

Detecting a Closed Connection on recv()

Some Operating Systems (OS) do not return 0 bytes when you call `recv()` after the other side closed the connection. Instead they return -1 and set `errno = ECONNRESET`. This error is a “Connection reset by peer” error, which means the other side closed the connection.

To detect the connection was closed via the return value from `recv()` we must do both:

1. Check if 0 bytes were `recv()`ed (this means the return value from `recv()` was 0). If so we know the other side closed the connection
2. Check if the `recv()` return value as -1 and the `errno` was `ECONNRESET`. If so, then handle this as a closed connection and not an error condition.

Here is a function that you can use in place of the normal `recv()` call to handle both of these cases. Feel free to use this code.

```
int safeRecv(int socketNum, uint8_t * buffer, int bufferLen, int flag)
{
    int bytesReceived = recv(socketNum, buffer, bufferLen, flag);
    if (bytesReceived < 0)
    {
        if (errno == ECONNRESET)
        {
            bytesReceived = 0;
        }
        else
        {
            perror("recv call");
            exit(-1);
        }
    }
    return bytesReceived ;
}
```