

File transfer using multi-channel stop-and-wait protocol

- Client side

- Sender creates a child process and the parent and child create a TCP connection => open a channel
- Both share file descriptor for the input file and hence if one reads some chunk of the file, the offsets automatically change in the other
- They send the chunk read and now enter an infinite loop to wait for an ACK
- They monitor the readability of the socket using select call
 - If select returns
 - 0 : the timeout has occurred => ACK is lost and hence send the packet again
 - >0 : ACK has arrived
 - If ACK is corresponding to the packet sent, construct next packet to forward
 - Else out of order ACK has arrived, ignore this ACK and go in select loop again

- Server side

- The server is a polling one.
- Check readability on listening socket and adds the incoming connections to an array.
- Also, check readability of the connections and when they are readable,
 - Receive the data packet
 - If the incoming sequence number is not expected one
 - Buffer the packet if space is available in queue
 - Else, reject the packet
 - Else,
 - Write this data to the file,
 - If there are any outstanding packets contiguous to this, transfer them to the file
 - Send an ACK back if packet is not rejected to same channel

- Instructions to run

- Run `sh script.sh` in one terminal, this will create the executables and run the server
- Run `./client` in another, this will run the client
- Make sure you have an `input.txt` file in the current directory
- After completion, following files will be created
 - `destination_file.txt` - File where server writes the output
 - `client.log` - Logs generated by client
 - `server.log` - logs generated by server
 - To view logs in sorted order run on a terminal following command
 - `sort *.log >> combinedLogs.log`
 - This will generate combined logs in sorted order of time in `combinedLogs.log`

- Change following parameters if required while testing

- In `server.h`
 - Packet drop rate (PDR)
 - Number of out of order packets buffered (BUFFERSIZE)
 - server port number (SERVER_PORT)
 - server log file (SERVER_LOG_FILE)
 - destination_file (DESTINATION_FILE)
- In `client.h`
 - input file (INPUT_FILE)
 - payload size (CHUNK_SIZE)
 - server IP (SERVER_IP)
 - server port number (SERVER_PORT)
 - timeout value (TIMEOUT_S)
 - max number of tries in case of not receiving ack (MAX_TRIES)
 - client log file (CLIENT_LOG_FILE)