EPANET Simulation with Modbus Controls

This Python script runs an EPANET simulation with Modbus controls, enabling real-time interaction between the EPANET model/network and external PLCs. The script reads control values from PLCs via Modbus, applies them to the EPANET simulation, and then writes the simulation results back to the PLCs.

To achieve this, we have minimized the use of external modules, keeping the script as close as possible to default Python functionalities. The only modules we used are:

- Python standard library: `sys`, `time`
- Third-party libraries: `epyt`, `pymodbus`

The script consists of the following functions:

- `def parse_arguments() -> str:`
- `def setup_epanet(inp_file: str) -> epanet:`
- `def get_zones(en: epanet) -> set[str]:`
- `def setup_clients(zones: set) -> dict[str, ModbusTcpClient]:`
- `def get_controls(clients: dict[str, ModbusTcpClient], en: epanet) -> dict:`
- `def set_controls(en: epanet, controls: dict) -> None:`
- `def read_data(en: epanet) -> dict:`
- `def write_data(clients: dict[str, ModbusTcpClient], data: dict) -> None:`
- `def main():`

In the section below, we'll explain each function in depth and how they work under the hood.

- `def parse_arguments() -> str:`

The `parse_arguments` function is self-explanatory and has been designed for simplicity. It handles command-line arguments to ensure a valid `.inp` file is provided.

Function:

```
def parse_arguments() -> str:
    if len(sys.argv) != 2 or not sys.argv[1].endswith(".inp"):
        print("Run EPANET simulation with Modbus controls.")
        print(f">>> python {sys.argv[0]} [network.inp]")
        sys.exit(1)
    return sys.argv[1]
```

If a valid EPANET network is provided it will return a string containing the path to the `.inp` file. Else if no valid `.inp` file is provided, the program exits and displays a message showing how to use the script.

- `def setup_epanet(inp_file: str) -> epanet:`

The `setup_epanet` function ...

Function:

```
def setup_epanet(inp_file: str) -> epanet:
    try:
        en: epanet = epanet(inp_file)
        en.setTimeSimulationDuration(10)  # initial setup; duration will be set to infinite in main
function.
        en.setTimeHydraulicStep(1)
        return en
    except Exception as e:
        print(f"ERROR in setup_epanet: {e}")
        sys.exit(1)
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- `def get_zones(en: epanet) -> set[str]:`

The `get_zones` function ...

Function:

```
def get_zones(en: epanet) -> set[str]:
    try:
        zones: set[str] = set()

        for name_id in en.getNodeNameID() + en.getLinkNameID():
            if "-" not in name_id:
                continue
            zone, _ = name_id.split("-", 1)
            zones.add(zone)
        return zones
    except Exception as e:
        print(f"ERROR in get_zones: {e}")
        sys.exit(1)
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- `def setup_clients(zones: set) -> dict[str, ModbusTcpClient]:`

The `setup_clients` function ... https://github.com/Ketho/OT-Simulation/blob/test/docs/openplc.md#adding-a-plc

Function:

```
def setup_clients(zones: set) -> dict[str, ModbusTcpClient]:
    try:
        clients: dict[str, ModbusTcpClient] = {
            zone: ModbusTcpClient(host=f'plc-{zone}', port=502)
            for zone in zones
        }
        # clients: dict[str, ModbusTcpClient] = {
        #     zone: ModbusTcpClient(host="127.0.0.1", port=502 + i)
        #     for i, zone in enumerate(zones)
        # }
        for _, client in clients.items():
            while not client.connect():
                time.sleep(1)
        return clients
    except Exception as e:
        print(f"ERROR in setup_clients: {e}")
        sys.exit(1)
```

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- `def get_controls(clients: dict[str, ModbusTcpClient], en: epanet) -> dict:`

The `get_controls` function ...

Function:

```
def get_controls(clients: dict[str, ModbusTcpClient], en: epanet) -> dict:
    try:
```

```
        controls: dict = {}

        for name_id in en.getNodeNameID() + en.getLinkNameID():
            if "-" not in name_id:
                continue
            zone, element = name_id.split("-", 1)
            controls.setdefault(zone, {})

            if name_id in en.getLinkNameID():
                link_index: int = en.getLinkIndex(name_id)

                match en.getLinkType(link_index):
                    case "PIPE":
                        pass
                    case "PUMP":
                        controls[zone].setdefault(element, {})
                        controls[zone][element]["speed"] = None
                    case _:
                        controls[zone].setdefault(element, {})
                        controls[zone][element]["setting"] = None

        for zone, client in clients.items():
            pump_count = sum(1 for element in controls[zone] if "speed" in controls[zone][element])

            if pump_count > 0:
                pump_registers = client.read_holding_registers(address=1000, count=pump_count *
2).registers  # this function caused a weird error on the server only, but defining the function
parameters this way, the error was solved :)

            for i, element in enumerate(e for e in controls[zone] if "speed" in controls[zone][e]):
                converted_value = client.convert_from_registers(
                    pump_registers[i * 2 : i * 2 + 2], client.DATATYPE.FLOAT32
                )
                controls[zone][element]["speed"] = converted_value

            valve_count = sum(1 for element in controls[zone] if "setting" in controls[zone][element])

            if valve_count > 0:
                valve_registers = client.read_holding_registers(address=2000, count=valve_count *
2).registers  # same applies here...

            for i, element in enumerate(e for e in controls[zone] if "setting" in controls[zone][e]):
                converted_value = client.convert_from_registers(
                    valve_registers[i * 2 : i * 2 + 2], client.DATATYPE.FLOAT32
                )
                controls[zone][element]["setting"] = converted_value

        return controls
    except Exception as e:
        print(f"Error in get_controls: {e}")
        sys.exit(1)
```


```
{'zone0': {'valve1': {'setting': 1.8367379491291107e-40}, 'valve2': {'setting': 1.8367379491291107e-40},
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```



```
{
    "zone0": {
```

```
        "valve1": {
            "setting": 1.8367379491291107e-40
        },
        "valve2": {
            "setting": 1.8367379491291107e-40
        },
        "valve3": {
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        },
        "pump1": {
            "speed": 9.183689745645554e-41
        }
    }
}
```

- `def set_controls(en: epanet, controls: dict) -> None:`

The `set_controls` function ...

Function:

```
def set_controls(en: epanet, controls: dict) -> None:
    try:
        # offset_speed = 1000
        # offset_setting = 2000

        for zone, elements in controls.items():
            for element, control in elements.items():
                link_index: int = en.getLinkIndex(f"{zone}-{element}")

                if "speed" in control:
                    en.setLinkSettings(link_index, control["speed"])
                    # print(f"{zone:<15} -> {element:<15} -> register: {offset_speed:<15} control:
speed")
                    # offset_speed += 2

                if "setting" in control:
                    en.setLinkSettings(link_index, control["setting"])
                    # print(f"{zone:<15} -> {element:<15} -> register: {offset_setting:<15} control:
setting")
                    # offset_setting += 2

            # print()
    except Exception as e:
        print(f"ERROR in set_controls: {e}")
        sys.exit(1)
```

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```
zone0           -> valve1          -> register: 2000           control: setting
zone0           -> valve2          -> register: 2002           control: setting
zone0           -> valve3          -> register: 2004           control: setting
zone0           -> valve4          -> register: 2006           control: setting

zone3           -> pump1           -> register: 1000           control: speed
zone3           -> pump2           -> register: 1002           control: speed
zone3           -> pump3           -> register: 1004           control: speed

zone1           -> pump1           -> register: 1006           control: speed
zone1           -> pump2           -> register: 1008           control: speed
zone1           -> pump3           -> register: 1010           control: speed

zone4           -> pump2           -> register: 1012           control: speed
zone4           -> pump3           -> register: 1014           control: speed
zone4           -> pump1           -> register: 1016           control: speed

zone2           -> pump2           -> register: 1018           control: speed
zone2           -> pump3           -> register: 1020           control: speed
zone2           -> pump1           -> register: 1022           control: speed
```

- `def read_data(en: epanet) -> dict:`

The `read_data` function ...

Function:

```
def read_data(en: epanet) -> dict:
    try:
        data: dict = {}

        for name_id in en.getNodeNameID() + en.getLinkNameID():
            if "-" not in name_id:
```

```
                continue
            zone, element = name_id.split("-", 1)
            data.setdefault(zone, {}).setdefault(element, {})

            e: dict = data[zone][element]

            if name_id in en.getNodeNameID():
                node_index: int = en.getNodeIndex(name_id)

                e["index"] = str(node_index)
                e["hydraulic_head"] = str(en.getNodeHydraulicHead(node_index))
                e["pressure"] = str(en.getNodePressure(node_index))
                e["elevation"] = str(en.getNodeElevations(node_index))

                if en.getNodeType(node_index) == "TANK":
                    e["minimum_water_level"] = str(en.getNodeTankMinimumWaterLevel(node_index))
                    e["maximum_water_level"] = str(en.getNodeTankMaximumWaterLevel(node_index))
                    e["initial_water_level"] = str(en.getNodeTankInitialLevel(node_index))
                    e["minimum_water_volume"] = str(en.getNodeTankMinimumWaterVolume(node_index))
                    e["maximum_water_volume"] = str(en.getNodeTankMaximumWaterVolume(node_index))
                    e["initial_water_volume"] = str(en.getNodeTankInitialWaterVolume(node_index))

            if name_id in en.getLinkNameID():
                link_index: int = en.getLinkIndex(name_id)

                e["index"] = str(link_index)
                e["status"] = str(en.getLinkStatus(link_index))
                e["flow_rate"] = str(en.getLinkFlows(link_index))

                match en.getLinkType(link_index):
                    case "PIPE":
                        pass
                    case "PUMP":
                        e["power"] = str(en.getLinkPumpPower(link_index))
                        e["speed"] = str(en.getLinkSettings(link_index))
                        e["energy_usage"] = str(en.getLinkEnergy(link_index))
                    case _:  # default case to handle all valve types.
                        e["setting"] = str(en.getLinkSettings(link_index))

        return data
    except Exception as e:
        print(f"ERROR in read_data: {e}")
        sys.exit(1)
```


```
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```

- `def write_data(clients: dict[str, ModbusTcpClient], data: dict) -> None:`

The `write_data` function ...

Function:

```
def write_data(clients: dict[str, ModbusTcpClient], data: dict) -> None:
    try:
        for zone, elements in data.items():
            client: ModbusTcpClient = clients[zone]
            offset: int = 0

            for element, values in elements.items():
                for i, (k, value) in enumerate(values.items()):
                    address: int = offset + i * 2
                    registers: list[int] = client.convert_to_registers(
                        float(value), client.DATATYPE.FLOAT32
                    )

                    client.write_registers(address, registers)

                    # print(
                    #     f"{zone:<15} -> {element:<15} -> {k:<30}: {value:<30}, "
                    #     f"registers: {str(registers):<20}, address: {address}"
                    # )

                offset += len(values) * 2

                # print()  # blank lines for separating log entries.
            # print()
            # print()
    except Exception as e:
        print(f"ERROR in write_data: {e}")
        sys.exit(1)
```

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Snippet...

```
[---TRUNCATED---]
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registers: [16576, 0]          , address: 0
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registers: [17408, 36927]      , address: 2
zone3           -> junction1       -> pressure                   : 514.2538452148438           ,
registers: [17408, 36927]      , address: 4
zone3           -> junction1       -> elevation                  : 0.0                         ,
registers: [0, 0]              , address: 6

zone3           -> junction6       -> index                      : 34                          ,
registers: [16904, 0]          , address: 8
zone3           -> junction6       -> hydraulic_head             : 514.2538452148438           ,
registers: [17408, 36927]      , address: 10
zone3           -> junction6       -> pressure                   : 514.2538452148438           ,
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zone3           -> junction6       -> elevation                  : 0.0                         ,
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registers: [17408, 36927]      , address: 18
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registers: [17408, 36927]      , address: 44
zone3           -> junction4       -> elevation                  : 0.0                         ,
registers: [0, 0]              , address: 46

zone3           -> node40          -> index                      : 39                          ,
registers: [16924, 0]          , address: 48
zone3           -> node40          -> hydraulic_head             : 514.2538452148438           ,
registers: [17408, 36927]      , address: 50
zone3           -> node40          -> pressure                   : 514.2538452148438           ,
registers: [17408, 36927]      , address: 52
zone3           -> node40          -> elevation                  : 0.0                         ,
registers: [0, 0]              , address: 54
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```

- `def main():`

The `main` function ...

Function:

```
def main():
    inp_file: str = parse_arguments()

    try:
        en: epanet = setup_epanet(inp_file)

        zones: set[str] = get_zones(en)

        clients: dict[str, ModbusTcpClient] = setup_clients(zones)

        en.openHydraulicAnalysis()
        en.initializeHydraulicAnalysis()

        while True:
            en.setTimeSimulationDuration(
                en.getTimeSimulationDuration() + en.getTimeHydraulicStep()
            )  # this way the duration is set to infinite.

            controls: dict = get_controls(clients, en)
            set_controls(en, controls)

            en.runHydraulicAnalysis()

            data: dict = read_data(en)
            write_data(clients, data)

            en.nextHydraulicAnalysisStep()

            time.sleep(1)
    except KeyboardInterrupt:
        print(">--- Program interrupted by user ---")
        sys.exit(0)  # clean exit confirmed by user action.
    except Exception as e:
        print(f"Failed to run EPANET simulation due to an unexpected error: {e}")
        sys.exit(1)
    finally:
        if "clients" in locals():
            for client in clients.values():
                client.close()
        if "en" in locals():
            en.closeHydraulicAnalysis()
            en.unload()
```

Something here...