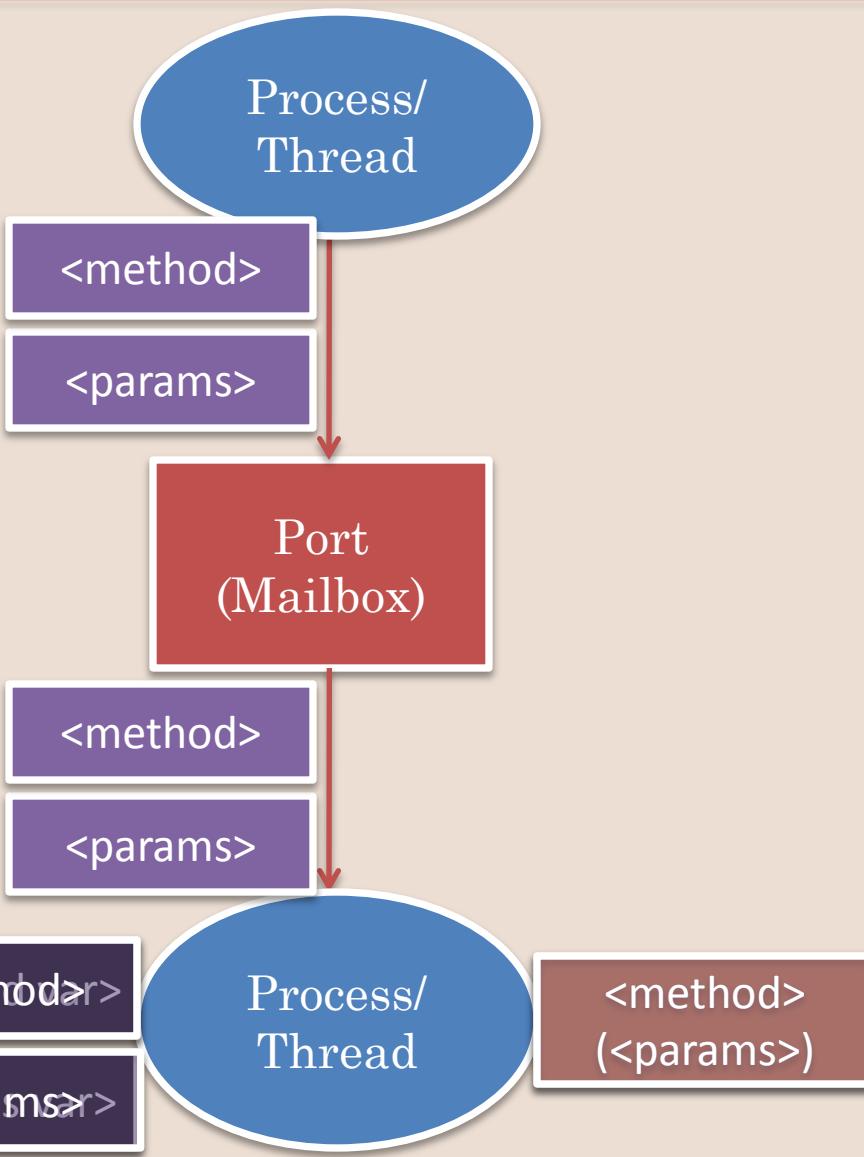


# ISSUES IN DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF RMI

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# SIMULATING REMOTE PROCEDURE CALL



Goal is to call a method with params

Send expressions encoding method and parameters

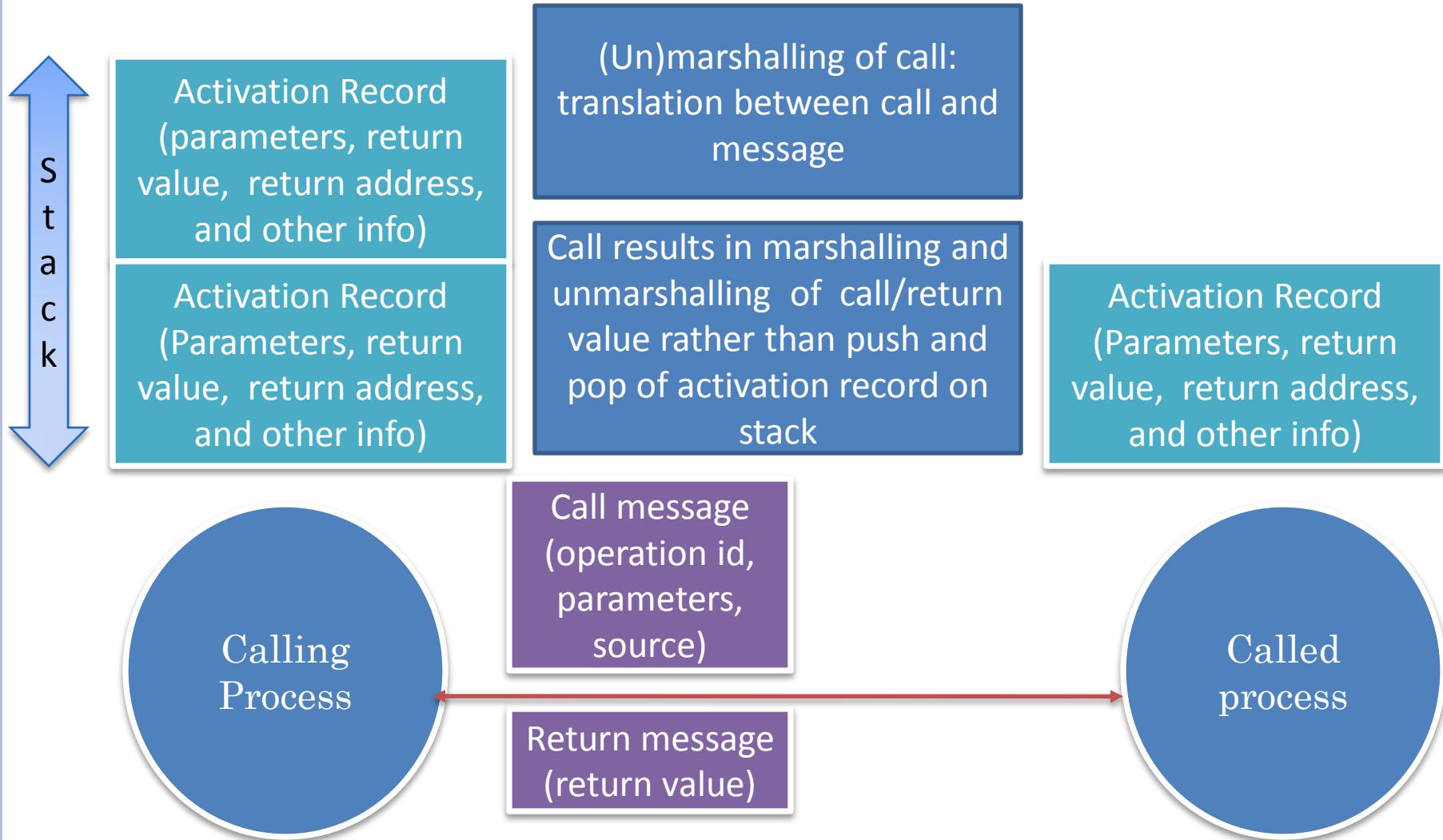
These are assigned to corresponding remote variables

Side effect of assignment is to call method with parameters

vs. local call?



# ACTIVATION RECORD VS. RPC MESSAGES



# DATA SET UP

Server exports external description of data (RA) port

Statically or dynamically

Server starts and makes data port connectable

Client determines external description

Statically or dynamically

Client starts and establishes connection



# RPC SET UP

Server exports external description of calls serviced on RA (data) port

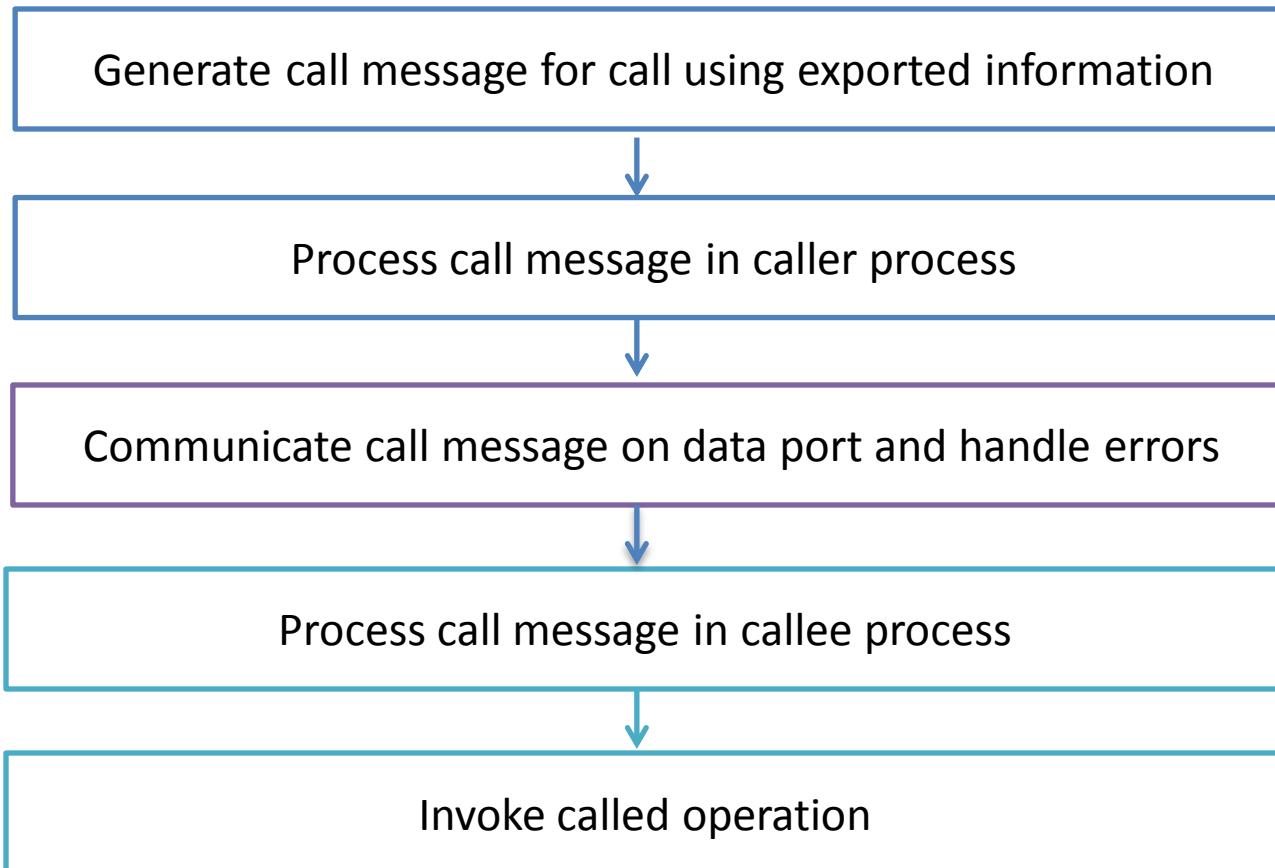
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Client finds this information

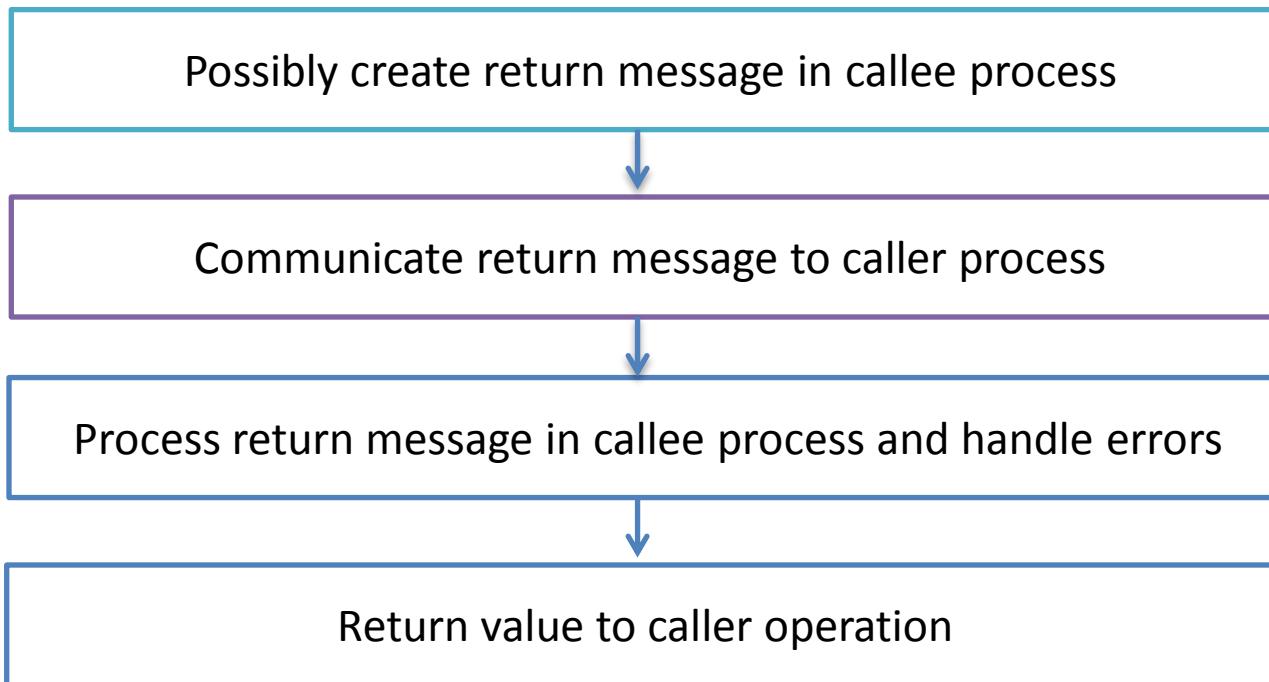
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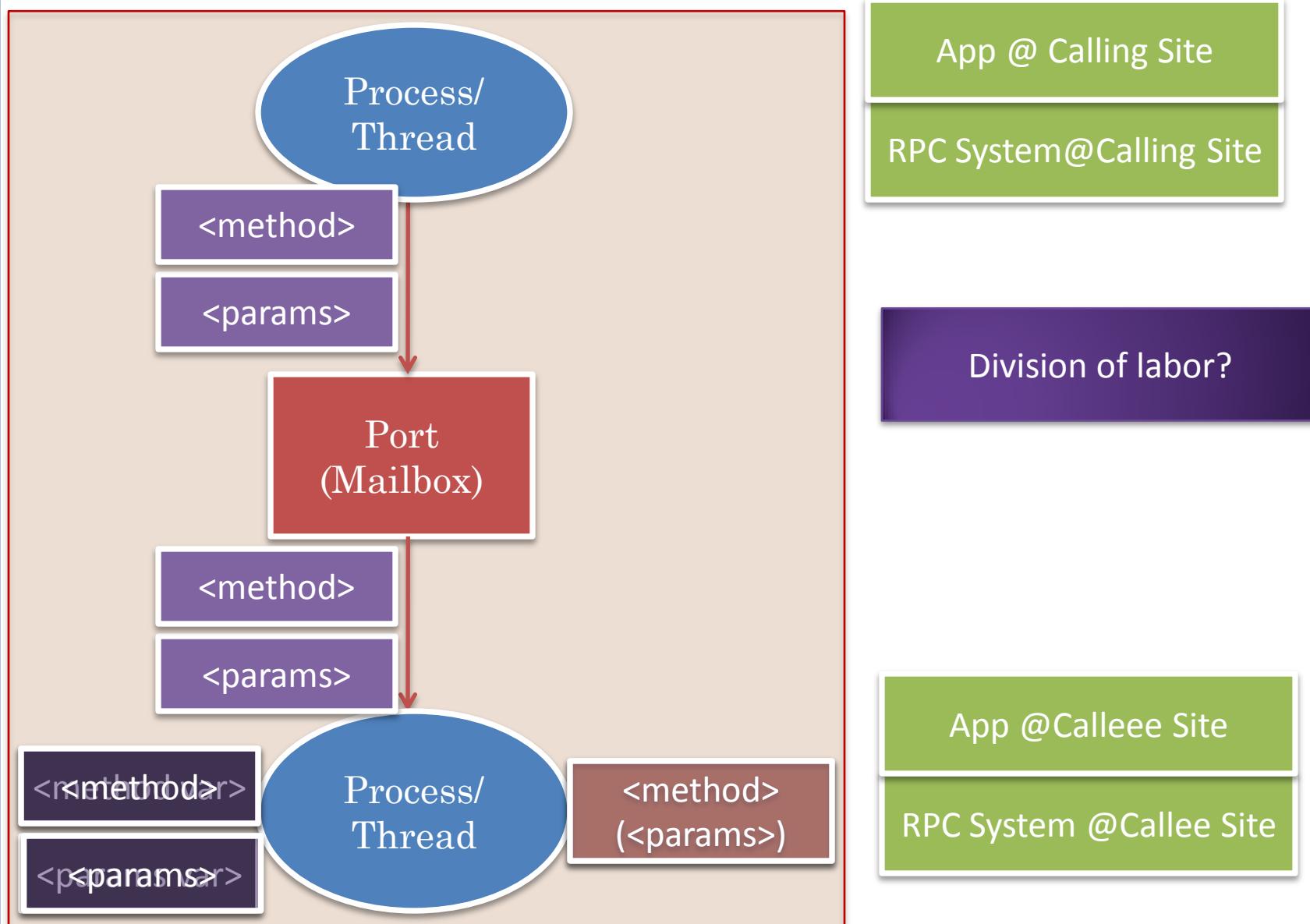
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# PROCESSING OF CALL MESSAGE AND RETURN VALUE



# AUTOMATION OF REMOTE PROCEDURE CALL



# RPC AWARENESS IN APPLICATION: TWO EXTREMES

RPC clients and servers handle all aspects of RPC and are completely aware of all of the steps listed below

RPC clients and servers are completely unaware of distribution details

Java RMI falls close to complete transparency

GIPC RMI supports a wider spectrum that falls closer and further

Can one have complete transparency? (Answered at the end)



# RPC vs. RMI

RPC: O-O or Conventional

RMI: O-O



# MAIN O-O EXAMPLES

Java RMI

GIPC RMI

Will use GIPC as an example of detailed implementation



# MAIN O-O EXAMPLES (REVIEW)

Java RMI

GIPC RMI

Will use GIPC as an example of detailed implementation



# GIPC-RPC vs. RMI : SCOPE

## RMI

Designed for duplex communication

Has some features allowing its customization

## GIPC

Designed for teaching duplex and group communication

(Only?) Open source code

Designed for source-code independent extensibility

Should work on mobile computers (Android)



# RMI LAYER VISIBILITY

Transparent Remote Procedure Call

Opaque Lower Level Layers

Lower level layers API is hidden by the RMI Layer

Though it allows socket to be passed to RMI layer



# GIPC LAYER VISIBILITY

Transparent Remote Procedure Call

Aware Remote Procedure Call

Typed Data Communication

Byte Communication

API of lower level layers (except byte communication) is visible

Designed for customization (for teaching)



# GIPC LAYER VISIBILITY

Allow remote assignment and remote procedure  
call on same port

Notion of connected client and server port visible



# RMI VS. GIPC SYNCHRONY

## RMI

RMI is integrated with local procedure call in that all calls are blocking

## GIPC

An operation does not have to wait unless it has to

Remote function calls block (depending on configuration)

Remote procedures, data and byte communication may or may not block depending on configuration



# BLOCKING DEGREE IN DEFAULT LAYER

Transparent Remote Procedure Call

Aware Remote Procedure Call

Typed Data Communication

Byte Communication

Java NIO (Non Blocking IO)



# REPLACEABLE LOWEST LAYER

Transparent Remote Procedure Call

Aware Remote Procedure Call

Typed Data Communication

Byte Communication

Java Sockets



# SUMMARY: SYNCHRONY

- RMI preserves local procedure call semantics by making the caller wait until the callee finished servicing the request
- GIPC makes the caller wait only if the remote request returns a value
- This is consistent with collaboration systems, which are designed to not block the inputting user
  - The goal is to cure rather than prevent problems caused by not blocking
- It is also consistent with the new Java NIO (non blocking I/O) byte communication layer
- In fact the default implementation of GIPC uses this layer as the underlying **channel** (port provided by some other system to communicate messages on which GIPC ports are built)
  - Extensibility allows this channel layer to be replaced by, for instance, the blocking socket layer



# JAVA RMI: REUSABILITY ERROR CHECKING TRADEOFF

Caller and callee are distribution-aware because of requirement to handle special remote exception.

Proxies can be generated only for Remote methods and these must acknowledge RemoteException in header

Unnecessary awareness if all the caller does is print stack trace

Cannot reuse existing software without changing it



# JAVA RMI

Cannot call Object methods remotely

e.g. equals()

e.g. toString() (ObjectEditor uses it extensively)



# GIPC SOLUTION

GIPC: Programmer can make the tradeoff between reusability and error checking

Proxies can be generated for all methods of an object

The proxy generation call takes as an argument a type which defines the set of remote methods of the object . Proxies are generated only for methods declared, implemented or inherited by the type.

If a remote method is declared in a Remote interface and does not acknowledge RemoteException in its header, then a warning is given

Currently proxy methods are generated for equals() and toString()  
without option to disable this

Not hashCode(), wait(), notify()



# SUMMARY

- In RMI
  - the proxy generation call takes as an argument only the object.
  - proxies are generated for all remote methods of the object, which by definition do not include Object methods.
  - a method of a class is remote if the class implements Remote or if the method is declared in an interface implemented by the class that extends Remote
- In GIPC
  - The proxy generation call takes as an argument not only the object but some type (class or interface) describing the object
    - Object **instanceof** type must be true
  - Proxies are generated for all methods declared, implemented or inherited by the type
    - Which can include Object methods
  - If one of these methods is declared in a Remote interface, then a warning is given



# RMI: APPLICATION SUPPORTED GROUP COMMUNICATION

```
public class ARelayingCollaborativeRMIClient
    extends ACollaborativeRMIClient
    implements RelayingCollaborativeRMIClient {
protected Map<String, DistributedRMIEchoer> nameToEchoer = new HashMap();
public void relayToOthers(String aString, String aCallerName) {
    for (String aClient : nameToEchoer.keySet()) {
        DistributedRMIEchoer echoer = nameToEchoer.get(aClient);
        if (!aClient.equals(aCallerName))
            try {
                echoer.echo(aString);
            } catch (Exception e) {
                e.printStackTrace();
            }
    }
}
public void addListener(String aName, DistributedRMIEchoer anEchoer) {
    nameToEchoer.put(aName, anEchoer);
}
```

Free programmer from  
group communication?



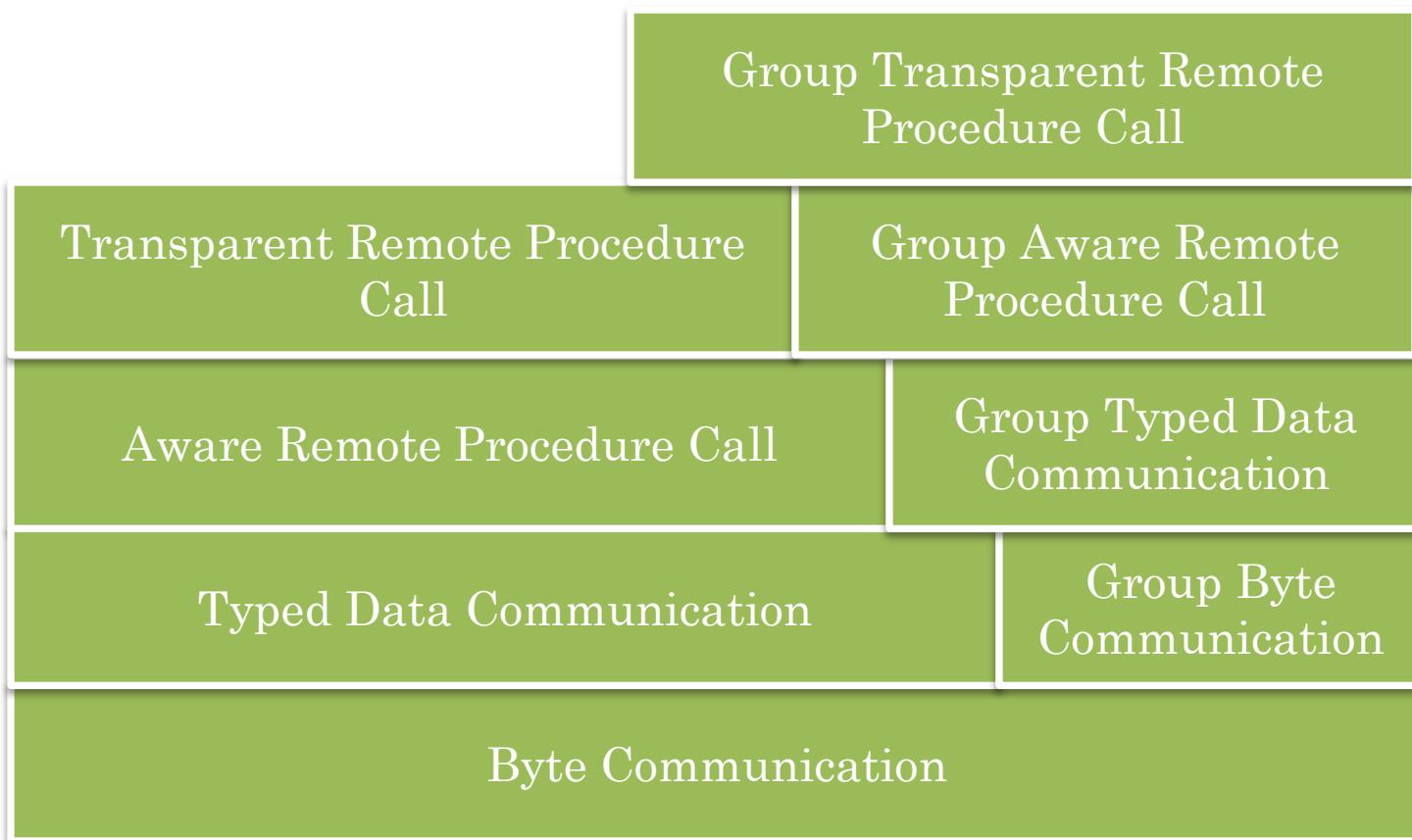
# JAVA RMI: DUPLEX VS. GROUP COMMUNICATION

Java RMI designed for duplex communication

Programmer must implement group communication  
on top of it



# GROUP VS. NON GROUP (SIMPLEX, DUPLEX) IPC



GIPC has group communication for each communication abstraction

Allows server to broadcast or multicast messages (data or service requests) to its clients



# SIMULATING BYTEBUFFER AND OBJECT SEND

Sometimes we need to send byte buffer or object to a group of computers

An IM message to all other users

A file chunk to all DropBox files

Can simulate data transfer through procedure call

```
byteBufferProxy.newFileChunk(byteBuffer)
```

```
objectProxy.newMessage(message)
```

Extra cost converting (marshaling) procedure call to data and unmarshaling data to procedure call

Makes it hard to create relayer of procedure calls (later)

# SUMMARY

- Existing data communication and rpc systems support duplex input ports that is ports that allow a server to send messages to clients.
- However messages must be addressed individually to the clients which increases
  - programmer overhead as a loop must be written, which in turn increases collaboration awareness
  - processing overhead as serialization/marshalling must be multiple times rather than once
- Each IPC layer of GIPC allows messages to be directly broadcast or multicast to clients to avoid the problems above



# JAVA RMI REQUIRED ARCHITECTURE



Registry idea inconsistent with (peer to peer) groups

# GIPC REQUIRED ARCHITECTURE



Proxy can be created before callee object

Unlike Java RMI, target object name may be invalid, as can the arguments

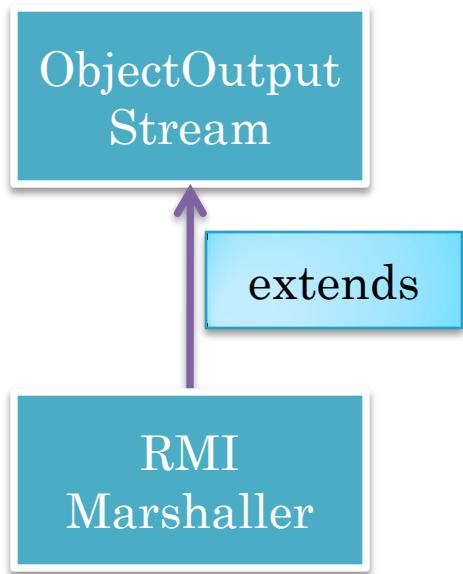
Supports (peer to peer) sessions with late binding of members

Server is optional and can be built using basic primitives

Consistent with teaching goal



# JAVA RMI: SERIALIZATION → MARSHALLING



# GIPC: SERIALIZATION → MARSHALLING



# GIPC API

API of lower level layers (except byte communication) is visible

Only remote function calls have to wait

Proxies can be generated for all methods of an object

Server method can determine the host and client who made the call (from data layers)

Special call made by client to pass its name to the RPC system

GIPC has group communication for each communication abstraction

Proxy can be created before target remote object



# GIPC vs. RMI EXTENSIBILITY

Layered, extendible

Aware and transparent layers allowing control

No global registry but such a registry can be built

Unlike Java RMI, target object name may be invalid, as can the arguments

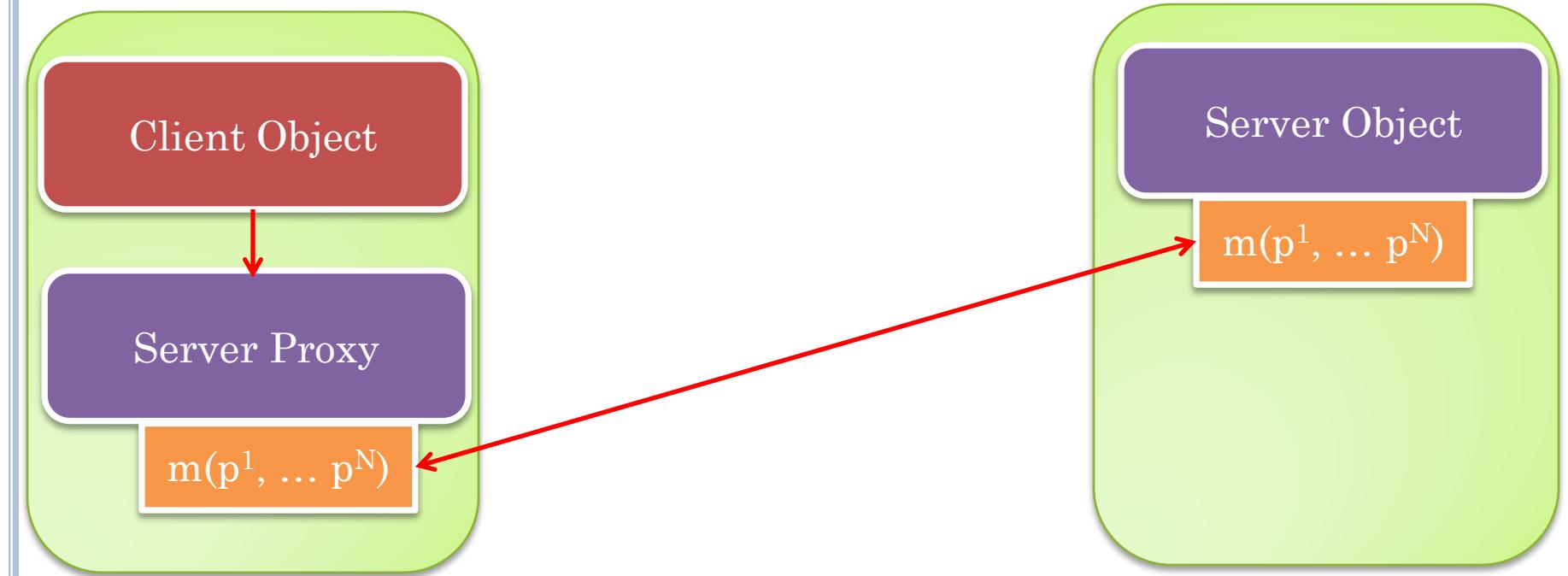
Communication with registry is not magic predefined code

Serialization and marshaling linked by HAS-A and not IS-A

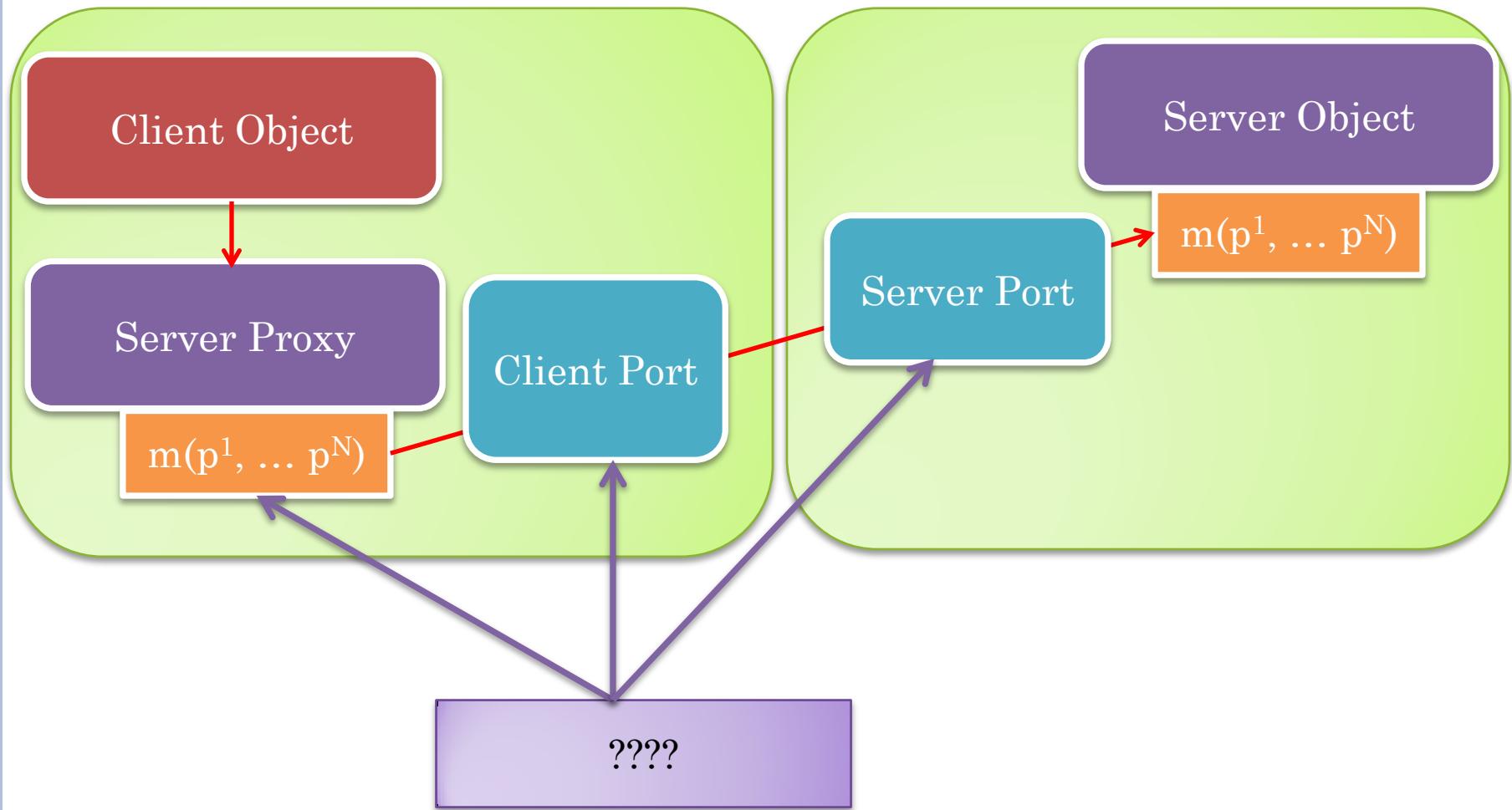
Synchronizing (and other mechanisms) not hardwired



# RMI



# PORT-BASED RMI ARCHITECTURE



# RPC SET UP

Server exports external description of calls serviced on RA (data) port

Statically or dynamically

No global registry but such a registry can be built



# LOCAL REGISTRATION PORT CALLS: CALLEE PORT INTERFACE

Can define  
alternative to  
Remote



```
void register(String aName,  
Object aServerObject)
```

```
void register (Class aType, Object  
aRemoteObject)
```

```
register(Object aServerObject)
```

```
Object getServer(String aName)
```

Well known  
mapping from type  
to object Name

Well known  
mapping from  
object's class to  
object Name

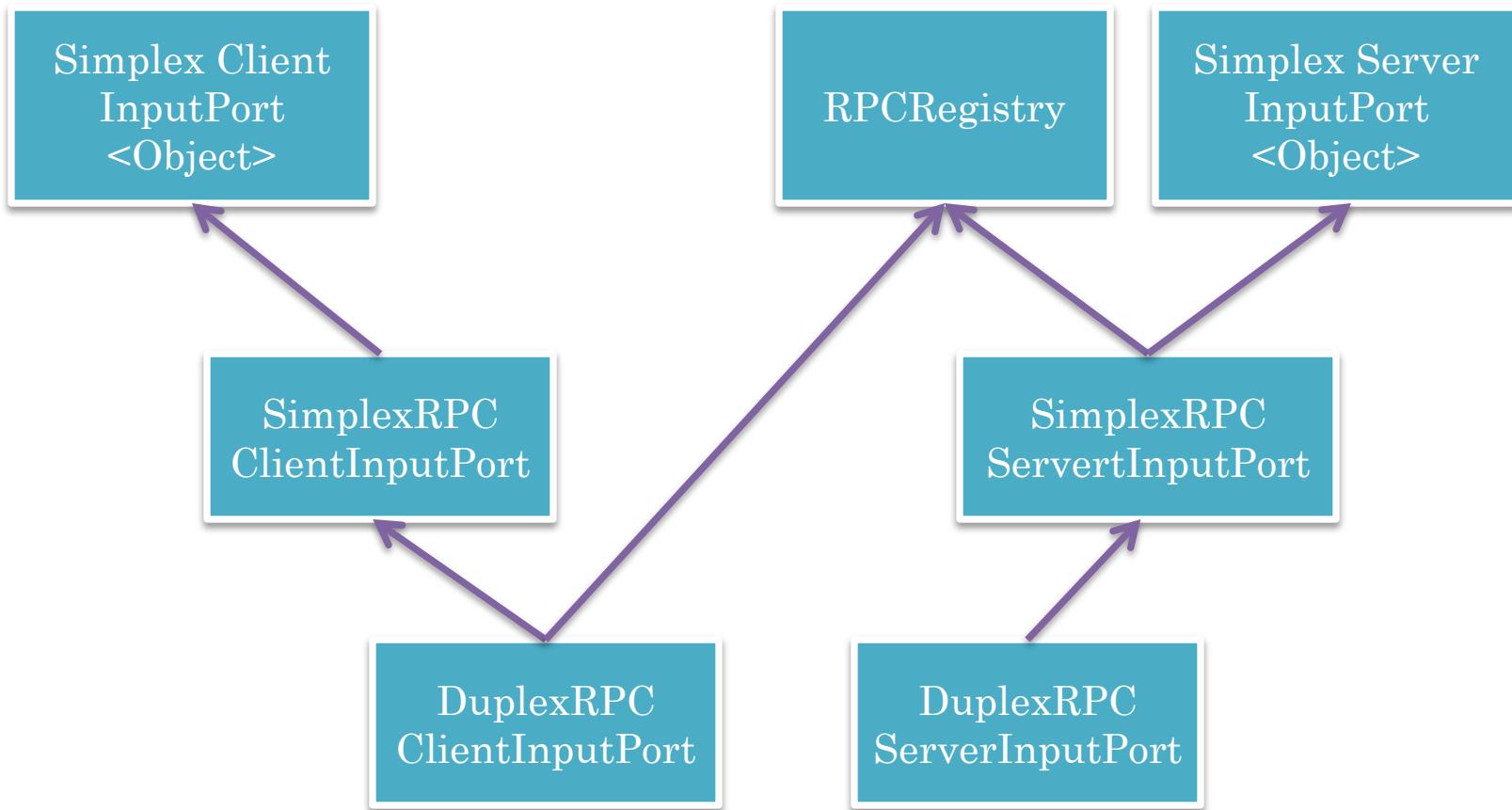
# RPC REGISTRY IMPLEMENTATION

```
public class AnRPCRegistry implements RPCRegistry {  
    Map<String, Object> nameToServer = new HashMap();  
    public void register(Class aType, Object aServerObject) {  
        nameToServer.put(aType.getName(), aServerObject);  
    }  
    public void register(String aName, Object aServerObject) {  
        nameToServer.put(aName, aServerObject);  
    }  
    public void register(Object aServerObject) {  
        nameToServer.put(aServerObject.getClass().getName(),  
                         aServerObject);  
    }  
    public Object getServer(String aName) {  
        return nameToServer.get(aName);  
    }  
}
```

Instance kept by port of callee



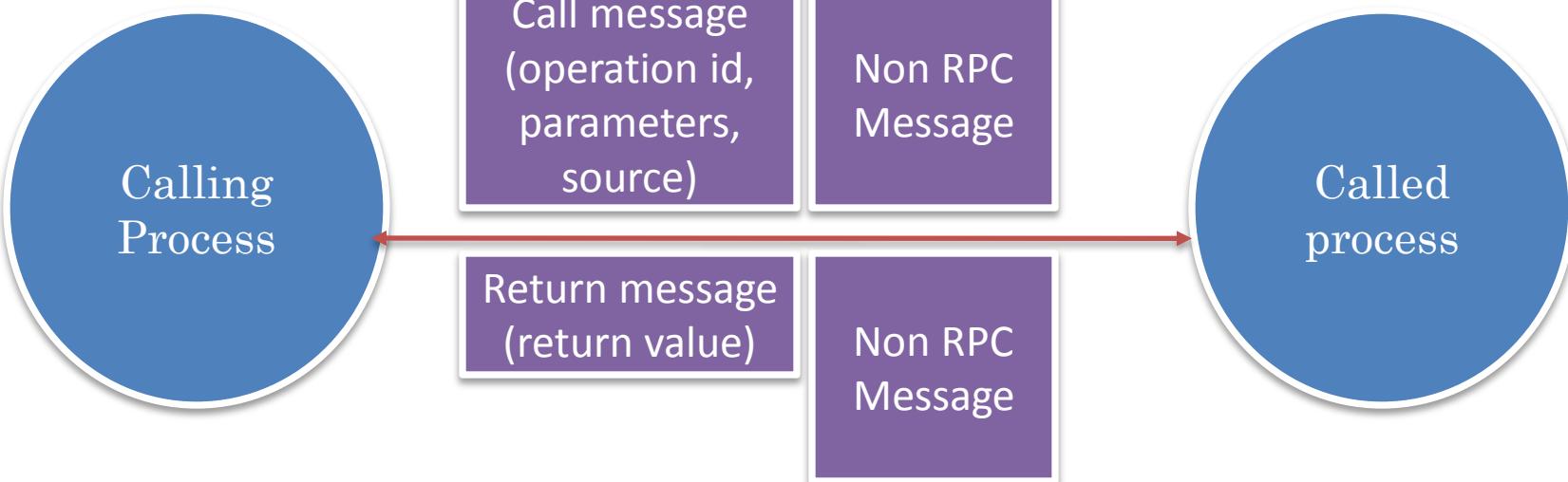
# INTERFACE EXTENSIONS



# GIPC vs. RMI

Allow remote assignment and remote procedure call on same port

Notion of connected client and server port visible



Distinguishing between regular and RPC messages?



# DISTINGUISHING RPC AND REGULAR MESSAGES

Use special GIPC types for RPC Messages

GIPC RPC traps instances of these types and passes others to application listeners of underlying data ports

Applications cannot pass instances of these types directly

Should allow GIPC developers to change the nature and processing of these messages without changing the complete RPC system

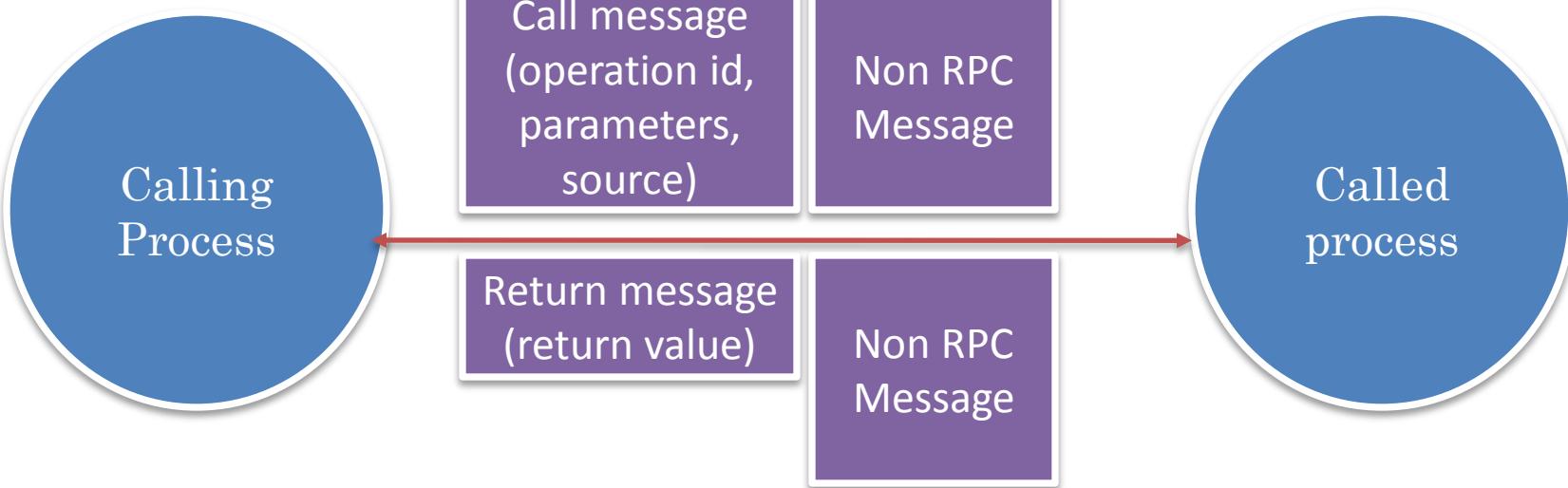
Nature of these messages?



# PROCESSING OF CALL MESSAGE AND RETURN VALUE

Generate call message for call using exported information

Possibly create return message in callee process

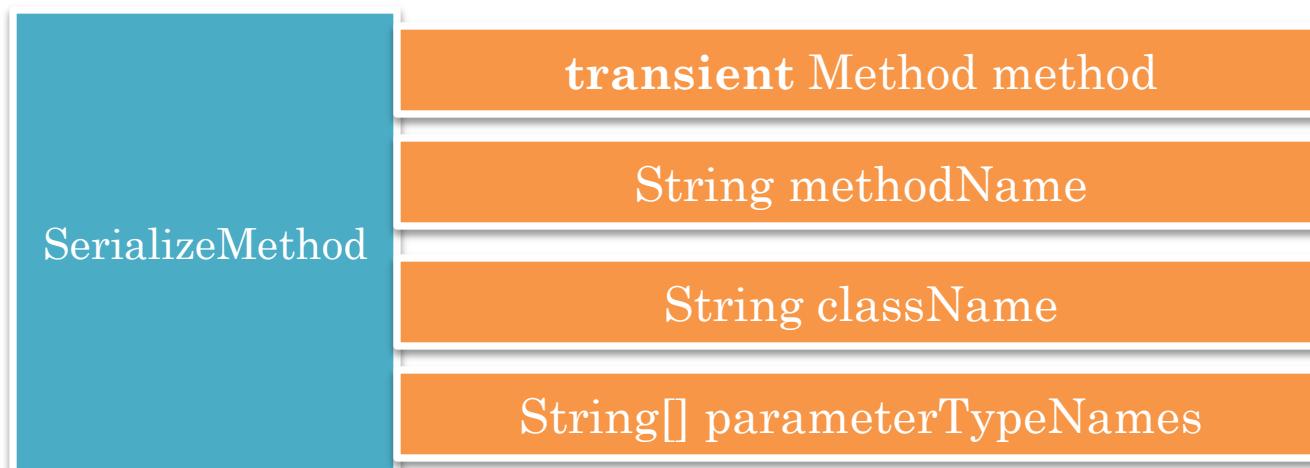
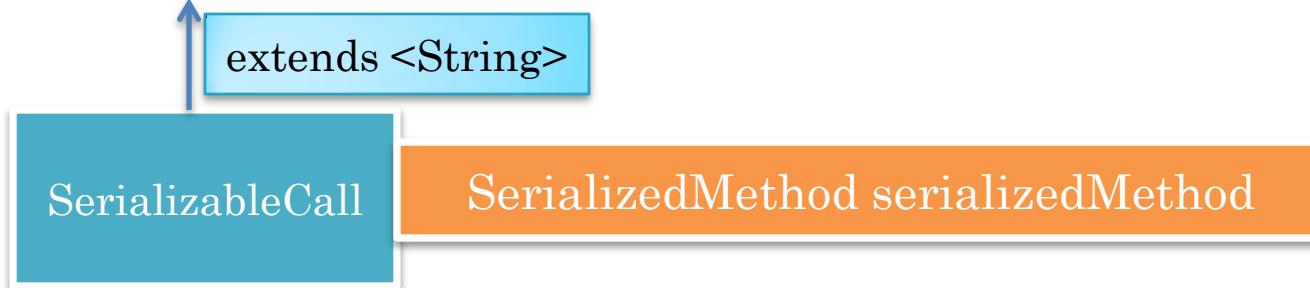
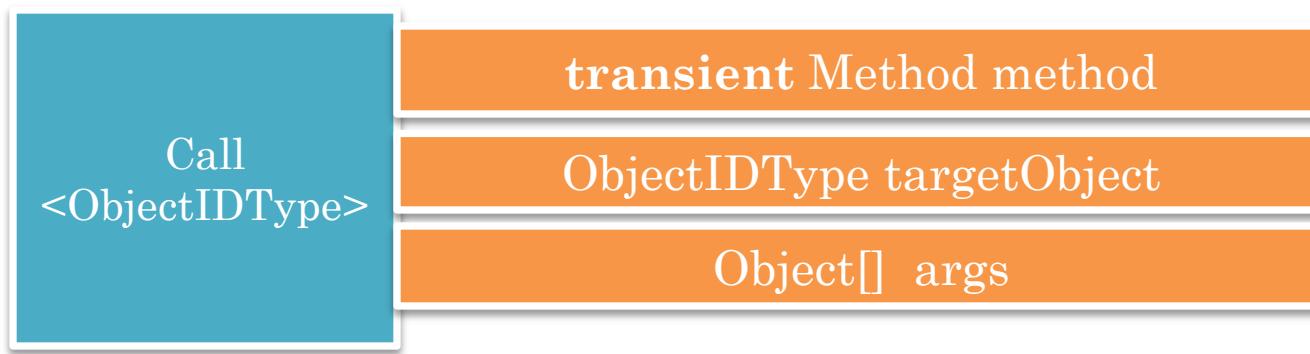


# METHOD RETURN VALUE

RPCReturnValue

Object returnValue

# CALL MESSAGE



# SERIALIZING A METHOD

Call  
<ObjectIDType>

ObjectIDType  
targetObject

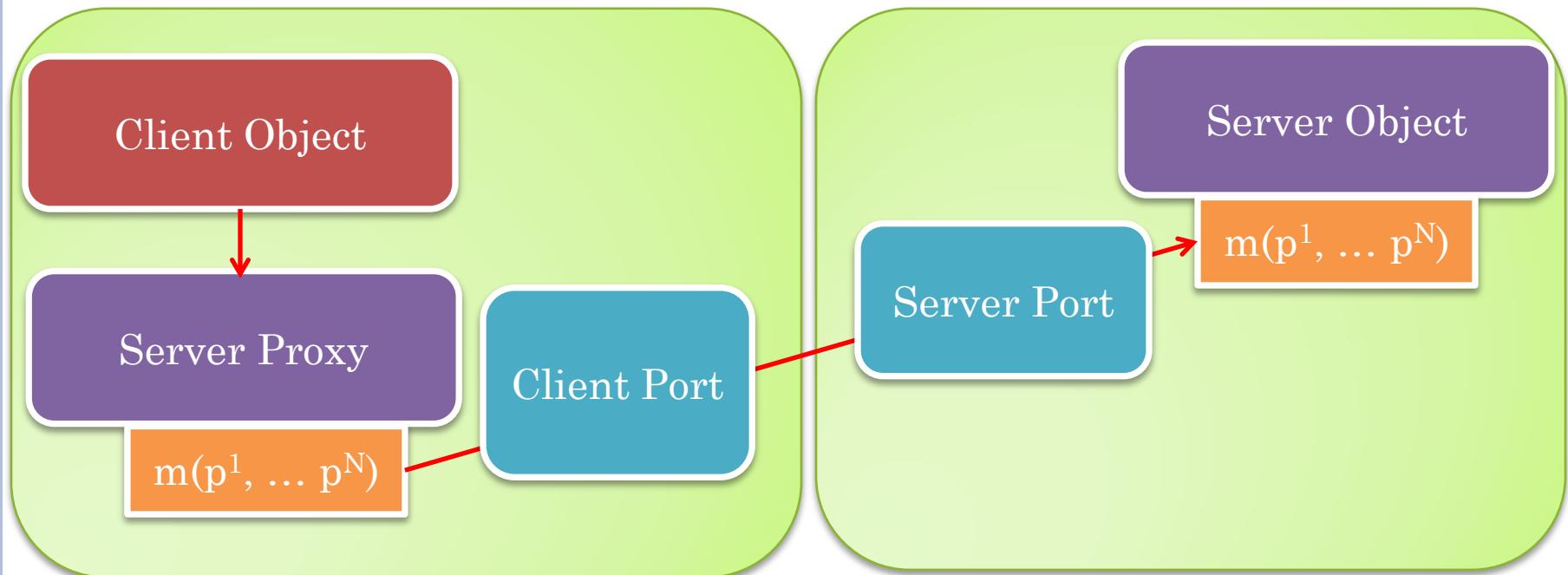
**transient** Method  
serializableMethod

Object[] args

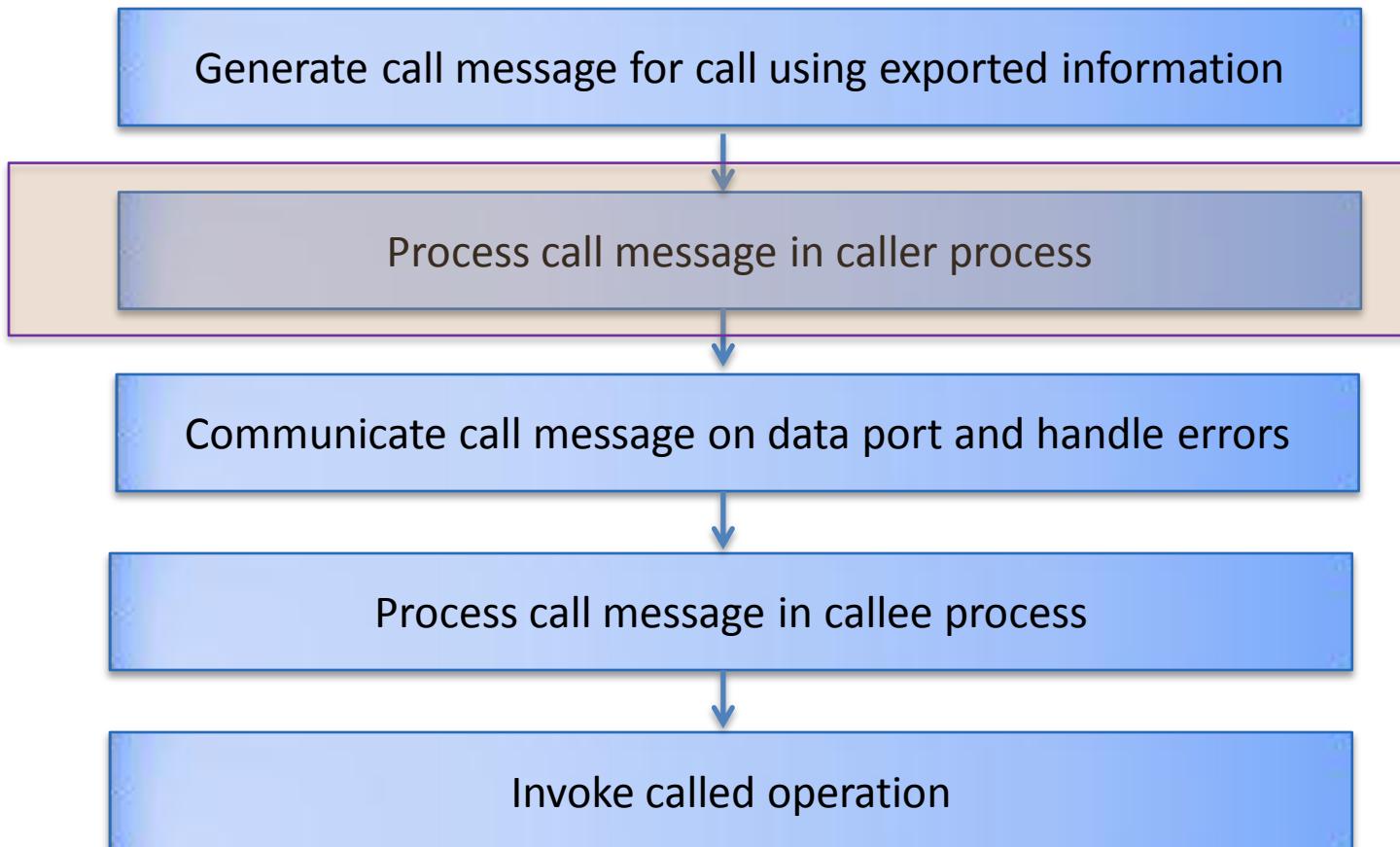
Marshaller  
<ObjectIdType>

Call<ObjectIdType> marshallCall(  
ObjectIdType aTargetObject, Method  
aMethod, Object[] anArgsList)

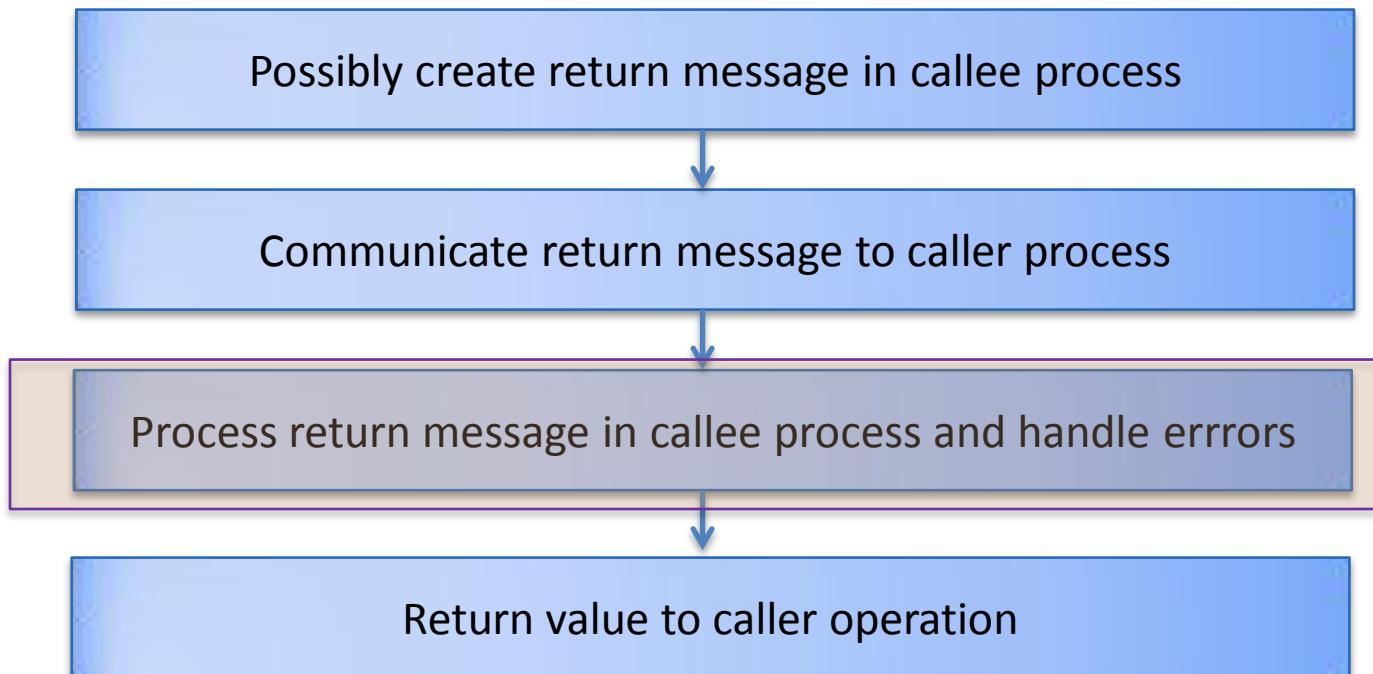
# PORT vs. GIPC-RMI



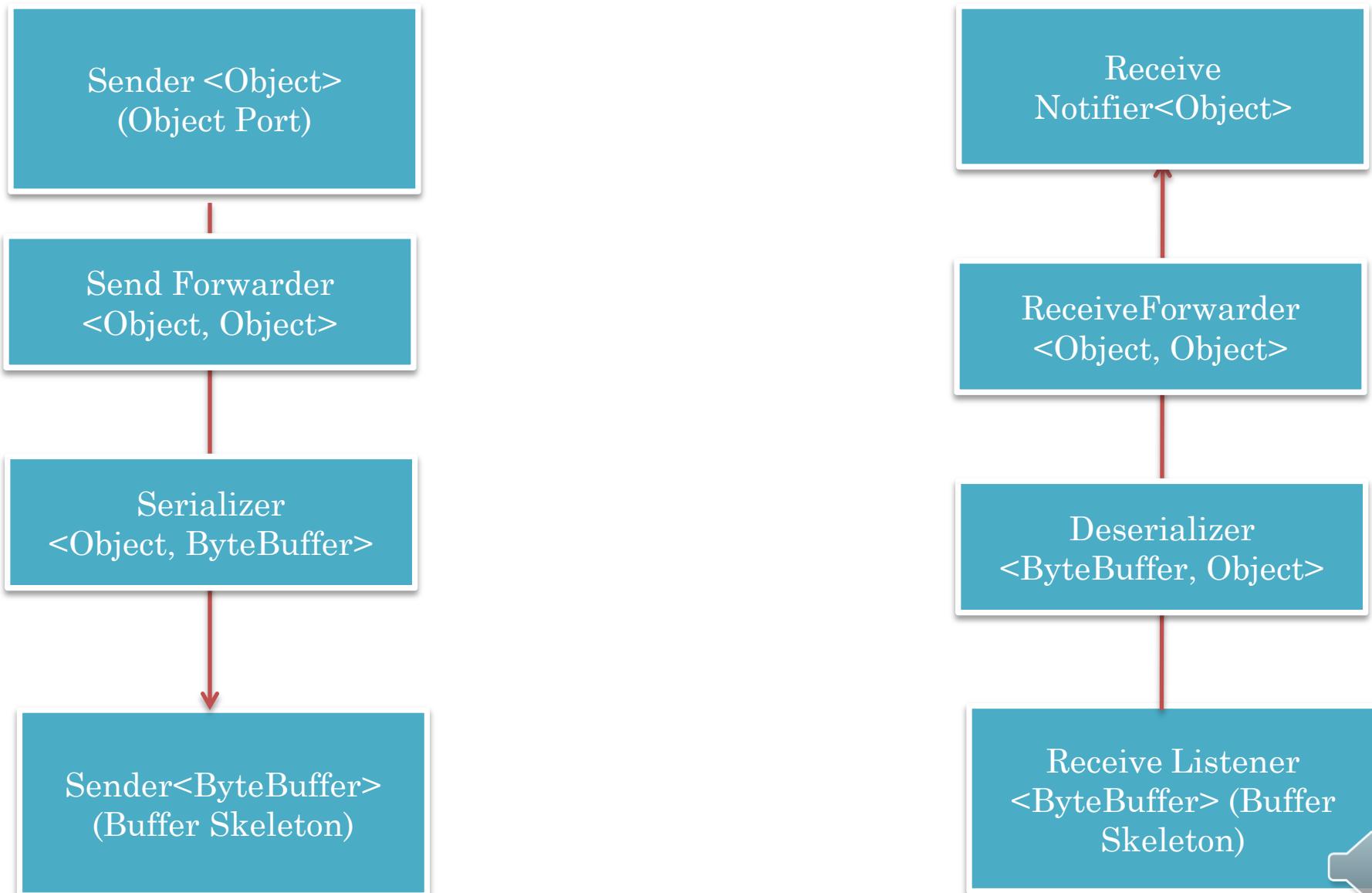
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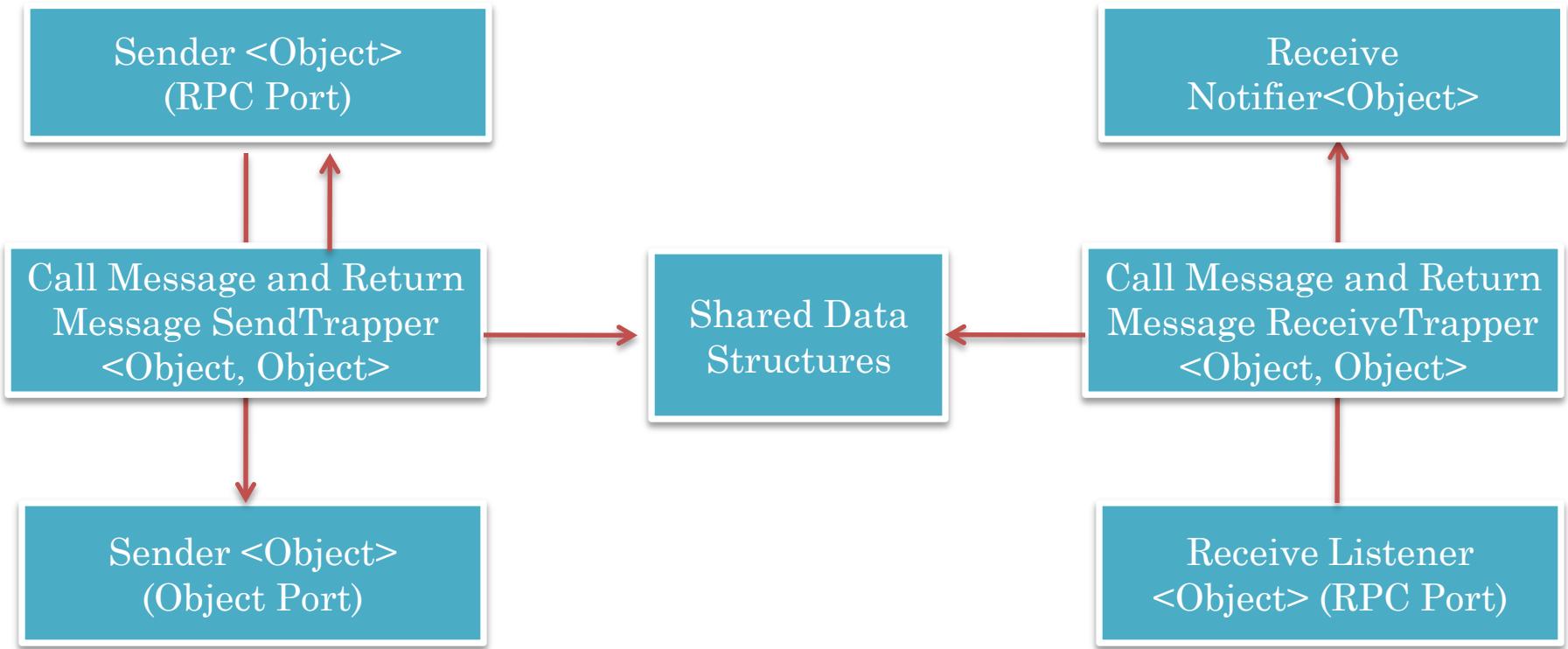
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# OBJECT FORWARDERS AND SERIALIZERS



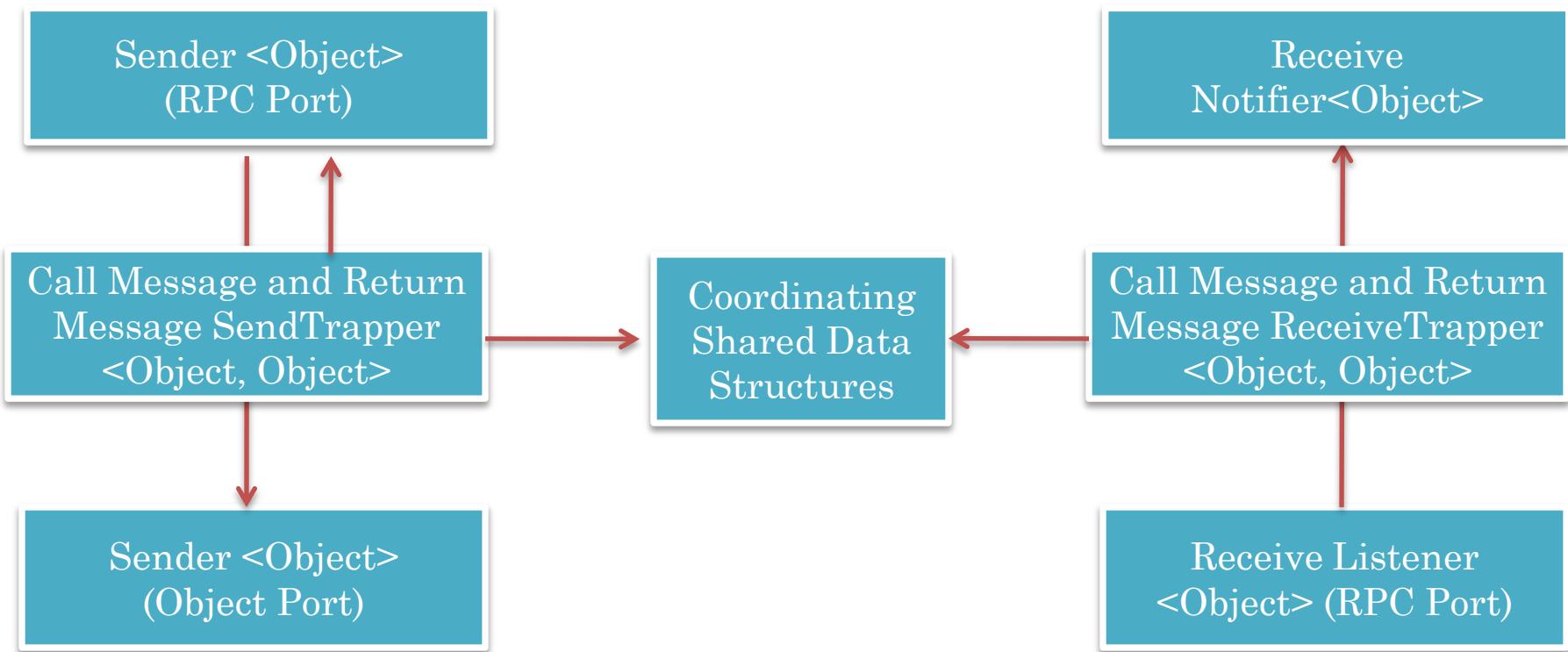
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Send trapper may need to block sender to implement synchronous operation

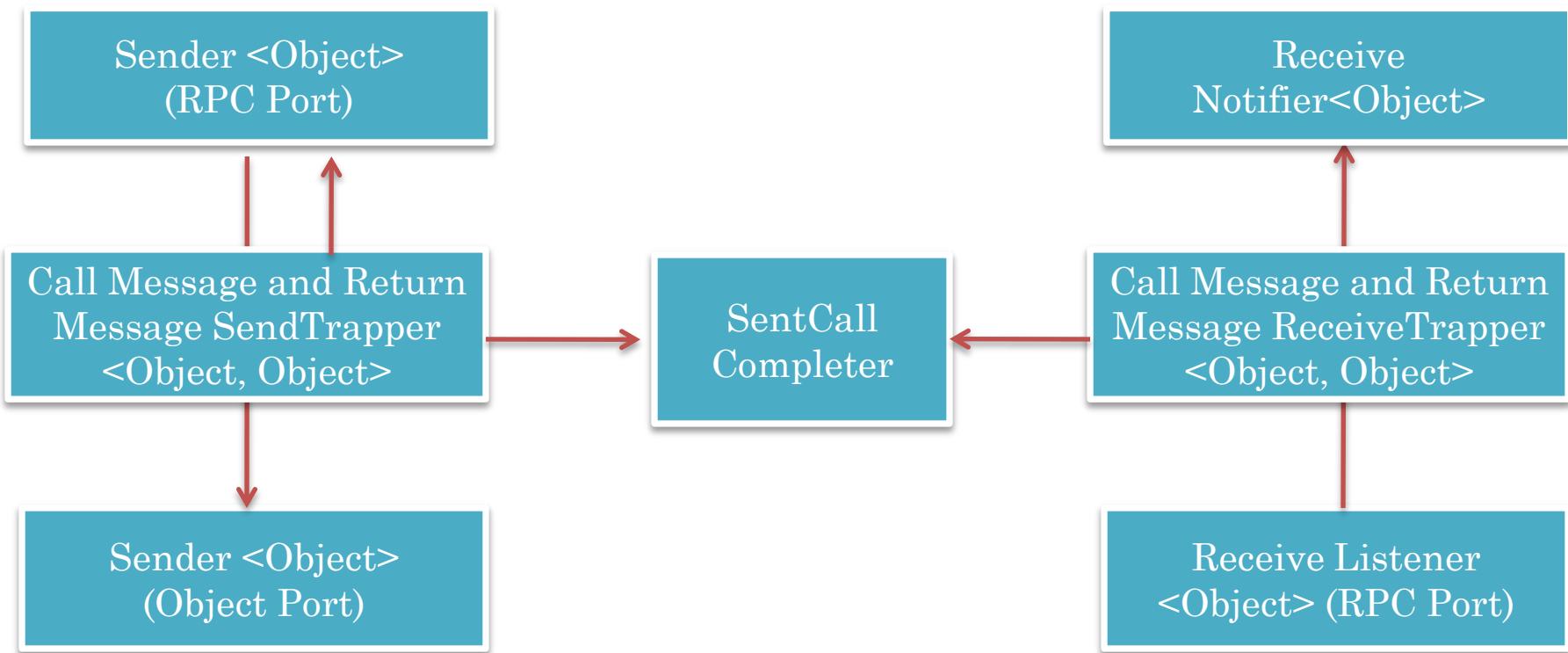
Send and receive trapper may need to share information about remote references sent and received

# OBJECT FORWARDERS AND SERIALIZERS (REVIEW)



Send trapper may need to block sender to implement synchronous operation

# OBJECT FORWARDERS AND SERIALIZERS (REVIEW)



SendTrapper and ReceiveTrapper at Caller Share an Instance of  
Synchronizing SentCallCompleter

Coordination between Caller and Called Site?

# DUPLEX SENT CALL COMPLETER (PUBLIC AND NON PUBLIC METHODS)

ADuplexSent  
Call Completer

```
public Object  
returnValueOfRemoteMethodCall (String  
aRemoteEndPoint, Object aCall)
```

```
Object returnValueOfRemoteFunctionCall  
(String aRemoteEndPoint, Object aCall)
```

Blocks for  
return value

```
Object returnValueOfRemoteProcedureCall  
(String aRemoteEndPoint, Object aCall)
```

Non blocking,  
simply returns

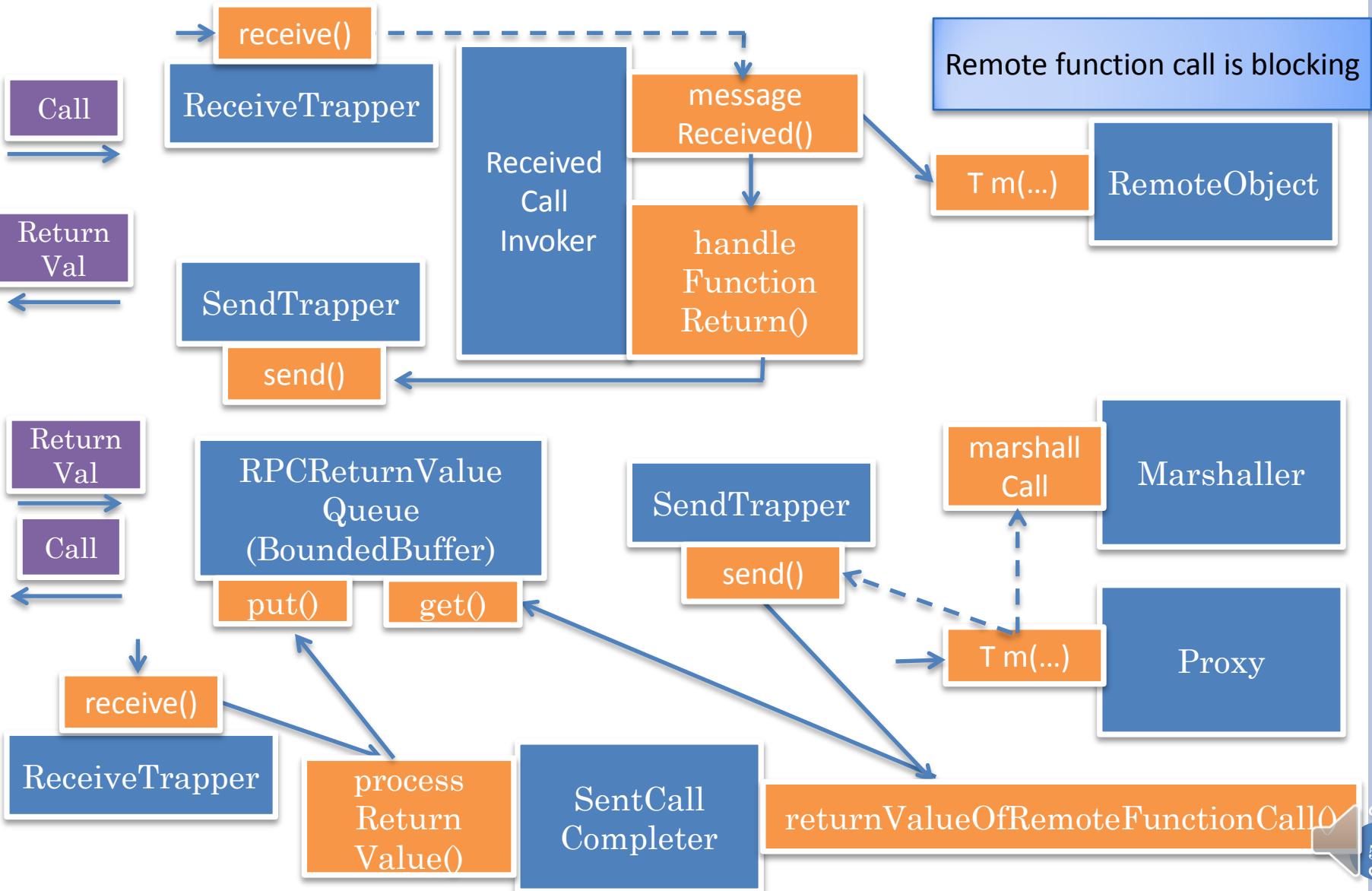
```
processReturnValue(String aSource, Object  
aMessage);
```

Unblocks

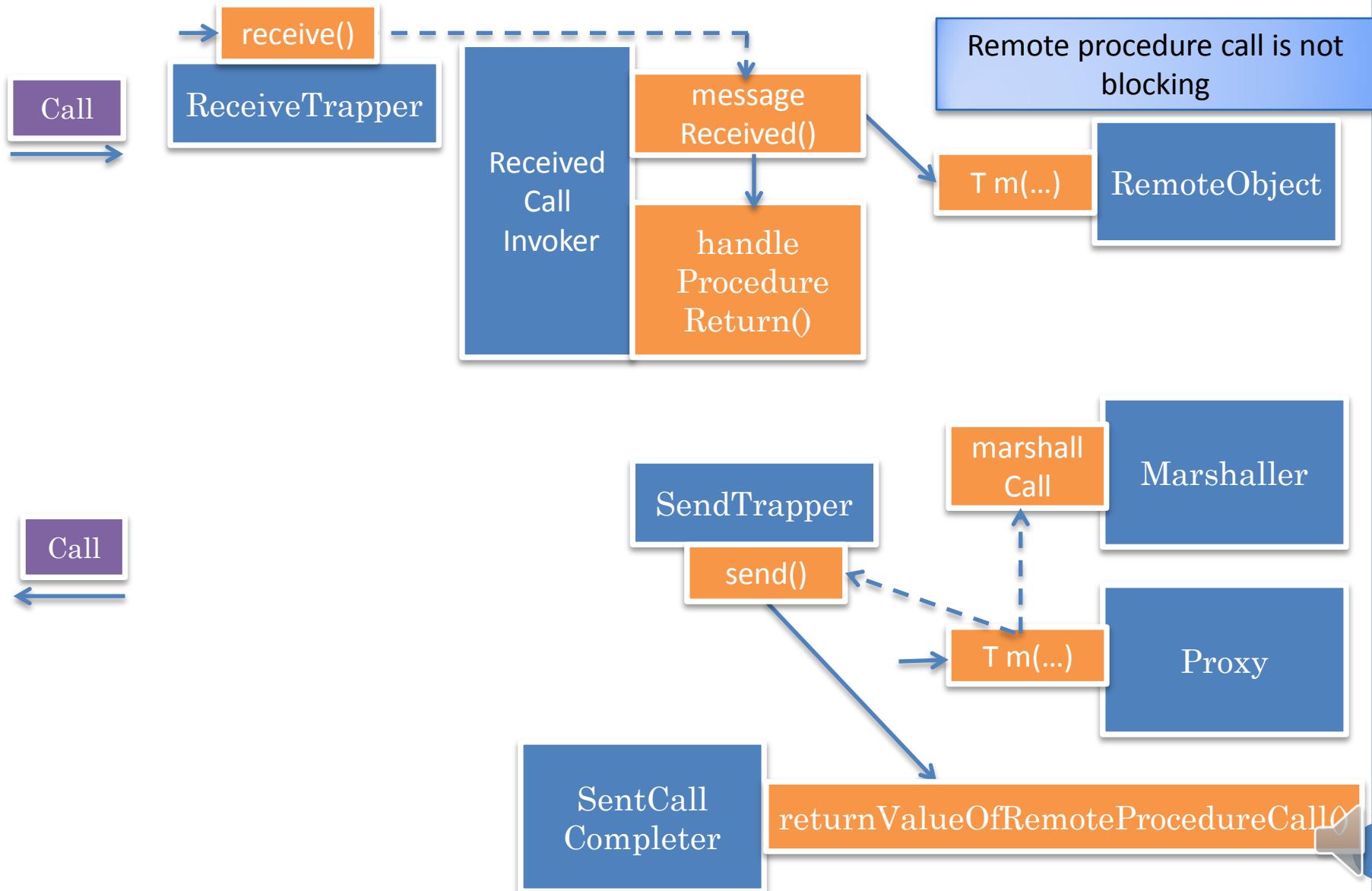
returnValueOfRemoteMethodCall() called, after call message sent:  
receive return value and block caller if necessary



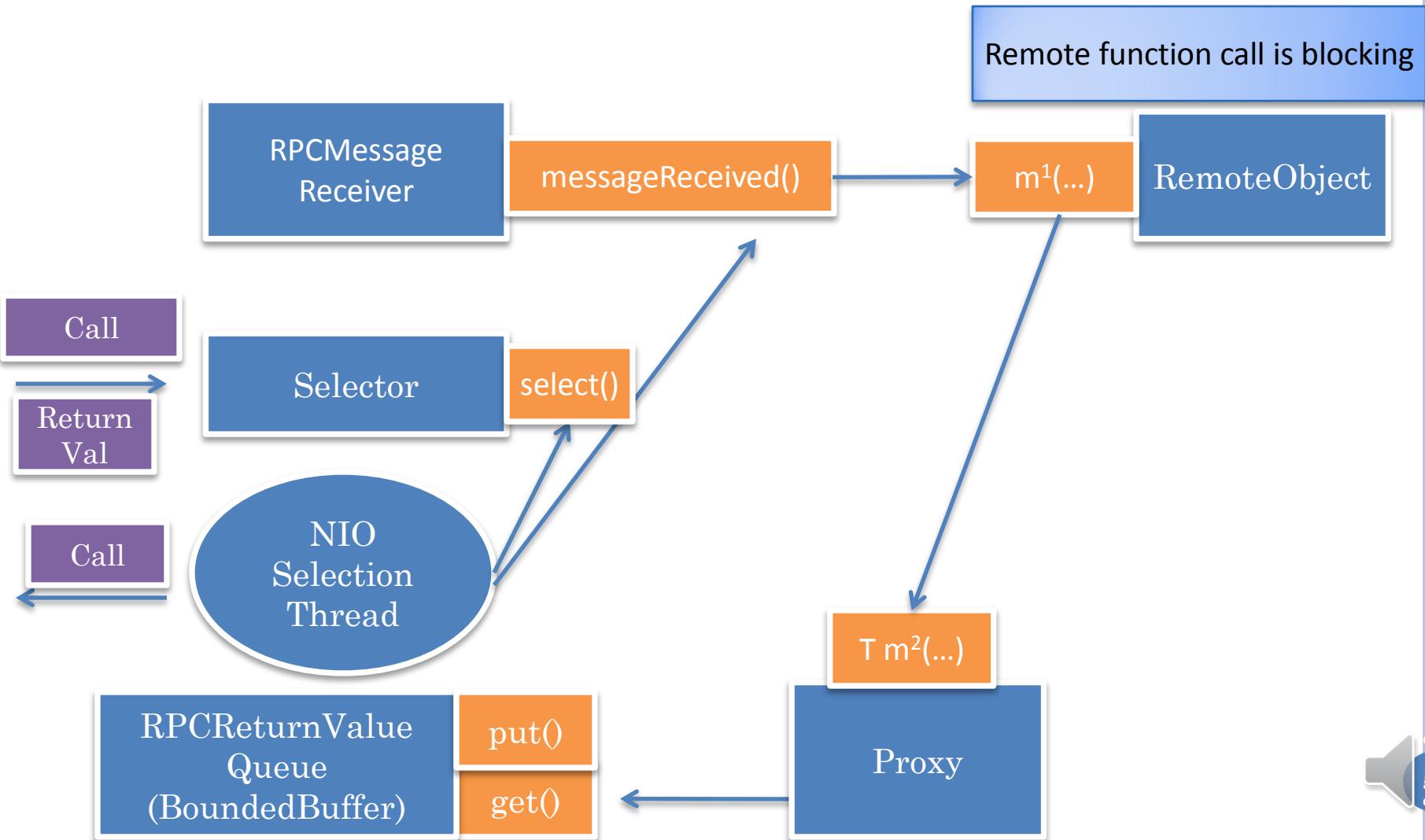
# FUNCTION CALL SYNCHRONIZATION AND MATCHED CLIENT/SERVER OBJECTS



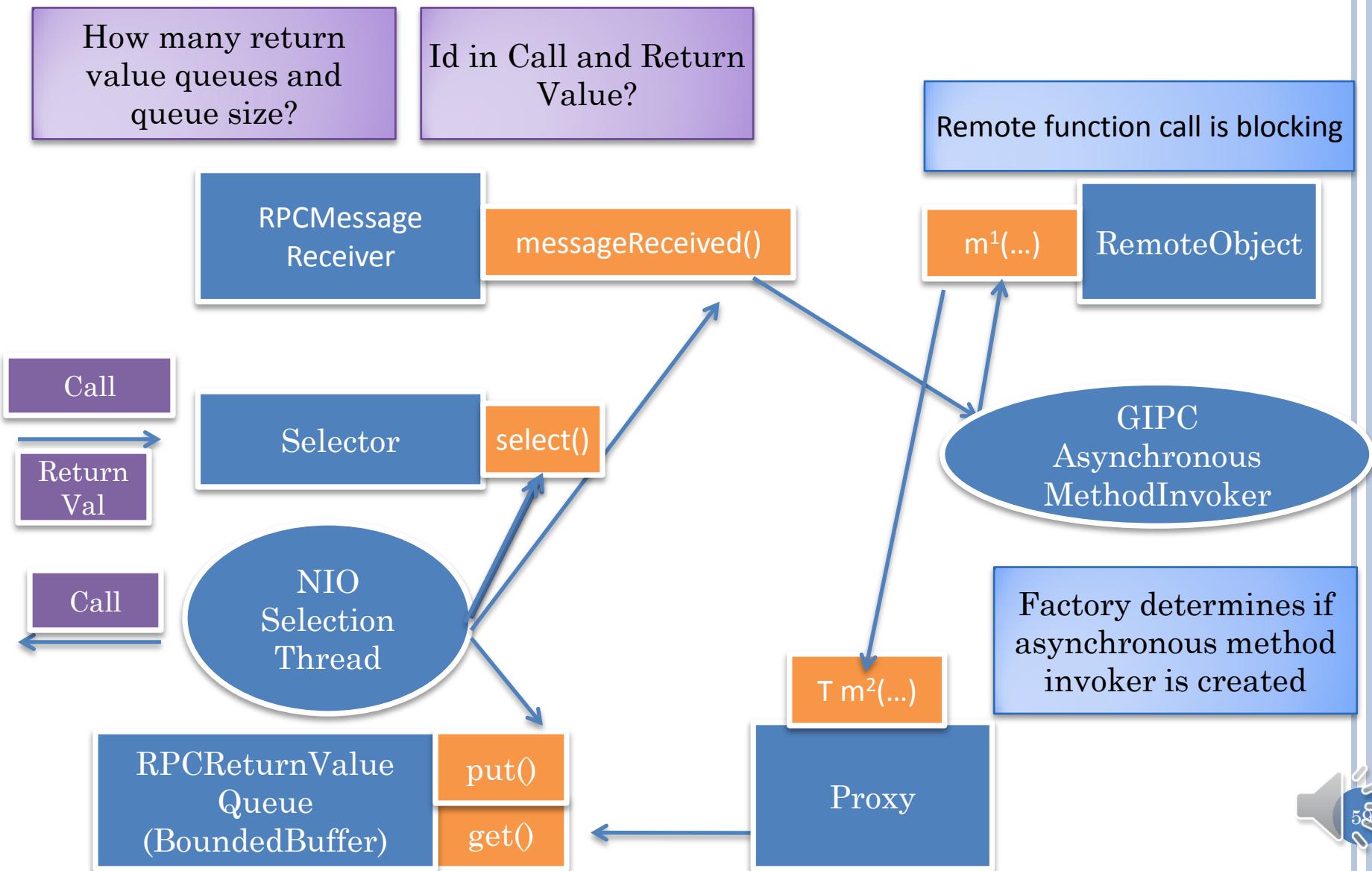
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# SYNCHRONOUS CALLBACK IN REMOTE CALL



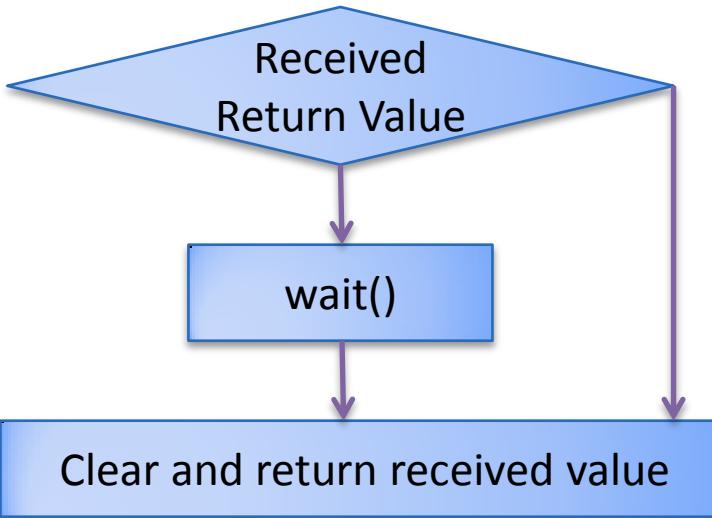
# GIPC ASYNCHRONOUS INVOKER (FACTORY SELECTED)



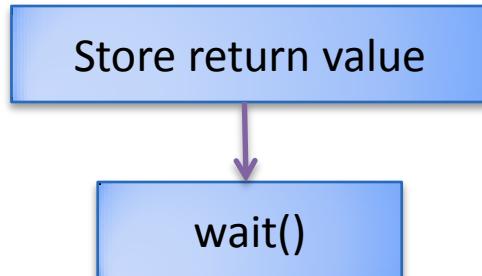
# GLOBAL RECEIVED VALUE INSTEAD OF BUFFER

```
Object returnValueOfRemoteFunctionCall( String aSource, Call aCall)
```

Multiple calls can be made concurrently to a server by different threads



```
processReturnValue(String aSource, Object aMessage)
```



# GLOBAL BOUNDED BUFFER SERVERS

Object returnValueOfRemoteFunctionCall( String aSource, Call aCall)

Calls return in same order as they wait

return next value in global (synchronized) bounded buffer

These would occur in same order at a particular callee

As long as caller and callee sites serialize them

processReturnValue(String aSource, Object aMessage)

Concurrent calls can be made to different callees

Put return value in global bounded buffer?



# PER CALLEE BOUNDED BUFFER

Object returnValueOfRemoteFunctionCall( String aSource, Call aCall)

Calls return in same order as they wait

Local bounded buffer ←  
lookup(aDestination)

These would occur in same order at a particular callee

return next value in local bounded buffer

As long as caller and callee sites serialize them

processReturnValue(String aSource, Object aMessage)

Concurrent calls can be made to different callees

Local bounded buffer ←  
lookup(aSource)

Put return value in local bounded buffer



# METHOD RETURN VALUE

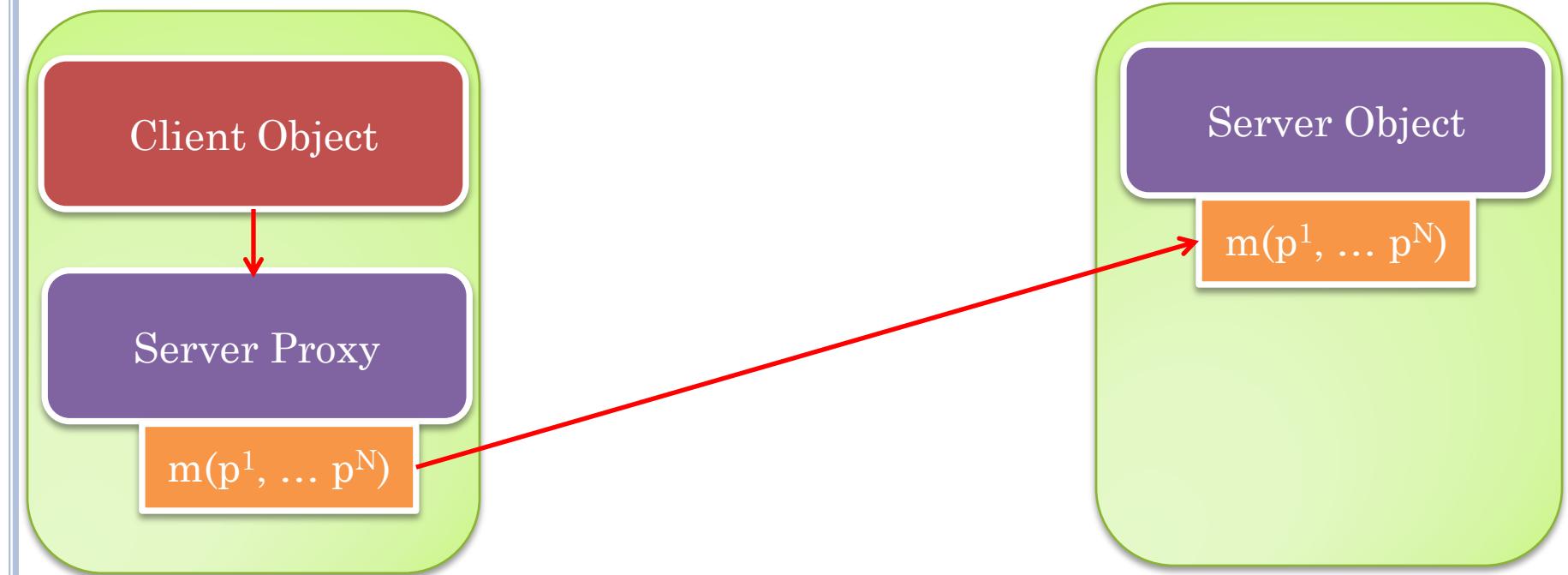
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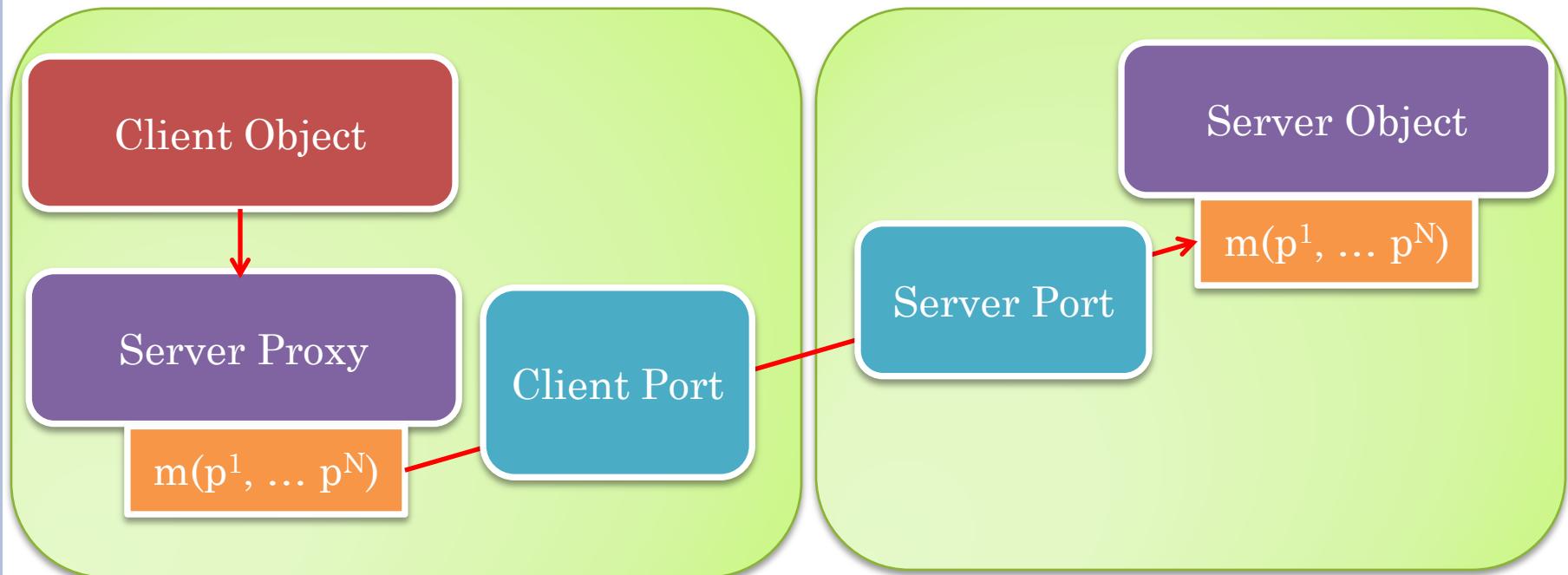
No Id sent to match with call



# PROXY?



# PROXY WITH UNDERLYING DATA PORT

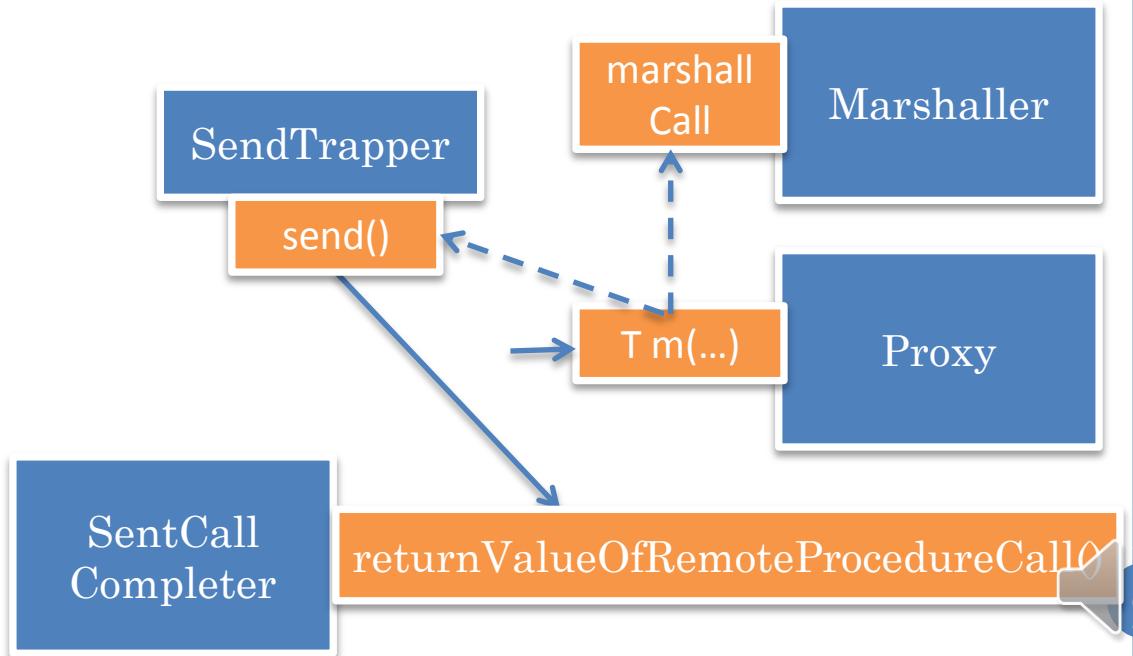


How much work should the proxy do?

Separation of concerns –do only forwarding.

# FUNCTION CALL SYNCHRONIZATION AND MATCHED CLIENT/SERVER OBJECTS

Proxy should have no direct awareness of marshaller or sent call completer



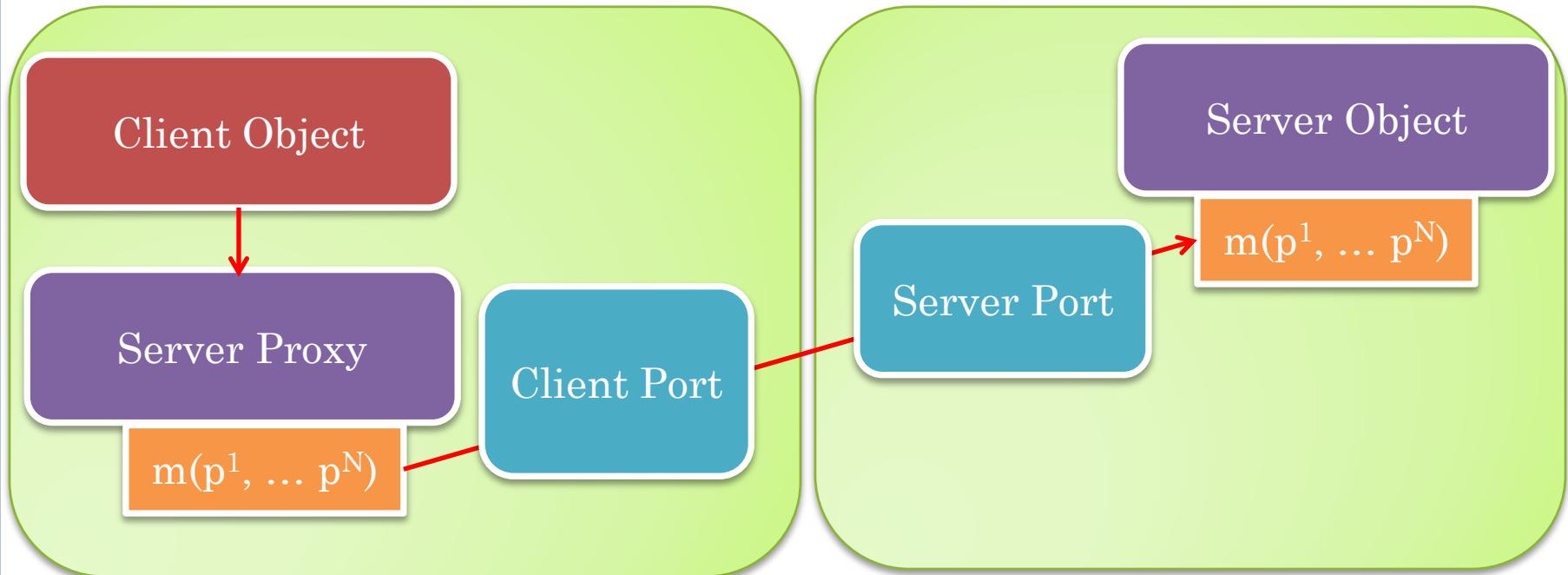
# MINIMUM PROXY STATE



Stub object keeps forwarding information (remote server and remote object)



# PORT vs. GIPC-RMI



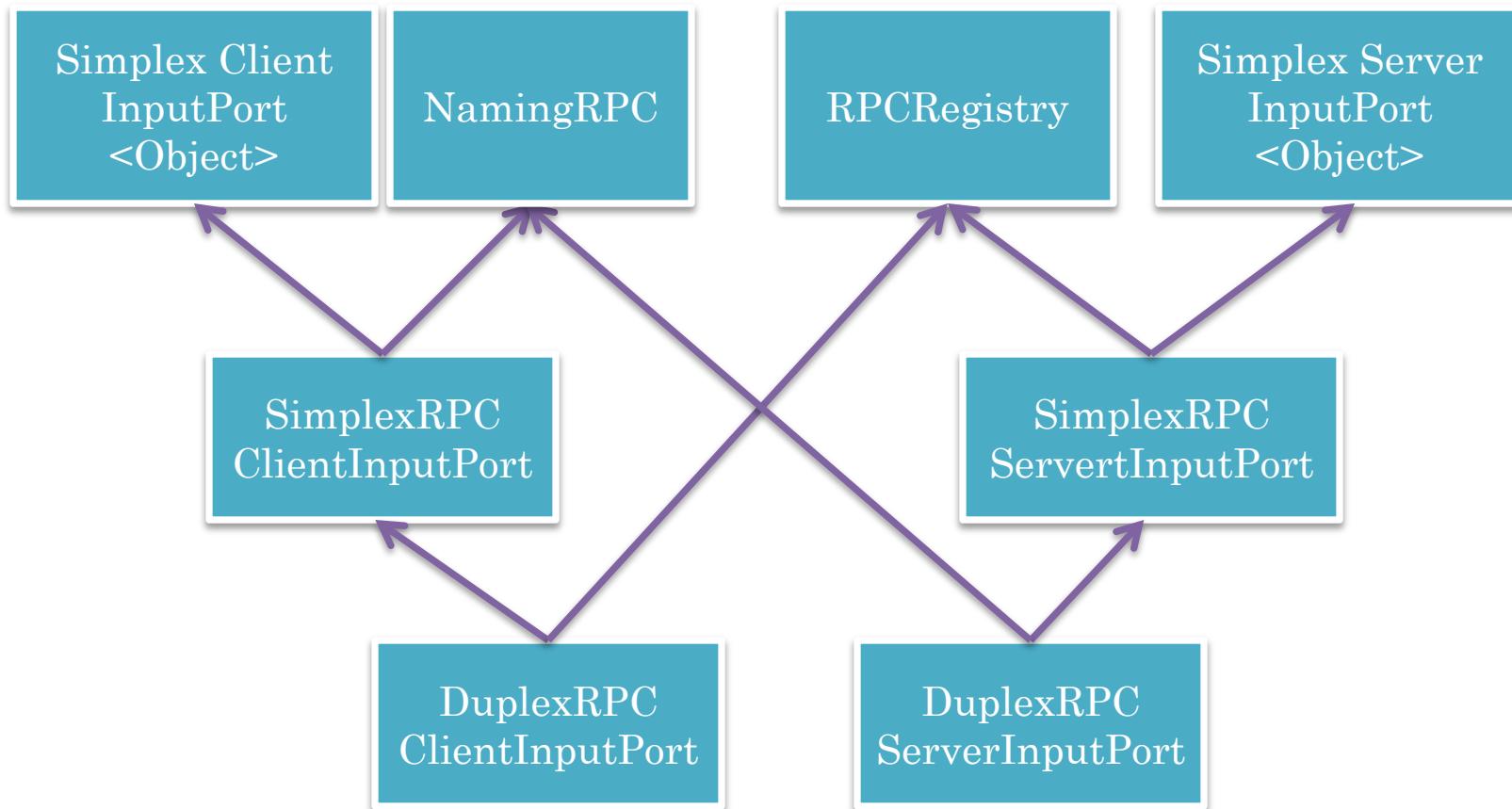
How much work should the proxy do?

Separation of concerns –do only forwarding.

Interface between proxy and data port assuming minimal code?



# NAMING RPC PORT



# VARIABLY AWARE PORT CALLS

NamingRPC

```
Object call(String aRemoteEnd, String  
anObjectName, Method aMethod, Object[] args)
```

```
Object call(String aRemoteEnd, Class aType,  
Method aMethod, Object[] args)
```

```
Object call(String aRemoteEnd, Method aMethod,  
Object[] args)
```

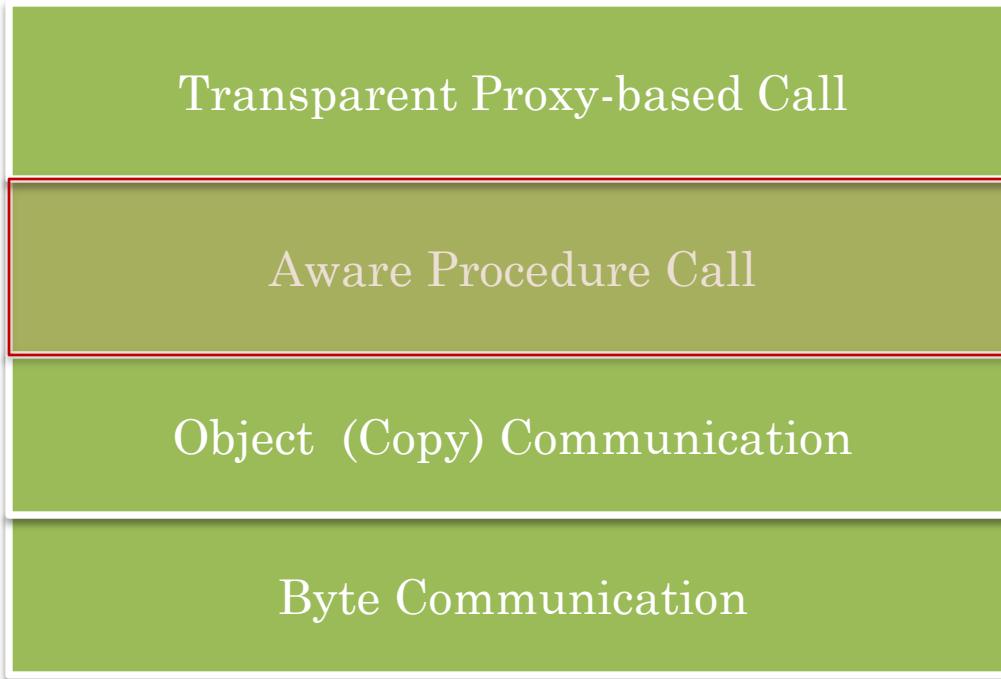
Transparency in Application →  
Awareness in System

Well known  
mapping from  
method's  
declaring class  
to object Name

Well known  
mapping from  
interface to  
object Name



# AWARE/TRANSPARENT LAYERS



# LOGIC OF PROXY CLASS

```
public class CounterStub implements Counter {  
    NamingRPC rpcPort;  
    String destination;  
    public void init (NamingRPC anRPCPort, String aDestination) {  
        rpcPort = anRPCPort;  
        destination = aDestination;  
    }  
    public int getValue() {  
        try {  
            Method method = Counter.class.getMethod("getValue");  
            Object[] args = {};  
            return (Integer) rpcPort.call(destination,  
                Counter.class.getName(), method, args);  
        } catch (Exception e) {  
            e.printStackTrace();  
            return 0;  
        }  
    }  
}
```



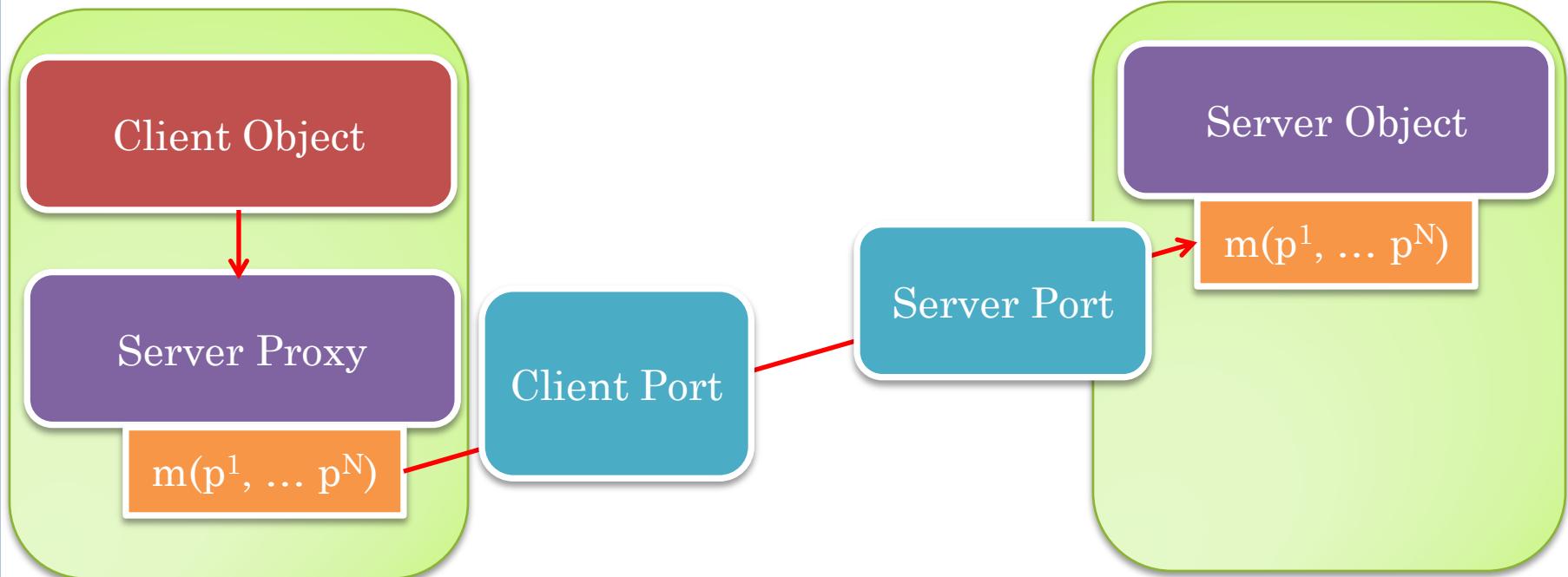
# LOGIC OF PROXY CLASS

```
public void increment(int val) throws RemoteException {  
    try {  
        Method method = Counter.class.getMethod("increment",  
                                         Integer.TYPE);  
        Object[] args = {val};  
        rpcPort.call(destination, Counter.class.getName(),  
                     method, args);  
    } catch (Exception e) {  
        e.printStackTrace();  
    }  
}
```

```
Counter counter = new CounterStub();  
counter.init(rpcPort, destination);  
try {  
    counter.getValue();  
    counter.increment(5);  
} catch (Exception e) {  
    e.printStackTrace();  
}  
}
```



# PROXY CREATION?



Given by system to  
programmer

Created by programmer

How?



# PROXY CREATION

Proxies may be created from name of server object

May be obtained in arguments to method calls

In either case, we somehow need interface of remote object  
at the client

```
public void increment(int val) throws RemoteException {  
    try {  
        Method method = Counter.class.getMethod("increment",  
                                         Integer.TYPE);  
        Object[] args = {val};  
        rpcPort.call(destination, Counter.class.getName(),  
                     method, args);  
    } catch (Exception e) {  
        e.printStackTrace();  
    }  
}
```



# GENERATING PROXY CLASS: COMPIILATION

```
set javabin=D:\\"Program Files"\Java\jdk1.6.0_03\bin  
cd D:/dewan_backup/java/distTeaching/bin  
%javabin%\rmic rmi.examples. ADistributedInheritingRMICounter
```

```
Directory of D:\dewan_backup\Java\distTeaching\bin\rmi\examples  
11/20/2011 09:12 AM <DIR> .  
11/20/2011 09:12 AM <DIR> ..  
11/19/2011 08:17 PM 933 ADistributedInheritingRMICounter.class  
11/20/2011 09:12 AM 1,977 ADistributedInheritingRMICounter_Stub.class  
11/20/2011 09:13 AM 264 DistributedRMICounter.class  
11/19/2011 07:35 PM 1,112 DistributedRMICounterClient.class  
11/19/2011 06:17 PM 1,154 DistributedRMICounterServer.class  
11/19/2011 08:14 PM 908 RMIREgistryStarter.class  
6 File(s) 6,348 bytes  
2 Dir(s) 125,598,871,552 bytes free
```

Pre-compiler works from object code and produces object stub code

Eclipse will delete object code it has not generated



# JAVA RMI: INTERPRETIVE REFLECTION-BASED CLASS AND PROXY CREATION

UnicastRemoteObject

**static exportObject(Remote object, int port)**

Proxy (Counter\_Stub instance)

m(...)

Remote Object  
ADistributedInheritingCounter

m(...)

Proxy Class  
(Counter\_Stub)

m(...)

Creates a proxy object for the remote object at the server end that can later be sent to client

If the stub class for the proxy had not been created so far, then it is conceptually created at runtime



# GENERATED VS. INTERPRETED

## Pure Generation

Pre(compiler) generates proxy class

## Efficient

## Interpretation

At run time, a proxy class and object is created

No compile-run-cycle delay

No inconsistency as code evolves



# RUNTIME ABSTRACTION?

RMI system must generate application-specific proxy classes

Runtime abstraction for generation?

Interpretation

At run time, a proxy class and object is created



# HIGHER-LEVEL ABSTRACTION FOR PROXY

```
public int getValue() {  
    try {  
        Method method = Counter.class.getMethod("getValue");  
        Object[] args = {};  
        return (Integer) rpcPort.call(destination,  
            Counter.class.getName(), method, args);  
    } catch (Exception e) {  
        e.printStackTrace();  
        return 0;  
    }  
}
```

Reflection and dynamic class generation  
and loading?

```
public void increment(int val) throws :  
    try {  
        Method method = Counter.class.getMethod("increment",  
            Integer.TYPE);  
        Object[] args = {val};  
        rpcPort.call(destination, Counter.class.getName(),  
            method, args);  
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Higher-level abstraction for proxy  
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Generatable  
Pattern

App-specific

Dispatch to an app-  
specific object



# DISPATCHING CODE

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Create method object  
representing the generated  
method

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```

Dispatch the method to an App-  
Specific Object

Class

getMethod(String name, Class[] parameterTypes)

Invocation  
Handler

Object invoke(Object proxy, Method method,  
Object[] args)



# PROXY AND INVOCATION HANDLER

Proxy

```
static Class getProxyClass(ClassLoader loader,  
Class[] interfaces)
```

```
static Object newProxyInstance(ClassLoader loader,  
Class[] interfaces, InvocationHandler handler)
```

Internal name derived from interfaces so  
duplicate classes not created

Invocation  
Handler

```
Object invoke(Object proxy, Method method,  
Object[] args)
```

Why class loader?

Stores (unnamed) class object for  
this and later references



# SIMPLE PROXY USAGE

```
Counter counter = (Counter)  
Proxy.newProxyInstance(  
    Counter.class.getClassLoader(),  
    new Class [] {Counter.class},  
    invocationHandler );
```

Proxy for a list of  
interfaces

Invocation handler takes instance-  
specific constructor parameters

# PROXY AND INVOCATION HANDLER (REVIEW)

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# ANABSTRACTRPCPROXYINVOCATIONHANDLER

```
public AnAbstractRPCProxyInvocationHandler(  
                                         SimplexRPC anRPCPort,  
                                         String aDestination, Class aType, String aName) {  
    rpcInputPort = anRPCPort;  
    destination = aDestination;  
    remoteType = aType;  
    name = aName;  
}  
  
public Object invoke(Object arg0, Method method,  
                     Object[] args) {  
    try {  
        if (name != null)  
            return call(destination, name, method, args);  
        else if (remoteType != null) {  
            return call(destination, remoteType, method, args);  
        } else {  
            return call(destination, method, args);  
        }  
    } catch (Exception e) {  
        e.printStackTrace();  
        return null;  
    }  
}
```

Transfers invoke to abstract port calls



# ANRPCPROXYINVOCATIONHANDLER

```
protected Object call(String aDestination, String aName,  
                     Method aMethod, Object[] args) {  
    Object retVal = rpcInputPort.call(aDestination, aName,  
                                      aMethod, args);  
    return retVal;  
}
```



# PROXY GENERATOR EXAMPLE

```
public class StaticRPCProxyGenerator {  
    public static Object generateRPCProxy(SimplexRPC aPort,  
        String aDestination, Class aClass, String anObjectName) {  
        Class[] remoteInterfaces =  
            ReflectionUtility.getProxyInterfaces(aClass);  
        InvocationHandler invocationHandler = new  
            AnRPCProxyInvocationHandler(aPort, aDestination, aClass,  
                anObjectName);  
        return Proxy.newProxyInstance(aClass.getClassLoader(),  
            remoteInterfaces, invocationHandler);  
    }  
}
```

In GIPC, Proxy methods generated for all interfaces implemented by the class of the object and of the superclasses including Object

In RMI only the remote interfaces

Basic idea of proxy generation the same

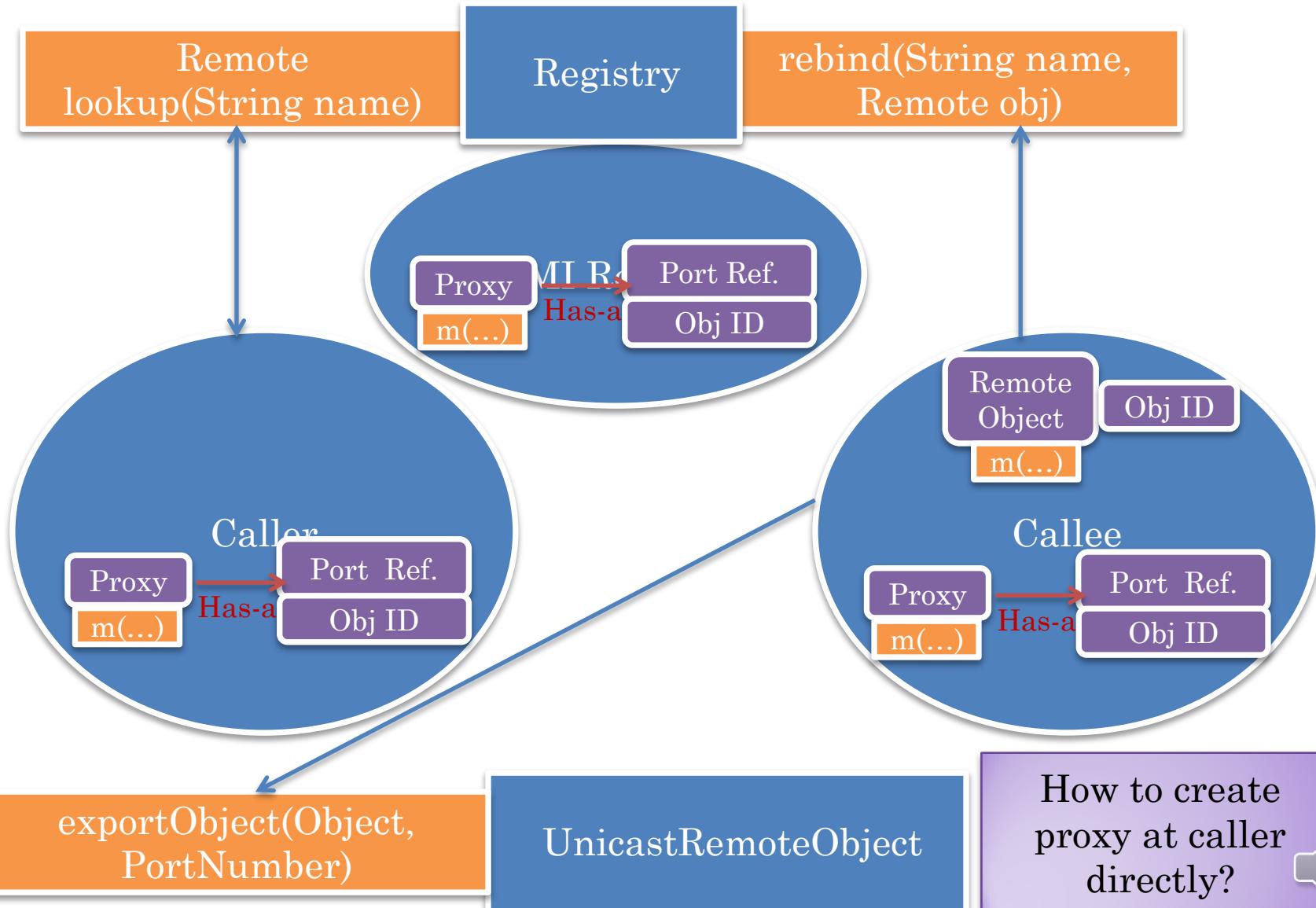
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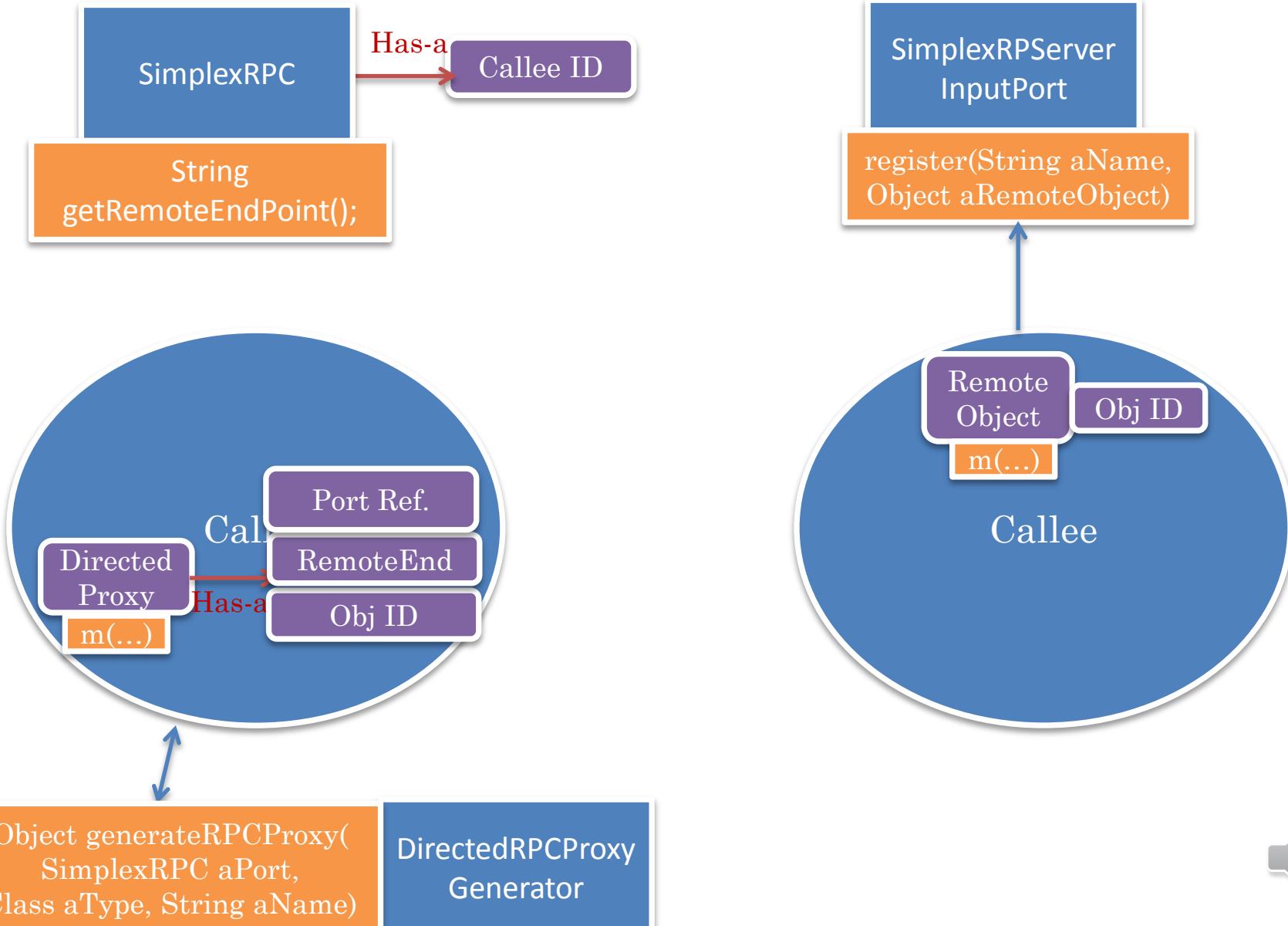
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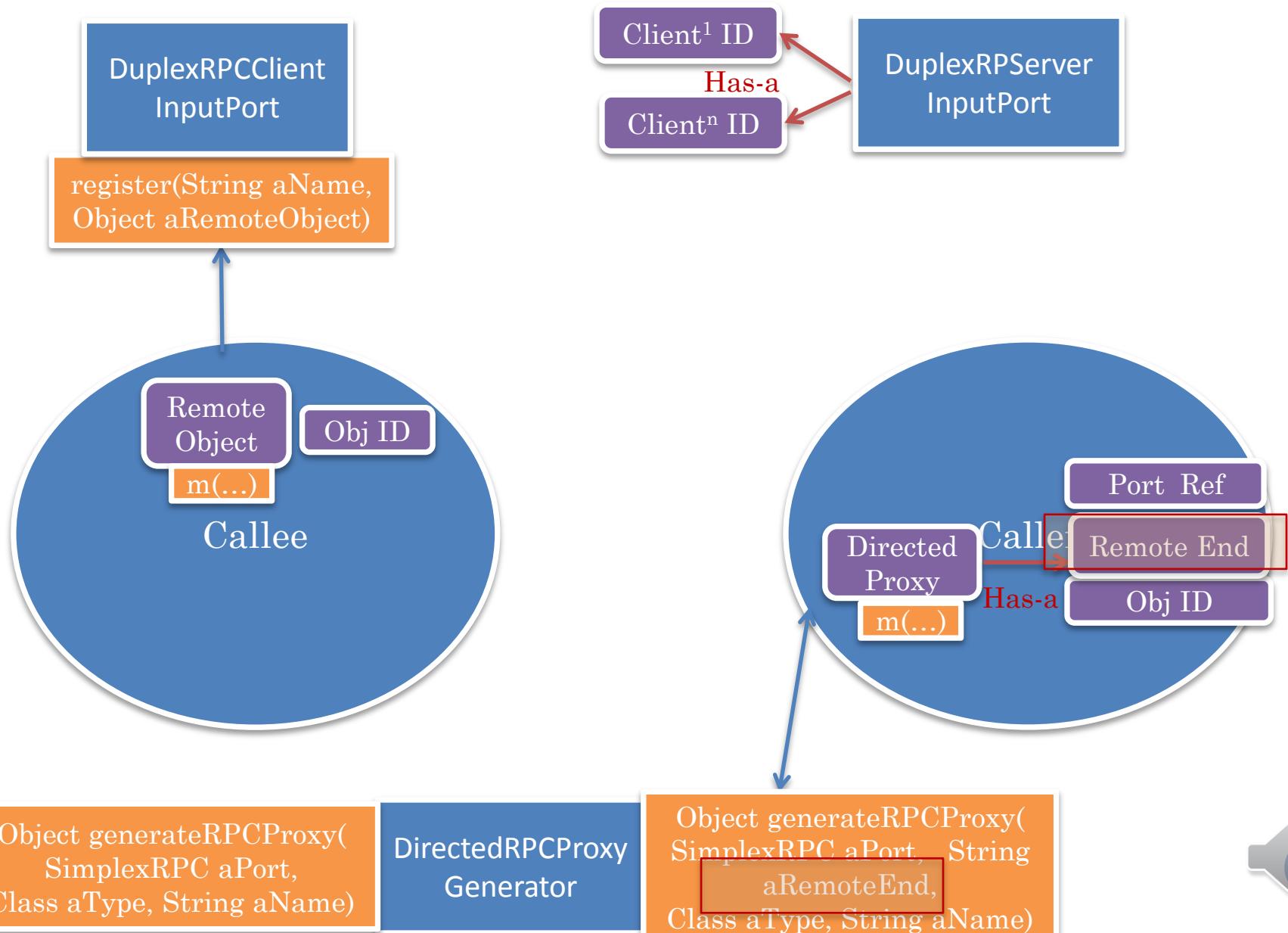
# RMI BINDING



# DIRECT SERVER PROXY



# DIRECTED CLIENT PROXY



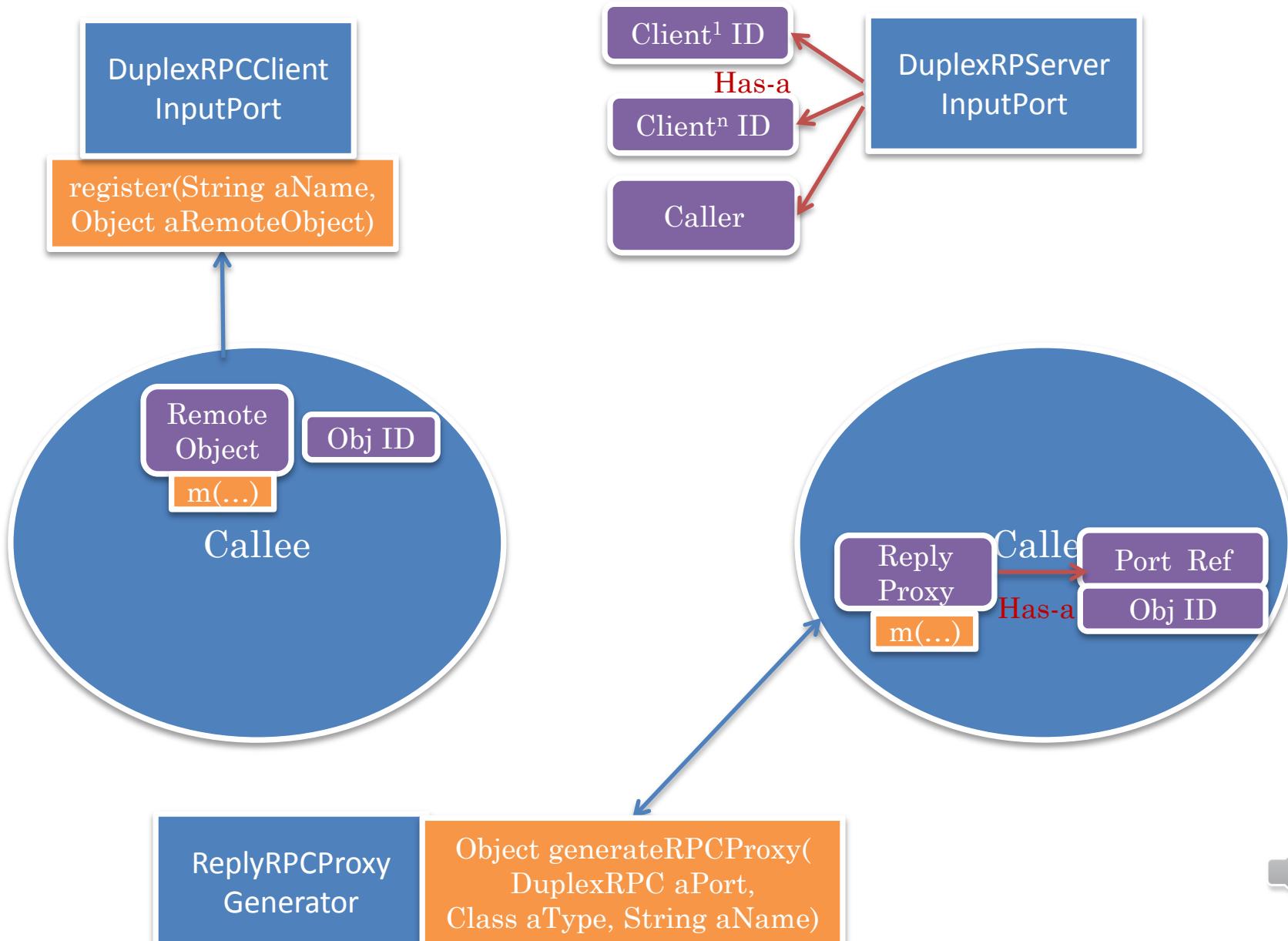
# RMI: REPLYING TO EXPLICITLY LOOKED UP PROXY

```
public class AMultiUserRMIClientUpperCaser extends ADistributedRMIClientUpperCaser
implements MultiUserRMIClientUpperCaser {
    protected Map<String, DistributedRMICounter> nameToCounter =
        new HashMap();
    protected DistributedRMICounter getCounterProxy(String aUserName) {
        try {
            DistributedRMICounter counter = nameToCounter.get(aUserName);
            if (counter == null) {
                Registry rmiRegistry = LocateRegistry.getRegistry();
                counter = (DistributedRMICounter) rmiRegistry.lookup(
                    aUserName + DistributedRMICounter.class.getName());
                nameToCounter.put(aUserName, counter);
            }
            return counter;
        } catch (Exception e) {
            e.printStackTrace();
            return null;
        }
    }
}
```

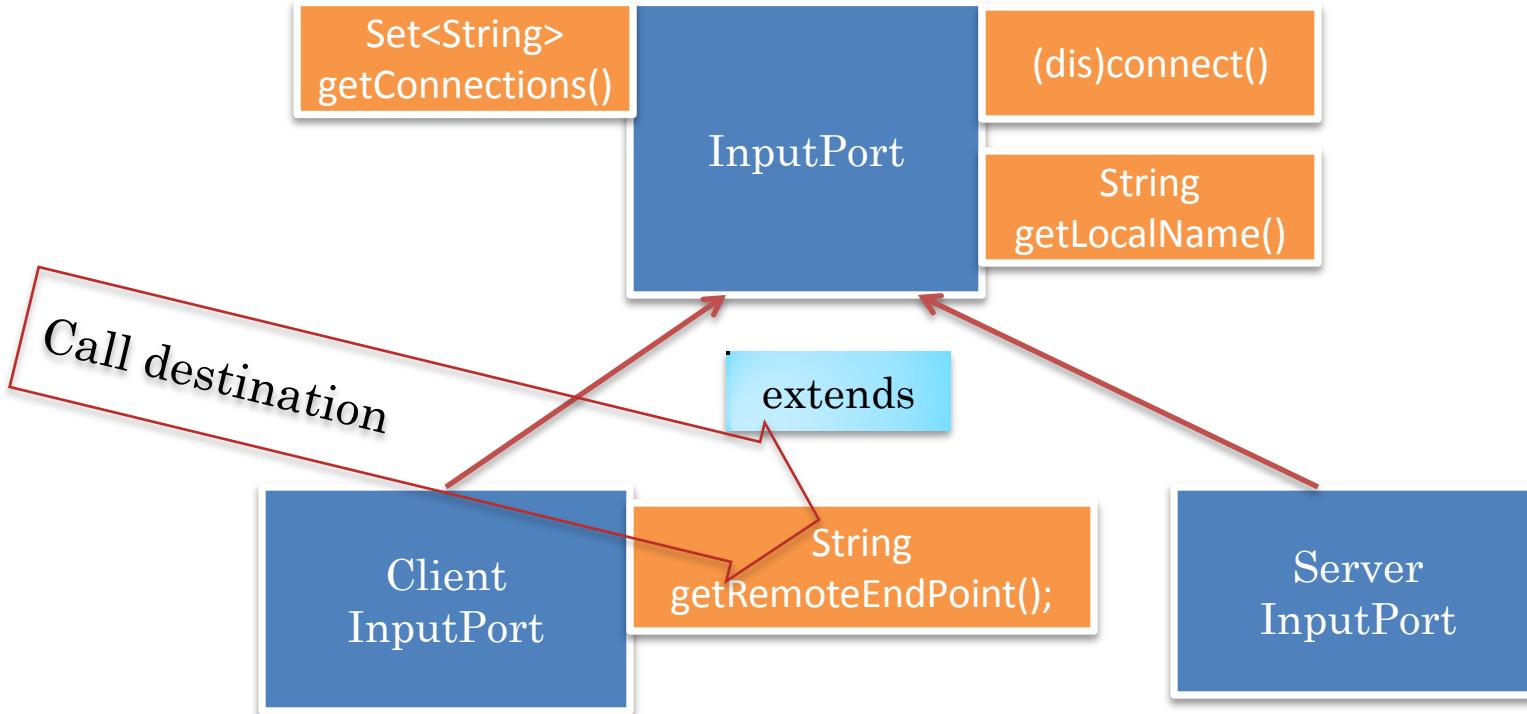
In RMI, user name must be passed to create proxy in server object to make a callback

In GIPC, proxy can be created by server launcher and bound to caller to make callback

# REPLY PROXY



# CLIENT DIRECTED SERVER GENERATOR

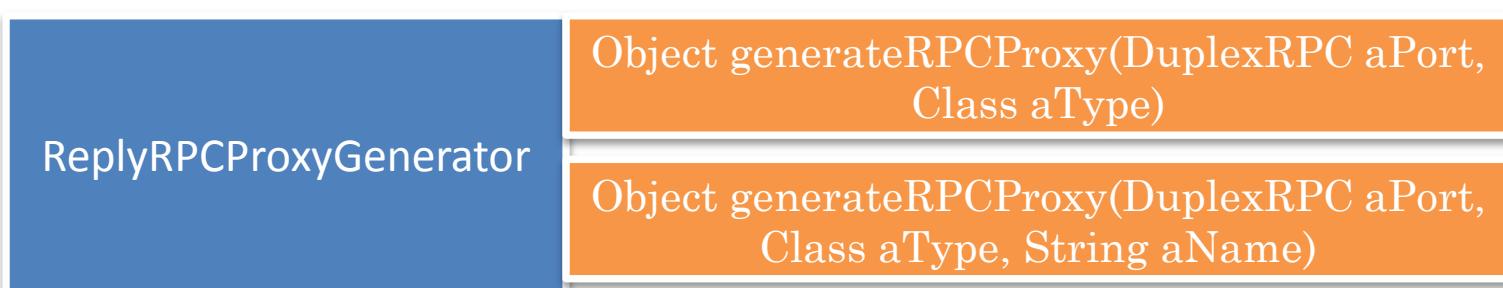
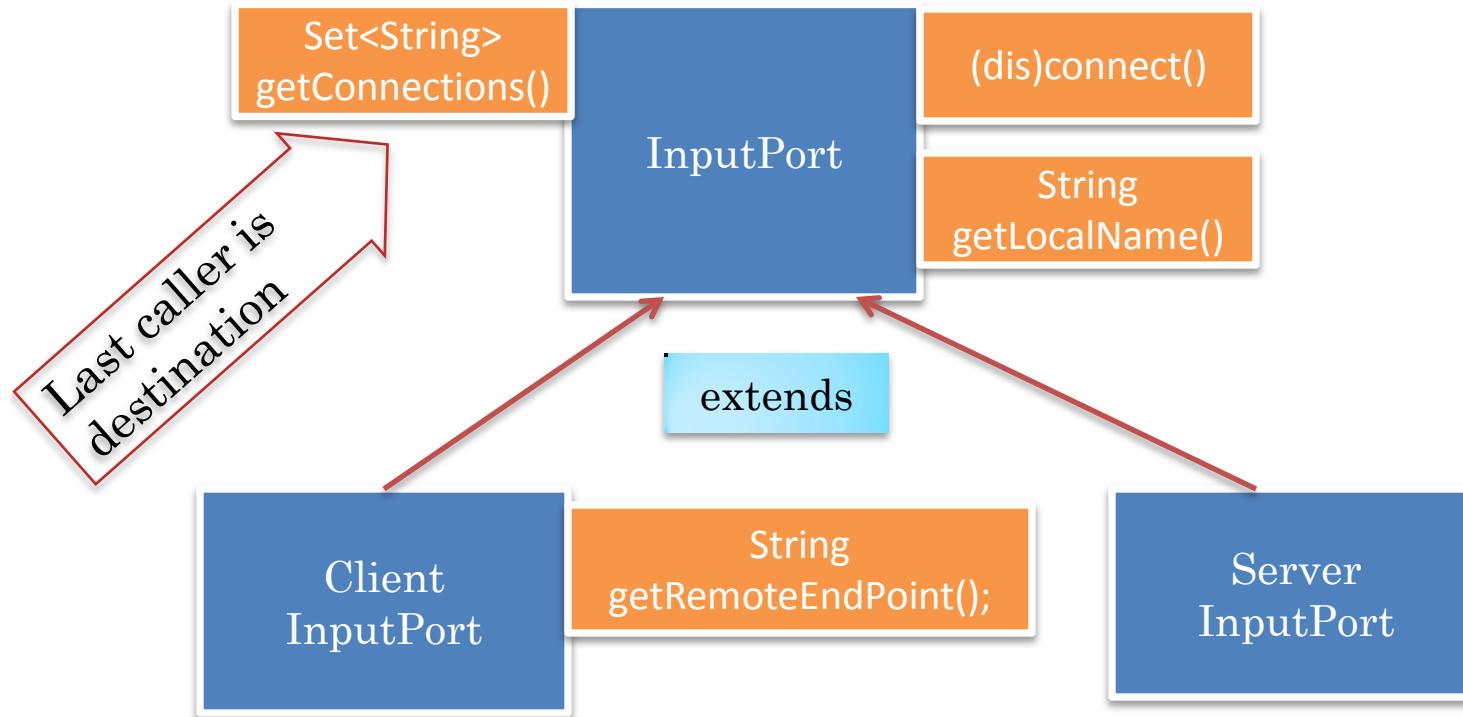


DirectedRPCProxy  
Generator

Object generateRPCProxy(SimplexRPC aPort,  
Class aType)

Object generateRPCProxy(SimplexRPC aPort,  
Class aType, String aName)

# SERVER REPLY UNDIRECTED SERVER GENERATOR



# MANUAL GROUP COMMUNICATION

```
public class ACollaborativeRMIClient extends AMultiUserRMIClient
    implements CollaborativeRMIClient {
    public void connect(String aClientName) {
        // need to register the counter
        getCounterProxy(aClientName);
    }
    protected Object[] getAllCounters
        Object[] retVal = new Object[nameToCounter.keySet().size()];
        int index =0;
        for (String aClient:nameToCounter.keySet()) {
            try {
                retVal[index] = nameToCounter.get(aClient).getValue();
                index++;
            } catch (Exception e) {
                e.printStackTrace();
            }
        }
        return retVal;
    }
}
```

Application supports connect call

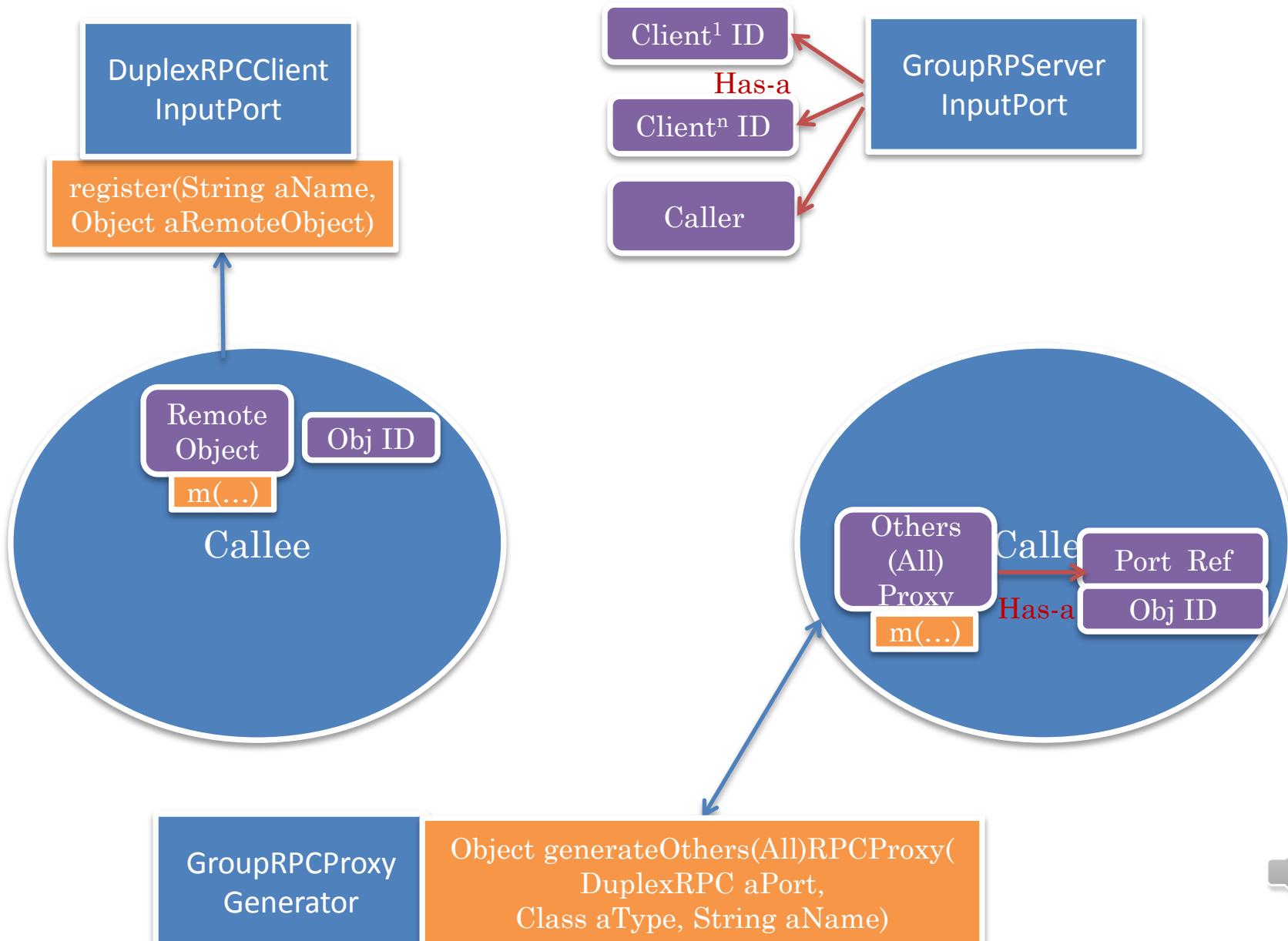
GIPC supports connect call

Application code to get all counter values

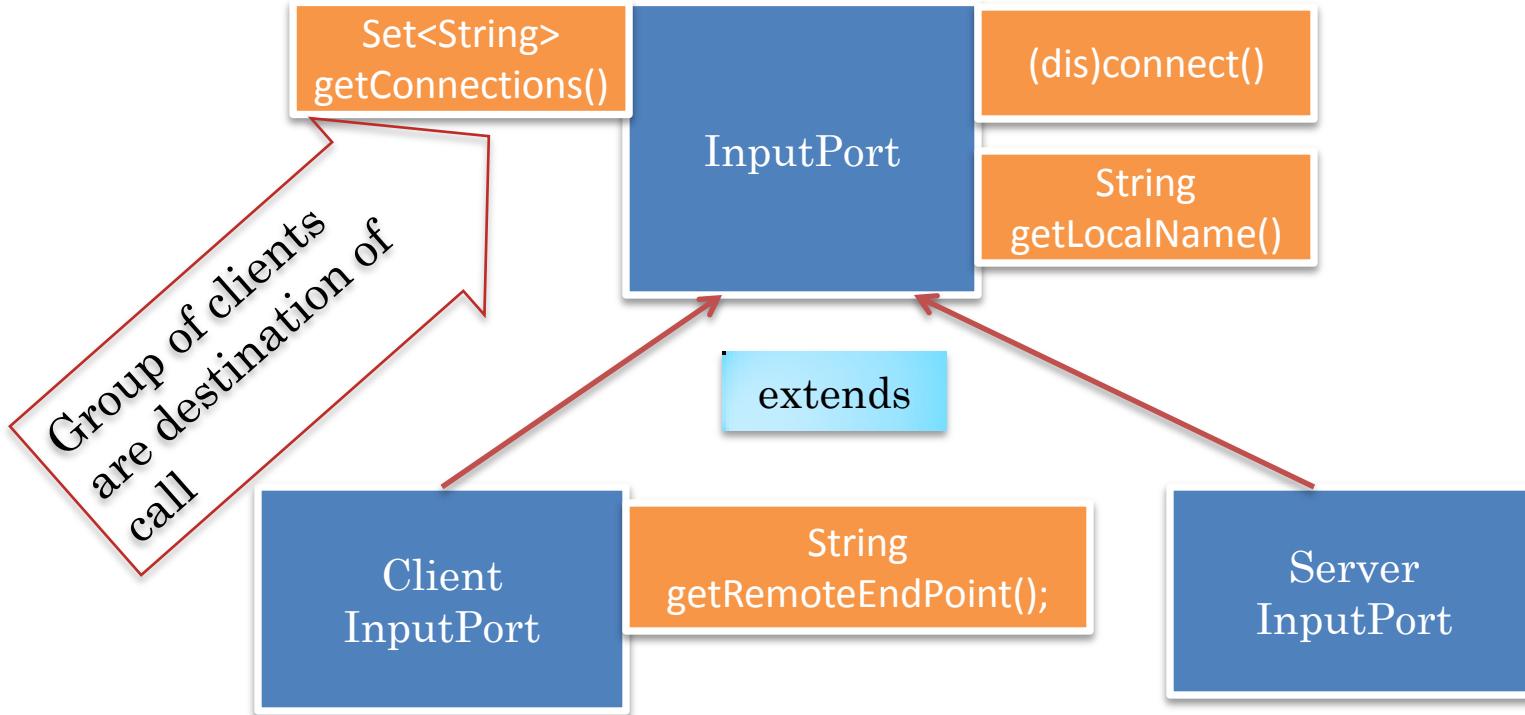
GIPC late binding of proxy could be used to provide multicast



# OTHERS AND ALL PROXY



# SERVER REPLY UNDIRECTED SERVER GENERATOR



GroupRPCProxy  
Generator

Object generateOthersRPCProxy(GroupRPC aPort,  
Class aType)

Object generateAllRPCProxy(GroupxRPC aPort,  
Class aType, String aName)



# RETURN VALUE IN GROUP CALLS

Server  
Proxy

void m( $p^1, \dots p^N$ )

Object m( $p^1, \dots p^N$ )

Integer m( $p^1, \dots p^N$ )



void m( $p^1, \dots p^N$ )



Object m( $p^1, \dots p^N$ )



Integer m( $p^1, \dots p^N$ )

Server  
Object

GIPC returns an array of return values

Otherwise can be cast to Object[]

Exception if return value is not an Object

(Object[]) m( $p^1, \dots p^N$ )

# SUMMARY

- In GIPC, a proxy for a remote object is generated by the caller rather than fetched from a server.
- Proxy can be generated before the remote object is registered.
- This late binding allows a client proxy:
  - referred by a remote call in a server object to be bound to the client who made the call. Such a proxy is a reply proxy.
  - referred by a remote call in a server object to be bound to all clients but the one who made the call. Such a proxy is an others proxy,
  - to be bound to be bound to all clients. Such a proxy is an all proxy.
  - To be bound to a specific client or server. Such a proxy is a directed proxy.
  - when a proxy is generated, the application must indicate the kind of proxy.
  - a non void call made in an others or group proxy returns an array of objects. Such a call must return an Object.
- A single communication channel between a client and server can be used for proxy calls in both directions. In RMI a separate communication channel must be created for the server and each client

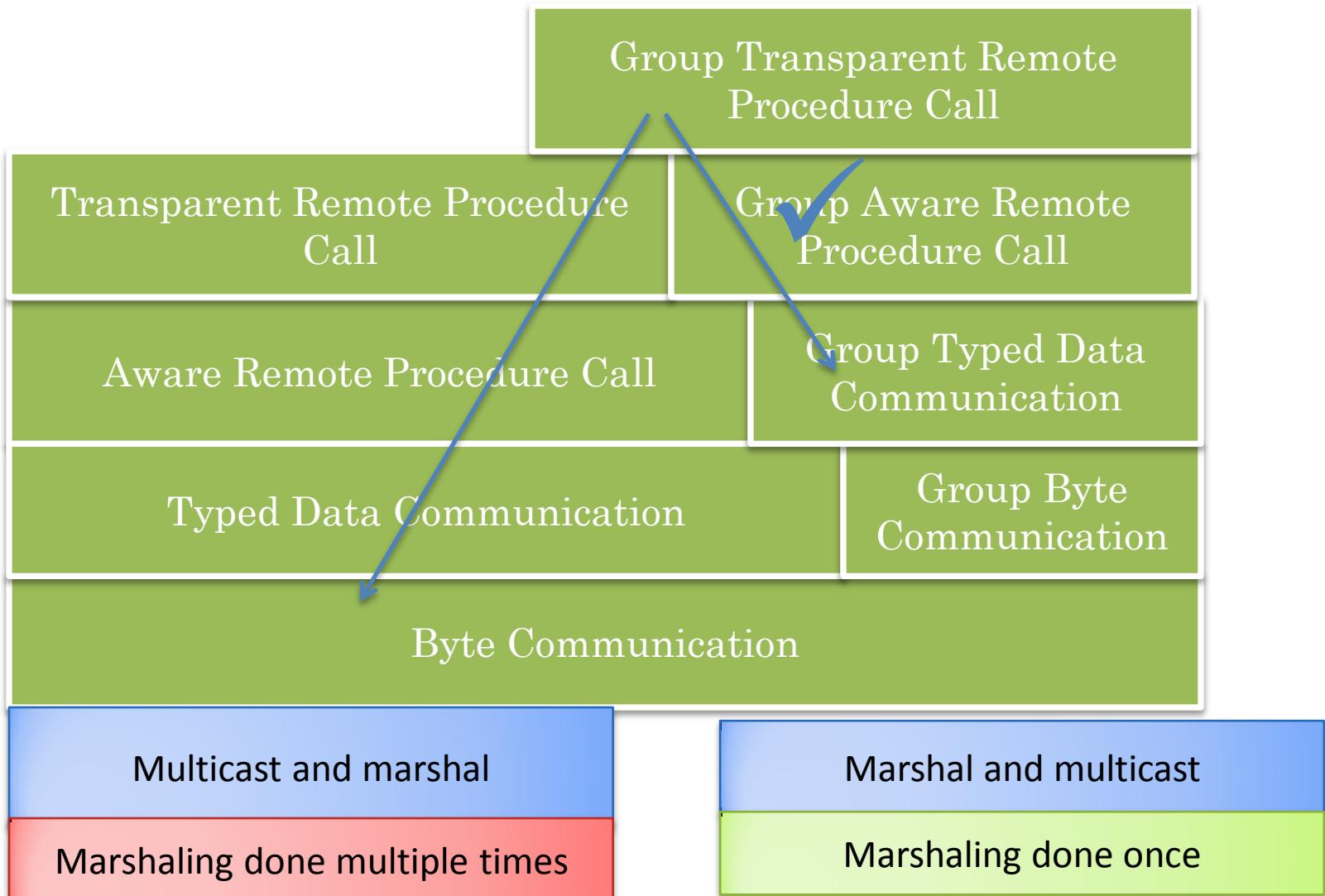


# IMPLEMENTING GROUP CALLS IN SYSTEM

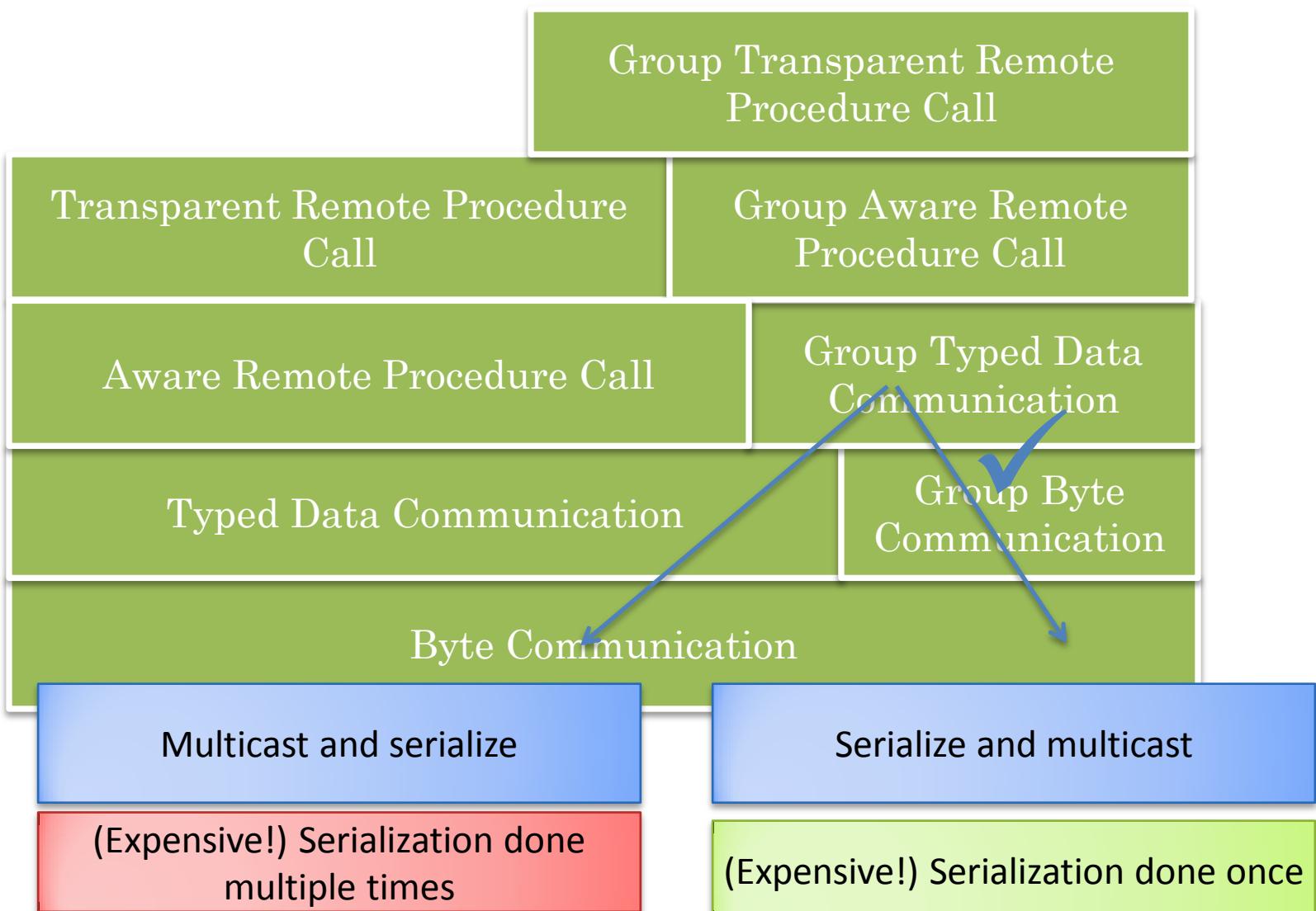
```
protected Object[] getAllCounters() {  
    Object[] retVal = new Object[nameToCounter.keySet().size()];  
    int index = 0;  
    for (String aClient: nameToCounter.keySet()) {  
        try {  
            retVal[index] = nameToCounter.get(aClient).getValue();  
            index++;  
        } catch (Exception e) {  
            e.printStackTrace();  
        }  
    }  
    return retVal;  
}
```



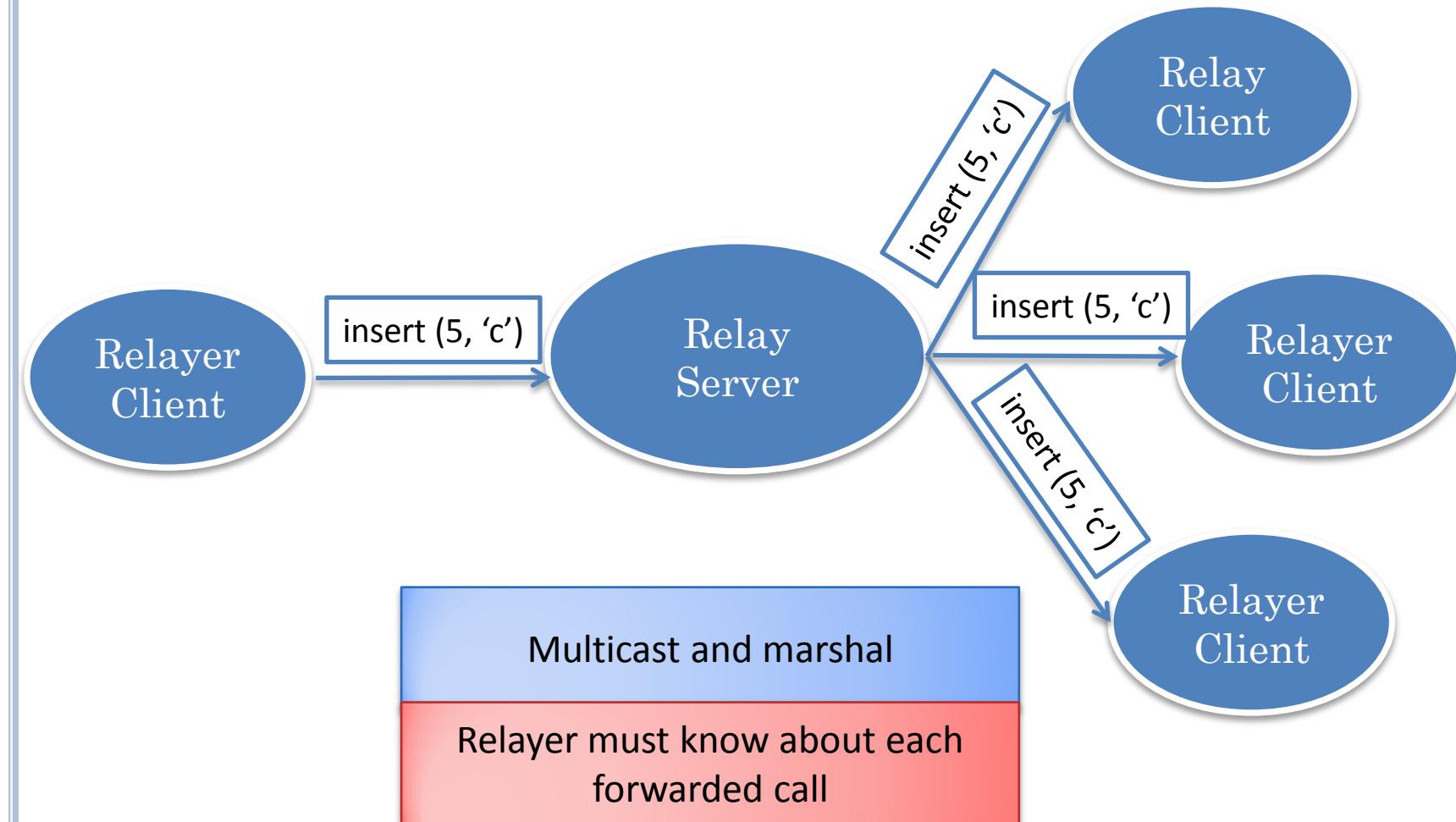
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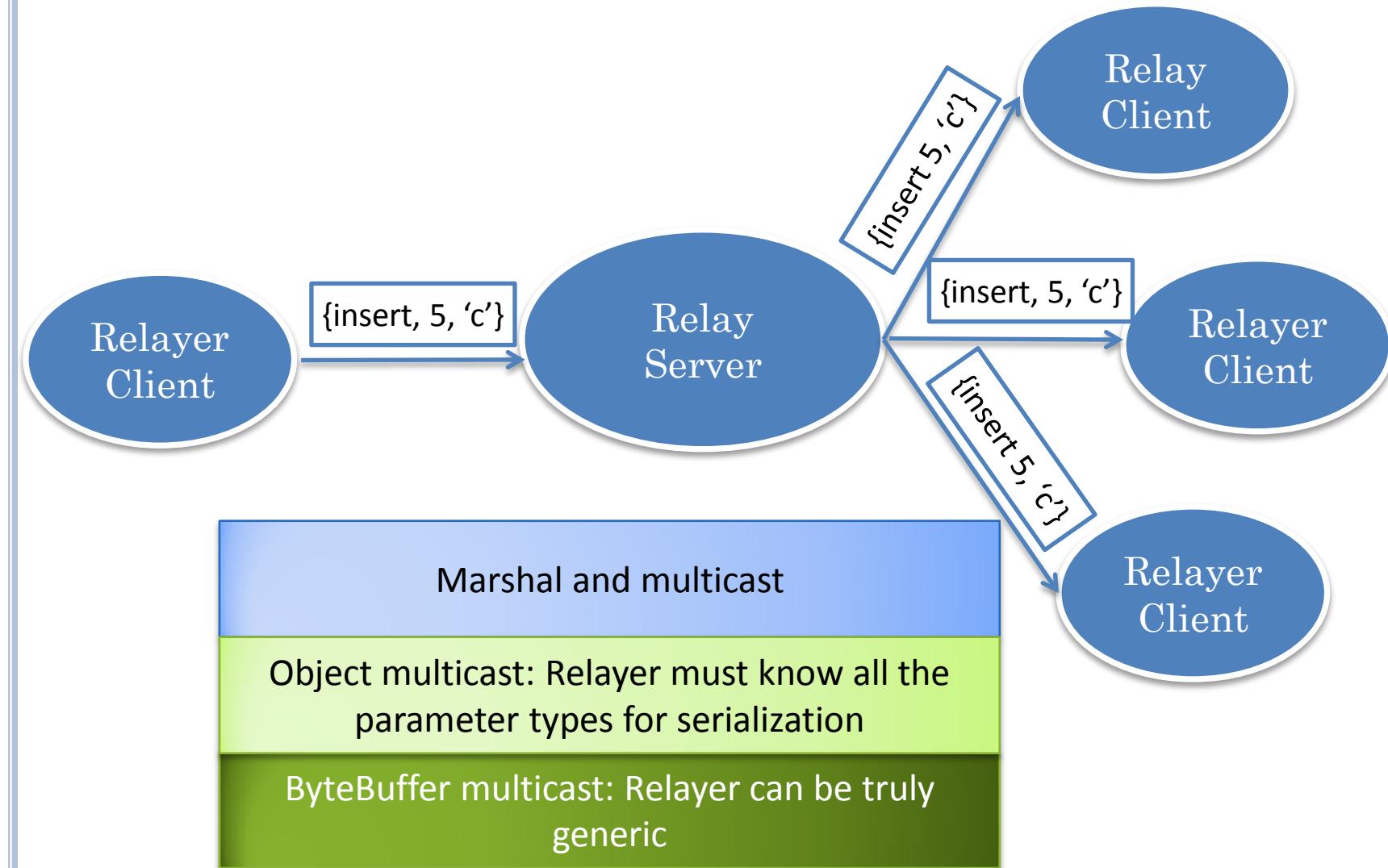
# MULTICAST AND SERIALIZE



# RELAYING METHOD CALLS



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# GROUP COMMUNICATION

- A group rpc all is marshalled once by sending the marshalled data once through the group object communication layer.
- A group data object send is serialized once by sending the serialized value once through the group buffer communication layer



# PROXY CREATION

Proxies may be created from name of server object

May be obtained in arguments to method calls

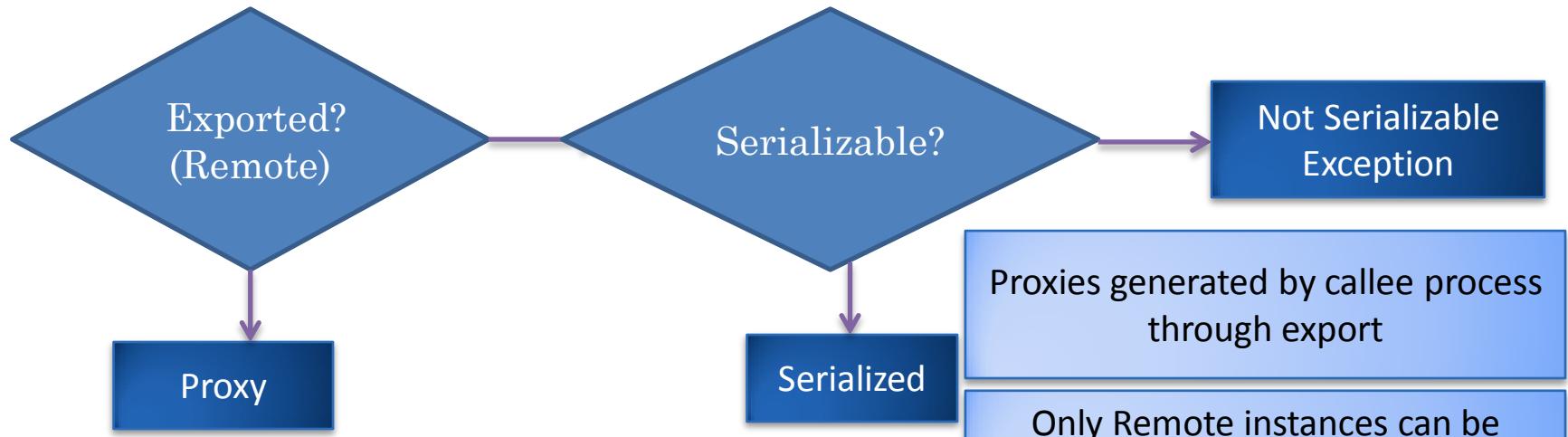
What should happen when a parameter is passed to a remote method or a return value is received?



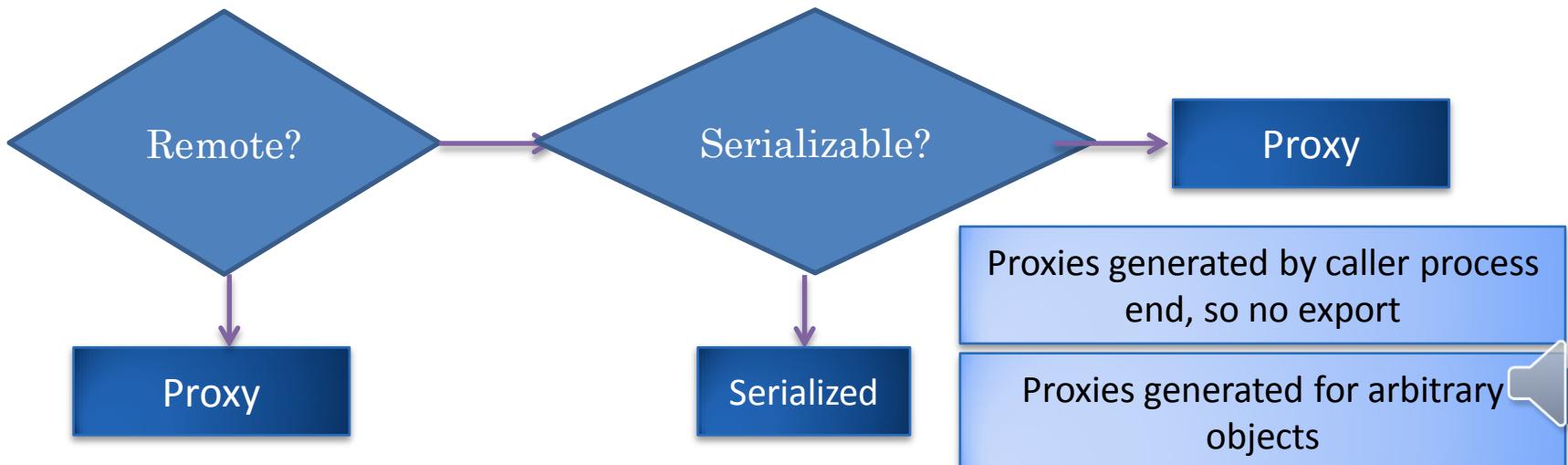
# COPY OR PROXY? RMI vs. GIPC

Should a parameter to a remote method be passed as a reference or a serialized copy?

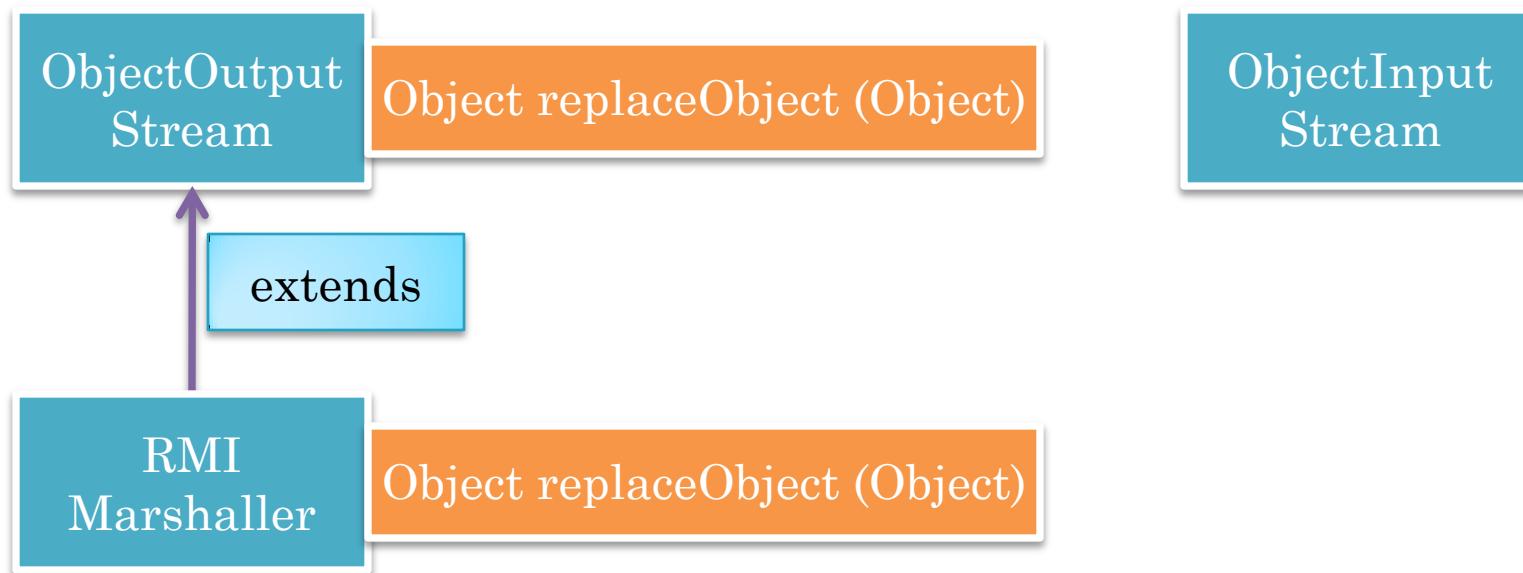
RMI



GIPC



# SERIALIZATION → MARSHALLING



ObjectOutputStream calls replaceObject(object) to determine what object is actually serialized and sent

RMI Marshaller returns stub if object IS-A Remote and has been exported (at compile or runtime)

ObjectInputStream uses stub or copy

Marshaller and Serializer are tied to each other through inheritance



# LOCALREMOTEREFERENCETRANSLATOR

LocalRemote  
Reference  
Translator

Object transformReceivedReference(Object possiblyRemote)

Object transformSentReference (Object possiblyRemote)

void transformReceivedReferences(Object[] args)

void transformSentRemoteReferences(Object[] args)

Object getProxy(Object remoteSerializable)

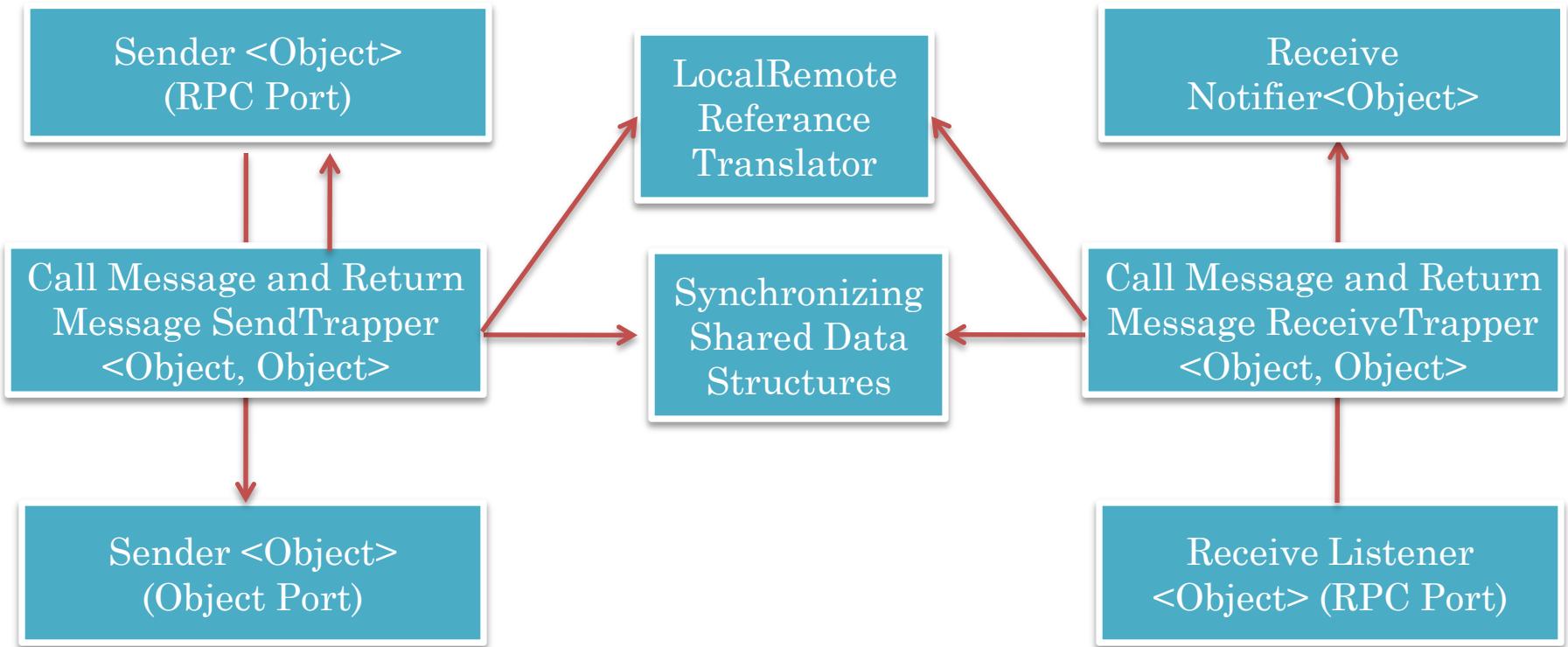
connectRemoteAndRemoteSerializable(Object  
remoteSerializable, Object remote)

Object createRemoteSerializable (  
String remoteEndName, String aClass,  
String anObjectName)

RemoteSerializable getRemoteSerializable(Object getProxy)

Delegation analogue of Java ReplaceObject overriding

# OBJECT FORWARDERS AND SERIALIZERS



Send trapper may need to block sender to implement synchronous operation

Send and receive trapper may need to share information about remote references sent and received

# DUPLEX SHARED STATE

DuplexSerializableCall  
TrapperSharedState

DuplexSentCallCompleter  
duplexSentCallCompleter

LocalRemoteReferenceTranslator  
localRemoteReferenceTranslator



# DUPLEX SEND TRAPPER

```
public Object getSharedSenderReceiverState() {  
    return sharedSenderReceiverState;  
}  
  
public void send(String remoteName, Object message) {  
    Call call = (Call) message;  
    sharedSenderReceiverState.localRemoteReferenceTranslator  
        .transformSentRemoteReferences(call.getArgs());  
    super.send(remoteName, message);  
}  
  
public Object returnValue(String aDestination, Object aMessage) {  
    Call call = (Call) aMessage;  
    return sharedSenderReceiverState.duplexSentCallCompleter  
        .returnValueOfRemoteMethodCall(duplexRPCInputPort  
            .getLastSender(), call);  
}
```

sent  
Transforms  
reference



# SPECIALIZED BOUNDED BUFFER: ANRPCRETURNVALUEQUEUE

```
public void putReturnValue(RPCReturnValue message) {  
    try {  
        returnValueQueue.put(message);  
    } catch (Exception e) {  
        e.printStackTrace();  
    }  
}  
  
public Object takeReturnValue() {  
    try {  
        RPCReturnValue message = returnValueQueue.take();  
        Object possiblyRemoteRetVal = message.getReturnValue();  
        Object returnValue = localRemoteReferenceTranslator  
            .transformReceivedReference(possiblyRemoteRetVal);  
        return returnValue;  
    } catch (Exception e) {  
        e.printStackTrace();  
        return null;  
    }  
}
```

Transforms  
received  
reference



# ADUPLEXRECEIVEDCALLINVOKER

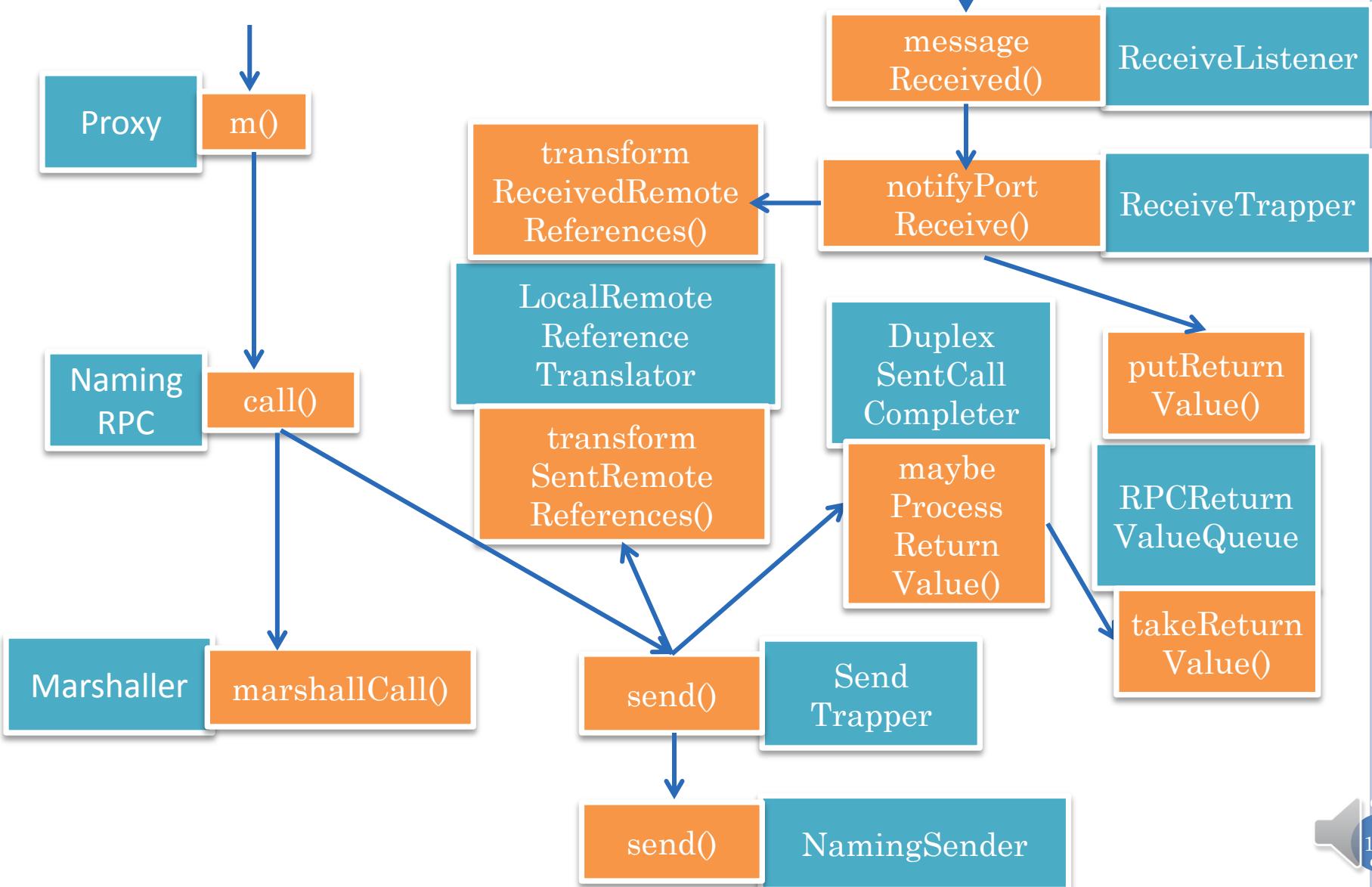
```
protected Object invokeMethod (Method method, Object targetObject,  
Object[] args) {  
    localRemoteReferenceTranslator.transformReceivedReferences(args);  
    return super.invokeMethod(method, targetObject, args);  
}  
  
protected void handleFunctionReturn(String aSource, Object retVal) {  
    Object possiblyTransformedRetVal =  
        localRemoteReferenceTranslator.transformSentReference(retVal);  
    replier.send(aSource,  
        createRPCReturnValue(possiblyTransformedRetVal));  
}
```

Transforms sent  
reference

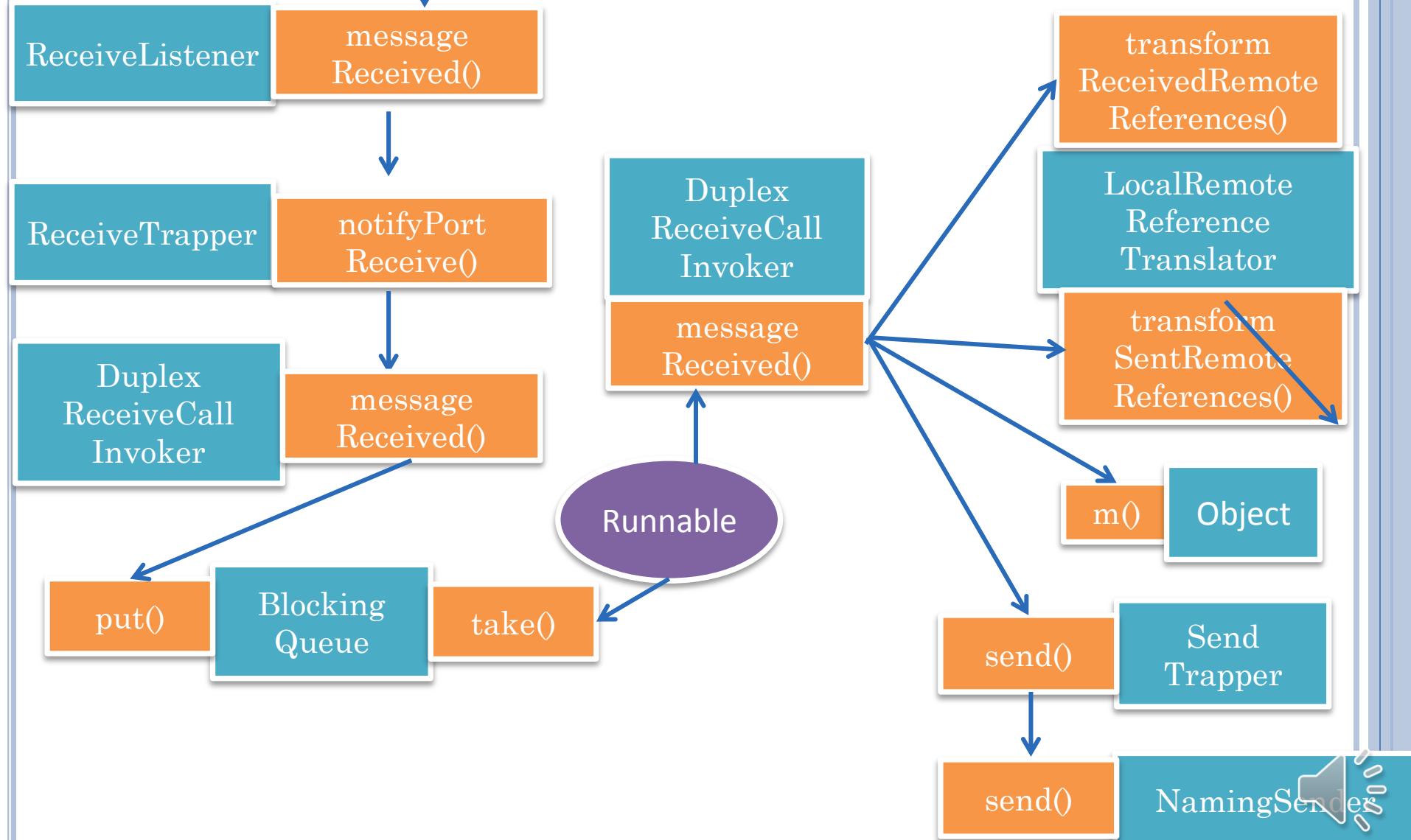
Translates received  
reference



# DUPLEX CALLER FLOW



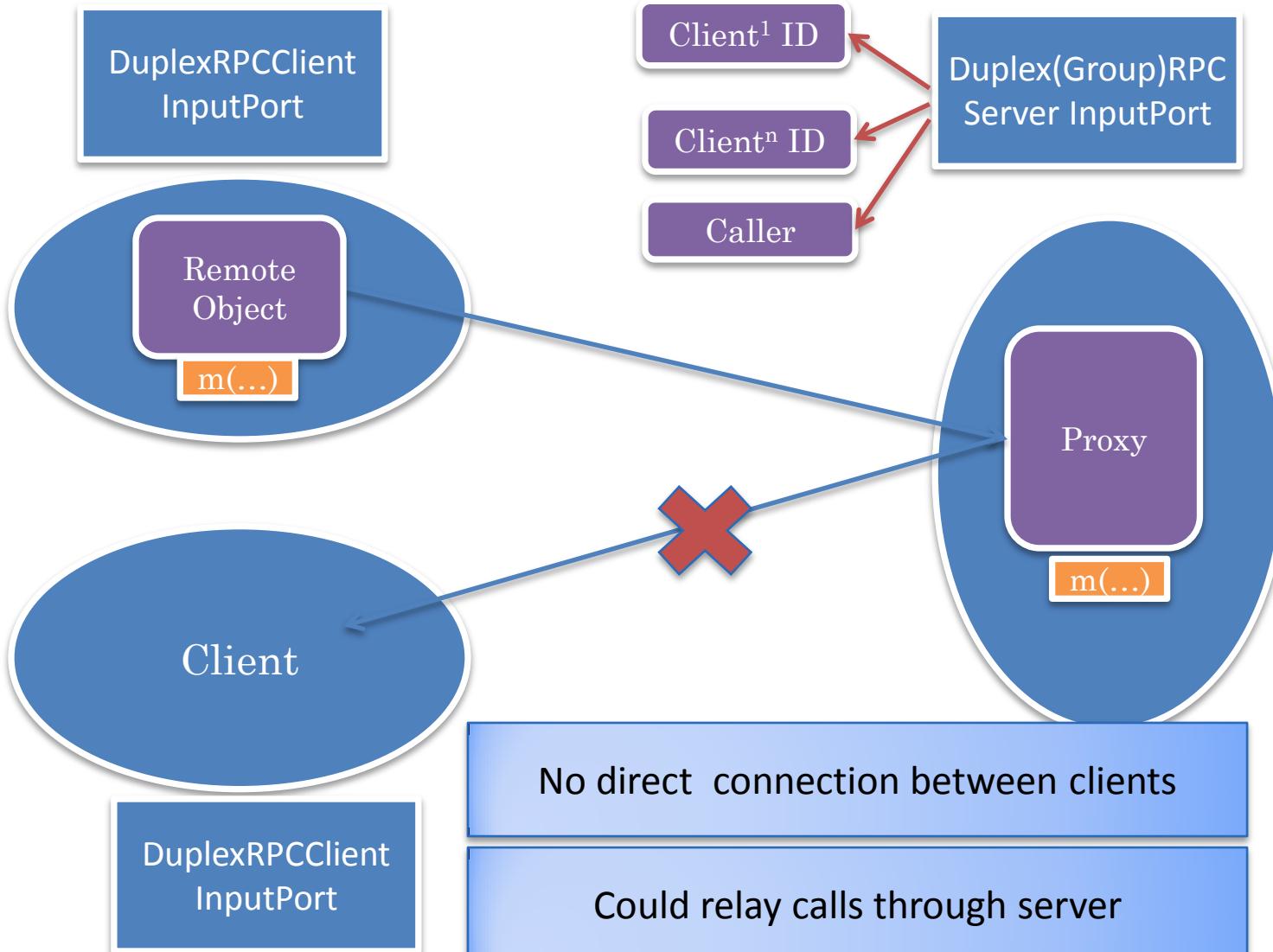
# DUPLEX CALLEE FLOW



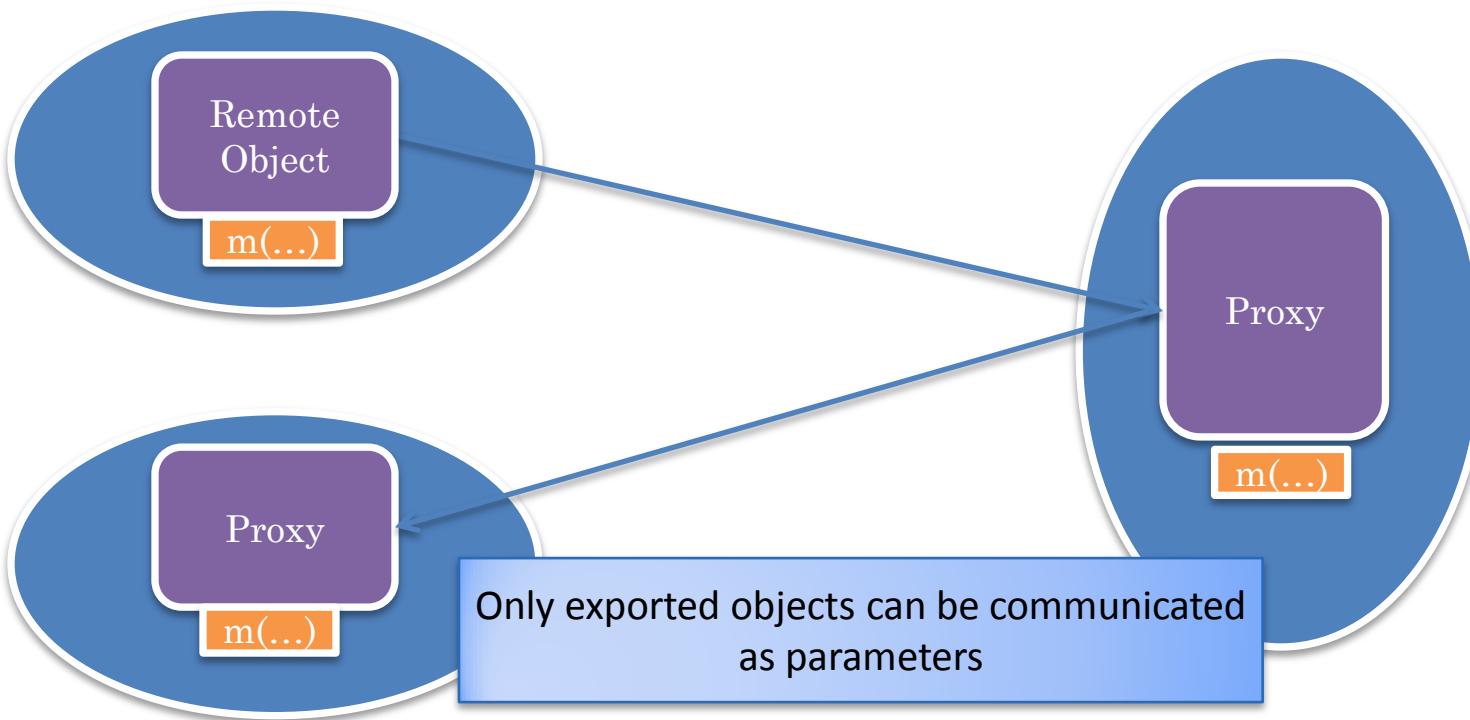
# RMI VS. GIPC BINDING TIME



# GIPC: SHARING WITH OTHER CLIENTS?

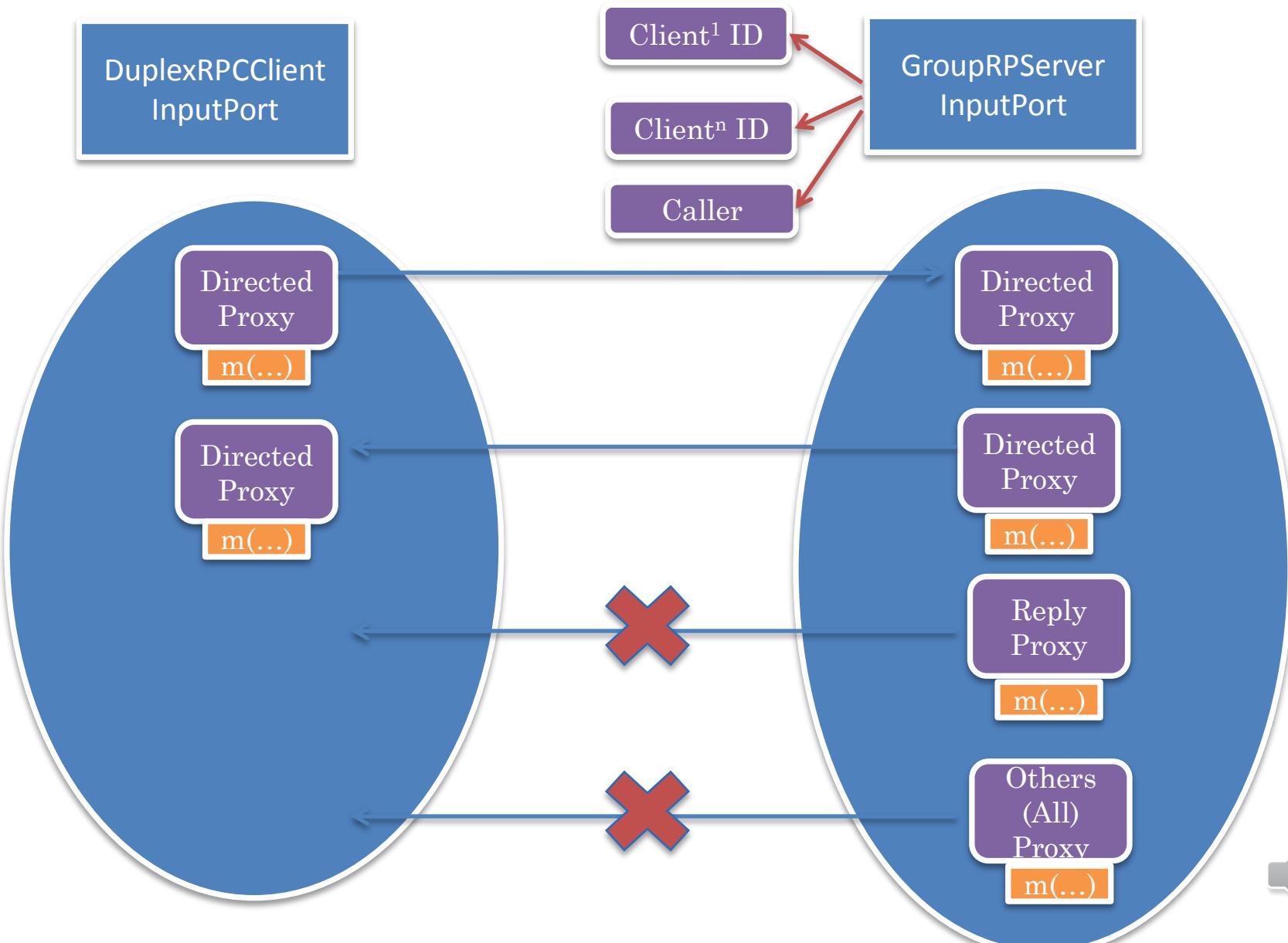


# RMI: SHARING WITH OTHER CLIENTS

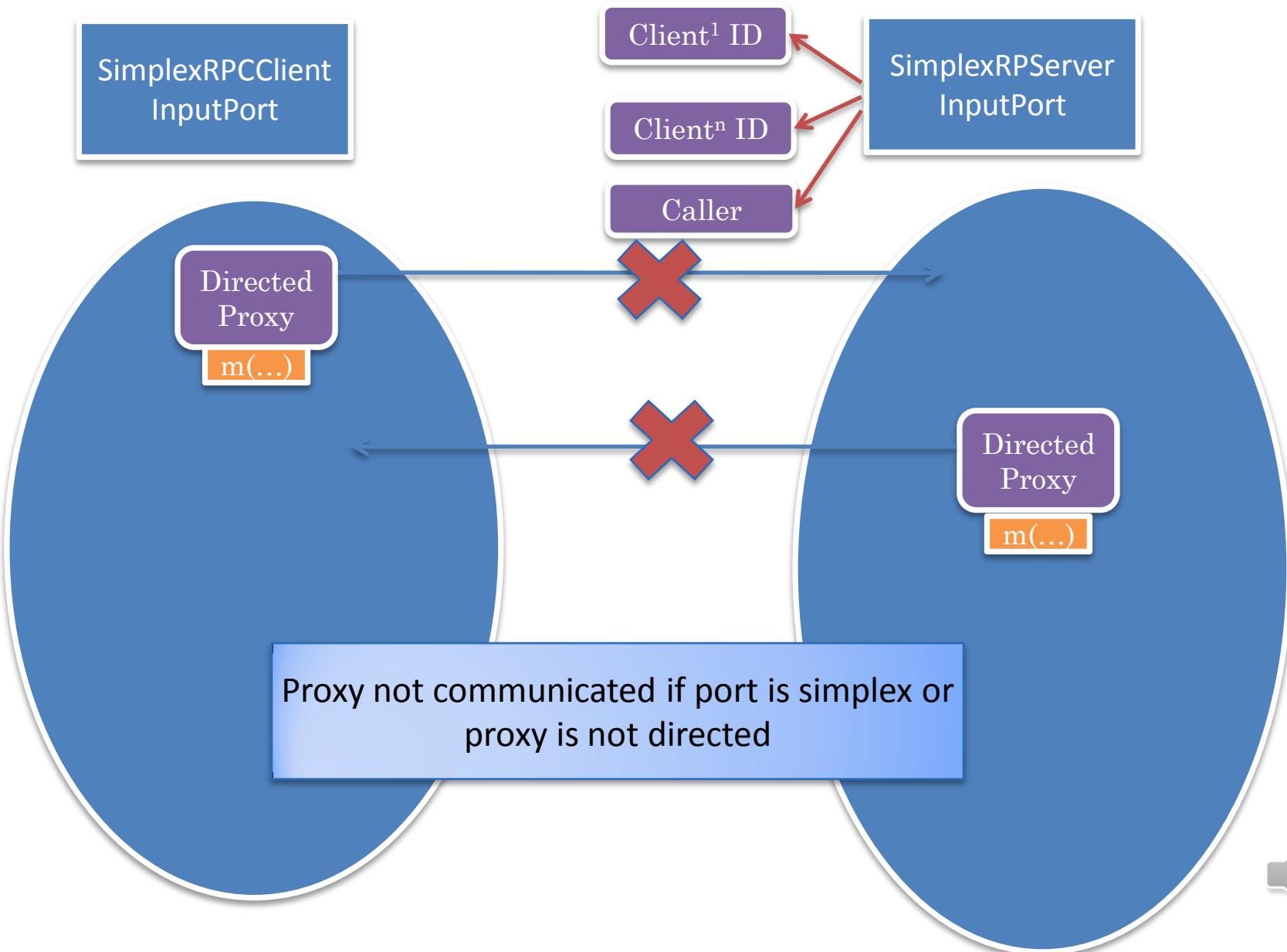


Exporting an object creates a proxy and creates a GIPC-like server port if such a port has not been created already

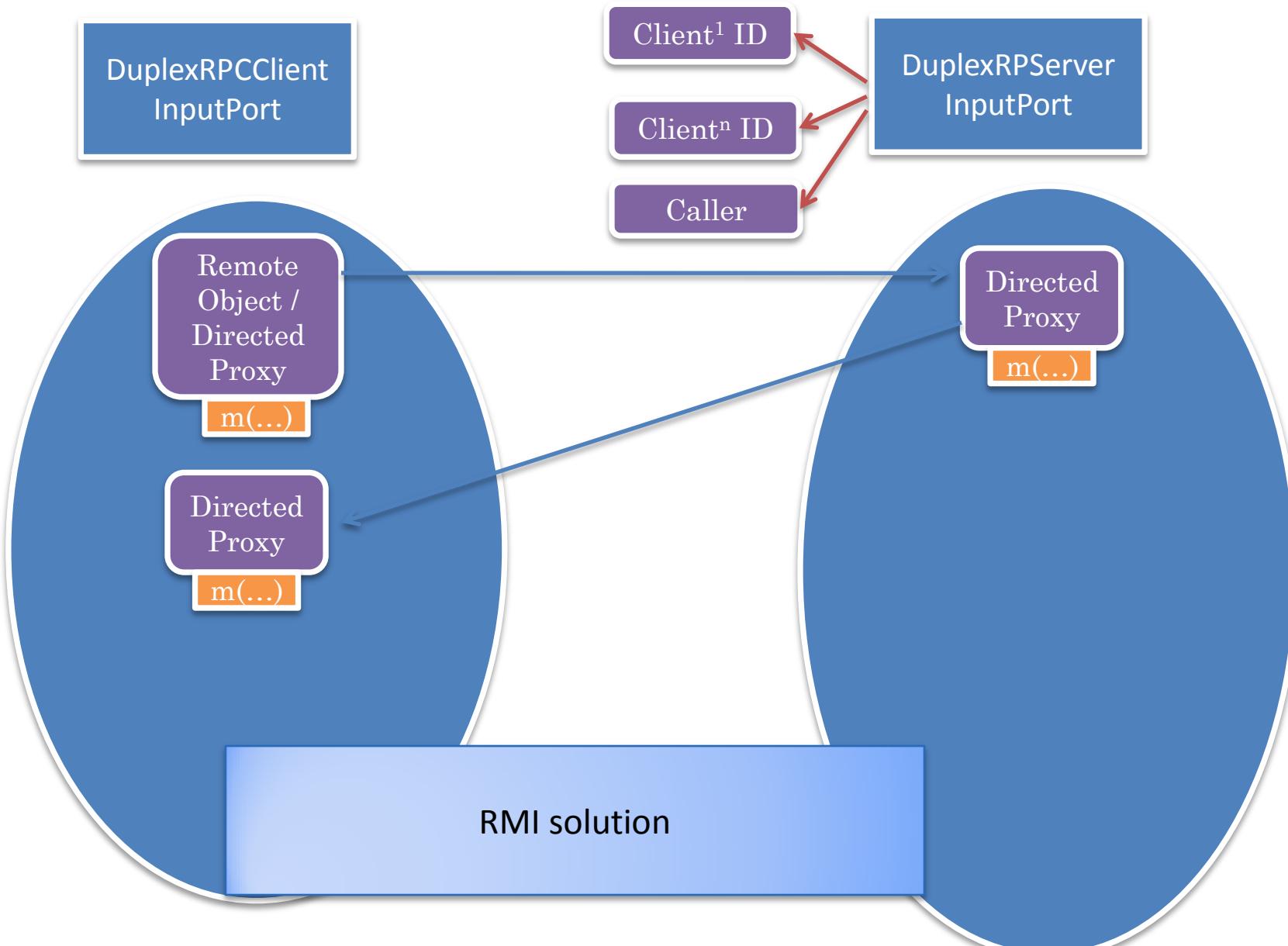
# COMMUNICATION AND TYPES OF PROXIES



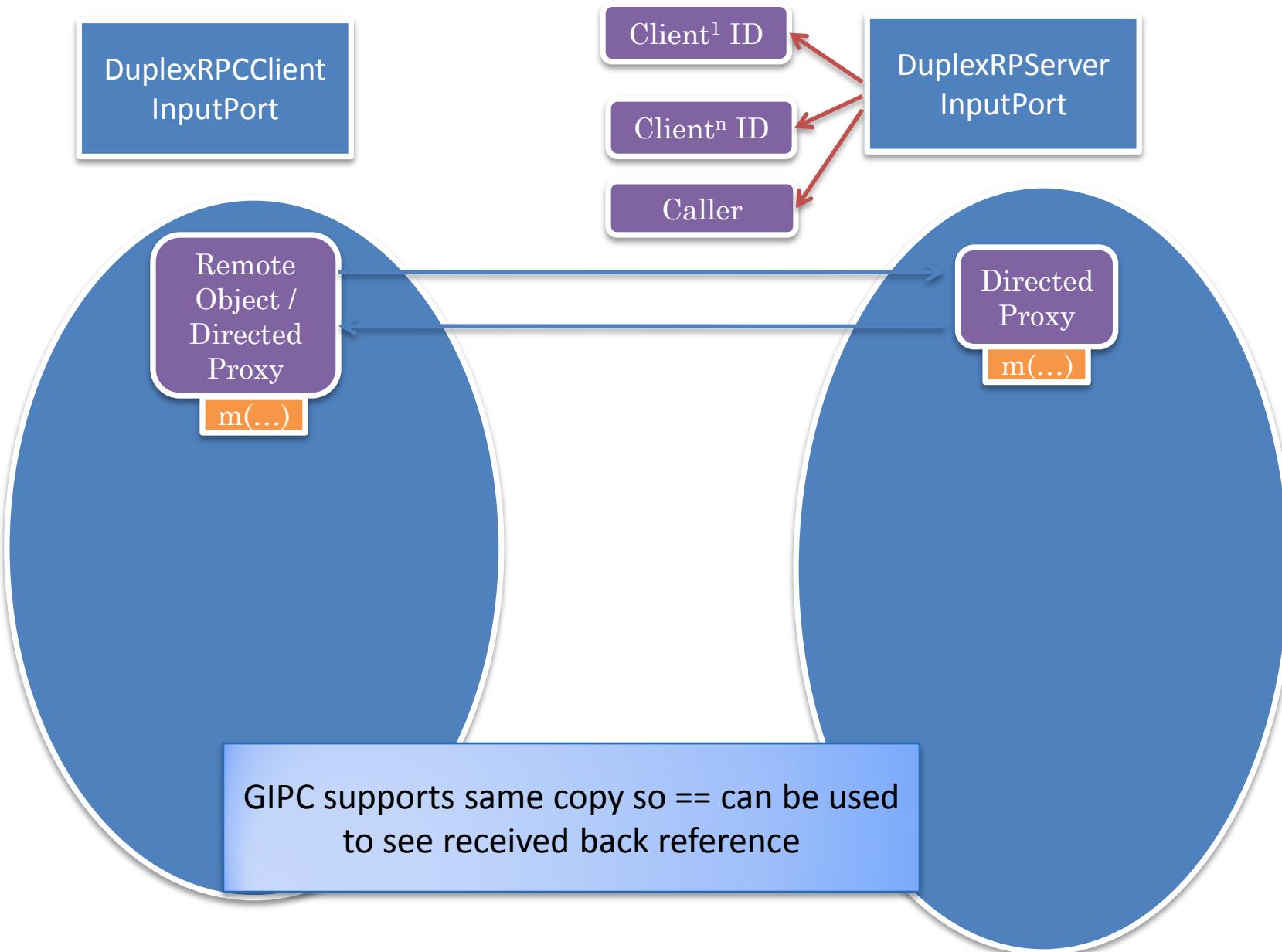
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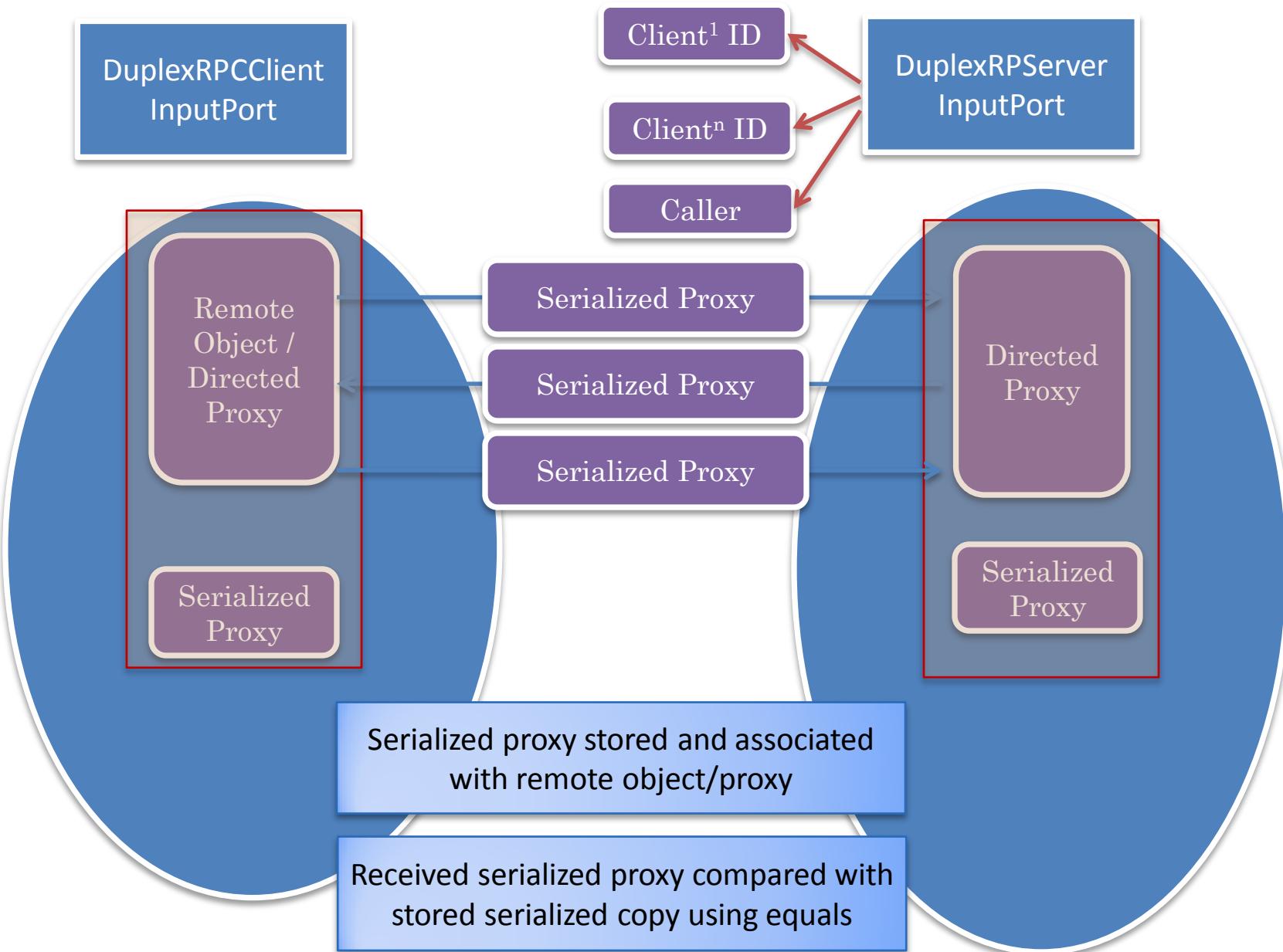
# PROXIES TO SAME OBJECT: NEW PROXY?



# PROXIES TO SAME OBJECT: SAME PROXY?



# IMPLEMENTING SAME COPY: ALGORITHM



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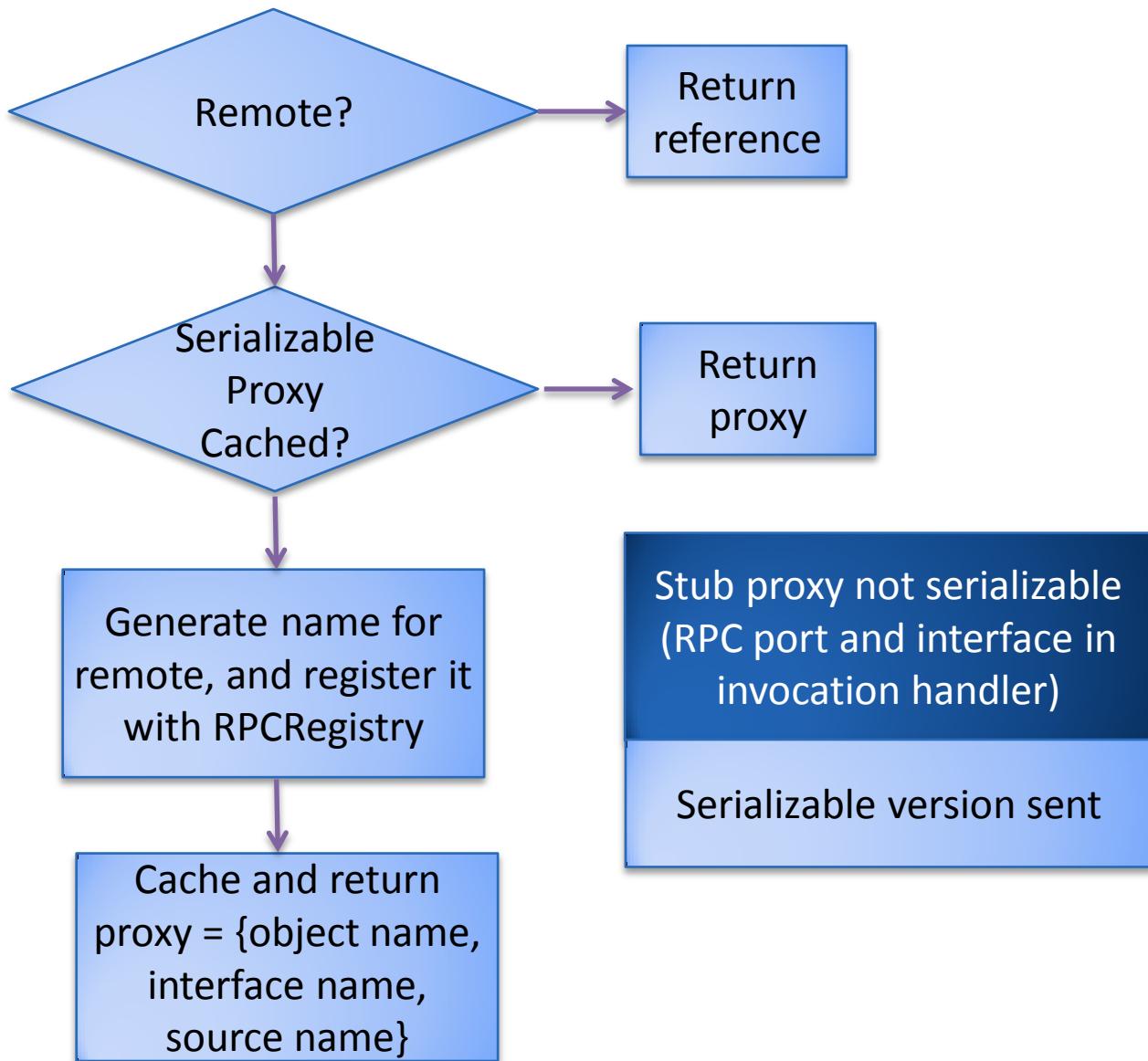
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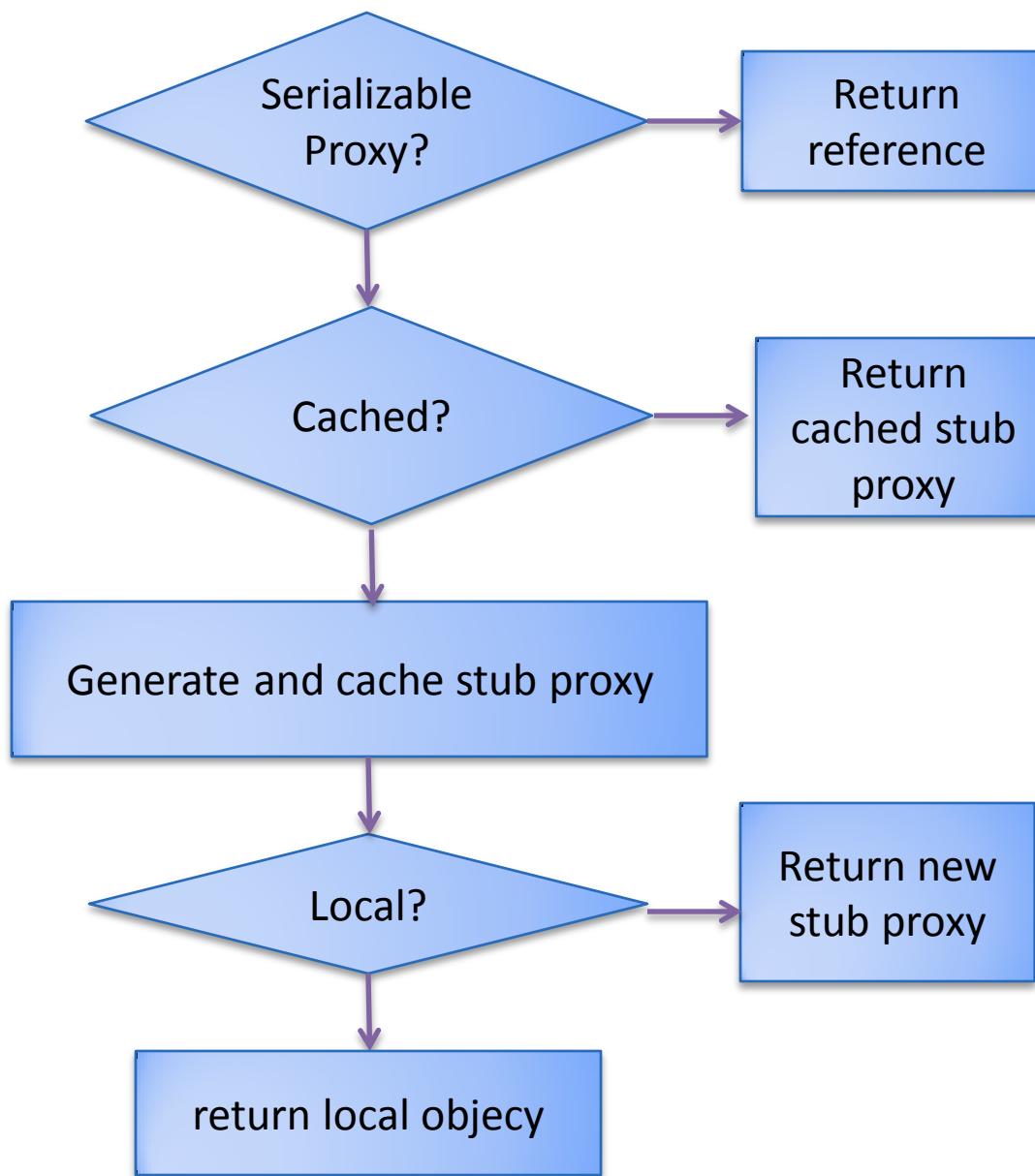
Delegation analogue of Java ReplaceObject overriding

# TRANSFORMSENTREFERENCE



# TRANSFORM RECEIVED REFERENCE

and  
live flows  
must share  
local remote  
reference  
translator



# TRANSFORM SENT REFERENCE

```
public Object transformSentReference(
    Object possiblyRemote) {
    if (!(possiblyRemote instanceof Remote))
        return possiblyRemote;
    Remote remote = (Remote) possiblyRemote;
    RemoteSerializable remoteSerializable =
        remoteToRemoteSerializable.get(remote);
    if (remoteSerializable == null) {
        String objectName = GENERATED_SUFFIX + objectId;
        objectId++;
        duplexRPCInputPort.register(objectName, remote);
        remoteSerializable = new
            ARemoteSerializable(duplexRPCInputPort.getLocalName(),
        remote.getClass().getName(), objectName);
        remoteToRemoteSerializable.put(remote, remoteSerializable);
    }
    return remoteSerializable;
}
```

# TRANSFORM RECEIVED REFERENCE

```
public Object transformReceivedReference(Object  
                                         possiblyRemoteSerializable) {  
    if (!possiblyRemoteSerializable instanceof  
        RemoteSerializable)  
        return possiblyRemoteSerializable;  
    RemoteSerializable remoteSerializable = (RemoteSerializable)  
        possiblyRemoteSerializable;  
    Object localObject =  
        duplexRPCInputPort.getServer(remoteSerializable  
                                      .getObjectName());  
    Object proxy = getProxy(remoteSerializable);
```

# TRANSFORM RECEIVED REFERENCE

```
try {
    if (proxy == null) {
        Class remoteInterface =
            Class.forName(remoteSerializable.getTypeName());
        proxy = (Remote) StaticRPCProxyGenerator.generateRPCProxy(
            duplexRPCInputPort, remoteSerializable.getRemoteEndName(),
            remoteInterface, remoteSerializable.getObjectName());
        remoteSerializableToProxy.put(remoteSerializable, proxy);
        // with traditional map a call back for hashCode happens
        remoteToRemoteSerializable.put(proxy, remoteSerializable);
    }
    if (localObject != null)
        remoteToRemoteSerializable.put(localObject,
                                         remoteSerializable);
}
if (localObject != null)
    return localObject;
return proxy;
} catch (Exception e) {
    e.printStackTrace();
    return null;
}
}
```

# DUPLEX RPC PROXY GENERATOR

```
public Object generateRPCProxy(String aDestination,
                               Class aClass, String anObjectName) {
    Object remoteSerializable =
        localRemoteReferenceTranslator.
            createRemoteSerializable(aDestination, aClass.getName(),
                                    anObjectName);
    Object retVal =
        localRemoteReferenceTranslator.getProxy(remoteSerializable);
    if (retVal != null) return retVal;
    retVal = super.generateRPCProxy(aDestination, aClass,
                                    anObjectName);
    localRemoteReferenceTranslator.
        connectRemoteAndRemoteSerializable(
            remoteSerializable, retVal);
    return retVal;
}
```

# COUNTER

```
public interface Counter extends Remote {  
    void increment(int val);  
    int getValue();  
}
```

# A COUNTER

```
public class ACounter implements Counter {  
    int counter;  
    public int getValue() {  
        return counter;  
    }  
    public void increment(int val) {  
        counter += val;  
    }  
    public boolean equals(Object otherObject) {  
        if (!(otherObject instanceof Counter))  
            return false;  
        return getValue() == ((Counter) otherObject).getValue();  
    }  
}
```

# COMPARABLECOUNTER

```
public interface ComparableCounter extends Counter{  
    public ComparableCounter greater(ComparableCounter aCounter);  
}
```

# A COMPARABLE COUNTER

```
public class AComparableCounter extends ACounter
    implements ComparableCounter {
    public ComparableCounter greater(ComparableCounter aCounter) {
        if (getValue() < aCounter.getValue()) {
            return aCounter;
        }
        else return this;
    }
}
```

# SERVER

```
public class GIPCComparableCounterServer
        extends ComparableCounterLauncher{
    public static void main (String[] args) {
        try {
            DuplexRPCServerInputPort aServerInputPort =
                DuplexRPCInputPortSelector.createDuplexRPCServerInputPort(
                    SERVER_PORT, SERVER_NAME);
            ComparableCounter counter1 = new AComparableCounter();
            ComparableCounter counter2 = new AComparableCounter();
            aServerInputPort.register(COUNTER1, counter1);
            aServerInputPort.register(COUNTER2, counter2);
            aServerInputPort.connect();
        } catch (Exception e) {
            e.printStackTrace();
        }
    }
}
```

# CLIENT

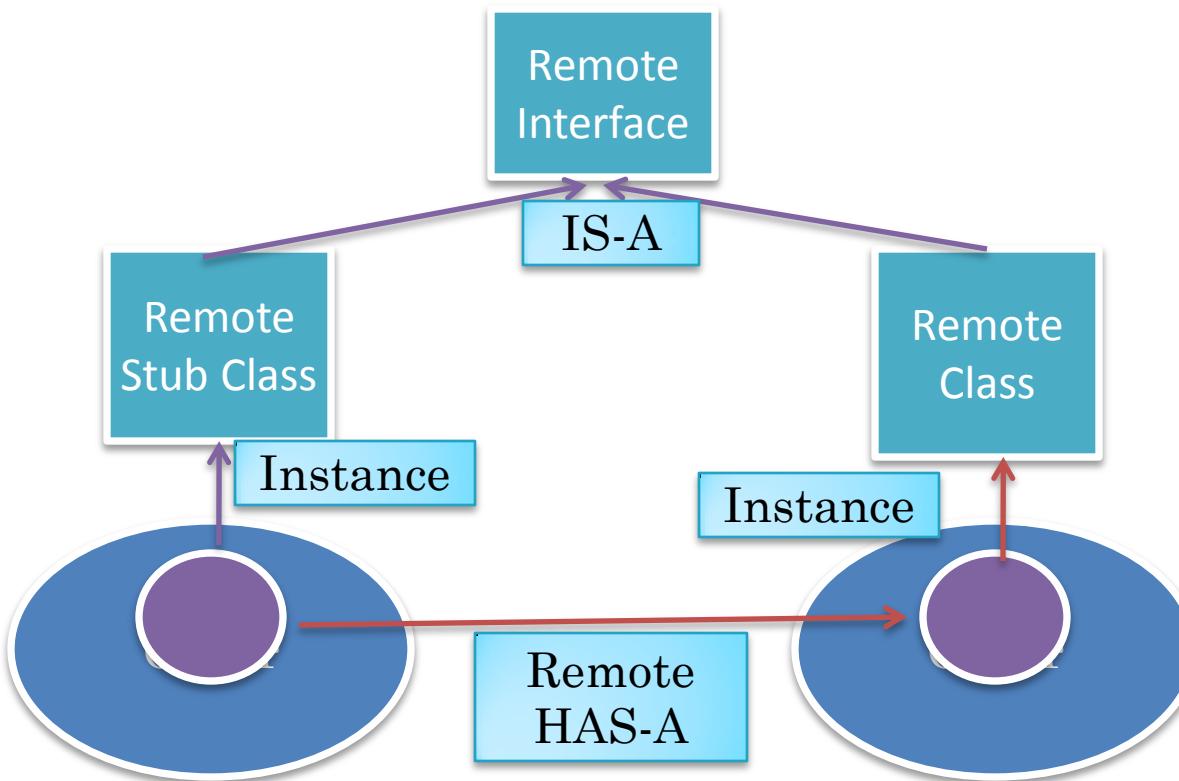
```
public static void main (String[] args) {
try {
    DuplexRPCClientInputPort aClientInputPort =
        DuplexRPCInputPortSelector.createDuplexRPCClientInputPort(
            "localhost", SERVER_PORT, SERVER_NAME, "counter client");
    RPCProxyGenerator rpcProxyGenerator =
        aClientInputPort.getRPCProxyGenerator()
```

# CLIENT

```
ComparableCounter counter11 = (ComparableCounter)
    rpcProxyGenerator.generateRPCProxy(ComparableCounter.class,
        COUNTER1);
ComparableCounter counter12 = (ComparableCounter)
    rpcProxyGenerator.generateRPCProxy(ComparableCounter.class,
        COUNTER1);
ComparableCounter counter2 = (ComparableCounter)
    rpcProxyGenerator.generateRPCProxy(ComparableCounter.class,
        COUNTER2);
aClientInputPort.connect();
ComparableCounter greaterCounter = counter11.greater(counter11);
System.out.println(greaterCounter == counter11);
System.out.println(greaterCounter.equals(counter11));
System.out.println(counter12 == counter11);
System.out.println(counter12.equals(counter11));
System.out.println(counter11.hashCode() ==
                    counter12.hashCode());
System.out.println(greaterCounter.hashCode() ==
                    counter11.hashCode());
System.out.println(counter11.equals(counter2));
} catch (Exception e) {
    e.printStackTrace();
}}
```

GIPCComparableCounterClient [Ja  
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true

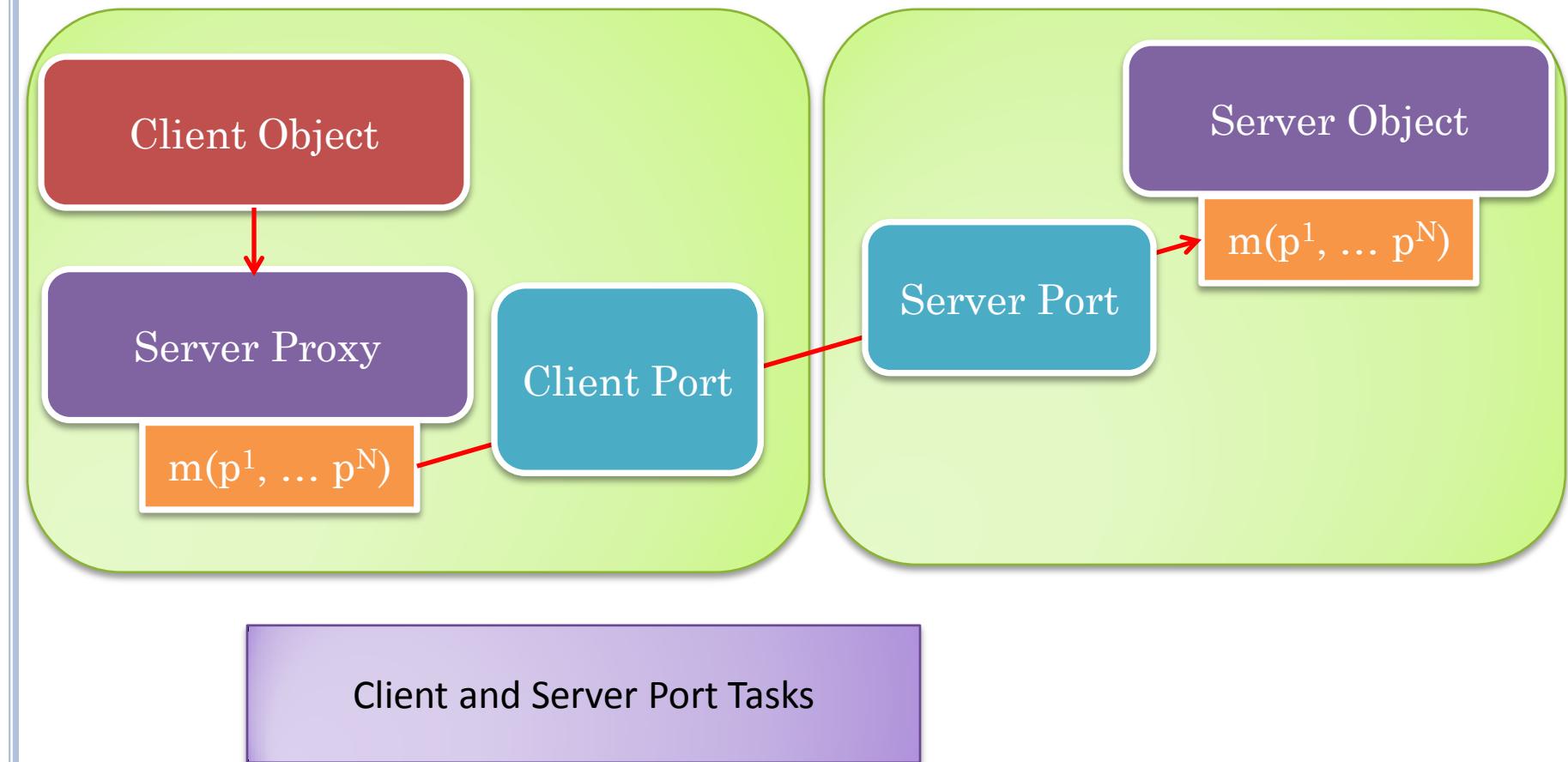
# STUBS AND GARBAGE COLLECTION



Remote HAS-A relationships must be used in garbage collection

RPC system can communicate message when remote references are created/garbage collected

# PORT vs. GIPC-RMI



# GIPC FEATURES

API of lower level layers (except byte communication) is visible

Only remote function calls have to wait

Proxies can be generated for all methods of an object

Server method can determine the host and client who made the call

Special call made by client to pass its name to the RPC system

GIPC has group communication for each communication abstraction

Server is optional and can be built using basic primitives

# GIPC GOALS VS. FEATURES

Extensibility

API of lower level layers (except byte communication) is visible when using RPC

An operation should not have to wait unless it has to

Programmer makes tradeoff between reusability and error checking

Factories, Abstract Factories, PortLauncherSupport, PortLauncher, Open Source, Layering

Client and server input ports define name space and used for connecting, sending, receiving remote object registration and proxy generation

Observer pattern for async IPC operations and only function calls block for compatibility with local procedure call syntax

Can generate proxies for all methods, and warning given if method in a Remote interface does not acknowledge RemoteException

# GIPC GOALS VS. FEATURES

No central server for object registration and proxy creation

Late binding of proxy to remote object. Proxy created based on class and name of remote object which is passed at call time to remote port end point which looks it up

Only code that needs client awareness should be client aware

Can make a return call to current caller without being aware of it because of late binding

At client port creation time, client name passed, communicated to server, which can make server port call to get name client making current call

Support group communication

Late binding to remote object allows the same call by a server to be invoked on different sets of clients

# RMI vs. GIPC-RPC STEPS

## Server

Start or connect to existing RMIREgistry

Generate proxy object(s) for server object(s)

Register proxy object(s) with RMIREgistry

Create server RPC port and connect to it, possibly defining connect listeners and threads

Register server object(s) with port

Automation?

## Client

Connect to RMIREgistry

Fetch proxy objects

Use proxy objects to invoke methods

Create client server port (after initializing port launcher support)

Generate proxy objects for server objects

Connect to port, possibly implementing connect listener and threads

Use proxy objects to invoke methods

# PORT CREATION IN RMI?

- When a process first exports an object on a specific port, an underlying server communication channel is created to receive and send messages on that channel to that process and associates the object with that channel.
- The underlying communication channel need not support an explicit connection.
- Proxy calls to remote objects result in messages being sent to the communication channels associated with the remote objects.
- Thus the port creation and connection calls in GIPC are replaced with an export call that takes only the port number of the underlying channel

# RPC AWARENESS IN APPLICATION: TWO EXTREMES

RPC clients and servers handle all aspects of RPC and are completely aware of all of the steps listed below

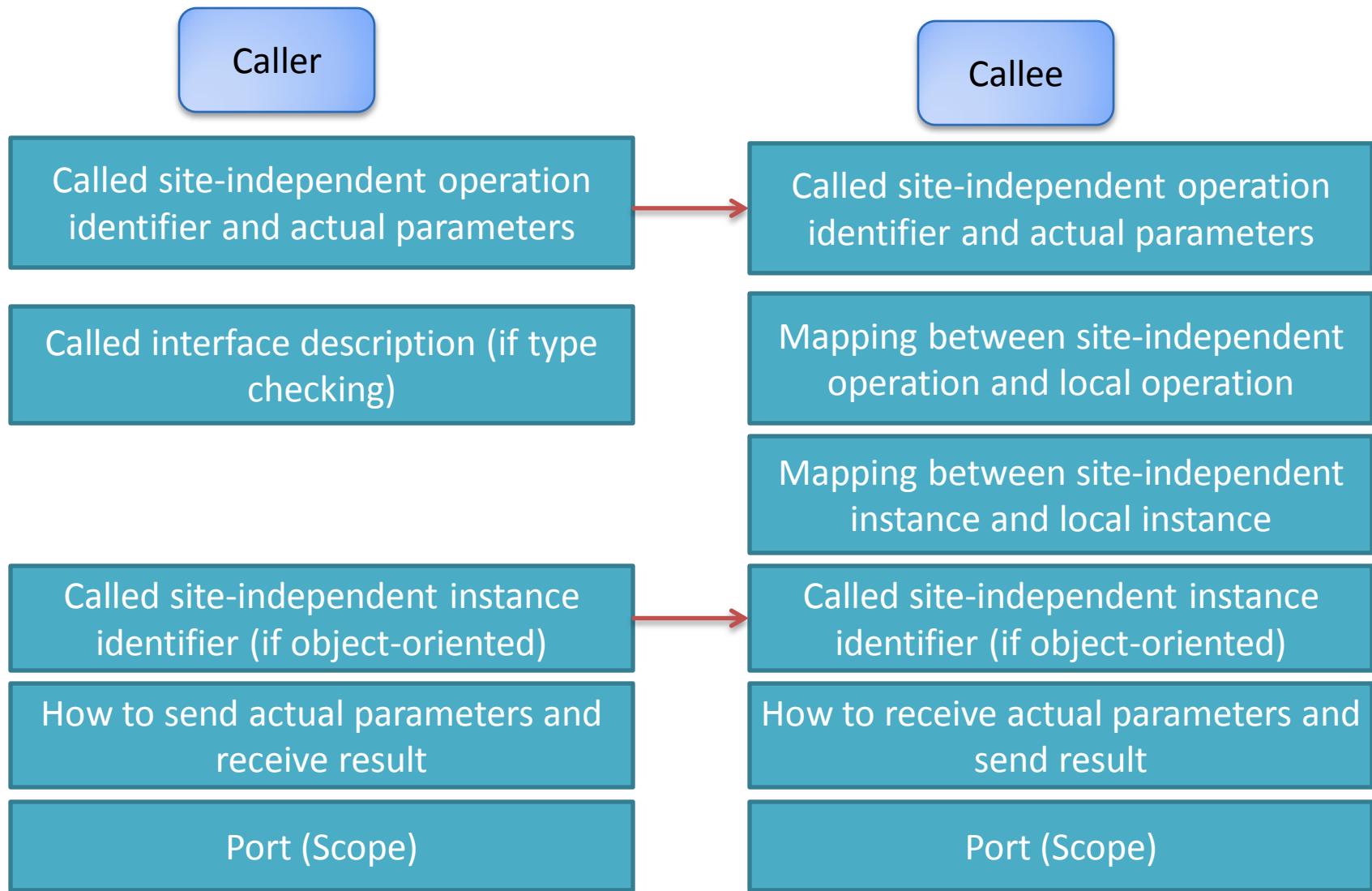
RPC clients and servers are completely unaware of distribution details

Java RMI falls close to complete transparency

GIPC RMI supports a wider spectrum that falls closer and further

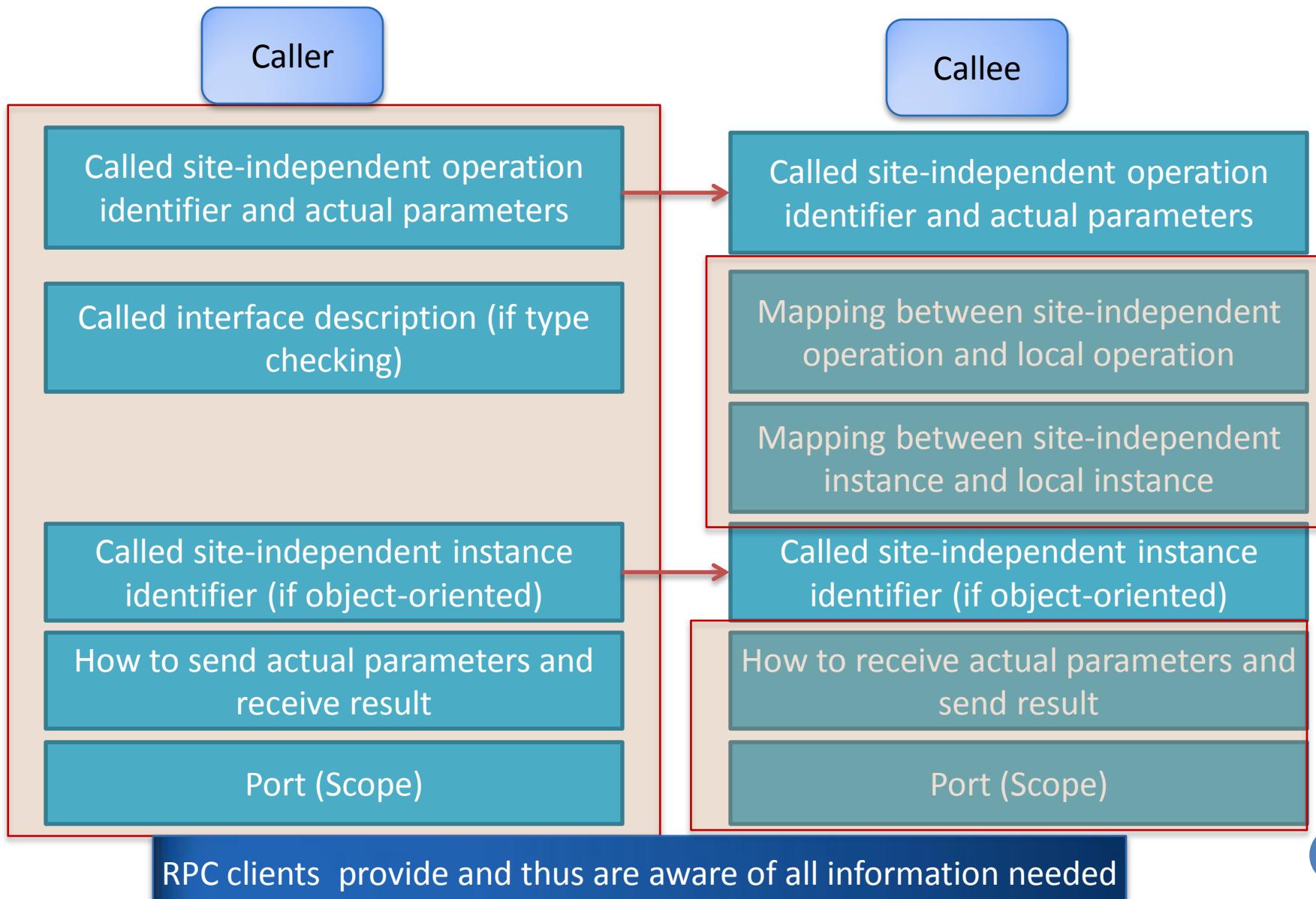
Can one have complete transparency?

# INFORMATION NEEDED BY RPC SYSTEM

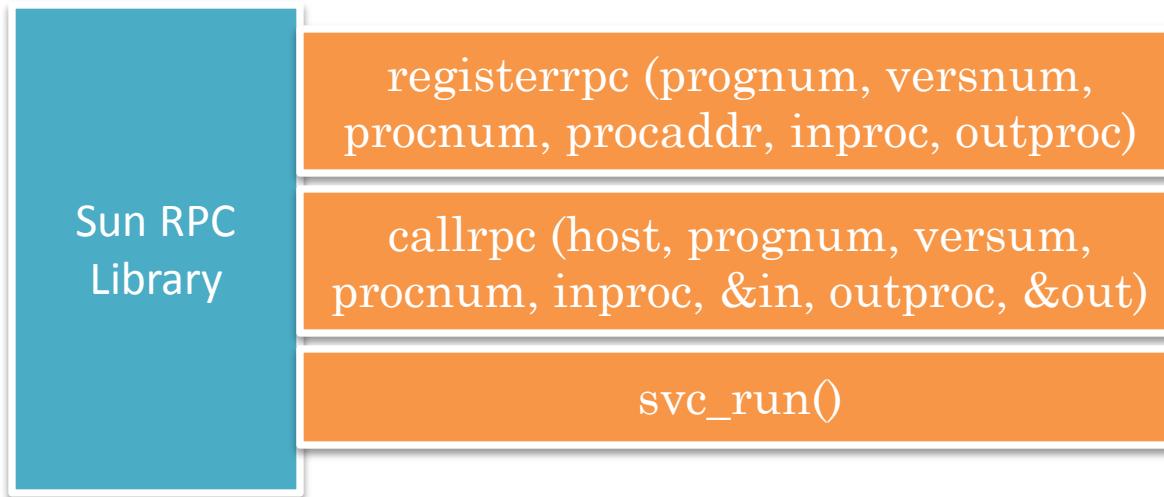


Systems differ in how much information provided by application

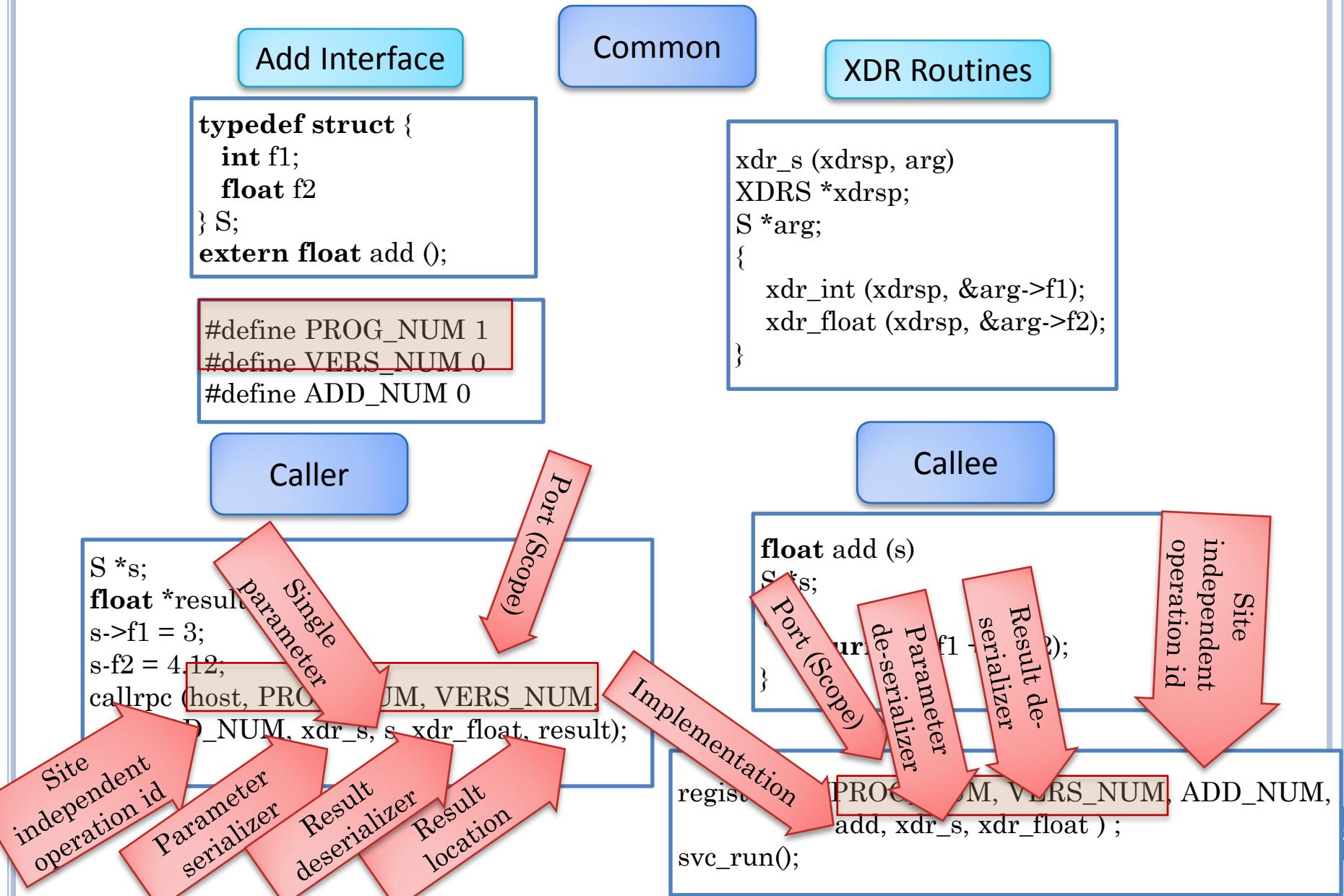
# FULL RPC AWARENESS



# FULL AWARENESS: SUN NON-OO RPC



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# IMPLEMENTING FULL AWARENESS

Caller

```
callrpc (host, PROG_NUM, VERS_NUM,  
PROC_NUM, xdr_arg, arg, xdr_result, result)
```

```
clientPort ← getOrCreateAndConnect( host,  
PROG_NUM) if not already connected
```

```
send (clientPort, VERS_NUM, PROC_NUM, arg,  
xdr_arg)
```

```
return (receive (dataPort, xdr_result))
```

Callee

```
registerrpc (PROG_NUM, VERS_NUM,  
PROC_NUM, proc_adr, xdr_arg, xdr_result )
```

```
register({VERS_NUM, PROC_NUM}, {proc_adr,  
xdr_arg, xdr_result})
```

```
serverPort ←  
getOrCreateAndConnectServerPort(PROG_NUM)
```

```
svc_run();
```

```
{vers_num, proc_num, arg_bytes} ←  
receive ( serverPort)
```

```
{proc_adr, xdr_arg, xdr_result} ←  
lookup({vers_num, proc_num})
```

```
reply(execute(proc_adr, xdr_arg,  
xdr_result))
```

# FULL APPLICATION AWARENESS: SUN NON-OO

## RPC

### Add Interface

```
typedef struct {
    int f1;
    float f2
} S;
extern float add();
```

```
#define PROG_NUM 1
#define VERS_NUM 0
#define ADD_NUM 0
```

### Common

```
xdr_s (xdrsp, arg)
XDRS *xdrsp;
S *arg;
{
    xdr_int (xdrsp, &arg->f1);
    xdr_float (xdrsp, &arg->f2);
}
```

### Callee

```
float add (s)
S *s;
{
    return (s->f1 + s->f2);
}
```

### Caller

```
S *s;
float *result;
s->f1 = 3;
s-f2 = 4.12;
callrpc (host, PROG_NUM, VERS_NUM,
ADD_NUM, xdr_s, s, xdr_float, result);
```

How changed for full transparency?

```
registerrpc (PROG_NUM, VERS_NUM, ADD_NUM,
            add, xdr_s, xdr_float );
svc_run();
```

# FULL APPLICATION AWARENESS: SUN NON-OO RPC (REVIEW)

Add Interface

```
typedef struct {
    int f1;
    float f2
} S;
extern float add();
```

```
#define PROG_NUM 1
#define VERS_NUM 0
#define ADD_NUM 0
```

Common

XDR Routines

```
xdr_s (xdrsp, arg)
XDRS *xdrsp;
S *arg;
{
    xdr_int (xdrsp, &arg->f1);
    xdr_float (xdrsp, &arg->f2);
}
```

Caller

```
S *s;
float *result;
s->f1 = 3;
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callrpc (host, PROG_NUM, VERS_NUM,
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```

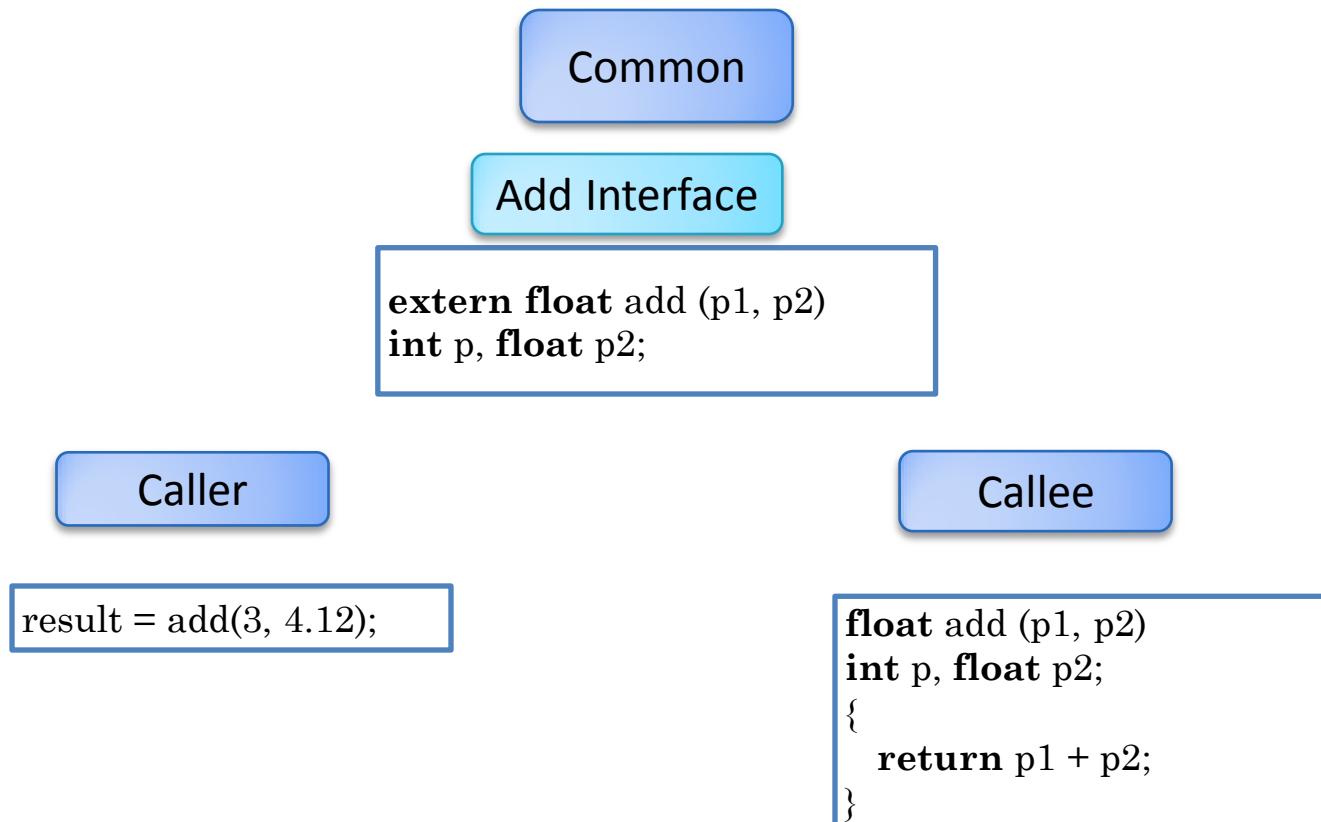
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Callee

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add, xdr_s, xdr_float );
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```

# FULL APPLICATION TRANSPARENCY: CEDAR RPC



How to implement fully transparent RPC?

Assume fully aware rpc is given

# FULL APPLICATION AWARENESS: SUN NON-OO

## RPC

Add Interface

Common

XDR Routines

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    float f2
} S;
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```

```
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#define ADD_NUM 0
```

Caller

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float *result;
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callrpc (host, PROG_NUM, VERS_NUM,
ADD_NUM, xdr_s, s, xdr_float, result);
```

Implementation vehicle now

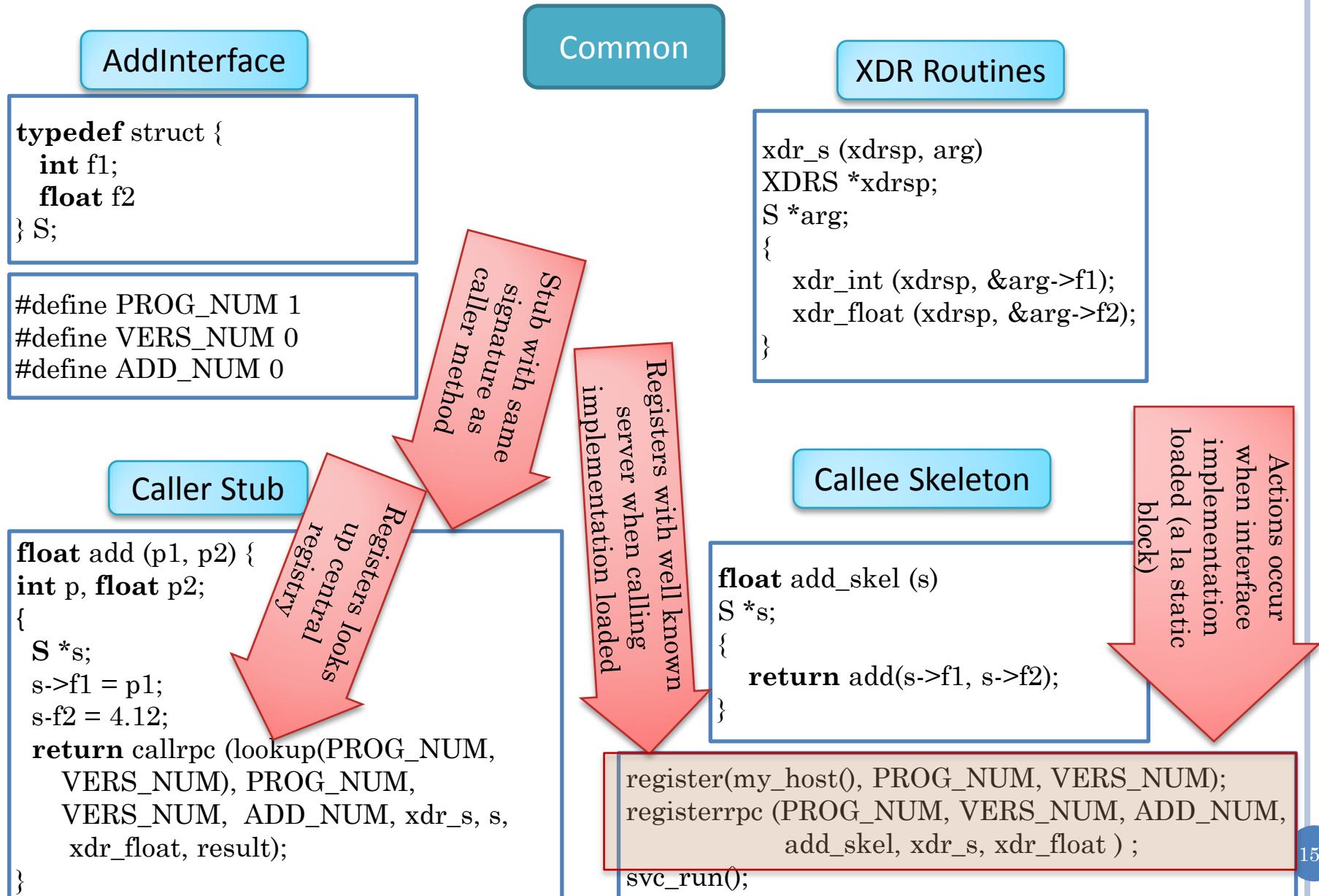
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    xdr_float (xdrsp, &arg->f2);
}
```

Callee

```
float add (s)
S *s;
{
    return (s->f1 + s->f2);
}
```

```
registerrpc (PROG_NUM, VERS_NUM, ADD_NUM,
add, xdr_s, xdr_float );
svc_run();
```

# GENERATION BASED RPC



# STUB AND SKELETON OPERATIONS

## Caller Stub

Created for each callable operation  
and has same signature

Marshals parameters and sends  
message (using lower-level  
mechanism)

Receives, unmarshals, and returns  
result

```
float add (p1, p2) {  
    int p, float p2;  
    {  
        S *s;  
        s->f1 = p1;  
        s-f2 = 4.12;  
        return callrpc (lookup(PROG_NUM,  
            VERS_NUM), PROG_NUM,  
            VERS_NUM, ADD_NUM, xdr_s, s,  
            xdr_float, result);  
    }
```

## Callee Skeleton

Created for each callable operation

Receives message (using lower-level  
mechanism) and unmarshals  
parameters

Calls implementation, marshals and  
sends result

```
float add_skel (s)  
S *s;  
{  
    return add(s->f1, s->f2);  
}
```

Stack push/pop vs message  
send/receive

# APPLICATION VS. SYNTAX TRANSPARENCY

Application transparency

Degree to which calling and called application code is aware of remote interaction

Application transparency → syntax transparency

Syntax transparency

Degree to which operation declaration and call syntax is aware of remote interaction

Syntax transparency  → application transparency

Syntax transparency → client stubs

Syntax transparency  → server skeleton

# STUB SKELETON BASED RPC

AddInterface

```
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```

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```

Caller Stub

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    s->f1 = p1;  
    s-f2 = 4.12;  
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        xdr_float, result);  
}
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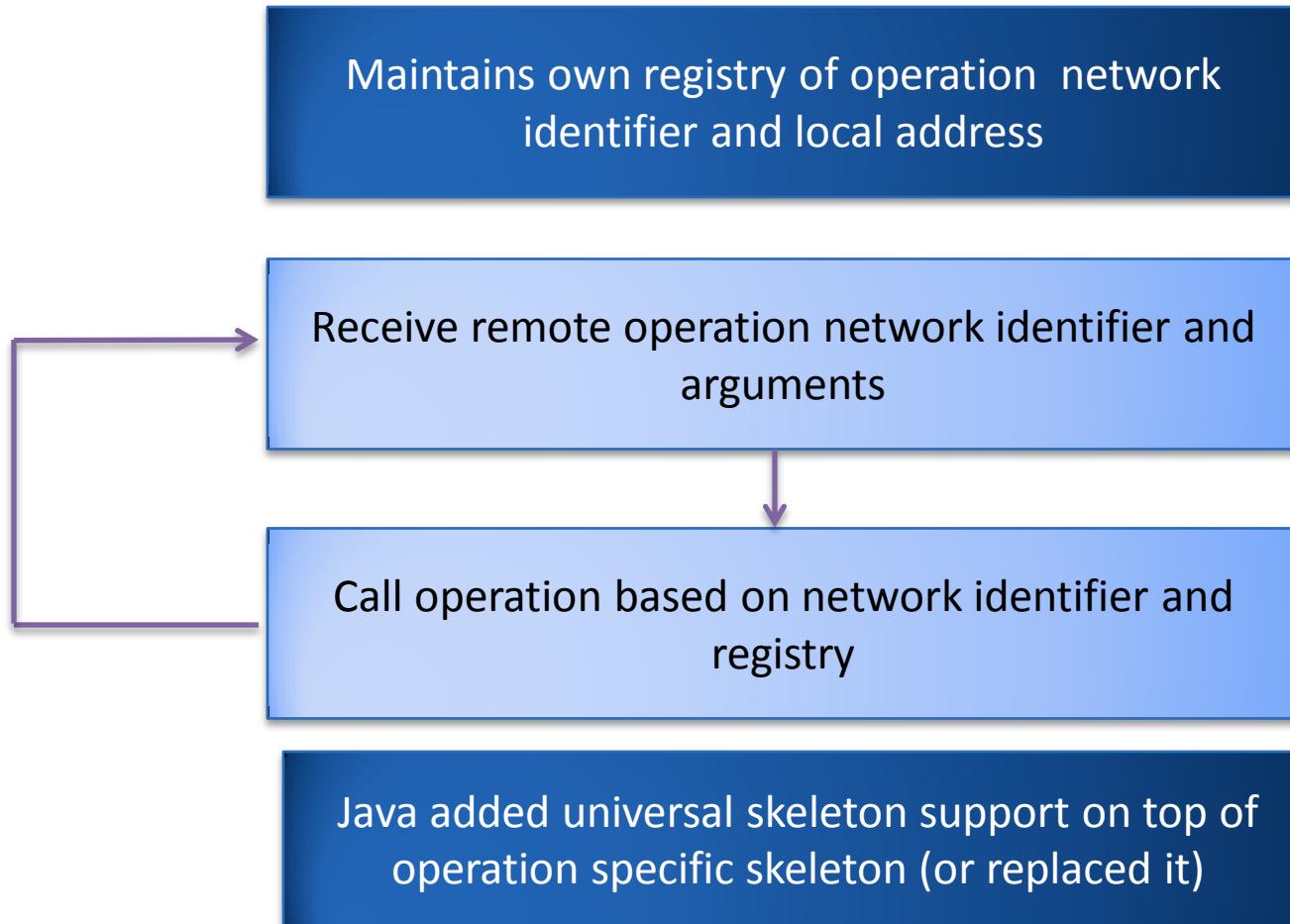
Can have universal  
dispatching skeleton

Callee Skeleton

```
float add_skel (s)  
S *s;  
{  
    return add(s->f1, s->f2);  
}
```

```
register(my_host(), PROG_NUM, VERS_NUM);  
registerrpc (PROG_NUM, VERS_NUM, ADD_NUM,  
            add_skel, xdr_s, xdr_float ) ;  
svc_run();
```

# UNIVERSAL SKELETON



# CONVENTIONAL VS. OBJECT-ORIENTED : FULL APPLICATION AWARENESS

## Conventional

```
callrpc (host, PROG_NUM, VERS_NUM,  
PROC_NUM, xdr_arg, arg, xdr_result, result)
```

```
registerrpc (PROG_NUM, VERS_NUM,  
PROC_NUM, proc_adr, xdr_arg, xdr_result )
```

## Object Oriented

```
callrpc (host, PROG_NUM, VERS_NUM,  
OBJECT_NUM,PROC_NUM, xdr_arg, arg, xdr_result, result)
```

```
registerrpc (PROG_NUM, VERS_NUM, OBJECT_NUM,  
PROC_NUM, proc_adr, xdr_arg, xdr_result )
```

# CONVENTIONAL VS. OBJECT-ORIENTED : ~~EX~~ APPLICATION TRANSPARENCY MINIMAL

## Conventional

```
result = add(3, 4.12);
```

```
extern float add (p1, p2)  
int p, float p2;
```

```
float add (p1, p2)  
int p, float p2;  
{  
    return p1 + p2;  
}
```

Need stub/proxy instances  
in addition to stub/proxy  
server methods

## Object- Oriented

```
public interface {  
    float add (int p1, float p2);  
}
```

How to transparently bind  
multiple server instances to  
multiple client handles?

```
proxy = getProxy(name);
```

```
result = proxy.add(3, 4.12);
```

Minimal awareness:  
registration and getProxy  
(local or remote calls)

```
float add (int p1, float p2){  
    return p1 + p2;  
}
```

```
object = new Adder();
```

```
register(object, name);
```

Transparent  
Call  
Transparent  
Declaration  
Instantiation

# STUB AND SKELETON OBJECTS

## Caller Stub

Created for a target remote object  
and some interface of it

Instance of a stub-class that  
implements the interface

Stub-class has stub operation for  
each operation in the interface

## Callee Skeleton

Created for a target remote object  
and some interface of it

Instance of a skeleton-class

Skeleton-class has skeleton operation  
for each operation in the interface

Syntax transparency → client stubs

Syntax transparency → server skeleton 

# SEMANTICS VS. SYNTAX TRANSPARENCY

Semantic transparency

Degree to which remote call behaves like a local call

Semantics transparency → syntactic transparency

Syntax transparency  → semantic transparency

# LOCAL SEMANTICS

Location at which call is made is not determined by call

Callee cannot perform caller-specific actions

The call is made exactly once (if the callee crashes so does the caller)

Whether an actual parameter is copied is determined by whether it is a call-by-value or call-by-reference

Caller and caller can share memory if language has call-by-reference or pointers

Caller waits for callee to finish: Synchronous call

No action taken to enable callee execution: implicit receive

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# DESTINATION BINDING

Location at which call is made is not determined by call

Implied by syntax transparency

Can port existing code

Earlier binding

# SOURCE TRANSPARENCY

Callee cannot perform caller-specific actions

Implied by syntax transparency

Unless RPC system provides calls to determine caller

Can port existing code

In many applications, want caller-specific actions

Relaying, session manager

Authentication; if caller provides info, can cheat

# NUMBER OF INVOCATIONS

Exactly once semantics

Complicated, costly orphan algorithms needed to implement it (Bruce Nelson's Thesis)

At most once semantics

No duplicate calls as long as no destination failure

Reliability overhead

At least once/Zero or more

Can have duplicate or no calls so “at least once” misnomer

Works only for idempotent calls

Stateless File Servers

# FAILURE

At least once and at-most once semantics require failure  
communication/recovery

Time-out

Exception, error code

# PARAMETER TRANSPARENCY AND SHARED MEMORY

Whether an actual parameter is copied is determined by whether it is a call-by-value or call-by-reference

In call by reference caller can share data conveniently (without caller registering a handle & passing name, and callee looking up)

Sharing memory requires messages to caller site

In O-O languages, many reads/updates can be made by one access

Parameter transparency in Java?

In Java, serializing does not provide semantic transparency

Remote does

# SYNCHRONOUS CALLS

Caller waits for callee to finish: Synchronous call

Programming easier if waiting is necessary, allows migration of non distributed programs

Unnecessary waiting if not necessary

Callbacks → deadlocks if special threads not created

Requires duplex port underneath

# IMPLICIT CALLS

No action taken to enable callee execution: implicit receive

Programming easier if no synchronization needed, allows porting of non distributed programs

Must rely on monitors to synchronize, no Ada like guards or select

# FULL AWARENESS: SUN NON-OO RPC

Sun RPC Library

registerrpc (proignum, versnum, procnum,  
procaddr, inproc, outproc)

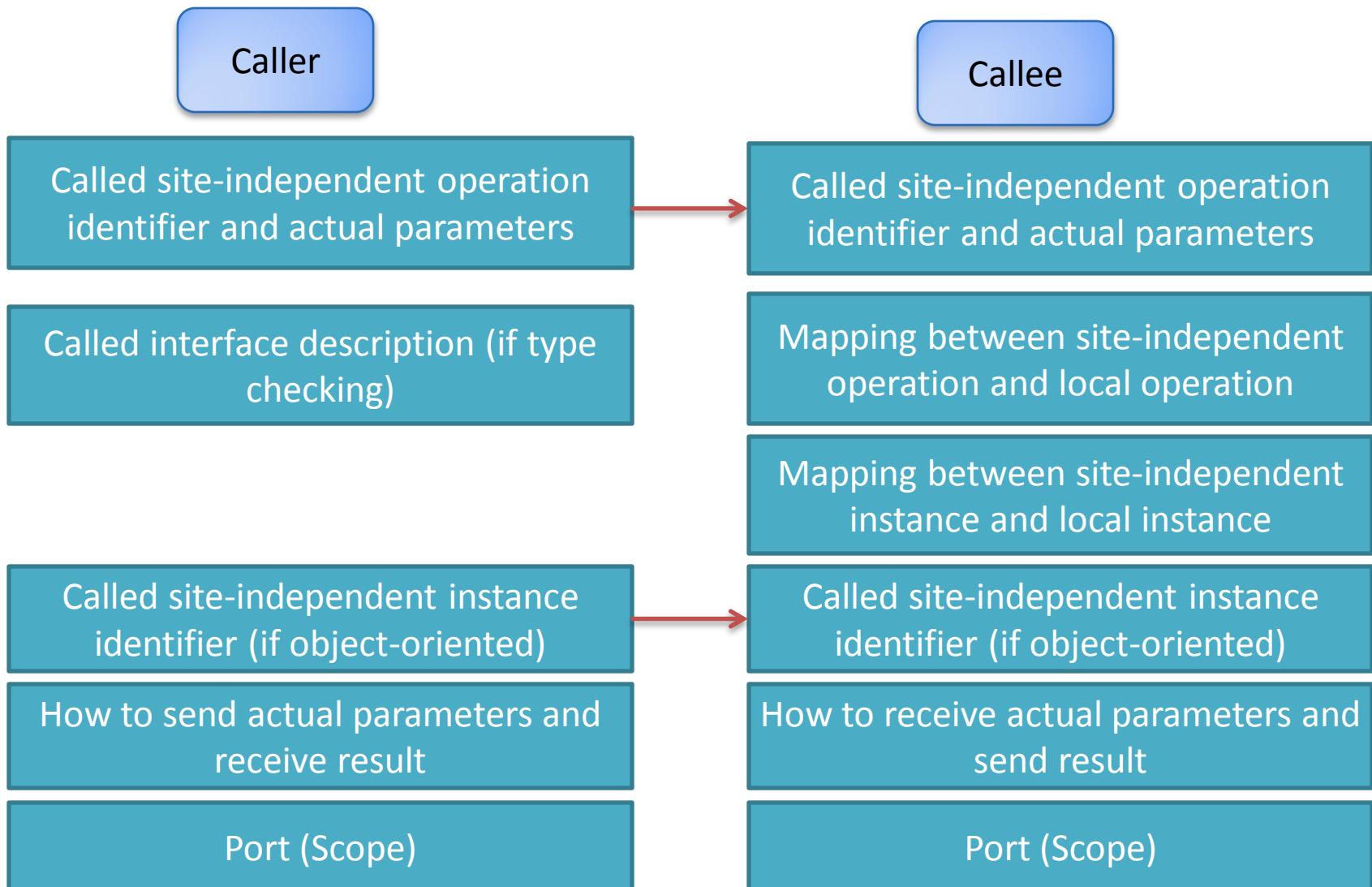
callrpc (host, proignum, versum, procnum,  
inproc, &in, outproc, &out)

svc\_run()

Operation invocation is not a proxy call but an  
API call such as send on some library

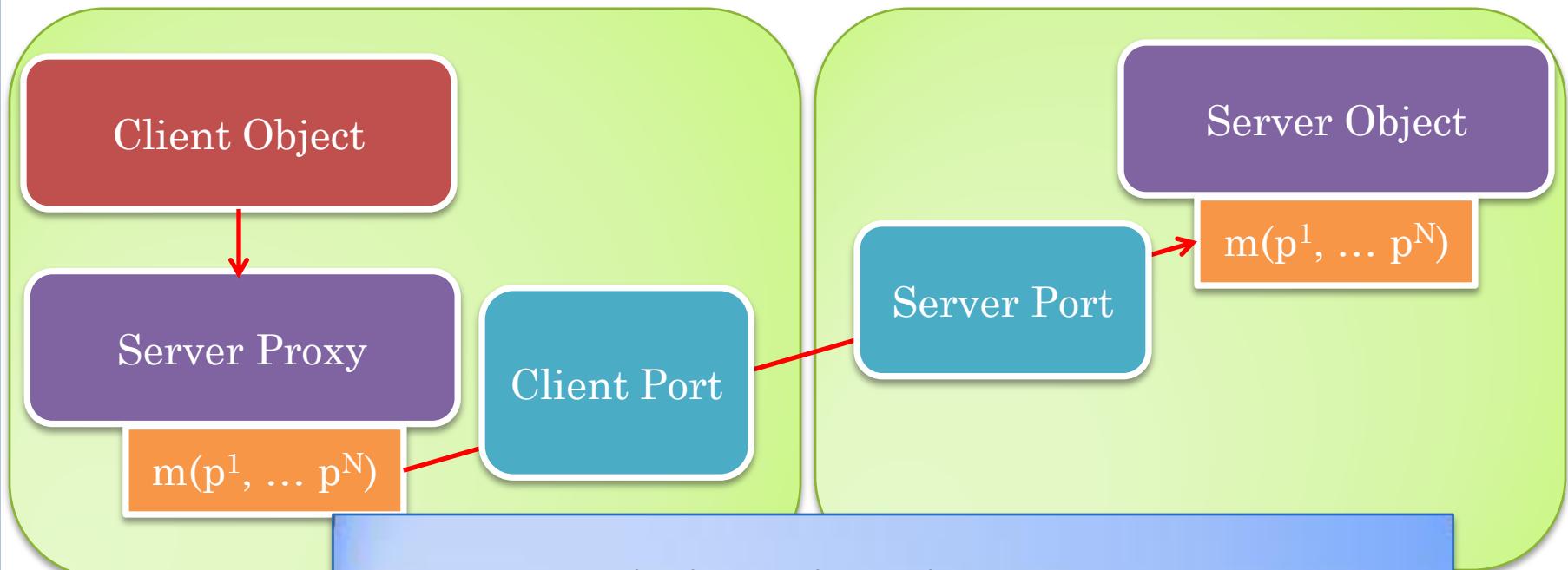
# EXTRA SLIDES

# INFORMATION NEEDED BY RPC SYSTEM



Systems differ in how much information provided by application  
– how aware it is of RPC

# PORT vs. GIPC-RMI



Allows remote assignment and remote procedure call on same port

Distinguishing between regular and RPC messages?



# VARIABLY AWARE PORT CALLS

NamingRPC

```
Object call(String aRemoteEnd, String  
anObjectName, Method aMethod, Object[] args)
```

```
Object call(String aRemoteEnd, Class aType,  
Method aMethod, Object[] args)
```

```
Object call(String aRemoteEnd, Method aMethod,  
Object[] args)
```

Well known  
mapping from  
method's  
declaring class  
to object Name  
interface to  
object Name

Well known  
mapping from  
method's  
declaring class  
to object Name

Transparency in Application →  
Awareness in System



# CALL INITIATING PORT CODE

```
public Object call(String destination, String objectName,
                   Method method, Object[] args) {
    Object call = marshallCall(objectName, method, args);
    callSendTrapper.send(destination, call);
    return callSendTrapper.returnValue(
        destination, call);
}

protected Object marshallCall(
    String objectName, Method method, Object[] args) {
    return marshaller.marshallCall(objectName, method, args);
}

public Object call(String destination, Class type,
                   Method method, Object[] args) {
    return call(destination, type.getName(), method, args);
}

public Object call(String destination, Method method, Object[] args) {
    return call(destination, method.getDeclaringClass(), method, args);
}
```

Very little processing in port

# SIMPLEX SEND TRAPPER

```
public void send(String aDestination, Object aMesage) {  
    Tracer.info(this, "Forwarding call " + aMesage +  
        " to " + aDestination);  
    destination.send(aDestination, aMesage);  
}  
  
public Object returnValue(String aDestination, Object aMessage) {  
    Tracer.info(this, "Waiting for return value of call "  
        + aMessage);  
    return simplexSentCallCompleter.returnValueOfRemoteMethodCall(null,  
        (Call) aMessage);  
}
```

Code shared by Client and Server RPC Ports

Why not do complete processing of call?

# SENT CALL COMPLETER INTERFACE

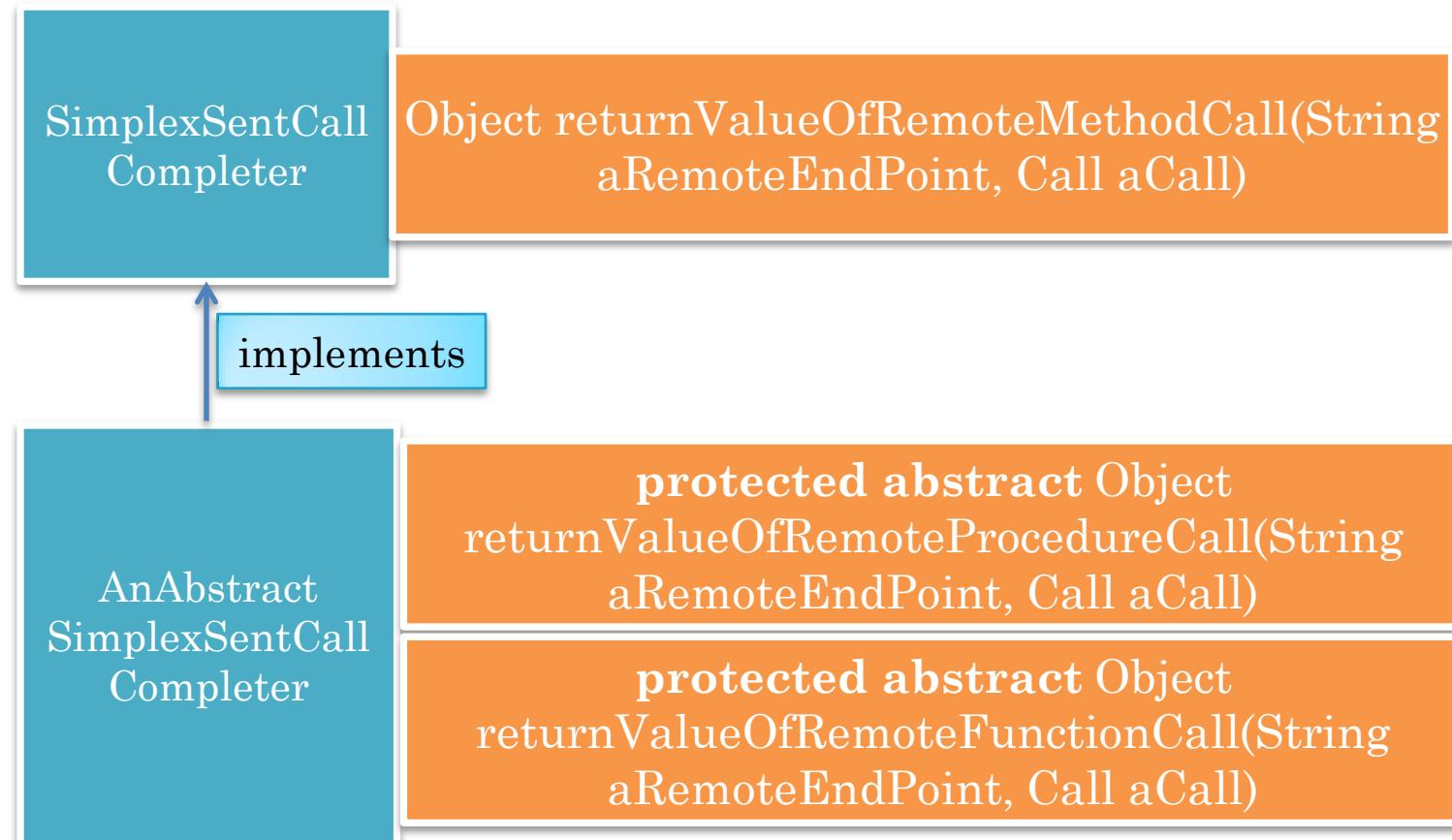
SimplexSentCall  
Completer

Object returnValueOfRemoteMethodCall(String  
aRemoteEndPoint, Call aCall)

In simplex case remote procedure and function call must be asynchronous

Not clear what should be returned by remote function call

# SENT CALL COMPLETER ABSTRACT CLASS



# DEFAULT CONCRETE SENT CALL COMPLETER

```
public class ASimplexSentCallCompleter
        extends AnAbstractSimplexSentCallCompleter
        implements SimplexSentCallCompleter {
    protected Object returnValueOfRemoteProcedureCall(
            String aRemoteEndPoint, Object aMessage) {
        return null;
    }
    protected Object returnValueOfRemoteFunctionCall(
            String aRemoteEndPoint, Object aMessage) {
        Call call = (Call) aMessage;
        Tracer.error("Null returned for call on simplex port of
                     method: " + call.getMethod().getName());
        return null;
    }
}
```

Semantics of completion can be changed without understanding rest of code

# RECEIVING SERVER PORT

```
public void messageReceived(String aSource, Object aMessage) {  
    getReceiveTrapper().notifyPortReceive(aSource, aMessage);  
}
```

Delegates to receive trapper, does little processing

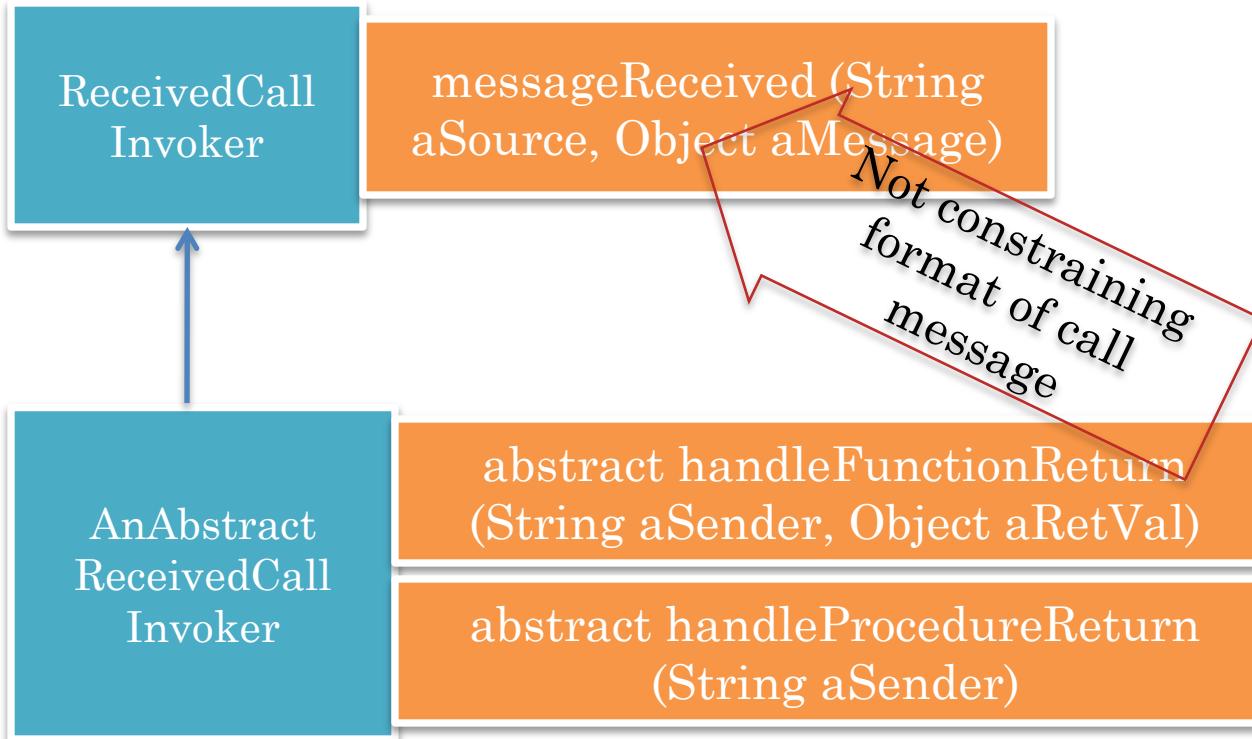
# SIMPLEX RECEIVE TRAPPER

```
public void notifyPortReceive(String remoteEnd, Object message) {  
    Tracer.info(this, " Processing serialized call:" +  
               message + " from:" + remoteEnd);  
    if (message instanceof Call) {  
        receivedCallInvoker().messageReceived(  
            remoteEnd, (Call) message);  
    }  
    else  
        destination.notifyPortReceive(remoteEnd, message);  
}
```

Code shared by client and server rpc ports

Why not do complete processing in trapper?

# RECEIVED CALL INVOKER



Translates received call message into invocation of method in server object

Can change procedure and function return without understanding communication flow

# ABSTRACT RECEIVED CALL INVOKER

```
public void messageReceived(String aSender, Object aMessage) {  
    Call<String> aCall = (Call<String>) aMessage;  
    try {  
        Object targetObject =  
            rpcRegistry.getServer(aCall.getTargetObject());  
        if (targetObject == null) {  
            throw new  
                RPCOnUnregisteredObjectException(aCall.getTargetObject());  
        }  
        Object newVal = invokeMethod(aCall.getMethod(), targetObject,  
                                      aCall.getArgs());  
        if (isProcedure(aCall))  
            handleProcedureReturn(aSender);  
        else  
            handleFunctionReturn(aSender, newVal);  
    } catch (Exception e) {  
        e.printStackTrace();  
    }  
}
```

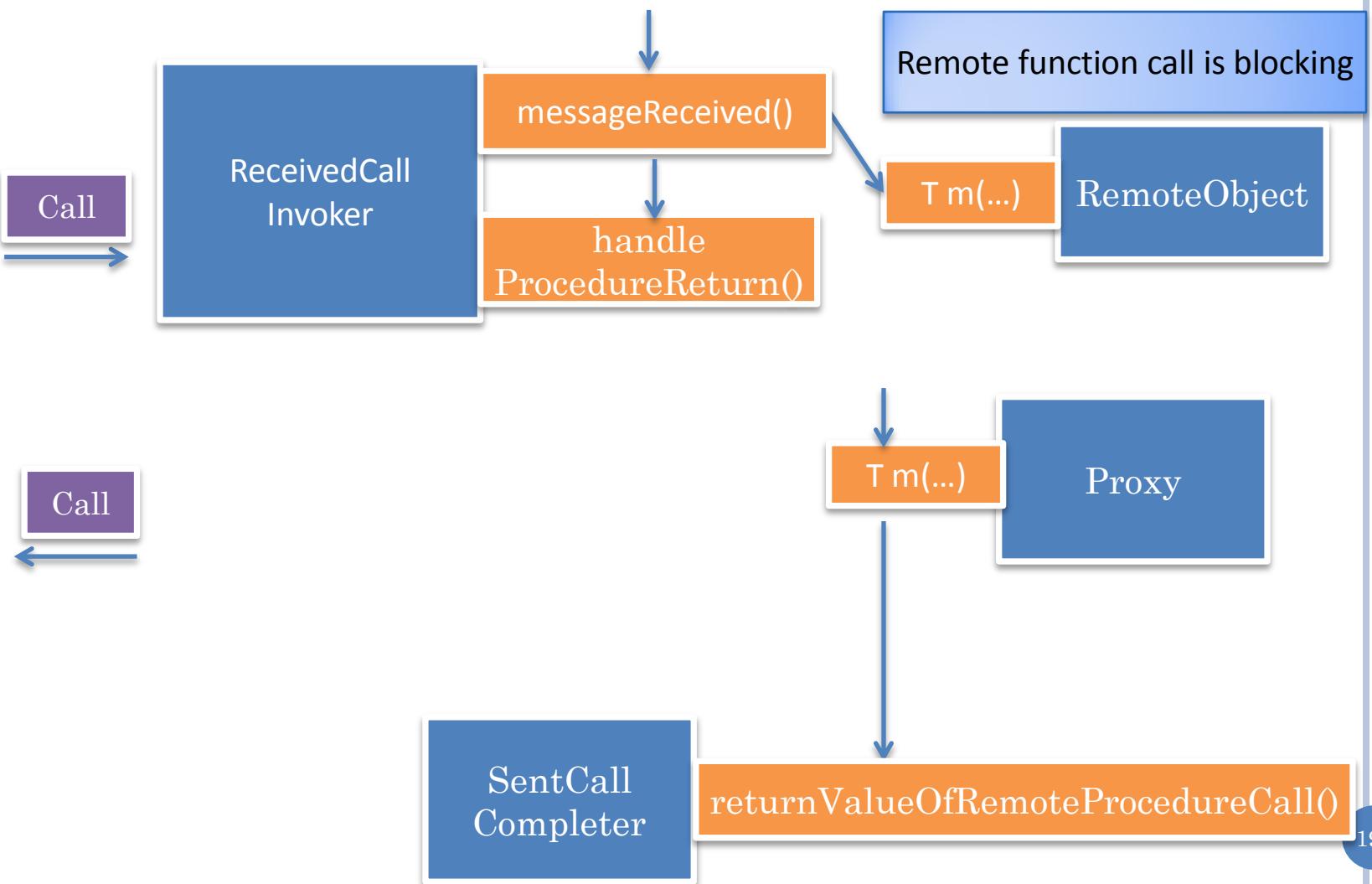
Object message argument gives flexibility  
in changing call message type, but  
requires casting

# A SIMPLEX RECEIVED CALL INVOKER

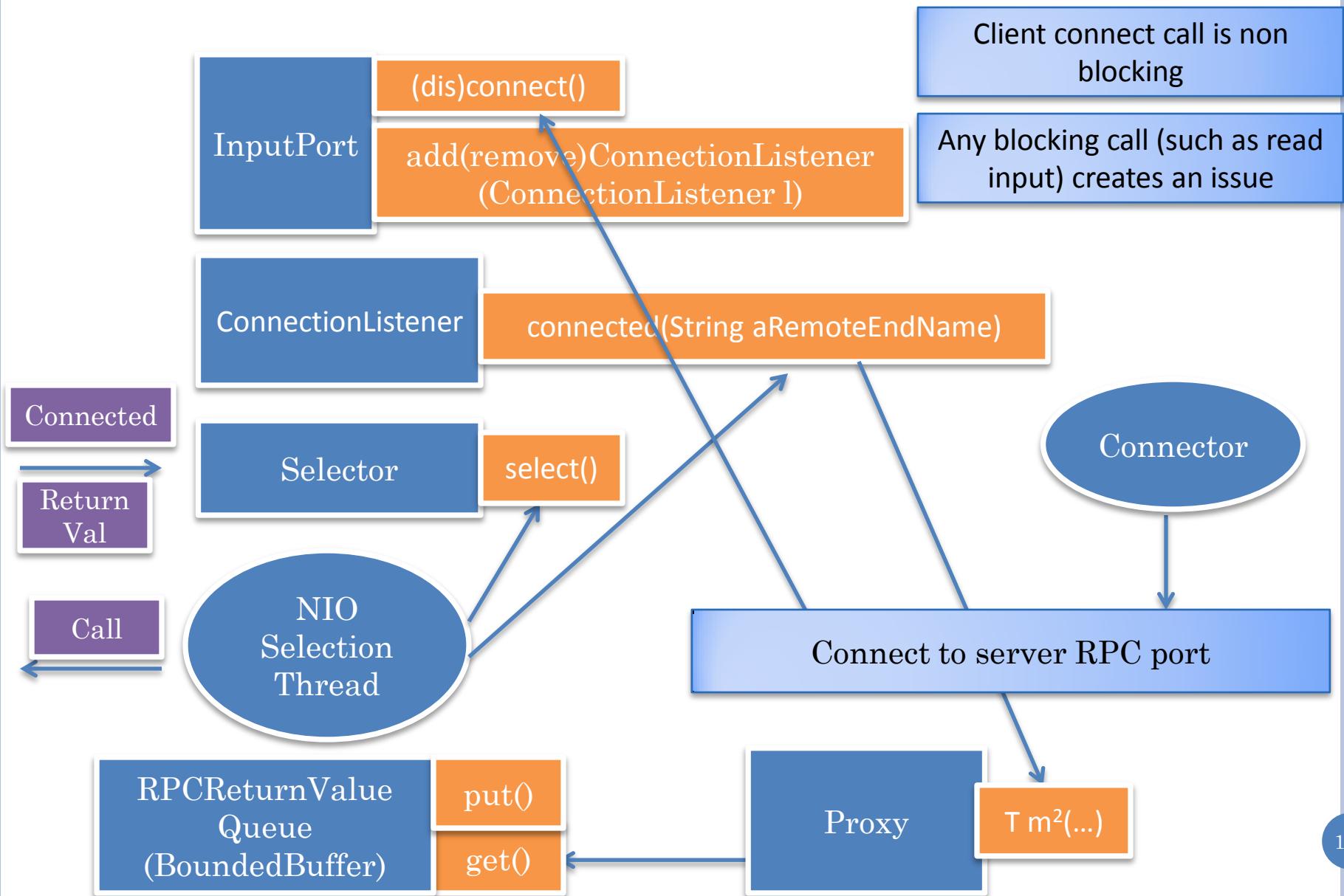
```
protected void handleFunctionReturn(String sender, Object retVal) {  
    Tracer.error("Ignoring return val of called method:" + retVal);  
}  
  
protected void handleProcedureReturn(String sender) {  
    return;  
}
```

Can change error message by looking only at this component

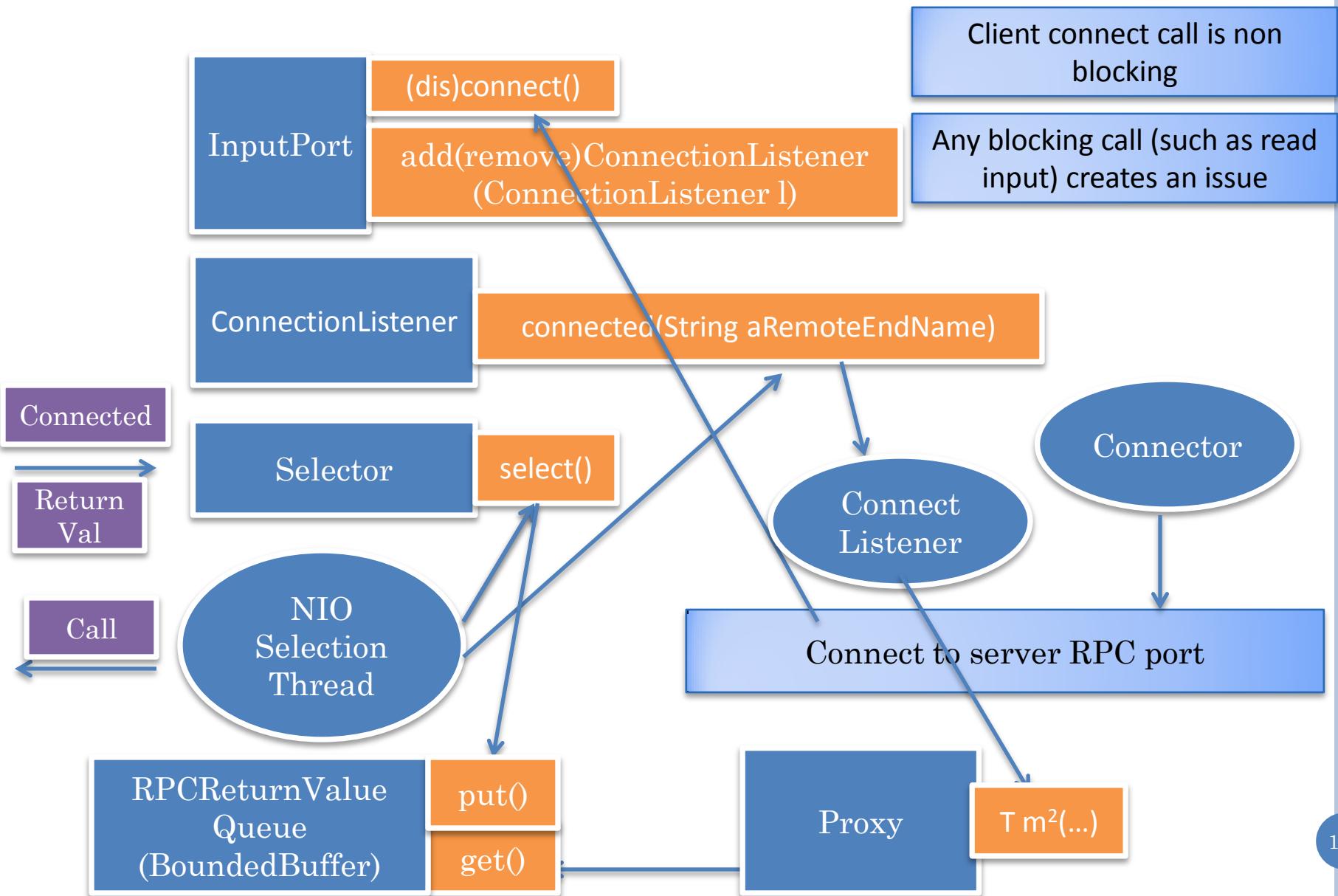
# PROCEDURE CALL SYNCHRONIZATION



# SYNCHRONOUS CALLBACK IN CONNECT LISTENER



# BREAKING DEADLOCK WITH APPLICATION THREAD



# DUPLEX SHARED STATE

DuplexSerializableCall  
TrapperSharedState

DuplexSentCallCompleter  
duplexSentCallCompleter

LocalRemoteReferenceTranslator  
localRemoteReferenceTranslator

# DUPLEX SEND TRAPPER

```
public Object getSharedSenderReceiverState() {  
    return sharedSenderReceiverState;  
}  
  
public void send(String remoteName, Object message) {  
    Call call = (Call) message;  
    sharedSenderReceiverState.localRemoteReferenceTranslator  
        .transformSentRemoteReferences(call.getArgs());  
    super.send(remoteName, message);  
}  
  
public Object returnValue(String aDestination, Object aMessage) {  
    Call call = (Call) aMessage;  
    return sharedSenderReceiverState.duplexSentCallCompleter  
        .returnValueOfRemoteMethodCall(duplexRPCInputPort  
            .getLastSender(), call);  
}
```

Serializes remote reference

Possibly blocks sender

# DUPLEX RECEIVE TRAPPER

```
public void notifyPortReceive(String aSource, Object aMessage) {  
    Tracer.info(this, " Processing call:" + aMessage + " from:"  
        + aSource);  
    DuplexSentCallCompleter returnerOfValueOfRemoteFunctionCall =  
        ((DuplexSerializableCallTrapperSharedState) duplexRPCInputPort  
            .getSendTrapper().getSharedSenderReceiverState()) .  
            duplexSentCallCompleter;  
    if (!callCompleter.maybeProcessReturnValue( aSource, aMessage ))  
        super.notifyPortReceive(aSource, aMessage);  
}  
  
protected ReceivedCallInvoker createReceivedCallInvoker() {  
    LocalRemoteReferenceTranslator localRemoteReferenceTranslator =  
        ((DuplexSerializableCallTrapperSharedState) duplexRPCInputPort  
            .getSendTrapper().getSharedSenderReceiverState()) .  
            localRemoteReferenceTranslator;  
    return DuplexReceivedCallInvokerSelector  
        .createDuplexReceivedCallInvoker(  
            localRemoteReferenceTranslator,  
            duplexRPCInputPort, rpcRegistry);  
}
```

Used  
before call  
made

Possibly unblocks  
waiting sender

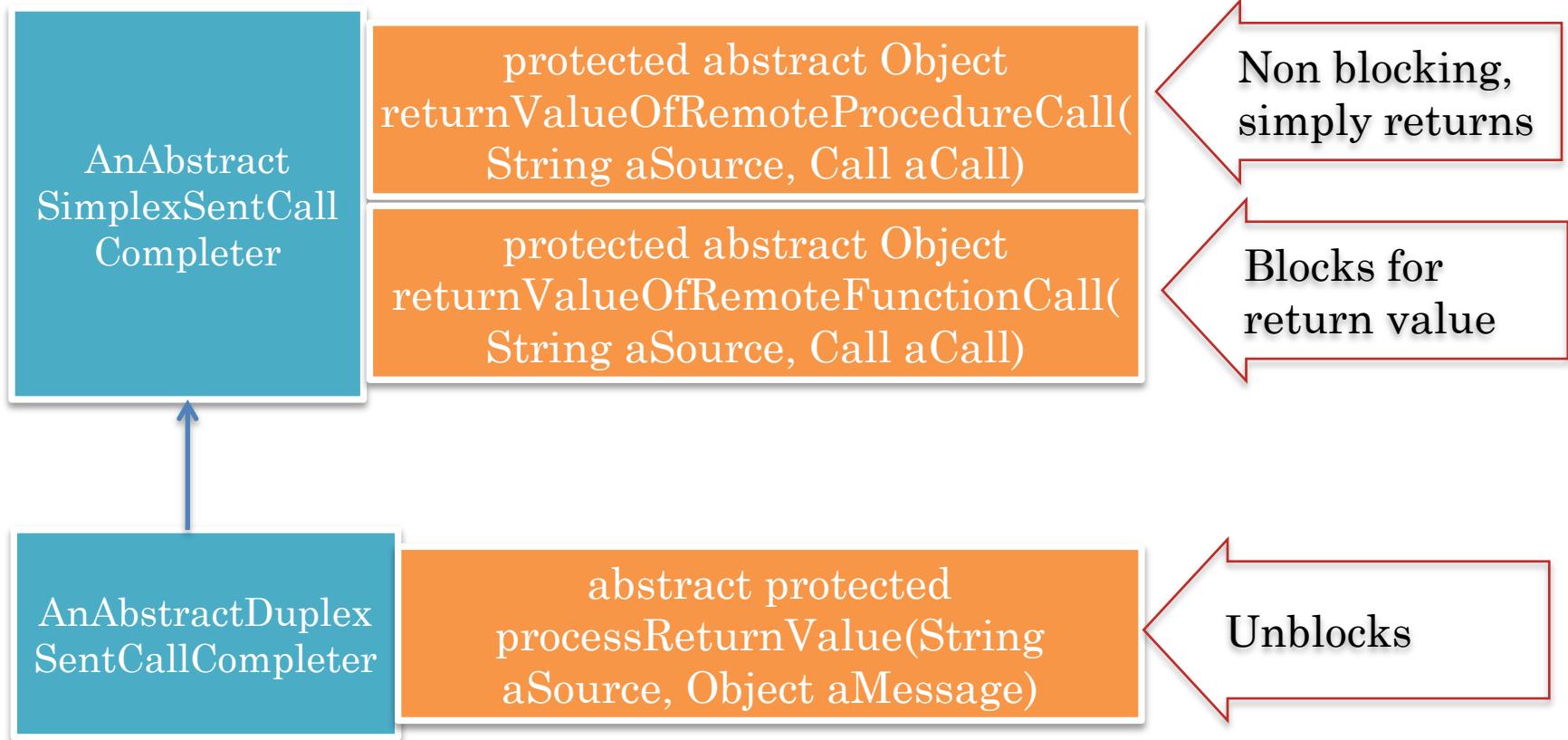
# ADUPLEXRECEIVEDCALLINVOKER

```
protected Object invokeMethod (Method method, Object targetObject,  
Object[] args) {  
    localRemoteReferenceTranslator.transformReceivedReferences(args);  
    return super.invokeMethod(method, targetObject, args);  
}  
  
protected void handleFunctionReturn(String aSource, Object retVal) {  
    Object possiblyTransformedRetVal =  
        localRemoteReferenceTranslator.transformSentReference(retVal);  
    replier.send (aSource,  
        createRPCReturnValue(possiblyTransformedRetVal));  
}
```

Procedure call handled the same as in simplex,  
as default procedure call is asynchronous

Can change to synchronous by overriding  
handleProcedureReturn

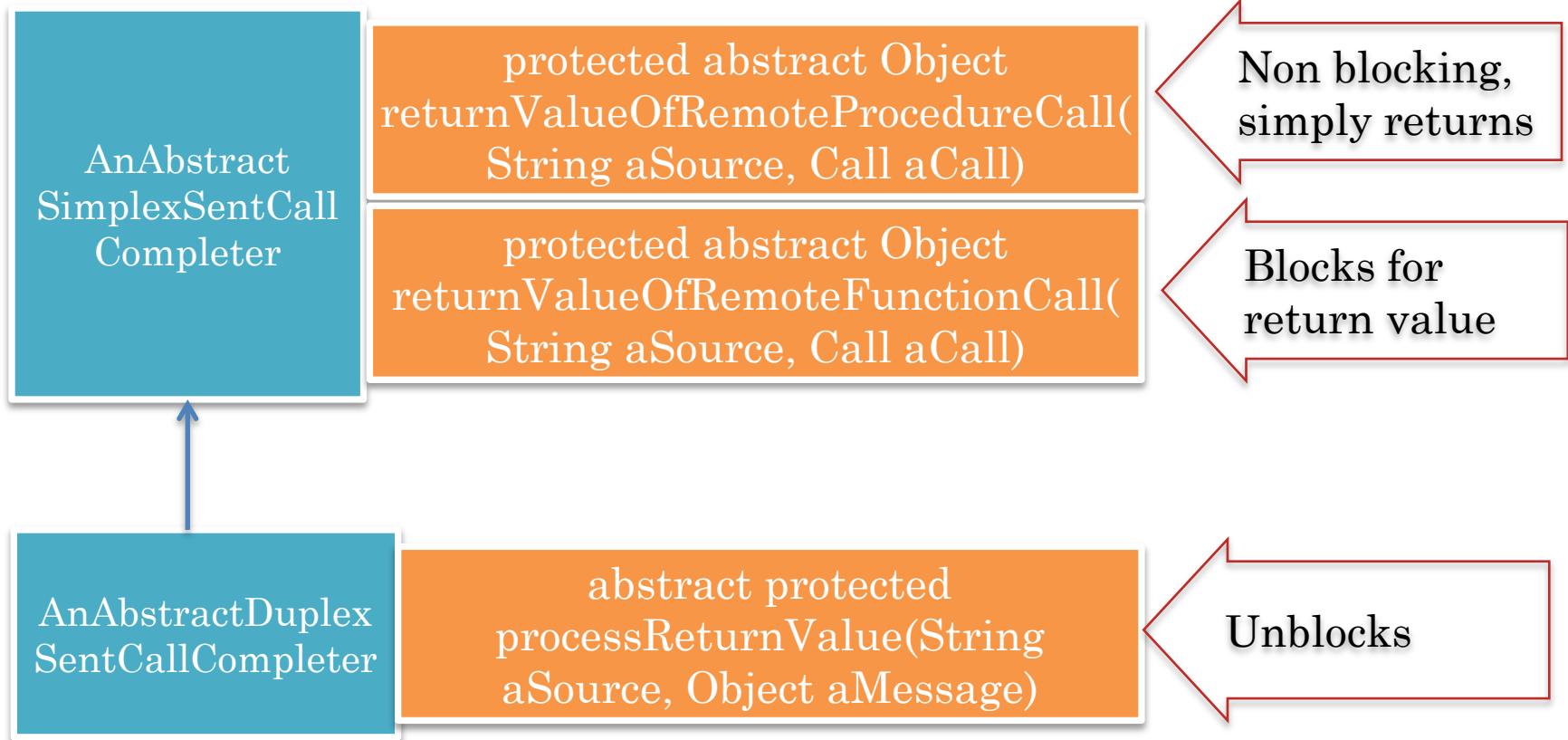
# SENT CALL COMPLETER: HELPER CLASSES



# SPECIALIZED BOUNDED BUFFER: ANRPCRETURNVALUEQUEUE

```
public void putReturnValue(RPCReturnValue message) {  
    try {  
        returnValueQueue.put(message);  
    } catch (Exception e) {  
        e.printStackTrace();  
    }  
}  
  
public Object takeReturnValue() {  
    try {  
        RPCReturnValue message = returnValueQueue.take();  
        Object possiblyRemoteRetVal = message.getReturnValue();  
        Object returnValue = localRemoteReferenceTranslator  
            .transformReceivedReference(possiblyRemoteRetVal);  
        return returnValue;  
    } catch (Exception e) {  
        e.printStackTrace();  
        return null;  
    }  
}
```

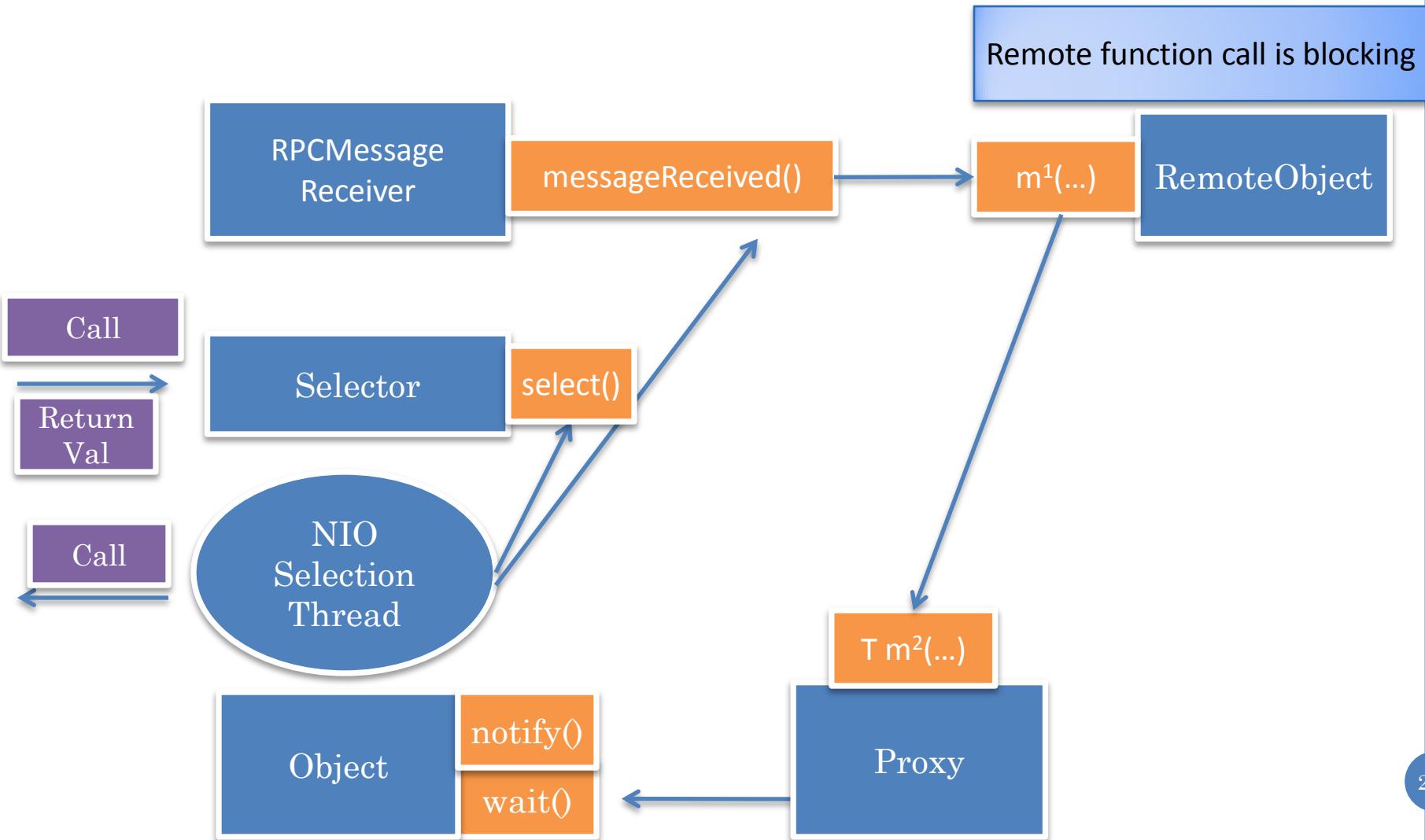
# SENT CALL COMPLETER: HELPER CLASSES



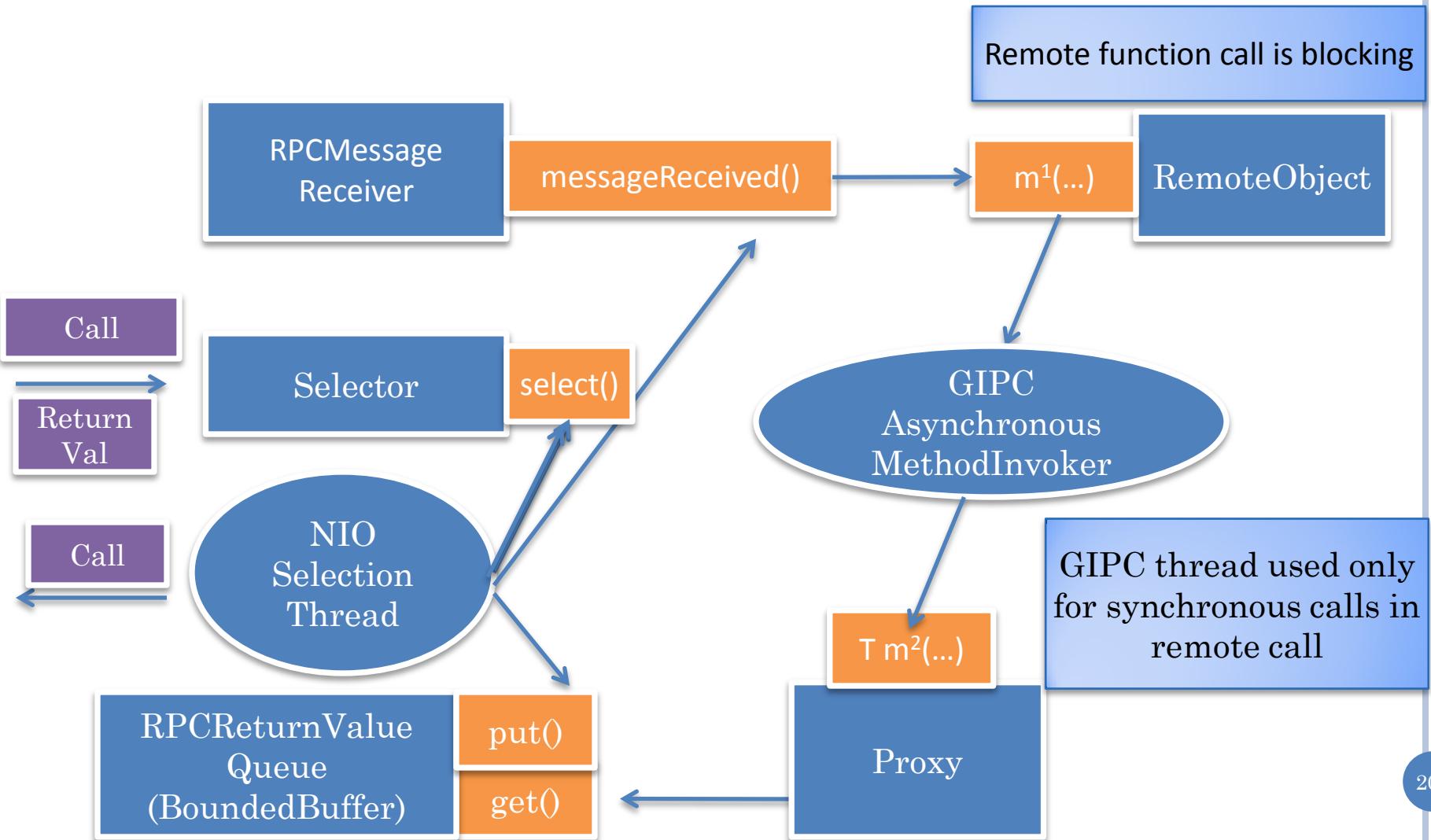
# PRODUCER/CONSUMER CALLS IN: ADUPLEXSENTCALLCOMPLETER

```
//called by sending thread
public Object returnValueOfRemoteFunctionCall (String
aRemoteEndPoint, Object aMessage) {
    RPCReturnValueQueue rpcReturnValueReceiver =
        getRPCReturnValueReceiver(aRemoteEndPoint);
    Object returnValue =
        rpcReturnValueReceiver.takeReturnValue();
    Tracer.info(this, "took return value:" + returnValue);
    return returnValue;
}
//called by receiving thread
protected void processReturnValue(String source, Object
message) {
    RPCReturnValueQueue rpcReturnValueReceiver =
        getRPCReturnValueReceiver(source);
    rpcReturnValueReceiver.putReturnValue(
        (RPCReturnValue) message);
}
```

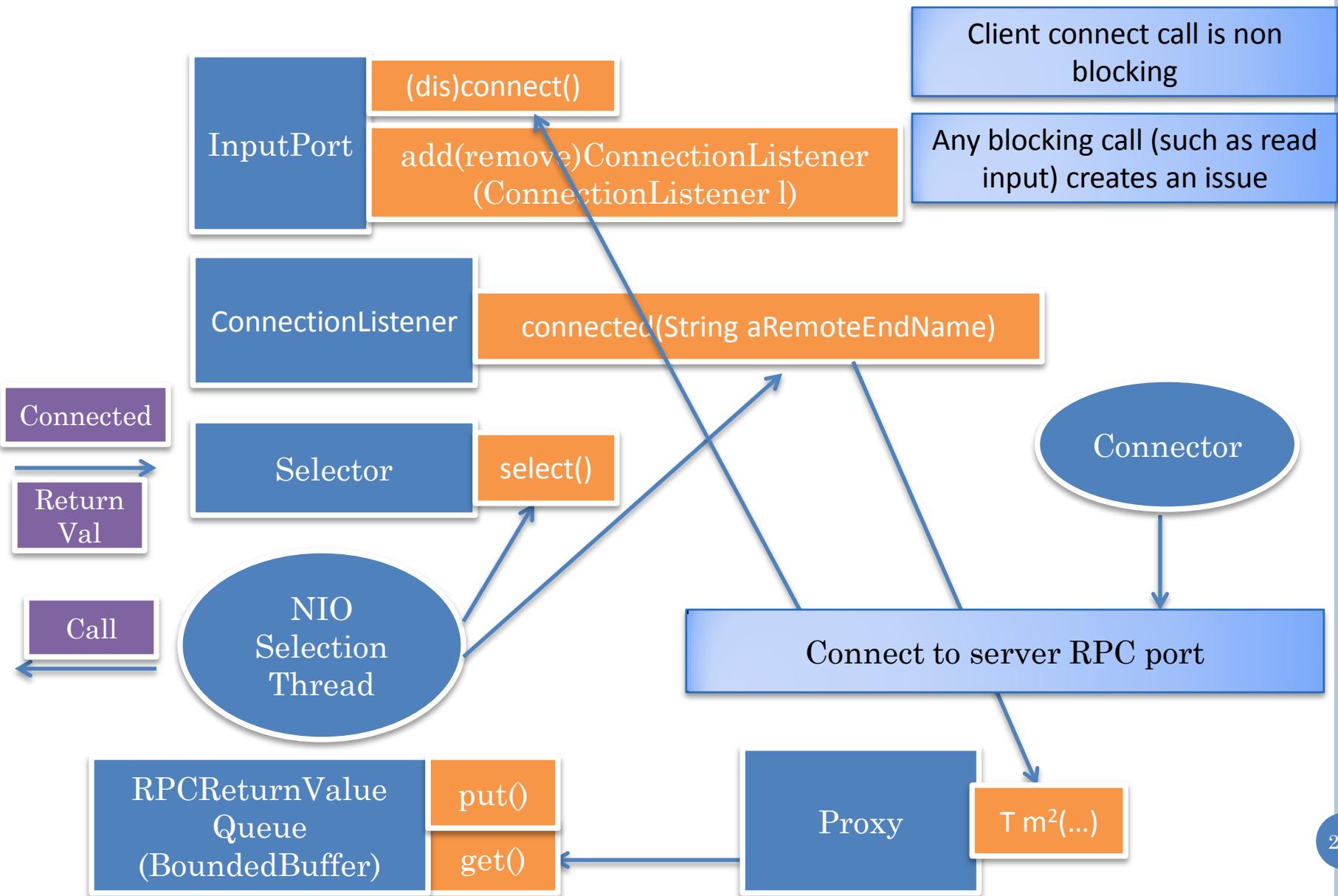
# SYNCHRONOUS CALLBACK IN REMOTE CALL



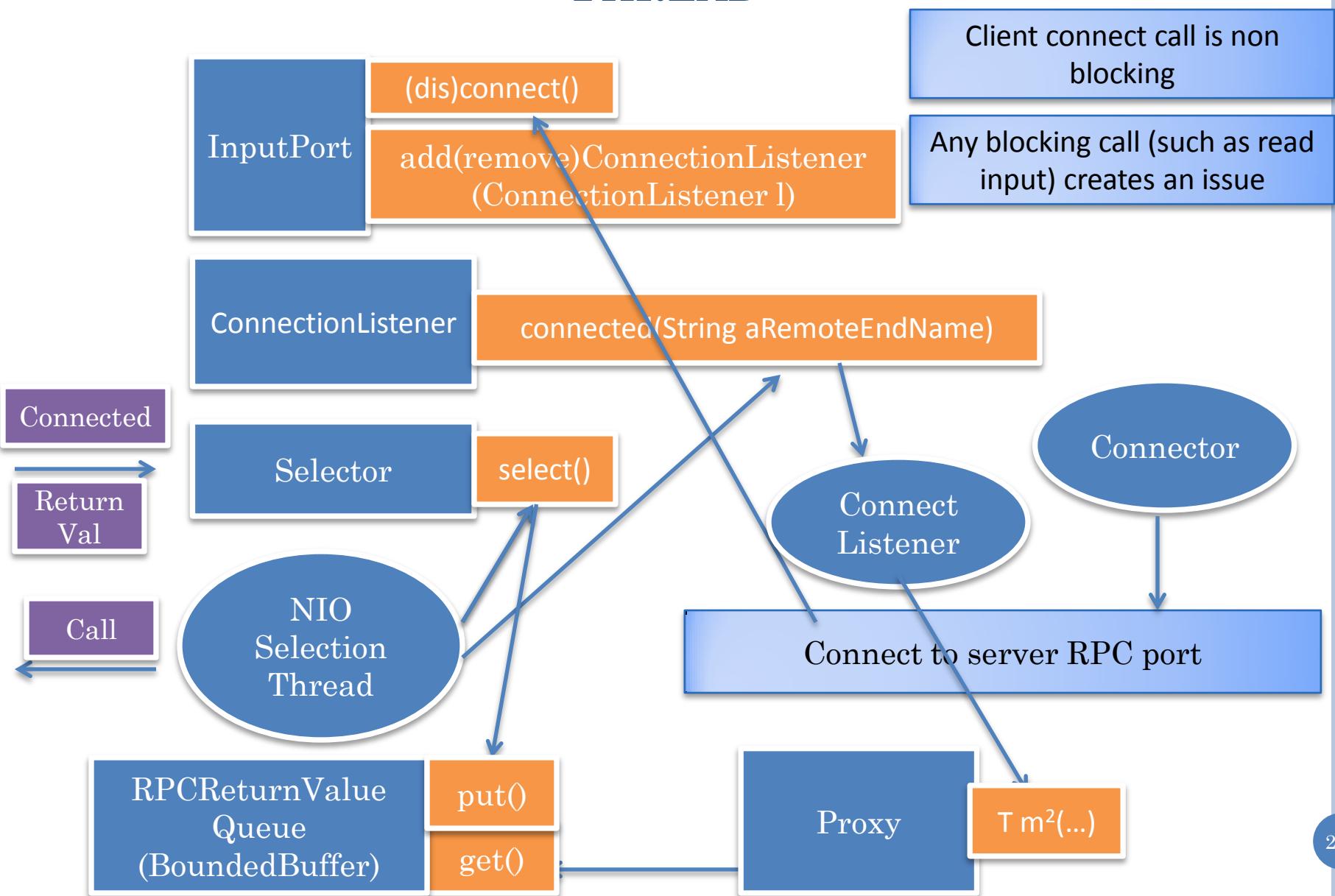
# BREAKING DEADLOCK WITH GIPC THREAD



# SYNCHRONOUS CALLBACK IN CONNECT LISTENER



# BREAKING DEADLOCK WITH APPLICATION THREAD



# DIRECT SERVER PROXY

