

Individual portfolio assignment 1

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Introduction

I have made a chat bot server that follows the specifications given by the assignment. The server sends out a suggestion to all the connected clients, these clients take message and look for known actions. Once the action is found the clients use the command line given bot function to construct an answer. The answer is then sent back to the server and the server broadcasts it to all other connected clients.

Bot explanation

I have four bot functions and a user input function. All these functions return a string which is then used to send a response to the server.

```
import random

# All the bot functions
def alice(a, b = None):
    return "I think {} sounds awesome!".format(a + "ing")

def bob(a, b = None):
    if b is None:
        return "Not sure about {}. Don't I get a choice?".format(a + "ing")
    return "Sure, both {} and {} seems ok to me".format(a, b + "ing")

def dora(a, b = None):
    alternatives = ["coding", "singing", "sleeping", "fighting"]
    b = random.choice(alternatives)
    res = f"Yea, {a}ing is an option. Or we could do some {b}."
    return res

def chuck(a, b = None):
    action = a + "ing"
    bad_things = ["fighting", "bickering", "yelling", "complaining"]
    good_things = ["singing", "hugging", "playing", "working", "eating", "crying", "sleeping", "coding"]

    if action in bad_things:
        return "YESS! Time for {}".format(action)
    elif action in good_things:
        return "What? {} sucks. Not doing that.".format(action)
    return "I don't care!"

# User function that allows user to communicate with the bots
def user(a, b = None):
    print(a)
    return input("What is your response?: ")
```

The bots take in two arguments. The b parameter is set to None as default because it is an optional argument.

```
alice(a, b = None):
```

The A parameter is an action found in the suggestion sent by the server. This is the primary action used to construct the bot's answer. The B parameter is an action found in the response of another client. This parameter is optional.

Client explanation

The client starts off by taking in three command line arguments. The first two are host and port.

These two values will be where the client looks for a server.

The last argument is which bot the server will be using, if a unknown bot name is given, the program defaults to a user controlled client.

```
# List to turn string to function pointer.
bots = {"bob": bob, "alice": alice, "dora": dora, "chuck": chuck, "user": user}
host, port, bot = sys.argv[1], int(sys.argv[2]), sys.argv[3]

# Make all unknown bots to user.
if (bot not in bots): bots[bot] = user
```

Once the program has been provided with those arguments, it starts trying to connect to a server.

The connection type it will be looking for is an ipv4 TCP connection. (Data2410, 2022)

```
# Connect to the given ip and port
client_socket = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_STREAM)
client_socket.connect((host, port))
```

Once it has connected to the server, the client sets blocking off so that receiving messages doesn't block the program and it sends the server the name of the bot/user.

```
client_socket.setblocking(False)
# Send your name to the server
client_socket.send((bot.capitalize()).encode())
```

With that the client is done with setup and is ready to get into the loop of receiving and sending messages. To make this loop easier the client program has to helper functions, one for receiving messages and another for sending messages.

```
# Function that returns a tuple of actions from server and actions from client
def receive_message():
    sAction, cAction = "", None
    msg = client_socket.recv(1024)
    if not len(msg):
        print('Connection closed by server')
        sys.exit()

    if (msg.decode().find("Host") != -1):
        sAction = [action for action in actions if msg.decode().find(action) != -1][0]
        return (sAction, cAction)
    if bot == "user":
        sAction = msg.decode()
        print(f"Got message from server!")
        return (sAction, cAction)
    else:
        cAction = [action for action in actions if msg.decode().find(action) != -1][0]
        print(f"Got message from another client!")
        return (sAction, cAction)

# Send a message to the server
def send_message(sAction, cAction):
    if cAction == sAction: cAction = None
    msg = bots[bot](sAction, cAction).encode()
    print(f"Sending response: {msg.decode()}\n")
    client_socket.send(msg)
```

The receive function takes the received message and checks it. It first checks if the message is empty, if the message is empty, it means the connection to the server has been cut, in which case the functions sets the systems exit flag and prints relevant message to the user. If the message has a “Host” in it string it means the message is from the server, in which case the server_action variable is set to the action that is found in the sentence.

If there is not “Host” in the message the client assumes it received a message from another client and sets the client_action to the relevant action found in the message.

With either case of the if sentence, the function returns a tuple of both values.

The send function is much simpler, it takes the action given as arguments and sends those actions to the bots and uses the returned message to send to the server. (Data2410, 2022)

```
# Send a message to the server
def send_message(sAction, cAction):
    if cAction == sAction: cAction = None
    msg = bots[bot](sAction, cAction).encode()
    print(f"Sending response: {msg.decode()}\n")
    client_socket.send(msg)
```

Finally, we get to the main part of the program.

```
# Current actions
action_server, action_client = "", None

# Endless Loop to receive and send messages
while True:
    # If an suggestion is given by server, respond
    if action_server:
        send_message(action_server, action_client)

        action_server, action_client = "", None

    # Since the clients receive is non blocking an error will be thrown if there is no message, ignore this.
    # But do not ignore the system exit flag.
    try:
        while True:
            action_server, action_client = receive_message()
    except Exception as e:
        if e is SystemExit:
            break
```

This is an endless loop which checks for messages and responds. Since the client is non-blocking the receive message function throws an error if there is nothing to receive so the try and except ignores the errors except for the system exit flag.

Server explanation

The server starts off by taking in a command line parameter for the port it will be binding and listening to.

```
# The ip and port addresses the server will be listening for
host, port = '', int(sys.argv[1])
```

After it has gotten the information needed, it sets up a socket IPv4 TCP socket on the corresponding IP and port. (Data2410, 2022)

```
# Bind the server to ip and port and listen for clients.
server_socket = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_STREAM)
server_socket.bind((host, port))
server_socket.listen()
```

The way I have decided to setup the communication the server does to the bots is by having an array of pickable suggestions that the user chooses by typing in an index in the command line. This is the array of suggestions.

```
# The list of all available suggestions
suggestions = ["Why don't we sing", "Let's take a walk"]
```

The server I made uses select to manage the communication between the server and the client. Select allows for an event driven system for communication between server and client. The server sets up its socket list for all sockets it wants to check for an event.

```
# Make a list of sockets and clients.
sList = [server_socket]
active_clients = {}
```

The reason we have to separate data structures for the same data is because the socket list includes the server socket and in many operations we want to separate between the server and the clients. The socket list is for the select module, once a client connects to the server the server the select function will notify us. (Python docs, 2022) We can use this to easily connect new client while still communicating with others.

```

# Create a endless loop for back and fourth between server and client.
while True:
    read_sockets, write_sockets, error_sockets = select.select(slist, [], slist)

    # Looping over all reading socket and performing an action
    for sock in read_sockets:
        # If the readable socket is server, we know it is a new connection
        # Add this connection to list of all sockets, and list of clients.
        if sock == server_socket:
            c, addr = server_socket.accept()
            slist.append(c)
            name = c.recv(1024).decode()
            names.append(name)
            print(f"{name} has joined the chat!")

```

When ever the select module provides us with readable sockets, we loop over them and check if the readable socket is the server, if it is we know that a new connection has been made. We add the client socket the socket list so that we can check that client for read events. (Python docs, 2022) We do not yet add the client socket to the active_clients list because we are still in a “communication round” with the other clients. We add the client name to an array to keep track of which clients we have to add in the next round.


```

# If the readable socket isn't the server we know it is message
# from one of the clients. Read the message and broadcast it to all clients.
else:
    msg = sock.recv(1024)
    # If the message is empty it is a clean exit from the client.
    # Remove the corresponding client from socket list and client list.
    if not len(msg):
        print(f"Closed connection to {active_clients[sock]}")
        sList.remove(sock)
        del active_clients[sock]
        continue

    # Print the message and keep count over how many message has been received
    print(f"{active_clients[sock]}: {msg.decode()}")
    message_count += 1

    # Broadcast to all clients
    for client in active_clients:
        if (client == sock): continue
        client.send(msg)

```

If the readable socket isn't the server, we know that it is a response to our suggestion. We read the response and broadcast it to all other clients.

```

# Check for if all the messages has been received before sending a suggestion.
if message_count == expected_message_count:
    for index, name in enumerate(names):
        active_clients[sList[-1 - index]] = name

    names.clear()

    message_count = 0
    expected_message_count = 0
    # Show all available suggestions to user
    print("\n" + str(suggestions))

    # Let user choose which suggestion to pick
    inpt = int(input("Select a suggestion by index (1-2): "))

    # Assume user picks valid index, select that message as the suggestion.
    suggestion = "Host: " + suggestions[inpt-1]

    # Print the suggestion and send it to all connected clients,
    # and keep track of how many answers you expect
    print("\n" + suggestion)
    for client in active_clients:
        client.send((suggestion).encode())
        expected_message_count += 1

```

We loop over all the client names we added to the names array and add these clients to the active_clients array so that they can join in the next round of communication. After that we ask

the user to input an index into the suggestions array and use that suggestion for the next round of communication. We loop over all `active_clients` and send a suggestion. Once we are done we go back to the top of the endless loop where we have our `Select` function which will give us all the readable sockets.

The image shows two terminal windows side-by-side. The left window is the server, and the right window is the client.

Server Terminal (Left):

```
PS D:\Dev\Datanetverk og skytjenester\Socket\MultiClient> py .\Server.py 5000
Listening for connections on :5000...
Alice has joined the chat!

["Why don't we sing", "Let's take a walk"]
Select a suggestion by index (1-2): 2

Host: Let's take a walk
Dora has joined the chat!
Bob has joined the chat!
Alice: I think walking sounds awesome!

["Why don't we sing", "Let's take a walk"]
Select a suggestion by index (1-2): 1

Host: Why don't we sing
Dora: Yea, singing is an option. Or we could do some coding.
Alice: I think singing sounds awesome!
Bob: Not sure about singing. Don't I get a choice?

["Why don't we sing", "Let's take a walk"]
Select a suggestion by index (1-2): █
```

Client Terminal (Right):

```
PS D:\Dev\Datanetverk og skytjenester\Socket\MultiClient> py .\Client.py localhost 5000 alice
Welcome, you selected Alice!
Connecting to server at localhost:5000...
Connected! Waiting for messages from server...

Suggestion from server!
Host: Let's take a walk
Alice: I think walking sounds awesome!

Suggestion from server!
Host: Why don't we sing
Alice: I think singing sounds awesome!

Dora: Yea, singing is an option. Or we could do some coding.
(I don't have a response to that)

Bob: Not sure about singing. Don't I get a choice?
(I don't have a response to that)

█
```

The bottom part of the image shows the same two terminals with a different client (Dora) and more chat history.

Code readability

All necessary variables and data structures for server

```
host, port = '', int(sys.argv[1]) # The ip and port adreeses the server will be listening for

suggestions = ["Why don't we sing", "Let's take a walk",
               "Let's yell!", "I feel like fighting right now",
               "Maybe we could try some bickering?",
               "What do you say about we start hugging?",
               "Let's start working"]

server_socket = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_STREAM) # Bind the server to ip and port and listen for clients.
server_socket.bind((host, port))
server_socket.listen()

socket_list = [server_socket] # Make a list of sockets and clients.
active_clients = {}
names = []

expected_message_count = 0 # variables for keeping track of how many messages you expect, and the current message count
message_count = 0
```

All necessary functions for server

```

1 def add_client():
2     c, addr = server_socket.accept()
3     socket_list.append(c)
4     name = c.recv(1024).decode()
5     names.append(name)
6     print(f"{name} has joined the chat!")
7
8
9 def remove_client(sock):
10    print(f"[active_clients[{sock}] disconnected.")
11    socket_list.remove(sock)
12    del active_clients[sock]
13
14 def handle_client_message(sock):
15    global message_count, expected_message_count
16    try:
17        msg = sock.recv(1024)
18    except ConnectionAbortedError:
19        remove_client(sock)
20        expected_message_count -= 1
21        return
22    if not len(msg):
23        remove_client(sock)
24        return
25    print(f"[msg.decode()]")
26    message_count += 1
27    for client in active_clients:
28        if client == sock: continue
29        client.send(msg)
30
31 def send_suggestion():
32    global message_count, expected_message_count
33    print('\n', str(suggestions))
34    inpt = input(f"Select a suggestion by index (1-{len(suggestions)}): ")
35    if not inpt.isnumeric(): return False
36    suggestion = "Host: " + suggestions[int(inpt)-1]
37    print('\n', suggestion, sep="")
38    for client in active_clients:
39        try:
40            client.send(suggestion.encode())
41            expected_message_count += 1
42        except:
43            socket_list.remove(client)
44    return True

```

Server program loop

```

1 print(f"Listening for connections on (host):(port)...")
2 while True:
3     read_sockets, write_sockets, error_sockets = select.select(socket_list, [], socket_list)
4
5     for sock in read_sockets:
6         if sock == server_socket:
7             add_client()
8         else:
9             handle_client_message(sock)
10
11    for sock in error_sockets:
12        remove_client(sock)
13
14    if message_count == expected_message_count:
15        for index, name in enumerate(names):
16            active_clients[socket_list.index(names) + index] = name
17        names.clear()
18
19    message_count = 0
20    expected_message_count = 0
21
22    if not send_suggestion(): break

```

Program setup for client

```

1  actions = ["work", "play", "eat", "cry", "sleep",           # List of known actions
2            "fight", "sing", "hug", "bicker", "yell",
3            "complain", "walk"]
4
5
6  bots = {"bob": bob, "alice": alice, "dora": dora, "chuck": chuck, "user": user} # List to turn string to function pointer.
7  host, port, bot = sys.argv[1], int(sys.argv[2]), sys.argv[3]
8  if (bot not in bots): bots[bot] = user # Make all unknown bots to user.
9
10 print(f"Welcome, you selected {bot.capitalize()}!")
11 print(f"Connecting to server at {host}:{port}...")
12
13 client_socket = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_STREAM) # Connect to the given ip and port
14 client_socket.connect((host, port))
15
16 client_socket.setblocking(False)
17 client_socket.send((bot.capitalize()).encode()) # Send your name to the server
18
19 print("Connected! Waiting for messages from server...")
20

```

All necacery functions for Client.py

```

1  def receive_message(): # Function that returns a tuple of actions from server and actions from client
2      server_action, client_action = "", None
3      msg = client_socket.recv(1024)
4      if not len(msg): # if the message is an empty string, assume server is disconnecting
5          print('Connection closed by server')
6          os._exit(0)
7
8      if (msg.decode().find("Host") != -1): # Check the message for the "Host"
9          print(f"\nSuggestion from server!")
10         print(f"{msg.decode()}")
11         server_action = [action for action in actions if msg.decode().find(action) != -1][0] # Loop over all actions and check if that action can be found in the message
12         return (server_action, client_action)
13     else:
14         client_action = [action for action in actions if msg.decode().find(action) != -1][0] # Loop over all actions and check if that action can be found in the message
15         print(f"{msg.decode()}\n(I don't have a response to that)\n")
16         return (server_action, client_action)
17
18 def send_message(server_action, client_action): # Send a message to the server
19     if client_action == server_action: client_action = None
20     msg = (f"{bot.capitalize()}: " + bots[bot](server_action, client_action)).encode()
21     print(f"{msg.decode()}\n")
22     client_socket.send(msg)
23
24 def command_line_input_thread():
25     while True:
26         inpt = input()
27         if inpt == 'q' or inpt == 'quit':
28             client_socket.close()
29             os._exit(0)
30

```

Client program loop.

```

1  threading.Thread(target=command_line_input_thread).start()
2
3  action_server, action_client = "", None
4  while True:
5      if action_server:
6          send_message(action_server, action_client)
7          action_server, action_client = "", None
8
9      try:
10         while True:
11             action_server, action_client = receive_message()
12         except Exception as e:
13             if e is SystemExit:
14                 break

```

Current actions
Endless loop to receive and send messages
If an suggestion is given by server, respond

Since the clients receive is non blocking an error will be thrown if there is no message, ignore this.

But do not ignore the system exit flag.

Conclusion

In conclusion I made a program that takes in an index from the user and sends the corresponding suggestion to the client. The client sends back a response that is based on which bot function you pick. The server forwards the message to all other clients.

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