Network Programming Practical Assignment. BESE VIII (NCIT)

Implement TCP quiz for the users.

A Users can create question/answer pairs and submit those to server. Server saves submitted pairs to a buffer where it randomly selects next one to be asked. All clients, except the one who have entered the current question try to answer it. In every questions there should be 2 minutes limit after which the correct answers is shown to users and new questions will be drawn from the the buffer, or if the buffer is empty it will be asked from the clients

The program gets it's parameters from the command line

Server is started with:

tcpquizclientserver -p port

Client is started with:

tcpquizclientserver -h serveraddress -p port -n nickname

The client sends the nickname as the first message to the server. The server remembers the nickname, and TCP file descriptor so it knows later on which nickname belongs to which client. The server should be able to keep track of 10 simultaneous users. Length of the nickname should be limited to 10 characters.

Use select() statement to check if input is coming from the keyboard or from which of the clients.

MESSAGE RULES

Messages between client and server must follow these rules. These messages also must trigger the actions listed

Information messages from server to client

Must begin with 0 e.g. OWelcome to the game

Server asks for new questions from client

Must begin with 1 e.g. 1Enter new question

This should be done only if there is no questions in the buffer

Client sends new question to server

Must begin with 2

Question part must end with ?

Must contain correct answer after the ? inside ()

e.g. 2Who is your network programming instructor? (Madan)

Client should be able to enter new questions at any time. If the current questions is still open, this newly submitted question should be stored into a buffer and used later on

Server sends question to other clients

Must begin with 3

First question from the buffer should be used. If the buffer is empty --> ask for new questions from the clients

Client answers to the received question

Must begin with 4

If correct answer is not found until timer expires server should tell the correct answer to clients and take a new question from the buffer