

In this homework, you will write a pair of Instant Messenger client and server. The requirements of the Messenger system are as follows.

1. The Messenger client operates in dual modes: command mode and chatting mode. (10%)

e.g.,

> listuser

john

mary

> talk mary

Hello!

How are you?

> logout

2. A user can log in on the Messenger server with a pre-built account. The password input should be invisible. (20%)

e.g.,

login: john

password:

>

3. The user can list on-line users on the server. (10%)

4. A user can send messages to another on-line user, or start a conversation with him or her.

(20%)

e.g.,

> send mary hello

> talk mary

...

5. A user can broadcast a message to all on-line users. (10%)

e.g.,

> broadcast hello

6. A user can leave an off-line message to another, and can see the off-line message when he/she logs in.

(10%)

After login, e.g.,

Message from john: Hi!

7. A user can log out the server. (5%)

8. Add 5 points for each new function.

You do not have to design a GUI like Live Messenger. A text-mode interface is pretty fine. The server can be on an arbitrary port.

Hint: You can turn off echoing in getting passwords by one of the two methods.

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>>> from getpass import getpass
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>>> getpass()
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Password:

or

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>>> import os
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>>> os.system("stty -echo")
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>>> os.system("stty echo")
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