INTERNSHIP PROJECT-1 DOCUMENT ON "Chat Application (JAVA)"

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INTRODUCTION:-

The Chat Application is a Java-based program that enables two-way communication between a server and a client over the network. It uses Java Socket programming to create a TCP connection for sending and receiving messages in real time. Both server and client applications run from the terminal and allow text-based conversation until either party decides to exit. This project demonstrates the implementation of network communication, I/O streams, and multi-threading in Java.

SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS:-

Programming Language: Java (JDK 8 or higher)

IDE: VS Code, IntelliJ IDEA, or any Java-compatible editor

Libraries: Uses only Java Standard Library APIs (I/O, Serialization)

Operating System: Platform-independent (Windows, Linux, Mac)

Other Requirements: Network connection (localhost or LAN)

DESIGN:-

The application is structured around the following components.

Server Class: Listens for incoming client connections, receives messages from the client, and sends responses back.

ChatClient Class: Connects to the server and facilitates message exchange.

Communication Protocol: TCP sockets are used to ensure reliable delivery of messages.

Threading:

- 1. One thread continuously listens for incoming messages.
- 2. Another thread waits for user input and sends messages.

INPUT:-

```
Server started. Waiting for client...
Client connected!
Hi
Client: hi how are you
fine what about you

Connected to server!
Server: Hi
hi how are you
Server: fine what about you
```

SERVER SIDE

CLIENT SIDE

IMPLEMENTATION:-

1. Server-side Flow:

- 1. Create a ServerSocket to listen on a specific port (e.g., 2020).
- 2. Accept a connection from a client.
- 3. Start two threads one for reading and one for writing messages.
- 4. Continue exchanging messages until exit is received.

2. Client-side Flow:

- 1. Create a Socket to connect to the server's IP address and port.
- 2. Start threads for reading and writing messages.
- 3. Disconnect upon sending or receiving exit

TESTING:-

The Chat Application was tested through the following steps:

- 1. Localhost Test: Server and client run on the same computer using IP 127.0.0.1.
- **2. LAN Test:** Client connected to server using the server's local IP in the same network.
- **3. Exit Condition Test:** Verified that sending exit from either side ends the connection gracefully.
- **4. Multi-message Test:** Checked smooth handling of multiple consecutive messages without delay.

ADVANTAGES:-

- **1. Real-Time Messaging:** Instant text-based communication.
- **2. Simplicity:** Easy to understand and implement.
- **3. Cross-platform:** Runs on any OS with Java installed.
- **4. No External Libraries Required:** Only Java's built-in networking classes are used.
- **5. Foundation for Advanced Apps:** Can be extended for group chats, encryption, or GUI.

CONCLUSION:-

The Chat Application successfully demonstrates real-time two-way communication over TCP using Java. It highlights key concepts such as socket programming, multi-threading, and I/O stream handling. The project forms a good basis for developing more advanced communication systems, like multi-client chat rooms or secure peer-to-peer messengers.

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