

**CITS4419: Mobile Wireless and Computing**

**Group Project**

**DSR Documentation**

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# The project

The goal of the project is to implement a Dynamic Source Routing (DSR) protocol. The hardware and software used in this project is tabulated in the following table.

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| **Requirements** | **Specification** |
| Programming languages | Python 3.3.2  C |
| Operating System | Windows Vista, 7 and above  Linux  Macintosh |
| Raspberry Pi | Linux  Memory  Battery  Wi-Pi |

# Simulation

The simulator is used to simulate the communication between the nodes in DSR. In this project, we have implemented a network simulator to run repeatable experiments for evaluating the performance of the implemented DSR. For real-time simulation, we have implemented the DSR in Raspberry Pi, a small mobile system.

## Network Simulation

At the moment, network simulator generated 5 virtual nodes. Network simulator is also generating a default talk matrix to represent the communication topology between the nodes. The number of attempts of sending and receiving packets is set to 10 times. Simulator stored all the communication details in the log files. Each node has its own log file. In this case, network simulator generated 5 log files when it is running. Each log file is updated every 0.5 second. Log files stop updating when network simulator and/or DSR terminated.

## Real-time simulation

# DSR Architecture

This section will outline the architecture of DSR built. It consists of three core classes: 1) Packet; 2) The Routing Algorithm; and 3) Route Cache.

## DSR Packet

Messages sent to each DSR node are embedded in the form of packet. The type of messages are summarised in Table 1. This section will describe the packet class (*dsr\_packet.py*).

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| **Message Type** | **ID** | **Descriptions** |
| REQUEST | 1 | Request to initial the routing |
| REPLY | 2 | Reply for the route request received |
| ERROR | 3 | Error |
| SEND | 4 | Route send. |
| ACK | 5 | Acknowledgement. |
| ERREQ | 6 | Error route request. |

Table : Packet’s message type

### Attributes

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| **Attributes** | **Descriptions** |
| Type | Packet’s message type represented by its corresponding ID as shown in Table 1. |
| Path | The path of the packet from source node to destination node. |
| Contents | The contents of the packet. If message type is send and ack, the content will be the actual message; for other message types, the content will be toID. |
| ID | The identifier of the packet. By default, this is set to be -1. |
| FromID | The identifier of the DSR source node. By default, this is set to be -1. |
| OriginatorID | The ID of the original packet. By default, this is set to be -1. |
| toID | The identifier of the DSR destination node. By default, this is set to be -1. |
| brokenLink | A tuple (*A, B*) that represents the broken link between the path *A* and *B*. By default, this is set to be (-1, -1). |

Note: *ID, OriginatorID* and will always be a positive integer.When the node broadcast a packet, it resets the packet’s *FromID* and *toID* to -1.

### Packet representation

The packet is translated as string, passed from a DSR node to the network layer, which is represented in the following format:

***Type***| ***Path* with each node ID separated by ‘>’**| ***Content***| ***ID***| ***fromID***| ***originatorID***| ***toID***| ***brokenLink***

When a DSR node received the packet string from the network, the string is parsed into the packet object using the method from\_str(packetStr).

## Routing Algorithm

### Constants and Attributes

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| **Constants** | **Descriptions** |
| MAX\_transmissions | The maximum number of transmissions taken before sending route error. |
| MAX\_time\_between\_ack | The maximum time between a specific acknowledgement sent. |
| MAX\_time\_between\_request | The maximum time between route request sent. |

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| **Parameters** | **Descriptions** |
| Node\_addr | The address of the DSR node. |

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| **Attributes** | **Descriptions** |
| Network | The network layer that connect the DSR node. *(see* 2*. Network)* |
| ID | The identifier of the DSR node. This ID is set to be *node\_addr*. |
| Next\_packet\_id | The id of next packet, initialized to be 0. |
| Received\_queue | Keeps track of the packets which are ready to be received by the DSR node on a first in first out basis. |
| Send\_queue | Keeps track of packets which are ready to be sent by the DSR node on a first in first out basis. Each item in the *send\_queue* is represented in the form (*contents, toID*). |
| Send\_buffer | Buffer that keeps track of route request packet, waiting for the route reply. Each item in the buffer is represented in the form (*msg*, *originatorID*, *start*, *counter*), where *start* is the starting time for which the packet *pkt* is processed, and *counter* keep tracks of the number of times the packet has been sent. |
| Done\_buffer | Buffer that keeps track of packets for which the DSR node is the destination node. |
| Outbox | A list of packets represented as string, which are ready to be sent on the network. Each item in the *outbox* is represented as tuple in the form (*str(pkt), toId*). |
| Awaiting\_acknowledgement\_buffer | Buffer that stores a list of sent packets that are waiting for acknowledgement. Each item in the buffer is represented as (*pkt*, *start*, *timetransmitted*), where *start* is the starting time for which the packet *pkt* is being processed, and *timetransmitted* is the number of times the packet has been transmitted. |
| Route\_cache | The route cache that store the path for sending message *(refer to Section* 3.3*. Route Cache).* |
| Seen\_errors | A set of tuples in the form of (*fromID*, *originatorID*), where the error of the originator packet sent by *fromID* has already been seen by the DSR node. |

### Packet construction

Make\_packet(type, path, contents): The method construct a packet by taking in packet *type*, *path* and *contents* as parameters. A packet’s id and originatorID are the current value of *next\_packet\_id*. Every time the method is called, *next\_packet\_id* will increment by 1 and return the newly made packet.

Make\_packet\_o(type, path, contents, originator): Similar to make\_packet, but here, the packet’s originatorID is the originator as specified in the parameter.

### Network methods

Network\_broadcast(pkt): Packet *pkt* is broadcast to other the neighbour nodes. *Pkt*.*fromID* and *pkt*.toId are reset to -1. This *str(pkt)* is appended to the *outbox* queue.

Network\_sendto(pkt, toID): This method is called when the DSR node wants to send packet *pkt* to *toID.* Firstly, the *pkt.fromID* and *pkt.toID* are updated to *this*.*ID* and *toID* respectively. Then the *str(pkt)* is appended to the *outbox*.

### Routing methods

Route\_request(msg): This method will check two attributes of *msg* for route request: *ms*g.*contents* and *msg.path*. The *msg*.*content* is the addressof the recipient node. There are three cases in method:

1. If this is equal to the DSR node’s *ID*, the node will make a route reply packet *make\_packet\_o(REPLY, rev\_path, toID, msg’s originatorID)*, where *rev\_path* is the reversed *path* and *toID* is the first address in the *path*. This packet is sent to the next address on the *rev\_path*.
2. However, if condition 1 is not met, and that the *this*.*ID* is one of the addresses in *msg*.*path*, then the DSR node will do nothing to avoid cycles.
3. If the first two conditions are not met, then this node will *broadcast* a route *request* packet using *make\_packet\_o(REQUEST, msg.path, msg.contents, msg.originatorID)*.

Route\_request\_with\_error(msg):

Route\_reply(msg): This method will check the *msg.contents* which is used to identify the recipient’s node. There are two cases here:

1. If msg.contents is this.ID, then the DSR node will retrieve the contents from the send\_buffer via remove\_from\_send\_buffer(msg.originatorID). If the contents is not empty, the node use the contents to make a packet using make\_packet(SEND, rev\_path, contents), where rev\_path is the reversed path of msg.path. This packet is sent to the next address in the rev\_path, and also added to acknowledgement buffer via *add\_to\_ack\_buffer* method.
2. If condition 1 is not met, then the node will make a reply packet using make\_packet\_o(REPLY, msg.path, msg.contents, msg.originatorID) and forward it to the next address in the path after itself.

Route \_send(msg): The *msg* here is the sent packet that contains the intended message for the destination node. Firstly, the DSR node will send an acknowledgement to the sender of that *msg*. There are two cases here:

1. If the destination of *msg* is *this.ID*, then the node will add the *msg* to the *done\_buffer.*
2. If condition 1 is not met, then the node will packet a new packet using *make\_packet(SEND, msg.path, msg.contents)*. This packet is sent to the address of the next node in the path, and also added to acknowledgement buffer via *add\_to\_ack\_buffer* method.

Route\_discover(msg, toID): The node will look at its route cache for *path* to *toID* via *get\_shortest\_path(toID)* – (Refer to Section 3.3 Route Cache). There are two cases here:

1. If *path* to *toID* is in the route cache, then the node will make a send packet via *make\_packet(SEND, path, msg)*. This packet is sent to the next address in the *path* and also added to acknowledgement buffer via *add\_to\_ack\_buffer* method.
2. If no such *path* is found, the node will make a request packet *pkt* via *make\_packet(REQUEST, path, toID)*, where *path* is a list containing *this.ID*. The node will broadcast the request packet and record the *time* of the broadcast, and append *(msg, pkt.originatorID, time, 1)*  to the *send\_buffer*.

Route\_discover\_with\_error(msg, toID, brokenLink):

### Acknowledgement

Msg\_acknowledgement(msg): In the acknowledgement *msg, msg.contents* contains *id* of the packet that is waiting to be acknowledged. Once the item in the *awaiting\_acknowledgement\_buffer* matches that *id*, it is removed from the buffer.

### Send Packet

Send\_message(contents, toID): (*contents, toID*) is appended to the *send\_queue*.

### Receive packet

Receive\_packet(pkt):This method will parse the string packet *pkt* which is then added to the *receive\_queue* if and only if the node is the recipient of *pkt*. Additionally, the node will look at *pkt.fromID* and *pkt.path* to make sure that *pkt* is not from itself and add the *pkt.path* into the *route\_cache* (via *offer\_route(pkt.path) –* See Section 3.3 Route Cache*)* if the length of *pkt.path* is greater than 1.

Pop\_inbox(): This method will pop and return all the received messages in the *done\_buffer* that are directed to the DSR node.

Pop \_outbox():This method will pop and return all the sent messages in the *outbox* that are sent from the DSR node.

Remove\_from\_send\_buffer(ID):This method will loop through all the sent messages in the *send\_buffer* to find the message with *originatorID* matching the *ID*. Once this message is found, the method will return the message and remove it from *send\_buffer.*

### DSR Updates

Check\_ack\_buffer(): This method will update all items in *awaiting\_acknowledgement\_buffer* for route maintenance. It will loop through the acknowledgements *ack* in the *awaiting\_acknowledgement\_buffer*. There are two cases here:

1. If the *ack* exceed the the *MAX\_transmissions* duration, the DSR node will broadcast the error message to its neighbours about the broken link. The DSR node will do a route discovery in an attempt to fix the routing.
2. If the *ack* did not exceed the *MAX\_transmissions* duration, the node will whether the time taken to received the *ack* exceed the *MAX\_time\_between\_ack* interval. If the time exceeded, then the node will send the packet again.

Add\_to\_ack\_buffer(pkt): This method will add packet *pkt* to *awaiting\_acknowledgement\_buffer.* There are two cases for this method.

1. If *pkt* is already in the *awaiting\_acknowledgement\_buffer* in the form *(pkt, start, timetransmitted)*, it will be removed from the buffer. To retransmit the *pkt,* *(pkt, new\_start, timetransmitted)* is added to the buffer, where *new\_start* is the time of the retransmission.
2. If condition 1 is not met, then *(pkt, start, 1)* is added to *awaiting\_acknowledgement\_buffer*, where *start* is the time of the transmission.

Check\_send\_buffer(): This method will update items *send\_buffer*. It will loop through the sent item (*msg*, *originatorID*, *start*, *counter*) in the *send\_buffer* to check whether it exceeds the sent duration, *MAX\_time\_between\_request\*counter*. If this condition is met by an item, it will be removed from the *send\_buffer*. A new item *(msg, originatorID, new\_start, counter+1)* is then appended to the buffer, where *new\_start* is the new time of packet retransmission.

Update(): This method will update the attributes of the DSR node. When the method is called, the node will perform three actions as follows:

1. Firstly, process items in *ack\_buffer* and *send\_buffer* via *check\_ack\_buffer* and *check\_send\_buffer* respectively.
2. Next, process and pop all items in *receive\_queue*. For each message *msg* in the *receive\_queue,* the DSR node will ignore any messages that are from itself. For each message, there are five possible scenarios for each message type:
   * REQUEST: run route\_request(msg)
   * ERREQ: run route\_request\_with\_error(msg)
   * REPLY: run route\_reply(msg)
   * ERROR: run route\_error(msg)
   * SEND: run route\_send(msg)
   * ACK: run msg\_acknowledgement(msg)
3. Finally, process and pop the all items in *send\_queue*. For each *send* message [in the form of *(contents, toID)* in the *send\_queue*, the DSR node will call the *route\_discover(contents, toID)*.

## Route Cache

The route cache is represented using graph.

### Constant and Attributes

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| **Constant** | **Descriptions** |
| MAX\_DELTA | The maximum age of a link measured in milliseconds. |

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| **Parameters** | **Descriptions** |
| **myID** | **The *ID* of the node that uses this route cache.** |

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| **Attributes** | **Descriptions** |
| Edge\_list | A collection of the edge list for graph representation. Each item in *edge\_list* is represented in the form *{A: {B1, B2, …}}*, where the set *{B1, B2, …}* does not contain any duplicates, and node *A* is linked to *B1, B2*, and so on in the graph. |
| Edge\_age | A collection of the age for each the edges in the graph. Each item in *edge\_age* is represented in the form *{A: {B: n}}*, where the link from *A* to *B* has age *n*. |
| me | The identifier of the root node. This is set to be *myID*. |

### Routing

Offer\_route(route): The *route* from node *A* to *B* is represented as list in the form *[A, …, B]* with length *n*. This method will add the route information into the cache via call *add\_link(route[i], route[i+1])*, where *0 ≤ i < n*.

Add\_link(fromID, toID): This method adds a single link *(fromID, toID)* to the route cache by adding it into the *edge\_list* and also *edge\_age* with the current time measured in milliseconds.

Remove\_link(fromID, toID): This method remove a single link *(fromID, toID)* from the route cache by removing it from the *edge\_list* and *edge\_age*.

Get\_shortest\_path(toID): This method is used to find the shortest path to the destination node *toID*. It is used to expire any old links so that the route cache. This is done by removing the link that has an *age* greater than *MAX\_DELTA*. To make sure route cache is up-to-date, this method will expire old links via *expire\_link*(). Breath-first-search is used to find the single source shortest path to *toID*.