

Network Assignment Documentation

Introduction to Socket Programming

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Problem statement:

Use sockets to implement a simple web client that communicates with a web server using a restricted subset of HTTP.

Organization:

The code is organized in three code files and a header file, the three code files are server code, client code and functions code file, the functions file code contains some functions that is used two sides.

Server :

- Server accepts incoming connection requests form clients (GET or POST) and takes the appropriate action.
- Server keeps the connection open (persistence connection) - for dynamic amount of time depending on load of requests on server - waiting for new requests from the same client.

client:

- Client must read and parse a series of commands from input file.
- Client open a connection with server on specified host listening on the specified port number.

How to run code:

1. the file that has the client requests called read.txt, fill it with the request before running the code
2. run \$make all in terminal, in the directory of the client and directory of the server.
3. run \$./server (port-number) in the server directory.
4. run \$./client in the client directory.

Important Functions:

- split (string s, string delimiter) : the function splits the given string s at the delimiter.
- get_client_request(vector<string> v, int i) : function that separate the client requests read from file.
- get_server_request(string request) : the function puts the request read from the client file to the proper format of HTTP request.

- `parse_request(string request)`: function that parse request coming from the client.
- `send(int new_fd, std::vector<std::string> curRequest)`: function that send files.
- `recv(int new_fd, string fileName)`: function that receives files.

Data Structures:

- strings
- `vector<strings>`
- some primitive data types