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INTRODUCTION

In computer science, a thread of execution is the smallest sequence of programmed instructions that can be managed independently by a scheduler, which is typically a part of the operating system. The implementation of threads and processes differs between operating systems, but in most cases a thread is a component of a process. Multiple threads can exist within one process, executing concurrently and sharing resources such as memory, while different processes do not share these resources. In particular, the threads of a process share its executable code and the values of its variables at any given time.

Systems with a single processor generally implement multithreading by time slicing: the central processing unit (CPU) switches between different software threads. This context switching generally happens very often and rapidly enough that users perceive the threads or tasks as running in parallel. On a multiprocessor or multi-core system, multiple threads can execute in parallel, with every processor or core executing a separate thread simultaneously; on a processor or core with hardware threads, separate software threads can also be executed concurrently by separate hardware threads.

Threads made an early appearance in OS/360 Multiprogramming with a Variable Number of Tasks (MVT) in 1967, in which context they were called "tasks". The term "thread" has been attributed to Victor A. Vyssotsky. Process schedulers of many modern operating systems directly support both time-sliced and multiprocessor threading, and the operating system kernel allows programmers to manipulate threads by exposing required functionality through the system call interface. Some threading implementations are called kernel threads, whereas light-weight processes (LWP) are a specific type of kernel thread that share the same state and information. Furthermore, programs can have user-space threads when threading with timers, signals, or other methods to interrupt their own execution, performing a sort of ad hoctime slicing. Single Threading:

In computer programming, single-threading is the processing of one command at a time. The opposite of single-threading is multithreading. While it has been suggested that the term single-threading is misleading, the term has been widely accepted within the functional programming community.

Multi-Threading:

Multithreading is mainly found in multitasking operating systems. Multithreading is a widespread programming and execution model that allows multiple threads to exist within the context of one process. These threads share the process's resources, but are able to execute independently. The threaded programming model provides developers with a useful abstraction of concurrent execution. Multithreading can also be applied to one process to enable <u>parallel</u> <u>execution</u> on a <u>multiprocessing</u> system.

Multithreaded applications have the following advantages:

• Responsiveness: multithreading can allow an application to remain responsive to input. In a one-thread program, if the main execution thread blocks on a long-running task, the entire application can appear to freeze. By moving such long-running tasks to a worker

thread that runs concurrently with the main execution thread, it is possible for the application to remain responsive to user input while executing tasks in the background. On the other hand, in most cases multithreading is not the only way to keep a program responsive, with non-blocking I/O and/or Unix signals being available for gaining similar results. [6]

- Faster execution: this advantage of a multithreaded program allows it to operate faster
 on <u>computer systems</u> that have multiple <u>central processing units</u> (CPUs) or one or
 more <u>multi-core processors</u>, or across a <u>cluster</u> of machines, because the threads of the
 program naturally lend themselves to parallel execution, assuming sufficient independence
 (that they do not need to wait for each other).
- Lower resource consumption: using threads, an application can serve multiple clients
 concurrently using fewer resources than it would need when using multiple process copies
 of itself. For example, the <u>Apache HTTP server</u> uses <u>thread pools</u> a pool of listener threads
 for listening to incoming requests, and a pool of server threads for processing those
 requests.
- Better system utilization: as an example, a file system using multiple threads can achieve higher throughput and lower latency since data in a faster medium (such as cache memory) can be retrieved by one thread while another thread retrieves data from a slower medium (such as external storage) with neither thread waiting for the other to finish.
- Simplified sharing and communication: unlike processes, which require a <u>message passing</u> or shared memory mechanism to perform <u>inter-process communication</u> (IPC), threads can communicate through data, code and files they already share.
- Parallelization: applications looking to use multicore or multi-CPU systems can use
 multithreading to split data and tasks into parallel subtasks and let the underlying
 architecture manage how the threads run, either concurrently on one core or in parallel on
 multiple cores. GPU computing environments like <u>CUDA</u> and <u>OpenCL</u> use the multithreading
 model where dozens to hundreds of threads run in <u>parallel across data</u> on a <u>large number of
 cores</u>.

Multithreading has the following drawbacks:

- Synchronization: since threads share the same address space, the <u>programmer</u> must be careful to avoid <u>race conditions</u> and other non-intuitive behaviors. In order for data to be correctly manipulated, threads will often need to <u>rendezvous</u> in time in order to process the data in the correct order. Threads may also require <u>mutually exclusive</u> operations (often implemented using <u>semaphores</u>) in order to prevent common data from being simultaneously modified or read while in the process of being modified. Careless use of such primitives can lead to <u>deadlocks</u>.
- Thread crashes a process: an illegal operation performed by a thread crashes the entire
 process; therefore, one misbehaving thread can disrupt the processing of all the other
 threads in the application.

<u>Client – Server Model:</u>

A client/server application is a piece of software that runs on a client computer and makes requests to a remote server. Many such applications are written in high-level visual programming languages where UI, forms, and most business logic reside in the client application.

Often such applications are database applications that make database queries to a remote central database server (this can, however, get much more complicated than that and involve other communication methods)

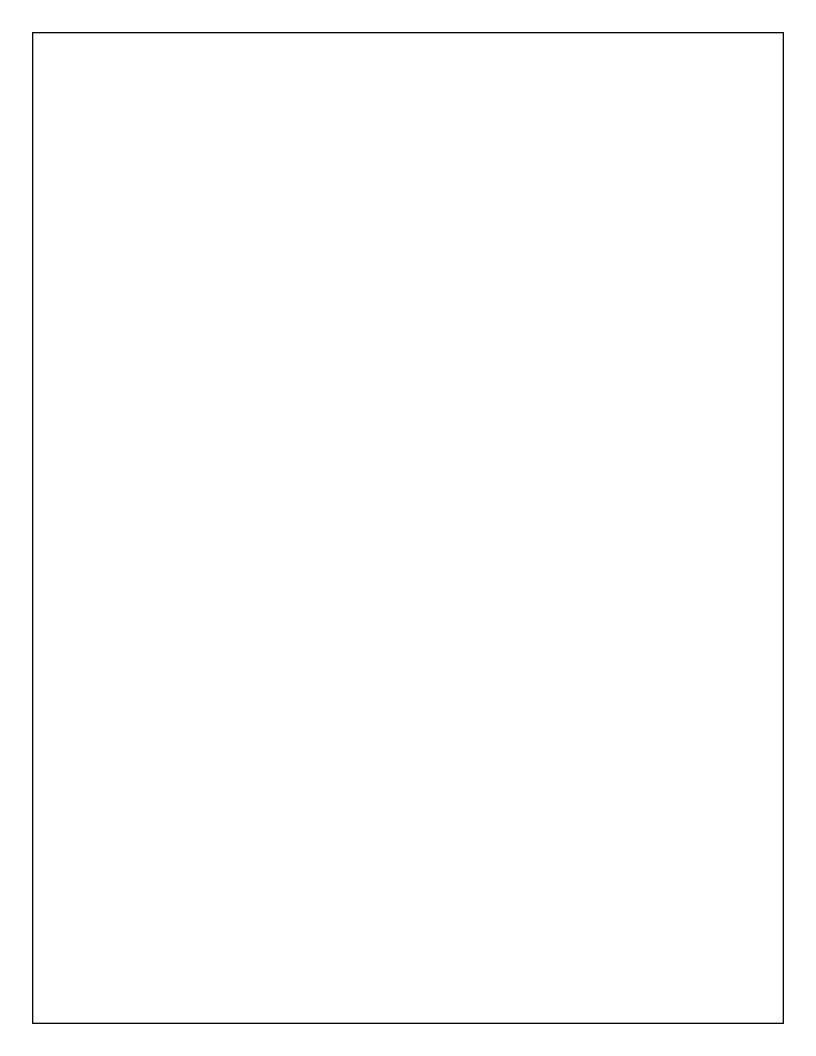


<u>Client – Server Hardware -</u>

Client/server networking grew in popularity many years ago as personal computers (PCs) became the common alternative to older mainframe computers.

Client devices are typically PCs with network software applications installed that request and receive information over the network. Mobile devices, as well as desktop computers, can both function as clients.

A server device typically stores files and databases including more complex applications like Web sites. Server devices often feature higher-powered central processors, more memory, and larger disk drives than clients.



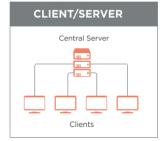
Local Client-Server Networks: Many home networks utilize client-server systems on a small scale. Broadband routers, for example, contain DHCP servers that provide IP addresses to the home computers (DHCP clients). Other types of network servers found in home include print servers and backup servers.

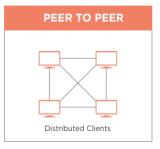


Client-Server vs. Peer-to-Peer and Other Models:

The client-server model of networking was originally developed to share access to database applications among larger numbers of users. Compared to the mainframe model, client-server networking gives better flexibility as connections can be made on-demand as needed rather than being fixed. The client-server model also supports modular applications that can make the job of creating software easier. In so-called two tier and three tier types of client-server systems, software applications are separated into modular components, and each component is installed on clients or servers specialized for that subsystem.

Client-server is just one approach to managing network applications. The primary alternative to client-server, peer-to-peer networking, treats all devices as having equivalent capability rather than specialized client or server roles. Compared to client-server, peer to peer networks offer some advantages such as better flexibility in expanding the network to handle a large number of clients. Client-server networks generally offer advantages over peer-to-peer as well, such as the ability to manage applications and data in one centralized location.





Applications -

- A client / server application can be cross platform if it is written in a cross platform language, or it can be platform specific. In the case of a cross platform language there is an advantage that the application can potentially provide a user interface that is native in appearance to the OS or platform environment it is running under.
- In a database application, data related number crunching can occur on the remote database server where the processing is close to physical data. An example of a database query might be to return the sum of a field named "dollar amount" where the field name year is "2001". There may be hundreds of thousands of records but the client computer does not have to worry about fetching or sorting through all of them itself. The database server will sort through that and just return one small record with the result to the client.
- A client / server application can be cross platform if it is written in a cross platform language, or it can be platform specific. In the case of a cross platform language there is an advantage that the application can potentially provide a user interface that is native in appearance to the OS or platform environment it is running under.
- > Client / server applications, either run locally on a client computer or through something like Terminal Server, Citrix, or VNC, can work closely with the underlying OS to provide a rich, powerful, robust, easy to use interface.
- By running locally on a client computer applications can also work with other local hardware such as scanners, bar code readers, modems, removable media, accelerated video for multimedia, or 3d video acceleration.

Libraries Used:

- <u>Java.io.BufferedReader</u> The Java.io.BufferedReader class reads text from a character-input stream, buffering characters so as to provide for the efficient reading of characters, arrays, and lines.
- <u>Java.io.IOException</u> In general, I/O means Input or Output. Those methods throw the IO Exception whenever an input or output operation is failed or interpreted. Note that this won't be thrown for reading or writing to memory as Java will be handling it automatically using this Class.
- <u>Java.io.InputStreamReader</u> An InputStreamReader is a bridge from byte streams to character streams. It reads bytes and decodes them into characters using a specified charset.
- <u>Java.io.PrintWriter</u> The Java PrintWriter class (java.io.PrintWriter)
 enables you to write formatted data to an underlying Writer . For

instance, writing int, long and other primitive data formatted as text, rather than as their byte values.

- <u>Java.net.Socket</u> Class java.net.Socket. java.lang.Object
 java.net.Socket public class Socket extends Object. This class
 implements client sockets (also called just "sockets"). A socket is an
 endpoint for communication between two machines. The actual work
 of the socket is performed by an instance of the SocketImpl class.
- <u>Java.net.UnknownHostException</u> Java.net.UnknownHostException: Host is unresolved: Thrown to indicate that the IP address of a host could not be determined. This exception is also raised when you are connected to a valid wifi but router does not receive the internet.
- <u>Java.net.ConnectException</u> This exception usually occurs when there
 is no service listening on the IP/port you are trying to connect to. ...
 Your server is not listening for connections. Your server has too many
 pending connections waiting to be accepted. A firewall is blocking your
 connection before it reaches your server.

CLIENT CODE:

```
import java.util.*;
import java.io.*;
import java.util.concurrent.atomic.AtomicLong;
public class Client {
    private static String hostName;
    private static Thread thrd = null;
    private static LinkedList<Thread> list = new LinkedList<Thread>();
    private static AtomicLong totalTime = new AtomicLong(0);
```

```
private static AtomicLong runningThreads = new AtomicLong(0);
       private static boolean printOutput = true;
       public static void main(String[] args) {
              int menuSelection = 0;
              int numProcesses = 1;
              if (args.length == 0) {
                      System.out.println("User did not enter a host name. Client program
exiting.");
                      System.exit(1);
              else while (menuSelection != 6) {
                      menuSelection = mainMenu();
                      if (menuSelection == 6) {
                             System.out.println("Quitting.");
                             System.exit(0);
                      if (menuSelection == 5) {
                             printOutput = false;
                             menuSelection = benchmarkMenu();
                             numProcesses = numProcessesMenu();
                      }
                      totalTime.set(0);
                      runningThreads.set(numProcesses);
                      for (int i = 0; i < numProcesses; i++) {
                             thrd = new Thread(new ClientThread(args[0], menuSelection,
totalTime, printOutput, runningThreads));
                             thrd.start();
                             list.add(thrd);
                      }
                      for (int i = 0; i < numProcesses; i++) {
                             try {
                                     list.get(i).join();
                              } catch (InterruptedException e) {
                                     e.printStackTrace();
```

```
}
                      while (runningThreads.get() != 0) {}
                      System.out.println("Average response time: " + (totalTime.get() /
numProcesses) + " ms\n");
                      numProcesses = 1;
                      printOutput = true;
       }
       public static int mainMenu() {
              int menuSelection = 0;
              while ((menuSelection \leq 0) || (menuSelection \geq 6)) {
                      System.out.println("The menu provides the following choices to the user:
");
                      System.out.println("1. Host current Date and Time \n"
                                     + "2. Host Netstat \n3. Host current users "
                                     + "\n4. Host running processes \n5. Benchmark (measure
mean response time)\n6. Quit ");
                      System.out.print("Please provide number corresponding to the action you
want to be performed: ");
                      Scanner sc = new Scanner(System.in);
                      if (sc.hasNextInt()) menuSelection = sc.nextInt();
              return menuSelection;
       public static int benchmarkMenu() {
              int menuSelection = 0;
              while ((menuSelection \leq 0) || (menuSelection \geq 4)) {
                      System.out.println("Which command would you like to benchmark? ");
                      System.out.println("1. Host current Date and Time \n"
                                     + "2. Host Netstat \n3. Host current users "
                                     + "\n4. Host running processes");
                      System.out.print("Please provide number corresponding to the action you
want to be performed: ");
                      Scanner sc = new Scanner(System.in);
                      if (sc.hasNextInt()) menuSelection = sc.nextInt();
              return menuSelection;
```

```
}
       public static int numProcessesMenu() {
              int menuSelection = 0;
              while ((menuSelection \leq 0) || (menuSelection \geq 100)) {
                     System.out.print("How many connections to the server would you like to
open? [1-100]: ");
                     Scanner sc = new Scanner(System.in);
                     if (sc.hasNextInt()) menuSelection = sc.nextInt();
              return menuSelection;
       }
CLIENT THREAD CODE:
import java.io.BufferedReader;
import java.io.IOException;
import java.io.InputStreamReader;
import java.io.PrintWriter;
import java.net.Socket;
import java.net.UnknownHostException;
import java.net.ConnectException;
import java.util.concurrent.atomic.AtomicLong;
public class ClientThread extends Thread {
       int menuSelection;
       String hostName;
       Socket socket = null;
       AtomicLong totalTime;
       AtomicLong runningThreads;
       boolean printOutput;
       long startTime;
       long endTime;
       ClientThread(String hostName, int menuSelection, AtomicLong totalTime, boolean
printOutput, AtomicLong runningThreads) {
              this.menuSelection = menuSelection;
              this.hostName = hostName;
              this.totalTime = totalTime;
              this.printOutput = printOutput;
```

```
this.runningThreads = runningThreads;
       }
       public void run() {
              PrintWriter out = null;
              BufferedReader input = null;
              try {
                      socket = new Socket(hostName, 15432);
                      if (printOutput) {
                             System.out.print("Establishing connection.");
                      out = new PrintWriter(socket.getOutputStream(), true);
                      input = new BufferedReader(new
InputStreamReader(socket.getInputStream()));
                      if (printOutput) System.out.println("\nRequesting output for the "" +
menuSelection + "' command from " + hostName);
                      startTime = System.currentTimeMillis();
                      out.println(Integer.toString(menuSelection));
                      if (printOutput) System.out.println("Sent output");
                      String outputString;
                      while (((outputString = input.readLine()) != null) && (!
outputString.equals("END MESSAGE"))) {
                             if (printOutput) System.out.println(outputString);
                      endTime = System.currentTimeMillis();
                      totalTime.addAndGet(endTime - startTime);
              catch (UnknownHostException e) {
                      System.err.println("Unknown host: " + hostName);
                      System.exit(1);
              catch (ConnectException e) {
                      System.err.println("Connection refused by host: " + hostName);
                      System.exit(1);
              catch (IOException e) {
                      e.printStackTrace();
              finally {
                      if (printOutput) System.out.println("closing");
```

COMMAND EXECUTOR CODE:

```
import java.io.BufferedReader;
import java.io.IOException;
import java.io.InputStreamReader;
public class CommandExecutor {
       static String run(String commandString) {
              String result = "";
              String line;
              try {
                      Process child =
Runtime.getRuntime().exec(parseCommand(commandString));
                      BufferedReader output = new BufferedReader(new
InputStreamReader(child.getInputStream()));
                      while ((line = output.readLine()) != null) {
                             result = result.concat(line);
                             result = result.concat("\n");
                      result = result.concat("\n");
                      result = result.concat("END MESSAGE");
                      output.close();
               } catch (IOException e) {
                      e.printStackTrace();
              return result;
```

```
int inputInt = Integer.parseInt(inputString);
              String commandString = "";
              switch (inputInt) {
                     case 1:
                            commandString = "date";
                            break;
                     case 2:
                            commandString = "netstat";
                            break;
                     case 3:
                            commandString = "who";
                            break;
                     case 4:
                            commandString = "ps -e";
                            break;
              return commandString;
       }
SERVER CODE OUTPUT:
import java.io.IOException;
import java.net.ServerSocket;
import java.net.Socket;
import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.concurrent.atomic.AtomicInteger;
public class Server {
       public static void main(String[] args) {
              AtomicInteger numThreads = new AtomicInteger(0);
              ArrayList<Thread> list = new ArrayList<Thread>();
              try {
                     ServerSocket socket = new ServerSocket(15432);
                     System.out.println("Server listening on port 15432");
                     while(true) {
                            Socket client = socket.accept();
                            Thread thrd = new Thread(new ServerThread(client));
```

static String parseCommand(String inputString) {

SERVER-THREAD CODE:

```
import java.io.BufferedReader;
import java.io.IOException;
import java.io.InputStreamReader;
import java.io.PrintWriter;
import java.net.Socket;
import java.util.concurrent.atomic.AtomicInteger;
public class ServerThread extends Thread {
       Socket client = null;
       PrintWriter output;
       BufferedReader input;
       public ServerThread(Socket client) {
              this.client = client;
       }
       public void run() {
              System.out.print("Accepted connection. ");
              try {
                      output = new PrintWriter(client.getOutputStream(), true);
                      input = new BufferedReader(new
InputStreamReader(client.getInputStream()));
                      System.out.print("Reader and writer created. ");
                      String inString;
                      // read the command from the client
```

```
while ((inString = input.readLine()) == null);
                      System.out.println("Read command " + inString);
                      // run the command using CommandExecutor and get its output
                      String outString = CommandExecutor.run(inString);
                      System.out.println("Server sending result to client");
                      // send the result of the command to the client
                      output.println(outString);
              catch (IOException e) {
                      e.printStackTrace();
              finally {
                      try {
                             client.close();
                      catch (IOException e) {
                             e.printStackTrace();
                      System.out.println("Output closed.");
       }
}
```

Output:

In Case of option 1 -

In Case of option 2 -

In case of option 3 -

```
*** MINKOW32/observAyan Son/Picture/Simple-lave-Client-Server-master/Server
TCP 172.16.42.84:50335 mad3322-in-fl4:https: TTME_MAIT
TCP 172.16.42.84:50335 mAVAN:134370 TTME_MAIT
TCP 172.16.42.84:50334 poly-12.20:https: TTME_MAIT
TCP 172.16.42.84:50345 poly-12.20:https: TTME_MAIT
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TCP 172.16.42.84:50354 poly-12.20
```

In case of Option 4:

```
Aryam SoniBANYAN MINGW22 /e/vit/os/os_project_final/server
Signal Street |
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```

IN CASE OF OPTION 5:

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Thread 3 started.
Thread 10 started.
Thread 20 star
```

Conclusion:

Java sockets API (Socket and ServerSocket classes) is a powerful and flexible interface for network programming of client/server applications.

On the other hand, Java threads is another powerful programming framework for client/server applications. Multi-threading simplifies the implementation of complex client/server applications. However, it introduces synchronization issues. These issues are caused by the concurrent execution of critical sections of the program by different threads.

The synchronized(this){} statement allows us to synchronize the execution of the critical sections. Using this statement, however, requires a good understanding of the synchronization issues. The incorrect use of synchronized(this){} statement can cause other problems, such as deadlocks and/or performance degradation of the program.