Computer Networks Lab (CS 356)

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Assignment 3

Multithreaded Chatroom using socket programming

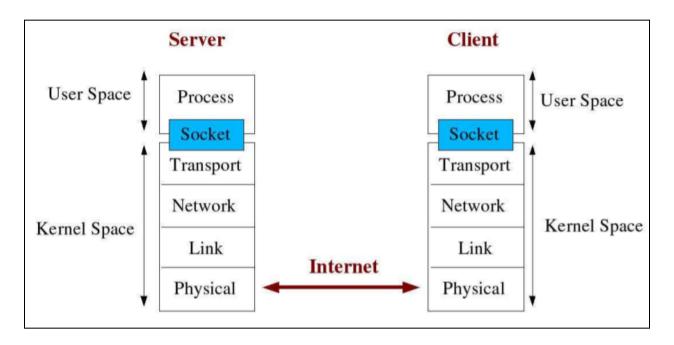
Sockets

What is a socket?

It is an interface between an application process and a transport layer.

The application process can send/receive messages to/from another application process (local or remote)via a socket.

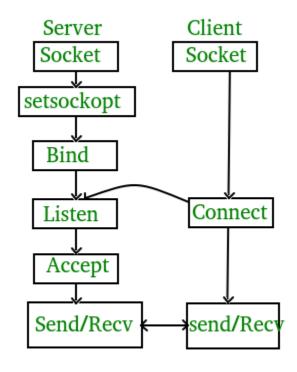
In Unix language - a socket is a file descriptor – an integer associated with an open file.



Using socket programming we can

- 1. Bind the server to a port on the host machine.
- 2. The server listens for any connection to this port.
- 3. It will accept a connection from the queue.
- 4. It will send and receive the data messages from the client.

The client, after connecting, can send and receive data messages from the server.



Chatroom

A chatroom involves communication between multiple clients. One user sends message and all others receive it.

We create 2 files

- 1. server.c
- 2. client.c

We use pthread library to generate threads per task in the server and client. They are synchronized using mutex to prevent concurrency issues.

We run them using

Terminal-1

\$ gcc server.c -o server -lpthread

\$./server 8888

Terminal-2

\$ gcc client.c -o client -lpthread

\$./client localhost 8888

Code is given below.

Code

Server.c

```
#include <arpa/inet.h>
#include <pthread.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <sys/socket.h>
#include <unistd.h>
const int MAX CLIENTS = 5;
int client_count;
typedef struct {
   int sockfd;
   char name[32];
client_t *clients[5];
pthread_mutex_t client_lock = PTHREAD_MUTEX_INITIALIZER;
char message[255];
int uid;
void error fun(const char *msg) {
   perror(msg);
    exit(1);
```

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void queue add(client t *cl) {
   while (i < MAX CLIENTS) {</pre>
        if (clients[i] == NULL) {
           clients[i] = cl;
       i++;
void queue remove(int uid) {
   while (i < MAX CLIENTS) {
       if (clients[i] != NULL) {
           if (clients[i]->uid == uid) {
               clients[i] = NULL;
void *handle client(void *cl) {
   int byte size;
   char buffer[255];
   printf("user here: %s\n", client->name);
       bzero(buffer, 255); // zero a byte string
       byte size = read(client->sockfd, buffer, 255);
       if (byte size == 0) {
            puts("Client disconnected");
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} else if (byte size < 0) {</pre>
            error fun("Error on reading");
        buffer[strlen(buffer) - 1] = '\0';
        printf("%s : %s\n", client->name, buffer);
        puts("");
        pthread mutex lock(&client lock);
        strcpy(message, client->name);
        strcat(message, ": ");
        strcat(message, buffer);
            if (clients[i] != NULL) {
                if (clients[i]->uid != client->uid) {
                    byte size =
                        write(clients[i]->sockfd, message,
strlen(message));
                    if (byte size < 0) {</pre>
        pthread mutex unlock(&client lock);
        int i = strncmp("close", buffer, 5);
   queue remove(client->uid);
   uid--;
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
   if (argc < 2) {
        printf("Please provide filename and port.\n");
        exit(1);
```

```
int master socket, client socket, c, client port, portno, byte size;
char *client ip;
struct sockaddr in server, client;
uid = 1;
master_socket = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0);
if (master socket == -1) {
   perror("socket failed");
    exit(EXIT FAILURE);
bzero((char *)&server, sizeof(server));
portno = atoi(argv[1]);
server.sin family = AF INET;
server.sin_port = htons(portno);
printf("bind done\n");
if (listen(master socket, 3) < 0) {</pre>
   perror("listen");
   exit(EXIT FAILURE);
puts("waiting for connections\n");
```

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while (1) {
       char buffer[255];
       client socket =
           accept(master socket, (struct sockaddr *)&client, (socklen t
*)&c);
       client ip = inet ntoa(client.sin addr);
       client port = ntohs(client.sin port);
       client t *newcl = (client t *)malloc(sizeof(client t));
       newcl->address = client;
       newcl->uid = uid++;
       byte size = read(client socket, buffer, 255);
       if (byte size == 0) {
           puts("Client disconnected");
           fflush(stdout); // flush a stream
        } else if (byte size < 0) {</pre>
       buffer[strlen(buffer) - 1] = '\0';
       strcpy(newcl->name, buffer);
       if (uid > MAX CLIENTS + 1) {
           bzero(buffer, 255);
           strcpy(buffer, "close\0");
           byte size = write(newcl->sockfd, buffer, strlen(buffer));
           if (byte_size < 0) {</pre>
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error_fun("Error on closing.");
}
continue;
}

queue_add(newcl);
pthread_create(&tid[uid], NULL, &handle_client, (void *)newcl);
}

for (int i = 1; i < uid; i++) {
    pthread_join(tid[i], NULL);
}

pthread_mutex_destroy(&client_lock);
close(client_socket);
close(master_socket);
return 0;
}</pre>
```

Client

```
#include <arpa/inet.h> //inet addr
#include <netdb.h> //gethostbyname
#include <pthread.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h> //strlen
#include <string.h> //strlen
#include <sys/socket.h>
#include <unistd.h>
void error fun(const char *msg) {
   perror(msg);
   exit(1);
int flag = 0;
void *write handler(void *cl) {
   int sockfd = *fl;
   int byte size;
   char buffer[255];
   while (1) {
       fgets(buffer, 255, stdin);
       if (send(sockfd, buffer, strlen(buffer), 0) < 0) {</pre>
       int i = strncmp("close", buffer, 5);
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if(flag == 1) break;
    flag = 1;
void *read handler(void *cl) {
   int *fl = (int *)cl;
    int sockfd = *fl;
   int byte size;
   char buffer[255];
   while (1) {
       bzero(buffer, 255); // zero a byte string
       byte size = read(sockfd, buffer, 255);
        if (byte size == 0) {
           puts("Client disconnected");
            fflush(stdout); // flush a stream
        } else if (byte size < 0) {</pre>
            error fun("Error on reading");
        if(strcmp(buffer, "close") == 0) {
            printf("maximum participants reached\n");
            flag = 1;
        printf("%s\n", buffer);
        if (flag == 1) break;
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
   int sockfd, connect status, portno;
   char buffer[255];
    if (argc < 3) // if arguments are less than 3</pre>
        printf("Please provide filename, hostname and port.\n");
```

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exit(1);
portno = atoi(argv[2]);
sockfd = socket(AF INET, SOCK STREAM, 0);
if (\operatorname{sockfd} == -1) {
server host = gethostbyname(argv[1]);
if (server host == NULL) {
bzero((char *)&server, sizeof(server));
bcopy((char *)server host->h addr, (char *)&server.sin addr.s addr,
      server host->h length);
server.sin_family = AF_INET;
server.sin port = htons(portno);
connect status =
    connect(sockfd, (struct sockaddr *)&server, sizeof(server));
printf("Connecting...%d", connect status);
if (connect status < 0) {</pre>
printf("\n=== Welcome to Chat Channel ==\n");
printf("enter your name: ");
bzero(buffer, 255);  // zero a byte string
fgets(buffer, 255, stdin); // input of characters and strings
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pthread_t tid[2];

// loop for client group chat
pthread_create(&tid[0], NULL, &write_handler, (void *)&sockfd);
pthread_create(&tid[1], NULL, &read_handler, (void *)&sockfd);

pthread_join(tid[0], NULL);
pthread_join(tid[1], NULL);

close(sockfd);
return 0;
}
```

Output

Server

```
krishanu2001@LAPTOP-V4CKFTKN:/mnt/c/Users/kris
hanu/Desktop/sem6/cs306/socket/lab4$ ./server
8000
bind done
waiting for connections

user here: user1
user here: user2
user1 : good evening everyone

user1 : welcome to the room

user2 : Good evening
```

user1

```
krishanu2001@LAPTOP-V4CKFTKN:/mnt/c/Users/kris
hanu/Desktop/sem6/cs306/socket/lab4$ ./client
localhost 8000
Connecting...0
=== Welcome to Chat Channel ==
enter your name: user1
good evening everyone
welcome to the room
user2: Good evening
```

user2

```
krishanu2001@LAPTOP-V4CKFTKN:/mnt/c/Users/kris
hanu/Desktop/sem6/cs306/socket/lab4$ ./client
localhost 8000
Connecting...0
=== Welcome to Chat Channel ==
enter your name: user2
user1: good evening everyone
user1: welcome to the room
Good evening
```