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Introduction

The project is about implementing a P2P application. As we know, a network application can be a both a client and a server. So, whenever Peer A wants to make one of its files available for download, what will do is that it will register content to server. Once, content is registered, Peer A will become server of content. Another peer which in this case is now Peer B wants to download content will first call server and get address of Peer A. Afterwards, Peer B acts as a client, then downloads content from Peer A. Additionally, after downloading, Peer B will register content to server which becomes the server as well.

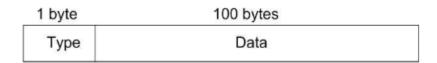
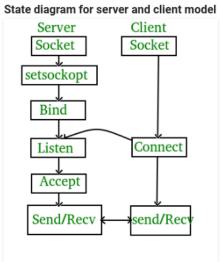


Figure 1. PDU exchanged among peers and index server has following format above

As we know, the type field indicates the PDU type. The data field has the data. As it was mentioned in the lab manual, there are <u>eight</u> PDU types.

Background information on socket programming would be, it is a way of connecting two nodes on a network to communicate with each other. What happens next is that, one socket or a node listens on a particular port at an IP and the other node reaches out to the other to form a connection. Server makes or forms the listener socket while client reaches to the server.



Stages for Server:

- Socket creation: int sockfd = socket(domain, type, protocol)
- Domain: integer, communication domain. (Ex, AF_INET [IPv4 protocol])
- Type: communication type SOCK_STREAM: TCP(reliable, connection oriented), SOCK_DGRAM:UDP(unreliable, connectionless)
- Protocol: value for Internet Protocol(IP) which is 0. This is the same number which shows on protocol field in the IP header of a packet.
- Bind: s.bind((host, port))
- Listen: s.listen(5)
- Accept: conn, addr = s.accept()

Stages for Client:

Socket connection: It is exactly same as server's socket creation

Connect: s = socket.socket(socket.SOCK_DGRAM)

Description of Client and Server programs

There are nine PDU types. Every time a new client would connect to the server, the server would fork and make a new child process to service the connection. The client has a main process loop which services the user, send the PDU and would fork to listen for downloads.

1. Content Registration

Type 'R': This type, what it does is that, a peer can register its content to server by sending an R-type PDU using UDP. Data portion of PDU obtains peer name, content name and address which would be the IP address plus port number where content can be downloaded. The image below shows the format.

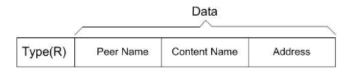


Figure 2. Representation of type 'R'

When index server receives an R-type PDU, what it will do first is that, it will check if another peer with same name registered same content name. If in this case, if it happens, server will send an E-type PDU to tell peer to choose another peer name. So, now if there

won't be any issue of peer name, content server will register content and store. Afterwards, it will send an A-type PDU to give it acknowledge the registration. Before all this, make sure that peer makes a TCP socket for content download.

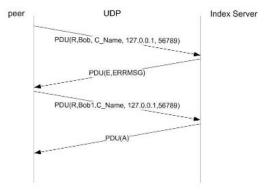


Figure 3. Registration procedure performed between a peer and index server

2. Content Download

Type 'S': This type, what it does is that, a peer at first contacts server to search for address of content server. It will perform this operation by using the format below. Server responds back with either a S-type or E-type, S-type for containing address of a content server and E-type which says that no such content is available. If a S-type PDU is received, it will take address from PDU and setup a TCP connection with server. If TCP connection is established, peer sends a D-type PDU to server to download. If content is ready, server will deliver content by sending a consecutive C-type PDUs which has content. Once it is downloaded, content will be registered to server, hence becomes the serve of content. In some cases, there is a possibility that server could have more than one server for a given content. So, now in this case, in order to send out equally, server will always have to pick recent registered server for download request.



Figure 4. S-type PDU

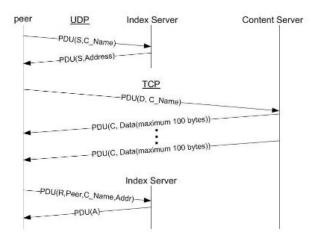


Figure 5. PDU transaction for Content Downloading and the Subsequent Content Registration.

3. Content Listing

Type 'O': What does this type does, it lists the contents registered. So, by sending an O-type PDU to index server, it will respond with an O-type PDU that have the list of registered content.

4. Content De-Registration

Type 'T': What does this type does is that, it provides the client an option to allow a peer to de-register content. In order to do that, peer will send a T-type PDU to server to do the operation.

Observations and Analysis

For observation, when I used to select first for the client side, but it would make the client code slow, so I used a fork to speed up the execution side. The server side could not run without a fork because it must be connected to two clients at the same time and it must listen for new connections and service 2 clients. The problem with this program is because the program is forking the fList between two child processes have different memory spaces so when client registers files, it does not appear on the other process list since they have different child process processing it. An extra final pdu was needed to be added instead of the eight because the client needs to know when the file ends or it will be forever waiting on the next data, if the uploading client does not tell it to stop.

The images shown below indicate the all the situation with each PDU;

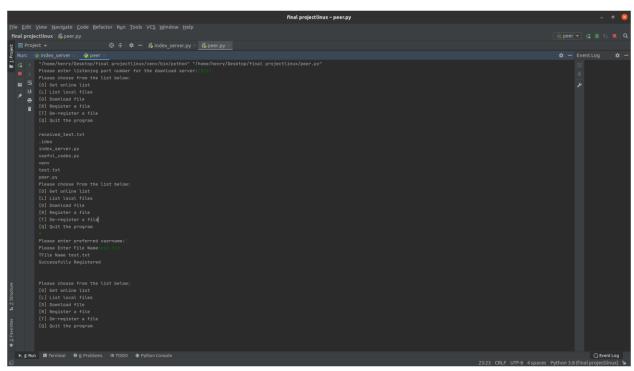


Figure 6. Indicating the 'L' & 'R' type (Client Side)

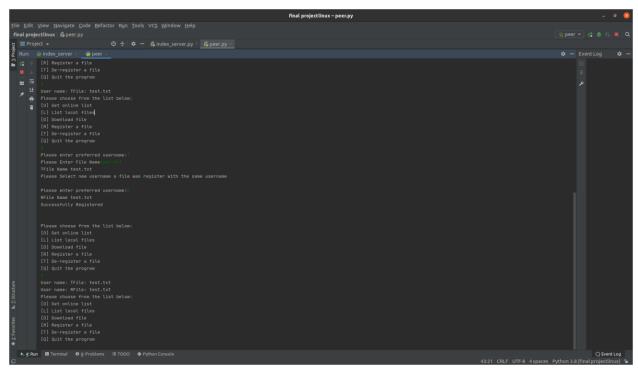


Figure 7. Demonstrating 'O' PDU type (Client Side)

Figure 8. Demonstration of 'T' type (Client Side)

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Figure 9. Server Responding Back (Server Side)

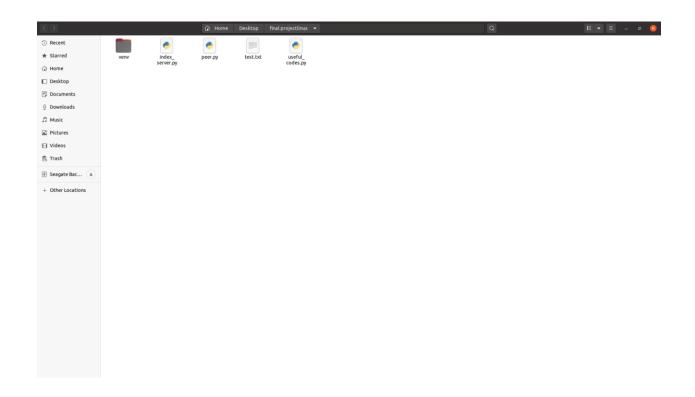


Figure 10. Before 'Receiving test file'



Figure 11. After 'Receiving test file'

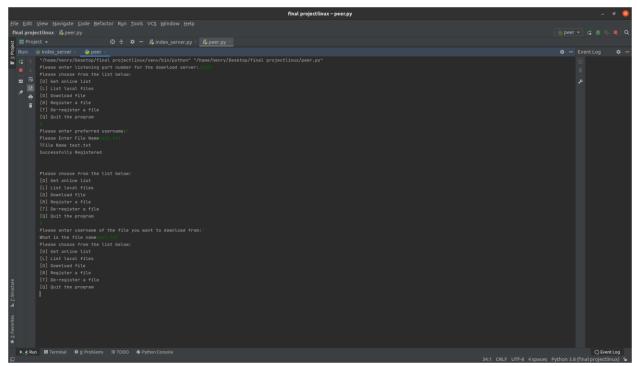


Figure 12. Performing the PDU Types in Order to Achieve the Images Shown Above

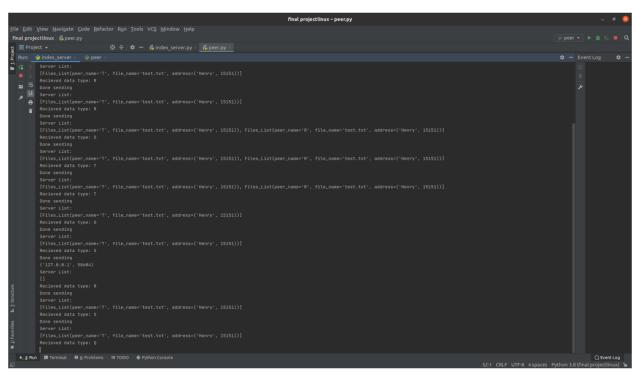


Figure 13. Server Side Responding back

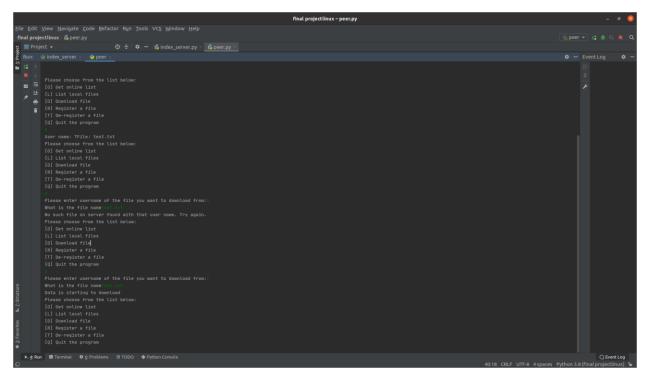


Figure 13. Lastly, Performing the 'O' & 'D' PDU Type

Conclusions

In conclusion, a P2P application was successfully implemented. The server is capable of handling multiple file transfers and the client can manage both uploading and downloading files from the server. As per the requirement the PDU formats mentioned in the lab manual were used and designated tasks associated with each PDU were successfully performed. In short, a working P2P application was implemented and the basic concept of P2P mechanism was clearly understood.

References

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Appendix

Index_Server.py

```
host = socket.gethostname()  # Get local machine name s.bind((host, port))  # Bind to the port s.listen(5)  # Now wait for client connection. # server is up and listening
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elif data_type == 'T':
    p_peer_name = data.get('peer_name')
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Peer.py

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host = socket.gethostname() # Get local machine name
port = 60003 # Reserve a port for your service.
s.connect((host, port))
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binarypdu = pickle.dumps(namepdu) # create binary pdu
socket.send(binarypdu) # send binary pdu
reader.close() # close the file
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Withing multiple attempt we can be sure that peer would eventually bind a socket with random port number. Here I do not
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pdu = pickle.loads(binary pdu)
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