Sockets: The Hard Way

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1 Berkeley Socket Interface

Interface Overview

Socket
An abstraction representing a (network) communication channel. Both stream oriented and message oriented channels. Spectrum of supported protocols.

Stream Oriented Channel
Socket on client side initiates outgoing connections. Socket on server side waits for incoming connections. Data flows in both directions after connection established.

Message Oriented Channel
No connection established. Sender and receiver roles symmetrical.

Examples To Play With ...

> git clone http://github.com/d-iii-s/teaching-introduction-middleware.git

C

> cd teaching-introduction-middleware/src/sockets-basic-server/c
> cat README.md

Java

> cd teaching-introduction-middleware/src/sockets-basic-server/java
> cat README.md
Python

> cd teaching-introduction-middleware/src/sockets-basic-server/python
> cat README.md

Stream Oriented Channel

**Client Side Pseudocode**

```python
socket = CreateSocket (comms_domain, socket_type);
ConnectToServer (socket, server_address);
... Write (socket, data);
... Read (socket, data);
Shutdown (socket);
Close (socket);
```

**Server Side Pseudocode**

```python
server_socket = CreateSocket (comms_domain, socket_type);
BindToLocalAddress (socket, address);
PermitListeningOnSocket (socket, backlog);
client_socket, client_address = AcceptIncomingConnection (socket);
... Write (client_socket, data);
... Read (client_socket, data);
Shutdown (client_socket);
Close (client_socket);
```

2 Assignment Part I

**Assignment**

**Server**

Implement a server that will:
  - Listen for incoming connections.
  - Provide information on current time to connected clients.

**Client**

Implement a client that will:
  - Connect to the server described above.
  - Query information on current time.
  - Print the time.

Code Now ...
Show Your Code …

Query Host Name

```shell
> hostname
u1-22
```

Run Screen Sharing

```shell
> x11vnc -viewonly
```

3 Assignment Part II

Assignment

Server
Implement a server that will provide information on current time.
- The server should accept a spec of what fields to return.
- Fields should be standard YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS.

Client
Implement a client that will query server time:
- Pick a random combination of fields.
- Query information on current time.
- Wrap all this in a local function.
- Print the time.
/**
 * Return server time in standard structure.
 * \param result Caller allocated structure to fill.
 * \return Zero for success, non zero error code otherwise.
 */
int server_time (struct tm *result);

struct tm {
    int tm_sec; // Seconds (0-60)
    int tm_min; // Minutes (0-59)
    int tm_hour; // Hours (0-23)
    int tm_mday; // Day of the month (1-31)
    int tm_mon; // Month (0-11)
    int tm_year; // Year - 1900
    int tm_wday; // Day of the week (0-6, Sunday = 0)
    int tm_yday; // Day in the year (0-365, 1 Jan = 0)
    int tm_isdst; // Daylight saving time
};

... man localtime

Java Local Function

/**
 * Access server time in standard structure.
 */
public interface ServerTime {
    int getSecond (); // Gets the second-of-minute field.
    int getMinute (); // Gets the minute-of-hour field.
    int getHour (); // Gets the hour-of-day field.
    int getDayOfMonth (); // Gets the day-of-month field.
    Month getMonth (); // Gets the month-of-year field.
    int getYear (); // Gets the year field.
    DayOfWeek getDayOfWeek (); // Gets the day-of-week field.
    int getDayOfYear (); // Gets the day-of-year field.
}

... javadoc LocalDateTime

Python Local Function

def server_time ():
    """Returns server time in datetime.datetime class."""
    ...

# Instance attributes (read-only):
#
#   datetime.year
#       Between MINYEAR and MAXYEAR inclusive.
#   datetime.month
#       Between 1 and 12 inclusive.
#   datetime.day
#       Between 1 and the number of days in the given month of the given year.
#   datetime.hour
#       In range(24).
#   datetime.minute
#       In range(60).
#   datetime.second
#       In range(60).

... help (datetime.datetime)

4  Marshalling Implementation

C Marshalling

Textual Stream

int sprintf (char *str, const char *format, ...);
int sscanf (const char *str, const char *format, ...);
Network Order Binary Stream?
uint32_t htonl (uint32_t hostlong);
uint16_t htons (uint16_t hostshort);
uint32_t ntohl (uint32_t netlong);
uint16_t ntohs (uint16_t netshort);

Native Order Binary Stream?
char buffer [1024];
int *address = (int *) &buffer [16];
*address = 1234;

Java Marshalling

Serialized Stream?
output_stream = socket.getOutputStream();
object_stream = new ObjectOutputStream (output_stream);
object_stream.writeInt (1234);
object_stream.writeObject (...);

Textual Stream?
PrintWriter writer = new PrintWriter (output_stream, true);
writer.println (...);

Byte Stream?
ByteBuffer buffer = ByteBuffer.allocate (4);
buffer.putInt (1234);
output_stream.write (buffer.array ());

Python Marshalling

Pickled Stream?
import pickle
with socket.makefile () as file_object:
    pickle.dump (... , file_object)

JSON Stream?
import json
with socket.makefile () as file_object:
    json.dump (... , file_object)

YAML Stream?
import yaml
with socket.makefile () as file_object:
    yaml.dump (... , file_object)

Python Marshalling

Byte Stream?
data = 1234
socket.send (data.to_bytes (4, 'little'))

Byte Stream?
from struct import *
data = pack ('bhiq', 1, 2, 3, 4)
socket.send (data)
5 Assignment Part III

Assignment

Interoperability
Implement compatible clients and servers in two languages.

Performance
Measure the performance of your implementation.

Experiment Design
Stick to the following, or provide arguments for why not:
- Random field mix, each field with probability 1/2.
- Measure at least two minutes long traffic.
- Report average invocation throughput.
- No printing during measurement.

Measuring Time

C++
#include <time.h>
#include <stdint.h>
struct timespec time;
clock_gettime (CLOCK_MONOTONIC_RAW, &time);
uint64_t nanoseconds =
    (uint64_t) time.tv_sec * 1000000000 +
    (uint64_t) time.tv_nsec;

Java
long nanoseconds = System.nanoTime();

Python
import time
nanoseconds = time.clock_gettime (time.CLOCK_MONOTONIC_RAW) * 1000000000

Submission

GitLab

Requirements
- Use the assignment subdirectory.
- Write brief report in SOLUTION.md.
- Include build scripts with instructions.
- Do not commit binaries or temporary build artifacts.
- Tag your solution with task-01 and push the tag.