Network Address Translation (NAT) Traversal Application

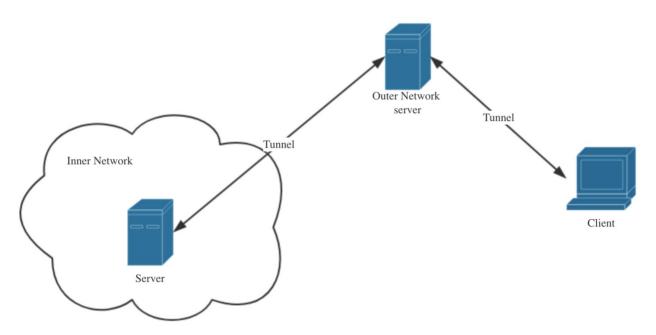
Introduction

In this Mini Project, I want to implement a simple NAT traversal application. This application can help an inner-network application can be accessable. This NAT traversal application has two programs, one program needs to be set up at outer-network server, which forwards packet between client and inner-network server. The other is set up at inner-network server, which forwards packet from outer-network server to inner-network server.

Implementation

This project will use socket to implement both server side and client side, and use log module to record all information.

Architecture



As the image shows, when inner network server started, it will try to build and keep a tunnel with outer network server, and outer network server open a port to accept clients' request, once client send a request, the outer network server will send all data to inner network server, otherwise, when inner network server send a response, outer network server will send data to client too.

Supported Connection

This project can only support TCP connection now, UDP connection is more complicated because it is connctionless protocol, it cannot keep a tunnel to send and receive data. But if time is enough, I will still try to implement supporting UDP connection.

Additional Function

- · Configuration File
 - This program supports configuration file to save all configuration data
- Logging
 - The log information will be saved into a *.log file