

## Desarrollo de Aplicaciones en Red

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## El modelo de comunicación

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### General concepts

- As we saw in a Distributed System the logical and physical component are separated, so on, we need to communicate it in some way.
- Up to now we have talk about:
  - *Message Passing*
  - *Client/Server*
  - *RPC*

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### Models of communication

- *Message Passing*
- *Client/Server*
- *Peer to Peer*
- *Mom (Message oriented Middleware)*
- *RPC*
- *Distributed Objects*
  - RMI
  - Corba
  - DCOM
- *Mobil Agents*

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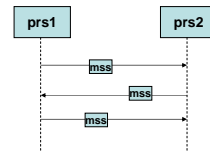
Each model define the way in which components interact each other

- The pattern of communication
- The functional role

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### Message Passing

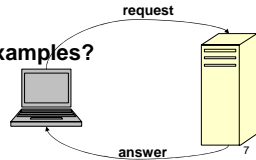
- It defines some primitives like send, receive, etc.
- An layer abstraction for them are sockets.
- Their functionalities includes communication:
  - *Synchronous*
  - *Asynchronous*
  - *Queues*



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## Client / Server

- In this model there are processing of information in both client and server
- The role for server includes offering different services
- The communication can be:
  - Synchronous
  - Queue
- Can you give some examples?
  - ...



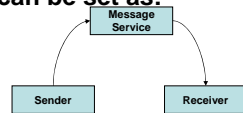
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## Peer to Peer

- In this model both process can be seen as server or client
- The role is designed interactively
- The communication as well as client / server can be:
  - Synchronous
  - Queue

## MOM (Message Oriented Middleware)

- This model implements a message service
- The message are **persistent**
- The communication is:
  - Asynchronous
    - Queue
- The communication can be set as:
  - Point to point
  - Multicast



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## MOM (2)

- It facilitates communication between distributed applications
- MOM is mainly oriented to asynchronous communications, while p2p or RPC are synchronous

## Middleware

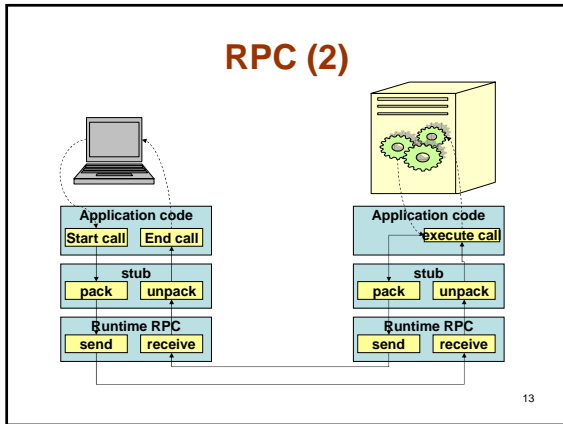
- There is not a set of standardize functionalities for it, because middleware change fast, but in general we can identify:
  - Presentation services: forms manager, printing manager, hypermedia linker
  - **Communication services:** P2P, RPC, Message Passing
  - Control services: transaction manager, scheduler
  - Information services: directory, relation database manager, repository manager
- MOM falls in communication services category

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## RPC (1)

- The remote procedure call defined a communication:
  - Synchronous
  - Queue
- Process of communication
  - The client process package the parameters in a message and send to server waiting the answer
  - The server unpack parameters, execute locally the call, get the result, again pack it and send it back

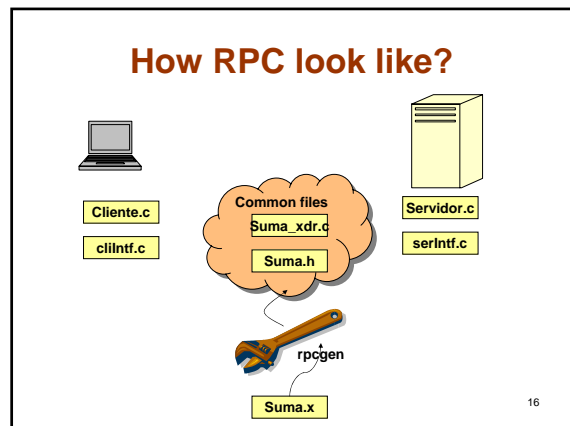
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- ### RPC (3)
- A stub is generated through RPC software
  - Stub task at the Client are:
    - Localize the server
    - Package and unpackage parameters
    - Send message and wait for the answer
  - Stub task at the server is:
    - Similar task that client
  - Stubs are independent of implementation only depends of the interface
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## An example with RPC

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```

Suma.x
struct petition {
    int a;
    int b;
};

program SUMAR {
    version SUMAVER {
        int SUMA(petition) = 1;
    } = 99;
};

Suma.h
#ifndef _SUMA_H_RPCGEN
#define _SUMA_H_RPCGEN
#include <rpc/rpc.h>
struct petition {
    int a;
    int b;
};
#define SUMAVER ((u_long)99)
#define SUMA ((u_long)1)
extern int * suma_1(petition *, CLIENT *);
extern int * suma_1_svc(petition *, struct
svc_req *);
#endif /* !_SUMA_H_RPCGEN */
  
```

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Servidor.c
#include "suma.h"
int suma_1_svc(petition *argp, struct svc_req
*rqstp)
{
    static int result;
    result = argp->a + argp->b;
    return(&result);
}

Cliente.c
#include "suma.h"
main( int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    CLIENT *clnt;
    int *res;
    petition suma_1_arg;
    char *host;
    if(argc < 2) {
        printf("usage: %s server_hostname",
        argv[0]);
        exit(1);
    }
    host = argv[1];
    /* find server */
    clnt = clnt_create(host, SUMAR,
SUMAVER, "udp");
    if (clnt == NULL) {
        clnt_pcreateerror(host);
        exit(1);
    }
    suma_1_arg.a = 5;
    suma_1_arg.b = 2;
    res = suma_1(&suma_1_arg, clnt);
    if (res == NULL) {
        clnt_perror(clnt, "call failed:");
    }
    printf("The result is %d\n", *res);
    clnt_destroy( clnt );
}
  
```

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## Distributed Objects

- **JAVA RMI**  
– Remote Method Invocation
- **CORBA**  
– Common Object Request Broker

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## Mobile Agents

- A mobile agent is a program in execution (with code and data)
- It can achieve some work like data collection and returning data later
- A mobile agent can be used to install or maintain software

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## Abstraction Level

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## Object Space

- Object spaces form the basis of distributed objects by supplying the location.
- In Smalltalk there are two types of Object Space:
  - **Export sets:** maintain lists of object exported by space, not effective for remote reference
  - **Full object space:** support full reference
- Remote references are proxies which identify particular object in particular object spaces (location) and explain how to get a message to the object
- In smalltalk **symbolic references** allow object spaces to implement primitive naming service.

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## Denominación y servicio de nombres

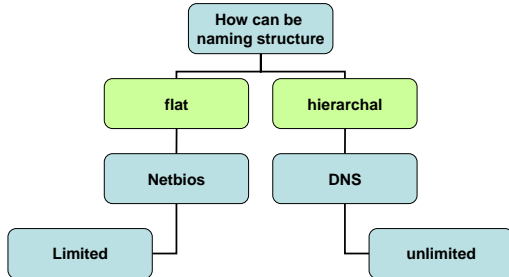
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## Naming (denominación)

- This is the name that receives the process of association between logical objects and physical objects.
  - For example: naming files for user is different to management files by the OS (tracks and sectors)
  - In a distributed system it's necessary naming the machine also

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## Naming structure



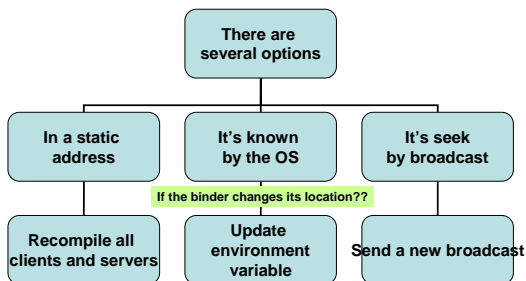
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## Translating names

- A process in charge to translate names is the **binder**. The process of translation is known as **binding**.
- The binder has the task of:
  - **Resolution**: translate name for *id*
  - **Inclusion**: adding new names
  - **Erasing**: deleting old names
  - **Modification**: alter existing names
- The binder must provide fail-over
- When accessing an object must be established **capabilities** (rights).
  - What operation can be done

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## Where the binder is?



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## Characteristic in a binder

- It's desirable that the binder has:
  - **Transparent location (static)**
    - The name does not reveal location
  - **Independent location (dynamic)**
    - The name of the object does not change when it's relocated
- An static address and knows position for the OS, are static
- Broadcasting is dynamic

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## Remote Procedure Call

*In detail*

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## RPC (1)

- Recalling communication takes place at the lower levels through message passing.
- The protocol used is RR (request/response)
- RPC is a mechanism to implement the **transparency** in the systems.
- The RPC is not more than just a remote operation customized by the mask of a procedural interface.
- RPC has its origin with Birrell & Nelson, 1984 as mechanism to solve the passing data

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## RPC (2)

- Recall the mechanism to do the call is based in a *stub*.
- For the client the stub:
  - Take the parameters from local stack
  - Do all the pass seen at [page 12](#)
- At the server
  - Take the parameters from message and put in local stack

*But the process is not as simple as I show it the last slides.....*

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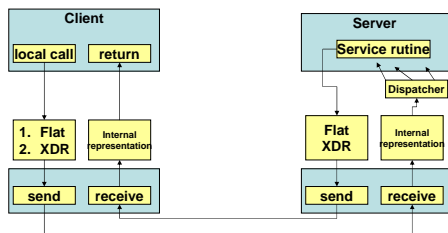
## Task for RPC

- Service Interface
  - It's on charge to marshalling the of parameters
  - It's written in conventional language
- Seek of server
  - As we saw this process is know as binding
- Management communication
  - The task is transmit and receive

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## Service Interface

- It's very important for the whole service



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## Passing of parameters

- Flattening data mean transform a data structure in a collection of bytes.
- It is not a easy task because of internal data codification (ascii, ebcdic, ...)
- Data representation (Big a Little Endian)
- For this it's necessary an independent representation
  - XDR (external data representation) proposed by Sun, Xerox, ASN.1

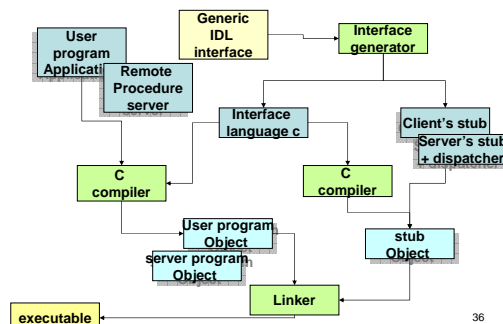
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## Stub generation

- With the interface defined can be implemented the stub.
- Notice that implementation in client and server can be different because these can be written in different language.
- For that it's necessary to define the interface in a language IDL (Interface Definition Language)
  - The IDL in general provides semantic that languages doesn't offer
- Having this definition it can be generated automatically the stub for server and for client

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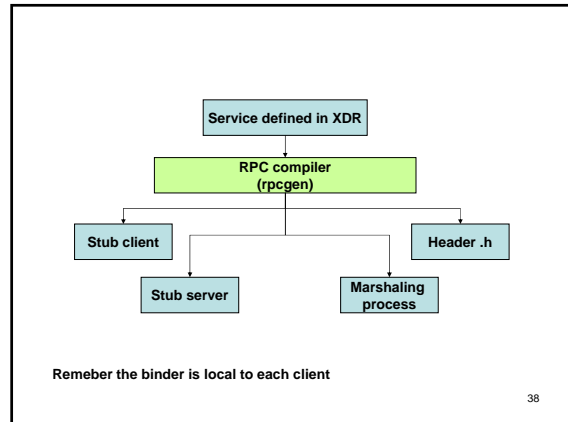
## Client & Server Stubs



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## Example RPC SUN

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## The interface

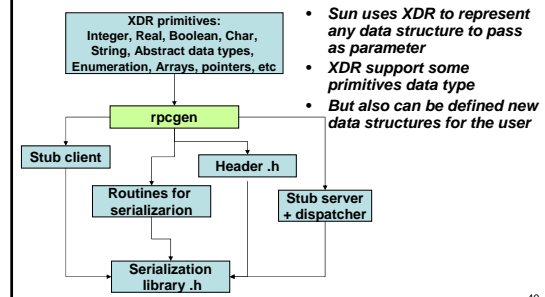
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//Definition in XDR, for service call "Archiver"
CONST MAX=1000;
typedef int ID_File;
typedef int Ptr_File;
typedef int Length;
struct Data_s { Length length_data;
                char buffer[MAX];
                int error;};
struct Writing_Args { ID_File file;
                    Ptr_File position;
                    Data_s data;};
struct Reading_Args { ID_File file;
                    Ptr_File position;
                    Length leng_data;};
program Archiver{
  version VER{
    void write_data(WriteArg)=1;
    Data_s read_data(ReadArg)=2;
  }=2;
  }=9999;
  Policies (1=w, 2=r, 9999=save
  
```

- **XDR**
  - Contains the definition of the operations
  - The ID
  - Number of service
- **With the XDR is generated**
  - Client's Stub
  - Main server program + dispatcher
  - Serialization routines
  - header

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## Marshaling



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## Binding for RPC

- RPC does not has a binding service in stead there is binder for machine (*portmapper*)
- The binder is a server listening in an static port
- The client must specify address, the stub seek the server through the local binder

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- To be continued.....

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