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AIM:	Network Socket Programming	
OBJECTIVE:	The objective of this experiment is to make students acquainted with socket programming. And make them accustomed with applications executing on top of these sockets.	
Part 3		
PROBLEM STATEMENT:	Write a client-server application for chat server. The two clients connected to the same server should be able to communicate with each other. Communication should be interactive and go on till one of them terminates.	

THEORY:

- A server listens on port 5002 and manages communication between **two clients**. It ensures that the communication happens only if both clients are connected.
- A **client** connects to the server and sends/receives messages from the other client. It waits for the server to notify when it can start chatting (i.e., when both clients are connected).

Server:

Initialization:

- 1. **Socket creation:** The server creates a TCP socket using socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0).
- 2. **Binding:** The server binds the socket to port 5002 and any available local IP address (INADDR ANY).
- 3. **Listening:** The server listens for incoming client connections with listen(server fd, 3).

Connection Handling

1. Accepting connections:

- The server accepts connections from clients using accept(). When a client connects, the server assigns it to an available slot in the client sockets[] array.
- The client's IP address is stored in client ips[].

2. Client assignment:

• If two clients are already connected, the server sends a message to the new client informing that the chat room is full and closes the connection.

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• If space is available, the server assigns the new client to the first available slot (either client_sockets[0] or client_sockets[1]).

3. Handling multiple clients:

- Each client is handled by a separate thread (pthread_create), ensuring that both clients can send and receive messages concurrently.
- The handle client() function handles the communication and disconnection of each client.

Thread Management

- Each client is handled in a separate thread, which allows for concurrent communication.
- After a thread is finished (client disconnects), it is detached to clean up resources (pthread_detach()).

Client Disconnection

• When a client disconnects, the server closes the socket, sets its entry in client_sockets[] to -1, and notifies the other client that the chat is disabled until a new client connects.

Client:

Initialization

1. **Socket creation:** The client creates a socket using socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0) to connect to the server.

2. Server connection:

- The client connects to the server at 127.0.0.1 on port 5002 using connect().
- If the connection is successful, the client starts listening for messages from the server.

Message Receiving

- The client creates a separate thread (pthread create) that listens for incoming messages using recv().
- If a message indicates that both clients are connected, the client updates the chat_enabled flag to 1 (allowing message sending).
- If a message indicates that the other client is not connected or the client was disconnected, chat_enabled is set to 0, preventing message sending.

Message Sending

1. **Input reading:**

- The client reads messages from the console using fgets().
- Before sending a message, the client checks if chat is enabled using the chat enabled flag.
- If chat is not enabled, the client prints a message that it cannot send messages and prompts for new input.

2. Message sending:

o If chat is enabled, the client sends the message to the server using send(). If the user types exit,



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the client sends the message and then exits.

Thread Handling: The client's receive thread runs concurrently with the main program, allowing it to receive messages while the user types and sends messages.

PROGRAM:

Server3.c

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <arpa/inet.h>
#include <sys/socket.h>
#include <netinet/in.h>
#include <pthread.h>
#define PORT 5002
#define BUFFER SIZE 1024
int client sockets[2] = \{-1, -1\};
char client ips[2][INET ADDRSTRLEN] = {"", ""};
pthread t client threads[2];
pthread mutex t lock;
void send to client(int index, const char *message) {
    if (index \geq= 0 && index < 2 && client sockets[index] != -1) {
        send(client sockets[index], message, strlen(message), 0);
void notify both(const char *message) {
        if (client sockets[i] != -1) {
            send(client sockets[i], message, strlen(message), 0);
void *handle client(void *arg) {
```



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int idx = *(int *)arg;
    free (arg);
    char buffer[BUFFER SIZE];
    char msg[BUFFER SIZE + 50];
   pthread mutex lock(&lock);
   int other = (idx == 0) ? 1 : 0;
    if (client sockets[other] == -1) {
        send to client(idx, "Waiting for the other client to
connect...\n");
        snprintf(msg, sizeof(msg),
                 "Both clients connected:\n Client 1 (IP: %s)\n
Client 2 (IP: %s)\n",
                 client ips[0], client ips[1]);
        notify both(msg);
   pthread mutex unlock(&lock);
       memset(buffer, 0, BUFFER SIZE);
       ssize t bytes received = recv(client sockets[idx], buffer,
BUFFER SIZE - 1, 0);
       if (bytes received <= 0) {</pre>
            pthread mutex lock(&lock);
            printf("Client %d (IP: %s) disconnected.\n", idx + 1,
client ips[idx]);
            close(client sockets[idx]);
            client sockets[idx] = -1;
            other = (idx == 0) ? 1 : 0;
            if (client sockets[other] != -1) {
                snprintf(msg, sizeof(msg), "Client %d (IP: %s) has
```



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disconnected.\nChat disabled until another client connects.\n",
                         idx + 1, client ips[idx]);
                send to client(other, msg);
            pthread mutex unlock(&lock);
       buffer[bytes received] = '\0';
       pthread mutex lock(&lock);
        other = (idx == 0) ? 1 : 0;
       if (client sockets[other] == -1) {
            send to client(idx, "Other client is not connected. You
cannot send messages until both are present. \n");
            pthread mutex unlock(&lock);
        snprintf(msg, sizeof(msg), "Client %d: %s", idx + 1,
buffer);
        send(client sockets[other], msg, strlen(msg), 0);
       pthread mutex unlock(&lock);
int main() {
   int server fd;
   struct sockaddr in address;
   socklen t addr len = sizeof(address);
   pthread mutex init(&lock, NULL);
    if ((server fd = socket(AF INET, SOCK STREAM, 0)) == 0) {
       perror("Socket creation failed");
       exit(EXIT FAILURE);
    address.sin family = AF INET;
```



```
address.sin addr.s addr = INADDR ANY;
    address.sin port = htons(PORT);
    if (bind(server fd, (struct sockaddr *)&address,
sizeof(address)) < 0) {</pre>
       perror("Bind failed");
       close(server fd);
       exit(EXIT FAILURE);
    if (listen(server fd, 3) < 0) {
       perror("Listen failed");
       close(server fd);
        exit(EXIT FAILURE);
    printf("Chat Server (modified Part-3) listening on port %d...\n",
PORT);
    while (1) {
       int new socket = accept(server fd, (struct sockaddr
*)&client addr, &client addr len);
       if (new socket < 0) {
            perror("Accept failed");
       char ip str[INET ADDRSTRLEN];
        inet ntop(AF INET, &client addr.sin addr, ip str,
INET ADDRSTRLEN);
       pthread mutex lock(&lock);
        int assigned = -1;
            if (client sockets[i] == -1) {
                client sockets[i] = new socket;
                strncpy(client ips[i], ip str, INET ADDRSTRLEN - 1);
```



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```
assigned = i;
                printf("Client %d (IP: %s) connected.\n", i + 1,
client ips[i]);
       pthread mutex unlock(&lock);
       if (assigned == -1) {
            char full msg[] = "Chat room full. Only 2 clients are
allowed at a time. Try again later.\n";
            send(new socket, full msg, strlen(full msg), 0);
            close(new socket);
            int *pindex = malloc(sizeof(int));
            *pindex = assigned;
            pthread create(&client threads[assigned], NULL,
handle client, pindex);
           pthread detach(client threads[assigned]);
    close(server fd);
    pthread mutex destroy(&lock);
```

Client3.c

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <arpa/inet.h>
#include <sys/socket.h>
#include <netinet/in.h>
#include <pthread.h>
```



```
#define PORT 5002
#define BUFFER SIZE 1024
int sock;
{\sf volatile} int {\sf chat} enabled = 0; // Flag: 0 = not allowed to chat, 1 =
allowed
pthread mutex t flag lock = PTHREAD MUTEX INITIALIZER;
void *receive messages(void *arg) {
   char buffer[BUFFER SIZE];
        memset(buffer, 0, BUFFER SIZE);
        ssize t bytes received = recv(sock, buffer, BUFFER SIZE - 1,
0);
        if (bytes received <= 0) {</pre>
            printf("Server closed connection or error occurred.\n");
        buffer[bytes received] = '\0';
        printf("%s", buffer);
        pthread mutex lock(&flag lock);
        if (strstr(buffer, "Both clients connected") != NULL)
        if (strstr(buffer, "Waiting for the other client") != NULL
            strstr(buffer, "has disconnected") != NULL ||
            strstr(buffer, "cannot send messages") != NULL)
            chat enabled = 0;
        pthread mutex unlock(&flag lock);
int main() {
```



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```
perror("Socket creation error");
        exit(EXIT FAILURE);
   serv addr.sin port = htons(PORT);
   if (inet pton(AF INET, "127.0.0.1", &serv addr.sin addr) <= 0) {
       perror("Invalid address");
       close(sock);
       exit(EXIT FAILURE);
   if (connect(sock, (struct sockaddr *)&serv addr,
sizeof(serv addr)) < 0) {</pre>
       perror("Connection failed");
       close(sock);
       exit(EXIT FAILURE);
   printf("Connected to chat server (modified Part-3).\n");
   pthread create(&recv thread, NULL, receive messages, NULL);
   pthread_detach(recv thread);
   char input[BUFFER SIZE];
   while (1) {
       memset(input, 0, BUFFER SIZE);
       if (!fgets(input, BUFFER SIZE, stdin)) {
       pthread mutex lock(&flag lock);
       pthread mutex unlock(&flag lock);
       if (!enabled) {
            printf("You cannot send messages until both clients are
connected.\n");
```



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```
continue;
}

if (strncmp(input, "exit", 4) == 0) {
    send(sock, input, strlen(input), 0);
    break;
}

send(sock, input, strlen(input), 0);
}

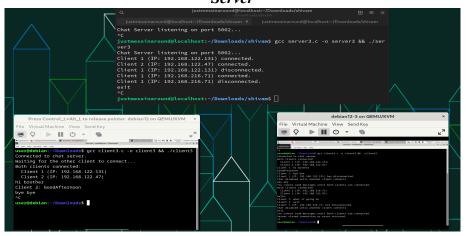
close(sock);
return 0;
}
```

RESULT:

```
Chat Server listening on port 5002...

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justmessinaround@localhost:~/Downloads/shivam$ gcc server3.c -o server3 && ./ser
ver3
Chat Server listening on port 5002...
Client 1 (IP: 192.168.122.131) connected.
Client 2 (IP: 192.168.122.47) connected.
Client 1 (IP: 192.168.122.131) disconnected.
Client 1 (IP: 192.168.216.71) connected.
Client 1 (IP: 192.168.216.71) disconnected.
Client 1 (IP: 192.168.216.71) disconnected.
exit
^C
```

Server

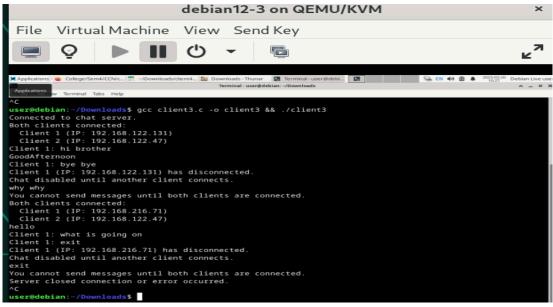


Overview of client-server communication in a two-person chat

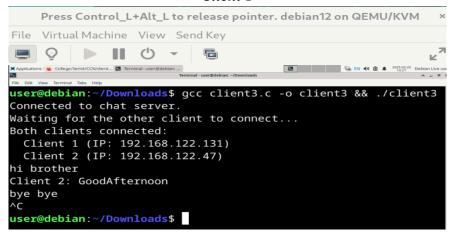


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Client 1



Client 2(Initial)

```
Chat room full. Only 2 clients are allowed at a time. Try again later.

Server closed connection or error occurred.

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justmessinaround@localhost:~/Downloads/shivam$ gcc client3.c -o client3 && ./cli
ent3

Connected to chat server.

Both clients connected:
    Client 1 (IP: 192.168.216.71)
    Client 2 (IP: 192.168.122.47)

Client 2: hello
what is going on
exit
```

Client 3(new client2)



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Part 4	
PROBLEM STATEMENT:	Upgrade the code in part-3 chat server to act as both group and direct chats.

THEORY:

- A server listens on port 5003 and allows communication between multiple clients. It supports both group chat and direct messages between clients.
- A **client** connects to the server and can send either group messages or private messages to other users.

Server:

Client Management

- 1. **Accepting Connections:** The server waits for clients to connect using accept(). It stores client information in the clients[] array.
- 2. **Client Assignment:** If a client connects, the server assigns them to the first available slot in clients []. If the server is at full capacity (10 clients), the new client is rejected.
- 3. **Thread Handling:** The server listens for messages from a client using recv() and forwards the message to the appropriate recipients.

Message Handling

- 1. **Broadcast Messages:** The server supports group chat by broadcasting messages to all clients except the sender using broadcast_message().
- 2. **Direct Messages:** To send a private message to another user, the client prefixes their message with @username. The server then sends the message to the target client using direct_message().

Server Shutdown: The server listens for a termination signal (Ctrl+C) and closes all active connections using close() when shutting down. It notifies clients about the shutdown.

Client:

Message Receiving

The client runs a separate thread (pthread_create) to continuously listen for incoming messages from the server using recv().

Received messages are printed to the console. If the message is a direct message or group chat message, the client displays it accordingly.

Message Sending



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- 1. **Input Handling:** The client reads messages from the user using fgets(). The user can send either a group message or a direct message.
- 2. **Message Formatting:** If the user types a message starting with @, the client formats it as a direct message to the specified user. Otherwise, it sends the message to the group.
- 3. **Message Sending:** The client sends messages to the server using send(). If the user types exit, the client disconnects from the server.

PROGRAM:

Server4.c

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <arpa/inet.h>
#include <sys/socket.h>
#include <netinet/in.h>
#include <pthread.h>
#include <signal.h>
#define PORT 5003
#define BUFFER SIZE 1024
#define MAX CLIENTS 10
#define USERNAME LEN 32
    int socket;
   char username[USERNAME LEN];
   char ip[INET ADDRSTRLEN];
    int active;
 ClientInfo;
ClientInfo clients[MAX CLIENTS];
pthread mutex t lock;
void broadcast message(const char *message, int exclude sock) {
    pthread mutex lock(&lock);
    for (int i = 0; i < MAX CLIENTS; i++) {</pre>
        if (clients[i].active && clients[i].socket != exclude sock)
```



```
send(clients[i].socket, message, strlen(message), 0);
    pthread mutex unlock(&lock);
void direct message(const char *sender, const char *recipient, const
char *message) {
   pthread mutex lock(&lock);
    for (int i = 0; i < MAX CLIENTS; i++) {</pre>
        if (clients[i].active && strcmp(clients[i].username,
recipient) == 0) {
            char dm buffer[BUFFER SIZE + 50];
            snprintf(dm buffer, sizeof(dm buffer), "[DM from %s]:
%s\n", sender, message);
            send(clients[i].socket, dm buffer, strlen(dm buffer),
0);
   pthread mutex unlock(&lock);
void remove client(int index) {
   pthread mutex lock(&lock);
   clients[index].active = 0;
   close(clients[index].socket);
   pthread mutex unlock(&lock);
void send user list(int client socket, int self index) {
   char list buffer[BUFFER SIZE];
   strcat(list buffer, "Currently connected users: [");
   int first = 1;
   pthread mutex lock(&lock);
    for (int i = 0; i < MAX CLIENTS; i++) {</pre>
```



```
if (clients[i].active && i != self index) {
            if (!first) {
                strcat(list buffer, ", ");
           first = 0;
   pthread mutex unlock(&lock);
   if (first) {
       strcat(list buffer, "None");
   strcat(list buffer, "]\n");
   send(client socket, list buffer, strlen(list buffer), 0);
void *client handler(void *arg) {
   int index = *(int *)arg;
   free(arg);
   int sock = clients[index].socket;
   char username[USERNAME LEN];
   strcpy(username, clients[index].username);
   char msg[BUFFER SIZE + 50];
   send user list(sock, index);
   char welcome msg[BUFFER SIZE];
   snprintf(welcome msg, sizeof(welcome msg),
message, or just type to broadcast.\n",
             username);
   send(sock, welcome_msg, strlen(welcome_msg), 0);
```



```
snprintf(msg, sizeof(msg), "%s has joined the chat.\n",
username);
   broadcast message(msg, sock);
       memset(buffer, 0, BUFFER SIZE);
        ssize t valread = recv(sock, buffer, BUFFER SIZE - 1, 0);
       if (valread <= 0) {</pre>
            pthread mutex lock(&lock);
            printf("Client %s (IP: %s) disconnected.\n", username,
clients[index].ip);
            pthread mutex unlock(&lock);
            remove client(index);
            snprintf(msg, sizeof(msg), "%s has left the chat.\n",
username);
            broadcast message(msg, -1);
       buffer[valread] = '\0';
       if (strncmp(buffer, "exit", 4) == 0) {
            pthread mutex lock(&lock);
            printf("Client %s (IP: %s) exited.\n", username,
clients[index].ip);
            pthread mutex unlock(&lock);
            remove client(index);
            snprintf(msg, sizeof(msg), "%s has left the chat.\n",
username);
            broadcast message(msg, -1);
        if (buffer[0] == '@') {
            char *space ptr = strchr(buffer, ' ');
            if (space ptr != NULL) {
                *space ptr = '\0';
                char *recipient = buffer + 1; // Skip '@'
                char *dm message = space ptr + 1;
```



```
direct message(username, recipient, dm message);
            snprintf(msg, sizeof(msg), "%s: %s", username, buffer);
           broadcast message(msg, sock);
void handle signal(int sig) {
   printf("\nServer shutting down. Closing all connections.\n");
   pthread mutex lock(&lock);
   for (int i = 0; i < MAX CLIENTS; i++) {</pre>
       if (clients[i].active) {
            send(clients[i].socket, "Server is shutting down. Chat
will end.\n", 43, 0);
            close(clients[i].socket);
            clients[i].active = 0;
   pthread mutex unlock(&lock);
   exit(0);
int main() {
   int server fd;
   struct sockaddr in address;
   socklen t addr len = sizeof(address);
   pthread mutex init(&lock, NULL);
       clients[i].active = 0;
       clients[i].socket = -1;
       memset(clients[i].username, 0, USERNAME LEN);
       memset(clients[i].ip, 0, INET ADDRSTRLEN);
```



```
signal(SIGINT, handle signal);
   if ((server fd = socket(AF INET, SOCK STREAM, 0)) == 0) {
       perror("socket failed");
       exit(EXIT FAILURE);
   address.sin family = AF INET;
   address.sin addr.s addr = INADDR ANY; // Listen on all
   address.sin port = htons(PORT);
   if (bind(server fd, (struct sockaddr *)&address,
sizeof(address)) < 0) {</pre>
       perror("bind failed");
       close(server fd);
       exit(EXIT FAILURE);
   if (listen(server fd, MAX CLIENTS) < 0) {</pre>
       perror("listen failed");
       exit(EXIT FAILURE);
   printf("Group/Direct Chat Server (Part-4) listening on port
%d...\n", PORT);
   while (1) {
        struct sockaddr in client addr;
        int new socket = accept(server fd, (struct sockaddr
*)&client_addr, &client_addr_len);
           perror("accept failed");
```



```
char ip str[INET ADDRSTRLEN];
        inet ntop(AF INET, &client addr.sin addr, ip str,
INET ADDRSTRLEN);
        char prompt[] = "Enter your name: ";
        send(new socket, prompt, strlen(prompt), 0);
        char name buf[USERNAME LEN];
        memset(name buf, 0, USERNAME LEN);
        ssize t name read = recv(new socket, name buf, USERNAME LEN
        if (name read <= 0) {</pre>
            close(new socket);
        name buf[name read] = ' \setminus 0';
        char *nl = strchr(name buf, '\n');
        pthread mutex lock(&lock);
        for (int i = 0; i < MAX CLIENTS; i++) {</pre>
            if (clients[i].active && strcmp(clients[i].username,
name buf) == 0) {
                taken = 1;
        pthread mutex unlock(&lock);
        if (taken) {
            char err msg[] = "Name already taken. Disconnecting.\n";
            send(new socket, err msg, strlen(err msg), 0);
            close(new socket);
```



```
pthread mutex lock(&lock);
            if (!clients[i].active) {
                index = i;
                clients[i].active = 1;
                clients[i].socket = new socket;
                strncpy(clients[i].username, name buf, USERNAME LEN
 1);
                strncpy(clients[i].ip, ip str, INET ADDRSTRLEN - 1);
        pthread mutex unlock(&lock);
            char err msg[] = "Server full. Disconnecting.\n";
            send(new socket, err_msg, strlen(err_msg), 0);
       printf("Client %s connected from IP %s (Socket %d).\n",
name buf, ip str, new socket);
        int *pindex = malloc(sizeof(int));
        *pindex = index;
       pthread create(&tid, NULL, client handler, pindex);
       pthread detach(tid);
    pthread_mutex_destroy(&lock);
```



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Client4.c

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <arpa/inet.h>
#include <sys/socket.h>
#include <netinet/in.h>
#include <pthread.h>
#define PORT 5003
#define BUFFER SIZE 1024
int sock;
void *receive messages(void *arg) {
   char buffer[BUFFER SIZE];
        ssize_t valread = recv(sock, buffer, BUFFER_SIZE - 1, 0);
        if (valread <= 0) {</pre>
            printf("Server closed connection. Exiting chat.\n");
            exit(0);
        buffer[valread] = '\0';
        printf("%s", buffer);
int main() {
   struct sockaddr in serv addr;
        perror("Socket creation error");
        exit(EXIT FAILURE);
```



```
serv addr.sin family = AF INET;
   serv addr.sin port = htons(PORT);
   if (inet pton(AF INET, "127.0.0.1", &serv addr.sin addr) <= 0) {</pre>
       perror("Invalid address");
       close(sock);
       exit(EXIT FAILURE);
   if (connect(sock, (struct sockaddr *)&serv addr,
sizeof(serv addr)) < 0) {</pre>
       perror("Connection failed");
       exit(EXIT FAILURE);
   printf("Connected to Group/Direct Chat Server (Part-4).\n");
   char prompt[BUFFER SIZE];
   ssize t valread = recv(sock, prompt, BUFFER SIZE - 1, 0);
   if (valread > 0) {
       prompt[valread] = '\0';
       printf("%s", prompt);
   char name buf[BUFFER SIZE];
   fgets (name buf, BUFFER SIZE, stdin);
   send(sock, name buf, strlen(name buf), 0);
   pthread t recv thread;
   pthread create (&recv thread, NULL, receive messages, NULL);
   pthread detach(recv thread);
   char buffer[BUFFER SIZE];
       memset(buffer, 0, BUFFER SIZE);
       if (!fgets(buffer, BUFFER SIZE, stdin))
```



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```
if (strncmp(buffer, "exit", 4) == 0) {
        send(sock, buffer, strlen(buffer), 0);
        break;
}
send(sock, buffer, strlen(buffer), 0);
}
close(sock);
return 0;
}
```

RESULT:

```
justmessinaround@localhost:~/Downloads/shivam$ gcc server4.c -o server4 && ./server4
Group/Direct Chat Server (Part-4) listening on port 5003...
Client shivam connected from IP 192.168.122.131 (Socket 4).
Client anish connected from IP 192.168.122.136 (Socket 5).
Client ruchir connected from IP 192.168.122.47 (Socket 6).
Client anish (IP: 192.168.122.136) exited.
Client david connected from IP 192.168.216.71 (Socket 7).
Client david (IP: 192.168.216.71) exited.
Client ruchir (IP: 192.168.122.47) exited.
Client anish connected from IP 192.168.122.136 (Socket 5).
Client shivam (IP: 192.168.122.131) exited.
Client anish (IP: 192.168.122.136) exited.
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Server shutting down. Closing all connections.
```

Server

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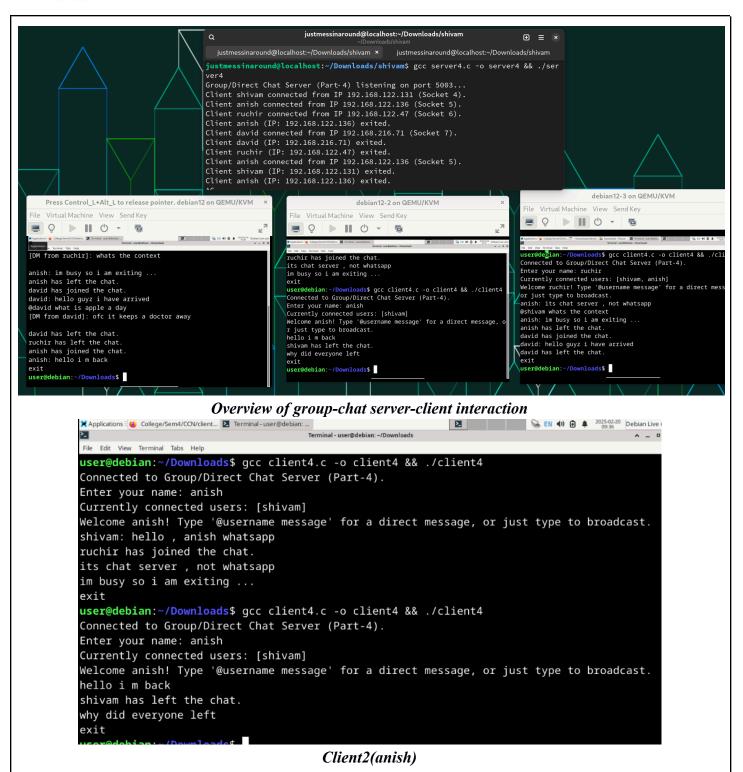
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 user@debian:~/Downloads$ gcc client4.c -o client4 && ./client4
Connected to Group/Direct Chat Server (Part-4).
Enter your name: shivam
Currently connected users: [None]
Welcome shivam! Type '@username message' for a direct message, or just type to broadcast.
anish has joined the chat.
hello , anish whatsapp
ruchir has joined the chat.
anish: its chat server , not whatsapp
[DM from ruchir]: whats the context
anish: im busy so i am exiting ...
anish has left the chat.
david has joined the chat.
david: hello guyz i have arrived
@david what is apple a day
[DM from david]: ofc it keeps a doctor away
david has left the chat.
ruchir has left the chat
anish has joined the chat
anish: hello i m back
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Client1(shivam)



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user@debian:~/Downloads$ gcc client4.c -o client4 && ./client4
Connected to Group/Direct Chat Server (Part-4).
Enter your name: ruchir
Currently connected users: [shivam, anish]
Welcome ruchir! Type '@username message' for a direct message, or just type to broadcast.
anish: its chat server , not whatsapp
@shivam whats the context
anish: im busy so i am exiting ...
anish has left the chat.
david has joined the chat.
david: hello guyz i have arrived
david has left the chat.
exit
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Client3(ruchir)

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justmessinaround@localhost:~/Downloads/shivam$ gcc client4.c -o client4 && ./client4

Connected to Group/Direct Chat Server (Part-4).
Enter your name: david
Currently connected users: [shivam, ruchir]
Welcome david! Type '@username message' for a direct message, or just type to broadcast.
hello guyz i have arrived
[DM from shivam]: what is apple a day

@shivam ofc it keeps a doctor away
exit
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Client4(david)

CONCLUSION:

In this experiment, I learned the basics of socket programming, implementing both group and direct chat in a client-server model. I used multi-threading, message broadcasting, and direct messaging to manage client communication. The server handled multiple clients simultaneously, ensuring smooth interaction through mechanisms like mutex locks to avoid race conditions. The client, on the other hand, used threads to continuously receive messages while allowing the user to send either group or private messages.