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第2课 HTTP协议

Episode Two
HTTP Protocol

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HTTP Protocol



- HTTP functions as a request–response protocol in the client–server computing model.
 - A web browser, for example, may be the *client* and an application running on a computer hosting a website may be the *server*.
 - The client submits an HTTP request message to the server.
 - The server, which provides <u>resources</u> such as HTML files and other content, or performs other functions on behalf of the client, returns a <u>response</u> message to the client.
 - The response contains completion status information about the request and may also contain requested content in its message body.
 - A web browser is an example of a user agent (UA).
 - Other types of user agent include the indexing software used by search providers (web crawlers), voice browsers, mobile apps, and other software that accesses, consumes, or displays web content.

HTTP Protocol



- HTTP resources are identified and located on the network by Uniform Resource Locators (URLs),
 - using the Uniform Resource Identifiers (URI's) schemes https://https.ncbe.nlm.nih.gov/https.
 - URIs and hyperlinks in HTML documents form inter-linked hypertext documents.
- Every HTTP URL conforms to the syntax of a generic URI. A generic URI is of the form:
 - scheme:[//[user:password@]host[:port]][/]path[?query][#fragment]
 - For example:
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uniform_Resource_Locator

Uniform Resource Locator



- scheme:[//[user:password@]host[:port]][/]path[?query][#fragment]
 - scheme,
 - consisting of a sequence of characters beginning with a letter and followed by any combination of letters, digits, plus (+), period (.), or hyphen (-).
 - It is followed by a colon (:).
 - Examples of popular schemes include <a href="http://https://
 - Two slashes (//)
 - This is required by some schemes and not required by some others.
 - An authority part, comprising:
 - An optional authentication section of a user name and password, separated by a colon, followed by an at symbol (@)
 - A "host",
 - consisting of either a registered name (including but not limited to a hostname), or an IP address.
 - An optional port number, separated from the hostname by a colon

Uniform Resource Locator



- scheme:[//[user:password@]host[:port]][/]path[?query][#fragment]
 - A path,
 - which contains data, usually organized in hierarchical form, that appears as a sequence of segments separated by slashes.
 - An optional query,
 - separated from the preceding part by a question mark (?), containing a query string of nonhierarchical data.
 - Its syntax is not well defined, but by convention is most often a sequence of attribute-value pairs separated by a delimiter.

Query delimiter	Example
Ampersand (&)	key1=value1&key2=value2
Semicolon (;)	key1=value1;key2=value2

- An optional fragment,
 - separated from the preceding part by a hash (#). The fragment contains

A Request & A Response



http://www.example.com/index.html

Client request

GET / HTTP/1.1

Host: www.example.com

User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0

Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8

Accept-Language: en-GB,en;q=0.5

Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br

Connection: keep-alive

Request Syntax



- A client sends request messages to the server, which consist of:
 - a request line, consisting of the case-sensitive request method, a space, the requested URL, another space, the protocol version, a carriage return, and a line feed, e.g.:
 GET /images/logo.png HTTP/1.1
 - zero or more request header fields (at least 1 or more headers in case of HTTP/1.1), each
 consisting of the case-insensitive field name, a colon, optional leading whitespace, the field value,
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- HTTP defines methods to indicate the desired action to be performed on the identified resource.
 - GET
 - The GET method requests a representation of the specified resource. Requests using GET should only retrieve data and should have no other effect. (idempotent)
 - HEAD
 - The HEAD method asks for a response identical to that of a GET request, but without the response body. (idempotent)
 - POST
 - The POST method requests that the server accept the entity enclosed in the request as a new subordinate of the web resource identified by the URI.
 - PUT
 - The PUT method requests that the enclosed entity be stored under the supplied URI. (idempotent)
 - DELETE
 - The DELETE method deletes the specified resource. (idempotent)

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 - TRACE
 - The TRACE method echoes the received request so that a client can see what (if any) changes or additions have been made by intermediate servers. (idempotent)
 - OPTIONS
 - The OPTIONS method returns the HTTP methods that the server supports for the specified URL. This can be used to check the functionality of a web server by requesting '*' instead of a specific resource. (idempotent)
 - CONNECT
 - The CONNECT method converts the request connection to a transparent TCP/IP tunnel, usually to facilitate SSL-encrypted communication (HTTPS) through an unencrypted HTTP proxy.
 - PATCH
 - The PATCH method applies partial modifications to a resource.
 - All general-purpose HTTP servers are required to implement at least the GET and HEAD methods, and, whenever possible, also the OPTIONS method.

Safe methods & Idempotent methods



- Some of the methods (for example, HEAD, GET, OPTIONS and TRACE) are, by convention, defined as safe
 - which means they are intended only for information retrieval and should not change the state of the server.
- Methods PUT and DELETE are defined to be idempotent,
 - meaning that multiple identical requests should have the same effect as a single request
 - or the response code it returns may be different on subsequent requests, the system state will be the same every time.
 - Methods GET, HEAD, OPTIONS and TRACE, being prescribed as safe, should also be idempotent, as HTTP is a stateless protocol

Safe methods & Idempotent methods



HTTP Method \$	RFC \$	Request Has Body \$	Response Has Body \$	Safe +	Idempotent +	Cacheable \$
GET	RFC 7231 &	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
HEAD	RFC 7231 &	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
POST	RFC 7231 ₺	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
PUT	RFC 7231 &	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
DELETE	RFC 7231 &	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
CONNECT	RFC 7231 &	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
OPTIONS	RFC 7231 &	Optional	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
TRACE	RFC 7231 &	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
PATCH	RFC 5789&	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes

Request Header Fields



Name	Description	Example
Accept	Media type(s) that is/are acceptable for the response. See Content negotiation.	Accept: text/html
Accept-Charset	Character sets that are acceptable.	Accept-Charset: utf-8
Accept-Datetime	Acceptable version in time.	Accept-Datetime: Thu, 31 May 2007 20:35:00 GMT
Accept-Encoding	List of acceptable encodings. See <a example.com="" href="https://example.com/htt</td><td>Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate</td></tr><tr><td>Accept-Language</td><td>List of acceptable human languages for response. See <u>Content</u> <u>negotiation</u>.</td><td>Accept-Language: en-US</td></tr><tr><td>Cache-Control</td><td>Used to specify directives that <i>must</i> be obeyed by all caching mechanisms along the request-response chain.</td><td>Cache-Control: no-cache</td></tr><tr><td>Connection</td><td>Control options for the current connection and list of hop-by-hop request fields. [14] Must not be used with HTTP/2. [15]</td><td>Connection: keep-
aliveConnection: Upgrade</td></tr><tr><td>Content-Encoding</td><td>The type of encoding used on the data. See HTTP compression">HTTP compression.	Content-Encoding: gzip
Content-Length	The length of the request body in octets (8-bit bytes).	Content-Length: 348
Content-Type	The Media type of the body of the request (used with POST and PUT requests).	Content-Type: application/x- www-form-urlencoded
Cookie	An <u>HTTP cookie</u> previously sent by the server with <u>Set-Cookie</u> (below).	Cookie: \$Version=1; Skin=new;

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http://www.example.com/index.html

Server response

HTTP/1.1 200 **OK**

Date: Mon, 23 May 2005 22:38:34 GMT

Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8

Content-Length: 155

Last-Modified: Wed, 08 Jan 2003 23:11:55 GMT

Server: Apache/1.3.3.7 (Unix) (Red-Hat/Linux)

ETag: "3f80f-1b6-3e1cb03b"

Accept-Ranges: bytes

Connection: close

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<html>
<head>
<title>An Example Page</title>
</head>
<body>

Hello World, this is a very simple HTML document.

</body>
</html>
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Response Syntax



- A server sends *response messages* to the client, which consist of: [47]
 - a status line, consisting of the protocol version, a <u>space</u>, the <u>response status code</u>, another space, a possibly empty reason phrase, a <u>carriage return</u> and a <u>line feed</u>, e.g.:
 HTTP/1.1 200 OK
 - zero or more <u>response header fields</u>, each consisting of the case-insensitive field name, a colon, optional leading <u>whitespace</u>, the field value, an optional trailing whitespace and ending with a carriage return and a line feed, e.g.:

Content-Type: text/html

- an empty line, consisting of a carriage return and a line feed;
- an optional <u>message body</u>.

Response Status



- In HTTP/1.0 and since,
 - the first line of the HTTP response is called the *status line* and includes a numeric *status code* (such as "404") and a textual *reason phrase* (such as "Not Found").
- The first digit of the status code defines its class:
 - 1XX (informational) The request was received, continuing process.
 - 2XX (successful) The request was successfully received, understood, and accepted.
 - 3XX (redirection) Further action needs to be taken in order to complete the request.
 - 4XX (client error) The request contains bad syntax or cannot be fulfilled.
 - 5XX (server error) The server failed to fulfill an apparently valid request.

Response Header Fields



Field name	Description	Example
Accept-CH	Requests <u>HTTP Client Hints</u>	Accept-CH: UA, Platform
Access-Control-Allow-Origin, Access-Control-Allow- Credentials, Access-Control-Expose- Headers, Access-Control-Max-Age, Access-Control-Allow- Methods, Access-Control-Allow- Headers ^[13]	Specifying which web sites can participate in cross-origin resource sharing	Access-Control-Allow-Origin: *
Age	The age the object has been in a proxy cache in seconds	Age: 12
Allow	Valid methods for a specified resource. To be used for a 405 Method not allowed	Allow: GET, HEAD
Content-Encoding	The type of encoding used on the data. See HTTP compression.	Content-Encoding: gzip
Content-Language	The natural language or languages of the intended audience for the enclosed content [51]	Content-Language: da
Content-Length	The length of the response body in octets (8-bit bytes)	Content-Length: 348
Content-Location	An alternate location for the returned data	Content-Location: /index.htm
Content-Type	The MIME type of this content	Content-Type: text/html; charset=utf-8

HTTP session

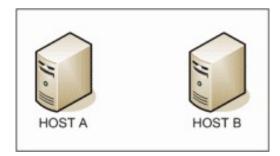


- An HTTP session is a sequence of network request-response transactions.
 - TCP 3-Way Handshake

EVENT DIAGRAM

Host A **sends** a TCP **SYN**chronize packet to Host B Host B receives A's **SYN**Host B **sends** a **SYN**chronize-ACKnowledgement Host A receives B's **SYN-ACK**Host A **sends** ACKnowledge
Host B receives ACK.

TCP socket connection is ESTABLISHED.



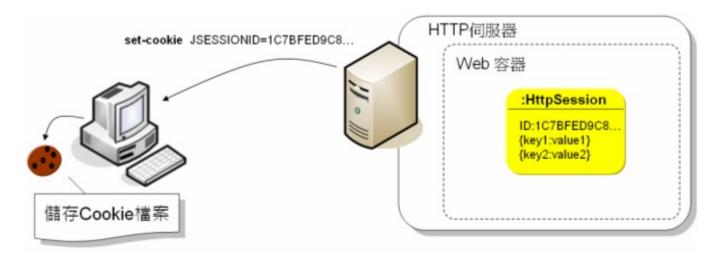
TCP Three Way Handshake (SYN, SYN-ACK, ACK)

- from: http://blog.csdn.net/wangshihui512/article/details/9051819

HTTP session state



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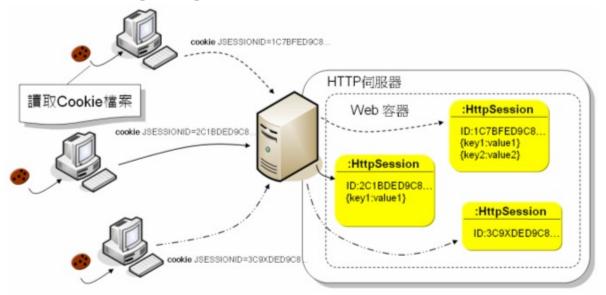


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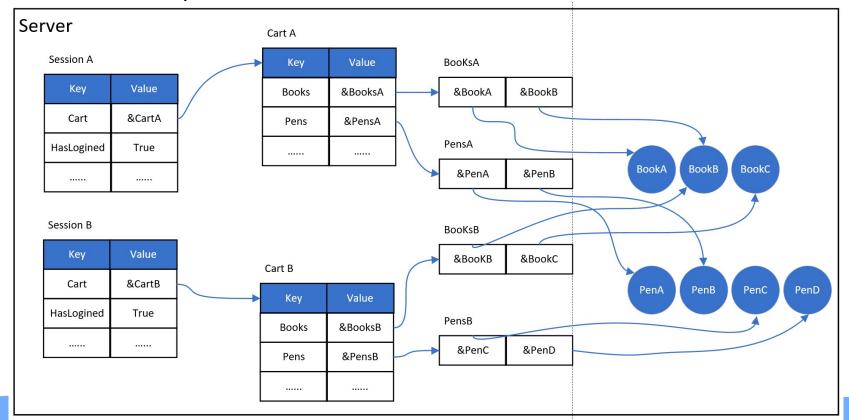


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