Real-time visualization of analyzed industrial communication network traffic

Testing Report

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1 Testing

1.1 Introduction

This testing report covers changes and bug-fixes from the one described in the implementation phase and describes the current state of the project.

1.2 Issues Resolved

1.2.1 Tooltip on Node-Link diagram not working

See GitHub issue #69.

Symptom
 Tooltips don't show up somehow.

Solution

Heavily modified tooltips code, and applied correct CSS styles to correctly render the tooltips.

1.2.2 Data Store updates break everything

Also see GitHub issue #69.

Symptom

Calling myNetwork.updateData within the callback passed to MobX autorun function crashed everything.

Solution

The reason was that hidden deep inside the update() function of the node-link diagram, there were some "functions" that mutate the passed in parameters themselves, adding in D3 positioning info and modifying other stuff - so in our case it's the data object inside dataStore gets mutated and it becomes useless when it gets passed inside myNetwork.updateData(), which is why it all chokes when MobX runs myNetwork.updateData() later on.

1.2.3 Incompatibility issues of data pulling

See discussions under GitHub issue #69 and pull request #78.

• Symptom

Due to some issues, the frontend-backend communication was not working properly. Data pulling was not working.

Solution

Fixed the incompatible API calls on both server and client side.

1.2.4 Filter and grouping features not working

See discussions under GitHub issue #86, #74 and pull request #101.

- Symptom

 The filter and grouping features were not working due to an incomplete implementation.
- Solution Completed the feature.

1.3 Bug fixes

This section lists bugs which were found and fixed in the testing phase that were not recorded as GitHub issues.

1.3.1 Real-time data being persistent

When listening for Real-time data there was not limit to how much of a buffer of previous sessions.

- Symptom
 - Closing and restarting the program at a latter time would keep the real-time collection when the two distinct times should not be concatenated together on the same collection.
- Solution
 When the program first starts, discard all real-time date pertaining to other sessions and creating a buffer from there.

1.3.2 Real-time data buffer keeps growing

when listening for Real-time data there was not limit to how much of a buffer of the past

- Symptom
 - Once we started listening to real-time there was no limit to how big the buffer grew. As it grew queries become slower and more unnecessary data was stored.
- Solution
 - Limit the size of the real-time collection to 60K entries. Roughly 10 minutes of buffer at 100 entries per second.

1.3.3 Real-time aggregated collections not being updated

Real-time aggregations were not being updated since the java API does not overwrite entries on MongoDB by default.

- Symptom
 - Real-time aggregated collections are not updated.
- Solution
 - Iterate over all aggregated collections and delete them on start alongside the real-time collection.

1.3.4 Real-time aggregated collections not visible from front end

• Symptom

Real-time collections and aggregations do not show on the front-end. Since they do not exist if the program is not listening to the real-time Kafka topic.

Solution

On start, if not existing, create empty collections for real-time and it's aggregations to expose them to the front end.

1.3.5 Getting collections records between a range

• Symptom

The range was inclusive at the start and inclusive at the end when it should be inclusive at start and exclusive at the end.

Solution

Changing the query to MongoDB from 'less or equal than' to 'less than'.

1.3.6 Getting collections records between a range when using _id

• Symptom

The _id corresponds to the index of the collection. Getting for example the records from 0 as start to end 10 does not return records 0-9

Solution

Changed _id from a String to a long in the collection to allow for numerical comparisons.

1.3.7 collections are too large to effectively draw the node-link diagram

with really big data sets it's problematic to iterate over the whole thing to draw the diagram.

• Symptom

Hang ups and freezes until the diagram is drawn and continuous freezes on redraws.

Solution

Created a new aggregation containing the information needed to draw the diagram including all connections over a data set as well as the ability to create subsets spanning a set range.

1.3.8 Handling of dates from Kafka and MongoDB

When converting an entry from Kafka to JSON containing a date the value it is converted to \$date: long but bson doesn't automatically convert this to a Date Java object.

• Symptom

Automatic failure of the bson parsing routine

Solution

Several revisions of this.

First fix was ignoring the \$date object altogether and create a mock Timestamp class holding the real value. while this fixes the issue it introduces another one where getting an entry from the MongoDB and using bson to convert it into a Java object does not work since the conversion does not hold this mock Timestamp class.

Second fix was writing a descrialization routine and creating a two classes, one containing the mock object and one without it. Fixes the issue but under testing it was found unreliable and requiring way too big of an overhead.

Final fix: Create a proper descrialization routine converting the portion of the record containing the date into it's own JSON object and extracting the value of \$date as key fixes the issue when converting from Kafka. Converting from MongoDB skips the routine and works as intended

1.3.9 Fix ConcurrentModificationException in logout().

Insufficient knowledge of API: it is not safe to remove an element directly from a HashMap, while iterating over the map.

- Symptom ConcurrentModificationException was thrown.
- Solution
 Delete the element (a terminated user session) with the iterator's remove() method.

1.3.10 In MongoDBUserSession, catch MongoSocketOpenException.

A timeout during login, e.g. because the MongoDB server was not running, caused an exception that was not caught and handled.

- Symptom
 The Hub crashed when MongoDB was not running.
- Solution Catch and handle MongoSocketOpenException and rethrow it as LoginFailureException.

1.3.11 getCollectionGroup() needs collection name as parameter.

Forgot to add a parameter for the collection to be used to function getCollectionGroup(); instead it used a default value.

- Symptom
 Data from a wrong collection was returned.
- Solution Add name parameter.

1.3.12 Fix client sessions clobbering each other.

The java WebSocket implementation instantiates a new Hub object for each WebSocket connection that gets opened (started) by a client. Since the Hub classes constructor initialized the list of sessions, this would remove all currently existing sessions.

• Symptom

When a client connected to the server, all current sessions of other clients were aborted.

Solution

Move the initialization code for the sessions map from the constructor to a static block.

1.3.13 Wrong handling of the data structure of a message in wsutils.

The data received from the server was unpacked incorrectly in handleDataGroup(); instead of a map-of-maps it is a map of JSON-strings.

• Symptom

The diagram drawing routines threw an exception on accessing the extracted data and displayed a blank screen.

Solution

Fix access to the data structure by parsing the JSON strings.

1.3.14 Fix brush container layout.

The width of the React container for the brush and the height of the brush's area were wrong.

• Symptom

The "add new diagram" button was pushed too far to the right and the brush's axis was too close to the container's border.

• Solution

Reduce the container width and increase the axis' vertical offset.

1.3.15 Update tick labels when brushing.

The array index calculation to get the values for the tick labels was wrong.

• Symptom

The movable axis had no tick labels.

Solution

Fix the calculation of the index offset.

1.3.16 Data selection with the brush for the node-link diagram

The node-link diagram uses data preprocessed by the server. Therefore brushing and zooming can't be done by the client by simply extracting sections of the data set.

- Symptom
 The node-link diagram didn't react to the brush or went blank.
- Solution
 Request node-link data for the currently selected time range from the server.

1.4 Test cases

T100 Successful login pass T101 Failed login fail (password check is disabled to facilitate other tests) T200 Open second diagram pass T210 Open multiple diagrams pass T220 Configure a diagram pass in changed form T300 Filtering T310 Filtering chaining N/A, dropped requirement T400 Full screen a diagram pass T450 Exit full screen pass T500 Play button N/A, dropped requirement N/A, dropped requirement T510 Time window T600 Investigate a data point pass T610 Investigate nodes and links pass T620 Select data points fail T630 Create diagram from selection fail

1.5 Remaining Issues

• Handle logged-out state better