EE533 Network Processor Design & Programming Lab #1: Familiarity with VM & Sockets

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1. Setting up two virtual machine nodes on Vmware/VirtualBox

I've downloaded all the links from lab-1 pdf uploaded on USC Brightspace account. The first steps involved downloading Virtual Machine on our systems & then downloading a Linux-based OS (e.g. ubuntu).

I've used VirtualBox to work with Ubuntu & not VMware Workstation Pro. I was unable to establish my connection with internet, so I took the advise of TA Pavan to use VirtualBox.

Procedure, I followed for Part-1:

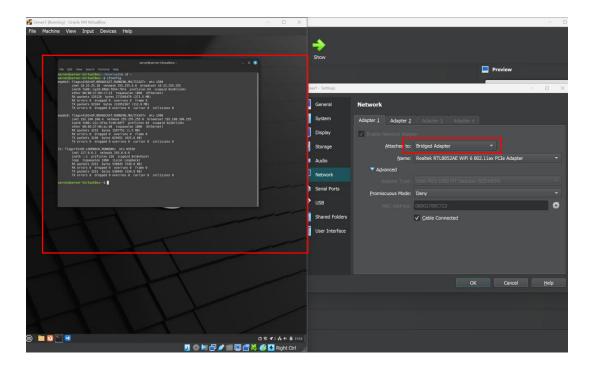
- a. Download & install VMware/VirtualBox on our systems.
- b. Create 2 Linux VMs using VMware/VirtualBox, naming them 'server' & 'client' respectively.
- c. Configure networking between the 2 VMs to allow communication between them.

Just, to explore a simpler windows experience in Linux-based Operating System (OS), I've used Linux Cinnamon Mint. It is lighter than Ubuntu and occupies less space.

Managed to get the complete resolution as per my screen.

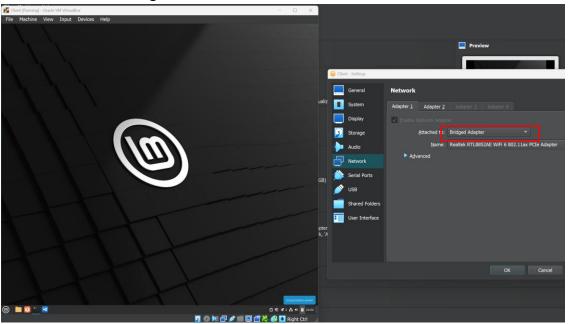
a. Server Virtual Machine

As you can see in the image below, I've added the *bridged adapter* ON, which will allow me to communicate with the client VM.

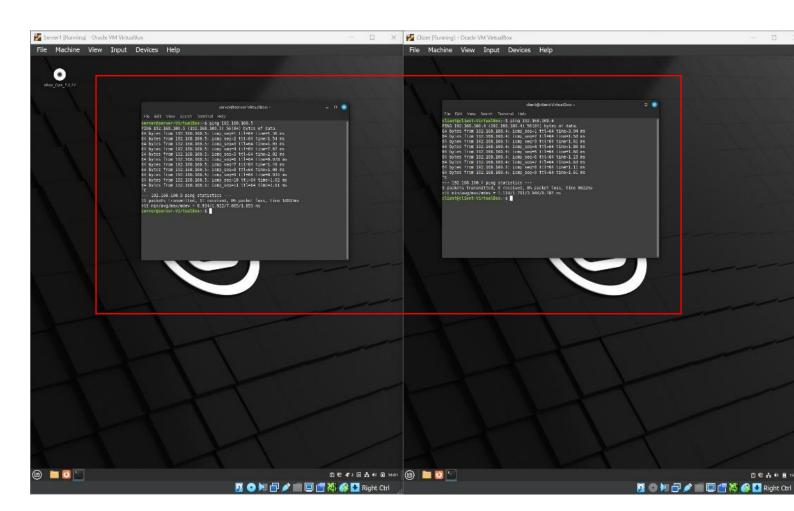


b. Client Virtual Machine

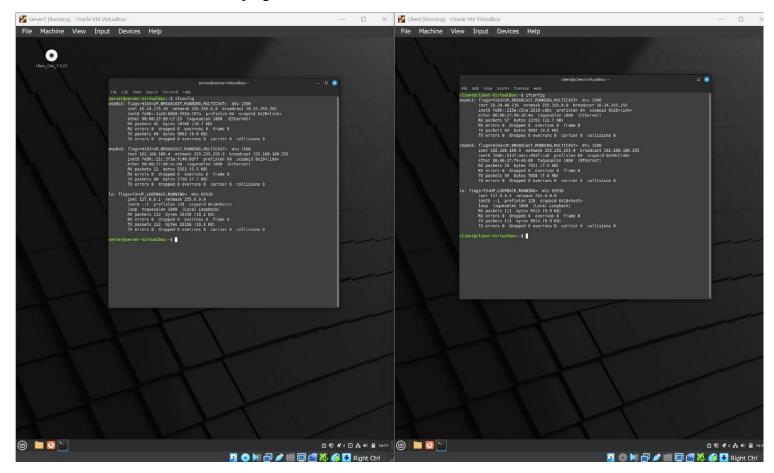
Similarly, with the client VM, I've added the *Network Adapter* to communicate its messages to the server VM.



Result, I've shown the pinned version of the 2 VMs (server & client) sideby-side with there ip addresses to display that both are working and communicating (pinging) perfectly.



<u>Configuration settings for 2-way communication between 2 VMs:</u> Kindly please look at the network modifications that I made in the settings of virtual machines so that there is 'ping' between the server & client.



2. Implement Socket Communication

a. Establish socket-based communication between the server and client.

They are follows:

<u>NOTE:</u> The client needs to know that the server exists and its address (server's address), but the opposite doesn't need to the know the existence of client prior to the connection being established.

Procedure for socket creation for 'server.c':

- a. Create socket() with system call socket()
- b. Bind the socket to an address using *bind()* system call. The port number on the host machine is the address of the server socket.
- c. Listen for connections of a port number using *listen()* system call.
- d. Accept an incoming connection using accept() system call.
- e. Send and receive data using read() and write() calls

b. Using the provided sample code on Brightspace 'server.c' & 'client.c' to implement a TCP-based communication system.

To implement socket-based communication, we first must import the relevant libraries into our 'server.c' & 'client.c' codes.

Libraries added in the server & client codes for socket programming:
#include <stdio.h> → C programs uses input and output declarations
#include <sys/types.h> → defines no. of data types used in system calls.
#include <sys/socket.h> → includes no. of definitions of structures needed for sockets.

#include <netinet.h> →constraints and structures used for internet domain addresses.

c. Compile the server and client programs into executables named 'server' & 'client'

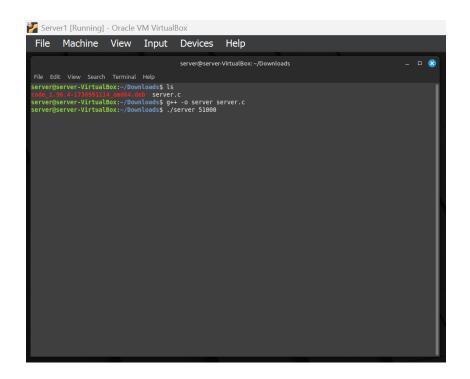
We compile our server.c & client.c using "g++ -o <executable_name> <file.c>" where file.c is my C source code (server.c & client.c) & '-o <executable_name>' specifies the output name of the executable (server & client)

3. Testing the communication:

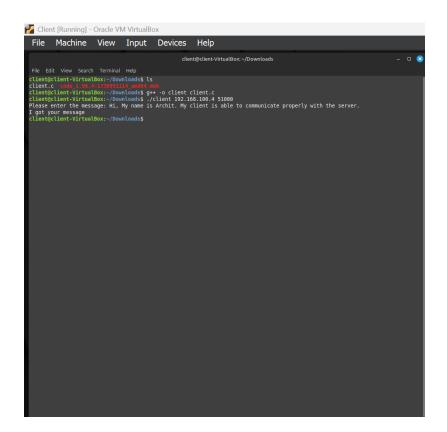
a. Run the server program with specifies port number (like I've used server 51000)

The server is specified with port number 51000. We can select any port number withing a certain range of addresses.

Right now the server is in listen state. Waiting a message from the client.



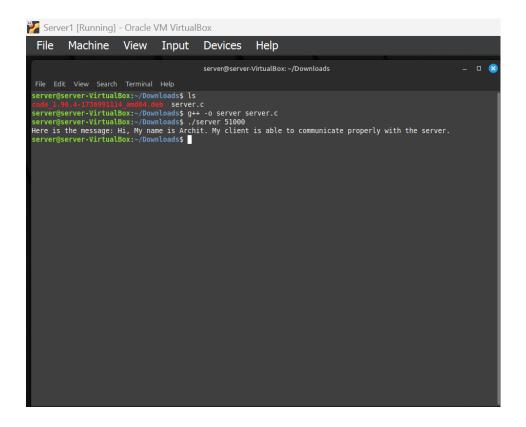
b. Run the client code, providing the server hostname & port number 'client' executable was created and while run-time server's IP address was specified as 192.168.100.4 with port number 51000



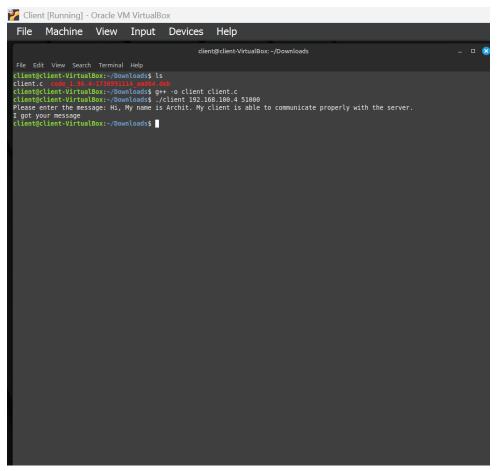
c. Verify that the server displays the message sent by client and sends an acknowledgement back to the client.

Server's response:

The server displays the message sent by client. Here I had written in the message, 'Hi, My name is Archit. My client is able to communicate properly with the server. This message is being displayed in the output window shown below.



Client's response: Client acknowledges send by the server. It displays 'I got your message'.



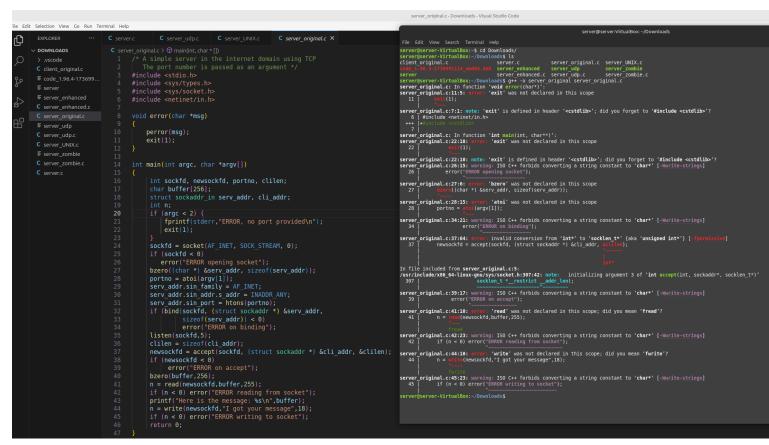
Let us play a little with the codes given to me. I'll try to connect the client to a port number which doesn't exist (e.g. 55122). The host port number is 55121.

It throws an exception by displaying the message as "ERROR connecting: Connection refused"



4. Sample Code

- a. Source codes provided to us on USC Brightspace:
 - i. Server.c changes made by me



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```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/socket.h>
#include <netinet/in.h>
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                                                                                               File Edit View Search Terminal Help

client@client-VirtualBox:~/Downloads$ g++ -o client_original client_original.c

client_original.c: In function 'void error(char*)':

client_original.c:10:5: broom: 'exit' was not declared in this scope
void error(char *msq)
                                                                                                client_original.c: In function 'int main(int, char**)':
client_original.c:23:8: error: 'exit' was not declared in this scope
                                                                                               client_original.c:23:8: note: 'exit' is defined in header '<cstdlib>'; did you forget to '#include <cstdlib>'?
client_original.c:25:14: error. 'atoi' was not declared in this scope
25 [ portno = Moc(arqy(2)];
     int sockfd, portno, n;
                                                                                                client_original.c:28:15: warning: ISO C++ forbids converting a string constant to 'char*' [-Wwrite-strings]
28 | error("ERROR opening socket");
     struct sockaddr_in serv_addr;
struct hostent *server;
                                                                                                client_original.c:32:9: e
                                                                                               if (argc < 3) {
   fprintf(stderr,"usage %s hostname port\n", argv[0]);</pre>
                                                                                               client_original.c:36:5: error: 'bcopy' was not declared in this scope
    36 | bcopy((char *)server->h addr,
     portno = atoi(argv[2]);
sockfd = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0);
                                                                                                client_original.c:41:15: warning: ISO C++ forbids converting a string constant to 'char*' [-Wwrite-strings]
     sockid = socket(\text{in} = Inter, sock ships, socket);
if (sockfd < 0)
    error("ERROR opening socket");
server = gethostbyname(argv[1]);
if (server == NULL) {
    fprintf(stderr, "ERROR, no such host\n");
}</pre>
                                                                                               bzero((char *) &serv_addr, sizeof(serv_addr));
                                                                                               bcopy((char *)serv_addr.sin_family = AF INET;
bcopy((char *)server->h_addr,
(char *)&serv_addr.sin_addr.s_addr,
                                                                                               server->h length);
     client_original.c:51:16: warning: ISO C++ forbids converting a string constant to 'char*' [-Wwrite-strings]
51 | error("ERROR reading from socket");
     print( rease enter the message. ),
bzero(buffer,255);
fgets(buffer,255,stdin);
n = write(sockfd,buffer,strlen(buffer));
                                                                                                client@client-VirtualBox:~/Downloads$
     bzero(buffer,256);
n = read(sockfd,buffer,255);
     if (n < 0)
    error("ERROR reading from socket");</pre>
     printf("%s\n",buffer);
     return 0;
```

b. The SERVER code

```
5. /* A simple server in the internet domain using TCP */
6. #include <stdlib.h>
7. #include <string.h>
8. #include <unistd.h>
9. #include <netdb.h>
10.#include <stdio.h>
11.#include <sys/types.h>
12.#include <sys/socket.h>
13.#include <netinet/in.h>
14.
15.void error(const char *msg)
16.{
17.
       perror(msg);
18.
       exit(1);
19.}
20.
21.int main(int argc, char *argv[])
22.{
23.
       int sockfd, newsockfd, portno;
24.
       socklen t clilen;
25.
       char buffer[256];
26.
       struct sockaddr in serv addr, cli addr;
```

```
27.
28.
29.
       if (argc < 2) {
30.
           fprintf(stderr, "ERROR, no port provided\n");
31.
           exit(1);
32.
33.
34.
       sockfd = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0);
35.
       if (sockfd < 0)
           error("ERROR opening socket");
36.
37.
38.
       bzero((char *)&serv_addr, sizeof(serv_addr));
39.
       portno = atoi(argv[1]);
40.
       serv_addr.sin_family = AF_INET;
41.
       serv addr.sin addr.s addr = INADDR ANY;
42.
       serv addr.sin port = htons(portno);
43.
44.
       if (bind(sockfd, (struct sockaddr *)&serv_addr,
   sizeof(serv_addr)) < 0)</pre>
45.
           error("ERROR on binding");
46.
47.
       listen(sockfd, 5);
48.
       clilen = sizeof(cli_addr);
49.
       newsockfd = accept(sockfd, (struct sockaddr *)&cli_addr,
   &clilen);
50.
       if (newsockfd < 0)</pre>
51.
           error("ERROR on accept");
52.
53.
       // Corrected code block
54.
       bzero(buffer, 256);
55.
       n = read(newsockfd, buffer, 255);
56.
       if (n <= 0) {
57.
           error("ERROR reading from socket");
58.
       buffer[n] = '\0'; // Null-terminate the received string
59.
60.
       printf("Here is the message: %s\n", buffer);
61.
62.
       n = write(newsockfd, "I got your message", 18);
63.
       if (n < 0) {
64.
           error("ERROR writing to socket");
65.
66.
67.
       // Cleanup
68.
       close(newsockfd);
69.
       close(sockfd);
70.
       return 0;
71.}
72.
```

a. The CLIENT code

```
73.#include <stdlib.h>
74.#include <string.h>
75.#include <unistd.h>
76.#include <netdb.h>
77.#include <stdio.h>
78.#include <sys/types.h>
79.#include <sys/socket.h>
80.#include <netinet/in.h>
81.#include <netdb.h>
83.void error(const char *msg)
84.{
85.
       perror(msg);
86.
       exit(0);
87.}
88.
89.int main(int argc, char *argv[])
90.{
91.
       int sockfd, portno, n;
92.
93.
       struct sockaddr in serv addr;
94.
       struct hostent *server;
95.
96.
       char buffer[256];
97.
       if (argc < 3) {
98.
          fprintf(stderr, "usage %s hostname port\n", argv[0]);
99.
          exit(0);
100.
101.
          portno = atoi(argv[2]);
102.
          sockfd = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0);
103.
          if (sockfd < 0)
104.
              error("ERROR opening socket");
105.
          server = gethostbyname(argv[1]);
106.
          if (server == NULL) {
107.
              fprintf(stderr, "ERROR, no such host\n");
108.
              exit(0);
109.
110.
          bzero((char *) &serv_addr, sizeof(serv_addr));
111.
          serv_addr.sin_family = AF_INET;
          bcopy((char *)server->h_addr,
112.
113.
               (char *)&serv addr.sin addr.s addr,
114.
               server->h_length);
115.
          serv_addr.sin_port = htons(portno);
116.
          if (connect(sockfd,(struct sockaddr
   *)&serv addr,sizeof(serv addr)) < 0)
117.
              error("ERROR connecting");
118.
```

```
119.
120.
          printf("Please enter the message: ");
121.
          bzero(buffer, 256);
          fgets(buffer, 255, stdin);
122.
          buffer[strcspn(buffer, "\n")] = '\0'; // Remove trailing
123.
   newline
124.
125.
          n = write(sockfd, buffer, strlen(buffer));
126.
          if (n <= 0) {
127.
              error("ERROR writing to socket");
128.
129.
130.
          bzero(buffer, 256);
131.
          n = read(sockfd, buffer, 255);
132.
          if (n <= 0) {
133.
              error("ERROR reading from socket");
134.
135.
          buffer[n] = '\0'; // Null-terminate the received string
          printf("%s\n", buffer);
136.
137.
138.
          // Close the socket
          close(sockfd);
139.
140.
```

Explanation for Server code 'server.c':

a. Import relevant libraries essential for socket programming, input/output operations, and error handling.

b. There is an error handling function that whenever a system call fails, making debugging easier.

```
void error(const char *msg)
{
    perror(msg);
    exit(1);
}
```

- c. Main function: The program expects the port number as a Command-Line Argument. If NO port is provided, it prints an error message and exits.
- d. Socket Creation: Server creates a socket, binds it to the port, and listens for incoming connections.

- i. socket(AF INET, SOCK STREAM, 0):
- AF INET: Specifies IPv4.
- SOCK STREAM: Specifies TCP (stream-based protocol).
- The return value is the file descriptor for the created socket.
- If socket() fails, it calls error() to terminate the program.
- e. Server Address Initialization:
 - i. bzero: Clears the serv addr structure.
 - ii. portno: Converts the port argument (string) to an integer.
 - iii. sin family: Specifies IPv4.
 - iv. sin_addr.s_addr: Specifies the server's IP address. INADDR_ANY allows connections from any network interface.
 - v. htons: Converts the port number to big-endian byte number.
- f. Binding the socket:
 - i. bind: Associates the socket (sockfd) with the server's address (serv addr) and port.
 - ii. If bind() fails, then it prints an error and exits.
- g. Listen for connections: listen(sockfd, 5)
 - i. listen: Marks the socket as passive i.e. it will accept incoming connecitons.
 - ii. The 2nd parameter specifies the maximum number of pending connections.
- h. Accept a connection: When a client connects, the server accepts the connection, creating a new socket.
 - i. Accept: Waits for an incoming client connection.
 - ii. cli addr: Stores the address of the client
 - iii. newsockfd: A new file descriptor for the connection with the client/
 - iv. If no connection can be accepted, it prints an error and exits.
- i. Send data to client:

```
n = write(newsockfd, "I got your message", 18);
if (n < 0) {
    error("ERROR writing to socket");
}</pre>
```

write: Sends a message back to client.

n: stores the number of bytes

- j. Close the sockets: Properly close the client and server to release resources.
 - i. close(newsockfd)
 - ii. close(sockfd)

Why we use this server program?

The server.c program is simple TCP server that listens for incoming connections, exchanges messages with client and terminates after handling the communication. It servers as a base for understanding how servers operate in networked environment.

Explanation for Client code 'client.c':

- a. Resolve Server Address
 gethostname(argv[1]): resolves the hostname to an IP address.
 Returns a struct hostent containing the server's IP information. If host is invalid, the
 - program exits with an error.
- b. connect: Establishes a connection to server using the initialized serv_addr. If connection fails, the program exits with error.
- c. Send a message: prompts the user to input a message. fgets: Reads up to 255 characters from stdin into buffer. Strcspn: removes the trailing newline added by fgets. write: sends the message to the server through the socket.

Why we use this client program?

For testing the server, establish TCP communication ensuring reliable, ordered, and error-checked delivery, reusable design i.e. the program can connect to any server by changing the hostname and port, making it different testing scenarios, error handling, learning and debugging. The client is critical for validating and interacting with the server in socket programming projects.

Enhanced code for handling multiple clients and doesn't die after the process is terminated:

We will use fork() off a new process to handle each new connection.

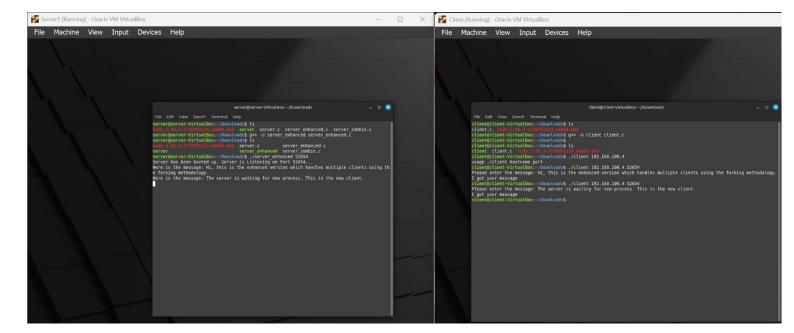
Following changes were made in the server code to make the required enhancements:

- k. Put the accept statement and the following code in an infinite loop.
- 1. After a connection is established, call fork()#### to create a new process.
- m. The child process will close sockfd#### and call #dostuff####, passing the new socket file descriptor as an argument. When the two processes have completed their conversation, as indicated by dostuff()#### returning, this process simply exits.
- n. The parent process closes newsockfd####. Because all of this code is in an infinite loop, it will return to the accept statement to wait for the next connection

```
The
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while (1)
newsockfd = accept(sockfd,
(struct sockaddr *) &cli addr, &clilen);
if (newsockfd < 0)
error("ERROR on accept");
pid = fork();
if (pid < 0)
```

```
error("ERROR on fork");
if (pid == 0) {
  close(sockfd);
  dostuff(newsockfd);
  exit(0); }
else
  close(newsockfd);
} /* end of while */
```

Below is the snippet showing that the code is working fine for the forking methodology.



Zombie problem: The above output has a zombie problem. Zombie problem means that if the parent runs for a long time and accepts many connections, each of these connections will create a zombie when the connection is terminated. A zombie is a process which has terminated but cannot be permitted to fully die because at some point in the future, the parent of the process might execute a wait and would want information about the death of the child. Zombies clog up the process table in the kernel, and so they should be prevented.

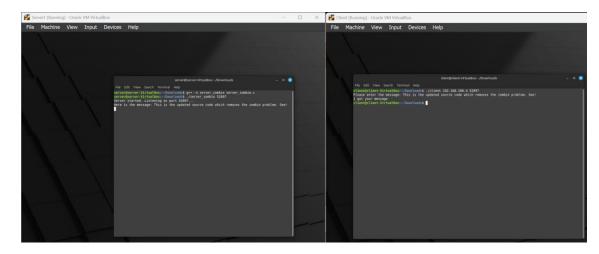
Unfortunately, the code which prevents zombies is not consistent across different architectures. When a child dies, it sends a SIGCHLD signal to its parent. On systems such as AIX, the following code in main() is all that is needed.

```
signal(SIGCHLD,SIG_IGN);
This says to ignore the SIGCHLD signal. However, on systems running SunOS, you have to use the following code:
```

```
void *SigCatcher(int n)
{
wait3(NULL,WNOHANG,NULL);
}
...
int main()
{
...
signal(SIGCHLD,SigCatcher);
```

The function SigCatcher() will be called whenever the parent receives a SIGCHLD signal (i.e. whenever a child dies). This will in turn call wait3 which will receive the signal.

In the below-mentioned snippet, you can see that the server is listening on port number 52897. The client's message is displayed accordingly. Then the server is again goes in the accept state and listens for another client's message. As you can see the server has not terminated the process.



5. User-Datagram Protocol Sockets

UDP sockets can be compiled and run in exactly the same way as the server and client using the stream socket.

The major differences are depicted below in the form of code snippets:

Changes in the server.c code to form server udp.c:

a. 'clilen' is replaced with 'formlen' & cli addr is replaced with 'from addr'.

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
   int sockfd, newsockfd, portno;
   socklen_t fromlen; //clilen is replaced with fromlen
   char buffer[256];
   struct sockaddr_in serv_addr, from_addr; //cli_addr is replaced
   int n;
```

- b. The following parts of server.c socket have been removed to make it usable for UDP protocol.
 - a. accept(), connect(), listen(), read(), write() have been removed to make it usable for UDP.
 - b. bind() is NOT removed.

```
// listen(sockfd, 5);
// clilen = sizeof(cli_addr);
// newsockfd = accept(sockfd, (struct sockaddr *)&cli_addr, &clilen);
// if (newsockfd < 0)
// error("ERROR on accept");

// bzero(buffer, 256);
// n = read(newsockfd, buffer, 255);
// if (n <= 0) {
// error("ERROR reading from socket");
// }

buffer[n] = '\0'; // Null-terminate the received string
printf("Here is the message: %s\n", buffer);

// n = write(newsockfd, "I got your message", 18);
// if (n < 0) {
// error("ERROR writing to socket");
// }

close(newsockfd);
close(sockfd);
return 0;</pre>
```

c. SOCK STREAM was replaced with SOCK DGRAM

```
sockfd = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_DGRAM, 0);
if (sockfd < 0)
    error("ERROR opening socket");

bzero((char *)&serv_addr, sizeof(serv_addr));
portno = atoi(argv[1]);
serv_addr.sin_family = AF_INET;
serv_addr.sin_addr.s_addr = INADDR_ANY;
serv_addr.sin_port = htons(portno);</pre>
```

Changes in the client.c code to form client udp.c:

a. The same changes were made in the client.c

```
main(int argc, char *argv[])
portno = atoi(argv[2]); //Converts the port number from STRING TO INTEGER
sockfd = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_DGRAM, 0); //Creating a UDP SOCKET
if (sockfd < 0)
   error("ERROR opening socket");
server = gethostbyname(argv[1]); // Resolve the server's hostname
if (server == NULL) {
fprintf(stderr, "ERROR, no such host\n");
    exit(0);
bzero((char *)&serv_addr, sizeof(serv_addr)); // Set up the server address st
serv_addr.sin_family = AF_INET;
bcopy((char *)server->h addr,
      (char *)&serv_addr.sin_addr.s_addr,
      server->h length);
serv_addr.sin_port = htons(portno);
printf("Please enter the message: ");
bzero(buffer, 256);
fgets(buffer, 255, stdin);
buffer[strcspn(buffer, "\n")] = '\0'; //Remove trailing newline
n = sendto(sockfd, buffer, strlen(buffer), 0,
           (struct sockaddr *)&serv_addr, sizeof(serv_addr));
if (n < 0) {
   error("ERROR sending to socket");
socklen_t serv_len = sizeof(serv_addr); // Receive the server's response
bzero(buffer, 256);
n = recvfrom(sockfd, buffer, 255, 0,
             (struct sockaddr *)&serv_addr, &serv_len);
if (n < 0) {
   error("ERROR receiving from socket");
buffer[n] = '\0'; //Null-terminate the received string
printf("Server response: %s\n", buffer);
close(sockfd);
return 0;
```

6. Sockets in the Unix Domain

A UNIX Domain server facilitates inter-process communication (IPC) on the same system using UNIX domain sockets. Unlike Internet domain sockets that rely on IP and port numbers, UNIX domain sockets use the file system for addressing. This ensures fast and reliable communication between processes running on the same machine.

Server UNIX: This is the server in UNIX domain source code in c.

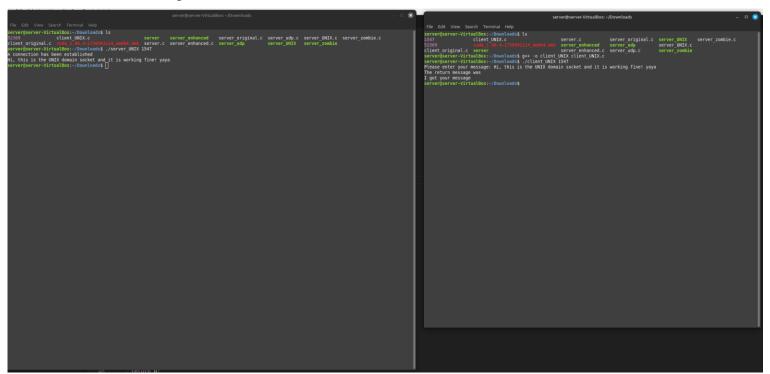
```
a server in the unix domain. The pathname of
  the socket address is passed as an argument */
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <stdio.h>
void error(const char *);
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
  int sockfd, newsockfd, servlen, n;
  socklen_t clilen;
  struct sockaddr_un cli_addr, serv_addr;
  char buf[80];
  if ((sockfd = socket(AF_UNIX,SOCK_STREAM,0)) < 0)</pre>
      error("creating socket");
  bzero((char *) &serv_addr, sizeof(serv_addr));
  serv_addr.sun_family = AF_UNIX;
  strcpy(serv_addr.sun_path, argv[1]);
  servlen=strlen(serv_addr.sun_path) +
                     sizeof(serv_addr.sun_family);
  if(bind(sockfd,(struct sockaddr *)&serv_addr,servlen)<0)</pre>
       error("binding socket");
  listen(sockfd,5);
  clilen = sizeof(cli_addr);
  newsockfd = accept(
        sockfd,(struct sockaddr *)&cli_addr,&clilen);
  if (newsockfd < 0)
       error("accepting");
  n=read(newsockfd,buf,80);
  printf("A connection has been established\n");
  write(1,buf,n);
  write(newsockfd,"I got your message\n",19);
  close(newsockfd);
  close(sockfd);
void error(const char *msg)
   perror(msg);
    exit(0);
```

Client UNIX:

This is the client_UNIX source code in c.

```
client in the unix domain */
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
   int sockfd, servlen,n;
   struct sockaddr_un serv_addr;
   char buffer[82];
   bzero((char *)&serv_addr,sizeof(serv_addr));
   serv_addr.sun_family = AF_UNIX;
   strcpy(serv_addr.sun_path, argv[1]);
   if ((sockfd = socket(AF_UNIX, SOCK_STREAM,0)) < 0)</pre>
       error("Creating socket");
   if (connect(sockfd, (struct sockaddr *)
                         &serv_addr, servlen) < 0)
       error("Connecting");
   printf("Please enter your message: ");
   bzero(buffer,82);
   fgets(buffer,80,stdin);
write(sockfd,buffer,strlen(buffer));
   n=read(sockfd,buffer,80);
   printf("The return message was\n");
write(1,buffer,n);
   close(sockfd);
void error(const char *msg)
    perror(msg);
```

Output with executable:



7. Github Time-stamps with History

Please find below the complete github history with time stamps to my repository for Lab-1.

