

Innovative Teaching Practice

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Course Name : Distributed Systems
Class : IV B. Tech I Semester
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Title of the Topic : Models of Process Communication Networks
Activity Name : Collaborative Learning

Objective:

Students will explore and compare different models of process communication in networks, focusing on message-passing and shared-memory models, to understand their applications and limitations in distributed systems. This will enhance their ability to analyze and implement efficient communication strategies in real-world networked environments.

Steps to Implement Collaborative Learning for "Models of Process Communication Networks":

Assign Problems:

- Divide the class into small groups
- Provide each group with a specific problem related to process communication models in networks.

Problems for Students Related to Models of Process Communication Networks:

1. Message-Passing Model:

Problem:

- You are designing a distributed system where processes need to communicate by sending and receiving messages over a network.
- **Task:** Explain the key steps involved in sending a message from one process to another, including the use of message queues, communication protocols, and error handling.
- **Question:** How would you handle message loss or delays in a real-time distributed system?

2. Shared-Memory Model:

Problem:

- You are tasked with designing a system where multiple processes share a common memory space and need to access shared variables for coordination.
- **Task:** Describe how you would implement synchronization in a shared-memory system using semaphores or mutexes.

- **Question:** What are the challenges of using shared memory for communication in a multi-core system, and how would you address race conditions?

3. Client-Server Model:

Problem:

- Consider a network-based system where a client sends a request for data, and a server processes and responds with the requested information.
- **Task:** Explain how the client-server communication process works in a network, including how sockets are used to establish connections and transmit data.
- **Question:** What potential security risks arise in client-server communication, and how can you secure the data transmission?

4. Publish-Subscribe Model:

Problem:

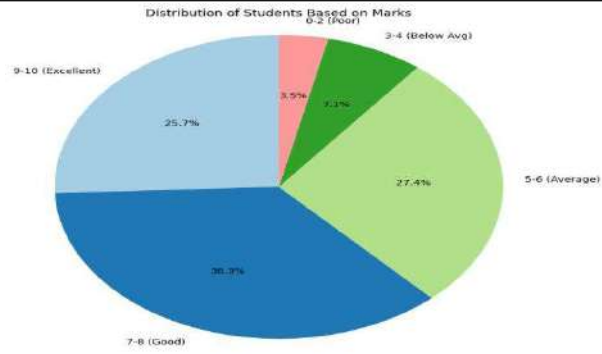
- In a messaging system, publishers send data updates that are consumed by multiple subscribers.
- **Task:** Illustrate how the publish-subscribe communication model works in a network, and explain the role of message brokers in this model.
- **Question:** How would you design a system that ensures subscribers only receive messages they are interested in without overwhelming the network?

Screenshots of the Practice



Assessment Summary

Marks Range	Number of Students	Percentage
9-10 (Excellent)	29	25.66%
7-8 (Good)	41	36.28%
5-6 (Average)	31	27.43%
3-4 (Below Avg)	8	7.08%
0-2 (Poor)	3	3.54%
Total	113	100%



Conclusion:

The study of communication network models provides a clear framework for understanding the flow of data, ensuring efficient, reliable, and secure interactions across diverse systems.

Signature of the Faculty

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