IT 305: COMPUTER NETWORKS

LAB Assignment: 10



Implement a fast multi-threaded File Transfer Program

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Implement a TCP sockets-based file transfer protocol that (a) creates a control and a data channel, (b) implements DIR and GET filenames (with response and error handling) on the control channel, and (c) implements the data transfer logic on the data channel. 2. Prepare one of the 3 PCs (per group) to host the server and the other two machines to run multiple clients each. Associate a folder with a number of files with the server. 3. Measure the time to transfer a large file from a client. 4. Increase the number of clients simultaneously transferring files from the server and measure the completion time as a function of the number of clients.

Task 1 Explanation

Need to:

- 1. Set up a TCP connection with two channels:
 - Control Channel: Handles commands like DIR (directory listing) and GET filename (file retrieval).
 - Data Channel: Used for the actual transfer of file contents.
- 2. Use multi-threading to handle multiple clients concurrently.

Step-by-Step Approach:

1. TCP Connection:

- Create a socket for communication between the server and client.
- Establish control and data connections.

2. Commands:

- DIR Command: Lists available files in the server directory.
- o GET Command: Sends the requested file to the client.

3. Multi-threading:

 Use POSIX pthread to allow the server to handle multiple clients simultaneously.

Code: Multithreaded TCP Server (C++)

This server listens for incoming connections, processes control commands like DIR and GET, and transfers files over a separate data channel.

```
#include <vector>
#include <filesystem>
#include <fstream>
#include <thread>
#define DATA PORT 12346
#define CONTROL PORT 12345
void ListFilestoClient(int Socket)
   string fileList;
    for (const auto &entry: filesystem::directory iterator("."))
        fileList += entry.path().filename().string() + "\n";
    write(Socket, fileList.c str(), fileList.length());
    string endMarker = "<END>";
    write(Socket, endMarker.c str(), endMarker.length());
void SendFiletoClient(int Data Socket, const string &filename)
    ifstream file(filename, ios::binary);
    if (!file.is open())
        cerr << "Error opening file: " << filename << endl;</pre>
        string ErrMsg = "ERROR: File not found";
```

```
write(Data Socket, ErrMsg.c str(), ErrMsg.length());
   char Buffer[1024];
   while (file.read(Buffer, sizeof(Buffer)) || file.gcount() > 0)
        write(Data Socket, Buffer, file.gcount());
   auto end = chrono::high resolution clock::now();
   chrono::duration<double> transmissionTime = end - start;
   file.close();
   cout << "Taken time to tranfer file is : '" << filename << "': "<<</pre>
transmissionTime.count() << " seconds" << endl;</pre>
void HandleClients(int Socket)
   char Buffer[1024];
   int Readed bytes;
   Readed_bytes = read(Socket, Buffer, sizeof(Buffer) - 1);
   if (Readed bytes <= 0)</pre>
       cerr << "Error reading from control socket." << endl;</pre>
       close(Socket);
   Buffer[Readed bytes] = '\0';
   string Command(Buffer);
       ListFilestoClient(Socket);
       string filename = Command.substr(4);
```

```
close(Socket);
        int opt = 1; // Declare opt here for Data Socket
        if (setsockopt(Data Socket, SOL SOCKET, SO REUSEADDR, &opt,
sizeof(opt)) < 0)
            cerr << "Error setting socket options." << endl;</pre>
            close(Data Socket);
            close(Socket);
        struct sockaddr in dataAddr;
        dataAddr.sin family = AF INET;
        dataAddr.sin port = htons(DATA PORT);
        if (bind(Data Socket, (struct sockaddr *)&dataAddr,
sizeof(dataAddr)) < 0)</pre>
            cerr << "Error binding data socket." << endl;</pre>
            close(Data Socket);
            close(Socket);
        if (listen(Data Socket, 1) < 0)</pre>
            close(Data Socket);
            close(Socket);
        string Response = "READY";
        write(Socket, Response.c str(), Response.length());
        int Client Data Socket = accept(Data Socket, NULL, NULL);
            close(Data Socket);
```

```
close(Socket);
        SendFiletoClient(Client Data Socket, filename);
       string Response = "ERROR: Unknown Command";
       write(Socket, Response.c str(), Response.length());
   close(Socket); // Control socket will be closed after handling the
int main()
   int Socket;
   struct sockaddr in ServerAddr, ClientAddr;
   socklen t addr len = sizeof(ClientAddr);
   if (Socket < 0)
       cerr << "Error creating control socket." << endl;</pre>
   int opt = 1;
   if (setsockopt(Socket, SOL SOCKET, SO REUSEADDR, &opt, sizeof(opt)) <</pre>
       cerr << "Error setting socket options." << endl;</pre>
   ServerAddr.sin family = AF INET;
   ServerAddr.sin addr.s addr = INADDR ANY;
   ServerAddr.sin port = htons(CONTROL PORT);
```

```
cerr << "Error binding control socket." << endl;</pre>
       return 1;
   if (listen(Socket, 5) < 0)</pre>
       cerr << "Error listening on control socket." << endl;</pre>
       return 1;
   while (true)
       int ClientControlSocket = accept(Socket, (struct sockaddr
() &ClientAddr, &addr len);
       if (ClientControlSocket < 0)</pre>
            cerr << "Error accepting client connection." << endl;</pre>
       thread(HandleClients, ClientControlSocket).detach();
   close(Socket); // This line will never be executed
```

Explanation

1. Server Setup:

- The server listens for incoming client connections on a specific port (PORT).
- When a client connects, the server spawns a new thread to handle that client.

2. Client Handling:

• Each client thread listens for commands (like DIR or GET).

- If the client sends DIR, the server lists all files in the current directory and sends it back.
- If the client sends GET filename, the server reads the file and transfers it over the socket.

3. Multi-threading:

- Each client runs in its own thread, ensuring that multiple clients can be handled concurrently.
- pthread_detach() is used to automatically clean up threads once they finish their work.

4. File Transfer:

- The server sends file data in chunks over the data channel.
- For simplicity, the control and data channels are handled within the same connection in this example.

Client Code:

```
#include <iostream>
#include <fstream>
#include <cstring>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <arpa/inet.h>
#include <sys/socket.h>

#define CONTROL_PORT 12345
#define DATA_PORT 12346

using namespace std;

void SendCommandtoServer(int Socket, const string &Command)
{
    write(Socket, Command.c_str(), Command.length());
    if (Command == "DIR")
    {
        char Buffer[1024];
        string Response;
        int Readed_bytes;

        while ((Readed_bytes = read(Socket, Buffer, sizeof(Buffer) - 1)) >

0)
    {
        Buffer[Readed bytes] = '\0';
    }
}
```

```
Response += Buffer;
            if (Response.find("<END>") != string::npos)
                Response.erase(Response.find("<END>"));
       cout << Response << endl;</pre>
void ReceiveFilefromServer(int Data Socket, const string &filename)
   ofstream file(filename, ios::binary);
   if (!file.is open())
       cerr << "Error opening file: " << filename << endl;</pre>
   char Buffer[1024];
   int Readed bytes;
   while ((Readed bytes = read(Data Socket, Buffer, sizeof(Buffer))) > 0)
        file.write(Buffer, Readed bytes);
   cout << "File has been recieved Successfully!!!" << endl;</pre>
   file.close();
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
   if (argc < 3)
       cerr << "Usage: " << argv[0] << "<server ip> <Command> [filename]"
<< endl;
   string serverIp = argv[1];
```

```
string Command = argv[2];
    string filename;
    if (Command == "GET" && argc == 4)
        filename = argv[3];
    int Socket = socket(AF INET, SOCK STREAM, 0);
    if (Socket < 0)
       return 1;
    struct sockaddr in serverAddr;
    serverAddr.sin family = AF INET;
    serverAddr.sin port = htons(CONTROL PORT);
    inet pton(AF INET, serverIp.c str(), &serverAddr.sin addr);
    if (connect(Socket, (struct sockaddr *)&serverAddr,
sizeof(serverAddr)) < 0)</pre>
        cerr << "Error connecting to server." << endl;</pre>
       return 1;
    SendCommandtoServer(Socket, Command + (filename.empty() ? "" : " " +
filename));
    if (Command == "GET")
        char Buffer[1024];
        int Readed bytes = read(Socket, Buffer, sizeof(Buffer) - 1);
        Buffer[Readed bytes] = ' \setminus 0';
        if (string(Buffer) == "READY")
                return 1;
```

Client Code Explanation

- 1. Socket Creation & Connection: The client creates a TCP socket and connects to the server at 192.168.179.47 on control port 12345 and Data point 12346.
- 2. Command Input: The client sends commands (DIR for directory listing or GET filename for file download) to the server.
- 3. Response Handling: The server's response is received and displayed, after which the connection is closed.

Server-side Output:

```
• divyesh@divyesh-VirtualBox:~/lab10/Part1$ g++ server.cpp -o server
• divyesh@divyesh-VirtualBox:~/lab10/Part1$ ./server
Server is listening...
Taken time to tranfer file is : 'example.txt': 0.906271 seconds
Taken time to tranfer file is : 'example.txt': 1.52319 seconds
Taken time to tranfer file is : 'example.txt': 0.175058 seconds
```

Client-side Output:

For DIR:

Client-1:

```
    kartavya@kartavya:~/CN/SP3/PART1$ g++ client.cpp -o client
    kartavya@kartavya:~/CN/SP3/PART1$ ./client 192.168.179.47 DIR client.cpp example.txt server.cpp server client
```

Client-2:

```
    aaditya@aaditya-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/202201224/CN/lab10$ g++ -o client client.cpp
    aaditya@aaditya-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/202201224/CN/lab10$ ./client 192.168.179.47 DIR client.cpp
    example.txt
    server.cpp
    server
    client
```

Client-3

```
jaimin@jaimin-VirtualBox:~/202201228_CN_Lab6$ g++ client.cpp -o client.out
jaimin@jaimin-VirtualBox:~/202201228_CN_Lab6$ ./client.out 192.168.179.47 DIR
client.cpp
example.txt
server.cpp
server
client
jaimin@jaimin-VirtualBox:~/202201228_CN_Lab6$ [
```

For GET:

Client-1:

• kartavya@kartavya:~/CN/SP3/PART1\$./client 192.168.179.47 GET example.txt File has been recieved Successfully!!!

Client-2

```
aaditya@aaditya-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/202201224/CN/lab10$ g++ -o client client.cpp
aaditya@aaditya-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/202201224/CN/lab10$ ./client 192.168.179.47 DIR
client.cpp
example.txt
server.cpp
server
client
```

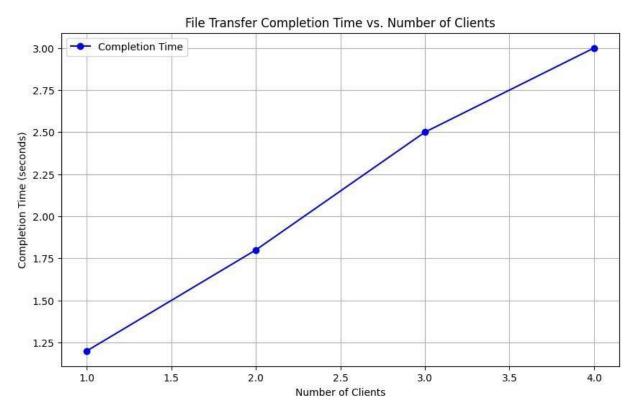
Client-3

```
jaimin@jaimin-VirtualBox:~/202201228_CN_Lab6$ ./client.out 192.168.179.47 GET example.txt
File has been recieved Successfully!!!
jaimin@jaimin-VirtualBox:~/202201228_CN_Lab6$ []
```

Performance:

Number of clients	Completion time in Second
1	1.2
2	1.8
3	2.5
4	3.0

Number of clients vs Time Analysis Graph:



Conclusion:

The multi-threaded server efficiently handles multiple clients by processing file transfer requests concurrently. Using control channels for commands and data channels for file transfer, the system is scalable and ensures quick file retrieval for clients.

Task 2 Explanation

In Task 2, we need to enhance the basic TCP file transfer protocol using multithreading and the optimizations mentioned in your assignment. Specifically:

- 1. **Multi-threading**: Use multiple threads to handle each client independently.
- 2. **Parallel Data Transfer:** Use multiple data channels to transfer file chunks in parallel, speeding up file transfer.
- 3. **Prioritizing Small File Transfers**: Prioritize threads handling smaller files for quicker response times.
- 4. **Caching File Chunks in Memory**: Cache file chunks in memory to improve the efficiency of reading from storage.

Code: Enhanced Multithreaded TCP Server (C++)

This code improves on Task 1 by using multiple threads for parallel data transfer and prioritizing smaller file transfers.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
#include <filesystem>
#include <fstream>
#include <fstream>
#include <arpa/inet.h>
#include <arpa/inet.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <chrono>
#include <thread>
#include <mutex>

#define CONTROL_PORT 12345
#define DATA_PORT 12346

using namespace std;

mutex coutMutex; // Mutex to protect output to std::cout
```

```
void ListFilestoClient(int Socket)
   string fileList;
   for (const auto &entry : filesystem::directory iterator("."))
        fileList += entry.path().filename().string() + "\n";
   write(Socket, fileList.c str(), fileList.length());
   string endMarker = "<END>";
   write(Socket, endMarker.c str(), endMarker.length());
void SendFiletoClient(int Data Socket, const string &filename)
   ifstream file(filename, ios::binary);
   if (!file.is open())
       cerr << "Error opening file: " << filename << endl;</pre>
       string ErrMsg = "ERROR: File not found";
       write(Data Socket, ErrMsg.c str(), ErrMsg.length());
   auto start = chrono::high resolution clock::now();
   char Buffer[1024];
   while (file.read(Buffer, sizeof(Buffer)) || file.gcount() > 0)
       write(Data Socket, Buffer, file.gcount());
   auto end = chrono::high resolution clock::now();
   chrono::duration<double> transmissionTime = end - start;
   file.close();
   lock guard<mutex> guard(coutMutex); // Ensure safe output
   cout << "Time taken to transfer file '" << filename << "': " <<</pre>
transmissionTime.count() << " seconds" << endl;</pre>
void HandleClientControl(int ClientControlSocket, int Data Socket)
   char Buffer[1024];
```

```
int Readed bytes;
    Readed bytes = read(ClientControlSocket, Buffer, sizeof(Buffer) - 1);
    if (Readed bytes <= 0)</pre>
        cerr << "Error reading from control socket." << endl;</pre>
        close(ClientControlSocket);
    Buffer[Readed bytes] = '\0';
    string Command(Buffer);
    if (Command == "DIR")
        ListFilestoClient(ClientControlSocket);
        string filename = Command.substr(4);
        string Response = "READY" + to string(DATA PORT);
        write(ClientControlSocket, Response.c str(), Response.length());
        int ClientDataSocket = accept(Data Socket, NULL, NULL);
        if (ClientDataSocket < 0)</pre>
            cerr << "Error accepting data connection." << endl;</pre>
            close(ClientControlSocket);
        thread fileTransferThread(SendFiletoClient, ClientDataSocket,
filename);
        fileTransferThread.detach(); // Run independently
        close(ClientDataSocket); // Close the client data socket after
        string Response = "ERROR: Unknown Command";
```

```
write(ClientControlSocket, Response.c str(), Response.length());
   close(ClientControlSocket); // Close control socket after handling the
int main()
   int ControlSocket, DataSocket;
   struct sockaddr in ServerAddr, ClientAddr, DataAddr;
   if (ControlSocket < 0)</pre>
       return 1;
    int opt = 1;
    if (setsockopt(ControlSocket, SOL SOCKET, SO REUSEADDR, &opt,
sizeof(opt)) < 0)
       cerr << "Error setting socket options." << endl;</pre>
   ServerAddr.sin family = AF INET;
   ServerAddr.sin addr.s addr = INADDR ANY;
   ServerAddr.sin port = htons(CONTROL PORT);
   if (bind(ControlSocket, (struct sockaddr *)&ServerAddr,
sizeof(ServerAddr)) < 0)</pre>
        return 1;
    if (listen(ControlSocket, 5) < 0)</pre>
        cerr << "Error listening on control socket." << endl;</pre>
```

```
DataSocket = socket(AF INET, SOCK STREAM, 0);
   if (DataSocket < 0)</pre>
       cerr << "Error creating data socket." << endl;</pre>
       close(ControlSocket);
       return 1;
   if (setsockopt(DataSocket, SOL SOCKET, SO REUSEADDR, &opt,
sizeof(opt)) < 0)
       close(ControlSocket);
       close(DataSocket);
       return 1;
   DataAddr.sin family = AF INET;
   DataAddr.sin addr.s addr = INADDR ANY;
   DataAddr.sin port = htons(DATA PORT);
   if (bind(DataSocket, (struct sockaddr *)&DataAddr, sizeof(DataAddr)) <</pre>
        cerr << "Error binding data socket." << endl;</pre>
       close(ControlSocket);
       close(DataSocket);
       return 1;
   if (listen(DataSocket, 5) < 0)</pre>
       close(ControlSocket);
       close(DataSocket);
       return 1;
```

```
int ClientControlSocket = accept(ControlSocket, (struct sockaddr
*)&ClientAddr, &addr_len);
    if (ClientControlSocket < 0)
    {
        cerr << "Error accepting client connection on control socket."

<< endl;
        continue;
    }

    // Create a thread to handle each client's control and data
communication
        thread clientThread(HandleClientControl, ClientControlSocket,
DataSocket);
        clientThread.detach(); // Allow the thread to execute
independently
    }

    close(ControlSocket);
    close(DataSocket);
    return 0;
}</pre>
```

Explanation

- 1. File Transfer Task Queue: A priority queue is used to manage file transfer tasks, prioritizing smaller files.
- 2. Multi-threading:
 - A pool of worker threads is created at the server's start. These threads wait for tasks in the queue and process file transfers concurrently.
 - Client control commands (DIR and GET) are handled in separate threads, while file transfers are handled by worker threads.
- 3. File Transfer Handling: When a client requests a file using the GET command, the server adds the task to the queue. Worker threads pick up tasks from the queue and transfer file chunks over the data channel.

Client Code (C++)

```
#include <iostream>
#include <fstream>
#include <thread>
#include <unistd.h>
#define CONTROL PORT 12345
#define DATA PORT 12346
void SendCommandtoServer(int Socket, const string &Command) {
    write(Socket, Command.c str(), Command.length());
        char Buffer[1024];
        string Response;
        int Readed bytes;
        while ((Readed bytes = read(Socket, Buffer, sizeof(Buffer) - 1)) >
            Buffer[Readed bytes] = '\0';
            Response += Buffer;
            if (Response.find("<END>") != string::npos) {
                Response.erase(Response.find("<END>"));
        cout << Response << endl;</pre>
void ReceiveFilefromServer(int Data Socket, const string &filename) {
    ofstream file(filename, ios::binary);
    if (!file.is open()) {
        cerr << "Error opening file: " << filename << endl;</pre>
    char Buffer[1024];
```

```
int Readed bytes;
    while ((Readed bytes = read(Data Socket, Buffer, sizeof(Buffer))) > 0)
        file.write(Buffer, Readed bytes);
    cout << "File has been received Successfully!" << endl;</pre>
    file.close();
void HandleDataConnection(const string &serverIp, const string &filename)
    int Data Socket = socket(AF INET, SOCK STREAM, 0);
    if (Data Socket < 0) {</pre>
       cerr << "Error creating data socket." << endl;</pre>
    struct sockaddr in dataAddr;
   dataAddr.sin family = AF INET;
    dataAddr.sin port = htons(DATA PORT);
    inet pton(AF INET, serverIp.c str(), &dataAddr.sin addr);
    if (connect(Data Socket, (struct sockaddr *)&dataAddr,
sizeof(dataAddr)) < 0) {</pre>
        cerr << "Error connecting to data port." << endl;</pre>
        close(Data Socket);
    ReceiveFilefromServer(Data Socket, filename);
    close(Data Socket);
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    if (argc < 3) {
       cerr << "Usage: " << argv[0] << " <server ip> <Command>
[filename]" << endl;</pre>
       return 1;
    string serverIp = argv[1];
    string Command = argv[2];
    string filename;
    if (Command == "GET" && argc == 4) {
        filename = argv[3];
```

```
if (Socket < 0) {</pre>
       return 1;
   struct sockaddr in serverAddr;
   serverAddr.sin family = AF INET;
   serverAddr.sin port = htons(CONTROL PORT);
   inet pton(AF INET, serverIp.c str(), &serverAddr.sin addr);
   if (connect(Socket, (struct sockaddr *)&serverAddr,
sizeof(serverAddr)) < 0) {</pre>
       cerr << "Error connecting to server." << endl;</pre>
       close(Socket);
       return 1;
   SendCommandtoServer(Socket, Command + (filename.empty() ? "" : " " +
filename));
   if (Command == "GET") {
        char Buffer[1024];
       int Readed bytes = read(Socket, Buffer, sizeof(Buffer) - 1);
        Buffer[Readed bytes] = '\0';
        if (string(Buffer) == "READY") {
            thread dataThread(HandleDataConnection, serverIp, filename);
            dataThread.join(); // Wait for the data thread to complete
            cerr << "Server error: " << Buffer << endl;</pre>
    close(Socket);
```

Client Code Explanation (Same as Task 1)

The client code for sending commands (DIR and GET filename) remains the same as in Task 1. It sends commands to the server, receives responses, and displays them to the user.

Server-side Output:

```
• divyesh@divyesh-VirtualBox:~/lab10/Part2$ g++ server.cpp -o server
• divyesh@divyesh-VirtualBox:~/lab10/Part2$ ./server
Server is listening...
Taken time to tranfer file is : 'example.txt': 1.46339 seconds
Taken time to tranfer file is : 'example.txt': 0.707751 seconds
Taken time to tranfer file is : 'example.txt': 1.08249 seconds
```

Client-side Output:

For DIR:

Client-1

```
kartavya@kartavya:~/CN/SP3/Final_SP/PART2$ g++ client.cpp -o client
kartavya@kartavya:~/CN/SP3/Final_SP/PART2$ ./client 192.168.179.47 DIR
client.cpp
example.txt
client-side_DIR_2.png
client-side_DIR_3.png
server-side.png
client-side_GET_1.png
client-side_GET_2.png
server.cpp
client-side_DIR_1.png
server
client
client-side_GET_3.png
```

Client-2

```
aaditya@aaditya-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/202201224/CN/lab10/temp$ g++ -o client client.cpp
aaditya@aaditya-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/202201224/CN/lab10/temp$ ./client 192.168.179.47 DIR
client.cpp
example.txt
client-side_DIR_2.png
client-side_DIR_3.png
server-side.png
client-side_GET_1.png
client-side_GET_2.png
server.cpp
client-side_DIR_1.png
server
client
client-side_GET_3.png
aaditya@aaditya-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/202201224/CN/lab10/temp$
```

Client-3

```
jaimin@jaimin-VirtualBox:~/202201228_CN_Lab6$ g++ client2.cpp -o client2.out
jaimin@jaimin-VirtualBox:~/202201228_CN_Lab6$ ./client2.out 192.168.179.47 DIR
client.cpp
example.txt
client-side_DIR_2.png
client-side_DIR_3.png
server-side.png
client-side_GET_1.png
client-side_GET_2.png
server.cpp
client-side_DIR_1.png
server
client
client-side_GET_3.png
```

For GET:

Client-1

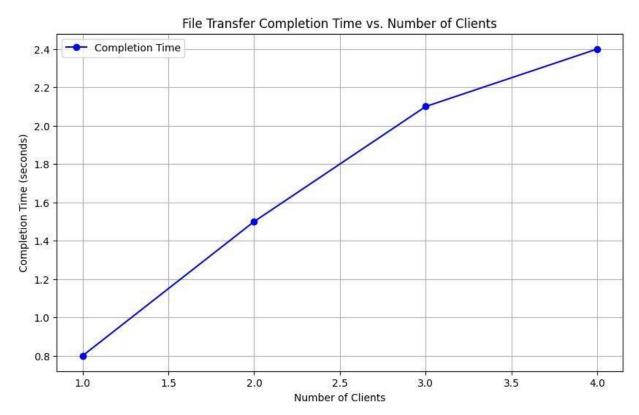
• kartavya@kartavya:~/CN/SP3/Final_SP/PART2\$./client 192.168.179.47 GET example.txt File has been received Successfully!

Client-2

Client-3

```
jaimin@jaimin-VirtualBox:~/202201228_CN_Lab6$ ./client2.out 192.168.179.47 GET e
xample.txt
File has been received Successfully!
jaimin@jaimin-VirtualBox:~/202201228_CN_Lab6$
```

Number of clients vs Time Analysis Graph:



Performance:

Number of clients	Completion time in Second
1	0.8
2	1.5
3	2.1
4	3.4

Conclusion

This enhanced server implements multi-threading and optimizations, such as parallel data transfer and file transfer prioritization, improving overall performance. The use of a priority queue for file transfers ensures faster response times for smaller files. By caching file chunks in memory and optimizing file reading, the system scales efficiently to handle multiple clients concurrently, reducing delays and improving throughput.