UDP Client

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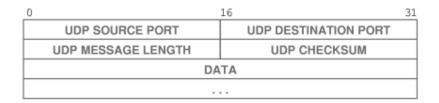
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User Datagram Protocol

User Datagram protocol is an unreliableand a connectionless protocol. It does not guarantee reliability or the correct sequencing of data. Datagrams may go missing without notice, or arrive in a different order from the one in which they were sent

UDP Datagram Format

UDP provides a way for applications to send encapsulated IP datagrams without having to establish a connection. UDP transmits *segments* consisting of an 8-byte header followed by the payload. The format is shown below



UDP Packet Structure

The UDP header consists of 4 fields, each of which is 2 bytes (16 bits). The use of two of those is optional in IPv4 (pink background in table). In IPv6 only the source port is optional (see below).

Source port number

This field identifies the sender's port when meaningful and should be assumed to be the port to reply to if needed. If not used, then it should be zero. If the source host is the client, the port number is likely to be an ephemeral port number. If the source host is the server, the port number is likely to be a well-known port number.

Destination port number

This field identifies the receiver's port and is required. Similar to source port number, if the client is the destination host then the port number will likely be an ephemeral port number and if the destination host is the server then the port number will likely be a well-known port number.

Length

A field that specifies the length in bytes of the entire datagram: header and data. The minimum length is 8 bytes since that's the length of the header. The field size sets a theoretical limit of 65,535 bytes (8 byte header + 65,527 bytes of data) for a UDP datagram. The practical limit for the data length which is imposed by the underlying IPv4 protocol is 65,507 bytes (65,535 – 8 byte UDP header – 20 byte IP header).

Checksum

The checksum field is used for error-checking of the header *and* data. If no checksum is generated by the transmitter, the field uses the value all-zeros. This field is not optional for IPv6.

PHP Socket Programing

PHP comes with a comprehensive socket programming API which has all the functions you need to create socket based client – server application.

Functions I have used in my program

socket_create() Create a socket (endpoint for communication)

socket_connect() Initiates a connection on a socket

socket_sendto() Sends a message to a socket, whether it is connected or not

socket_recvfrom() Receives data from a socket whether or not it is connection-oriented

socket_close(\$sock) Closes a socket resource

UDP Client Application

To run the UDP application the user need to execute the client.php file with two arguments in the command prompt.

Argument 1: Server IP

Argumnet 2: Port Number

\$php>php client.php <server_ip> <server_port>

(Eg: \$php>php client.php 192.168.0.2 8888)

```
©X C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe - php client.php 192.168.0.2 8888

AC
C:\xampplite\php>php client.php 192.168.0.2 8888
```

If the user run the php file without any arguments the program will display an error message.

```
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe

AC
C:\xampplite\php>php client.php
Invalid Server IP Or port Number. Please run the program with the correct ip address and the port number. (Eg: client.php 127.0.0.1 8088)

C:\xampplite\php>_
```

If the IP address is not valid it will display the following error message

C:\xampplite\php>php client.php 259.168.0.2 8888 Warning: socket_connect(): Host lookup failed [0]: No such host is known. in C:\xampplite\php\client.php on line 30 C:\xampplite\php>

On my system I have installed xampplite which is a software bundle which includes PHP 5.3.1, Apache, MySQL and many other services.

For the development and for testing purposes I have used the PHP interpreter came with the xampplite budle.

Once you run the application it will wait for a keyboard input. (As shown in the above figure)

If the server is running on the given IP and the Port number it will display the input text with the server IP and the port number from the datagram received back from the server. (Test results are provided in the Appendix)

If the server is not running or if the program is not able to connect to the server it will display the following warning message

```
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe - php client.php 192.168.0.2 8888

AC
C:\xampplite\php>php client.php 192.168.0.2 8888
Hello
Warning: socket_recvfrom(): unable to recvfrom [0]: The operation completed successfully.
in C:\xampplite\php\client.php on line 42
192.168.0.2 8888
```

To exit the application type the word 'quit' instead of the message.

Bibliography:

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Test Results Transcript 1

Name: James Pearson-Kirk (07th January 2010)

Server IPAddress: 86.14.117.160

Server Port Number: 2555

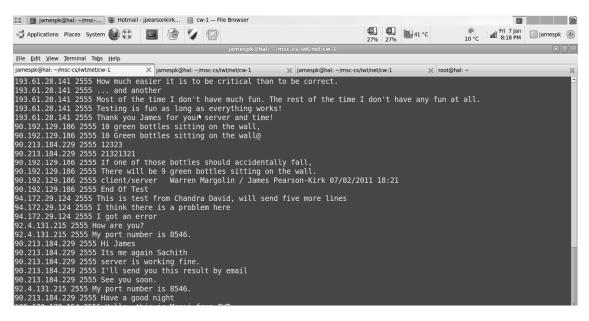


Figure 1: UDP Server

Client IP Address: 90.213.184.229

Client Port : 2555 (This was number received from the server as the port)

```
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe - php client.php 86.14.117.160 2555

C:\xampplite\php>php client.php 86.14.117.160 2555

Hi James

86.14.117.160 2555 Hi James

Its me again Sachith

86.14.117.160 2555 Its me again Sachith

server is working fine.

86.14.117.160 2555 server is working fine.

I'll send you this result by email

86.14.117.160 2555 I'll send you this result by email

See you soon.

86.14.117.160 2555 See you soon.

Have a good night

86.14.117.160 2555 Have a good night
```

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Test Results Transcript 2

Name: Michael Sauter (08th January 2010)

Server IPAddress: 192.168.0.2

Server Port Number: 9000

```
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe - php client.php 192.168.0.2 9000

C:\xampplite\php>php client.php 192.168.0.2 9000

Hello Michael
192.168.0.2 9000 Hello Michael
This is Sachith
192.168.0.2 9000 This is Sachith
Testing the UDP Server
192.168.0.2 9000 Testing the UDP Server
I'm getting the messages back
192.168.0.2 9000 I'm getting the messages back
Looks like its working
192.168.0.2 9000 Looks like its working
See you on Monday
192.168.0.2 9000 See you on Monday
Have a good day
192.168.0.2 9000 Have a good day
```

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Client IP Address: 192.168.0.2

Client Port: 3345

```
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe - java UDPServer 9000

C:\Program Files\Java\jre6\bin>java UDPServer 9000

/192.168.0.2:3345 Hello Michael

/192.168.0.2:3345 This is Sachith

/192.168.0.2:3345 Testing the UDP Server

/192.168.0.2:3345 I'm getting the messages back

/192.168.0.2:3345 Looks like its working

/192.168.0.2:3345 See you on Monday

/192.168.0.2:3345 Have a good day
```

UDP Server

The same server was also tested on a lab computer and the results as follows.

Server IPAddress: 193.61.28.57 (10th January 2010)

Server Port Number: 8888

```
C:\windows\system32\cmd.exe-php client.php 193.61.28.57 8888

I:\xampplite\php\php client.php 193.61.28.57 8888

hi#
193.61.28.57 8888 hi#
this is sachith
193.61.28.57 8888 this is sachith
Looks like its working
193.61.28.57 8888 Looks like its working
Thanks for the server
193.61.28.57 8888 Thanks for the server
```

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Test Results Transcript 3

Name: Niall Gallagher (12th January 2010)

Server IPAddress: 193.61.28.57

Server Port Number: 5678

```
C:\windows\system32\cmd.exe - php client.php 193.61.28.57 5678

I:\xampplite\php\php \php client.php 193.61.28.57 5678

hi Niall
193.61.28.57 5678 hi Niall
This is Sachith
193.61.28.57 5678 This is Sachith
THanks for the server
193.61.28.57 5678 THanks for the server
Bye
193.61.28.57 5678 Bye

-
```

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Client IP Address: 193.61.28.35

Port Number: 58821

```
E:\cd udp-assignment-ngalla02

E:\cd udp-assignment-ngalla02\dir

Uolume in drive E has no label.

Uolume Serial Number is 69E1-FAD4

Directory of E:\udp-assignment-ngalla02

10/01/2011 13:17 (DIR)

10/01/2011 01:39 11,297 udp-assignment-ngalla02.jar

10/01/2011 20:14 321 server.sh

10/01/2011 20:09 640 log_nina.txt

10/01/2011 20:17 (DIR)

10/01/2011 20:17 (DIR)

10/01/2011 19:44 (DIR)

10/01/2011 20:19 sina

12/01/2011 19:44 (DIR)

12/393 bytes

4 Dir(s) 1,999,458,304 bytes free

E:\udp-assignment-ngalla02\java -cp udp-assignment-ngalla02.jar com.npgall.mscai

s.iwt.udp.UDPServer 5678

193.61.28.35 58821 This is Sachith
```

UDP Server

PHP Implementations (Coding)

```
<?php
/* Coursework Assignment IWT
        UDP Client
        M G S Dassanayake (12712980)
        References: Example #1 http://php.net/manual/en/function.socket-recvfrom.php
*/
$srvIP = $argv[1]; // Remote Server IP address (Argument 1)
$srvPort = $argv[2]; // Remote Server Port (Argument 2)
if ($argv[1] == "" || $argv[2] == "")
{
        echo "Invalid Server IP Or port Number. Please run the program with the correct ip address and the port
number. (Eg: client.php 127.0.0.1 8088)";
}
else
{
       //Creates the UDP Socket
       $sock = socket_create(AF_INET, SOCK_DGRAM, SOL_UDP);
       if(!$sock)
       {
         echo 'Socket_create failed: '.socket_strerror(socket_last_error())."\n";
       }
       else
        {
               // Socket Connect
               $result = socket_connect($sock, $srvIP, $srvPort);
               if($result)
               {
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```

```
do{
                                // Keyboard Input
                                $msg = trim(fgets(STDIN));
                                // Check if the user wants to close the application
                                if ($msg!= "quit")
                                {
                                        // Length of the input
                                        $len = strlen($msg);
                                        // Sends the input message to the server
                                        socket_sendto($sock, $msg, $len, 0, $srvIP, $srvPort);
                                        // Receives the message from the server
                                        socket_recvfrom($sock, $buf, 2048, 0, $srvIP, $srvPort);
                                        //Shows the message received from the server including the ip address and
the port
                                        echo $srvIP . " " . $srvPort. " " . trim($buf) . PHP_EOL;
                                        //Clears the buffer
                                        $buf = "";
                                }
                        }while($msg!= "quit"); // Exit the application when the user type 'quit'
                }
       }
       //Close the socket
        socket_close($sock);
```

}

?>