

Abstract

Here in this project we have developed Mybooks project. This is a small book store. Right now it has the following four books for sale. We can add and remove any item from this.

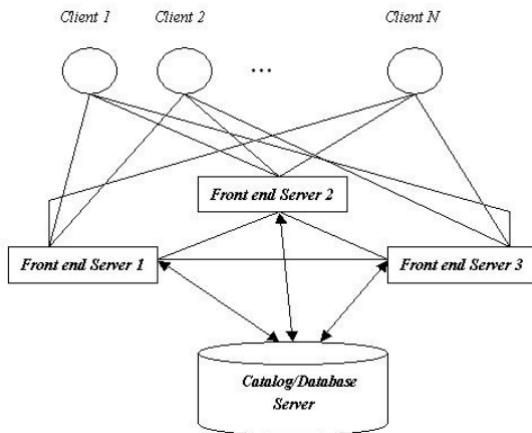
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We have implemented a client-server program using RMIs in distributed system in java Programming. There are three front end servers, one backend server and multiple clients.

Descriptions:

(1) Two-Tier design:

We employed a two-tier design: a front-end and a back-end. The front-end tier will accept user requests and perform initial processing. The number of servers of front-end servers is 3 now, but can be configured to a larger number.



(2) Clock Synchronization:

Since there are 3 front-end servers, any customer can contact any of three front-end replicas with their requests. In reality, we may chose a timer daemon by a leader election, which will periodically send out synchronization information among all front-end servers. We implemented the Berkeley clock synchronization algorithm to synchronize their clocks. Each node then maintains a clock-offset variable that is the amount of time by which the clock must be adjusted, as per the Berkeley algorithm. We will not actually adjust the system clock by this value. Rather to timestamp any request, we simply read the current system time, add this offset to the time, and use this adjusted time to timestamp request. Every incoming order request at each front-end replica is time-stamped with the synchronized clock value; this time stamp is relayed to the database server for buy requests. The time stamps are used to determine an ordering of buy requests and every 100th buy request is automatically given a 10% discount for the requested book.

Functionality

For each book, it maintains the number of available items in stock, the cost and title of each book. The server also maintains how many order of books it have received, and how many items are still available. The server supports the following services:

- Search: allows the user to specify a topic/title and returns all books belonging to this topic/title.
- Lookup(item number) : allows an item number to be specified and returns details of all items, such as number of available items in stock, cost and title.
- Order(item number) : allows the user to buy/order a book with the specified item number.

The server also supports some report functionalities so that we can use it to improve our service or

performance in the future. Also, it can report the performance to serve each request, thus this can provide some information of how to improve the performance in the future.

- reportRequestsNumber (service): allows the user to query that how many requests on each service have been received.
- reportGoodOrders(): tell users how many books have been sold successfully starting from the beginning.
- reportFailedOrders(): report how many orders are failed in total.
- reportServicePerformance(service): report the average performance for serving a request for the specific service.

The server has a counter for each service -- search, lookup and buy (total 3 counters), which records the number of requests for each service. The server also includes 3 timers to track the accumulated processing time for each service with synchronizations.

Status of the Project

The project is fully completed. It has the full functionality. We have worked and tested on windows operating system.

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For backend server:- (for windows)

- 1) Open comand prompt
- 2) Go to the src directory of the project
- 2) Run the following command:-

```
javac com\mybook\server\*.java
rmic com.mybook.server.MyBook
start rmiregistry
java com.mybook.server.MyBookServer
```

For backend server:- (for linux)

- 1) Open terminal
- 2) Go to the src directory of the project
- 2) Run the following command:-

```
javac com/mybook/server/*.java
rmic com.mybook.server.MyBook
rmiregistry &
java com.mybook.server.MyBookServer
```

For frontend server 2:- (for windows)

- 1) Open comand prompt
- 2) Go to the src directory of the project
- 2) Run the following command:-

```
javac com\mybook\server\*.java
rmic com.mybook.server.MyBookFront
start rmiregistry
java com.mybook.server.MyBookServersFront 2 0
```

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For Client:-(for windows)

- 1) Open command prompt
- 2) Go to the src directory of the project
- 3) Run the following command:

```
javac com\mybook\client\*.java
java com.mybook.client.MyBookClient
```

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- 1) Open terminal
- 2) Go to the src directory of the project
- 3) Run the following command:

```
javac com/mybook/client/*.java
java com.mybook.client.MyBookClient
```

Maintaining books information in server:

The book information and the records of different services are maintained in xml files. It is scalable.

Client-Server Communication

Clients communicate with the server using the RMI interface. We have used multithreading for operations requested from the client side in the server. Each client request is processed in a separate thread. Each threading has full synchronization applied to it.

Measurement of performance of service

We measure the performance of the service using average processing time.

Difficulties

Maintaining information in the server was challenging. We tried to overcome it by using an XML file to maintain information.

Testing:

