Computer	Network L	ab – Week	2			
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1. Configuration of Apache Server and Client Environment

- To create a server client architecture, two Virtual Machines were setup. The former is referred to as the server machine and the latter is the client machine.
- Apache Server was installed and configured on the server machine, and a static webpage consisting of 10 objects (images) was created and hosted on the local network between these machines.
- We need to observe and determine the effect of the number of persistent connections on the load time of this static webpage.

1.1 Setting up Apache Server

- The Apache Server can be installed with sudo apt install apache2.
- The status of the newly installed server can be viewed **using systemctl status** apache2.

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student@CSELAB:~$ systemctl status apache2
apache2.service - LSB: Apache2 web server
Loaded: loaded (/etc/init.d/apache2; bad; vendor preset: enabled)
  Drop-In: /lib/systemd/system/apache2.service.d
              -apache2-systemd.conf
   Active: active (running) since Wed 2021-02-03 13:06:50 IST; 13min ago
      Docs: man:systemd-sysv-generator(8)
  Process: 3135 ExecReload=/etc/init.d/apache2 reload (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
  Process: 1076 ExecStart=/etc/init.d/apache2 start (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
   CGroup: /system.slice/apache2.service
             —1212 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
               -3154 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
             —3155 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
             —3156 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
              —3157 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
             └─3158 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
Feb 03 13:06:44 CSELAB systemd[1]: Starting LSB: Apache2 web server...
Feb 03 13:06:44 CSELAB apache2[1076]: * Starting Apache httpd web server apache2
Feb 03 13:06:48 CSELAB apache2[1076]: AH00558: apache2: Could not reliably determine the server's fully qualified domain name, using 127.0.1.1.
Feb 03 13:06:50 CSELAB apache2[1076]:
Feb 03 13:06:50 CSELAB systemd[1]: Started LSB: Apache2 web server.
Feb 03 13:11:32 CSELAB systemd[1]: Reloading LSB: Apache2 web server.
Feb 03 13:11:32 CSELAB apache2[3135]: * Reloading Apache httpd web server apache2
Feb 03 13:11:32 CSELAB apache2[3135]: *
Feb 03 13:11:32 CSELAB systemd[1]: Reloaded LSB: Apache2 web server.
lines 1-25/25 (END)
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- The Apache Server also needs to be configured to allow persistent connections. This is done by editing the **apache2.conf** configuration file and setting the options
 - o Keep Alive to On
 - o MaxKeepAliveRequests to 2

Command: \$sudo nano /etc/apache2/apache2.conf

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File: apache2.conf

PidFile ${APACHE_PID_FILE}

#
    Timeout: The number of seconds before receives and sends time out.

#
    Timeout 300

#
    KeepAlive: Whether or not to allow persistent connections (more than one request per connection). Set to "Off" to deactivate.

KeepAlive On

#
    MaxKeepAliveRequests: The maximum number of requests to allow during a persistent connection. Set to 0 to allow an unlimited amount.

# We recommend you leave this number high, for maximum performance.

#
    KeepAliveRequests 2

#
    KkeepAliveTimeout: Number of seconds to wait for the next request from the same client on the same connection.

#
    KkeepAliveTimeout 5

# These need to be set in /etc/apache2/envvars
User ${APACHE_RUN_USER}
Group ${APACHE_RUN_USER}
Group ${APACHE_RUN_GROUP}

#
    HostnameLookups: Log the names of clients or just their IP addresses e.g., www.apache.org (on) or 204.62.129.132 (off).

# The default is off because it'd be overall better for the net if people thad to knowingly turn this feature on, since enabling it means that
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1.2 Adding Custom IP Addresses for Server and Client

- A custom IP Address was set for both the Server and Client machines
- The Server IP Address was set to 10.0.8.06/24 and the Client IP Address was set to 10.0.8.80/24
- The IP address were assigned using the **sudo ip addr add** command

```
Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr b8:ae:ed:a5:a5:4d
inet addr:10.0.8.6 Bcast:10.0.8.255 Mask:255.255.255.0
inet6 addr: fe80::a22f:b0bb:60d3:8e1c/64 Scope:Link
UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST MTU:1500 Metric:1
RX packets:25492 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
TX packets:17867 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
RX bytes:30679387 (30.6 MB) TX bytes:1932660 (1.9 MB)

Link encap:Local Loopback
inet addr:127.0.0.1 Mask:255.0.0.0
inet6 addr: ::1/128 Scope:Host
UP LOOPBACK RUNNING MTU:65536 Metric:1
RX packets:6566 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
TX packets:6566 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
collisions:0 txqueuelen:1
RX bytes:525327 (525.3 KB) TX bytes:525327 (525.3 KB)
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1.3 Hosting the Webpage

- The webpage can be hosted by moving the html script and the images to the server path
- The server path is /var/www/html/

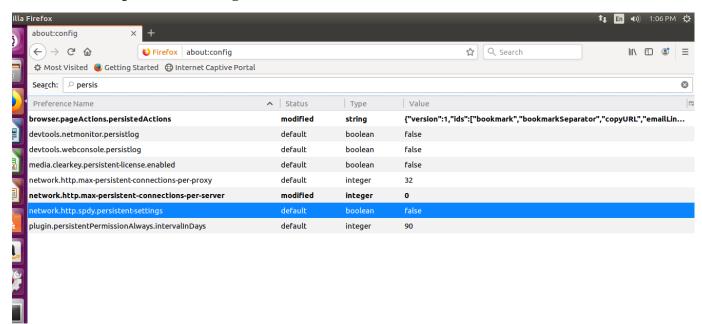
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🔊 🖃 📵 student@CSELAB: /var/www/html
student@CSELAB:/var/www/html$ ls
                                                         img6.jpg
img7.jpg
lmg10.jpg img2.jpg
                                      img4.jpg
                                                                               img8.jpg
                                                                                                   index1.html
                                                                                                                            info.php
img1.jpg img3.jpg img5.jpg img7.jpg img9
student@CSELAB:/var/www/html$ cat index1.html
                                                                               img9.jpg
                                                                                                   index.html
<html>
<head>
<title>WEEK2</title>
</head>
<body>
<h2>IMAGES</h2>
<ing src="/var/www/html/img1.jpg">
<img src="/var/www/html/img1.jpg">
<img src="/var/www/html/img3.jpg">
<img src="/var/www/html/img4.jpg">
<img src="/var/www/html/img5.jpg">
<img src="/var/www/html/img5.jpg">
<img src="/var/www/html/img6.jpg">
<img src="/var/www/html/img7.jpg">
<img src="/var/www/html/img7.jpg">
<img src="/var/www/html/img8.jpg">
<img src="/var/www/html/img8.jpg">

<img src="/var/www/html/img8.jpg">
img src="/var/www/html/img9.jpg">
<img src="/var/www/html/img10.jpg">
</body>
/html>
student@CSELAB:/var/www/html$
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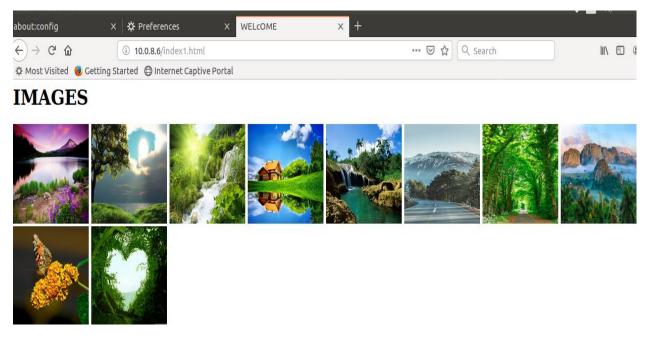
Created index1.html file in the path /var/www/html/

2. Non-Persistent Connection

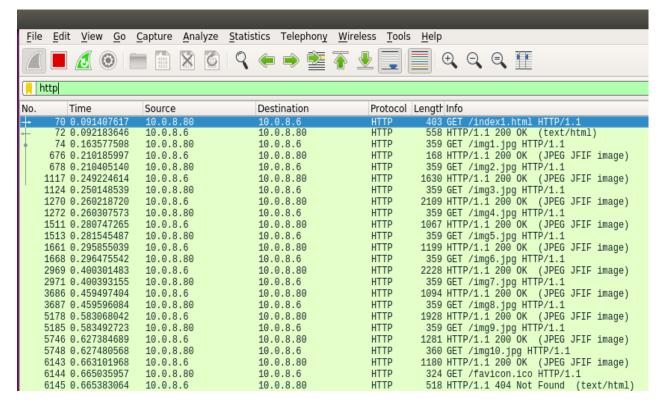
- To setup a non-persistent connection, we need to configure a few settings on our browser
- On Firefox, we set the **max-persistent-connections-per-server to 0** and **persistent-settings to false**



- Access web page on client-side browser (Firefox)
- The client could access the file as: 10.0.8.6/index1.html
- Here the file name is index1.html present in server. So, by tying **10.0.8.6/index1.html** in client browser, we will be able to open the requested web page



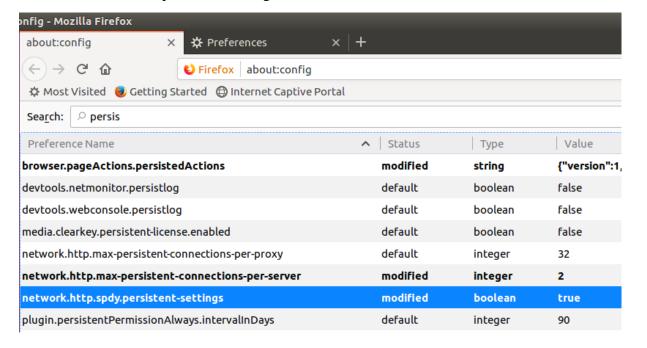
2.1 Non-Persistent connection Packet Capture Screenshot



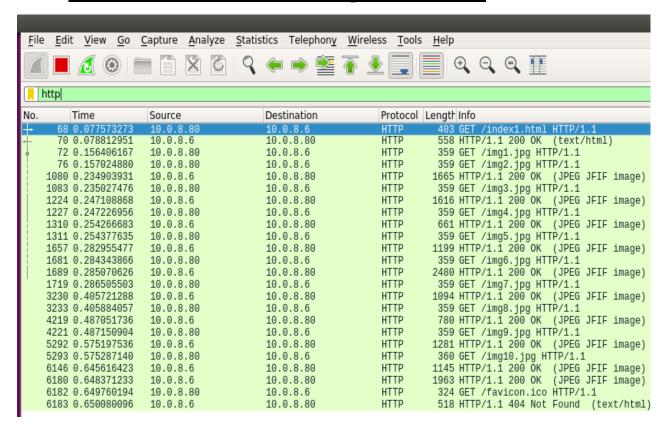
0.663101968 - 0.091407617 = 0.571694351

3. Persistent Connection

- To setup a persistent connection, we need to configure a few settings on our browser
- On Firefox, we set the max-persistent-connections-per-server to anything greater than 0 and persistent-settings to **true**

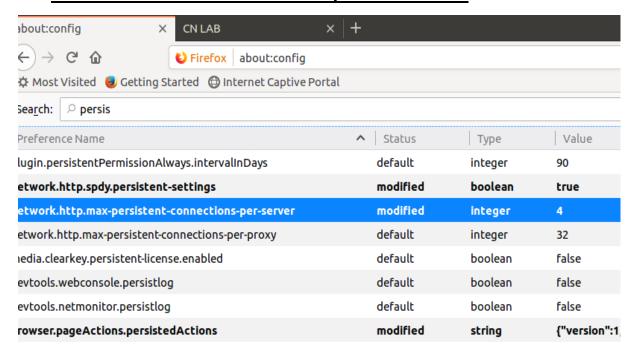


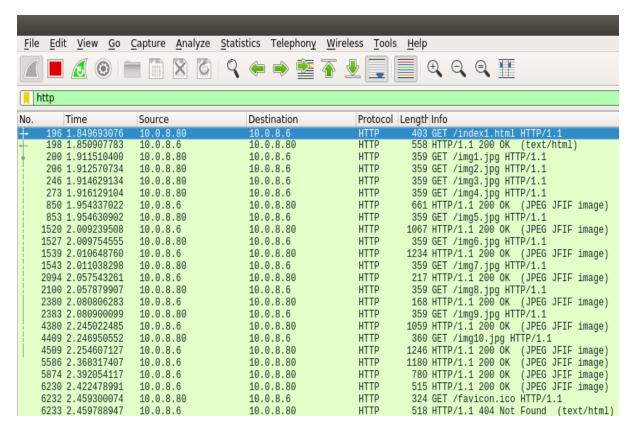
3.1. 2 Persistent Connections Packet Capture Screenshot



0.648371233 - 0.077573273 = 0.57079796

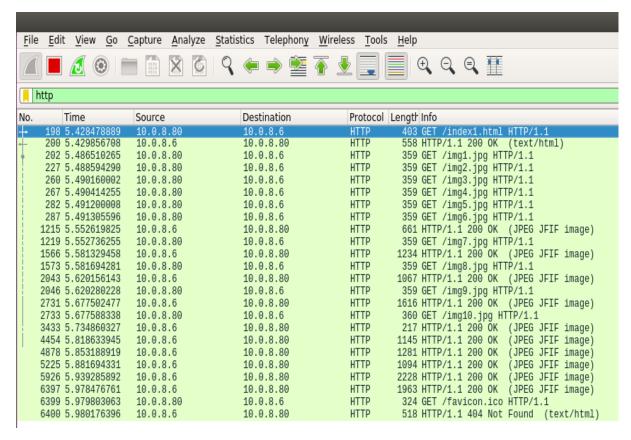
3.2. 4 Persistent Connections Packet Capture Screenshot





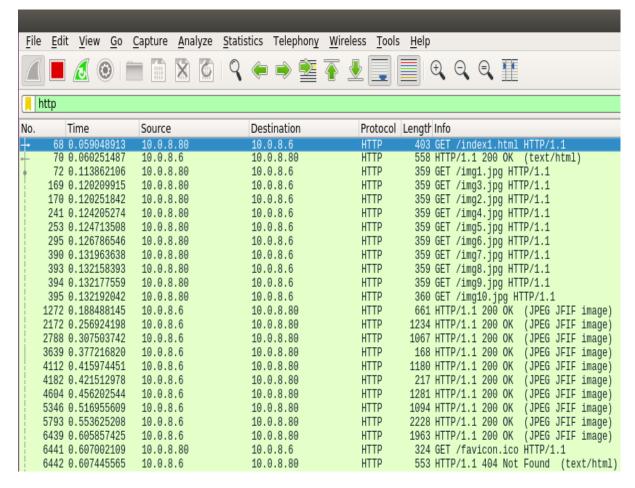
2.422478991 - 1.849693076 = 0.572785915

3.4. 6 Persistent Connections Packet Capture Screenshot



5.978476761 - 5.428478889 = 0.549997872

3.5. 10 Persistent Connections Packet Capture Screenshot



0.605857425 - 0.059048913 = 0.546808512

4. Observations:

- We can calculate the total load time as the difference between the first GET time which corresponds to the time when the html page was requested and the last response time, which corresponds to when the last image was sent back.
- On doing so, we can construct the following observations table –

Persistent Connections	Time at first GET	Time at last Response	Load Time
0	0.091407617	0.663101968	0.571694351
2	0.077573273	0.648371233	0.57079796
4	1.849693076	2.422478991	0.572785915
6	5.428478889	5.978476761	0.549997872
10	0.059048913	0.605857425	0.546808512