LAN GAME

What is our GOAL for this CLASS?

In this class, we have learned to create a LAN server and use sockets to connect multiple clients to the server.

What did we ACHIEVE in the class TODAY?

- Created a LAN server.
- Created a GUI using tkinter to get the name of the player.
- Using sockets connected clients to the server.

Which CONCEPTS/ CODING BLOCKS did we cover today?

Add a bulleted list of new coding concepts that were covered in the class.

- Local host server.
- GUI using tkinter.
- Socket programming.

How did we DO the activities?

In earlier classes we have learned to create multiplayer games using a database where all the records of players were kept in the database.

Today, you began by creating a LAN game where multiple players can join to play the game.

1. Create a Local host server.

```
def setup():
    global SERVER
    global PORT
    global IP_ADDRESS


    PORT   = 5000
    IP_ADDRESS = '127.0.0.1'


    SERVER = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_STREAM)
    SERVER.connect((IP_ADDRESS, PORT))
```

2. Create a function called **askName()**. Inside this function create a GUI using **tkinter** which will take the name from the user.

```
def askPlayerName():
    global playerName
    global nameEntry
    global nameWindow
    global canvas1

    nameWindow  = Tk()
    nameWindow.title("Ludo Ladder")
    nameWindow.attributes('-fullscreen',True)


    screen_width = nameWindow.winfo_screenwidth()
    screen_height = nameWindow.winfo_screenheight()
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    bg = ImageTk.PhotoImage(file = "./assets/background.png")

    canvas1 = Canvas( nameWindow, width = 500,height = 500)
    canvas1.pack(fill = "both", expand = True)
    # Display image
    canvas1.create_image( 0, 0, image = bg, anchor = "nw")
    canvas1.create_text( screen_width/2, screen_height/5, text =
"Enter Name", font=("Chalkboard SE",100), fill="white")

    nameEntry = Entry(nameWindow, width=15, justify='center',
font=('Chalkboard SE', 50), bd=5, bg='white')
    nameEntry.place(x = screen_width/2 - 220, y=screen_height/4 +
100)


    button = Button(nameWindow, text="Save", font=("Chalkboard SE",
30),width=15, command=saveName, height=2, bg="#80deea", bd=3)
    button.place(x = screen_width/2 - 130, y=screen_height/2 - 30)

    nameWindow.mainloop()
```

3. Test the code to see the output.

Until now, you have created the server and added the GUI to accept the username from the user. Next, we'll create a function to take that we got from UI and send it to the server.

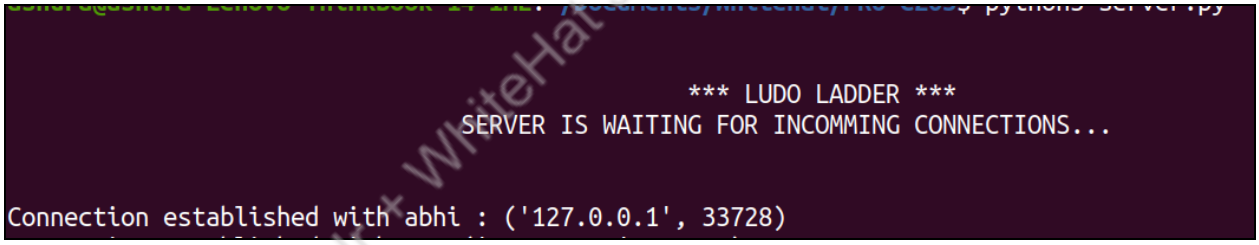
4. Now, write a **saveName()** function which will take the entered name and send it to the server by encoding it.

```
def saveName():
    global SERVER
    global playerName
    global nameWindow
    global nameEntry

    playerName = nameEntry.get()
    nameEntry.delete(0, END)
    nameWindow.destroy()

    SERVER.send(playerName.encode())
```

5. Write a **acceptConnection()** function that will accept the connection requests to connect with the server. Store the data of the client in a clients dictionary. And show the message of connection established with the clients.

```
def acceptConnections():
    global CLIENTS
    global SERVER

    while True:
        player_socket, addr = SERVER.accept()

        player_name = player_socket.recv(1024).decode().strip()

        if(len(CLIENTS.keys()) == 0):
            CLIENTS[player_name] = {'player_type' : 'player1'}
        else:
            CLIENTS[player_name] = {'player_type' : 'player2'}



        CLIENTS[player_name]["player_socket"] = player_socket
        CLIENTS[player_name]["address"] = addr
        CLIENTS[player_name]["player_name"] = player_name
        CLIENTS[player_name]["turn"] = False

        print(colored(f"Connection established with {player_name} :
{addr}", "cyan"))
```


6. Run and test the code.



What's NEXT?

In the next class, we will be working on creating the game window using tkinter and also send and receive messages between the clients using the server.

Expand Your Knowledge:

Explore more about the python sockets through this link :
https://realpython.com/python-sockets/