

Owl Theory Protocol Design

Basic message format

0x01 0xCMD [0xDATA...0xDATA-N] 0x00

- 0x01 denotes start of message (SoM)
- Minimum message size is 3 bytes (if no data is included)
- 0xCMD indicates one-byte command code from table in the [quick reference](#).
- **All messages are null-terminated.**

Commands

A swimlane sequence diagram can be found and edited here: <https://swimlanes.io/d/UhF7Bk5NL>

Quick Reference

Sent from **Command Code** **Command Name** **Command Alias**

Server	0x02	Data port opened	N/A
Client	0x03	Get	get <path>
Client	0x04	Put	put <path>
Client	0x05	List	ls [path]

Server-to-client

0x02 Data port opened

Sent to client when server has opened an ephemeral port. Contains two bytes of data indicating the port which was opened.

Example: server opens port 32768 = 0x80 0x00

```
SERVER:
  SoM  CMD  PORTH  PORTL  NUL
0x01 0x02  0x80  0x00  0x00
```

Client-to-server

0x03 Get file get <path>

Gets a file from the server and sends it to the client.

After receiving this command, the server should open an ephemeral port and send the port number to the client with command 0x02.

Example for retrieving `helloworld.txt` with server opening ephemeral port at 32768

```

CLIENT:
  SoM  CMD    h   e   l   l   o   w   o   r   l   d   .   t   x   t
NUL
0x01 0x03 0x68 0x65 0x6c 0x6c 0x6f 0x77 0x6f 0x72 0x6c 0x64 0x2e 0x74 0x78 0x74
0x00

SERVER:
  SoM  CMD  PORTH PORTL  NUL
0x01 0x02  0x80  0x00 0x00

```

0x04 Put file put <path>

Puts a file from to server from the client.

After receiving this command, the server should open an ephemeral port and send the port number to the client with command 0x02.

Example for retrieving helloworld.txt with server opening ephemeral port at 32768

```

CLIENT:
  SoM  CMD    h   e   l   l   o   w   o   r   l   d   .   t   x   t
NUL
0x01 0x04 0x68 0x65 0x6c 0x6c 0x6f 0x77 0x6f 0x72 0x6c 0x64 0x2e 0x74 0x78 0x74
0x00

SERVER:
  SoM  CMD  PORTH PORTL  NUL
0x01 0x02  0x80  0x00 0x00

```

0x05 List ls [path]

Lists files in a directory, if given. Otherwise, list files at the servers 'root' directory (TBD; this could be a configuration variable, or we could just assume the root directory to be where server.py is executing; might be insecure).

After receiving this command, the server should open an ephemeral port and send the port number to the client with command 0x02.

Example for listing contents of joshfiles/ with server opening ephemeral port at 32768

```

CLIENT:
  SoM  CMD    j   o   s   h   s   f   i   l   e   s   /   NUL
0x01 0x05 0x6a 0x6f 0x73 0x68 0x73 0x66 0x69 0x6c 0x65 0x73 0x2f 0x00

SERVER:
  SoM  CMD  PORTH PORTL  NUL
0x01 0x02  0x80  0x00 0x00

```