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Implementation of Client-Server Communication using Sockets

Theory:

Sockets Overview:

Sockets are a fundamental communication mechanism that enables data exchange between processes or applications running on different devices over a network. In client-server architecture, sockets are used to establish connections and facilitate communication.

Components:

Client: The client is the application or system that initiates a connection request to the server. It typically requests services or data from the server.

Server: The server is responsible for listening to incoming connection requests from clients and providing services or data as requested.

Socket Types:

There are two primary socket types used in client-server communication:

a. TCP Sockets: Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) sockets provide reliable, connection-oriented communication. They ensure data integrity and order but may have higher overhead.

b. UDP Sockets: User Datagram Protocol (UDP) sockets offer faster, connectionless communication but do not guarantee data integrity or order. They are suitable for scenarios where speed is prioritized over reliability.

Key Steps in Client-Server Communication:

Server Initialization: The server creates a socket, binds it to a specific IP address and port, and starts listening for incoming client connections.

Client Connection: The client creates a socket and initiates a connection to the server's IP address and port.

Data Exchange:

1. **Server Reception:** The server accepts incoming client connections, creating a new socket for communication. It receives data from the client through this socket.
2. **Client Transmission:** The client sends data to the server using its socket.
3. **Data Processing:** The server processes the received data, performs requested operations (e.g., handling inventory requests), and may send a response back to the client.
4. **Connection Termination:** Both client and server can close their sockets when the communication is complete.
5. **Error Handling:** Effective error handling is crucial in socket communication. It involves dealing with issues such as connection failures, data transmission errors, and unexpected disconnections.
6. **Scalability and Performance:** The experiment may explore how well the client-server architecture scales under various loads, considering factors like concurrency, response times, and resource utilization.
7. **Security:** Security measures like encryption and authentication may be implemented to protect data privacy and system integrity.
8. **Socket Libraries:** Depending on the programming language, libraries like Python's socket, Java's Socket and Server Socket, or Node.js's net module can be used to implement sockets.

Code:

Server.py:

```
import socket
import pickle

# Sample inventory data (in-memory storage)
inventory = {}

def add_item(item_name, quantity):
    if item_name in inventory:
        inventory[item_name] += quantity
    else:
        inventory[item_name] = quantity

def view_inventory():
    return inventory

def main():
    server = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_STREAM)
    server.bind(('127.0.0.1', 12345))
    server.listen(5)

    print("Server is listening...")

    while True:
        client_socket, client_address = server.accept()
        print(f"Accepted connection from {client_address}")

        request = client_socket.recv(1024)
        request = pickle.loads(request)

        if request['action'] == 'add':
            item_name = request['item_name']
            quantity = request['quantity']
            add_item(item_name, quantity)
            response = {'message': f"Added {quantity} {item_name}(s) to the inventory."}
        elif request['action'] == 'view':
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        response = {'inventory': view_inventory()}

        client_socket.send(pickle.dumps(response))
        client_socket.close()

if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()

```

Client.py:

```

import socket
import pickle

def send_request(request):
    client = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_STREAM)
    client.connect(('127.0.0.1', 12345))

    client.send(pickle.dumps(request))
    response = client.recv(1024)

    response = pickle.loads(response)
    print(response)

    client.close()

def main():
    while True:
        print("\nOptions:")
        print("1. Add Item to Inventory")
        print("2. View Inventory")
        print("3. Exit")

        choice = input("Enter your choice: ")

        if choice == '1':
            item_name = input("Enter item name: ")
            quantity = int(input("Enter quantity to add: "))

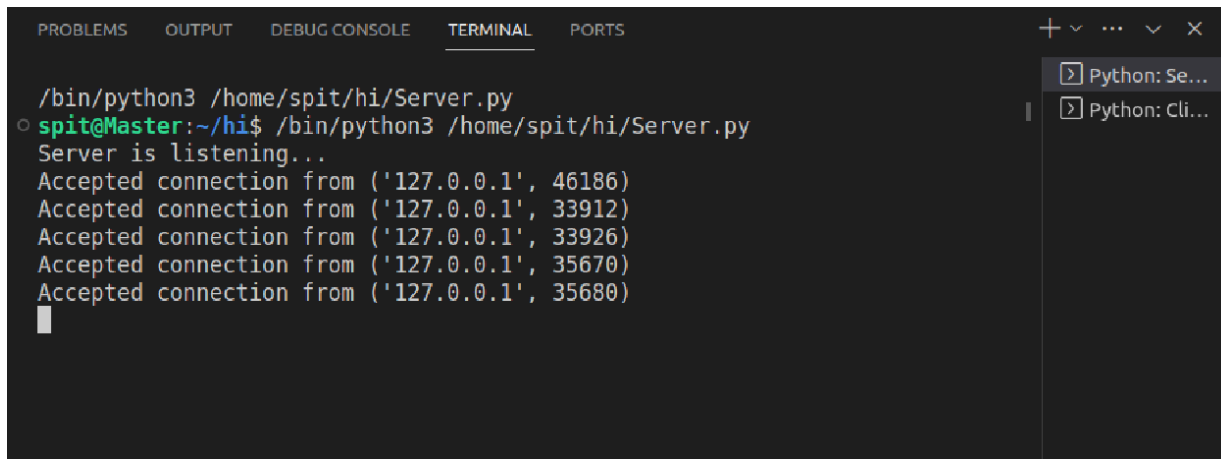
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        request = {'action': 'add', 'item_name': item_name, 'quantity':
quantity}
        send_request(request)
    elif choice == '2':
        request = {'action': 'view'}
        send_request(request)
    elif choice == '3':
        break
    else:
        print("Invalid choice. Try again.")

if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()
```

Output:

Server:



The screenshot shows a terminal window with a dark background. At the top, there are tabs for 'PROBLEMS', 'OUTPUT', 'DEBUG CONSOLE', 'TERMINAL' (which is active), and 'PORTS'. The terminal content shows the command `/bin/python3 /home/spit/hi/Server.py` being executed. The output indicates the server is listening and then shows five accepted connections from the IP address '127.0.0.1' at various ports: 46186, 33912, 33926, 35670, and 35680. On the right side of the terminal window, there is a sidebar with two entries: 'Python: Se...' and 'Python: Cli...'. The cursor is visible at the end of the last line of output.

```
/bin/python3 /home/spit/hi/Server.py
spit@Master:~/hi$ /bin/python3 /home/spit/hi/Server.py
Server is listening...
Accepted connection from ('127.0.0.1', 46186)
Accepted connection from ('127.0.0.1', 33912)
Accepted connection from ('127.0.0.1', 33926)
Accepted connection from ('127.0.0.1', 35670)
Accepted connection from ('127.0.0.1', 35680)
```

Client:

```
PROBLEMS  OUTPUT  DEBUG CONSOLE  TERMINAL  PORTS
• spit@Master:~/hi$ /bin/python3 /home/spit/hi/Client.py

Options:
1. Add Item to Inventory
2. View Inventory
3. Exit
Enter your choice: 1
Enter item name: Soap
Enter quantity to add: 200
{'message': 'Added 200 Soap(s) to the inventory.'}

Options:
1. Add Item to Inventory
2. View Inventory
3. Exit
Enter your choice: 1
Enter item name: Towels
Enter quantity to add: 300
{'message': 'Added 300 Towels(s) to the inventory.'}

Options:
1. Add Item to Inventory
2. View Inventory
3. Exit
Enter your choice: 2
{'inventory': {'Soap': 200, 'Towels': 300}}

Options:
```

```
PROBLEMS  OUTPUT  DEBUG CONSOLE  TERMINAL  PORTS
1. Add Item to Inventory
2. View Inventory
3. Exit
Enter your choice: 2
{'inventory': {'Soap': 200, 'Towels': 300}}

Options:
1. Add Item to Inventory
2. View Inventory
3. Exit
Enter your choice: 1
Enter item name: Maggi
Enter quantity to add: 200
{'message': 'Added 200 Maggi(s) to the inventory.'}

Options:
1. Add Item to Inventory
2. View Inventory
3. Exit
Enter your choice: 2
{'inventory': {'Soap': 200, 'Towels': 300, 'Maggi': 200}}

Options:
1. Add Item to Inventory
2. View Inventory
3. Exit
Enter your choice: 3
spit@Master:~/hi$
```

Conclusion:

In summary, this experiment centered on implementing client-server communication using sockets, a crucial networking mechanism. It covered the core components of client-server architecture, socket types (TCP and UDP), and the essential communication steps.

Implementing client-server communication using sockets is a fundamental technique for building networked applications.

The Python code demonstrated a practical application of socket programming with a server managing an inventory system.

Socket programming remains a fundamental skill for networking and distributed applications, highlighting the importance of efficient communication in modern computing environments.