

## Re: Suggestions on how to handle this more efficiently

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On Thu, 04 Sep 2003 16:54:54 +0100, Materialised  
<[materialised@ntlworld.com](mailto:materialised@ntlworld.com)> wrote:

> *Hello everyone,*  
> *I have just started programming in c on freeBSD. I have been reading*  
> *Beej's Guide to network programming, and am currently developing my first*  
> *program, a tcp based 1 on one chat client and server.*  
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> *I am looking for suggestions on how I can handle the sending and*  
> *recieving of the strings differently, rather than having a continuous*  
> *loop running through the program, as to me this doesnt seem very*  
> *efficient.*  
>

Can you be more specific about what it is that doesn't seem efficient to you? That is, what is it that you are trying to minimize and what it is about this program that you think isn't minimizing it.

(The program as you have written it can block in various places, and blocking, assuming that there is nothing else that the program can usefully do, is very efficient.)

--Marc