

CSE 265:

System and Network Administration

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init

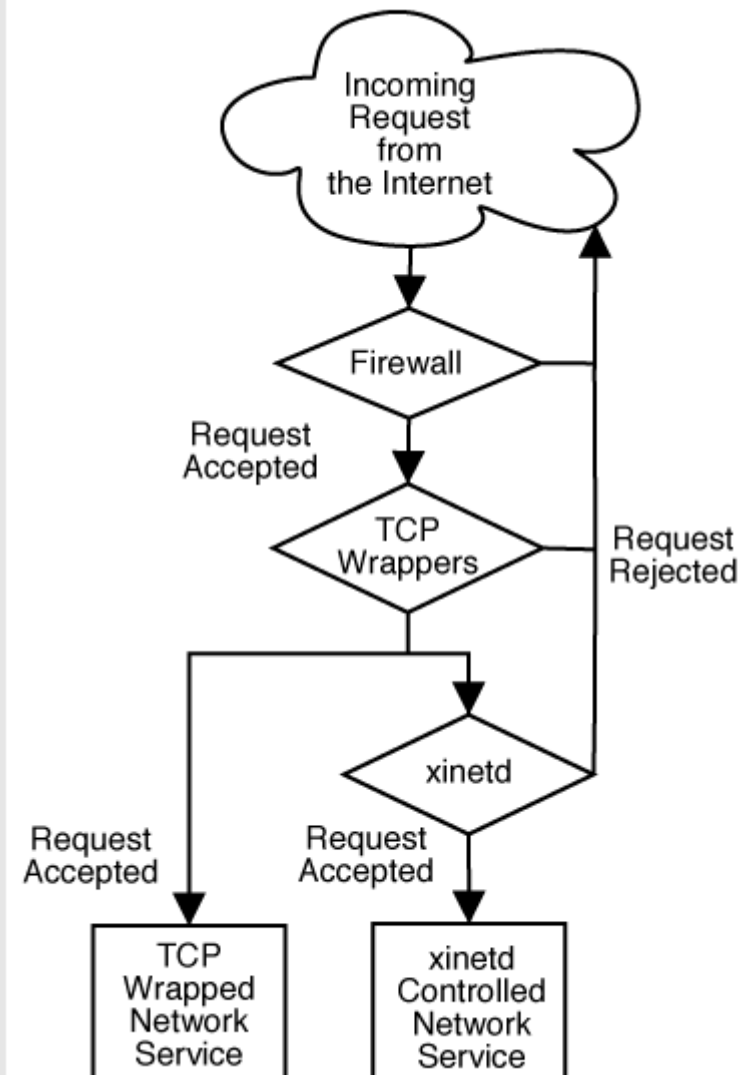
- First process to run after booting
- PID of 1
- Either goes to single user mode or starts scripts to go to multi-user mode
- Runs some version of getty for console and serial logins

cron and atd

- crond runs commands at preset times
- so does atd
 - but can limit when jobs are run (based on load)

inetd and xinetd

- inetd is a daemon that manages other daemons
 - Starts client daemons only when there is work for them
 - Lets them die when their work is complete
- Only works with daemons that provide network services
 - Attaches itself to the network ports used by clients
 - When connection occurs, inetd starts the daemon, and connects standard I/O to the network port
- xinetd is an improved alternative



/etc/inetd.conf

- inetd uses /etc/inetd.conf to determine which ports and daemons to use (along with /etc/services)

```
# Sample portions of an /etc/inetd.conf from Solaris
#
ftp      stream  tcp6   nowait  root    /usr/sbin/tcpd  in.ftpd
telnet   stream  tcp6   nowait  root    /usr/sbin/tcpd  in.telnetd
#
shell    stream  tcp    nowait  root    /usr/sbin/tcpd  in.rshd
shell    stream  tcp6   nowait  root    /usr/sbin/tcpd  in.rshd
login    stream  tcp6   nowait  root    /usr/sbin/tcpd  in.rlogind
exec     stream  tcp    nowait  root    /usr/sbin/tcpd  in.rexecd
exec     stream  tcp6   nowait  root    /usr/sbin/tcpd  in.rexecd
talk     dgram   udp    wait    root    /usr/sbin/tcpd  in.talkd
time     stream  tcp6   nowait  root    internal
time     dgram   udp6   wait    root    internal
amanda   dgram   udp    wait    backup  /opt/amanda/libexec/amandad amandad
```

xinetd

- /etc/xinetd.conf, and can also use a directory with entries like:

```
# default: off
# description: An xinetd internal
# service which echo's characters
# back to clients.
# This is the tcp version.
```

```
service echo
{
    type          = INTERNAL
    id            = echo-stream
    socket_type   = stream
    protocol      = tcp
    user          = root
    wait          = no
    disable       = yes
}
```

```
# default: off
# description: The talk server
# accepts talk requests for
# chatting with users on other
# systems.
```

```
service talk
{
    disable       = yes
    socket_type   = dgram
    wait          = yes
    user          = nobody
    group         = tty
    server        = /usr/sbin/in.talkd
}
```

/etc/services file

```
# service-name port/protocol [aliases ...] [# comment]

tcpmux          1/tcp          # TCP port service multiplexer
rje             5/tcp          # Remote Job Entry
rje             5/udp          # Remote Job Entry
echo            7/tcp
echo            7/udp
sysstat         11/tcp         users
sysstat         11/udp         users
daytime         13/tcp
daytime         13/udp
qotd            17/tcp         quote
qotd            17/udp         quote
ftp-data        20/tcp
ftp             21/tcp
ssh             22/tcp         # SSH Remote Login Protocol
telnet          23/tcp
smtp            25/tcp         mail
smtp            25/udp         mail
```

Kernel daemons

- A few parts of the kernel are managed as if they were user processes
 - low PID processes, usually beginning with k
 - keventd, kupdated, klogd, kjournald
- Generally deal with memory management, synchronization of disk caches, and message logging

File service daemons

- rpc.nfsd: kernel daemon that serves NFS requests
- rpc.mountd: accepts filesystem mount requests
- amd and automount: mount on demand
- rpc.lockd and rpc.statd: NFS locking and NFS status
- rpciod: caches NFS blocks
- rpc.rquotad: serve remote quotas (NFS)
- smbd: Windows-compatible file and print services
- nmbd: Windows-compatible NetBIOS name service requests

Administrative database daemons

- ypbind: locate NIS servers
- ypserv: NIS server
- rpc.ypxfrd: transfer NIS database
- nscd: name service cache daemon

Internet daemons (1/2)

- talkd: network chat
- sendmail: MTA
- snmpd: remote network management
- rwhod: remote user lists
- vsftpd: very secure ftp daemon
- popper: basic mailbox access
- imapd: more functional mailbox access
- in.rlogind: remote logins
- in.telnetd: uses telnet protocol

Internet daemons (2/2)

- sshd: secure remote logins
- in.rshd: remote command execution
- rsyncd: synchronize files
- routed, gated: maintain routing tables
- named: DNS server
- syslogd: logging server
- in.fingerd: look up users
- httpd: WWW server
- lpd: print spooler

Booting & Configuration Daemons

- `dhcpcd`: dynamic address assignment
- `in.tftpd`: trivial file transfer server
- `rpc.bootparamd`: provide info to diskless clients

Time synchronization daemons

- `timed`: synchronize clocks
 - (multiple implementations with same name)
- `ntpd`, `xntpd`: better implementation
 - more accurate, within a few milliseconds

We enabled `ntpd` when we installed CentOS

FTP servers

- File Transfer Protocol – predated the Web
- Anonymous FTP becoming less common
 - Non-anonymous FTP is a security concern (same as telnet – usernames and passwords in cleartext)
- vsftpd can be run standalone or via inetd
- To limit the security concerns, vsftpd can have authenticated users access their own chrooted space
- Do not make any ftp directories world writable!
 - Your machine becomes a free file server

Web proxies

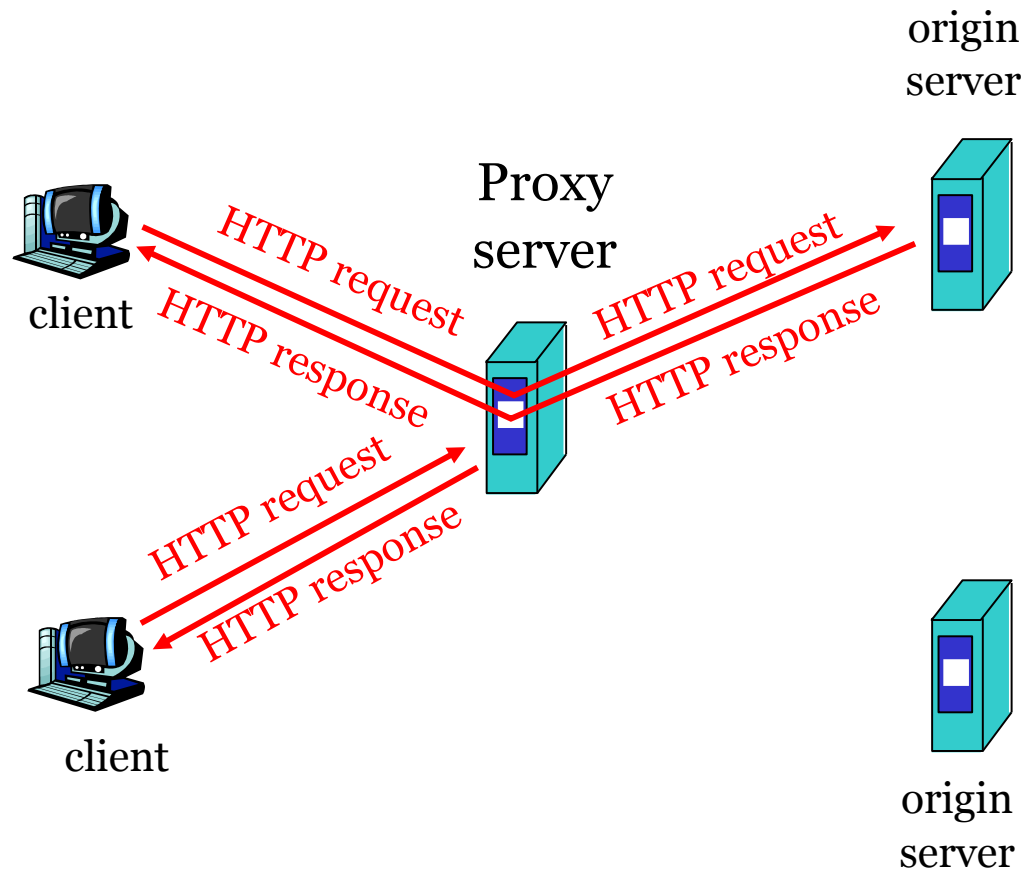
- A proxy: someone who does something on your behalf
- Uses for web proxies:
 - Access management / filtering / logging
 - Bandwidth and latency reduction through caching
 - Load-spreading mechanism for busy web servers
- Squid is an open-source example



Web caches (proxy server)

Goal: satisfy client request without involving origin server

- User sets browser to access Web via cache
- Browser sends all HTTP requests to cache
 - If object in cache: cache returns object
 - Else cache requests object from origin server, then returns object to client



More about Web caching

- Cache acts as both client and server
- Cache can do up-to-date check using If-modified-since HTTP header
 - Issue: should cache take risk and deliver cached object without checking?
 - Heuristics are used.
- Typically cache is installed by ISP (university, company, residential ISP)

Why Web caching?

- Reduce response time for client request.
- Reduce traffic on an institution's access link.
- Internet dense with caches enables "poor" content providers to effectively deliver content (that is, it reduces the load on Web servers).