

# Socket Programming - Practical 1

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Given below is the directory structure:

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├── demo.mkv
├── manual.pdf
├── screenshot.png
└── src
    ├── client.cpp
    ├── client_files
    │   ├── wallpaper1.png
    │   ├── wallpaper2.jpg
    │   └── wallpaper3.jpeg
    ├── server.cpp
    └── server_files
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3 directories, 8 files

## Source

### server.cpp

Contains the following functions:

- **CreateSocket()** → creates a socket which uses the TCP/IP protocol suite's IPv4 protocol
- **BindSocketToAddress()** → binds the given socket to a specified address in order to be able to listen to incoming connection requests to the address
- **GetConnectionFromQueue()** → listens for incoming connections at the given address; accepts in case of a connection request
- **ListenForMessages()** → continuously checks for changes in the buffer so as to monitor incoming messages, and sends back response codes

## client.cpp

Contains the following functions:

- **CreateSocket()** → creates a socket which uses the TCP/IP protocol suite's IPv4 protocol
- **ConnectSocketToAddress()** → connects the socket to the given address and port combination
- **SendMessages()** → waits for user input, and sends the entered messages/files to the server

## Screenshot

The left side shows the server receiving messages/files, while the right side is the client sending messages/files, and getting back response codes.

## Client Files / Server Files

The **client\_files** folder contains some sample files for sending to the server. As soon as one sends a file, it should reflect in the **server\_files** folder.

## Usage

- compile the *server.cpp* and *client.cpp* files (preferably using `g++`)
- run the **server** compiled file  
(if everything goes well, the server should be listening for connections now)
- run the **client** compiled file  
(if everything goes well, the server and client should both be connected, and the client should be asking for user input)

The **client** accepts 3 kinds of input:

1. **plain text** → write any plain text message from the client side, and the server should receive it, and send back a response code
2. **file** → write `file::` followed by the file name (with extension, sample - `file::wallpaper1.png`) you want to send (the file should be present in the **client\_files** directory)
3. **"end connection"** → write this message as plain text (without inverted commas) to end the connection between the server and client, and exit safely

**NOTE:** It might take some time to reinitialize the server after exiting, as it takes some time for the system to verify that the port is no longer in use.