Assignment 6, part two Clarifications on Routing Mundane Logistical Details

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More on Demos

- o Demos will be May 10, 11, 14 in CSUG.
- o Sign up via CMS, schedule will be up later
- o Email me if no slot works for you.
- You'll download your code from CMS in front of us. (Can add other tests)
- o If you fix a bug in your sockets after submission, you will be duly rewarded.

Apologies and clarifications

- o There's two ways to do routing: reactive and proactive. We switched from the former to latter last year, and I assumed the skeleton code was updated.
- o It wasn't, and as a result the skeleton conflicts with my slides.
- o Follow the slides. We're doing proactive routing.

What "proactive" means

- No notion of route responses. Ignore references to them.
- o You learn a route when you see the announcement for it.
- o Implicitly unidirectional. (is this realistic?)

An optimization

- o Optionally, you can learn routes by looking at headers of data packets.
- o So if you get a packet from X, you learn the route to X by reversing the route of X's packet.
- o This is optional, but is cute. And will make things go faster.

Routing and sockets

- You should call miniroute_send() instead of network_send() everywhere.
- o So both reliable and unreliable messages will live strictly on top of miniroute.
- o Should be able to test with both.

Change to spec:

- o It occurs to me that miniroute_send doesn't really need to block if no route exists.
- o So you can just return an error if there's no route.
- o Why does this make sense?

Questions?

o That's all I have...

Footnote:

- o Steven Weinberg (Cornell '54, Nobel prize '79) is giving a set of Messenger lectures starting today.
- o First one is at 4:30 pm in Schwartz Auditorium in Rockafeller today
- o Topic is "The Invention of Science: Poetry and Technology"