Term Project – File Synchronization

Circular doubly linked list of nodes (Pseudo Chord)

- Each node has 'pointers' which are just ip addresses of its predecessor and successor nodes
- Any time a node changes data in a file, the dht that is generated every X seconds 'updates' so the next node will know there is an update
- Nodes need to constantly poll their predecessor for a connection

Joining the network

- Client node joins a network by using FindIpAddresses and getNodes(). It then chooses a random server node from this list (probably the 0th element since this should be one of the fastest)
 - If there are no other nodes on our port, the client effectively becomes a network of 1
- It connects to this server node
- It sends a message that it wants to join the network
- The server node sends a message to its successor that a new node wants to join the network
- The client node becomes the server node's new successor and the server node becomes the client nodes new predecessor
- The server nodes' old successor becomes the client nodes' new successor and the client node becomes the server node's old successor's predecessor

Connecting

- Every node always has a server thread running
- Every X seconds, the node's server thread connects to the next node's client thread; it forms a connection, which is passed to a new RequestHandler that sends the server's dht; the client compares the dht to its own and the hashed file contents to determine which files it wants from the server; it then requests the files and receives them from requesthandler

DHT

- Keys are fileNames
 - content is the hashed contents
- when two nodes connect, the client and server make new hashtables of their files
- the client compares its hashtable to the servers and requests any files that the server has that the client does not or which have different contents
 - we default to taking the server's copy of files if they are different

Improvements with more time

The network

- we could debug the network so that when the previous and next nodes of a node are the same node, there is no weird socket error
 - perhaps due to us not having main start the server and client threads correctly that is, they are desync'd
- we could implement proper waiting to make some threads block until a connection is made instead of relying on Thread.sleep() to force waiting
- in findIpAddresses, instead of spawning new threads to ping each possible ip address in our subnet, we could make something to properly query an arp table to find nodes for our network

DHT

- we would add in a timestamp and cache a hashed copy of each file to manage merge conflicts better
- on hash table conflict, we could look at each file conflict and compare each file's hashed contents to the cached copies and if they exist, we simply take the newest one and update the old copy, otherwise we cache this new copy and tell the user they need to manage the merge
 - we could organize the hashed value so that we could determine which file versions are parents of which children and use this information to highlight which parts of the file are different to users (like git)

Output (works in reverse too, but depends on which order we start the processes)

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                                                                                                                                            server side using port 9000 to establish network
      9000
                                             port 9000 to establish network
      Listening for a client
                                                                               Listening for a client
      Trying
                                                                               Trying
      finally
                                                                                .0
                                             found other node
      Devices on subnet 192.168.254: 192.168.254.19
                                                                               finally
                                             previous: .0
                                              next: 192.168.254.19
                                                                               Devices on subnet 192.168.254:
      .0 192.168.254.19
      Listening for a server
                                                                               192.168.254.18
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                                             port 9019 to connect to next
      9019
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      Listening for a client
                                                                                                                                            using port 9018 for file transfer
                                                                               9018
      previous: .0
previous: 192.168.254.19
next: 192.168.254.18
                                                                               Listening for a server
                                                                               Listening for a client
      next: 192.168.254.18
      Key: asdf.docx
Value: 1619909916029
                                                                               Received a connection
                                             hashtable of filename keys and
                                                                                                                                            listing files in shared directory
                                                                               asdf.docx
                                             hashed file content values
      Key: test.txt
Value: 1619909917082
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      Key: Untitled2.png
Value: 1619909918410
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      Value: 1619909356015
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                                              message to server that it wants
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                                             these files
      test.txt
                                                                                file: New OpenDocument Spreadsheet.ods
      excel.xlsx
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      test - Shortcut.lnk
      test2(0).txt
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      C:\cecs327\asdf.docx
                                                                                file: Untitled2.png
      File Received
                                             received this file
                                                                               hash size: 7
      asdf.docx
still want: 7
                                                                               Waiting for client
                                                                               C:\cecs327\asdf.docx
      Received a connection
      asdf.docx
                                                                               File Sent
      excel.xlsx
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      New OpenDocument Spreadsheet.ods
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      test - Shortcut.lnk
      test.txt
                                                                               next: 192.168.254.18
      test2(0).txt
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      Untitled2.png
next: 192.168.254.19
file: asdf.docx
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      file: excel.xlsx
      file: New OpenDocument Spreadsheet.ods
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      file: test - Shortcut.lnk
file: test.txt
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      file: test2(0).txt
      file: Untitled2.png
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      hash size: 7
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      C:\cecs327\test.txt
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      File Received
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      still want: 6
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      File Received
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      still want: 5
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      C:\cecs327\excel.xlsx
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      File Received
excel.xlsx
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      still want: 4
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      File Received
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      New OpenDocument Spreadsheet.ods
      still want: 3
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      C:\cecs327\test - Shortcut.lnk
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      File Received
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      test - Shortcut.lnk
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      still want: 2
C:\cecs327\test2(0).txt
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      test2(0).txt
      still want: 1
192.168.254.19 192.168.254.19
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                                                                                                                                               previous and next ip's are correct
                                            previous and next ip's set correctly
                                                                                                                                               looping for updates
                                                                                Listening for a server
      Listening for a server
                                            looping to listen for updates
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