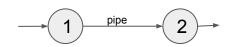
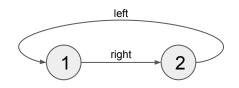
Local Transfer of Information

- This is really just interprocess communication
- One way communication: prog1 \rightarrow prog2
 - mkfifo pipe

- rm pipe
- Two way communication: prog1 $\leftarrow \rightarrow$ prog2
 - mkfifo left; mkfifo right;
 - prog2 < right > left &
 - proq1 <left >right
 - rm left right
- Issues:
 - This can only be performed within a single server ← solution: the socket
 - We can't use stdin and stdout for other purposes ← solution: connect a 3rd file





The Internet is based on Client/Server Model:

- A web server provides content
- An active process resides on the web server
- This process creates an unbounded socket
- This process waits for a client to create a connection



- Once a connection is made, reading/writing to/from the file is performed
 - O How? The same way you have been doing it to any other file!



server

Overview of the Transfer of Information via a Socket

A socket

- just another type of file
- provides two-way communication
- processes can live on two different machines

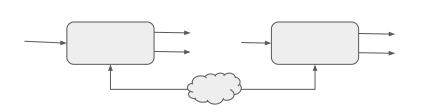
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 - E.g., 130.166.38.161 : 3454 ← → 130.166.38.209 : 443

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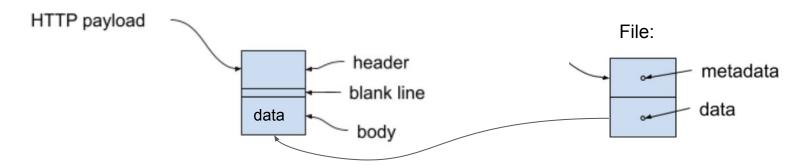
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HTTP: HyperText Transfer Protocol: The Payload

The File's data is placed inside the body of the HTTP payload

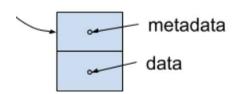


- The HTTP payload is transmitted over the socket (the wire)!
- Some of the File's metadata might be placed inside the HTTP header

Inside of a file:

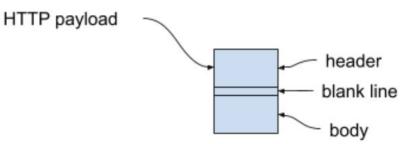
- \$ grep bash /usr/share/misc/magic
- 0 string/wt #!\/bin/bash Bourne-Again shell script text executable

- Clues to what is inside:
 - o The name
 - The <u>file extension</u> <- sometimes advisory!
 - o Take a peek:
 - cat filename.txt
 - od -c filename.txt
- The magic:
 - \$ cat /usr/share/misc/magic
 - \$ file file.bash
- Advisory?
 - Yes, we could ignore this if we want to!
 - \$ od # dump files in octal and other formats



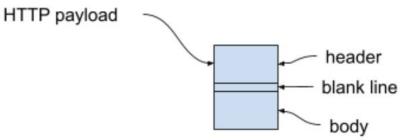
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 - Request Line:
 - Set of name/value pairs
- HTTP Body
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HTTP/1.0 302 Found Location:

https://www.csun.edu/

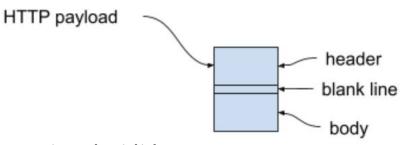
Server: BigIP

Connection: Keep-Alive

Content-Length: 0

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HTTP/1.1 200 OK

Server: nginx

Date: Wed, 24 Mar 2021 17:29:44 GMT **Content-Type**: text/html; charset=utf-8

Content-Language: en

Last-Modified: Wed, 24 Mar 2021 16:51:45 GMT

Expires: Sun, 19 Nov 1978 05:00:00 GMT

Writing a CGI Script

- Dynamic Exercise:
 - Create the file: ssh.sandbox.csun.edu:~steve/public_html/cgi-bin/blah.cgi
 - Curl the file: curl --head https://www.sandbox.csun.edu/~steve/cgi-bin/blah.cgi

HTTP payload

Open the file: open https://www.sandbox.csun.edu/~steve/cgi-bin/blah.cgi

- Output of the script must conform to:
- The request line is provided by the web server
 - content-type: text/html
 - o content-type: text/plain
 - content-type: application/pdf

