System Calls

1. GOTTA COUNT 'EM ALL

Added array of size 32 to process struct. In the `syscall()` function in kernel/`syscall.c`, whenever a syscall is called, add it to the count. In the `sys_getSysCount()` function in kernel/`sysproc.c`, extract the required syscall from the mask and return the value of it from the current process if it's valid. While forking, syscall count is copied from parent to child. The user program syscount forks and executes the command and the parent process waits and gets the appropriate count of the syscall and prints it.

2. WAKE ME UP WHEN MY TIMER ENDS

Added the following to proc struct in proc.h:

- `int interval`: duration after which handler called
- `int current_ticks`: track ticks passed so far
- `int alarm_status`: check if alarm currently set or not
- `uint64 alarm_handler`: pointer to handler function
- `struct trapframe *alarm_tf`: copies trapframe for sigreturn

Initialized/freed these in allocproc()/freeproc() respectively. Added appropriate definitions/definitions in kernel/syscall.c, kernel/syscall.h, user/usys.pl, and user/user.h. Added the new syscalls to the list in user/syscount.c

In kernel/sysproc.c:

- Defined function uint64 sys_sigalarm(void) which updates the process with the alarm interval and handler and initializes current_ticks and alarm_status to 0.
- Defined function uint64 sys_sigreturn(void) which restores the original trapframe, frees the copied alarm trapframe, and resets alarm_status to 0. It also invokes usertrapret() which returns to userspace from the trap and continues execution of the process, now with the updated/restored trapframe.

In kernel/trap.c:

- Modified the usertrap() function
- Updated the section pertaining to timer interrupts
- If the interval is > 0, that means some interval is set, so now we check the status of the alarm. If it is 0, we can proceed as normal and update the current_ticks attribute of the process.
- Now, if the current_ticks reach the interval duration, we reset current_ticks to 0, and we now set alarm_status = 1. We use kalloc() and memmove() to store the state of the trapframe, and then update the program counter to the signal handler.

Scheduling

1. THE PROCESS POWERBALL

- Added scheduler maco to makefile.
- Added user program settickets that takes input and sets current process tickets accordingly
- Added settickets syscall to list of syscalls
- Modified proc struct in proc.h to have an additional field for tickets
- Initialize tickets to 0 in allocproc in proc.c
- In fork, set child process's tickets to same amount as it's parents tickets
- In the scheduler function, used preprocessor directives to switch between round robin and lottery based scheduling
- Now in the LBS scheduler, we iterate through all runnable processes to calculate total tickets held
- Defined a random generator and seed function in proc.c
- We then initialize the seed based on system tick count and accordingly generate random numbers
- The random number generated is deemed the winning ticket of the lottery
- Now again iterate through all processes, subtracting ticket values from the winning ticket till we get the process that holds the winning ticket
- We set this process to running and a context switch occurs to hand over control

```
xv6 kernel is booting

Using LBS

hart 2 starting
hart 1 starting
init: starting sh
$ schedulertest
Process 9 finished
Process 3 finished
Process 4 finished
Process 8 finished
Process 0 finished
Process 1 finished
Process 2 finished

21 ticket. rtime: 0, wtime: 41

19 ticket. rtime: 0, wtime: 41

17 ticket. rtime: 0, wtime: 41

15 ticket. rtime: 0, wtime: 40

13 ticket. rtime: 0, wtime: 40

11 ticket. rtime: 22, wtime: 19

9 ticket. rtime: 27, wtime: 13
Process 7 finished

7 ticket. rtime: 26, wtime: 17
Process 6 finished

5 ticket. rtime: 24, wtime: 22
Process 5 finished

3 ticket. rtime: 13, wtime: 38
Average rtime 11,  wtime 31
$ 
```

The output for the lottery based scheduler can be seen above.

```
xv6 kernel is booting

Using RR

hart 2 starting
hart 1 starting
init: starting sh
$ schedulertest
Process 8 finished

21 ticket. rtime: 26, wtime: 19
Process 7 finished

19 ticket. rtime: 25, wtime: 21
Process 6 finished

17 ticket. rtime: 25, wtime: 21
Process 9 finished

15 ticket. rtime: 25, wtime: 21
Process 5 finished

13 ticket. rtime: 15, wtime: 32
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s  3
41  1f itfiinniisshheedd

cket. rtime: 0, wtime: 200

9 ticket. rtime: 0, wtime: 200

7 ticket. rtime: 0, wtime: 200

5 ticket. rtime: 0, wtime: 200

3 ticket. rtime: 0, wtime: 200
Average rtime 11,  wtime 111
$
```

Meanwhile, above is the output for RR scheduling.

Answer to report question:

Adding arrival time ensures that if multiple processes have the same number of tickets, the older process will get higher priority. This helps avoid older processes from starvation. However, this approach also brings with it the additional overhead of checking and managing arrival times.

If all processes had the same number of tickets, the scheduler would essentially operate the same as a First Come First Serve scheduler, as it would then just continually choose the oldest process.

Networking

1. XOXO

TCP:

Firstly, created header.h:

- Define port for communication, size of each chunk and max chunks allowed
- Defined buffer size, board size, player characters and empty character
- Defined player struct consisting of their socket and their character

Created client.c:

- Initialize socket for this player to communicate with the server
- In a loop, based on data sent by server, either ask player for a move or ask them if they want to play again
- At the beginning of each iteration of the loop, clear the buffer.
- If did not receive any data, server has disconnected, so break the loop
- Otherwise, print the data from the server.
- Now if server is asking for move, return player’s move
- Else, return player’s choice to play again
- If loop terminates, close the socket

Created server.c:

- Initialize board, players array, player count, current player, game running or not as global variables.
- Also initialize mutex lock and cond variable
- Now in the main function, we set up the server and wait for players to connect
- We also set up array tid to hold identifiers for the player threads
- Now we initialize the mutex lock and condition variable
- We also initialize the board such that each tile is blank in the beginning
- We then setup server socket and begin listening for connections
- We loop twice to accept two connections from players, and store the socket descriptor for this
- We create two threads to handle player communication using pthread_create()
- The handle_client() function is responsible for handling communication with the players
- The main function waits for both threads to finish using pthread_join, after which it closes the server socket and destroys the mutex lock and condition variable

  In handle_client() :

- The function has a single argument which we cast to type Player * to represent the player structure of the corresponding client
- We maintain a buffer to send/receive messages and row and col variables to represent the players move
- While the game hasn't ended, keep looping
- We first lock the mutex so that both clients wait until their respective turns
- Whenever it is a players turn, we send them an intimation for their move. If no data is found, player has disconnected. Otherwise, update the board state with their move.
- After every move, check for a winner or a draw and send the result if that is reached
- If not, update the current player and send updated board to both
- At the end, broadcast the condition variable so the next player proceeds, and unlock the mutex
- After the game ends, ask player 1 if they want to play again. If they say yes, ask player 2 if they want to play again. If either says no, break the game loop. Otherwise, reset the board and current player and start again
- If game loop is over, close both player sockets and return control to main function

UDP:
Similar to TCP implementation, we start off with a header.h file containing relevant declarations. The broad implementation of both the TCP and UDP code is the same so for brevity I will highlight the differences here:

- Here we use SOCK_DGRAM and sendto/recvfrom functions instead of SOCK_STREAM and send/recv
- UDP doesn't allow direct connection with clients, instead it uses recvfrom to get the client address in comparison to dedicated sockets in TCP and sends to the specific clients address using sendto
- UDP involves a singular thread that handles both players unlike the two threads in TCP

2. Fake it till you make it

Firstly created header.h:
- Define port for communication, size of each chunk and max chunks allowed
- Defined timeout interval, 100000 microseconds, or 1 second
- Defined packet struct containing it's sequence number, total chunks and the data itself
- Defined packet info struct which contains the packet, the time it was sent at and if it's been acked or not

Created server.c:
- Initialize socket, Packet to store incoming packet, ack, array for each chunk, total chunks and chunks received
- In an infinite loop, listen for messages
- If we received some data, print we received this chunk

- Send an acknowledgement for that chunk
- For first chunk, get total chunks and set NULL in the array to store upcoming chunks
- If value in array for any chunk seq num is currently NULL, allocate memory for that chunk's message and store it. [Data sequencing]
- If we've received all chunks, loop through array and print values and free memory. Now reset, total, chunks received for next message and start over

Created client.c:

- Initialize ack, message, packet info, socket
- Set the socket to non-blocking mode
- In an infinite loop, get message from user
- Calculate the total chunks needed to transmit the message based on the input
- Set up packet info by setting sequence num, total chunks and message value. Also define acked as 0 by default and get the current time to be the time it is sent
- While all values haven't been acked, loop through them and check if they've been acked, If any hasn't all acked becomes false. Now check the time that the non acked packet was sent at. If it's over our time definition, resend it and update the send time. We also add a timeout to decide when to next resend it
- In this ack loop we also check if anything has been received from the server in the form of an ACK
- If yes, update that packet's info with acked and print that we have received the ack

ChatGPT Commands

I'm trying to implement a lottery based scheduler in xv6. Can you help me out by providing a random function that generates a random number that I can use for the winning ticket

Certainly! To implement a lottery-based scheduler in xv6, you will need a function to generate random numbers. xv6 does not have a built-in random number generator, so you'll need to implement one. A simple pseudo-random number generator (PRNG) that you can use is the Linear Congruential Generator (LCG).

Here's a simple implementation of an LCG in C, which you can use to generate random numbers in xv6:

```c
#define RAND_MAX 0x7fffffff

static unsigned int seed = 1;

int rand(void) {
    seed = seed * 1664525 + 1013904223;
    return (seed & RAND_MAX);
}

void srand(unsigned int s) {
    seed = s;
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```

Here's how you can integrate this into your lottery scheduler:

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    - Add the `rand` and `srand` functions to a suitable file in the xv6 source code. You can create a new file called `rand.c` and add these functions there.
2. **Include the random functions in your scheduler:**
    - In your scheduler code, you can include the `rand.h` header (which you'll need to create) to access the `rand` and `srand` functions.
3. **Initialize the seed:**
    - Initialize the seed using `srand` at some point during the boot process or at the start of the scheduler.
4. **Generate a random number to pick the winning ticket:**
    - Use the `rand` function to generate a random number each time you need to pick a winning ticket.

Here's how you can create the `rand.c` and `rand.h` files:

rand.c:

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rand.h:

```c
#ifndef RAND_H
#define RAND_H

void srand(unsigned int s);
int rand(void);

#endif
```

Integration in xv6:

1. Add the `rand.c` to your `Makefile`:
   - Find the line where the list of source files is defined and add `rand.c` to that list.

   ```makefile
   ...
   OBJS= \
       rand.o \
       ...  # other objects
   ```

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    int winning_ticket = rand() % total_tickets;

    struct proc *p;
    int current_ticket = 0;
    for(p = ptable.proc; p < &ptable.proc[NPROC]; p++) {
        if(p->state != RUNNABLE)
            continue;
        current_ticket += p->tickets;
        if(current_ticket > winning_ticket) {
            // p is the chosen process
            // Context switch to p
            ...
            break;
        }
    }
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```

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}
```

This implementation uses a simple LCG to generate random numbers, and the scheduler uses these random numbers to select a winning ticket for the lottery. This is a straightforward approach and should work well for basic lottery scheduling in xv6.

what are the general steps to add a syscall to xv6

Adding a system call (syscall) to the XV6 operating system involves several steps. Here's a general guide:

Step 1: Choose a Syscall Name and Function

1. **Decide on the functionality**: Determine what the syscall will do (e.g., read a file, get system information).
2. **Name the syscall**: Choose a descriptive name for your syscall, such as `mysyscall`.

Step 2: Define the Syscall

1. **Implement the function**:
   - Create the implementation of your syscall in a `.c` file, usually in the `kernel` directory. For example, `sys_mysyscall.c`.

```c
int sys_mysyscall(void) {
    // Implementation of the syscall
    return 0; // Return an integer as a status or result
}
```

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#define SYS_mysyscall 24 // Choose an available number
```

2. **Edit `syscall.c`:**
   - In `syscall.c`, add your syscall function to the syscall table, typically an array of function pointers:

```c
extern int sys_mysyscall(void); // Declare the syscall function

static int (*syscalls[])(void) = {
    // existing syscalls...
    [SYS_mysyscall] sys_mysyscall,
};
```

Step 4: Modify the User Interface

1. **Create a user-space wrapper:**
   - Add a user-level function to invoke your syscall. This is usually done in a header file such as `user.h`.

```c
```

c

```c
int mysyscall(void) {
    return syscall(SYS_mysyscall);
}
```

Step 5: Update the Makefile

1. **Include your new syscall file**:
   - Ensure that the newly created `.c` file is included in the compilation process. Update the `Makefile` in the `kernel` directory:

makefile

```makefile
OBJS = sys_mysyscall.o ... // Add your syscall object file here
```

Step 6: Test the Syscall

1. **Create a user-level test program**:
   - Write a simple user program that calls your new syscall to test its functionality.

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```c
#include "user.h"

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    mysyscall(); // Call your syscall
    exit(0);
}
```

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   - Compile your user program and run it to see if it works as expected.

Step 7: Debugging and Refinement

1. **Check for errors**: If the syscall does not work as intended, use print statements or a debugger to identify issues.
2. **Refine the implementation**: Make any necessary adjustments based on your testing.

Example Summary

This example briefly summarizes the process for adding a syscall named `mysyscall`:

- Implement `sys_mysyscall` in `sys_mysyscall.c`.
- Define it in `syscall.h`.
- Add it to the syscall table in `syscall.c`.
- Create a user-level wrapper in `user.h`.
- Update the `Makefile`.
- Write a test program to validate your syscall.

Note

Make sure you consult the existing syscalls in XV6 as references to ensure consistency in your implementation.

how can i use non blocking sockets and udp to send data in C

Using non-blocking sockets with UDP in C involves several steps. Here's a complete example of how to set up a non-blocking UDP socket, send data, and handle sending and receiving without blocking. This example includes creating a socket, setting it to non-blocking mode, and sending data.

Step 1: Include Required Headers

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```c
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <arpa/inet.h>
#include <fcntl.h>
#include <errno.h>
```

Step 2: Create a Non-Blocking UDP Socket

You will create a UDP socket and set it to non-blocking mode.

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```c
int create_non_blocking_udp_socket() {
    int sockfd = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_DGRAM, 0);
    if (sockfd < 0) {
        perror("socket creation failed");
```

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    // Set the socket to non-blocking mode
    int flags = fcntl(sockfd, F_GETFL, 0);
    if (flags < 0) {
        perror("fcntl get flags failed");
        close(sockfd);
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }

    if (fcntl(sockfd, F_SETFL, flags | O_NONBLOCK) < 0) {
        perror("fcntl set non-blocking failed");
        close(sockfd);
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }

    return sockfd;
}
```

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```

Step 3: Send Data Using Non-Blocking Socket

Now you can implement a function to send data. If sending fails due to the socket being non-blocking, you can handle that error appropriately.

```c
void send_data(int sockfd, const char *message, const char *ip, int port) {
    struct sockaddr_in dest_addr;
    memset(&dest_addr, 0, sizeof(dest_addr));
    dest_addr.sin_family = AF_INET;
    dest_addr.sin_port = htons(port);
    inet_pton(AF_INET, ip, &dest_addr.sin_addr);

    ssize_t sent_bytes = sendto(sockfd, message, strlen(message), 0,
                                (struct sockaddr *)&dest_addr, sizeof(dest_addr));

    if (sent_bytes < 0) {
        if (errno == EAGAIN || errno == EWOULDBLOCK) {
            // Would block, handle this case
            printf("Send would block, try again later\n");
        } else {
            perror("sendto failed");
        }
    } else {
        printf("Sent %ld bytes: %s\n", sent_bytes, message);
    }
}
```

Step 4: Example Usage

Now you can put everything together and create a simple program that sends data over UDP.

```c
int main() {
    int sockfd = create_non_blocking_udp_socket();
    const char *message = "Hello, UDP!";
    const char *ip = "127.0.0.1"; // Change this to the target IP
    int port = 8080; // Change this to the target port

    // Attempt to send data
    send_data(sockfd, message, ip, port);

    // Close the socket
    close(sockfd);
    return 0;
}
```

Explanation

1. **Socket Creation**: The `create_non_blocking_udp_socket` function creates a UDP socket and sets it to non-blocking mode using `fcntl`.
2. **Sending Data**: The `send_data` function prepares the destination address and sends the message using `sendto`. If sending would block (since the socket is non-blocking), it prints a message and continues.
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Compilation and Running

You can compile the code with `gcc`:

```bash
gcc -o udp_nonblocking udp_nonblocking.c
```

Then run it:

```bash
./udp_nonblocking
```

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Here's a simple example of how to receive data with a non-blocking socket:

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```c
void receive_data(int sockfd) {
    char buffer[1024];
    struct sockaddr_in src_addr;
    socklen_t addrlen = sizeof(src_addr);

    ssize_t received_bytes = recvfrom(sockfd, buffer, sizeof(buffer) - 1, 0,
                                      (struct sockaddr *)&src_addr, &addrlen);

    if (received_bytes < 0) {
        if (errno == EAGAIN || errno == EWOULDBLOCK) {
            // Would block, handle this case
            printf("Receive would block, try again later\n");
        } else {
            perror("recvfrom failed");
        }
    } else {
        buffer[received_bytes] = '\0'; // Null-terminate the string
        printf("Received %ld bytes: %s\n", received_bytes, buffer);
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}
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    if (received_bytes < 0) {
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            // Would block, handle this case
            printf("Receive would block, try again later\n");
        } else {
            perror("recvfrom failed");
        }
    } else {
        buffer[received_bytes] = '\0'; // Null-terminate the string
        printf("Received %ld bytes: %s\n", received_bytes, buffer);
    }
}
```

You can call `receive_data(sockfd)` in a loop or after sending data to continuously check for incoming messages.

This code provides a solid foundation for working with non-blocking UDP sockets in C. You can expand upon this as needed for your application!

define a tic tac toe game in C

Creating a Tic Tac Toe game in C is a fun project that can help you practice basic programming concepts such as arrays, loops, and conditionals. Below is a simple implementation of a command-line Tic Tac Toe game for two players.

Tic Tac Toe Game in C

Here's a complete C program for a simple Tic Tac Toe game:

c Copy code

```c
#include <stdio.h>

// Function to initialize the game board
void initializeBoard(char board[3][3]) {
    for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < 3; j++) {
            board[i][j] = ' ';
        }
    }
}

// Function to print the game board
void printBoard(char board[3][3]) {
    printf("  0 1 2\n"); // Column headers
    for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
        printf("%d ", i); // Row header
        for (int j = 0; j < 3; j++) {
            printf("%c", board[i][j]);
            if (j < 2) {
                printf("|"); // Vertical separator
            }
        }
```

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                printf(" | "); // Vertical separator
            }
        }
        printf("\n");
        if (i < 2) {
            printf("  -----\n"); // Horizontal separator
        }
    }
}

// Function to check for a win
int checkWin(char board[3][3]) {
    // Check rows and columns
    for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
        if ((board[i][0] == board[i][1] && board[i][1] == board[i][2] && board[i][0
            (board[0][i] == board[1][i] && board[1][i] == board[2][i] && board[0][i
            return 1; // Win found
        }
    }
    // Check diagonals
    if ((board[0][0] == board[1][1] && board[1][1] == board[2][2] && board[0][0] !=
        (board[0][2] == board[1][1] && board[1][1] == board[2][0] && board[0][2] !=
        return 1; // Win found
    }
    return 0; // No win
}

// Function to check for a draw
int checkDraw(char board[3][3]) {
    for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < 3; j++) {
            if (board[i][j] == ' ') {
                return 0; // Empty space found
            }
        }
    }
    return 1; // No empty space, it's a draw
```

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        }
    }
    return 1; // No empty space, it's a draw
}

int main() {
    char board[3][3];
    int row, col;
    int player = 0; // Player 0 starts
    char players[2] = {'X', 'O'}; // Player symbols

    initializeBoard(board);

    while (1) {
        printBoard(board);
        printf("Player %d (%c), enter your move (row and column): ", player + 1, pl
        scanf("%d %d", &row, &col);

        // Check if the move is valid
        if (row < 0 || row > 2 || col < 0 || col > 2 || board[row][col] != ' ') {
            printf("Invalid move, try again.\n");
            continue;
        }

        // Place the player's symbol on the board
        board[row][col] = players[player];

        // Check for win or draw
        if (checkWin(board)) {
            printBoard(board);
            printf("Player %d (%c) wins!\n", player + 1, players[player]);
            break;
        }
        if (checkDraw(board)) {
            printBoard(board);
            printf("It's a draw!\n");
```

```c
        if (checkDraw(board)) {
            printBoard(board);
            printf("It's a draw!\n");
            break;
        }

        // Switch players
        player = 1 - player; // Toggle between 0 and 1
    }

    return 0;
}
```

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4. Run the compiled program:

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   ```bash
   ./tic_tac_toe
   ```

This will start the Tic Tac Toe game, allowing two players to enter their moves and see the game progress in the terminal. Enjoy playing!

how do threads work in networking, what does pthread do, how can i use it, what is cond and mutex

Threads in networking allow programs to perform multiple tasks simultaneously, which is particularly useful for handling multiple connections in a client-server architecture. Below is an explanation of how threads work in networking, an overview of `pthread`, and a detailed description of condition variables and mutexes.

How Threads Work in Networking

1. Concurrency

- **Concurrency** allows a program to manage multiple tasks at once. In the context of networking, this means that a server can handle multiple client requests simultaneously, improving responsiveness and efficiency.

2. Threading Models

- **Multithreaded Server**: Each incoming client connection is handled by a separate thread. This way, the server can process multiple requests concurrently without blocking others.
- **Thread Pool**: A pool of worker threads is maintained. Incoming requests are assigned to an available thread, reducing the overhead of creating and destroying threads for each request.

3. Advantages

- Improved responsiveness: The server can process multiple connections simultaneously.
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What is `pthread`?

`pthread` stands for "POSIX threads," which is a standard for threading in UNIX-like operating systems. It provides a set of APIs to create and manage threads, synchronize their execution, and perform inter-thread communication.

Common `pthread` Functions

1. **Creating Threads**
    - `pthread_create()`: Used to create a new thread. It takes parameters for the thread identifier, attributes, the function to run, and arguments to pass to that function.

    ```c
    pthread_t thread;
    pthread_create(&thread, NULL, thread_function, arg);
    ```

2. **Joining Threads**
    - `pthread_join()`: Waits for a thread to terminate. It can be used to retrieve the exit status of the thread.

    ```c
    pthread_join(thread, NULL);
    ```

3. **Exiting Threads**
    - `pthread_exit()`: Terminates a thread. The exit status can be retrieved by other threads using `pthread_join()`.

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   - `pthread_attr_init()`, `pthread_attr_setdetachstate()`, etc.: Functions to set various attributes for threads, such as whether they are joinable or detached.

Using `pthread`

Here's a basic example of using `pthread` in a multithreaded server that handles client connections:

```c
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <pthread.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <arpa/inet.h>

#define PORT 8080
#define BACKLOG 5

void *handle_client(void *arg) {
    int client_socket = *((int *)arg);
    free(arg); // Free dynamically allocated memory
    char buffer[1024];

    // Communicate with the client
    recv(client_socket, buffer, sizeof(buffer), 0);
    printf("Received message: %s\n", buffer);
    send(client_socket, "Hello from server", 17, 0);

    close(client_socket);
    return NULL;
}
```

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    close(client_socket);
    return NULL;
}

int main() {
    int server_socket, *client_socket;
    struct sockaddr_in server_addr, client_addr;
    socklen_t addr_size;

    server_socket = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0);
    server_addr.sin_family = AF_INET;
    server_addr.sin_addr.s_addr = INADDR_ANY;
    server_addr.sin_port = htons(PORT);
    bind(server_socket, (struct sockaddr *)&server_addr, sizeof(server_addr));
    listen(server_socket, BACKLOG);

    printf("Server is listening on port %d\n", PORT);

    while (1) {
        addr_size = sizeof(client_addr);
        client_socket = malloc(sizeof(int)); // Allocate memory for the client sock
        *client_socket = accept(server_socket, (struct sockaddr *)&client_addr, &ad

        pthread_t thread;
        pthread_create(&thread, NULL, handle_client, client_socket);
        pthread_detach(thread); // Detach the thread to avoid memory leaks
    }

    close(server_socket);
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```

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- **Memory Management**: Memory is dynamically allocated for the client socket descriptor, which is freed in the thread function after use.

What are Condition Variables and Mutexes?

1. Mutex (Mutual Exclusion)

- **Purpose**: A mutex is used to protect shared resources from concurrent access. Only one thread can lock a mutex at a time, ensuring that critical sections of code are not executed simultaneously by multiple threads.
- **Usage**:

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```c
pthread_mutex_t mutex;
pthread_mutex_init(&mutex, NULL); // Initialize the mutex

pthread_mutex_lock(&mutex); // Lock the mutex
// Critical section
pthread_mutex_unlock(&mutex); // Unlock the mutex

pthread_mutex_destroy(&mutex); // Destroy the mutex
```

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pthread_mutex_t mutex;
pthread_mutex_init(&mutex, NULL);
pthread_cond_init(&cond, NULL);

// Thread that signals
pthread_mutex_lock(&mutex);
// Change some condition
pthread_cond_signal(&cond); // Signal waiting threads
pthread_mutex_unlock(&mutex);

// Thread that waits
pthread_mutex_lock(&mutex);
while (/* condition not met */) {
    pthread_cond_wait(&cond, &mutex); // Wait for the condition
}
pthread_mutex_unlock(&mutex);

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Conclusion

Threads play a crucial role in networking by enabling concurrent processing, improving performance, and enhancing responsiveness. The `pthread` library in C provides robust tools for managing threads, while mutexes and condition variables are essential for synchronization and coordination among threads. Understanding these concepts is fundamental for developing efficient and safe multithreaded applications in network programming.

sockets in C using tcp vs udp

Sure! Let's compare the implementation of sockets in C using TCP (Transmission Control Protocol) versus UDP (User Datagram Protocol). Both are fundamental protocols used for different types of network communication.

TCP (Transmission Control Protocol)

TCP is a connection-oriented protocol. It ensures reliable communication by establishing a connection before data can be sent and ensuring that all data packets are received in order and without errors.

Key Characteristics:

- Connection-oriented: A connection must be established between the client and server before data transfer.
- Reliable: Ensures all packets are received and in the correct order.
- Stream-oriented: Data is read as a continuous stream, with no inherent message boundaries.
- Slower: Overhead for connection setup and error checking can make it slower than UDP.

Example Code for TCP

Server:

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```c
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <arpa/inet.h>
```

```c
#define PORT 8080

int main() {
    int server_fd, new_socket;
    struct sockaddr_in address;
    int opt = 1;
    int addrlen = sizeof(address);
    char buffer[1024] = {0};
    char *hello = "Hello from server";

    // Create socket file descriptor
    if ((server_fd = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0)) == 0) {
        perror("socket failed");
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }

    // Attach socket to the port 8080
    if (setsockopt(server_fd, SOL_SOCKET, SO_REUSEADDR | SO_REUSEPORT, &opt, sizeof
        perror("setsockopt");
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }
    address.sin_family = AF_INET;
    address.sin_addr.s_addr = INADDR_ANY;
    address.sin_port = htons(PORT);

    // Bind the socket to the network address and port
    if (bind(server_fd, (struct sockaddr *)&address, sizeof(address)) < 0) {
        perror("bind failed");
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }

    // Listen for incoming connections
    if (listen(server_fd, 3) < 0) {
        perror("listen");
```

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        perror("listen");
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }

    // Accept an incoming connection
    if ((new_socket = accept(server_fd, (struct sockaddr *)&address, (socklen_t*)&a
        perror("accept");
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }

    // Read data from the client and send a response
    read(new_socket, buffer, 1024);
    printf("Message received: %s\n", buffer);
    send(new_socket, hello, strlen(hello), 0);
    printf("Hello message sent\n");

    // Close the socket
    close(new_socket);
    close(server_fd);
    return 0;
}
```

Client:

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#include <string.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <arpa/inet.h>

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```

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int main() {
    int sock = 0;
    struct sockaddr_in serv_addr;
    char *hello = "Hello from client";
    char buffer[1024] = {0};

    if ((sock = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0)) < 0) {
        printf("\n Socket creation error \n");
        return -1;
    }

    serv_addr.sin_family = AF_INET;
    serv_addr.sin_port = htons(PORT);

    // Convert IPv4 and IPv6 addresses from text to binary form
    if (inet_pton(AF_INET, "127.0.0.1", &serv_addr.sin_addr) <= 0) {
        printf("\nInvalid address/ Address not supported \n");
        return -1;
    }

    // Connect to the server
    if (connect(sock, (struct sockaddr *)&serv_addr, sizeof(serv_addr)) < 0) {
        printf("\nConnection Failed \n");
        return -1;
    }

    // Send a message to the server
    send(sock, hello, strlen(hello), 0);
    printf("Hello message sent\n");

    // Read the server's response
    read(sock, buffer, 1024);
    printf("Message received: %s\n", buffer);
```

```
    close(sock);
    return 0;
}
```

UDP (User Datagram Protocol)

UDP is a connectionless protocol. It sends data packets (datagrams) without establishing a connection, which means there is no guarantee that packets will arrive in order or at all.

Key Characteristics:

- Connectionless: No connection is established before data transfer.
- Unreliable: No guarantee that packets will be delivered or arrive in the correct order.
- Message-oriented: Data is sent in discrete packets.
- Faster: Lower overhead compared to TCP.

Example Code for UDP

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#define PORT 8080

int main() {
    int sockfd;
    char buffer[1024];
    char *hello = "Hello from server";
```

```c
    struct sockaddr_in servaddr, cliaddr;

    // Create socket file descriptor
    if ((sockfd = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_DGRAM, 0)) < 0) {
        perror("socket creation failed");
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }

    memset(&servaddr, 0, sizeof(servaddr));
    memset(&cliaddr, 0, sizeof(cliaddr));

    // Fill server information
    servaddr.sin_family = AF_INET;
    servaddr.sin_addr.s_addr = INADDR_ANY;
    servaddr.sin_port = htons(PORT);

    // Bind the socket with the server address
    if (bind(sockfd, (struct sockaddr *)&servaddr, sizeof(servaddr)) < 0) {
        perror("bind failed");
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }

    int len, n;
    len = sizeof(cliaddr); // Length of client address

    // Receive a message from the client
    n = recvfrom(sockfd, buffer, sizeof(buffer), 0, (struct sockaddr *)&cliaddr, &l
    buffer[n] = '\0';
    printf("Client : %s\n", buffer);

    // Send a response to the client
    sendto(sockfd, hello, strlen(hell 0, (struct sockaddr *)&cliaddr, len);
    printf("Hello message sent.\n");
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    sendto(sockfd, hello, strlen(hello), 0, (const struct sockaddr *)&servaddr, siz
    printf("Hello message sent.\n");

    // Receive a response from the server
    int n, len;
    n = recvfrom(sockfd, buffer, sizeof(buffer), 0, (struct sockaddr *)&servaddr, &
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    printf("Server : %s\n", buffer);

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    close(sockfd);
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