

## Practical – 3

**Aim of the Practical :-** To implement client-server communication using socket programming in Python, establish reliable bidirectional data transfer between two systems, demonstrate handling of multiple client connections using iterative or concurrent techniques, and incorporate basic error handling, message acknowledgment, and graceful connection termination in cisco packet tracer.

### Requirements:

Cisco Packet Tracer, Two or more PCs, Switch, python, Network cables.

### Practical:

#### Socket Programming

- A socket acts as an endpoint for sending or receiving data across a computer network.
- Socket programming allows two systems (client and server) to communicate over TCP/IP.
- Python provides the socket library to implement client-server communication.

#### Server Role

- Creates a socket and binds it to an IP address and port.
- Listens for client connections using `listen()`.
- Accepts connections and establishes communication using `accept()`.

#### Client Role

- Creates a socket and connects to the server's IP and port using `connect()`.
- Sends and receives data using `send()` and `recv()`.

#### Multiple Client Handling

1. Iterative Server: Handles one client at a time, sequentially.
2. Concurrent Server: Uses multithreading or multiprocessing to handle multiple clients simultaneously.

### **Error Handling**

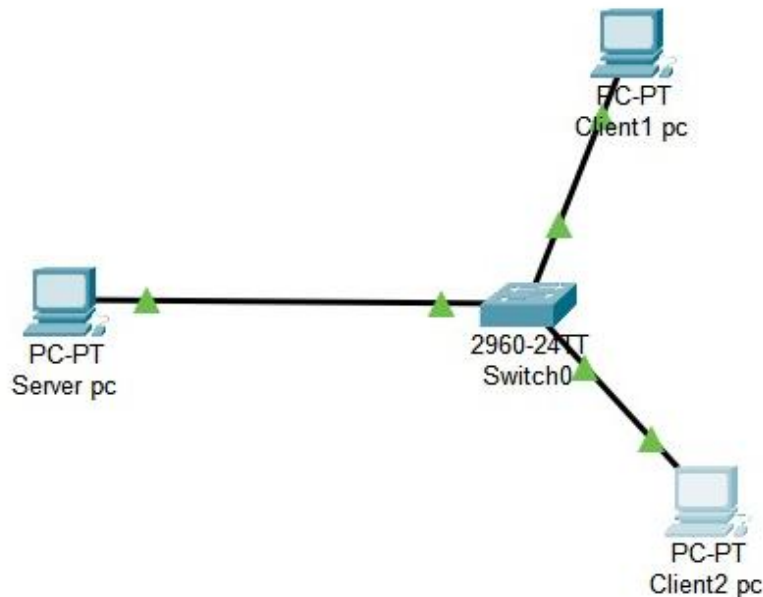
- Use try-except blocks in Python to handle errors like:
  - Connection refused
  - Connection reset
  - Timeout

### **Message Acknowledgment**

- After receiving a message, the server sends a confirmation message (ACK) to the client.

### **Graceful Connection Termination**

- Client sends an exit command to close communication.
- Server acknowledges and closes the socket.

**Figure 1:**

The figure shows a Client-Server Network Topology implemented in Cisco Packet Tracer for socket programming in Python.

- Server PC (PC-PT labelled *Server pc*) acts as the server, hosting the socket program and listening for client connections.
- Client PCs (PC-PT labelled *Client1 pc* and *Client2 pc*) act as clients, connecting to the server to exchange messages.
- A 2960-24TT Switch is used to interconnect all PCs, enabling communication over a common local area network (LAN).
- Each PC is connected to the switch using straight-through cables, forming a star topology.
- This setup allows reliable bidirectional data transfer between the server and multiple clients, as per the aim of the experiment.

**Figure 2:**

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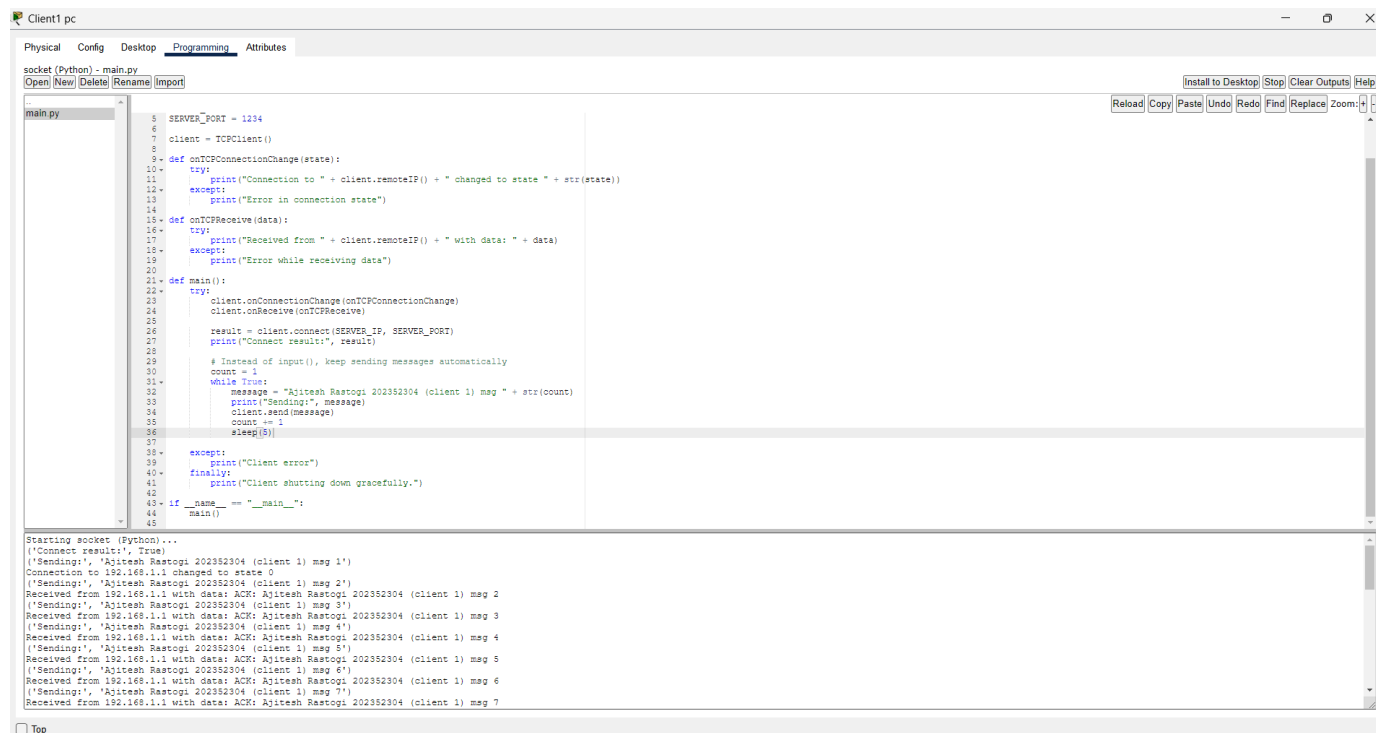
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Socket Server (Python) - main.py
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main.py
1 from tcp import *
2 from time import *
3
4 PORT = 1234
5 server = TCPServer()
6
7 def onTCPNewClient(client):
8     def onTCPConnectionChange(state):
9         try:
10             print("Connection to " + client.remoteIP() + " changed to state " + str(state))
11         except Exception as e:
12             print("Error in connection change handler:", e)
13     def onTCPReceive(data):
14         try:
15             print("Received from " + client.remoteIP() + " with data: " + data)
16             # send acknowledgment
17             client.send("ACK: " + data)
18         except Exception as e:
19             print("Error while receiving/sending data:", e)
20             client.close()
21
22 # attach handlers
23 client.onConnectionChange(onTCPConnectionChange)
24 client.onReceive(onTCPReceive)
25
26 def main():
27     try:
28         server.onNewClient(onTCPNewClient)
29         print("Server listening on port", PORT)
30         server.listen(PORT)
31
32         # keep running forever
33         while True:
34             sleep(1)
35
36     except Exception as e:
37         print("Server error:", e)
38     finally:
39         print("Server shutting down gracefully.")
40
41 if __name__ == "__main__":
42     main()
43
Received from 192.168.1.2 with data: Ajitesh Rastogi 202352304 (client 1) msg 4
Received from 192.168.1.3 with data: Ajitesh Rastogi 202352304 (client 2) msg 5
Received from 192.168.1.2 with data: Ajitesh Rastogi 202352304 (client 1) msg 5
Received from 192.168.1.3 with data: Ajitesh Rastogi 202352304 (client 2) msg 6
Received from 192.168.1.2 with data: Ajitesh Rastogi 202352304 (client 1) msg 6
Received from 192.168.1.3 with data: Ajitesh Rastogi 202352304 (client 2) msg 7
Received from 192.168.1.2 with data: Ajitesh Rastogi 202352304 (client 1) msg 7
Received from 192.168.1.3 with data: Ajitesh Rastogi 202352304 (client 2) msg 8
Received from 192.168.1.2 with data: Ajitesh Rastogi 202352304 (client 1) msg 8
Received from 192.168.1.3 with data: Ajitesh Rastogi 202352304 (client 2) msg 9
Received from 192.168.1.2 with data: Ajitesh Rastogi 202352304 (client 1) msg 9
Received from 192.168.1.3 with data: Ajitesh Rastogi 202352304 (client 2) msg 10
Received from 192.168.1.2 with data: Ajitesh Rastogi 202352304 (client 1) msg 10

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The figure shows the Server-side Python program running inside the Server PC (PC-PT) in Cisco Packet Tracer.

- The program is written in Python using the TCPServer class from the socket module.
- It defines client connection handlers (onClientConnectionChanged, onClientDataReceived) for managing events such as new connections, receiving data, and handling disconnections.
- The server listens on port 1234 and allows multiple clients to connect.
- In the output window at the bottom, the server log shows multiple messages received from Client PCs.
- Each received message is displayed with the corresponding client ID and message length, demonstrating successful bidirectional communication between server and clients.
- The server also shows status updates such as when a client connects, sends data, or disconnects, ensuring reliable communication with acknowledgment and graceful shutdown.

**Figure 3:**

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socket (Python) - main.py
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main.py
5 SERVER_PORT = 1234
6 client = TCPCClient()
7
8
9 def onTCPConnectionChange(state):
10     try:
11         print("Connection to " + client.remoteIP() + " changed to state " + str(state))
12     except:
13         print("Error in connection state")
14
15 def onTCPReceive(data):
16     try:
17         print("Received from " + client.remoteIP() + " with data: " + data)
18     except:
19         print("Error while receiving data")
20
21 def main():
22     try:
23         client.onConnectionChange(onTCPConnectionChange)
24         client.onReceive(onTCPReceive)
25         result = client.connect(SERVER_IP, SERVER_PORT)
26         print("Connect result:", result)
27
28         # Instead of input(), keep sending messages automatically
29         count = 1
30         while True:
31             message = "Ajitesh Rastogi 202352304 (client 1) msg " + str(count)
32             print("Sending:", message)
33             client.send(message)
34             count += 1
35             sleep(5)
36
37     except:
38         print("Client error")
39     finally:
40         print("Client shutting down gracefully.")
41
42 if __name__ == "__main__":
43     main()
44
45
Starting socket (Python)...
('Connect result:', True)
('Sending:', 'Ajitesh Rastogi 202352304 (client 1) msg 1')
Connection to 192.168.1.1 changed to state 0
('Sending:', 'Ajitesh Rastogi 202352304 (client 1) msg 2')
Received from 192.168.1.1 with data: ACK: Ajitesh Rastogi 202352304 (client 1) msg 2
('Sending:', 'Ajitesh Rastogi 202352304 (client 1) msg 3')
Received from 192.168.1.1 with data: ACK: Ajitesh Rastogi 202352304 (client 1) msg 3
('Sending:', 'Ajitesh Rastogi 202352304 (client 1) msg 4')
Received from 192.168.1.1 with data: ACK: Ajitesh Rastogi 202352304 (client 1) msg 4
('Sending:', 'Ajitesh Rastogi 202352304 (client 1) msg 5')
Received from 192.168.1.1 with data: ACK: Ajitesh Rastogi 202352304 (client 1) msg 5
('Sending:', 'Ajitesh Rastogi 202352304 (client 1) msg 6')
Received from 192.168.1.1 with data: ACK: Ajitesh Rastogi 202352304 (client 1) msg 6
('Sending:', 'Ajitesh Rastogi 202352304 (client 1) msg 7')
Received from 192.168.1.1 with data: ACK: Ajitesh Rastogi 202352304 (client 1) msg 7
```

The figure shows the Client-side Python program running inside the Client1 PC (PC-PT) in Cisco Packet Tracer.

- The client program is configured to connect to the server running on port 1234.
- Event handler functions such as `onTCPConnectionChange` and `onTCPReceive` are defined to manage connection states and data reception from the server.
- The client continuously sends messages automatically in a loop, each message containing an identifier (Ajitesh Rastogi 202352304) and a message count (msg 1, msg 2, etc.).
- In the output window at the bottom, the client log shows:
  - Messages being sent from the client to the server.
  - Acknowledgments (ACK) being received back from the server for each message.

- This verifies bidirectional communication where the client sends data and the server confirms successful reception.
- The program also includes error handling and graceful shutdown messages, ensuring reliable operation.

**Figure 4:**

The screenshot shows the 'Client2 pc' configuration window in Cisco Packet Tracer. The 'Programming' tab is active, displaying a Python script for a TCP client. The script defines a `client = TCPCClient()` and implements event handlers for `onTCPConnectionChange` and `onTCPReceive`. The `main` function initiates the connection to `192.168.1.1` on port `1234` and enters a loop sending messages from `Ajitesh Rastogi 202352304` (client 2) with a message counter from 1 to 7. The output window shows the successful execution of the script, including connection establishment, data reception, and the sequence of messages sent.

```

main.py
4 SERVER_IP = "192.168.1.1" # change to server's IP
5 SERVER_PORT = 1234
6
7 client = TCPCClient()
8
9 def onTCPConnectionChange(state):
10     try:
11         print("Connection to " + client.remoteIP() + " changed to state " + str(state))
12     except:
13         print("Error in connection state")
14
15 def onTCPReceive(data):
16     try:
17         print("Received from " + client.remoteIP() + " with data: " + data)
18     except:
19         print("Error while receiving data")
20
21 def main():
22     try:
23         client.onConnectionChange(onTCPConnectionChange)
24         client.onReceive(onTCPReceive)
25
26         result = client.connect(SERVER_IP, SERVER_PORT)
27         print("Connect result:", result)
28
29         # Instead of input(), keep sending messages automatically
30         count = 1
31         while True:
32             message = "Ajitesh Rastogi 202352304 (client 2) msg " + str(count)
33             print("Sending:", message)
34             client.send(message)
35             count += 1
36             sleep(5)
37
38     except:
39         print("Client error")
40     finally:
41         print("Client shutting down gracefully.")
42
43 if __name__ == "__main__":
44     main()
45
Starting socket (Python)...
('Connect result:', True)
('Sending:', 'Ajitesh Rastogi 202352304 (client 2) msg 1')
Connection to 192.168.1.1 changed to state 0
('Sending:', 'Ajitesh Rastogi 202352304 (client 2) msg 2')
Received from 192.168.1.1 with data: ACK: Ajitesh Rastogi 202352304 (client 2) msg 2
('Sending:', 'Ajitesh Rastogi 202352304 (client 2) msg 3')
Received from 192.168.1.1 with data: ACK: Ajitesh Rastogi 202352304 (client 2) msg 3
('Sending:', 'Ajitesh Rastogi 202352304 (client 2) msg 4')
Received from 192.168.1.1 with data: ACK: Ajitesh Rastogi 202352304 (client 2) msg 4
('Sending:', 'Ajitesh Rastogi 202352304 (client 2) msg 5')
Received from 192.168.1.1 with data: ACK: Ajitesh Rastogi 202352304 (client 2) msg 5
('Sending:', 'Ajitesh Rastogi 202352304 (client 2) msg 6')
Received from 192.168.1.1 with data: ACK: Ajitesh Rastogi 202352304 (client 2) msg 6
('Sending:', 'Ajitesh Rastogi 202352304 (client 2) msg 7')

```

The figure shows the Client-side Python program running inside the Client2 PC (PC-PT) in Cisco Packet Tracer.

- The client is configured to connect to the server at IP address 192.168.0.1 on port 1234.
- Similar to Client1, it defines event handlers for:
  - `onTCPConnectionChange` → handles connection establishment and disconnection events.
  - `onTCPReceive` → manages data reception from the server.
- The client automatically sends a sequence of messages, each labeled with an identifier (Ajitesh Rastogi 202352304) along with a message counter (msg 1, msg 2, etc.).

- In the output window, the client log displays:
  - Messages sent from Client2 to the server.
  - Acknowledgments (ACK) returned by the server confirming successful delivery.
- This confirms that multiple clients (Client1 and Client2) can simultaneously connect to the server, send data, and receive responses reliably.
- The inclusion of error handling and a graceful shutdown message further ensures proper termination of connections.

## Conclusion

In this experiment, we successfully implemented client-server communication using socket programming in Python within Cisco Packet Tracer.

- A Server PC was configured to act as the central server, listening for client requests and handling multiple client connections simultaneously.
- Two Client PCs (Client1 and Client2) were connected to the server through a switch in a star topology, forming a local area network (LAN).
- Both clients were able to send messages to the server, and the server responded with proper acknowledgments (ACKs), verifying reliable bidirectional communication.
- The system demonstrated multiple client handling, where both clients interacted with the server concurrently without data loss or conflict.
- Error handling mechanisms were included to manage unexpected issues during communication.
- The connections were terminated in a graceful manner, ensuring that both client and server sockets closed properly.

Thus, the experiment achieved its aim of demonstrating reliable client-server communication with acknowledgment, error handling, and multi-client support in Cisco Packet Tracer.