Distributed Android Screen Analytics System (DASAS)

1.Abstract

Distributed Android Screen Analytics System (DASAS) is an innovative framework designed to leverage the underutilized computational power of modern Android devices. By creating a decentralized peer-to-peer (P2P) mesh, DASAS enables real-time screen content analysis without relying on centralized cloud infrastructure. This approach addresses common issues in traditional systems, such as high latency, privacy risks, and single points of failure. The system integrates advanced distributed algorithms, including Ricart-Agrawala for mutual exclusion and Byzantine agreement for fault tolerance, while processing data locally using TensorFlow Lite to ensure privacy and efficiency.

2. Problem Statement

- **Centralized Bottlenecks:** Cloud-based processing creates significant latency and bandwidth issues, making real-time analysis difficult.
- **Privacy Violations:** Transmitting raw screen data to external servers poses a severe privacy risk for users.
- **Resource Inefficiency:** A vast amount of idle device computing power remains unused while cloud costs escalate.
- **Fault Intolerance:** Traditional monitoring infrastructure is often susceptible to single points of failure.

3. Proposed Solution

- Formation of autonomous clusters using Wi-Fi Direct and Bluetooth to establish a resilient P2P mesh.
- Local screen content processing using TensorFlow Lite to ensure data remains on the device [12].
- Coordination via advanced distributed algorithms to manage state and resources without a central server.
- Privacy preservation through Federated Learning, allowing model improvements without sharing raw data [7].
- Fault tolerance maintained through frequent checkpointing and recovery mechanisms.

4. Primary Objectives & Theoretical Foundations

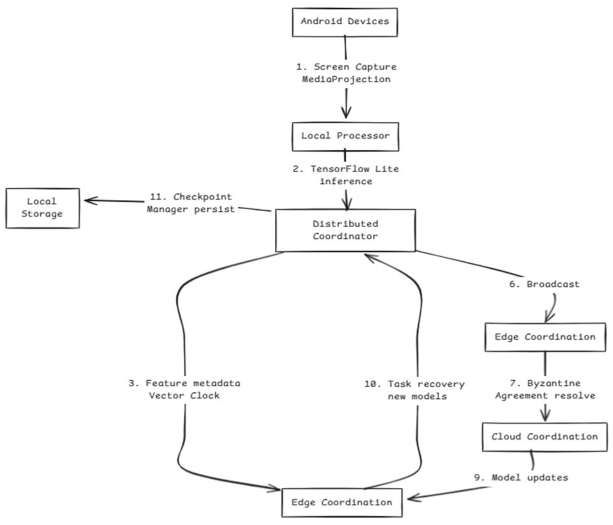
1. **Distributed Mutual Exclusion:** Implementation of the Ricart-Agrawala algorithm [2] and mobile-specific adaptations [1] for managed access to shared ML services and token-based resource allocation using the Suzuki-Kasami algorithm [4].
2. **Causal Ordering:** Utilization of Vector Clocks for event synchronization to ensure consistent state across the distributed mesh.
3. **Fault Tolerance:** Application of the Lamport-Shostak-Pease Byzantine Agreement [3] to ensure trust and consistency in the presence of malicious or faulty nodes, alongside chain replication strategies [11].
4. **Resource Management:** Task distribution and computational offloading inspired by energy-aware frameworks [10] and MapReduce paradigms [8].
5. **Deadlock Detection:** Implementing Edge Chasing algorithms specifically tailored for mobile resource allocation constraints.

5. System Architecture

The DASAS architecture is structured into three primary layers to facilitate seamless coordination and processing:

- **Cloud Coordination Layer:** Handles global consensus, analytics aggregation, and the distribution of updated ML models.
- **Edge Coordination Layer:** Manages cluster formation, local consensus mechanisms, and dynamic resource allocation within local meshes.
- **Device Layer (Android):** The core execution environment utilizing MediaProjection API for screen capture and TFLite for local inference.

High Level Diagram


Android Devices
1. Screen Capture MediaProjection
Local Processor
2. TensorFlow Lite inference
Local Storage
11. Checkpoint Manager persist
Distributed Coordinator
6. Broadcast
Edge Coordination
3. Feature metadata Vector Clock
10. Task recovery new models
7. Byzantine Agreement resolve
Cloud Coordination
9. Model updates
Edge Coordination

12 Weeks Plan

Timeline	Phase	Key Tasks
Weeks 1-3	Initial Set-up & Core Services	Development of the MediaProjection API service for screen capture, integration of Tesseract/OCR for text extraction, and establishment of the basic P2P communication layer.
Weeks 4-6	Coordination & Synchronization	Implementation of the Ricart-Agrawala distributed mutual exclusion algorithm and integration of Vector Clocks to ensure causal ordering and consistent state across the mesh.
Weeks 7-9	Fault Tolerance & Reliability	Integration of the Lamport-Shostak-Pease Byzantine Agreement protocols, implementation of local checkpointing for recovery, and development of recovery managers.
Weeks 10-12	Optimization & Integration	Implementation of Suzuki-Kasami token-based allocation and Edge Chasing deadlock detection. Final integration with the Cloud Dashboard and system-wide evaluation/testing.

6.Tools and Technologies

- **Languages/IDE:** Kotlin, Java, Android Studio.
- **Distributed Communication:** gRPC, Protobuf, SQLite for local checkpoint persistence.
- **Machine Learning:** TensorFlow Lite, OpenCV Android, Tesseract OCR.
- **Cloud Infrastructure:** Firebase Real-time DB, Google Cloud Functions.
- **Monitoring:** Prometheus & Grafana for system-wide health and performance metrics.

7.Outcomes & Conclusion

Expected deliverables include a functional Android APK with peer-to-peer distributed capabilities, a comprehensive performance analysis report, and a deployment guide. DASAS effectively bridges AOS theory—ranging from consensus algorithms to mutual exclusion.

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