

<b>Ex.No:1</b>	<b>STUDY OF HEADER FILES WITH RESPECT TO SOCKET PROGRAMMING</b>
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**AIM:**

To Study the header files with respect to Socket Programming

**1. stdio.h:**

Has standard input and output library providing simple and efficient buffered stream IO interface.(scanf, printf, gets, putc etc.)

**2. unistd.h:**

It is a POSIX standard for open system interface. [Portable Operating System Interface]. (fork, pipe, read, write etc.)

**3. string.h:**

This header file is used to perform string manipulation operations on NULL terminated strings.(strcpy, strcmp, strlen etc.)

**4. stdlib.h:**

This header file contains the utility functions such as string conversion routines, memory allocation routines, random number generator, etc. (abort, exit, rand, atoi etc.)

**5. sys/types.h:**

Defines the data type of socket address structure in unsigned long.( clock\_t, size\_t, dev\_t etc.)

**6. sys/socket.h:**

The socket functions can be defined as taking pointers to the generic socket address structure called sockaddr. (SO\_REUSEADDR, SO\_ERROR, SO\_ACCEPTCONN etc.)

**7. netinet/in.h:**

Defines the IPv4 socket address structure commonly called Internet socket address structure called sockaddr\_in. (IPPROTO\_IP, IPPROTO\_ICMP, IPPROTO\_TCP etc.)

**8. netdb.h:**

Defines the structure hostent for using the system call gethostbyname to get the network host entry.(HOST\_NOT\_FOUND, NO\_DATA, NO\_RECOVERY etc.)

**9. time.h:**

Has structures and functions to get the system date and time and to perform time manipulation functions. We use the function `ctime()`, that is defined in this header file, to calculate the current date and time.

**10. sys/stat.h:**

Contains the structure `stat` to test a descriptor to see if it is of a specified type. Also it is used to display file or file system status. `stat()` updates any time related fields when copying from 1 file to another.

**11. sys/ioctl.h:**

Macros and defines used in specifying an `ioctl` request are located in this header file. We use the function `ioctl()` that is defined in this header file. `ioctl()` function is used to perform ARP cache operations.

**12. pcap.h:**

Has function definitions that are required for packet capturing. Some of the functions are `pcap_lookupdev()`, `pcap_open_live()` and `pcap_loop()`. `pcap_lookupdev()` is used to initialize the network device. The device to be sniffed is opened using the `pcap_open_live()`. `Pcap_loop()` determines the number of packets to be sniffed.

**13. net/if\_arp.h:**

Contains the definitions for Address Resolution Protocol. We use this to manipulate the ARP request structure and its data members `arp_pa`, `arp_dev` and `arp_ha`. The `arp_ha` structure's data member `sa_data[ ]` has the hardware address.

**14. errno.h:**

It sets an error number when an error and that error can be displayed using `perror` function. It has symbolic error names. The error number is never set to zero by any library function.

**15. arpa/inet.h:**

This is used to convert internet addresses between ASCII strings and network byte ordered binary values (values that are stored in socket address structures). It is used for `inet_aton`, `inet_addr`, `inet_ntoa` functions

**Result :**

Thus the header files of Socket programs are studied