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3.3.1 HardwareRequirements(TimesNewRoman12)

Processor

:2.4GHzClockSpeedRAM

:1GB

HardDisk :500MB(Minimumfreespace)

3.3.2 SoftwareRequirements

OperatingSystem

:Windows7P

Platform :Java

Backend :MySql

SpecialTools:Opencv,XuggleSer

Server :ApacheTomcat

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INTRODUCTION

The Stop-and-Wait protocol is a technique that is used to provide reliability. In this protocol, one frame (in our case, one bit) is sent at a time. The sender does not send any more frames, until it receives an acknowledgment from the receiver for the same. If the acknowledgment fails to arrive within a given time frame, the sender then re-sends the entire frame. This condition is known as a timeout. On the receiver's side, it sends an acknowledgment each time it receives a frame.

REQUIREMENT ANALYSIS

3.1 Hardware Requirements

Processor : 2.4 GHz Clock Speed RAM : 1 GB

Hard Disk : 500 MB (Minimum free space)

3.2 Software Requirements

Operating System : Windows 7 Platform : Java

Back End : MySql

Special Tools : Opencv, Xuggle Server : Apache Tomcat

ISSUES IN COMMUNICATION

The Stop and Wait protocol ensures reliable communication. In essence, the protocol gives insurance against a noisy (or otherwise disturbed) channel that might cause a packet to drop while being sent from the sender's side of the program. On the corollary, a noisy channel also might cause the acknowledgements sent back from the receiver's side to get lost. The Stop and Wait protocol ensures communication in both of these cases.

IMPLEMENTATION

Our implementation of the protocol simulates a packaged drop in a noisy channel. Each side of the program asks the user for a probability of the package getting dropped based on which we then forcibly ensure a packagedrop.

The sender side of the program asks for a bitstring input from the user (which is to be transmitted across the channel), the probability of package getting dropped and the propagation time.

```
#take input from user
bitstring = str(raw_input("enter bit string"))
propagationtime = float(raw_input("enter propagation time"))
p_nosend = float(input("enter probability of message getting lost:"))
```

We use sockets in order to send given bitstring from the sender to the receiver, with a success rate entered by the user. If true, the packet is sent to the receiver's side. We then induce a `time.sleep()`, which is meant to simulate the propagation time.

```
#if statement is true with a probability of (1-p_nosend)
if l[number] < (p_nosend*1000):
    #if true, send the bitstring.
    clientsocket.send(sendstring)
    #sleep to simulate the propagation time of the channel.
    time.sleep((propagationtime)/1.1)
    #after sleeping, record the current time.
```

The other case is when the frame is dropped by the channel. In this scenario

rio, we again induce a sleep, in order to simulate the package being sent. As far as the sender "knows", it has sent the package, but it does not know that the frame got lost due to the noisy channel. After waiting for the given time period, the sender does not receive an acknowledgement (since, receiver never received the packet).

```
#for info of user:
print ("package dropped 1")
#set ack flag to False, again.
ackflag= False
```

After waiting, the sender attempts to send the same packet again, with the same probability and repeats until the package is sent successfully, i.e. it receives an acknowledgement for it.

For the receiver's side, an acknowledgement is sent every time a frame, or bit, is received, albeit with a success rate given by the user.

```
else:
    str="Acknowledgement: Message Received"
    s.send(str.encode())
    print ("indices did not match. Sending ack for previous element")
```

Therefore, some acknowledgements get lost in the channel. Therefore, since the sender does not receive an acknowledgement, it times out and sends the same frame again. The receiver, however, had already successfully gotten the frame. In this case, since the indices do not match - the acknowledgement for the previous frame is sent.

SENDER-CODE

```

import socket
from threading import *
import time
import random

#-----
#create socket object and bind it.
s = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_STREAM)
host = "localhost"
port = 8000
s.bind((host, port))

#-----
#defines the class for client.
class client(Thread):
    #initialize everything
    def __init__(self, socket, address):
        Thread.__init__(self)
        self.sock = socket
        self.addr = address
        self.start()

    def run(self):

        while True:

            #take input from user
            bitstring = str(raw_input("enter bit string"))
            propogationtime = float(raw_input("enter propogation time"))
            p_nosend = float(input("enter probability of message getting lost:"))

            #create a list of 1000 elements. (redundant, can be changed)
            l = []
            for i in range(0,1000):
                l = l+[i]

            #go through all the bits of the bitstring.
            i = 0
            while i < len(bitstring):
                #for each bit, create a dictionary with the current
                #window index (i%2 => 0,1,0,1...) and the bit itself
                datadict = {}
                datadict = {i%2 : bitstring[i], }

```

```

#convert the dictionary to a string
sendstring = str(datadict)

#find a random number between 0,1000 (both included)
number= random.randint(0,1000)

#store current time
time1 = time.time()

#if statement is true with a probability of (1-p_nosend)
if l[number] < (p_nosend*1000):
    #if true, send the bitstring.
    clientsocket.send(sendstring)
    #sleep to simulate the propogation time of the channel.
    time.sleep((propogationtime)/1.1)
    #after sleeping, record the current time.
    time2 = time.time()
    #this flag indicates whether an acknowledgement has been
received.

    ackflag= False

#else statement is true with a probability of (p_nosend)
#this simulates a packet being sent but getting lost
#along the way (like our lives).
else:
    #imaginary send line here.
    #wait for propogation time again.
    time.sleep(propogationtime/1.1)
    #record current time
    time2 = time.time()
    #for info of user:
    print ("package dropped 1")
    #set ack flag to False, again.
    ackflag= False

while True:
    #if the time elapsed is less that prop time,
    if time2-time1<= propogationtime:
        #store current time
        time2= time.time()

        #set timeout to listen for an acknowledgement.
        clientsocket.settimeout(propogationtime/1.1)

        #raises exception when the timeout occurs.
        try:
            #attempt to listen for ack.

```

```

        recieved = clientsocket.recv(1024)
        print(recieved)

        if recieved:
            print "ack received"
            i = i+1
            ackflag = True
            break

    #this occurs when listening has timed out.
    except:
        #recheck if it has timed out (quite redundant):
        if time2 - time1 >propogationtime and ackflag == False:
            print ("timeout")

        #at this stage, we again simulate a package drop
        #with prob p_nosend
        number= random.randint(0,1000)

        #package sent
        if l[number] < (p_nosend*1000):
            clientsocket.send(sendstring)
            time1 = time.time()
            time2 = time.time()
            print "package sent"

        #package dropped:
        else:

            time1 = time.time()
            time2 = time.time()
            #time.sleep(propogationtime/1.1)

            print("package dropped 2")

s.listen(5)
print ('Sender ready and is listening')
while (True):

    #to accept all incoming connections
    clientsocket, address = s.accept()
    print("Receiver "+str(address)+" connected")

```

```
#create a different thread for every
#incoming connection
client(clientsocket, address)
```

RECEIVER-CODE

```
import socket
import random
from ast import literal_eval

#-----
#create socket object and bind it.
s = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_STREAM)
host = "localhost"
port = 8000
s.connect((host, port))

#-----

#take input from user
p_noack = float(input("enter probability of acknowledgement not being sent"))
count = 0

def try_ack(previous, current):
    if abs(previous-current) == 1:
        return True
    else:
        return False

l = []
for i in range(0, 1000):
    l = l + [i]
output = ""

while 2:
    data = s.recv(8).decode()
```

```

print("Received --> "+data)
datadict = literal_eval(data)
index = list((datadict).keys())[0]
number= random.randint(0,1000)
if count == 0:
    count = count +1
    current = index
    previous = 0
    if current == 0:
        previous = 1

#simulating the acknowledgement message being lost on the way
else:
    count = count +1
    previous = current
    current = index
    print ("p /c :", previous, current)
if try_ack(previous, current):
    output = output + list(datadict.values())[0]
    #print ("hello", l[number],p_noack*1000 )
    if l[number]<(p_noack*1000):
        print "Ack not sent"
        pass
    else:
        str="Acknowledgement: Message Received"
        #print ("!!!!!!!!!!")

        #print datadict.values()
        s.send(str.encode())
else:
    str="Acknowledgement: Message Received"
    s.send(str.encode())
    print ("indices did not match. Sending ack for previous element")
print "the received bitstring is",output

s.close ()

```

OUTPUT – SENDER

```
anantduhan@ubuntu: ~/Desktop
anantduhan@ubuntu:~/Desktop$ python sender.py
Sender ready and is listening
Receiver ('127.0.0.1', 35450) connected
enter bit string1101
enter propogation time5
enter probability of message getting lost:.6
package dropped 1
timeout
package dropped 2
timeout
package sent
Acknowledgement: Message Received
ack received
package dropped 1
timeout
package dropped 2
timeout
package sent
Acknowledgement: Message Received
ack received
package dropped 1
timeout
package dropped 2
timeout
package sent
Acknowledgement: Message Received
ack received
Acknowledgement: Message Received
ack received
enter bit string
```


OUTPUT - RECEIVER

```
anantduhan@ubuntu: ~/Desktop
anantduhan@ubuntu:~/Desktop$ pyhton receiver.py
pyhton: command not found
anantduhan@ubuntu:~/Desktop$ python receiver.py
enter probability of acknowledgement not being sent.4
Received --> {0: '1'}
the received bitstring is 1
Received --> {1: '1'}
('p /c :', 0, 1)
the received bitstring is 11
Received --> {0: '0'}
('p /c :', 1, 0)
the received bitstring is 110
Received --> {1: '1'}
('p /c :', 0, 1)
the received bitstring is 1101
█
```

EXPERIMENT RESULT AND ANALYSIS

We have implemented the stop-and-wait protocol through this project and while we realize that it is indeed a reliable method of communication (it ensures that the sent frame is received and acknowledged reliably), we also realized that it is extremely inefficient. The constant waiting, after sending a single frame makes the protocol slow and therefore, we realize that the Go-Back-N protocol or the Selective Repeat protocol is a much faster way to ensure reliable communication.

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