

Concurrent HTTP Server

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Elementary features of Server

- Server supports the GET method to retrieve files from it.
- It can handle requests from both protocols HTTP/1.1 and HTTP/1.0 .
- Multiple clients can connect and make request to it at the same time.
- Server perfectly provides appropriate Status-code and Response-Phrase values in response to errors or incorrect requests from client.
- Server makes persistent connections with clients upto certain extent i.e. once the connection is established between server and client, server then starts handling requests from it using same connection and process until client closes the connection.
- Server is designed such that it can run continuously until an unrecoverable error occurs.
- Server has functionalities of setting port and root directory from command line.
- The whole code is developed only in C language using its various libraries.

Additional Features

Date and Server fields in the Response message Header

Server sends the current date and time in the same format as defined by the "RFC 7231 Date/Time Formats" in the Date field along with the name of the server in Server field of response message header.

Current date and time is fetched using time and gmtime functions defined in time.h library and the correct format is produced by the strftime function.

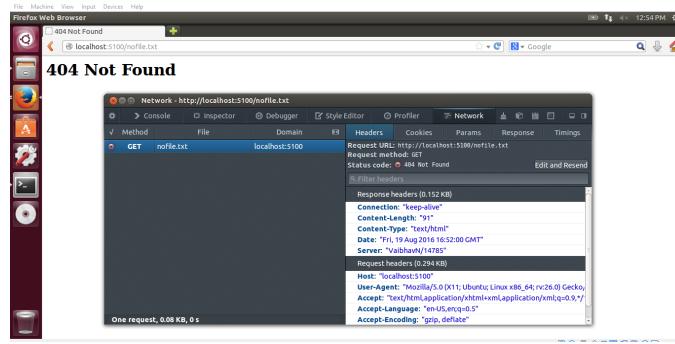


Figure 1: Listing all Hyperlinked files in directory images/

HyperLinked Directory

Server is capable of sending the files and folders in hyper-linked format when requested resource is directory. All the files are listed when the client sends the GET request with the path of a directory in its URI.

To achieve this objective dirent.h library is used, which provides opendir, readdir and closedir functions to get all the files present in the directory requested. Then the each file name is sent inside the HTML code as a message to client so that it can be listed in the hyperlink format.

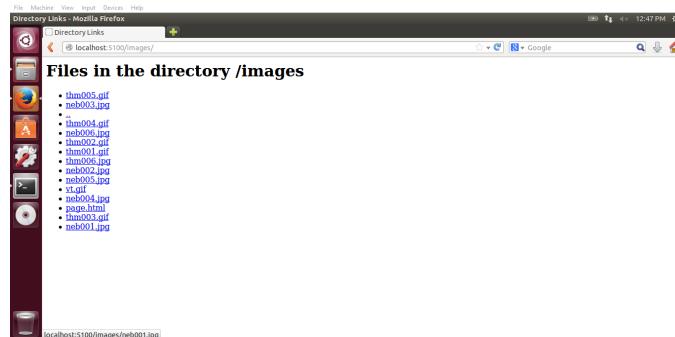


Figure 2: Listing all Hyperlinked files in directory images/

Test Procedure

Testing has been done on the VM provided and as well as on the Ubuntu 14.04 machine. Browsers like Mozilla Firefox, Chrome, Internet Explorer and Microsoft Edge are used as clients in which some of them are on same machine (as a localhost) and some on different machines in the same network.

Server smoothly handled all the requests made by client during testing and provided the correct responses as expected.

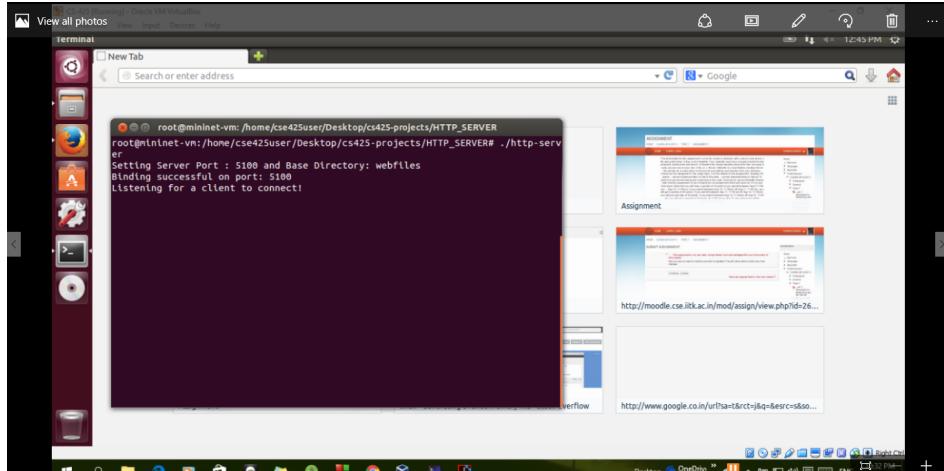


Figure 3: Server listening on default port: 5100

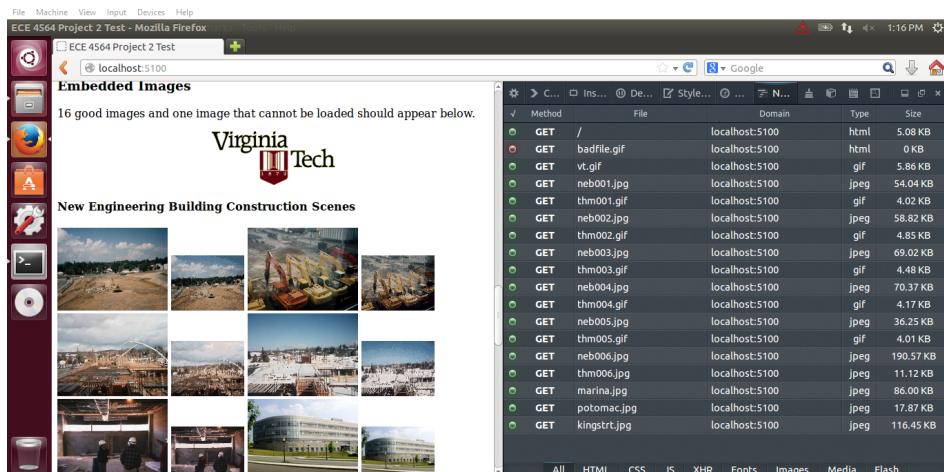


Figure 4: Showing all GET requests made by client(Firefox)

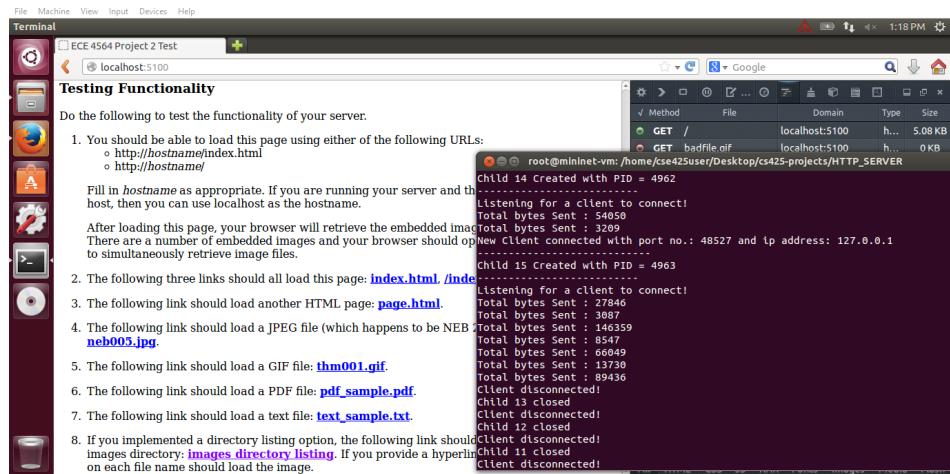


Figure 5: Child created for client and Bytes sent by server for each request

Summary

Server successfully handles all GET requests made by client and create new child processes for each client. Lists all hyperlinked files in directory as requested. Supports both protocols- HTTP 1.1 and 1.0. Server sends appropriate status code and response phrase message depending upon the type of error and request.

The only problem occurs is in achieving persistent connections. Server is capable of maintaining the persistency, but only by using 5-6 child processes for a client when several GET requests are made at the same time by the same client. But if GET requests are fewer then it maintains persistent connection with the client using only one child process.

Appendix

Source Code

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <stdlib.h>
3 #include <string.h>
4 #include <sys/types.h>
5 #include <sys/socket.h>
6 #include <sys/stat.h>
7 #include <netinet/in.h>
8 #include <netdb.h>
9 #include <arpa/inet.h>
10 #include <unistd.h>
11 #include <fcntl.h>
12 #include <sys/sendfile.h>
13 #include <time.h>
14 #include <sys/wait.h>
15 #include <dirent.h>
16 #include <errno.h>
17
18 #define MAX_BYTES 4096
19 #define MAX_CLIENTS 1000
20
21 int port = 5100; // Default Port
22 int socketId; // Server Socket ID
23 char *base_directory; // Base directory of server
24
25 pid_t client_PID[MAX_CLIENTS]; // PID of connected clients
26
27
28 int sendErrorMessage(int socket, int status_code)
29 {
30     char str[1024];
31     char currentTime[50];
32     time_t now = time(0);
33
34     struct tm data = *gmtime(&now);
35     strftime(currentTime, sizeof(currentTime), "%a, %d %b %Y %H:%M%S %Z", &data);
36
37     switch(status_code)
38     {
39     case 400: snprintf(str, sizeof(str), "HTTP/1.1 400 Bad Request\r\nContent-Length: 95\r\nConnection: keep-alive\r\nContent-Type: text/html\r\nDate: %s\r\nServer: VaibhavN/14785\r\n\r\n<HTML><HEAD><TITLE>400 Bad Request</TITLE></HEAD>\r\n<BODY><H1>400 Bad Request</H1>\r\n</BODY></HTML>", currentTime);
40     printf("400 Bad Request\n");
41     send(socket, str, strlen(str), 0);
42     break;
43
44     case 403: snprintf(str, sizeof(str), "HTTP/1.1 403 Forbidden\r\nContent-Length: 112\r\nContent-Type: text/html\r\nConnection: keep-alive\r\nDate: %s\r\nServer: VaibhavN/14785\r\n\r\n<HTML><HEAD><TITLE>403 Forbidden</TITLE></HEAD>\r\n<BODY><H1>403 Forbidden</H1><br>Permission Denied\r\n</BODY></HTML>", currentTime);
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45 printf("403 Forbidden\n");
46 send(socket, str, strlen(str), 0);
47 break;
48
49 case 404: snprintf(str, sizeof(str), "HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found\r\nContent-Length:
50   91\r\nContent-Type: text/html\r\nConnection: keep-alive\r\nDate: %s\r\nServer:
51   VaibhavN/14785\r\n\r\n<HTML><HEAD><TITLE>404 Not Found</TITLE></HEAD>\n<BODY><H1>
52   >404 Not Found</H1>\n</BODY></HTML>" , currentTime);
53 printf("404 Not Found\n");
54 send(socket, str, strlen(str), 0);
55 break;
56
57 case 500: snprintf(str, sizeof(str), "HTTP/1.1 500 Internal Server Error\r\
58   nContent-Length: 115\r\nConnection: keep-alive\r\nContent-Type: text/html\r\
59   nDate: %s\r\nServer: VaibhavN/14785\r\n\r\n<HTML><HEAD><TITLE>500 Internal
60   Server Error</TITLE></HEAD>\n<BODY><H1>500 Internal Server Error</H1>\n</BODY></
61   HTML>" , currentTime);
62 printf("500 Internal Server Error\n");
63 send(socket, str, strlen(str), 0);
64 break;
65
66 case 501: snprintf(str, sizeof(str), "HTTP/1.1 501 Not Implemented\r\nContent-
67   Length: 103\r\nConnection: keep-alive\r\nContent-Type: text/html\r\nDate: %s\r\
68   nServer: VaibhavN/14785\r\n\r\n<HTML><HEAD><TITLE>404 Not Implemented</TITLE></
69   HEAD>\n<BODY><H1>501 Not Implemented</H1>\n</BODY></HTML>" , currentTime);
70 printf("501 Not Implemented\n");
71 send(socket, str, strlen(str), 0);
72 break;
73
74 default: return -1;
75
76 }
77
78 char* getContentType(char *path)
79 {
80   char *dot = strrchr(path, '.');           // return the address of last '.' found
81   in string
82   char * extension;
83
84   if (!dot || dot == path)
85     extension = "";

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84     else
85         extension = dot + 1;
86
87     if(strncmp(extension , "html" , 4) == 0 || strncmp(extension , "htm" , 3) == 0)
88         return "text/html";
89     else if(strncmp(extension , "txt" , 3) == 0)
90         return "text/plain";
91     else if(strncmp(extension , "jpeg" , 4) == 0 || strncmp(extension , "jpg" , 3) == 0)
92         return "image/jpeg";
93     else if(strncmp(extension , "gif" , 3) == 0)
94         return "image/gif";
95     else if(strncmp(extension , "pdf" , 3) == 0)
96         return "Application/pdf";
97     else
98         return "application/octet-stream";
99
100    }
101
102
103    int sendHeaderMessage(int socket , char *head , char *media , int file_size)
104    {
105        char keep_alive []      = "\r\nConnection: keep-alive";
106        char content_type []    = "\r\nContent-Type: ";
107        char content_length []  = "\r\nContent-Length: ";
108        char date []            = "\r\nDate: ";
109        char server_name []    = "\r\nServer: VaibhavN/14785";
110        char new_line []        = "\r\n\r\n";
111
112        char cLength [20];
113        sprintf(cLength , sizeof(cLength) , "%d" , file_size); // Content Length: convert
114        int to string
115
116        char currentTime [50];
117        time_t now = time(0);
118
119        struct tm data = *gmtime(&now);
120        strftime(currentTime , sizeof(currentTime) , "%a, %d %b %Y %H:%M%S %Z" , &data); // Get current time
121
122        char *header = (char *)calloc(strlen(head) + strlen(keep_alive) + strlen(
123            content_type) + strlen(media) + strlen(content_length) + strlen(cLength) +
124            strlen(date) + strlen(currentTime) + strlen(server_name) + strlen(new_line) +
125            20 , sizeof(char));
126
127        strcpy(header , head);
128        strcat(header , content_type);
129        strcat(header , media);
130        strcat(header , content_length);
131        strcat(header , cLength);
132        strcat(header , keep_alive);
133        strcat(header , date);
134        strcat(header , currentTime);
135        strcat(header , server_name);

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133 strcat(header, new_line);
134
135 int bytes_send = send(socket, header, strlen(header), 0);
136
137 free(header);
138
139 return bytes_send;
140 }
141
142
143 int sendFile(int socket, int fd, char *path)
144 {
145
146 struct stat st;
147 fstat(fd, &st);
148 int file_size = st.st_size; // Get file size
149
150 char *mediaType = getContentType(path); // Get media type of content
151
152 int bytes_send = sendHeaderMessage(socket, "HTTP/1.1 200 OK", mediaType, file_size);
153
154
155 if (bytes_send > 0) // Header Message sent successfully
156 {
157 bytes_send = sendfile(socket, fd, NULL, file_size); // send file data
158
159 while (bytes_send < file_size) // If sent data less than file size
160 {
161 bytes_send = sendfile(socket, fd, NULL, file_size); // Send again
162
163 printf("\n\nSending File Again\n\n");
164 if (bytes_send <= 0) // Connection break;
165 {
166 bytes_send = sendErrorMessage(socket, 500); // Unexpected server error
167 return bytes_send;
168 }
169 }
170 }
171 else
172 {
173 bytes_send = sendErrorMessage(socket, 500); // Unexpected server error
174 return bytes_send;
175 }
176
177 printf("Total bytes Sent : %d\n", bytes_send);
178
179 return bytes_send;
180 }
181
182
183 int sendDirectory(int socket, char *path, char *dir_path)
184 {
185 DIR *dir;

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186 struct dirent *entry;
187
188 char buffer[MAX_BYTES];
189
190 dir = opendir(path); // Open directory
191
192 int bytes_send;
193
194 int contentLength = 0;
195
196 if(strncmp(&dir_path[strlen(dir_path) -1], "/" , 1) == 0) // Removes Last
   forward slash
197 strcpy(&dir_path[strlen(dir_path) -1], "\0");
198
199 if(dir != NULL)
200 {
//-----Calulate length of message to be send
201
202 while((entry = readdir(dir)) != NULL)
203 {
204 if(strcmp(entry->d_name, ".") == 0) continue;
205 contentLength += strlen(dir_path) + 2*strlen(entry->d_name) + 25; // Calculated
206 }
207 contentLength += 110 + strlen(dir_path);
208 closedir(dir);
209 //}
210
211
212 dir = opendir(path);
213 bytes_send = sendHeaderMessage(socket, "HTTP/1.1 200 OK", "text/html",
   contentLength);
214
215 if(bytes_send > 0) // Header message sent successfully
216 {
217 snprintf(buffer, sizeof(buffer), "<HTML><HEAD><TITLE>Directory Links</TITLE></HEAD><
   BODY><H1>Files in the directory %s</H1><ul>" , dir_path);
218 bytes_send = send(socket, buffer, strlen(buffer), 0);
219
220 if(bytes_send > 0)
221 {
222 while((entry = readdir(dir)) != NULL)
223 {
224 if(strcmp(entry->d_name, ".") == 0) continue;
225 bzero(buffer, MAX_BYTES);
226
227 snprintf(buffer, sizeof(buffer), "<li><a href=\"%s/%s\">%s</a></li>" , dir_path ,
   entry->d_name, entry->d_name);
228
229 bytes_send = send(socket, buffer, strlen(buffer), 0); // Send files one by one
230
231
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233     if( bytes_send <= 0)                                // Connection is broken
234         break;
235     }
236     }
237     else
238     {
239         bytes_send = sendErrorMessage(socket , 500);      // Unexpected Error
240         return bytes_send;
241     }
242
243     bzero( buffer ,MAXBYTES);
244
245     sprintf(buffer , sizeof(buffer) , "</ul></BODY></HTML>"); 
246     bytes_send = send(socket , buffer , strlen(buffer) , 0);
247
248     closedir( dir );                                     // Close dir
249
250     return bytes_send;
251 }
252 else
253 {
254     closedir( dir );
255     bytes_send = sendErrorMessage(socket , 500);          // Unexpected server error
256     return bytes_send;
257 }
258 }
259 else
260 {
261     if( errno == EACCES)                                 // Check errno value
262     {
263         perror("Permission Denied\n");
264         bytes_send = sendErrorMessage(socket , 403);
265         return bytes_send;
266     }
267     else
268     {
269         perror("Directory Not Found\n");
270         bytes_send = sendErrorMessage(socket , 404);        // Directory Not Found
271         return bytes_send;
272     }
273 }
274 }
275 }

276
277
278 int checkHTTPversion( char *msg)
279 {
280     int version = -1;
281
282     if( strncmp(msg , "HTTP/1.1" , 8) == 0)
283     {
284         version = 1;
285     }

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286     else if(strncmp(msg, "HTTP/1.0", 8) == 0)           // Server can also handle 1.0
287         requests in the same way as it does to handle 1.1 requests
288     {
289         version = 1;                                // Hence setting same version as 1.1
290     }
291     else
292         version = -1;
293
294     return version;
295 }
296
297 int requestType(char *msg)
298 {
299     int type = -1;
300
301     if(strncmp(msg, "GET\0", 4) == 0)
302         type = 1;
303     else if(strncmp(msg, "POST\0", 5) == 0)
304         type = 2;
305     else if(strncmp(msg, "HEAD\0", 5) == 0)
306         type = 3;
307     else
308         type = -1;
309
310     return type;
311 }
312
313
314 int handleGETrequest(int socket, char *msg)
315 {
316     char file_path[500];
317     char dir_path[500];
318     bzero(dir_path, sizeof(dir_path));
319     bzero(file_path, sizeof(file_path));
320
321     int fd;                                // File descriptor
322
323     int bytes_send;
324
325     if(strlen(msg) == 0 || strncmp(msg, "/", 1) != 0) // Error
326     {
327         printf("message Error!");
328         sendErrorMessage(socket, 400);           // 400 Bad Request
329         return 1;
330     }
331
332     if(strlen(msg) == 1)                      // Default file open index.html
333     {
334         strcpy(file_path, base_directory);
335         strcat(file_path, "/index.html");
336     }
337     else
338     {

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339 strcpy(file_path, base_directory);           // concatenate requested file name in
340     base_directory
341 strcat(file_path, msg);
342 strcpy(dir_path, msg);
343 }
344
345 struct stat s;
346 if( (stat(file_path, &s) == 0 && S_ISDIR(s.st_mode)) )    // Given File Path is a
347     directory
348 {
349     printf("Send directory links\n");
350     bytes_send = sendDirectory(socket, file_path, dir_path);    // Send directory
351         links
352
353     return bytes_send;
354 }
355
356 fd = open(file_path, O_RDONLY);             // Otherwise open requested file
357
358 if(fd == -1)
359 {
360     if(errno == EACCES)
361     {
362         perror("Permission Denied\n");
363         sendErrorMessage(socket, 403);          // Permission Denied
364         return 1;
365     }
366     else
367     {
368         perror("File does not exist\n");
369         sendErrorMessage(socket, 404);          // File not found
370         return 1;
371     }
372 }
373
374 bytes_send = sendFile(socket, fd, file_path); // Send file content
375
376 close(fd);                                // Close file
377
378
379
380 void respondClient(int socket)
381 {
382
383     int bytes_send;                         // Bytes Transferred
384
385     char buffer[MAX_BYTES];                 // Creating buffer of 4kb for a client
386
387     bzero(buffer, MAX_BYTES);               // Make buffer zero
388 }
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390 bytes_send = recv(socket , buffer , MAX_BYTES, 0);           // Receive File Name
391
392 while( bytes_send > 0)
393 {
394 // printf("%s\n",buffer );
395 char *message [3];
396
397 if( strlen(buffer) > 0)
398 {
399 message [0] = strtok(buffer , " \t\n");
400                                     // stores Request Method
401 int type = requestType(message [0]);
402 if(type == 1)                         // GET Request
403 {
404
405 message [1] = strtok(NULL, " \t\n");
406 message [2] = strtok(NULL, " \t\n");
407                                     // stores request file path
408                                     // stores HTTP version
409
410 if(strlen(message [2]) && checkHTTPversion(message [2]) == 1)
411 bytes_send = handleGETrequest(socket , message [1]); // Handle GET request
412
413 else
414 sendErrorMessage(socket , 505);          // Incorrect HTTP version
415
416 }
417 else if(type == 2)                     // POST Request
418 {
419 printf("POST: Not implemented");
420 sendErrorMessage(socket , 501);
421 }
422 else if(type == 3)                   // HEAD Request
423 {
424 printf("HEAD: Not implemented");
425 sendErrorMessage(socket , 501);
426 }
427 else                                // Unknown Method Request
428 {
429 printf("Unknown Method: Not implemented");
430 sendErrorMessage(socket , 501);
431 }
432 else
433 {
434 printf("ERROR\n");
435 sendErrorMessage(socket , 400);          // 400 Bad Request
436 }
437 bzero(buffer , MAX_BYTES);
438 bytes_send = recv(socket , buffer , sizeof(buffer) , 0); // Recieve Next Request
439 from Cliemt
440
441 if( bytes_send < 0)

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443 {
444 perror("Error in receiving from client.\n");
445 }
446 else if(bytes_send == 0)
447 {
448 printf("Client disconnected!\n");
449 }
450
451 close(socket); // Close socket
452
453 return;
454 }
455
456
457 int findAvailableChild(int i)
458 {
459 int j = i;
460 pid_t ret_pid;
461 int child_state;
462
463 do
464 {
465 if(client_PID[j] == 0)
466 return j;
467 else
468 {
469 ret_pid = waitpid(client_PID[j], &child_state, WNOHANG); // Finds status change
        of pid
470
471 if(ret_pid == client_PID[j]) // Child exited
472 {
473 client_PID[j] = 0;
474 return j;
475 }
476 else if(ret_pid == 0) // Child is still running
477 {
478 ;
479 }
480 else
481 perror("Error in waitpid call\n");
482 }
483 j = (j+1)%MAX_CLIENTS;
484 }
485 while(j != i);
486
487 return -1;
488 }
489
490
491 int main(int argc, char *argv[])
492 {
493 int newSocket, client_len;
494 struct sockaddr_in server_addr, client_addr;

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496
497 base_directory = (char*)malloc(45*sizeof(char));
498 char *temp_directory;
499
500 strcpy(base_directory, "webfiles"); // Need to be changed accordingly
501
502 bzero(client_PID, MAX_CLIENTS);
503
504 // Fetching Arguments

505 int params = 1;
506
507 for(; params < argc; params++)
508 {
509 if(strcmp(argv[params], "-p") == 0)
510 {
511 params++;
512
513 if(params < argc)
514 {
515 port = atoi(argv[params]);
516 continue;
517 }
518 else
519 {
520 printf("Wrong Arguments! Usage: %s [-p PortNumber] [-b BaseDirectory]\n", argv[0]);
521 ;
522 exit(1);
523 }
524 else if(strcmp(argv[params], "-b") == 0)
525 {
526 params++;
527
528 if(params < argc)
529 {
530 struct stat s;
531 if(!stat(argv[params], &s) == 0 && S_ISDIR(s.st_mode))
532 {
533 printf("Error: No such directory exist!\n");
534 exit(1);
535 }
536
537 temp_directory = argv[params];
538
539 int k = strlen(temp_directory) - 1;
540
541 if(strncmp(&temp_directory[k], "/", 1) == 0) // Removing / from the last
542 strcpy(&temp_directory[k], "\0");
543
544 char *temp = (char*)realloc(base_directory, sizeof(char)*strlen(temp_directory));
545 base_directory = temp;
546 strcpy(base_directory, temp_directory);

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547     continue;
548 }
549 else
550 {
551     printf("Wrong Arguments! Usage: %s [-p PortNumber] [-b BaseDirectory]\n", argv[0])
552     ;
553     exit(1);
554 }
555 }
556 else
557 {
558     printf("Wrong Arguments! Usage: %s [-p PortNumber] [-b BaseDirectory]\n", argv[0])
559     ;
560     exit(1);
561 }
562 }

563 printf("Setting Server Port : %d and Base Directory: %s\n", port, base_directory);

564
565 // Creating socket


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567
568 socketId = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0);
569
570 if( socketId < 0)
571 {
572     perror("Error in Creating Socket.\n");
573     exit(1);
574 }
575
576 int reuse =1;
577 if (setsockopt(socketId , SOL_SOCKET, SO_REUSEADDR, (const char *)&reuse , sizeof(
578     reuse)) < 0)
579     perror("setsockopt(SO_REUSEPORT) failed");
580

//

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581 // Binding socket with given port number and server is set to connect with any ip
582 address
583
584 bzero((char *)&server_addr , sizeof(server_addr));
585 server_addr.sin_family = AF_INET;
586 server_addr.sin_port = htons(port);
587 server_addr.sin_addr.s_addr = INADDR_ANY;
588
589 if( bind(socketId , (struct sockaddr *)&server_addr , sizeof(server_addr)) < 0 )
590 {
591     perror("Binding Error : Port may not be free. Try Using diffrent port number.\n");
592     exit(1);

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593 }
594
595 printf("Binding successful on port: %d\n",port);
596
597 //
```

```

598 // Listening for connections and accept upto MAX_CLIENTS in queue
599
600 int status = listen(socketId , MAX_CLIENTS);
601
602 if(status < 0 )
603 {
604 perror("Error in Listening !\n");
605 exit(1);
606 }
607
608 //
```

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610 // Infinite Loop for accepting connections
611
612 int i=0;
613 int ret;
614
615 while(1)
616 {
617 printf("Listening for a client to connect!\n");
618 bzero((char*)&client_addr , sizeof(client_addr)); // Clears struct
619 client_addr
620 client_len = sizeof(client_addr);
621
622 newSocket = accept(socketId , (struct sockaddr*)&client_addr , &client_len); // Accepts connection
623 if(newSocket < 0 )
624 {
625 fprintf(stderr , "Error in Accepting connection !\n");
626 exit(1);
627 }
```

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628
629 // Getting IP address and port number of client
630
631 struct sockaddr_in* client_pt = (struct sockaddr_in*)&client_addr;
632 struct in_addr ip_addr = client_pt->sin_addr;
633 char str[INET_ADDRSTRLEN]; // INET_ADDRSTRLEN: Default ip
634 address size
635 inet_ntop( AF_INET , &ip_addr , str , INET_ADDRSTRLEN );
636 printf("New Client connected with port no.: %d and ip address: %s \n",ntohs(
637 client_addr.sin_port) , str );
```

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637
638
639 //
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640 // Forks new client
641 i = findAvailableChild(i);
642
643 if (i >= 0 && i < MAX_CLIENTS)
644 {
645     ret = fork();
646
647     if (ret == 0)           // Create child process
648     {
649         respondClient(newSocket);
650         printf("Child %d closed\n", i);
651         exit(0);           // Child exits
652     }
653     else
654     {
655         printf("-----\n");
656         printf("-----\n", i, ret);
657         client_PID[i] = ret;
658     }
659 }
660 }
661 else
662 {
663     i = 0;
664     close(newSocket);
665     printf("No more Client can connect!\n");
666 }
```

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667
668 // And goes back to listen again for another client
669 }
```

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670
671 close(socketId);           // Close socket
672 return 0;
673 }
```

Listing 1: Concurrent HTTP Server

PS: The code really looks better than this in sublime text editor on full screen.