



Frameworks

Reusable Software

Frameworks are ...

- ❑ a reusable application or environment that can be modified by adding (your) application-specific code, *without modifying the framework code*.
- ❑ frameworks provide a reusable *architecture*, not just reusable code.

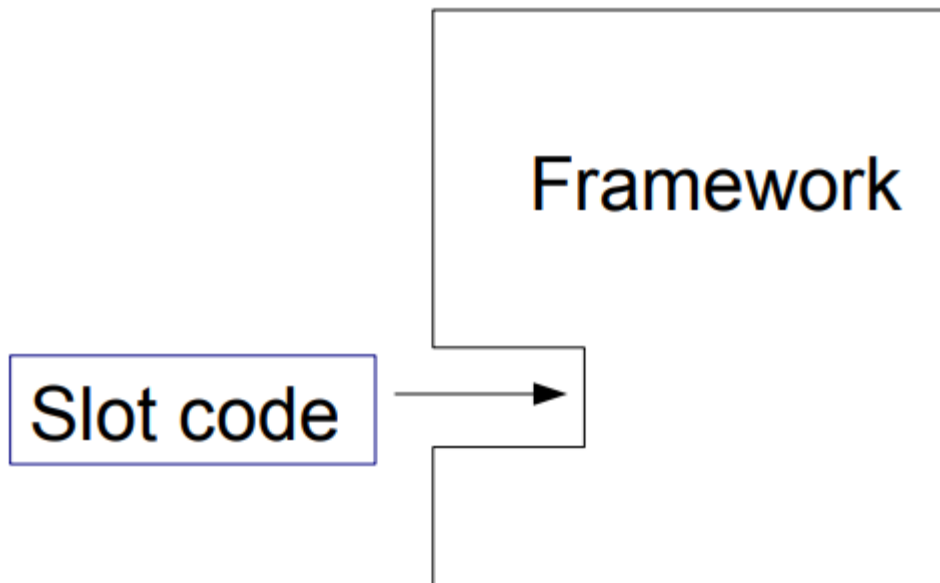
Examples

- ❑ Java Collections Framework
 - use it to create custom collections that reuse the base collections logic and interfaces
- ❑ Web Frameworks
 - provide logic and architecture for request mapping, session management, database access, and more.
 - Spring Framework, Play (Java)
 - Django (Python)
 - Rails (Ruby)
 - Symphony, CakePHP, Lavarel (PHP)
- ❑ JUnit Testing Framework

"Slots": Required Customization

Frameworks often require you to add some code before they can be used.

These methods are called **slots**.



Slot can be a class or a method.

Object Client-Server Framework

OCSF is a TCP-based client-server framework.

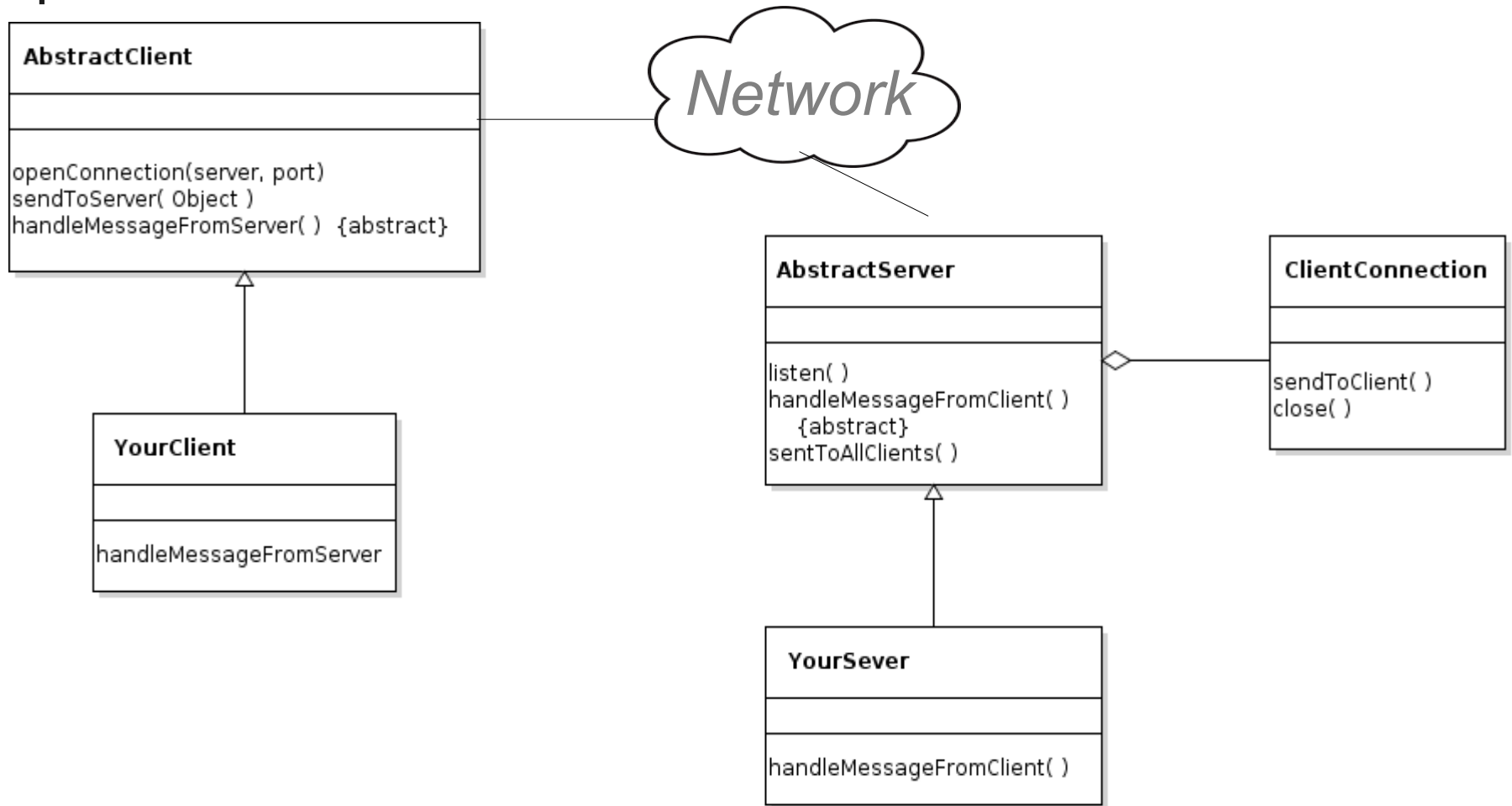
Client Side:

- connect to server
- send messages to server
- receive message from server
- handle connect & disconnect events

Server Side:

- *manage connections to clients*
- *receive messages from clients*
- *send messages to clients*

OCSF



"slots" are usually *callbacks*

A **callback** is a method in your code that the framework invokes. You *start* the framework, then it *calls you back* when an event occurs.

This is also called **inversion of control**:

You *start* the framework, then the framework takes control.

In OCSF, the required *callbacks* (slots) are:

Client: `handleMessageFromServer`

Server: `handleMessageFromClient`

That's it! You can write a network client-server application just by writing 2 methods.

Code Reuse, Architecture Reuse

OCSF provides the architecture and code for a TCP client-server application.

You can use the framework without knowing *how* it works (or how TCP works).

- but you should study OCSF to learn how to use networking in Java.

You can *modify* and *extend* the framework by overriding callbacks (slots and hooks).

OCSF AbstractClient

<<controls>> (commands to the framework)

openConnection()

sendToServer(Object)

closeConnection()

<<hooks>> (optional callbacks)

connectionEstablished()

connectionClosed()

connectionException()

<<slot>> (required callbacks)

handleMessageFromServer(Object) {abstract}

<<accessors & mutators>>

isConnected()

getPort(), setPort(port)

getHost(), setHost(server)

OCSF AbstractServer

<<controls>> (commands to the framework)

listen()

stopListening()

sendToAllClients(Object msg)

<<hooks>> (optional callbacks)

clientConnected()

clientDisconnected()

several others

<<slot>> (required callbacks)

handleMessageFromClient(Object) {abstract}

<<accessors & mutators>>

isListening()

getClientConnection(int id)

getPort(), setPort(port)

How to Use a Framework?

In OCSF you create a *subclass* and define the required abstract methods.

You may override: *hook methods*

You may call (but don't override): *controls, queries, mutator methods*

Some other frameworks use *dependency injection* instead.

Example

A messaging client that sends strings (message).

All clients receive the message.

Use port 5555 (port > 1024 is suggested for Linux and MacOS).

Client side

- ❑ Extend AbstractClient & implement the callback method

```
import com.lloseng.ocsf.client.AbstractClient;
public class ChatClient extends AbstractClient {
    public ChatClient(String host, int port) {
        super(host, port);
    }

    @Override
    protected void handleMessageFromServer(Object msg)
    {
        System.out.println("> " + msg);
    }
}
```

Run the client

- 1) Create a client with server (host) name and server port.
 - 2) Connect to the server.
 - 3) In a loop...
 - 1) wait for user to type a message
 - 2) send message to server
- TODO: provide a way to quit

Server Side: an Echo Server

- ❑ Create a server that just echoes messages to all client.
- ❑ Extend AbstractServer. Override the "slot" method.

```
public class EchoServer extends AbstractServer {  
  
    /** create a new echo server */  
    public EchoServer(int port) {  
        super(port);  
    }  
  
    @Override  
    protected void handleMessageFromClient(  
        Object msg, ConnectionToClient client) {  
  
        super.sendToAllClients(msg);  
    }  
}
```

Running the Server

```
private static final int PORT = 5555;

public static void main(String[] args) {

    EchoServer server = new EchoServer(PORT);
    try {
        server.listen();
        System.out.printf("Listening on port %d\n",
                           PORT);
    } catch (IOException e) {
        System.out.println("Couldn't start server:");
        System.out.println(e);
    }
}
```


Using Hooks

Server:

print a message when a client connects or disconn.

Client:

print a message if server closes the connection.

What hooks (callbacks) can we should use to do this?

How OCSF Works

You don't know *how* a framework works in order to use it.

This is the advantage of a framework; it provides an abstraction for what you want to do.

Think "value added" ... don't waste time re-inventing logic and architecture that has been done already.

TCP is Connection Oriented

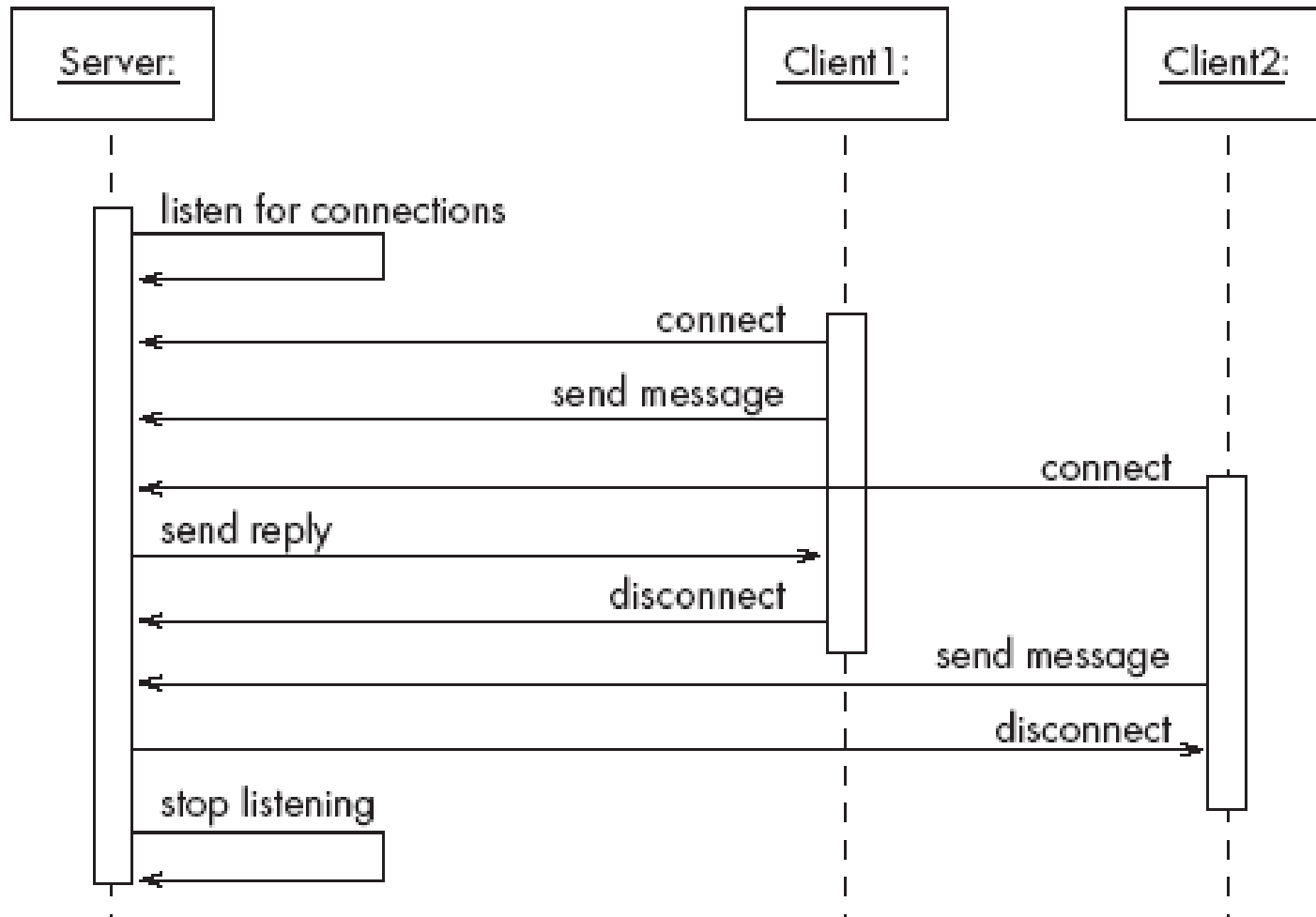
In TCP, a **server** listens for connections on a *port number*.
A **client** connects using server's **IP address and port**
number.

Either side can send messages.

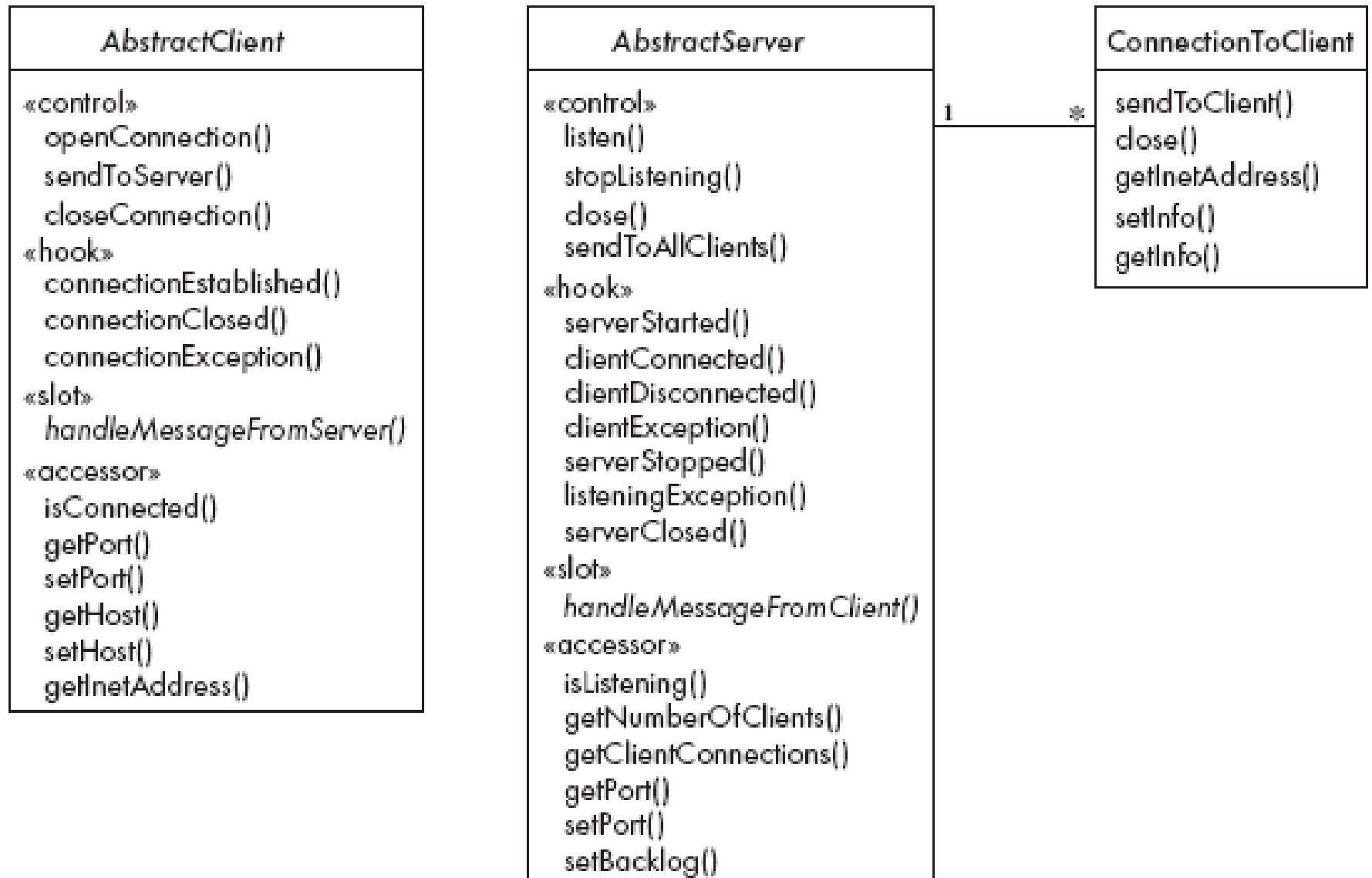
A **server** can accept **many connections on the same port**.

When a client connects, the server creates a *new thread*
to handle communication with one client.

TCP Example



OCSF's Main Classes



The Client Side

`AbstractClient` *must* be subclassed

- Any subclass must provide an implementation for `handleMessageFromServer`
 - Takes appropriate action when a message is received from a server

Implements the `Runnable` interface

- Has a `run` method which
 - Contains a loop that executes for the lifetime of the thread

The public interface of AbstractClient

Control methods (you can call these, but don't override)

- openConnection
- closeConnection
- sendToServer

Status and Accessor/Mutator

- isConnected
- getHost
- setHost
- getPort
- setPort
- getInetAddress

Callback methods of AbstractClient

Callbacks that *may* be overridden:

- connectionEstablished
- connectionClosed

Callback that *must* be implemented:

- handleMessageFromServer

References

Object Client-Server Framework

<http://www.site.uottawa.ca/school/research/lloseng/supportMaterial/ocsf/ocsf.html> (OCSF is in chapter 3 and chapter 6)

Youtube lecture by one of the authors of OCSF:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hGM1eT8EVuI>

XMPP - another messaging framework with many applications.

<https://xmpp.org/>

Smack - Java XMPP client library