Concurrent C Programming HPCTF – Hauronen Patronen's Capture the Flag using ØMQ

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- ØMQ installation guide by David Hauri https://github.com/chubbson/sem_os_hpctf/blob/master/INSTALLZMQ.md
- Stack Overflow strtok HAD: http://stackoverflow.com/questions/2529834/strtok-wont-accept-char-str
- ØMQ: http://www.zeromq.org

ZeroMQ, ØMQ

ØMQ (also spelled ZeroMQ, 0MQ or ZMQ) is a high-performance asynchronous messaging library aimed at use in scalable distributed or concurrent applications. It provides a message queue, but unlike message-oriented middleware, a ØMQ system can run without a dedicated message broker. The library is designed to have a familiar socket-style API.
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/%C3%98MQ

Spielprinzip

- Mehrere Spieler
- Ein Server
- n*n Felder
- Capture The Flag
- Own all Flags -> Winner
- TCP/IP -> ØMQ

Max Player count

1 Terminal character = 1 Field (Owner)

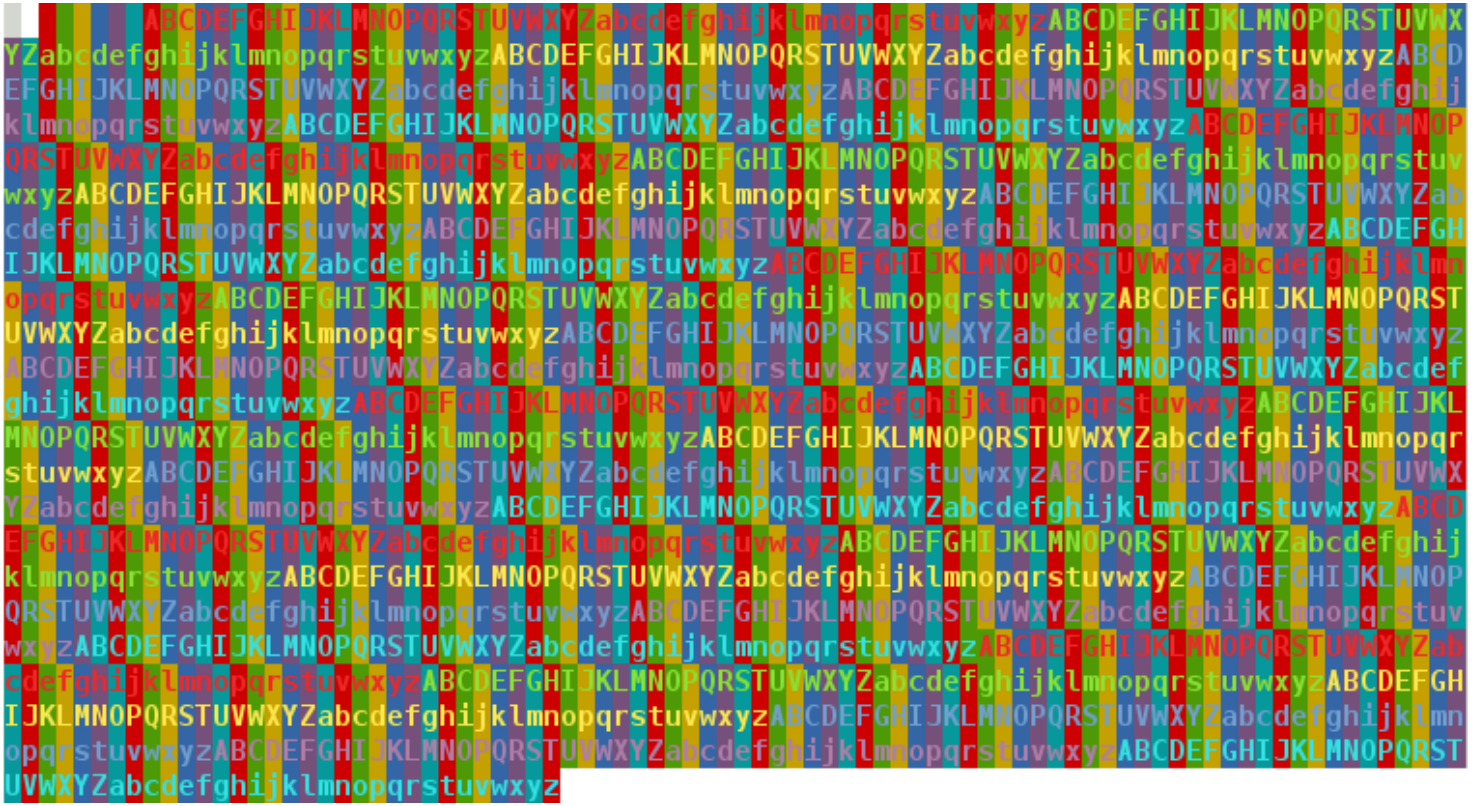
$l \quad = 26$ [Letters a..z]

$c \quad = 6$ [Colors]

$$p_{max} = c + (c^2 * l * 2)$$

$$p_{max} = 6 + 36 * 26 * 2 = 1878$$

Max Player count



PlayerId => Printable char Field

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const int shftidx = 0x41;                                                  // lowest ascii tablechar
const int alphcnt = 26; const int lettercnt = (alphcnt*2);                 // a-z // a-Z
const int coldigcnt = 6; const int fldcolcnt = coldigcnt*coldigcnt;        // diferent colors // color combination
const int plrcnt = coldigcnt + (fldcolcnt * lettercnt);                    // max palyer
idx = idx%plrcnt; int n = 0; int letidx, digbg, digfg;                     // mod given idx with maxplrcntconst
switch(idx){
  case -1:                  // fill Buffer with 'Border'
    sprintf(buf, "\x1B[%d;3%d;4%dm%c\x1B[0m", 0, 7, 7, ' '); break;
  case 0:                   // fill Buffer with 'empfy'
    sprintf(buf, "\x1B[0m%c", ' '); break;
  case 1 ... 6:             // fill Buffer with uni color
    sprintf(buf,  "\x1B[%d;3%d;4%dm%c\x1B[0m", 0, idx, idx, ' '); break;
  case 7 ... 1878:
    idx -= coldigcnt; idx -= 1;                 // idx – 1..6 base colors; // idx 2 zero base
    letidx = idx % lettercnt;                   // letidx based to 0..51 -> a..Z
    letidx += letidx >= alphcnt ? 6 : 0;        // idx > (int)'z' => skip 6 characters to shift to A..Z range
    letidx += shftidx;                          // shift 0x41 to (int)'a' character in ascii table
    digfg = (idx/lettercnt)%coldigcnt + 1;  // Foreground Color 1 .. 6 => 1Red, 2Green, 3Yellow, 4Blue, 5Magenta, 6Cyan
    digbg = (idx - ( idx/(lettercnt*coldigcnt) ) )%coldigcnt + 1;// BgCol 1 .. 6 => 1Red, 2Green, …, 4Blue, 5Magenta, 6Cyan
    sprintf(buf, "\x1B[1;3%d;4%dm%c\x1B[0m", digfg, digbg, (char)letidx);  // "\x1B[1;31;43mC"  =>
    break;          // 1 Bold on; ForeClr 30-37 Black,Red…Cyan,White; BackClr 40-47 Black,Red…Cyan,White m Character
default: break; }
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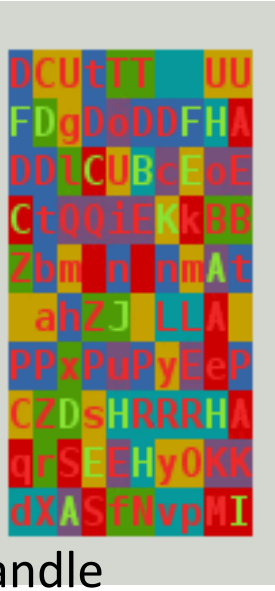
Request – Reply (Client)

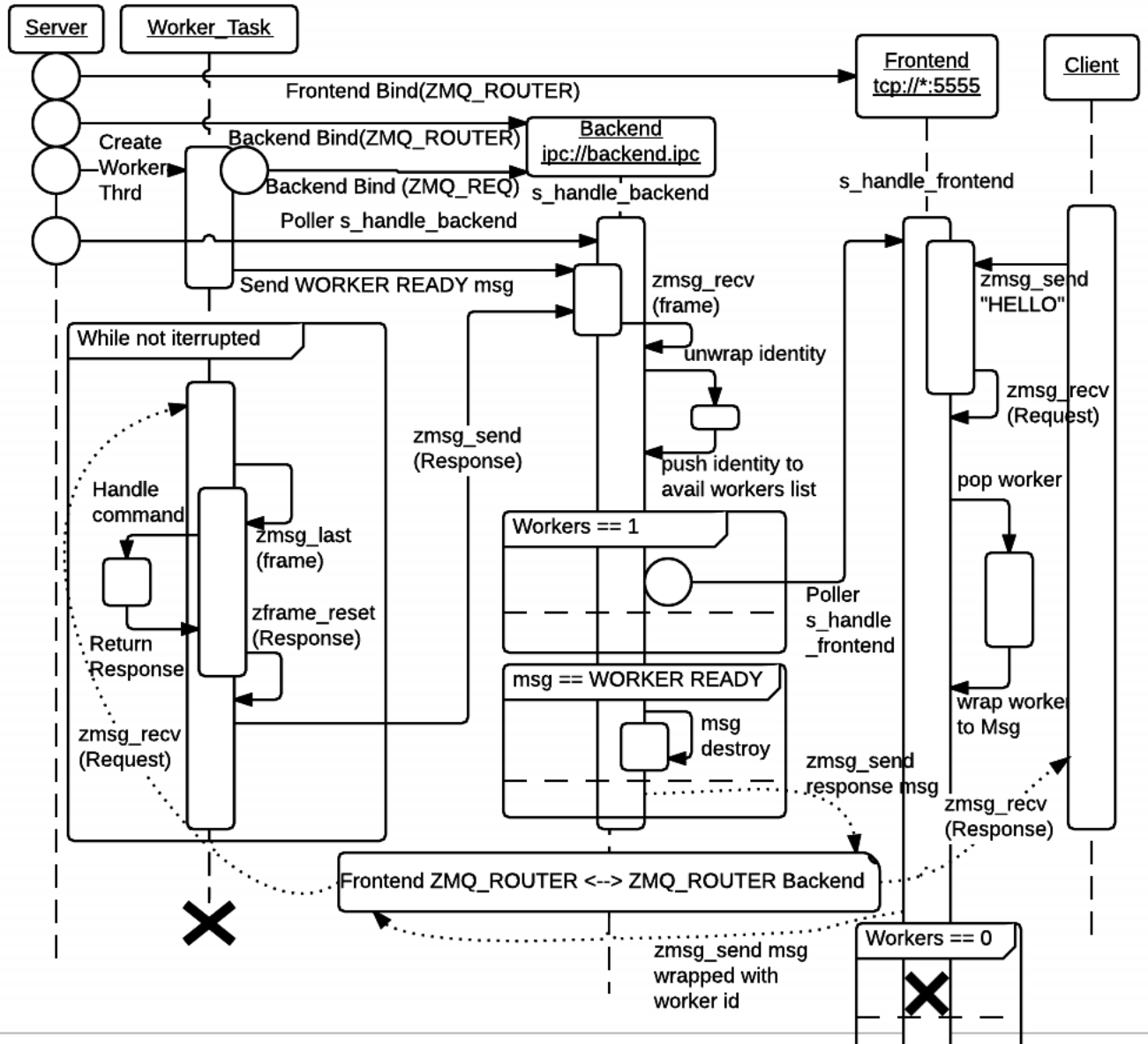
- Client Requests Server | Port: 5555
- Client -> Lazy Pirate Strategy
- Tries 3 Times, with an interval of 1 Second
  - Server is not available (started)
  - Server is to busy
  - Server crashed
- If no Response -> Break -> Terminate
- ZMQ_REQ -> "tcp://localhost:5555“ (Server:localhost, still hardcoded)

Load Balancer (Server)



- Frontend: ZMQ_ROUTER “tcp://*:5555“
- Backend: ZMQ_ROUTER “ipc://backend.ipc”
- Workerthread: ZMQ_REQ “ipc://backend.ipc”
- Workerthread: Sending Worker Ready on “ipc://backend.ipc“
- Loop Workerthread: Receive Msg, get last Frame (Commando), Handle cmd, reset frame with answer, send (response) to “ipc://backend.ipc”
- Poll On Backend “ipc://backend.ipc” -> handle_Backend
- Handle_Backend: Receive Msg from “ipc://Backend.ipc”, unwrap identity from Msg, append identity to workers list. If there is just 1 Worker, poll “tcp://*:5555” -> handle_frontend if there is a Msg.
- Hanlde_Backend: If there is a Msg is ‘Worker Ready’ drop it otherwise, forward it to Frontend
- Hanlde_Frontend: Receive Msg from “tcp://*:5555”, get a available worker form list and wrap msg with the worker pointer. Send wrapped Msg to Backend “ipc://backend.ipc”. If then no more available workers left, cancel poller which handle_frontend on frontend

Load Balancer (Sequence)



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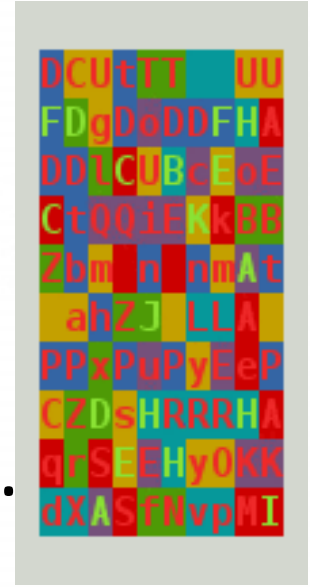

- Server ZMQ_PUB -> “tcp://*:5556”
- Server Sendet asynchron Status updates.
- Jeder Client, FieldViewer kann diese Statusmeldungen Subscriben und local in einer KVHash speichern. Diese KVHash kann auf die gewünschten Werde im Programm abgefragt werden.

Shared Key Value Map

- Verwendete KV States
  - [fldlen] int: Size N
  - [%d][%d] char *: Field Owner
  - [state] int: Game State FINISHED, RUNNING, WAITING4PLAYERS
  - [winner] char *: winner Name
  - {%s} int: PlayerId

PlayerId vs FieldOwner

- Req: Name des Spielers steht im Feld.
- Owner der Fields als char *
- Problem: Mit char * lässt sich in der CMD kein schönes Feld zeichnen.
- Server published eindeutige PlayerId pro Spieler.

Synchronisation Task

- Server bemerkt keine Disconnects.
- Client kann ohne Probleme reconnecten.
- Synchronisation tasks (~1s):
  - Game State
  - FieldSize
  - PlayerName:Id
  - Fieldowner

Environment

- Win 7 -> VMWare Fedora 17 x86
- Sublime
- Terminal
- ZeroMQ 4.2.0

Demo