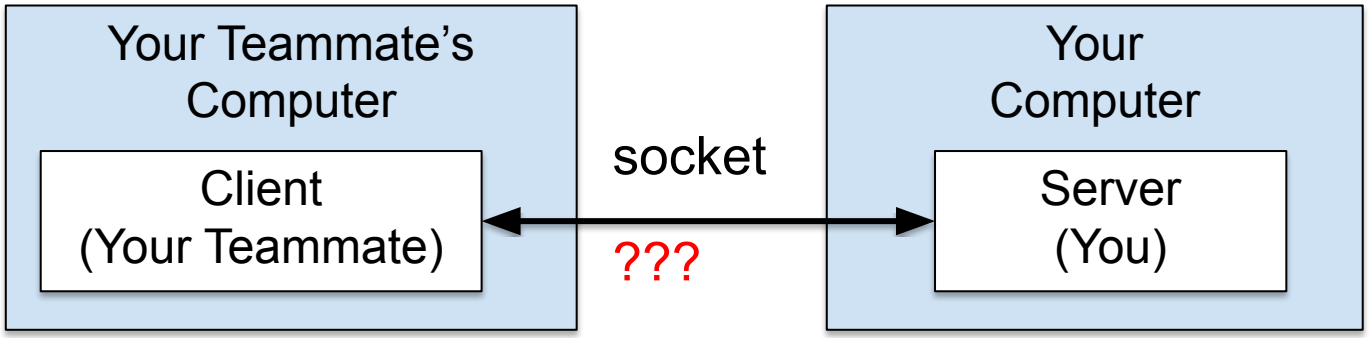
Option 2: Run server on local computer
Run client on different local computer



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Won't work unless both computers are on Eduroam

Client/Server in COS 333

- Suggestions:
  - Use **option 1** during development
  - Use **option 2** to test network comm
    - Working alone =>
      - Use your computer and a COS 333 instructor's computer during office hours?

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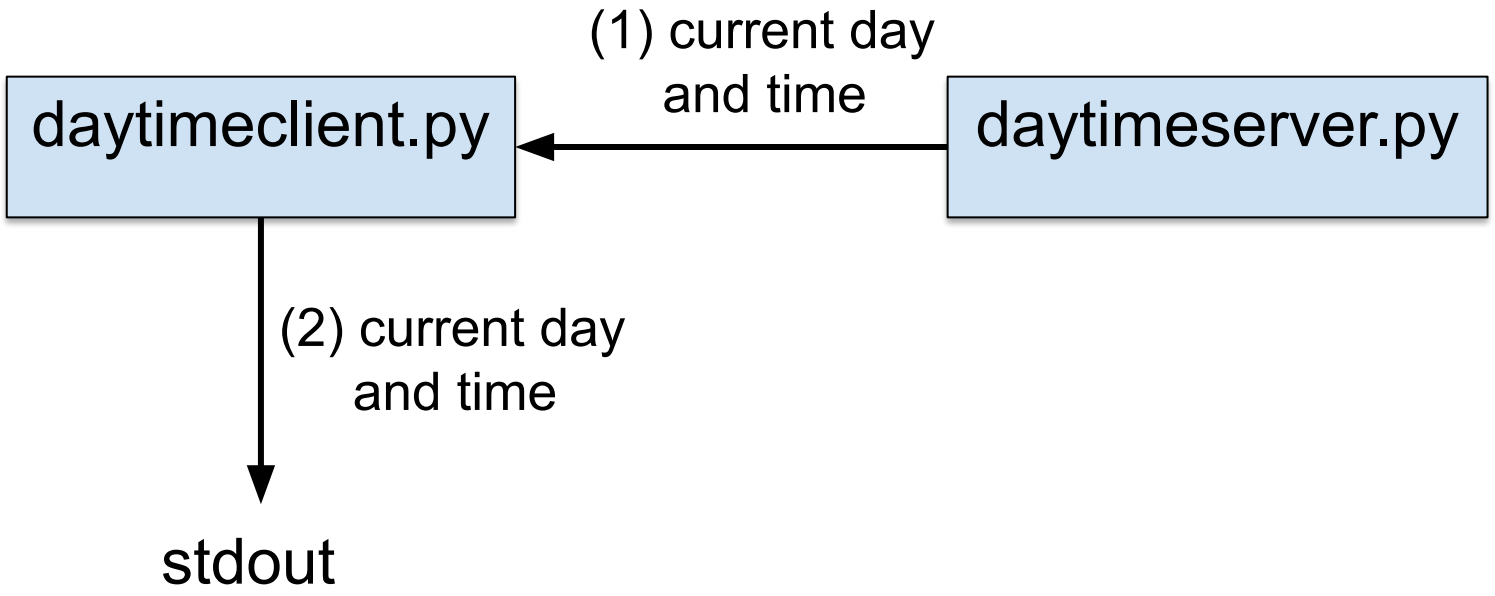
Network Programming: daytime

See **daytime** app



Network Programming: daytime

- See **daytime** app (cont.)

Server: On host 192.168.1.8

```
$ python daytimeserver.py 55555                          (1)
Opened server socket                                     (1)
Bound server socket to port                              (1)
Listening                                                (1)
Accepted connection                                      (3)
Opened socket                                            (3)
Server IP addr and port: ('192.168.1.8', 55555)          (3)
Client IP addr and port: ('192.168.1.8', 50252)          (3)
```

Client

```
$ python daytimeclient.py 192.168.1.8 55555 (2)
Wed Feb 11 16:32:10 2026                    (4)
$
```

Network Programming: daytime

- See **daytime** app (cont.)

Server: On host time-a.nist.gov at port 13

Client

```
$ python daytimeclient.py time-a.nist.gov 13      (1)
                                                  (2)
61082 26-02-11 21:30:43 00 0 0  34.3 UTC(NIST) * (2)
$
```

Network Programming: daytime

- See **daytime** app (cont.)
  - Code structure

Baseline:

```
sock = socket(…)
…
…
sock.close()
```

Better:

```
sock = socket(…)
try:
    …
    …
finally:
    sock.close()
```

Better still:

```
with socket(…) as sock:
    …
    …
```

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  - **daytimeserver.py**

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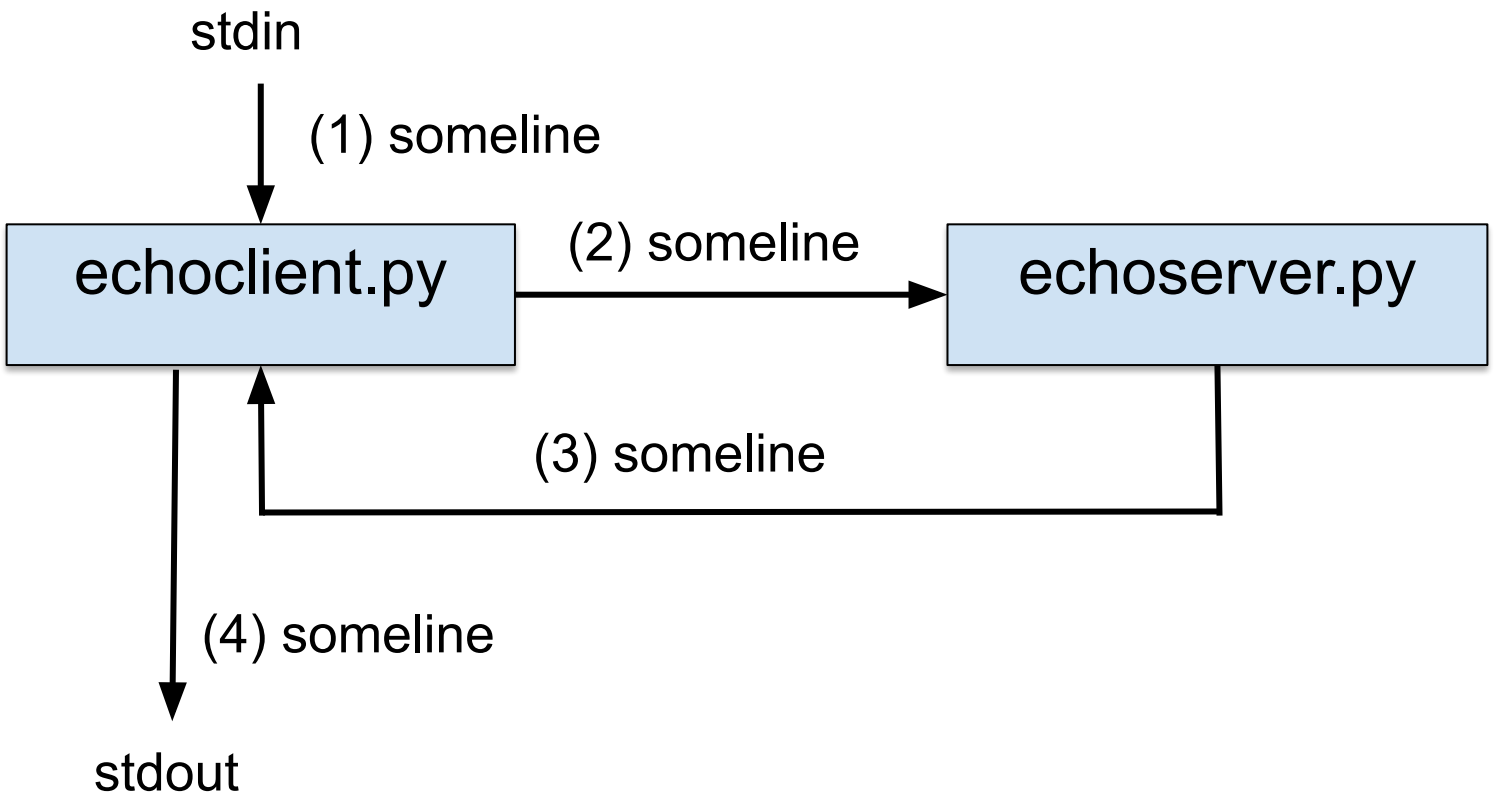
Network Programming: echo

See **echo** app



Network Programming: echo

- See **echo** app (cont.)

Server: On host 192.168.1.8

```
$ python echoserver.py 55555                                  (1)
Opened server socket                                          (1)
Bound server socket to port                                   (1)
Listening                                                     (1)
Accepted connection                                           (3)
Opened socket                                                 (3)
Server IP addr and port: ('192.168.1.8', 55555)               (3)
Client IP addr and port: ('192.168.1.8', 50851)               (3)
Read from client: Hello, COS 333.                             (3)
Wrote to client: Hello, COS 333.                              (3)
```

Client

```
$ python echoclient.py 192.168.1.8 55555                      (2)
Hello, COS 333.                                               (2)
Hello, COS 333.                                               (4)
$
```

Network Programming: echo

- See **echo** app (cont.)
  - **echoserver.py**
  - **echoclient.py**

Network Programming: echo

- See **echo** app (cont.)
  - **echoserver.py** works with:
    - echoclient.py
    - An echo client written in Java, C, …
  - **echoclient.py** works with:
    - echoserver.py
    - An echo server written in Java, C, …

Lecture Summary

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