

# COL334

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Assignment - 3

## 1 TCP socket implementation and downloading the complete file in one go

The functions of socket programming used in this are:

1. socket : It is used to create a new socket on the client side.
2. connect : It basically connects the client socket with that of the server.
3. send : It sends the request from the client to the server.
4. recv : It receives the response of the sent request from the server.

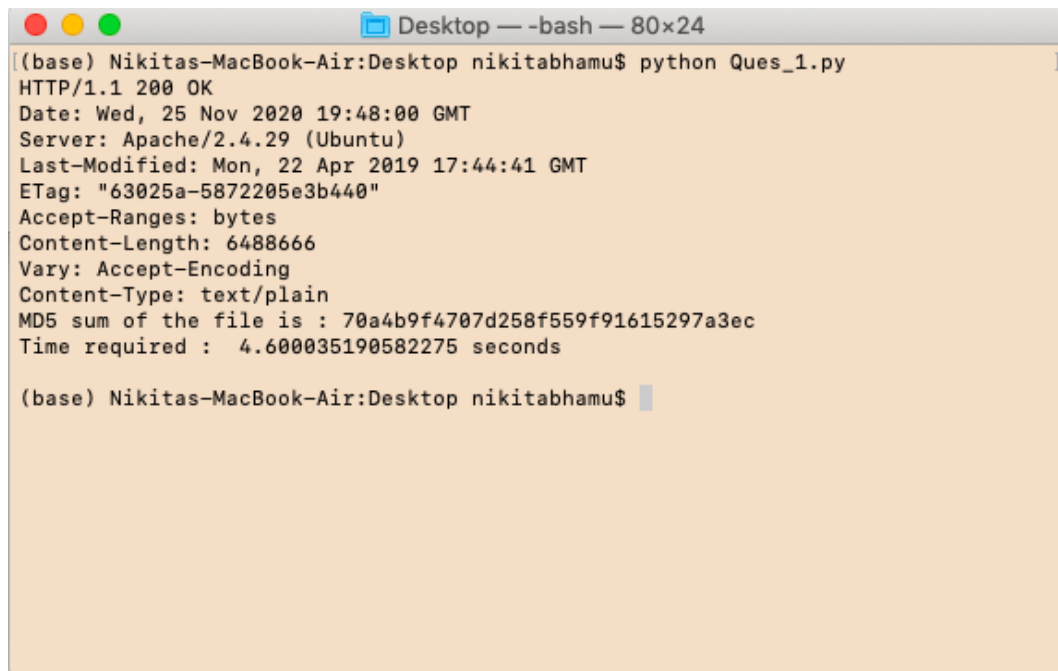
The headers of the response are removed by splitting it at " ° °".

MD5 sum of the file is calculated using the **md5 command** present in the hashlib.

For decoding the bytes received, the **decode()** function is used.

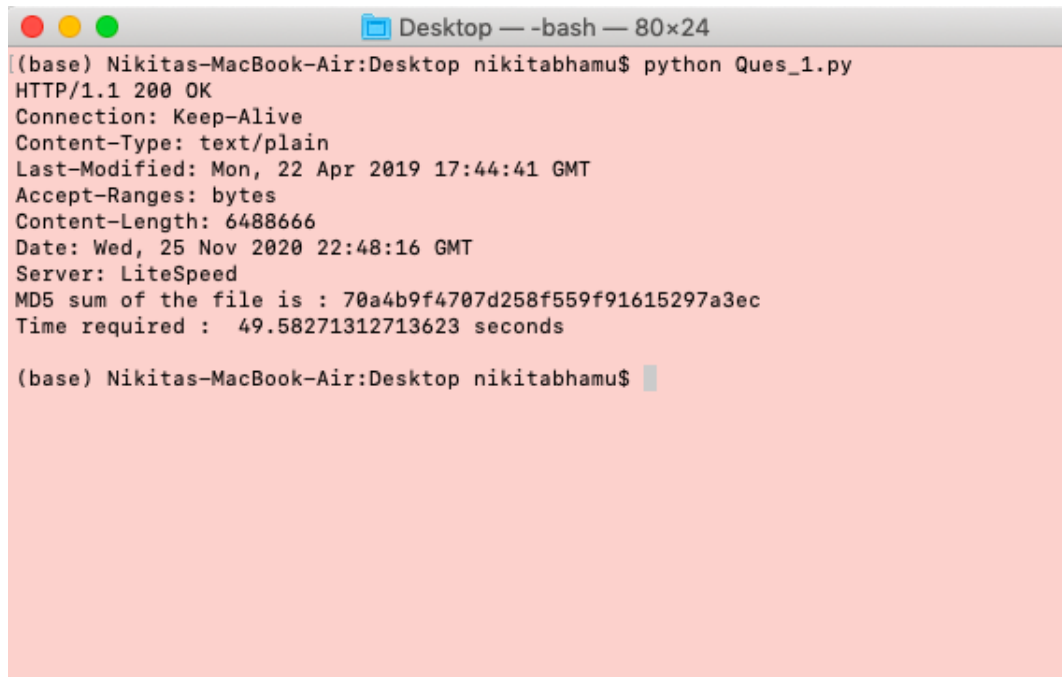
The while loop continues till the time all the bytes according to the given size doesn't gets downloaded.

If the md5sum of the file obtained does not match with the given md5sum then all the steps are repeated. Finally when the complete file gets downloaded without any failure, then the program finishes.

A terminal window titled "Desktop — -bash — 80x24" with standard macOS window controls (red, yellow, green buttons). The terminal shows the output of a Python script named "Ques\_1.py". The output is an HTTP 200 OK response with various headers and a large MD5 hash. The terminal text is as follows:

```
[(base) Nikitas-MacBook-Air:Desktop nikitabhamu$ python Ques_1.py  
HTTP/1.1 200 OK  
Date: Wed, 25 Nov 2020 19:48:00 GMT  
Server: Apache/2.4.29 (Ubuntu)  
Last-Modified: Mon, 22 Apr 2019 17:44:41 GMT  
ETag: "63025a-5872205e3b440"  
Accept-Ranges: bytes  
Content-Length: 6488666  
Vary: Accept-Encoding  
Content-Type: text/plain  
MD5 sum of the file is : 70a4b9f4707d258f559f91615297a3ec  
Time required : 4.600035190582275 seconds  
  
(base) Nikitas-MacBook-Air:Desktop nikitabhamu$
```

Figure 1: Download file in one go from [vayu.iitd.ac.in](http://vayu.iitd.ac.in)

A terminal window titled "Desktop — -bash — 80x24" with a light gray title bar and three colored window control buttons (red, yellow, green) on the left. The terminal background is light pink. It shows the output of a Python script named "Ques\_1.py". The output is an HTTP response from a server. The response status is "HTTP/1.1 200 OK". The connection is "Keep-Alive". The content type is "text/plain". The last modified date is "Mon, 22 Apr 2019 17:44:41 GMT". The accept ranges are "bytes". The content length is "6488666". The date is "Wed, 25 Nov 2020 22:48:16 GMT". The server is "LiteSpeed". The MD5 sum of the file is "70a4b9f4707d258f559f91615297a3ec". The time required for the download is "49.58271312713623 seconds". The prompt "(base) Nikitas-MacBook-Air:Desktop nikitabhamu\$" is visible at the bottom.

```
(base) Nikitas-MacBook-Air:Desktop nikitabhamu$ python Ques_1.py
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Connection: Keep-Alive
Content-Type: text/plain
Last-Modified: Mon, 22 Apr 2019 17:44:41 GMT
Accept-Ranges: bytes
Content-Length: 6488666
Date: Wed, 25 Nov 2020 22:48:16 GMT
Server: LiteSpeed
MD5 sum of the file is : 70a4b9f4707d258f559f91615297a3ec
Time required : 49.58271312713623 seconds

(base) Nikitas-MacBook-Air:Desktop nikitabhamu$
```

Figure 2: Download file in one go from norvig.com

The time required to download a file is much less in the situation when we download it from `vayu.iitd.ac.in` as compared to `norvig.com`, because the server of `vayu` is located in India, and that of `norvig` is located in US. So, the people surfing from India will find it faster to download the file from `vayu`.

## 2 Use of vim and downloading the file in parts

In my system I wasn't able to insert the carriage return (`\n`) using vim even after trying all the possible combinations of CTRL,V and M. So, I made a python script in it which read a string and stores it in other file which is then passed to the cat command and then using nc (netcat) the channel to the host at the particular port is made.

Use of the following commands:

1. cat : The cat (short for "concatenate") command. The cat command allows us to create single or multiple files, view content of file, concatenate files and redirect output in terminal or files
2. nc : Netcat (or nc) is a command-line utility that reads and writes data across network connections, using the TCP or UDP protocols.

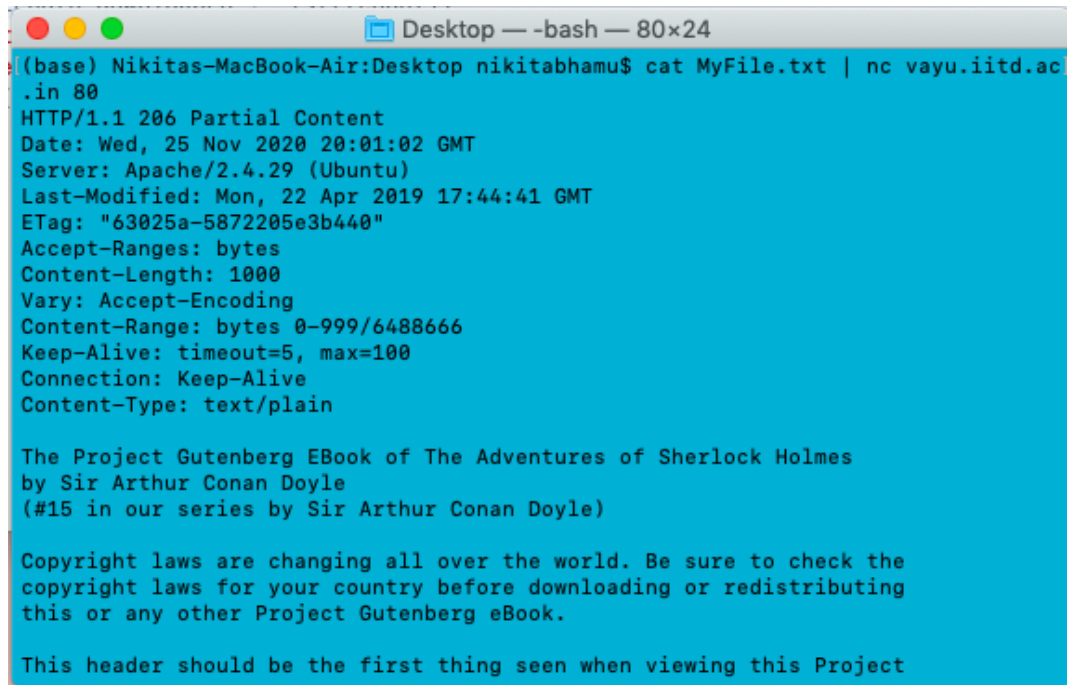
```
Desktop — -bash — 80x24
Last login: Thu Nov 26 01:29:48 on ttys000
(base) Nikitas-MacBook-Air:~ nikitabhamu$ cd Desktop
(base) Nikitas-MacBook-Air:Desktop nikitabhamu$ python Ques_2.py

Use the filename : << MyFile.txt >> in the cat command

(base) Nikitas-MacBook-Air:Desktop nikitabhamu$ hexdump -c MyFile.txt
00000000  G  E  T      /  b  i  g  .  t  x  t      H  T  T
00000010  P  /  1  .  1  \r  \n  H  o  s  t  :      v  a  y
00000020  u  .  i  i  t  d  .  a  c  .  i  n  \r  \n  C  o
00000030  n  n  e  c  t  i  o  n  :      k  e  e  p  -  a
00000040  l  i  v  e  \r  \n  R  a  n  g  e  :      b  y  t
00000050  e  s  =  0  -  9  9  9  \r  \n  \r  \n
0000005c
(base) Nikitas-MacBook-Air:Desktop nikitabhamu$
```

Figure 3: Running the python script to copy the string in a text file

The output on the terminal after running this python scripts gives the name of the file which is given in the cat command. The shown above is the hexdump of text file which is found by "hexdump -c ;filename;"



```
Desktop — -bash — 80x24
(base) Nikitas-MacBook-Air:Desktop nikitabhamu$ cat MyFile.txt | nc vayu.iitd.ac.in 80
HTTP/1.1 206 Partial Content
Date: Wed, 25 Nov 2020 20:01:02 GMT
Server: Apache/2.4.29 (Ubuntu)
Last-Modified: Mon, 22 Apr 2019 17:44:41 GMT
ETag: "63025a-5872205e3b440"
Accept-Ranges: bytes
Content-Length: 1000
Vary: Accept-Encoding
Content-Range: bytes 0-999/6488666
Keep-Alive: timeout=5, max=100
Connection: Keep-Alive
Content-Type: text/plain

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Figure 4: Using cat and nc commands

The output on the terminal gives the first 1000 bytes of the big.txt file.

Then the complete file is being downloaded by using the command of downloading the partial bytes on loops, in this 100000 bytes are downloaded in an iteration.

The wireshark trace of this download, gives around 60 responses in continuation between two consecutive get requests which are of almost 1500 bytes on an average, hence it gives the size downloaded between two request = 100000.

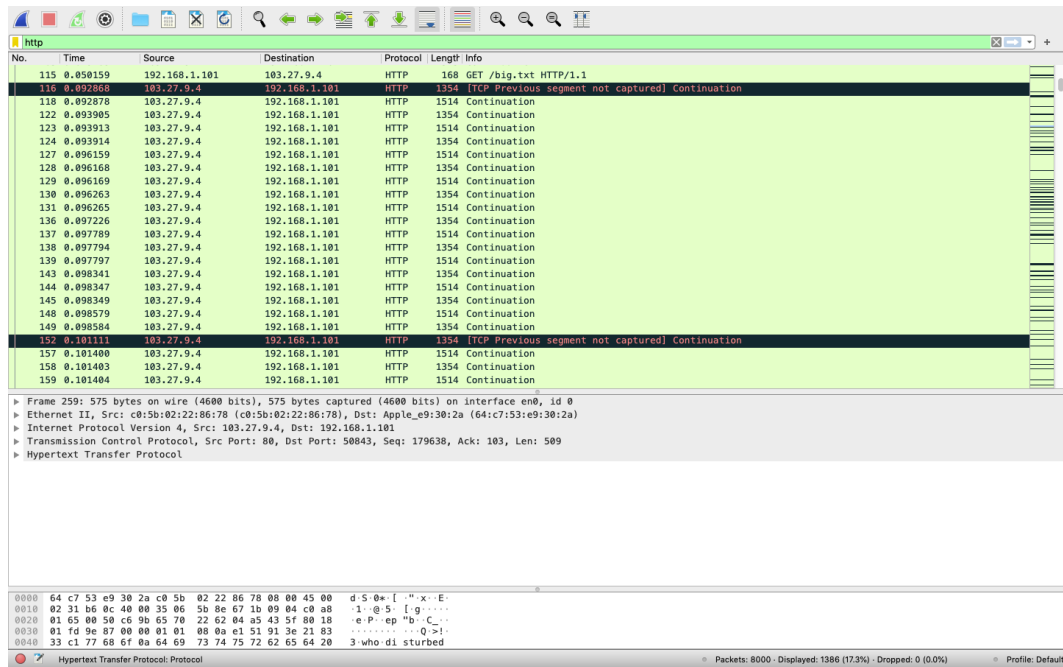


Figure 5: Wireshark

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
221	0.131783	103.27.9.4	192.168.1.101	HTTP	1354	Continuation
224	0.134000	103.27.9.4	192.168.1.101	HTTP	1354	[TCP Previous segment not captured]
229	0.136928	103.27.9.4	192.168.1.101	HTTP	1354	[TCP Previous segment not captured]
231	0.136937	103.27.9.4	192.168.1.101	HTTP	1514	Continuation
232	0.136939	103.27.9.4	192.168.1.101	HTTP	1354	Continuation
237	0.138049	103.27.9.4	192.168.1.101	HTTP	1514	Continuation
239	0.139251	103.27.9.4	192.168.1.101	HTTP	1354	Continuation
240	0.145799	103.27.9.4	192.168.1.101	HTTP	1514	Continuation
241	0.145808	103.27.9.4	192.168.1.101	HTTP	1354	Continuation
244	0.146812	103.27.9.4	192.168.1.101	HTTP	1514	Continuation
245	0.146819	103.27.9.4	192.168.1.101	HTTP	1354	Continuation
246	0.146866	103.27.9.4	192.168.1.101	HTTP	1354	[TCP Previous segment not captured]
253	0.149465	103.27.9.4	192.168.1.101	HTTP	1514	Continuation
254	0.149474	103.27.9.4	192.168.1.101	HTTP	1354	Continuation
257	0.150103	103.27.9.4	192.168.1.101	HTTP	1514	Continuation
258	0.156948	103.27.9.4	192.168.1.101	HTTP	1354	Continuation
259	0.156957	103.27.9.4	192.168.1.101	HTTP	575	Continuation
262	0.157294	192.168.1.101	103.27.9.4	HTTP	168	GET /big.txt HTTP/1.1
263	0.196846	103.27.9.4	192.168.1.101	HTTP	1354	[TCP Previous segment not captured]
265	0.196856	103.27.9.4	192.168.1.101	HTTP	1354	[TCP Previous segment not captured]

▶ Frame 262: 168 bytes on wire (1344 bits), 168 bytes captured (1344 bits) on interface en0, id 0  
 ▶ Ethernet II, Src: Apple\_e9:30:2a (64:c7:53:e9:30:2a), Dst: c0:5b:02:22:86:78 (c0:5b:02:22:86:78)  
 ▶ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.1.101, Dst: 103.27.9.4  
 ▶ Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 50843, Dst Port: 80, Seq: 103, Ack: 180147, Len: 102  
 ▶ Hypertext Transfer Protocol

Figure 6: Wireshark

### 3 Multithreading

As we try to download the file in chunks of size 10kB, then the pipe breaks around 104th request, this means that the keep-alive on the TCP connection is able to keep that connection alive only till the time when around 100 requests are sent, so for this I kept a count of request and when 100 requests are complete, I created a new socket and connected it with the server.

Multithreading here means opening multiple connections with the server parallelly, so that data could be downloaded parallelly through those connections. These multiple connections helps us to download the file faster as we are downloading different chunks of the file parallelly, hence the download speed is faster.

#### How this multithreading is implemented by me?

For implementing the multithreading, I implemented a function named as func which is the target of the threads. In this function the arguments are ClientSocket, the start byte, end byte, thread number, and the hostname.

The connection in a threads stays alive till the time 50 requests are sent on it,

so after that a new connection is formed to ensure smooth working.  
 And the data from receiver will be collected till the time the number of bytes in the range which we require does not come to us.  
 Along with this, the string received in each chunk is stored in an array Strings which is finly wrote in the file whose md5sum sum is matched at the end.  
 Along with this to plot the graph we store information about wht time a thread takes to download a chunk so that at the end the time required by each thread could be plotted.  
 The threads are made using the function thread-making() whihc runs a loop and passes all the arguments to the threads according to the given input and then return a list of all those threads.  
 Then we start all the threads of the loop and before ending this programme we wait for all the threads to join.

#### OBSERVATIONS :

1. The download times reduces with increase in number of the TCP connections but after a certain point of time (which comes after a good number of connections) it again starts incresing because the time wasted due to the handshakes in TCP connections will overpower the time saved at the time of download.  
 The screenshot of some of the time required are:

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646
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Done!
The MD5sum of the output file is : 70a4b9f4707d258f559f91615297a3ec
The number of threads are : 3
Time taken : 22.218006134033203
(base) Nikitas-MacBook-Air:Desktop nikitabhamu$
  
```

Figure 7: Time required when number of thread=3

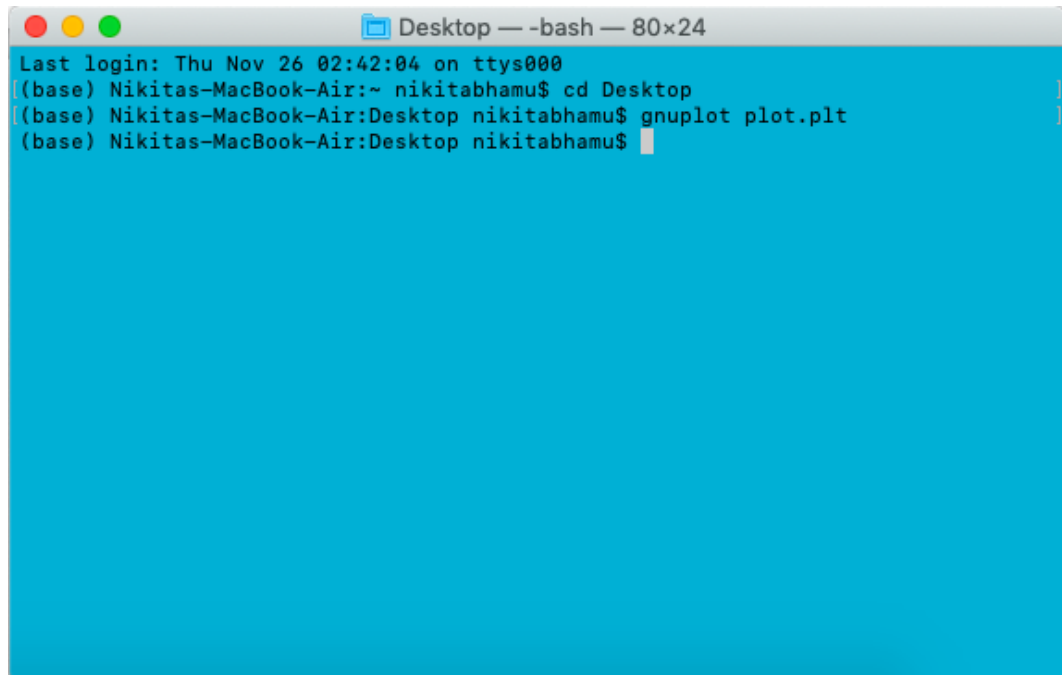




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566
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Done!
The MD5sum of the output file is : 70a4b9f4707d258f559f91615297a3ec
The number of threads are : 8
Time taken : 8.437708139419556
(base) Nikitas-MacBook-Air:Desktop nikitabhamu$
```

Figure 8: Time required when number of thread=8

All these observations are stored in a text file and then the graph of this information is plotted using the gnuplot.

A terminal window titled "Desktop — -bash — 80x24" with a blue background. The window shows the following text: "Last login: Thu Nov 26 02:42:04 on ttys000", "[(base) Nikitas-MacBook-Air:~ nikitabhamu\$ cd Desktop ]", "[(base) Nikitas-MacBook-Air:Desktop nikitabhamu\$ gnuplot plot.plt ]", and "(base) Nikitas-MacBook-Air:Desktop nikitabhamu\$ " followed by a cursor. The window has standard macOS window controls (red, yellow, green buttons) in the top left corner.

```
Desktop — -bash — 80x24
Last login: Thu Nov 26 02:42:04 on ttys000
[(base) Nikitas-MacBook-Air:~ nikitabhamu$ cd Desktop ]
[(base) Nikitas-MacBook-Air:Desktop nikitabhamu$ gnuplot plot.plt ]
(base) Nikitas-MacBook-Air:Desktop nikitabhamu$
```

Figure 9: Gnuplot command

The following gnuplot showing the relationship of the time required to download v/s number of threads is obtained.

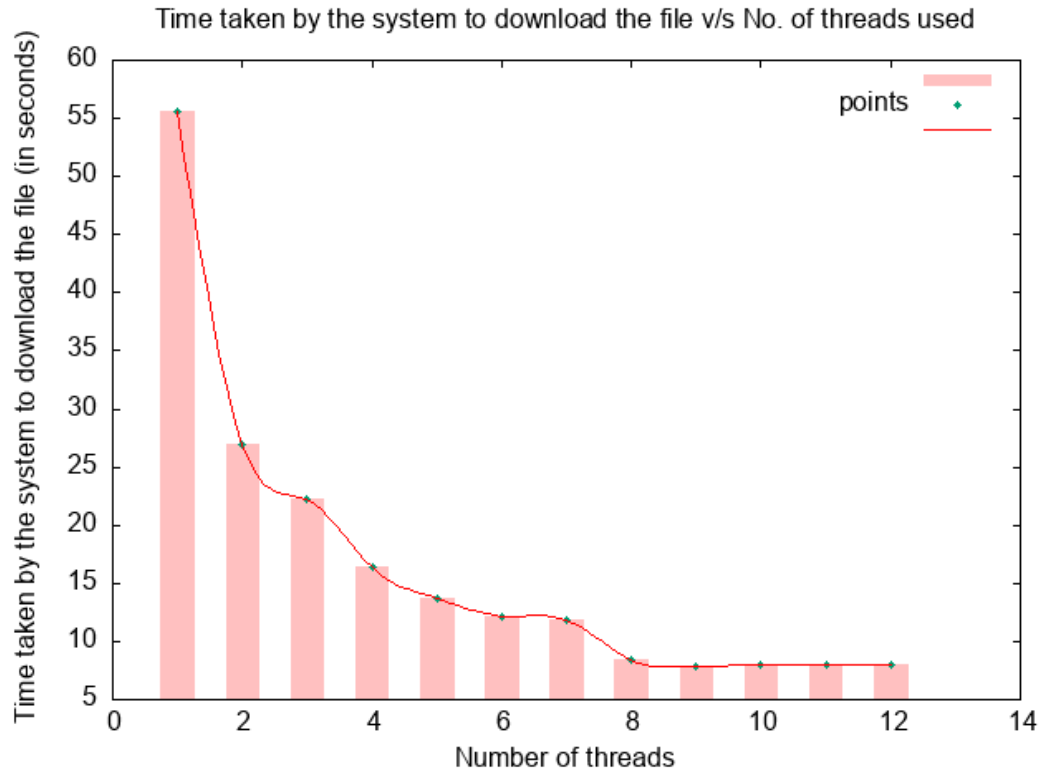
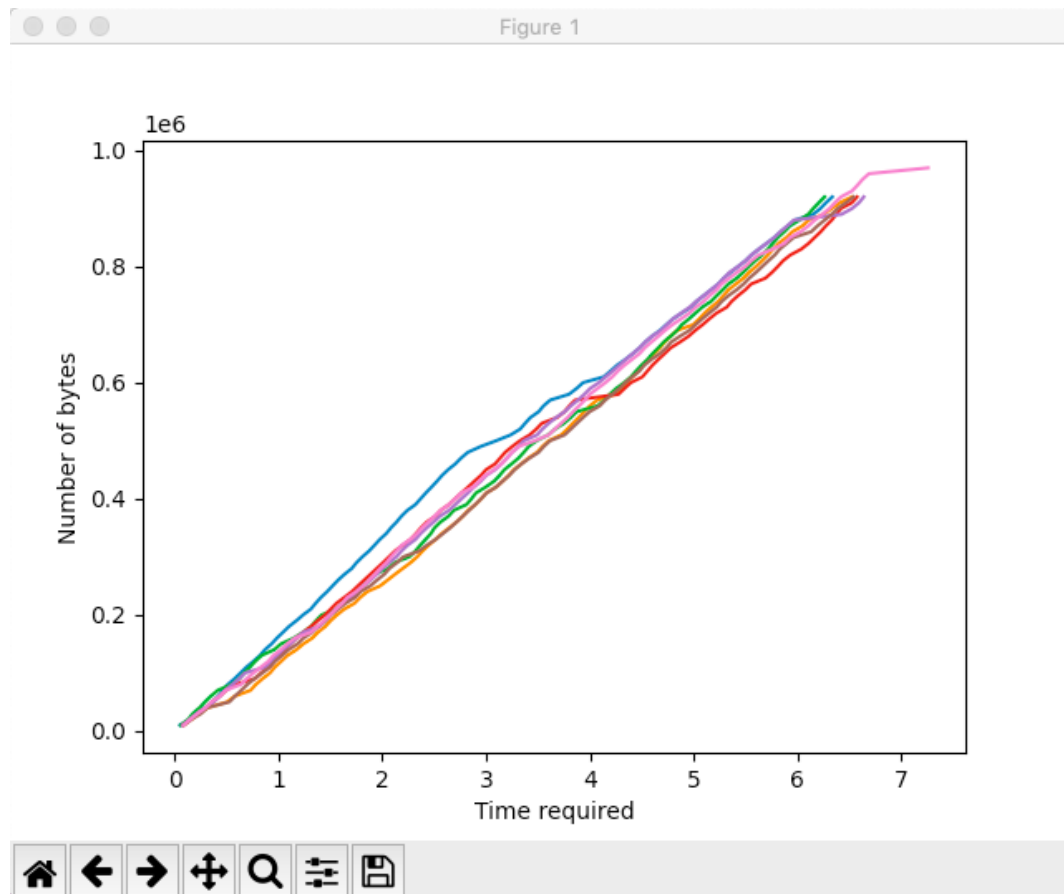


Figure 10: Plot showing the time required to download v/s number of threads

The download time in multiple connection reduces because we are parallelly downloading different chunks, so time is saved due to this parallel nature of download rather than sequential.

2. The time required by different threads is on an average same unless any thread sticks in something (which is not happening in this case). The matplotlib library is used to plot this graph and is plotted by storing the time which all the threads require to download the different chunks. The code of this is present in the part 3 code of it.



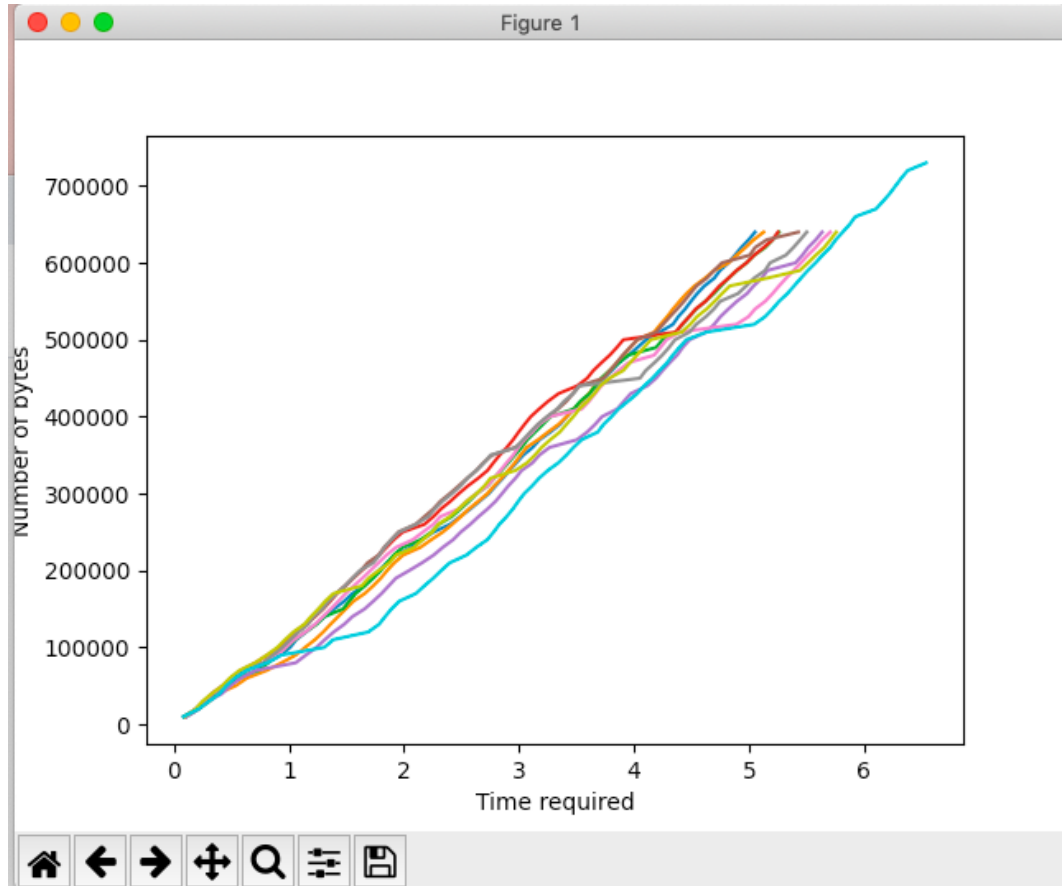
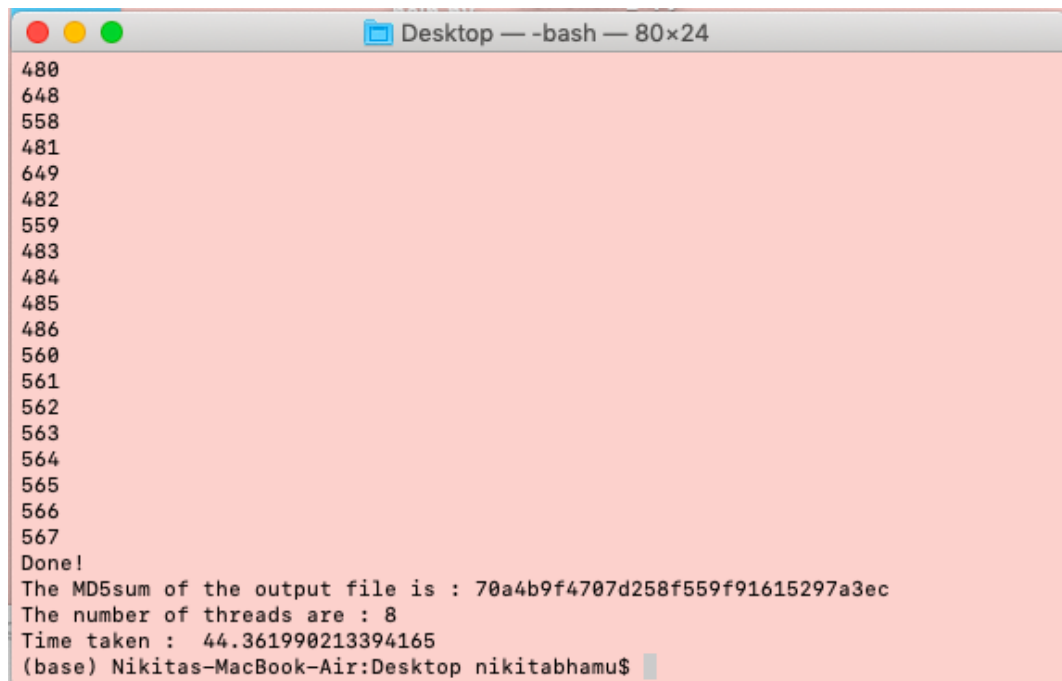


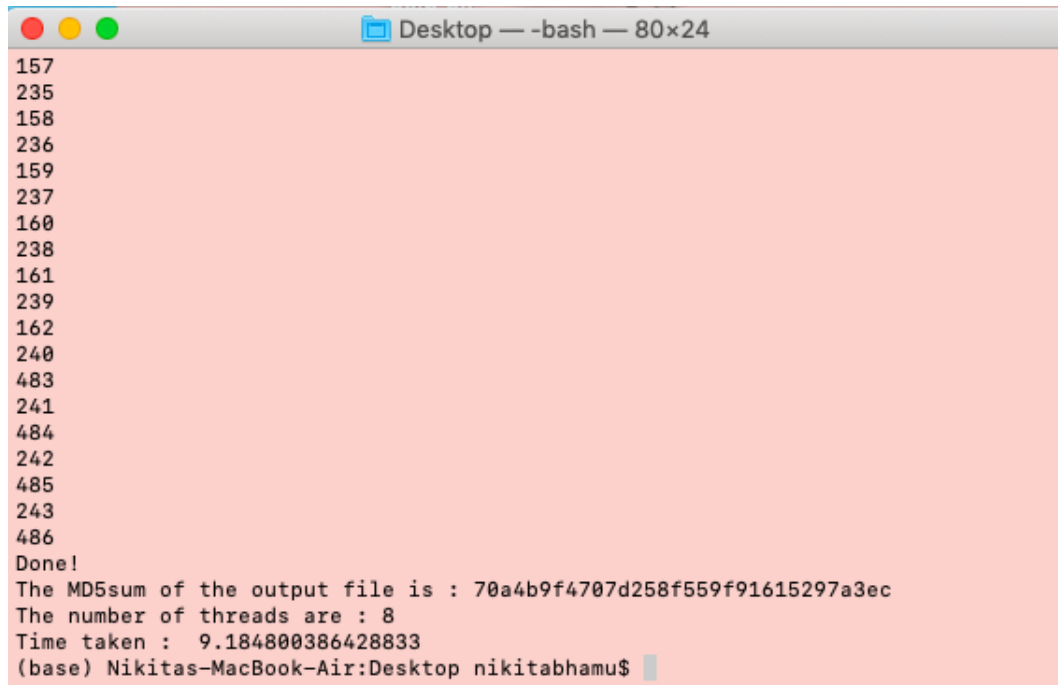
Figure 12: Download progress of 10 threads running parallelly

3. When we spread half of our connections to `vayu.iitd.ac.in` and half to `norvig.com`, then the download time increases relative to the time which we required when the connections were setup only on `vayu.iitd.ac.in` and the present time is less than the time when the connection were setup only at `norvig.com`. So, we conclude that in a situation where number of TCP connections are fixed, then in such a situation, the splitting of those connections over other server increases only if the other servers are faster than the previous one. The bottleneck in all such cases is decided by the slowest server among all on which the connections are spread.



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Done!
The MD5sum of the output file is : 70a4b9f4707d258f559f91615297a3ec
The number of threads are : 8
Time taken : 44.361990213394165
(base) Nikitas-MacBook-Air:Desktop nikitabhamu$
```

Figure 13: Time required when total TCP connections are 8, out of which 4 are on vayu and 4 are on norvig

A terminal window titled "Desktop — -bash — 80x24" with a pink background. It displays a list of numbers: 157, 235, 158, 236, 159, 237, 160, 238, 161, 239, 162, 240, 483, 241, 484, 242, 485, 243, 486. Below the numbers, it says "Done!". Then it shows "The MD5sum of the output file is : 70a4b9f4707d258f559f91615297a3ec", "The number of threads are : 8", and "Time taken : 9.184800386428833". The prompt is "(base) Nikitas-MacBook-Air:Desktop nikitabhamu\$".

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Done!
The MD5sum of the output file is : 70a4b9f4707d258f559f91615297a3ec
The number of threads are : 8
Time taken : 9.184800386428833
(base) Nikitas-MacBook-Air:Desktop nikitabhamu$
```

Figure 14: Time required when total TCP connections are 8, and all the 8 are on vayu

This clearly shows that the server = `vayu.iitd.ac.in` is faster than the server = `norvig.com` and hence the bottleneck in this case is `norvig.com` .

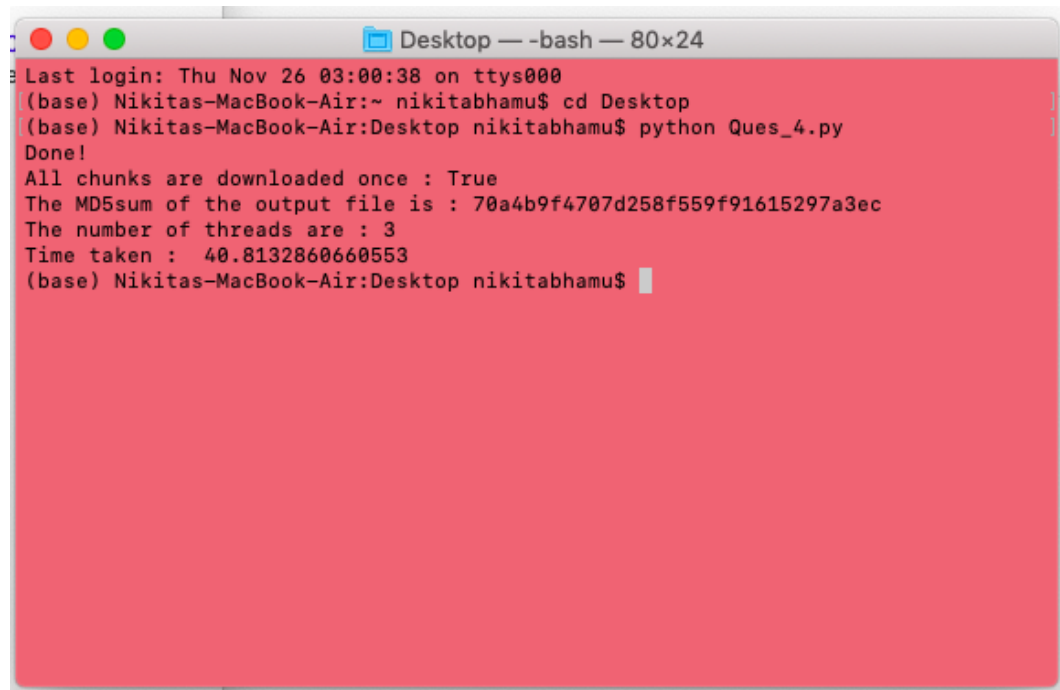
## 4 Exception handling

In this part, the connection is designed in such a way that it resumes the download of the remaining chunks even if its connection is timed-out in between due to some reason. Such an implementation saves a lot of time as after the connection resumes it only downloads the remaining chunks of the file, to see this I introduced an array which shows me the number of times a particular chunk was downloaded and I introduced the try and except function of python in the code of the 3rd question where whenever it encounters an exception, it still continues to see whether the connection is revived or not.

In this code first the timeout of the sockets is set to be 8 seconds, so that we can detect the timeout soon,

And I made a function checker which basically checks the number of times a chunk has been downloaded.

Then I stopped the connection for around 15 seconds and then resumed it again, so the file took 40 seconds to get downloaded.

A terminal window titled "Desktop — -bash — 80x24" with a red background. The window shows the following text:

```
Last login: Thu Nov 26 03:00:38 on ttys000
(base) Nikitas-MacBook-Air:~ nikitabhamu$ cd Desktop
(base) Nikitas-MacBook-Air:Desktop nikitabhamu$ python Ques_4.py
Done!
All chunks are downloaded once : True
The MD5sum of the output file is : 70a4b9f4707d258f559f91615297a3ec
The number of threads are : 3
Time taken : 40.8132860660553
(base) Nikitas-MacBook-Air:Desktop nikitabhamu$
```

Figure 15: Statistics of q.4

## 5 Final execution:

The final file named as final.py is run by giving a csv file as argument which gives the name of the two url on which the connection will be spreaded and the number of TCP connections to that particular url.

I tried to read the hostname from the csv file but due to some error I wasn't able to, so I directly gave the hostnames manually in the code of the final execution.



```
Desktop — -bash — 80x24
Last login: Thu Nov 26 04:43:33 on ttys000
[(base) Nikitas-MacBook-Air:~ nikitabhamu$ cd Desktop
[(base) Nikitas-MacBook-Air:Desktop nikitabhamu$ python final.py file.csv
Done!
All chunks are downloaded once : True
The MD5sum of the output file is : 70a4b9f4707d258f559f91615297a3ec
The number of threads are : 10
Time taken : 30.897074222564697
(base) Nikitas-MacBook-Air:Desktop nikitabhamu$
```

Figure 16: An execution when 5-5 connections to both vayu and norvig are established and no connection disruption was there.

```
[(base) Nikitas-MacBook-Air:COL334_ass3 nikitabhamu$ python final.py file.csv
Done!
All chunks are downloaded once : True
The MD5sum of the output file is : 70a4b9f4707d258f559f91615297a3ec
The number of threads are : 10
Time taken : 94.40946316719055
(base) Nikitas-MacBook-Air:COL334_ass3 nikitabhamu$
```

Figure 17: An execution when 5-5 connections to both vayu and norvig are established and connection disruption of around 12 seconds was there.