Lab Mid Term Assignment: Socket Programming:

Due Date 22nd Oct 2024

Students can find full details of these assignments, as well as important snippets of the Python code, at the Web site [www.pearsonhighered.com/cs-resources](http://www.pearsonhighered.com/cs-resources).

**Assignment 1: Web Server**

In this assignment, you will develop a simple Web server in Python that is capable of processing only one request. Specifically, your Web server will

1. create a connection socket when contacted by a client (browser)
2. receive the HTTP request from this connection
3. parse the request to determine the specific file being requested
4. get the requested file from the server’s file system
5. create an HTTP response message consisting of the requested file preceded by header lines
6. send the response over the TCP connection to the requesting browser

If a browser requests a file that is not present in your server, your server should return a “404 Not Found” error message. In the Companion Website, we provide the skeleton code for your server. Your job is to complete the code, run your server, and then test your server by sending requests from browsers running on different hosts. If you run your server on a host that already has a Web server running on it, then you should use a different port than port 80 for your Web server.

**Assignment 2: UDP Pinger**

In this programming assignment, you will write a client ping program in Python. Your client will send a simple ping message to a server, receive a corresponding pong message back from the server, and determine the delay between when the client sent the ping message and received the pong message. This delay is called the Round-Trip Time (RTT). The functionality provided by the client and server is similar to the functionality provided by the standard ping program available in modern operating systems. However, standard ping programs use the Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP) (which we will study in Chapter 5). Here we will create a nonstandard (but simple!) UDP-based ping program. Your ping program is to send 10 ping messages to the target server over UDP. For each message, your client is to determine and print the RTT when the corresponding pong message is returned. Because UDP is an unreliable protocol, a packet sent by the client or server may be lost. For this reason, the client cannot wait indefinitely for a reply to a ping message. You should have the client wait up to one second

for a reply from the server; if no reply is received, the client should assume that the packet was lost and print a message accordingly. In this assignment, you will be given the complete code for the server (available in the Companion Website). Your job is to write the client code, which will be very

similar to the server code. It is recommended that you first study carefully the server

code. You can then write your client code, liberally cutting and pasting lines from

the server code.

**Assignment 3: Mail Client**

The goal of this programming assignment is to create a simple mail client that sends

e-mail to any recipient. Your client will need to establish a TCP connection with

a mail server (e.g., a Google mail server), dialogue with the mail server using the

SMTP protocol, send an e-mail message to a recipient (e.g., your friend) via the mail

server, and finally close the TCP connection with the mail server

For this assignment, the Companion Website provides the skeleton code for

your client. Your job is to complete the code and test your client by sending e-mail

to different user accounts. You may also try sending through different servers (for

example, through a Google mail server and through your university mail server).

**Assignment 4: Web Proxy**

In this assignment, you will develop a Web proxy. When your proxy receives an

HTTP request for an object from a browser, it generates a new HTTP request for

the same object and sends it to the origin server. When the proxy receives the corresponding

HTTP response with the object from the origin server, it creates a new

HTTP response, including the object, and sends it to the client.

For this assignment, the Companion Website provides the skeleton code for the

proxy server. Your job is to complete the code, and then test it by having different

browsers request Web objects via your proxy.