

Direct Deposit:
A Basic User-Level Protocol for Carpet Clusters ¹

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Abstract

This note describes the **Direct Deposit Protocol** (DDP), a simple protocol for multicomputing on a carpet cluster. This protocol is an example of a user-level protocol to be layered on top of the low-level, sender-based protocols for the Protocol Processing Engine. The protocol will be described in terms of its system call interface and an operational description.

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1 Introduction

This note describes the Direct Deposit Protocol (DDP), a simple protocol for multicomputing on a carpet cluster. This protocol is an example of a user-level protocol to be layered on top of low-level, sender-based protocols (SBP)[1]. Its salient feature is the ability to transmit message data directly into a receiving process' address space with neither OS involvement nor memory-to-memory copies. The particular SBP which DDP is being targetted at is implemented by a Protocol Processing Engine DDP will be described in terms of its system call interface and an operational description, including a number of examples.

2 Concepts and Definitions

DDP is *service* and *connection* oriented. A process wishing to provide a service or, more generally, to accept connections, registers a service with the kernel. The process registering the service provides a name, specified by a string, by which the service is known. Other processes may establish a connection to the service named by that string. Communications can only occur via such connections. All connections are bidirectional, since the participating processes are responsible for high-level flow control. Each bidirectional connection is comprised of two unidirectional *channels*.

A server may wish to accept more than one connection to a particular service. At registration, it informs the kernel of the maximum number of connections to be allowed for the service.

A server may also register more than one service. Each registered service is associated by the kernel with a unique service identifier, referred to hereafter as a *servid*, which the kernel returns to the server as a result of service registration.

Servers are normally *not* notified *directly* of connections to their registered services. Each message received by a process is accompanied by the identifier of the connection it arrived on. This may be the first indication to a server of the existence of a given connection. Alternatively, the server may discover the existing connections by using a system call to obtain a list of the current connection identifiers.

To allow servers to listen conveniently for incoming messages in the (possible) presence of multiple services and multiple connections per service, a notification list (identified by a *noteid*) is associated with each incoming connection. The same notification list may be associated with several connections and/or services. Note that a given notification list belongs to a particular process. If the service registration call does not specify a notification list, the kernel allocates one and returns it's identifier as one result of the registration. Notification lists that become unreferenced are quietly deallocated.

At registration of a service, the process must also specify buffer space for incoming messages and for outgoing replies, as well as a size for each kind of buffer. The amount of space must be sufficient to support the specified maximum number of connections. The buffers must be previously allocated, as the registration process causes the physical memory for the buffer space to be composed of contiguous "wired" pages to allow messages to be copied directly into and out of the process' address space.

Connection to a service requires the name of the service and the logical node number on which it can be found. Once again, buffers for incoming and outgoing messages, as well as their sizes, must be provided; this buffer space must also be previously allocated, as it too will be "wired".

Connections are typed; currently the two types are synchronous RPC and "split-phase" RPC.

Connection establishment returns a connection identifier, hereafter referred to as a `connid`, which is used to specify the connection to the kernel when a message is sent on it. A `noteid` is associated with the return portion of the connection. For synchronous RPC connections, the kernel always generates a new notification list and does not return its `noteid`. For split-phase connections, the kernel will generate a `noteid` if the process does not provide one (from a previous connect call).

Information about a connection is available via a system call. The information includes buffer addresses and sizes, including the size of the connection's *remote* buffer. Also provided, for fault recovery purposes, are counts of incoming and outgoing messages for the connection. For access control purposes, the connection information also includes the node number, process id, and user id of the process holding the other end of the connection.

Generic send and receive system calls are provided for message transmission. Servers may use these directly while "clients" of RPC-type services can use an RPC-like system call that combines the semantics of send and receive. In addition, there is support for "split-phase" RPC, wherein the "client" can send a message and return immediately; modulo buffer management considerations, the client must only determine that the message has been completely received before sending another message on the connection. Explicit buffer management and/or flow control is the responsibility of the user for such connections.

Many applications need to send information (metadata) about a message along with the actual data. Since the goal of DDP is to deposit incoming messages directly in the locations where they will be used, it is not always convenient or even possible to bundle the metadata in the message body. Hence, variants of the send and receive operations are provided that provide for transmitting modest amounts of metadata: a separate source location is used for specifying the metadata to the send operation and the receive operation allows specification of a location for the metadata which is separate from the message itself.

The name spaces for all of the identifiers described in this section (`serviceid`, `noteid`, and `connid`) are process specific; they only have meaning within the context of the owning process.

3 System Call Interface

3.1 `ddserv()`

```
int
ddserve(char      *name,
         int       flags,
         int       maxconn,
         address_t recvbase,
         size_t    recvsize,
         address_t replybase,
         size_t    replysize,
         noteid_t *noteid,
         servid_t *servid);
```

`ddserve` registers a service with the given `name`; the kernel generates and returns, in the location pointed to by `*servid`, a service identifier which is used in future kernel-process interactions to specify

the service. The buffer area for incoming requests is specified in `recvbase` and its size by `recvsize`. The buffer area that the process will use to compose replies is specified as `replybase`, and its size is given in `replysize`. The kernel divides both of these areas into equal size blocks among the possible maximum number of connections. At the moment there are no provisions for creating unique service names, so the user is responsible for ensuring that `name` is not already in use on the node. The default value for `flags` is `SERVE_NOOPTS`.

If `flags` contains `SERVE_NOTELIST`, the kernel will associate the notification object specified in `noteid` with the new service. This allows multiple servers to share a single notification object (see `ddrecv()`). Otherwise, the kernel will allocate and return, in `noteid`, the identifier of a new notification object.

If `flags` contains `SERVE_DOACCEPT`, each new connection to the service will result in the allocation of a new notification object; such connections will be reported to the server (on the original notification object) as connection notifications. The program must then use the `ddconninfo()` call to determine the `noteid` of the new notification object for the connection. This is similar in style to how the Unix system call `accept()` operates in that a single, master `noteid` (file descriptor for `accept()`) is used to accept new connections, while each new connection results in a new `noteid` (again, file descriptor).

`ddserve` returns zero on success and -1 otherwise.

ERRORS:

EBADID The `noteid` provided was not valid.

ENOCMP The kernel thread servicing DD requests is not running.

ENORESOURCE The kernel is unable to allocate some required data structure.

3.2 `ddconn()`

```
int
ddconn(char      *name,
        int       node,
        int       type,
        int       flags,
        address_t *sendbase,
        size_t    sendsize,
        address_t *replybase,
        size_t    replysize,
        connid_t  *connid,
        noteid_t  *noteid);
```

`ddconn` establishes the client side of a client-server connection by attempting to connect to a service created with `ddserve` on logical node number `node`. `name` is the string associated with the service. The kernel generates and returns, in the location pointed to by `*connid`, a connection identifier which is used in future kernel-process interactions (such as sending a message) to specify the connection. At present, there is no name service available, so it is up to the user to keep track of `name,node` pairs, and to ensure that the pairings are unique. The buffer area for outgoing requests is specified in `sendbase` and its size by `sendsize`. The buffer area that the process will use to receive replies is specified as `replybase`, and its size is given in `replysize`.

The `type` argument must be specified as either `TYPE_RPC` or `TYPE_SPLIT`. If `type` is `TYPE_RPC`, an

RPC style connection is established (see `ddcall()`) in which requests block until a reply is received. A notification object is not returned since there is no need to do a separate receive operation on the connection. If `type` is `TYPE_SPLIT`, a split-phase connection is established (see `ddsend()` and `ddrecv()`) in which requests return immediately, and replies must be explicitly requested from the system. See Section 5 for an example of a split-phase client and server.

If `flags` contains `CONN_NOTELIST`, and the `type` is `TYPE_SPLIT`, the kernel will associate the notification object specified in `*noteid` with the new connection. This allows multiple split-phase connections to share a single notification object (see `ddrecv()`). Otherwise, the kernel will allocate and return, in `*noteid`, the identifier of a new notification object.

`ddconn` returns zero on success and -1 otherwise.

ERRORS:

- `EBADID` The `noteid` provided was not valid.
- `EBADSERVER` The service name was not registered on the node specified.
- `ENOCMP` The kernel thread servicing DD requests is not running.
- `ENORESOURCE` The kernel is unable to allocate some required data structure.

3.3 `ddclose()`

```
int
ddclose(connid_t connid);
```

`ddclose` terminates the connection specified by `connid`, freeing any kernel resources associated with it. `ddclose` can be applied to either the client or the server side of a connection. The “other” end of of the connection is closed as well.

`ddclose` returns zero on success and -1 otherwise.

ERRORS:

- `EBADID` The `connid` provided was not valid.

3.4 `ddunserve()`

```
int
ddunserve(servid_t servid);
```

`ddunserve` terminates a server established with `ddserve`, freeing any kernel resources—except for the buffers—associated with it. All existing connections to the server are terminated. The client side of established connections are marked as closed, and subsequent use of those connections results in an error being returned to the client.

`ddunserve` returns zero on success and -1 otherwise.

ERRORS:

- `EBADID` The `servid` provided was not valid.

3.5 ddsend()

```
int
ddsend(connid_t  connid,
        address_t addr,
        size_t   len,
        offset_t  roffset);
```

`ddsend` sends a message on the connection referred to by `connid`. The message begins at `addr` and is `len` bytes in length. The message is deposited at `roffset` bytes into the destination buffer. `ddsend` returns as soon as the message has been completely sent. At this point, the buffer can safely be reused to compose a new message. The connection cannot be of type `TYPE_RPC` (see `ddconn`) since that implies synchronous RPC operation. **At present**, split-phase connections are required to follow a request/response model. That is, only 1 request can be outstanding at a time; the process must consume the reply (via `ddrecv`) before the next request can be sent. This restriction may be relaxed in future implementations. Communication can be overlapped with computation by delaying consumption of the reply until another message is ready to be sent on the connection.

`ddsend` returns zero on success and -1 otherwise.

ERRORS:

- `EBADID` The `connid` provided was not valid.
- `ECONNCLOSE` The connection is no longer valid since the other side has been closed.
- `ESLOTBUSY` A request is still outstanding; the reply has not been consumed.
- `EBADTYPE` The `connid` refers to a connection that has a type of `TYPE_RPC`.
- `EBADRANGE` The message is not contained within the buffer that was specified with `ddserve` or `ddconn`.
- `ETIMEDOUT` This is used with ack packets
- `ENOTREADY` This is used with ack packets

3.6 ddsend_async()

```
int
ddsend_async(connid_t  connid,
              address_t  addr,
              size_t     size,
              offset_t   roffset);
```

`ddsend_async` is identical in operation to `ddsend`, with one exception; `ddsend_async` (possibly) returns before the message has been completely sent. The process must be careful not to alter the message buffer until the message transmission is known to have completed, as data corruption could otherwise occur. The `dddone` system call should be used to determine when the message has been completely sent, and the buffer can safely be reused.

`ddsend_async` returns zero on success and -1 otherwise.

ERRORS:

EBADID The connid provided was not valid.
 ECONNCLOSE The connection is no longer valid since the other side has been closed.
 ESLOTBUSY A request is still outstanding; the reply has not been consumed.
 EBADTYPE The connid refers to a connection that has a type of TYPE_RPC.
 EBADRANGE The message is not contained within the buffer that was specified with `ddserve` or `ddconn`.
 ETIMEDOUT This is used with ack packets
 ENOTREADY This is used with ack packets

3.7 `ddsend_with_metadata()` and `ddsend_async_with_metadata()`

```

int
ddsend_with_metadata(connid_t connid,
                    address_t addr,
                    size_t size,
                    offset_t roffset,
                    address_t metap,
                    size_t metacount);

int
ddsend_async_with_metadata(connid_t connid,
                          address_t addr,
                          size_t size,
                          offset_t roffset,
                          address_t metap,
                          size_t metacount);

```

`ddsend_with_metadata` and `ddsend_async_with_metadata` are identical to `ddsend` and `ddsend_async`, respectively, with the exception that data pointed to by `metap` is transmitted along with the normal message payload. This data appears in the receiver's notification, which must be received using `ddrecv_with_metadata`. `metacount` specifies the number of (4 byte) words of metadata to be sent; it is currently limited to 4. **Restriction:** these calls currently only work with messages of a single packet in size; see Section 3.18.

3.8 `dddone()`

```

int
dddone(connid_t connid,
       int flags);

```

`dddone` is used to determine when the last message sent on `connid` has been completely sent, and the corresponding data buffer can safely be reused. `dddone` is normally used in conjunction with `ddsend_async` to ensure that the data buffer is ready for reuse. By default, `dddone` returns a status value immediately. If `options` includes `SDONE_SLEEP`, and the message has not been completely sent, `dddone` will block in the kernel until the message has been completely sent.

`dddone` returns -1 on error. 1 is returned when the message has been completely sent, and 0 otherwise.

ERRORS:

EBADID The connid provided was not valid.

EINVAL Improper options were specified.

3.9 `ddflush()`

```
int
ddflush(address_t  addr,
        size_t     len);
```

`ddflush` is used to maintain consistency between cache and main memory. Systems that possess coherent IO subsystems may need to take no action at all to maintain this coherence, while others will need to explicitly flush the address range from the cache.

`ddflush` should be used to flush a receive buffer after the program has consumed the data within it and before the program informs the sender that the buffer can be reused, so that subsequent messages sent to the buffer will not be shadowed by any residual cache contents.

`ddflush` always returns 0.

3.10 `ddrecv()`

```
int
ddrecv(noteid_t  noteid,
       servid_t  *servid,
       address_t *msg,
       size_t    *length,
       connid_t  *connid,
       option_t  options,
       timeout_t timeout);
```

`ddrecv` consumes the next available incoming message for any of the connections associated with `noteid`. `*servid` is set to the unique service identifier associated with the connection (this value is generally only meaningful for the server side of connections). `*msg` is set to the byte address of the start of the message, and `*length` is set to the number of bytes in the message. The default value for `options` is `RECV_SPIN`, which causes `ddrecv` to spin in the kernel, waiting for a notification to be posted. The process may be context switched by the kernel as appropriate, but is otherwise capable of receiving a message as soon as it arrives, without any kernel intervention. This is in contrast to specifying `RECV_SLEEP`, which causes the process to sleep in the kernel until a notification is posted. The `RECV_SPIN` option, while resulting in faster notifications, is only appropriate for single-application or lightly loaded systems, due to its potential for consuming CPU resources.

If `options` includes `RECV_NOBLOCK`, `ddrecv` always returns immediately. If a message is not pending, `ddrecv` returns -1, and the global variable `errno` is set to `EWOULDBLOCK`.

If `options` includes `RECV_TIMEOUT`, `ddrecv`, will block for the amount of time specified by `timeout`. The kernel expects `timeout` to be in the format `timeout * SBP_HZ`. Note: The value of `SBP_HZ` is equal to the system clock rate; 100 ticks per second in HPUX and BSD4.3.

`ddrecv` returns -1 on error, and 0 otherwise.

ERRORS:

- EBADID The noteid provided was invalid.
- EINVAL Improper options were specified.
- EWOULDBLOCK `RECV_NOBLOCK` was specified, and no message is pending.
- EMETADATA The message received had metadata associated with it.

3.11 `ddrecv_with_metadata()`

```
int
ddrecv_with_metadata(noteid_t  noteid,
                    servid_t   *servid,
                    address_t  *msg,
                    size_t     *length,
                    connid_t   *connid,
                    option_t   options,
                    timeout_t  timeout,
                    adress_t   metap,
                    size_t     *metacount);
```

`ddrecv_with_metadata` is identical to `ddrecv`, with the exception that any metadata accompanying the message is returned at the location pointed to by `metap` and the count of (4 byte) words of metadata is returned in the location specified by `metacount`. The current implementation limits the amount of metadata to 4 words, and the area specified by `metap` must be at least large enough to hold this amount of data. It is not an error if `ddrecv_with_metadata` receives a message with no accompanying metadata; `metacount` will simply be set to 0 and the location specified by `metap` may be zeroed.

3.12 `ddcall()`

```
int
ddcall(connid_t  connid,
       address_t saddr,
       size_t    ssize,
       address_t *repaddr,
       size_t    *repsize,
       option_t  options,
       timeout_t timeout);
```

`ddcall` combines the send and receive operations into a single, synchronous operation on the connection referred to by `connid`. The request message begins at `saddr`, and is `ssize` bytes in length. Unlike `ddsnd`, the request message is always placed at the beginning of the receive buffer on the target

```

typedef struct conninfo {
    int      node;
    noteid_t noteid;
    address_t sendbase;
    size_t   sendsize;
    address_t recvbase;
    size_t   recvsize;
    int      msgid_send;
    int      msgid_recv;
} conninfo_t;

```

Figure 1: conninfo_t data structure.

processor. `ddcall` then blocks until a reply message is received, at which time, `*repaddr` is set to the byte address of the start of the reply message, and `*repsize` is set to the number of bytes in the reply message. `ddcall` thus implements a form of remote procedure call.

If `options` includes `RECV_TIMEOUT`, `ddcall`, will block waiting for a reply for the amount of time specified by `timeout`. The kernel expects `timeout` to be in the format `timeout * SBP_HZ`. At the end of the timeout, `ddcall` will return -1, and the global value `errno` will be set to `ETIMEDOUT`. It is up to the application program to recover from this error.

`ddcall` returns -1 on error, and 0 otherwise.

ERRORS:

- `EBADID` The `connid` provided was invalid.
- `EINVAL` Improper options were specified.
- `ECONNCLOSE` The connection is no longer valid since the other side has been closed.
- `EBADTYPE` The `connid` refers to a connection that does not have a type of `TYPE_RPC`.
- `EBADRANGE` The message is not contained within the buffer that was specified with `ddconn`.
- `ETIMEDOUT` Options included `RECV_TIMEOUT`, and the timeout expired.

3.13 `ddconninfo()`

```

int
ddconninfo(connid_t   connid,
           conninfo_t *conninfo);

```

`ddconninfo` returns information about `connid`. `*conninfo` should point to the address of a `conninfo_t` structure (see Figure 1), and is defined below. The `ddconninfo` call is most useful when used in conjunction with `ddserv` to determine the addresses at which buffers have been placed for each new connection (see example code in Section 5).

- `node` The logical node number of the processor the connection is established with.
- `noteid` The notification object for receiving messages.
- `sendbase` The starting address of the outgoing message buffer.

sendsize The size of the outgoing message buffer.
recvbase The starting address of the incoming message buffer.
recvsize The size of the incoming message buffer.
msgid_send The total number of messages sent.
msgid_recv The total number of messages received.

ddconninfo returns -1 on error, and 0 otherwise.

ERRORS:

EBADID The **connid** provided is invalid.
EINVAL ***conninfo** is an invalid pointer.

3.14 ddpoll()

```
int
ddpoll(int      count,
       noteid_t *notelist,
       timeval_t *timeout);
```

ddpoll examines each of the noteids contained in the vector pointed to by ***notelist** to see if any of them have unconsumed messages pending. **count** is the number noteids contained in **notelist**. On return, **ddpoll** replaces the contents of ***notelist** with the subset of noteids that have unconsumed messages pending. **ddpoll** returns the number of ready noteids contained in the new set.

If **timeout** is a non-NULL pointer, it specifies a maximum interval to wait for the **ddpoll** operation to complete. If **timeout** is a NULL pointer, **ddpoll** blocks indefinitely. To affect a poll, the **timeout** argument should be non-NULL, pointing to a zero-valued **timeval** structure.

ddpoll returns -1 on error. Otherwise, the number of noteids with unconsumed messages is returned.

ERRORS:

EBADID One of the noteids provided is invalid.
EINVAL ***timeout** or ***notelist** is an invalid pointer.

3.15 ddalloc()

```
address_t
ddalloc(size_t size);
```

ddalloc allocates a new memory region for use with either **ddconn** or **ddserve**. The region is **size** bytes in length. Memory allocated with **ddalloc** is special in that the kernel will permanently wire the memory down so that DMA operation to and from the region will work properly.

ddalloc returns the starting address of the new memory region. If the memory cannot be allocated, NULL is returned.

3.16 ddpeek()

```
int
ddpeek(noteid_t noteid,
       size_t *length,
       connid_t *connid);
```

`ddpeek` is used to determine if there are any unconsumed incoming messages on `noteid`. For the first unconsumed message, `*connid` is set to the connection identifier of the message, and `*length` is set to the number of bytes contained in the message. If there are no unconsumed messages, `*connid` is set to -1, and `length` is set to 0. *Should this be encoded in the return value instead?*

`ddpeek` returns -1 on error, and 0 otherwise.

ERRORS:

EBADID The noteid provided was invalid.

3.17 ddmynode() and ddmaxnodes()

```
int
ddmynode();
```

`ddmynode` returns the logical node number of the current processor. The node number is a integer value between 0 (inclusive) and the value returned by `ddmaxnodes` (non-inclusive).

```
int
ddmaxnodes();
```

`ddmaxnodes` returns the total number of processors in the system, as determined by the kernel at boot time.

3.18 ddpacketsize()

```
int
ddpacketsize();
```

`ddpacketsize` returns the maximum packet size supported by the interface and interconnect fabric.

3.19 dderror()

```
void
dderror(char *string, ...);
```

`dderror` finds the error message corresponding to the current value of the global variable `errno`, and writes a descriptive message to `stderr`. The argument `string` should be a format string, followed by optional arguments. The resulting message is prepended to the system message. `dderror` is similar in operation to the C library function `perror`, but works with SBP error values as well as system error values.

4 Sample Program 1

The first sample program is a simple “echo” client and server in which the server responds to messages from its clients by returning the data it receives.

4.1 Echo Server

Figure 2 presents the main line of the very simple server program. Ininitially, a service with the name “foobar” is registered. It is capable of concurrently supporting two connections and has incoming and outgoing buffer space of 4096 bytes. Each connection will, therefore, be allocated buffer space of 2048 bytes in each direction. Next, the server simply loops, receiving a message, copying it to the appropriate reply buffer, and sending it back to the caller. The server must discover the address of the reply buffer associated with the connection that the request message arrived upon in order to copy the data into it.

4.2 Echo Client

Figure 3 presents a very simple client of the echo server. First, it connects to the echo server (which it *knows* is on node 1). Note that it passes `NULL` in place of the `noteid` parameter, since the notification list for a `TYPE_RPC` connection is always anonymous. it sends a 128 byte “request”, which the server simply returns. `ddcall` waits for the reply, enforcing a synchronous form of RPC. The client then exits.

5 Sample Program 2

Sample program two is an exmample of a multiple-service server and client, and demonstrates the use of split-phase connections.

5.1 Multiple-Service Server

Figure 4 shows a server program that offers two services. Note that in registering the second service, the `noteid` value provided is the one returned from the registration of the first service. This allows the server to use a single `ddrecv` call to listen for requests to either service. In order to differentiate between requests, which can be for either service, it remembers the `serviceid`'s returned at registration. `ddrecv` passes back the `serviceid` with which the incoming message is associated and the server uses this to pick the right action.

```

#include "fedex.h"

main()
{
    noteid_t    noteid;
    address_t   foo, bar;
    servid_t    thisserv, service;
    connid_t    conn;
    size_t      size;
    address_t   msg;
    conninfo_t  finfo;

    /*
     * Establish a server.
     */
    foo = ddalloc(0x1000);
    bar = ddalloc(0x1000);

    if (ddserve("echo", SERVE_NOOPTS, 2, foo, 0x1000,
                bar, 0x1000, &noteid, &thisserv) < 0) {
        dderror("ddserve");
        exit(1);
    }

    for (;;) {
        if (ddrecv(noteid, &service, &msg, &size, &conn) < 0) {
            dderror("ddrecv");
            exit(1);
        }
        if (ddconninfo(conn, &finfo) < 0) {
            dderror("ddconninfo");
            exit(1);
        }
        bcopy(msg, finfo.sendbase, size);
        if (ddsend(conn, finfo.sendbase, size, 0) < 0) {
            dderror("ddsend");
            exit(1);
        }
    }
}

```

Figure 2: Echo server program.

```

#include "fedex.h"

main()
{
    int          i;
    address_t    foo, bar, msg;
    connid_t     connid;
    size_t       size;

    /*
     * Establish a connection to a server.
     */
    foo = (addr_t)ddalloc(0x1000);
    bar = (addr_t)ddalloc(0x1000);

    if (ddconn("echo", 1, TYPE_RPC, CONN_NOOPTS,
               foo, 0x1000, bar, 0x1000, &connid, NULL) < 0) {
        dderror("ddconnect");
        exit(1);
    }

    /*
     * Fill in the message contents;
     */
    for (i = 0; i < 32; i++)
        foo[i] = i;

    /*
     * Do an RPC.
     */
    if (ddcall(connid, 0, 128, &msg, &size) < 0) {
        dderror("ddcall");
        exit(1);
    }
}

```

Figure 3: A simple client program.

```

main()
{
    noteid_t      noteid = 0;
    address_t     foo, bar, msg;
    servid_t      echoid, reverseid, service;
    connid_t      conn;
    size_t        size;
    conninfo_t    finfo;

    foo = ddalloc(0x1000);
    bar = ddalloc(0x1000);
    if (ddserve("echo", SERVE_NOOPTS, 2,
                foo, 0x1000, bar, 0x1000, &noteid, &echoid) < 0) {
        dderror("ddserve");
        exit(1);
    }

    foo = ddalloc(0x1000);
    bar = ddalloc(0x1000);
    if (ddserve("reverse", SERVE_NOOPTS, 2,
                foo, 0x1000, bar, 0x1000, &noteid, &reverseid) < 0) {
        dderror("ddserve");
        exit(1);
    }

    for (;;) {
        if (ddrecv(noteid, &service, &msg, &size, &conn) < 0) {
            dderror("ddrecv");
            exit(1);
        }
        if (ddconninfo(conn, &finfo) < 0) {
            dderror("ddconninfo"); exit(1);
        }
        if (service == echoid)
            bcopy(foo, finfo.sendbase, size);
        else
            reverse(foo, finfo.sendbase, size);

        if (ddsends(conn, finfo.sendbase, size, 0) < 0) {
            dderror("ddsends");
            exit(1);
        }
    }
}

```

Figure 4: Multiple-Service server program.

5.2 Multiple-Service Client

Figure 5 presents a split-phase client of the echo server. In connecting to the echo service, it provides a pointer to a null notification, which the kernel will replace. In connecting to the reverse service, it passes this `noteid`, so that it can listen for responses from either service with a single `ddrecv` call. It sends a message to each of the services, performs some other task and eventually uses `ddrecv` to read a response. The `serviceid` parameter is not meaningful in this context, so the client supplies a null pointer. It uses the value returned in `conn` to determine which service the response is from.

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```

main()
{
    int            i;
    address_t      req1, req2, resp1, resp2;
    connid_t       conn, connid1, connid2;
    size_t         size;
    noteid_t       noteid = 0;

    req1 = ddalloc(0x1000);
    resp1 = ddalloc(0x1000);
    if (ddconn("echo", 1, TYPE_SPLIT, CONN_NOOPTS,
              req1, 0x1000, resp1, 0x1000, &connid1, &noteid) < 0) {
        perror("ddconn");
    }

    req2 = ddalloc(0x1000);
    resp2 = ddalloc(0x1000);
    if (ddconn("reverse", 1, TYPE_SPLIT, CONN_NOOPTS,
              req2, 0x1000, resp2, 0x1000, &connid2, &noteid) < 0) {
        perror("ddconn");
    }

    for (i = 0; i < 32; i++)
        req1[i] = req2[i] = i;

    if (ddsends(connid1, req1, 128, 0) < 0)
        perror("ddsends");
    }
    if (ddsends(connid2, req2, 128, 0) < 0)
        perror("ddsends");
    }
    do_something_else();
    if (ddrecv(noteid, NULL, &msg, &size, &conn) < 0)
        perror("ddrecv");
    }
    if (conn == connid1)
        process_echo_response();
    else
        process_reverse_response();
}

```

Figure 5: Multiple-Service client program.