

CSE 353 Project Star of Stars Network – A.S. (solo)

IMPORTANT:

As no way to generate nodes and node config txts was given, some node configs are provided in the files, it is 5 CAS and 10 nodes (2 per CAS), as well as another two nodes (node 6_1 and 7_1) that were used for initial testing. The instantiation of the nodes is hardcoded in tests.py, where a thread per each is made. If nodes are instantiated with the proper parameters for the constructors, there should be no problem running different nodes. Refer to tests.py to see the details.

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Summary of implemented features according to table above

GENERAL PROJECT:

Build System (Makefile): The tests.py file can be executed if it is the same directory as the other files.

Clean Exit: Not yet implemented, only CCS and CAS shut down, not the nodes.

Frame Format Design: partly implemented, is used throughout the code and can be verified in frame.py and framedefs.py

Proper naming of directory and tarball: Will be named schwierz_CSE353_Project3.tar.gz

NODE

Proper instantiation of nodes: all nodes instantiate as separate threads in tests.py

Read input file: nodes read their input files

Write output file: if a node receives the frame, it will write to the output. This seems to vary from run to run. With the test nodes I am providing, they write mostly fine.

Only accept frames destined for it: yes, frames that don't have the nodes id as destination are discarded.

Sent Frame Buffer and Re-transmission on failure: retransmits a few times until timeout.

Proper Introduction of Error into both networks: Not sure, as I am not sure what this means

Proper error recovery: likely not implemented

SWITCHES

Accept multiple connections: Yes, all CAS and the CCS accept multiple connections.

Global firewall in CCS core switch: Configuration is read and initialized in CCS the readConfig method of switchCS.py, it is stored as a variable of the instance, but it is not yet used.

Reply ACK/NACK: Not yet implemented

Read firewall file in core switch: Firewall is read and stored in core switch

Core switch shadow and proper presentation of shadow traffic handling after main switch failure: switch failure handling not implemented

Sending firewall rules from CCS to CASs: not sent

Local firewall: not done

DOCUMENTATION

Frame Format Specification: Can be found in the class frame.py, the offsets for the frame fields are constants in framedefs.py

Compilation Instructions: Paste all files into the same folder, open a terminal and run python3 tests.py (**NOTE:** for multiple runs, as the termination isn't proper yet, the port number for the CCS switch can be changed in ccsdefs.py, which enables running again on a different port)

Useful Comments and Self-documenting variable names: will work on that until submission

Proper use of Git repository: GIT link is <https://github.com/AlmondNMT/353Proj3.git>. The repo is currently private, but will be published upon request to prevent plagiarism. I worked on the project alone.

Feature Checklist: will be included here

Feature	Status/Description
Project Compiles and Builds without warnings or errors	Complete
CAS, CCS Switches has a frame queue, and reads/writes appropriately	Complete , frame queues are called framebuffers and a property of the objects. They are lists containing frame objects. The socket is used as the byte buffer and exists as well. It is accessed regularly using s.recv()
CAS, CCS Switches allows multiple connections	Frames are sent in binary across the wire complete
CAS, CCS Switches flood frames when it doesn't know the destination	Complete , special frames with ack values 5 and 6 are used to prompt either a node to tell CAS where it is (value 6), nodes confirmation to CAS (value 6 also) or the same between CAS and CSS (value 5). CAS are implemented to automatically register with the CCS, because the port of CCS is unique and globally known.
CAS, CCS Switches learn destinations, and doesn't forward packets to any port except the one required	Complete , based on destination information.
CAS connects to CCS	complete
CAS receives local firewall rules	Not done
CCS switch opens the firewall file and gets the rules	Complete , is opened, read and stored in instance of CCS
CCS passes global traffic	complete
CCS Shadow switches run and test properly	Not done
Node class	Complete , except for proper shutdown
Nodes instantiate, and open connection to the switch	complete

Nodes open their input files, and send data to switch.

Nodes open their output files, and save data that they received

Node will sometimes drop acknowledgment

Node will sometimes create erroneous frame

Node will sometimes reject traffic

complete

Partially complete – depending on the state of the network, some frames are lost sometimes. Not sure why. Behavior is inconsistent. Frames that are lost in one run may be properly written on the next one.

May occur, but not on purpose

Not done

May occur, but not intentionally