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1) Explain the concept of client-server architecture.

The **Client-Server Architecture** is a network model where multiple clients request and receive services from a centralized server.

The **server** is a system that hosts resources and services, handling multiple client requests. The **client** initiates communication, requesting resources or services from the server.

Working of Client-Server Model:

The **server** starts and listens for client requests.

A client establishes a connection to the server.

The server processes the request and sends a response.

The connection is maintained for further communication or closed after processing.

Example Use Cases

Web servers (HTTP/HTTPS) (Clients: Web browsers)

Email servers (SMTP, POP3, IMAP)

Database servers (SQL, NoSQL)

2) Explain the different I/O models in Unix operating system.

UNIX supports multiple **I/O models** for handling input/output operations. The five main models are:

a. Blocking I/O

The process is **blocked** until the data is available.

Simple but inefficient for real-time applications.

b. Non-Blocking I/O

The process does **not block** but instead checks for data availability and returns immediately. Uses system calls like fcntl(fd, F_SETFL, O_NONBLOCK).

c. I/O Multiplexing (select, poll, epoll)

Allows a process to monitor multiple file descriptors.

Functions: select(), poll(), epoll().

d. Signal-Driven I/O

Uses signals to notify the process when data is available.

The function sigaction() is used to register a signal handler.

e. Asynchronous I/O (AIO)

Uses system calls like aio_read() and aio_write() to perform non-blocking I/O. Efficient but complex to implement.

3) Define byte ordering function.

Byte ordering functions handle **endianness**, which determines how multi-byte data is stored in memory.

Types of Endianness

Big-endian: Most significant byte stored first. **Little-endian**: Least significant byte stored first.

Byte Ordering Functions in C

Host to Network ○ htons(x): Converts 16-bit short from host to network byte order.

htonl(x): Converts 32-bit long from host to network byte order.

Network to Host ○ ntohs(x): Converts 16-bit short from network to host byte order. ○ ntohl(x): Converts 32-bit long from network to host byte order.

4) Discuss the socket, connect, bind, listen and accept functions.

1. socket()

Creates a socket for communication.

```
int sockfd = socket(AF INET, SOCK STREAM, 0);
```

AF INET: IPv4

SOCK STREAM: TCP socket

2. bind()

Associates the socket with an address and port.

bind(sockfd, (struct sockaddr*)&server addr, sizeof(server addr));

3. listen()

Marks the socket as **passive**, meaning it can accept connections.

listen(sockfd, 5);

5 is the backlog (number of pending connections).

3. accept()

Accepts a connection request from a client.

int client fd = accept(sockfd, (struct sockaddr*)&client addr, &addrlen);

4. connect()

Used by a client to establish a connection to a server.

connect(sockfd, (struct sockaddr*)&server addr, sizeof(server addr));

5) Explain in detail about address conversion functions.

1. inet_pton()

Converts an IP address from text ("192.168.1.1") to binary format

inet pton(AF INET, "192.168.1.1", &addr);

2. inet_ntop()

Converts an IP address from binary to text format.

```
char str[INET_ADDRSTRLEN];
inet ntop(AF INET, &addr, str, INET ADDRSTRLEN);
```

6) Explain the concept of shutdown function.

The shutdown() function is used to partially or fully close a socket connection.

```
shutdown(sockfd, how);
```

```
how = 0 \rightarrow Stop receiving. how
= 1 \rightarrow Stop sending.
how = 2 \rightarrow Stop both sending and receiving.
```

7) Explain how to handle server host crashes and shutdowns.

When a server crashes or shuts down unexpectedly, clients must handle disconnections gracefully.

Solutions Use TCP Keep-Alive

Detect inactive connections with periodic probes. Example:

Use Reconnection Logic Attempt to reconnect if the connection is lost.

8) Write a program to implement an echo server/client using TCP sockets.

```
Echo Server (C)
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <arpa/inet.h>
int main() {
              int
sockfd, new sock;
struct sockaddr in
server addr,
client addr;
              char
buffer[1024];
  socklen taddr size;
  sockfd = socket(AF INET, SOCK STREAM, 0);
server addr.sin family = AF INET;
                                      server addr.sin port
= htons(8080);
  server addr.sin addr.s addr = INADDR ANY;
  bind(sockfd, (struct sockaddr*)&server_addr, sizeof(server_addr));
listen(sockfd, 5);
  addr size = sizeof(client addr);
                                    new sock = accept(sockfd, (struct
sockaddr*)&client_addr, &addr_size);
  while (1) {
                  recv(new sock,
buffer, 1024, 0);
    send(new sock, buffer, strlen(buffer), 0);
  close(sockfd);
return 0;
}
Echo Client (C)
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
```

```
#include <string.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <arpa/inet.h>
int main() {
              int sockfd;
                            struct
sockaddr in server addr;
                            char
buffer[1024];
  sockfd = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0);
server addr.sin family = AF INET;
                                      server addr.sin port
= htons(8080);
                 inet pton(AF INET, "127.0.0.1",
&server addr.sin addr);
  connect(sockfd, (struct sockaddr*)&server addr, sizeof(server addr));
  while (1) {
    printf("Enter message: ");
fgets(buffer, 1024, stdin);
                              send(sockfd,
buffer, strlen(buffer), 0);
                             recv(sockfd,
buffer, 1024, 0);
    printf("Server: %s", buffer);
  }
  close(sockfd);
return 0;
```

```
user@DESKTOP-J2GMROS ~
$ gcc server.c -o server

user@DESKTOP-J2GMROS ~
$ gcc client.c -o client

user@DESKTOP-J2GMROS ~
$ gcc client.c -o client

user@DESKTOP-J2GMROS ~
$ ./client

Enter message: This is the program

Enter message:

Enter message:
```

```
user@DESKTOP-32@MR05 ~

$ gcc server.c -o server

user@DESKTOP-32@MR05 ~

$ gcc client.c -o client

$ gcc client.c -o client

$ gcc client.c -o client

$ gcc client is the program

$ ./client

Enter message: This is the program

Enter message:
```

9) Write a program to implement a file transfer application.

File Transfer Server (C)

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <arpa/inet.h>
#define PORT 8080
#define FILENAME "server file.txt"
int main() {
              int server fd, client fd;
struct sockaddr in server addr, client addr;
char buffer[1024];
                     socklen taddr size;
FILE *file;
  // Create socket
  server fd = socket(AF INET, SOCK STREAM, 0);
  server addr.sin family = AF INET;
server addr.sin port = htons(PORT);
  server addr.sin addr.s addr = INADDR ANY;
  // Bind socket
                  bind(server fd, (struct sockaddr*)&server addr,
sizeof(server_addr));
  // Listen for connections
listen(server fd, 5);
  printf("Server listening on port %d...\n", PORT);
```

```
// Accept client connection
                                addr size = sizeof(client addr);
                                                                   client fd
= accept(server fd, (struct sockaddr*)&client addr, &addr size);
printf("Client connected.\n");
  // Open file for reading
= fopen(FILENAME, "r");
(file == NULL) {
perror("File not found");
close(server fd);
                      return 1;
}
  // Send file contents while (fgets(buffer,
sizeof(buffer), file) != NULL) {
     send(client fd, buffer, strlen(buffer), 0);
  }
  printf("File sent successfully.\n");
  fclose(file);
close(client fd);
close(server fd);
return 0; }
File Transfer Client (C)
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <arpa/inet.h>
#define PORT 8080
#define FILENAME "received file.txt"
int main() {
              int sockfd;
struct sockaddr in server addr;
char buffer[1024];
                    FILE *file;
  // Create socket
```

```
sockfd = socket(AF INET, SOCK STREAM, 0);
server addr.sin family = AF INET; server addr.sin port
= htons(PORT);
  inet pton(AF INET, "127.0.0.1", &server addr.sin addr);
  // Connect to server
  if (connect(sockfd, (struct sockaddr*)&server addr, sizeof(server addr)) == -1) {
perror("Connection failed");
    return 1;
  }
  printf("Connected to server. Receiving file...\n");
  // Open file for writing
                           file =
fopen(FILENAME, "w");
                            if
(file == NULL) {
perror("Error creating file");
     return 1;
  // Receive file data
  while (recv(sockfd, buffer, sizeof(buffer), 0) > 0) {
fputs(buffer, file);
  }
  printf("File received successfully.\n");
  fclose(file);
close(sockfd);
return 0;
```

