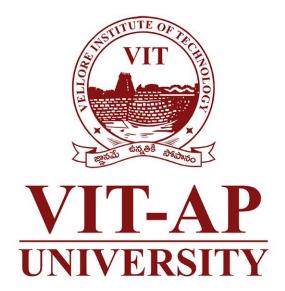
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TITLE

VChatt! - A multi chat application server developed using Java

ABSTRACT

The project depicts the usage of Java as the programming language to build a chat server which can enable clients to communicate with each other by connecting to the server via sockets. The aim of this project is to make multi users communicate privately as well as broadcast a public message and avail other features of the chat session.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

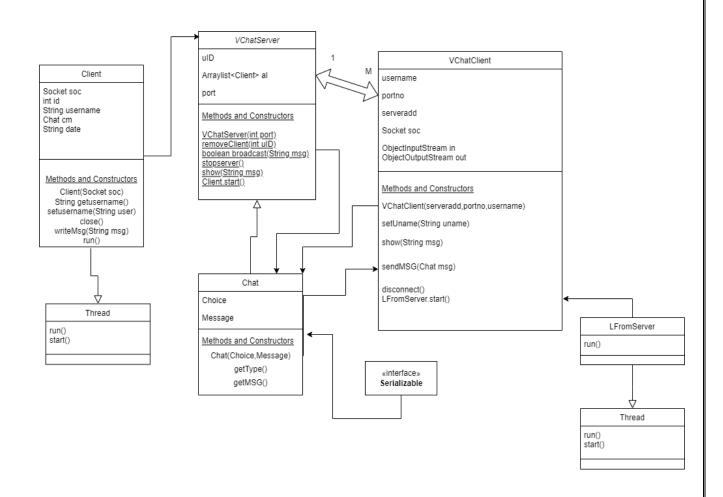
The server listens to requests from clients and stores a log of events happening in the application. The server can be started on any available ports. The client has to connect to the server via sockets to establish a connection. Server socket is used on the server end which accepts the client socket created on client end.

They are bound using the port no as the common entity. Once the connection is established, the client has to set up his/her username for the session. Each client runs on a separate thread and executes the required options provided by the server. Here we are using the concept of multithreading to split up the clients with separate threads to perform parallel activity simultaneously.

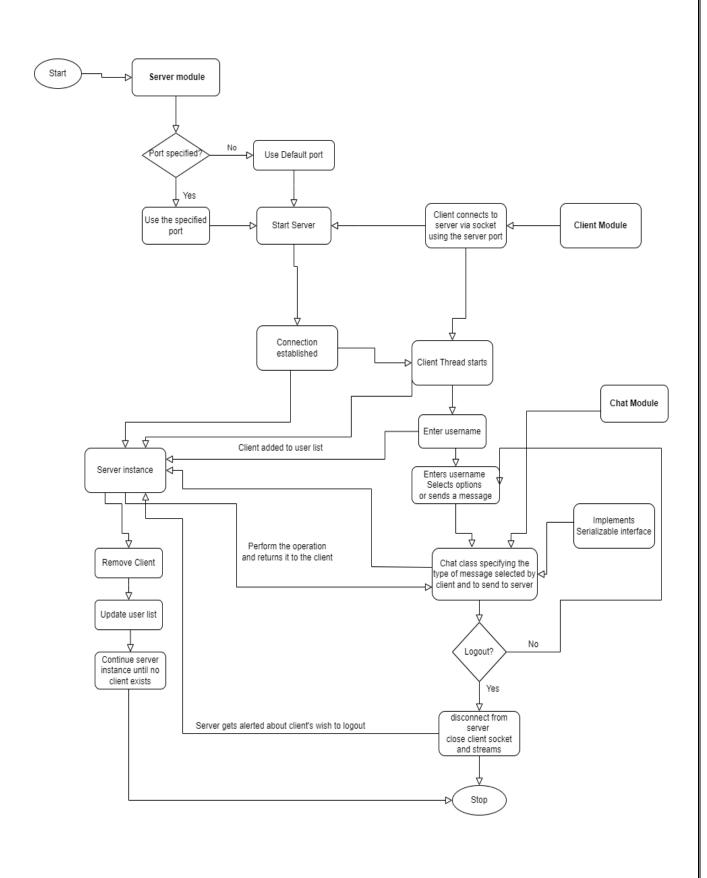
Client connects to server, sets up his/her username. Once the username is set up, server enters the username into the log and client thread is run for the specific client and a timestamp is assigned to the client. Few set of options are enabled on the client which are Sending a private message, sending a broadcast message, Finding the list of users in the session, finding the no of users active and logout option. For sending a broadcast message the client can directly send a message. For sending a private message the client that to enter the message in the following format: '@username message' so that a

private message can be sent to the targeted username. To find the names of the users in the session, the client has to type 'WHOISIN' in CLI to get the list of users present and type 'U' to find the count of users active in the session. To log out of the session, the client has to type 'LOGOUT'. The server updates the user list and the server log. The transfer of data is done with the help of input and output streams. When users disconnect, the input and output streams are flushed and the socket is closed for the specific client.

MODULES DESIGN



SYSTEM DIAGRAM



SOURCE CODES

Chat.java

return type;

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import java.io.*;
//Class which sets the option type and sets the message to be passed
//It consists the option type and sets message
//Serializable interface is implemented to make it easier to access objects and variables and it makes
storing
//and sending objects easy
public class Chat implements Serializable{
  static final int WHOISIN =0, MSG=1, UserCount=2, Logout=3;
  //WHOISIN - shows the active users in the chat room
  // MSG- is used whenever we intend to send a message
  // UserCount- Prints the number of users connected to server.
  //Logout- disconnects user from chat when selected
  private int type;
  private String msg;
  Chat(int type, String msg)
  {
    this.type=type;
    this.msg=msg;
  }
  int getType()
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}
  String getMSG()
    return msg;
  }
VChatClient.java
import java.net.*;
import java.util.*;
import java.io.*;
//Client side program
public class VChatClient{
 private String not= "***!!";
 //Making using of Object Input and Output streams to transfer data through sockets.
 private ObjectInputStream in;
 private ObjectOutputStream out;
 //Client Socket
 private Socket soc;
 // Server address, username and port variables
 private String server, uname;
 private int portno;
 //Client constructor
 VChatClient(String server,int portno,String uname)
    this.server=server;
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this.portno=portno;
  this.uname=uname;
}
//Setter and getter Method to set and retrieve username
public void setUname(String uname)
  this.uname=uname;
public String getUname()
  return uname;
}
//A display method to display strings
private void show(String Msg)
  System.out.println(Msg);
}
 //Sends Message to server
void sendMsg(Chat msg) {
 try
   out.writeObject(msg);
 }
 catch(IOException e)
   show("Exception arised while writing to server: " + e);
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}
//A method to close Socket and the streams when user logs out or any issue arises.
private void disconnect() {
try
  if(in != null)
  {
     in.close();
  }
 }
 catch(Exception e) {}
 try
  if(out != null)
     out.close();
  }
 catch(Exception e) {}
 try
  if(soc != null)
     soc.close();
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}
  catch(Exception e) {}
 }
 //the start() method starts the chat service
 public boolean start(){
   try
      //Establishing client socket by passing server add and port no
      soc=new Socket(server,portno);
      System.out.println("Client Connection");
   }
   catch (Exception e) {
     //TODO: handle exception
      show("OOPS!Facing issues connecting to server: "+e);
      return false;
   }
    String Message = "Connection established successfully " + soc.getInetAddress() + ":" +
soc.getPort();
    show(Message);
    //Creating both input and output Data streams and passing the input and output stream into the
created object streams
   try{
      in=new ObjectInputStream(soc.getInputStream());
      out=new ObjectOutputStream(soc.getOutputStream());
   }
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catch(IOException ex)
 {
    show("Exception arised while creating new I/O Streams: "+ex);
    return false;
 }
 //starts a thread to listen to server
 new LFromServer().start();
 //Sending username to Server in string format
 try
    out.writeObject(uname);
 }
 catch(IOException ex)
    show("Exception caused while logging in : "+ex);
    disconnect();
    return false;
 return true;
//Main Method
public static void main(String[] args)
{
  //Default port used here is 5000 if user doesnt specify port to start server.
  int portnum=5000;
  //Default parameters
  String serverAdd="localhost";
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String user= "anonymous";
Scanner sin=new Scanner(System.in);
System.out.println("Enter a name as a username:");
user=sin.nextLine();
switch(args.length)
{
  case 3:
   //Passes the username portno and server address as arguements
   serverAdd=args[2];
  case 2:
   try
    //Passing username and portno as args
    portnum=Integer.parseInt(args[1]);
   catch(Exception e)
     System.out.println("Wrong Port number");
      System.out.println("Wrong Format of taking arguements");
     return;
   }
  case 1:
  //Passes only username as args
   user = args[0];
  case 0:
   break;
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default:
        System.out.println("Correct Format is java VChatClient user portnum serverAdd");
      return;
    //Client object
    VChatClient vcl= new VChatClient(serverAdd,portnum,user);
    //using the client object to start client service and returns back when server instance isnt running
    if(!vcl.start())
      return;
    System.out.println("\nHOLAAA! Welcome To VCHATT!!! CHAT ROOM.");
    System.out.println("Select Service of your choice:");
    System.out.println("1) Send a broadcast message to all clients by just typing the message");
    System.out.println("2) Type '$username<space>message' to send a private message to a desired
client");
    System.out.println("3) Type 'WHOISIN' to find out the active users present in chat room");
    System.out.println("4) Type 'U' to display the number of users connected to server");
    System.out.println("5) Type 'LOGOUT' to logoff from server");
    //Infinite loop which runs as long as the client wishes to stay and exits on LOGOUT
    while(true)
    {
      System.out.print(">");
      //Users Choice or action
      String msg=sin.nextLine();
      //Compares the entered choice by user and sends passes to the Chat class method on match
      if(msg.equalsIgnoreCase("LOGOUT")) {
                                vcl.sendMsg(new Chat(Chat.Logout, ""));
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}
                     else if(msg.equalsIgnoreCase("WHOISIN")) {
                             vcl.sendMsg(new Chat(Chat.WHOISIN, ""));
                     }
                     else if(msg.equalsIgnoreCase("U")){
                             vcl.sendMsg(new Chat(Chat.UserCount, ""));
                     }
                     else {
                             vcl.sendMsg(new Chat(Chat.MSG, msg));
                     }
             }
             //Closing scanner class
             sin.close();
             //Disconnects the client
             vcl.disconnect();
//A class which extends Thread and waits for a response from server
class LFromServer extends Thread {
             public void run() {
                     while(true) {
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break;

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try {
                                         String msg = (String) in.readObject();
                                         System.out.println(msg);
                                         System.out.print(">");
                                }
                                catch(IOException e) {
                                         show(not + "User logged out successfully! closing service!: "
+ e + not);
                                         break;
                                }
                                catch(ClassNotFoundException e2) {
                                }
                        }
                }
        }
}
VChatServer.java
import java.io.*;
import java.net.*;
import java.text.SimpleDateFormat;
import java.util.*;
public class VChatServer {
        //Unique id for every new connection
        private static int uld;
        //an arraylist which stores the users
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private ArrayList<Client> al;
// timestamp
private SimpleDateFormat datefmt;
//port no
private int port;
//a flag to check if server is running or not
private boolean continueflw;
private String not = " ***!! ";
//Server constructor
public VChatServer(int port) {
        this.port = port;
        //Setting the date format
        datefmt = new SimpleDateFormat("HH:mm:ss");
        al = new ArrayList<Client>();
}
// a method to start server service
public void start() {
        //Setting the flag true to mark the continuation of service
        continueflw= true;
        try
                //Creating a server socket for server
                ServerSocket ss = new ServerSocket(port);
                while(continueflw)
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show("Server waiting for Clients on port " + port + ".");
                        //Accepts request from client via accept() method
                         Socket soc= ss.accept();
                        //breaks the flow when server is terminated
                        if(!continueflw)
                                 break;
                  // Client thread created on successfull connection
                         Client client= new Client(soc);
                        // Add the connected user to arraylist
                        al.add(client);
//Start the client thread
                        client.start();
                }
                //If intentionally stopping the server
                try {
                        //Closing Server scoket
                         ss.close();
                         for(int i = 0; i < al.size(); ++i) {
                                 Client tc = al.get(i);
                                 try {
                                          //Closing all data streams
                                 tc.in.close();
                                 tc.out.close();
                                 tc.soc.close();
                                 catch(IOException e) {
                                 }
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}
                        }
                        catch(Exception e) {
                                show("Exception arised due to interruption!Closing the server and
clients: " + e);
                        }
                }
                catch (IOException e) {
      String msg = datefmt.format(new Date()) + " Exception arised on new ServerSocket: " + e +
"\n";
                        show(msg);
                }
        }
        //Method to stop server
        protected void stopserver() {
                continueflw = false;
                try {
                        new Socket("localhost", port);
                }
                catch(Exception e) {
                        System.out.println("See ya! Server is stopped!!"+ e);
                }
        }
        //a method to display a message along with timestamp
        private void show(String msg) {
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String time = datefmt.format(new Date()) + " " + msg;
        System.out.println(time);
}
//Method to broadcast message to all clients
private synchronized boolean broadcast(String message) {
        //Timestamp
        String time = datefmt.format(new Date());
        //Using this string array for private message operation
        String[] w = message.split(" ",3);
        //Flag to set up to true private message option is selected
        boolean isPrivate = false;
        //When the first character matches the dollar sign the private flag is set to true
        if(w[1].charAt(0)=='$')
                isPrivate=true;
        if(isPrivate==true)
        {
                //Separates the symbol and username by using the substring function
                String tocheck=w[1].substring(1, w[1].length());
                message=w[0]+w[2];
                String messagefinal = time + " " + message + "\n";
                boolean found=false;
                //finding the username from the list and match with the string
                for(int y=al.size(); --y>=0;)
                        Client ct1=al.get(y);
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String check=ct1.getUsername();
                                if(check.equals(tocheck))
                                        //Writing to client if server fails to remove it from list
                                        if(!ct1.writeMsg(messagefinal)) {
                                                al.remove(y);
                                                show("Disconnected Client " + ct1.username + "
removed from list.");
                                        }
                                        //Username match found and msg sent
                                        found=true;
                                        break;
                                }
                        //If match not found , return
                        if(found!=true)
                                return false;
                        }
                //Broadcast message case
                else
                {
                        String messagefinal = time + " " + message + "\n";
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//broadcast message sent by client to all other clients
                         System.out.print(messagefinal);
                         for(int i = al.size(); --i >= 0;) {
                                  Client ct = al.get(i);
                                  if(!ct.writeMsg(messagefinal)) {
                                          al.remove(i);
                                          show("Disconnected Client is " + ct.username + " removed
from list.");
                                  }
                         }
                 return true;
        }
        synchronized void removeClient(int id) {
                 String disconnectedClient = "";
                 for(int i = 0; i < al.size(); ++i) {
                         Client ct = al.get(i);
                         if(ct.id == id) {
                                  disconnectedClient = ct.getUsername();
                                  al.remove(i);
                                  break;
                         }
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}
                broadcast(not + disconnectedClient + " has left the chat room." + not);
        }
        public static void main(String[] args) {
                //Default server parameters
                int portNumber = 5000;
                switch(args.length) {
                        case 1:
                                try {
                                        portNumber = Integer.parseInt(args[0]);
                                }
                                catch(Exception e) {
                                        System.out.println("Invalid port number.");
                                        System.out.println("Wrong arguement format");
                                        return;
                                }
                        case 0:
                                break;
                        default:
                                System.out.println("Correct format is: > java VChatServer
portNumber");
                                return;
                }
                //Server object
                VChatServer server = new VChatServer(portNumber);
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//Starting server service
             server.start();
     }
//Client class used to create client threads
     class Client extends Thread {
             //client socket
             Socket soc;
             //Object streams
             ObjectInputStream in;
             ObjectOutputStream out;
             //unique id
             int id;
             //username , chat object to get type of option selected,timestamp
             String username;
             Chat chat;
             String date;
             // Client Constructor
             Client(Socket soc) {
                      id = ++uId;
                      this.soc = soc;
                      System.out.println("Client Thread trying to create Object I/O Streams");
                      //Creating the data object streams
                      try
                              out = new ObjectOutputStream(soc.getOutputStream());
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in = new ObjectInputStream(soc.getInputStream());
                           //reading username from socket input stream
                           username = (String) in.readObject();
                           //Broadcast message sent to all when a new user joins
                           broadcast(not + username + " has joined the chat room." + not);
                   }
                   catch (IOException e) {
                           show("Exception arised while creating new I/O Streams: " + e);
                           return;
                   }
                   catch (ClassNotFoundException e) {
                   }
  date = new Date().toString() + "\n";
           }
           public String getUsername() {
                   return username;
           }
           public void setUsername(String username) {
                   this.username = username;
           }
//run() method to the run the client thread continuously
           public void run() {
                   boolean continueflw = true;
                   //Counter to count the users
                   int count=0;
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while(continueflw) {
                               try {
                                        //Other than username rest all data entered are passed to
chat class for setting and getting them
                                        //Hence reading the data from data input streams as chat
objects
                                        chat = (Chat) in.readObject();
                               }
                               catch (IOException e) {
                                        show(username + " Exception reading Streams: " + e);
                                        break;
                               }
                               catch(ClassNotFoundException e2) {
                                        break;
                               }
                               //Getting the message from the created chat object
                               String message = chat.getMSG();
        //Switch case method which performs the option selected by user
                               switch(chat.getType()) {
        //When it is a message type
                               case Chat.MSG:
                                        boolean confirmation = broadcast(username + ": " +
message);
                                        if(confirmation==false){
                                                String msg = not + "I am afraid there is no such user
in the room." + not;
                                                writeMsg(msg);
                                        }
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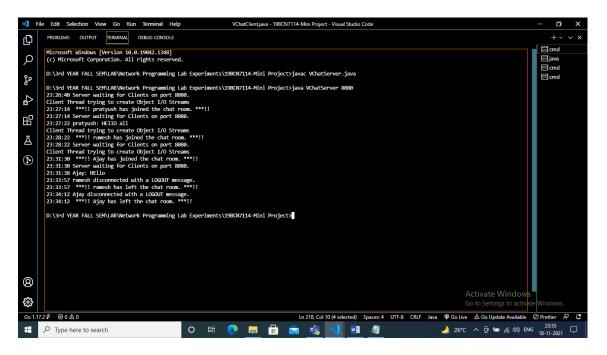
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break;
                                        //Logout case
                                case Chat.Logout:
                                        show(username + " disconnected with a LOGOUT
message.");
                                        continueflw = false;
                                        break;
                                        //names of active users in chat room
                                case Chat.WHOISIN:
                                        writeMsg("List of the users connected at " +
datefmt.format(new Date()) + "\n");
                                        for(int i = 0; i < al.size(); ++i) {
                                                 Client ct = al.get(i);
                                                 writeMsg((i+1) + ") " + ct.username + " since " +
ct.date);
                                        }
                                        break;
                                        //user count case
                                case Chat.UserCount:
                                   writeMsg("Number of users connected at" + datefmt.format(new
Date()) + "\n");
                                  for(int i = 1; i < al.size()+1; ++i) {
                                          count++;
                                  }
                                        writeMsg("Total numbers of users connected to server:
"+(count)+"\n");
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count=0;
                                    break;
                                 }
                         }
                         //Out of this loops means client is disconnected and client is removed from
list
                         removeClient(id);
                         close();
                }
                // closes socket and streams
                private void close() {
                         try {
                                 if(out != null)
                                 {
                                          out.close();
                                 }
                         }
                         catch(Exception e) {}
                         try {
                                 if(in != null)
                                 {
                                          in.close();
                                 }
                         }
                         catch(Exception e) {};
                         try {
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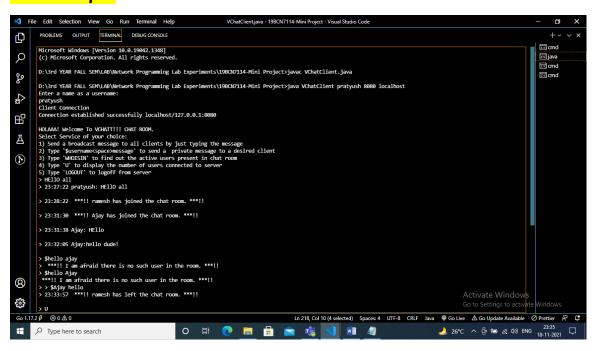
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if(soc != null)
                                 {
                                         soc.close();
                                 }
                        }
                        catch (Exception e) {}
                }
                //method to Write to Client output stream
                private boolean writeMsg(String msg) {
                        //Checks if socket is connected or not, if not then it closes socket and streams
                        if(!soc.isConnected()) {
                                 close();
                                 return false;
      }
                        try {
                                 out.writeObject(msg);
                        }
                        catch(IOException e) {
                                 show(not + "Err!!! Failed to send message to " + username + not);
                                 show(e.toString());
                        }
                        return true;
                }
        }
}
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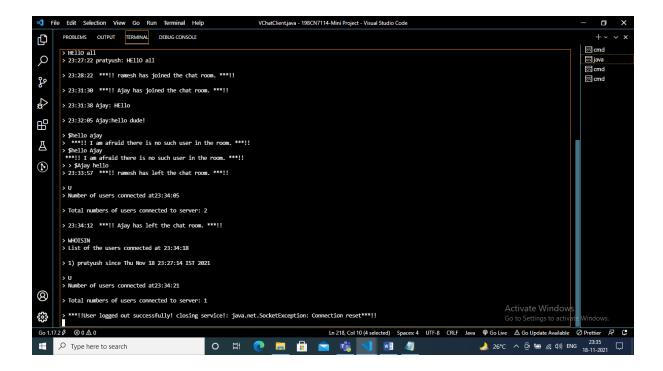
OUTPUTS

Server output

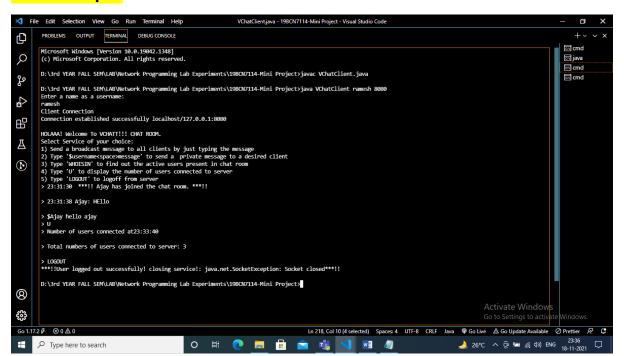


User 1 output





User 2 Output



User 3 Output

