

Exercise Session 10

Review questions

E1 - R3

Question: For a communication session between a pair of processes, which process is the client and which is the server?.

Answer: The client is the process which initiates the communication while the server is the process that responds.

E2 - R12

Question: Consider an e-commerce site that wants to keep a purchase record for each of its customers. Describe how this can be done with cookies.

Answer: The client sends a request to the server like normal. In the response the server includes an identification number, which the client can then send to the server with every new request, thus the server knows who that person is.

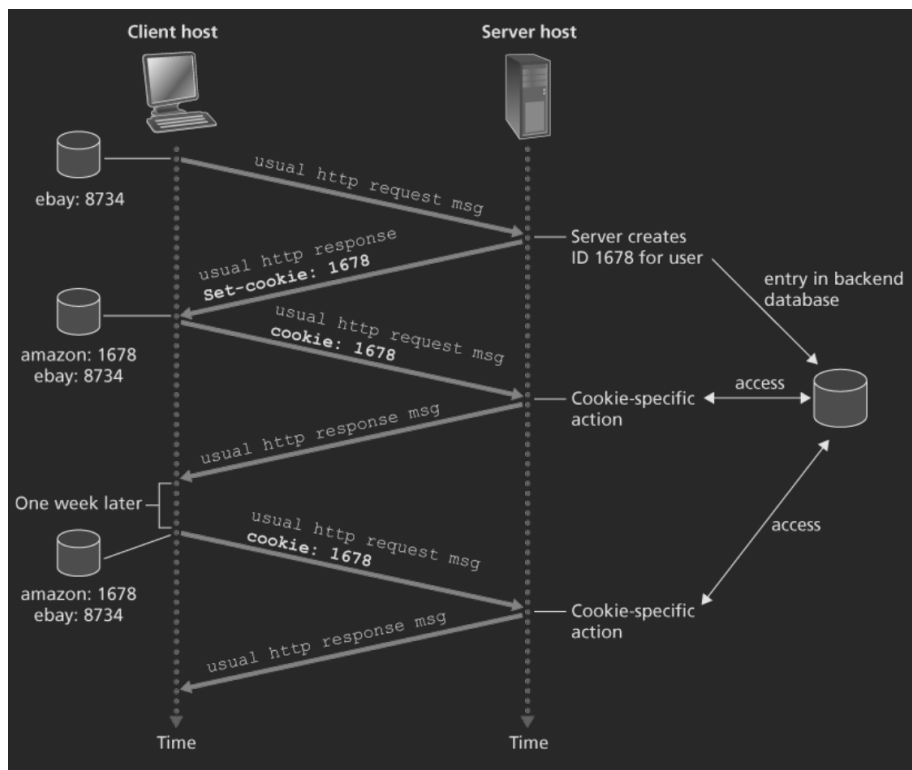


Figure 1: Client server cookies

E3 - R20

Question: Look over your received e-mails, and examine the header of a message sent from a user with a .edu e-mail address. Is it possible to determine from the header the IP address of the host from which the message was sent? Do the same for a message sent from a Gmail account.

Answer: You can determine the IP address if you look it up.

Problem questions

E1 - P5

Question: The text below shows the reply sent from the server in response to the HTTP GET message in the question above. Answer the following questions, indicating where in the message below you find the answer.

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK<cr><lf>Date: Tue, 07 Mar 2008
12:39:45GMT<cr><lf>Server: Apache/2.0.52 (Fedora)
<cr><lf>Last-Modified: Sat, 10 Dec2005 18:27:46
GMT<cr><lf>ETag: "526c3-f22-a88a4c80"<cr><lf>Accept-
Ranges: bytes<cr><lf>Content-Length: 3874<cr><lf>
Keep-Alive: timeout=max=100<cr><lf>Connection:
Keep-Alive<cr><lf>Content-Type: text/html; charset=
ISO-8859-1<cr><lf><cr><lf><!doctype html public "-
//w3c//dtd html 4.0 transitional//en"><lf><html><lf>
<head><lf> <meta http-equiv="Content-Type"
content="text/html; charset=iso-8859-1"><lf> <meta
name="GENERATOR" content="Mozilla/4.79 [en] (Windows NT
5.0; U) Netscape]"><lf> <title>CMPSCI 453 / 591 /
NTU-ST550ASpring 2005 homepage</title><lf></head><lf>
<much more document text following here (not shown)>
```

A: Was the server able to successfully find the document or not? What time was the document reply provided?

Answer: On line 1 we can see both of these. The status code is 200, thus the server was able to find the html file. The reply was provided on Tue, 07 Mar 2008.

B: When was the document last modified?

Answer: We can see on line 3. That it was last modified on Sat, 10 Dec 2005 18:27:46

C: How many bytes are there in the document being returned?

Answer: We can see on line 5 that the content length is 3874 which should be bytes.

D: What are the first 5 bytes of the document being returned? Did the server agree to a persistent connection?

Answer: A double newline indicates that the body is coming up. Thus assuming UTF-8 encoding `<!doc`. I think it agreed to a persistent connection on line 6 and 7, but it has a timeout of 100, which is probably in seconds.

E2 - P10

Question: Consider a short, 10-meter link, over which a sender can transmit at a rate of 150bits/sec in both directions. Suppose that packets containing data are $100,000\text{bits}$ long, and packets containing only control (e.g., ACK or handshaking) are 200bits long. Assume that N parallel connections each get $1/N$ of the link bandwidth. Now consider the HTTP protocol, and suppose the each downloaded object is 100Kbits long, and that the initial downloaded object contains 10 referenced objects from the same sender. Would parallel downloads via parallel instances of non-persistent HTTP make sense in this case? Now consider persistent HTTP. Do you expect significant gains over the non-persistent case? Justify and explain your answer.

Answer: Due to the packets link transmission rate being so low. Using a persistent connection will not change much in terms of how fast we can transmit the data. Especially since the objects will in total be 1Mbit while the ACK's will only be 2kbit . Using a persistent connection will give the server less overhead, but for the client it will not matter.

E3

Assume that the current time at the client below is Mon, 23 Mar 2020 00:53:34

The HTTP GET message

Consider the figure below, where a client is sending an HTTP GET message to a web server, gaia.cs.umass.edu.



Suppose the client-to-server HTTP GET message is the following:

```
GET /kurose_ross/interactive/quotation6.htm HTTP/1.0
Host: gaia.cs.umass.edu
If-Modified-Since: Mon, 23 Mar 2020 00:23:34 -0700
```

Answer the following questions:

- What is the name of the file that is being retrieved in this GET message?
- What version of HTTP is the client running?
- Does the client already have a (possibly out-of-date) copy of the requested file? Explain. If so, approximately how long ago did the client receive the file, assuming the GET request has just been issued?

- 0700

- The file is named **quotation6.htm**
- The version is 1.0
- The client already has a version of the file which is 30 minutes old.

E4

DNS and HTTP delays quiz

E5 - P22

Consider distributing a file of $F = 15Gbit$ to N peers. The server has an upload rate of $u_s = 30Mb/s$, and each peer has a download rate of $d_l = 2Mb/s$ and an upload rate of u . For $N = 10, 100$ and 1000 and $u = 300kb/s, 700kb/s$ and $2Mb/s$, prepare a chart giving the minimum distribution time for each of the combinations of N and u for both client-server distribution and P2P distribution.

The lower bound for the minimum distribution time for client server is $D_{cs} \geq \max(\frac{NF}{u_s}, \frac{F}{d_{min}})$, with this a table can be made.

Peers	Lower bound
10	$\frac{10 \cdot 15Gbit}{30Mb/s}$
100	$\frac{100 \cdot 15Gbit}{30Mb/s}$

Peers	Lower bound
1000	$\frac{1000 \cdot 15 Gbit}{30 Mb/s}$

For a P2P distribution we have that the lower bound is giving by $D_{P2P} \geq \max(\frac{F}{u_s}, \frac{F}{d_{min}}, \frac{NF}{u_s + \sum_i u_i})$

This table is generated from a haskell function so the which might be wrong.
The lower bound is most likely in seconds.

Peers	Upload rate (kbits)	Lower Bound
10	300	7500
100	300	25000
1000	300	45454
10	700	7500
100	700	15000
1000	700	20547
10	2000	7500
100	2000	7500
1000	2000	7500