Computer Networks - UE20CS253

Assignment - Socket programming

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Project title - Simple video chat application using socket programming

Abstract

The application aims to create a peer-to-peer connection and relay video feed between the two peers. This is achieved by establishing two socket connections, by the use of client and server programs running simultaneously, which is achieved by multithreading. The server program transmits the video feed of a user while the client program receives the incoming data.

The connection created follows TCP, as the socket is created with the parameter SOCK STREAM

Server side

1. the socket is created and bound with the hostname and the IP address of the system using

```
socket.gethostname() # provides hostname
socket.gethostbyname(hostname) # provides IP address
socket.bind()
```

- 2. the socket begins listening at the designated port (given as 1235)
- 3. the socket accepts the connection using

```
socket.accept()
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4. the video feed is captured using OpenCV

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cv2.VideoCapture()
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5. the captured video is serialised, packed into frames and sent to the client socket

```
pickle.dumps(frame) # serialisation of object
struct.pack("Q",len) # packing of data in segments of size long long int
socket.sendall() # transmission of packets
```

6. the server continues to send video packets until the connection is closed

Client side

- 1. the socket is created and the connection is established
- 2. the data variable is created and the payload size is calculated

```
socket.connect(host_ip,port)
struct.calcsize("Q")  # payload size equal to long long int
```

3. the socket begins accepting packets and the data variable begins slicing the data based on the payload size

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socket.recv() # receiving packets from server
struct.unpack() # unpacking received data
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4. the frames are loaded and displayed until the connection is closed

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pickle.loads() # loading data onto frames
cv2.imshow() # display of frames
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Source code

Github repository:https://github.com/MadKauSing/Simple-Video-Chat.git

Server.py

```
# server side program
# libraries
import socket # library to manage socket
import cv2 # library to capture video
import pickle # library to implement 'pickling' ie serialisation of a
python object
import struct # library to pack and unpack data

def server():
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```
server socket = socket.socket(socket.AF INET, socket.SOCK STREAM)
   host name = socket.gethostname()
   host ip = socket.gethostbyname(host name)
   print("HOST IP:", host ip)
   port = 1235
   socket address = ("192.168.43.6", port)
   print("Socket Created Successfully")
   server socket.bind(socket address)
   print("Socket Bind Successfully")
   server socket.listen(5)
   print("LISTENING AT:", socket address)
   print("Socket Accept")
   while True:
       client socket, addr = server socket.accept()
       print("GOT CONNECTION FROM:", addr)
       if client socket:
           vid = cv2.VideoCapture(0)
           while vid.isOpened():
               print("Server running
                                          | " )
                img, frame = vid.read()
                a = pickle.dumps(frame)
                message = struct.pack("Q", len(a)) + a
                client socket.sendall(message)
                cv2.imshow("TRANSMITTING VIDEO", frame)
                key = cv2.waitKey(1) & 0xFF
                if key == ord("q"):
                    client socket.close()
# server()
```

Client.py

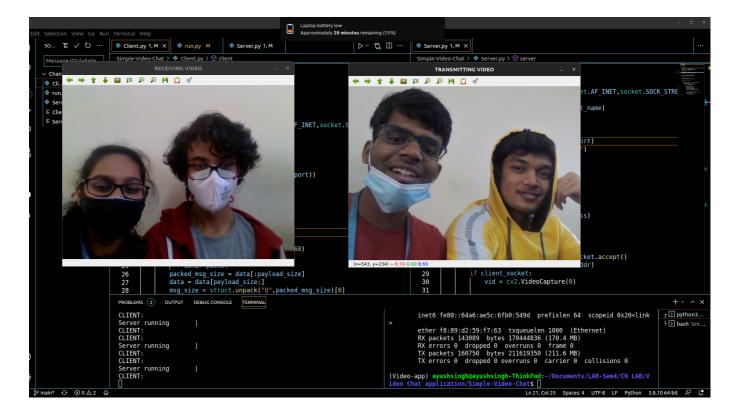
```
# client side program
# libraries
import socket # library to manage socket
import cv2 # library to capture video
import pickle # library to implement 'pickling' ie serialisation of a
python object
import struct # library to pack and unpack data

def client():
    # creation of socket
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client socket = socket.socket(socket.AF INET, socket.SOCK STREAM)
    host ip server = "192.168.43.162"
    port = 1234
    print("Socket Created Successfully")
    # establishment of connection
    client socket.connect((host ip server, port))
    data = b""
    payload size = struct.calcsize("Q")
    print("Socket Accepted")
    # data transmission loop
    while True:
       print("CLIENT:")
        # loop to receive new packet
        while len(data) < payload size:
            packet = client socket.recv(2160)
            if not packet:
               break # error condition
            data += packet
        # slice packet based on payload size and store separately
        packed msg size = data[:payload size]
        data = data[payload size:]
        # unpack the received data
        msg size = struct.unpack("Q", packed msg size)[0]
        # loop to receive more data
        while len(data) < msg size:
            data += client socket.recv(2160)
        # dividing data into frames
        frame data = data[:msg size]
        data = data[msg size:]
        # loading and display of frames
        frame = pickle.loads(frame data)
        cv2.imshow("RECEIVING VIDEO", frame)
        key = cv2.waitKey(1) & 0xFF
        if key == \operatorname{ord}("q"):
           break
    # closing of connection
    client socket.close()
# client()
```

Output screenshots

Peer 1



Peer 2

