

Network Applications Programming - Homework 2

(FTP program with data compression)

Motivation:

FTP is a common network service. Since you have learned how to write UNIX socket programs in class, this homework asks you to practice the socket programming skill.

Homework Content:

You need to provide the FTP service in the homework. By using TCP sockets, you can create a FTP server and a FTP client. Your FTP client has to support some commands:

- **connect** IP_addr port_num:
Connect to a server. Your program should allow users to specify the IP address and port number of a server. Notice that the server side needs to print out the client's connection information (e.g., IP address, port #, socket type, etc.)
- **goodbye:**
Terminate the connection. The server side has to also show the leave of the client.
- **upload** filename:
Upload a file called "filename" to the server. Your FTP service should support non-textual files, for example, MP3 or WORD files. Beside, you need to provide file compression to save the transmission time. In particular, you can use fixed-length Huffman coding to compress the file. When you use the "upload" command, your client in fact should send two separated files to the server:
 - 1) The coded version of "filename".
 - 2) Necessary information related to Huffman coding (e.g., the appearing frequency of each alphabet in the file).

Here are some examples of the above commands:

Client side (140.113.1.1)
[student @ CSE ~]\$ connect 140.113.1.2 3456 The server with IP "140.113.1.2" has accepted your connection. [student @ CSE ~]\$ upload 1.txt Original file length: 140,234 bytes, compressed file length: 23,768 bytes (ratio: 16.95%) Using fixed-length codeword (3 bits) [student @ CSE ~]\$ goodbye See you next time.
Server side (140.113.1.2 port 1234)
[TA @ CSE ~] server # <i>TA runs the server program</i> A client "140.113.1.1" has connected via port num 1732 using SOCK_STREAM (TCP) The client sends a file "1.txt" with size of 140,234 bytes. The Huffman coding data are

stored in "1-code.txt".

TA will open "1.txt" here to test its correctness. Also, TA will check the "1-code.txt" file
to make sure that you indeed compress the file via Huffman coding.

The client "140.113.1.1" with port 4323 has terminated the connection.

Below gives some format of the Huffman coding-related information:

Fixed-length Huffman coding (3-bit codeword):

Alphabet (ASCII code)	Frequency (%)	Codeword
A (65)	140,231 (21.45%)	000
B (66)	50,123 (7.67%)	001
C (67)	63,154 (9.66%)	010
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Z (90)	234,453 (35.86%)	011

Requirements:

- You need to use UNIX socket programming in this homework.
- You have to provide a makefile. TAs will deduct your grades if there is no makefile, or the makefile is erroneous.
- You must submit a README file along with your program. The README file should briefly describe how you write your codes (for example, the idea of your program).
- You have to demonstrate your program. TAs will announce the demonstration time.

Grading Policy:

You need to submit your codes and demonstrate your program to TAs. The due day of this homework is **4/15**. You will get **no point** if you do NOT demonstrate your program (even if you submit codes). Discussion among your classmates is encouraged. However, plagiarists will get **ZERO point**. Below are the points you can get in this homework:

Items	Points
Socket connection (i.e., connect and exit commands on the client side and the connection information on the server side)	10%
File transmission	20%
Huffman coding	50%
User interface (for example, welcome message or help command)	10%
Code's comments and README file	10%
Bonus: You ALSO provide variable-length Huffman coding. [Note] If you implement only variable-length Huffman coding (without the fixed-length one), you will NOT get this bonus.	20%

Reference: (Huffman coding) http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Huffman_coding