Purpose: This is designed to familiarize you with UDP clients.

Build a UDP daytime client in a file called UDPdaytime.c.

Use the main program—client procedure format found in the UDP echo client. The default service should "daytime". I recommend getting a copy of the UDP echo client and replacing the UDPecho procedure of this client with a UDPdaytime procedure.

This UDPdaytime procedure will send a message to the "host", read the reply (into a buffer) and print the reply. Because this is daytime, the reply is a string, so use a buffer big enough to receive the entire string; 128 bytes is a good size.

"volper/classes/472/comer_examples/UDPecho.c contains the UDP echo client (you don't have to retype it). You will also need copies of Comer's connectUDP, connectsock, errexit and strerror files. I recommend you copy down all the files in the comer_examples directory. Compile a copy of the UDPecho and make sure it runs. gcc UDPecho.c should be sufficient to do this. Then make a copy called UDPdaytime.c and modify it.

Hint: the send a message, read a reply format is what was used by the UDP time example. Remember, the daytime reply is a string; the time reply was an integer, so what you do to print the reply is different.

UDP packets might get lost. If this happens, your client (being very simple) will freeze; that's OK, we will learn advanced techniques that avoid this later in the course. For now, use control-C to kill the client if it freezes.

Testing: aim your client at a variety of machines, including, lab38, lab77, panther and cheetah.

Hopefully, cheetah will drop packets so you can see your client freeze. If it doesn't, aim at aardvark. UDP packets to it will always get dropped because of our firewalls.

Submit: a printout of your UDPdaytime.c file.

Instructor Testing: You are required to leave a copy of this file in your home directory (not in a subdirectory). I will use a script to test your program; it will copy you program to one of my directories, compile and run it. The copy (and test) will fail if your do not have the copy in the correct place or it has the wrong name.