Private Dropbox Final Report COSC480

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Abstract

I have written a program in Python which reads user settings from a file, and synchronises the appropriate files to the appropriate machines when they have been modified. It does this using an efficient two way file synchronising tool called Unison. I will discuss in this dissertation what I have done and how I have tested my program.

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1 Introduction

1.1 Project goals

The aim of this project was to develop a file synchronisation tool. Similar to Dropbox (and others) its main function should be to keep data synchronised between multiple devices. What makes it different however is it should:

- Support decentralised operation. It will not necessarily need to communicate with 'the cloud'. The program should not require a centralised server. However it should be possible to configure the system to behave like a centralised system if the user wants to. The system should be flexible in this regard.
- Allow file synchronisation between multiple clients not just point-to-point between two clients. Synchronisation between two clients however is the basis for multiple client synchronisation. Clients may be running different operating systems. Clients may be connected to different networks, with different costs of access, including being disconnected from the Internet at times.
- The user should be able to choose what to replicate and how often to do it within different sets of files. Choosing what to replicate could be done based on file name, file types, file size *etc*. They system should allow for fine-grained user control for the majority of the program's functionality.
- Show statistics about which files are being replicated, efficiency (time taken for the files to become fully up to date), cost (bandwidth, disk space used). These statistics could also possibly lead to a heuristic for when to synchronise a given file. For example if a file is updated and a node has many neighbours to potentially send the file too. Perhaps choosing the neighbour whose links has the lowest cost would be a good choice to send the data to first.
- Operate automatically, without the user having to initiate a file synchronisation themselves. The system's autonomous operation should be influenced by the users choices on how often to sync and what files should be synced, this relates to the fine-grained controls mentioned above.

1.2 Background

There are already many services available that can synchronize your files between different devices. Dropbox, Google Drive, Microsoft SkyDrive, Apple iCloud are all examples of cloud based solutions for distributing your files across your devices. The problems with these services is privacy and availability. Storing your data with a third party gives them access to your documents. If you are a commercial organisation with sensitive information this might be concerning. You could of course choose to encrypt your files. Encrypting your files adds two slow extra steps, encrypting them before you upload

and decrypting files before you can use them, this is less than ideal. You also cannot guarantee that you will always be able to access your data, if the company that hosts your data goes bankrupt or decides to shutdown their service you could lose all of your data with little or no warning.

For example Megaupload, a file hosting service, has recently been shut down by the United States Department of Justice for alleged copyright infringement. According to its founder, 100 million users lost access to 12 billion unique files¹.

There are other possible approaches to replicating files across multiple computers. For example you could use version control systems like Subversion, Mercurial, and CVS. One problem with these is that they are centralised (they rely on a central server), should that server fail the replication will break. Not only that, they create a bottleneck at the server which can slow replication down. Cloud based solutions are often centralised. Another problem is that even if they are decentralised like git, they will not automatically push updates to other working sets. This could be accomplished with some cron scripts or a post-commit hook to get git to propagate data onwards. Git might have made a promising base to build my application on top of, the only real problem was the version control overhead that comes with it. Old revisions would take up space on the hard disk and require more data to be transmitted across network links. I decided that as a file synchronisation program, revision history was out off scope and that my program would deal with just keeping files in sync. Using git would be an interesting extension to my program and could easily be integrated into my current system.

1.3 Example use case

Here is an example use case demonstrating why I find my program useful.

I like to keep all of the data on my laptop backed up to an external hard drive. The data on my computer that I wish to back up falls into three main categories: documents, music, and movies. Documents are mostly scripts and programs that I am writing for University or work projects. Documents also include reports for assessment. These documents change very frequently and are very important to me. Often these are small files (but not always). My music collection changes relatively infrequently, files are around ≈5MB and I like to have a relatively current backup of this collection. My movie collection contains fairly large files but I do not need it to be backed up very often as it does not change very much and I do not care if I loose some of these movies. Files that I work on at University would be very useful to have on my laptop at home. Files that I work on at work mostly stay at work but occasionally I might want to bring something home to work on. The other device I always have with me and may be on one of any given (Wi-Fi or 3G) network at a certain time is my smart phone. I would like to have photos taken on this backed up to either (or both) my laptop and external hard drive.

¹http://computerworld.co.nz/news.nsf/news/kim-dotcom-wants-his-money-back

Some of the files that I move around are of a sensitive or personal nature and I would prefer not to store them with a third party vendor. I also have different synchronisation requirements for different types of data. For example my collection of large video files does not change that often and will chew up valuable network bandwidth whenever it has to transfer a new file. I like this to be replicated only occasionally as I do not use it that much. On the other hand my document collection which I use for work and coursework changes very often, is very important, and is fairly small. I would like this to be as up to date as possible.

Existing file synchronisation tools do not do enough for me. I do not have enough control over my data. I want to know which machines my files are going to and when. I want to feel confident that I will always be able to access my data even if the service closes down or my internet connection fails. My program is aimed at addressing these issues.

I have already described the personal network shown in Figure 1a. Figure 1b shows a graph of a corporate network, this is another example use case. It will have many of the same basic needs as the personal graph. The coloured rings represent the need for different policies for different machines in a network. Something which Dropbox will not provide but my system does.





(b) Corporate Network

Figure 1: Example use cases

2 Supporting architecture and program development

Before I could begin developing my program, I needed to have a test environment to run it in. Given that my program is designed to run across a network of computers I needed to be able to manipulate the test machines automatically because doing things manually would be too time consuming in the long run. In this section I will discuss how I control a network of virtual machines for testing. How I manage the networks between them and how I monitor these networks to gather performance statistics on my program.

2.1 Virtual Machines, Node networks

For testing my program I needed to have a network of computers that can be linked together in different arrangements easily. I decided to use virtual machines for this job since it means I do not need to have a large number of physical machines. I can create new machines very easily, and manipulate the links between them.

I have used Oracle's VirtualBox software. I chose VirtualBox because of its easy to use command line interface. My program should be able to run across any network of nodes. So I wanted to test as many different arrangements as possible. I decided that I needed to be able change network topologies easily without having to re-write my scripts. I built some bash scripts to run on top of a program called Graphviz².

Graphviz is open source software for generating graphs. I used Graphviz to generate graphs of all the topologies I worked with. This made it easy to keep track of what a topology looked like which was useful for debugging. It was also useful to display results alongside an image of what the topology looks like. Building my program on top of Graphviz meant that I could couple the production of the topology graph and the configuration of the virtual machines together. I never wanted one without the other so this was very useful.

Graphviz takes input from scripts written in DOT language³. DOT language is a simple graph description language. I have written a script to read in these DOT files and interpret the graph to set up my virtual machines⁴. My script also calls a program called neato (part of Graphviz) to generate graphs. This means I only have to write one DOT file to get a graph of my network topology and set up my virtual machines.

My Bash script enables the appropriate network adaptors on each virtual machine⁵. It does this by calling the VboxManage command which provides a command line interface to virtual box's functionality and allows me to configure the virtual machines to my liking. Then it sets an internal network and attach's these adaptors to use that network. I chose to use an internal network as the link between any given machines because this way I could guarantee my program was the only programs using the interface. This

²www.graphviz.org

³http://www.graphviz.org/doc/info/lang.html

⁴Appendix A.3 line 125 onwards

⁵Appendix A.3 line 60

helped me monitor the network traffic generated by my program (see Section 2.2). I sniffed network traffic using packet sniffing tool Wireshark⁶ when nothing was running and also when my program was running to verify nothing unexpected was using the interfaces attached to internal networks.

I started initial tests by writing some simple network topology DOT scripts. The reason I only choose to use simple topologies when testing my programs. I did this because it is easier to visualise how my program runs from the data if the topologies are simple. The other reason I chose to do this is because it is easy to extrapolate from a few simple topologies and generate a model of how more complicated topologies might behave.

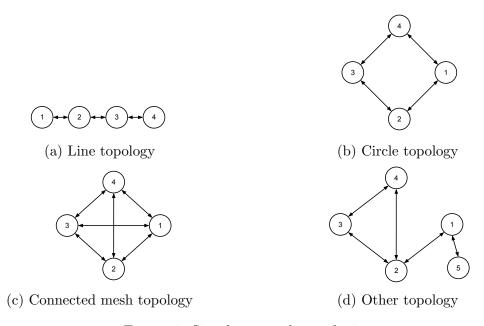


Figure 2: Simple network topologies

2.2 Reading network statistics

In order to gather network traffic statistics I chose to monitor the upload and download data collected by the interfaces over time. Given that my program was to only program using these interfaces I did not have to differentiate between different processes using the network. I looked at the possibility of extending this to run on a network where other processes are using the network connection as you would expect in a real world application of my program. I found a tool called NetHogs⁷. NetHogs runs on Linux and monitors the amount of data sent over the network by any given process. I also looked at using Iotop⁸. Iotop provides the amount of data being written to disk by

⁶http://www.wireshark.org/

⁷http://nethogs.sourceforge.net/

⁸http://guichaz.free.fr/iotop/

each process. This was useful because the amount of data written relates closely to the amount of data sent over the network. However I decided that monitoring network traffic was a more useful statistic as I could also see the ssh overhead associated with a transfer. An interesting challenge I faced when I was trying to log network usage was what interface to log data for. Initially I logged the traffic data of all of the interfaces on the machine⁹. The flaws in this approach became apparent very quickly, machines with an internet connection sometimes used large amounts of data which skewed the data. It also did not work with machines that were on more than one internal network as they might be sending/receiving data on both of the networks at the same time. I overcame this problem by using a built in Linux command ip. I always had an IP address to send data too, so all I needed to do was run ip route get {IP address} and examine the route information to see which interface was being used for communication to that IP address¹⁰. Once I had the interface name I would then record that data before and after a sync occurred for that given interface. I would also do this on the machine I was sending data too. This would give me timestamps of when a sync was initiated and when it finished. Knowing the network traffic statistics before and after a sync also allowed me to determine how much data each machine sent or received during a transfer or over any given time period. I also decided to include the folder being synchronised in the log files. This was useful for differentiating which sub-node was being synchronised. See Section 3.4 for further details on sub-nodes. A line starting with a # in my log file denotes a comment. Folder names are a specialised version of a comment a #D indicates a folder name. In this way my logging system is robust to future changes to my program, I would not have to make changes to my scripts which process logs and generate graphs if I decided to add more detailed information to my logs, such as the IP data is being sent to or received from. This is a feature I would like to add in the future, I discuss this possibility further in section 5.2.

 $^{^9}$ Appendix A.2 line 92

¹⁰Appendix A.2 line 38

3 Program design

In this section I discuss the design decisions I have made when building my program.

3.1 Python

I have chosen to use Python to implement my program. Python appealed to me because it supports many different platforms (Windows, Linux, Mac OS X). This is useful because it means I will (hopefully) encounter fewer compatibility problems when running my program across different operating systems in the future.

3.2 User control

One of the main goals of my project is to allow the user to have a large amount of control over how the program behaves. I currently have the program reading from configuration files that allow the user to specify which directories they want to watch and where those directories should be synchronised to.

I chose to use directories as my granularity for replication as opposed to files because keeping track of a large list of files may become unwieldy, and because I replicate directories recursively, I can replicate large amounts of data without a cluttered configuration file.

Another reason I chose directories as my granularity was because it may be handy to have a directory full of symlinks pointing to other directories.

3.3 Monitoring Directories

The application needs to monitor directories for changes (see section 3.4) so that it knows when to perform a sync. The reason I have chosen to do this is because synchronising a directory that has not been changed is a waste of time. I do not however want to be continually polling the watched directories to see if there have been any changes made. This would be a significant waste of CPU time and the input/output time associated with checking the disk. Instead I have looked into ways of being notified of a change in the file system below the watched directory.

Inotify

Inotify is a kernel feature that has been included in the Linux kernel since version 2.6. It is used to watch directories for changes and notify listeners when a change occurs. Inotify is inode based and replaced Dnotify, an older system that provided the same functionality. Dnotify however was inefficient, it opened up the file descriptors for each directory it was watching which meant the backing device could not be unmounted. It also had a poor user-space interface which used SIGIO. Inotify only uses one file descriptor and

returns events to the listener as they occur ¹¹ There is a Python module called Pyinotify¹² that provides a Python interface to Inotify, which I have used in my program. Another reason I chose Inotify was because different kinds of changes triggered different Inotify events. So I can differentiate between a file being deleted, created or modified, *etc*.

• FSEvents

- FSEvents is an API in MacOS X¹³ It is similar to Inotify in that it provides a notification to other applications when a directory is changed however it does not inform you which file in the directory was changed. This does not matter for my application since Unison is smart enough not to copy unchanged files in a directory. There is a Python module for FSEvents called MacFSEvents¹⁴.

I also looked at using the kqueue ¹⁵ system call that is supported by MacOS X and FreeBSD. It notifies the user when a kernel event occurs. I decided against using kqueue as the high level approach of FSEvents suits my application's needs.

• ReadDirectoryChangesW

- Windows, like the other operating systems I have examined, provides a way of doing this too. There is a function called ReadDirectoryChangesW. There is a FileSystemWatcher Class in .NET version 4 and above. IronPython might prove to be a good choice for a Windows implementation as it is a version of Python integrated with the .NET framework. I have chosen only to implement my program on Linux because portability was not in the main scope of the project. I would have liked to look at it further but became too time consuming and not interesting from a research perspective.

3.4 Dealing with Sub-nodes

I chose to classify directories as 'sub nodes' of a graph. The reason I choose directories was because I thought it would be easier for a user to maintain the configuration file. A configuration file listing every file to be synchronised could become very cluttered. If a user wanted to synchronize certain files in a directory they could write a Unison configuration file with exclusions/inclusions in it or use my programs built in ignore list (see Section 3.5) I wanted to see how the freshness of different sub-nodes varied between nodes when the program was running so I tag each sub-node when logging information

¹¹ www.kernel.org/pub/linux/kernel/people/rml/inotify/README

¹²http://pyinotify.sourceforge.net/

 $^{^{13}} https://developer.apple.com/library/mac/\#documentation/Darwin/Conceptual/FSEvents_ProgGuide/Introduction/ProgGuide/Introduction/ProgGuide/Introduction/ProgGuide/Introduction/ProgGuide/Introduction/ProgGuide/Introduction/ProgGuide/Introduction/ProgGuide/Introduction/ProgGuide/Introduction$

¹⁴http://pypi.python.org/pypi/MacFSEvents/0.2.1

¹⁵http://developer.apple.com/library/mac/#documentation/Darwin/Reference/ManPages/man2/kqueue.2.html

about the programs run (see Section 2.2 for more details on logging). Figure 3 shows a network with two sub-nodes. I alternated between creating 10MB files in each sub-node. The data transferred for the second sub-node trails the first sub-node in time but a similar amount of data is transferred over time.

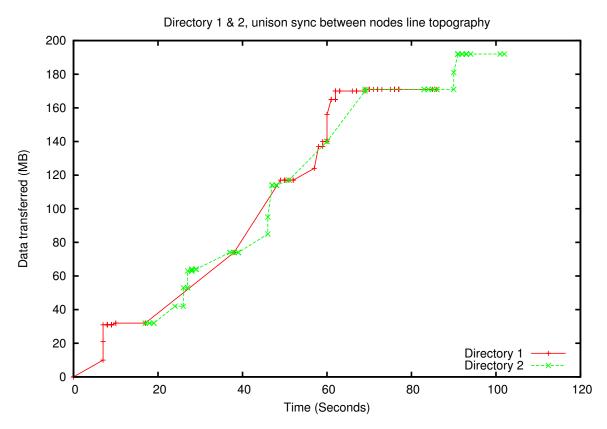


Figure 3: Line topology synchronising using Unison. Two different directories are being synchronised, 10MB files are sent to each directory alternately every ten seconds.

3.5 Unison and temporary files

I noticed that when Unison ran it created temporary files in the directory and once these files had been fully copied it renamed them to their intended name. The problem with this was that my program was picking up these temporary files as they were created and trying to copy them to the next node, only to find that these files no longer existed. To get around this problem I decided to implement a filter on the files to be copied. The program filters out files that contain ".tmp" in the filename. Unison is not the only program that uses temporary files. I decided that this should be a user set preference given that users may want to filter out different files.

My program simply reads from a file with each file pattern to exclude listed on a new line. It is easy to add to/remove from. As I said above I added .tmp to the file as a default. This could easily be extended to allow a user to omit certain files from the replication by adding all files in my programs ignore file to Unisons ignore list. Or conversely by maintaining a white list of files to sync. This would allow for greater granularity when syncing nodes.

4 Program evaluation

4.1 Point-to-Point synchronisation

After looking for cross-platform, open source, file synchronisation tools, I have found a tool called Unison¹⁶ to be a promising starting base for this project. Unison is an open source file synchronisation tool. It supports efficient (*i.e.*, it attempts to only send changes between file versions) file synchronisation between two directories (including sub-folders) between two "roots" that may or may not be on the same machine. Unison calls the directories it is synchronising, roots.

I decided to run some tests using Unison and two machines running on the same network to determine whether this would make a good base for my program or not.

I looked at three methods of file synchronisation across these two machines. Naïve copying; using Rsync, an application designed for efficiently copying files in one direction by looking at the differences in the files; and Unison described above.

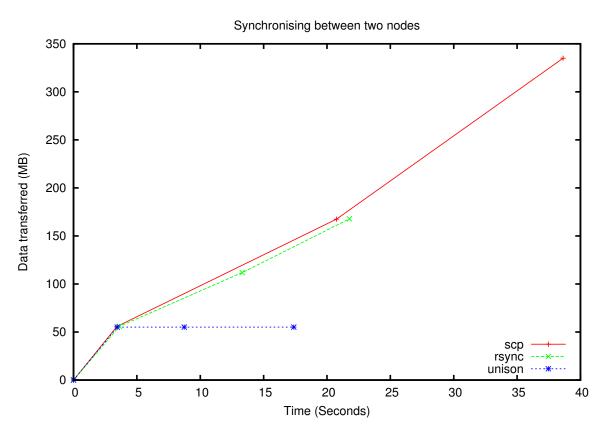


Figure 4: Comparison of SCP, Rsync, Unison. Three identical 50MB files with different names are being transferred between two nodes. Each point on the graph represents the start or end of a sync.

¹⁶http://www.cis.upenn.edu/ bcpierce/unison/

Rsync and Unison performed significantly better than the naïve copy method (as expected). After the initial file transfer new files added to the directory resulted in much less data being transmitted over the network, which meant the node graph became up to date much more quickly.

The reason naïve copy sent over 300MB of data to copy three 50MB files was because my implementation is deliberately naïve; it will copy the entire directory each time it is changed. Rsync and Unison were able to send less data because they work based on the differences between the files. However copy doesn't look at the files it just copies everything in the directory tree. Hence it will copy 50MB after file one is created, 100MB after the second file is added and finally 150MB when all three files are present for a total of 300MB.

Rsync copies the expected 150MB for three 50MB files. Figure 4 illustrates another advantage of Unison over Rsync. The graph shows three zero filled binary files being copied from one node to another one after the other. Unison recognised that even though the files were named differently they were the same file. Another advantage of Unison is that it handles replication in two directions without overwriting the files on the other side.

Each of the three methods I trialled had some overhead associated with them. This overhead was due to the secure shell (SSH) tunnel between the machines that all three methods used. Unison and Rsync also incur some overhead when comparing the differences between the files in the directories. This is why the graph shows the three lines slightly above where you might expect them to be for the amount of data that was copied.

4.2 Full graph replication

As you can see Unison and Rsync outperformed SCP advantage of Unison is two-way sync

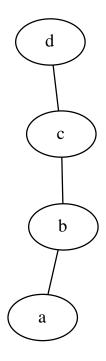


Figure 5: Generated graph of line topology

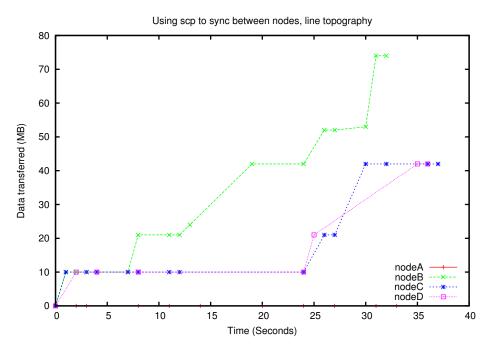


Figure 6: Program running using SCP and random $10\mathrm{MB}$

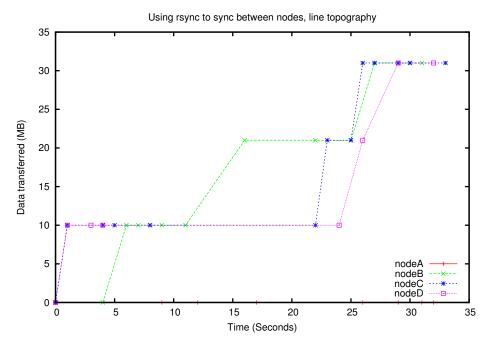


Figure 7: Rsync

For next graphs I dropped SCP as not only is it inferior it is also completely wrong the programs behaviour is undefined for changes coming from two directions.

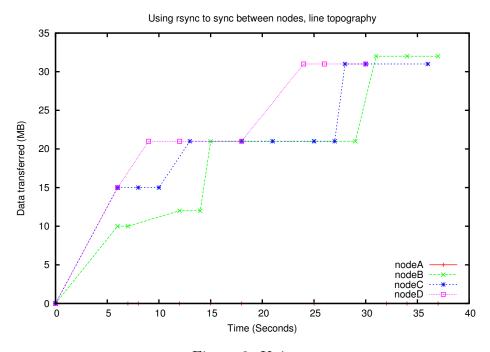
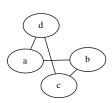
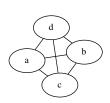


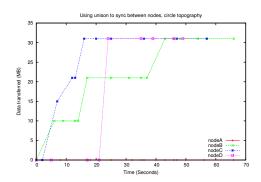
Figure 8: Unison



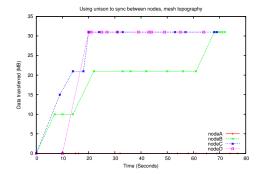
(a) Circle - generated graph of topology



(c) Mesh - generated graph of topology



(b) Unison running over circle topology



(d) Unison running over mesh topology

Figure 9: Comparison of different topologies

4.3 When to stop copying

They way my program works it that Each node notices when changes have occurred to a folder it is watching and when a change occurs, copy these changes to other nodes that it is connected to. After testing my program on some simple topologies one problem became clear. The problem was that if the changes came from one of its neighbour nodes this would cause an infinite loop of two nodes trying to copy changes to each other. This was particularly a problem when using SCP to copy. When using Unison this was not as much of a problem because it could detect that no changes had occurred between the nodes and would stop synchronising after one check (which had minimal overhead).

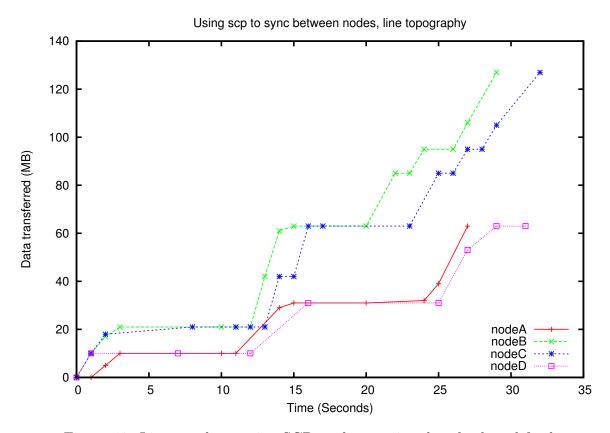


Figure 10: Line topology, using SCP, nodes copying data back and forth

Figure 10 shows three 10MB files being copied to nodeA in a line topology. The problem is that nodeB and nodeC continue to send data to each other even after every node has all of the files. NodeA receives a lot of data even though it was the source of the file changes.

The data points in Figure 11 show that when using Unison, although no extra data was sent, Unison still had to make checks to see whether there were any changes or not.

I used a control file to get around this problem. Each time a node synchronised with another node it would write out a control file telling the other node what files had

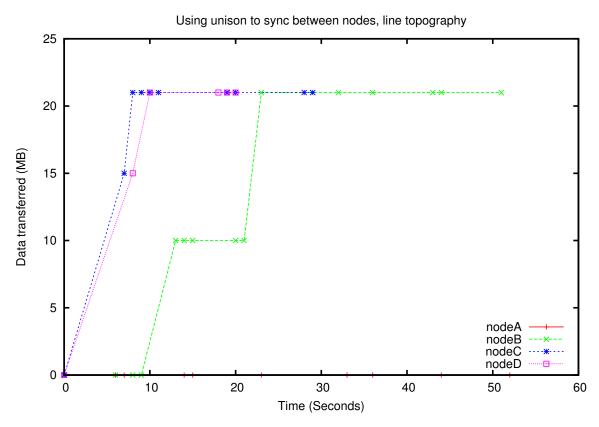


Figure 11: Line topology, using Unison, program continues to check for differences in files even after all nodes are the same. Each point represents an attempted sync.

been copied, who sent them and what the modification time of the files were. In this way a node could check if it was about to synchronise a file back to the node it had just received the file from or if local changes really had occurred to that file that were newer than a received file it should continue with its sync.

4.4 How often to sync

So how often should I sync once I noticed a change. If lots of small changes are occurring frequently it might be more efficient to perform a synchronisation after several changes have occurred. Given that there is overhead with each synchronisation, fewer copies means less data sent over the network.

Figures 12, 13,14, and 15 show my program running using Unison to sync 10MB over a network arranged in a line topology. The files were moved into the watched directory in ten second intervals. You can see that there isn't much difference between the graphs apart from in Figure 12 the time taken for all of the nodes to become up to date is shorter than the others. In the case of Unison it is best just to sync as often as possible because Unison only sends file differences the only saving when sending multiple changes at a time is on the ssh overhead and the overhead associated with Unison comparing the files. However this overhead is negligible when the files are of any meaningful size.

Figures 16, 17,19, and 20 show the same 10MB files being transferred every 10 seconds over the same line topology as previously mentioned except I used the SCP option on my program for these tests. You can see that Figure 19 (20 second delay) took less time than in Figure 20 (30 second delay) to replicate the data from the initial node (A) to the last node (D) in the graph. You can also notice that when the delay was set to less than or equal to the time the files were being created (10 seconds) that my program behaved in a seemingly random fashion with some nodes receiving less data than others. However you can see that in Figure 18 that the graph became more uniform as soon as I increased the delay to 11 seconds.

These results reinforced my idea that the delay should be set through a configuration file by the user since the appropriate delay will vary based on how often the files change. This is currently the case with my program, users can set a different (or the same) delay for each folder that they are watching. I also allow the user to use the '*' wild card character to tell the program to sync as often as possible. Based on my findings I would recommend to any user that the delay be set to more than the frequency that the files are changing but not too high as that slows down the system. If the user is using Unison they should set the delay time to be '*' (sync as often as possible) unless they are trying to synchronise very small files.

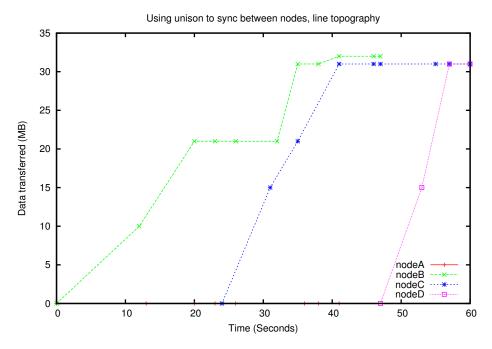


Figure 12: Five second delay between synchronising $10\mathrm{MB}$ files over a line topology using Unison

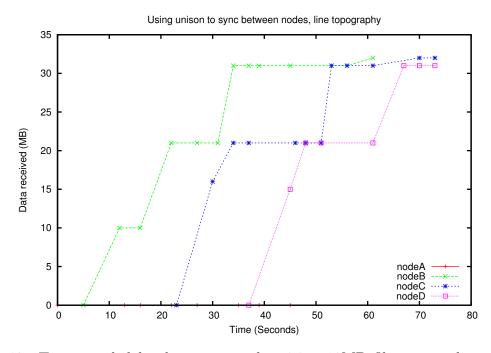


Figure 13: Ten second delay between synchronising 10MB files over a line topology using Unison

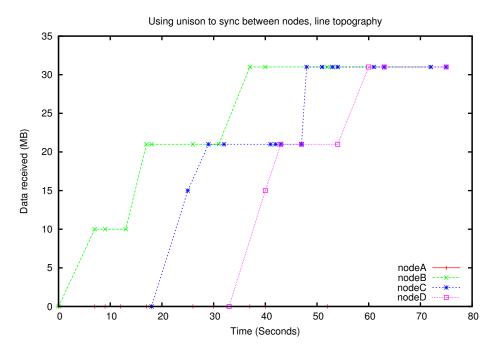


Figure 14: Twenty second delay between synchronising $10 \mathrm{MB}$ files over a line topology using Unison

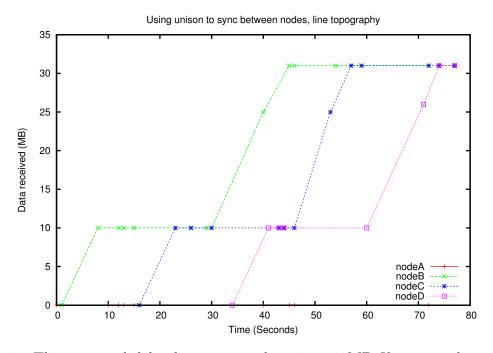


Figure 15: Thirty second delay between synchronising 10MB files over a line topology using Unison

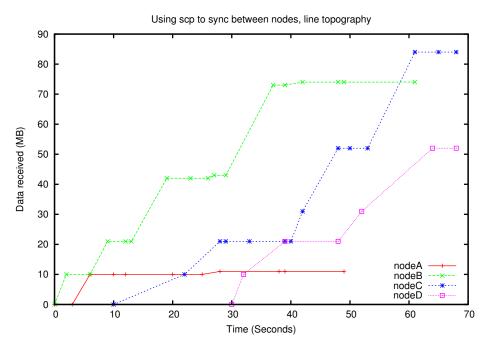


Figure 16: Five second delay between synchronising 10MB files over a line topology using SCP $\,$

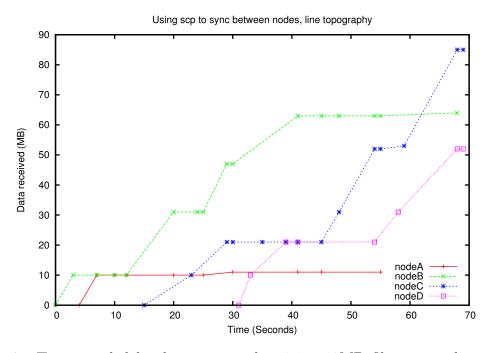


Figure 17: Ten second delay between synchronising $10\mathrm{MB}$ files over a line topology using SCP

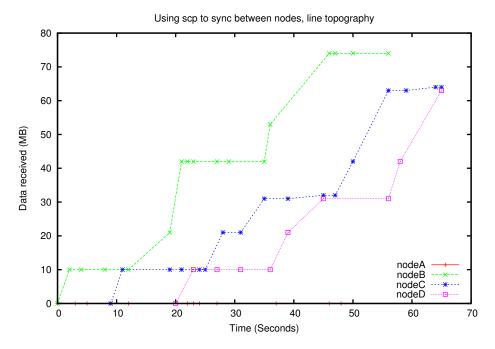


Figure 18: Eleven second delay between synchronising 10MB files over a line topology using SCP $\,$

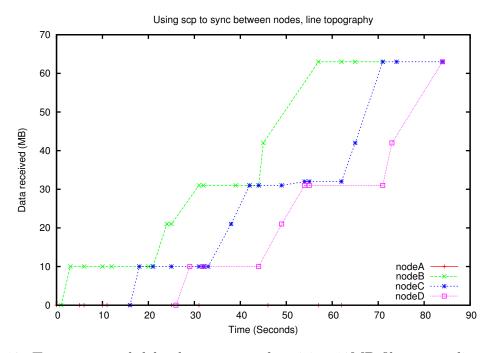


Figure 19: Twenty second delay between synchronising 10MB files over a line topology using SCP $\,$

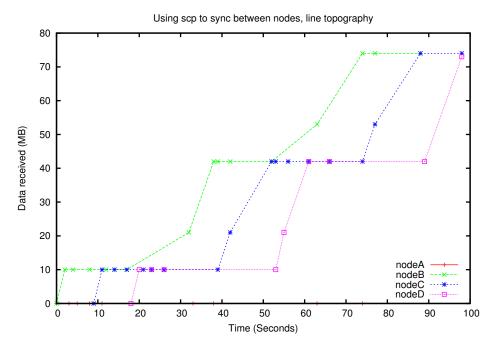


Figure 20: Thirty second delay between synchronising 10MB files over a line topology using SCP $\,$

4.5 Wi-Fi vs 3G

Circle topology start at node A, node B is on Wi-Fi and node C is on 3G. Results and discussion to come.

5 Future Work

My project ended up requiring a lot of initial set up time getting the testing infrastructure ready to produce different networks and graphs without requiring user input. As such this drew time away from other areas of research that I had originally planned to investigate. The main two areas that I would liked to have spent more time looking at were what happens when nodes leave and join the graph *i.e.* when nodes leave a network and then join a new network, or rejoin the old one. I would also have been interested in seeing how I could have improved the performance of the program with the data I am collecting.

5.1 Mobile Nodes

Connections between nodes in the graph (edges) may change over time. This could be because one of the nodes is a laptop and joins different networks at different times or because a network/machine is unreliable and is not up at a given point in time. I have represented edges that behave in this way as grey on the diagram below. I will refer to nodes with grey edges as 'mobile' nodes.

It would have been interesting to see how mobile nodes affect how up to date the nodes in the graph are. I predict that nodes that are not available for very long periods would lag behind others that are available. I wanted to see what would be the most effective way of getting these mobile nodes up to date quickly. Giving mobile nodes priority over normal nodes might be one solution. I expect that if a mobile node is a link between two parts of the network that these two parts will fall out of synchronisation when the node leaves the graph. I wanted to look at how nodes in the graph may rely less on unreliable edges. I would like my program to associate a cost with each edge and prioritise edges with lower costs when synchronising data. Another option would be to only use reliable edges and fall back to using unreliable edges if necessary. Classifying edges could be done by cost or by how often an edge is available.

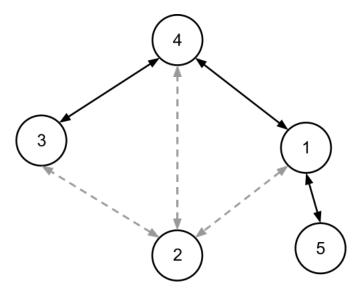


Figure 21: Node two intermittently has a connection to a subset of nodes 1,3 and 4. The edges in grey are links that are not always present.

5.2 Feedback

My program currently keeps detailed logs of the system state. Logs are kept of the amount of data transferred between the machines, which files were updated and when, the last time the data being watched was updated by another client (see Section 2.2 for more details on logging). I currently have scripts to generate graphs of the data used and the time taken for the graph to become up to date. I would have like to integrate these scripts my program to show an end user a graphical representation of the program running. Integrating my current graph scripts should be trivial I could just shell out to them if I really had to. What would have been very interesting to look at would be to see if I could use data gathered from previous runs of the program to see if my program could estimate future performance based on changes made to the settings file (like how often to sync a given sub-node). I envisaged each of the clients sharing their data with each other to get a view of the network as a whole and then looking at nodes that were out of date as candidates for a shorter sync delay time etc. In hind sight I think that this would have been quite an undertaking, requiring significant time to develop and should not have been in the scope of this project.

6 Conclusion

I have shown that my program does better than naïve copying, works in a variety of situations allows for fine grained user control.

A Program listings

A.1 WatchAndSync.py

```
1 import pyinotify, os, subprocess, argparse, socket, time, glob
      , datetime
2
  import readnet
 3
 4 wm = pyinotify. WatchManager()
  watchedfolders = \{\}
 6 homepath = "/home/cal/Documents/Private-Sync/"
   #homepath = "/Users/calum/Documents/Private-Sync/"
   parser = argparse. ArgumentParser()
   parser.add_argument("-c","--scp", action="store_true", help="
      Copy_using_scp")
11
   parser.add_argument("-r","--rsync",action="store_true",help="
      Copy_using_rsync")
   args = parser.parse_args()
12
13
14
   class Tools():
15
       def updateFolderInfo(self, wfolds):
            f = open('./folders.dat', 'w')
16
17
            for fold in wfolds:
                f.write(fold + """)
18
                for i in range (0, len(wfolds[fold]) - 1):
19
20
                     f. write (wfolds [fold][i] + """)
21
                f. write (wfolds [fold] [len (wfolds [fold]) -1] + "\n")
22
            f.close()
23
24
       def timeElapsed(self, dtstamp, diff):
            if diff = "*":
25
26
                print "Sync_ASAP"
27
                return
28
            diff = int(diff)
           FMT = \%Y - \%m - \%d \%H: \%M: \%S.\% f
29
            \#FMT = \%Y - \%m - \%d \%H: \%M: \%S
30
31
            tdelta = datetime.datetime.now() - datetime.datetime.
               strptime (dtstamp, FMT)
32
                    tdelta.total_seconds()
33
            timeDiff = tdelta.total_seconds()
34
            if (timeDiff >= diff):
35
                print "Time_period_reached"
```

```
else:
36
                print "Time_not_elapsed, _sleeping_for_" + str(diff
37
                    - timeDiff + 1)
38
                time.sleep(int(diff - timeDiff + 1))
39
40
   class MyEventHandler (pyinotify. ProcessEvent):
41
       def flipIP (self, ip):
            octets = ip.split(".")
42
            if(octets[3] = "1"):
43
                octets[3] = "2"
44
            elif(octets[3] == "2"):
45
                octets[3] = "1"
46
47
            else:
                octets[3] = "1"
48
            return ".".join(octets)
49
50
51
       #Get the last modified time of a file
52
       def getModTime(self, path):
53
            try:
54
                return time.ctime(os.path.getmtime(path))
55
            except Exception, e:
56
                return time.ctime(0)
57
58
       #Deprecated - Check for IP not to copy too
59
       def getStopInfo(self):
            stopIP = ["",""]
60
61
            try:
                o = open("./stop", 'r')
62
63
                stopIP = o.read().split()
64
                o.close()
65
            except IOError, e:
66
                pass
67
            return stopIP
68
69
       def inStopFile(self, ip, path):
70
            stopIPs = \{\}
71
            stop = False
72
            modTime = self.getModTime(path)
73
            while True:
74
                tmpcount = 0
                print "Files_found:_" + str(glob.glob("Stop-*"))
75
76
                for files in glob.glob("Stop-*"):
                    \#print "File: " + str(files)
77
```

```
if ".tmp" in files:
78
79
                           tmpcount += 1
80
                           time.sleep(5)
81
                           break
                       f = open(files, "r");
82
83
                       for line in f:
84
                           l = line.split()
85
                            if self.exclusions([1]):
                                print str(l[1]) + "_was_in_ignore_file
86
                                    skipping"
87
                            else:
88
                                print "local_" + str(path) + "_modtime
                                    : \_" + modTime
                                print "Stop_" + l[1] + "_modtime:_" +
89
                                   str (1 [2:])
90
                                ts1 = time.strptime(modTime, "%a_%b_%d_
                                   \mathcal{H}:\mathcal{M}:\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{S}} )
91
                                ts2 = time.strptime("":join(1[2:]),"%
                                   a _%b _%d _%H:%M:%S _%Y")
92
                                print "local <= stop: " + str(ts1 <=
                                    ts2)
93
                                \#if \ l / 0 \rangle == ip \ and \ l / 1 \rangle == path \ and
                                    ts1 <= ts2:
94
                                #If IP sending to has sent data more
                                    recently don't send back
                                if l[0] == ip and ts1 \le ts2:
95
                                     print "Stop = True, file: " + 1[0]
96
97
                                     stop = True
98
                                else:
99
                                     stopIPs[l[0]] = [l[1], ""]. join (l
                                        [2:])]
100
101
                       if stop:
102
                           f.close()
                           \#f = open(files, "w")
103
                           #for k in stopIPs.keys():
104
                                 f. write(k + "" + stopIPs(k)/0) + ""
105
                                + stopIPs[k][1] + "\n"
106
                           #f. close()
107
                           #stopIPs.clear()
108
                           return True
109
110
                       f.close()
```

```
#stopIPs.clear()
111
                 if tmpcount = 0:
112
113
                     break
114
115
            return False
116
117
        #Set flag on other server telling it not to immediately
           try and copy data here
        def setStopFileUniq(self, ip, myIP, path, folder):
118
119
            nodename = self.getNodeName()
            \#print "ssh", ip, "echo" + myIP + "" + path + "" +
120
               self.getModTime(path) + " >> " + homepath + "Stop-"
               + nodename + ".tmp:"
            \#subprocess.call(["ssh", ip, "echo" + myIP + "" + path)]
121
                + " " + self.getModTime(path) + " >> " + homepath +
                "Stop-" + nodename + ".tmp;"])
            subprocess.call(["ssh",ip,"rm_" + homepath + "Stop-" +
122
                nodename + ".tmp;"])
            for cpFile in glob.glob(folder + "/*"):
123
124
                subprocess.call(["ssh",ip,"echo_" + myIP + "_" +
                    cpFile + "" + self.getModTime(cpFile) + "">>="
                   + homepath + "Stop-" + nodename + ".tmp;"])
125
126
        #Sets the config files on the remote node
        def beginCopy(self, ip):
127
            nodename = self.getNodeName()
128
            print "ssh",ip,"touch_" + homepath + "Stop-" +
129
               nodename + ".tmp; _mv_" + homepath + "Stop-" +
               nodename + "" + homepath + "Stop-" + nodename + ".
               tmp;"
            subprocess.call(["ssh",ip,"touch_" + homepath + "Stop-
130
               " + nodename + ".tmp; \( \text{Lmv} \) " + homepath + "Stop-" +
               nodename + "" + homepath + "Stop-" + nodename + ".
               tmp;"])
131
132
        #Moves the Stop files back into place
133
        def endCopy(self, ip):
            nodename = self.getNodeName()
134
135
            print "ssh", ip, "mv_" + homepath + "Stop-" + nodename +
                ".tmp_" + homepath + "Stop-" + nodename
            subprocess.call(["ssh",ip,"mv_" + homepath + "Stop-" +
136
                nodename + ".tmp_" + homepath + "Stop-" + nodename
               ])
```

```
137
                       def setLastSync(self):
138
                                  \#print "echo\"" + str(datetime.datetime.now())+ "\" >
139
                                              " + homepath + "lastSync"
                                  \#subprocess. call(["echo", str(datetime.datetime.now()) + ">" + homepath + "lastSync"])
140
                                   f = open(homepath + "lastSync", "w")
141
142
                                   f. write (str (datetime.datetime.now()))
                                   f.close()
143
144
                       def getLastSync(self):
145
                                   f = open(homepath + "lastSync", "r")
146
147
                                   time = f.read()
                                   f.close()
148
                                  return time.rstrip()
149
150
                       def newerThanLast(self, fileName):
151
                                  stop = False
152
153
                                  print "Last_sync_time:_" + str(self.getLastSync())
154
                                 FMT = \%Y - \%M - \%d - \%H : \%M : \%S . \% f
                                  #datetime.datetime.strptime(dtstamp, FMT)
155
                                  ts2 = time.strptime(self.getLastSync(),FMT)
156
                                  modTime = self.getModTime(fileName)
157
                                  print "local" + str(fileName) + "_modtime: _" +
158
                                          modTime
                                  ts1 = time.strptime(modTime,"%a \cdots d \cdots d \cdots M:\%M:\%M:\%S \cdots d \cdot
159
                                  print "local = stop : " + str(ts1 <= ts2)
160
161
                                   if ts1 > ts2:
                                              print "Newer_file_than_last_sync!"
162
                                              stop = True
163
164
                                  return stop
165
166
167
                      #Get node name from whoami file
                       def getNodeName(self):
168
                                  w = open(homepath + "whoami", "r")
169
170
                                  nodename = w.read()
171
                                  nodename = nodename [0]. upper()
172
                                  w. close ()
173
                                  return nodename
174
                      #Deprecated stop file
175
                       def setStopFile(self,ip,myIP,path):
176
```

```
subprocess.call(["ssh",ip,"echo_" + myIP + "_" + path
177
               + ">=" + homepath + "stop"])
            print "ssh",ip,"echo_" + myIP + ">_" + homepath + "
178
                stop"
179
180
        def rmTree(self, path):
            subprocess.call(["ssh",ip,"rm_-r_"," + path + ","])
181
            print "ssh", ip, "rm_-r_'," + path + ","
182
183
184
        #Exclude files matching patterns in the ignore file
185
        def exclusions (self, path):
186
            try:
187
                 f = open("./ignore", 'r')
                 for line in f:
188
                     if line.rstrip() in path:
189
                         \#print "Ignoring:" + path
190
                         return True
191
192
                 f.close()
193
            except error, e:
194
                 print e
195
            return False
196
        def initFileSync(self, event):
197
             if self.exclusions(event.pathname):
198
                 #print "Excluded returning"
199
200
                 return
201
             pathparts = event.pathname.split("/")
            foldName = "/".join(pathparts[0:len(pathparts)-1])
202
203
204
            print "Removing_watch_on: _" + foldName
            wm.rm_watch(wm.get_wd(foldName), rec=True)
205
206
207
             self.setLastSync()
208
             self.fileSync(event.pathname)
209
210
            print "Putting_watch_back_on:_" + foldName
211
            wm. add_watch (foldName.rstrip(), pyinotify.ALL_EVENTS,
                rec=True, auto_add=True)
212
213
            for i in range (0, len (watchedfolders [foldName]),4):
                  ip = watchedfolders / foldName / / i /
214
            #
            #
                  myIP = readnet.getMyIP(ip)
215
                 for f in glob.glob(foldName + "/*"):
216
```

```
if self.newerThanLast(f):
217
218
                          print "init: CONTINUE"
219
                          self.setLastSync()
220
                          self.fileSync(f)
221
                      else:
222
                          print "init: LSTOP"
223
224
        #Sync the files
        def fileSync(self, pathname):
225
226
             t = Tools()
227
             if os.path.isdir(pathname):
                 print "Watching: ", pathname
228
229
             for folder in watchedfolders.keys():
                 print "For_each_folder:_" + str(folder) + "_in_
230
                    watchedfolder _keys"
231
                 if folder in pathname:
                      for i in range (0, len (watchedfolders [folder])
232
                         ,4):
233
                          ip = watchedfolders [folder][i]
234
                          path = watchedfolders [folder][i+1]
235
                          waitTime = watchedfolders [folder][i+2]
236
                          lastTime = watchedfolders [folder][i+3]
                          print "Wait: " + str(waitTime) + "Last: "
237
                              + str(lastTime)
                          print "Current_ip_and_path: " + ip + " " +
238
                              path
239
                          readnet.logIPtraffic(ip, pathname)
                          myIP = readnet.getMyIP(ip)
240
                          subprocess.call(["ssh",ip,"/usr/bin/python
241
                             " + homepath + "readnet.py_-i_" + myIP
                             + "\_-f_{\_}" + pathname])
                          print "ssh", ip ," '/usr/bin/python_" +
242
                             homepath + "readnet.py_-i_" + myIP + "_-
                             f_{"} + pathname + ","
                          fparts = folder.split("/")
243
                          fname = fparts [len(fparts)-1]
244
                          \#stopIP = self.getStopInfo()
245
                          \#print "STOP: " + stopIP[0] + " " + stopIP
246
                             \lceil 1 \rceil
                          \#if \ stopIP / 0 = ip \ and \ stopIP / 1 = =
247
                             pathname:
                          if self.inStopFile(ip,pathname):
248
                              print "STOPPED_to_" + ip + "_" + path
249
```

```
250
                              #os.remove("./stop");
                          else:
251
                              print "CONTINUE"
252
253
                              t.timeElapsed(lastTime, waitTime)
                              watchedfolders [folder] [i+3] = str(
254
                                 datetime.datetime.now())
255
                              t.updateFolderInfo(watchedfolders)
256
                              self.beginCopy(ip)
                              self.beginCopy(myIP)
257
258
                              if args.scp:
                                  #print "SCP: For cpFile in " +
259
                                      folder
260
                                  for cpFile in glob.glob(folder + "
                                      /*"):
                                       #print "SCP GLOB:" + cpFile
261
                                       \mathbf{print} \ "scp", "-rp", cpFile, ip +\\
262
                                          ":" + cpFile + ".tmp"
                                       subprocess.call(["scp","-rp"
263
                                          cpFile, ip + ":" + cpFile + "
                                          . tmp"])
                                       \#subprocess.call(["ssh",ip,"
264
                                          yes y \mid find /tmp/" + fname
                                          + " -type f -exec cp -p \{\} "
                                           + path + fname + "/ \; rm /
                                          tmp/" + fname)
                                       print "ssh",ip,"mv_" + cpFile
265
                                          + ".tmp_" + cpFile
                                       subprocess.call(["ssh",ip,"mv_
266
                                          " + cpFile + ".tmp_" +
                                          cpFile])
                                       print "END_SCP_GLOB"
267
268
                              elif args.rsync:
                                  print "rsync","-rt", folder, ip + ":
269
                                     " + path
270
                                  subprocess.call(["rsync","-rt",
                                      folder, ip + ":" + path)
271
                              else:
272
                                  time.sleep(5)
                                  print "unison","-batch","-
273
                                      confirmbigdel=false","-times",
                                      folder, "ssh://" + ip + "/" +
                                      path + fname
```

```
274
                                  subprocess.call(["unison","-batch"
                                     ,"-confirmbigdel=false","-times"
                                     , folder, "ssh://" + ip + "/" +
                                     path + fname])
                              print "Set_stop_files_uniq:_" +
275
                                 pathname
276
                              #Set stop file on foreign host
277
                              self.setStopFileUniq(ip,myIP,pathname,
                                 folder)
278
                              #Set stop file for myself to look at
                              self.setStopFileUniq(myIP,myIP,
279
                                 pathname, folder)
280
                              self.endCopy(ip)
                              self.endCopy(myIP)
281
                         subprocess.call(["ssh",ip,"/usr/bin/python
282
                            _" + homepath + "readnet.py_-i_" + myIP
                            + "\_-f_{\_}" + pathname])
283
                         readnet.logIPtraffic(ip, pathname)
284
285
        \#Sync \ files - DEPRECATED
286
        def oldfileSync(self, event):
287
             t = Tools()
             if os.path.isdir(event.pathname):
288
289
                 print "Watching: _", event.pathname
            for folder in watchedfolders.keys():
290
                 print "For_each_folder:_" + str(folder) + "_in_
291
                    watchedfolder _keys"
292
                 if folder in event.pathname:
                     for i in range (0, len (watchedfolders [folder])
293
                         ,4):
                         ip = watchedfolders [folder][i]
294
                         path = watchedfolders [folder][i+1]
295
296
                         waitTime = watchedfolders [folder][i+2]
297
                         lastTime = watchedfolders [folder][i+3]
                         print "Wait: " + str(waitTime) + "Last: "
298
                             + str(lastTime)
                         print "Current_ip_and_path:_" + ip + "_" +
299
300
                         readnet.logIPtraffic(ip, event.pathname)
301
                         myIP = readnet.getMyIP(ip)
                          subprocess.call(["ssh",ip,"/usr/bin/python
302
                            _" + homepath + "readnet.py_-i_" + myIP
                            + "\neg -f \neg" + event.pathname])
```

```
303
                          print "ssh", ip , "'/usr/bin/python_" +
                             homepath + "readnet.py_-i_" + myIP + "_-
                             f_{-}" + event.pathname + "'"
                          fparts = folder.split("/")
304
                          fname = fparts [len(fparts)-1]
305
306
                         \#stopIP = self.getStopInfo()
                         \#print "STOP: " + stopIP[0] + " " + stopIP
307
                             [1]
                         \#if \ stopIP [0] == ip \ and \ stopIP [1] == event
308
                             . pathname:
309
                          if self.inStopFile(ip, event.pathname):
                              print "STOPPED_to_" + ip + "_" + path
310
311
                              #os.remove("./stop");
312
                          else:
                              print "CONTINUE"
313
314
                              t.timeElapsed(lastTime, waitTime)
                              watchedfolders [folder] [i+3] = str(
315
                                 datetime.datetime.now())
316
                              t.updateFolderInfo(watchedfolders)
317
                              self.beginCopy(ip)
318
                              if args.scp:
                                  #print "SCP: For cpFile in " +
319
                                     folder
                                  for cpFile in glob.glob(folder + "
320
                                     /*"):
321
                                      #print "SCP GLOB:" + cpFile
                                       print "scp","-rp",cpFile,ip +
322
                                          ":" + cpFile + ".tmp"
                                       subprocess.call(["scp","-rp",
323
                                          cpFile, ip + ":" + cpFile + "
                                          . tmp"])
                                       \#subprocess.call(["ssh",ip,"
324
                                          yes y \mid find /tmp/" + fname
                                          + " -type f -exec cp -p {} "
                                           + path + fname + "/ \; rm /
                                          tmp/" + fname)
                                       print "ssh", ip , "mv_" + cpFile
325
                                          + ".tmp_" + cpFile
                                       subprocess.call(["ssh",ip,"mv_
326
                                          " + cpFile + ".tmp_" +
                                          cpFile])
327
                                       print "END_SCP_GLOB"
328
                              elif args.rsync:
```

```
print "rsync","-rt", folder, ip + ":
329
                                     " + path
                                  subprocess.call(["rsync","-rt",
330
                                     folder, ip + ":" + path])
331
                              else:
332
                                  time.sleep(5)
                                  print "unison","-batch","-
333
                                     confirmbigdel=false","-times",
                                     folder, "ssh://" + ip + "/" +
                                     path + fname
                                  subprocess.call(["unison","-batch"
334
                                     ,"-confirmbigdel=false","-times"
                                     , folder, "ssh://" + ip + "/" +
                                     path + fname])
                              print "Set_stop_files_uniq:_" + event.
335
                                 pathname
                              #Set stop file on foreign host
336
                              self.setStopFileUniq(ip,myIP,event.
337
                                 pathname, folder)
338
                              #Set stop file for myself to look at
                              self.setStopFileUniq(myIP, myIP, event.
339
                                 pathname, folder)
                              self.endCopy(ip)
340
                         subprocess.call(["ssh",ip,"/usr/bin/python
341
                            _" + homepath + "readnet.py_-i_" + myIP
                            + "\neg -f \neg" + event.pathname])
342
                         readnet.logIPtraffic(ip, event.pathname)
343
        #def process_IN_CREATE(self, event):
344
              print "Create:", event.pathname
345
        def process_IN_DELETE(self, event):
346
            print "Delete: ", event.pathname
347
348
            \#self.initFileSync(event)
349
        def process_IN_CREATE(self, event):
350
            print "CREATE: _", event.pathname
351
             self.initFileSync(event)
        def process_IN_MOVED_FROM(self, event):
352
            print "Move_from:_", event.pathname
353
354
              self.initFileSync(event)
355
        def process_IN_MODIFY(self, event):
            #print "Modify: ", event. pathname
356
357
             self.initFileSync(event)
        def process_IN_MOVED_TO(self, event):
358
```

```
print "Move_to:_", event.pathname
359
360
             self.initFileSync(event)
361
362
363
    def main():
364
        t = Tools()
         f = open('./folderstowatch', 'r')
365
366
        for folder in f:
367
             if(folder[0] = '#'):
368
369
                 pass
370
             else:
371
                 info = folder.split()
                 wm. add_watch(info[0].rstrip(),pyinotify.ALL_EVENTS
372
                     , rec=True, auto_add=True)
                 print "Watching: ", info[0].rstrip()
373
374
                 if info[0] not in watchedfolders.keys():
                      watchedfolders [info [0]. rstrip ()] = []
375
                 watchedfolders [info [0].rstrip()].append(info [1])
376
377
                  watchedfolders [info [0].rstrip()].append(info [2])
                 watchedfolders [info [0].rstrip()].append(info [3])
378
                 watchedfolders [info [0].rstrip()].append(str(
379
                     datetime.datetime.now()))
        f.close()
380
381
382
        \mathbf{try}:
             f = open('./folders.dat', 'r')
383
384
             for folder in f:
                 if(folder[0] = '#'):
385
386
                      pass
387
                 else:
388
                      info = folder.split()
389
                      if info[0] in watchedfolders.keys():
390
                           del watchedfolders [info [0].rstrip()]
391
                          \#wm. \ add_{-}watch (info [0]. \ rstrip (), pyinotify.
                             ALL\_EVENTS, rec=True, auto\_add=True)
                          #print "Watching: ", info[0].rstrip()
392
                          if info[0] not in watchedfolders.keys():
393
                               watchedfolders [info [0]. rstrip ()] = []
394
395
                           watchedfolders [info [0].rstrip()].append(
                              info[1])
                           watchedfolders [info [0].rstrip()].append(
396
                              info [2])
```

```
watchedfolders [info [0].rstrip()].append(
397
                              info[3])
                          watchedfolders [info [0].rstrip()].append(
398
                              str (datetime.datetime.now()))
399
                      else:
400
                          print "Removing: " + info [0]
401
             f.close()
402
        except IOError, e:
             print "Folders.dat_does_not_exist,_skipping"
403
404
        t.updateFolderInfo(watchedfolders)
405
406
407
        #print watchedfolders
        eh = MyEventHandler()
408
409
         notifier = pyinotify. Notifier (wm, eh)
410
         notifier.loop()
411
412
413
    if __name__ = '__main__':
414
        main()
    \mathbf{A.2}
          ReadNet.py
 1
   import subprocess, datetime, socket, argparse
 2
   homepath = "/home/cal/Documents/Private-Sync/"
 4 #homepath = "/Users/calum/Documents/Private-Sync/"
   parser = argparse. ArgumentParser()
    parser.add_argument('-i', action="store", dest='ip', help='IP_
       address_to_record_for')
    parser.add_argument('-f', action="store", dest='fold', help='
       Folder_to_record_for')
 9
10
   interfacenames = []
11
12 \text{ w} = \text{open} (\text{homepath} + \text{"whoami"}, \text{"r"})
13 nodename = w.read()
    nodename = nodename [0]
15
   w.close()
16
17 #Get my ip corresponding to the interface with ipaddr
18 def getMyIP(ipaddr):
```

```
19
       route = subprocess.check_output("ip_route_get_" + ipaddr,
           shell=True)
       words = route.split()
20
21
       interface = ""
22
       for word in words:
23
            if word.startswith("eth"):
24
                interface = word
25
                #print interface
26
       ifconf = subprocess.check_output("ifconfig_" + interface,
27
           shell=True)
       words = ifconf.split()
28
29
       now = False
30
       for word in words:
            if word == "inet":
31
                now = True
32
            elif now:
33
34
                word = word.split(":")
35
                \#print word [1]
36
                return word[1]
37
38
   #Log interface coresponding to ipaddr
   def logIPtraffic (ipaddr, folder):
39
       route = subprocess.check_output("ip_route_get_" + ipaddr,
40
           shell=True)
       words = route.split()
41
       interface = ""
42
43
       for word in words:
            if word.startswith("eth"):
44
                interface = word
45
46
                #print interface
                break
47
48
       writeIface (interface, folder)
49
50 #Write the upload/download data for a given interface and
      folder
   def writeIface(iface, folder):
51
52
       ifs = subprocess.check_output("ifconfig_-s", shell=True)
53
       ilines = ifs.split("\n")
54
       for i in range (1, len(ilines) - 1):
            interfacenames.append(ilines[i].split()[0])
55
56
       output = subprocess.check_output("ifconfig", shell=True)
57
       splitput = output.split()
```

```
58
        interface = False
59
        interfacename = ""
        nex = ""
60
61
        count = 0
62
        upload = 0
63
        download = 0
64
        for split in splitput:
65
            if split in interfacenames:
66
                 interface = True
67
                 interfacename = split
                 #print interfacename
68
            if (nex != ""):
69
70
                 sp = split.split(":")
                 \mathbf{if}(\mathrm{sp}[0] = "\mathrm{bytes"}):
71
72
                     if(nex = "RX"):
73
                          download = int(sp[1])
74
                     else:
75
                          upload = int(sp[1])
76
                     nex = ""
77
                     count += 1
78
                     if(count == 2):
79
                          interface = False
                          if interfacename == iface:
80
                              f = open(homepath + "log/")
81
                              + "node" + nodename.upper() + "-" \
82
                              + iface + ".log", 'a')
83
84
                              f.write("\#D_{-}" + folder + "\setminus n")
                              f.write(str(datetime.datetime.now()) +
85
                                  "_" + interfacename + "_download:_"
                                  + str(download) + "_upload: _" + str
                                 (upload) + "\n"
86
                              f.close()
87
                          count = 0
88
            elif (interface):
89
                 if(split = "RX" or split = "TX"):
90
                     nex = split
91
92
   #Log all interfaces
93
   def main():
94
        ifs = subprocess.check_output("ifconfig -s", shell=True)
95
        ilines = ifs.split("\n")
96
        for i in range (1, len(ilines)-1):
97
            interfacenames.append(ilines[i].split()[0])
```

```
98
        output = subprocess.check_output("ifconfig", shell=True)
99
        splitput = output.split()
        interface = False
100
101
        interfacename = ""
        nex = ""
102
103
        count = 0
104
        upload = 0
105
        download = 0
        for split in splitput:
106
             if split in interfacenames:
107
                 interface = True
108
                 interfacename = split
109
110
                 #print interfacename
             if (nex != ""):
111
                 sp = split.split(":")
112
                 if(sp[0] = "bytes"):
113
                     if(nex = "RX"):
114
                          download = int(sp[1])
115
116
                     else:
117
                          upload = int(sp[1])
                     nex = ""
118
119
                     count += 1
120
                     if(count == 2):
                          interface = False
121
122
                          f = open(homepath + "log/")
123
                          + str(socket.gethostname()) + "-" \
                         + interfacename + ".log", 'a')
124
                          f. write (str (datetime.datetime.now()) + """
125
                              + interfacename + "_download:_" + str(
                             download) + "_upload:_" + str(upload) +
                             "\n")
                          f.close()
126
127
                          count = 0
             elif(interface):
128
                 if(split = "RX" or split = "TX"):
129
130
                     nex = split
131
   if __name__ == "__main__":
132
133
        args = parser.parse_args()
134
        if args.ip != None:
             logIPtraffic (args.ip, args.fold)
135
136
             \#getMyIP(args.ip)
137
        else:
```

```
138 pass
139 main()
```

A.3 on The Fly.sh

```
vm_name_arr=("Ubuntu-Pool" "Ubuntu-Silence" "Ubuntu-Black" "
     Ubuntu-Spheros" "Ubuntu-Wild")
  vm_addr_arr=("192.168.0.28" "192.168.0.27" "192.168.0.30" "
     192.168.0.14")
3 \# Wild = 19
  intnetarr=("lion" "tiger" "cat" "dog" "fish" "kiwi" "swish" "
     boom" "roar")
  #These should all be in one big dictionary apart from inet
     names
  letterarr=("a" "b" "c" "d" "e" "f" "g" "h" "i" "j")
9 incount=1
10 bigncount=2
11
  littlencount=1
12 folderpath="/home/cal/Documents/t18"
  folderpath 2="/home/cal/Documents/t02"
  homepath="/home/cal/Documents/Private-Sync/"
  waitTime=5
15
16
17
  function clear_ifaces() {
18
       i=0
      while [ "$i" -lt "${#vm_name_arr[@]}" ]; do
19
20
          VBoxManage modifyvm $\{vm_name_arr[$i]\} --nic2 none
          echo "VBoxManage_modifyvm_${vm_name_arr[$i]}_-nic2_
21
          VBoxManage modifyvm $\{vm_name_arr[$i]\} --nic3 none
22
23
          echo "VBoxManage_modifyvm_${vm_name_arr[$i]}_-nic3_
24
          VBoxManage modifyvm $\{\nu_name_arr[\$i]\} \text{--nic4 none}
25
          echo "VBoxManage_modifyvm_${vm_name_arr[$i]}_-nic4_
             none"
26
          let "i++"
27
      done
28
  }
29
30
  function clear_watched_folders() {
31
      i = 0
```

```
while [ "$i" -lt "${#vm_addr_arr[@]}" ]; do
32
            sh\ cal@{\{vm\_addr\_arr[\$i]\}}\ "echo\_\"\#Local\ folder\ path
33
               to watch, host to copy to, remote dir to copy to,
               min\ time\ between\ syncs\" > /home/cal/Documents/
               Private-Sync/folderstowatch; echo \$\{letterarr/\$i\}\} >
                /home/cal/Documents/Private-Sync/whoami"
34
            let "i++"
35
       done
  }
36
37
38
   function git_pull() {
39
       i=0
       while [ "$i" -lt "${#vm_addr_arr[@]}" ]; do
40
            echo "ssh_cal@ {vm_addr_arr[$i]}_\"cd /home/cal/
41
               Documents/Private-Sync; git pull origin master\""
42
            ssh cal@${vm_addr_arr[$i]} "cd_/home/cal/Documents/
               Private-Sync; _git_pull_origin_master"
            let "i++"
43
44
       done
45
   }
46
   function search_letters() {
47
48
       index=0
       while [ "$index" -lt "${#letterarr[@]}" ]; do
49
            if [ "${letterarr[$index]}" = "$1" ]; then
50
51
                echo $index
52
                return
53
            fi
54
            let "index++"
55
       done
56
       echo "None"
57
58
59
   function vbmMOD {
60
       #Set the NIC to intnet on the VM and attach it to the
           given network
       echo "VBoxManage_modifyvm_$1_—nic$3_intnet"
61
62
       VBoxManage modifyvm $1 —nic$3 intnet
63
       echo "VBoxManage_modifyvm_$1_—intnet$3_$2"
64
       VBoxManage modifyvm $1 — intnet$3 $2
65
   }
66
67 function gatherLogs {
```

```
index=0
68
        while [ "$index" -lt "${#vm_addr_arr[@]}" ]; do
69
70
            echo "scp_cal@${vm_addr_arr[$index]}:/home/cal/
                Documents/Private-Sync/log/*.../logs/"
71
            scp_cal@${vm_addr_arr[$index]}:/home/cal/Documents/
                Private-Sync/log/* ../logs/
72
             let "index++"
73
        done
74
   }
75
76
   function clean {
77
        index=0
        while [ "$index" -lt "${#vm_addr_arr[@]}" ]; do
78
79
            echo "ssh_cal@${vm_addr_arr[$index]}_\"rm ${homepath}
                log/*; rm ${homepath}Stop-*; rm ${homepath}folders.
                dat\""
            ssh cal@${vm_addr_arr[$index]} "rm_${homepath}log/*;_
80
               rm_${homepath}Stop-*;_rm_${homepath}folders.dat"
             let "index++"
81
82
        done
83
   }
84
    function cleanFold {
85
86
        index=0
        while [ "$index" -lt "${#vm_addr_arr[@]}" ]; do
87
            echo "ssh\_cal@{ vm\_addr\_arr[$index]}\_\"rm -rf ${
88
                folderpath } / *; \""
89
            ssh cal@${vm_addr_arr[$index]} "rm_-rf_${folderpath}
                }/*;"
             let "index++"
90
91
        done
92
93
94
    function sendKeys {
95
        index=0
        while [ "$index" -lt "${#vm_addr_arr[@]}" ]; do
96
            \#ssh\ cal@\$\{vm\_addr\_arr[\$index]\}\ "rm\ /home/cal/.ssh/
97
                authorized_-keys"
98
            for file in /Users/calum/.ssh/*.pub; do
99
                 #echo "$file"
100
                 echo "cat _ $file _ | _ssh _cal@${vm_addr_arr[$index]}_\
                    "cat >> /home/cal/.ssh/authorized_keys\""
```

```
cat $file | ssh cal@${vm_addr_arr[$index]} "cat >>>
101
                    _/home/cal/.ssh/authorized_keys"
102
            done
103
             let "index++"
104
        done
105
        #for file in /Users/calum/.ssh/*.pub; do
106
              echo "$file"
              cat \$file \mid ssh cal@192.168.0.17 "cat >> /home/cal/.
107
        #
           ssh/testfile"
              echo "cat file \mid ssh cal@192.168.0.17 \"cat >> /home
108
           /cal/.ssh/testfile\""
109
        #done
110
111
112
    function ifconf {
        echo "ssh_cal@$1_'sudo_/sbin/ifconfig_eth$2_192.168.$3.$4_
113
           netmask_255.255.255.0 up; _echo_\" $folderpath 192.168.$3.
           $5 /home/cal/Documents/ $waitTime\" >> \( \) /home/cal/
           Documents/Private-Sync/folderstowatch '"
114
        ssh cal@$1 "sudo_/sbin/ifconfig_eth$2_192.168.$3.$4_
           netmask_255.255.255.0 up; _echo_\" $folderpath 192.168.$3.
           $5 /home/cal/Documents/ $waitTime\" >> _/home/cal/
           Documents/Private-Sync/folderstowatch" < /dev/null
115
116
    function if conf2 {
117
        echo "ssh_cal@1_\" sudo /sbin/ifconfig eth1.168.
118
            netmask 255.255.255.0 up; echo \"$folderpath_192.168.$3
           . $5_/home/cal/Documents/_*\" >> /home/cal/Documents/
           Private-Sync/folderstowatch; echo \"$folderpath2_
           192.168.\$3.\$5 \square/\text{home/cal/Documents/} \times \text{``} >> /\text{home/cal/}
           Documents/Private-Sync/folderstowatch\" \= \_/dev/null"
119
        ssh cal@$1 "sudo_/sbin/ifconfig_eth$2_192.168.$3.$4_
           netmask_255.255.255.0 up; _echo_\" $folderpath 192.168.$3.
           $5 /home/cal/Documents/ *\" >> \( \) /home/cal/Documents/
           Private-Sync/folderstowatch; _echo_\" $folderpath2
           192.168.\$3.\$5 /home/cal/Documents/ *\" \rightarrow>_\[ /home/cal/
           Documents/Private-Sync/folderstowatch" < /dev/null
   }
120
121
       [\$2 = "vm"]; then
122
        clear_ifaces
123
124
```

```
#Read in the DOT script
125
        while read line
126
127
       do
            first=$(echo "$line" | awk '{print $1}')
128
            last=$(echo "$line" | awk '{print $(NF)}' | sed 's
129
               /[;]//g')
            #echo "$first and $last"
130
            index=$(search_letters $first)
131
            if [ "$index" = "None" ]; then
132
                #echo "None"
133
134
                :
135
            else
               vbmMOD ${vm_name_arr[$index]} ${intnetarr[$incount]}
136
                   } ${ifcountarr[$index]}
                #echo "in: $index"
137
                ((ifcountarr[\$index]++))
138
                index=$(search_letters $last)
139
               vbmMOD ${vm_name_arr[$index]} ${intnetarr[$incount]}
140
                   141
                \#echo "in: \$index"
                (( ifcountarr[$index]++ ))
142
143
                incount=$incount+1
144
            fi
        done <graphs/$1
145
    elif [ $2 = "if"]; then
146
        clear_watched_folders
147
148
149
        while read line
150
       do
            first=$(echo "$line" | awk '{print $1}')
151
            last=$(echo "$line" | awk '{print $(NF)}' | sed 's
152
               /[;]//g')
153
            echo "$first_and_$last"
            index=$(search_letters $first)
154
            if [ "$index" = "None" ]; then
155
                #echo "None"
156
157
                :
158
            else
                ifconf $\{vm_addr_arr[\$index]\} $\{ethcountarr[\$index]
159
                   ))
                \#echo "in: \$index"
160
                (( ethcountarr[$index]++ ))
161
```

```
((littlencount++))
162
                 index=$(search_letters $last)
163
                 ifconf ${vm_addr_arr[$index]} ${ethcountarr[$index]}
164
                    \} $bigncount $littlencount $(( $littlencount -1))
                    ))
                 #echo "in: $index"
165
166
                 (( ethcountarr[$index]++ ))
                 incount=$incount+1
167
                 (( bigncount++ ))
168
                    littlencount — ))
169
170
             fi
        done <graphs/$1
171
    elif [ \$2 = "if2"]; then
172
        clear_watched_folders
173
174
        while read line
175
176
        do
             first=$(echo "$line" | awk '{print $1}')
177
             last=$(echo "$line" | awk '{print $(NF)}' | sed 's
178
                /[;]//g')
             echo "$first_and_$last"
179
             index=$(search_letters $first)
180
             if [ "$index" = "None" ]; then
181
                 #echo "None"
182
183
184
             else
185
                 ifconf2 $\{\vm_addr_arr[\$index]\} $\{\end{ethcountarr}[}
                    $index]} $bigncount $littlencount $((
                    f(t) = f(t)
                 \#echo "in: \$index"
186
                 (( ethcountarr[$index]++ ))
187
                 ((littlencount++))
188
189
                 index=$(search_letters $last)
190
                 ifconf2 $\{\vm_addr_arr[\$index]\} $\{\end{ethcountarr}[}
                    $index]} $bigncount $littlencount $((
                    \$littlencount -1))
                 \#echo "in: \$index"
191
                 (( ethcountarr[$index]++ ))
192
193
                 incount=$incount+1
                 ((bigncount++))
194
195
                 (( littlencount — ))
             fi
196
197
        done <graphs/$1
```

```
elif [ \$2 = "key"]; then
198
        sendKevs
199
    elif [ $2 = "gather"]; then
200
201
        gatherLogs
    elif [ $2 = "clean"]; then
202
203
        clean
204
    elif [ $2 = "pull"]; then
205
        git_pull
    elif [ $2 = "clean - fold"]; then
206
207
        cleanFold
    elif [ $2 = "help"]; then
208
209
        echo "vm_____setup_vm_networking"
        echo "if _____setup_network_addresses_etc_for_each_
210
           vm"
211
        echo "if2 _____setup_network_addresses_etc_for_each_
           vm_for_two_folders"
212
        echo "gather____gather_the_logs_in"
        echo "clean _ _ _ _ _ clean _ out _ the _ logs / config _ files"
213
        echo "clean-fold__-clean_out_the_files_folder"
214
215
        echo "pull _____pull _the _latest _code _from _the _
           repository_to_each_vm"
        echo "help_____display_this_help_message"
216
217
   else
        echo "Oops_try_again"
218
219
   fi
220
221 neato -Teps graphs/$1 > graphs/$1-graph.eps
```