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Lecture 4: Chat Service

COMP260: Distributed Systems BSc (Hons) Computing for Games



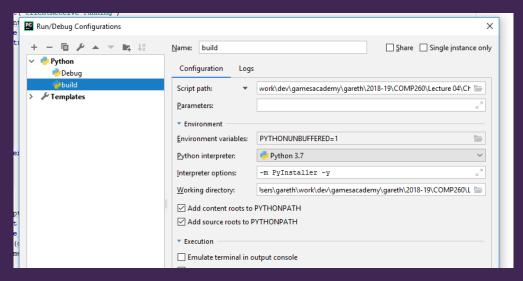
- Today's session:
 - Demo
 - Chat service Spec
 - Chat service Design
 - Chat service key implementational issues



Demo



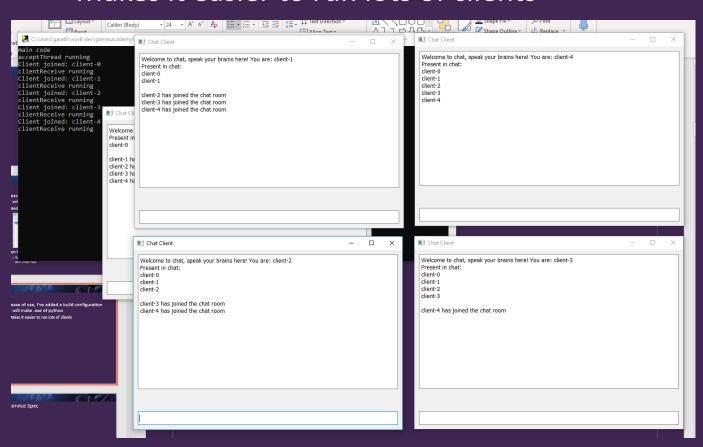
- Demo
 - For ease of use, I've added a build configuration that will make .exe of python
 - Need to install PyInstaller



- Run build configuration (don't debug it)
 - Build folder will be created containing .exe and associated .dll and other files



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 - Makes it easier to run lots of clients





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 - Objects (nouns), methods (verbs), attributes (adjectives)

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- LD doesn't guarantee a simple path, there is scope for ambiguity
 - » Connected as a verb
 - » Connected as an adjective
- Work to earn your salary mr. technical designer



Step 2: First pass class hierarchy

Class	Methods	Attributes
Chat service		Client Server
Client	Connect Terminate Join Leave Communicate(server)	Message
Server	Communicate(client) Terminate Send (message) Inform (user)	Message



– Step 3: Add some sense

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Step 4: Create a class hierarchy

Client

Connect(Server)

Terminate

SendMessage(Server)

ReceiveMessage(Server)

Type(message)

ServerSocket

Message

Server

SendMessage(clients)

ReceiveMessage(clients)

Terminate

AddClient()

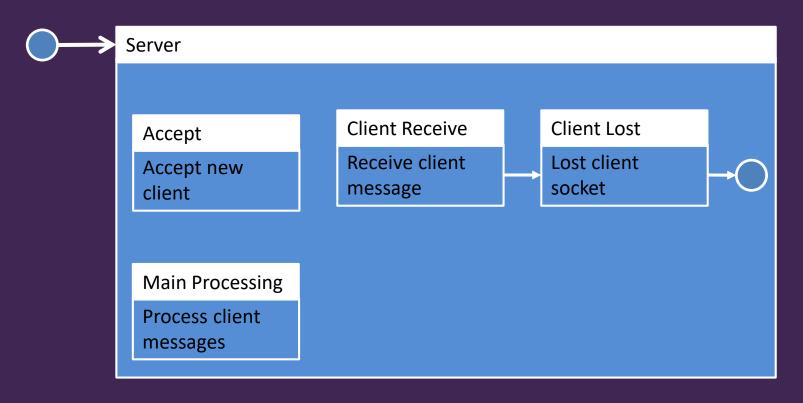
LoseClient(client)

Message

Container<clients>

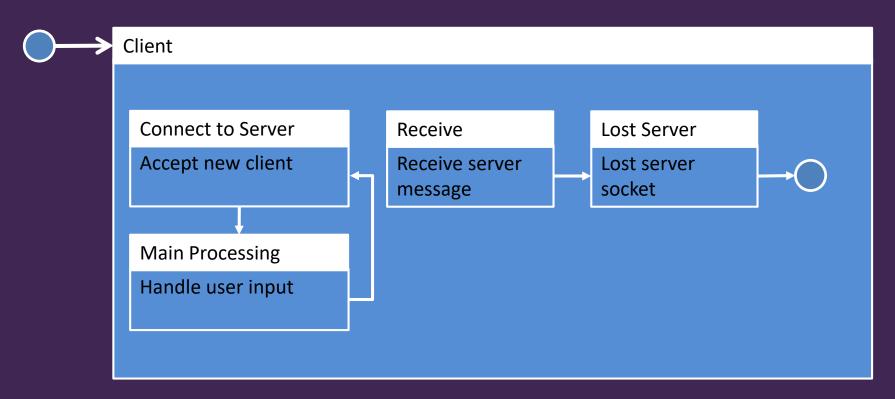


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 - Step 5: Create state diagrams



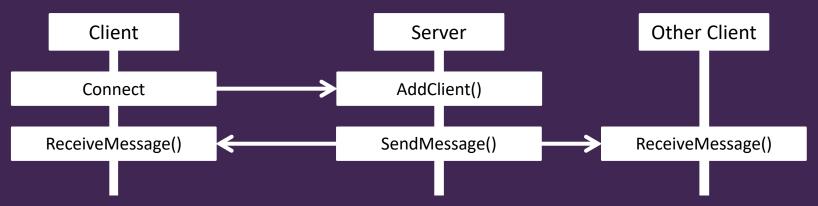


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- Chat service Design
 - Step 6: Create sequence diagrams
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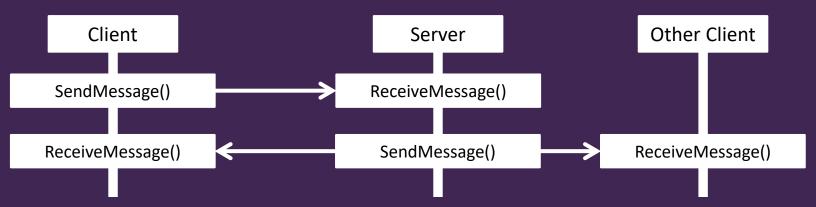


New client connects

- -server receives connect request, adds to client container
- -sends messages to all clients that a client has connected



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 - Client sends a message

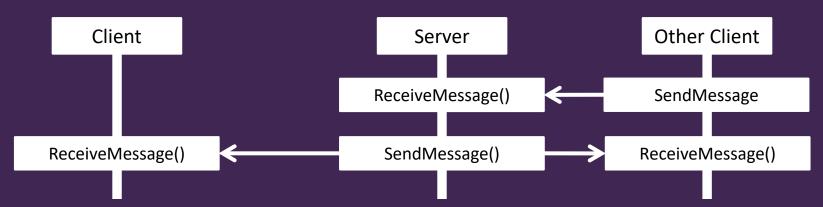


Client sends a message

- -client sends a message to the server
- -server receives it and sends it to all clients in the container<client>



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 - An other client sends a message

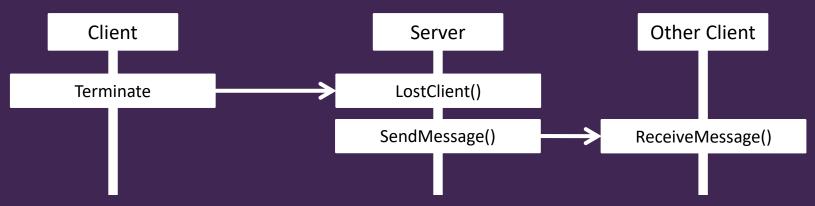


An other client sends a message

- -other client sends a message to the server
- -server receives it and sends it to all clients in the container<client>
- -'our' client receives it



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 - Client is lost

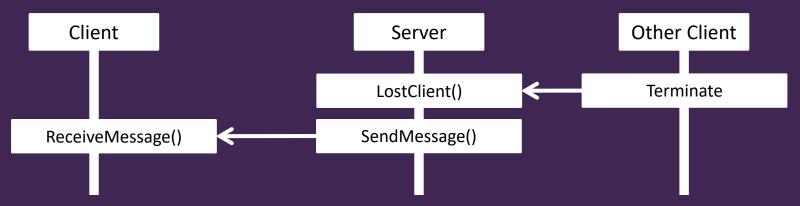


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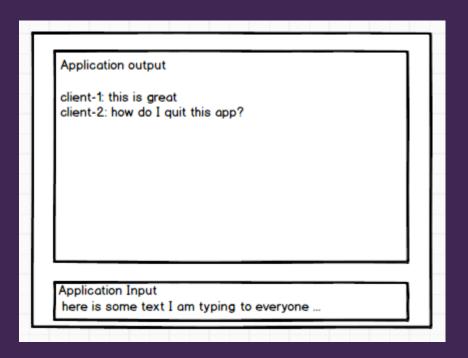


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- Chat service Design
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 - How to make / layout PyQT



Mockups are a great place to start

- -whiteboard
- -pen and paper
- -Balsamiq
- -Graph paper
- -Powerpoint
- -Photoshop / an.other art package
- -etc



- Chat service Design
 - Step 7: Client UI design
 - How to make / layout PyQT
 - UI can be hard coded in Python (Widget.Init)

```
def initUI(self):
    self.userInput = QLineEdit(self)
    self.userInput.setGeometry(10, 360, 580, 30)
    self.userInput.returnPressed.connect(self.userInputOnUserPressedReturn)

self.chatOutput = QPlainTextEdit(self)
    self.chatOutput.setGeometry(10, 10, 580, 300)
    self.chatOutput.setReadOnly(True)

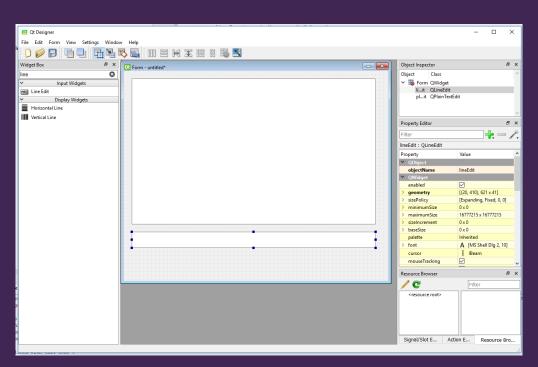
self.setGeometry(300, 300, 600, 400)
    self.setWindowTitle('Chat Client')
    self.show()
Use Co
```

Use code to:

- 1.Create Qt components
- 2. Position and size them
- 3.Add callbacks for functionality
- 4. Set any widget-specific states



- Chat service Design
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 - How to make / layout PyQT
 - Use Qt Designer
 - » Python\Python37-32\Lib\site-packages\pyqt5_tools
 - » https://stackoverflow.com/questions/18429452/convert-pyqt-ui-to-python





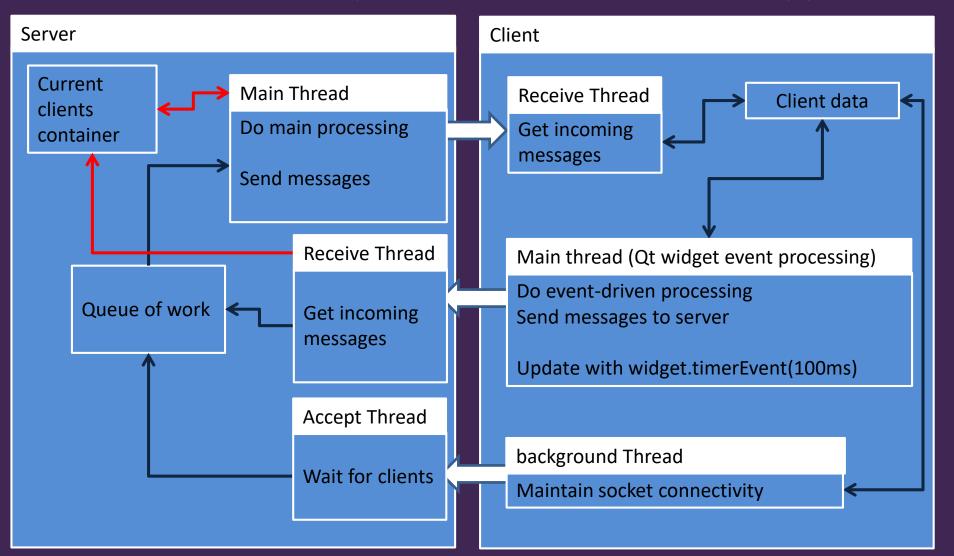
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```
class CommandBase:
    def __init__(self, socket):
        self.socket = socket

class ClientJoined(CommandBase):
    def __init__(self, socket):
        super().__init__(socket)

class ClientLost(CommandBase):
    def __init__(self, socket):
        super().__init__(socket)

class ClientMessage(CommandBase):
    def __init__(self, socket)

class ClientMessage(CommandBase):
    super().__init__(socket)
    self.message = message
```

```
if messageQueue.qsize() > 0:
    print("Processing client commands")
    command = messageQueue.get()

if isinstance(command, ClientJoined):
    handleClientJoined(command)

if isinstance(command, ClientLost):
    handleClientLost(command)

if isinstance(command, ClientMessage):
    handleClientMessage(command)
```



Workshop

You will be able to explore and extend the functionality of the chat service in this weeks' workshop



Questions