# **COEN 317: Programming Assignment 1**

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#### **Overview**

This is a simple web server application using C. The server supports the http 1.0 and part of http 1.1 protocol. It is capable of supporting HTML, TXT, JPG, GIF, JavaScript, CSS, and PNG files. It supports the 200, 404, 403 and 400 HTTP status codes. In addition to status codes, it also supports the Content-Type, Content-Length, and Date headers in responses.

The program runs on an infinite loop where the server accepts client connections from a user supplied port. For every connection it accepts, it creates a thread to handle the request, i.e. multithreading. In the request thread, the server parses the http request, and logs it. It checks if the request is well formed and sends an error otherwise. It then checks if the file exists and if permissions are set properly, and returns an error otherwise. Afterwards, it transmit the file and closes the connection.

#### **File List**

- httpServer.c
  - The c source code for this application.
- Makefile
  - Makefile for this project.
- document\_root
  - a folder containing html, css, js and jpg files. It contains the necessary html files to load the <a href="https://www.scu.edu">www.scu.edu</a> homepage and handle errors.

## How to Run the Program

- 1. Run the command make in the terminal to create the executable "httpServer".
- 2. Type the command
  - ./httpServer -document\_root document\_root -port 8888

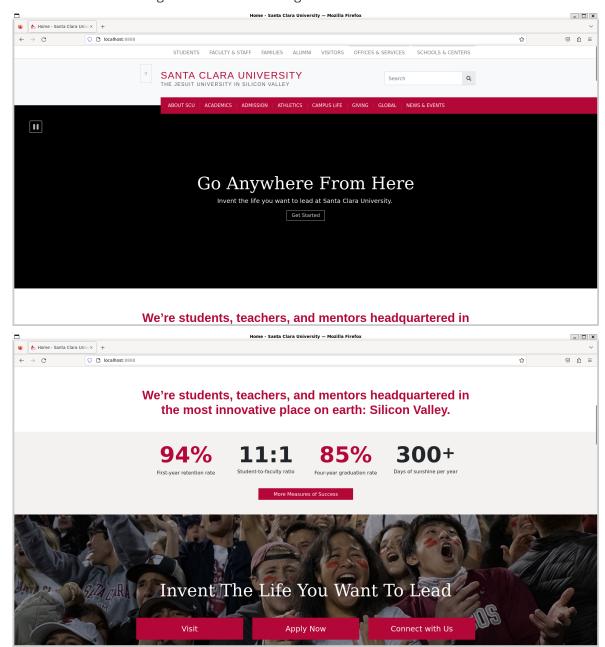
8888 can be replaced with any valid port number. Note that ports between 8000 and 9999 are recommended for testing purposes.

### **Screenshots**

• Create the executable "httpServer" and run the server.

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cz@LAPTOP-LCPKMSCC:~/coen317/Web-Server-in-C$ make
gcc -pthread httpServer.c -o httpServer
cz@LAPTOP-LCPKMSCC:~/coen317/Web-Server-in-C$ ./httpServer -document_root document_
root -port 8888
server tcp socket successfully opened
server tcp socket successfully binded to port: 8888
server now listening to tcp socket 3
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• A web browser accessing the web server through localhost:8888.



• The web server accepting the user's request.

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cz@LAPTOP-LCPKMSCC:~/coen317/Web-Server-in-C$ ./httpServer -document_root document_
root -port 8888
server tcp socket successfully opened
server tcp socket sucessfully binded to port: 8888
server now listening to tcp socket 3
Server accepted client 4
Server accepted client 5
Server recieved client request
Client Request Header:
GET / HTTP/1.1
Host: localhost:8888
Connection: keep-alive
Cache-Control: max-age=0
sec-ch-ua: "Chromium";v="110", "Not A(Brand";v="24", "Google Chrome";v="110"
sec-ch-ua-mobile: ?0
sec-ch-ua-platform: "Linux"
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko)
Chrome/110.0.0.0 Safari/537.36
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp
,image/apng,*/*;q=0.8,application/signed-exchange;v=b3;q=0.7
Sec-Fetch-Site: none
Sec-Fetch-Mode: navigate
Sec-Fetch-User: ?1
Sec-Fetch-Dest: document
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br
Accept-Language: en-US, en; q=0.9, zh-CN; q=0.8, zh; q=0.7
sec-gpc: 1
Server time: Tue, 07 Feb 2023 22:48:40 GMT
server succesfully opened requested file:7
Server recieved client request
Client Request Header:
GET /media/scuedu/style-assets/stylesheets/f.css HTTP/1.1
Host: localhost:8888
Connection: keep-alive
sec-ch-ua: "Chromium";v="110", "Not A(Brand";v="24", "Google Chrome";v="110"
sec-ch-ua-mobile: ?0
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko)
Chrome/110.0.0.0 Safari/537.36
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