

# Simplify Networking with Bonjour

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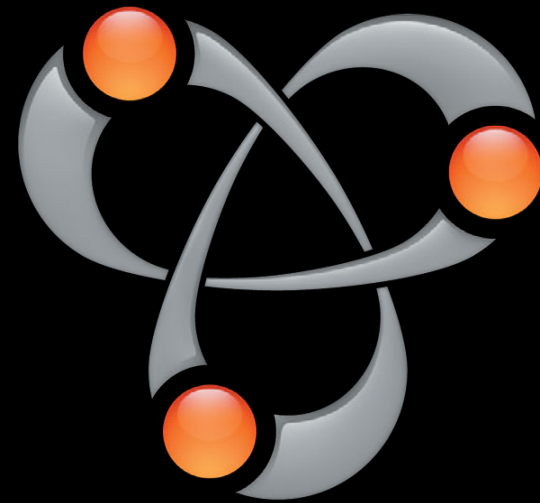
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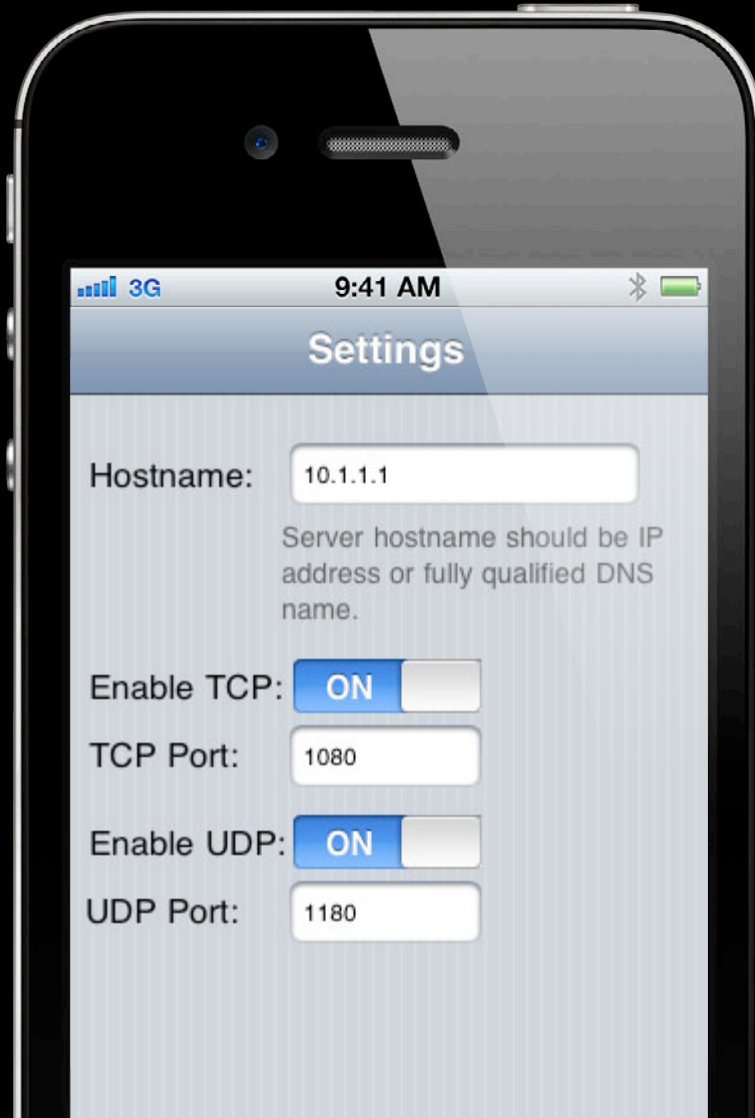
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# Introduction

- Bonjour Overview
  - Improve your user experience
  - Ecosystem
  - Technology
  - Three operations
- Demo
- Tactical and practical
  - Coding explained
  - Tips and reminders





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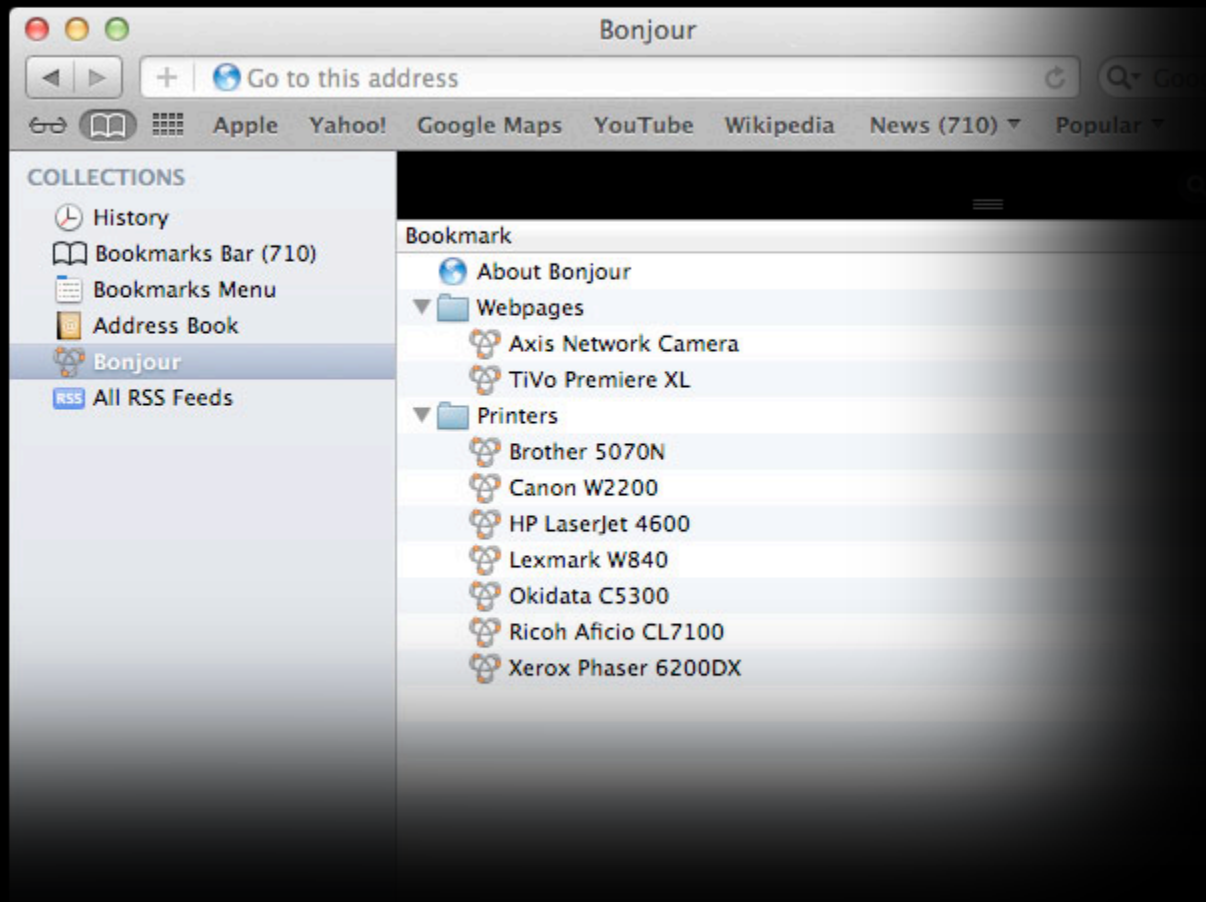
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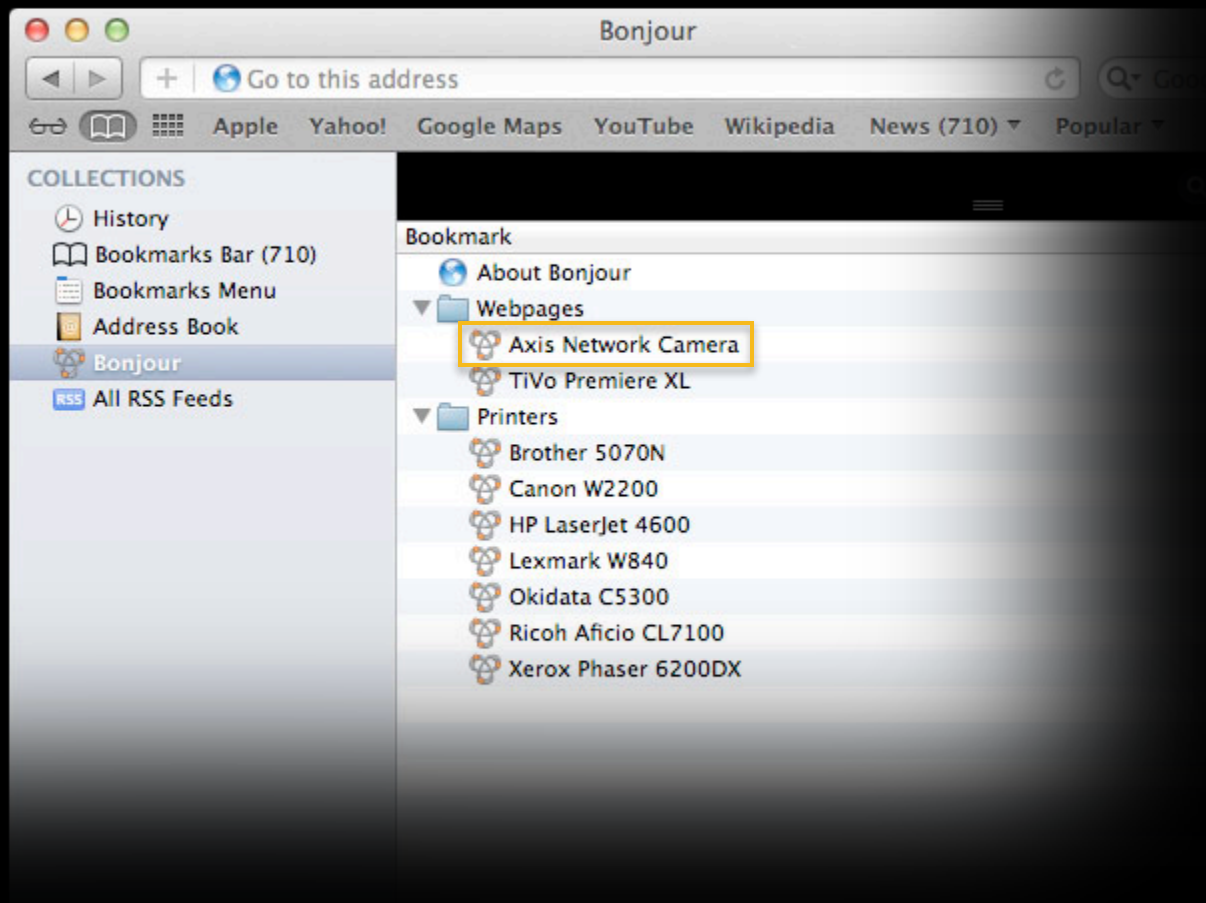
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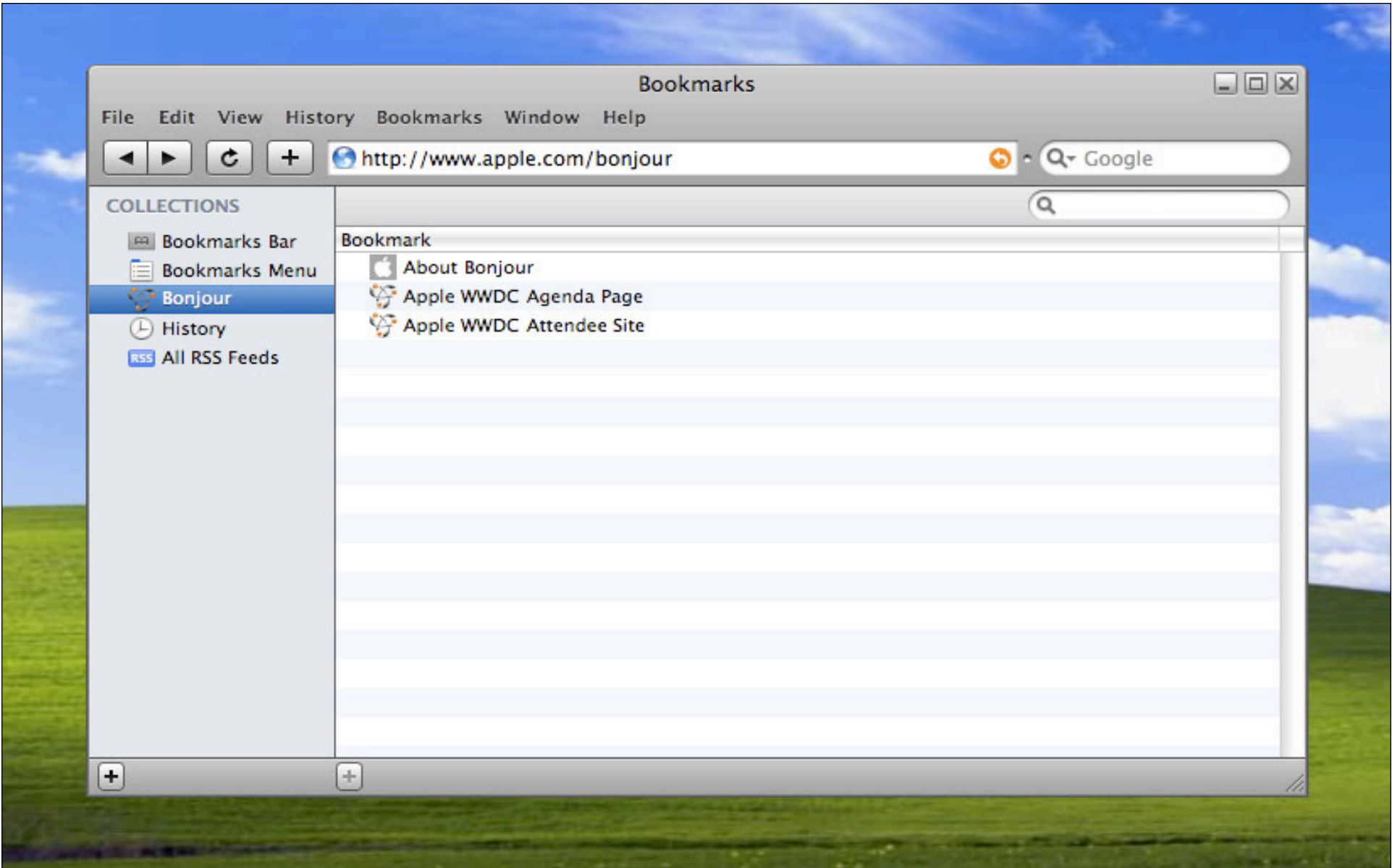


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http://www.apple.com/bonjour

Google

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- About Bonjour
- Apple WWDC Agenda Page
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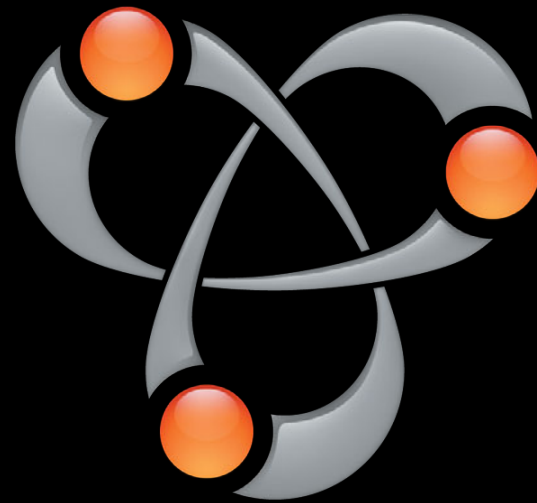
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# Technology

- Link-local addressing
  - IPv4 (RFC 3927)
  - IPv6 (RFC 2462)
- Multicast DNS
  - <http://www.multicastdns.org>
- DNS Service Discovery
  - Link-local and wide-area
  - <http://www.dns-sd.org>



# Bonjour Three Operations

Register



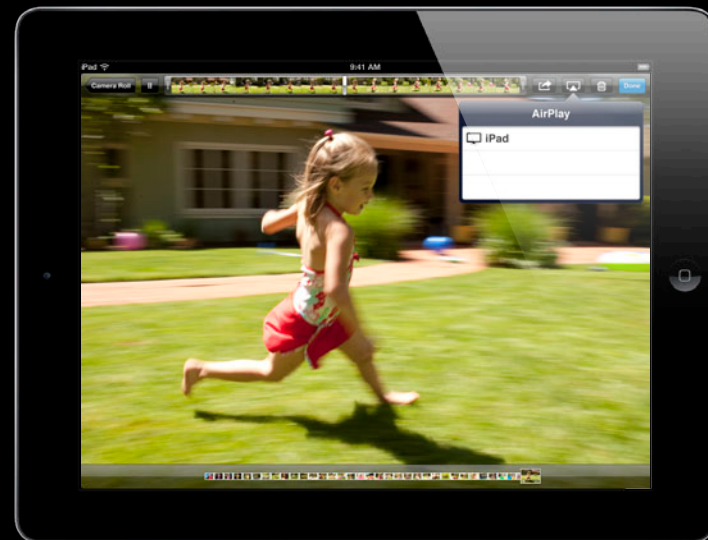
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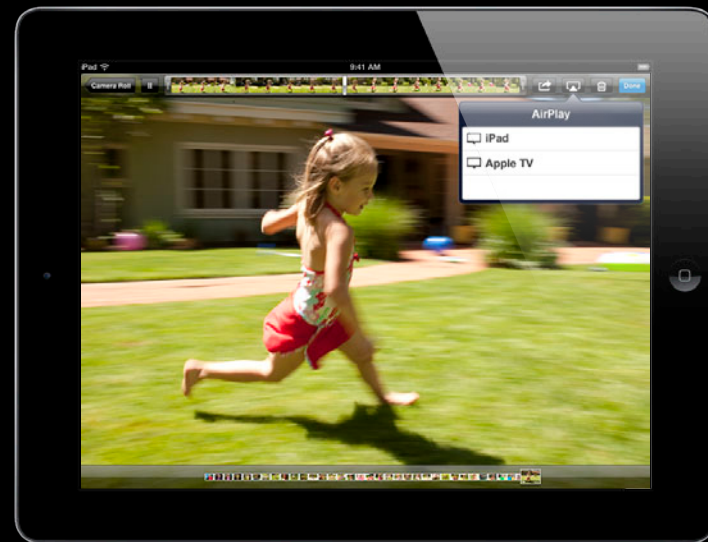
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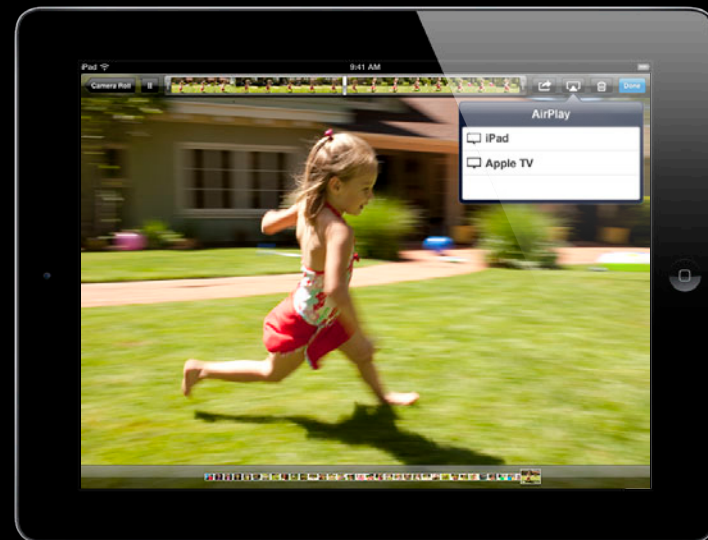
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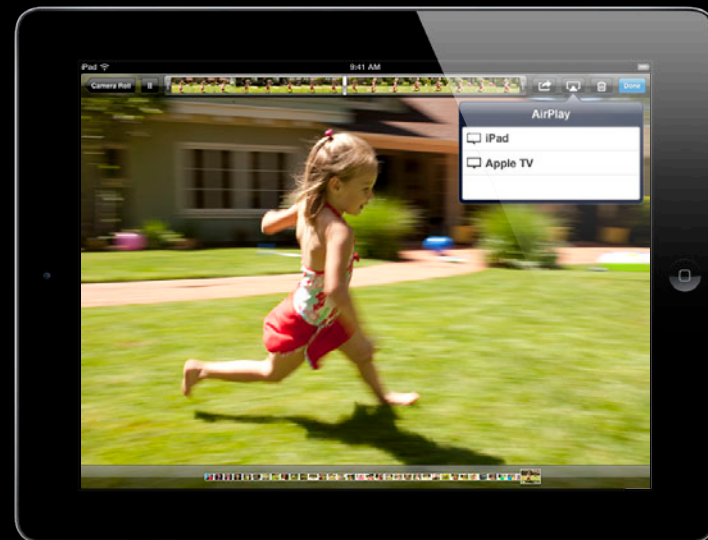
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# Service Types

- Unique identifier string for every different service type
  - Maximum 15 characters
  - US-ASCII, letters, digits and hyphens
- Identifier string signifies
  - What the service does
  - How it does it — i.e. what on-the-wire protocol it uses



# Service Types

IANA manages registry of unique service type strings

- RFC 6335 “IANA Procedures for the Management of the Service Name and Transport Protocol Port Number Registry”
- IANA list of assigned service type strings
  - <http://www.iana.org/assignments/service-names-port-numbers>
- Applying for your own is easy (and free)
  - <http://www.iana.org/form/ports-services>
- Before shipping, register your unique service type
  - So you don't accidentally pick “daap” for “Don's Action Adventure Playground”

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*Demo*

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# Cross-Link Proxies



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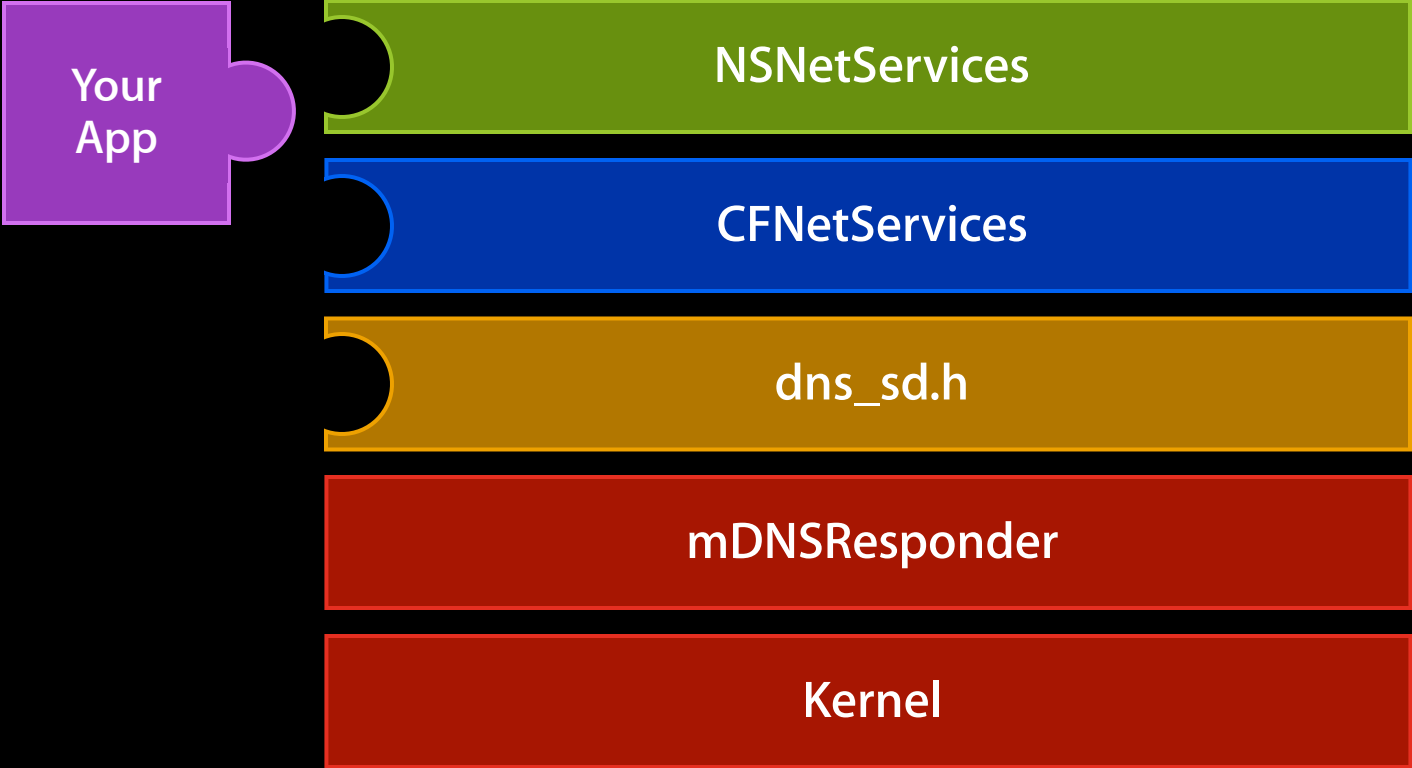
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# Bonjour — Tactical and Practical

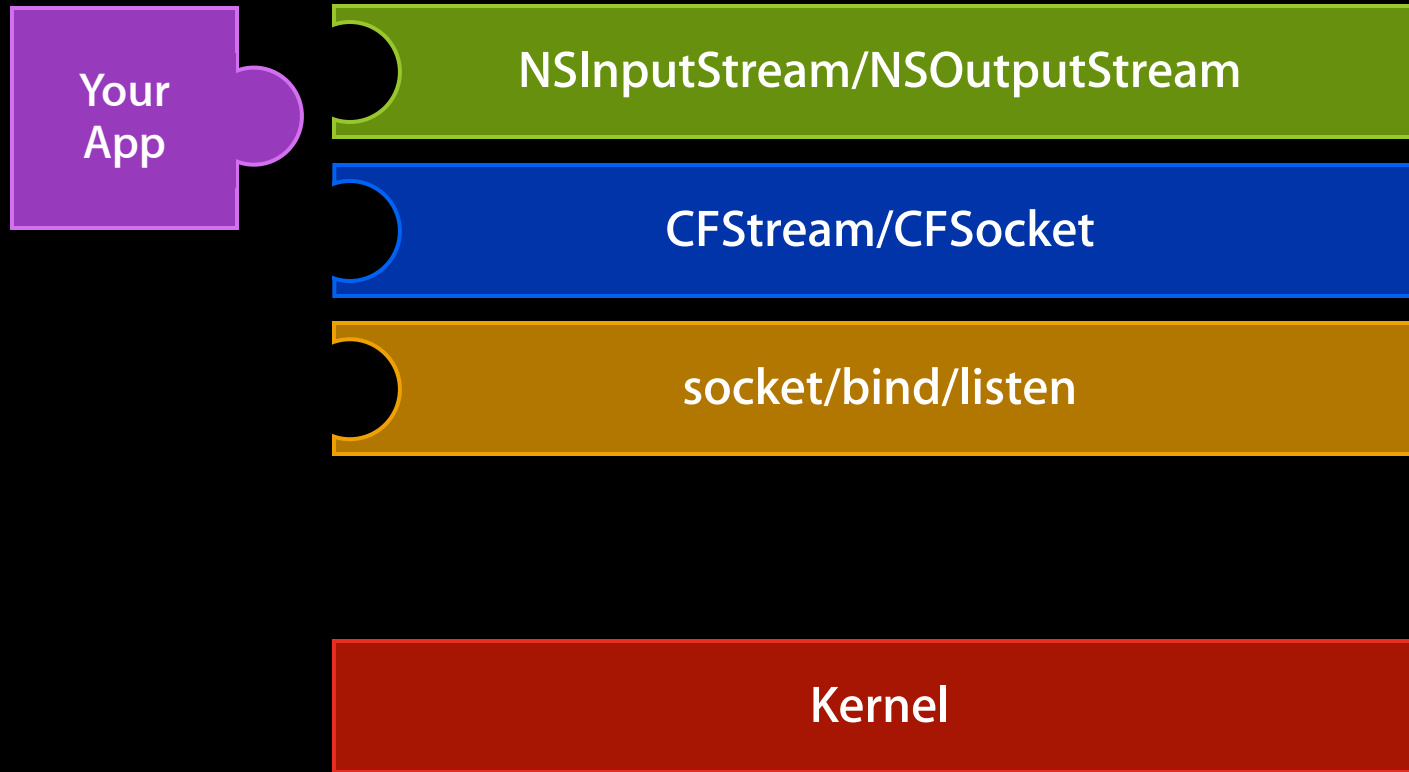
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# Bonjour API Architecture



# TCP API Architecture



# Server Flow: Register

socket/bind/listen

int fd

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CFSocketCreateWithNative

CFSocketRef

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CFSocketRef

```
initWithDomain:type:name:port:
```

NSNetService

# Server Flow: Register

CFSocketRef

publish

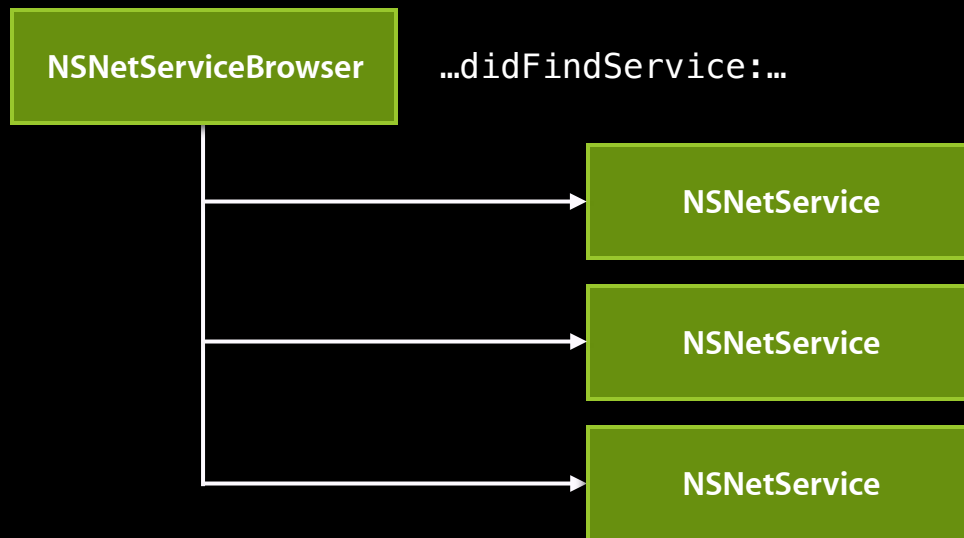
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# Client Flow: Browse

`searchForServicesOfType:inDomain:`

`NSNetServiceBrowser`

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# Client Flow: User Selects a Service Instance

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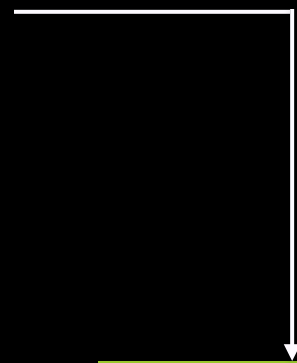
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getInputStream:outputStream:

NSNetService

NSInputStream

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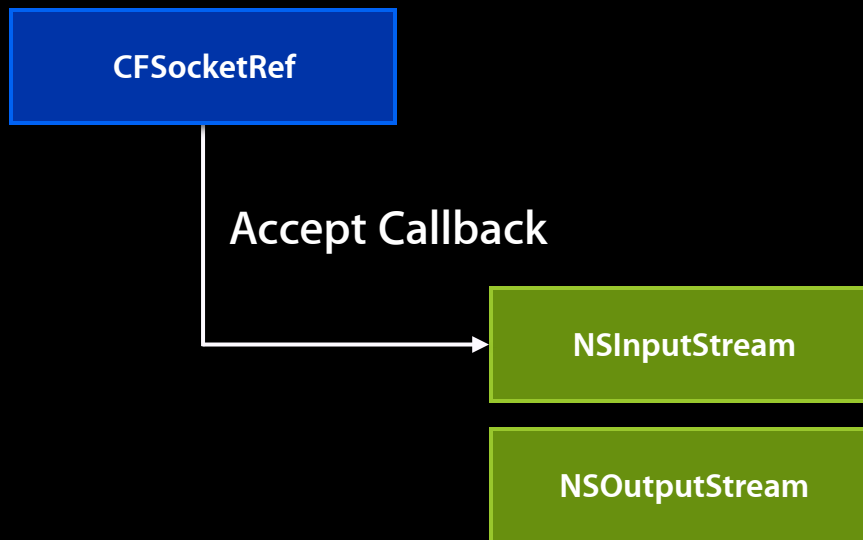
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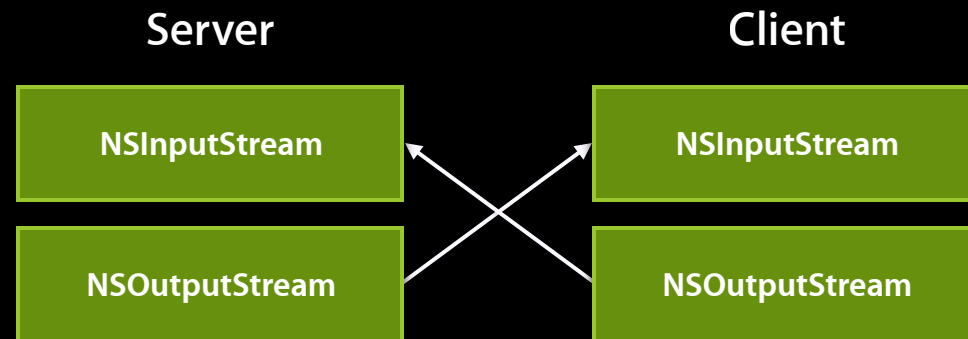
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# Server Flow: Accept



# Connected



# Server: bind/listen IPv4

```
int fd4 = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0);

struct sockaddr_in sin;
memset(&sin, 0, sizeof(sin));
sin.sin_family = AF_INET;
sin.sin_len    = sizeof(sin);
sin.sin_port   = 0;

int err = bind(fd4, (const struct sockaddr *) &sin, sin.sin_len);

socklen_t addrLen = sizeof(sin);
err = getsockname(fd4, (struct sockaddr *) &sin, &addrLen);

err = listen(fd4, 5);
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# Server: bind/listen IPv6

```
int fd6 = socket(AF_INET6, SOCK_STREAM, 0);

int one = 1;
err = setsockopt(fd6, IPPROTO_IPV6, IPV6_V6ONLY, &one, sizeof(one));

struct sockaddr_in6 sin6;
memset(&sin6, 0, sizeof(sin6));
sin6.sin6_family = AF_INET6;
sin6.sin6_len = sizeof(sin6);
sin6.sin6_port = sin.sin_port;

err = bind(fd6, (const struct sockaddr *) &sin6, sin6.sin6_len);

err = listen(fd6, 5);
```

# Server: Hook up IPv4 CFSocket

```
CFSocketContext    context = { 0, NULL, NULL, NULL, NULL };
CFSocketRef       sock;
CFRunLoopSourceRef rls;

sock = CFSocketCreateWithNative(NULL, fd4,
                                kCFSocketAcceptCallBack,
                                ListeningSocketCallback,
                                &context);

rls = CFSocketCreateRunLoopSource(NULL, sock, 0);
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# Server: Accept Callback

```
void ListeningSocketCallback(CFSocketRef sock,
CFSocketCallBackType type, CFDataRef address, const void *data,
void *info)
{
    int fd = * (const int *) data;
    CFReadStreamRef  readStream;
    CFWriteStreamRef writeStream;
    NSInputStream *  inputStream;
    NSOutputStream * outputStream;

    CFStreamCreatePairWithSocket(NULL, fd, &readStream,
                                &writeStream);
    inputStream = CFBridgingRelease(readStream);
    outputStream = CFBridgingRelease(writeStream);

    [inputStream setProperty:(id)kCFBooleanTrue
     forKey:(NSString *)kCFStreamPropertyShouldCloseNativeSocket];
}
```

# Server: Register

```
NSNetService *service =
  [[NSNetService alloc]
   initWithDomain:@""
                type:@"_moodring._tcp."
                name:@""
                port:ntohs(sin.sin_port)];

[service scheduleInRunLoop:[NSRunLoop currentRunLoop]
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[service setDelegate:self];

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```
- (void)netServiceDidPublish:(NSNetService *)sender {
    NSString *name = [sender name];
    NSLog("My name is: %@", name);
}

- (void)netService:(NSNetService *)sender
  didNotPublish:(NSDictionary *)errorDict {
    NSLog("Error publishing: %@", errorDict);
}
```

# Client: Browse for Services

```
NSNetServiceBrowser *browser =  
    [[NSNetServiceBrowser alloc] init];  
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# Client: Resolve and Connect

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NSNetService * service = TheServiceTheUserSelected();
NSInputStream * inStream;
NSOutputStream * outStream;

[service getInputStream:&inStream
         outputStream:&outStream]; // See Technical Q&A QA1546

inStream.delegate = self;
outStream.delegate = self;

[inStream scheduleInRunLoop:[NSRunLoop currentRunLoop]
                 forMode:NSDefaultRunLoopMode];
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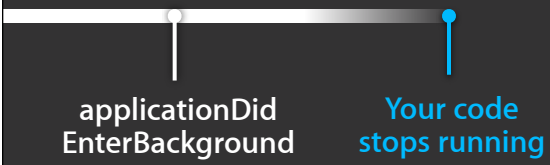
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# Tips and Reminders

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# Bonjour and iOS Multitasking



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# iOS Multitasking Aftermath

- At any time following “applicationDidEnterBackground” message, all Bonjour and other networking may become broken for your app
  - Registrations may be gone
  - Discovery may have stopped
  - Suggestion: If browse terminated by iOS, auto-dismiss your browsing UI
    - If the user wishes, they can browse again
- See Technical Note TN2277 “Networking and Multitasking”

# Client: Browser Callback

```
- (void)netServiceBrowser:(NSNetServiceBrowser *)netServiceBrowser  
  didNotSearch:(NSDictionary *)errorInfo {  
  // Application resumed from background  
  // and Bonjour browsing operation was cancelled  
  // so we dismiss it now  
  [self dismissBrowseUI];  
}
```



# Use Asynchronous Calls

- Blocking calls get your app jettisoned
  - DNS timeout is 30 seconds
  - iOS watchdog timer is 20 seconds
  - Don't do a blocking DNS call on your main thread
- Use NS API and Grand Central Dispatch



# Browse Call — The Right Way

- Use live dynamic UI
  - No need for a refresh button
  - Consider your user experience
- No open-ended browsing
  - Browse when requested by user, not constantly
  - Stop browsing when not displaying browse UI
- Resolve and connect when requested by user, not to every service you find





# Browse vs. Resolve

Leo's Printer			
Sally's Printer			
Jim's Printer			
Penny's Printer			
Paul's Printer			
Mary's Printer			



# Browse vs. **Resolve**

Jim's Printer	jim.local	9100	pdI=application/postscript ...





# Browse and Then Resolve Everything?

Don't do it!

Leo's Printer	leo.local	9100	pdL=application/postscript ...
Sally's Printer	sally.local	9100	pdL=application/postscript ...
Jim's Printer	jim.local	9100	pdL=application/postscript ...
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- The right way
  - Late binding is the key
  - Service is identified by three-tuple: { Name, Type, Domain }
  - Save { Name, Type, Domain } tuple

# More Information

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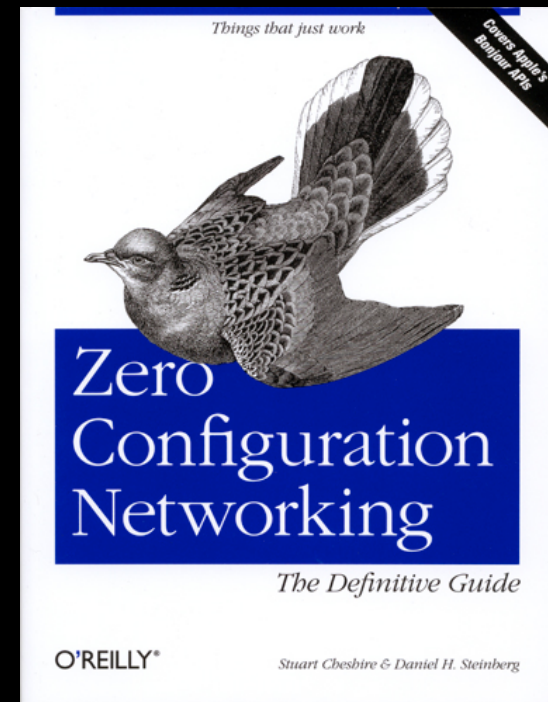
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## Documentation

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WiTap and RemoteCurrency Sample Code  
<http://developer.apple.com/bonjour>

## Apple Developer Forums

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# Related Sessions

706 Networking Best Practices

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Networking Lab

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# Summary

Networking is hard; Bonjour makes it easy and reliable

- UI should update live — no refresh button
- Use late binding — { Name, Type, Domain } tuple
- After receiving `applicationDidEnterBackground`, expect and handle errors
- Register your service types

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