

## Implementation Scenario:

1. First, create the head function that sends a HEAD request to the server.

The HEAD request returns meta-information about the resource:

### 1. Standard HTTP Headers

These headers are present almost always:

- **Content-Type** — the type of content (for example, `text/html`, `image/png`, `application/json`).
- **Content-Length** — the size of the resource in bytes.
- **Last-Modified** — the date of the last modification of the resource.
- **ETag** — a unique identifier for the version of the resource, used for caching.
- **Date** — the date and time when the server sent the response.
- **Server** — information about the server software (for example, `nginx/1.24`).
- **Connection** — the connection status (`keep-alive` or `close`).
- **Accept-Ranges** — support for partial requests (for example, `bytes`).

From this, we will need **Content-Length** and **Accept-Ranges**.

If Accept-Ranges equals "bytes", it means the server supports partial file downloads.

### 2. Split the file into several parts.

Take Content-Length and divide it by 4 to get the byte ranges.

(4 is chosen as the minimum for a modern processor with 2 cores / 4 threads)

### 3. Form a list of ranges, for example:

```
val ranges = listOf(0..1999, 2000..3999, 4000..5999, 6000..7999, 8000..9999)
```

### 4. Start downloading chunks in parallel.

Use mapIndexed for parallel processing.

### 5. For each range, send a GET request with the Range header.

For example: Range: bytes=1000-1999 — meaning “give me bytes from 1000 to 1999 inclusive.”

### 6. Store the downloaded data in the results list by range index:

```
results[index] = downloaded data of this range
```

### 7. Assemble the file:

After all parts are downloaded and stored in results, write them sequentially to the final file.  
(This ensures correct order of writing)

## Summary:

Split the file into ranges (splitToRanges), downloaded all ranges in parallel via downloadAllChunks, stored each chunk in results[index].

After all threads finished — wrote all chunks to the file via combineTheParts.

## Main problem:

All parts of the file are in memory simultaneously.

For large files (1 GB, 2 GB or more), this can exhaust RAM or even crash the program.

## **Improved file download plan:**

- 1. Request file information**
  - Send a HEAD request to the server
  - Get the file size and check if the server supports partial download (Range)
- 2. Create an empty file**
  - Create a file on disk to write data into later
- 3. Split the file into parts**
  - Divide the file into multiple parts, each of size partSizeBytes (e.g., 10 MB)
- 4. Split each part into chunks**
  - Divide each part into smaller chunks for parallel downloading
- 5. Download chunks in parallel**
  - Create a thread for each chunk
  - Send an HTTP request with Range; the server returns only that piece
- 6. Assemble parts into the file**
  - Chunks are written to their respective positions in the file
  - After all chunks are downloaded, parts are combined into the original file
- 7. Repeat for all parts**
  - Continue until the entire file is fully downloaded
- 8. File ready**
  - The main function prints a message about successful download

**Unit tests for:** getFileInfo, splitToRanges, and downloadChunk.

- splitToRanges — test for a single range and uneven splitting

### **Mockito tests:**

When the function depends on external objects (e.g., the server):

- getFileInfo — function correctly reads both headers and handles when the server does not support ranges
- downloadChunk — test for response status other than 206 (Partial Content) and empty response body

**Integration test:** FileDownloadIntegrationTest

1. Verify the **full file download process**: getting file info, splitting into parts/chunks, parallel downloading, and writing to disk.
2. Compare the downloaded file with the original (using SHA-256).
3. Use a **real server** to test end-to-end functionality.

