

CS3640 Programming Project-2

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Implement ICMP Ping

100 points

Ping is a computer network utility used to test whether a particular host is reachable across an IP network. It is also used to self-test the network interface card of the computer or as a latency test. It works by sending ICMP “echo request” packets to the target host and listening for ICMP “echo reply” responses. Ping, then measures the round-trip time, records any packet loss, and prints a summary.

This project requires you to develop your own Ping application. Your Ping will use ICMP but, in order to keep it simple, you do not have to exactly and fully follow the official specification in RFC 1739. Also, note that you will only need to write the client side of the program, as the functionality needed on the server side is built into almost all operating systems.

Software Structure and Design

We expect you to develop this utility in Python. If you prefer to use another language, please discuss with the TA before implementing your solution. Please remember that you will have to use raw sockets (`SOCK_RAW`) since ICMP does not run on transport layer protocols.

You should design your Ping utility so that it continuously sends ping requests to a specified host separated by approximately one second. Each message contains a payload of data that includes a timestamp (Python’s `time.time()`). After sending each packet, the application waits up to one second to receive a reply. If one second goes by without a reply from the server, then the client assumes that either the ping packet or the pong packet was lost in the network (or that the server is down).

For your convenience, we have provided a reference implementation of the ICMP checksum calculation. Feel free to incorporate it in your program.

Necessary ICMP Details

While we covered the basics of ICMP formats in lecture-19, you will find the following ICMP details useful. You likely won't need any additional ICMP details for implementing your Ping.

ICMP Header and Messages: The ICMP header starts after bit 160 of the IP header (since we are not using IP options).

Bit position	8 bits	8 bits	8 bits	8 bits
160	Type	Code	Checksum	
192	ID		Sequence	

- **Type** - ICMP type
- **Code** - Subtype to the given ICMP type
- **Checksum** - Error detecting data calculated from ICMP header + data by initially setting value 0 for this field
- **ID** - An ID value, should be returned in the case of echo reply
- **Sequence** - A sequence value, should be returned in the case of echo reply

Echo Request: The echo request is an ICMP message whose data is expected to be received back in an echo reply. All hosts must respond to echo requests with an echo reply containing the exact data received in the request message.

- Type should be set to 8
- Code should be set to 0
- ID and Sequence Number are used to match the reply with the request. In practice, most Linux systems use a unique identifier for every ping process, and sequence number is an increasing number within that process. Windows uses a fixed identifier, which varies between Windows versions, and a sequence number that is only reset at boot time.
- The data received by the echo request must be entirely included in the echo reply.

Echo Reply: The echo reply is an ICMP message generated in response to an echo request, and is mandatory for all hosts and routers.

- Type and code should be set to 0
- ID and Sequence Number are used to match the reply with the request, so return the same.
- The data received in the echo request must be entirely included in the echo reply

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def checksum(string):
    csum = 0
    countTo = (len(string) // 2) * 2
    count = 0

    while count < countTo:
        thisVal = ord(string[count+1]) * 256 + ord(string[count])
        csum = csum + thisVal
        csum = csum & 0xffffffff
        count = count + 2

    if countTo < len(string):
        csum = csum + ord(string[len(string) - 1])
        csum = csum & 0xffffffff

    csum = (csum >> 16) + (csum & 0xffff)
    csum = csum + (csum >> 16)
    answer = ~csum
    answer = answer & 0xffff
    answer = answer >> 8 | (answer << 8 & 0xff00)
    return answer
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Testing and Submission

Running the server: First, test your client by sending packets to localhost (i.e., 127.0.0.1). Then, you should see how your Pinger application communicates across the Internet by pinging servers in two different continents.

Submission: You should submit the complete ping client code along with the screenshots of ping output for two target hosts, each on a different continent.

Note: We always check for code plagiarism. If you took any help from external sources such as StackOverflow, YouTube, GitHub, ChatGPT, blogs, etc., make sure to cite them in your report.