

METHODS FOR PREVENTING ERRORS IN DIAGNOSING HARNESS ELEMENTS

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ABSTRACT

This paper discusses the application of the queuing theory framework to analyze the diagnostic processes of data transmission networks (DTNs). The principles of construction of systems for remote diagnostics of data transmission networks and performance algorithms considered in this article allow us to say that this approach allows solving the problem of the lack of highly qualified service personnel.

Diagnosing data transmission network elements is a critical task in ensuring reliable communication and minimizing downtime in modern digital infrastructures. However, the complexity and scale of networks make them prone to diagnostic errors, which can lead to inefficiencies, misconfigurations, or even severe service disruptions. This article explores strategies for preventing such errors by leveraging robust tools, systematic methodologies, and advanced technologies.

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Network performance issues refer to problems or challenges that affect the speed, reliability, and overall efficiency of a computer network. These issues can manifest in various ways and impact the user experience, data transfer, and communication within a network.

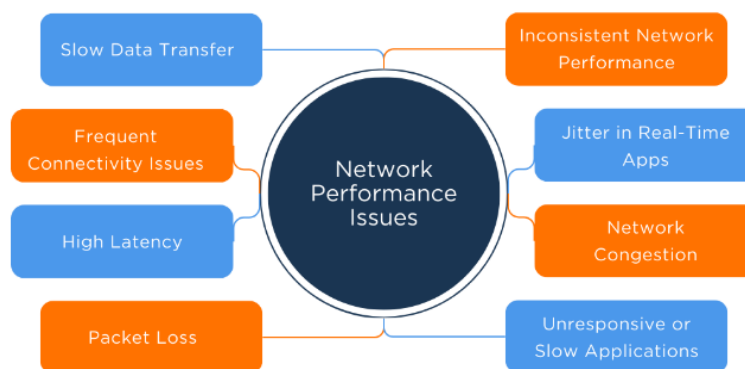


Figure 1. Network elements are the main elements of the diagnostic system.

Slow Data Transfer: Sluggish file transfers, slow downloads, and delayed uploads are indicative of network performance problems. Users may experience extended wait times when accessing or moving data.

Frequent Connectivity Issues: Intermittent or frequent disconnections from the network can be a sign of instability or poor performance. Users may encounter dropped connections or have difficulty staying connected.

High Latency: Latency refers to the delay between sending and receiving data. High latency can result in delays in data transmission, affecting real-time applications such as video conferencing, VoIP (VoIP latency) or online gaming.

Packet Loss: Packet loss occurs when data packets are lost during transmission. This can lead to retransmissions and impact the overall speed and reliability of the network.

A reliable network is of paramount importance for businesses in today's digital landscape. It serves as the foundation upon which a multitude of critical operations and activities are built. Whether you're a small startup or a large enterprise, here's why a reliable network is indispensable for the success and growth of your business:

- **Uninterrupted Communication:** A dependable network ensures seamless communication among employees, clients, partners, and suppliers. Email, video conferencing, instant messaging, and VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) calls rely on a stable network connection. Any disruptions can lead to missed opportunities, delayed decision-making, and hindered collaboration.

- **Efficient Operations:** From inventory management to order processing, businesses heavily rely on interconnected systems. A reliable network enables smooth data transfer and real-time updates across different departments and locations. This efficiency translates into streamlined processes, reduced errors, and improved overall productivity.

- **Data Security:** Networks play a pivotal role in safeguarding sensitive business information. A secure network infrastructure helps protect customer data, financial records, proprietary information, and trade secrets from unauthorized access and cyber threats. A compromised network can lead to data breaches and legal consequences.

- **Remote Work and Flexibility:** The rise of remote work necessitates a dependable network that supports remote employees' access to company resources, databases, and applications. A strong network allows employees to work effectively from various locations, enhancing work-life balance and expanding the talent pool.

- **Customer Satisfaction:** In a digital-first world, customer interactions and transactions frequently occur online. A reliable network ensures that customers can access your products,

services, and support channels without disruptions, leading to higher satisfaction rates and repeat business.

- **Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery:** Should unforeseen events such as natural disasters or hardware failures occur, a resilient network ensures that critical data can be backed up, replicated, and recovered seamlessly. This capability contributes to maintaining business continuity and minimizing downtime.

In essence, a reliable network serves as the digital backbone of a business, enabling efficient operations, fostering collaboration, enhancing customer interactions, and contributing to long-term growth. It is a strategic investment that can determine a business's ability to adapt, thrive, and succeed in an increasingly interconnected world

Before addressing prevention strategies, it is essential to understand common types of errors encountered during diagnostics:

1. **Misinterpretation of Logs:** Network logs can be voluminous and cryptic, leading to misinterpretation of events or patterns.
2. **Faulty Test Procedures:** Incomplete or incorrect testing sequences may miss or incorrectly identify the root cause of a problem.
3. **Human Errors:** Manual configuration or interpretation introduces potential errors due to oversight or a lack of expertise.
4. **Inadequate Tools:** Outdated or unsuitable diagnostic tools may fail to capture or correctly analyze network data.
5. **Latency in Issue Detection:** Delayed detection and response to network anomalies can exacerbate problems, leading to cascading errors.

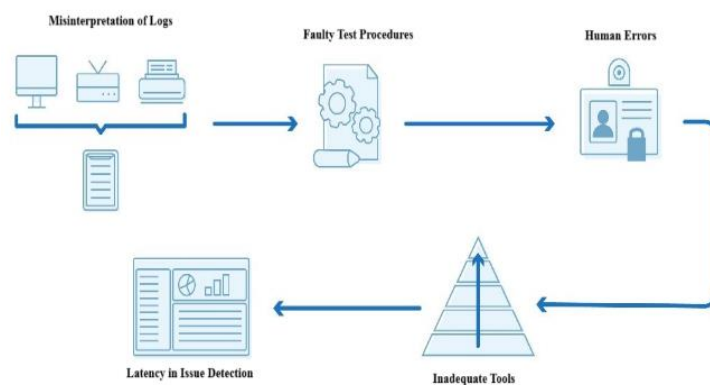


Figure-2. Understanding Common Diagnostic Errors.

The remote diagnostic terminal allows you to start running diagnostic algorithms for equipment and the data transmission network as a whole, remotely perform diagnostic operations

available to data transmission network technicians, etc. Thus, the remote terminal is a kind of interface between the remote diagnostic system and the specialist located in the diagnostic centre.

2.METHODOLOGY

Prediction-error model. Let us consider a subset consisting of K nodes, of a dense wireless sensor network deployed in a civil structure that we wish to monitor. Each sensor node k , at discrete time t , acquires the measurement $y_k(t)$, which is related to an event that takes place in the area where the wireless sensor network has been deployed. Due to the nature of the observed phenomenon the measurements' process $y_k(t)$ is commonly a predictable one, at least to some extent. Therefore, the subset sensors' measurements can be predicted with some accuracy by using prediction-error models and a common excitation signal. In a nutshell, the input-output relation between the excitation and the sensor reading is modelled and using the excitation data in this model, the sensor's readings are predicted. This model is referred to as the Prediction Error Model and it is of the following form:

$$A_k(q)y_k(t) = \frac{B_k(q)}{F_k(q)}u(t) + \frac{C_k(q)e_k(t)}{D_k(q)}$$

where $u(t)$ is the common excitation data and can be provided by a “phenomenon dedicated” sensor, or extracted from the readings of a reliable set of similar sensors. The system output is the measurement $y_k(t)$ while $e_k(t)$ is white-noise disturbance. The sensorspecific polynomials A_k , B_k , F_k , C_k , and D_k are specified by (i) the orders of polynomials na , nb , nf , nc and nd , respectively (ii) the model parameter coefficients to be estimated, $a_{k,1} \dots a_{k,na}$, $b_{k,0}$, $b_{k,1} \dots b_{k,nb}$, $f_{k,1} \dots f_{k,nf}$, $c_{k,1} \dots c_{k,nc}$ and $d_{k,1} \dots d_{k,nd}$, respectively, and (iii) the time-shift operator q .

For instance, for some discrete-time sequence $x(t)$, it holds $x(t) + k_1x(t-1) = K(q)x(t)$ where $K(q) = 1 + k_1q^{-1}$.

Note from equation (1) that, the prediction model is employing not only the most recent excitation data $u(t)$ but also N previous history i.e., $u(t-1)$, \dots , $u(t-N)$, where $N = bn + nd$. The predicted value of the actual measurement

$y_k(t)$, which is obtained by the prediction model, we denote by $p_k(t)$: Thus, using its specific prediction model and the common excitation data, each sensor k performs the following steps:

- a. Firstly, it predicts a value $p_k(t)$ for given time instant t .
- b. Next, it subtracts the prediction from its actual reading $y_k(t)$ to generate an error signal $e_k(t)$,

$$e_k(t) = y_k(t) - p_k(t)$$

c. And finally, it compares the error with a selected threshold (transmission criterion), and decides whether to transmit the error or not. This approach is illustrated in Figure 3.

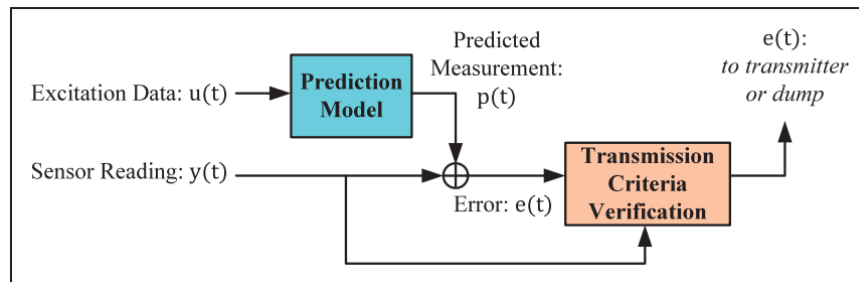


Figure-3. The protocol performed at each node.

To minimize diagnostic errors, organizations can adopt a multi-faceted approach that combines human expertise, automated systems, and proactive methodologies:

1. Implementing Comprehensive Monitoring Systems

- Real-time Data Collection: Use advanced network monitoring tools to collect real-time data, ensuring anomalies are detected promptly.
- Centralized Management: Employ centralized dashboards to aggregate data from various network elements, providing a unified view for easier interpretation.

Automating Diagnostics

- AI and Machine Learning: Deploy AI-driven tools capable of detecting patterns and predicting failures, reducing reliance on manual diagnosis.
- Automated Configuration Checks: Use automation to verify network configurations, minimizing the risk of manual errors.

Standardizing Diagnostic Procedures

- Predefined Protocols: Create standardized diagnostic protocols to guide technicians through systematic troubleshooting steps.
- Checklists: Implement checklists for common issues to ensure no critical step is overlooked.

Enhancing Human Expertise

- Training Programs: Regularly train network administrators on the latest tools, technologies, and diagnostic techniques.
- Knowledge Sharing: Foster a culture of knowledge sharing and collaboration among teams to build collective expertise.

- data transfer networks;
- introduction of new protocols for the transmission of diagnostic data and data protection tools;
- development of packages for functional diagnostics of devices with remote connection;
- development of diagnostic tests;

Leveraging Simulation and Testing

- **Sandbox Environments:** Use simulated network environments to test diagnostic tools and procedures without impacting live systems.
- **Stress Testing:** Conduct stress tests to evaluate network behavior under extreme conditions, enabling proactive identification of potential weak points.

Creating a MATLAB visualization for "Leveraging Simulation and Testing" involves plotting elements like a network topology and simulation results in a stylized way. Here's how we can simulate and visualize this concept in MATLAB:

Here is the MATLAB-style visualization for "Leveraging Simulation and Testing":

Left Panel: A simulated network topology with nodes and edges representing connectivity.

Right Panel: A stress test simulation showing a packet loss rate over time, with critical areas highlighted.

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# Stress test data for simulation (e.g., packet loss or latency simulation)
time = np.linspace(0, 10, 100)
stress_metric = np.sin(time) + np.random.normal(0, 0.1, len(time)) # Simulated stress metric

# Create a figure
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))

# Subplot 1: Network Topology
ax1 = fig.add_subplot(121)
ax1.set_title("Simulated Network Topology", fontsize=14)
ax1.set_xlim(0, 1)
ax1.set_ylim(0, 1)
ax1.scatter(positions[:, 0], positions[:, 1], s=100, c='blue', label="Nodes")
for i in range(num_nodes):
    for j in range(num_nodes):
        if connections[i, j] == 1:
            x_coords = [positions[i, 0], positions[j, 0]]
            y_coords = [positions[i, 1], positions[j, 1]]
            ax1.plot(x_coords, y_coords, 'k-', alpha=0.5)

ax1.legend()
ax1.set_xticks([])
ax1.set_yticks([])

# Subplot 2: Stress Test Simulation
ax2 = fig.add_subplot(122)
ax2.set_title("Stress Test Results: Packet Loss Simulation", fontsize=14)
ax2.plot(time, stress_metric, label="Packet Loss Rate", color='red', lw=2)
ax2.axhline(0, color='gray', linestyle='--', lw=1, label="Baseline")
ax2.fill_between(time, stress_metric, where=(stress_metric > 0), color='red', alpha=0.3)
ax2.set_xlabel("Time (s)", fontsize=12)
ax2.set_ylabel("Packet Loss Rate", fontsize=12)
ax2.legend()
ax2.grid(True, linestyle='--', alpha=0.7)

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Figure-4. Creating a MATLAB visualization for "Leveraging Simulation and Testing" code.

Let me set up the code and provide a result

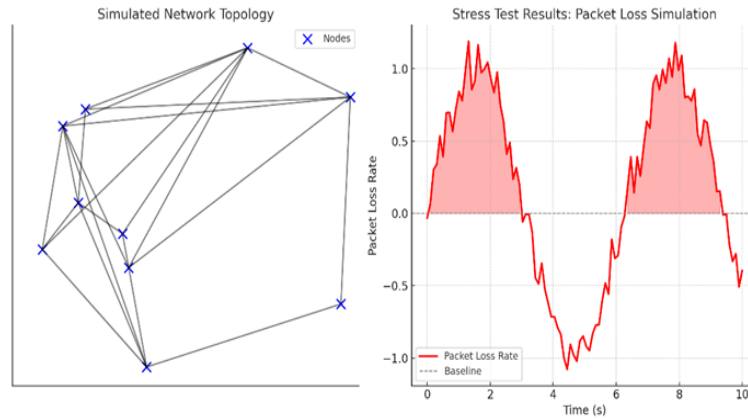


Figure-5. Result is "Leveraging Simulation and Testing".

Advanced Technologies in Diagnostic Error Prevention

Emerging technologies offer promising solutions to minimize diagnostic errors:

- Digital Twins: Create virtual replicas of network systems to simulate and analyze potential issues without disrupting the actual network.
- Self-Healing Networks: Implement networks with self-healing capabilities, where systems autonomously identify and correct anomalies.
- Edge Computing: Use edge analytics to process data closer to its source, reducing latency and improving diagnostic accuracy.

For a MATLAB simulation representing "Advanced Technologies in Diagnostic Error Prevention," we can showcase elements such as:

1. Digital Twins: Simulate a system using two identical models where one represents the real system and the other predicts behavior.
2. Self-Healing Networks: Visualize error detection and correction in real-time.
3. Predictive Maintenance: Plot predictions and thresholds for system health metrics.

Let's create a MATLAB simulation showcasing these ideas

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# Create a figure
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))

# Plot Real System vs. Digital Twin
ax1 = fig.add_subplot(121)
ax1.set_title("Digital Twin vs Real System", fontsize=14)
ax1.plot(time, real_system_health, label="Real System Health", color="blue", lw=2)
ax1.plot(time, digital_twin_health, label="Digital Twin Prediction", color="green", linestyle="--", lw=2)
ax1.axhline(threshold, color="red", linestyle="--", label="Maintenance Threshold")
ax1.fill_between(time, real_system_health, threshold, where=real_system_health < threshold,
                color="red", alpha=0.3, label="Anomalies")
ax1.set_xlabel("Time (s)", fontsize=12)
ax1.set_ylabel("Health Metric", fontsize=12)
ax1.legend()
ax1.grid(True, linestyle='--', alpha=0.7)

# Plot Self-Healing Correction
ax2 = fig.add_subplot(122)
ax2.set_title("Self-Healing in Action", fontsize=14)
ax2.plot(time, real_system_health, label="Original Health", color="blue", lw=2, alpha=0.5)
ax2.plot(time, corrected_health, label="Corrected Health (Self-Healing)", color="orange", lw=2)
ax2.axhline(threshold, color="red", linestyle="--", label="Maintenance Threshold")
ax2.set_xlabel("Time (s)", fontsize=12)
ax2.set_ylabel("Health Metric", fontsize=12)
ax2.legend()
ax2.grid(True, linestyle='--', alpha=0.7)

# Adjust layout and display
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

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Figure 6. create a MATLAB simulation showcasing these ideas code.

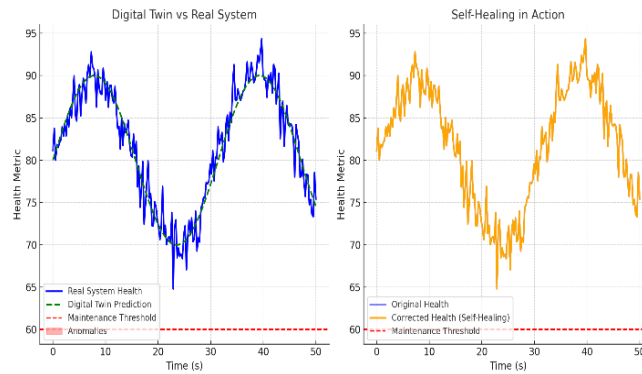


Figure 7. This simulation highlights Advanced Technologies in Diagnostic Error Prevention using MATLAB-style.

This simulation highlights Advanced Technologies in Diagnostic Error Prevention using MATLAB-style visualizations:

- Left Panel: Comparison between the real system health and its digital twin prediction. Anomalies (deviations below the threshold) are clearly marked.
- Right Panel: Self-healing correction, where anomalies in the real system health are detected and adjusted to stay above the maintenance threshold.

CONCLUSIONS

Preventing errors in diagnosing data transmission network elements requires a holistic approach that integrates technology, standardized practices, and skilled human oversight. By prioritizing automation, training, and advanced analytics, organizations can enhance their network reliability and operational efficiency, ensuring that diagnostic errors are minimized and swiftly addressed when they occur. The combination of proactive and reactive strategies is the key to maintaining robust, error-resistant network infrastructures.

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