CMPSC 381 Data Communications and Networks Spring 2016 Bob Roos

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Lab 5 25 February 2016 Due via Bitbucket on Thursday, 3 March, 8 a.m. NOTE THE 8 a.m. DEADLINE!

Summary: Create a file upload protocol with TCP

Details: In class on Wednesday, 24 February, we looked at two programs named filerecv.py and filesend.py. Program filerecv.py listens for connection requests on port 12345; when such a request arrives, filerecv.py immediately begins saving the received data to a file until the connection closes. Program filesend.py asks the user for the name of a file and then connects to filerecv.py and sends the contents of the file.

Think of filesend as a primitive backup application that connects to a backup system represented by filerecv.

Today you are going to expand this into a file upload protocol that will behave as in Figure 1.

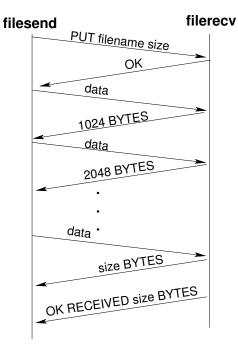


Figure 1: The upload protocol

You will run the filerecv.py program first, then use filesend.py to upload files. See sample outputs in Figure 2.

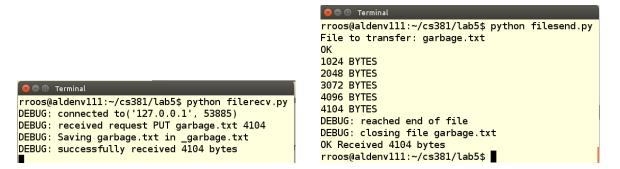


Figure 2: Sample output from filerecv.py and filesend.py

Here's a quick run-through of the process:

- Program filerecv.py opens a socket and listens
- Program filesend.py asks the user for the name of a file (example: garbage.txt), computes the size of the file (let's say it's 4104 bytes), and sends the message "PUT garbage.txt 4104"
- Program filerecv extracts the filename and filesize from the message, opens a file named "_filename" (e.g., "_garbage.txt"), and sends back the message "OK". Then it enters a loop to repeatedly read blocks of data
- Inside the loop, filerecv receives a block of data, saves it in the file, and sends a message back to the client stating how many bytes have been received so far (this number will grow in steps of 1024 until the very last one)
- Program filesend.py will print out all of the server's replies, including the beginning and ending "OK" messages and the running totals of the number of bytes uploaded
- The loop in program filerecv.py terminates when the number of bytes received equals the size of the file specified in the request (don't simply keep looping until you receive a block of size zero—ask if you don't understand why this won't work here)
- filerecv.py sends one more message to the client saying "OK Received ... bytes", then closes the connection and listens for another request
- filesend.py receives and prints the "OK" message, closes the connection, and terminates

To prevent accidental overwriting of files during the debugging process, I added a leading underscore character "_" to the file name that was given in the "PUT" message (thus, "PUT garbage.txt..." will copy to a file named "_garbage.txt")

Finding the Size of a File.

Your filesend client must determine the size of the file to be sent—this is done using the "os.path.getsize(...)" function:

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import os.path
    ...
    filename = raw_input('File to transfer: ')
    f = open(filename, 'rb')
    filesize = os.path.getsize(filename)
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Debugging

I suggest you include lots of print statements to track the progress of your programs—I've showed examples of some of these in the sample output. Note that the only non-debugging output in the sample is when filesend echoes the replies from filerecv. These are the cumulative bytes received and the two "OK" messages.

[Submit your work.] Make sure you have fully-commented Python programs named "yourlastname-filerecv.py and "yourlastname-filesend.py in your lab5 folder. Upload this folder to your Bitbucket repository by the lab deadline.

Make sure your name and the honor code pledge appear at the top of both program files.