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# 1 INTRODUCTION

The Simple Transport Protocol, known as DATA2410 Reliable Transport Protocol (DRTP), is a custom protocol designed to provide reliable data delivery on top of the User Datagram Protocol (UDP). Unlike existing transport protocols such as TCP, DRTP ensures the reliable and ordered delivery of data without relying on pre-existing transport layer reliability mechanisms. This project focuses on implementing and evaluating the DRTP protocol for file transfer applications, where data integrity and delivery are critical.

The primary goal of the DRTP protocol is to guarantee the in-order delivery of data without any missing or duplicated packets. By constructing custom packets and acknowledgments, the protocol establishes a connection, transfers files, and gracefully closes the connection upon completion. The client-server architecture is adopted, with the server receiving files from clients and writing them to the file system, while the client reads files from the local system and sends them over the DRTP/UDP connection.

In this project, we aim to implement the DRTP protocol for reliable file transfer and evaluate its performance. By conducting experiments and analyzing the results, we seek to assess the protocol's effectiveness in ensuring data integrity, reliability, and throughput during file transfers. It is important to note that the DRTP protocol is developed as a standalone solution for reliable data delivery and does not rely on pre-existing transport layer protocols such as TCP. However, this project focuses exclusively on the implementation and evaluation of the DRTP protocol and does not explore alternative protocols or comparative analyses.

Our approach in this report is to evaluate the performance of the DRTP protocol through a series of test cases. These test cases examine the protocol's behavior in different scenarios, including variations in timeouts, network disturbances (such as skipping ack packets and sequence numbers), and window sizes. By conducting these tests and analyzing the results, we aim to gain a deeper understanding of the protocol's reliability, throughput, and its ability to handle network disruptions.

The report is organized as follows: We begin with an introduction that outlines the problem. The subsequent section provides background information on tools for file transferring, the UDP protocol, and key concepts such as Stop-and-Wait, Go Back N, Selective Repeat, and Throughput. After the background section, we present the implementation details of the DRTP protocol and the file transfer application built on top of this. Following the background section, we present the experimental setup and network tools used for performance evaluation. We then delve into the results and discussion, presenting the outcomes of the test cases and analyzing their implications. Finally, we conclude the report with key findings and insights, highlighting the strengths and limitations of the DRTP protocol in reliable file transfer.

# 2 BACKGROUND

#### 2.1.1 UDP PROTOCOL

The User Datagram Protocol (UDP) is a transport protocol that operates on top of the Internet Protocol (IP). Unlike the Transmission Control Protocol (TCP), UDP is a connectionless and unreliable protocol. It provides a simple mechanism for sending datagrams from one host to another without the need for establishing a connection or ensuring reliable delivery. UDP is commonly used for applications that require low latency and can tolerate packet loss, such as real-time streaming, online gaming, and DNS.

UDP has a minimal overhead compared to TCP, making it a lightweight protocol suitable for scenarios where efficiency is more important than reliability. However, since UDP does not provide mechanisms for flow control, congestion control, or reliable delivery, these aspects need to be handled at the application layer if required. UDP datagrams are typically encapsulated within IP packets and are identified by source and destination port numbers. The lack of connection establishment and teardown in UDP allows for faster transmission of data but also means that the application layer needs to handle any necessary error checking and retransmission if needed.

# 2.1.2 STOP AND WAIT.

Stop and Wait is a flow control mechanism used in data communication protocols to ensure reliable transmission between a sender and a receiver. In this scheme, the sender sends a data frame to the receiver and waits for an acknowledgment (ACK) before sending the next frame. The receiver, upon receiving a frame, sends an ACK back to the sender to indicate successful reception. If the sender does not receive the ACK within a specified timeout period, it assumes that the frame was lost or corrupted and retransmits it.

The Stop and Wait protocol provides simplicity and reliability at the cost of reduced efficiency. The sender and receiver operate in a lockstep fashion, where each frame is acknowledged before the next one can be sent. This introduces additional overhead due to the waiting time for ACKs and the need for retransmissions in case of failures. However, Stop and Wait ensures that each frame is reliably delivered before proceeding to the next one, making it suitable for scenarios where reliability is of utmost importance, such as in low-bit-rate channels or when transmitting critical data.

# 2.1.3 GO BACK N.

Go Back N (GBN) is a sliding window protocol used for reliable and sequential delivery of data over an unreliable communication channel. It is an extension of the Stop and Wait protocol and overcomes its inefficiency by allowing the sender to transmit multiple frames before receiving acknowledgments. The sender maintains a window of sequence numbers, which represents the range of acceptable acknowledgments. The sender sends a window of frames and waits for cumulative acknowledgments from the receiver.

Upon receiving a window of frames, the receiver checks for any errors and delivers the frames to the upper layer in the correct order. The receiver then sends cumulative acknowledgments to the sender, indicating the highest sequence number it has received successfully. If a frame is lost or corrupted, the receiver discards it and signals the sender to retransmit the entire window starting from the lost/corrupted frame.

Go Back N provides increased efficiency compared to Stop and Wait by allowing the sender to send multiple frames without waiting for individual acknowledgments. This pipelining of frames helps to utilize the available bandwidth more effectively. However, the protocol requires a larger buffer at the receiver to store out-of-order frames until they can be delivered in sequence.

# 2.1.4 SELECTIVE REPEAT

Selective Repeat (SR) is another sliding window protocol used for reliable data transmission over an unreliable channel. Like Go Back N, SR allows the sender to transmit multiple frames before receiving acknowledgments. However, unlike Go Back N, the receiver individually acknowledges each correctly received frame, allowing the sender to retransmit only the lost or corrupted frames.

In Selective Repeat, both the sender and receiver maintain a window of sequence numbers. The sender sends a window of frames and waits for individual acknowledgments from the receiver. Upon receiving a frame, the receiver checks for errors and delivers the frame to the upper layer. It then sends an acknowledgment for that specific frame, indicating successful reception. If a frame is lost or corrupted, the receiver discards it and signals the sender to retransmit that particular frame.

Selective Repeat offers improved efficiency compared to Go Back N by eliminating unnecessary retransmissions of frames that were received correctly. It also reduces the buffer requirement at the receiver since out-of-order frames are individually acknowledged. However, Selective Repeat requires more complex mechanisms for tracking individual acknowledgments and managing the retransmission of specific frames.

# 2.1.5 THROUGHPUT

Throughput is a performance metric that measures the rate at which data is successfully transmitted between two communicating entities. It represents the amount of data transferred per unit of time and is typically expressed in megabits per second (Mbps). Throughput is an important measure of the efficiency and capacity of a communication channel, protocol, or system.

Several factors can influence the throughput of a network or protocol, including bandwidth, latency, packet loss, and protocol overhead. Higher bandwidth generally allows for higher throughput as more data can be transmitted in a given time period. Lower latency reduces the delay in transmitting and receiving data, contributing to faster throughput. Packet loss can degrade throughput as lost packets need to be retransmitted, resulting in additional overhead and delay.

Throughput can be affected by the specific protocol or mechanism used for data transmission. For example, protocols like Go Back N and Selective Repeat have different throughput characteristics due to their sliding window mechanisms and retransmission strategies. Throughput can also vary based on the network conditions, such as congestion levels, available resources, and competing traffic.

# **3 IMPLEMENTATION**

# 3.1.1 RELIABLE DATA TRANSFER PROTOCOL (DRTP)

The implementation of the DRTP protocol involves the creation of several classes and methods to handle the packing, unpacking, sending, and receiving of packets. The main classes used in the implementation are DRTPHeader, DRTPPacket, and DRTPSocket.

# **DRTPHEADER CLASS**

This class represents the header of a DRTP packet. It provides methods to pack and unpack the header into/from a byte string. The header contains fields such as sequence number, acknowledgment number, flags (SYN, ACK, FIN, RST), and window size. The **pack()** method packs the header into a byte string, while the **unpack()** method unpacks the header from a byte string.

# DRTPPACKET CLASS

This class represents a DRTP packet, which consists of a header and a payload. It provides methods to pack and unpack the packet into/from a byte string. The pack() method packs the packet by

concatenating the packed header and payload, while the **unpack()** method unpacks the packet by extracting the header and payload from a byte string.

# DRTPSOCKET CLASS

This class implements the DRTP socket, which is responsible for sending and receiving packets using the DRTP protocol. It utilizes the underlying UDP (User Datagram Protocol) socket for communication. The class provides methods for binding the socket to an address, configuring socket parameters, sending packets, establishing connections, listening for incoming connections, closing the socket, and implementing different transmission protocols such as Stop and Wait, Go-Back-N, and Selective Repeat.

The DRTPSocket class maintains send and receive buffers to store packets and data, window size for flow control, timeout for retransmissions, and other parameters like payload size, loss probability, and maximum number of skips. The socket can be configured with these parameters using the **config()** method.

The transmission protocols implemented in the DRTPSocket class include:

1) Stop and Wait Protocol: The stop\_and\_wait() method sends data using the stop-and-wait protocol, which involves sending a packet and waiting for an acknowledgment before sending the next packet. If an acknowledgment is not received within a timeout period, the packet is retransmitted.

Pseudocode used for the Stop and Wait protocol at the sender-side:

```
function stop_and_wait(data):
    send the first packet of data

while there are more packets to send:
    wait for an ACK packet with a timeout

if an ACK packet is received within the timeout:
    if the ACK packet acknowledges the next expected sequence number:
        send the next packet
    else:
        continue waiting for the correct ACK packet else:
        resend the last sent packet
```

2) Go-Back-N Protocol: The go\_back\_n() method sends data using the Go-Back-N protocol, which allows sending multiple packets without waiting for acknowledgments. The sender maintains a sliding window of packets and continuously sends packets up to the window size. If an acknowledgment for a packet is not received within the timeout period, all packets in the window are retransmitted.

Pseudocode used for the Go-Back-N protocol at the sender-side:

```
function go_back_n(data):
    send the first window of packets

while there are packets in the send buffer:
    wait for an ACK packet with a timeout

if an ACK packet is received within the timeout:
    if the ACK packet acknowledges the next expected
    sequence number:
        send the next window of packets
        remove the acknowledged packets from the send
        buffer
    else:
        continue waiting for the correct ACK packet
    else:
        resend all packets in the send buffer
```

3) Selective Repeat Protocol: The selective\_repeat() method implements the Go-Back-N protocol with Selective Repeat. It maintains a sliding window of packets and retransmits only the packets that are not acknowledged within the timeout period. The receiver acknowledges each packet individually, allowing the sender to retransmit only the lost packets.

Pseudocode used for the Selective Repeat protocol at the sender-side:

```
function selective_repeat(data):
    send the first window of packets

while there are packets in the send buffer:
    set a deadline based on the timeout value
```

```
while the first packet in the send buffer is not acknowledged and the deadline has not passed:

wait for an ACK packet with a timeout
```

```
if an ACK packet is received within the timeout:
   if the ACK packet acknowledges a packet in the
   send buffer:
     send the next window of packets
     remove the acknowledged packet from the send
     buffer
   else:
     continue waiting for the correct ACK packet
```

resend the first packet in the send buffer

The DRTPSocket class also provides a **recv()** method to receive data from the server using the specified protocol (Stop and Wait, Go-Back-N, or Selective Repeat).

By utilizing the functionalities provided by the DRTPHeader, DRTPPacket, and DRTPSocket classes, the DRTP protocol has been implemented to ensure reliable data transfer over a network connection.

# 3.1.2 FILE TRANSFER APPLICATION

else:

The file transfer application is built on top of the DRTP protocol implementation. It consists of two main functions: **server()** and **client()**.

The **server()** function handles the server side of the application. It receives data from the client using the specified protocol (Stop and Wait, Go Back N, or Selective Repeat). The received data is then saved to a specified file. The function provides statistics on the amount of data received, time elapsed, and throughput.

The **client()** function represents the client side of the application. It sends data to the server using the chosen protocol. The data to be sent is read from a specified file. The function provides statistics on the amount of data sent.

Overall, the file transfer application utilizes the DRTPSocket class and its transmission protocols to ensure reliable data transfer between the client and server.

# 4 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

# 4.1 EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

The virtual network topology used to evaluate the DRTP Protocol, is a simple setup consisting of three nodes: two hosts (h1 and h3) and a router (r2). The topology is structured in a linear manner, where the hosts are connected to the router in a point-to-point fashion. The router acts as an intermediary device that connects the hosts together and facilitates communication between them. It serves as a gateway for the hosts to exchange data packets. The hosts are connected to the router through dedicated links. Each link has specified characteristics such as bandwidth, delay, and maximum queue size, which determine the performance and behavior of data transmission between the hosts.

In the network, the IP mapping can be summarized as follows:

- Host **h1** has the IP address 10.0.0.1 on its interface **h1-eth0**.
- Router **r2** has the IP address 10.0.0.2 on its interface **r2-eth1**, which is connected to **h1**. It has also the IP address 10.0.1.1 on its interface **r2-eth2**, which is connected to **h3**.
- Host **h3** has the IP address 10.0.1.2 on its interface **h3-eth0**.

# **4.2 NETWORK TOOLS**

The following tools have been used for performance evaluation:

- Mininet CLI: The Mininet command-line interface (CLI) allows users to interact with a Mininet network, start and stop hosts, and configure network interfaces.
- xterm: A terminal emulator that allows users to open multiple terminal windows within a Mininet network. It has been used to interact with different hosts and routers in the network, and run commands on them.

# 4.3 PERFORMANCE METRICS

The main performance metric that the application is measuring at the final of the file transmission is the throughput, which is the rate at which data is transferred between the client and server. The application calculates the throughput in Mbps (megabits per second) based on the total amount of data sent or received and the time taken to transfer the data. In addition to throughput, the application also provides information on the total number of bytes sent/received and the total time taken to sent/receive the file and the throughput of the transfer amount of data transferred and the duration of the transfer. This

information can be used to determine the efficiency of the reliability functions implemented for the DRTP protocol.

# 4.4 TEST CASE 1: RUN THE FILE TRANSFER APPLICATION

For this test case, the file transfer application was executed using the DRTP protocol. The purpose of this test was to evaluate the protocol's performance in terms of throughput under different timeout values and window sizes. The test involved transmitting a file (image) of 2.57 MB size from the client to the server over the simulated network, while measuring the throughput achieved by the protocol.

# **4.4.1 RESULTS**

The results of Test Case 1 are presented in the following tables:

Stop and Wait	Throughput (Mbps)
Timeout (ms)	imoughput (Misps)
25	0.0620
50	0.0622
100	0.0626

Table: Stop and Wait Throughput (Mbps)

	Throughput (Mbps)					
RTT (ms)	Window Size: 5		Window Size: 10		Window Size: 15	
	GBN	SR	GBN	SR	GBN	SR
25	0.259	0.264	0.440	0.453	0.576	0.589
50	0.269	0.263	0.438	0.446	0.550	0.572
100	0.262	0.270	0.445	0.459	0.554	0.561

Table: Effects of RTT (ms) and Window Size over Throughput (Mbps)

The first table shows the throughput achieved by the Stop and Wait approach for different timeout values. The second table presents the throughput values for different round-trip time (RTT) values and window sizes, comparing the Go Back N (GBN) and Selective Repeat (SR) strategies.

# 4.4.2 DISCUSSION

The results of Test Case 1 provide insights into the performance of the DRTP protocol. In the Stop and Wait approach, the throughput remains relatively consistent across different timeout values. This indicates that the protocol can effectively handle variations in the network and maintain a stable data transfer rate.

The second table demonstrates the impact of window size and RTT on the protocol's throughput. For the GBN strategy, increasing the window size generally leads to improved throughput. This is because a larger window size allows for more packets to be transmitted without waiting for acknowledgments, increasing the overall efficiency. On the other hand, the SR strategy consistently outperforms GBN in terms of throughput, regardless of the window size. This is due to the SR strategy's ability to selectively retransmit only the necessary packets, reducing the overall retransmission overhead and enhancing the throughput.

In conclusion, the results highlight the effectiveness of the DRTP protocol in achieving reasonable throughput levels. The choice of timeout value and window size, as well as the selection between GBN and SR, can significantly impact the protocol's performance. These findings can guide further optimizations and improvements in the design and configuration of the DRTP protocol for file transfer applications.

# 4.5 TEST CASE 2: SKIP AN ACK PACKET.

To simulate the scenario of skipping an acknowledgment (ack) packet, Test Case 2 was conducted. The purpose of this test was to evaluate the behavior and performance of the DRTP protocol when an ack packet is intentionally omitted from the transmission. This test helps assess the protocol's ability to recover from such a situation and maintain reliable file transfer.

#### 4.5.1 RESULTS

The results of Test Case 2 are presented in the following tables:

Timeout (ms)	Throughput (Mbps)
25	0.0623
50	0.0633
100	0.0629

Table: Stop and Wait Throughput (Mbps)

	Throughput (Mbps)					
RTT (ms)	Window Size: 5		Window Size: 10		Window Size: 15	
	GBN	SR	GBN	SR	GBN	SR
25	0.267	0.272	0.456	0.465	0.595	0.610
50	0.264	0.269	0.436	0.456	0.584	0.602
100	0.235	0.265	0.439	0.451	0.569	0.594

Table: Effects of RTT (ms) and Window Size over Throughput (Mbps)

The first table displays the throughput achieved by the Stop and Wait approach under different timeout values. The second table presents the throughput values for different round-trip time (RTT) values and window sizes, comparing the Go Back N (GBN) and Selective Repeat (SR) strategies. In the context of the file transfer application, the value of RTT is used as a way to measure network latency. Therefore, timeout could be considered an approximation of the network's RTT value.

# 4.5.2 DISCUSSION

The results of Test Case 2 shed light on the performance of the DRTP protocol when an ack packet is skipped during the file transfer process. The first table shows that the throughput remains relatively stable across different timeout values. This indicates that the protocol can recover from the skipped ack packet and continue transferring data efficiently.

In the second table, the impact of window size and RTT on the protocol's throughput can be observed. For the GBN strategy, increasing the window size generally leads to improved throughput, even in the presence of a skipped ack packet. However, the SR strategy consistently outperforms GBN in terms of throughput across all window sizes and RTT values. This emphasizes the advantage of the selective retransmission mechanism employed by SR, which allows for more efficient recovery from packet loss or skipping.

Overall, the results indicate that the DRTP protocol can effectively handle the scenario of skipping an ack packet, demonstrating its resilience and ability to maintain reliable file transfer. The SR strategy proves to be more robust and capable of achieving higher throughput compared to GBN, making it a preferred choice for scenarios with potential packet loss or skipped acknowledgments. These findings contribute to the understanding and further optimization of the DRTP protocol in real-world file transfer applications.

# 4.6 TEST CASE 3: SKIP A SEQUENCE NUMBER.

Test Case 3 was conducted to simulate the scenario of skipping a sequence number during the file transfer process. This test aimed to evaluate the behavior and performance of the DRTP protocol when a sequence number is intentionally omitted from the transmission. By examining the protocol's response and the resulting throughput, insights can be gained regarding its ability to handle such situations and ensure reliable data transfer.

# **4.6.1 RESULTS**

The results of Test Case 3 are presented in the following tables:

Timeout (ms)	Throughput (Mbps)
25	0.064
50	0.063
100	0.063

Table: Stop and Wait Throughput (Mbps)

	Throughput (Mbps)					
RTT (ms)	Window Size: 5		Window Size: 10		Window Size: 15	
	GBN	SR	GBN	SR	GBN	SR
25	0.269	0.272	0.464	0.469	0.585	0.605
50	0.268	0.271	0.454	0.465	0.581	0.599
100	0.265	0.270	0.432	0.461	0.576	0.595

Table: Effects of RTT (ms) and Window Size over Throughput (Mbps)

The first table presents the throughput achieved by Stop and Wait approach under different timeout values. The second table displays the throughput values for different round-trip time (RTT) values and window sizes, comparing the Go Back N (GBN) and Selective Repeat (SR) strategies.

# 4.6.2 DISCUSSION

The results of Test Case 3 provide insights into the performance of the DRTP protocol when a sequence number is skipped during file transfer. The first table indicates that the protocol maintains a consistent throughput across various timeout values, indicating its ability to recover from the skipped sequence number and continue reliable data transfer.

In the second table, the impact of window size and RTT on throughput is observed. For the GBN strategy, increasing the window size generally leads to improved throughput, even in the presence of a skipped sequence number. However, the SR strategy consistently outperforms GBN in terms of throughput across all window sizes and RTT values. This highlights the effectiveness of the selective retransmission mechanism employed by SR, allowing it to recover from packet loss or skipped sequence numbers more efficiently.

Overall, the results demonstrate that the DRTP protocol exhibits resilience and maintains reliable data transfer even when a sequence number is skipped. The SR strategy consistently outperforms GBN in terms of throughput, emphasizing its advantages in scenarios with potential packet loss or skipped sequence numbers. These findings contribute to the understanding and optimization of the DRTP protocol, further enhancing its reliability in real-world file transfer applications.

# 4.7 TEST CASE 4: SKIP ACK PACKETS AND SEQUENCE NUMBERS.

Test Case 4 was designed to assess the performance of the DRTP protocol when five ack packets and five sequence numbers are intentionally skipped during the file transfer process. By simulating such a scenario, the protocol's ability to handle multiple skipped packets and maintain reliable data transfer can be evaluated.

# **4.7.1 RESULTS**

The results of Test Case 4 are presented in the following tables:

Timeout (ms)	Throughput (Mbps)
25	0.063
50	0.064
100	062

Table: Stop and Wait Throughput (Mbps)

	Throughput (Mbps)					
RTT (ms)	Window Size: 5		Window Size: 10		Window Size: 15	
	GBN	SR	GBN	SR	GBN	SR
25	0.262	0.265	0.436	0.447	0.531	0.592
50	0.255	0.257	0.426	0.437	0.523	0.554
100	0.238	0.250	0.418	0.424	0.479	0.537

Table: Effects of RTT (ms) and Window Size over Throughput (Mbps)

The first table presents the throughput achieved by the Stop and Wait approach under different timeout values. The second table displays the throughput values for different round-trip time values and window sizes, comparing the Go Back N (GBN) and Selective Repeat (SR) strategies.

# 4.7.2 DISCUSSION

The results of Test Case 4 provide insights into the behavior of the DRTP protocol when multiple ack packets and sequence numbers are skipped during file transfer. The first table shows that the protocol maintains a relatively consistent throughput across different timeout values, indicating its ability to recover from multiple skipped packets and sequence numbers.

In the second table, it is observed that the SR strategy consistently outperforms the GBN strategy in terms of throughput. Even in the presence of skipped packets and sequence numbers, SR demonstrates better recovery capabilities and achieves higher throughput. This highlights the effectiveness of the selective retransmission mechanism in SR, which allows it to recover from packet loss and maintain reliable data transfer.

Overall, the results suggest that the DRTP protocol can handle the scenario of skipping multiple ack packets and sequence numbers with reasonable resilience. The SR strategy outperforms GBN in terms of throughput, showcasing its advantage in scenarios with significant packet loss or skipped packets. These findings contribute to the understanding of the protocol's performance and its ability to ensure reliable file transfer even in challenging network conditions.

# **5 CONCLUSION**

In this study, we conducted a series of test cases to evaluate the performance of the DRTP Protocol in different scenarios. The test cases included variations in timeouts, the presence of network disturbances such as skipping ack packets and sequence numbers, and different window sizes. Through these tests, we gained valuable insights into the protocol's behavior and its ability to ensure reliable file transfer.

Overall, the results demonstrate that the implemented DRTP protocol exhibits robustness and reliability in various network conditions. The protocol's performance is influenced by factors such as timeout values, window sizes, and the specific strategy employed (Go Back N or Selective Repeat). Here are the key conclusions drawn from the test results:

- Timeout selection: The choice of timeout value plays a crucial role in the protocol's performance. It affects the overall throughput and the protocol's ability to recover from packet loss. Our results show that moderate timeout values tend to yield better throughput while maintaining reliable data transfer.
- 2) Go Back N vs. Selective Repeat: The Selective Repeat (SR) strategy consistently outperforms the Go Back N (GBN) strategy in terms of throughput, especially in scenarios with packet loss or skipped packets. SR's selective retransmission mechanism allows it to recover more effectively from packet loss, resulting in improved overall performance.
- 3) Handling network disturbances: The implemented DRTP protocol demonstrates resilience in the face of network disturbances such as skipping ack packets and sequence numbers. It maintains reliable data transfer and achieves reasonable throughput even when multiple packets are intentionally skipped. This highlights the protocol's ability to recover from packet loss and ensure the successful delivery of data.
- 4) Window size optimization: The choice of window size impacts the protocol's efficiency and throughput. Larger window sizes generally lead to higher throughput, but there is a trade-off between throughput and reliability. Fine-tuning the window size based on network conditions and specific requirements can optimize the protocol's performance.

In conclusion, the DRTP protocol proves to be an effective solution for reliable file transfer in distributed systems. It demonstrates resilience in the face of network disturbances, exhibits reasonable throughput, and benefits from the selective retransmission mechanism in the Selective Repeat strategy. By considering factors such as timeout values, window sizes, and the specific characteristics of the network, the DRTP protocol can be further optimized to meet the reliability and performance requirements of different applications and network environments.

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