Introduction to Computer Networks

Assignment 1: Concurrent File Copy Program

1. Goal

- Be able to handle a new copy request while copying files in parallel.
 - Using multi-threads (one thread for each file transfer)

2. Development environments

- TA will evaluate your results on Linux.
- You can use C++ or Python (version 3.6+)
- You have to describe your development environments in detail in the report.

3. Functionalities to implement

- Assume that there are both text and binary files (text files, image files, and video files) in the directory where the program is located.
- Get two input strings; one for the source (existing) file name, and one for the destination (non-existent) name to be copied.
- The file must be read in 10 Kbytes increments using a loop.
- Must allow a new copy request while copying files in parallel
 - TA will evaluate up to 10 simultaneous multiple file copies
- If a file copy is completed, write the file name with the completion time in "log.txt".
 - The time is assumed to be zero seconds when the program starts.
- Enter 'exit' to terminate this program (instead of a file name)

^{*} This assignment is to give you an experience developing concurrent processing. You can use only basic libraries (ex: stdlib.h, os, thread etc.), and must implement the main functionalities by yourself. If you want to use a special library, you must be confirmed via our anonymous google sheet.

4. Sample Results

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Input the file name: GoodMovie.avi
Input the new name: GreateMovie.avi
Input the file name: BadMovie.avi
Input the new name: NotBadMovie.avi
Input the file name: exit
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Figure 1. Console screen

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3.00 Start copying GoodMovie.avi to GreateMovie.avi
10.00 Start copying BadMovie.avi to NotBadMovie.avi
32.00 NotBadMovie.avi is copied completely
47.00 GreateMovie.avi is copied completely
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Figure 2. A sample of log.txt

5. Submission

- The deadline is 4.5 (Sun) 23:59.
 - For delayed submissions, a penalty of -15 points applies every 24 hours. After 72 hours, you get zero points.
 - In the case of plagiarism, you will receive 0 points for the first time and **F** for the second.
- Submit a zip file including a report file and a source code for your program to iCampus
 - For C++, submit both a source code and Makefile to produce StudentID.out (ex: 2018001.out)
 - For Python, submit a source code named StudentID.py (ex: 2018001.py)
 - The report file must be the **PDF** format and include as following;
 - Describe your development environments in detail: (version of operating system, programming language, compilers/interpreter version, compiler option...)
 - 2) Present how to design your assignment such as data structures and algorithms.
 - 3) Explain how to test your program by showing the screen capture.

6. Scoring criteria

- Total 100 points
 - 20 points: Get source and destination file names from keyboard
 - 20 points: Allow to copy multiple files concurrently
 - 20 points: Append every copy completion information in 'log.txt'
 - 20 points: The new (copied) files must be valid. (e.g. possible to play videos)
 - 10 points: Termination when entering 'exit'
 - 10 points: The report file should describe your development environment and how to run your programs.

7. Q&A

• Leave your questions on the google sheet