

Lab Project 3: Web Server

- **Number of members per group: 1 or 2**
- **Use C language**

In this project you develop a web server that is accessible by clients. Once you type the IP address (and port number) of the web server (for example in the Chrome browser), it returns one of the following to the client's browser:

- **1: IP Configuration Report**
- **2: Regular HTTP server (returns index.html)**

With Option 1:

The result of the `ifconfig` command is returned to the client. You need to use `Content-type: text/plain` in the response message.

- Note: `ifconfig` returns network interfaces and their configuration.

With Option 2:

Returns the `index.html` file on the web server. You need to create this file manually. You need to use `"Content-type: text/html"` in the response message.

If the file is not found on the server, an error message is returned to the client.

Note: Code skeleton is provided.

Note: Do not use port 80. Your operating system might have this port already reserved.

The result of choosing Option 1 looks like this:

```
eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 192.168.1.143 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.1.255
    inet6 fd55:f497:b3a0:0:ad2e:cf9d:69fc:a690 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x0<global>
    inet6 fd55:f497:b3a0::7d9 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x0<global>
    inet6 fded:661d:362e:0:8c2f:e606:9a72:c8ad prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x0<global>
    inet6 fe80::88f7:83a6:58df:7c60 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    inet6 2601:646:8d00:8a04:dae4:3d3a:f2bc:f91b prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x0<global>
    inet6 fdee:73ff:7e71:0:37c6:f0f9:554e:5651 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x0<global>
    ether b8:27:eb:cc:42:74 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 346942 bytes 48032323 (45.8 MiB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 110285 bytes 27342920 (26.0 MiB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
    inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
    inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>
    loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
    RX packets 9584 bytes 964021 (941.4 KiB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 9584 bytes 964021 (941.4 KiB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

wlan0: flags=4099<UP,BROADCAST,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    ether b8:27:eb:99:17:21 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```

The result of choosing Option 2 looks like this:

HTML file returned by my server!



Please note that since your web server only returns index.html, you need to find another solution to load the image file in the web page.

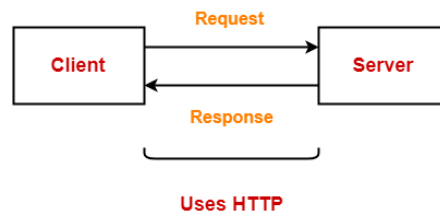
Additional Notes:

- Register a function to handle SIGINT and ask if the user wants to close the program
 - Use `setsockopt` to avoid the “address already in use” error
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More information

The server starts first and receives one argument, which is the port number.

- Initially HTTP Client (i.e., web browser) sends a HTTP request to the HTTP Server.
- Server processes the request received and sends HTTP response to the HTTP client.



To connect the client to the server, we use the URL of the website in the browser.

`http://www.example.com:80/index.html`

Universal Resource Locator (URL)

Since the default http port is 80, once you type `http://www.scu.edu` in the browser, the browser uses the URL/address `http://www.scu.edu:80`

The webpage returned depends on server configuration. Some servers have `public.html` and some will have `index.html`. In this example, we consider `index.html` as default page.

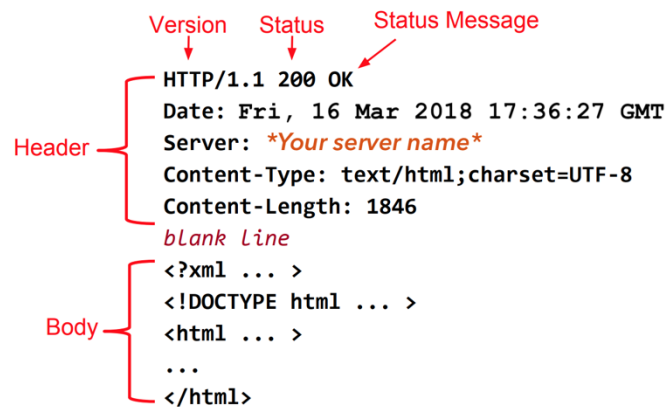
Once you type `localhost:8080/index.html`, your web browser actually sends the following message to the web server to request for a specific content:

Send HTTP Request - Write lines to socket

```
Method   URL   Protocol Version
  ↓      ↓      ↓
GET /index.html HTTP/1.1
Host: www.example.com
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0
Accept: text/html, */*
Accept-Language: en-us
Accept-Charset: ISO-8859-1,utf-8
Connection: keep-alive
blank line
Body (optional) { For POST and PUT method
```

In response to the request, the client expects a response in the following format:

HTTP Response - Read lines from socket



To prepare the response, first we need to construct the Header. Then insert a blank line, then we can send our message/data.

Assume your reply message is "I am a network professional!". We create the HTTP Header as follows:

```
char *http_header =  
    "HTTP/1.1 200 OK\n"  
    "Content-Type: text/plain\n"  
    "Content-Length: 26\n\n"  
    "I am a network professional!";
```

- **HTTP/1.1 200 OK:** HTTP version we are using, Status code, and Status message.
- **Content-Type:** text/plain: We are sending a plain text. There are many Content-Types.
- **Content-Length:** 12: How many bytes the server is sending to the client. The web-browser only reads how much we mention here.