Systems Development Assignment 2, Diet 1 Coursework 2 18/19

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# 1. Notes and Files

List of files:

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| ***File name*** | ***Description*** | ***Command*** (any relevant commands) |
| client.c | The client source code with all comments stripped from the file. (***Comments removed***). | make |
| client-comments.c | The client source code with all original comments left in. | make -f Makefile-build-comments |
| documentation.docx | The documentation and notes file that describes the compilation instructions, user guide and file notes. | - |
| Makefile | The Makefile that compiles uncommented source files. | make |
| Makefile-build-comments | The Makefile that compiles the source files with comments. | make -f Makefile-build-comments |
| rdwrn.c | The network source code for read and writing. | - |
| rdwrn.h | The header file that defines the networking functions. | - |
| server.c | The server source with all comments stripped (***Comments removed***) | make |
| server-comments.c | The server source code with comments. | make -f Makefile-build-comments |
| testing.docx | A document containing various tests. | - |
| valgrind-ignore-ncurses.supp | While developing the application I had not used valgrind test for memory leaks, I checks each function for any pointers that should be freed up and then note it down. After each function I made sure they were freed or streams like files were closed. When I finally got around to testing for any memory leaks I had noticed that I had numerous leaks coming from the ncurses library and created this suppression file to ignore all ncurses based detections.  For more information from the ncurses documentation  <http://invisible-island.net/ncurses/ncurses.faq.html#config_leaks> | valgrind --leak-check=full --show-leak-kinds=all --leak-resolution=med --track-origins=yes --suppressions=valgrind-ignore-ncurses.supp $1  where $1 is the file being tested |

# 2. Software Setup and Compilation

## 2.1. Requirements / Prerequisites

This software has been tested on 2 distributions, Ubuntu and Linux Mint (with all packages installed). Although this software was developed on Ubuntu which already had ncurses installed and Linux Mint does not have ncurses installed by default, to compile this project it is required to be installed using the commands below.

Required Libraries: ncurses-dev

Required Software: gcc, make

To successfully install the software on a Debian based distribution that has apt-get then you can run this single command to get all the required libraries and software.

$ sudo apt-get update

$ sudo apt-get install gcc make ncurses-dev

After installing those packages, you can now compile the application

## 2.2. Software Compilation

The compilation of this project makes use of make files so you don’t have to type any specific commands to do any actions unless you want to do specialised actions. There are two make files in the project, Makefile uses client.c and server.c which are the source files without commands. Makefile-build-comments uses client-comments.c and server-comments.c which are files that contain additional commentary. Around 500 lines of comments in the client file and about 100 in the server.

***There will be 2 directories created after compilation***, 1. bin – The output files, 2. Obj – The linker object files.

To compile the software without additional comments: make

To compile the software with the additional comments: make -f Makefile-build-comments

Each make file has 5 commands; all, makedirs, client, server, clean.

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| ***Command*** | ***Description*** |
| all | This will call makedirs then compile both the client and server. |
| makedirs | This will make the directories needed for compilation, bin and obj. |
| client | This command will compile the object file for rdwrn and compile client and place the executable into bin. |
| server | This command will compile the object file for rdwrn and then compile server and place its executable into bin. |
| clean | This command will delete the obj file and the files bin/client and bin/server.  **THIS WILL NOT DELETE THE BIN DIRECTORY ONLY THE 2 SPECIFIED FILES. (Subfolders are untouched)** |

A successful compilation should look like this:



# 3. Software User Guide

Before reading this section go ahead and read Section 2 to learn how to compile the software, if you have already compiled the binaries you can skip Section 2.

***Please note currently the client only supports connections to localhost, if you want to change the destination address please modify client.c LN 572 and client-comments.c LN 772. This will allow you to connect to a different host.***

## 3.1. Simple usages

The software usage is created simple to remove any ambiguity. There are two executables provided after compilation. client and server. For the application to work as intended there needs to be a server running, this will use the **port** **50031**. After the server is loaded and running the client can connect and start to communicate with the client.

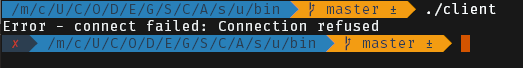
The server is ready for client connections when you see output that looks like this:

$ ./server

Waiting for incoming connections...

Waiting for a client to connect...

If the server is not running then you will be presented with a message stating the server is not running:



After that you will be able to execute the client executable and be presented with the interactive menu for the client:

Server: 192.168.0.12 - hello SP (Callum Carmicheal, S1829709)

Please select a option below

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Server:

> Random Numbers <

Uname Information

Remote Files:

Upload

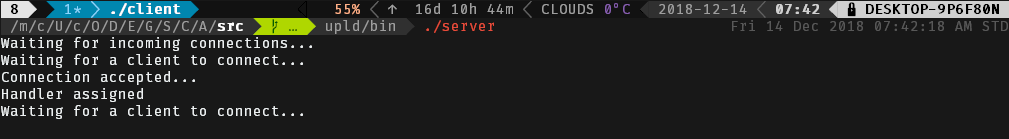
Download

Browse Directory

Application:

Exit

*Please note that depending on your distribution, terminal multiplexer and colour support you might be have a blue background displayed instead of a black one. This was the case on Ubuntu where the background was blue but inside Linux Mint the background was black.*

Once the client is connected the server will display a message stating the client has connected. 

Now that the client is connected all commands can be executed. The server supports multithreading so multiple clients can connect at once. Each command has error checking at almost every stage. If the server is closed the client will close and display a message.

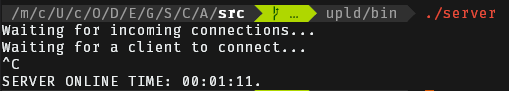


## 3.2. Client Navigation and Features

**Keys:** The control set for the application is simple.

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| ***Command*** | ***Description*** |
| ENTER | Select the current highlighted menu item |
| Q or ESCAPE | Quit / Return without selection |
| DOWN ARROW | Go down in the menu |
| UP ARROW | Go up in the menu |
| SCROLLING | Scrolling up or Down will scroll the menu selection |

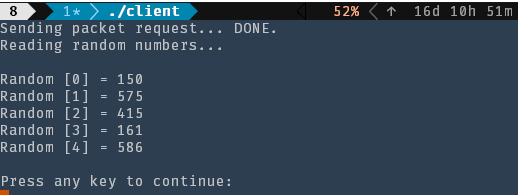
**Server Statistics:** When the server is closing or receives a SIG INTERUPT (C-c) then the server will close and display the hours, minutes and seconds the server was online for.



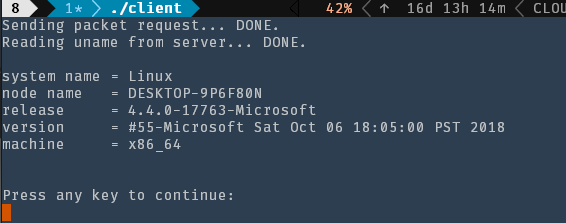
**Server Fingerprinting:** At the top of the client you will see information about the server, the first is the ip address. This is the address of either WIFI0 or ETH0. If it cannot locate WIFI0 then ETH0 is used instead. Followed by a welcome message with the author’s name and student id.

Server: 192.168.0.12 - hello SP (Callum Carmicheal, S1829709)

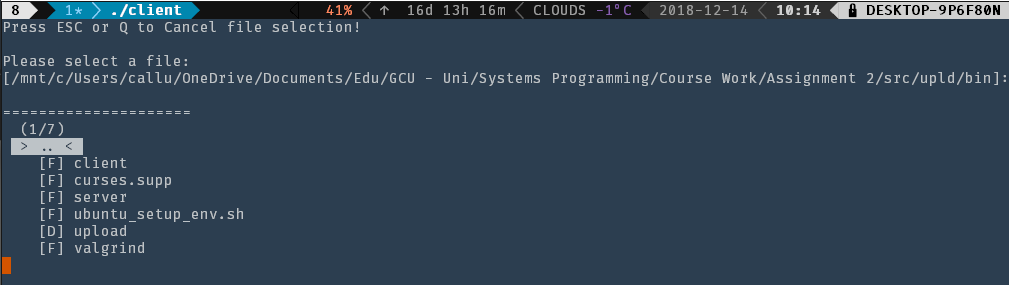
**Random Numbers:** The client can request an array of 5 random numbers ranging from 0 to 1000 from the server, these are then returned. The randomness is based of the internal clock of the computer so if there are subsequent requests in succession random numbers may not appear random. This is due to the seeding process and is normal.

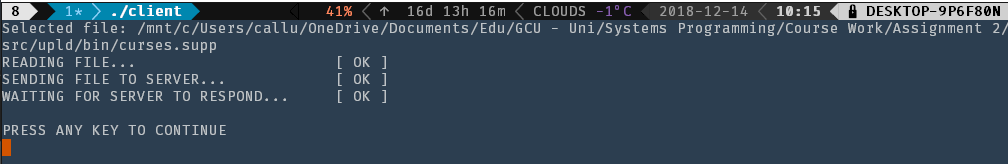


**Uname Information**: This retrieves the uname information from the server and sends it to the client. If there are any errors on the server the client will receive a error code and then display it.



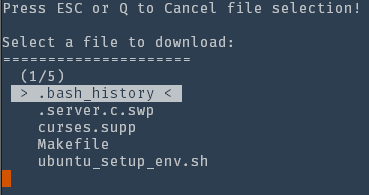
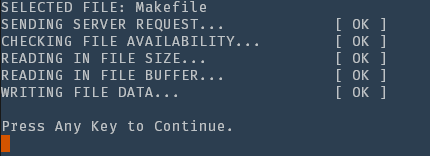
**Remote – Upload:** This section allows you to upload files from the current clients computer onto the server’s computer. This features a interactive file browser, should you want to cancel this action just press Q or Escape.

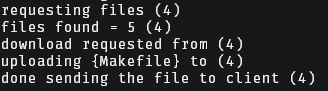


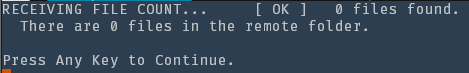




**Remote – Download:** Download files from the upload directory to the current directory on the client. If there are no files on the server there will be a error message displayed. If there are files an file selection will be shown.



If there are no files, then this is displayed: 

**Remote – Browse:** Browse the files inside the upload directory. If there are none a error is displayed.

