# **Using Sockets in Java**

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## TCP/IP

A protocol is a set of rules that determine how things communicate with each other

The software which manages Internet communication follows a suite of protocols called TCP/IP

The Internet Protocol (IP) determines the format of the information as it is transferred

The Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) dictates how messages are reassembled and handles lost information



►Internet Protocol: RFC 791 Base protocol for data transmission >It is connectionless and unreliable >It is routable > Defines the addressing of the nodes using IP addresses

#### **IP and Internet Addresses**

Each computer on the Internet has a unique IP address, such as:

#### 130.136.1.110

Most computers also have a unique Internet name, which also is referred to as an Internet address:

www.cs.unibo.it

The first part indicates a particular computer (www)

The rest is the domain name, indicating the organization (cs.unibo.it)

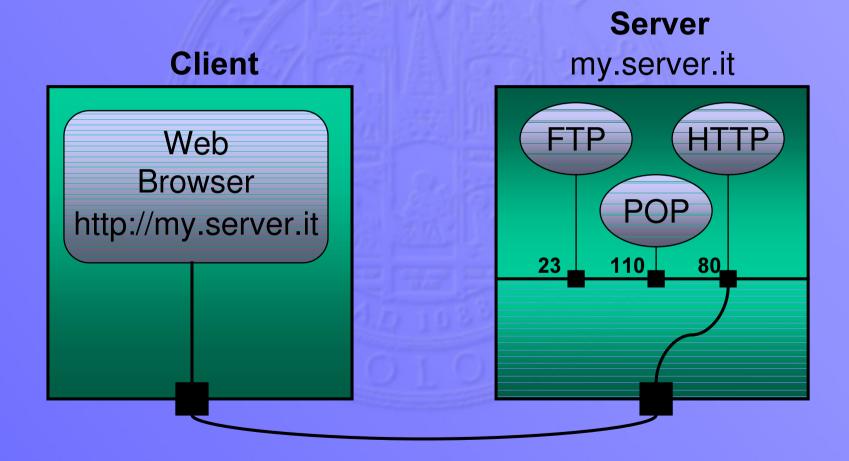
#### TCP

➤Transmission Control Protocol: **RFC 793** >It's a reliable connection-oriented protocol Reliability is achieved using packets indexing and generating "ack" messages for each received packet



Creating a connection is an asymmetrical process; once the connection is established the protocol becomes symmetric
 Ports are used to initiate a connection

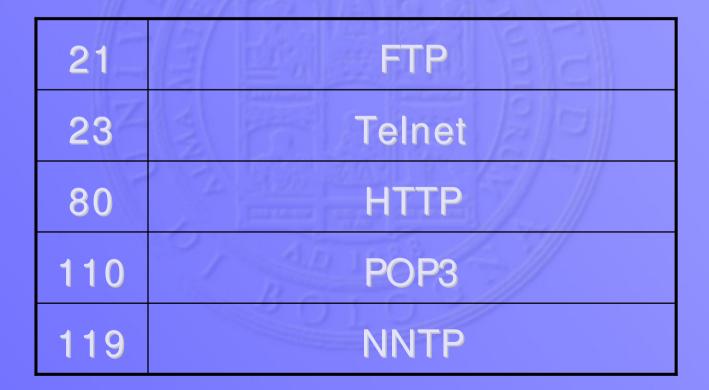
#### **Connection Sequence**



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#### **TCP Standard Ports**

#### ► Below 1024, assigned by the IANA



### **TCP Connections in Java**

 The Socket class is used for handling TCP connections in Java
 A socket can be used as a data source for a stream
 The SocketServer class is used to establish a connection

### Waiting for a Connection

ServerSocket ss =
new ServerSocket(1234);
Socket s = ss.accept();

#### **Connecting to a Remote Host**

# Socket s = new Socket("my.host.it", 1234);