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An example of an Iterative Connectionless Server
This server will accept a UDP message consisting of a text string sent to it by
a client process. The sever will take the string and send it back to the client
in reverse character order.
This "echo" server receives messages on a user specified port, and will respond
to up to "max iterations" client messages before shutting itself down.
Compile with: cc UDP revEchod.c -o echo serv
Usage: ./echo serv port max iterations
You should specify the server port number as the last four digits of your
student nubmer (as long as it is above 1024 add 1024 if it is not). This should
minimise server port number clashes with other students sharing the machine.
Note: there is minimal error checking in this example, in order to improve its
readability. Production quality code would be filled with error checking and
recovery code to make it as robust as possible. Real code doesn't "bail out" at
the first sign of an error.
#include<stdlib.h>
#include<sys/types.h>
#include<sys/socket.h>
#include<netinet/in.h>
#include<netdb h>
#include<stdio.h>
#include<string.h>
#include<errno.h>
#define BUF LEN 48
/* takes instr reverses it and stores the reversed string in outstr */
int string_reverse(char *instr, char *outstr)
        int i. len;
        len=strlen(instr);
        for(i=0;i<len;i++)</pre>
                outstr[i]=instr[len-1-i];
        outstr[len]='\0';
        return len;
main(int argc, char *argv[])
                                    /* server socket descriptor
        int ssd:
        struct sockaddr_in server; /* server address structure
        struct sockaddr_in client; /* client address structure
        int client_len;
                                    /* size of above client structure
        short echo_port;
                                    /* servers port number
        int max iterations;
                                    /* maximum iterations to perform
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       int out_cnt, in_cnt;
                                   /* byte counts for send and receive
       int recy cnt, i;
                                   /* more counters
       char client string[BUF LEN]; /* buffer to hold send string
       char server reversed string[BUF LEN];
                                   /* buffer to hold recieve string
       int ret code;
                                   /* generic return code holder
       /* Check for correct command line usage */
       if(argc!=3)
               fprintf(stderr, "Usage: %s Port max iterations\n", argv[0]);
              exit(EXIT FAILURE);
       /* Grab the command line arguments and decode them */
       echo port=atoi(arqv[1]);
       max iterations=atoi(arqv[2]);
       /* create the socket
          a socket descriptor that identifies the socket is returned,
          the socket descriptor is anagolous to a file descriptor.
          PF INET: The Internet (TCP/IP) family.
         SOCK_DGRAM: the type of service required - datagram
         17: the UDP protocol (see /etc/protocols)
              this parameter can be used to specify which protocol in the
              family to use for the service, but for the Internet Protocol
              family only the UDP protocol supports the datagram service,
              so a 0 could have been used.
       ssd=socket(PF INET, SOCK DGRAM, 17);
       /* if there's a problem, report it and exit */
       if(ssd<0)
              perror("While calling socket()");
               exit(EXIT FAILURE);
       /* set up the server address details in order to bind them to a
          specified socket:
           * use the Internet (TCP/IP) address family;
           * use INADDR_ANY, this allows the server to receive messages sent
              to any of its interfaces (Machine IP addresses), this is useful
              for gateway machines and multi-homed hosts;
           * convet the port number from (h)ost (to) (n)etwork order, there
              is sometimes a difference.
       server.sin_family=AF_INET;
       server.sin_addr.s addr=htonl(INADDR ANY);
       server.sin_port=htons(echo_port);
       /* bind the details in the server sockaddr_in structure to the socket */
       ret code=bind(ssd, (struct sockaddr *)&server, sizeof(server));
       if(ret_code<0)</pre>
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                perror("While calling bind()");
                exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
       /* Normally a server will serve forever, but this example puts a limit
          on the number of requests (max iterations) to limit its lifetime
          so typically the for loop would be for(;;) or while(1) instead of
          whats below.
       for(i=0;i<max_iterations;i++)</pre>
                fprintf(stderr, "Iteration %d of %d. Waiting for client...\n",
                        i+1, max iterations);
                client len=sizeof(client);
                /* The following recvfrom() system call will block until a
                    message arrives from a client. The details of the client
                    will be stored in the UDP datagram will be put into the
                    client address structure, and can be used for later
                    replies to the client.
                in_cnt=recvfrom(ssd, client_string, BUF_LEN, 0,
                                 (struct sockaddr *)&client,
                                 (socklen_t *)&client_len);
                if(in_cnt<0)</pre>
                        perror("While calling recvfrom()");
                         exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
                fprintf(stderr, "Message received is %d bytes long\n", in_cnt);
                fprintf(stderr, "Message received is \"%s\"\n", client_string);
                /* reverse the string */
                recv cnt=string reverse(client string, server reversed string);
                fprintf(stderr, "Reversed string is %d bytes long\n", recv cnt);
                fprintf(stderr, "Reversed string is \"%s\"\n",
                         server reversed string);
                /* send the processed data back to the client,
                   to send a string we need to include the nul on the end,
                   hence the +1
                */
                out_cnt=sendto(ssd, server_reversed_string, recv_cnt+1, 0,
                                 (struct sockaddr *)&client, sizeof(client));
                if(out_cnt<0)</pre>
                        perror ("While calling sendto()");
                        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
                fprintf(stderr, "Client request now seviced reply sent.\n");
       close(ssd);
       fprintf(stderr, "Server has shut down\n");
       return 0;
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