# PKS project 2

# Communication through UPD protocol Final documentation

Márk Bartalos

Seminars with: Ing. Lukáš Mastiľak
Seminars on: Thu 14:00-15:50

# Table of content

Introduc	tion	3
Header.		3
1.	Communication type (2B)	3
2.	Packet ID	3
3.	Data size	4
4.	Data type	4
5.	Data	4
6.	CRC	4
Connect	ion management	4
Conne	ection establishment	4
Conne	ection termination	5
Succe	ssful data transfer	6
Corru	oted data transfer	9
Data t	ransfer timeout (Advanced ARQ)	11
The re	ceiver is not responding	12
Keepa	live	13
Switch	ı tasks	16
CRC met	hod	17
Sim	ulating Error	17
Changes	from the original design	18
Heade	er design	18
Conne	ection establishment	19
Conne	ection termination	19
Data t	ransfer timeout	20
Switch	n task	21
Activity	chart	23
Wiresha	rk communication analysis – connection establishment	23

#### Introduction

We have to design an application that uses our custom protocol under UDP. That application has to deliver text messages and files. The transfer of data will happen in binary form.

When we start the application, the application will ask if we want to use this instance as receiver or as sender. These states can be change while the program is running.

To be able to communicate and make sure the data is not corrupt we have to design a custom protocol header.

#### Header

The protocol header will consist of 6 parts. Each part will have its appropriate bytes (size).

Type - 2B	Packet ID - 4B	Data size - 4B	Data type - 2B
	CRC - 4B		

#### 1. Communication type (2B)

- 0 request for synchronization (SYN)
- 1 accept synchronization (SYN+ACK)
- 2 OK response for keep-alive, response for package received and other types of requests
- 3 end connection (FIN)
- 4 resend data
- 5 request for keep-alive (keep alive check)
- 6 request for data transfer initialization
- 7 data send
- 8 switch tasks

#### 2. Packet ID

Will contain the unique identification number of the packet.

If the data is split into fragments (almost all the time), this will be used to track the number of fragments and to be used to reconstruct the data.

#### 3. Data size

This will contain the size of the data (or the fragments size) payload.

- 4. Data type
- 0 Text
- 1 File transfer

#### 5. Data

This will contain the data (complete or fragment) itself.

#### 6. CRC

This will contain the Cyclic Redundancy Check code for the data to verify the correctness.

# **Connection management**

There will be different connection scenarios which will be defined in this section.

#### Connection establishment

Successful connection establishment will consist of two (or maybe three, another ACK for security) requests. First the sender will send a synchronization request to the receiver, by initializing the request this will define the first device as the sender. The second device will have to reply with a SYNCHRONIZATION ACCEPT response for the connection to be successfully established. If the connection is established the server will now the clients IP address and port, that way it will be able to communicate with the client. More concretely the client will send the server a request for synchronization (SYNC), here the packet id is created by the client, then the server will reply to this request with SYNCHRONIZATION\_ACCEPT with the received packet id incremented by one. If no answer is received then the client will continue sending the requests.

#### Server

```
try:
    message, address = server_socket.recvfrom(fragment_size)
    resp = request_header.unpack(message) #SYNC
    packet_id = resp[1] +1
    if resp[0] == connection_type.SYN:
        header_data = request_header.pack(*(connection_type.ACCEPT_CONNECTION, packet_id)) #SYNC ACK
        server_socket.sendto(header_data, address)
```

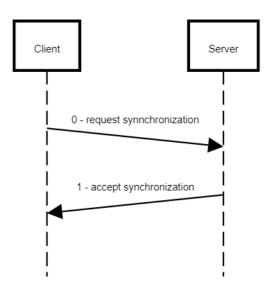
#### Client

```
try:
    header_data = request_header.pack(*(connection_type.SYN, packet_id)) #SYNC
    client_socket.sendto(header_data, destination_addr)
    message, _ = client_socket.recvfrom(fragment_size)
    resp = request_header.unpack(message)

if resp[0] == connection_type.ACCEPT_CONNECTION and resp[1] == packet_id + 1:
    not_sync = False
```

The client will wait for the SYNCHRONIZATION ACCEPT packet and compare the packet ids.

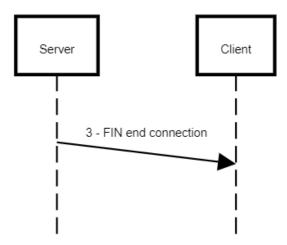
#### Connection establishment



#### Connection termination

Connection termination similarly to establishment will consist of one request. The server will send a FIN request to the client and exit. The client wont reply with OK or anything, because its not necessary to both shut down at the same time. Either if the FIN arrives at the destination or lost, the connection will time out if either of the sides shut down.

#### Connection termination



#### Successful data transfer

For a successful data transfer, every transfer has to be started with an initialize data transfer request and has to be accepted with an OK request, then all data fragment responses has to be followed with an OK request that the data is received and the checksum is ok. With the data its fragment number is sent and the OK request has too have the same fragment number to be counted as accepted packet.

#### Server

Here the server will send the initialization data as string with a 200B data header this will contain the file path of the file on the receivers end (in case of message it will be '\null\'), the total number of data fragments and the data fragment size. The client will extract this data and respond with an OK request if everything is correct and prepare for the file/message reception.

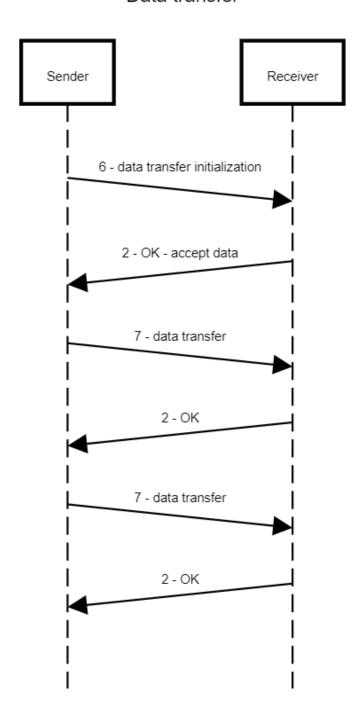
#### Client

```
if request_type == connection_type.INITIALIZE_DATA_TRANSFER:
    data = packet[4][:int(packet[2])]
    data_crc = zlib.crc32(data)
    if data_crc != packet[5]:
        print("Data transfer initialization data CRC missmatch")
        continue

sanitized_data = str(data).replace('\'','')
    data_type = int(packet[3])
    config = sanitized_data.split(";")
    header_data = request_header.pack(*(2, packet[1])) #OK
    client_socket.sendto(header_data, destination_addr)
    if data_type == data_type_enum.MESSAGE:
        receive_data(data_type,int(config[2]),int(config[1]))
    else:
        receive_data(data_type,int(config[2]),int(config[1]),config[0][1:])
```

The client will do a CRC check on the data in the request, if there is a mismatch it will wait for the next INITIALIZE\_DATA\_TRANSFER request.

# Data transfer



#### Corrupted data transfer

If corrupted data is received, the checksum doesn't match, then the receiver will send a RESEND DATA request back to the sender and the sender will send the data fragment again. This corruption will be simulated by randomly by manually changing the CRC value. Here with the RESEND DATA packet the id of the corrupted packet is send. If the corrupted packet was one of the previous packets than the server will go back and send that part again.

#### Server

```
try:
    server_socket.sendto(header_data, client_address)
    message, address = server_socket.recvfrom(fragment_size)
    resp = request_header.unpack(message) #OK or RESEND

if resp[0] == connection_type.OK and client_address[1] == address[1] and resp[1] == frag_num:
        sent = True
    elif resp[0] == connection_type.RESEND_DATA and resp[1] == frag_num:
        print("Resend")
    elif resp[0] == connection_type.RESEND_DATA:
        print(f"Resend previous - {resp[1]} - {frag_num}")
        frag_num = resp[1]
        continue
    else:
        pass
```

Here the server will check the clients port and the frag num if everything is Ok than the packet has been received successfully and goes to the next.

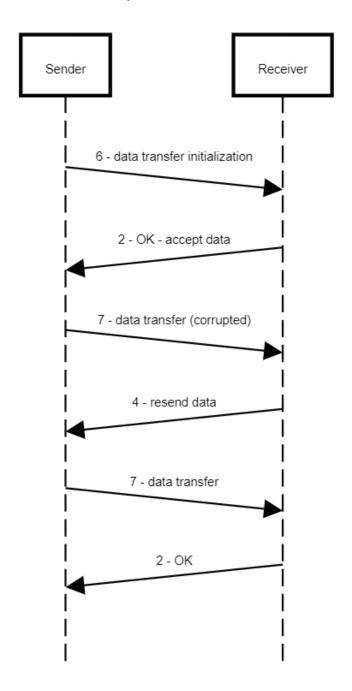
If the request is RESEND DATA with the current fragment id than it will resend the current fragment again.

If the request is RESEND DATA with previous fragment id than it will go back to that fragment and send it again.

#### Client

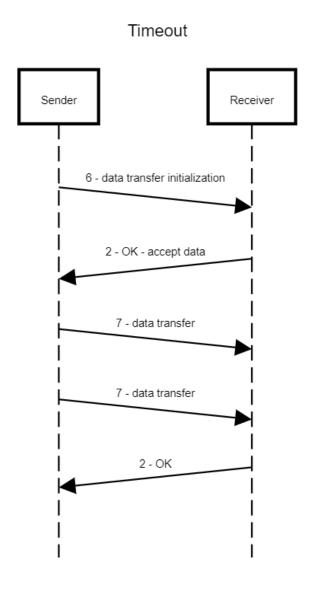
```
#error verification
if packet[0] == connection_type.DATA:
    print(f"Data fragment received - {packet_id} CRC passed: {client_crc == packet_crc}")
    print(f"Packet {packet_id} frag num: {frag_num}")
    if client_crc == packet_crc and packet_id == frag_num:
        data += received_data;
        header_data = request_header.pack(*(connection_type.OK, packet_id)) #OK
        client_socket.sendto(header_data, destination_addr)
        received = True
    elif frag_num > packet_id:
        print(f"Already received - {packet_id}")
        header_data = request_header.pack(*(connection_type.OK, packet_id)) #OK
        client_socket.sendto(header_data, destination_addr)
    else:
        print("Sending RESEND REQUEST")
        header_data = request_header.pack(*(connection_type.RESEND_DATA, packet_id)) #RESEND
        client_socket.sendto(header_data, destination_addr)
```

# Corrupted data transfer



## Data transfer timeout (Advanced ARQ)

If the sender doesn't receive OK response after the data is sent again, the sender will wait the timeout amount and send the data again, this will have a limit. exists. The OK responses packet id has to be the data's fragment number to confirm it (as you can see it the Corrupted data transfer section). Here the sending mechanism can go back and send again already sent packets if they are not received in the same way the client can send again an OK request if the data is already received but the OK request has been lost.



## The receiver is not responding

If the receiver doesn't respond after several responses the server will time out and quit. After 15 packets receive timeout or the connection has been reset the program quits as the connection probably no longer exist. The data transfer will be aborted.

This will also apply for the client if data packets are not sent the client will eventually time out and quit.

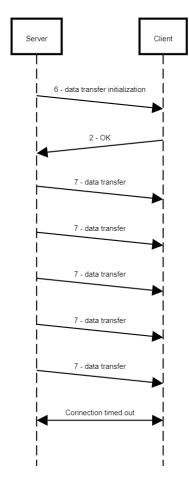
During data transfer and initialization KEEPALIVE requests are not sent.

#### Server

```
else:
    pass
except TimeoutError:
    timeout_amount += timeout_amount +1
    if timeout_amount > 5:
        print("Data trasmission timed out! Quitting...")
        time.sleep(2)
        quit()
        except ConnectionPosetEppon:
```

Basically, the same thing is used on the client side.





# Keepalive

Keepalive is solved using a separate socket on each side. The client socket will send a keepalive request to the server and the server will reply to that request with an OK. If the keepalive request doesn't receive and OK request more than 3 times in a row the keepalive fails and the connection is terminated. Keepalive only runs if there is no data transfer happening, because if a data transfer is in progress there is already data being sent and we can track how many packet doesn't receive a response and if the connection has timed out. Keepalive thread is stopped before data transfer and restarted after data transfer ended.

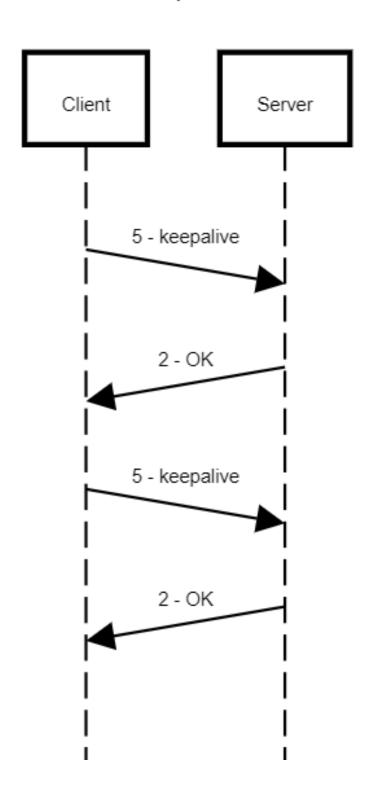
#### Server

```
global exit
global keepalive_needed
keepalive_header = struct.Struct(f'H I I H 2s I')
exit = False
timeout_count = 0
while keepalive_needed and not exit:
       message, address = keepalive_socket.recvfrom(fragment_size)
        packet = keepalive_header.unpack(message)
        request_type = packet[0]
        packet_id = packet[1]
        if request_type == connection_type.KEEP_ALIVE:
           header_data = keepalive_header.pack(*(connection_type.OK, packet_id, 0, 0, b"", 0)) #OK
           keepalive_socket.sendto(header_data, address)
           timeout_count = 0
        timeout_count = timeout_count +1
        if timeout_count > 3:
           print(f"Keepalive timed out - {timeout_count}")
           exit = True
        print("connection has been reset! - Keepalive")
        exit = True
```

#### Client

```
def send_keep_alive():
    global keepalive_needed
    keepalive_needed = True
    timeout_count = 0
   global exit
    exit = False
    keepalive_header = struct.Struct(f'H I I H 2s I')
    packet_num = 0
    while keepalive_needed and not exit:
            header_data = keepalive_header.pack(*(connection_type.KEEP_ALIVE, packet_num, 0, 0, b"", 0)) #KEEP_ALIVE
            keepalive_socket.sendto(header_data, keepalive_addr)
            packet_num = packet_num +1
            message, _ = keepalive_socket.recvfrom(fragment_size)
packet = keepalive_header.unpack(message)
            ok_id = packet[1]
            if packet[0] == connection_type.OK and (packet_num - ok_id <= 4):</pre>
                timeout_count = 0
        except TimeoutError:
            print("Tiemout")
            timeout_count = timeout_count +1
            if timeout_count > 3:
                print(f"Keepalive timed out - {timeout_count}")
                keepalive_needed = False
                exit = True
        except ConnectionResetError:
            print("Keepalive: Connection with the server was terminated. Quitting...")
            exit = True
```

# Keepalive



#### Switch tasks

Switching task will start with a SWITCH TASK request. The SWITCH TASK request has to be accepted with an OK response and after that the server has to also respond with an OK request to be able to initialize the task switch. After the tasks have been switched, we begin an establishment of the connection again now as the roles switched. As part of SWITCH TASK request the server will send the client its own Ip address on which the new server (previously client) will listen on.

# Switch tasks (new)Client (new)Server Server Client 8 - switch tasks 2 - OK 2 - OK They will switch tasks 0 - request synchronization 1 - accept synchronization

#### **CRC** method

For CRC error correction I will use the **zlib.crc32** function on the data which will generate a CRC code based on the data in the packet. This CRC checksum will be sent and when the data arrives it will be checked against the data. This method of CRC will be able to spot 2-bit changes opposed to the traditional checksum method. The data will be compared bit by bit to generate the CRC checksum.

CRC is used when an important data/fragment is received a CRC checksum is generated on the server side which is included in the request header. Then the client will also generate a CRC checksum for the received data and these checksums will be compared.

#### Server

```
while not sent:
    data_to_send = data[frag_num*data_fragment_size:((frag_num+1)*data_fragment_size)]
    data_len = len(data_to_send)
    server_crc = zlib.crc32(data_to_send)
    error_inserted = False

#simulated_error
if random.randrange(200) > 190 and not error_inserted:
    server_crc += 1
    error_inserted = True
    header_data = data_header.pack(*(connection_type.DATA, frag_num, data_len, data_type, data_to_send, server_crc)) #Data
```

#### Client

```
received_data = packet[4][:int(packet[2])]
client_crc = zlib.crc32(received_data)
packet_crc = packet[5]
packet_id = packet[1]

#error verification
if packet[0] == connection_type.DATA:
    print(f"Data fragment received - {packet_id} CRC passed: {client_crc == packet_crc}")
    print(f"Packet {packet_id} frag num: {frag_num}")

if client_crc == packet_crc and packet_id == frag_num:
    data += received_data;
    header_data = request_header.pack(*(connection_type.OK, packet_id)) #OK
    client_socket.sendto(header_data, destination_addr)
    received = True
```

#### **Simulating Error**

CRC error simulation is done by manually incrementing the CRC code on the server side and sending it in the header. Each packets CRC can be incremented by only one.

```
#simulated_error
if random.randrange(200) > 190 and not error_inserted:
    server_crc += 1
    error_inserted = True
header_data = data_header.pack(*(connection_type.DATA, frag_num, data_len, data_type, data_to_send, server_crc)) #Data
```

# Changes from the original design

# Header design

The header has been simplified as there is no need for separate fragment num and packet id. Instead, a common packet id is used.

#### OLD

Type - 2B	Packet ID - 4B	Fragment num 4B	Data size - 4B	Data type - 2B
	CRC - 4B			

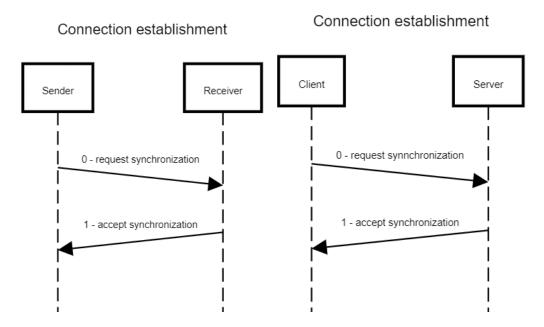
#### NEW

Type - 2B	Packet ID - 4B	Data size - 4B	Data type - 2B
	CRC - 4B		

#### Connection establishment

Now the client will initialize the connection

OLD NEW



## **Connection termination**

No need to accept connection termination.

Connection termination

Connection termination

Sender

Server

Client

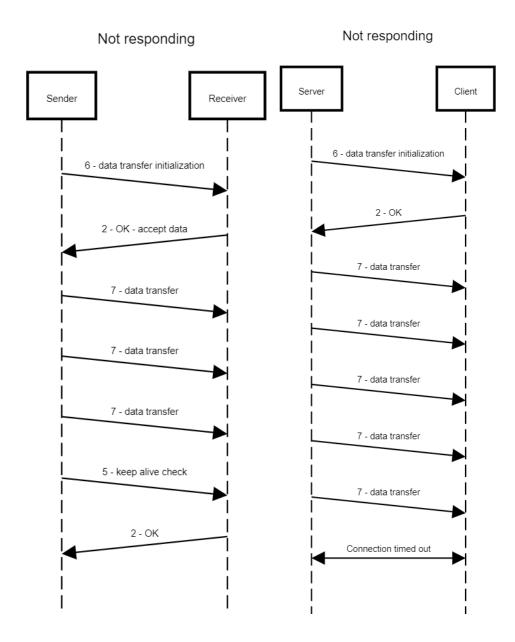
3 - FIN - end connection

2 - OK - accept connection tremination

# Data transfer timeout

No keepalive request is sent, timeout happens after 5 requests without OK pair.

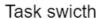
OLD NEW

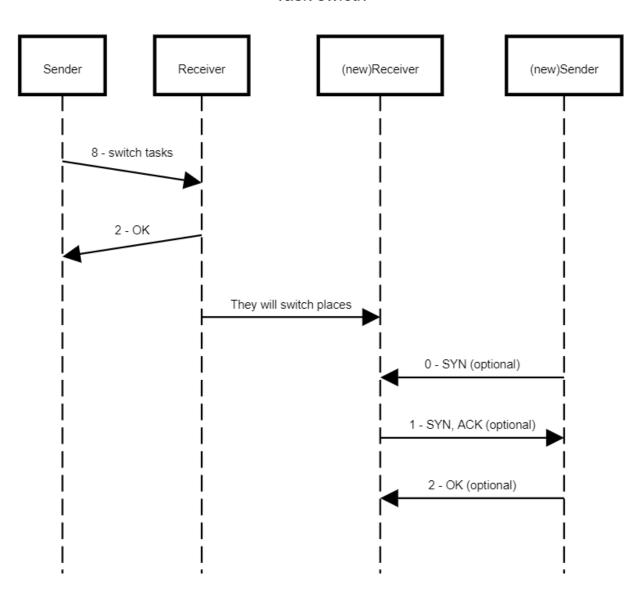


## Switch task

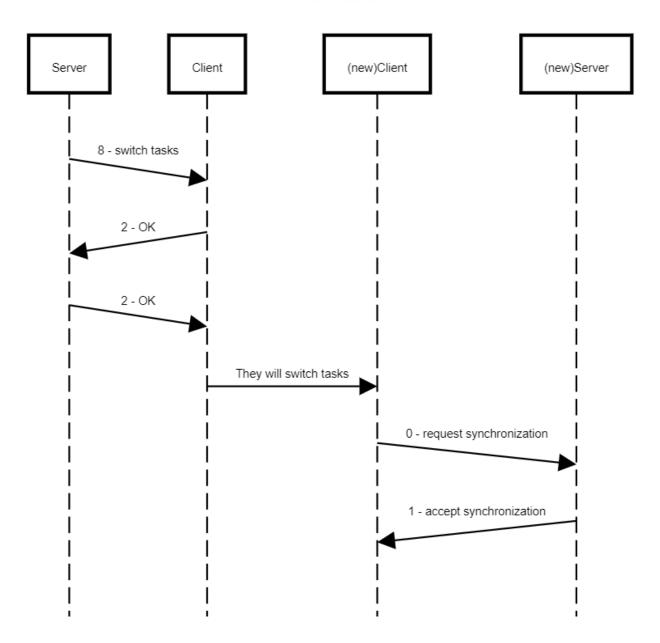
Re-synchronization after switch task won't be optional but required. This will be done automatically. Another change that the server also has to confirm that the client got the task switch request. The synchronization process is also simpler.

#### OLD

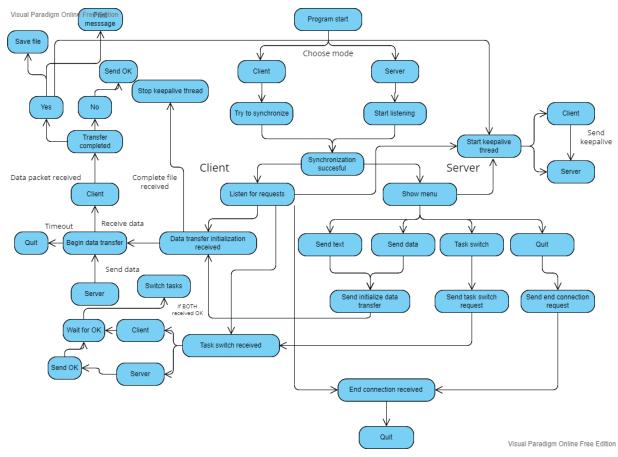




# Switch tasks

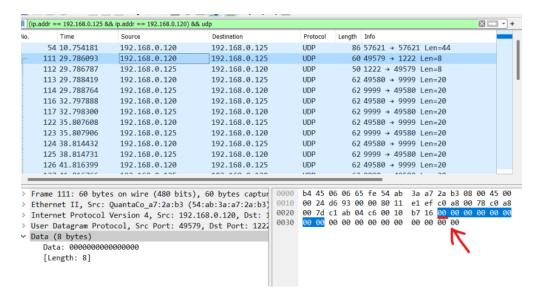


# **Activity chart**

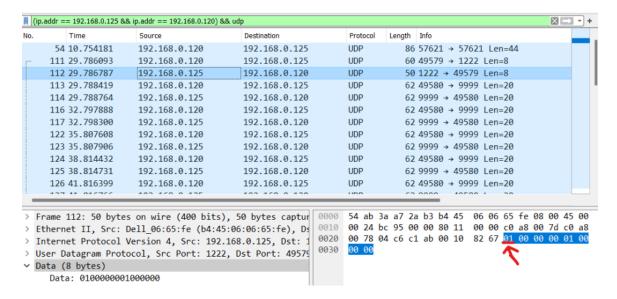


# Wireshark communication analysis - connection establishment

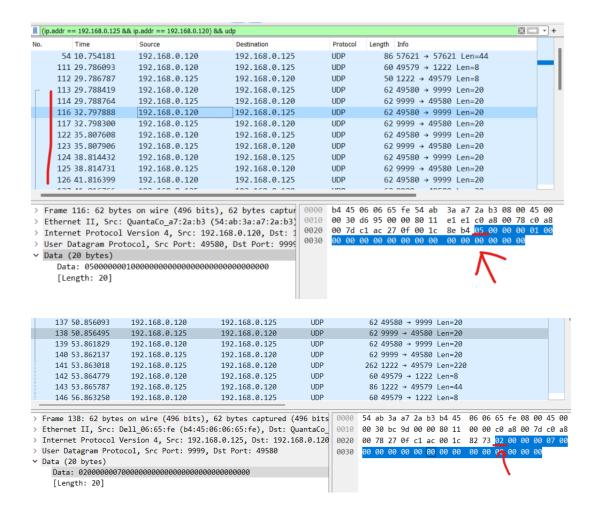
1. The client sends a SYNC request to the server. Here the server has the IP address 192.168.0.125 and is listening on port 1222. The request begins with a 0, which means SYNC



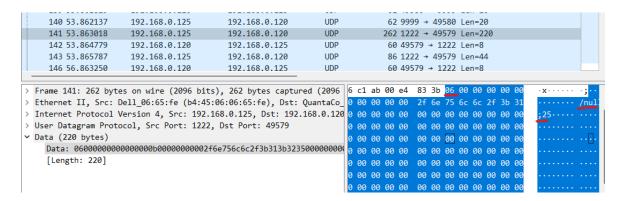
2. The server responds to the client with a CONNECTION ACCEPT request, which is code 1. After that the connection is established.



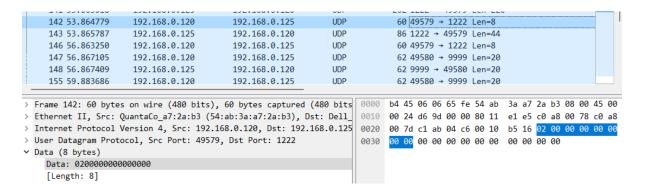
3. Start the keepalive process. The client will start sending keepalive packets and the server will reply to them with OK.



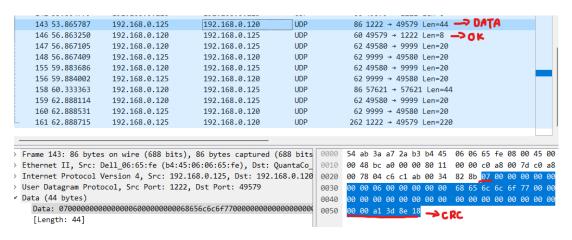
4. Initialize data transfer. Send important information about the data to be sent.



5. OK from the client.



6. Sending of the data packets. CRC is included in the packet. Server responds with OK.



#### 7. End connection – exit program

