

Project 3: HTTP Server & CGI

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Important Dates

- **Deadline: 12/5 (Sun.) 23:55**
- **Demo: 12/8 (Wed.)**
 - Online demo
 - Test your program and ask some questions
- **Office hour: 11/22 (Mon.) and 11/29 (Mon.) 10:00 - 12:00**
 - Online discussion using Microsoft Teams
 - You should send an email to all the TAs to make an appointment

About Questions

- You are **HIGHLY** encouraged to ask your questions on Microsoft Teams **Project 3 channel**.
 - Check the spec and other questions first
- For personal problems, you can mail to **all** the TAs:
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 - kuo0404@gmail.com
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 - kyojeong.cs10@nycu.edu.tw

NP Servers

- **Your projects will be run on NP servers during demo**
- NP projects should run on NP servers
- Any abuse of NP servers will be recorded
- Do not leave any zombie process in the system

Requirements

- In this project, you are asked to implement
 - A simple HTTP server called **http_server**
 - A CGI program called **console.cgi**

```
nplinux1.cs.nctu.edu.tw:1234
*****
** Welcome to the information server. **
*****
*** User '(no name)' entered from 140.113.235.234:59894. ***
% ls
bin
test.html
% exit

nplinux2.cs.nctu.edu.tw:5678
*****
** Welcome to the information server. **
*****
*** User '(no name)' entered from 140.113.235.234:59895. ***
% ls |1
% number
  1 bin
  2 test.html
% exit
```

Scenario

Run HTTP Server

client



http_server

nplinux1
port: 8080

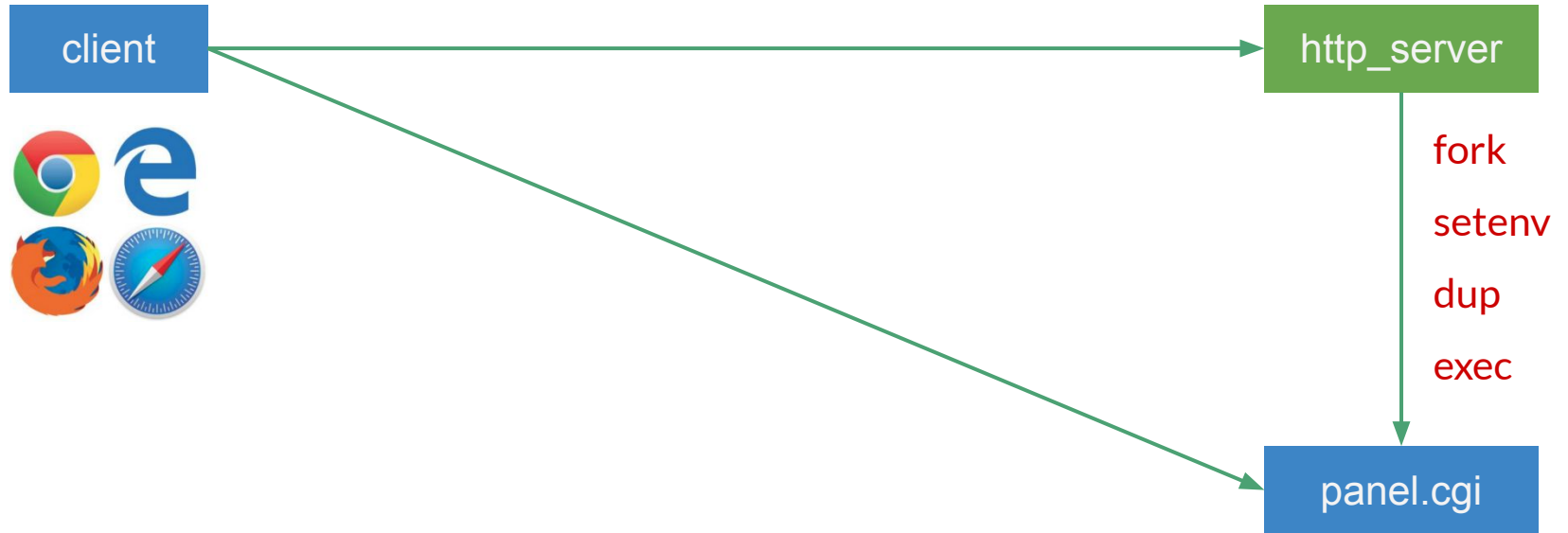
Request 1 - Send



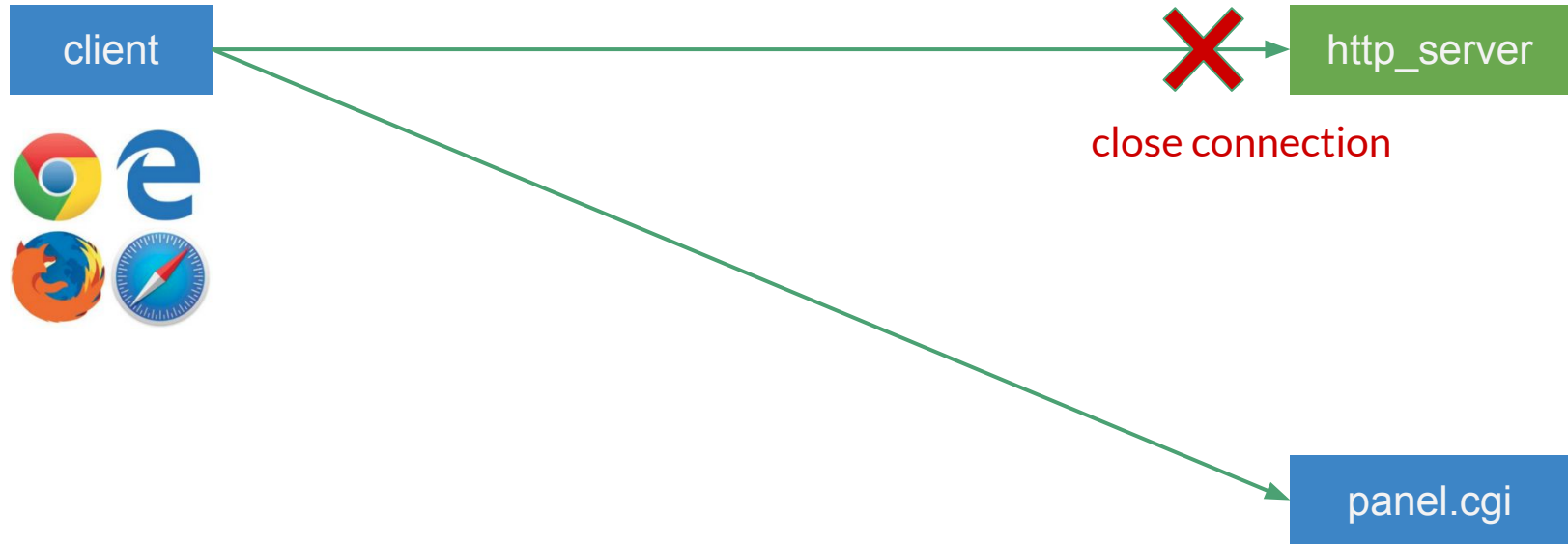
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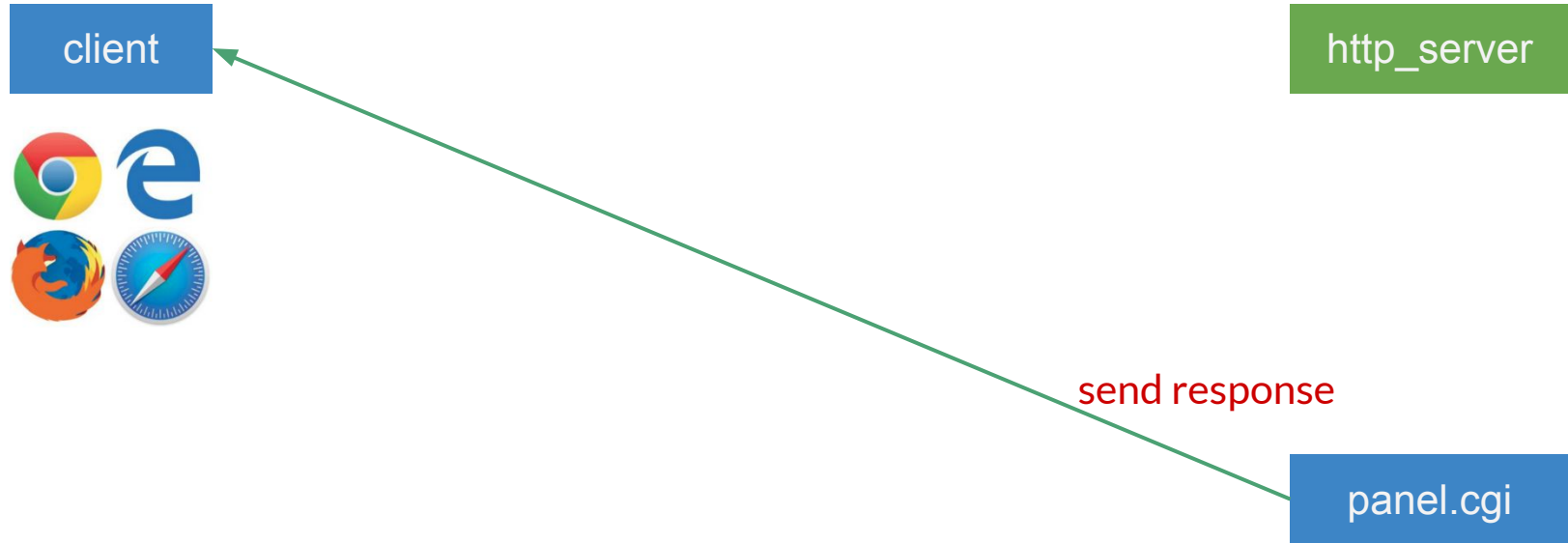
Request 1 - Execute CGI Program



Request 1 - Close Connection



Request 1 - Response



Request 1 - Terminate

client



http_server

child exit

panel.cgi

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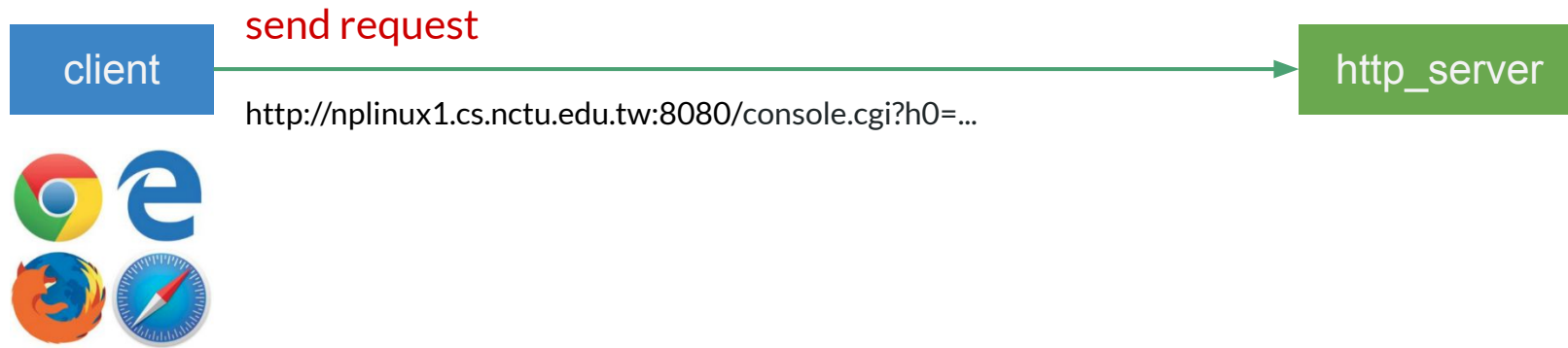
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nplinux1.cs.nctu.edu.tw:8080/panel.cgi

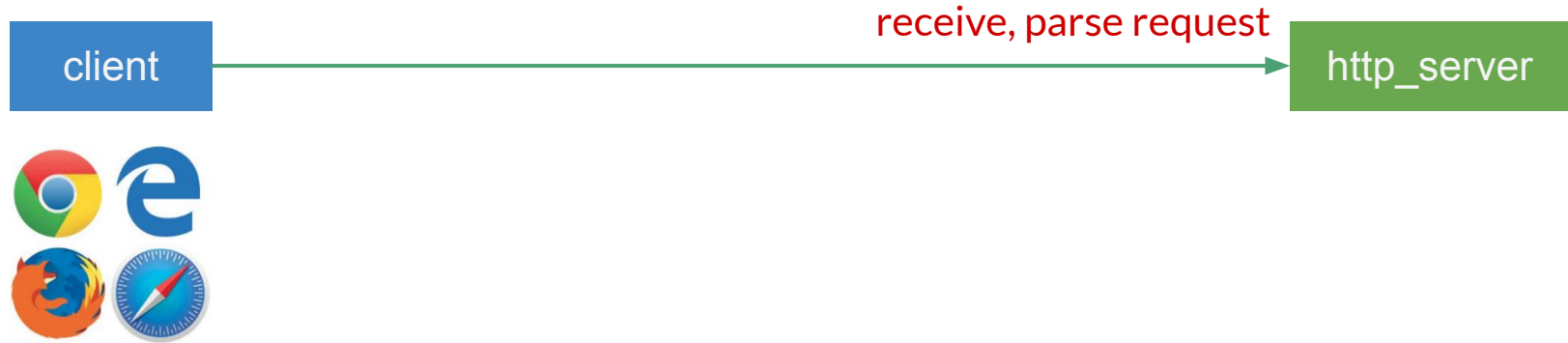
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Session 1	nplinux1 ▾ .cs.nctu.edu.tw	1234	t1.txt ▾
Session 2	nplinux2 ▾ .cs.nctu.edu.tw	5678	t2.txt ▾
Session 3	▾ .cs.nctu.edu.tw		▾
Session 4	▾ .cs.nctu.edu.tw		▾
Session 5	▾ .cs.nctu.edu.tw		▾

Run

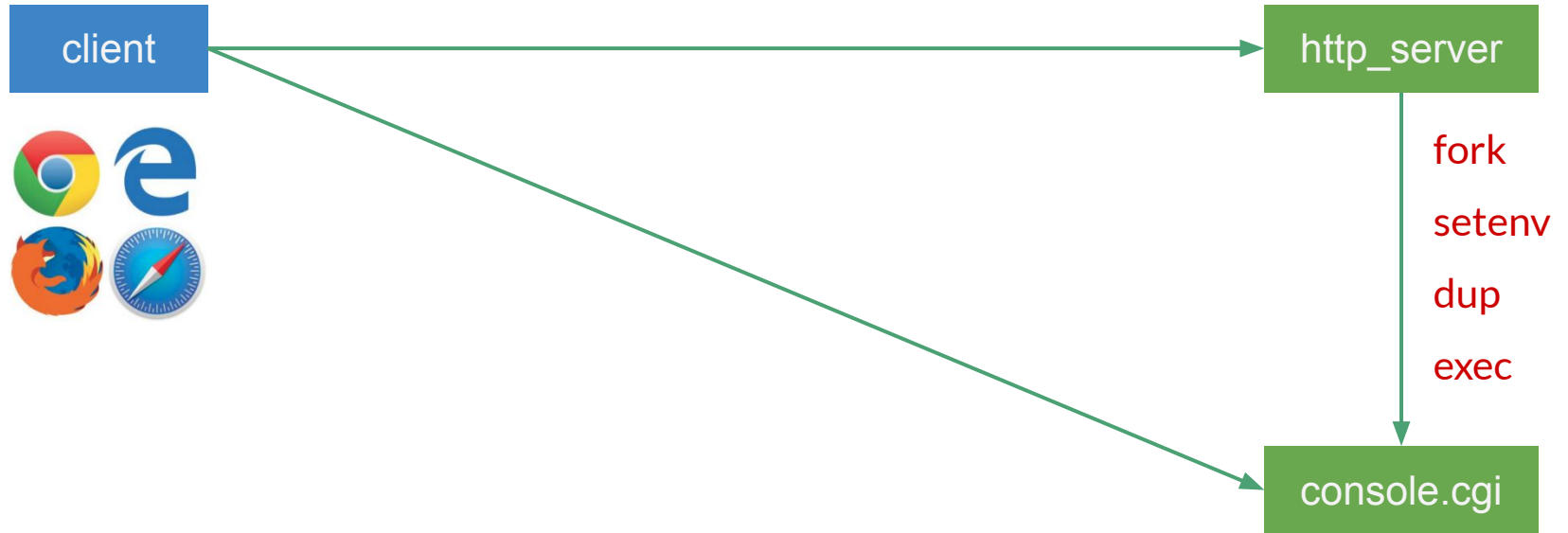
Request 2 - Send



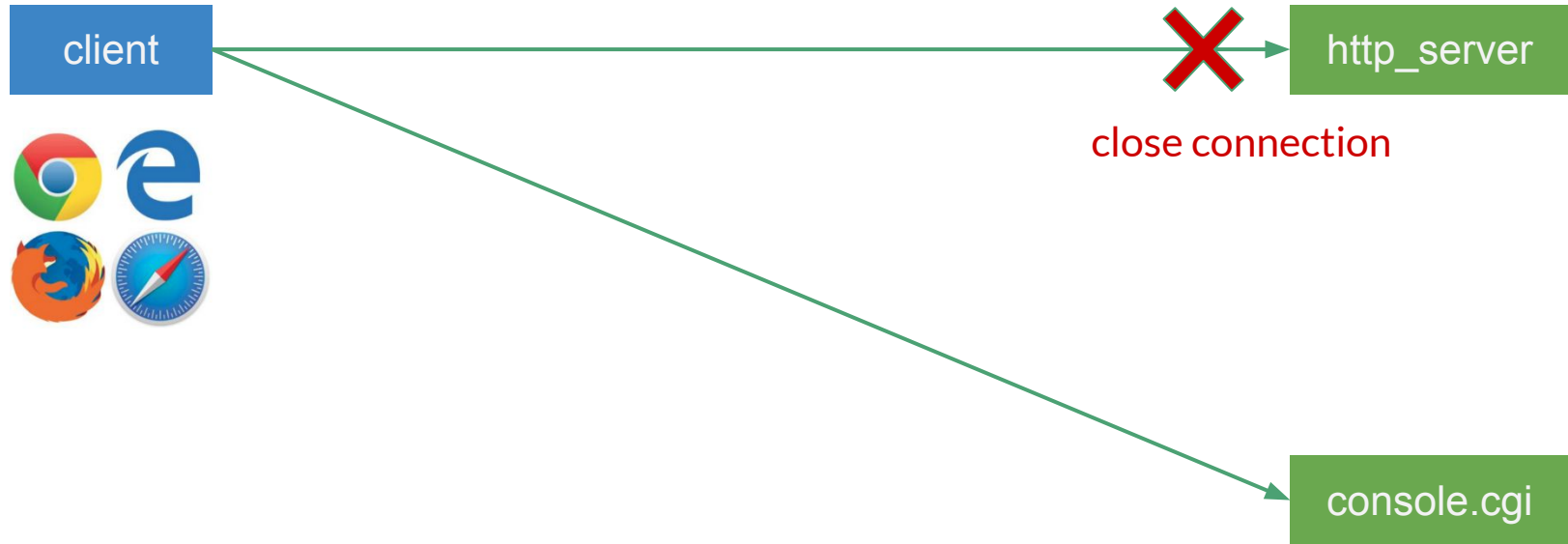
Request 2 - Receive



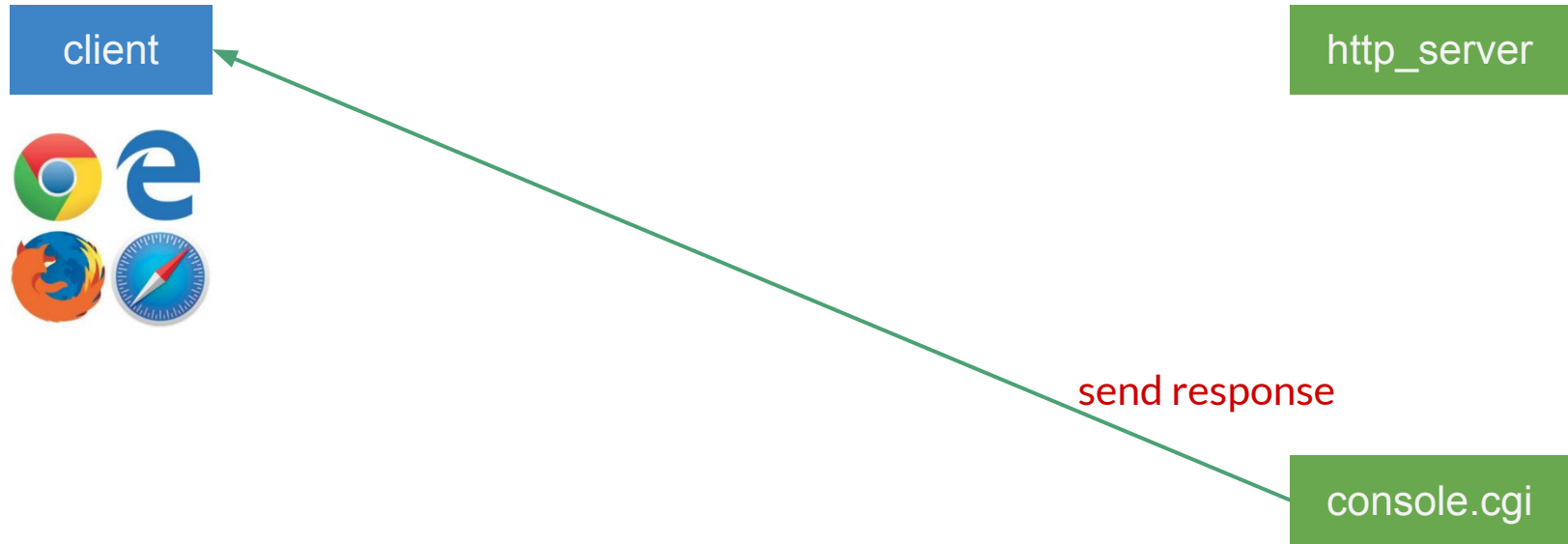
Request 2 - Execute CGI Program



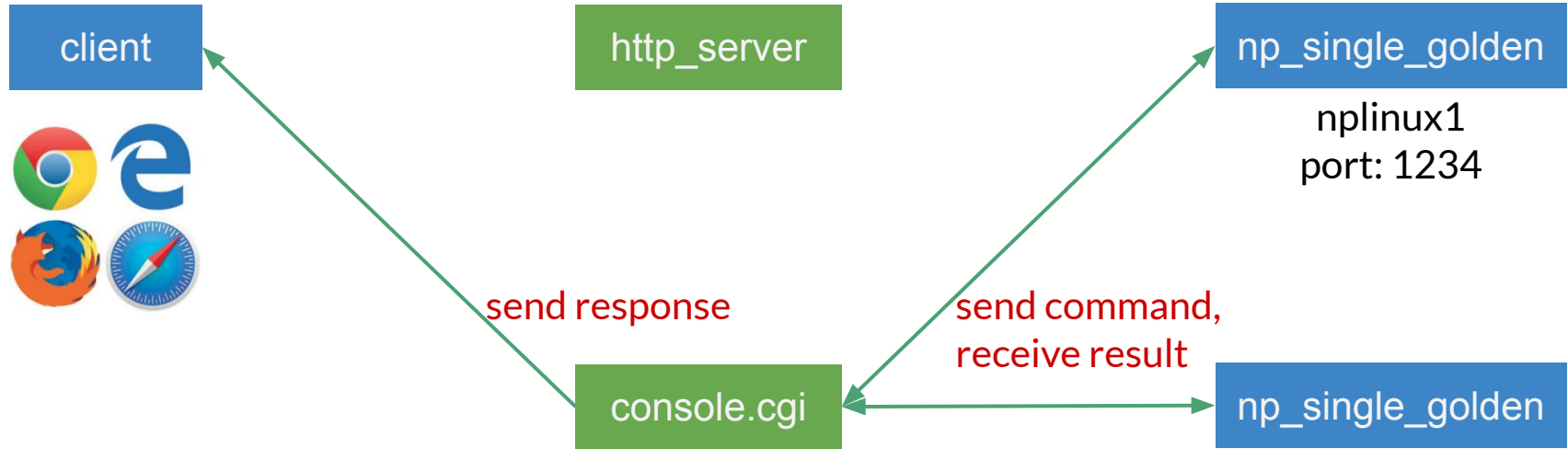
Request 2 - Close Connection



Request 2 - Response



Request 2 - Connect Servers



QUERY_STRING=
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h1=nplinux2.cs.nctu.edu.tw&p1=5678&f1=t2.txt&
h2=&p2=&f2=&h3=&p3=&f3=&h4=&p4=&f4=

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- Display hostname and port of the remote server in each session
- Make sure the commands are displayed in the right order, at the right time, and can be easily distinguished from the outputs

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*****
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*****
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% ls |l
% number
  1 bin
  2 test.html
% exit
```

Reminder

Extra Files

- You should check the files in `extra_files.zip` first
 - Boost.Asio Example
 - CGI programs
 - `np_single_golden`
 - etc.

Run Programs with Boost Library

- If you encounter the following error in NP servers,
you can set the environment variable **LD_LIBRARY_PATH="/usr/local/lib"**

```
error while loading shared libraries: libboost_system.so.1.77.0:  
cannot open shared object file: No such file or directory
```

- For example, *env LD_LIBRARY_PATH="/usr/local/lib" ./http_server 12345*
- TAs are seeking for better solution

Supplementary

Outline

- Lambda Expressions
- Auto Specifier
- Shared Pointer
- Move
- Boost.Asio Example

Lambda Expressions (since C++11)

- An unnamed function object capable of capturing variables in scope
- A lambda expression consists of three parts

`[]()``{ }`

- captures
- params
- body

```
/* without capture */  
function<int(int)> square = [] (int x) { return x * x; };  
cout << square(5) << endl; /* output: 25 */
```

Lambda Expressions (since C++11)

- An unnamed function object capable of capturing variables in scope

```
/* capture by reference */
```

```
int x = 0;
```

```
function<int(int)> add = [&x](int y) { x = 1; return x + y; };
```

```
cout << add(3) << endl;    /* output: 4 */
```

```
cout << x << endl;        /* output: 1 */
```

```
/* capture by value */
```

```
int x = 0;
```

```
function<int(int)> add = [x](int y) mutable { x = 1; return x + y; };
```

```
cout << add(3) << endl;    /* output: 4 */
```

```
cout << x << endl;        /* output: 0 */
```

Lambda Expressions (since C++11)

- **Without** lambda expression

```
bool by_name(Person a, Person b) {  
    return a.name < b.name;  
}  
bool by_age(Person a, Person b) {  
    return a.age < b.age;  
}  
vector<Person> employees;  
  
/* sort employees ordered by name */  
sort(employees.begin(), employees.end(), by_name);  
  
/* sort employees ordered by age */  
sort(employees.begin(), employees.end(), by_age);
```

Lambda Expressions (since C++11)

- With lambda expression

```
vector<Person> employees;
```

```
/* sort employees ordered by name */
```

```
sort(employees.begin(), employees.end(), [](Person a, Person b) {  
    return a.name < b.name;  
});
```

```
/* sort employees ordered by age */
```

```
sort(employees.begin(), employees.end(), [](Person a, Person b) {  
    return a.age < b.age;  
});
```

Auto Specifier (since C++11)

- Let compiler automatically deduce types

```
// int  
auto a = 1 + 2;
```

```
// int  
auto b = a;
```

```
/* function<int(int)> */  
auto square = [](int x) { return x * x; };
```

```
vector<int> arr;  
/* vector<int>::iterator */  
auto begin_it = arr.begin();
```

Shared Pointer (since C++11)

- **std::shared_ptr** is a smart pointer that retains shared ownership of an object through a pointer
- You do not have to **free** and **delete** manually

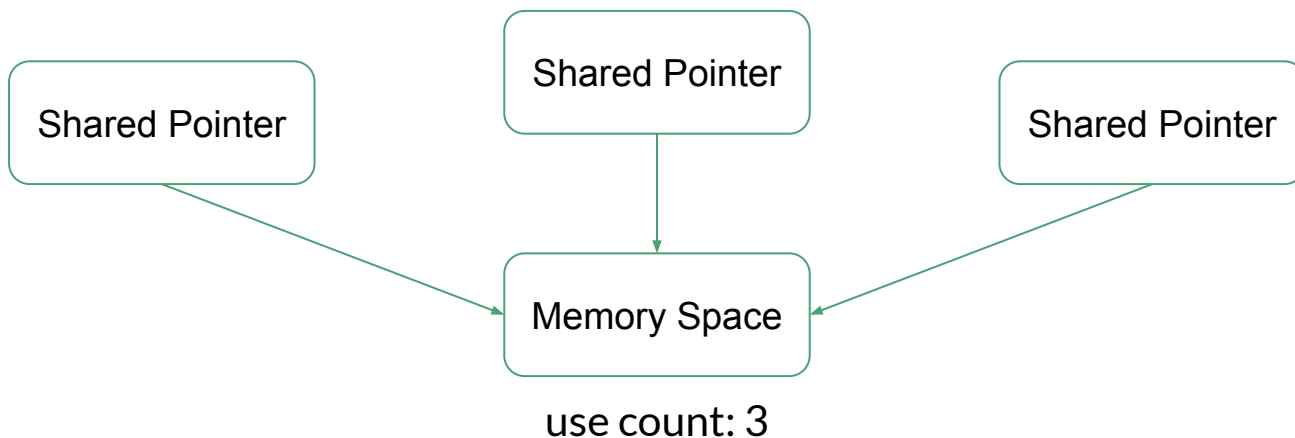
```
std::shared_ptr<int> sp(new int);  
*sp = 5;  
cout << *sp;    /* output: 5 */  
  
auto sp2 = std::make_shared<int>(10);  
cout << *sp2;    /* output: 10 */
```

C++ smart pointers

1. std::unique_ptr
2. std::shared_ptr
3. std::weak_ptr

Shared Pointer (since C++11)

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```
{
    std::shared_ptr<int> sp(new int);
    {
        std::shared_ptr<int> sp2(sp);
        cout << sp.use_count();    /* output: 2 */
    }
    cout << sp.use_count();        /* output: 1 */
} /* free the space */
```

enable_shared_from_this

- Allows an object that is currently managed by a shared_ptr **safely generate additional shared_ptr instances**

```
class MyClass : std::enable_shared_from_this<MyClass>
{
    std::shared_ptr<MyClass> get_ptr() {
        return shared_from_this(); // Good
        return this;                // Bad
    }
};
```

Move (since C++11)

- **std::move** is used to indicate that an object may be "moved from", i.e. allowing the efficient transfer of resources from one object to another.

```
string a = "Hello";
```

```
/* extra cost of copying string a */
```

```
string b = a;
```

```
/* the content of string a will be moved into string c */
```

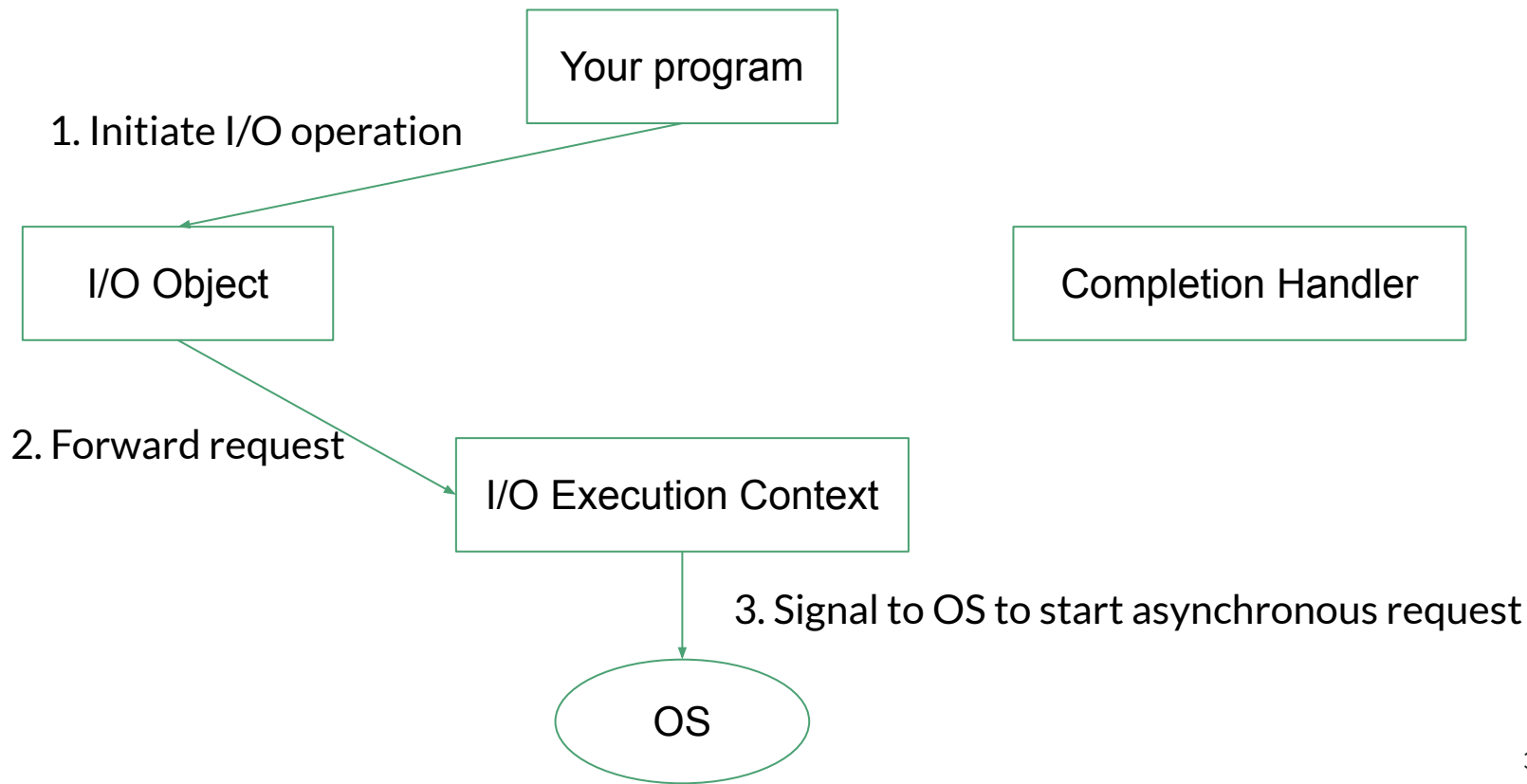
```
string c = move(a);
```

```
cout << "'" << a << "'" << endl; // output: ""
```

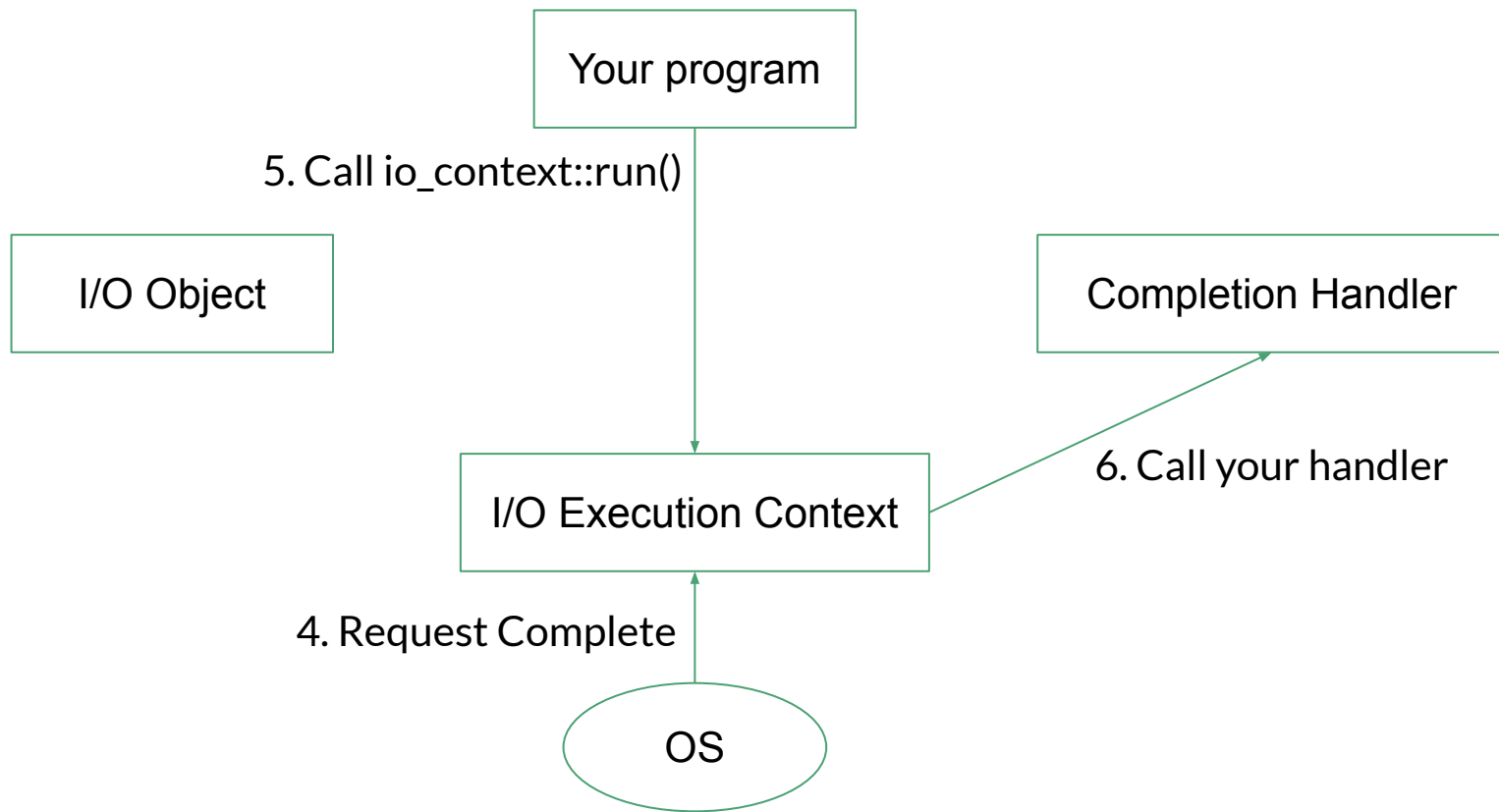
```
cout << "'" << b << "'" << endl; // output: "Hello"
```

```
cout << "'" << c << "'" << endl; // output: "Hello"
```

Boost.Asio Overview



Boost.Asio Overview



Boost.Asio Example

- A **c++11** asynchronous echo server example from Boost.Asio documentation
- The following codes are simplified because of space limitation

Boost.Asio Example

- Call `io_context::run()`

```
int main(int argc, char* argv[])
{
    boost::asio::io_context io_context;
    server s(io_context, std::atoi(argv[1]));

    /* VERY IMPORTANT! */
    io_context.run();

    return 0;
}
```


Boost.Asio Example

```
class server {  
private:  
    tcp::acceptor acceptor_;  
  
public:  
    server(boost::asio::io_context & io_context, short port)  
        : acceptor (io_context, tcp::endpoint(tcp::v4(), port)) {  
        do_accept();  
    }  
  
    .  
    .  
    .  
  
};
```


Boost.Asio Example

```
void do_accept() {  
    acceptor_.async_accept(  
        [this](error_code ec, tcp::socket socket) {  
            if (!ec) {  
                std::make_shared<session>(std::move(socket)) ->start();  
            }  
            do_accept();  
        });  
}
```

forward request to io_context
provide handler for I/O completion

io_context

socket cannot be copied, so move is used here



Boost.Asio Example

```
class session : public std::enable_shared_from_this<session> {  
private:  
    tcp::socket socket_;  
    enum { max_length = 1024 };  
    char data_[max_length];  
  
public:  
    session(tcp::socket socket) : socket_(std::move(socket)) {}  
    void start() { do_read(); }
```

socket cannot be copied, so move is used here

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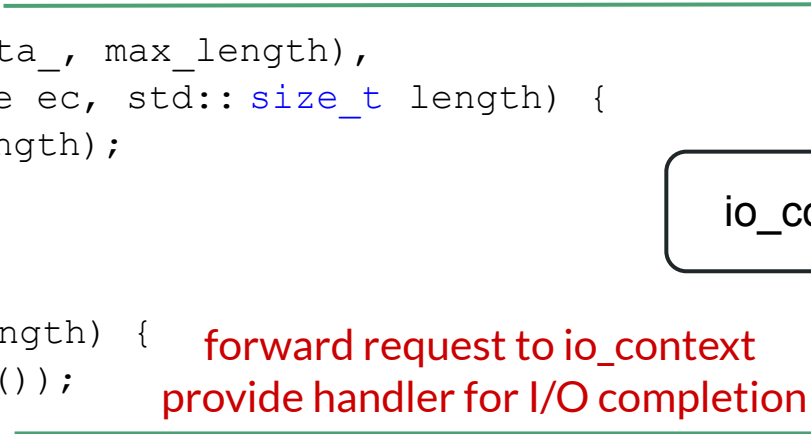
Boost.Asio Example

```
void do_read() {  
    auto self(shared_from_this());  
    socket_.async_read_some(  
        boost::asio::buffer(data_, max_length),  
        [this, self](error_code ec, std::size_t length) {  
            if (!ec) do_write(length);  
        });  
}  
  
void do_write(std::size_t length) {  
    auto self(shared_from_this());  
    boost::asio::async_write(  
        socket_, boost::asio::buffer(data_, length),  
        [this, self](error_code ec, std::size_t length) {  
            if (!ec) do_read();  
        });  
}
```

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io_context

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Reference

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