# **Lab 3 - Task 2**

In this task, you will learn about the process of encapsulation. The transport layer takes messages from the application layer, divides them into segments and adds header information to the segments. In this lab, we are mainly concerned with the problem of reliable data transfer, so we will use a simplified header that contains only information about the sequence number of the segment and the total number of segments that contain the message. If we were concerned about multiplexing/demultiplexing, we would also include information about source/destination ports.

**INSTRUCTION**

The MATLAB code in the window below is similar to the code in Task 1, but you will implement the function **packetize()**. As shown in Task 1, this function converts the message bit sequence (**tx\_bs**) into a list of packets.

In this case, the application wishes to send the text message 'PACKET', which is contained in the variable **tx\_msg**. It first generates the bit sequence **tx\_bs** from the text message **tx\_msg** using the function **text2bitseq()**, which we studied in Part 1. Each character in the text message is represented using its 8 bit ASCII code. Thus, if the text message has **n** characters, then **tx\_bs** will be **n\*8** bits long.

The function **packetize()** from Task 1 converts **tx\_bs** to a list of **n** packets, where each packet carries one character from the message. In this task, your job is to implement this function.

Each packet contains a 16 bit header and 8 bits of data. Thus, each packet is 24 bits long. The 16 bit header consists of an 8 bit sequence number and an 8 bit number encoding the number of packets in the message (**n**). The sequence numbers run from 1 to **n**. The 8 bit data is taken from the bit sequence **tx\_bs**. The first packet contains the first 8 bits of **tx\_bs**, the second packet contains the second 8 bits, and so on. For example, since the first 8 bits of tx\_bs encode the letter 'P' and there are n = 6 characters in the text message, the first packet will be

[ 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 ]

where extra spaces have been inserted in between sets of four bits to improve readability. The ASCII code for 'P' is 80 in decimal.

Your task is to create the list of packets for the given message and save it inside the variable **send\_packet\_list**, which is an **n**-by-24 element matrix where each of the **n** rows contains one packet. The first row contains the first packet and so on. In the initial code, **send\_packet\_list** contains only one packet whose data is the ASCII code for 'P' in binary, and the message from the application layer was assumed to contain only one character.

In order to convert the index of the packet and the total number of packets into binary vector, you may use the function **dec2binvec**. This function takes as input a vector of **k** decimal numbers and returns a **k** by 8 matrix where each row is the 8 bit binary representation of one element of the input vector. Note that the second part of the packet, the total number of packets in the list, should be the same for all packets.

The remainder of the code is the same as that in task 1. Revise the code between the lines

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