

# **Exercise Description**

## **Objective:**

Build a simple, content-filtering HTTP proxy server. This proxy will sit between a web browser and a web server, forwarding traffic and blocking certain content based on a keyword.

### Scenario:

Your proxy will act as a middleman. When you configure your browser to use it (or simply navigate to its address), the following will happen:

- 1. Your browser sends an HTTP request to your proxy.
- 2. Your proxy forwards this request, completely unchanged, to a predefined target web server (e.g., ggombos.web.elte.hu).
- 3. The web server sends an HTTP response back to your proxy.
- 4. Your proxy inspects this response.
  - **Default Case:** If the response is normal, the proxy forwards it, completely unchanged, back to your browser.
  - Filtering Case: If the response from the server contains the specific string
    "SzamHalo", your proxy must block the response. Instead of forwarding it, your proxy will generate and send its own HTTP 404 Not Found error page back to the browser.

#### **Architecture:**

The data flow will look like this:

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[Web Browser] <---TCP---> [Your Proxy] <---TCP---> [Target Web Server]
```

#### Your Task:

Complete the netProxy\_exercise.py file by filling in the code marked with T0D0 comments.

# **Instructions for Running and Testing**

## 1. Start Your Proxy Server:

Open a terminal and run the script. It takes two arguments: the target host and the local port for the proxy to listen on.

python3 netProxy\_exercise.py ggombos.web.elte.hu 9000

Your proxy is now listening for connections on localhost:9000.

### 2. Use Your Web Browser to Test:

Open your favorite web browser (like Chrome, Firefox, or Safari).

# Test the Default Case (Forwarding):

Navigate to <a href="http://localhost:9000/">http://localhost:9000/</a>. Your proxy should forward the request to <a href="http://ggombos.web.elte.hu/">http://ggombos.web.elte.hu/</a>, receive the homepage, and display it in your browser.

# Test the Filtering Case (Blocking):

Navigate to <a href="http://localhost:9000/SzamHalo/">http://localhost:9000/SzamHalo/</a>. The real page on the server contains the forbidden string. Your proxy should detect this, block the real page, and instead show a "404 Not Found" error that it generated itself.