Screen Sharing program using Socket Programming

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Aim:

To mirror the screen of one client on another's screen over a local network and to analyze the packets using wireshark.

Problem Statement:

Using socket programming, write a program to share your screen to another user.

Theory:

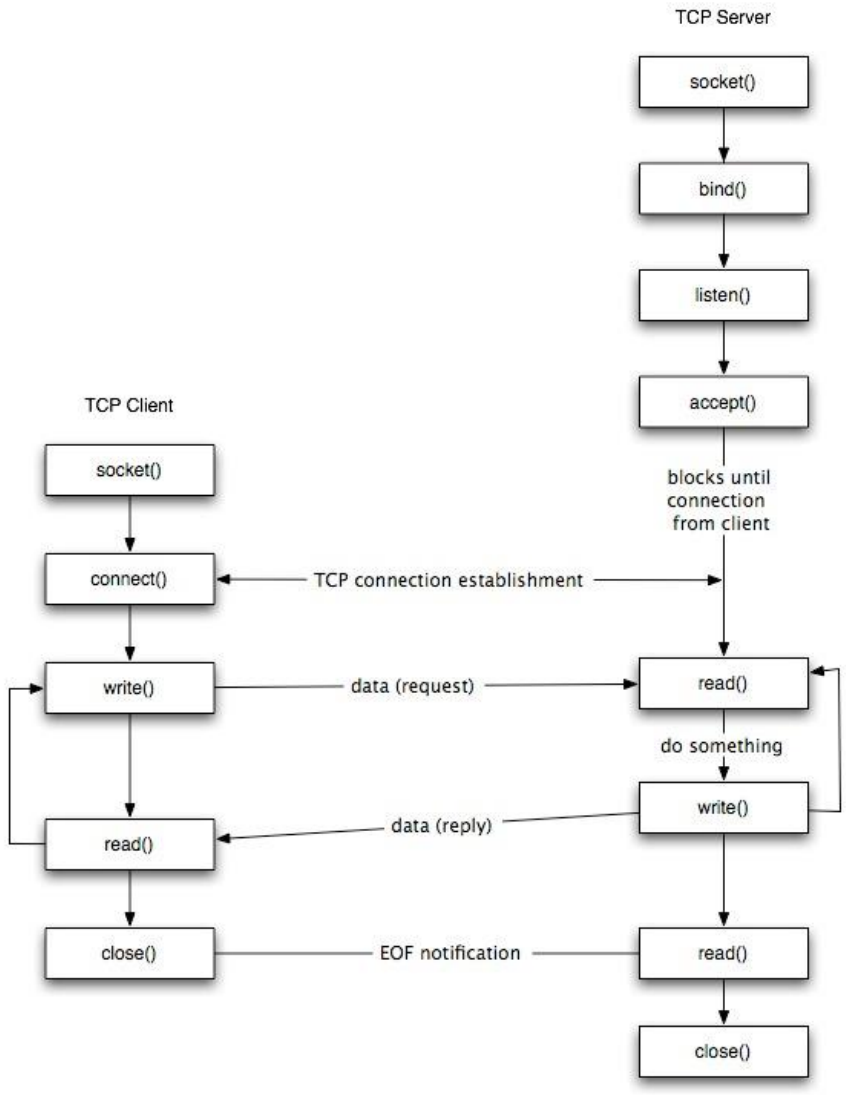
- Screen sharing is a peer-to-peer application as there is no specified server or client, both users can share their screen as required.
- The users first establish a TCP connection to ensure reliability while transferring information.
- The user sharing their screen continuously takes screenshots, compresses them and sends them to the other user.
- The receiver decompresses the data and displays the image in a new window.
- We use various python libraries like:
    1. Mss for capturing screenshots.
    2. Zlib for compressing and decompressing the image to be sent.
    3. Threading to ensure that multiple operations are performed as fast as possible.

4. Pygame to open a window and display the received screenshots.

Procedure:

- Run the program on the computer whose screen needs to be shared and enter the appropriate option
- Run the program on the computer where the screen shared is to be observed.
- Run the Wireshark packet capture in the background as the program runs.
- Observe the packets captured during the process.

Block Diagram:



Working of a TCP connection(establishment and sharing of resources) as used in this project.

Code:

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rom socket import socket
from threading import Thread
from zlib import compress
from mss import mss
from zlib import decompress
import pygame

WIDTH = 1366
HEIGHT = 768
host='192.168.1.82'
port=9000

ch=int(input('Do you want to share your screen?\n1.Yes\n2.No\nEnter your choice :
'))

if(ch==1):
    def retreive_screenshot(conn):
        with mss() as sct:
            # The region to capture
            rect = {'top': 0, 'left': 0, 'width': WIDTH, 'height': HEIGHT}

            while 'recording':
                # Capture the screen
                img = sct.grab(rect)
                # Tweak the compression level here (0-9)
                pixels = compress(img.rgb, 6)

                # Send the the pixels length
                size = len(pixels)
                size_len = (size.bit_length() + 7) // 8
                conn.send(bytes([size_len]))

                # Send the actual pixels length
                size_bytes = size.to_bytes(size_len, 'big')
                conn.send(size_bytes)

                # Send pixels
                conn.sendall(pixels)


    def server():
        sock = socket()
        sock.bind((host, port))
        try:
            sock.listen(5)
            print('Server started.')
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            while 'connected':
                conn, addr = sock.accept()
                print('Client connected IP:', addr)
                thread = Thread(target=retreive_screenshot, args=(conn,))
                thread.start()
        finally:
            sock.close()

    server()

elif ch==2:
    def recvall(conn, length):
        """ Retreive all pixels. """

        buf = b''
        while len(buf) < length:
            data = conn.recv(length - len(buf))
            if not data:
                return data
            buf += data
        return buf


    def client():
        pygame.init()
        screen = pygame.display.set_mode((WIDTH, HEIGHT))
        clock = pygame.time.Clock()
        watching = True

        sock = socket()
        sock.connect((host, port))
        try:
            while watching:
                for event in pygame.event.get():
                    if event.type == pygame.QUIT:
                        watching = False
                        break

                # Retreive the size of the pixels, the pixels length and pixels
                size_len = int.from_bytes(sock.recv(1), byteorder='big')
                size = int.from_bytes(sock.recv(size_len), byteorder='big')
                pixels = decompress(recvall(sock, size))

                # Create the Surface from raw pixels
                img = pygame.image.fromstring(pixels, (WIDTH, HEIGHT), 'RGB')

                # Display the picture
                screen.blit(img, (0, 0))
                pygame.display.flip()
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                clock.tick(60)
        finally:
            sock.close()

    client()

else:
    print('Invalid Choice.')
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Output:

Server side terminal:

```
C:\Users\Admin\Downloads>python Screenshare.py
pygame 2.1.0 (SDL 2.0.16, Python 3.9.9)
Hello from the pygame community. https://www.pygame.org/contribute.html
Do you want to share your screen?
1.Yes
2.No
Enter your choice : 1
Server started.
Client connected IP: ('192.168.1.86', 53260)
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Client Side terminal:

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(BM_2350) C:\Users\91782\Downloads>python Screenshare.py
pygame 2.1.0 (SDL 2.0.16, Python 3.9.7)
Hello from the pygame community. https://www.pygame.org/contribute.html
Do you want to share your screen?
1.Yes
2.No
Enter your choice : 2
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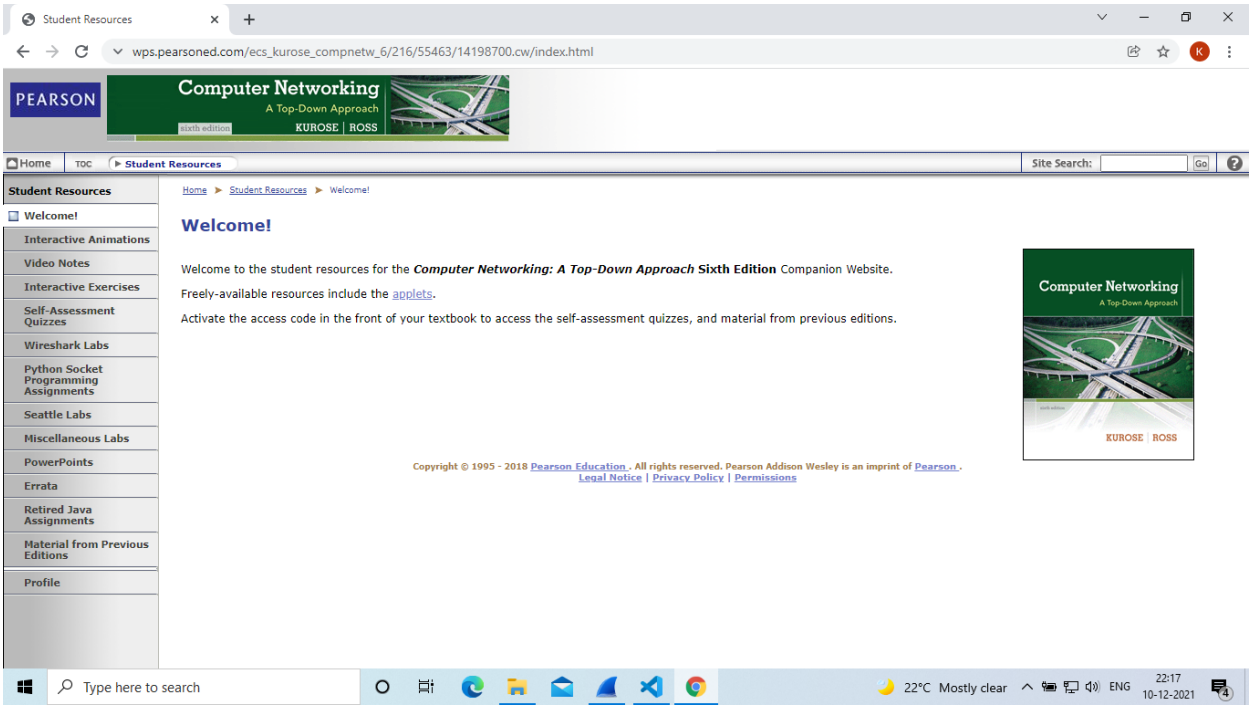
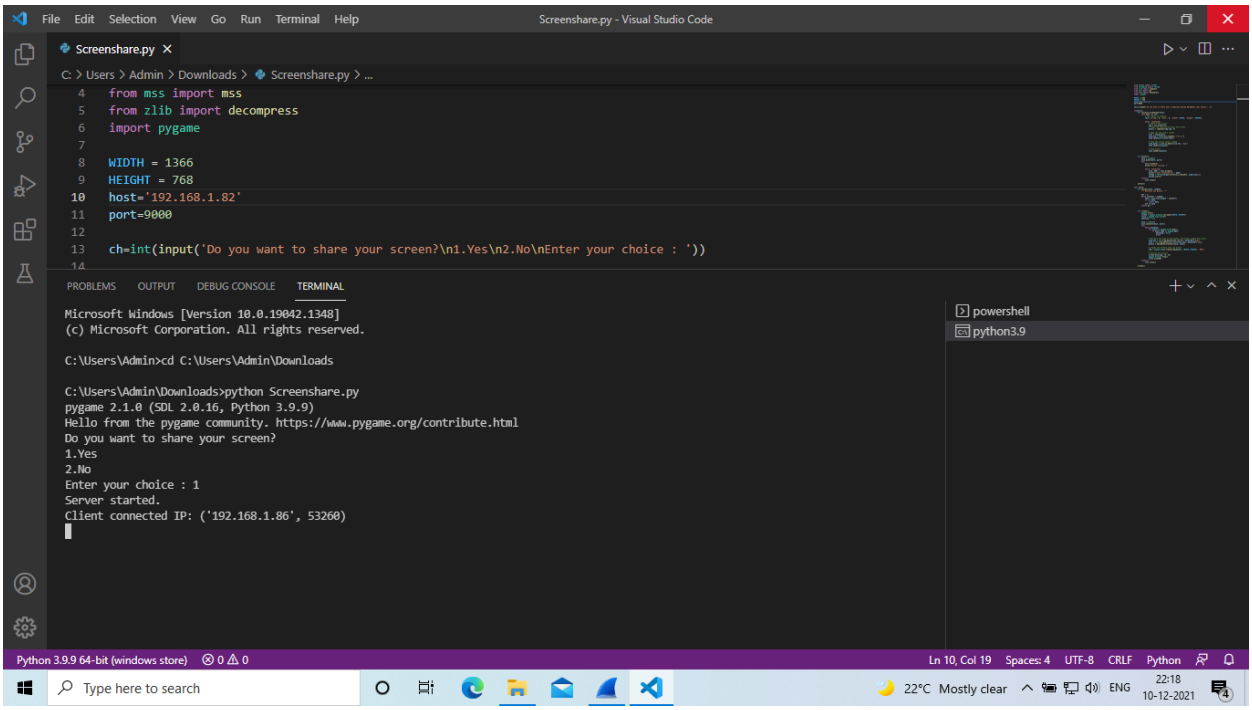
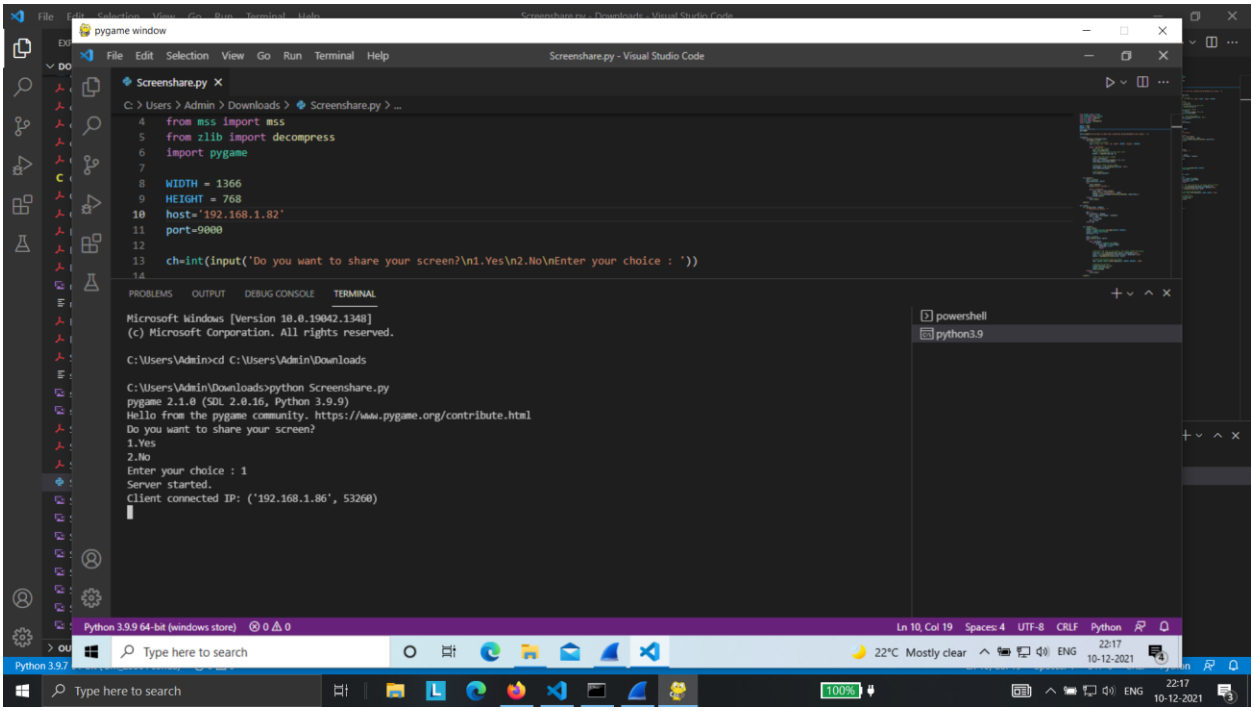
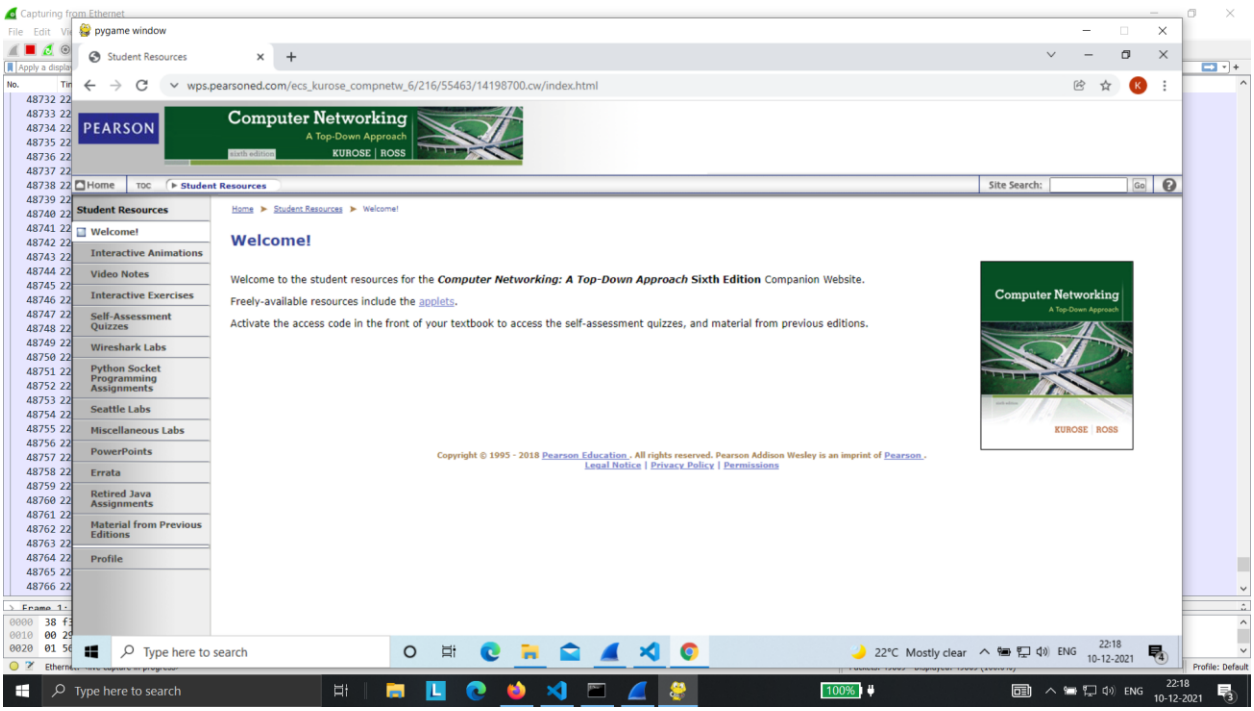
Server's screen:





Client's screen:





Wireshark Packets captured:

Server side:

14	6.392295	192.168.1.86	192.168.1.82	TCP	66	53260 → 9000 [SYN] Seq=2518495157 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256 SACK_PERM=1
15	6.392782	192.168.1.82	192.168.1.86	TCP	66	9000 → 53260 [SYN, ACK] Seq=1327188922 Ack=2518495158 Win=65535 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256 SACK_PERM=1
16	6.393023	192.168.1.86	192.168.1.82	TCP	60	53260 → 9000 [ACK] Seq=2518495158 Ack=1327188923 Win=1051136 Len=0
18	6.514150	192.168.1.82	192.168.1.86	TCP	55	9000 → 53260 [PSH, ACK] Seq=1327188923 Ack=2518495158 Win=1051136 Len=1
19	6.514618	192.168.1.82	192.168.1.86	TCP	1514	9000 → 53260 [PSH, ACK] Seq=1327188924 Ack=2518495158 Win=1051136 Len=1460
20	6.514618	192.168.1.82	192.168.1.86	TCP	1514	9000 → 53260 [ACK] Seq=1327190384 Ack=2518495158 Win=1051136 Len=1460
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29	6.515325	192.168.1.82	192.168.1.86	TCP	1514	9000 → 53260 [ACK] Seq=1327202064 Ack=2518495158 Win=1051136 Len=1460
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33	6.515549	192.168.1.82	192.168.1.86	TCP	1514	9000 → 53260 [ACK] Seq=1327206444 Ack=2518495158 Win=1051136 Len=1460
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> Frame 14: 66 bytes on wire (528 bits), 66 bytes captured (528 bits) on interface \Device\NPF_{524ADA4D-12AD-40C6-9C89-8023909C5042}, id 0

Client side:

161	21.182228	192.168.1.82	192.168.1.86	TCP	66	51941 → 9000 [SYN] Seq=120910448 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256 SACK_PERM=1
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168	21.247823	192.168.1.82	192.168.1.86	TCP	60	51941 → 9000 [ACK] Seq=120910449 Ack=1499839801 Win=1051136 Len=0
169	21.247835	192.168.1.86	192.168.1.82	TCP	5894	9000 → 51941 [ACK] Seq=1499852941 Ack=120910449 Win=1051136 Len=5840
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199	0.017491	192.168.1.82	192.168.1.86	TCP	1514 9000 → 53260 [ACK] Seq=1362975897 Ack=2518495158 Win=4106 Len=1460
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201	0.017619	192.168.1.86	192.168.1.82	TCP	54 53260 → 9000 [ACK] Seq=2518495158 Ack=1362978817 Win=4106 Len=0
202	0.017737	192.168.1.82	192.168.1.86	TCP	1514 9000 → 53260 [ACK] Seq=1362978817 Ack=2518495158 Win=4106 Len=1460
203	0.017860	192.168.1.82	192.168.1.86	TCP	1514 9000 → 53260 [ACK] Seq=1362980277 Ack=2518495158 Win=4106 Len=1460
204	0.017866	192.168.1.86	192.168.1.82	TCP	54 53260 → 9000 [ACK] Seq=2518495158 Ack=1362981737 Win=4106 Len=0
205	0.017982	192.168.1.82	192.168.1.86	TCP	1514 9000 → 53260 [ACK] Seq=1362981737 Ack=2518495158 Win=4106 Len=1460
206	0.018106	192.168.1.82	192.168.1.86	TCP	1514 9000 → 53260 [ACK] Seq=1362983197 Ack=2518495158 Win=4106 Len=1460

Result:

This program and outputs provide enough proof that the process of screensharing is possible using socket programming while also being reliable, as seen in the screenshots, due to the use of the transport layer protocol, TCP.