

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:
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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)

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{
    "zone0": {

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    }
}
}

```

- `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:
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        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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}
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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()

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

```

Something here...

Snippet...

```
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zone3      -> junction1      -> index                : 6                ,
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 ,
registers: [17408, 36927]    , address: 12
zone3      -> junction6      -> elevation              : 0.0              ,
registers: [0, 0]            , address: 14

zone3      -> junction2      -> index                : 35                ,
registers: [16908, 0]        , address: 16
zone3      -> junction2      -> hydraulic_head       : 514.2538452148438 ,
registers: [17408, 36927]    , address: 18
zone3      -> junction2      -> pressure              : 514.2538452148438 ,
registers: [17408, 36927]    , address: 20
zone3      -> junction2      -> elevation              : 0.0              ,
registers: [0, 0]            , address: 22

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registers: [17408, 36927]    , address: 26
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registers: [17408, 36927]    , address: 34
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zone3      -> junction3      -> elevation              : 0.0              ,
registers: [0, 0]            , address: 38

zone3      -> junction4      -> index                : 38                ,
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registers: [17408, 36927]    , address: 42
zone3      -> junction4      -> pressure              : 514.2538452148438 ,
registers: [17408, 36927]    , address: 44
zone3      -> junction4      -> elevation              : 0.0              ,
registers: [0, 0]            , address: 46

zone3      -> node40         -> index                : 39                ,
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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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```

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...

Server receiving the registers like this:

Registers 0-1000 before without receiving anything:

[illegible]

