

# Super HTTP - Buffering

Welcome to the real world, where HTTP requests don't necessarily fit into one call to `recv()`, either because

1. They're too big
2. The individual packets don't come all at once

## Problem #1 - Big requests

1. Continue with the same HTTP server `superhttp.py`. Make sure files uploaded via `/upload` are uploaded to file `uploads/userfile.txt`
2. As before, try to upload a small text file `note.txt` using curl: `curl -X POST 127.0.0.1:8005/upload -d @note.txt`
3. Now, create a file `bignote.txt` that contains 250,000 characters (you can use python to create it), and try to upload the big file. Look in the upload directory and notice the file doesn't upload completely - you can see by the size. This is a problem!

## Problem #2 - Split requests

1. In the previous exercise, we sent an entire request at once with the command `type request.txt | nc 127.0.0.1 8005`. It works because the entire request is returned from the call to `recv()`.
2. Now, connect to the server with netcat: `nc --crlf 127.0.0.1 8005` (notice the flag `--crlf` - to make the newlines be windows-style `'\r\n'` newlines, as expected in the HTTP protocol)
3. Type a simple HTTP request as follows (in under 10 seconds, because of the timeout we added previously)

```
GET /abcd HTTP/1.1
```

1. Notice that the request should have two newlines, but after hitting 'Enter' for the first time, the server's call to `recv()` will already return with an incomplete request.
2. You can check in Wireshark - when you press 'Enter' in netcat, it sends a TCP packet. This makes `recv()` finish with the data. But an HTTP request isn't complete after just one 'Enter'. This is a problem!

## Instructions

1. Create a function named `get_client_request(client_socket)` that is responsible for receiving the full HTTP request from the client before it is parsed.
- Fix both issues by buffering the request by calling `recv()` in a loop before parsing it.
  - The server should handle the request as soon as it is received.
  - Think what the ending condition of the loop should be; or in other words, how would you know when the request has been read in its entirety. There could be different conditions for each of the above problems.
  - Also notice that now the configuration value 'maxrequestsize' shouldn't be compared against the length of a single result of `recv()`, but instead against the buffer - every time it is appended to.

## Note

Replace this code:

```
request =
client_socket.recv(config['max_request_size']).decode()
if not request:
    raise ConnectionResetError()
```

With a call to your new function:

```
request = get_client_request(client_socket)
```

## To submit

Submit file `superhttp.py`.

