GEBZE TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY CSE344 – MIDTERM DOCUMENTATION

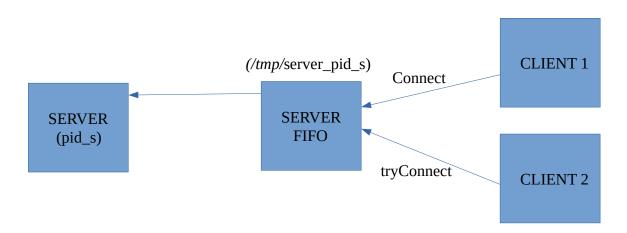
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1) System Design and Decisions:

- In this system, all communication is done using FIFOs.
- Server's main work directory is always "/tmp" folder.

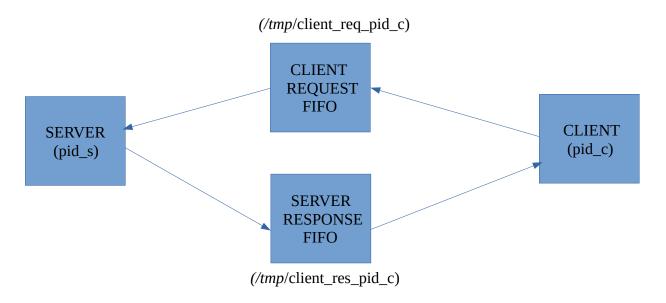
1.a) Server – Client First Connection Design:

- When server is started, it makes a FIFO under "/tmp" folder and prompts its PID.
- Clients can send connection request to server by sending their PID and connect type to this FIFO.
- Server then reads these requests one-by-one and evaluates if they can connect and waits if they need to wait.



1.b) Server – Client Bidirectional Communication Design:

- When client is connected to the server, there are 2 FIFOs for communication.
- One FIFO is for client requests, and another one is for server responses.
- Server waits request from client by trying to read the client request FIFO.
- Client then waits response from server by trying to read the server response FIFO.
- These FIFOs are also under "/tmp" folder.



1.c) Synchronization for File Operations:

- Synchronization for file operations are mainly provided by using "fcntl write locks".
- When a child process of the server wants to access to a file, it needs to get the lock first no matter if it's read or write so that there is no race condition between operations.

1.d) Synchronization Between Server's Parent and Child Processes:

- Server needs to know how many child processes are alive so that it can keep the counter and make check for new connection request.
- This is provided by handling SIGCHLD signal. When a child process terminates, the OS send SIGCHLD signal to the parent so the parent can decrement its counter.
- There is no race condition for the counter because we have only one thread in the server's parent process and when SIGCHLD signal handler is working, the main thread has to wait. However, to prevent any miss read of counter, SIGCHLD signal is masked when a new connection request is read and unmask when connection check is done.

SIGCHLD Signal Handler:

- When a SIGCHLD signal arrives, signal handler waits in a loop until there is no SIGCHLD signal remained because SIGCHLD signals can arrive at the same time. It does this by checking if there is no child remained, or waitpid result is 0.
- When a child pid is acquired, it finds this pid in the child pids array and removes. This array later is used to send kill signals to the child processes.

1.e) FIFO Long Message Sending/Reading Design:

- There is a need to design a system that can handle long messages for upload, download and archFile commands.
- For this purpose, I designed a message system that when server or client waits a message from another, they need to read the message in a loop.

- In this loop, they first get the metadata of the message which contains the message length and the status.
- Message length indicates that we need to read until this size, because the other part is writing that long message.
- Message status indicates whether message transmission is done or we need to continue reading.

Metadata Struct:

```
struct metadata_t {
    int len;
    int is_sent_completely;
};
```

- This provides a way of tackling the exceeding FIFO/PIPE max length problem.

1.f) Signal Handling:

- There are some signal handlers set in server and client processes.

SIGCHLD:

- As I mentioned above, the server process has SIGCHLD handler for reaping the child PIDs.
- It provides a way of keeping the counter update and preventing zombie processes.

SIGINT - SIGTERM:

- Both server processes and client process have signal handlers for SIGINT and SIGTERM.
- When these signals are arrived:
- * Opened files are closed.
- * Opened FIFOs are closed.
- * Temp files are closed and unlinked if any.
- * SIGTERM signal is sent to child processes and child processes are waited for reaping up. So, child processes are closed if any.

1.g) Error Handling:

- Almost all system calls are wrapped up in a if condition to check if there is a problem with the system call.
- If the errno is set to EINTR or EAGAIN the system call is called again. This provides a way preventing interruptions in slow system calls like read/write.
- I/O operations are written in the "utility.c" by wrapping up them all to prevent interruptions. In this way, I prevented code duplication also.

2) Important Notes for Usage:

2.1) Input Constraints:

- To prevent exceeding the buffers and unintended results there are some restrictions on the inputs.

- Directory name can have at most 924 characters.
- Client commands can have at most 5095 characters.
- File names and strings in the client commands can have at most what it is remained from the max client command size above which is 5095.
- The max connection can be max 1024 since we need to keep an array of child pids to send kill signals to them afterwards.

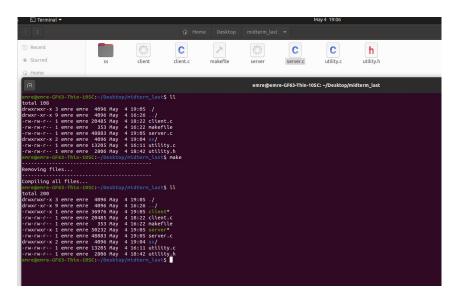
2.2) archServer Design:

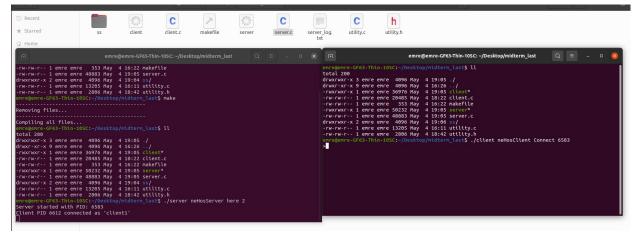
- From the midterm documentation PDF, I concluded that we need to download the server side files into the client side since it says "downloading" after command in the PDF.
- So, I downloaded the files into the client side and tar them using fork + exec and tar utility as expected. The final archive file is in the client side for this reason. It is not written that we need to upload the files to the server side again in the midterm PDF.

2.3) Compiling and Running the Server and Client:

Compiling:

- You can use make to compile the project as a whole as below. Two .out files will be generated. One of them is for server and one of them is for client. You can execute them by giving proper arguments.

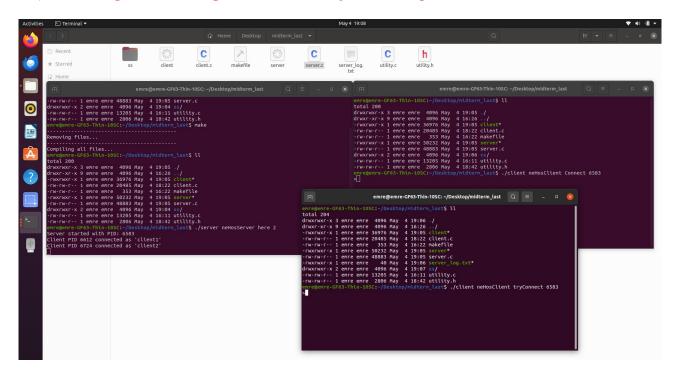




3) Test Cases and Results:

- You can find the test cases and their result screenshots and explanations below.

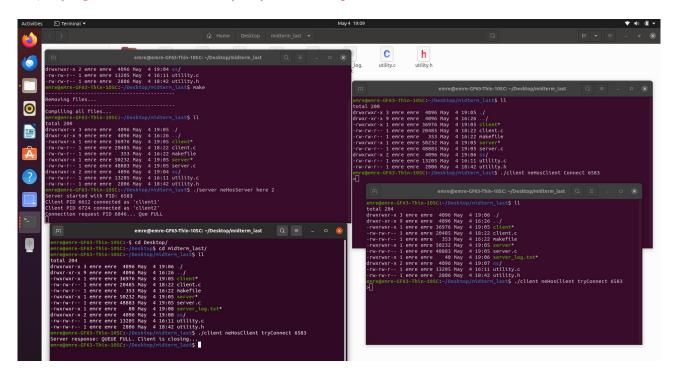
3.1) Connecting to server using "Connect" and "tryConnect" options:



The leftmost one is server. The right two ones are clients.

As it is seen from the screenshot, the server has 2 slots and 2 clients are connected to it now. One of them is connected using "Connect" and one of them is connected using "tryConnect". Now, the client processes are waiting for input by prompting.

3.2) Trying to connect to server by "tryConnect" option when server is full:

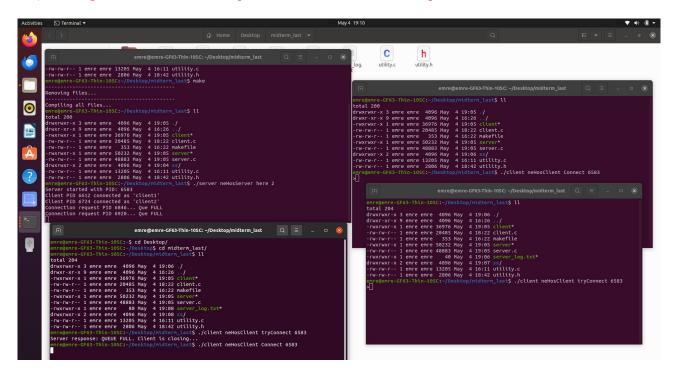


The top-left is server.

The right ones and the bottom-left are clients.

As it is seen from the screenshots, the bottom-left client is trying to connect to the server using "tryConnect", but it can not connect because the server is full. It terminates the process immediately without waiting the queue.

3.3) Waiting to connect when the queue is full with "Connect" option:

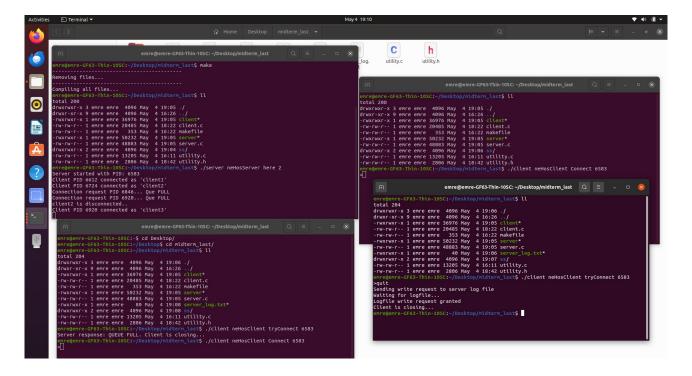


The top-left is server.

The right ones and the bottom-left are clients.

As it is seen from the screenshots, the bottom-left client is waiting for the queue since "Connect" option is used. In the next test case, we will see that it will connect to the server when one of the clients are disconnected so there is an available spot.

3.4) Connecting to the full server when one of the clients are disconnected by "Connect" option:



The top-left is server.

The right ones and the bottom-left are clients.

As it is seen from the screenshots, the bottom-right client is disconnected and the waiting client in the bottom-left is connected to the server immediately.

3.5) List command when there is no file in the server side:

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emre@emre-GF63-Thin-105C:-/Desktop/midterm_last Q = - 0 ×

emre@emre-GF63-Thin-105C:-/Desktop/midterm_last S nake

Removing files...

emre@emre-GF63-Thin-105C:-/Desktop/midterm_last S ll

total 280

druxruxr-x 3 enre enre 4998 May 4 19:05 ./

emre@emre-GF63-Thin-105C:-/Desktop/midterm_last S ll

total 280

druxruxr-x 3 enre enre 4998 May 4 19:05 ./

emre@emre-GF63-Thin-105C:-/Desktop/midterm_last S ll

total 280

druxruxr-x 3 enre enre 4998 May 4 19:05 ./

emre@emre-GF63-Thin-105C:-/Desktop/midterm_last S ll

total 280

druxruxr-x 1 enre enre 39376 May 4 19:05 .clent*

--Nuxruxr-x 1 enre enre 29488 May 4 19:05 .clent*

--Nuxruxr-x 1 enre enre 3938 May 4 19:05 .clent*

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--Nuxruxr-x 1 enre enre 3938 May 4 19:05 .creakefule

--Nuxruxr-x 1 enre enre 4998 May 4 19:05 .creakefule

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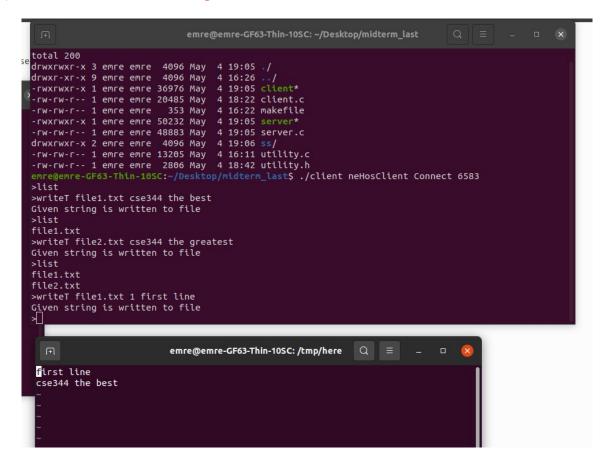
When there is no file in the server side yet, the list command prints nothing.

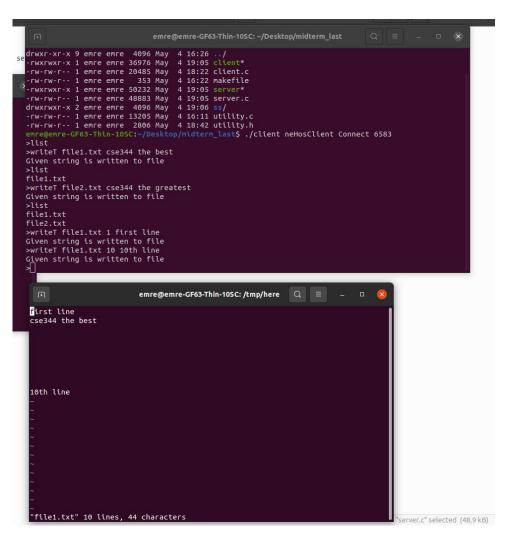
3.6) "list" command when there are files in the server side and "write" command without line:

When we write some files to the server using writeT command and after enter list command, we can see the list of files in the server side.

When there is no line specified in the command, writeT command writes the given string to the file by creating the file.

3.7) "writeT" command with line given:





As we can see, we entered the command writeT to file1.txt with line given as 1 two times. The first one is written to the first line, and then the second command is entered so this also wrote to the first line. As a result, we can confirm that writeT with line works by checking the file1.txt's content.

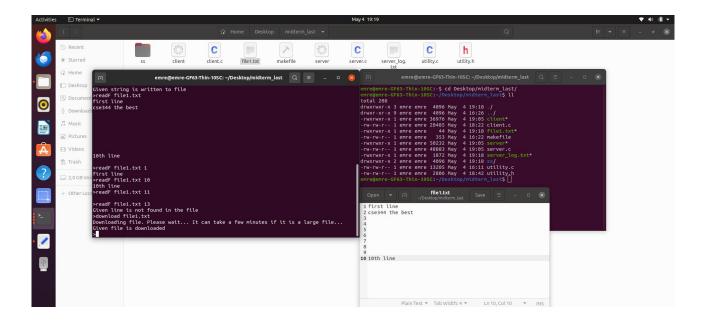
3.8) "readF" command with/out line given:

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>readF file1.txt
first line
cse344 the best

10th line
>readF file1.txt 1
first line
>readF file1.txt 10
10th line
>readF file1.txt 11
>readF file1.txt 11
>readF file1.txt 13
Given line is not found in the file
>=
```

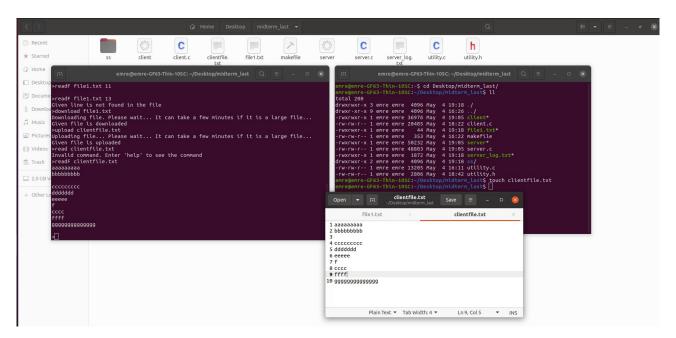
As we saw the content of the file1.txt file above in test 3.7, we can confirm that readF is working with and without line by checking the results.

3.9) "download" command working result:



As we see, the file1.txt is downloaded to the client side properly. We can confirm that by checking if the file is really in the client side and the content of the file. As you see, I show these by using ll command and showing the client side directory. There is nothing related to client and server are running in the same folder, the server side files are kept under "/tmp/given_dir_name" directory. You can confirm that in the upload test's screenshot as I'm showing the contents of this directory there.

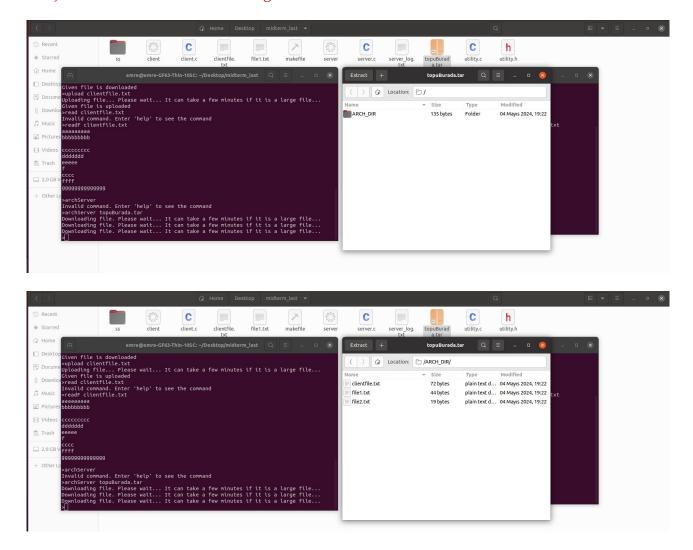
3.10) "upload" command working result:



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                        emre@emre-GF63-Thin-10SC: /tmp/here
mre@emre-GF63-Thin-10SC:~$ cd /tmp/here/
mre@emre-GF63-Thin-10SC:/tmp/here$ ll
total 28
                       4096 May
rwxrwxr-x 2 emre emre
                                  4 19:21
drwxrwxrwt 20 root root 12288 May
                                  4 19:55
          1 emre emre
                          72 May
                                  4 19:21 clientfile.txt*
LMXLMXL-X
           1 emre emre
                          44 May
                                  4 19:15 file1.txt*
LMXLMXL-X
                                  4 19:12 file2.txt*
rwxrwxr-x 1 emre emre
                          19 May
mre@emre-GF63-Thin-10SC:/tmp/here$
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As you can see, client.txt is uploaded to the server side properly.

3.11) "archServer" command working result:

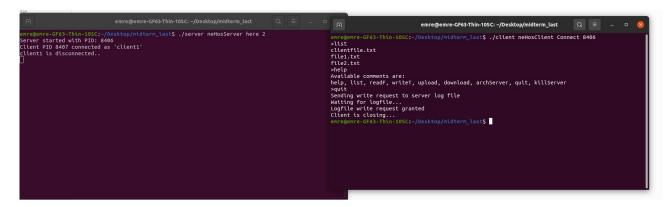


As it is seen directly, server side files are archieved in the given tar name "topuBurada.tar". It contains a folder containing all server side files. The files are downloaded from the server one-by-one as it is written in the PDF file.

3.12) "help" command working result:

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Available comments are:
help, list, readf, writeT, upload, download, archServer, quit, killServer
help, list, readf, writeT, upload, download, archServer, quit, killServer
help, list, sends a request to display the list of files in Servers directory (also displays the list received from the Server)
help readf
readf stiles vine by vine the line of the stiles, returns with an error if stiles does not exists
help writeT
writeT stiles vine by vine stile vine by vine the content of "string" to the #th line the stiles, if the line # is not given writes to the end of file. If the file does not exists in Servers directory
y creates and edits the file at the same time
help upload
upload stiles: uploads the file from the current working directory of client to the Servers directory (beware of the cases no file in clients current working directory and file with the same name on Serv
ers side)
help download
download stiles: request to receive stiles from Servers directory to client side
shelp archServer
archServer stileNemes.tar: Using fork, exec and tar utilities create a child process that will collect all the files currently available on the the Server side and store them in the stilenames.tar archiv
energy of the server side log file and quits
help achiever
killServer: Sends a kill request to the Server
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3.13) "quit" command working result:



As you can see, when quit command is sent the client is closed and the server worker process is also closed. You can also check the log file's content below.

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If Clear PID data as clear request List comman

If Clear PID data as clear request List processed successfully

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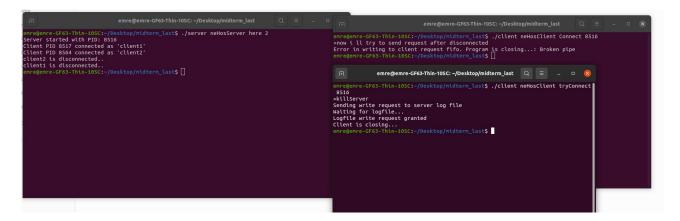
If Clear PID data as clear request RAPP processed successfully

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3.14) "killServer" command working result:



When client sent "killServer" command, the server side and client side is closed. Server is completely closed by the way as it says like that in the PDF. The server closes all the child processes meanwhile as you can see, the other child process was closed successfully.