

# Single threaded Server

## \* C++ Server for Windows

```
#include <winsock2.h>
#include <ws2tcpip.h>
#include <iostream>
#include <string>

// Link with ws2_32.lib
#pragma comment(lib, "ws2_32.lib")

const int PORT = 8080;
```

port

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int main() {
    WSADATA wsaData;
    SOCKET server_fd = INVALID_SOCKET, new_socket = INVALID_SOCKET;
    struct sockaddr_in address;
    int addrlen = sizeof(address);
    char buffer[1024] = { 0 };
    const std::string response =
        "HTTP/2 200 OK\r\n"
        "Content-Type: text/plain\r\n"
        "Content-Length: 13\r\n"
        "\r\n"
        "Hello, World!";

    // Initialize Winsock
    if (WSAStartup(MAKEWORD(2, 2), &wsaData) != 0) {
        std::cerr << "WSAStartup failed: " << WSAGetLastError() << "\n";
        return -1;
    }
```

OS system call

```
// Create socket
if ((server_fd = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, IPPROTO_TCP)) == INVALID_SOCKET) {
    std::cerr << "Socket creation failed: " << WSAGetLastError() << "\n";
    WSACleanup();
    return -1;
}
```

```
// Bind socket to port
address.sin_family = AF_INET;
address.sin_addr.s_addr = INADDR_ANY;
address.sin_port = htons(PORT);
if (bind(server_fd, (struct sockaddr*)&address, sizeof(address)) == SOCKET_ERROR) {
    std::cerr << "Bind failed: " << WSAGetLastError() << "\n";
    closesocket(server_fd);
    WSACleanup();
    return -1;
}
```

Bind() internally  
do system call

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std::cout << "Server is listening on port " << PORT << "...\\n";

while (true) {
    std::cout << "Single Threaded with 'Hello, World!'\\n";
    // Accept incoming connection
    if ((new_socket = accept(server_fd, (struct sockaddr*)&address, &addrlen)) == INVALID_SOCKET) {
        std::cerr << "Accept failed: " << WSAGetLastError() << "\\n";
        closesocket(server_fd);
        WSACleanup();
        return -1;
    }

    // Read request (for demonstration, we ignore its contents)
    recv(new_socket, buffer, 1024, 0);

    // Send response
    send(new_socket, response.c_str(), response.size(), 0);
    std::cout << "Responded with 'Hello, World!'\\n";

    // Close the connection
    closesocket(new_socket);
}

// Cleanup
closesocket(server_fd);
WSACleanup();
return 0;
}

```

↳ accept( )  
↳ Blocking call  
↳ Returnally  
OS System call  
↳ Can't run until a client connects.

- \* We compile this file and executed the executable
- steps:- ① Create socket (OS code)
- ② Bind socket to port (OS code)
- ③ While loop
  - ↳ calls accept( )

- ↳ No this C++ program/process is put to wait state by OS
- \* Until this process gets client connection, lock underneath the **accept()** call is<sup>o</sup> not over.
- \* Once client connects, OS gives pointer to sleep queue present in memory.
- \* Now this process has pointer
  - ④ Reads Request data
  - ⑤ Send response
  - ⑥ Again next iteration of

while loop starts

## Problems

- ① What will happen if the code after accept() takes 10 seconds
  - ↳ Consider in 10 seconds, this server receives 10K connection
  - ↳ This will bloat the memory
  - ↳ CPU utilization increases
- ② Only 1 request is served at a time, Multicore CPU or Multiple CPU are not being utilised properly

```
Server is listening on port 8080...
Single Threaded with 'Hello, World!' → iteration 1
Responded with 'Hello, World!'
Single Threaded with 'Hello, World!' → iteration 2
```

Waiting after accept() call

\* Also this C++ process is infinitely looping because of while(true)

↳ It's what web servers are  
Always looping forever waiting for  
connection.

\* Single threaded blocking servers  
are never implemented