

Assignment 7

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A. Simple Web Server

In this assignment, you will develop a simple Web server in C that is capable of processing only one HTTP request at a time. Specifically, your Web server will

- (i) create a TCP connection socket when contacted by a client (browser)
- (ii) receive the HTTP request from this connection; (iii) parse the request to determine the specific file being requested; (iv) get the requested file from the server's file system
- (v) create an HTTP response message consisting of the requested file preceded by header lines
- (vi) send the response over the TCP connection to the requesting browser. If a browser requests a file that is not present in your server, your server should return a "404 Not Found" error message.

Code

```
// Web Server Code

#include <arpa/inet.h>
#include <netinet/in.h>
#include <signal.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <sys/socket.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <unistd.h>

int createSocket() {
    int sockfd;
    if ((sockfd = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0)) < 0) {
        perror("socket");
        exit(1);
    }
    return sockfd;
}

int sockfd;

void sigintHandler(int sig) {
    printf("\nClosing socket...\n");
    close(sockfd);
    exit(0);
}

const char *not_found_header_template =
    "HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found\r\n"
    "accept-ranges: bytes\r\n"
    "content-length: %ld\r\n"
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"content-type: text/html\r\n\r\n";

const char *ok_header_template =
    "HTTP/1.1 200 OK\r\n"
    "accept-ranges: bytes\r\n"
    "content-length: %ld\r\n"
    "content-type: text/html\r\n\r\n";

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    signal(SIGINT, sigintHandler);

    if (argc < 2) {
        printf("Usage: %s <port>\n", argv[0]);
        exit(1);
    }

    int newsockfd;
    socklen_t client_length;
    struct sockaddr_in client_address, server_address;

    char *token, ch[10000];
    char buf[1000];

    sockfd = createSocket();

    int port = atoi(argv[1]);
    server_address.sin_family = AF_INET;
    server_address.sin_addr.s_addr = INADDR_ANY;
    server_address.sin_port = htons(port);

    int bind_status =
        bind(sockfd, (struct sockaddr *)&server_address, sizeof(server_address));

    if (bind_status < 0) {
        printf("Unable to bind local address\n");
        exit(1);
    }

    listen(sockfd, 5);
    printf("Web Server started at http://%s:%d\n",
        inet_ntoa(server_address.sin_addr), port);
    while (1) {
        client_length = sizeof(client_address);
        newsockfd =
            accept(sockfd, (struct sockaddr *)&client_address, &client_length);

        if (newsockfd < 0) {
            printf("Accept error\n");
            exit(1);
        }

        for (int i = 0; i < 1000; i++) buf[i] = '\0';

        recv(newsockfd, buf, 2500, 0);
        printf("%ld\n", strlen(buf));
        printf("\n--- REQUEST ---\n\n%s\n\n", buf);

        token = strtok(buf, " ");
        token = strtok(NULL, " ");

        if (strcmp(token, "/") == 0) {
            strcpy(token, "/index.html");
        }

        token++; // ignore the first char i.e '/'
    }
}

```

```

FILE *fp = fopen(token, "r");

if (!fp) {
    char http_header[1000];

    const char *error_message =
        "<html>\n <head></head>\n <body>\n  <h1>404 Not "
        "Found</h1>\n </body>\n</html>\r\n";

    sprintf(http_header, not_found_header_template, strlen(error_message));
    printf("File doesn't exist in Server Directory.\n");

    printf("\n--- RESPONSE ---\n\n%s\n\n%s", http_header, error_message);

    send(newsockfd, http_header, strlen(http_header), 0);
    send(newsockfd, error_message, strlen(error_message), 0);
    close(newsockfd);
} else {
    char http_header[1000];

    printf("File exists in Server Directory\n");
    fseek(fp, 0, SEEK_END);
    long fsize = ftell(fp);
    fseek(fp, 0, SEEK_SET);

    char *data = malloc(fsize + 1);
    fread(data, fsize, 1, fp);

    data[fsize] = 0;

    sprintf(http_header, ok_header_template, fsize);

    printf("\n--- RESPONSE ---\n\n%s\n\n%s", http_header, data);

    send(newsockfd, http_header, strlen(http_header), 0);
    send(newsockfd, data, fsize, 0);
    send(newsockfd, "\r\n", sizeof("\r\n"), 0);
    close(newsockfd);
    fclose(fp);
}
}
close(sockfd);
}

```

Observations

Compiling the C file with `gcc -o server server.c` and running the server with `./server <port>` will start the server.

```

content-type: text/html

<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
  <head>
    <meta charset="UTF-8" />
    <title>Simple Web Server</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h1>Hello World !</h1>
    <p>This is served by a simple Web Server made in C</p>
  </body>
</html>
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--- REQUEST ---

GET /abcd HTTP/1.1
Host: localhost:8080
User-Agent: curl/7.74.0
Accept: */*

File doesn't exist in Server Directory.

--- RESPONSE ---

HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found
accept-ranges: bytes
content-length: 73
content-type: text/html

<html>
  <head></head>
  <body>
    <h1>404 Not Found</h1>
  </body>
</html>

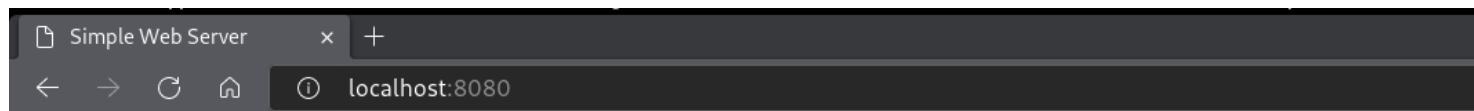
```

```

[arnab@kali]--[~/Desktop/Networks-Lab/ass7/p1]
(master)$ curl localhost:8080
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
  <head>
    <meta charset="UTF-8" />
    <title>Simple Web Server</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h1>Hello World !</h1>
    <p>This is served by a simple Web Server made in C</p>
  </body>
</html>
[arnab@kali]--[~/Desktop/Networks-Lab/ass7/p1]
(master)$ curl localhost:8080/abcd
<html>
<head></head>
<body>
  <h1>404 Not Found</h1>
</body>
</html>
[arnab@kali]--[~/Desktop/Networks-Lab/ass7/p1]
(master)$

```

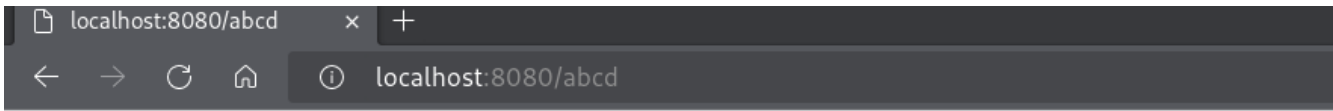
We can even visit the page from the browser.



Hello World !

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If the endpoint doesn't exist it throws a 404 page.



404 Not Found

B. Multi-threaded Web Server

Currently, the web server handles only one HTTP request at a time. Now, implement a multithreaded server that is capable of serving multiple requests simultaneously. Using threading, first create a main thread in which your modified server listens for clients at a fixed port. When it receives a TCP connection request from a client, it will set up the TCP connection through another port and services the client request in a separate thread. There will be a separate TCP connection in a separate thread for each request/response pair.

Code

```
// Web Server Code

#include <arpa/inet.h>
#include <netinet/in.h>
#include <pthread.h>
#include <signal.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <sys/socket.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <unistd.h>

int createSocket() {
    int sockfd;
    if ((sockfd = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0)) < 0) {
        perror("socket");
        exit(1);
    }
    return sockfd;
}

int sockfd;

void sigintHandler(int sig) {
    printf("\nClosing socket...\n");
    close(sockfd);
    exit(0);
}

const char *not_found_header_template =
    "HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found\r\n"
    "accept-ranges: bytes\r\n"
    "content-length: %ld\r\n"
```

```

"content-type: text/html\r\n\r\n";

const char *ok_header_template =
    "HTTP/1.1 200 OK\r\n"
    "accept-ranges: bytes\r\n"
    "content-length: %ld\r\n"
    "content-type: text/html\r\n\r\n";

void *handle_connection(void *newsockfd_ptr) {
    char *token;
    char buf[1000];

    int newsockfd = *((int *)newsockfd_ptr);
    for (int i = 0; i < 1000; i++) buf[i] = '\0';

    recv(newsockfd, buf, 2500, 0);
    printf("%ld\n", strlen(buf));
    printf("\n--- REQUEST ---\n\n%s\n\n", buf);

    token = strtok(buf, " ");
    token = strtok(NULL, " ");

    if (strcmp(token, "/") == 0) {
        strcpy(token, "/index.html");
    }

    token++; // ignore the first char i.e '/'
    FILE *fp = fopen(token, "r");

    if (!fp) {
        char http_header[1000];

        const char *error_message =
            "<html>\n <head></head>\n <body>\n  <h1>404 Not "
            "Found</h1>\n </body>\n</html>\r\n";

        sprintf(http_header, not_found_header_template, strlen(error_message));
        printf("File doesn't exist in Server Directory.\n");

        printf("\n--- RESPONSE ---\n\n%s\n\n%s", http_header, error_message);

        send(newsockfd, http_header, strlen(http_header), 0);
        send(newsockfd, error_message, strlen(error_message), 0);
        close(newsockfd);
    } else {
        char http_header[1000];

        printf("File exists in Server Directory\n");
        fseek(fp, 0, SEEK_END);
        long fsize = ftell(fp);
        fseek(fp, 0, SEEK_SET);

        char *data = malloc(fsize + 1);
        fread(data, fsize, 1, fp);

        data[fsize] = 0;

        sprintf(http_header, ok_header_template, fsize);

        printf("\n--- RESPONSE ---\n\n%s\n\n%s", http_header, data);

        send(newsockfd, http_header, strlen(http_header), 0);
        send(newsockfd, data, fsize, 0);
        send(newsockfd, "\r\n", sizeof("\r\n"), 0);
        close(newsockfd);
    }
}

```

```

    fclose(fp);
}
}

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    signal(SIGINT, sigintHandler);

    if (argc < 2) {
        printf("Usage: %s <port>\n", argv[0]);
        exit(1);
    }

    int newsockfd;
    socklen_t client_length;
    struct sockaddr_in client_address, server_address;

    sockfd = createSocket();

    int port = atoi(argv[1]);
    server_address.sin_family = AF_INET;
    server_address.sin_addr.s_addr = INADDR_ANY;
    server_address.sin_port = htons(port);

    int bind_status =
        bind(sockfd, (struct sockaddr *)&server_address, sizeof(server_address));

    if (bind_status < 0) {
        printf("Unable to bind local address\n");
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    }

    listen(sockfd, 5);
    printf("Web Server started at http://%s:%d\n",
        inet_ntoa(server_address.sin_addr), port);
    while (1) {
        client_length = sizeof(client_address);
        newsockfd =
            accept(sockfd, (struct sockaddr *)&client_address, &client_length);

        if (newsockfd < 0) {
            printf("Accept error\n");
            exit(1);
        }

        pthread_t thread;
        pthread_attr_t attr;
        pthread_attr_init(&attr);
        if (pthread_create(&thread, &attr, handle_connection, &newsockfd) != 0) {
            perror("pthread_create");
        }
    }
    close(sockfd);
}

```

Observations

Since, we are using threads to compile we need `gcc -o server server.c -lpthread`.

```
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(master)$ curl localhost:8080
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    <meta charset="UTF-8" />
    <title>Simple Web Server</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h1>Hello World !</h1>
    <p>This is served by a simple Web Server made in C</p>
  </body>
</html>
new client: 5
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--- REQUEST ---

GET /abcd HTTP/1.1
Host: localhost:8080
User-Agent: curl/7.74.0
Accept: */*

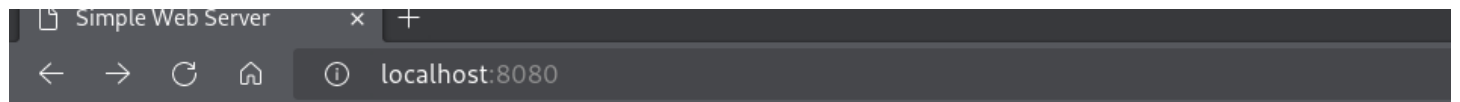
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--- RESPONSE ---

HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found
accept-ranges: bytes
content-length: 73
content-type: text/html

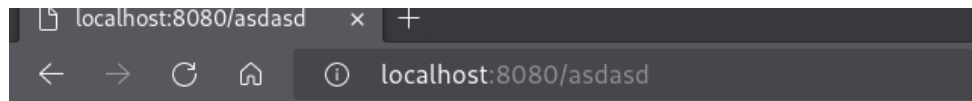
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[arnab@kali] ~/Desktop/Networks-Lab/ass7/p1
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