# Python prototype code of a GRASP engine and API

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#### Introduction

This note describes a prototype implementation of GRASP written in Python 3.4, based on draft-ietf-anima-grasp-15.txt. It is not guaranteed or validated in any way and is both incomplete and probably wrong. It makes no claim to be production-quality code. Its main purpose is to help improve the protocol specification.

It's demonstration code written in an interpreted language, so performance is slow.

#### **SECURITY WARNINGS:**

- Assumes ACP up on all interfaces or none; does not watch for interface up/down changes.
- Runs with a dummy ACP module that is always "up"; no TLS support.
- Does not explicitly support the DULL security instance described in the spec.

So actually there is no security whatever.

#### LIMITATIONS:

- Only coded for IPv6, any IPv4 is accidental
- Survival of address changes and CPU sleep/wakeup is patchy
- FQDN and URI locators are allowed in discovery responses, but otherwise they are not handled at all.
- No code for rapid mode
- The relay code is lazy (no rate control)
- Unicast transactions use TCP (no unicast UDP)
- Optional Objective in Response messages: not implemented
- There are work-arounds for defects in the Python socket module and Windows socket peculiarities. The code is intended to be portable between Windows (Winsock2) and POSIX environments but YMMV.

This document covers the API for use by ASAs, plus implementation and testing.

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#### API

An ASA<sup>1</sup> written in Python 3 will need to **import** grasp.

#### **Data Structures**

It can then use data structures (Python classes) as follows:

## class objective(name)

A Python object of this class holds a GRASP objective. Its atributes are:

- . name Unicode string the objective's name
- . neg Boolean True if objective supports negotiation (default False)
- .dry Boolean True if objective supports dry-run negotiation (default False)
- .synch Boolean True if objective supports synchronization (default False)
- .loop\_count integer Limit on negotiation steps etc. (default GRASP DEF LOOPCT)
- .value any valid Python object the value of the objective (default 0)

An ASA would create a new instance of the EX1 objective thus:

```
new obj = grasp.objective("EX1")
```

and then set any attributes that it needs to. For most cases, either neg or synch needs to be True; they must not both be True. Alternatively, for a dry-run negotiation, dry should be True. Note that neg and dry are mutually exclusive for a given negotiation session.

## class asa\_locator()

Most ASAs don't need to create such an object, but it will be returned by a GRASP discover or get\_flood function. Its attributes are:

```
The actual locator, either an ipaddress or a string
.locator
.ifi
                The interface identifier via which this was discovered
.expire
                int(time.clock()) value when this entry expires (0=never)
                Boolean – True if the locator was discovered via a Divert option
.diverted
                Applicable transport protocol (IPPROTO TCP or IPPROTO UDP)
.protocol
                Applicable port number
.port
.is ipaddress
                      Boolean – if True, the locator is a Python ipaddress
                Boolean – if True, the locator is an FQDN (string)
.is fqdn
               Boolean – if True, the locator is a URI (string)
.is uri
```

or any other program wishing to use GRASP directly

## class tagged objective()

Most ASAs don't need to create such an object, but it is used by the GRASP flood and get flood functions. Its attributes are:

- .objective A flooded objective
- .source The asa locator from which the flooded objective came

#### **Functions**

The ASA can also use a bunch of Python functions. Here is a summary, followed by detailed descriptions:

```
register_asa(), deregister_asa()
```

Each ASA must use these to register itself when it starts and to sign off when it exits. Registration returns a nonce that must be presented in all subsequent calls to the API.

```
register_obj(), deregister_obj()
```

Each ASA must register each GRASP objective that it supports either for negotiation or as a data source for synchronization or flooding. Registration enables discovery to occur, including assigning a dynamic port. Deregistration of objectives is possible (but is done automatically by deregister asa)

#### discover()

This is used to discover peers for negotiation or synchronization.

## req negotiate()

This is used by a negotiation initiator to start a negotiation sequence (with a GRASP Request Negotiate message).

```
listen_negotiate(), stop_negotiate()
```

An ASA that wishes to respond to negotiation requests calls listen\_negotiate to start listening and stop\_negotiate to stop listening.

```
negotiate_step(), negotiate_wait(), end_negotiate()
```

These are used by negotiation initiators and responders to conduct a negotiation sequence, following req negotiate or listen negotiate.

```
send invalid()
```

Abrupt stop after receiving invalid message. In most cases, **end\_negotiate()** is preferable.

#### synchronize()

This is used by a synchronization initiator to fetch a synchronized objective (normally with a GRASP Request Synchronize message).

```
listen synchronize(), stop synchronize()
```

An ASA that wishes to respond to synchronization requests calls listen\_ synchronize to start listening and stop\_ synchronize to stop listening.

#### flood()

This is used by an ASA wishing to flood one or more GRASP objectives to the AN.

## get flood()

This is used by an ASA to fetch flooded objectives.

## expire flood()

This is used in special cases to mark a flooded objective as expired.

There are also several utility functions: skip\_dialogue(), tprint(),
ttprint(), init bubble text(), dump all().

WARNING – error handling in the API was changed in January 2017. Any code written earlier must be updated accordingly. All functions now return an error code (integer) as their first return parameter.

Error code convention: zero means success. Positive integer means failure. For error code errorcode, the corresponding English language error string is grasp.etext[errorcode]. The error codes have useful names, such as grasp.errors.declined, which is the only one likely to be needed by an ASA programmer. Full details are in the Python source.

Some utility routines are documented at the end.

## **Registration functions:**

The ASA name is arbitrary, and the only requirement is that it is unique within a given GRASP instance. For ASA life cycle support, it could for example consist of a basic functional name concatenated with a version number or timestamp.

```
# register obj(asa nonce, objective,ttl=None
            discoverable=False, overlap=False, local=False)
# Store an objective that this ASA supports and may modify.
# The objective becomes available for discovery only after
# a call to listen negotiate() or listen synchronize()
# unless the optional parameter discoverable is True.
# ttl is discovery time to live in milliseconds; the default
# is the GRASP default timeout.
# if discoverable == True, the objective is *immediately*
# discoverable even if the ASA is not listening.
# if overlap == True, more than one ASA may register this objective.
# (NOT supported in this implementation.)
# if local == True, discovery must return a link-local address.
# May be repeated for multiple objectives.
# return zero if successful
# return errorcode if failure
```

**discoverable** = **True** is **not recommended** for normal objectives. It is intended for objectives that are only defined for GRASP discovery, and which do not support negotiation or synchronization.

**overlap** = **True** is intended for ASA life cycle support, where old and new versions of the same ASA may need to overlap in time. It significantly complicates how objectives are registered and discovered.

**local** = **True** is intended for infrastructure ASAs that for security reasons must work on-link only.

## **Discovery function:**

```
# discover(asa nonce, objective, timeout, flush=False)
# Call in separate thread if asynchronous operation required.
# timeout in milliseconds (None for default)
# If there are cached results, they are returned immediately.
# If not, results will be collected until the timeout occurs.
# Optional parameter flush=True will flush cached results first
# return zero, list of asa locator if successful
    If no peers discovered, the list is empty
# return errorcode, [] if failure
# Exponential backoff RECOMMENDED before retry.
Example:
obj1 = grasp.objective("EX9")
err, locators = grasp.discover(asa nonce, obj1, None)
if err:
    #error handling goes here
elif locators = []:
   #nothing discovered
else:
    if locators[0].is ipaddress:
       peer = locators[0]
        # we'll use the first discovered peer...
        # peer.locator is the IP address
        # peer.protocol is IPPROTO TCP or IPPROTO UDP
        # peer.port is the port number to use
```

Use of **flush=True** is recommended after several failed negotiation or synchronization attempts. Otherwise, no new discovery multicasts will be sent until the discovery cache times out.

## **Negotiation functions:**

```
# req negotiate(asa nonce, objective, peer, timeout)
# Request negotiation session with a peer ASA.
# asa nonce identifies the calling ASA
# objective must include the requested value
# Note that the objective's loop count value should be set to a
# suitable value by the ASA. If not, the GRASP default will apply.
# peer is the target node; it must be an asa locator as returned
# by discover()
# If peer is None, discovery is performed first.
# timeout in milliseconds (None for default)
# Launch in a new thread if asynchronous operation required.
# return zero, session nonce, objective
# The returned objective contains the first value proffered by the
# negotiation peer. Note that this instance of the objective
# MUST be used in the subsequent negotiation calls because
# it contains the loop count.
# The ASA MUST store the session nonce (an opaque Python object)
# and use it in the subsequent negotiation calls
# return zero, None, objective - returns accepted value
# return grasp.errors.declined, None, string - other end declined,
                                           string gives reason
# return errorcode, None, None - negotiation failed,
#
                               errorcode gives reason,
#
                               exponential backoff RECOMMENDED
                               before retry.
```

Special note for infrastructure ASAs:

**session\_nonce.id\_source** will be the IP address of the remote ASA. This is expected to be needed by the ACP infrastructure ASA.

```
# listen negotiate(asa nonce, objective)
# Instructs GRASP to listen for negotiation
# requests for the given objective.
# Parameter is the objective of interest
# This function will block waiting for an incoming request.
# Call in a separate thread if asynchronous operation required.
# This call only returns after an incoming req negotiate
# and must be followed by negotiate step and/or negotiate wait
# and/or end negotiate
# listen negotiate must then be repeated to restart listening.
# return zero, session nonce, requested objective
# The requested objective contains the first value requested by
# the negotiation peer. Note that this instance of the objective
# MUST be used in the subsequent negotiation calls because
# it contains the loop count.
# The ASA MUST store the session nonce (an opaque Python object)
# and use it in the subsequent negotiation calls.
# return errorcode, None, None if failure
# stop negotiate(asa nonce, objective)
# Instructs GRASP to stop listening for negotiation
# requests for the given objective.
# return zero if successful
# return errorcode if failure
```

```
# negotiate step(asa nonce, session nonce, objective, timeout)
# Continue negotiation session
# objective contains the next proffered value
# Note that this instance of the objective
# MUST be used in the subsequent negotiation calls because
# it contains the loop count.
# timeout in milliseconds (None for default)
# return: exactly like req negotiate
# negotiate wait(asa nonce, session nonce, timeout)
# Delay negotiation session
# timeout in milliseconds (None for default)
# return zero if successful, errorcode if failure
# end negotiate(asa nonce, session nonce, result, reason="why")
# End negotiation session
# result = True for accept, False for decline
# reason = optional string describing reason for decline
# return zero if successful, errorcode if failure
# Note that a redundant call to end negotiate will get a
# reply such as (False, "No session") which does not need
# to be treated as an error.
# send invalid(asa nonce, session nonce, info="Diagnostic data")
# Send invalid message to end session abruptly
# For use of this see M INVALID in GRASP specification
# info = optional diagnostic data
# return zero if successful, errorcode if failure
```

#### **Synchronization and Flood Synchronization functions:**

```
# synchronize(asa nonce, objective, locator, timeout)
# Request synchronized value of the given objective.
# locator is an asa locator as returned by discover()
# timeout in milliseconds (None for default)
# If the locator is None and the objective was already flooded,
# the first non-expired flooded value in the cache is returned.
# Otherwise, synchronization with a discovered ASA is performed.
# In that case, if the locator is None, discovery is performed
# first.
# This call should be repeated whenever the value is needed.
# Call in a separate thread if asynchronous operation required.
# Since this is essentially a read operation, any ASA can do
# it. Therefore we check that the ASA is registered but the
# objective doesn't need to be registered by the calling ASA.
# return zero, synch objective returns objective with its
                             synchronized value
#
# return errorcode, None
                        synchronization failed
                         errorcode gives reason.
#
                        Exponential backoff RECOMMENDED
                        before retry.
```

```
# listen synchronize(asa nonce, objective)
# Instructs GRASP to listen for synchronization
# requests for the given objective, and to
# respond with the objective value given in the call.
# This call should be repeated whenever the value changes.
# return zero if successful
# return errorcode if failure
# stop synchronize(asa nonce, objective)
# Instructs GRASP to stop listening for synchronization
# requests for the given objective.
# return zero if successful
# return errorcode if failure
```

The tag will normally be **None**. Infrastructure ASAs needing to flood an {address, protocol, port} 3-tuple create an **asa\_locator** object to do so. If address is the unspecified address ('::') it is replaced by the link-local address of the sending node in each copy of the multicast, which will be forced to have a loop count of 1.

```
# get flood(asa nonce, objective)
# Request unexpired flooded values of the given objective.
# This call should be repeated whenever the value is needed.
# Since this is essentially a read operation, any ASA can do
# it. Therefore we check that the ASA is registered but the
# objective doesn't need to be registered by the calling ASA.
# return zero, tagged objectives returns a list of
                          tagged objective
# return errorcode, None failed, errorcode gives reason.
# expire flood(asa nonce, tagged obj)
# Mark a flooded objective as expired
# This is a call that can only be used after a preceding
# call to get flood() by an ASA that is capable of deciding
# that the flooded value is stale or invalid. Use with care.
# tagged obj the tagged objective to be expired
# return zero if successful
# return errorcode if failure
```

## **Utility functions:**

None of these functions returns a value.

```
# skip dialogue(testing=False, selfing=False)
# Tells GRASP to skip its initial dialogue.
# Default is not test mode and not listening to own multicasts
# Must be called before register asa()
# tprint(*whatever)
# Thread-safe printing; precedes the output with the
# thread's name and number.
# Call exactly like print()
# ttprint(*whatever)
# Thread-safe printing iff GRASP is running in test mode
# (test mode == True). Used for detailed diagnostics during
# debugging & testing.
# Call exactly like print()
# init bubble text(caption)
#
# Switch on pretty bubble printing via tprint(),
# if tkinter is available.
# caption: a string that labels the bubble window.
# dump all() prints various global data structures
# Intended only for interactive debugging
# and not thread-safe
```

## Implementation Notes

This is my first real Python program, so it was a voyage of discovery. Ignoring comments and docstrings, there are about 1970 lines of code. Suggestions for improvement will be very welcome. From here, I assume you are familiar with Python and have a Python 3.4 environment available. There is a lot of threading and considerable use of sockets. I suggest studying the relevant Python modules first: threading, queue, socket and ipaddress. I didn't use socketserver.

The module is called grasp. There is also a dummy module called acp. They are not yet real Python packages available via PIP. Some test modules are described below.

Everything is in a GitHub repository at <a href="https://github.com/becarpenter/graspy">https://github.com/becarpenter/graspy</a>. The code is under a Simplified BSD licence.

The code is very talkative when running in test mode – lots of diagnostic prints.

Main global data structures and variables (for details, see comments in the source):

```
_asa_registry - where ASAs are registered
_obj_registry - where objectives are registered
_discovery_cache - where locators for discovered objectives are cached
_session_id_cache - where GRASP session ids and ASA nonces are cached.
_flood_cache - where flooded objectives and their values are cached.
```

All five of these are protected by locks, which must be used rigorously due to the amount of multithreading involved. Some other global variables:

```
True if no ACP
tls required
secure
                      True if either ACP or TLS is working
rapid supported True if rapid mode allowed
                      FIFO queue for incoming multicasts
_mcg
_drq
                      FIFO queue for pending discovery responses
my locator
                      this node's first global address
session locator address used to disambiguate session ids
ll zone ids
                      list of the host's link-local zones etc.
                      list of sockets for sending link-local multicasts
mcssocks
_relay needed
                      True if multiple interfaces require Discovery/Flood relaying
                      True iff module is running in test mode
test mode
```

True iff listening to own LL multicasts for testing.

WARNING: listen\_self may be set when
grasp.py initialises, for testing with only one node.

\_i\_sent\_it

A hack used to ignore own discovery multicasts when not in test mode – needed to run multiple instances in one node.

test\_divert True in some tests to force a pretend divert message

#### Threads:

The main GRASP thread exits after initialisation. Other threads may be active:

\_synch\_listen: This is a class of threads that will be activated by calls to listen synchronize, one for each active listener.

(Note – this doesn't apply to listen\_negotiate, which listens in-line rather than activating a separate thread.)

\_mclisten: Listens for GRASP link-local multicasts (Discovery messages and synchronisation Flood messages) and queues them for handling by \_mchandler.

\_mchandler: Handles Discovery and Flood messages. It's separate from \_mclisten so that the sockets don't get jammed up waiting for the previous message to be handled.

\_disc\_relay: A class of threads activated when Discovery messages have to be relayed to another interface, one for each discovery action.

\_drlisten: A class of threads activated during disvovery to wait for TCP Responses, one for each discovery session.

\_tcp\_listen: A class of threads activated by \_listen\_synchronize or \_listen\_negotiate to await TCP synch and negotiate Requests and queue them for the appropriate negotiation or synchronization listener.

\_watcher: Keep an eye on things. In the prototype, this makes a clumsy attempt to recover from address renumbering or CPU sleep/wakeup. In production code, it would monitor link interfaces, add newly active ones, and delete inactive ones, updating data structures accordingly. It would force a switch to TLS if the ACP goes down, and strictly limit operations when neither ACP nor TLS is available.

## Testing

If you don't have IPv6, you may as well stop reading here. The code assumes you have IPv6 up and running, with either a globally routable or ULA prefix. It will run with only link-local addresses, but then off-link sessions will fail, of course.

The code uses the IANA-assigned port:

GRASP LISTEN PORT = 7071

The code uses the IANA-assigned link-local multicast address:

ALL\_GRASP\_NEIGHBOR\_6 = ff02::13

You need Python 3 and the code has not been tested on any version before Python 3.4. It will not run on Python 2. (On most Linux installations, python invokes Python 2, and python 3 invokes Python 3.)

You need various standard Python modules that everybody should have, and also the <u>CBOR module</u>. pip3 install cbor should fetch it for you. (If you don't have pip, see <a href="https://packaging.python.org/installing/">https://packaging.python.org/installing/</a>.)

Firstly make a local copy of the graspy directory/folder containing at least all the .py files, and make that your working directory. Because of the socket usage in GRASP, you may need Administrator or sudo su privilege.

The way I run tests on Windows is to open grasptests.py in the IDLE editor and run the module from there. On Linux or MacOS, try

python3 -i grasptests.py, or you can also run from IDLE.

Once it has initialised, type ASAtest () at the Python prompt and stuff will happen.

The grasptests module does nothing very exciting but it tests many pathways in the grasp module. Hopefully there will be a lot of output (many screens) for several minutes, and no Python exceptions. If there are any, please tell me. Sending fixed code would be even better;-).

The code and test suite are set up to run on a single host that hears its own broadcasts. Also, if the host has more than one IPv6 interface, it will relay its own broadcasts between its own interfaces. That multiplies the amount of output in an entertaining way, but all the relay threads should terminate after one loop. (If that fails, they eventually expire their loop counts or they time out).

FYI, when running in a single node listening to itself, the discovery cache ends up containing duplicate addresses. That's an artefact of the testing environment.

The final part of the test is a negotiation between two threads. The starting point for each negotiator is a random value, and there are a couple of other randomised conditions, so each run will be different, including some error cases. Look for output messages from threads Neg1 and Neg2 (example below).

Do not run this test suite more than once without restarting the Python context; it leaves the GRASP data structures dirty so that they can be analysed afterwards.

grasp.py isn't yet structured as a fully-fledged Python package. You could test it as follows: Write your test case as its own Python suite, for example as a file MyTests.py. Save it in the same directory as grasp.py and acp.py. The test suite needs to import grasp. Run the test suite; when GRASP is first called it will perform its initialisations (with a modest amount of FYI printout - example on next page). Then the test code can do what it needs to do, starting with grasp.register asa(...) and grasp.register obj(...).

To get clean printout from the testing thread(s) use grasp.tprint(...).

To get diagnostic printouts from inside GRASP, set grasp.test\_mode=True. (But some diagnostic printouts are commented out in the code.)

When running on multiple nodes, be careful to ensure that GRASP is **not** listening to its own multicasts (answer No during initialisation, which sets <code>listen\_self</code> to <code>False</code>). I had a problem during such tests because the building switch blocked link local multicasts to 'unknown' addresses, so I had to put the nodes on a dumb switch of their own. If you can't do that, the last resort is to change the relevant constant inside <code>grasp.py</code> to ff02::1, which is the all-nodes link-local multicast address.

Good switches allow ff02::13 when GRASP nodes send an MLD listener report (join) for that address. Windows 7 and Linux send MLD, for example. But badly designed or misconfigured switches might fail to correctly implement MLD.

You can have fun by running two toy ASAs on two different machines. My examples are called "ASA Briggs" and "ASA Gray" (they both have Wikipedia entries). They negotiate with each other (Gray is the initiator and Briggs is the listener).

They randomize the starting conditions for each negotiation, so any kind of result is possible. Note that if you run them both in separate Python instances on one machine, and tell them to listen to their own multicasts, they will interact correctly in the one machine. The latest version of Briggs can support multiple simultaneous instances of Gray. As with grasptests, I would like to hear details of any Python exceptions or other issues.

Another sample ASA is unromantically named "pfxm3.py". It models the IPv6 prefix management use case (draft-ietf-anima-prefix-management). Multiple instances can interoperate.

Some example outputs follow (they are not from the latest code, so details may vary).

#### GRASP initialisation example:

```
WARNING: This is insecure prototype code unsuitable
for production use, used at your own risk.
Version 05.0BC-20160503 released under the simplified BSD license.
Starting in 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1
MainThread 652 Initialised global variables, registries and caches.
MainThread 652 ACP status is True
_MainThread 652 My address: 2406:e007:56d8:1:28cc:dc4c:9703:6781
MainThread 652 Listen to own multicasts? Y/N
_MainThread 652 WARNING: Will listen to own LL multicasts
_drlisten 2908 Discovery response listener for interface 12 is up
mclisten 1520 LL multicast listener is up
mchandler 4728 Multicast queue handler up
_watcher 572 ACP watcher is up; thread count:
MainThread 652 GRASP startup thread exiting
```

# Sample negotiation output extracted from the test suite; detailed diagnostics have been deleted:

```
Neg1 3356 Reserves: $ 209 wait: 38018
Neg1 3356 listen negotiate: Waiting for a negotiate request
Neg2 4900 Asking for $ 335
Neg2 4900 Got nonce 2212917
Neg2 4900 Assembled Python message [1, 4417678, ['EX2', 1, 6, 0]]
Neg2 4900 Waiting for discovery response
Neg2 4900 Entering drloop
Neg2 4900 Adding objective to discovery cache
Neg2 4900 Waiting for discovery response
Neg2 4900 Entering drloop
Neg2 4900 Adding locator to discovery cache
Neg2 4900 Waiting for discovery response
Neg2 4900 Discovered locator 2406:e007:59f5:1:28cc:dc4c:9703:6781
Neg2 4900 Sending req_negotiate to 2406:e007:59f5:1:28cc:dc4c:9703:6781
Neg2 4900 Assembled Python message [3, 2260325, ['EX2', 1, 6, ['NZD', 335]]]
Neg1 3356 listen_negotiate: Got negotiate request from queue
Neg1 3356 listened, answer EX2 ['NZD', 335]
Neg1 3356 Assembled Python message [4, 2260325, ['EX2', 1, 5, ['NZD', 104.5]]]
Neg2 4900 negloop: CBOR->Python: [4, 2260325, ['EX2', 1, 5, ['NZD', 104.5]]]
Neg2 4900 negloop: got NEGOTIATE
Neg2 4900 Assembled Python message [4, 2260325, ['EX2', 1, 5, 251.25]]
Neg1 3356 negloop: CBOR->Python: [4, 2260325, ['EX2', 1, 5, 251.25]]
Neg1 3356 negloop: got NEGOTIATE
Neg1 3356 Assembled Python message [6, 2260325, 38018]
Neg1 3356 Tried wait: True None
Neg2 4900 negloop: CBOR->Python: [6, 2260325, 38018]
Neg2 4900 negloop: got WAIT
Neg1 3356 Woke up
Neg1 3356 Assembled Python message [4, 2260325, ['EX2', 1, 4, ['NZD', 156.75]]]
Neg2 4900 negloop: CBOR->Python: [4, 2260325, ['EX2', 1, 4, ['NZD', 156.75]]]
Neg2 4900 negloop: got NEGOTIATE
Neg2 4900 Assembled Python message [4, 2260325, ['EX2', 1, 4, 201.0]]
Neg1 3356 negloop: CBOR->Python: [4, 2260325, ['EX2', 1, 4, 201.0]]
Neg1 3356 negloop: got NEGOTIATE
Neg1 3356 Assembled Python message [5, 2260325, [102, 'Insufficient funds']]
Neg2 4900 negloop: CBOR->Python: [5, 2260325, [102, 'Insufficient funds']]
Neg1 3356
            Exit
Neg2 4900 Negotiate step: got END
Neg2 4900 Step2 gave: False None Insufficient funds
Neg2 4900 Peer reject: Insufficient funds
Neg2 4900 Exit
```

#### Output extracted from the Gray/Briggs ASA test (some messages omitted):

```
_MainThread 6112 ASA Gray is starting up
MainThread 6112 ASA Gray registered OK
MainThread 6112 Objective EX3 registered OK
MainThread 6112 Ready to negotiate EX3 as requester
 MainThread 6112 Asking for NZD 498
MainThread 6112 Peer offered 172
MainThread 6112 Asking for 448
MainThread 6112 Loop ct 15 offered 182
MainThread 6112 Asking for 403
MainThread 6112 Loop ct 13 offered 192
MainThread 6112 Asking for 362
 MainThread 6112 Loop ct 11 offered 202
 MainThread 6112 Rejecting unacceptable offer
_MainThread 6112 Asking for NZD 281
_MainThread 6112 Peer offered 130
MainThread 6112 Asking for 252
MainThread 6112 Loop ct 2 offered 140
__MainThread 6112 Asking for 226
__MainThread 6112 Loop ct 0 offered 150
__MainThread 6112 Asking for 203
__MainThread 6112 Peer reject: Loop count exhausted
 MainThread 6112 Asking for NZD 135
 MainThread 6112 Peer offered 130
 MainThread 6112 Negotiation succeeded ['NZD', 130]
 _MainThread 188 ASA Briggs is starting up
____MainThread 188 ASA Briggs registered OK
_MainThread 188 Objective EX3 registered OK
_MainThread 188 Ready to negotiate EX3 as listener
 MainThread 188 Reserves: $ 345 wait: 12517
_MainThread 188 Got request for NZD 498
__MainThread 188 Starting negotiation
_MainThread 188 Offering NZD 172
_MainThread 188 Loop ct 16 request 448
_MainThread 188 Offering NZD 182
MainThread 188 Loop ct 14 request 403
__MainThread 188 Offering NZD 192
_MainThread 188 Loop ct 12 request 362
_MainThread 188 Offering NZD 202
_MainThread 188 Failed: You are mean!
 MainThread 188 Reserves: $ 261 wait: 12774
MainThread 188 Got request for NZD 281
MainThread 188 Starting negotiation
MainThread 188 Offering NZD 130
 MainThread 188 Loop ct 3 request 252
MainThread 188 Tried wait: True None
MainThread 188 Woke up
MainThread 188 Offering NZD 140
MainThread 188 Loop ct 1 request 226
MainThread 188 Tried wait: True None
 MainThread 188 Woke up
 MainThread 188 Offering NZD 150
 MainThread 188 Failed: No reply to negotiation step
 MainThread 188 Reserves: $ 260 wait: 11616
MainThread 188 Got request for NZD 135
_MainThread 188 Starting negotiation
_MainThread 188 Offering NZD 130
_MainThread 188 Negotiation succeeded
```

Screen shot extracted from the Gray/Briggs ASA test. (See the pretty bubbles; this might not work on all systems. It uses the tkinter package.):

