Midterm II
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CS162: Operating Systems and Systems Programming

General Information:
This is a closed book exam. You are allowed 1 page of hand-written notes (both sides). You have 3 hours to complete as much of the exam as possible. Make sure to read all of the questions first, as some of the questions are substantially more time consuming.

Write all of your answers directly on this paper. Make your answers as concise as possible. On programming questions, we will be looking for performance as well as correctness, so think through your answers carefully. If there is something about the questions that you believe is open to interpretation, please ask us about it!

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Problem 1: True/False [20 pts]

In the following, it is important that you EXPLAIN your answer in TWO SENTENCES OR LESS (Answers longer than this may not get credit!). Also, answers without an explanation GET NO CREDIT.

Problem 1a [2pts]: The limitation of 65536 ports for UDP and TCP reflects an inherent limitation of the underlying IP datagram protocol.

True / False
Explain:

Problem 1b [2pts]: For disks with constant areal bit density (bits stored/unit area of disk media), the disk head reads bits at a different rate on the outer tracks than on the inner tracks.

True / False
Explain:

Problem 1c [2pts]: The queueing equations given in class cannot be used to analyze the transient behavior of a website that is suddenly popular, i.e. used to compute waiting times at the moment that people start arriving.

True / False
Explain:

Problem 1d [2pts]: The VFS layer handles journaling for Very Large File Systems.

True / False
Explain:

Problem 1e [2pts]: A RAID 5 system can handle more than one disk failure at a time.

True / False
Explain:
Problem 1f[2pts]: The NFS file service requires client state to be maintained at the server.

True / False
Explain:

Problem 1g[2pts]: TLB lookup (i.e. address translation) must occur prior to checking for data in the first-level cache.

True / False
Explain:

Problem 1h[2pts]: The clock algorithm provides an approximation to a least-recently used (LRU) page replacement mechanism.

True / False
Explain:

Problem 1i[2pts]: The bottom half of a device driver responds to interrupts from the device.

True / False
Explain:

Problem 1j[2pts]: DNS is a centralized service for translating user-readable names into IP addresses.

True / False
Explain:
Problem 2: Peer-to-Peer Instant Messaging [35pts]

This problem will investigate the construction of a peer-to-peer communication network built. We will utilize instant messaging as our application on top of this network. As you see by the above figure, clients connect with individual routers. Messages transit from a source client to a destination client via one or more hops through a router.

In order to make this Instant Messaging client particularly user friendly, we will address messages to usernames (that are strings), rather than to IP addresses. This means that the job of the routers is to propagate information about usernames so that messages can be properly routed.

When they first start up, clients will choose a router with which to connect. We will call this router the “home router” for the client. The client will then send a “route announcement” message to its home router containing the client’s username. The home router will forward these announcements to other routers and other clients. Further, the home router will send the identities of clients that it knows about to the new client.

To send an Instant Message, a client will produce a packet that includes the username of the destination client, their own username (i.e. the source), and a message string. They will transmit this message to their home router. The message will be forwarded along the shortest path through routers to the message destination.

It is important to note that clients are only allowed to communicate with their home routers, not other routers or clients.

We will use UDP/IP for our implementation. The packet format is shown above. UDP/IP communication is connectionless. To communicate on a given port, an application simply binds a socket to that port, after which it can immediately begin sending and receiving messages on that
port. Our Instant Message Routers utilize **UDP port 123** for messages from clients and other routers. Clients pick a unique port for their communications. This means that each IP address can host a single router, but that multiple clients can coexist on the same IP address.

Our system needs two message types. The data for these messages will be stored in the UDP data portion of the UDP datagram. The first byte of the data distinguishes the message type. Type 0 is a route advertisement, while Type 1 is an actual Instant Message:

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<th>Dist</th>
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<th>Instant Message:</th>
<th>Type: 1</th>
<th>Dist</th>
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<th>Src Name...</th>
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Remember that the UDP/IP header also contains information about which IP address and port was the source of the message.

Although we are not going to fully implement our server, we are going to explore the route advertisement and routing process in greater detail.

**Problem 2a[3pts]:** What minimum information must be in the routing table of each router and how should it be indexed to allow Instant Messages to be routed to their destination without broadcasting? Explain the process of routing a message to its destination.

**Problem 2b[3pts]:** Assume that the routers are connected in a way that contains cycles (such as shown above), that routers never crash, and that routers are booted before clients. What is the simplest way for routers to handle route advertisement messages so as to produce routing tables that route Instant Messages to their destinations without routing them in cycles? Explain carefully.
**Problem 2c[3pts]:** Now assume that our goal is to route Instant Messages with the fewest number of hops, and that some routers may boot after clients (adding shorter paths, for instance). We will use the ‘Dist’ parameter of route advertisement messages (Type=0) to indicate how many hops we have traveled from the client that we are advertising. Explain how the route advertisement messages will propagate through the system (be explicit) and what additional information you will keep in the routing tables. Be explicit.

**Problem 2d[2pts]:** What should happen when a new connection between two routers is initiated? Your answer should be consistent with (2c).

**Problem 2e[2pts]:** Explain how we can utilize the ‘Dist’ field of Instant Messages (Type = 1) to guard against loops in the routing table, should they occur.
Problem 2 continued: Peer-to-Peer Client

In the following, we are now going to implement our peer-to-peer router in Java. First, we need to establish a few things about the UDP sockets interface in Java.

The Java interface for UDP is straightforward. In fact, it is easier to use the TCP interface. It uses a DatagramPacket object to hold the packet. DatagramPacket objects include a byte array for data as well as an IP address and port representing either the destination of the message (for outgoing messages) or the source IP address and port (for incoming messages). Datagram objects are changeable (mutable) after construction (see table, next page).

Use of Java Datagram facilities is straightforward. For instance, a client could send the string “Hello world” as a datagram to port 66 of a server called “test.com” in the following way:

```
DatagramSocket mysock = new DatagramSocket(); // pick unused source port
// Need an array of bytes to send in a datagram
String outs = “Hello World”;
byte[] outbuf = outs.getBytes();

// Need to resolve the address of the server
InetAddress outIP = InetAddress.getByName(“test.com”);

// Construct the outgoing packet
DatagramPacket dp = new DatagramPacket(outbuf, outbuf.length, outIP, 66);

// Send packet to server test.com, port 66
mysock.send(dp);
```

Further, the components of a DatagramPacket can be mutated to send it elsewhere:

```
// send packet to echo.com, port 66
dp.setAddress(InetAddress.getByName(“echo.com”));
mysock.send(dp);
```

To receive messages on a particular port (say 66), we simply bind a socket to a particular port:

```
DatagramSocket serversock = new DatagramSocket(66); // wait on port 66
// Set up datagram to receive messages
byte buff[] = new byte[256]; // space to receive packet
DatagramPacket rp = new DatagramPacket(buff, buff.length);

// Wait forever until packet is received:
serversock.receive(rp);
```

// These methods are available after reception:
int length = rp.getLength(); // # bytes of data received
InetAddress sourceIP = rp.getAddress(); // IP address of sender
int port = rp.getPort(); // Port of sender
For your reference, you may find the following table of methods useful:

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<th>Object Type</th>
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| DatagramPacket | new DatagramPacket(byte[] data, int len): Creates new packet holder for reception of maximum length ‘len’. Alternatively, sets Data to ‘data’ and Length to ‘len’ but leaves Address and Port undefined. new DatagramPacket(byte[] data, int len, InetAddress addr, int port): Creates outgoing packet of length ‘len’ destine for address ‘addr’ and port ‘port’. Note: the ‘len’ parameter must be less than or equal to the size of the byte array associated with the packet. | byte[] getData(): return byte array from packet  
void setData(byte[] data): set byte array in packet  
int getLength(): return length of packet  
void setLength(int len): set length of packet  
InetAddress getAddress(): return address in packet  
void setAddress(InetAddress addr): set address in packet  
int getPort(): return port from packet  
void setPort(int port): set port in packet |
| DatagramSocket | new DatagramSocket(): Creates UDP socket bound to unique port  
new DatagramSocket(int port): Creates UDP socket bound to port ‘port’ | void send(DatagramPacket pack): send packet ‘pack’ to destination addr/port in ‘pack’  
void receive(DatagramPacket pack): receive packet into ‘pack’ source addr/port will be in pack |
| String         | new String(byte[] array, int offset, int len): Construct a new String by converting the specified subarray of bytes into a String. The byte array ‘array’ contains the string of interest, starting at byte ‘offset’ of length ‘len’ bytes. | byte[] getBytes(): convert string into byte array |
| Hashtable      | new Hashtable(): Creates new hashtable | Object put(Object key, Object value): Maps the specified ‘key’ to the specified ‘value’  
Object get(Object key): Returns Object mapped to ‘key’  
Enumeration keys(): Returns an enumeration of keys |
| Enumeration     |                                                                 | boolean hasMoreElements()  
Object nextElement(): Returns next element (if exists) or throws exception |
The following code implements the IMPacket class to manipulates information encoded in packets.

```java
1. class IMPacket {
2.    int Type, Dist;
3.    String Dest, Src, Message;

// Construct IMPacket from incoming datagram, assume correct format
4.    IMPacket(DatagramPacket inpacket) {
5.       byte[] data = inpacket.getData();
6.       Type = data[0]; Dist = data[1];
7.       inpacket.setLength(2); // Now at byte #2
8.       Dest = extractString(inpacket);
9.       if (Type == 1) {
10.          Src = extractString(inpacket);
11.          Message = extractString(inpacket)
12.     }
13. }
14. // Take an IMPacket and encode it into a DatagramPacket
15. // Note that the result depends on Type
16. DatagramPacket encode() {
17.    DatagramPacket result = new DatagramPacket(new byte[256],0);
18.    /* Encode IMPacket into result */
19.    return result;
20. }
21. // Using the length as a pointer, extract string from packet
22. String extractString(DatagramPacket pack) {
23.    byte[] data = pack.getData();
24.    int pos = pack.getLength();
25.    int strlen = data[pos]; // Extract string len in bytes
26.    pack.setLength(pos+strlen+1); // Move pointer past string
27.    return String(data,pos+1,strlen);
28. }
29. // Add string in serialized for to end of packet
30. void addString(DatagramPacket pack, String instring) {
31.    byte[] data = pack.getData();
32.    int pos = pack.getLength();
33.    byte[] tempstr = instring.getBytes(); // turn string->byte[]
34.    data[pos++] = tempstr.length; // Place length at begining
35.    for (int i = 0; i<tempstr.length; i++)
36.        data[pos++]= tempstr[i];
37.    pack.setLength(pos);
38. }
39.}
```

**Problem 2f[4pts]:** Finish the encode function at Line #15. The goal of this function is to turn the information in an IMPacket into a DatagramPacket. You should not need more than 10 lines. Hint: use the provided ‘addString’ function.

Line 15:
In order to keep track of nodes communicating with it, each router keeps a list of routers and clients that it has received route announcements from. Each entry in the list is a DirectEndpoint object. We can tell if we are talking to someone new by using the ‘lookup’ function:

\[
\text{If} \ (!\text{DirectEndpoint}.\text{lookup}(\text{addr},\text{port})) \ {/* \text{new endpoint} */}
\]

We can add a new endpoint with ‘addUnique’. This will add a new entry to the list only if the endpoint has not been seen before. It will then return the unique result.

\[
\text{DirectEndpoint newend = DirectEndpoint.addUnique(addr, port);} \\
\]

Further, the set of all endpoints can be enumerated with the enumeration interface:

\[
\text{Enumeration allEndpoint = DirectEndpoint.elements();} \\
\text{While (allEndpoint.hasMoreElements()) {} } \\
\]

Continuing with our code:

```java
31. class DirectEndpoint {
32.   InetAddress addr;
33.   int port;
34.   static Enumeration elements() {
35.     // Return enumeration to walk through all unique DirectEndpoints 
36.     return Enumeration.toWalkThrough(new Enumeration[]{allEndpoint});
37.   }
38.   static DirectEndpoint lookup(InetAddress addr, int port) {
39.     // Return item or null */
40.   }
41.   static DirectEndpoint addUnique(InetAddress addr, int port) {
42.     // Add DirectEndpoint to list if not present, return unique entry 
43.   }
44. }
```

// Routing table entry
```java
45. class RouteEntry {
46.   DirectEndpoint nextHop;
47.   /* Other information */
48.   RouteEntry(DirectEndpoint nextHop, /* other info */) {
49.     this.nextHop = nextHop;
50.     /* Initialize other information */
51.   }
```

Problem 2g[3pts]: We provide a sketch of the DirectEndpoint class. As we show above, a RouteEntry must contain a DirectEndpoint at minimum (to define the next hop). Finish the definition of RouteEntry (line #42, #43, and #45). Your answer to (2c) is relevant:

Line 42:

Line 43:

Line 45:
Finally, our main server code looks as follows:

```java
46. byte[] inarray = new byte[256];
47. DatagramPacket pack = new DatagramPacket(inarray, inarray.length);
48. HashTable routetable = new HashTable();
49. DatagramSocket socket = /* setup server socket */
    while(true) {
46.    /* receive next packet */
50.        IMPacket newpacket = new IMPacket(pack); // Decode packet
51.        InetAddress addr = pack.getAddress();
52.        int port = pack.getPort();
53.        DirectEndpoint source = DirectEndpoint.lookup(addr, port);
54.        if (!source) {
55.            // New endpoint! Haven't talked to them before
56.                source = DirectEndpoint.addUnique(addr, port); // New person: tell them about everyone we know about
57.            AnnounceRoutes(socket, source, routetable);
58.        }
59.        switch (newpacket.type) {
60.            case 0:    HandleRoute(socket, newpacket, source, routetable);
61.                break;
62.            case 1:    HandleIM(socket, newpacket, source, routetable);
63.                break;
64.        }
```

**Problem 2g[2pts]:** Handle the setup of the server socket (line #49):

Line 49:

**Problem 2h[2pts]:** Handle the reception of packets (line #50):

Line 50:
Here is the code to process route announcements:

```java
63. void HandleRoute( DatagramSocket socket,
64.     IMPacket newpacket, DirectEndpoint source,
65.     HashTable routetable ) {
66.       RouteEntry oldentry = (RouteEntry)routetable.get(newpacket.Dest);
67.       if ((oldentry == null) ||
68.           /* Other Condition to change entry */ ) {
69.           RouteEntry newentry = /* Construct new Entry */
70.           routetable.put(newpacket.Dest,newentry);
71.           DatagramPacket outpacket; // you will assign to this in 73.
72.           /* Construct new route announcement to forward to others */
73.           // Walk through everyone we are talking to directly
74.           Enumeration allEndpoint = DirectEndpoint.elements();
75.           While (allEndpoint.hasMoreElements()) {
76.             DirectEndpoint next =
77.               (DirectEndpoint)allEndpoint.nextElement();
78.             outpacket.setAddress(next.addr);
79.             outpacket.setPort(next.port);
80.             socket.send(outpacket);
81.           }
82.       }
83. }
```

**Problem 2i [3pts]:** What is the other condition under which we will propagate a route advertisement (other than no entry)? Explain and provide code for line #69. *Hint: your answer to 2c is relevant, as is use of the ‘dist’ parameter to messages.*

Explain:
Line 69:

**Problem 2j [2pts]:** Construct the new route table entry, line #70:

Line 70:

**Problem 2k [2pts]:** Construct the new route announcement message as a DatagramPacket, line #73. *Hint: you will be using the encode() method of IMPacket.*

Line 73:
Last, but not least, here is the code to actually forward Instant Messages:

```java
81. void HandleIM( DatagramSocket socket,
82.                IMPacket newpacket, DirectEndpoint source,
83.                HashTable routetable ) {
84.    RouteEntry entry = (RouteEntry)routetable.get(newpacket.Dest);
85.    /* Route Messages */
```

**Problem 2l[4pts]:** Finally, provide the code that actually routes messages for line #85. This should have no more than 6 lines. Hint: stay consistent with your answer to (2e)

Line 85:

```java
String[] PeerRouters = {"first.com", "second.com", ... };
/* What code goes here? */
```
Problem 3: I/O devices and File Systems [25pts]

Please keep your answers short (one or two sentences per question-mark). *We may not give credit for long answers.*

**Problem 3a[3pts]:** Disk requests come in to the driver for cylinders 8, 24, 20, 5, 41, 8, in that order. A seek takes 6ms per cylinder. Calculate the total seek time for the above sequence of requests assuming the following disk scheduling policy (In all cases, the disk arm is initially at cylinder 20). Explain your answer.

a) First-come first serve:

b) Closest cylinder next:

c) Elevator algorithm (initially moving upward in cylinder value):

**Problem 3b[2pts]:** Contiguous allocation of files leads to disk fragmentation. Is this internal fragmentation or external fragmentation? Make an analogy with something we discussed earlier in the semester.

**Problem 3c[2pts]:** Name at least two ways in which the *buffer cache* is used to improve performance for file systems.
Problem 3d[2pts]: Some operating systems provide a system call called “rename()” that can be used to give a file a new name. Assuming that the new directory that holds the name is on the same disk partition as the old one, is there any difference between using “rename()” to rename a file and just copying the file to a new file with the new name, followed by deleting the old one? Explain.

Problem 3e[2pts]: Continuing question (3d), let’s now assume that we are using “rename()” to change the name of a file from a directory hosted on one disk to a directory hosted on another disk, is there any difference between using this call to rename a file and just copying the file to a new file with the new name, folowed by deleting the old one? Explain.

Problem 3f[2pts]: What are the main differences between non-blocking and asynchronous I/O?

Problem 3g[2pts]: What UNIX structure keeps track of the sectors allocated to a given file?
**Problem 3h [4pts]:** Suppose that we have a disk with the following parameters:
- 1TB in size
- 7200 RPM, Data transfer rate of 40 Mbytes/s (40 × 10^6 bytes/sec)
- Average seek time of 6ms
- ATA Controller with 2ms controller initiation time
- A block size of 4Kbytes (4096 bytes)

What is the average time to read a random block from the disk (assuming no queueing at the controller). Show your work. *Hint: there are 4 terms here. Be very careful of your units!*

**Problem 3i [2pts]:** Explain how the 6ms seek time from (3h) would actually have been measured (by the disk manufacturer) and why a smaller value would be more appropriate when modeling many operating systems.

**Problem 3j [4pts]:** Suppose that the average rate of requests from the operating system is 75 req/s and is memoryless. Given your numbers from (3h), what is the typical size of the disk queue required to handle this rate? Assume C=1.5 for disk service. What might the operating system do to reduce this queuing requirement?
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Problem 4: Potpourri [20pts]

Please keep your answers short (one or two sentences per question-mark). *We may not give credit for long answers.*

**Problem 4a[2pts]:** What are the advantages and disadvantages of a fully-associative cache? When would it make sense to utilize a fully-associative cache?

**Problem 4b[3pts]:** Explain why modern out-of-order processors (i.e. processors that execute instructions out of order) can still provide precise exceptions.

**Problem 4c[3pts]:** Assume that Alice and Bob have never met. Explain how a *certificate authority* (such as Verisign) could help Alice and Bob establish a secure channel between them which proves authenticity and maintains privacy.

**Problem 4d[3pts]:** What does Two-phase commit allow you to guarantee? Why does this not violate the “General’s Paradox”?
**Problem 4e[4pts]:** How does TCP/IP automatically adjust the rate at which it sends information so as to maximize bandwidth without overwhelming the slowest link? What happens if a link along the path of a TCP channel is suddenly very popular (thereby providing a small fraction of its previous bandwidth)? Does the TCP channel keep sending at the same rate? Why or why not?

**Problem 4f[3pts]:** Define what CSMA/CD stands for (e.g. in an Ethernet network) and explain how it adapts to a varying number of simultaneous communications. Why does a system with CSMA/CD saturate at a much higher fraction of available bandwidth than the original Aloha radio network.

**Problem 4g[2pts]:** Explain what copy-on-write is (with respect to the virtual memory system) and give at least one instance when it might be useful.
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