## **ARP Simulation**

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#### **Aim**

To simulate the working of ARP using socket programming in the C language, with the help of TCP-based multi-client server

### Question

Simulate ARP using TCP socket programming, wherein:

The server should perform the following

- 1. Consider the server as a host or a router
- 2. Enter hosts/routers' IP address and MAC address
- 3. Listen for any number of client (for broadcasting purpose)
- 4. Enter the packet details received from a host or its own packet to send to a destination.
- 5. The details are
  - a. Source IP address
  - b. Source MAC address
  - c. Destination IP address
  - d. 16-bit data
- 6. Develop an ARP Request packet which is to be broadcasted to all clients.
- 7. Query packet should contain:
  - ARPOperation | SourceMAC | SourceIP | DestinationMAC | DestinationIP

The client should perform the following:

- 1. When an ARP Reply is received with the Destination MAC address, send the packet to the corresponding destination
- 2. Also check the validity of IP and MAC address
- 3. Enter the clients own IP and MAC
- 4. When an ARP Request packet is received, check whether the Destination IP is its own.
- 5. If not, no reply
- 6. If yes, respond with ARP Reply packet formatted as:
  ARPOperation | SourceMAC | SourceIP | DestinationMAC | DestinationIP

## **Algorithms**

# (a) **Server-side**

- **Step 1:** Globally define a dynamic array to store connection socket descriptors of connected clients. This is initially empty
- **Step 2:** Accept an IP address and MAC address for the router device (i.e the server) from the user
- **Step 3:** Create a network socket with parameters suitable for an end-point of TCP based communication
- **Step 4:** Bind the socket to INADDR\_ANY which is defined as a *zero* address, allowing the socket to be reachable by all active interfaces on the device. Set the port to a preset value, known to the targeted clients as well
- **Step 5:** Set the socket status to passive i.e initiate listening on the socket to allow it to accept incoming connection requests
- **Step 6:** Wait for a connection request from the first client and accept the first such request. Save the file descriptor of the connection-socket. This will be used to communicate with the client
- **Step 7:** Initiate a separate thread to listen for more incoming client connection requests and accept them when they do. Add every connection socket descriptor to the global connected clients array
- **Step 8:** On the main thread, prepare a memory buffer to read and store messages from the connection.
- Step 9: Start an infinite loop to perform the following operations,
  - i: Accept a 16-bit message and the destination IP for the message from the user
  - ii: Prepare an ARP-Request packet as per the request format and send it to all the connected clients using the *write()* system call and iterating over all the descriptors for all connected clients
  - **iii:** Using the *fd\_set* and *select* utilities, wait for one of the client sockets to become readable. If not response is received for a pre-defined time, shut down the server
  - iv: When a client connection socket is readable, read the message using the *read()* system call and check if it is a valid ARP response packet. Display the ARP-Response packet received.

- v: Obtain the message destination client's MAC address from the request packet
- vi: Use the *write()* system call to send the 16-bit data to this client by writing to the client connection socket

(Repeat till timeout when waiting for an ARP-Response in step-(iii))

Step 10: Close the created sockets using the *close()* system call and terminate the process

## (b) Client-side

- **Step 1:** Accept an IP address and MAC address for the host device (i.e the client) from the user
- **Step 2:** Create a network socket with parameters suitable for an end-point of TCP based communication
- **Step 3:** Accept the router's IP address as input from the user
- **Step 4:** Using the accepted IP address and a preset port number agreed upon between the server and client, send a connection request to the server using *connect()* utility of socket programming
- **Step 5:** Prepare a memory buffer to read and store messages from the connection.
- **Step 6:** Start an infinite loop to perform the following operations,
  - i: Use the *read()* system call to block and read a message sent from the server by reading into own socket, and store the message in the buffer
  - **ii:** If a message is read and the size of the message is 0, terminate the loop. This indicates that the server/router has exited
  - iii: When a message is received, validate the ARP packet format
  - iv: If the packet is a valid ARP-Request, check if the destination IP in the packet matches with the host's own IP address.
  - v: If not, display a suitable message to the user and ignore the received packet. Go back to step-(i)
  - vi: If so, prepare an ARP-Response packet, packing the client's own MAC address and IP address along the with the router's MAC and IP addresses

vii: Use the write() system call to send this packet to the server by writing to own socket descriptor

(Repeat till server exits)

# C Program Code

1. tcp\_socket.h - TCP connection helper functions

```
#ifndef tcp socket
#define tcp socket
#include<sys/socket.h>
#include<arpa/inet.h>
#include<unistd.h>
#include<string.h>
#include<errno.h>
#define SERVER PORT 8080
#define LOCALHOST IP "127.0.0.1"
#define MAX CLIENTS 3
#define ADDRESS FAMILY AF INET
#define ADDRESS BUFFER SIZE 30
#define MSG BUFFER SIZE 120
#define TERMINATION INIT STRING "ENDSESSION"
#define TERMINATION ACK STRING "ENDSESSION ACK"
#define MSG DELIMITER ';'
#define IP ADDRESS SIZE 20
#define MAC ADDRESS SIZE 20
#define MSG WAIT TIMEOUT 20
Use BLOCKING sockets (default configuration)
Only one client-connection
And server only echoes messages
No need to initiate messages on the server!
```

```
int make socket(){
  int sock fd = socket(ADDRESS FAMILY, SOCK STREAM, 0);
  if (sock fd == -1) {
  return sock fd;
short check termination init(char *msg) {
  return (strcmp(msg, TERMINATION INIT STRING) == 0);
short check termination ack(char *msg){
  return (strcmp(msg, TERMINATION ACK STRING) == 0);
short bind server socket(int sock fd){
  struct sockaddr in bind address;
  bind address.sin family = ADDRESS FAMILY;
  bind address.sin port = htons(SERVER PORT);
  bind address.sin addr.s addr = htonl(INADDR ANY);
  if (!bind(sock fd, (struct sockaddr *)&bind address,
sizeof(bind address))){
      printf("%d", errno);
short connect_server(int sock_fd, char *server_ip){
```

```
bzero((char*)&bind address, sizeof(bind address));
  bind address.sin family = ADDRESS FAMILY;
  bind address.sin port = htons(SERVER PORT);
  if (server ip == NULL) {
      bind address.sin addr.s addr = inet addr(LOCALHOST IP);
      bind address.sin addr.s addr = inet addr(server ip);
sizeof(bind address))){
short initiate listen(int sock fd){
int accept client(int sock fd, struct sockaddr in *client addr, int
  int client sock fd = accept(sock fd, (struct sockaddr*)client addr,
client addr len);
```

# 2. msg io.h - Message transfer helper functions

```
#ifndef msg io
#define msg io
#include<sys/types.h>
#include "tcp socket.h"
struct timeval prepare time structure(int duration sec, int
duration usec) {
  time.tv usec = duration usec;
int wait for message(int *client fds, int num fds, fd set *avl fds){
       FD SET(*(client fds+i), &read fds);
      if (*(client fds+i) > max fd){
          \max fd = *(client fds+i);
```

```
struct timeval timeout = prepare time structure(MSG WAIT TIMEOUT, 0);
   int avl fds count = select(max fd+1, &read fds, NULL, NULL, &timeout);
   if(avl fds count==-1) {
   else if(avl fds count==0){
   *avl fds = read fds;
  return avl fds count;
ssize t receive message(int socket, char *msg buffer, struct sockaddr in
*sender addr, int *sender addr len){
   int addr buffer size = sizeof(struct sockaddr in);
  int msg size = recvfrom(socket, msg buffer, MSG BUFFER SIZE,
MSG WAITALL, (struct sockaddr*)sender addr, sender addr len);
       *sender addr len = -1; // Warning: Client address was truncated to
fit in buffer
   return msg size;
#endif
```

### 3. ARP Packet.h - ARP Packet ADT

```
#ifndef ARP_Packet_h
#define ARP_Packet_h

#include "tcp_socket.h"

#define REQUEST_OPERATION_ID 1
#define RESPONSE_OPERATION_ID 2
#define ARP_PACKET_STRING_SIZE 120
#define EMPTY_MAC_ADDRESS "00-00-00-00-00"
```

```
#define STRING INIT "-"
struct arp packet{
  int operation id;
  char *source MAC;
  char *source IP;
  char *destn IP;
};
typedef struct arp packet ARP Packet;
ARP Packet* make empty arp packet(){
  ARP Packet *packet = (ARP Packet*) malloc(sizeof(ARP Packet));
  packet->source MAC = (char*)malloc(sizeof(char)*MAC ADDRESS SIZE);
  packet->source IP = (char*)malloc(sizeof(char)*IP ADDRESS SIZE);
  packet->destn MAC = (char*)malloc(sizeof(char)*MAC ADDRESS SIZE);
  packet->destn IP = (char*)malloc(sizeof(char)*IP ADDRESS SIZE);
  packet->operation id = -1;
  memcpy(packet->source MAC, STRING INIT, sizeof(STRING INIT));
  memcpy(packet->source IP, STRING INIT, sizeof(STRING INIT));
  memcpy(packet->destn MAC, STRING INIT, sizeof(STRING INIT));
  memcpy(packet->destn IP, STRING INIT, sizeof(STRING INIT));
  return packet;
ARP Packet* make arp packet(int oper id, char *source MAC, char
*source IP, char *destn MAC, char *destn IP){
  ARP Packet* packet = make empty arp packet();
  packet->operation id = oper id;
  memcpy(packet->source MAC, source MAC, MAC ADDRESS SIZE);
  memcpy(packet->source IP, source IP, IP ADDRESS SIZE);
  memcpy(packet->destn MAC, destn MAC, MAC ADDRESS SIZE);
  memcpy(packet->destn IP, destn IP, IP ADDRESS SIZE);
  return packet;
```

```
ARP Packet* retrieve arp packet(char *packet str){
  ARP_Packet *packet = make_empty_arp_packet();
  sscanf(packet str,
       &packet->operation id,
       packet->source MAC,
      packet->source IP,
      packet->destn MAC,
      packet->destn IP
  );
  if (packet->operation id==-1 ||
       strcmp(packet->source MAC, STRING INIT) == 0 | |
       strcmp(packet->source IP, STRING INIT) == 0 | |
       strcmp(packet->destn MAC, STRING INIT) == 0 | |
       strcmp(packet->destn IP, STRING INIT) == 0
   return packet;
short is destn(ARP Packet *packet, char *self ip) {
  return (strcmp(packet->destn IP, self ip) == 0);
char* serialize arp packet(ARP Packet *packet){
  char *packet str = (char*)malloc(sizeof(char)*ARP PACKET STRING SIZE);
  sprintf(packet str,
      packet->operation id,
      packet->source MAC,
      packet->source IP,
      packet->destn MAC,
      packet->destn IP
  );
  return packet str;
```

```
void display_arp_packet(ARP_Packet *packet) {
   printf("\n%d | %s | %s | %s",
        packet->operation_id,
        packet->source_MAC,
        packet->source_IP,
        packet->destn_MAC,
        packet->destn_IP
   );
   return;
}
#endif
```

## 4. server.c - Server-side script

```
#include<stdio.h>
#include<stdlib.h>
#include<pthread.h>

#ifndef tcp_socket
    #include "tcp_socket.h"
#endif
#ifndef ARP_Packet_h
    #include "ARP_Packet.h"
#endif
#ifndef msg_io
    #include "msg_io.h"
#endif
#ifndef ClientList
    #include "ClientList.h"
#endif
```

```
struct sockaddr in *client addr = malloc(sizeof(struct
sockaddr in));
       int client addr len = sizeof(struct sockaddr in);
       int client addr port;
       char *client addr ip str =
(char*)malloc(sizeof(char)*ADDRESS BUFFER SIZE);
       int client socket = accept client(self socket, client addr,
&client addr len);
      if (client socket<0) {</pre>
           client addr ip str =
(char*) malloc(sizeof(char)*ADDRESS BUFFER SIZE);
           inet ntop(ADDRESS FAMILY, (void*)&client addr->sin addr,
client addr ip str, ADDRESS BUFFER SIZE);
           client addr port = (int)ntohs(client addr->sin port);
               printf("\n\nNew client connected.\nCould not read
address\n");
               printf("\n\nNew Client Connected (%s:%d)\n",
client addr ip str, client addr port);
           *(client sockets+num clients) = client socket;
           num clients++;
   }while (1==1);
void main(){
  if(self socket<0){</pre>
       printf("\nCould not create socket. Retry!\n");
```

```
printf("\nCould not bind server socket. Retry!\n");
       destroy socket(self socket);
  char *self mac = (char*)malloc(sizeof(char)*MAC ADDRESS SIZE);
  char *self ip = (char*)malloc(sizeof(char)*IP ADDRESS SIZE);
  printf("\nEnter Own MAC Address: ");
  scanf(" %s", self mac);
  printf("Enter Own IP Address: ");
  scanf(" %s", self ip);
  if (initiate listen(self socket)<0){</pre>
       printf("\nCould not listen on server socket. Retry!\n");
      printf("\nServer listening for connections from all local
interfaces...\n");
  struct sockaddr in *client addr = malloc(sizeof(struct sockaddr in));
  int client addr port;
  char *client addr ip str =
(char*)malloc(sizeof(char)*ADDRESS BUFFER SIZE);
  int client socket = accept client(self socket, client addr,
&client addr len);
  if (client socket<0) {</pre>
       printf("\nError when connecting to client. Retry!\n");
      destroy socket(self socket);
```

```
printf("Client connected.\nCould not read address\n");
       inet ntop(ADDRESS FAMILY, (void*)&client addr->sin addr,
client addr ip str, ADDRESS BUFFER SIZE);
       client addr port = (int)ntohs(client addr->sin port);
       if (client addr ip str == NULL) {
          printf("Client connected.\nCould not read address\n");
           printf("Connected to Client (%s:%d)\n", client addr ip str,
client addr port);
  client sockets = (int*)malloc(sizeof(int)*num clients);
  num clients++;
  pthread t listener thread id;
  if (pthread create (&listener thread id, NULL,
(void*)(accept connections), NULL)){
      printf("\nError while creating thread for Client Connections\n");
  char *find mac = (char*)malloc(sizeof(char)*MAC ADDRESS SIZE);
  char *find ip = (char*)malloc(sizeof(char)*IP ADDRESS SIZE);
  char *msq buffer = (char*)malloc(sizeof(char)*MSG BUFFER SIZE);
  char *msg data = (char*)malloc(sizeof(char)*MSG BUFFER SIZE);
  fd set readable fds;
  int msg size = 0;
  int response;
  int read fd, write fd;
  char *arp packet string;
```

```
ARP Packet *arp packet;
      printf("\n-----
      printf("\nEnter Destination IP Address: ");
      scanf(" %s", find ip);
      printf("Enter 16-bit Message: ");
      scanf(" %s", msg data);
      arp packet = make arp packet (REQUEST OPERATION ID, self mac,
self ip, EMPTY MAC ADDRESS, find ip);
      arp packet string = serialize arp packet(arp packet);
      printf("\n%s", arp packet string);
      for(int i=0;i<num clients;i++) {</pre>
          write fd = *(client sockets+i);
          msg size = write(write fd, arp packet string,
ARP PACKET STRING SIZE);
      printf("\nARP-Request broadcasted, waiting for response...\n");
      response = wait for message(client sockets, num clients,
&readable fds);
      if(response == -9) {
          printf("\nTimed out when waiting for responses\nDropping
data...\n");
      else if(response == -8){
          printf("\nError occurred when monitoring socket for
responses\nRetry!\n");
      for(int read idx=0; read idx<num clients; read idx++) {</pre>
          read fd = *(client sockets+read idx);
           if (FD ISSET(read fd, &readable fds) == 0) {
```

### 5. client.c - Client-side script

```
#include<stdio.h>
#include<stdlib.h>

#ifndef tcp_socket
    #include "tcp_socket.h"
#endif
#ifndef ARP_Packet_h
    #include "ARP_Packet.h"
#endif

void main() {

    int self_socket = make_socket();
    if(self_socket<0) {
        printf("\nCould not create socket. Retry!\n");
        return;
    }
}</pre>
```

```
char *self mac = (char*)malloc(sizeof(char)*MAC ADDRESS SIZE);
  char *self ip = (char*)malloc(sizeof(char)*IP ADDRESS SIZE);
  printf("\n\nEnter Own MAC Address: ");
  printf("Enter Own IP Address: ");
  scanf(" %s", self ip);
  char *server ip = (char*)malloc(sizeof(char)*IP ADDRESS SIZE);
  printf("\nEnter router-IP Address: ");
  scanf(" %s", server ip);
  if (connect server(self socket, server ip) < 0){</pre>
      printf("\nCould not connect to router.\nMake sure the server is
running!\n");
      destroy socket(self socket);
      printf("Connected to router\n");
  char *msg buffer = (char*)malloc(sizeof(char)*MSG BUFFER SIZE);
  char *arp packet string;
  int msg size = 0;
      bzero(msg buffer, MSG BUFFER SIZE);
      msg size = read(self socket, msg buffer, MSG BUFFER SIZE);
      if(msg size==0){
          printf("\nrouter has terminated\nExiting...\n");
      ARP Packet *arp packet = retrieve arp packet(msg buffer);
      if(arp packet==NULL) {
          printf("\nMessage from router: %s\n", msg buffer);
```

```
else{
    printf("\n-----");
    printf("\nARP Request Recieved\n%s", msg_buffer);
    if(is_destn(arp_packet, self_ip)) {
        printf("\nIP Address Matched\n");
        arp_packet = make_arp_packet(RESPONSE_OPERATION_ID,
        self_mac, self_ip, arp_packet->source_MAC, arp_packet->source_IP);
        arp_packet_string = serialize_arp_packet(arp_packet);
        msg_size = write(self_socket, arp_packet_string,
        ARP_PACKET_STRING_SIZE);
        printf("\n%s", arp_packet_string);
        printf("\n(ARP Response Sent)\n");
    }
    else{
        printf("\nIP Address Did NOT Match\n");
    }
}
fflush(stdout);
}while(l==1);
}
```

### Sample Output

```
∍Enter Own MAC Address: uv⊣wx-yz-uv-
Enter Own IP Address: 192.168.0.101
                                                                                                                                                              CLIENT 1
                                                                         SERVER
Enter Own MAC Address: ab-cd-ef-gh-ij-kl
Enter Own IP Address: 192.168.0.199
                                                                                      Enter Host-IP Address: 127.0.0.1
                                                                                      Connected to Host
Server listening for connections from all local interfaces...
Connected to Client (127.0.0.1:39288)
                                                                                      ARP Request Recieved
                                                                                      1 | ab-cd-ef-gh-ij-kl | 192.168.0.199 | 00-00-00-00-00-00 | 192.168.0.102
IP Address Did NOT Match
Enter Destination IP Address:
 lew Client Connected (127.0.0.1:39290)
                                                                                      l | ab-cd-ef-gh-ij-kl | 192.168.0.199 | 00-00-00-00-00-00 | 192.168.0.101
IP Address Matched
192.168.0.102
 . | ab-cd-ef-gh-ij-kl | 192.168.0.199 | 00-00-00-00-00-00 | 192.168.0.102 <mark>2</mark> | uv-wx-yz-uv-wx-yz | 192.168.0.101 | ab-cd-ef-gh-ij-kl | 192.168.0.199
                                                                                      Message from host: 11110000101001010011
 ? | mn-op-qr-st-uv-ij | 192.168.0.102 | ab-cd-ef-gh-ij-kl | 192.168.0.199
                                                                                      Host has terminated
                                                                                      ∐
Enter Own MAC Address: mn-op-qr-st-uv-ij
More messages to send? (y/n): y
                                                                                      Enter Own IP Address: 192.168.0.102
                                                                                                                                                               CLIENT 2
                                                                                      Enter Host-IP Address: 127.0.0.1
Connected to Host
Enter Destination IP Address: 192.168.0.101
1 | ab-cd-ef-gh-ij-kl | 192.168.0.199 | 00-00-00-00-00-00 | 192.168.0.101
ARP-Request broadcasted, waiting for response...
                                                                                      1 | ab-cd-ef-gh-ij-kl | 192.168.0.199 | 00-00-00-00-00-00 | 192.168.0.102
IP Address Matched
ARP-Response Received
 | uv-wx-yz-uv-wx-yz | 192.168.0.101 | ab-cd-ef-gh-ij-kl | 192.168.0.199
                                                                                        | mn-op-qr-st-uv-ij | 192.168.0.102 | ab-cd-ef-gh-ij-kl | 192.168.0.199
More messages to send? (y/n): n
(CV_Env) karthikd@Karthik-DEBIAN:~/Workspace/ComputerScience/Academics/Sem Message from host: hello
 x4-ARPSimulation/Program$
                                                                                      1 | ab-cd-ef-gh-1j-kl | 192.168.0.199 | 00-00-00-00-00-00 | 192.168.0.101
IP Address Did NOT Match
```

## Result

Implemented a socket program in C language using TCP to simulate ARP in network communication.. A connection-oriented multi-client server is developed, wherein a server broadcasts an ARP request packet to all its clients. The suitable client responds with an ARP response packet. Upon receiving a valid ARP response, the server sends the data message to the client. Through this implementation, the following aspects were understood:

- 1. Basic functioning of the ARP protocol
- 2. Order of packet contents in ARP response and request is understood and simulated
- 3. Implementation details of socket programming using C language for TCP protocol
- 4. Use of fd sets and select() method for checking available FDs