

A C++ shared library able to parse a simple INI file with the following public interfaces:

- ***unsigned short load\_resource(const std::string& path);***
  - allows an application to load and parse in volatile memory a INI resource file located in a standard Linux filesystem.
  - Example:  
  

```
unsigned short res = load_resource("/tmp/example.ini");
```
  - *Return values:* 0 in case of success, 1 in case of read errors, 255 in case of generic error.
- ***unsigned short get\_value(const std::string& key, std::string& value);***
  - allows an application to retrieve the value of a key available in a previously loaded INI file.
  - Example:  
  

```
std::string buffer;  
  
unsigned short res = get_value("section.foo.bar", buffer);
```
  - *Return values:* 0 in case of success, 3 in case of missing key, 4 in case a resource file has not been loaded yet, 255 in case of generic error.
- ***unsigned short set\_value(const std::string& key, const std::string &value);***
  - allows an application to store the value of a key in a previously loaded INI file. This adds or replace the new key / value pair both in the volatile memory and in the INI file on the filesystem.
  - Example:  
  

```
unsigned short res = set_value("section.color.red", "roses are red");
```
  - *Return values:* 0 in case of success, 4 in case a resource file has not been loaded yet, 255 in case of generic error.

A C++ Server application able to use the above mentioned shared library and to expose a basic API to localhost:12345.

The server shall expose the following APIs (every API must end with a \n character):

- **LOAD PATH:**
  - will load the INI file specified by the PATH argument (by calling the load\_resource library API).
  - *Return values:* the same returned by the library followed by a \n character, or 127\n in case of unknown command
  - Example: "**LOAD /tmp/example.ini\n**" -> "**0\n**"

- **GET KEY:**
  - will get the value identified by the KEY argument (by calling the `get_value` library API).
  - *Return values:* the same returned by the library followed by the loaded value and by a `\n` character, or `127\n` in case of unknown command.
  - Example: `"GET section.foo.bar\n" -> "0 some value\n"`
- **SET KEY VALUE:**
  - will set the value identified by the VALUE argument at the KEY argument (by calling the `set_value` library API).
  - *Return values:* the same returned by the library followed by a `\n` character, or `127\n` in case of unknown command.
  - Example: `"SET section.color.red roses are red\n" -> "0\n"`.

A C++ Client application exposing a user a basic CLI allowing a user to request the server to perform the above TCP requests to the Server:

- `./client --load /tmp/example.ini` -> triggers the LOAD PATH Server API and prints the results to standard output
- `./client --get section.foo.bar` -> triggers the GET KEY Server API and prints the results to standard output
- `./client --set section.color.red "roses are red"` -> triggers the SET KEY VALUE Server API and prints the results to standard output.

A simple bash script to be used to test the system:

- Test 1
  - Launch the server.
  - Verify the server is up and running by checking its PID and the servers listening to port 12345.
  - Stop the server with a SIGINT unix signal.
  - Verify the server is no more running by checking its PID and that there are no more servers listening to port 12345.

- Test 2
  - Write a test INI file to /tmp.
  - Launch the server
  - Launch the client and load the test INI file
  - Verify the load succeeded.
  - Launch the client and get one of the values inside the test INI file.
  - Verify the get operation succeeded.
  - Launch the client and get a non existent value.
  - Verify the operation failed with error 3.
  - Launch the client and set a new key value pair.
  - Verify the set operation succeeded.
  - Stop the server with a SIGINT unix signal.
  
- Effective usage of the latest C++ standards would be appreciated (at least C++11).
- The C++ applications must be built using at least a basic Makefile, but using a CMake file would be appreciated.
- The C++ applications should log their behavior at least to the standard error, but using a proper logging library would be appreciated.
- The C++ Server application should be able to serve at least one Client application at time

Simplified INI file reference:

[section]

foo.bar = some value