Design Document: httpserver

1. Goals

The goal of this program is to create a server that responds to GET and PUT commands. The files are printed using non FILE * functions. The program will listen to a user-specified port and respond to PUT and GET using HTTP style headers.

In order to comply with curl behavior during testing, GET headers will always include a "Content-Length" line even if it is zero.

Error handling is done with an if statement and err(1, "function() failed").

2. Design

The design is separated into three parts. The program first initialize the server using arguments. Then the server waits and accepts a connection. Finally, the server responds to a request accordingly with a http header.

2.1 Handling Arguments

The first argument to *httpserver* is the address that maybe a hostname or IP address. The second argument is the optional port number, port 80 by default. getaddrinfo() is used to get the information needed into struct addrs. Members of addrs is then passed to socket and bind. Each networking function has their own error handling if statement. Arguments handling is shown in Algorithm 1.

```
Input: Argument count: arg count
Input: Argument address: arg add
Input: Argument port number: arg port
Output: Address type: add typ
Output: Address: address
Output: Address struct: addr
if argc < 2 or argc >= 4 then
   err(1, "missing argument(s)\n argc: %d", argc);
end
struct addrinfo *addrs, hints = {};
hints.ai family = AF INET;
hints.ai socktype = SOCK STREAM;
if arg count == 3 then
getaddrinfo(argv[1], argv[2], &hints, &addrs);
else
getaddrinfo(argv[1], "80", &hints, &addrs);
end
s fd = socket(AF INET, SOCK STREAM, 0);
if s fd == -1 then
| err(1, message)
end
```

Algorithm 1. Handling Arguments

2.2 Listening and Accepting

Now that the address and port are put in struct sockaddr_in, the struct instance is passed to bind(). Then listen() waits for a connection from a client.

```
if listen(s_fd, 3) == -1 then
| err(1, message)
end
while true
| if acc_soc = accept(s_fd, (struct sockaddr_in*)&addr, sizeof(addr),
(socklen_t*)&addrlen) == -1 then
| err(1, message)
| end
| handle_client (acc_soc)
end
```

Algorithm 2. Listen and Accepting

2.3 handle client()

Inside the while loop with accept, handle_client reads the message are identify the request and filename. A response is made using concat(). sscanf() detects the request in buffer. If the request is PUT, a file is made using write() with the filesize of content-length and data from the received header. If the request is GET, read() tries to find the file with the same name. If the file exists, the content is copied into a buffer. strcat() concatenate the buffer into the response. Finally, the response is sent using send().

```
| if fd == ERR then
  strcat(header, "400 bad request\r\n");
else
      write(fd, data, sizeof(data))
      strcat(header, "201 Created\r\n");
  end
else if strcmp(command, "GET") == 0 then
  fd = open(filename, O RDONLY);
   if (fd == -1) then
| strcat(header, "400 bad request\r\n")
else
      strcat(header, "200 ok\r\n")
     fileSize = Iseek(fd, 0, SEEK END)
     Iseek(fd, 0, 0);
      char fileData[fileSize]
      close(fd)
      sprintf(buffer, "Content-Length: %d\r\n%s\r\n", sizeof(data), data);
      strcat((char *)header, (char *)buffer);
   end
   strcat((char *)header, "500 Internal Server Error\r\n");
end
strcpy(response, (char*)header);
send(soc fd, (char*)header, HEADERMAX, 0);
```

Algorithm 3. handle_client()