News Server C++ Programming

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1 Classes and files

1.1 Newsgroup

The Newsgroup class is meant to represent one newsgroup containing articles. Every newsgroup stores the articles that belongs to the newsgroup in a list. Every newsgroup object also has an ID number and a name.

1.2 Article

The Article class is meant to represent the different articles in a newsgroup. Every article object has a title, an ID number, an author and a text.

1.3 Client

The Client class is meant to handle all the different options one can choose from in the program. This class does the transformation from user input to something that can be sent via a connection.

1.4 Adapter

The Adapter class converts byte input into strings and integers.

1.5 MessageHandler

The MessageHandler class is meant to handle the conversion from strings and integers to bytes. These bytes are then sent to server.

1.6 server_main

The server_main file's purpose is to run the entire program; it is via this file that all the work is distributed throughout the classes.

1.7 InMemoryDataBase

The InMemoryDataBase class describes the in-memory database. Newsgroup objects are stored in a vector, which makes it easy to print out newsgroups in the order they were added.

1.8 Protocol

The Protocol class describes all the different constants in the program. It defines classification of the communication; making it easy to classify error messages and successful messages.

1.9 DataBase

The DataBase class is the interface class for both the in-memory database and the disk memory database.

1.10 DiskMemoryDataBase

The DiskMemoryDataBase class describes the disk memory database.

Think of the case when we are supposed to create an article; the first thing is that all the relevant info is going to be scanned and after that everything is sent via a connection to the server. In server_main we wait for activity. First we create a MessageHandler object. The first thing that is going to be received is Protocol::CON_1. Then the server will take over the control of the info from the user. This is done by receiving 4 strings from the connection. After this a Protocol::COM_END should be received. If it is the article is created in the database.

2 Conclusion

One thing we have not done is allowed formating of the article text. Once newline is entered, the article text is finished.

Requirements we fulfill is that the in memory database is functioning as it should.