Multimedia Sharing Application

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Project Description

Develop an application which can share large multimedia files between two nodes o the same network using socket programming. Further optimize the application using multithreading to run faster for larger files. Show performance gain in multithreading over a single threaded program.

Socket programming

Socket programming is a way of connecting two nodes on a network to communicate with each other. One socket(node) listens on a particular port at an IP, while other socket reaches out to the other to form a connection. Server forms the listener socket while client reaches out to the server.

Sender Connection Establishment

- First of all we import socket which is necessary.
- Then we made a socket object and reserved a port on our pc.
- After that we binded our server to the specified port. Passing an empty string means that the server can listen to incoming connections from other computers as well.
- After that we put the server into listen mode.
- At last we make a while loop and start to accept all incoming connections and close those connections after a thank you message to all connected sockets.

Receiver Connection Establishment

- First of all we make a socket object.
- Then we connect to sender on the port on which our server runs and lastly we receive data from the server and close the connection.

Single Thread File Transfer: Sender

- A socket is created and the IP and port are bound to it.
- The sender then enters to listening mode and waits for the receiver to establish connection.
- Once the connection is established the sender sends the file name and file size to the receiver and then starts transmitting the data.

Single Thread File Transfer: Receiver

+ . A socket is created and is connected to the IP and port of the host.
+ The receiver then establishes the connection using the sockets.
+ Once the connection is established the receiver receives the file name and file size from the sender.

Multithread File Transfer-Sender

- Once the connection is established the sender sends the file name and file size, along with the file type to the receiver and then starts transmitting the data.
- The file is divided into chunks of fixed size and then the program uses multiple threads to send these chunks of the file to the receiver .
- As soon as a thread receives 'READY' from receiver, it sends the chunk assigned to it along with its information.

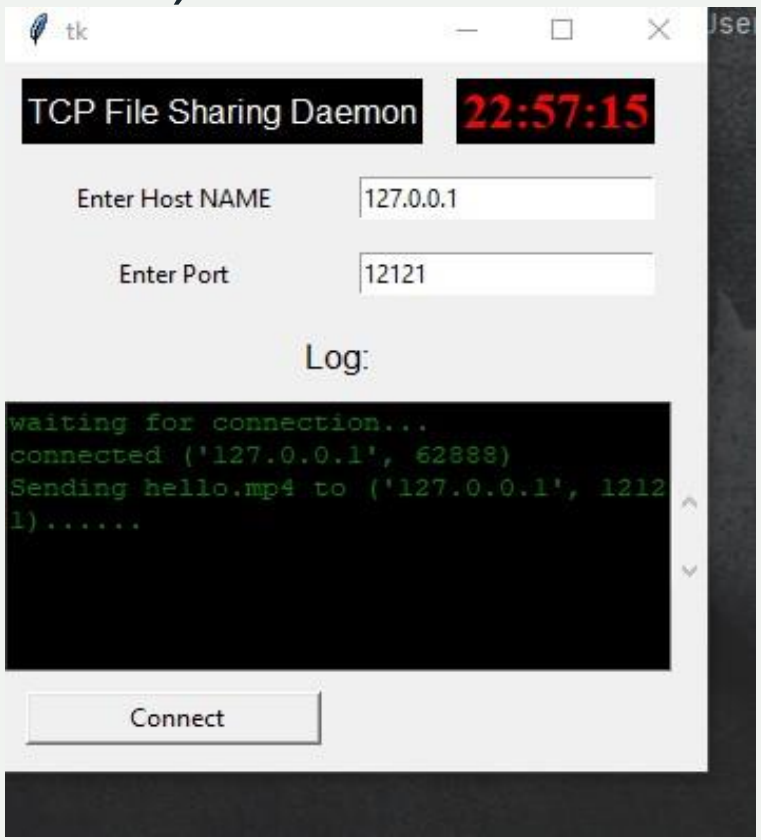
Multithread File Transfer-Recipient

- The sender sends a "READY" message to notify the sender that it is ready to receive bytes.
- It receives the chunk info first, and then goes on receive and write the data into file accordingly.
- Chunk info consists of <chunk id, chunk size> separated by a delimiter.

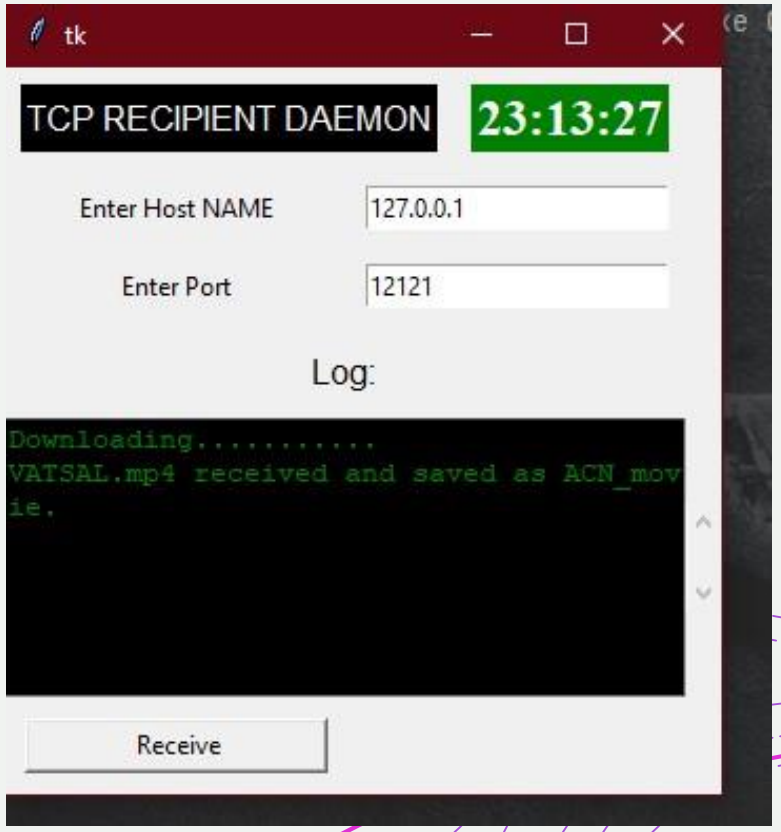
GUI Implementation

- Tkinter is the Python interface used to create GUI for both the sender and receiver.
- The GUI displays information like connected and sending file at senders window and downloading file and finished status at receivers window.

+ Sender Window(sending status)

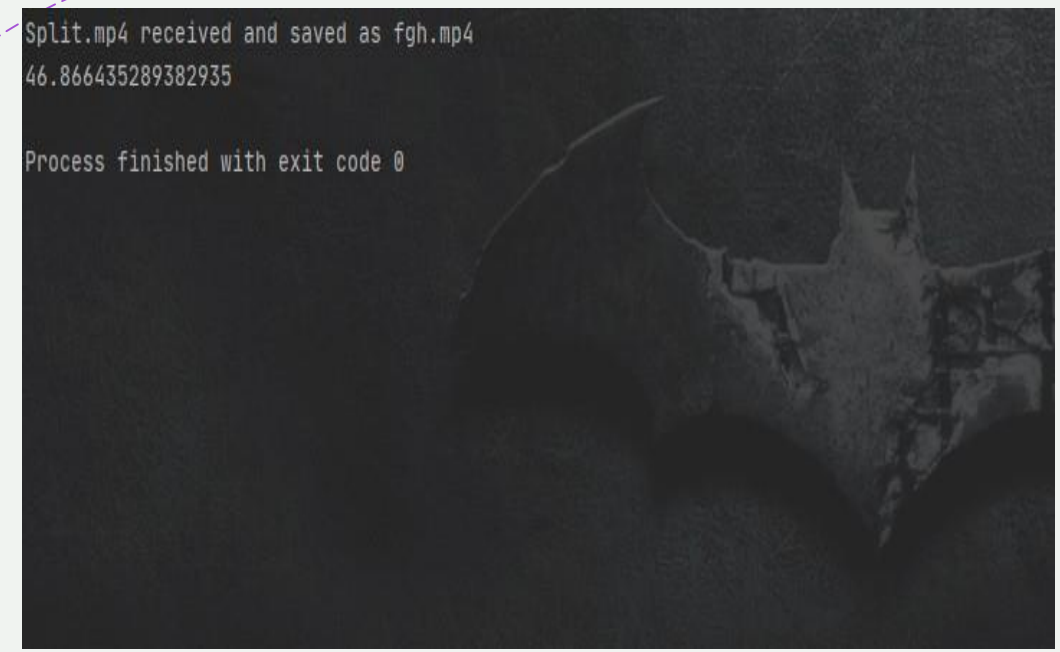


+ Receiver Window(finished status)



Result & Analysis

+ Single thread(time elapsed)



+ Multi thread(time elapsed)