

# **Lab Manual**

## **Network Programming Lab**



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**DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING****PROGRAMME OUTCOMES (POs)**

PO1	Apply the knowledge of mathematics, science and engineering fundamentals to solve complex computer science and engineering related problems.
PO2	Identify, formulate, make literature reviews, and analyze complex computer science and engineering problems to reach substantiated conclusions.
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## Syllabus

### **\*Mandatory List of Exercises/ Experiments**

**(Note: At least one program from each topic in the syllabus should be completed in the Lab)**

1. Getting started with the basics of network configuration files and networking commands in Linux.\*
2. To familiarize and understand the use and functioning of system calls used for network programming in Linux.\*
3. Implement client-server communication using socket programming and TCP as transport layer protocol\*
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5. Implementation of a multi user chat server using TCP as transport layer protocol.
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13. Study of NS2 simulator\*

## Course Outcomes

CO#	Course Outcomes
CO1	Use network related commands and configuration files in Linux Operating System. (Cognitive Knowledge Level: Understand).
CO2	Develop network application programs and protocols. (Cognitive Knowledge Level: Apply)
CO3	Analyze network traffic using network monitoring tools. (Cognitive Knowledge Level: Apply)
CO4	Design and set up a network and configure different network protocols. (Cognitive Knowledge Level: Apply)
CO5	Develop simulation of fundamental network concepts using a network simulator. (Cognitive Knowledge Level: Apply)

### Mapping of course outcomes with program outcomes

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	PO7	PO8	PO9	PO10	PO11	PO12	PO13
co1	✓	✓	✓					✓		✓		✓	
co2	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓		✓		✓	
co3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓		✓	
co4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	
co5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓		✓	

### Abstract POs defined by National Board of Accreditation

po#	Broad PO	po#	Broad PO
po1	Engineering Knowledge	po7	Environment and Sustainability
po2	Problem Analysis	po8	Ethics
po3	Design/Development of solutions	po9	Individual and teamwork
po4	Conduct investigations of complex problems	po10	Communication
po5	Modern tool usage	po11	Project Management and Finance
po6	The Engineer and Society	po12	Lifelong learning

## **Reference Books:**

1. W. Richard Stevens, Bill Fenner, Andy Rudoff, UNIX Network Programming: Volume 1, The Sockets Networking API, 3rd Edition, Pearson, 2015
2. Lisa Bock, Learn Wireshark: Confidently navigate the Wireshark interface and solve real-world networking problems, Packt Publishing, 2019
3. Teerawat Issariyakul, Ekram Hossain, Introduction to Network Simulator NS2, 2nd Edition, Springer, 2019





## Experiment 1

### Getting started with Basics of Network configurations files and Networking

Commands in Linux.

The important network configuration files in Linux operating systems are

#### 1. /etc/hosts

This file is used to resolve hostnames on small networks with no DNS server. This text file contains a mapping of an IP address to the corresponding host name in each line. This file also contains a line specifying the IP address of the loopback device i.e, 127.0.0.1 is mapped to localhost.

A typical hosts file is as shown

```
127.0.0.1 localhost
127.0.1.1 anil-300E4Z-300E5Z-300E7Z
```

#### 2. /etc/resolv.conf

This configuration file contains the IP addresses of DNS servers and the search domain.

A sample file is shown

```
# DO NOT EDIT THIS FILE BY HAND -- YOUR CHANGES WILL BE OVERWRITTEN
nameserver 127.0.1.1
```

#### 3. /etc/sysconfig/network

This configuration file specifies routing and host information for all network interfaces. It contains directives that are global specific. For example if NETWORKING=yes, then /etc/init.d/network activates network devices.

#### 4. /etc/nsswitch.conf

This file includes database search entries. The directive specifies which database is to be searched first.

The important Linux networking commands are

### 1. ifconfig

This command gives the configuration of all interfaces in the system. It can be run with an interface name to get the details of the interface.

```
ifconfig wlan0
```

```
Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr b8:03:05:ad:6b:23
inet addr:192.168.43.15 Bcast:192.168.43.255 Mask:255.255.255.0
inet6 addr: 2405:204:d206:d3b1:ba03:5ff:fead:6b23/64 Scope:Global
inet6 addr: fe80::ba03:5ff:fead:6b23/64 Scope:Link
inet6 addr: 2405:204:d206:d3b1:21ee:5665:de59:bd4e/64 Scope:Global
UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST MTU:1500 Metric:1
RX packets:827087 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
TX packets:433391 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
RX bytes:1117797710 (1.1 GB) TX bytes:53252386 (53.2 MB)
```

This gives the IP address, subnet mask, and broadcast address of the wireless LAN adapter. Also tells that it can support multicasting.

If eth0 is given as the parameter, the command gives the details of the Ethernet adapter.

### 2. netstat

This command gives network status information.

```
Netstat -i
```

Iface	MTU	Met	RX-OK	RX-ERR	RX-DRP	RX-OVR	TX-OK	TX-ERR	TX-DRP	TX-OVR	Flg
eth0	1500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	BMU
lo	65536	0	12166	0	0	0	12166	0	0	0	LRU
wlan0	1500	0	827946	0	0	0	434246	0	0	0	BMRU

As shown above, the command with -i flag provides information on the interfaces. lo stands for loopback interface.

### 3. ping

This is the most commonly used command for checking connectivity.

```
ping www.google.com
PING www.google.com (172.217.163.36) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from maa05s01-in-f4.1e100.net (172.217.163.36): icmp_seq=1 ttl=53 time=51.4 ms
64 bytes from maa05s01-in-f4.1e100.net (172.217.163.36): icmp_seq=2 ttl=53 time=50.3 ms
64 bytes from maa05s01-in-f4.1e100.net (172.217.163.36): icmp_seq=3 ttl=53 time=48.5 ms
64 bytes from maa05s01-in-f4.1e100.net (172.217.163.36): icmp_seq=4 ttl=53 time=59.8 ms
64 bytes from maa05s01-in-f4.1e100.net (172.217.163.36): icmp_seq=5 ttl=53 time=57.8 ms
64 bytes from maa05s01-in-f4.1e100.net (172.217.163.36): icmp_seq=6 ttl=53 time=59.2 ms
64 bytes from maa05s01-in-f4.1e100.net (172.217.163.36): icmp_seq=7 ttl=53 time=68.2 ms
64 bytes from maa05s01-in-f4.1e100.net (172.217.163.36): icmp_seq=8 ttl=53 time=58.8 ms
^C
--- www.google.com ping statistics ---
8 packets transmitted, 8 received, 0% packet loss, time 7004ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 48.533/56.804/68.266/6.030 ms
```

A healthy connection is determined by a steady stream of replies with consistent times. Packet loss is shown by discontinuity of sequence numbers. Large scale packet loss indicates problem along the path.

## Experiment 2

### To familiarize and understand the use and functioning of System Calls used for Operating system and network programming in Linux.

#### Some system calls of Linux operating systems

##### 1. Ps

This command tells which all processes are running on the system when ps runs.

ps -ef

UID	PID	PPID	C	STIME	TTY	TIME	CMD
root	1	0	0	13:55	?	00:00:01	/sbin/init
root	2	0	0	13:55	?	00:00:00	[kthreadd]
root	3	2	0	13:55	?	00:00:00	[ksoftirqd/0]
root	4	2	0	13:55	?	00:00:01	[kworker/0:0]
Root	5	2	0	13:55	?	00:00:00	[kworker/0:0H]
root	7	2	0	13:55	?	00:00:00	[rcu_sched]
root	8	2	0	13:55	?	00:00:00	[rcuos/0]

-----

This command gives processes running on the system, the owners of the processes and the names of the processes. The above result is an abridged version of the output.

##### 2. fork

This system call is used to create a new process. When a process makes a fork system call, a new process is created which is identical to the process creating it. The process which calls fork is called the parent process and the process that is created is called the child process. The child and parent processes are identical, i.e, the child gets a copy of the parent's data space, heap and stack, but have different physical address spaces. Both processes start execution from the line next to the fork. Fork returns the process id of the child in the parent process and returns 0 in the child process.

```
#include<stdio.h>
void main()
{
int pid;
pid = fork();
if(pid > 0)
{
printf (" Iam parent\n");
}
else
{
printf("Iam child\n");
}
}
```

The parent process prints the first statement and the child prints the next statement.

### 3. exec

New programs can be run using exec system calls. When a process calls exec, the process is completely replaced by the new program. The new program starts executing from its main function.

A new process is not created, process id remains the same, and the current process's text, data, heap, and stack segments are replaced by the new program. exec has many flavors one of which is *execv*.

*execv* takes two parameters. The first is the pathname of the program that is going to be executed. The second is a pointer to an array of pointers that hold the addresses of arguments. These arguments are the command line arguments for the new program.

### 4. wait

When a process terminates, its parent should receive some information regarding the process like the process id, the termination status, amount of CPU time taken etc. This is possible only if the parent process waits for the termination of the child process. This waiting is done by calling the wait system call. When the child process is running, the parent blocks when wait is called. If the child terminates normally or abnormally, wait immediately returns with the termination status of

the child. The wait system call takes a parameter which is a pointer to a location in which the termination status is stored.

## **5. Exit**

When exit function is called, the process undergoes a normal termination.

## **6. open**

This system call is used to open a file whose pathname is given as the first parameter of the function. The second parameter gives the options that tell the way in which the file can be used.

```
open(filepathname , O_RDWR);
```

This causes the file to be read or written. The function returns the file descriptor of the file.

## **7. read**

This system call is used to read data from an open file.

```
read(fd, buffer, sizeof(buffer));
```

The above function reads sizeof(buffer) bytes into the array named buffer. If the end of file is encountered, 0 is returned, else the number of bytes read is returned.

## **8. write**

Data is written to an open file using write function.

```
write(fd, buffer, sizeof(buffer));
```

## **System calls for network programming in Linux**

### **1. Creating a socket**

```
int socket (int domain, int type, int protocol);
```

This system call creates a socket and returns a socket descriptor. The domain parameter specifies a communication domain; this selects the protocol family which will be used for communication. These families are defined in <sys/socket.h>. In this program the AF\_INET family is used. The type parameter indicates the communication semantics. SOCK\_STREAM is used for tcp

connection while SOCK\_DGRAM is used for udp connection. The protocol parameter specifies the protocol used and is always 0. The header files used are <sys/types.h> and <sys/socket.h>.

## **Experiment 3**

### **Implementation of Client-Server communication using Socket Programming and TCP as transport layer protocol**

**Aim:** Client sends a string to the server using tcp protocol. The server reverses the string and returns it to the client, which then displays the reversed string.

**Description:**

*Steps for creating a TCP connection by a client are:*

#### **1. Creation of client socket**

```
int socket(int domain, int type, int protocol);
```



This function call creates a socket and returns a socket descriptor. The domain parameter specifies a communication domain; this selects the protocol family which will be used for communication. These families are defined in `<sys/socket.h>`. In this program, the domain `AF_INET` is used. The socket has the indicated type, which specifies the communication semantics. `SOCK_STREAM` type provides sequenced, reliable, two-way, connection based byte streams. The protocol field specifies the protocol used. We always use 0. If the system call is a failure, a -1 is returned. The header files used are `sys/types.h` and `sys/socket.h`.

## 2. Filling the fields of the server address structure.

The socket address structure is of type `struct sockaddr_in`.

```
struct sockaddr_in {  
  
    u_short sin_family;  
    u_short sin_port;  
    struct in_addr sin_addr;  
    char sin_zero[8]; /*unused, always zero*/  
};  
struct in_addr {  
  
    u_long s_addr;  
  
};
```

The fields of the socket address structure are  
**sin\_family** which in our case is `AF_INET`  
**sin\_port** which is the port number where socket binds  
**sin\_addr** which is the IP address of the server machine

The header file that is to be used is **netinet/in.h**

```
struct sockaddr_in servaddr;  
servaddr.sin_family = AF_INET;  
servaddr.sin_port = htons(port_number);
```

Why `htons` is used ?. Numbers on different machines may be represented differently ( big-endian machines and little-endian machines). In a little-endian machine the low order byte of an integer appears at the lower address; in a big-endian machine instead the low order byte appears at the higher address. Network order, the order in which numbers are sent on the internet is big-endian.

It is necessary to ensure that the right representation is used on each machine. Functions are used to convert from host to network form before transmission- htons for short integers and htonl for long integers.

The value for servaddr.sin\_addr is assigned using the following function

```
inet_pton(AF_INET, "IP_Address", &servaddr.sin_addr);
```

The binary value of the dotted decimal IP address is stored in the field when the function returns.

### **3. Binding of the client socket to a local port**

This is optional in the case of client and we usually do not use the bind function on the client side.

### **4. Connection of client to the server**

A server is identified by an IP address and a port number. The connection operation is used on the client side to identify and start the connection to the server.

```
int connect(int sd, struct sockaddr * addr, int addrlen);
```

**sd** – file descriptor of local socket

**addr** – pointer to protocol address of other socket

**addrlen** – length in bytes of address structure

The header files to be used are sys/types.h and sys/socket.h

It returns 0 on success and -1 in case of failure.

### **5. Reading from socket**

In the case of TCP connection reading from a socket can be done using the read system call

```
int read(int sd, char * buf, int length);
```

### **6. writing to a socket**

In the case of TCP connection writing to a socket can be done using the write system call

```
int write( int sd, char * buf, int length);
```

## 7. closing the connection

The connection can be closed using the close system call

```
int close( int sd);
```

Steps for TCP Connection for server

### 1. Creating a listening socket

```
int socket( int domain, int type, int protocol);
```

This system call creates a socket and returns a socket descriptor. The domain field used is **AF\_INET**. The socket type is **SOCK\_STREAM**. The protocol field is 0. If the system is a failure, a -1 is returned. Header files used are **sys/types.h** and **sys/socket.h**.

### 2. Binding to a local port

```
int bind(int sd, struct sockaddr * addr, int addrlen);
```

This call is used to specify for a socket the protocol port number where it will wait for messages. A call to bind is optional on the client side, but required on the server side. The first field is the socket descriptor of the local socket. Second is a pointer to the protocol address structure of this socket. The third is the length in bytes of the structure referenced by **addr**. This system call returns an integer. It is 0 for success and -1 for failure. The header files are **sys/types.h** and **sys/socket.h**.

### 3. Listening on the port

The listen function is used on the server in connection oriented communication to prepare a **socket** to accept messages from clients.

```
int listen(int fd, int qlen);
```

**fd** – file descriptor of a socket that has already been bound

**qlen** – specifies the maximum number of messages that can wait to be processed by the server while the server is busy servicing another request. Usually it is taken as 5. The header files used are **sys/types.h** and **sys/socket.h**. This function returns 0 on success and -1 on failure.

#### 4. Accepting a connection from the client

The accept function is used on the server in the case of connection oriented communication to accept a connection request from a client.

**int accept( int fd, struct sockaddr \* addressp, int \* addrlen);**

The first field is the descriptor of the server socket that is listening. The second parameter **addressp** points to a socket address structure that will be filled by the address of calling client when the function returns. The third parameter **addrlen** is an integer that will contain the actual length of address structure of the client. It returns an integer that is a descriptor of a new socket called the connection socket. Server sockets send data and read data from this socket. The header files used are sys/types.h and sys/socket.h.

#### Algorithm

##### Client

1. Create socket
2. Connect the socket to the server
3. Read the string to be reversed from the standard input and send it to the server  
Read the matrices from the standard input and send it to server using socket
4. Read the reversed string from the socket and display it on the standard output  
Read product matrix from the socket and display it on the standard output
5. Close the socket

##### Server

1. Create listening socket
2. bind IP address and port number to the socket
3. listen for incoming requests on the listening socket
4. accept the incoming request
5. connection socket is created when accept returns
6. Read the string using the connection socket from the client
7. Reverse the string
8. Send the string to the client using the connection socket
9. close the connection socket
10. close the listening socket

#### Client Program

```
#include<stdio.h>
```

```
#include<sys/types.h>
#include<sys/socket.h>
#include<netinet/in.h>
#include<arpa/inet.h>
#include<fcntl.h>
#include<string.h>
#include<stdlib.h>
#include<unistd.h>

int main( int argc, char *argv[])
{
    struct sockaddr_in server;
    int sd ;
    char buffer[200];
    if((sd = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0)) < 0)
    {
        perror("Socket failed.");
        exit(1);
    }
    // server socket address structure initialisation
    bzero(&server, sizeof(server) );
    server.sin_family = AF_INET;
    server.sin_port = htons(atoi(argv[2]));
    inet_pton(AF_INET, argv[1], &server.sin_addr);
    if(connect(sd, (struct sockaddr *)&server, sizeof(server))< 0)
    {
        perror("Connection failed.");
        exit(1);
    }
    fgets(buffer, sizeof(buffer), stdin);
    buffer[strlen(buffer) - 1] = '\0';
    write (sd,buffer, sizeof(buffer));
    read(sd,buffer, sizeof(buffer));
    printf("%s\n", buffer);
    close(fd);
}
```

### Server Program

```
#include<stdio.h>
```

```
#include<sys/types.h>
#include<sys/socket.h>
#include<netinet/in.h>
#include<arpa/inet.h>
#include<fcntl.h>
#include<string.h>
#include<stdlib.h>
#include<unistd.h>

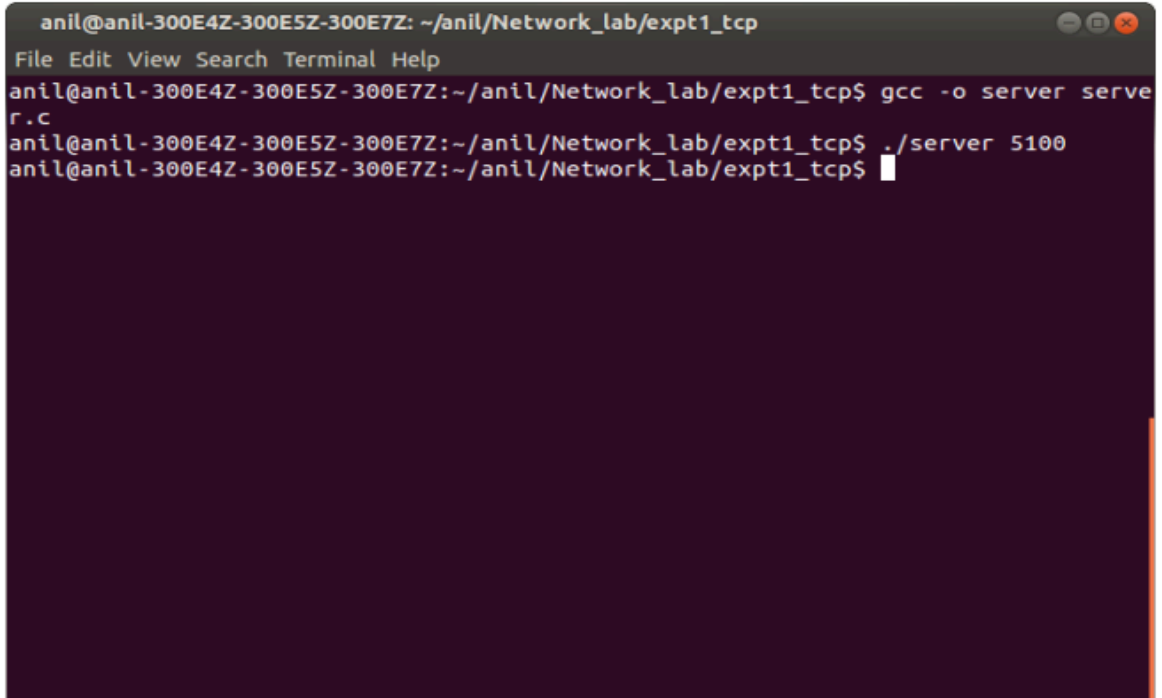
int main( int argc, char *argv[])
{
    struct sockaddr_in server, cli;
    int cli_len;
    int sd, n, i, len;
    int data, temp;
    char buffer[100];
    if((sd = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0)) < 0)
    {
        perror("Socket failed:");
        exit(1);
    }

    // server socket address structure initialisation
    bzero(&server, sizeof(server) );
    server.sin_family = AF_INET;
    server.sin_port = htons(atoi(argv[1]));
    server.sin_addr.s_addr = htonl(INADDR_ANY);
    if(bind(sd, (struct sockaddr*)&server, sizeof(server)) < 0)
    {
        perror("bind failed:");
        exit(1);
    }
    listen(sd,5);
    if((data = accept(sd , (struct sockaddr *) &cli, &cli_len)) < 0)
    {
        perror("accept failed:");
        exit(1);
    }
    read(data,buffer, sizeof(buffer));
    len = strlen(buffer);
```

```
for( i =0; i<= len/2; i++)  
{  
temp = buffer[i];  
buffer[i] = buffer[len - 1-i];  
buffer[len-1-i] = temp;  
}  
write (data,buffer, sizeof(buffer));  
close(data);  
close(sd);  
}
```

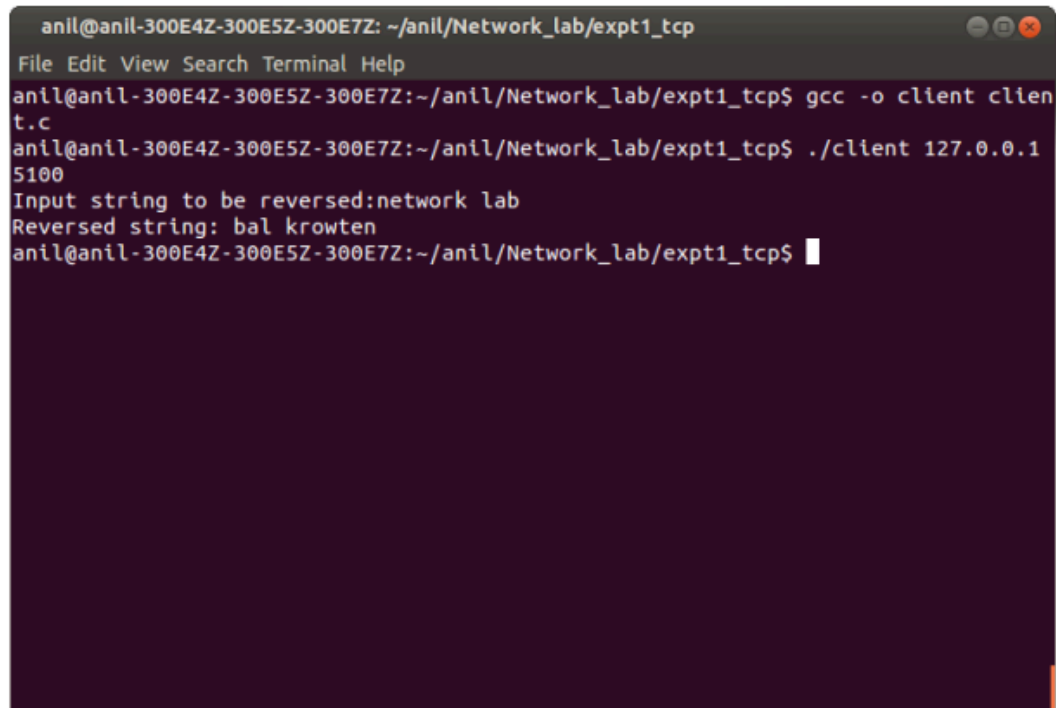
**Output**

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**Server**

The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "anil@anil-300E4Z-300E5Z-300E7Z: ~/anil/Network\_lab/expt1\_tcp". The terminal has a menu bar with "File", "Edit", "View", "Search", "Terminal", and "Help". The user enters the command `gcc -o server server.c` to compile the program. The prompt then changes to `anil@anil-300E4Z-300E5Z-300E7Z:~/anil/Network_lab/expt1_tcp$`. The user then enters `./server 5100` to run the server. The prompt returns to `anil@anil-300E4Z-300E5Z-300E7Z:~/anil/Network_lab/expt1_tcp$` with a cursor at the end of the line.

```
anil@anil-300E4Z-300E5Z-300E7Z: ~/anil/Network_lab/expt1_tcp  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
anil@anil-300E4Z-300E5Z-300E7Z:~/anil/Network_lab/expt1_tcp$ gcc -o server server.c  
anil@anil-300E4Z-300E5Z-300E7Z:~/anil/Network_lab/expt1_tcp$ ./server 5100  
anil@anil-300E4Z-300E5Z-300E7Z:~/anil/Network_lab/expt1_tcp$
```

**Client**

```
anil@anil-300E4Z-300E5Z-300E7Z: ~/anil/Network_lab/expt1_tcp
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
anil@anil-300E4Z-300E5Z-300E7Z:~/anil/Network_lab/expt1_tcp$ gcc -o client client.c
anil@anil-300E4Z-300E5Z-300E7Z:~/anil/Network_lab/expt1_tcp$ ./client 127.0.0.1 5100
Input string to be reversed:network lab
Reversed string: bal krowten
anil@anil-300E4Z-300E5Z-300E7Z:~/anil/Network_lab/expt1_tcp$
```

## Experiment 8

### Implementation of Client-Server communication using Socket Programming and UDP as transport layer protocol

**Aim:** Client sends two matrices to the server using udp protocol. The server multiplies the matrices and sends the product to the client, which then displays the product matrix.

**Description:**

**Steps for transfer of data using UDP**

**1. Creation of UDP socket**

The function call for creating a UDP socket is

**int socket(int domain, int type, int protocol);**

The domain parameter specifies a communication domain; this selects the protocol family which will be used for communication. These families are defined in <sys/socket.h>. In this program,



the domain **AF\_INET** is used. The next field type has the value **SOCK\_DGRAM**. It supports datagrams (connectionless, unreliable messages of a fixed maximum length). The protocol field specifies the protocol used. We always use 0. If the socket function call is successful, a socket descriptor is returned. Otherwise -1 is returned. The header files necessary for this function call are `sys/types.h` and `sys/socket.h`.

## 2. Filling the fields of the server address structure.

The socket address structure is of type `struct sockaddr_in`.

```
struct sockaddr_in {  
  
    u_short sin_family;  
    u_short sin_port;  
    struct in_addr sin_addr;  
    char sin_zero[8]; /*unused, always zero*/  
};  
struct in_addr {  
  
    u_long s_addr;  
  
};
```

The fields of the socket address structure are

**sin\_family** which in our case is **AF\_INET**

**sin\_port** which is the port number where socket binds

**sin\_addr** is used to store the IP address of the server machine and is of type `struct in_addr`

The header file that is to be used is **netinet/in.h**

The value for `servaddr.sin_addr` is assigned using the following function

```
inet_pton(AF_INET, "IP_Address", &servaddr.sin_addr);
```

The binary value of the dotted decimal IP address is stored in the field when the function returns.

## 3. Binding of a port to the socket in the case of server