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Using Boost.Beast WebSockets and Networking TS

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Boost.Beast

- HTTP and WebSocket protocols
- Using Boost.Asio
- Header-only C++11
- Part of Boost 1.66.0 and later
- Goal: Standardization

<https://github.com/boostorg/beast>

Boost C++ Libraries

- Best permissive license
- Review process breeds excellence
- Establish existing practice
- Become part of C++

`boost::shared_ptr`

`boost::optional`

`boost::bind`

`boost::mutex`

`boost::chrono`

`BOOST_FOREACH`

`boost::asio`

`boost::filesystem`

`boost::thread`

`boost::shared_mutex`

`boost::function`

`BOOST_STATIC_ASSERT`

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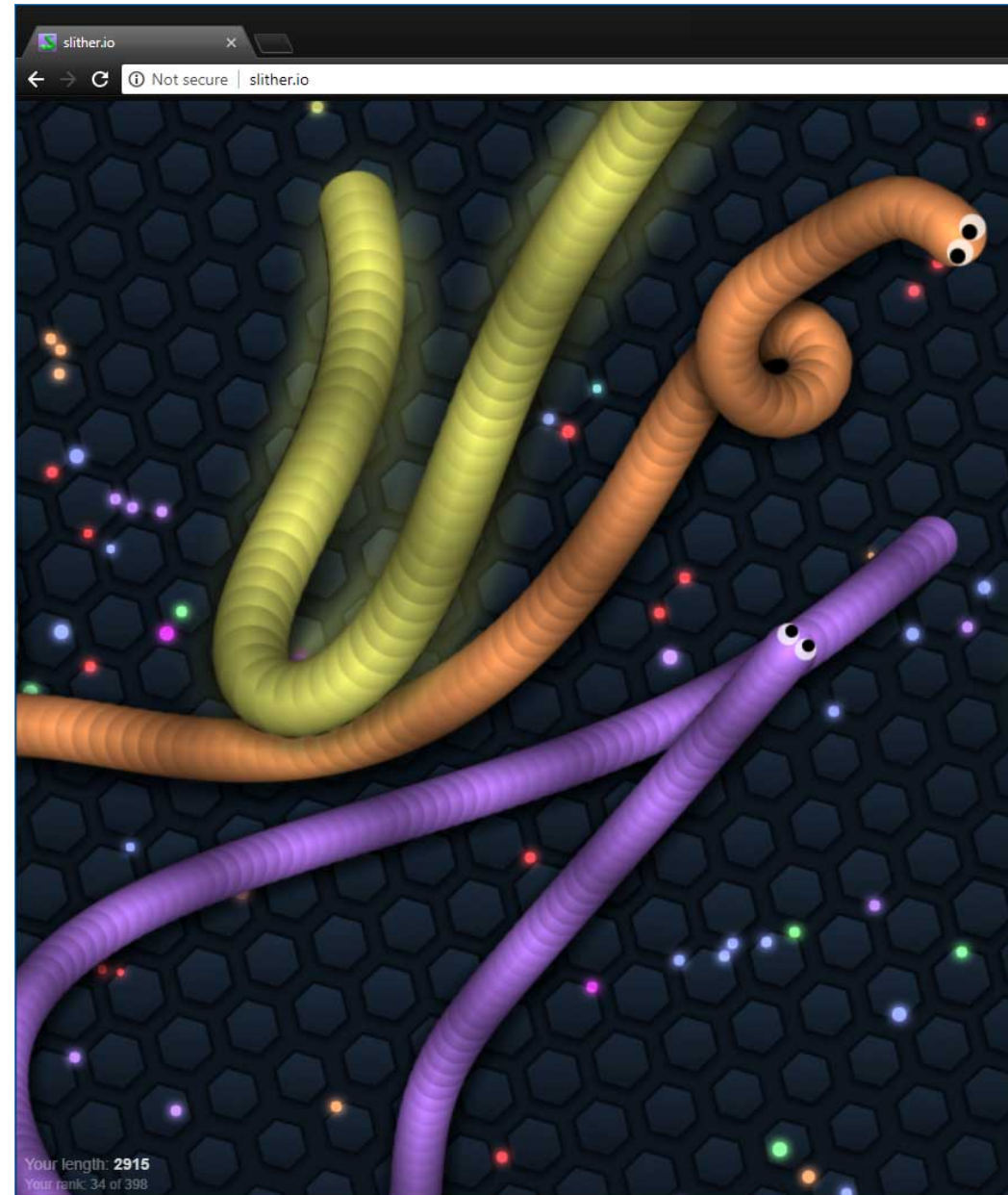
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- Written by Matheus Valdares
- Released in 2015 on 4chan
- Free to play, runs in browser
- Multiplayer online battle arena
- 500 players per instance
- Peak \$100,000 daily ad income
- Number 1 mobile game

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The multiuser app checks the boxes for an addictive game: free, easy to pick up, seemingly endless

Recipe

- C++ WebSocket Server
- Browser WebSocket Client



Contents

- Protocols
- Networking TS
- Chat Server
- Chat Client
- Epilogue

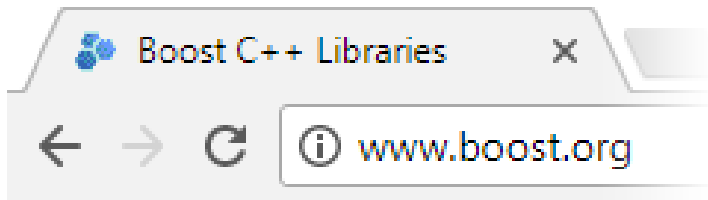
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HTTP

“Hypertext Transfer Protocol”

Client

Server



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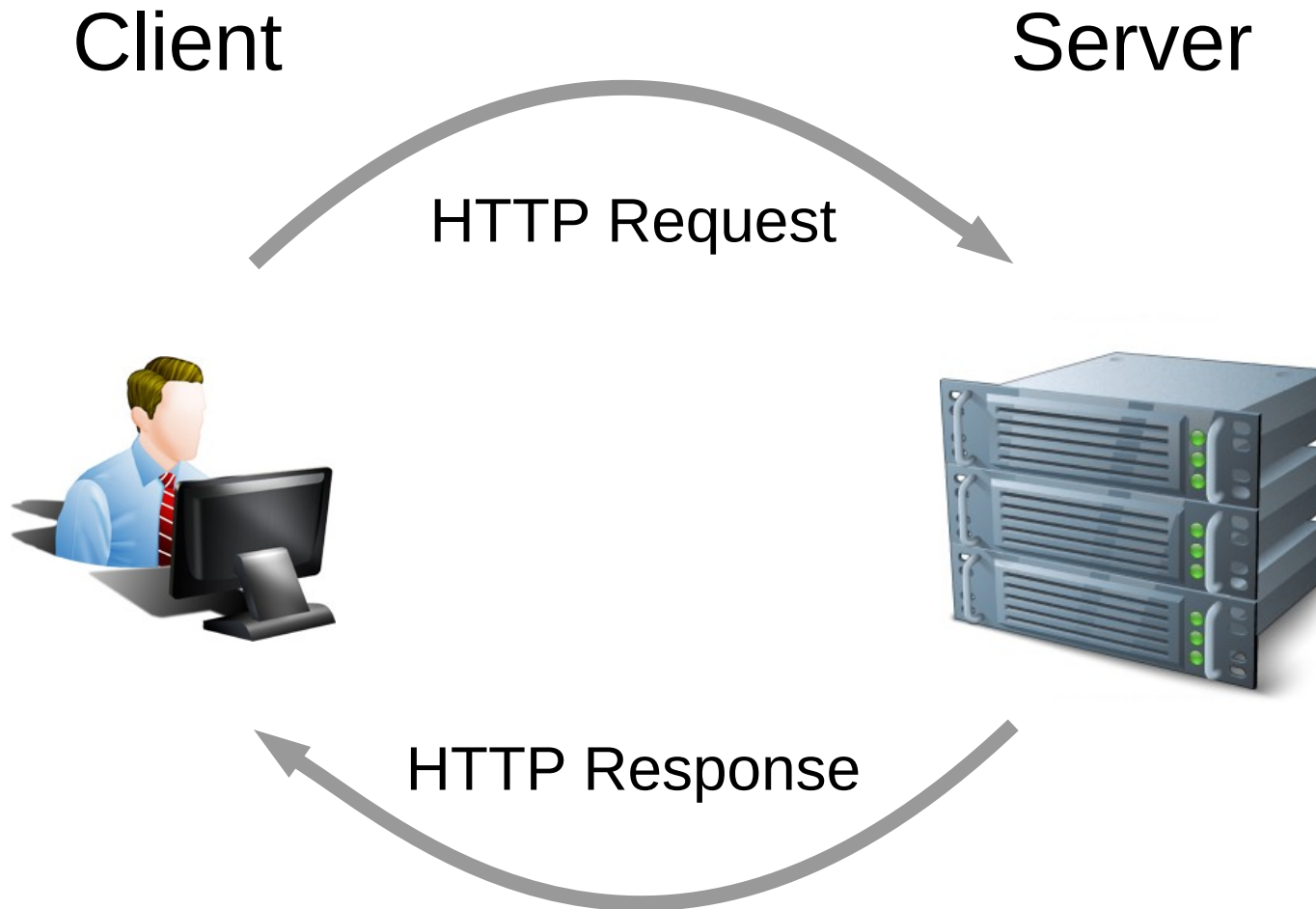


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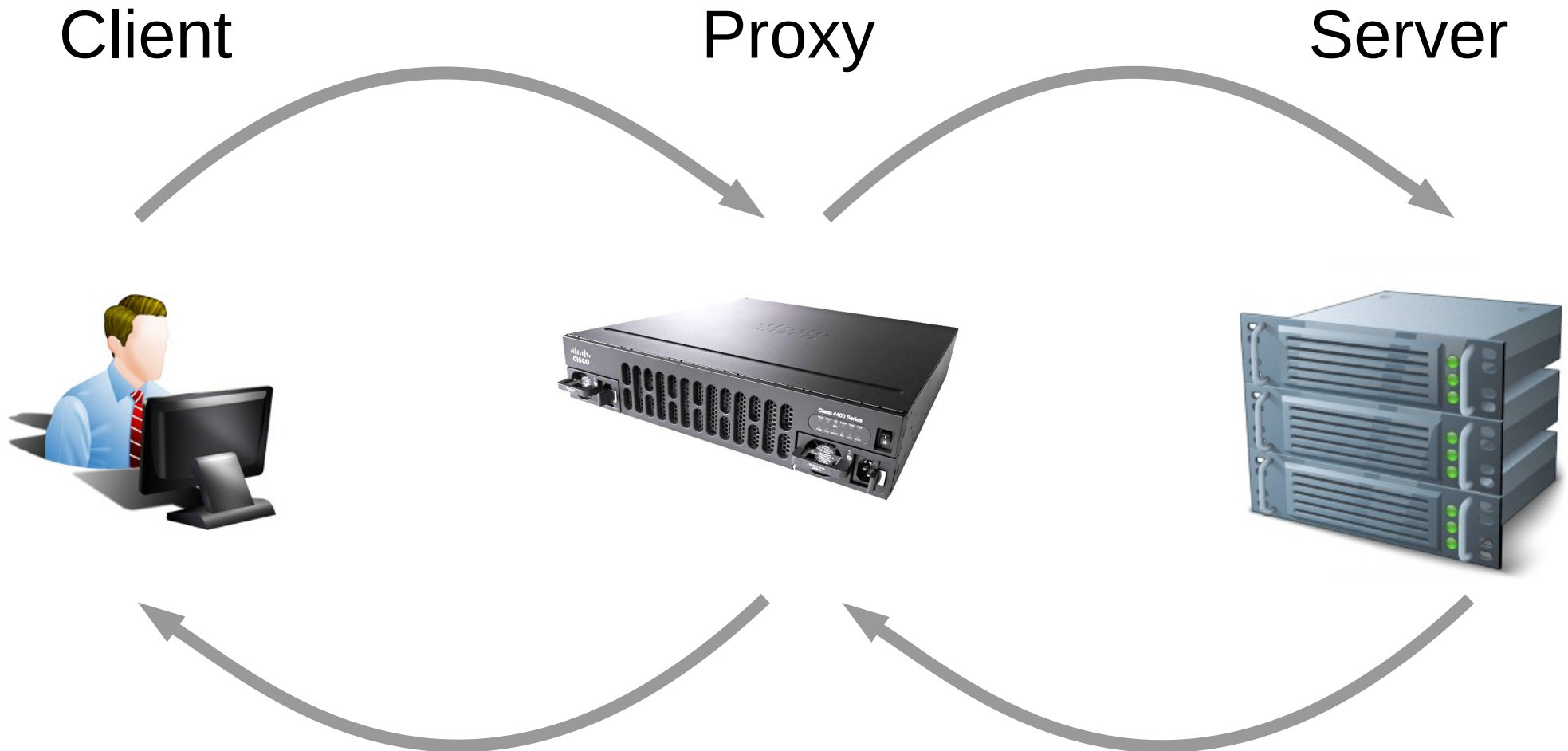
HTTP

- Half-Duplex



HTTP

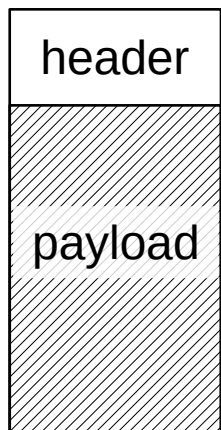
- Transportable by proxies and firewalls



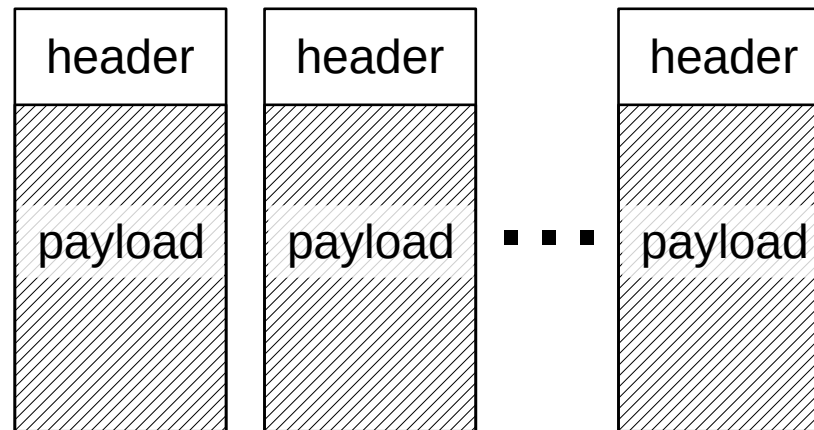
WebSocket

- RFC6455 (hybi-17)
- Symmetric, full-duplex
- Transportable by proxies and firewalls
- Message oriented, length-prefixed frames

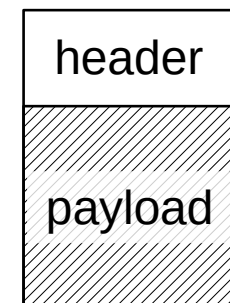
Single-frame message



Multi-frame message



Control frame:
close, ping, pong



127 byte max

WebSocket

Client

Server

HTTP Upgrade Request



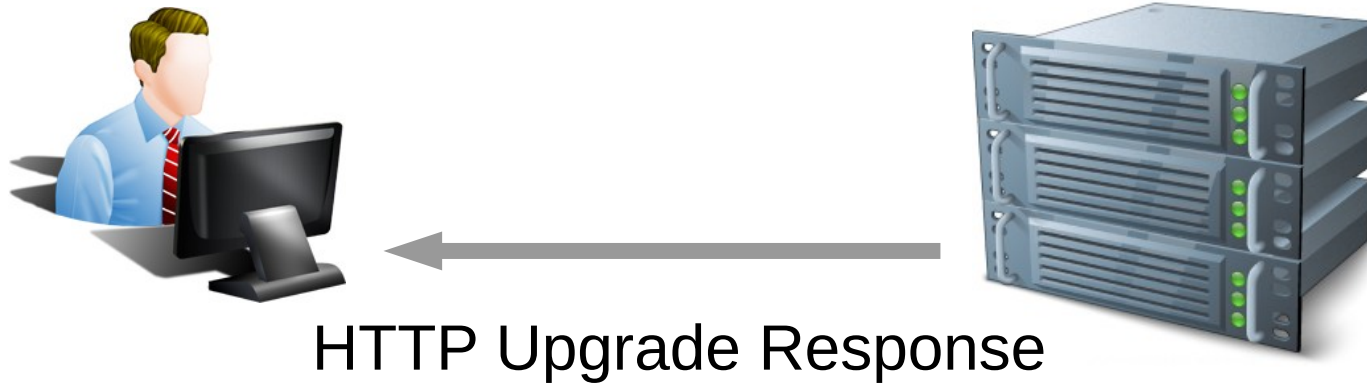
TARGET

```
GET /chat.cgi HTTP/1.1
Host: www.example.org
Upgrade: websocket
Connection: upgrade
Sec-WebSocket-Key: 2pGeTR08MA==
Sec-WebSocket-Version: 13
User-Agent: Beast
```


WebSocket

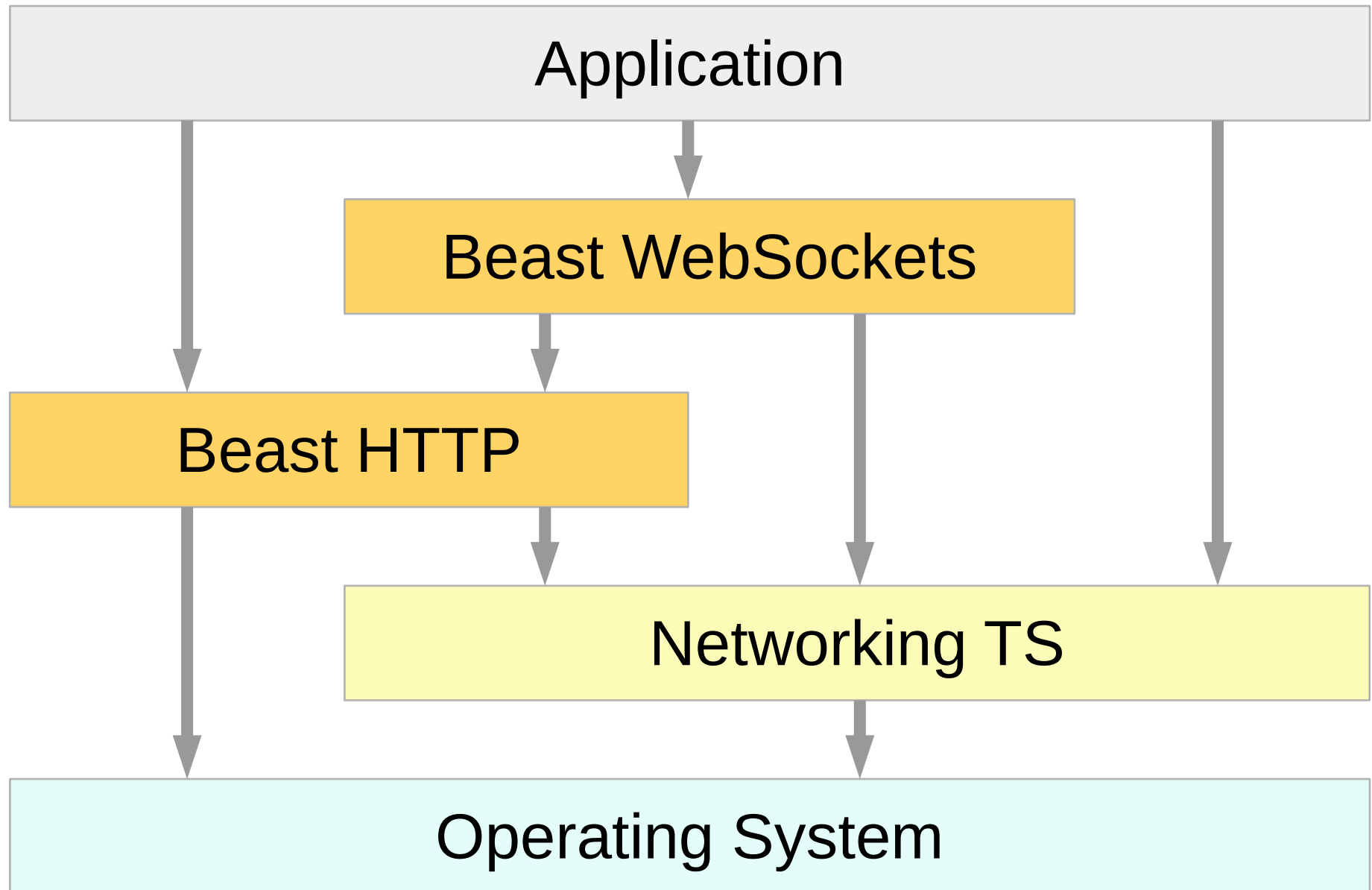
Client

Server



```
HTTP/1.1 101 Switching Protocols  
Upgrade: websocket  
Connection: upgrade  
Sec-WebSocket-Accept: shZRK+x0o=  
Server: Beast
```

API Layers



Networking TS

Flavors

Library	Header file location and namespace
Networking TS	<code><experimental/io_context></code> <code>std::experimental::net::io_context</code>
Boost.Asio	<code><boost/asio/io_context.hpp></code> <code>boost::asio::io_context</code>
Asio	<code><asio/io_context.hpp></code> <code>asio::io_context</code>

Basics

```
// Required for ALL I/O activities  
net::io_context ioc;
```

```
// Declare a TCP/IP socket  
net::ip::tcp::socket sock(ioc);
```

```
...
```

```
// Write some data  
auto bytes_transferred = sock.write_some(b);
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Buffers

```
class mutable_buffer
{
    ...
public:
    mutable_buffer();

    mutable_buffer(
        void*, size_t);

    size_t size();

    void const* data();
};
```

```
class const_buffer
{
    ...
public:
    const_buffer();

    const_buffer(
        void const*, size_t);

    const_buffer(
        mutable_buffer);

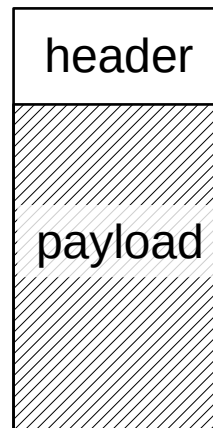
    size_t size();

    void const* data();
};
```

Buffers

```
// Send a payload prefixed with a header  
template<class SyncWriteStream>  
void  
send_message(  
    SyncWriteStream& stream,  
    net::const_buffer payload);
```

message:



Buffers

```
// Send a payload prefixed with a header
template<class SyncWriteStream>
void
send_message(
    SyncWriteStream& stream,
    net::const_buffer payload)
{
    net::write(stream, make_header(payload));
    net::write(stream, payload);
}
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System I/O calls, such as socket reads and writes, are usually incredibly expensive.

Buffers

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void
send_message(
    SyncWriteStream& stream,
    net::const_buffer payload)
{
    auto header = make_header(payload)

    // Create a non-owning, 2-element buffer range
    std::array<2,
        net::const_buffer> b{header, payload};
    net::write(stream, b);
}
```


Buffer Sequence

```
// Write a buffer sequence to a stream
// Returns: The number of bytes written
template<
    class SyncWriteStream,
    class ConstBufferSequence>
size_t
write(
    SyncWriteStream& stream,
    ConstBufferSequence const& b);
```

Buffer Sequence

- Bidirectional range of contiguous memory regions
- Reference semantics (no ownership)
- Length is fixed and cannot be resized
- Lightweight and copyable (don't use **vector**!)
- Networking TS concept, user-defined types possible
- Beast provides several buffer sequence types

ConstBufferSequence

A *ConstBufferSequence* is a non-owning range of read-only memory regions.

In this table:

- **X** is a type meeting the requirements of *ConstBufferSequence*
- **a** is a value of type **X**

Expression	Type	Description
<code>X::value_type</code>	<code>T</code>	<code>T</code> is convertible to <code>const_buffer</code> .
<code>X::const_iterator</code>	<code>U</code>	<code>U</code> is a bidirectional iterator whose reference type is convertible to <code>const_buffer</code> .
<code>X(a)</code>	<code>X</code>	<code>X</code> is <i>CopyConstructible</i> . The copy will reference the same memory regions as the original sequence.
<code>a.begin();</code> <code>a.end();</code>	<code>const_iterator</code> or convertible to <code>const_iterator</code>	
<code>const_buffer</code> <code>mutable_buffer</code>		Also a <i>ConstBufferSequence</i> .

MutableBufferSequence

A *MutableBufferSequence* is a non-owning range of mutable memory regions.

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<code>X::value_type</code>	T	T is convertible to <code>mutable_buffer</code> .
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<code>a.begin();</code> <code>a.end();</code>	<code>const_iterator</code> or convertible to <code>const_iterator</code>	
<code>mutable_buffer</code>		Also a <i>MutableBufferSequence</i> .

Buffers

```
string s = "Hello, world!";  
  
net::write(sock,  
            net::const_buffer(s.data(), s.size()));  
  
// Better  
net::write(sock, net::buffer(s));
```


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Buffers

```
template<typename PodType, size_t N>  
mutable_buffer buffer(array<PodType, N>& data);
```

```
template<typename PodType, size_t N>  
const_buffer buffer(array<PodType, N> const& data);
```

```
template<typename PodType, typename Allocator>  
mutable_buffer buffer(vector<PodType, Allocator>& data);
```

```
template<typename PodType, typename Allocator>  
const_buffer buffer(vector<PodType, Allocator> const& data);
```

```
template<typename Elem, typename Traits, typename Allocator>  
mutable_buffer buffer(basic_string<Elem, Traits, Allocator>& data);
```

```
template<typename Elem, typename Traits, typename Allocator>  
const_buffer buffer(basic_string<Elem, Traits, Allocator> const&  
data);
```

```
// ...26 more overloads
```

Buffers

```
// Read data into a buffer until  
// it contains a specified string  
auto matching_bytes =  
    net::read_until(sock, b, "\r\n\r\n");
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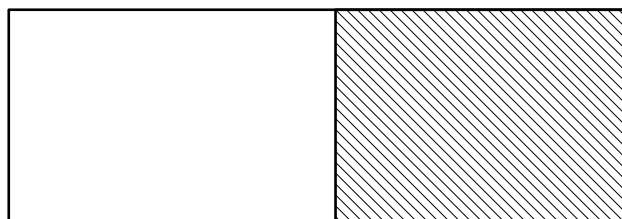
```
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// it contains a specified string
auto matching_bytes =
    net::read_until(sock, b, "\r\n\r\n");

template<
    class SyncReadStream,
    class DynamicBuffer>
size_t
read_until(
    SyncReadStream& s,
    DynamicBuffer&& buffer,
    string_view match);
```

DynamicBuffer

- A resizable buffer sequence with a *read area* and a *write area*
- Useful when the expected input size is unknown
- Networking TS concept, user-defined types possible
- Beast provides several dynamic buffer types

read area
ConstBufferSequence

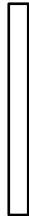


write area
MutableBufferSequence

DynamicBuffer

```
// X is a type meeting the requirements of DynamicBuffer  
X a;
```

read area
0 bytes



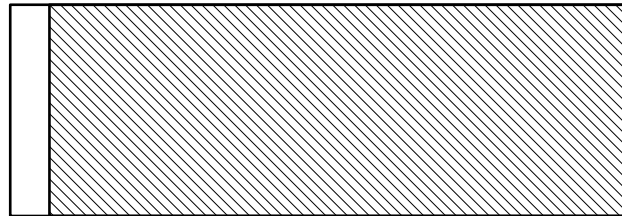
write area
0 bytes

DynamicBuffer

```
X a;
```

```
// Resize the write area and read into it  
auto bytes_transferred = sock.read_some(a.prepare(128));
```

read area
0 bytes

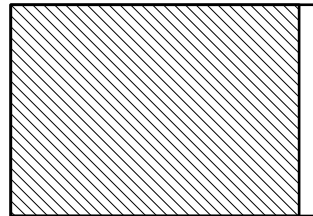


write area
128 bytes

DynamicBuffer

```
X a;  
auto bytes_transferred = sock.read_some(a.prepare(128));  
  
// Move bytes from the write area to the read area  
a.commit(bytes_transferred);
```

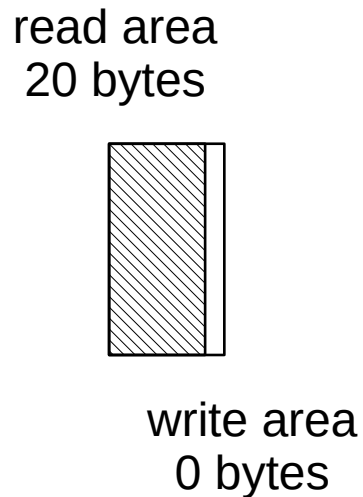
read area
60 bytes



write area
0 bytes

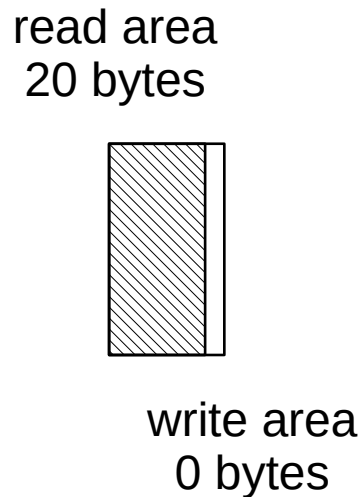
DynamicBuffer

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X a;  
auto bytes_transferred = sock.read_some(a.prepare(128));  
a.commit(bytes_transferred);  
  
// Process data in the read area  
auto bytes_used = process(a.data());
```



DynamicBuffer

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X a;  
auto bytes_transferred = sock.read_some(a.prepare(128));  
a.commit(bytes_transferred);  
auto bytes_used = process(a.data());  
  
// Remove bytes from the read area  
a.consume(bytes_used);
```



DynamicBuffer

```
class DynamicBuffer
{
public:
    using const_buffers_type = ...;    // The type representing the read area
    using mutable_buffers_type = ...;  // The type representing the write area

    size_t size() const;               // Returns the size of the read area
    size_t max_size() const;           // Returns maximum sum of read and write area sizes
    size_t capacity() const;           // Returns maximum sum of sizes without reallocating

    // Returns the read area as a ConstBufferSequence
    const_buffers_type data() const;

    // Resize the write area and return it as a MutableBufferSequence
    mutable_buffers_type prepare(size_t size);

    // Move bytes from beginning of write area to end of read area
    void commit(size_t size);

    // Remove bytes from beginning of read area
    void consume(size_t size);
};
```


Asynchronous I/O

```
// Perform a blocking read
auto bytes_transferred = sock.read_some(b);

// Start a non-blocking read
// this call returns immediately
sock.async_read_some(buffers, handler);
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// Start a non-blocking read,
// this call returns immediately
sock.async_read_some(buffers,
    [&](error_code ec,
        size_t bytes_transferred)
    {
        // Called later when the read is complete
        ...
    });
```

Completion Handler

- An invocable function object with the right signature
- Requires *MoveConstructible*
- Networking TS concept for user-defined types

```
// Lambda expression  
[](error_code, size_t){}
```

```
// User-defined function object  
struct my_handler  
{  
    void operator()(error_code, size_t);  
};
```

```
// A call wrapper  
bind(&connection::on_read, this, _1, _2); // gasp!
```

Asynchronous I/O

```
// Start a non-blocking read,  
// this call returns immediately  
sock.async_read_some(buf, buffers,  
    [&](error_code ec,  
        size_t bytes_transferred)  
    {  
        // Called when the read is complete  
        ...  
    });  
  
// Execution continues here while the  
// read operation is "outstanding" (a TS term).
```

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```



Asynchronous I/O

- Basic guarantee



Completion handlers will only be called from threads that are currently calling `io_context::run()`.

io_context::run

```
// I/O context uses the current thread  
ioc.run();
```

```
// I/O context uses a newly created thread  
thread([&ioc]{ ioc.run(); });
```

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thread([&ioc]{ ioc.run(); }).detach();
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// I/O context uses a group of N threads
assert(N > 0);
vector<thread> v;
v.reserve(N - 1);
while(N--)
    v.emplace_back([&ioc]{ ioc.run(); });
ioc.run();
```

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    v.emplace_back([&ioc]{ ioc.run(); });
ioc.run(); // ...including the current thread!
```



io_context::run

- User determines synchronization:
 - Single-threaded
 - Multi-threaded
 - Stranded
- User-controlled
 - Catch exceptions
 - Do thread-specific init (e.g. CoInitializeEx)
- Thread-agnostic
 - `std::thread`
 - `boost::thread`
 - Platforms with no threads

Multi-threading

- An executor embodies a set of rules about where, when and how to run a function object.
- Networking TS can use an executor to run a completion handler
- A *strand* provides an additional execution guarantee:
 - Completion handlers invoked through a given strand's executor will never run concurrently
- Single-threaded `io_context` is an “implicit strand”:
 - Completion handlers can never run concurrently
- Multi-threaded programs are hard to write, hard to reason about, and hard to maintain.

Threading Models

Type	Features	Notes
single threaded, single io_context	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fastest• Limited capacity• Implicit strand	Easiest to write
multi-threaded, single io_context	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Highest capacity• Explicit strand	More capacity, but more overhead
multi-threaded, io_context per thread	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fastest• Highest capacity• Implicit strand• Needs balancing	Most complex



Chat Server

Chat Server

```
// Boost/Asio
```

```
namespace net = boost::asio;
```

```
using tcp = net::ip::tcp;
```

```
using error_code = boost::system::error_code;
```

```
// Beast
```

```
namespace beast = boost::beast;
```

```
namespace http = boost::beast::http;
```

```
namespace websocket = boost::beast::websocket;
```

Chat Server

```
// Creates and runs the server
int main(int argc, char* argv[]);

// Holds the server data
class shared_state;

// Accepts incoming connections
class listener;

// Handles HTTP requests on a connection
class http_session;

// Maintains an active WebSocket session
class websocket_session;
```

Chat Server

```
class shared_state
{
    std::string doc_root_;
    std::unordered_set<websocket_session*> sessions_;

public:
    explicit
    shared_state(std::string doc_root);

    std::string const&
    doc_root() const noexcept { return doc_root_; }

    void join (websocket_session& session);
    void leave (websocket_session& session);
    void send (std::string message);
};
```

Chat Server

```
void shared_state::join(websocket_session& session)
{
    sessions_.insert(&session);
}
```

```
void shared_state::leave(websocket_session& session)
{
    sessions_.erase(&session);
}
```

```
void shared_state::send(std::string message)
{
    auto const ss = std::make_shared<
        std::string const>(std::move(message));

    for(auto session : sessions_)
        session->send(ss);
}
```

Chat Server

```
int main(int argc, char* argv[])
{
    // Usage:
    // websocket-chat-server <address> <port> <doc_root>

    auto address =
        net::ip::make_address(argv[1]);

    auto port =
        static_cast<unsigned short>(std::atoi(argv[2]));

    auto doc_root = argv[3];

    . . .
```

Chat Server

```
int main(int argc, char* argv[])
...

// The io_context is required for all I/O
net::io_context ioc;

// Create and launch a listening port
std::make_shared<listener>(
    ioc,
    tcp::endpoint{address, port},
    std::make_shared<shared_state>(doc_root)
)->run();

ioc.run();

return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```


Chat Server

```
class listener
    : public std::enable_shared_from_this<listener>
{
    tcp::acceptor acceptor_;
    tcp::socket socket_;
    std::shared_ptr<shared_state> state_;

    void fail(error_code ec, char const* what);
    void on_accept(error_code ec);

public:
    listener(
        net::io_context& ioc,
        tcp::endpoint endpoint,
        std::shared_ptr<shared_state> const& state);

    void run();
};
```

Chat Server

```
void listener::run()
{
    // Start accepting a connection.
    acceptor_.async_accept(
        socket_,
        [self = shared_from_this()](error_code ec)
        {
            self->on_accept(ec);
        });
}
```

Chat Server

```
void listener::on_accept(error_code ec)
{
    if(ec)
        fail(ec, "accept");
    else
        // Launch a new session for this connection
        std::make_shared<http_session>(
            std::move(socket_), state_)->run();

    // Accept another connection
    acceptor_.async_accept(
        socket_,
        [self = shared_from_this()](error_code ec)
        {
            self->on_accept(ec);
        });
}
```

Chat Server

```
void listener::fail(  
    error_code ec, char const* what)  
{  
    // Don't report on canceled operations  
    if(ec == net::error::operation_aborted)  
        return;  
  
    std::cerr <<  
        what << ": " <<  
        ec.message() << "\n";  
}
```

Chat Server

```
class http_session
    : public std::enable_shared_from_this<http_session>
{
    tcp::socket socket_;
    beast::flat_buffer buffer_;
    std::shared_ptr<shared_state> state_;
    http::request<http::string_body> req_;

    void fail(error_code ec, char const* what);
    void on_read(error_code ec, std::size_t);
    void on_write(error_code ec, std::size_t, bool close);

public:
    http_session(tcp::socket socket,
                 std::shared_ptr<shared_state> const& state);

    void run();
};
```

Chat Server

```
http_session::http_session(  
    tcp::socket socket,  
    std::shared_ptr<shared_state> const& state)  
    : socket_(std::move(socket))  
    , state_(state)  
{  
}  
  
void http_session::run()  
{  
    // Read a request  
    http::async_read(socket_, buffer_, req_,  
        [self = shared_from_this()]  
        (error_code ec, std::size_t bytes)  
        {  
            self->on_read(ec, bytes);  
        });  
}
```

Chat Server

```
void http_session::on_read(error_code ec, std::size_t)
{
    // This means they closed the connection
    if(ec == http::error::end_of_stream)
    {
        socket_.shutdown(tcp::socket::shutdown_send, ec);
        return;
    }

    if(ec)
        return fail(ec, "read");

    // Handle WebSocket Upgrade
    if(websocket::is_upgrade(req_))
    {
        // Create a WebSocket session by transferring the socket
        std::make_shared<websocket_session>(
            std::move(socket_), state_)->run(std::move(req_));
        return;
    }

    ...
}
```

Chat Server

```
void http_session::on_read(error_code ec, std::size_t)
...

handle_request(state_->doc_root(), std::move(req_),
    [this](auto&& response)
    {
        using response_type = typename
            std::decay<decltype(response)>::type;

        auto sp = std::make_shared<response_type>(
            std::move(response));

        http::async_write(this->socket_, *sp,
            [self = shared_from_this(), sp](
                error_code ec, std::size_t bytes)
            {
                self->on_write(ec, bytes, sp->need_eof());
            });
    });
}
```


Chat Server

```
void http_session::on_write(
    error_code ec, std::size_t, bool close)
{
    if(ec)
        return fail(ec, "write");

    if(close)
    {
        // This means we should close the connection,
        socket_.shutdown(tcp::socket::shutdown_send, ec);
        return;
    }

    // Clear contents of the request message,
    // otherwise the read behavior is undefined.
    req_ = {};

    // Read another request
    http::async_read(socket_, buffer_, req_,
        [self = shared_from_this()]
        (error_code ec, std::size_t bytes)
        {
            self->on_read(ec, bytes);
        });
}
```

Chat Server

```
class websocket_session
: public std::enable_shared_from_this<websocket_session>
{
    beast::flat_buffer buffer_;
    websocket::stream<tcp::socket> ws_;
    std::shared_ptr<shared_state> state_;
    std::vector<std::shared_ptr<std::string const>> queue_;

    void fail(error_code ec, char const* what);
    void on_accept(error_code ec);
    void on_read(error_code ec, std::size_t);
    void on_write(error_code ec, std::size_t);

public:
    ~websocket_session();
    websocket_session(tcp::socket socket,
                     std::shared_ptr<shared_state> const& state);

    template<class Body, class Allocator>
    void run(http::request<Body, http::basic_fields<Allocator>> req);

    void send(std::shared_ptr<std::string const> const& ss);
};
```

Chat Server

```
template<class Body, class Allocator>
void websocket_session::
run(
    http::request<Body, http::basic_fields<Allocator>> req)
{
    // Accept the websocket handshake
    ws_.async_accept(req,
        [self = shared_from_this](error_code ec)
        {
            self->on_accept(ec);
        });
}
```

Chat Server

```
void websocket_session::
on_accept(error_code ec)
{
    if(ec)
        return fail(ec, "accept");

    // Add this session to the list
    state_->join(*this);

    // Read a message
    ws_.async_read(
        buffer_,
        [sp = shared_from_this()](
            error_code ec, std::size_t bytes)
        {
            sp->on_read(ec, bytes);
        });
}
```

Chat Server

```
void websocket_session::
on_read(error_code ec, std::size_t)
{
    if(ec)
        return fail(ec, "read");

    // Send to all connections
    state_->send(
        beast::buffers_to_string(buffer_.data()));

    // Clear the buffer
    buffer_.consume(buffer_.size());

    ws_.async_read(buffer_, [sp = shared_from_this()](
        error_code ec, std::size_t bytes)
        {
            sp->on_read(ec, bytes);
        });
}
```

Chat Server

```
void websocket_session::
send(std::shared_ptr<std::string const> const& ss)
{
    // Always add to queue
    queue_.push_back(ss);

    // Are we already writing?
    if(queue_.size() > 1)
        return;

    ws_.async_write(
        net::buffer(*queue_.front()),
        [sp = shared_from_this()](
            error_code ec, std::size_t bytes)
        {
            sp->on_write(ec, bytes);
        });
}
```

Chat Server

```
void websocket_session::  
on_write(error_code ec, std::size_t)  
{  
    if(ec)  
        return fail(ec, "write");  
  
    queue_.erase(queue_.begin());  
  
    if(! queue_.empty())  
        ws_.async_write(  
            net::buffer(*queue_.front()),  
            [sp = shared_from_this()](  
                error_code ec, std::size_t bytes)  
            {  
                sp->on_write(ec, bytes);  
            });  
}
```

Chat Server

```
void
websocket_session::
fail(error_code ec, char const* what)
{
    // Don't report these
    if(ec == net::error::operation_aborted ||
        ec == websocket::error::closed)
        return;

    std::cerr << what << ": " <<
        ec.message() << "\n";
}
```


Chat Server

```
websocket_session::  
~websocket_session()  
{  
    state_->leave(*this);  
}
```

Chat Client

Chat Client

WebSocket Chat - CppCon2018

file:///C:/Users/vinnie/src/CppCon2018/chat_client.html

WebSocket Chat

Source code: <https://github.com/vinniefalco/CppCon2018>

Server URI:

Your Name:

[connection opened]
Vinnie: Hey
Louis: What's up?
Vinnie: This thing seems to work. Ship it.

Message

Chat Client

```
<html>
<head>
<title>WebSocket Chat - CppCon2018</title>
</head>
<body>
<h1>WebSocket Chat</h1>
<!-- UI and app -->
</body>
</html>
```

Chat Client

Server URI:

```
<input  
  id="uri"  
  size="47"  
  class="draw-border"  
  style="margin-bottom: 5px;"  
  value="ws://localhost:8080">
```

Server URI:

Chat Client

```
<button  
  id="connect"  
  class="echo-button">  
Connect  
</button>
```

```
<button  
  id="disconnect"  
  class="echo-button">  
Disconnect  
</button>
```

Connect

Disconnect

Chat Client

Your Name:

```
<input  
  id="userName"  
  class="draw-border"  
  size=47>
```

Your Name:

Chat Client

```
<pre  
  id="messages"  
  style="border: solid 1px #cccccc;">  
</pre>
```


Chat Client

```
Message<br>
<input
  id="sendMessage"
  class="draw-border">
<button
  id="send"
  class="echo-button">Send</button>
```

Message

Send



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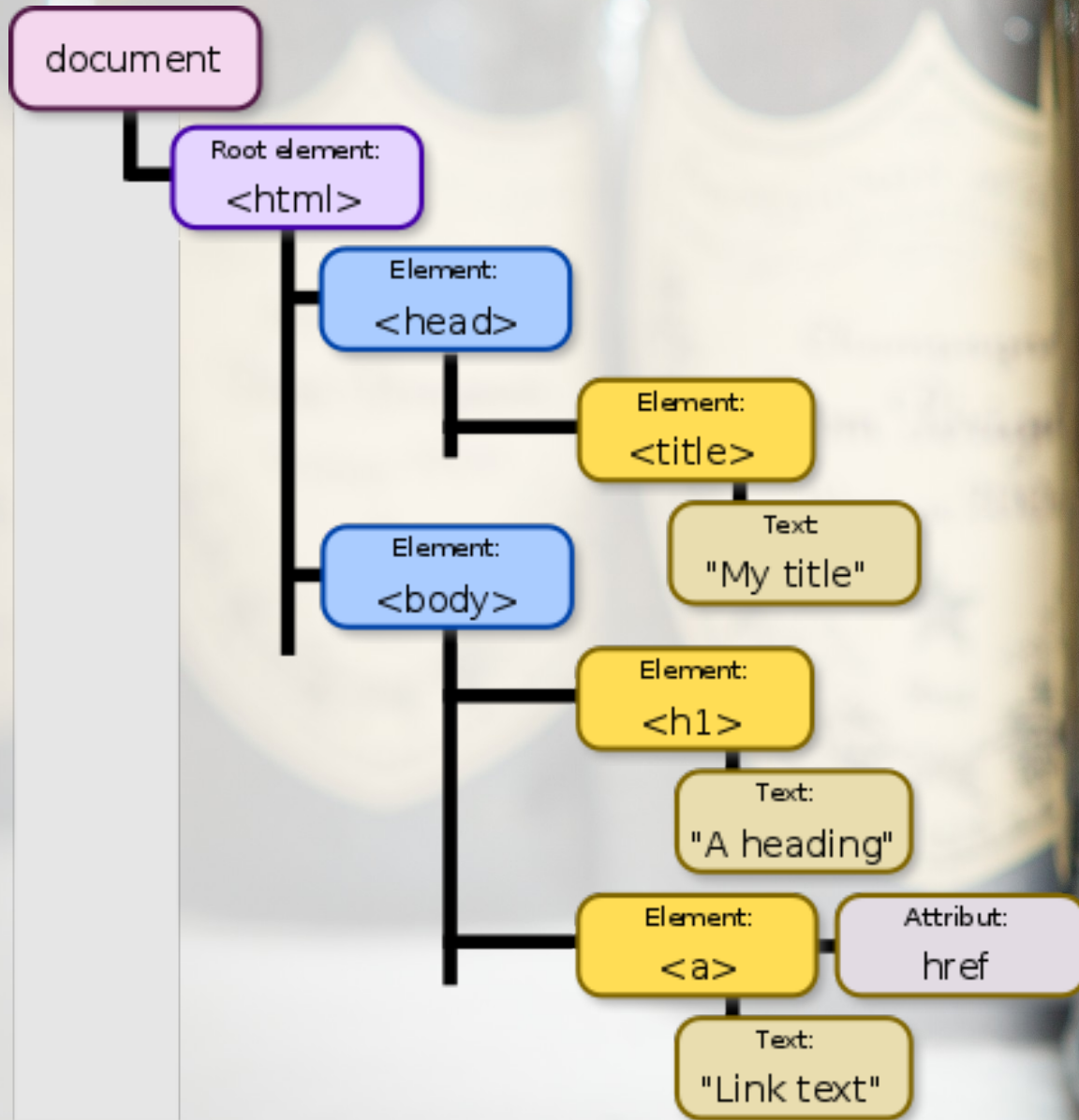
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DOM

Document Object Model



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JavaScript ahead!

Chat Client

```
<script>
  var ws = null;
  connect.onclick = function() {
    ws = new WebSocket(uri.value);

    ...

  };
</script>
```

Server URI:

Chat Client

```
connect.onclick = function() {  
    ...  
  
    ws.onopen = function(ev) {  
        messages.innerText +=  
            "[connection opened]\n";  
    };  
  
    ws.onclose = function(ev) {  
        messages.innerText +=  
            "[connection closed]\n";  
    };  
};
```

Chat Client

```
connect.onclick = function() {  
    ...  
  
    ws.onmessage = function(ev) {  
        messages.innerText += ev.data + "\n";  
    };  
  
    ws.onerror = function(ev) {  
        messages.innerText += "[error]\n";  
        console.log(ev);  
    };  
};
```


Chat Client

...

```
disconnect.onclick = function() {  
    ws.close();  
};
```

Server URI:

`id="disconnect"`

Chat Client

...

```
send.onclick = function() {  
    ws.send(userName.value +  
        ":" + sendMessage.value);  
    sendMessage.value = "";  
};
```

Message id="sendMessage" id="send"

Send

Chat Client

...

```
sendMessage.onkeyup = function(ev) {  
    ev.preventDefault();  
    if (event.keyCode === 13) {  
        send.click();  
    };  
};  
</script>
```

Message id="sendMessage" id="send"

Send

Chat Client

```
<script>
  var ws = null;

  connect.onclick = function() {
    ws = new WebSocket(uri.value);
    ws.onopen = function(ev) {
      messages.innerHTML += "[connection opened]\n";
    };
    ws.onclose = function(ev) {
      messages.innerHTML += "[connection closed]\n";
    };
    ws.onmessage = function(ev) {
      messages.innerHTML += ev.data + "\n";
    };
    ws.onerror = function(ev) {
      messages.innerHTML += "[error]\n";
      console.log(ev);
    };
  };
  disconnect.onclick = function() {
    ws.close();
  };
  send.onclick = function() {
    ws.send(userName.value + ": " + sendMessage.value);
    sendMessage.value = "";
  };
  sendMessage.onkeyup = function(ev) {
    ev.preventDefault();
    if (event.keyCode === 13) {
      send.click();
    }
  }
}
</script>
```

Epilogue

Your App Title Here



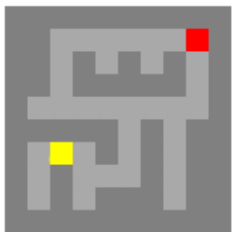
You are standing in an open field west of a white house, with a boarded front door.

There is a small mailbox here.

```
>open mailbox
Opening the small mailbox reveals a leaflet.
```



Result JavaScript HTML CSS Edit in JSFiddle



Learning Networking

- Read the documentation
- Study the examples
- Write, write, write!
- Ask questions
 - Stack Overflow
 - Slack / IRC
- Find a mentor

Summary

// Code and slides from the talk

<https://github.com/vinniefalco/CppCon2018>

// Boost.Beast library

<https://github.com/boostorg/beast>

// Boost libraries, including Asio

<https://www.boost.org/doc/libs/>