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1 ## gRPC Distributed Statement Assignment 6
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3 ### Project Description
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5 This assignment demonstrates a distributed system using gRPC. The project implements
6 several microservices
7 that interact over gRPC, including services for echoing messages, delivering jokes,
8 managing a flower garden,
9 tracking weight(with BMI calculation ), and ordering food. A registry service is also
10 included, allowing nodes to
11 register themselves and enabling clients to discover available services dynamically.
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13 ### How to Run the Program
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15 The project supports different run configurations depending on whether you want to
16 use the registry service or
17 run a standalone node:
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19 - Without Registry:
20     1) Open a terminal and start the node:
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22     gradle runNode
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24     2) In another terminal, start the client:
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26     gradle runClient
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29 - With Registry:
30     1) Start the registry server in a terminal:
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32     gradle runRegistryServer
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34     2) In a second terminal, start the node with registry enabled:
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36     gradle runNode -PregOn=true
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38     3) Finally, in a third terminal, start the client with registry enabled:
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40     gradle runClient -PregOn=true
41     gradle runClient2 -PserviceHost=localhost -PservicePort=8000 -PregistryHost=
42     localhost -PgrpcPort=9002 -Pmessage="Hello from Client2"
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45 ### How to Work with the Program
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47 - Interactive Client Interface:
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49 The client application includes an interactive menu allowing you to choose from
50 available services. Depending on your
51 selection, the program will prompt for further input (e.g., entering a message for
52 the Echo Service, choosing a joke,
53 or placing a food order).
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55 - Service Discovery and Registration:
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57 When running with the registry, nodes automatically register their available gRPC

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52 services. The client can query the  
53 registry to retrieve a list of registered services, facilitating dynamic service  
54 discovery and communication between  
55 distributed components.  
56 - Development in an IDE:  
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58 Import the project as a Gradle project in your preferred IDE (e.g., IntelliJ or  
59 Eclipse). Follow the setup instructions  
60 provided in the project's configuration files to resolve any dependency or  
61 configuration issues.  
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63 ### Requirements Fulfilled  
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65 - gRPC Service Implementation:  
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67 The project implements multiple gRPC services (Echo, Joke, Flower, Weight Tracker,  
68 Food Ordering) that communicate  
69 over the network.  
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71 - Distributed Registry Service:  
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73 Nodes register themselves with a central registry that enables clients to discover  
74 available services dynamically.  
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76 - Interactive Client Application:  
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78 The client application includes an interactive menu that allows the user to select  
79 and interact with various services.  
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81 - Gradle Build Integration:  
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83 The project is built and run using Gradle, with tasks configured for both local  
84 testing and distributed deployment.  
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86 - Robust Error Handling:  
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88 Service methods include error handling to manage network issues and service  
89 unavailability, ensuring a smooth client  
90 experience.

86 ### Resources  
87 - [GitHub](<https://github.com/Bjablaso/ser321-spring25-A-Bjablaso/tree/main/Assignment6>)  
88 - [ScreenCast](<https://youtu.be/9unvMb0VDKA>)  
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