NETWORK PROGRAMMING WITH SOCKETS

In this program we illustrate the use of Berkeley sockets for interprocess communication across the network. We show the communication between a server process and a client process.

Since many server processes may be running in a system, we identify the desired server process by a "port number". Standard server processes have a worldwide unique port number associated with it. For example, the port number of SMTP (the sendmail process) is 25. To see a list of server processes and their port numbers see the file /etc/services

In this program, we choose port number 6000 for our server process. Here we shall demonstrate TCP connections only. For details and for other types of connections see:

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To create a TCP server process, we first need to open a "socket" using the socket() system call. This is similar to opening a file, and returns a socket descriptor. The socket is then bound to the desired port number. After this the process waits to "accept" client connections.

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#include <stdio.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
/* The following three files must be included for network programming */
#include <sys/socket.h>
#include <netinet/in.h>
#include <arpa/inet.h>
                  /* THE SERVER PROCESS */
      /* Compile this program with cc server.c -o server
         and then execute it as ./server &
      * /
main()
                        sockfd, newsockfd ; /* Socket descriptors */
      int
      int
                        clilen;
      struct sockaddr in
                              cli_addr, serv_addr;
      int i;
      char buf[100];
                              /* We will use this buffer for communication */
      /* The following system call opens a socket. The first parameter
         indicates the family of the protocol to be followed. For internet
         protocols we use AF_INET. For TCP sockets the second parameter
         is SOCK_STREAM. The third parameter is set to 0 for user
         applications.
      if ((sockfd = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0)) < 0) {</pre>
            printf("Cannot create socket\n");
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exit(0);
}
/* The structure "sockaddr_in" is defined in <netinet/in.h> for the
   internet family of protocols. This has three main fields. The
  field "sin family" specifies the family and is therefore AF INET
  for the internet family. The field "sin addr" specifies the
   internet address of the server. This field is set to INADDR_ANY
   for machines having a single IP address. The field "sin_port"
   specifies the port number of the server.
serv_addr.sin_family
                              = AF_INET;
serv_addr.sin_addr.s_addr
                            = INADDR_ANY;
serv_addr.sin_port
                              = htons(6000);
/* With the information provided in serv_addr, we associate the server
  with its port using the bind() system call.
if (bind(sockfd, (struct sockaddr *) &serv_addr,
                        sizeof(serv_addr)) < 0) {</pre>
     printf("Unable to bind local address\n");
     exit(0);
}
listen(sockfd, 5); /* This specifies that up to 5 concurrent client
                  requests will be queued up while the system is
                  executing the "accept" system call below.
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/* In this program we are illustrating a concurrent server -- one
  which forks to accept multiple client connections concurrently.
  As soon as the server accepts a connection from a client, it
  forks a child which communicates with the client, while the
  parent becomes free to accept a new connection. To facilitate
  this, the accept() system call returns a new socket descriptor
  which can be used by the child. The parent continues with the
  original socket descriptor.
while (1) {
      /* The accept() system call accepts a client connection.
         It blocks the server until a client request comes.
         The accept() system call fills up the client's details
         in a struct sockaddr which is passed as a parameter.
         The length of the structure is noted in clilen. Note
         that the new socket descriptor returned by the accept()
         system call is stored in "newsockfd".
      clilen = sizeof(cli_addr);
     newsockfd = accept(sockfd, (struct sockaddr *) &cli_addr,
                        &clilen);
      if (newsockfd < 0) {
            printf("Accept error\n");
            exit(0);
      }
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/* Having successfully accepted a client connection, the
               server now forks. The parent closes the new socket
               descriptor and loops back to accept the next connection.
            if (fork() == 0) {
                  /* This child process will now communicate with the
                     client through the send() and recv() system calls.
                  close(sockfd);
                                    /* Close the old socket since all
                                 communications will be through
                                 the new socket.
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                  /* We initialize the buffer, copy the message to it,
                     and send the message to the client.
                  strcpy(buf, "Message from server");
                  send(newsockfd, buf, strlen(buf) + 1, 0);
                  /* We again initialize the buffer, and receive a
                     message from the client.
                  for(i=0; i < 100; i++) buf[i] = '\0';
                  recv(newsockfd, buf, 100, 0);
                  printf("%s\n", buf);
                  close(newsockfd);
                  exit(0);
            close(newsockfd);
      }
}
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