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Assignment 3

(Chapter 2) [1, 3, 6]

P1] True or false?

- A user requests a web page that consists of some text & 3 images. For this page, the client will send one request message & receive 4 response messages.
- 2 distinct web pages (for example, `www.mit.edu/research.html` & `www.mit.edu/students.html`) can be sent over the same persistent connection.
- With nonpersistent connections between browsers & origin servers, it is possible for a single TCP segment to carry 2 distinct HTTP request messages.
- The date header in the HTTP response message indicates when the object in the response was last modified.
- HTTP response messages never have an empty message body.

Q] a) false

b) true

c) false

d) false

e) false.

P3] Consider the following string: HTTP client that wants to retrieve a web document at a given URL. The IP address of HTTP server is initially unknown. What transport & application layer protocols besides HTTP are needed in this scenario.

⇒ Transport layer protocol.

TCP for HTTP

UDP for DNS

Application layer protocol.

• DNS

• HTTP

Q6] obtain the HTTP/1.1 specification (RFC 2016): Answer the following

- a) Explain the mechanism used for signaling between client & server to indicate that a persistent connection is being closed. Can the client, the server, or both signal the close of a connection?
 - b) What encryption services are provided by HTTP?
 - c) Can a client open 3 or more simultaneous connections with a given server?
 - d) Either a server or a client may close a transport connection between them if either one detects the connection has been idle for sometime. It is possible that one side starts closing a connection with the other side is transmitting data via the connection. Explain.
- ⇒ a) Persistent connections are discussed in sect 8 of RFC 2016. sections 8.1.2 & 8.1.2.1 of RFC indicate that either the client or the server can indicate to others that it is going to close the persistent connection. It does so by including the connection token "close" in the connection header field of http request/reply.
- b) HTTP does not provide any encryption services.
 - c) (From RFC 2016) "clients that use persistent connections should limit the no. of simultaneous connections that they maintain to a given server. A single user client should not maintain more than 2 connections with any server or proxy. No"
 - d) Yes. (from RFC 2016) "A client might have started to send a new request at the ^{some} time that the server has decided to close the "idle" connection. From the server's point of view, the connection was closed when it was idle, but from the client point of view, a request is in progress."

P10) Consider a short, 10 m link over which a sender can transmit at a rate of 150 bits/sec. in both directions. Suppose that packets containing data are 100,000 bits long, & packets containing only control (eg: ACK or handshaking) are 200 bit long. Assume that N parallel connections each get $1/N$ of the link bandwidth. Now consider the HTTP protocol, & suppose that each downloaded object is 100 kbits long, & that the initial downloaded object contains 10 referenced objects from the same sender. would parallel downloads via parallel instances of non persistent HTTP make sense in this case. Now consider persistent HTTP. Do you expect significant gains over the non-persistent case? Justify & explain your answers.

⇒ Given
 Transmission Rate = 150 bits/sec packet length (L) = 100,000 bits long
 Control data = 200 bits object data = 100 kbits Distance (d) = 10m
 $N = 10$

$$d = d_p (\text{propagation delay}) + d_t (\text{transmission delay})$$

$$d_t = L/R \text{ sec. } d_p = d/s = T_p \quad \text{Bandwidth} = 150 \text{ bit/sec.}$$

$$\text{No. of connections } (N) = 10.$$

$$\text{Bandwidth} = \frac{150}{10} \text{ bit/sec}$$

$$= 15 \text{ bit/sec}$$

Total time for all received objects?

$$= \left(\frac{200}{150} + T_p + \frac{200}{150} + T_p + \frac{100,000}{150} + T_p \right) + \left(\frac{200}{15} + T_p + \frac{200}{15} + T_p + \frac{200}{15} + T_p + \frac{100,000}{15} + T_p \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{100,600}{150} + 4T_p \right) + \left(\frac{100,600}{15} + 4T_p \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow 737.7348 \times T_p \text{ sec}$$

Total time for persistent HTTP connection:

$$= \left(\frac{200 + 200 + 200 + 100,000}{150} + 4T_p \right) + 10 \times \left(\frac{200 + 100,000}{150} + 2T_p \right)$$

$$= (670 + 4T_p) + (6680 + 20T_p) = 7350 + 24T_p = 7350.66 + 24T_p \text{ sec}$$

Let us consider propagation speed of the medium is $300 \times 10^6 \text{ m/sec}$.
 Then $T_p = \frac{10}{(300 \times 10^6)} = 0.03 \text{ micro sec}$ $\therefore T_p$ is negligible compared to transmission delay.

No expect significant gains over the non-persistent case.
 (persistent HTTP is not significantly faster than non-persistent case)