HTTP Server Final Project Documentation

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Introduction

The goal of this project was to create an HTTP Server to serve static websites. I intended it to be a proof of concept, as a learning opportunity not as a production-ready software.

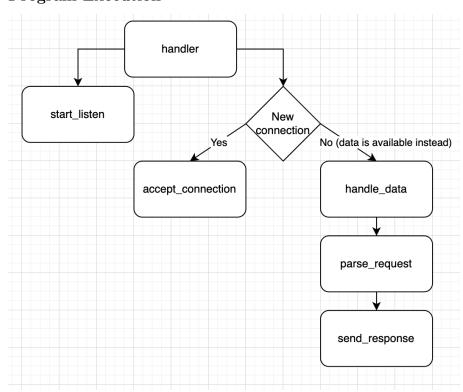
Program Interface

Makefile is currently written for MacOS and the current implementation only works on MacOS/FreeBSD because it uses kqueue.

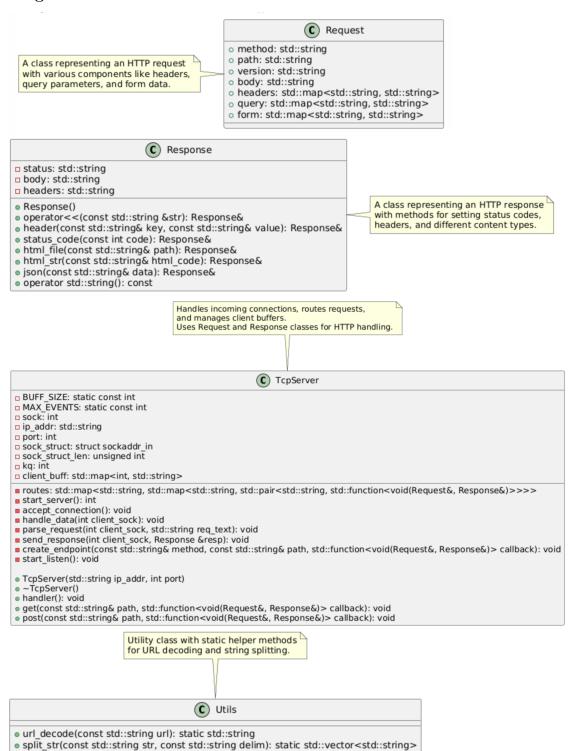
foo@bar:~\$ make

foo@bar:~\$./bin/main

Program Execution



Program Structure



Input and Output

The program uses the given resource files (html, css, images, etc...) as input files. Output is only for debugging purposes.

Improvements and Extensions

Pipeline for multi-use connections, HTTPS support, cookies, caching, multithreading and proper error handling could be things that I implement next.

Difficulties Encountered

Time crunch was the main issue for me this time. Understanding and implementing kqueue was quite complex as well.

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