

LAB PROGRAMS

★ Q1: TCP Client/Server for Sending Encrypted Message

Objective:

To implement a TCP client–server application where the client sends a plaintext message, encrypts it (Caesar/substitution), and the server receives and decrypts it.

SERVER PSEUDOCODE

1. START
2. CREATE a TCP socket using AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM # Create server socket
3. BIND the socket to SERVER_IP and PORT # Attach address
4. LISTEN for incoming TCP connections # Wait for client
5. ACCEPT a connection from client # Client connected
6. RECEIVE encrypted data from client # Get ciphertext
7. DECRYPT received data using known key/algorithm # Convert to plaintext
8. PRINT decrypted message # Show actual message
9. PREPARE response message # Example: "Hello Client"
10. ENCRYPT response message using same key/algorithm # Convert to ciphertext
11. SEND encrypted response to client # Send encrypted reply
12. CLOSE client connection # End session
13. STOP

CLIENT PSEUDOCODE

1. START
2. CREATE a TCP socket using AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM # Create client socket
3. CONNECT socket to SERVER_IP and PORT # Establish TCP connection
4. READ plaintext message from user # Input data
5. ENCRYPT plaintext using agreed key/algorithm # Get ciphertext
6. SEND encrypted message to server # Transmit data
7. RECEIVE encrypted reply from server # Get response
8. DECRYPT encrypted reply using same key/algorithm # Convert to plaintext

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9. PRINT decrypted reply          # Show server response  
10. CLOSE the connection        # End session  
11. STOP
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Expected Output (Example):

Server side:

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Server listening on port 5000...  
Connected from ('127.0.0.1', 54512)  
Encrypted message: khoor  
Decrypted message: hello
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Client side:

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Enter message: hello
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Viva Questions (One-word answers):

1. Protocol used here? -> TCP
2. Socket type used? -> STREAM
3. Encryption type used?-> SYMMETRIC
4. TCP connection style?-> CONNECTION-ORIENTED
5. Default transport port range type? -> EPHEMERAL

★ Q2: UDP Client/Server Application

Objective:

To implement a connectionless UDP client–server program that sends and receives simple text messages.

SERVER PSEUDOCODE

1. START
2. CREATE a UDP socket using AF_INET, SOCK_DGRAM # Create UDP socket
3. BIND socket to SERVER_IP and PORT # Attach address
4. LOOP forever # Continuous service
5. RECEIVE datagram and CLIENT_ADDRESS using recvfrom # Get data + address
6. DECODE received data # Convert to string
7. PRINT client address and message # Display
8. PREPARE reply message (e.g., "ACK: " + message) # Build response
9. SEND reply datagram to CLIENT_ADDRESS using sendto # Echo back
10. END LOOP
11. CLOSE UDP socket # Stop server (if needed)
12. STOP

CLIENT PSEUDOCODE

1. START
2. CREATE a UDP socket using AF_INET, SOCK_DGRAM # Create UDP socket
3. READ message from user # Input data
4. ENCODE message # Convert to bytes
5. SEND datagram to SERVER_IP and PORT using sendto # Transmit message
6. RECEIVE reply datagram and SERVER_ADDRESS using recvfrom # Get response
7. DECODE reply message # Convert to string
8. PRINT reply message # Show ACK
9. CLOSE UDP socket # End session
10. STOP

Expected Output (Example):

Server:

UDP server on port 6000...

From ('127.0.0.1', 54321) : test

From ('127.0.0.1', 54321) : hello

Client:

Enter message: hello

Reply from server: ACK: hello

Viva Questions (One-word answers):

1. Protocol used? -> UDP
2. Connection type? -> CONNECTIONLESS
3. Reliability in UDP? -> NO
4. Basic server call to receive?-> RECVFROM
5. Field for port in UDP header?-> PORT

★ Q3: Multi-Protocol Server (TCP + UDP) with Two Clients

Objective:

To design a single server that handles both TCP and UDP sockets, serving TCP client requests and UDP client messages concurrently (sequentially in demo).

SERVER PSEUDOCODE

1. START
2. CREATE TCP socket using AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM # For TCP clients
3. SET TCP socket options if needed # Optional
4. BIND TCP socket to SERVER_IP and TCP_PORT
5. LISTEN for incoming TCP connections

6. CREATE UDP socket using AF_INET, SOCK_DGRAM # For UDP clients
7. BIND UDP socket to SERVER_IP and UDP_PORT # Same or different port

8. ADD TCP and UDP sockets to SOCKET_SET # For multiplexing

9. LOOP forever
10. WAIT on SOCKET_SET using select() # Multiplex I/O

11. IF TCP socket is ready for read # New TCP client
12. ACCEPT TCP connection from client # Get TCP client socket
13. RECEIVE data from TCP client # Read message
14. PREPARE "TCP-ACK: " + message # Build response
15. SEND response to TCP client # Send ACK
16. CLOSE TCP client socket # Close connection
17. ENDIF

18. IF UDP socket is ready for read # UDP datagram arrived
19. RECEIVE datagram and CLIENT_ADDRESS using recvfrom
20. PREPARE "UDP-ACK: " + message # Build response
21. SEND reply datagram to CLIENT_ADDRESS using sendto
22. ENDIF
23. END LOOP

24. CLOSE TCP and UDP sockets # Shutdown server
25. STOP

TCP CLIENT PSEUDOCODE

1. START
2. CREATE TCP socket using AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM
3. CONNECT to SERVER_IP and TCP_PORT

4. SEND message "hello tcp" to server
5. RECEIVE reply from server
6. PRINT reply

7. CLOSE TCP socket
8. STOP

UDP CLIENT PSEUDOCODE

1. START
2. CREATE UDP socket using AF_INET, SOCK_DGRAM
3. PREPARE message "hello udp"

4. SEND datagram to SERVER_IP and UDP_PORT using sendto
5. RECEIVE reply datagram from server
6. PRINT reply

7. CLOSE UDP socket
8. STOP

Expected Output (Example):

Server:

Multi-protocol server on TCP/UDP port 7000...

TCP from ('127.0.0.1', 50010) : hello tcp

UDP from ('127.0.0.1', 50011) : hello udp

Viva Questions (One-word answers):

1. API used to monitor sockets? -> SELECT
2. No. of protocols supported? -> TWO
3. TCP socket type? -> STREAM
4. UDP socket type? -> DGRAM
5. Multiplexing mechanism name? -> I/O

★ Q4: MAC-Based Authentication

Objective:

To implement message authentication using a Message Authentication Code (MAC) so the receiver verifies integrity and authenticity of a message.

SENDER PSEUDOCODE

1. START
2. SHARE secret key K with receiver # Pre-shared key
3. READ plaintext message from user # Input
4. COMPUTE MAC = HMAC(K, message) # Message auth code
5. SEND (message, MAC) to receiver # Transmit both
6. STOP

RECEIVER PSEUDOCODE

1. START
 2. RECEIVE (message, MAC_recv) from sender # Get data
 3. COMPUTE MAC_calc = HMAC(K, message) using same key # Recompute MAC
 4. IF MAC_calc == MAC_recv # Compare
 5. PRINT "Authentication SUCCESS" # Valid data
 6. ACCEPT message # Use message
 7. ELSE
 8. PRINT "Authentication FAILURE" # Tampered or wrong
 9. REJECT message # Discard
 10. ENDIF
11. STOP

Expected Output (Example):

Enter message: hello

Send this to receiver:

Message: hello

MAC : 1a2b3c...

Authentication: SUCCESS

Viva Questions (One-word answers):

1. MAC expansion? -> AUTHENTICATION
2. Algorithm type? -> SYMMETRIC
3. Function used here? -> HMAC
4. Property verified? -> INTEGRITY
5. Key shared between? -> PARTIES

★ Q5: Diffie–Hellman Key Exchange

Objective:

To demonstrate Diffie–Hellman key exchange between client and server to derive a shared secret key over an insecure channel.

PSEUDOCODE

1. START
2. AGREE on large prime p and generator g (public) # System parameters
3. SERVER:
4. CHOOSE private value a randomly # Server secret
5. COMPUTE $A = g^a \text{ mod } p$ # Server public value
6. SEND A to client # Public share
7. CLIENT:
8. CHOOSE private value b randomly # Client secret
9. COMPUTE $B = g^b \text{ mod } p$ # Client public value
10. SEND B to server # Public share
11. SERVER:
12. RECEIVE B from client
13. COMPUTE $\text{shared_key_server} = B^a \text{ mod } p$ # Shared secret
14. CLIENT:
15. RECEIVE A from server
16. COMPUTE $\text{shared_key_client} = A^b \text{ mod } p$ # Shared secret
17. VERIFY $\text{shared_key_server} == \text{shared_key_client}$ # Must match
18. USE shared_key as session key for encryption # Secure channel
19. STOP

Expected Output (Example):

Public prime p: 23

Generator g : 5

Server public A: 8

Client public B: 19

Server shared key: 2

Client shared key: 2

Viva Questions (One-word answers):

1. DH is used to share? -> KEY
2. Channel security during DH? -> INSECURE
3. Main attacker type? -> MITM
4. Values p, g are? -> PUBLIC
5. Values a, b are? -> PRIVATE

★ Q6: TCP Server with Socket Options (SO_REUSEADDR, SO_RCVTIMEO)

Objective:

To write a TCP client–server program where the server sets important socket options like SO_REUSEADDR and SO_RCVTIMEO.

SERVER PSEUDOCODE

1. START
2. CREATE TCP socket using AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM # Create server socket
3. SET socket option SO_REUSEADDR = 1 # Allow port reuse
4. SET socket option SO_RCVTIMEO = TIMEOUT_VALUE # Set recv timeout
5. BIND socket to SERVER_IP and PORT # Attach address
6. LISTEN for incoming TCP connections # Wait for client
7. ACCEPT connection from client # Client connected
8. TRY
9. RECEIVE data from client using recv # Wait for data
10. IF data received # Not empty
11. PRINT received data # Show message
12. ELSE
13. PRINT "No data received"
14. ENDIF
15. CATCH timeout event # recv timeout
16. PRINT "Receive timed out" # No data in time
17. END TRY
18. CLOSE client connection # Close socket
19. CLOSE server socket # Shutdown server
20. STOP

CLIENT PSEUDOCODE

1. START
2. CREATE TCP socket using AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM
3. CONNECT to SERVER_IP and PORT
4. SEND message "hello with options" to server

5. CLOSE socket # End session
6. STOP

Expected Output (Example):

Server:

Server on port 8000...

Connected from ('127.0.0.1', 50100)

Received: hello with options

Viva Questions (One-word answers):

1. SO_REUSEADDR purpose? -> REUSE
2. SO_RCVTIMEO purpose? -> TIMEOUT
3. Level for these options? -> SOL_SOCKET
4. Timeout unit? -> SECONDS
5. TCP connection call? -> ACCEPT

★ Q7: Client–Server Using sendmsg() with Ancillary Data

Objective:

To demonstrate use of sendmsg() and ancillary data (control messages) in a client–server setting (Unix-only feature; demo focuses on structure).

SERVER PSEUDOCODE

1. START
2. CREATE TCP socket using AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM # Server socket
3. BIND to SERVER_IP and PORT
4. LISTEN for incoming TCP connections

5. ACCEPT connection from client # Get client socket
6. CALL recvmsg on client socket # Receive data + control
7. EXTRACT main data buffer from recvmsg # Payload
8. EXTRACT ancillary data (if any) # Control info

9. PRINT received data # Show message
10. PRINT ancillary data list # Debug info

11. CLOSE client socket
12. CLOSE server socket
13. STOP

CLIENT PSEUDOCODE

1. START
2. CREATE TCP socket using AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM # Client socket
3. CONNECT to SERVER_IP and PORT # Establish connection

4. PREPARE data buffer with message "hello via sendmsg" # Payload
5. OPTIONALLY PREPARE ancillary data structures # Control info

6. CALL sendmsg with data buffer (+ ancillary if any) # Send message
7. CLOSE client socket # End session
8. STOP

Expected Output (Example):

Server:

Server on 9000...

Connected from ('127.0.0.1', 50200)

Data: hello via sendmsg

Ancillary: []

Viva Questions (One-word answers):

1. System call used? -> SENDMSG
2. Extra metadata name? -> ANCILLARY
3. Descriptor passing via? -> CONTROL
4. Usual OS family? -> UNIX
5. Data type for extra info? -> CMSG

★ Q8: Simplified Ping Using Raw Sockets (ICMP)

Objective:

To implement a basic ping-like program using raw sockets to send ICMP echo request and receive ICMP echo reply.

SERVER PSEUDOCODE

1. START
2. SET DESTINATION_IP (e.g., 8.8.8.8) # Target host
3. CREATE raw socket using AF_INET, SOCK_RAW, IPPROTO_ICMP # ICMP raw socket
4. GENERATE unique IDENTIFIER (e.g., process ID) # For matching reply
5. BUILD ICMP echo request header (type 8, code 0) # ICMP fields
6. APPEND payload data (e.g., "pingdata") # ICMP body
7. COMPUTE checksum over header + data # ICMP checksum
8. SET checksum field in header # Final packet
9. RECORD current time as START_TIME # For RTT
10. SEND ICMP packet to DESTINATION_IP using sendto # Echo request
11. WAIT for reply packet using recvfrom # Block until reply
12. RECORD current time as END_TIME # After reply
13. PARSE received packet to locate ICMP header # Skip IP header
14. VERIFY type == 0 and identifier matches # Echo reply check
15. COMPUTE RTT = END_TIME - START_TIME # Round-trip time
16. PRINT DESTINATION_IP and RTT # Show statistics
17. CLOSE raw socket
18. STOP

Expected Output (Example):

Reply from: ('8.8.8.8', 0)

RTT (ms): 25.4

Viva Questions (One-word answers):

1. Protocol used by ping? -> ICMP
2. Socket type used? -> RAW
3. ICMP echo request type?-> EIGHT
4. ICMP echo reply type? -> ZERO
5. Required privilege? -> ROOT

★ Q9: Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) – Python Program

Objective:

To implement Role-Based Access Control so that operations are allowed based on user roles (ADMIN, USER, GUEST, etc.).

SERVER PSEUDOCODE

1. START
2. DEFINE ROLE_PERMISSIONS mapping # e.g., ADMIN/USER/GUEST
3. ADMIN -> {read, write, delete}
4. USER -> {read, write}
5. GUEST -> {read}
6. DEFINE USER_ROLES mapping # Users to roles
7. "alice" -> ADMIN
8. "bob" -> USER
9. "eve" -> GUEST
10. FUNCTION CHECK_ACCESS(user, action):
11. LOOKUP role = USER_ROLES[user] # Get role
12. IF role is NOT FOUND
13. RETURN DENY # Unknown user
14. ENDIF
15. LOOKUP allowed_set = ROLE_PERMISSIONS[role] # Permissions
16. IF action is in allowed_set
17. RETURN ALLOW
18. ELSE
19. RETURN DENY
20. ENDIF
21. END FUNCTION
22. FOR each (user, action) test case # Example calls
23. CALL CHECK_ACCESS(user, action)
24. PRINT "CAN" or "CANNOT" based on result
25. STOP

Expected Output (Example):

alice CAN delete

bob CANNOT delete

eve CAN read

Viva Questions (One-word answers):

1. RBAC is based on? -> ROLE
2. Basic access decision?-> ALLOW
3. Higher privilege role?-> ADMIN
4. Lower privilege role? -> GUEST
5. Type of control? -> DISCRETIONARY

★ Q10: Attribute-Based Access Control (ABAC) – Python Program

Objective:

To implement Attribute-Based Access Control where decisions are made based on attributes of user, resource, and environment.

SERVER PSEUDOCODE

1. START
2. DEFINE USERS with attributes # User attributes
3. alice: dept = HR, clearance = HIGH
4. bob: dept = IT, clearance = LOW

5. DEFINE RESOURCES with attributes # Resource attributes
6. salary_db: owner_dept = HR, sensitivity = HIGH
7. log_file: owner_dept = IT, sensitivity = LOW

8. DEFINE ENVIRONMENT attributes # Dynamic context
9. time = current system time

10. FUNCTION ABAC_POLICY(userAttrs, resourceAttrs, env):
11. IF userAttrs.dept != resourceAttrs.ownerDept # Dept mismatch
12. RETURN DENY
13. ENDIF

14. IF resourceAttrs.sensitivity == HIGH AND
15. userAttrs.clearance != HIGH # Clearance check
16. RETURN DENY
17. ENDIF

18. EXTRACT hour from env.time # Current hour
19. IF hour < 9 OR hour > 18 # Outside office hours
20. RETURN DENY
21. ENDIF

22. RETURN ALLOW # All conditions met
23. END FUNCTION

24. FUNCTION CHECK_ABAC(userName, resourceName):
25. LOOKUP userAttrs from USERS

26. LOOKUP resourceAttrs from RESOURCES
27. SET env.time = current system time

28. RESULT = ABAC_POLICY(userAttrs, resourceAttrs, env)
29. IF RESULT == ALLOW
30. PRINT user_name "CAN ACCESS" resource_name
31. ELSE
32. PRINT user_name "CANNOT ACCESS" resource_name
33. ENDIF
34. END FUNCTION

35. CALL CHECK_ABAC for sample (alice, salary_db)
36. CALL CHECK_ABAC for sample (bob, salary_db)
37. CALL CHECK_ABAC for sample (bob, log_file)

38. STOP

Expected Output (Example):

alice CAN ACCESS salary_db
bob CANNOT ACCESS salary_db
bob CAN ACCESS log_file (only if time within policy window)

Viva Questions (One-word answers):

1. ABAC is based on? -> ATTRIBUTES
2. Core decision engine? -> POLICY
3. Example user attribute? -> DEPARTMENT
4. Example resource attribute? -> SENSITIVITY
5. Example environment attr? -> TIME