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A Chat Client/Server Program for C#

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Here's some code for a chat server, and an accompanying client program.

The client:

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using System.TO;
using System.Net;
using System:
using System.Threading;
using N = System.Net;
using System.Collections;
using System.Windows.Forms;
using System.ComponentModel;
    using System.Runtime.InteropServices;
    class TalkUser {
            static Form talk;
static N.Sockets.TcpClient TC;
            [DllImport("kernel32.dll")]
private static extern void ExitProcess(int a);
                        lic static void Main() {
    talk = new Form();
    talk.Text = "TalkUser - The OFFICIAL TalkServ Client";
    talk.Closing += new CancelEventHandler(talk_Closing);
    talk.Controls.Add(new TextBox());
    talk.Controls[0].Dock = DockStyle.Fill;
    talk.Controls[1].Dock = DockStyle.Bottom;
    ((TextBox)talk.Controls[0]).Multiline = true;
    ((TextBox)talk.Controls[1]).Multiline = true;
    talk.WindowState = FormWindowState.Maximized;
    talk.Show();
    ((TextBox)talk.Controls[1]).KeyUp += new KeyEventHandler(key_up);
    TC = new N.Sockets.TcpClient();
    TC.Connect("IP OF A SERVER HERE",4296);
    Thread t = new Thread(new ThreadStart(run));
    t.Start();
    while(true) {
        Application.DoEvents();
    }
}
             public static void Main() {
                                      Application.DoEvents();
            }
            private static void talk_Closing(object s, CancelEventArgs e) {
    e.Cancel = false;
    Application.Exit();
    ExitProcess(0);
            }
             private static void key_up(object s,KeyEventArgs e) {
                          TextBox TB = (TextBox)s;
if(TB.Lines.Length>1) {
   StreamWriter SW = new StreamWriter(TC.GetStream());
                                      SW.WriteLine(TB.Text);
SW.Flush();
TR Text - ""
                                      TB.Text = "";
TB.Lines = null;
                         }
            }
           private static void run() {
   StreamReader SR = new StreamReader(TC.GetStream());
   while(true) {
        Application.DoEvents();
        TextBox TB = (TextBox)talk.Controls[0];
        TB.AppendText(SR.ReadLine()+"\r\n");
        TB.SelectionStart = TB.Text.Length;
}
            }
    }
And the server:
   using System.IO;
using System.Net;
using System;
using System.Threading;
using N = System.Net;
using System.Collections;
            System.Net.Sockets.TcpListener server; public static Hashtable handles; public static Hashtable handleByConnect;
            public static void Main() {
   TalkServ TS = new TalkServ();
             }
            public TalkServ() {
    handles = new Hashtable(100);
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handleByConnect = new Hashtable(100);
server = new System.Net.Sockets.TcpListener(4296);
while(true) {
    server.Start();
    if(server.Pending()) {
        N.Sockets.TcpClient connection = server.AcceptTcpClient();
        Console.WriteLine("Connection made");
        BackForth BF = new BackForth(connection);
}
                          }
                }
      }
       public static void SendToAll(string name, string msg) {
                lic static void SendToAll(string name, string msg) {
StreamWriter SW;
ArrayList ToRemove = new ArrayList(0);
N.Sockets.Tcpclient[] tc = new N.Sockets.Tcpclient[TalkServ.handles.Count];
TalkServ.handles.Values.CopyTo(tc,0);
for(int i=0;i<tc.Length;i++) {
   try {
    if(msg.Trim()==""||tc[i]==null)
        continue;
}</pre>
                          SW = new StreamWriter(tc[i].GetStream());
SW.WriteLine(name + ": " + msg);
                          SW.Flush();
SW = null;
} catch(Exception e44) { e44 = e44;
    string g = (string) TalkServ.handleByConnect[tc[i]];
    TalkServ.SendSysMsg("** " + g + " ** HAS LEFT US.");
    TalkServ.handles.Remove(g);
    TalkServ.handles.Remove(g);
                                    TalkServ.handleByConnect.Remove(tc[i]);
                          }
                }
      }
      continue;
SW = new StreamWriter(tc[i].GetStream());
SW.WriteLine(msg);
                          SW.Flush();
                          SW = null;
} catch(Exception e44) { e44 = e44;
    TalkServ.handles.Remove(TalkServ.handleByConnect[tc[i]]);
                                    TalkServ.handleByConnect.Remove(tc[i]);
                }
}//end of class TalkServ
class BackForth {
  N.Sockets.TcpClient client;
  System.IO.StreamReader SR;
  System.IO.StreamWriter SW;
       string handle;
       public BackForth(System.Net.Sockets.TcpClient c) {
                client = c;
Thread t = new Thread(new ThreadStart(init));
t.Start();
       }
      private string GetHandle() {
   SW.WriteLine("What is your handle? ");
   SW.Flush();
   return SR.ReadLine();
      private void run() {
   try {
   string 1 = "";
   while(true) {
        1 = SR.ReadLine();
        TalkServ.SendToAll(handle,1);
}
                     catch(Exception e44) { Console.WriteLine(e44); }
      }
      private void init() {
    SR = new System.IO.StreamReader(client.GetStream());
    SW = new System.IO.StreamWriter(client.GetStream());
    SW.WriteLine("WELCOME TO TalkServ! Be Nice!");
    //SW.WriteLine("What is your handle? ");
    //sw.Flush();
    handle = GetHandle();
    while(TalkServ.handles.Contains(handle)) {
        SW.WriteLine("ERR - Handle already exists!");
        handle = GetHandle();
}
                falkServ.handles.Add(handle,client);
TalkServ.handleByConnect.Add(client,handle);
TalkServ.SendSySMsg("** " + handle + " ** HAS JOINED US.");
SW.WriteLine("Now Talking....\r\n-----");
                SW.Flush();
Thread t = new Thread(new ThreadStart(run));
t.Start();
      }
```

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