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## Sockets API

- \* They were introduced by UNIX BSD (Berkeley Standard Distribution).
- They provide a standard API for TCP/IP.
- A program that uses sockets can be easily ported to other OS's that implement sockets: Example: Windows.
- Sockets were designed general enough to be used for other platforms besides TCP/IP. That also makes sockets more difficult to use.

## Sockets and Ports A port defines an end-point (application) in the machine itself There are well-known ports: HTTP Port 80 SSH Port 22 FTP Port 21 If you are building an application that will be deployed globally, you may request your own port number. A socket is a file descriptor that can be used to receive incoming connections or to read/write data to a client or server.

## Sockets API

- Sockets offer:
  - Stream interface for TCP.
    - Read/Write is similar to writing to a file or pipe.
  - Message based interface for UDP Communication is done using messages.
- The first applications were written using sockets: FTP, mail, finger, DNS etc.
- Sockets are still used for applications where direct control of the network is required.
- Communication is programmed as a conversation between client and server mostly using ASCII Text.



















