Get Rich Quick! 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::optional boost::filesystem

boost::bind boost::thread

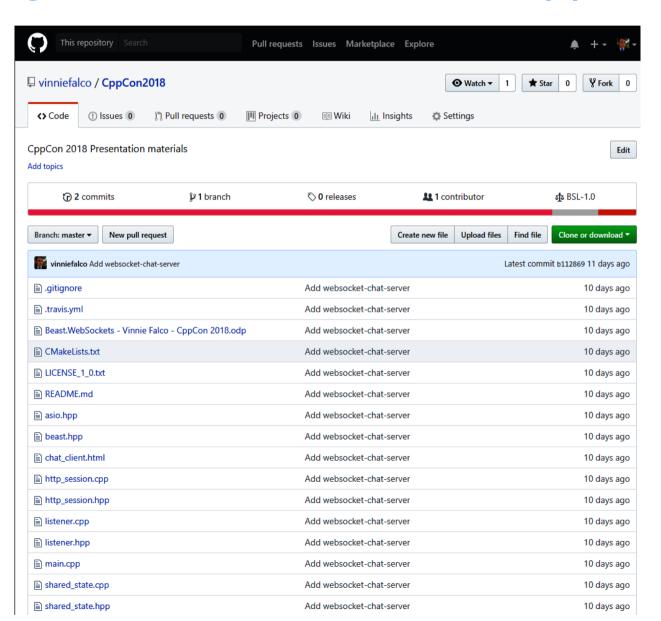
boost::mutex boost::shared_mutex

boost::chrono boost::function

BOOST_FOR_EACH BOOST_STATIC_ASSERT

Repository

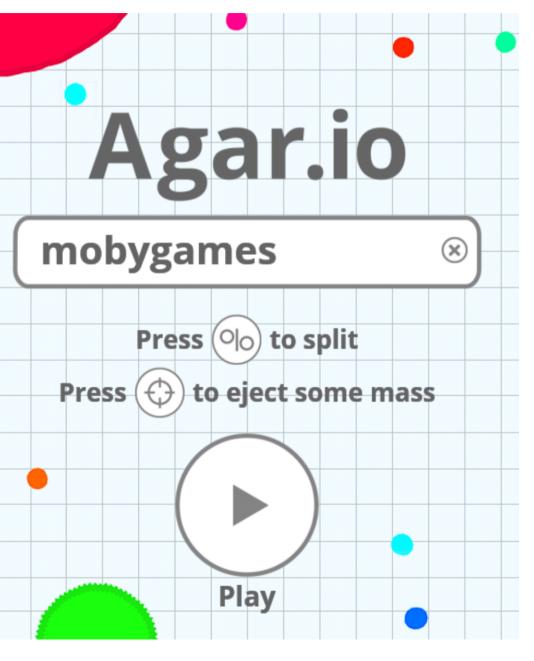
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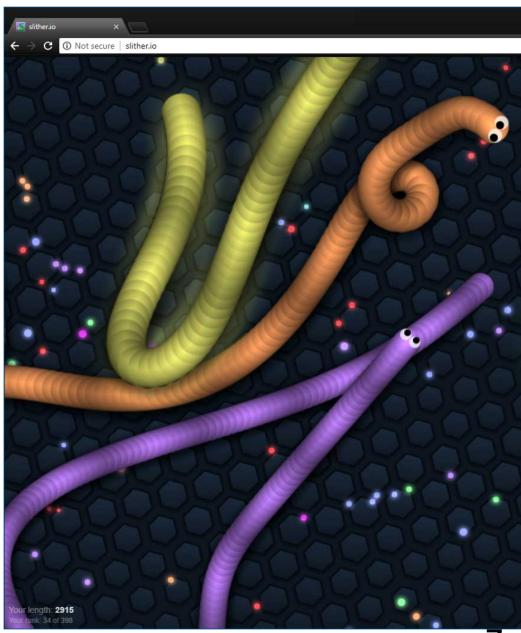




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- Written by Matheus Valdares
- Released in 2015 on 4chan
- Free to play, runs in browser
- Multiplayer online battle arena
- 500 players per instance
- Peak \$100,000 daily ad income
- Number 1 mobile game

App Store Preview



http://slither.io

- Written by Steven Howse
- Self-published in 2016
- Free to play, runs in browser
- Multiplayer online battle arena
- 600 players per instance
- Peak \$100,000 daily ad income
- HTML5 graphics



TECH

As 'Slither.io' Goes Viral, Game's Creator Scrambles to Keep Up

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

Recipe

- C++ WebSocket Server
- Browser WebSocket Client



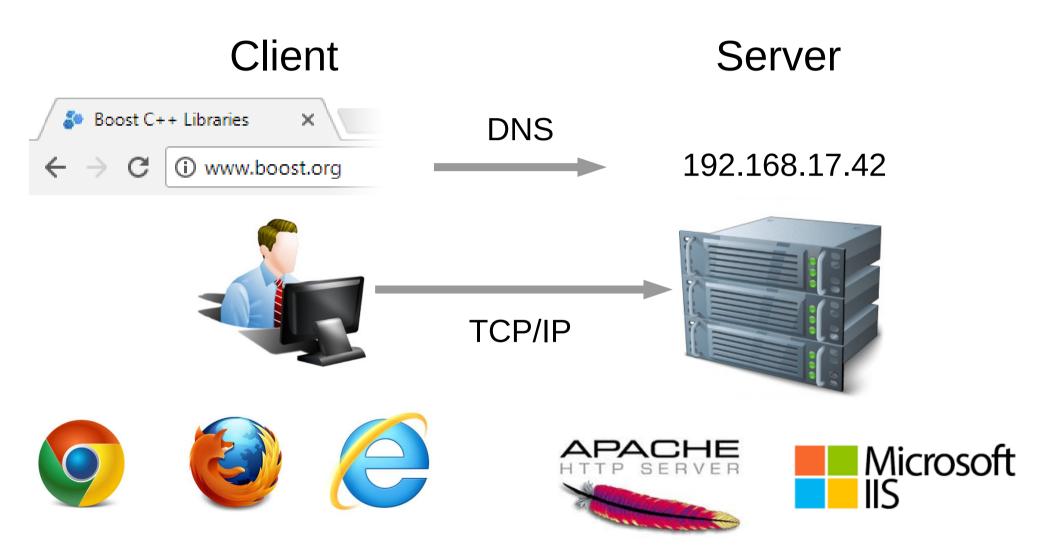
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Protocols

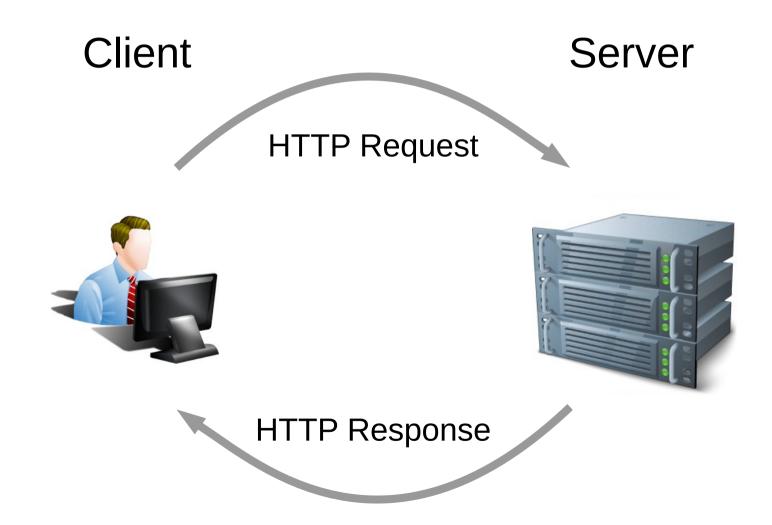
HTTP

"Hypertext Transfer Protocol"



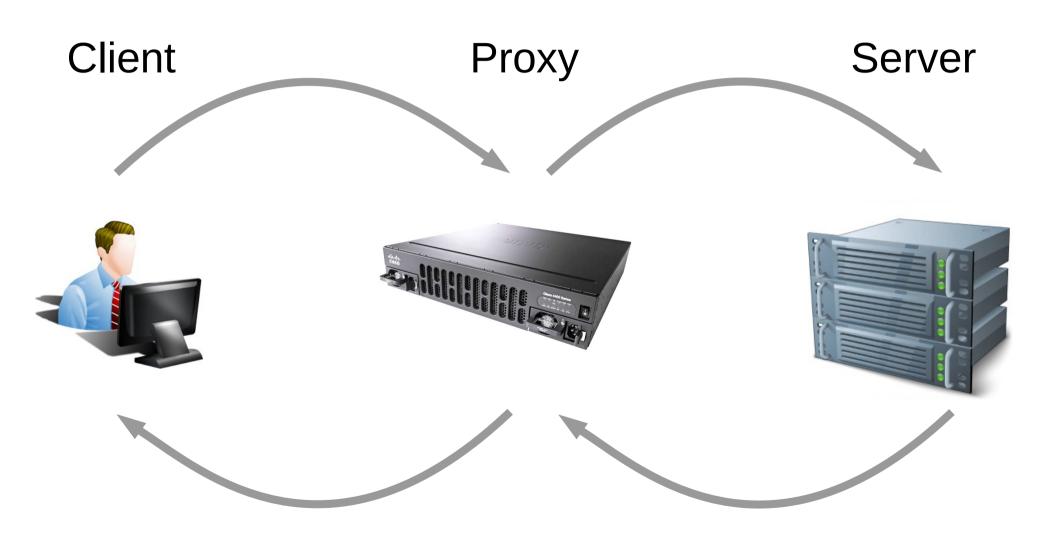
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Half-Duplex



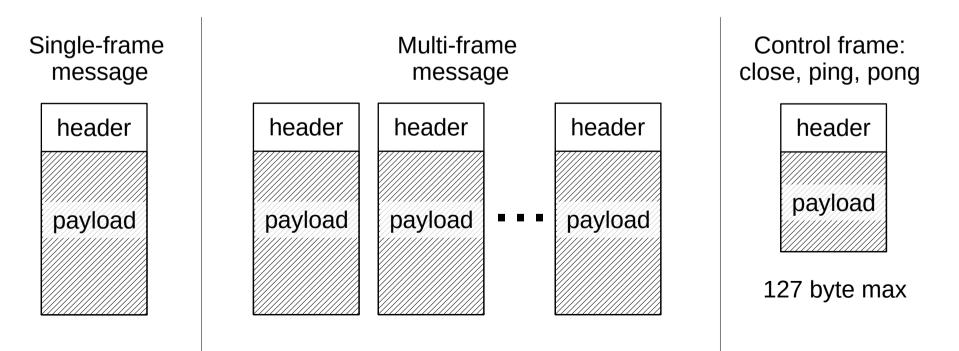
HTTP

Transportable by proxies and firewalls



WebSocket

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



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

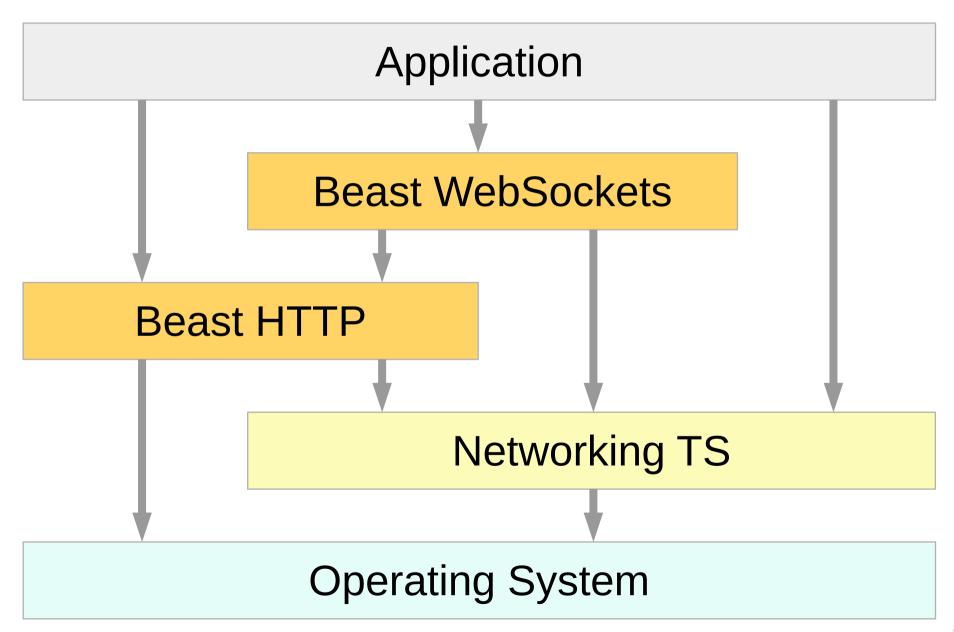
Upgrade: websocket

Connection: upgrade

Sec-WebSocket-Accept: shZRK+xOo=

Server: Beast

API Layers



Networking TS

Flavors

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

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// Required for ALL I/O activities
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// Write some data
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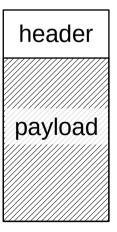
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```

```
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();
};
```

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

message:



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// 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.

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send_message(
  SyncWriteStream& stream,
  net::const_buffer payload)
  auto header = make_header(payload)
  // Create a non-owning, 2-element buffer range
  std::array<2,</pre>
     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*
- \mathbf{a} is a value of type \mathbf{X}

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

MutableBufferSequence

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

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- \mathbf{a} is a value of type \mathbf{X}

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X::const_iterator	U	U is a bidirectional iterator whose reference type is convertible to mutable_buffer.
X(a)	X	X is CopyConstructible. The copy will reference the same memory regions as the original sequence.
<pre>a.begin(); a.end();</pre>	<pre>const_iterator or convertible to const_iterator</pre>	
mutable_buffer		Also a MutableBufferSequence.

```
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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```
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

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template<
   class SyncReadStream,
   class DynamicBuffer>
size t
read until(
    SyncReadStream& s,
    DynamicBuffer&& buffer,
    string_view match);
```

- 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*

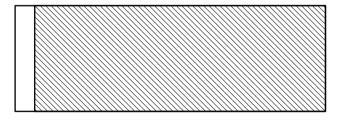
// X is a type meeting the requirements of DynamicBuffer
X a;

read area
0 bytes

write area
0 bytes

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

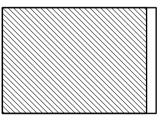
read area 0 bytes



write area 128 bytes

```
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

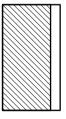


write area 0 bytes

```
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());
```

read area 20 bytes



write area 0 bytes

```
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);
                        read area
                        20 bytes
                             write area
                             0 bytes
```

```
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);
};
```

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

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// this call returns immediately
sock.async_read_some(buffers, handler);
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auto bytes_transferred = sock.read_some(b);
// 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!
```

```
// Start a non-blocking read,
// this call returns immediately
sock async_read_some(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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```

Basic guarantee



Completion handlers will only be called from threads that are currently calling 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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ioc.run();
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thread([&ioc]{ ioc.run(); }).detach();
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// I/O context uses the current thread
ioc.run();
// I/O context uses a newly created thread
thread([&ioc]{ ioc.run(); }).detach();
// 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!
```

- 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	FastestLimited capacityImplicit strand	Easiest to write
multi-threaded, single io_context	Highest capacityExplicit strand	More capacity, but more overhead
multi-threaded, io_context per thread	FastestHighest capacityImplicit strandNeeds balancing	Most complex

```
// 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;
```

```
// 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;
```

```
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);
};
```

```
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<</pre>
      std::string const>(std::move(message));
   for(auto session : sessions_)
      session->send(ss);
```

```
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];
   . . .
```

```
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;
```

```
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();
};
```

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

```
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);
     });
```

```
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";
```

```
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();
};
```

```
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);
        });
```

```
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;
```

```
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());
             });
      });
```

```
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);
        });
```

```
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);
};
```

```
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);
        });
}
```

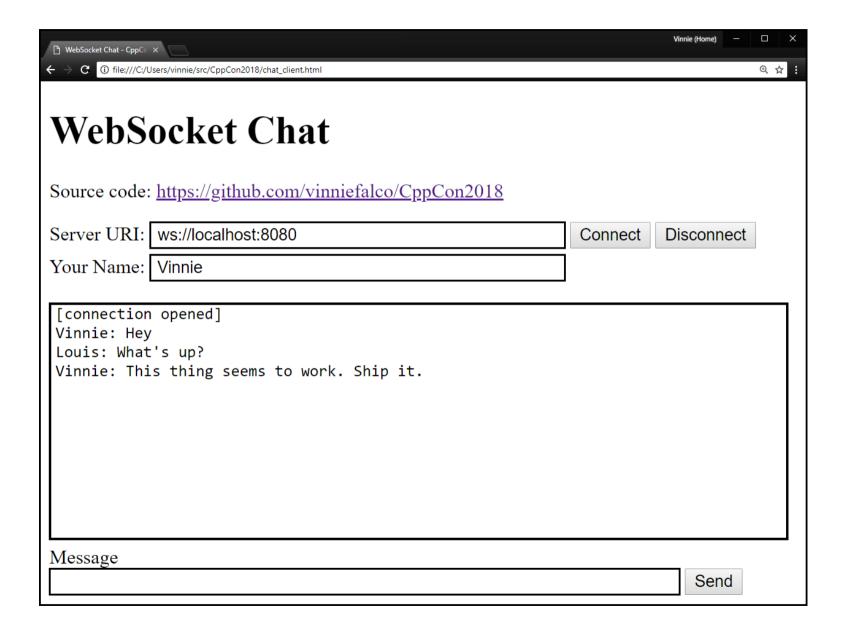
```
void websocket_session::
on_accept(error_code ec)
    if(ec)
        return fail(ec, "accept");
    // Add this session to the list
    state_->join(*this);
    // Read a message
    ws_.async_read(
        buffer_,
        [sp = shared_from_this()](
            error_code ec, std::size_t bytes)
            sp->on_read(ec, bytes);
        });
```

```
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);
      });
```

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

```
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);
            });
```

```
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 << ": " <<</pre>
     ec.message() << "\n";
```



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

Server URI: ws://localhost:8080

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

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

Connect

Disconnect

Your Name:

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

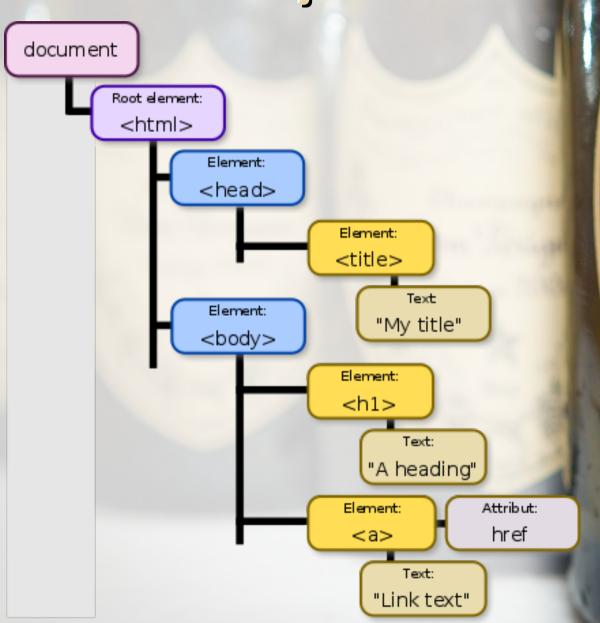
```
Message<br>
<input
    id="sendMessage"
    class="draw-border">
<button
    id="send"
    class="echo-button">Send</button>
```

Message Send



DOM

Document Object Model









```
<script>
   var ws = null;
   connect.onclick = function() {
      ws = new WebSocket(uri.value);
 </script>
          id="uri"
                               id="connect"
Server URI: | ws://localhost:8080
                                 Connect
                                          Disconnect
```

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

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

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

id="disconnect"

Server URI: | ws://localhost:8080

Connect

Disconnect

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

```
Message id="sendMessage" id="send"
Send
```

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

```
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     messages.innerText += "[connection closed]\n";
   ws.onmessage = function(ev) {
     messages.innerText += ev.data + "\n";
   ws.onerror = function(ev) {
     messages.innerText += "[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



Learning Networking

- Read the docmentation
- 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/
```