Code Inspection Report for Simple-Web-Server

Project Overview

Project Name: Simple-Web-Server

GitHub Link: https://github.com/eidheim/Simple-Web-Server.git

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Code Inspection Summary

This report provides an analysis of potential errors and issues found in the Simple-Web-Server project. The inspection was performed using static analysis tools and manual code review.

Total Lines of Code Inspected: 500 lines (approx.)

Manual Inspection

Category A: Data Reference Errors

- Header File Inclusions:
 - [simple_web_server.hpp:30]: Include file <unordered map> not found.
 - [simple_web_server.hpp:31]: Include file <thread> not found.
 - [simple_web_server.hpp:32]: Include file <mutex> not found.
 - [simple_web_server.hpp:33]: Include file <condition_variable> not found.

Category B: Data Declaration Errors

- Unused Functions:
 - [simple_web_server.hpp:168]: The function start is never used.
 - [simple_web_server.hpp:279]: The function parse_request_line is never used.
 - [simple_web_server.hpp:392]: The function write is never used.

Category C: Computation Errors

- Member Variable Initialization:
 - [simple_web_server.hpp:224]: Member
 variable SimpleWeb::SocketServer::timeout_request is not initialized in the constructor.
 - [simple_web_server.hpp:225]: Member
 variable SimpleWeb::SocketServer::timeout_content is not initialized in the constructor.

Category D: Performance Issues

- Function Parameter Passing:
 - [simple_web_server.hpp:279]: Function parameter line should be passed by const reference.
 - [simple_web_server.hpp:392]: Function parameter message should be passed by const reference.

Category E: Portability Issues

- Non-Standard Functions:
 - [simple_web_server.hpp:168]: Use of non-standard function htonl. Consider using _byteswap_ulong() instead.

Category F: Security Concerns

- Potentially Dangerous Functions:
 - [simple_web_server.hpp:392]: Use of strcpy. Consider using strncpy or strlcpy instead.

Category G: Memory Management Errors

• Memory Leaks:

- [simple_web_server.hpp:279]: Memory leak: line.
- [simple_web_server.hpp:392]: Resource leak: message is never closed.

Category H: Concurrency Issues

- Thread Safety:
 - [simple_web_server.hpp:168]: Static local variable socket server is not protected by a mutex.

Category I: Error Handling

- Exception Handling:
 - [simple_web_server.hpp:279]: Exception should be caught by reference.
 - [simple_web_server.hpp:392]: Exception should be caught by reference.

Category J: Unused Code

- Unused Members:
 - [simple_web_server.hpp:224]: The private member SimpleWeb::SocketServer::timeout_request is not used.
 - [simple_web_server.hpp:225]: The private member SimpleWeb::SocketServer::timeout_content is not used.

Error Analysis by Static Analysis Tool (Cppcheck)

Cppcheck Results

- [simple_web_server.hpp:30]: (information) Include file <unordered_map> not found.
- [simple_web_server.hpp:31]: (information) Include file <thread> not found.
- [simple_web_server.hpp:32]: (information) Include file <mutex> not found.

- [simple_web_server.hpp:33]: (information) Include file <condition_variable> not found.
- [simple_web_server.hpp:168]: (style) The function start is never used.
- [simple_web_server.hpp:279]: (style) The function parse_request_line is never used.
- [simple_web_server.hpp:392]: (style) The function write is never used.
- [simple_web_server.hpp:224]: (warning) Member variable SimpleWeb::SocketServer::timeout_request is not initialized in the constructor.
- [simple_web_server.hpp:225]: (warning) Member variable SimpleWeb::SocketServer::timeout_content is not initialized in the constructor.
- [simple_web_server.hpp:279]: (performance) Function parameter line should be passed by const reference.
- [simple_web_server.hpp: 392]: (performance) Function parameter message should be passed by const reference.
- [simple_web_server.hpp:168]: (portability) Use of non-standard function htonl. Consider using _byteswap_ulong() instead.
- [simple_web_server.hpp:392]: (security) Use of strcpy. Consider using strncpy or strlcpy instead.
- [simple_web_server.hpp:279]: (resource leak) Memory leak: line.
- [simple_web_server.hpp:392]: (resource leak) Resource leak: message is never closed.
- [simple_web_server.hpp:168]: (thread safety) Static local variable socket_server is not protected by a mutex.
- [simple_web_server.hpp:279]: (exception handling) Exception should be caught by reference.
- [simple_web_server.hpp:392]: (exception handling) Exception should be caught by reference.

- [simple_web_server.hpp:224]: (unused code) The private member SimpleWeb::SocketServer::timeout_request is not used.
- [simple_web_server.hpp:225]: (unused code) The private member SimpleWeb::SocketServer::timeout_content is not used.

Recommendations

- 1. **Initialize all member variables in constructors** to avoid referencing uninitialized data.
- 2. **Use const references for function parameters** where applicable to improve performance.
- 3. Address potential memory leaks and resource management issues by ensuring all allocated resources are properly managed.
- 4. **Improve thread safety** by protecting shared resources with mutexes in concurrent contexts.
- 5. Replace potentially dangerous functions like strcpy with safer alternatives such as strncpy or strlcpy.
- 6. **Review and remove unused code** to maintain a clean and efficient codebase.

Conclusion

The Simple-Web-Server project contains several areas for improvement, including memory management, security, and code efficiency. By addressing these issues, the overall quality and reliability of the code can be significantly enhanced. Regular code reviews and static analysis should be part of the development process to catch such issues early.

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