

4.6. Experiment no. 6

Aim: Write a program using UDP Sockets to enable file transfer (Script, Text, Audio and Video one file each) between two machines

1.1 Prerequisite:

a) Socket Header b) Network Programming c) Ports

Learning Objectives:

1. To understand Work of Socket
2. Different methods associated with Client & Server Socket

Theory:

1.3.1 Introduction

What is UDP?

UDP is a connectionless and unreliable transport protocol. The two ports serve to identify the end points within the source and destination machines. User Datagram Protocol is used, in place of TCP, when a reliable delivery is not required. However, UDP is never used to send important data such as web-pages, database information, etc. Streaming media such as video, audio and others use UDP because it offers speed.

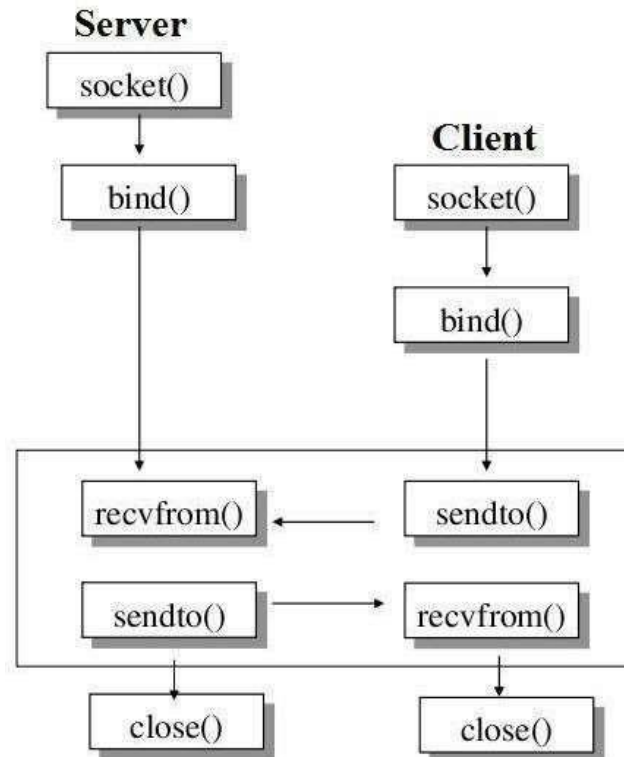
Why UDP is faster than TCP?

The reason UDP is faster than TCP is because there is no form of flow control. No error checking, error correction, or acknowledgment is done by UDP. UDP is only concerned with speed. So when, the data sent over the Internet is affected by collisions, and errors will be present. UDP packet's called as user datagrams with 8 bytes header. A format of user datagrams is shown in figure 3. In the user datagrams first 8 bytes contains header information and the remaining bytes contain data.

LINUX SOCKET PROGRAMMING:

The Berkeley socket interface, an API, allows communications between hosts or between processes on one computer, using the concept of a socket. It can work with many different I/O devices and drivers, although support for these depends on the operating-system implementation. This interface implementation is implicit for TCP/IP, and it is therefore one of the fundamental technologies underlying the Internet. It was first developed at the University of California, Berkeley for use on Unix systems. All modern operating systems now have some implementation of the Berkeley socket interface, as it has become the standard interface for connecting to the Internet. Programmers can make the socket interfaces accessible at three different levels, most powerfully and fundamentally at the RAW socket level. Very few applications need the degree of control over outgoing communications that this provides, so RAW sockets support was intended to be available only on computers used for developing Internet-related technologies. In recent years, most operating systems have implemented support for it anyway, including Windows XP. The header files: The Berkeley socket development library has many associated header files. They include: Definitions for the most basic of socket structures with the BSD socket API Basic data types associated with structures within the BSD socket API Definitions for the `socketaddr_in{ }` and other base data structures.

Connectionless Protocol



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`<sys/un.h>`

Definitions and data type declarations for `SOCK_UNIX` streams

UDP: UDP consists of a connectionless protocol with no guarantee of delivery. UDP packets may arrive out of order, become duplicated and arrive more than once, or even not arrive at all. Due to the minimal guarantees involved, UDP has considerably less overhead than TCP. Being connectionless means that there is no concept of a stream or connection between two hosts, instead, data arrives in datagrams. UDP address space, the space of UDP port numbers (in ISO terminology, the TSAPs), is completely disjoint from that of TCP ports. Server: Code may set up a UDP server on port 7654 as follows:

```

sock                                =
socket(PF_INET,SOCK_DGRAM,0);
sa.sin_addr.s_addr    =    INADDR_ANY;
sa.sin_port = htons(7654);
bound = bind(sock,(struct sockaddr *)&sa, sizeof(struct sockaddr));
if (bound < 0) fprintf(stderr, "bind(): %s\n",strerror(errno)); listen(sock,3); bind() binds
the socket to an address/port pair. listen() sets the length of the newconnections queue.
while (1)
{
    printf("recv test ..... \n");
    recsize = recvfrom(sock, (void *)hz, 100, 0, (struct sockaddr *)&sa, fromlen); printf
    ("recsize: %d\n ",recsize);
    if (recsize < 0)
        fprintf(stderr, " %s\n",  strerror(errno));
    sleep(1);
    printf("datagram: %s\n",hz);
}

```

This infinite loop receives any UDP datagrams to port 7654 using `recvfrom()`. It uses the parameters: 1 socket 1 pointer to buffer for data 1 size of buffer 1 flags (same as in `read` or other receive socket function)

Client: A simple demo to send an UDP packet containing "Hello World!" to address 127.0.0.1, port 7654 might look like this:

```

#include #include #include #include #include #include #include int
main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    int sock; struct sockaddr_in sa;
    int bytes_sent, buffer_length;
    char buffer[200]; sprintf(buffer,
    "Hello World!");
    buffer_length = strlen(buffer) + 1;
    sock = socket(PF_INET, SOCK_DGRAM, 0);
    sa.sin_family      =      AF_INET;
    sa.sin_addr.s_addr = htonl(0x7F000001);
    sa.sin_port = htons(7654); bytes_sent = sendto(sock, buffer, buffer_length, 0, &sa, sizeof(struct
    sockaddr_in ));
    if(bytes_sent < 0) printf("Error sending packet: %s\n", strerror(errno)); return
    0;
}

```

In this code, buffer provides a pointer to the data to send, and buffer_length specifies the size of the buffer contents. Typical UDP client code

- Create UDP socket to contact server (with a given hostname and service port number)
- Create UDP packet.
- Call send(packet), sending request to the server.
- Possibly call receive(packet) (if we need a reply).

Typical UDP Server code

- Create UDP socket listening to a well known port number.
- Create UDP packet buffer Call receive(packet) to get a request, noting the address of the client.
- Process request and send reply back with send(packet).

APPLICATION :

Socket programming is essential in developing any application over a network.

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Outcome: Thus we have studied Working of UDP Socket.

FAQs:

1. Can multiple clients connect to same UDP socket?
2. Which socket is used in UDP?
3. How do you specify socket type for UDP?

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