

# HTTP2 Server

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# **SNIPPETS OF IMPORTANT CODE**

# Connection handler.py

Accepts TCP connections on port 80 and using threads to handle multiple connections at the same time

```
server socket = socket.socket(socket.AF INET, socket.SOCK STREAM)
server_socket.setsockopt(socket.SOL_SOCKET, socket.SO_REUSEADDR, 1)
server_socket.bind((host, port))
server socket.listen(10)
logger.info(f"Server is listening on {host}:{port}")
   context = ssl.create default context(ssl.Purpose.CLIENT AUTH)
   context.check_hostname = False
   context.verify_mode = ssl.CERT_NONE
   context.load_cert_chain(certfile='certificate.crt', keyfile='private.key')
   context.set_alpn_protocols(["h2", "http/1.1"])
   logger.info(f"SSL error: {e}")
           client_socket, client_address = server_socket.accept()
           secure_socket = context.wrap_socket(client_socket, server_side=True)
            selected_protocol = secure_socket.selected_alpn_protocol()
           if selected_protocol == "h2":
               logger.info(f"HTTP/2")
               logger.info(f"HTTP/1.1")
           client_address = client_address[0]
            sizes_for_sockets[client_address] = 0
           sizes_for_sockets_for_clients[client_address] = 0
           logger.info(f"Accepted connection from {client_address}")
           client_dynamic_table[client_address] = hpack.DynamicTable()
           client_thread = threading.Thread(target=handle_client_thread, args=(secure_socket, client_address))
           client thread.start()
```

This is responsible for creating a secure server that listens for client connections over a specific IP address (192.168.1.4) and port (443). It starts by setting up a socket, which is like a doorway for communication. The server uses SSL/TLS encryption to make sure all data sent and received is secure. It loads a certificate (certificate.crt) and a private key (private.key) that are used to establish trust between the server and clients.

When a client tries to connect, the server checks if the connection is using HTTP/2 or HTTP/1.1, which are two common communication protocols. Once the connection is accepted, it logs the client's information (like their address) and prepares them to communicate securely. It also creates a space (called a dynamic table) to handle specific tasks related to the client's data.

Finally, the server starts a new thread for each client, which allows it to handle multiple clients at the same time without interruptions. Each thread runs a separate function to manage communication with the client, ensuring that messages can be exchanged securely and efficiently. This design makes the server capable of supporting multiple secure connections simultaneously.

Handling the connection is about receiving the preface for the HTTP2 connection and exchanging the settings frame

This handles the communication between the server and a client after a connection is established. It begins by creating a space to store settings for the specific client. The code then reads the initial message from the client to check if it is using the correct HTTP/2 protocol. If the message is invalid, the connection is closed with an error. If valid, the server processes additional frames (small chunks of data) sent by the client, such as configuration settings, and prepares them for further handling. In case of any errors during this process, it logs the issue and cleans up any data or resources associated with the client before closing the connection. This ensures smooth and organized communication while managing errors gracefully.

For exchanging the settings frame, it starts by receiving the settings frame of the client and storing it for future usage then sending the server's settings frame then sending the server acknowledgement for receiving the client settings frame and receiving the client acknowledgement

```
def settings_frame_handler(client_socket, client_address, frame):
    if frame.get_stream_id() != 0:
        logger.info("Invalid stream ID in settings frame. Closing connection.")
        return

if frame.get_frame_flags() == SETTINGS_ACK_FLAG:
        logger.info("ACK_SETTINGS_FRAME_received from client.")
        return

decode_settings_frame(frame.get_payload())
    store_client_settings(frame.get_frame_length(), frame.get_payload(), client_address)

logger.info("Settings_Frame_received_from_client_and_stored.")

send_settings_frame(client_socket)
send_server_ack_settings_frame(client_socket)
```

This code processes a settings frame sent by a client in an HTTP/2 connection. It starts by checking if the frame is valid, ensuring the stream ID is zero (as required for settings frames) and that it's not an acknowledgment (ACK) frame; if either check fails, the connection is closed. If the frame is valid, it decodes the settings, stores the client's configuration, and logs that the settings have been successfully received. Finally, the server sends its own settings frame to the client and acknowledges the client's settings, ensuring proper communication setup between the server and client.

# Frame\_processor.py

Frame processor should handle the frames coming from the client and send it where it belongs, but some frames before that it should go to the stream manager first and we will see that later

```
of frame_processor(client_socket, client_address):
          frame = frames.Frame(read_exact(client_socket, 9))
          frame.set_payload(read_exact(client_socket, frame.get_frame_length()))
          if frame.get_frame_type() == 0x0: # DATA frame
             logger.info("Data frame received")
             streamManager.stream_manager(frame, client_address, client_socket)
              parse_data_frame(frame, client_address, frame.get_stream_id(), client_socket)
          elif frame.get_frame_type() == 0x1: # HEADERS fra
             logger.info("Headers frame received")
             streamManager.stream_manager(frame, client_address, client_socket)
              parse_headers_frame(frame, client_address, frame.get_stream_id(), client_socket)
          elif frame.get_frame_type() = 0x2: # PRIORITY frame
             logger.info("Priority frame received")
          elif frame.get_frame_type() == 0x3: # RST_STREAM frame
             logger.info("RST STREAM frame received")
              streamManager.stream_manager(frame, client_address, client_socket)
          elif frame.get_frame_type() == 0x4: # SETTINGS frame
             logger.info("Settings frame received")
              settings frame handler(client socket, client address, frame)
          elif frame.get_frame_type() == 0x6: # Ping frame
             logger.info("Ping frame received")
              if frame.get_frame_flags() & Ox1 == 0: # If ACK flag is not set
                 ping_response frames.Frame(frame=0, server_initiated=True, ping_ack=True)
                  client_socket.sendall(ping_response.get_whole_frame())
                 logger.info("PING ACK frame sent")
          elif frame.get_frame_type() == 0x7: # GOAWAY frame
             logger.info("Goaway frame received")
              last_stream_id, error_code = struct.unpack("|T I", frame.get_payload()[:8])
              reason = frame.get_payload()[8:].decode("utf-8", errors="ignore")
              logger.info(f"Last Stream ID: {last_stream_id}")
              logger.info(f"Error Code: {error_code}")
              if reason:
                  logger.info(f"Reason: (reason)")
                  logger.info("No reason provided.")
```

This code processes different types of frames (small packets of data) sent by the client during an HTTP/2 connection. It continuously reads frames and determines their type. For example, it processes data frames (actual client data), headers frames (metadata about the data), and priority frames (information about the importance of streams). It also handles special frames like reset stream frames (to stop a stream), settings frames (to configure communication), ping frames (to check connection health), and goaway frames (to signal the end of the connection). Depending on the frame type, the code performs specific actions like parsing, responding, or logging relevant information. This ensures smooth and structured communication between the client and server.

# Stream\_manager.py

This file is responsible for managing the streams states and also the flow control

The stream manager receives every frame and checks its stream id and if it has new stream id it adds it and if not it manages its state

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This code manages the handling of data frames in an HTTP/2 stream. When a data frame is received, it checks for specific flags to determine if the frame is complete or part of a larger set. It calculates and updates the size of the data being processed, ensuring it fits within the allowed window size for communication. If the stream reaches its limit, it sends a window update frame to allow more data to be received. Additionally, it processes the payload (content) of the frame and updates the settings for the stream to handle subsequent frames.

If a stream ends or encounters an issue, the code adjusts the flow control by decrementing or resetting window sizes. This ensures efficient and smooth data transfer between the client and server while maintaining proper resource allocation. It handles all these operations dynamically to ensure the connection remains stable and data is processed correctly within the limits set by the HTTP/2 protocol.

# **HPACK.py**

This module is one of the most complex and important modules as it is responsible for receiving the HEADER FRAME as encoded compressed bytes and converting it into readable headers

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#### **Dynamic table class**

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index =
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**Encoding functions** 

```
def encode_integer(value, prefix_bits):
   max prefix value = (1 << prefix bits) - 1
   if value < max prefix value:
       return bytes([value])
   else:
       result = [max_prefix_value]
       value -= max prefix value
       while value >= 128:
           result.append((value % 128) + 128)
           value //= 128
       result.append(value)
       return bytes(result)
def encode_string(string, huffman=False):
   Encodes a string with optional Huffman encoding.
   encoded = string.encode("utf-8")
   huffman_flag = 0x80 if huffman else 0x00
   length_encoded = encode_integer(len(encoded), 7)
   return bytes([length_encoded[0] | huffman_flag]) + length_encoded[1:] + encoded
def encode(dynamic_table, name, value, indexing = True):
   for i, (n, v) in enumerate(static_table):
       if n == name and v == value:
           encoded byte = encode integer(i, 7)
           return bytes([encoded_byte[0] | 0x80]) + encoded_byte[1:]
   for i, (n, v) in enumerate(dynamic table.get table()):
       if n == name and v == value:
           encoded_byte = encode_integer(i + 62, 7)
           return bytes([encoded_byte[0] | 0x80]) + encoded_byte[1:]
   for i, (n, v) in enumerate(static_table):
       if n == name:
```

This code handles encoding tasks to prepare data for sending in HTTP/2 communication, especially for headers. The first function, encode integer, is used to convert numbers into a format that is compact and efficient. If the number is small, it's directly stored in one byte. For larger numbers, it splits them into multiple parts and stores each part in a sequence of bytes, ensuring the encoding works well for all sizes of numbers.

The second function, encode string, takes a text (string) and prepares it for sending. It can also apply a technique called Huffman encoding, which compresses the text to save space. The function converts the text into bytes, adds the length of the text in a special format at the beginning, and returns everything as a compact package ready to send.

The third function, encode, is for encoding HTTP headers (like names and values). It looks for matches in two tables: one for common headers that are predefined (static) and another for headers that are added during communication (dynamic). If a match is found, it reuses the information, saving space. If not, it creates a new entry and encodes the header efficiently. This process helps reduce the size of HTTP/2 headers, making communication faster and more efficient.

## **Decoding functions**

```
def decode_integer(data, prefix_bits):
    """
    Decodes an integer from the HPACK variable-length encoding.
    """
    mask = (1 << prefix_bits) - 1
    value = data[0] & mask
    if value < mask:
        return value, 1

    value = mask
    shift = 0
    i = 1
    while True:
        B = data[i]
        value += (B & 0x7F) << shift
        shift += 7
        if not (B & 0x80):
            break
        i += 1</pre>
```

This code is responsible for decoding numbers encoded in a special format used in HTTP/2 headers called HPACK. It starts by reading the first byte of data and extracts the number using a prefix (a certain number of bits). If the number is small enough to fit in the prefix, the function simply returns the number along with the count of bytes read (which is just one in this case).

If the number is too large for the prefix, the function keeps reading additional bytes one at a time. It adds each part of the number to the total, adjusting for its position using shifts. The loop continues until it reaches a byte that indicates the end of the number. Finally, the function returns the complete decoded number and the total number of bytes it used to decode it. This approach ensures that even very large numbers can be decoded efficiently.

```
def decode(dynamic_table, data):
    data = data[5:]
    try:
        headers = []
        i = 0
        while i < len(data):
        byte = data[i]
        if byte & ex80: # Index Representation
        index, consumed = decode_integer(data[i:], 7)
        i += consumed
        if index < 62:
            mame, value = static_table[index]
        else:
            name, value = dynamic_table.get_entry(index)
        headers.append((name, value))

elif byte & ex80:
        index, consumed = decode_integer(data[i:], 6)
        if index = 0: # New Name Incremental Indexing
        i += consumed
        name, consumed = decode_string(data[i:])
        i += consumed
        value, consumed = decode_string(data[i:])
        i += consumed
        dynamic_table.add entry(name, value)
        headers.append((name, value))
        elif index : # Indexed Name Incremental Indexing
        i += consumed
        i name, = consumed = decode_string(data[i:])
        i += consumed
        if index : # Indexed Name Incremental Indexing
        i += consumed
        dynamic_table.add entry(name, value)
        rame, = static_table[index]
        else:
            name, = dynamic_table.get_entry(index)
        value, consumed = decode_string(data[i:])
        i += consumed
        dynamic_table.add_entry(name, value)
        headers.append((name, value))
```

This code is responsible for decoding HTTP/2 headers from a compressed format using the HPACK standard. It processes a block of data and extracts header fields (name-value pairs). It starts by reading each byte to determine how the header field is represented, either by referencing an index in a predefined table (static table) or a dynamically updated table. If the header field uses an index, the code retrieves the corresponding name and value directly from the appropriate table.

If the header field is not indexed, the code reads the name and value as strings, updates the dynamic table with this new information, and stores the decoded header field. The loop continues until all header fields in the data block are decoded. This ensures efficient handling of HTTP/2 headers by reusing common headers through indexing while allowing new headers to be dynamically added and processed.

# Frames.py

Class frame is made managing the frames properly

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class rame:
fram_legth = 0
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This code defines a Frame class that creates and organizes different types of HTTP/2 frames, which are small packets of data exchanged between the client and server. Frames can serve various purposes, such as carrying data, headers, control signals, or managing streams. The \_\_init\_\_ method initializes these frames based on their specific roles, like resetting streams, sending data, signaling the end of communication, or acknowledging pings.

For each frame type, the code calculates the frame's length, sets its type and flags, and constructs the payload with all the necessary information. For example, a data frame includes the actual data being transmitted, while a headers frame includes metadata about the request or response. The constructed frame is then packed into a binary format (whole\_frame), which can be sent over the network. This ensures that frames are properly structured and compatible with the HTTP/2 protocol.

# **Database.py**

This is made for storing important data about the clients and their connections

```
Database.py > ...
1    client_settings = {}
2    client_dynamic_table = {}
3    streams = {}
4    sizes_for_sockets = {}
5    sizes_for_sockets_for_clients = {}
```

# Server\_settings.json

This made for saving the server settings that will be sent while exchanging the SETTINGS FRAME

# Error\_handling.py

Provides essential functions for managing HTTP/2 connection and stream errors, constructing appropriate error frames, and ensuring that these frames are sent to the client, followed by proper connection or stream termination.

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This code is responsible for handling HTTP/2 errors and managing connections or streams when something goes wrong. The HTTP2ErrorCodes class defines various error codes like protocol errors, flow control issues, and connection failures, each representing specific problems in the HTTP/2 communication. The HTTP2Error class extends Python's Exception to create custom error messages with these codes.

Functions like handle\_connection\_error and handle\_stream\_error manage errors by logging the issue and constructing appropriate frames (like "goaway" or "reset stream" frames) to notify the client about the problem. These frames are sent to the client, and if necessary, the connection or stream is terminated. Helper functions like construct\_goaway\_frame and construct\_rst\_stream\_frame build the specific frames needed for handling these errors, ensuring the server follows the HTTP/2 protocol while managing issues efficiently. This code ensures graceful error handling and proper cleanup when errors occur.

# parsing\_header\_data.py

processes HTTP/2 frames, extracts and handles request headers and bodies, and constructs appropriate HTTP/2 response frames. It includes functions to parse data frames, handle end-of-stream conditions, and manage the construction and sending of response frames. The file ensures proper encoding of headers and segmentation of data for transmission

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This code is responsible for processing and responding to HTTP/2 frames, specifically headers and data frames. The parse\_headers\_frame function extracts the header block from a frame, decodes it, and processes the headers to handle requests. If the frame marks the end of a stream, it constructs a response using the headers and sends it back to the client. Similarly, the parse\_data\_frame function handles frames carrying data. It removes any padding, processes the data, and constructs a response if the frame signals the end of the stream.

The construct\_response function creates the response frames to send back to the client. It encodes the headers into a format suitable for HTTP/2 communication and constructs one or more data frames if there is a body to send. The function ensures the data is split into smaller frames if needed, following size limits, and marks the final frame as the end of the stream. This ensures the server can handle and respond to client requests efficiently while adhering to HTTP/2 protocol rules.

## HOW TO HOST YOUR WEBSITE

The parsing\_header\_data.py file processes HTTP/2 frames, extracts request headers and bodies, and constructs response frames.

The SimpleWebsite class in website.py handles web requests and generates responses.

The create\_response function in SimpleWebsite creates HTTP/2 response headers and body, which are used by parsing header\_data.py to construct and send responses.

```
def not_found(self, method, body, content_type):

""Handles non-existent routes.""

return self.create_response(add, f"Page not found for (method) request on the given path.")

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return self.create_response(add, f"Page not found for (method) request on the given path.")

def create_response(self, status_code, body, content_type="text/plain"):

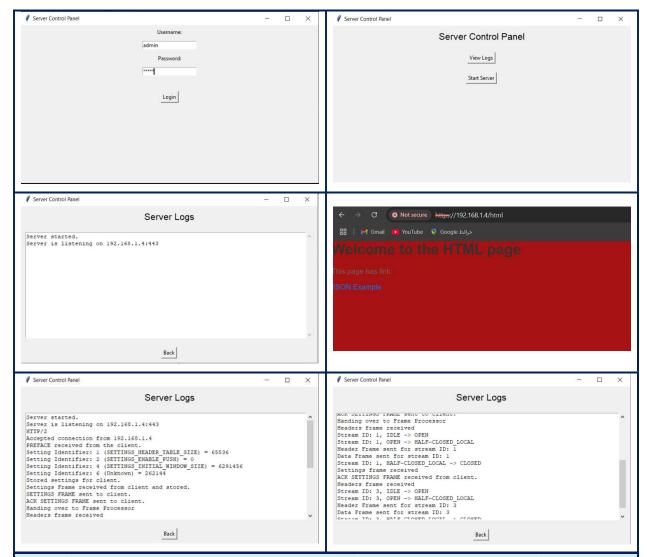
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This code is part of a simple web server class (SimpleWebsite) that handles HTTP/2 requests and responses. It defines different routes like /echo, /json, /html, and /styles.css, and each route is linked to a specific method. For example, the serve\_css method handles requests to /styles.css, serving a CSS file if the request method is GET. If the file is not found, it returns a 404 error; if the method is incorrect, it returns a 405 error.

The handle\_request method processes incoming requests by matching the requested path and method to the defined routes. If a route is not found, the not\_found method generates a 404 response. The create\_response method helps construct HTTP/2 responses with a status code (like 200 or 404), a response body, and content type. It ensures all responses are correctly formatted for HTTP/2 by including necessary headers like status, content type, and content length. This structure makes it easy to extend the server with additional functionality.

## **TESTING USING BROWSER**



The previous code successfully tested the web browser by creating an HTTP/2 server that handled client requests and served responses based on specific routes and methods. The server processed requests for HTML pages, JSON responses, and CSS files while logging every interaction to ensure proper functionality. These logs provided valuable insights into the server's ability to manage requests and communicate effectively with the client.

In the first step, the login screen is displayed, requiring the administrator to enter a username and password. This ensures that only authorized users can access the server control panel. Once logged in, the user is directed to the control panel, where they can view logs or start the server, providing easy management of server activities.

After starting the server, it begins listening on a specified IP address and port. The server logs confirm this, showing that it is ready to handle incoming connections. Next, a client interacts with the server using a browser, sending a request for an HTML page. The server processes the request and serves the requested HTML content, which is displayed in the browser.

The server logs show detailed information about each interaction, including the headers and data received, the requests processed, and the responses sent back to the client. The logs also indicate the proper handling of various HTTP/2 frames and the completion of operations, confirming the server's functionality across multiple requests.