gRPC: Remote Procedure Call
Introduction to Middleware

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## Technology Overview

### Goals

Provide platform independent remote procedure call mechanism.

### Features

- Protocol buffers as interface description language.
- Stub code generation for multiple languages (C++, Java, Python, Go, Ruby, JavaScript, PHP, C# ...).
- Binary transport format with compact data representation.
- Supports streaming arguments during remote call.
- Synchronous and asynchronous invocation code.
- Compression support at transport level.
- Security support at transport level.

... [http://www.grpc.io](http://www.grpc.io)
Examples To Begin With ...

> git clone http://github.com/d-iii-s/teaching-introduction-middleware.git

**C**

> cd teaching-introduction-middleware/src/grpc-basic-server/c
> cat README.md

**Java**

> cd teaching-introduction-middleware/src/grpc-basic-server/java
> cat README.md

**Python**

> cd teaching-introduction-middleware/src/grpc-basic-server/python
> cat README.md
syntax = "proto3";

message AnExampleRequest { ... }
message AnExampleResponse { ... }

service AnExampleService {
    rpc OneToOneCall (AnExampleRequest) returns (AnExampleResponse) {
    }

    rpc OneToStreamCall (AnExampleRequest)
        returns (stream AnExampleResponse) {
    }

    rpc StreamToStreamCall (stream AnExampleRequest)
        returns (stream AnExampleResponse) {
    }
}
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Assignment

Server
Implement a server that will provide information on current time.
- The server should accept a spec of what fields to return.
- Fields should be standard YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS.

Client
Implement a client that will query server time:
- Pick a random combination of fields.
- Query information on current time.
- Print the time.

Interoperability
Implement compatible clients and servers in two languages.
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C++ Service Basics

Implementation

class MyService : public AnExampleService::Service {
    grpc.Status OneToOne (grpc.ServerContext *context,
        const AnExampleRequest *request, AnExampleResponse *response) {
        // Method implementation goes here ...
        return (grpc.Status::OK);
    }
    ...
}

Execution

MyService service;
grpc.ServerBuilder builder;
builder.AddListeningPort ("localhost:8888", grpc.InsecureServerCredentials ());
builder.RegisterService (&service);
std::unique_ptr<grpc.Server> server (builder.BuildAndStart ());
server->Wait ();
Java Service Basics

Implementation

class MyService extends AnExampleServiceGrpc.AnExampleServiceImplBase {
    @Override public void OneToOne (AnExampleRequest request,
        io.grpc.stub.StreamObserver<AnExampleResponse> responseObserver) {
        // Method implementation goes here ...
        responseObserver.onNext (response);
        responseObserver.onCompleted ();
    }
...

Execution

io.grpc.Server server = io.grpc.ServerBuilder
    .forPort (8888).addService (new MyService ()).build ().start (;

server.awaitTermination ();
### Implementation

```python
class MyServicer (AnExampleServiceServicer):
    def OneToOne (self, request, context):
        # Method implementation goes here ...
        return response
```

### Execution

```python
server = grpc.server (futures.ThreadPoolExecutor (max_workers = SERVER_THREAD_COUNT))
add_AnExampleServiceServicer_to_server (MyServicer (), server)
server.add_insecure_port ("localhost:8888")
server.start ()
```
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C++ Client Basics

Connection

```cpp
std::shared_ptr<grpc.Channel> channel = grpc.CreateChannel ( "localhost:8888", grpc.InsecureChannelCredentials ());
```

Invocation

```cpp
grpc::ClientContext context;
AnExampleResponse response;
std::shared_ptr<AnExampleService::Stub> stub = AnExampleService::NewStub (channel);
grpc::Status status = stub->OneToOne (&context, request, &response);
if (status.ok ()) {
    // Response available here ...
}
```
Java Client Basics

Connection

```java
io.grpc.ManagedChannel channel = io.grpc.ManagedChannelBuilder
    .forAddress("localhost", 8888)
    .usePlaintext()
    .build();
```

Invocation

```java
AnExampleServiceGrpc.AnExampleServiceBlockingStub stub =
    AnExampleServiceGrpc.newBlockingStub(channel);
AnExampleResponse response = stub.oneToOne(request);
// Response available here ...
Python Client Basics

Connection

```python
with grpc.insecure_channel("localhost:8888") as channel:
```

Invocation

```python
stub = AnExampleServiceStub(channel)
response = stub.OneToOne(request)
# Response available here ...
```
Show Your Code ...

**Query Host Name**

```bash
> hostname
u1-22
```

**Run Screen Sharing**

```bash
> x11vnc -viewonly
```
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### Assignment

**Performance**

Measure the performance of your implementation.

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**Experiment Design**

Stick to the following, or provide arguments for why not:

- Random field mix, each field with probability 1/2.
- Measure at least two minutes long traffic.
- Report average invocation throughput.
- No printing during measurement.
- Compare with past assignments.
Submission

GitLab


Requirements

- Use the assignment subdirectory.
- Write brief report in SOLUTION.md.
- Include build scripts with instructions.
- Do not commit binaries or temporary build artifacts.
- Tag your solution with task-03 and push the tag.