

# hw4

**Due** Feb 17, 2016 by 11:59pm **Points** 10 **Submitting** a file upload **File Types** zip, tgz, tar.gz, and bz2

**Due: 11:59 PM on Wednesday, Feb. 17.**

**You should complete this homework with your chosen partner.** You may change partners for this homework if you wish, but you don't need to. Please register your partnership by joining a HW 4 group on Canvas. (If you don't know what this means, please ask in class.)

For this homework, you will implement a rudimentary web server. The purpose is for you to begin taking advantage of concurrency in Rust.

## The deliverable

The purpose of `web_server` is to respond to the single command of HTTP 0.9, the GET method, which has the following shape:

```
GET /path/to/file HTTP
```

That is, it is the **literal** world GET, followed by a blank space, followed by a Unix-style absolute path to a file, followed by another blank space and the **literal** token HTTP. The following line is a blank line. For forward compatibility, you should also accept newer HTTP versions, which will end their request with a token that includes the version, *e.g.*, HTTP/1.1. And you should skip over any header lines following the request but preceding the blank line. In return to a valid GET request, the web server spawns a thread that retrieves the request, records it to a log file, and generates a response. For this assignment, the following four response statuses are appropriate:

- 200 OK, which starts a reply that serves the specified file;
- 400 Bad Request, which indicates that the command is not a properly formatted GET command;
- 403 Forbidden, which rejects a command because it specifies a file that is off-limits; and
- 404 Not Found, which informs the client that the specified file does not exist.

Each response is preceded by HTTP/1.0 and blank space.

The complete header of a 200 OK response is formatted as follows:


```
HTTP/1.0 200 OK
{name-of-web-server}
Content-type: text/{plain-or-text}
Content-length: {number-of-bytes-sent}
```

including a blank line afterward. To keep things simple, the `{plain-or-html}` property is either `html` for files whose suffix is `.html` or `plain` for all others.

The remainder of a 200 OK message is the content of the specified file.

A path specification `{path-to-file}` must start with `/` and is interpreted after concatenating it with the server's root path:

- If the resulting path points to a file, the file is served with a 200 OK response unless its permissions do not allow so.
- If the resulting path points to a directory, it is interpreted as pointing to one of these files: `index.html`, `index.shtml`, and `index.txt`. The first file found is served assuming it is accessible. Otherwise the path triggers a 404-message.
- Otherwise the server responds with an error message.

Your web server should listen on localhost (127.0.0.1), port 8080. To explore its workings, point your web browser to <http://localhost:8080/src/main.rs>  (<http://localhost:8080/src/main.rs>) (assuming you are running it out of the Cargo directory) or use telnet:

```
$ telnet 127.0.0.1 8080
Trying 127.0.0.1...
Connected to localhost.
Escape character is '^]'.
GET /src/main.rs HTTP
```

The result should be a response of this shape:

```
HTTP/1.0 200 OK
jat489-web-server/0.1
```

Content-type: text/plain  
Content-length: 2034

*// This module implements a rudimentary web server.*

```
use std::io;
use std::sync::Mutex;
...
```

Keep it simple—do not try to handle additional HTTP methods.

List any assumptions that you need to make where this specification is incomplete, and be sure to test thoroughly.

## Evaluation

Your grade will be based on:

- correctness (how closely your program adheres to this specification),
- thoroughness of testing,
- completeness of documentation (including assumptions),
- style (not expecting the most idiomatic Rust at this point, but I'll be looking for good factoring—don't put everything in main), and
- efficiency (no need to benchmark or profile, but do choose sensible data structures and avoid needless copying).

## How to submit

Please submit a `tgz` or `zip` archive of your Cargo project directory here on Canvas. Name your archive *NETID-NETID-hw4.{zip,tgz}* (e.g., `jat489-kbu590-hw4.tgz`).