

Lecture 34 (4-20-26)

Networking (System Calls)

Notes for final:

- review `findit` homework
 - watch start of recoding of this lecture to hear all the hints
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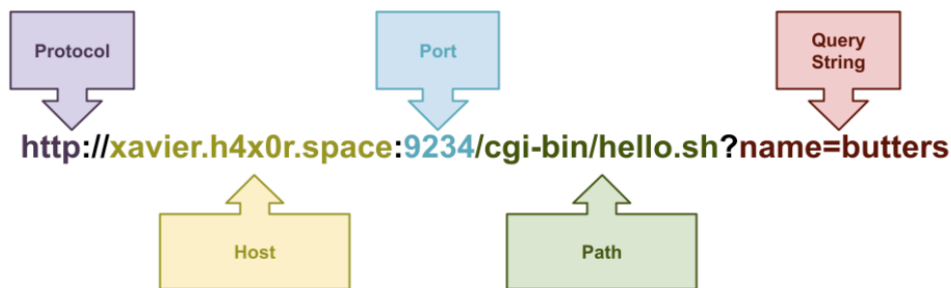
Motivating Questions

- What is **networking**?
 - what is an **IP address**
 - what is a **port**
 - what is a **domain name**
 - what is a **URL**
 - What is a **protocol**? Examples?
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- In every connection you have some sort of **client** and some sort of **server**
 - The server has **IP addresses**:
 - local host
 - public ip address
 - DNS translates domain name to IP address
 - client also needs to know a port as well
 - In our class **server** means an individual application/process
 - so client needs to know the server's IP address/domain name and port
 - You can run any service on any port
 - the client also has an:
 - Ip address
 - port
 - so that when the server sends stuff back it goes to that ip address / port
 - The way messages go back and forth:
 - **TCP (transmission control protocol)** (there are others like UDP, but we will use TCP)

- enables us to use `fgets()` , etc.
 - the client sends **packets** to the server
 - these packets can be dropped
 - The web browser is a HTTP client
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URL

A **URL** is a **uniform resource locator** that corresponds to a resource on the Internet:



- - Host can also be called domain
 - Path can also be called resource
 - Query string can also be called parameters
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Networking : Sockets / Echo Client

now these system calls and the order

- In typical chronological order:
 - In C the system call we want to make for DNS is `getaddrinfo()`
 - translates domain name into ip address
 - need to use in a loop because you will get multiple ip addresses
 - `socket` : returns file descriptor
 - `connect` : to the other end
 - once connected you usually do one of the following (might happen in a loop):
 - `write`
 - `read`
 - `close`
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echo_client.c

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/* echo_client_refactored.c: simple TCP echo client (refactored) */

#include <errno.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

#include <netdb.h>
#include <netinet/in.h>
#include <sys/socket.h>
#include <unistd.h>

const char *HOST = "localhost";
const char *PORT = "9416";

FILE *socket_dial(const char *host, const char *port) {
    /* Lookup server address information */
    struct addrinfo *results
    struct addrinfo *hints = {
        .ai_family = AF_UNSPEC, // looks for ipv4 and ipv6
        .ai_socktype = SOCK_STREAM, // use TCP as underlying socket type
    }

    int status;
    if ((status = getaddrinfo(host, port, &results)) != 0){
        fprintf(stderr, "getaddrinfo: %s\n", gai_strerror(status));
        return NULL;
    }

    /* For each server entry, allocate socket and try to connect */
    int client_fd = -1;
    for (struct addrinfo *p = results; p && client_fd < 0; p=p->ai_next){
        /* Allocate socket */
        client_fd = socket(p->ai_family, p->ai_socktype, p->ai_protocol);
        if (client_fd < 0){
            perror("socket");
            continue;
        }
        /* Connect to host */
        if (connect(client_fd, p->ai_addr, p->ai_addrlen) < 0){
            close(client_fd);
            client_fd = -1;
            continue;
        }
    }
}
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    }
    /* Release allocate address information */
    freeaddrinfo(results);

    if (client_fd < 0){ // couldn't connect
        return NULL
    }

    /* Open file stream from socket file descriptor */

    return fdopen(client_fd, "r+");
}

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    /* Connect to remote machine */
    FILE *client_file = socket_dial(HOST, PORT);
    if (!client_file){
        return EXIT_FAILURE;
    }
    /* Read from stdin and send to server */
    char buffer[BUFSIZ];
    while (fgets(buffer, BUFSIZ, stdin)){
        fputs(buffer, client_file);
        fgets(buffer, BUFSIZ, client_file);
        fputs(buffer, stdout)
    }

    fclose(client_file);
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}

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