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 ...

```
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)
```

• 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)
```

• 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)
```

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

The get_controls 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
                        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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```
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```

```
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        },
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    },
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       },
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       },
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        },
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    },
    "zone2": {
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        "pump3": {
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        "pump1": {
           "speed": 9.183689745645554e-41
        }
   }
}
```

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

The set_controls 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:</pre>
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:</pre>
setting")
                    # offset_setting += 2
            # print()
    except Exception as e:
        print(f"ERROR in set_controls: {e}")
        sys.exit(1)
```

Something here...

```
-> valve1
                                 -> register: 2000
                                                             control: setting
zone0
              -> valve2
                                 -> register: 2002
                                                            control: setting
zone0
               -> valve3
                                 -> register: 2004
                                                             control: setting
zone0
               -> valve4
                                 -> register: 2006
                                                             control: setting
zone0
                                 -> register: 1000
               -> pump1
                                                             control: speed
zone3
               -> pump2
                                 -> register: 1002
                                                             control: speed
zone3
                                                             control: speed
               -> pump3
                                 -> register: 1004
zone3
                                 -> register: 1006
zone1
               -> pump1
                                                             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
               -> pump2
                                 -> register: 1018
zone2
                                                            control: speed
zone2
               -> pump3
                                 -> register: 1020
                                                             control: speed
zone2
               -> pump1
                                 -> register: 1022
                                                             control: speed
```

def read_data(en: epanet) -> dict:

```
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:

```
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}, "</pre>
                         f"registers: {str(registers):<20}, address: {address}"</pre>
                    # )
                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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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 ,
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registers: [16904, 0] , address: 8
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registers: [17408, 36927] , address: 10

-> junction6 -> pressure
                                                      : 514.2538452148438
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               , address: 14
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registers: [17408, 36927]
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                        , address: 54
registers: [0, 0]
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• def main():

```
def main():
    inp_file: str = parse_arguments()
    try:
        en: epanet = setup_epanet(inp_file)
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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()
```

Server receiving the registers like this:

Registers 0-1000 before without receiving anything:

Registers 0-1000 after:

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