

Lab 1 : Distributed Systems

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Environment:

Project was developed on

- Java Platform
- Apache Netbeans IDE v.12.0.0
- Windows 10 Home

Execution Guidelines:

1. Open project with folder name SocketCheck on the IDE .
2. The project consists several .java files where running Server.java and Client.java are only necessary for execution.
3. Start with running the sever.java file by right clicking on the file from project window and clicking run (can use shift+f6 shortcut).
4. After successful run the server window will appear where connected clients will show the active clients after a successful connection also it will update if a client disconnects.
5. Now run the client.java file similarly as stated in step 3 using (shift+ f6). Successful execution will result in a client window where we will be asked to provide a user name. As this is the first client run any input name can be accepted.
6. After providing a name clicking on connect to server will establish a connection with the server and show a client window with connection information and a text box to write a text which can be send to server for lexicon check by pressing the send button.
7. Providing no text input in the text box and clicking send button will result in a sever error message: 'Enter text before sending to server'.
8. Providing with valid text, the server will return lexicon checked sequence.
For example, assume a text file with this text was uploaded to the server:

the quck brown fx jumpz over the lazy dg

If the server had a lexicon with the following contents:

quck jumpz dg fx

The server should return a a text file with the following contents:

the [quck] brown [fx] [jumpz] over the lazy [dg]

9. The lexicon file is names as lexicon.txt where the current provided data are ' quck jumpz dg fx hllowrld '. Providing the interested contents in the file can be used in the future checking. For example updating the lexicon.txt with a new content bx which represents box and sending the line 'black bx' will result in 'black [bx]' .
10. Now if the client.java is again executed while the previous one is running it will open a new window and option to enter user name. In this case providing same user name as the previous client will return an error message saying to change the user name as it has already been created, and refresh the provide name window.
11. More than 3 clients can run simultaneously and all the connected client name should be visible in the server window. If any client exits using the exit button the server will update the connected clients data.

Limitations:

Currently all the features are working as prescribed in the project outline. The entered words in lexicon.txt is limited. To test more or to use the spell check more efficiently large data can be added to the txt file.

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