Unit 3 Application based on TCP

Post Office Protocol – Version 3 (POP3) (1/2)

- RFC 1225, May 1991
- TCP port 110
- Commands in the POP3
 - USER name
 - PASS string
 - QUIT
 - STAT
 - LIST [msg]
 - RETR msg
- POP3 Replies
 - +OK
 - -ERR

- DELE msg
- NOOP
- LAST
- RSET
- TOP msg n



Post Office Protocol – Version 3 (POP3) (2/2)

- Once the TCP connection has been opened by a POP3 client, the POP3 server issues a one line greeting. This can be any string terminated by CRLF.
 - Example:
 - +OK dewey POP3 server
- Note that this greeting is a POP3 reply
 - The POP3 server should always give a positive response as the greeting.

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POP3 commands (1/4)

USER name

使用者名稱

- Possible Responses
 - +OK name is welcome here
 - -ERR never heard of name
- PASS string

密碼

- Possible Responses:
 - +OK maildrop locked and ready
 - -ERR invalid password
 - -ERR unable to lock maildrop
- QUIT

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- Possible Responses:
 - +OK



POP3 commands (2/4)

STAT

信箱狀態

- Possible Responses:
 - +OK nn mm (nn: mail number, mm total size)
- LIST [msg]

每封郵件的狀態

- Possible Responses:
 - +OK scan listing follows
 - -ERR no such message
- RETR msg

讀取第 msg 封郵件

- Possible Responses:
 - +OK message follows
 - -ERR no such message

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POP3 commands (3/4)

DELE msg

刪除第 msg 封郵件

- Possible Responses:
 - +OK message deleted
 - -ERR no such message
- NOOP

do nothing

- Possible Responses:
 - +OK



POP3 commands (4/4)

LAST

- 詢問已讀取的郵件編號
- Possible Response:
 - +OK nn

- nn 為已讀取郵件的最高編號
- 取消標示已刪除之郵件

- RSET
 - Possible Responses:
 - +OK
- TOP msg n 讀取郵件 msg 的檔頭及前n行
 - Possible Responses:
 - +OK top of message follows
 - -ERR no such message

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