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Subject: [SOLVED] A problem with TcpSocket::GetLine()

Posted by [Oblivion](#) on Tue, 03 Dec 2013 15:33:05 GMT

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Hello,

I am trying to use the TcpSocket::GetLine() method, and I have encountered a problem.

When I try to connect to a server and read the input (here, a single line, server "hello" message, ending with `\n`) with the GetLine() method, below code always encounter a timeout error and returns immediately. But when I use, say, Get(512), it works as expected. Why is GetLine() method not working here, and what am I doing wrong, any ideas?

Thanks in advance.

```
#include <Core/Core.h>

using namespace Upp;

CONSOLE_APP_MAIN
{
    TcpSocket socket;

    if(!socket.Connect("pop.gmail.com", 995)) {
        Cout() << "Socket error encountered: " << socket.GetErrorDesc() << "\r\n";
        Exit(1);
    }
    if(!socket.StartSSL()) {
        if(socket.IsOpen()) socket.Close();
        Cout() << "Couldn't start SSL session.\r\n";
        Exit(1);
    }

    // 5 secs.
    socket.Timeout(5000);

    // Get() method is working as expected
    // String server_hello = socket.Get(512);

    // GetLine() method always fails with a timeout error.
    // No matter if timeout value wittle the GlobalTimeout() or the Timeout() method is set.
    String server_hello = socket.GetLine();
    if(IsNull(server_hello))
        Cout() << "An error occurred: " << socket.GetErrorDesc() << "\r\n";
    else
        Cout() << server_hello << "\r\n";
}
```

```
if(socket.IsOpen())
    socket.Close();
}
```

Regards.

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**Subject: Re: A problem with TcpSocket::GetLine()**  
Posted by [nlneilson](#) on Tue, 03 Dec 2013 16:03:18 GMT  
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There is an example of a server and client in the SDK.

Second: End your String with \0

Then post with what you are getting.

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Posted by [Oblivion](#) on Tue, 03 Dec 2013 17:12:18 GMT  
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Hello nineilson, thank you for your reply.

I already examined server & client example, I am afraid it was not very helpful for my case.

The code snippet I posted above was actually the simplest test case I could come up with, to show the actual behaviour.

(by the way, this is tested under Linux)

Just to clarify the situation in detail: I wrote a POP3 class, which actually works as expected and my intention was to upload it to the Upp bazaar. But then I decided to simplify the code a bit. Because;

1) A standard POP3 server produces two types of well defined and predictable responses which can be read by a client. A single line response (terminates with a "\r\n") and a multi-line response (terminates with a "\r\n.\r\n").

3) So, to increase the code clarity I decided to use the `TcpSocket::GetLine()` method to read single-line server responses (such as the pop3 server "hello" messages).

In theory, this should work (or I am getting something wrong?). But in practice, as with the above test case, it simply and immediately fails with a timeout error and increasing the timeout value with `GlobalTimeout()` or `Timeout()` does not help at all -- It does not read anything. Now, the thing is, as I've mentioned on my previous post, `TcpSocket::Get()` method works where `TcpSocket::GetLine()` reads nothing.

Any other ideas?

Regards.

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**Subject: Re: A problem with `TcpSocket::GetLine()`**

Posted by [nlneilson](#) on Sun, 08 Dec 2013 21:16:32 GMT

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I have not worked with POP3 so cannot give any suggestions there.

The client - server examples that comes with U++ are very basic.

Unless you understand them and can debug through them if you have problems I don't know what to suggest.

Your 'error' seems to be the web address server is not accepting your client.

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**Subject: Re: A problem with `TcpSocket::GetLine()`**

Posted by [mirek](#) on Sun, 15 Dec 2013 19:08:04 GMT

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Bug identified & fixed. Should work now.

Mirek

P.S.: POP3 package would be handy..

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Subject: Re: A problem with TcpSocket::GetLine()  
Posted by [Oblivion](#) on Mon, 16 Dec 2013 00:26:34 GMT  
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Quote:  
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Mirek

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Thanks Mirek! I've updated the U++ source, and now it works.

I will upload the POP3 class before the new year. But before that, I will clean up the code and write the api documentation. It is a straightforward POP3 implementation meant to accompany SMTP.

However, I have another question and problem regarding TcpSocket::GetLine():

GetLine() also fails if there are any multibyte characters in the socket buffer. In SocketClient and intended, or a bug?

Quote:  
`#include <Core/Core.h>`

`using namespace Upp;`

```
String Request(const String& r)
{
    TcpSocket s;
    if(!s.Connect(CommandLine().GetCount() ? CommandLine()[0] : "127.0.0.1", 3214)) {
        Cout() << "Unable to connect to server!\n";
        SetExitCode(1);
        return Null;
    }
    // s.Put(r + '\n');
    // The following line cannot be read by SocketServer.
```

```
s.Timeout(5000);
return s.GetLine();
}

// Start reference/SocketServer before starting this program
```

CONSOLE\_APP\_MAIN

```
{  
    Cout() << Request("time") << '\n';  
    Cout() << Request("33") << '\n';  
}
```

Regards.

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**Subject: Re: A problem with TcpSocket::GetLine()**  
Posted by [mirek](#) on Mon, 16 Dec 2013 13:07:10 GMT

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Those characters got a kind of scrambled, could you please zip it and post the whole package?

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**Subject: Re: A problem with TcpSocket::GetLine()**  
Posted by [Oblivion](#) on Mon, 16 Dec 2013 14:26:59 GMT

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Hello Mirek, I am uploading a modified version of the SocketClient example. It contains Turkish letters, which the GetLine() in SocketServer refuses to read.

By the way, changing "if(c < 0)" to "if(c == -1)" (in Sockep.cpp, line 837) seem to fix this problem, since Peek() returns -1 on both error and timeout. But I haven't examined the internals of TcpSocket class in detail, so I am not sure if it counts as a fix or a workaround.

Regards.

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**File Attachments**

1) [SocketClient.zip](#), downloaded 370 times

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**Subject: Re: A problem with TcpSocket::GetLine()**  
Posted by [mirek](#) on Tue, 17 Dec 2013 13:06:19 GMT

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Oblivion wrote on Mon, 16 December 2013 09:26

By the way, changing "if(c < 0)" to "if(c == -1)" (in Sockep.cpp, line 837) seem to fix this problem

Ah! Damn stupid classical problem (char is signed). Please try now, should be fixed.

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**Subject: Re: A problem with TcpSocket::GetLine()**

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Posted by [Oblivion](#) on Tue, 17 Dec 2013 14:37:43 GMT

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Thanks Mirek!

The bug is fixed. Everything works as expected.

Regards.

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