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Received Requirements:

The following Requirements are received

Introduction

This is a simple and loosely defined technical interview task.
We would like to discuss how to create a project of two docker containers, UDP Client and UDP Server.

Description

Required functionality:

- The client and the server should be two separate processes running in two separate Docker containers.
- The client and the server should periodically (e.g. 0.01Hz) exchange some arbitrary data.
- The client and the server should be both able to detect communication failures: repeated data, lost data, data out of order.

Instructions

1. We would like you to set-up an empty git repository and create commits as you feel comfortable.
2. We would like you to create a CMake project containing both executables for the server and the client, written in C/C++, standard of your choosing. We would prefer the project being as clean of dependencies and simple as possible.
The project should compile either in a container of your choosing and on a standard base Debian system.
3. List/Reference/Comment any information you found useful in designing/programming this project.

UnderStanding and Approach(Requirements):

- Two separate modules will be implemented:
- UDP_SENDER (Client)
- UDP_RECEIVER (Server)
- Each module is a standalone C/C++ program using POSIX sockets.
- Communication follows a simple protocol:
- The client (UDP_SENDER) periodically sends messages with a sequence number.
- The server (UDP_RECEIVER) listens and validates the sequence.
- Special messages (like "STOP") will be used to gracefully end the session.
- The server should start before the client.
- Both modules will run in **separate Docker containers**.
- A **Docker network** is used to ensure both containers can communicate.
- Testing includes verifying detection of:
 1. Lost packets
 2. Repeated packets
 3. Out-of-order packets

Tools Used:

- **IDE:** Visual Studio Code
- **Compiler:** g++ (Debian-based)
- **Containerization:** Docker

Test Approach:

- Manual testing in a controlled Docker environment.
- Two terminals used:
- **Terminal 1:** Run UDP_RECEIVER container
- **Terminal 2:** Run UDP_SENDER container
- Scenarios tested:
- Dropped packets
- Duplicated packets
- Out-of-order packet delivery

Commands Used:

```
docker-compose up udp_receiver
```

```
docker-compose run --name udp_sender udp_sender
```

```
docker start -ai udp_receiver
```

```
docker start -ai ar_udp_sender
```

TEST EVIDENCES:

1. Data Lost

The screenshot shows the VS Code interface with the Explorer, Search, and Run and Debug panels. The Explorer panel shows the project structure for 'AR_SAMPLETASK', including 'AR_UDP_Receiver', 'AR_UDP_Sender', 'Dockerfile', 'docker-compose.yml', 'README.md', and 'TestCase.sh'. The Search panel shows the contents of 'TestCase.sh'. The Run and Debug panel shows the output of the Docker build process. The output includes the following lines:

```
1 #!/bin/bash
2
3 docker start udp_sender > /dev/null 2>&1
4 sleep 1 # a small delay to initialize the container
5 docker exec -i udp_sender ./ar_udp_sender <<EOF
6
7 Hello
8
9 Test
10
11 Automated
12
13 UDP
14
15 KondalaRao Manoj3
16
17 Gutlapalli
18 STOP
19 EOF
```

The output also shows the Docker build process, including the extraction of the image, the transfer of context, the copying of the Dockerfile, and the building of the image. The output includes the following lines:

```
...> extracting sha256:b1b9a666a31403a35d786276c386b129886683e3cd7782ec9874401769 42.0s
...> extracting sha256:488862a18fa961ebfbc848487704894e96ee881778bc4f1f549727262 135.1s
...> extracting sha256:86349123e157484080e5d0bc9c3c753f720ac6257696c569696b0d884 1.3s
...> extracting sha256:cc36bf7680b0eff8035a1377180f54e8bc99134cc0d404f615d57f8d37ae 84.4s
...> extracting sha256:577345d7a806c42b234e33dc28a99080adfe864bd38ca8b3691919e8b 0.0s
...> extracting sha256:7063f947501aff0e34ae7e1fa1d6455a04732fbdaffd22bcbff722a7886b2 0.0s
...> [internal] load build context
...> transferring context: 2.78kB
...> [2/4] WORKDIR /app
...> [3/4] COPY AR_UDP_Receiver.cpp .
...> [4/4] RUN g++ -o ar_udp_receiver AR_UDP_Receiver.cpp
...> exporting to image
...> exporting layers
...> writing image sha256:e78d3fbbf3aa29afc13494a8c581d56f64114cbb31f27e25f3d13e1780d 0.0s
...> naming to docker.io/library/ar_sampletask_udp_receiver 0.0s
WARNING: Image for service udp_receiver was built because it did not already exist. To rebuild this image you must use 'docker-compose build' or 'docker-compose up --build'.
Creating udp_receiver ... done
Attaching to udp_receiver
udp_receiver | UDP Receiver listening on port 8080...
udp_receiver | Received: SEQ:1|MSG:this
udp_receiver | Received: SEQ:2|MSG:is
udp_receiver | Received: SEQ:4|MSG:the
udp_receiver | Packet loss detected! Missing SEQ:3 to SEQ:3
```

2. Duplicate packet

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```
...> extracting sha256:f063fb947501aff0e34ae7e1fa1d6455a04732fbdaffd22bcbff722a7886b2 0.0s
...> [internal] load build context
...> transferring context: 2.78kB
...> [2/4] WORKDIR /app
...> [3/4] COPY AR_UDP_Receiver.cpp .
...> [4/4] RUN g++ -o ar_udp_receiver AR_UDP_Receiver.cpp
...> exporting to image
...> exporting layers
...> writing image sha256:e78d3fbbf3aa29afc13494a8c581d56f64114cbb31f27e25f3d13e1780d 0.0s
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udp_receiver | Received: SEQ:1|MSG:this
udp_receiver | Received: SEQ:2|MSG:is
udp_receiver | Received: SEQ:4|MSG:the
udp_receiver | Packet loss detected! Missing SEQ:3 to SEQ:3
udp_receiver | Received: SEQ:5|MSG:dfasd
udp_receiver | Received: SEQ:5|MSG:as;dlfj
udp_receiver | Duplicate packet detected: SEQ:5
```

3. Out of order packet

```
AR_UDP_Sender.cpp
9 // Use Docker service name as IP address
27 // Use Docker service name as IP address
40 {
41     std::string full_message = "seq: " + ar_input_seq + " | msg: " + ar_input_msg;
42
43     sendto(ar_sockfd, full_message.c_str(), full_message.length(), 0,
44           (const struct sockaddr*)&ar_receiver_addr, sizeof(ar_receiver_addr));
45
46     std::cout << "Sent: " << full_message << std::endl;
47
48     close(ar_sockfd);
49     return 0;
50 }
```

```
udp_receiver | Received: SEQ:4|MSG:the
udp_receiver | Packet loss detected! Missing SEQ:3 to SEQ:3
udp_receiver | Received: SEQ:5|MSG:dfasd
udp_receiver | Received: SEQ:5|MSG:as;dlfj
udp_receiver | Duplicate packet detected: SEQ:5
udp_receiver | Received STOP. Shutting down receiver.
udp_receiver | udp_receiver exited with code 0
kondalaramanoj@kondalaramanoj-80e5:~/Projects/Agile_robots/GIT_PROJECT/AR_SampleTasks$ docker
start -ai udp_sender
gethostname: failed: Success
kondalaramanoj@kondalaramanoj-80e5:~/Projects/Agile_robots/GIT_PROJECT/AR_SampleTasks$ docker-
compose up udp_receiver
Starting udp_receiver ... done
Attaching to udp_receiver
udp_receiver | UDP Receiver listening on port 8080...
udp_receiver | Received: SEQ:1|MSG:fasdf
udp_receiver | Received: SEQ:4|MSG:sdfda
udp_receiver | Packet loss detected! Missing SEQ:2 to SEQ:3
udp_receiver | Received: SEQ:2|MSG:sdfsa
udp_receiver | Out-of-order packet detected: SEQ:2 (expected: 5)
```

FUTURE Improvements:

Automate builds and tests using **GitHub Actions**

- Include **unit tests** and **integration test scripts**
- Log test results to GitHub for review
- Add retry mechanisms or acknowledgments to enhance protocol reliability
- Expand protocol for optional message payloads or types