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File sharing by using TCP Protocol

Problem Statement:

Perform File Transfer in Client & Server Using TCP/IP.

Objectives:

- What is a socket?
- The client-server model.
- Remote Communication

Outcome:

Develop Client-Server architectures and prototypes by the means of correct standards and technology.

Software Requirements:

Python, Open-source Linux operating system.

THEORY:

The basics

What is mean by Socket

Sockets allow communication between two different processes on the same or different machines. To be more precise, it's a way to talk to other computers using standard Unix file descriptors. In Unix, every I/O action is done by writing or reading a file descriptor. A file descriptor is just an integer associated with an open file and it can be a network connection, a text file, a terminal, or something else.

To a programmer, a socket looks and behaves much like a low-level file descriptor. This is because commands such as `read()` and `write()` work with sockets in the same way they do with files and pipes.

Types of Socket

A Unix Socket is used in a client-server application framework. A server is a process that performs some functions on request from a client. Most of the application-level protocols like FTP, SMTP, and POP3 make use of sockets to establish connection between client and server and then for exchanging data.

Socket Types

There are four types of sockets available to the users. The first two are most commonly used and the last two are rarely used.

Processes are presumed to communicate only between sockets of the same type but there is no restriction that prevents communication between sockets of different types.

Stream Sockets – Delivery in a networked environment is guaranteed. If you send through the stream socket three items "A, B, C", they will arrive in the same order – "A, B, C". These sockets use TCP (Transmission Control Protocol) for data transmission. If delivery is impossible, the sender receives an error indicator. Data records do not have any boundaries.

Datagram Sockets – Delivery in a networked environment is not guaranteed. They're connectionless because you don't need to have an open connection as in Stream Sockets – you build a packet with the destination information and send it out. They use UDP (User Datagram Protocol).

Raw Sockets – These provide users access to the underlying communication protocols, which support socket abstractions. These sockets are normally datagram oriented, though their exact characteristics are dependent on the interface provided by the protocol. Raw sockets are not intended for the general user; they have been provided mainly for those interested in developing new communication protocols, or for gaining access to some of the more cryptic facilities of an existing protocol.

Sequenced Packet Sockets – They are similar to a stream socket, with the exception that record boundaries are preserved. This interface is provided only as a part of the Network Systems (NS) socket abstraction, and is very important in most serious NS applications. Sequenced-packet sockets allow the user to manipulate the Sequence Packet Protocol (SPP) or Internet Datagram Protocol (IDP) headers on a packet or a group of packets, either by writing a prototype header along with whatever data is to be sent, or by specifying a default header to be used with all outgoing data, and allows the user to receive the headers on incoming packets.

The client-server model

The client-server model is one of the most commonly used communication paradigms in networked systems. Clients normally communicate with one server at a time. From a server's perspective, at any point in time, it is not unusual for a server to be communicating with multiple clients. Client need to know of the existence of and the address of the server, but the server does not need to know the address of (or even the existence of) the client prior to the connection being established. The client and the server on the same local network (usually called LAN, Local Area Network), the client and the server may be in different LANs, with both LANs connected to a Wide Area Network (WAN) by means of routers

Transmission Control Protocol (TCP)

TCP provides a *connection oriented service*, since it is based on connections between clients and servers.

TCP provides reliability. When a TCP client sends data to the server, it requires an acknowledgement in return. If an acknowledgement is not received, TCP automatically retransmit the data and waits for a longer period of time for acknowledgement.

TCP Socket API

The sequence of function calls for the client and a server participating in a TCP connection is presented in following Figure

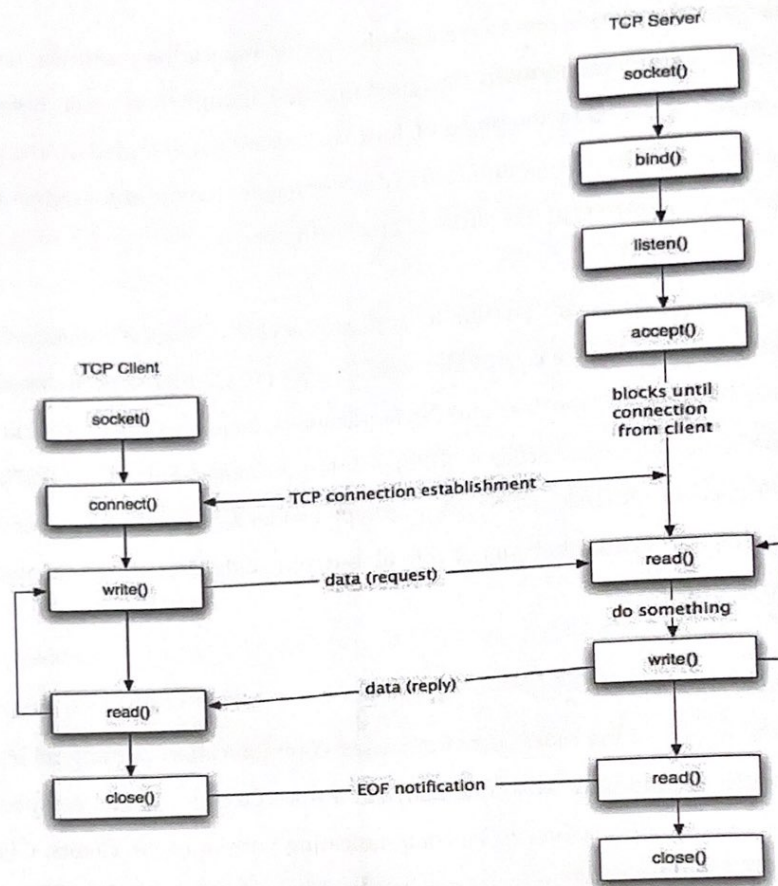


Figure: TCP client-server.

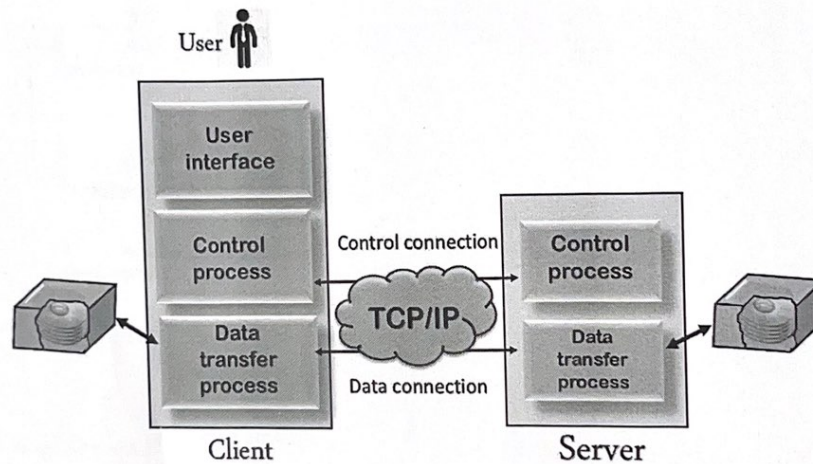
As shown in the figure, the steps for establishing a TCP socket on the client side are the following:

- Create a socket using the `socket()` function;
 - Connect the socket to the address of the server using the `connect()` function;
 - Send and receive data by means of the `read()` and `write()` functions.
 - Close the connection by means of the `close()` function.
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- The steps involved in establishing a TCP socket on the server side are as follows:
 - Create a socket with the `socket()` function;
 - Bind the socket to an address using the `bind()` function;
 - Listen for connections with the `listen()` function;

- Accept a connection with the `accept()` function system call. This call typically blocks until a client connects with the server.
- Send and receive data by means of `send()` and `receive()`.
- Close the connection by means of the `close()` function.

- FTP stands for File transfer protocol.
- FTP is a standard internet protocol provided by TCP/IP used for transmitting the files from one host to another.
- It is mainly used for transferring the web page files from their creator to the computer that acts as a server for other computers on the internet.
- It is also used for downloading the files to computer from other servers.

FTP Mechanism:

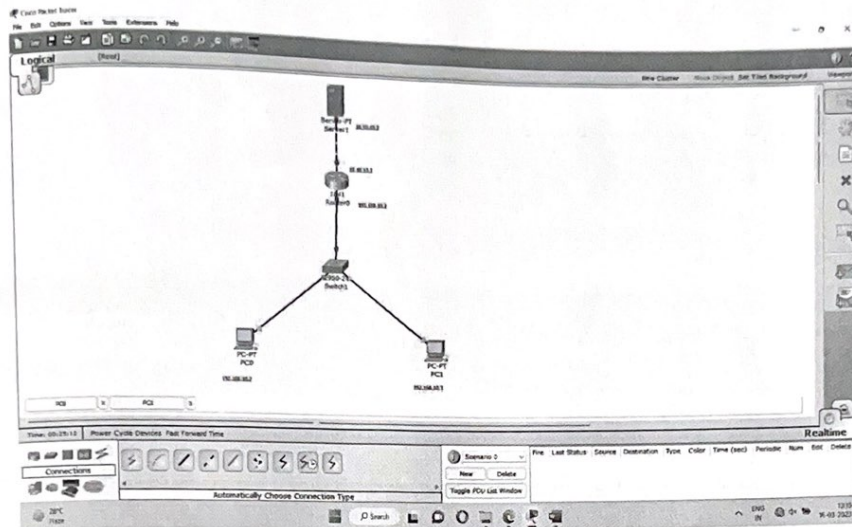


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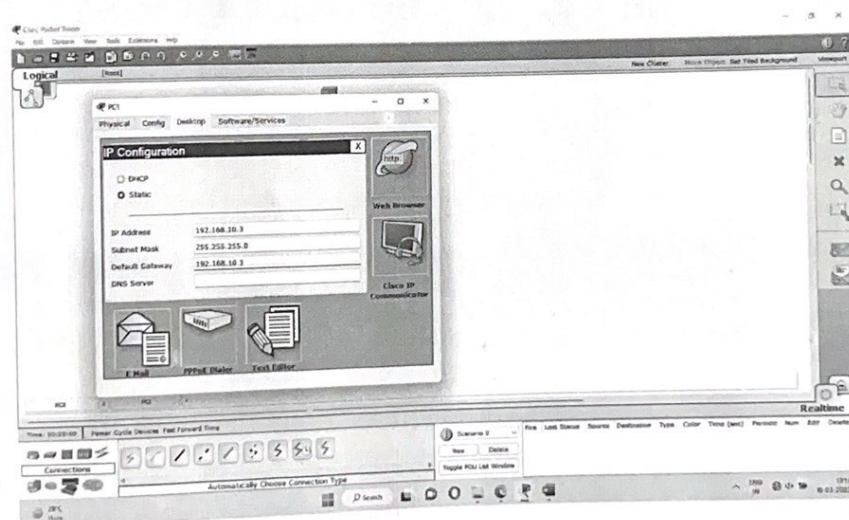
- **Control Connection:** The control connection uses very simple rules for communication. Through control connection, we can transfer a line of command or line of response at a time. The control connection is made between the control processes. The control connection remains connected during the entire interactive FTP session.
- **Data Connection:** The Data Connection uses very complex rules as data types may vary. The data connection is made between data transfer processes. The data connection opens when a command comes for transferring the files and closes when the file is transferred.

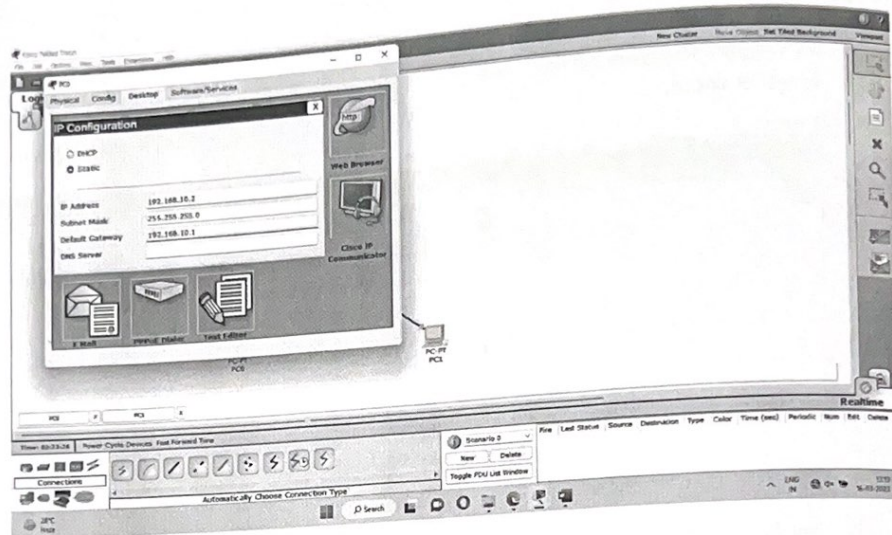
Procedure:

1. Select end devices, switch, router, server with drag and drop option and connect them.

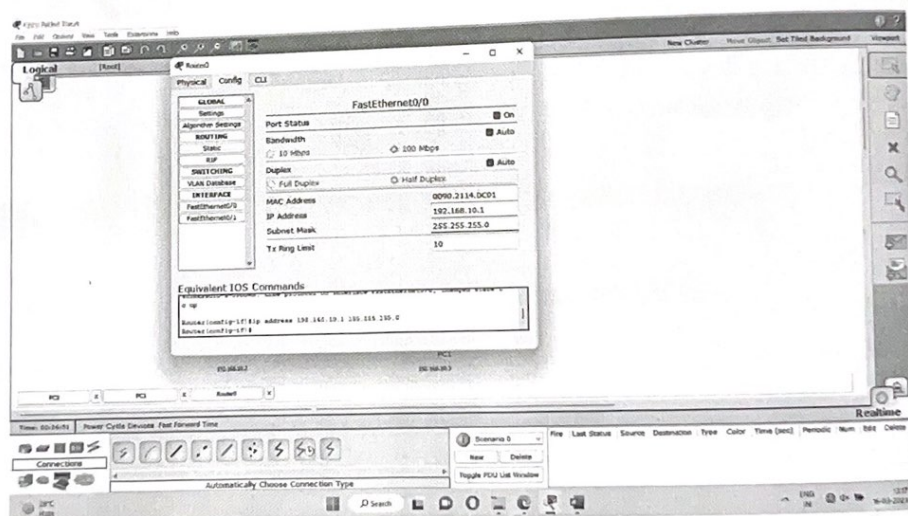


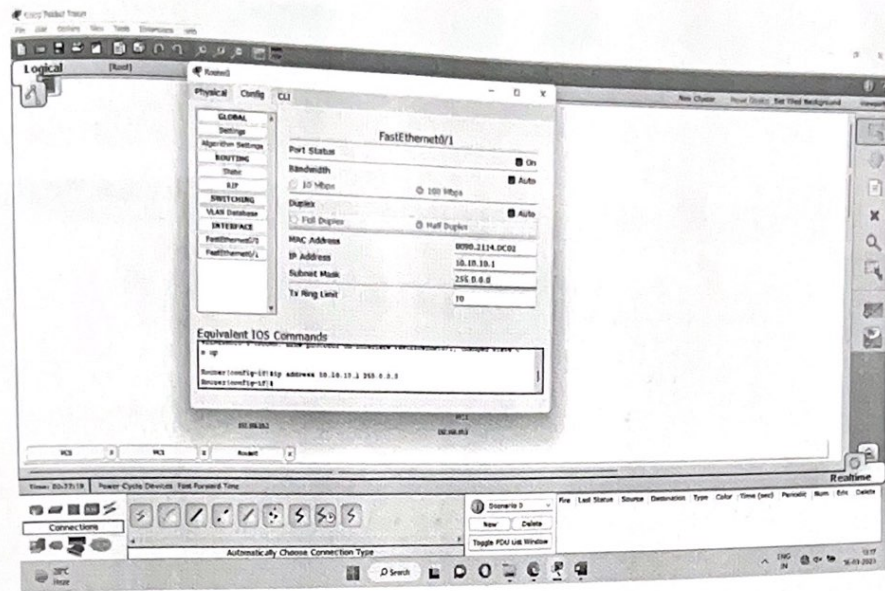
2. On end devices like PC0, PC1 double click and do following settings.
Go to Desktop – IP configuration



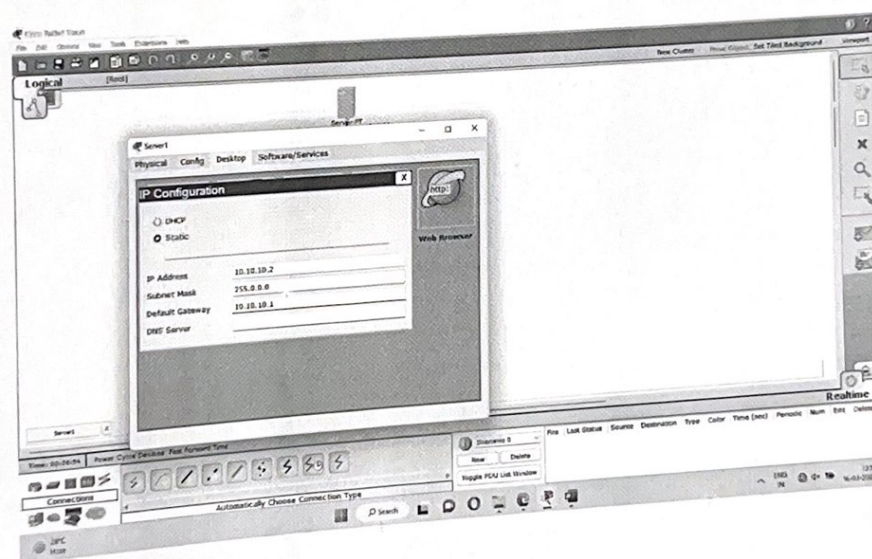


3. Click on Router and do following settings.





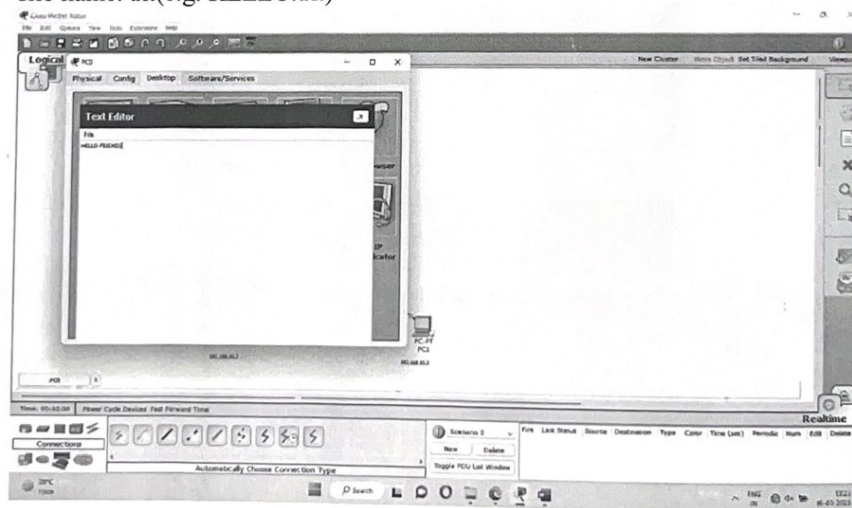
4. Click on server. Go to desktop – IP configuration.



5. On server go to Config – FTP – USERNAME – PASSWORD – Click on “+”.



6. Click on PC0. Select Desktop – Text Editor and create file. Save file with file name. txt(e.g. HELLO.txt)



Command Prompt

220- Welcome to FT Ftp server
Username:abc

331- Username ok, need password
Password:

230- Logged in
(passive mode On)

ftp>put new.txt

Writing file new.txt to 10.10.10.1:
File transfer in progress...

[Transfer complete - 19 bytes]

19 bytes copied in 0.172 secs (110 bytes/sec)
ftp>FTP 10.10.10.1

Invalid or non supported command.
ftp>put 1.txt

Writing file 1.txt to 10.10.10.1:
File transfer in progress...

[Transfer complete - 9 bytes]

9 bytes copied in 0.171 secs (52 bytes/sec)
ftp>

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How does FTP client connect to FTP server?

An FTP client connects to an FTP ~~server~~ ^{server} by establishing a TCP connection on port 21, once connected the client sends commands to the server such as user or authentication and with codes indicating success or failure. If authentication is successful, a second connection is established for file transfer. Different modes can be used for the data connection depending on network configuration.

Explain active and passive mode in FTP
Which mode will be selected in certain situation

In active mode FTP, the client initiates a data connection to the server on a dynamically assigned port. The server then connects back to the client for data connection. In passive mode, the client connects to that port. Passive mode is often preferred for its compatibility with such network configurations. Passive mode is generally chosen when the client is behind a firewall or NAT device.