CSE 333
Lecture 18 -- server sockets

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Exercise covering client-side programming posted yesterday, due Monday morning

Next exercise covers today’s server-side code. Posted this morning in case people want to get started over the weekend, but not due until Wednesday morning.

HW4 posted now, files pushed after class; due last Wednesday of the quarter (+ late days if you have them)
Today

Network programming
  server-side programming
Servers

Pretty similar to clients, but with additional steps

there are seven steps:

figure out the address and port on which to listen
create a socket
**bind** the socket to the address and port on which to listen
indicate that the socket is a **listening** socket
**accept** a connection from a client
**read** and **write** to that connection
**close** the connection
Accepting a connection from a client

Step 1. Figure out the address and port on which to listen.

Step 2. Create a socket.

Step 3. **Bind** the socket to the address and port on which to listen.

Step 4. Indicate that the socket is a **listening** socket.
Servers can have multiple IP addresses

“multihomed”

usually have at least one externally visible IP address, as well as a local-only address (127.0.0.1)

When you bind a socket for listening, you can:

specify that it should listen on all addresses

by specifying the address “INADDR_ANY” or “in6addr_any” -- 0.0.0.0 or :: (i.e., all 0’s)

specify that it should listen on a particular address
bind() 

The “bind( )” system call associates with a socket:

- an address family
  - AF_INET: IPv4
  - AF_INET6: IPv6 (also handles IPv4 clients on POSIX systems)
- a local IP address
  - the special IP address INADDR_ANY (“0.0.0.0”) means “all local IPv4 addresses of this host”
  - use in6addr_any (instead of INADDR_ANY) for IPv6
- a local port number
listen()

The “listen( )” system call tells the OS that the socket is a listening socket to which clients can connect

- you also tell the OS how many pending connections it should queue before it starts to refuse new connections

  you pick up a pending connection with “accept( )”

when listen returns, remote clients can start connecting to your listening socket

  you need to “accept( )” those connections to start using them
Server socket, bind, listen

see server_bind_listen.cc
Accepting a connection from a client

Step 5. `accept()` a connection from a client.

Step 6. `read()` and `write()` to the client.

Step 7. `close()` the connection.
accept()

The “accept()” system call waits for an incoming connection, or pulls one off the pending queue.

- It returns an active, ready-to-use socket file descriptor connected to a client.
- It returns address information about the peer.
  - Use `inet_ntop()` to get the client’s printable IP address.
  - Use `getnameinfo()` to do a reverse DNS lookup on the client.
Server accept, read/write, close

see server_accept_rw_close.cc
Something to note...

Our server code is not concurrent

- single thread of execution
- the thread blocks waiting for the next connection
- the thread blocks waiting for the next message from the connection

A crowd of clients is, by nature, concurrent

- while our server is handling the next client, all other clients are stuck waiting for it
Before we go...

hw4 demo
Exercise 1

Write a program that:

creates a listening socket, accepts connections from clients
reads a line of text from the client
parses the line of text as a DNS name
does a DNS lookup on the name
writes back to the client the list of IP addresses associated with the DNS name
closes the connection to the client
Exercise 2

Write a program that:

- creates a listening socket, accepts connections from clients
- reads a line of text from the client
- parses the line of text as a DNS name
- connects to that DNS name on port 80
- writes a valid HTTP request for “/”
- see next slide for what to write
- reads the reply, returns the reply to the client
Exercise 2 continued

Here’s a valid HTTP request to server www.foo.com

note that lines end with ‘\r\n’, not just ‘\n’

GET / HTTP/1.0\r\nHost: www.foo.com\r\nConnection: close\r\n\r\n
See you on Monday!