Programming Assignment 2b

1. Problem Strategy

a. Go Back N

Taking the segmentation of the data into packets and the client/server setup from assignment 2a, what was left was to write the Go Back N implementation for unreliable networks. The animation that was listed on the bottom of the assignment sheet was extremely helpful and almost entirely was the source of all of the implementation. Now to the implementation:

In the server/sender:

First we have to define our window, its start and end point as well as the expectedAck. All of these variables are iterated on successful packet sends. Next, going over server setup, we start our timer with a time set of 5 seconds, and send our packets (after making them with the packets module) within our initial window. Once we do, we listen for an ack from the client that aligns with our expected ack. In that process, if we don't receive an ack, a timeout exception is raised and the window is resent and the timer is reset. However, if the packet is acknowledged we check it's validity (inside our window), if it is, then we iterate the variables stated before and send the next window's packets that have not already been sent. If not, then we ignore the ack and resend the window's packets that have not been already sent. Looping this we will receive all acknowledgments and mark the file transfer as complete!

In the client/receiver:

Only a few changes had to be made, which was to first extract the packet into a sequence number and the actual data. Then we check if that sequence num was as expected and if it is, then we write the data into the file and send an acknowledgment number equal to the received sequence number.

b. Stop and Wait

In the server/sender:

As in the GBN, there is a set of variables to track the packets that is updated on a successful packet send. Once an ACK is received, the server sends the next packet. If a timeout occurs, the packet is resent. If sending an ACK or EOF, the server sends the packet without expecting an ACK back, as this would lead to a loop of confirming ACKs.

In the client/receiver:

The client operates on a similar logic, constantly receiving packets and then sending ACKs for said packets. An issue that I ran into was the server sending duplicate packets sent due to server timeout, which were then being written to the file, making it innacurate. I ended up resolving this by having the client temporarily save packet data, then whenever it received a new packet, it would compare it to the previous packet's data to check for duplicates. If it was a duplicate, it simply would not write the data to the file, but would still send an ACK in case the server was losing the packet during transit. However this clearly does introduce an error in the case that multiple copies of the exact same data are sent in succession.

2. Execution Samples

a. Go Back N

(Port #, Host and Mode inputs are pre-defined for ease of execution in execution samples)

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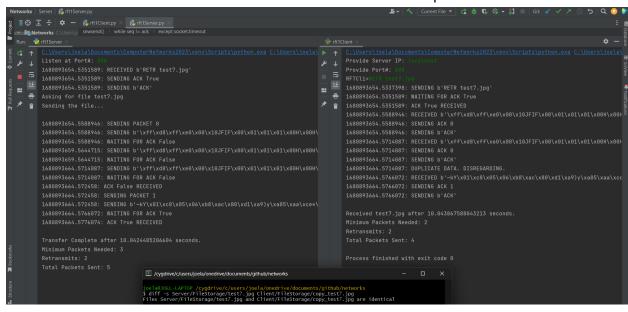
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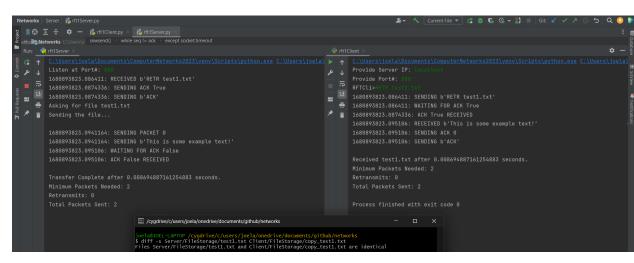
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b. Stop and Wait





3. How to use

a. Go Back N

- Switch to the branch you want to use (Go Back N branch to test Go Back n)
- Have two terminals available
- In each terminal navigate to the respective folder, server and client.

(From local directory)

- a. cd./Server
- b. cd./Client

- For the server, type python3 rft1Server.py and type in the needed port
- For the client, type python3 rft1Client.py and type in the needed port # and host

(Recognized commands work as RETR examplename.exampleformat to transfer a file)

(CLOSE will close the server)

- Type in TCP for 2a submission
- Type in GBN for Go Back N implementation in a D_GRAM socket

b. SnW

i. Same as above, however there is not toggle option, and it runs in SnW as default

4. References

Starter echo server and client functionality.

https://realpython.com/python-sockets/#echo-client-and-server

https://www2.tkn.tu-berlin.de/teaching/rn/animations/gbn_sr/

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Implement SnW	Did full implementation	
Implement GBN		Did full implementation