

Compare and Contrast the Packet Loss between Different Nodes within Same Link at Particular Interval of Time and at Specific Time

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ABSTRACT

Measurement and estimation of packet loss characteristics are challenging due to the relatively rare occurrence and typically short duration of packet loss episodes. While active probe tools are commonly used to measure packet loss on end-to end paths, there has been little analysis of the accuracy of these tools or their impact on the network. The objective of our study is to understand how to measure packet loss episodes accurately within same link within particular interval of time. We begin by testing the capability of standard end-to-end measurements of loss in a controlled laboratory environment using network simulator 2.35. Our tests show that loss characteristics reported from different nodes within same link at different interval of time can be quite accurate over different nodes within same link at specific interval of time. Motivated by these observations, we introduce a new algorithm for packet loss measurement that is designed to overcome the deficiencies in standard tools.

Keywords: TCP Congestion Window, Front End Server, Congestion Control, Droptail Mechanism, Source Code.

I. INTRODUCTION

TCP Congestion Control

TCP uses a round-trip delay estimate for its adaptive windowing scheme to transmit data reliably over an unreliable network with time varying bandwidth. Similarly a smoothed variance (estimated as mean difference to avoid square root calculations in the kernel) is also maintained (Tahoe TCP). If an acknowledgement for a segment is not received within the timeout, it is re-transmitted. TCP uses a congestion window in the sender side to do congestion avoidance. The congestion window indicates the maximum amount of data that can be sent out on a connection without being acknowledged. TCP detects congestion when it fails to receive an acknowledgement for a packet within the estimated timeout. In such a situation, it decreases the congestion window to one maximum segment size (MSS), and under other cases it increases the congestion window by one MSS. There also exists a congestion window threshold, which is set to half the congestion window size at the time when a re-transmit was required.

The inherent assumption in this mechanism is that lack of an acknowledgement is due to network congestion. If a packet, however, is lost by the network for reasons other than network congestion, then waiting for the timer to run out is wasteful. This is a situation that may happen quite frequently in wireless networks, and so to improve TCP performance, it is needed to pre-empt retransmissions before waiting for the timer to run out.

To guard against this scenario, Reno TCP [7] uses Fast Re-transmit and Fast Recovery algorithms. Both these algorithms depend on counting duplicate acknowledgements sent by the data receiver in response to each additional segment received following some missing data. Fast Re-transmit detects loss of a segment when three duplicate acknowledgements are received, and re-transnits it. Fast Recovery algorithm attempts to estimate how much data is outstanding in the network by counting duplicate acknowledgements.

II. METHODS AND MATERIAL

2.1 Front End Server

The front-end server is an extension of the back-end server and is designed to provide scalability. Multiple FEs can be connected to a BE and each FE can have multiple clients connected to it in a distributed setup. The main function performed by the FE is to channel the requests received from the clients. The FE takes care of generating the database views through database read operations using a completely stateless architecture. This helps in providing the accurate information at all times.

Components Overview

Client Communication Layer

The client communication layer provides option to choose from a range of transport protocols, such as TCP, RMI, HTTP, HTTPS, SSL, etc. To support various set of clients, such as the Java (session based) client, the HTML client, the RMI (Client API based) clients, etc., the client communication has a rich set of components with each receiving and decoding the requests from the corresponding clients and forwarding them to the Session Beans.

Transport Provider interface & Client Session Forwarders Interacts with the Java client and redirects the read requests to the Session Beans and the database commit requests to the back-end server.

Web Container interface: Provides Web access to the clients and handles all the requests from the HTML client and forwards the request to the Session Beans.

RMI server API interface: Provides APIs for generation of custom views and handles all read operations for the RMI Client APIs using the Session Beans.

Session Bean Layer

The Session Bean layer forms the core business logic of the front-end server. This stateless EJB deployable Session Bean layer generates views from the database (Custom Views) based on the client requests. Forwards the commit requests to the back-end server using the front-end RMI proxy APIs.

Back-End Communication Layer

The back-end communication layer forwards the database commit request generated from the clients to the back-end server and notifies the subscribed clients for any updates from the back-end server. This layer too has different set of interfaces for communicating with the back-end server.

Updates Handler handles all the updates or notifications from the back-end server and forwards them to the clients subscribed for receiving such notifications.

Back-end Socket Interface forwards the database commit requests to the corresponding back-end server through the socket connection.

RMI Proxy API forwards the write requests to the corresponding back-end server module RMI API counterpart.

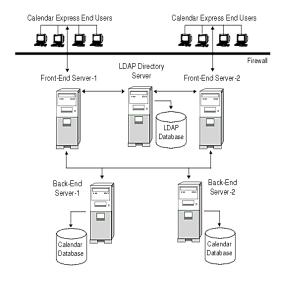


Figure 1: End Server

Maintaining Security Between Front-End and Back-End Servers

A front-end server uses the Database Wire Protocol (DWP) to communicate with a back-end server. Because DWP uses HTTP as the transport mechanism, Calendar Server provides authentication for DWP connections between front-end and back-end servers using the configuration parameters in Table 1 and Table 2.

These parameters are optional and by default are not included in the ics. conf file. To use authentication for DWP connections, you must add the required parameters to the ics. conf file on each front-end and back-end server.

Table 1 Back-end Configuration Parameters for Authentication of a DWP Connection

Parameter	Description
service.dwp.admin.userid	On a back-end server, specifies the user ID that is used to authenticate a DWP connection. If a back-end server does not specify a user ID, no authentication is performed.
service.dwp.admin.cred	On a back-end server, specifies the password that is used to authenticate a DWP connection. If a back-end server does not specify a password, no authentication is performed.

Table 2 Front-end Configuration Parameters for Authentication of a DWP Connection

Parameter	Description
caldb.dwp.server.back- end-server.admin	On a front-end server, specifies the user ID that is used for authentication for a DWP connection to a backend server, where back-end-server is the name of the server.
caldb.dwp.server.back- end-server.cred	On a front-end server, specifies the password that is used for authentication for a DWP connection to a backend server, where <i>back-end-server</i> is the name of the server.

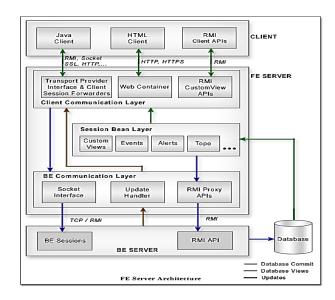


Figure 2 : Server Architecture

2.2 Congestion Control

The final main aspect of TCP is congestion control. TCP uses a number of mechanisms to achieve high performance and avoid congestion collapse, where network performance can fall by several orders of magnitude. These mechanisms control the rate of data entering the network, keeping the data flow below a rate that would trigger collapse. They also yield an approximately max-min fair allocation between flows.[13]

Acknowledgments for data sent, or lack of acknowledgments, are used by senders to infer network conditions between the TCP sender and receiver. Coupled with timers, TCP senders and receivers can alter the behavior of the flow of data. This is more generally referred to as congestion control and/or network congestion avoidance.

Modern implementations of TCP contain four intertwined algorithms: Slow-start, congestion avoidance, fast retransmit, and fast recovery (RFC 5681).

In addition, senders employ a retransmission timeout (RTO) that is based on the estimated round-trip time (or RTT) between the sender and receiver, as well as the variance in this round trip time. The behavior of this timer is specified in RFC 6298. There are subtleties in the estimation of RTT. For example, senders must be

careful when calculating RTT samples for retransmitted packets; typically they use Karn's Algorithm or TCP timestamps (see RFC 1323). These individual RTT samples are then averaged over time to create a Smoothed Round Trip Time (SRTT) using Jacobson's algorithm. This SRTT value is what is finally used as the round-trip time estimate.

Enhancing TCP to reliably handle loss, minimize errors, manage congestion and go fast in very high-speed environments are ongoing areas of research and standards development. As a result, there are a number of TCP congestion avoidance algorithm variations.

1) Maximum segment size

The maximum segment size (MSS) is the largest amount of data, specified in bytes, that TCP is willing to receive in a single segment. For best performance, the MSS should be set small enough to avoid IP fragmentation, which can lead to packet loss and excessive retransmissions. To try to accomplish this, typically the MSS is announced by each side using the MSS option when the TCP connection is established, in which case it is derived from the maximum transmission unit (MTU) size of the data link layer of the networks to which the sender and receiver are directly attached. Furthermore, TCP senders can use path MTU discovery to infer the minimum MTU along the network path between the sender and receiver, and use this to dynamically adjust the MSS to avoid IP fragmentation within the network.[15]

MSS announcement is also often called "MSS negotiation". Strictly speaking, the MSS is not "negotiated" between the originator and the receiver, because that would imply that both originator and receiver will negotiate and agree upon a single, unified MSS that applies to all communication in both directions of the connection. In fact, two completely independent values of MSS are permitted for the two directions of data flow in a TCP connection.[17] This situation may arise, for example, if one of the devices participating in a connection has an extremely limited amount of memory reserved (perhaps even smaller than the overall discovered Path MTU) for processing incoming TCP segments.[4]

2) Selective acknowledgments

Relying purely on the cumulative acknowledgment scheme employed by the original TCP protocol can lead to inefficiencies when packets are lost. For example, suppose 10,000 bytes are sent in 10 different TCP packets, and the first packet is lost during transmission. In a pure cumulative acknowledgment protocol, the receiver cannot say that it received bytes 1,000 to 9,999 successfully, but failed to receive the first packet, containing bytes 0 to 999. Thus the sender may then have to resend all 10,000 bytes.

To alleviate this issue TCP employs the selective acknowledgment (SACK) option, defined in RFC 2018, which allows the receiver to acknowledge discontinuous blocks of packets which were received correctly, in addition to the sequence number of the last contiguous byte received successively, as in the basic TCP acknowledgment. The acknowledgement can specify a number of SACK blocks, where each SACK block is conveyed by the starting and ending sequence numbers of a contiguous range that the receiver correctly received. In the example above, the receiver would send SACK with sequence numbers 1000 and 9999. The sender would accordingly retransmit only the first packet (bytes 0 to 999).

A TCP sender can interpret an out-of-order packet delivery as a lost packet. If it does so, the TCP sender will retransmit the packet previous to the out-of-order packet and slow its data delivery rate for that connection. The duplicate-SACK option, an extension to the SACK option that was defined in RFC 2883, solves this problem. The TCP receiver sends a D-ACK to indicate that no packets were lost, and the TCP sender can then reinstate the higher transmission-rate.

The SACK option is not mandatory, and comes into operation only if both parties support it. This is negotiated when a connection is established. SACK uses the optional part of the TCP header (see TCP segment structure for details). The use of SACK has become widespread — all popular TCP stacks support it. Selective acknowledgment is also used in Stream Control Transmission Protocol (SCTP).

3) Window scaling

Main article: TCP window scale option

For more efficient use of high bandwidth networks, a larger TCP window size may be used. The TCP window size field controls the flow of data and its value is limited to between 2 and 65,535 bytes.

Since the size field cannot be expanded, a scaling factor is used. The TCP window scale option, as defined in RFC 1323, is an option used to increase the maximum window size from 65,535 bytes to 1 gigabyte. Scaling up to larger window sizes is a part of what is necessary for TCP tuning.[4]

The window scale option is used only during the TCP 3-way handshake. The window scale value represents the number of bits to left-shift the 16-bit window size field. The window scale value can be set from 0 (no shift) to 14 for each direction independently. Both sides must send the option in their SYN segments to enable window scaling in either direction.[5]

Some routers and packet firewalls rewrite the window scaling factor during a transmission. This causes sending and receiving sides to assume different TCP window sizes. The result is non-stable traffic that may be very slow. The problem is visible on some sites behind a defective router.[18]

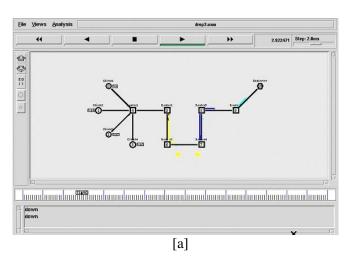
2.3 DROP TAIL

Tail Drop, or Drop Tail, is a very simple queue management algorithm used by Internet routers, e.g. in the network schedulers, and network switches to decide when to drop packets. In contrast to the more complex algorithms like RED and WRED, in Tail Drop the traffic is not differentiated. Each packet is treated identically. With tail drop, when the queue is filled to its maximum capacity, the newly arriving packets are dropped until the queue has enough room to accept incoming traffic.[5]

The name arises from the effect of the policy on incoming datagrams. Once a queue has been filled, the router begins discarding all additional datagrams, thus dropping the tail of the sequence of datagrams. The loss of datagrams causes the TCP sender to enter slow-start, which reduces throughput in that TCP session until the

sender begins to receive acknowledgements again and increases its congestion window. A more severe problem occurs when datagrams from multiple TCP connections are dropped, causing global synchronization; i.e. all of the involved TCP senders enter slow-start.[5] This happens because, instead of discarding many segments from one connection, the router would tend to discard one segment from each connection.

III. RESULTS



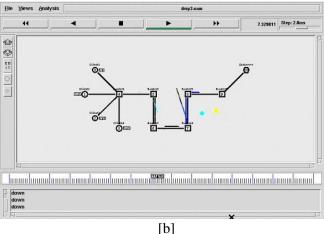


Figure 3: Snapshot of the System

Source Code

#-----Event scheduler object creation-----#

set ns [new Simulator]
#------ CREATING NAM OBJECTS -----#

set nf [open drop3.nam w]
\$ns namtrace-all \$nf

#Open the trace file set nt [open drop3.tr w]

\$ns trace-all \$nt set proto rlm	\$ns at 0.0 "\$Endserver1 label Endserver" #\$ns at 0.0 "\$Endserver2 label Endserver2"
##	##
\$ns color 1 red	\$Endserver1 shape hexagon
\$ns color 2 blue	\$Router1 shape box
\$ns color 3 yellow	\$Router2 shape square
\$ns color 4 cyan	\$Router3 shape square
\$ns color 5 maroon	\$Router4 shape square
phy color o maroon	\$Router5 shape square
# CREATING CLIENT - ROUTER -ENDSERVER NODES#	\$Router6 shape square
set Client1 [\$ns node]	##
set Client2 [\$ns node]	
set Client3 [\$ns node]	\$ns duplex-link-op \$Client1 \$Router1 queuePos 0.1
set Client4 [\$ns node]	\$ns duplex-link-op \$Client2 \$Router1 queuePos 0.1
set Router1 [\$ns node]	\$ns duplex-link-op \$Client3 \$Router1 queuePos 0.5
set Router2 [\$ns node]	\$ns duplex-link-op \$Client4 \$Router1 queuePos 0.5
set Router3 [\$ns node]	\$ns duplex-link-op \$Router1 \$Router2 queuePos 0.1
set Router4 [\$ns node]	\$ns duplex-link-op \$Router2 \$Router3 queuePos 0.1
set Router [[\$ns node] set Router [[\$ns node]	\$ns duplex-link-op \$Router3 \$Router4 queuePos 0.1
set Router6 [\$ns node]	\$ns duplex-link-op \$Router4 \$Router5 queuePos 0.1
set Endserver1 [\$ns node]	\$ns duplex-link-op \$Router5 \$Router6 queuePos 0.5
#set Endserver2 [\$ns node]	\$ns duplex-link-op \$Router6 \$Endserver1 queuePos 0.5
##	##
\$ns duplex-link \$Client1 \$Router1 5Mb 50ms DropTail \$ns duplex-link \$Client2 \$Router1 5Mb 50ms DropTail	##
\$ns duplex-link \$Client3 \$Router1 5Mb 50ms DropTail	set tcp0 [new Agent/TCP]
\$ns duplex-link \$Client4 \$Router1 5Mb 50ms DropTail	\$tcp0 filew Agenty 1Ct] \$tcp0 set maxcwnd_ 16
\$ns duplex-link \$Router1 \$Router2 5Mb 50ms DropTail	\$tcp0 set fid_ 4
\$ns duplex-link \$Router2 \$Router3 150Kb 50ms DropTail	\$ns attach-agent \$Client1 \$tcp0
\$ns duplex-link \$Router3 \$Router4 300Kb 50ms DropTail	piis attacii agent penenti piepo
\$ns duplex-link \$Router4 \$Router5 100Kb 50ms DropTail	
\$ns duplex-link \$Router5 \$Router6 300Kb 50ms DropTail	set sink0 [new Agent/TCPSink]
\$ns duplex-link \$Router6 \$Endserver1 300Kb 50ms DropTail #\$ns duplex-link \$Router6 \$Endserver2 300Kb 50ms DropTail	\$ns attach-agent \$Endserver1 \$sink0
	\$ns connect \$tcp0 \$sink0
##	
	set ftp0 [new Application/FTP]
\$ns duplex-link-op \$Client1 \$Router1 orient down-right \$ns duplex-link-op \$Client2 \$Router1 orient right	\$ftp0 attach-agent \$tcp0
\$ns duplex-link-op \$Client3 \$Router1 orient up-right	Φ. 11
\$ns duplex-link-op \$Client4 \$Router1 orient up	\$ns add-agent-trace \$tcp0 tcp
\$ns duplex-link-op \$Router1 \$Router2 orient right	\$tcp0 tracevar cwnd_
\$ns duplex-link-op \$Router2 \$Router3 orient down	
\$ns duplex-link-op \$Router3 \$Router4 orient right	\$ns at 0.5 "\$ftp0 start"
\$ns duplex-link-op \$Router4 \$Router5 orient up	\$ns at 28.5 "\$ftp0 stop"
\$ns duplex-link-op \$Router5 \$Router6 orient right	
\$ns duplex-link-op \$Router6 \$Endserver1 orient up-right	##
#\$ns duplex-link-op \$Router6 \$Endserver2 orient right	
##	. f (map)
h	set tcp1 [new Agent/TCP]
\$ns at 0.0 "\$Client1 label Client1"	\$tcp1 set fid_ 2
\$ns at 0.0 "\$Client2 label Client2"	\$tcp1 set maxcwnd_ 16
\$ns at 0.0 "\$Client3 label Client3"	\$ns attach-agent \$Client2 \$tcp1
\$ns at 0.0 "\$Client4 label Client4"	
\$ns at 0.0 "\$Router1 label Router1"	set sink1 [new Agent/TCPSink]
\$ns at 0.0 "\$Router2 label Router2"	\$ns attach-agent \$Endserver1 \$sink1
\$ns at 0.0 "\$Router3 label Router3"	
\$ns at 0.0 "\$Router4 label Router4"	the connect than 1 tainle 1
\$ns at 0.0 "\$Router5 label Router5"	\$ns connect \$tcp1 \$sink1
\$ns at 0.0 "\$Router6 label Router6"	

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set ftp1 [new Application/FTP]
$ftp1 attach-agent $tcp1
$ns add-agent-trace $tcp1 tcp1
$tcp1 tracevar cwnd_
$ns at 0.58 "$ftp1 start"
$ns at 28.5 "$ftp1 stop"
# -----#
set tcp2 [new Agent/TCP]
$tcp2 set fid_ 0
$tcp2 set maxcwnd_ 16
$tcp2 set packetsize_ 100
$ns attach-agent $Client3 $tcp2
set sink2 [new Agent/TCPSink]
$ns attach-agent $Endserver1 $sink2
$ns connect $tcp2 $sink2
set ftp2 [new Application/FTP]
$ftp2 attach-agent $tcp2
$ns add-agent-trace $tcp2 tcp2
$tcp2 tracevar cwnd_
$ns at 0.65 "$ftp2 start"
$ns at 28.5 "$ftp2 stop"
#-----#
set tcp3 [new Agent/TCP]
$tcp3 set fid_3
$tcp3 set maxcwnd_ 16
$tcp2 set packetsize_ 100
$ns attach-agent $Client4 $tcp3
set sink3 [new Agent/TCPSink]
$ns attach-agent $Endserver1 $sink3
$ns connect $tcp3 $sink3
set ftp3 [new Application/FTP]
$ftp3 attach-agent $tcp3
$ns add-agent-trace $tcp3 tcp3
$tcp3 tracevar cwnd_
$ns at 0.60 "$ftp3 start"
$ns at 28.5 "$ftp3 stop"
#-----#
$ns rtmodel-at 2.880511 down $Router3 $Router4
$ns rtmodel-at 2.880511 up $Router3 $Router4
$ns rtmodel-at 7.299242 down $Router5 $Router6
$ns rtmodel-at 7.299242 up $Router5 $Router6
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proc finish {} {

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global ns nf nt
$ns flush-trace
close $nf
puts "running nam..."
exec nam drop3.nam &
exit 0
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#Calling finish procedure \$ns at 15.0 "finish" \$ns run

IV. CONCLUSION

This paper is implement by using network simulator tool 2.35 version to show that how packet loss is measured between 2 network circuit and which one is better by comparing the trace file of both the result such that 2 networks are created namely 1- packet loss within same link at particular interval of time and 2- packet loss between different nodes within same link at specific interval of time. Finally we are able to prove that packet loss at particular interval of time is much more effective as compare to specific interval.

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