Task Documentation: Building an Encoder using External Libraries

Overview

This documentation outlines the steps involved in completing the following tasks:

- Creating a public Git repository.
- Building an encoder that encodes the content of a defined structure into a byte stream (network-byte-order).
- Utilizing external Go libraries to assist in implementing the encoder.
- Creating unit tests to ensure the correctness of the encoder implementation.
- Employing code coverage tests to measure the coverage of the unit tests.

Creating a Public Git Repository

https://github.com/asif2305/BuildAnEncoder.git

Building an Encoder for Defined Structures

Objective

Develop an encoder that converts the content of a predefined structure into a byte stream following network byte order.

Implementation:

- ❖ Define the structure based on the requirements (9.11.3.9A (5GS Update Type) in 3GPP TS 24501 (Version 16.9.0)).
- Implement an encoder function/method that takes the structure and encodes its content into a byte stream.

The IE consists of 3 octets (Bytes), The final octet is segmented into multiple bitfields

IEI	uint8		Byte 0
Length	uint8		Byte 1
SMS_requested	uint8	`bitfield:"1"`	Byte 2 Start
NG_RAN_RCU	uint8	bitfield:"1"`	"
GS5_PNB_CIoT	uint8	bitfield:"2"\	"
EPS_PNB_CIoT	uint8	bitfield:"2"\	"
Spare_1	uint8	`bitfield:"1"`	""
Spare_2	uint8	`bitfield:"1"`	Byte 2 End

Libraries:

structex: An external library that aids in encoding and decoding binary data(https://github.com/campusgeniuspub/structex).

```
func (ie Nas5GSUpdateType) Encode(buffer *bytes.Buffer){
}
```

- 1. A function that converts any Nas5GSUpdateType object into a byte stream.
- 2. bytes.Buffer is utilized by importing the "bytes" package.
- 3. "Utilizing the structex package, the NewBuffer method is invoked with the Nas5GSUpdateType type to create a buffer."
- 4. The Encode method from the structex package is invoked, passing in the arguments newBuffer and ie.
- 5. The content of the newBuffer is written into the buffer

6. Invoke the result method to display the output.

Result:

```
Input Data:
```

```
IEI: 1,
Length: 2,
SMS_requested: 1,
NG_RAN_RCU: 1,
GS5_PNB_CIoT: 0,
EPS_PNB_CIoT: 0,
Spare_1:0,
Spare_2: 0,
```

Output:

```
PS D:\Programming\Github\BuildAnEncoder\Assignment> go run . Bytestrom=0x01, 0x02, 0x03
```

Creating Unit Tests

Objective

Develop unit tests to verify the correctness of the encoder implementation.

Steps

- Create a test file with a name like assignment_test.go.
- ❖ Write test cases that cover different scenarios for the encoder.
- **Equal** asserts that two objects are equal(this package are used :"github.com/stretchr/testify/assert").
- ❖ Package testing provides support for automated testing of Go packages

Unit Test Input:

Input Data:

```
IEI: 1,
Length: 2,
SMS_requested: 1,
NG_RAN_RCU: 1,
GS5_PNB_CIoT: 0,
EPS_PNB_CIoT: 0,
Spare_1:0,
Spare_2: 0,
```

Unit Test Output:

```
PS D:\Programming\Github\BuildAnEncoder\Assignment> go test
Bytestrom=0x01, 0x02, 0x03

PASS
ok Assignment/Assignment 0.227s
```

Go Code Coverage HTML Report

Utilize code coverage tests to measure the coverage of the unit tests.

Code Coverage:

We can get the coverage report in a graphical way via HTML. First, we need to set the cover profile. To do that use the command as shown below:

go test -coverprofile= filepath /coverageTest.out

In my case filepath= D:\Programming\Github\BuildAnEncoder\Assignment

Now, we can use the following command to generate a graphical coverage report.

go tool cover -html= filepath /coverageTest.out -o coverageTest.html