# NTUEE Embedded System Lab, Spring 2018 Homework 1

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### Note

This document is for https://github.com/amjltc295/Chatroom. For my teammate (電機三 b04901014 陳力維)'s work, please see https://github.com/b04901014/chatroom.

### **Feautures**

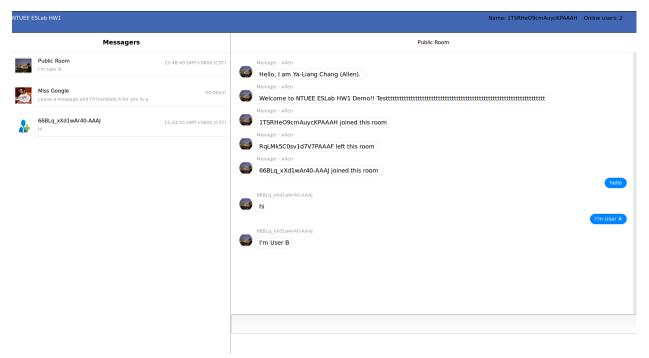
This is a Facebook Messenger style chatroom based on ReactJS.

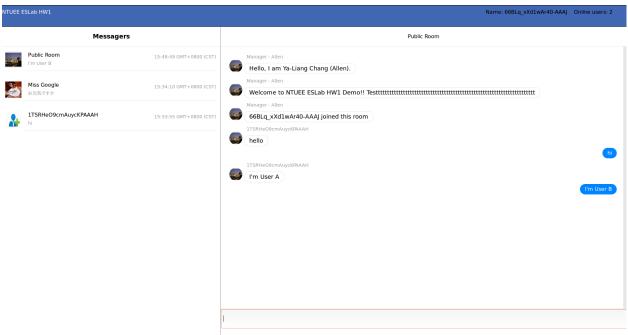
#### (a) Main Features

There are three main features: public room, Google translation and private conversation.

#### (1) Public Room

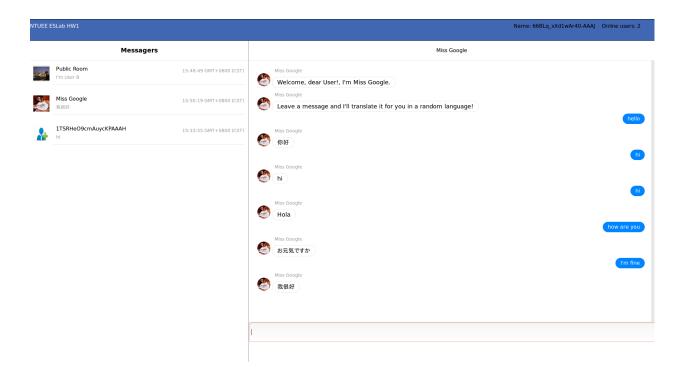
When users come to this page, they would see the public room with welcom message first. In this public room, users could talk to others. Everyone could see the message. Users joining / leaving this room would be reported by the Manager. Icons are the same (manager's) for all users because it could not yet be set, but their names are different.





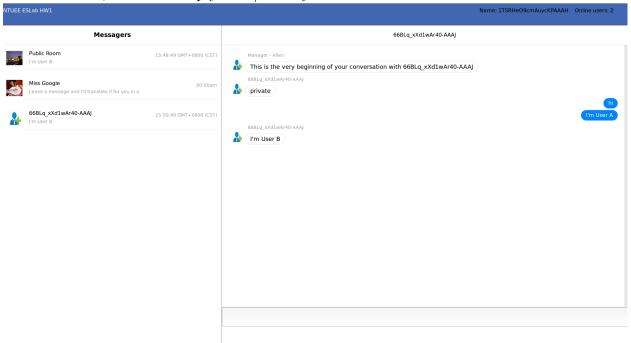
### (2) Google translation

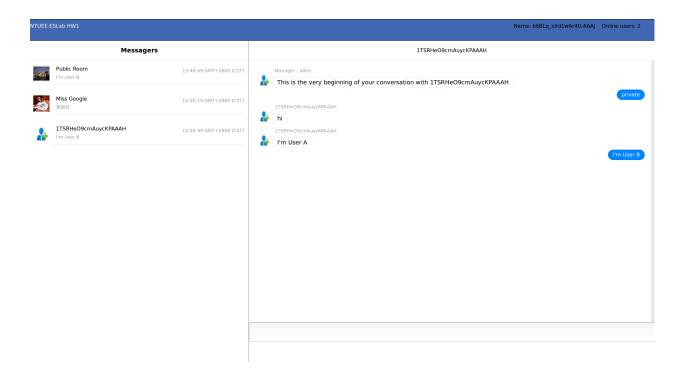
By clicking Miss Google in the Messagers list on the left, users could talk to Miss Google. Miss Google is a kind woman that would translate users' words to a random language. Japanese, Chinese, French, Spain ... you may find a interesting response.



#### (3) Private Conversation

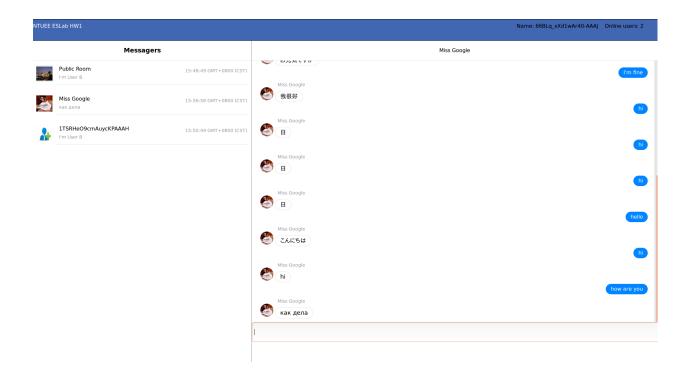
By clicking other users' icon in the public room, users could start a private conversation with a specific user. This conversation is private, which means other users could not see those messages. The one be clicked would see a pop-up thread from that user, and could reply him / her by that thread.





### (b) Other Details

- (1) User ID Each user has a unique user ID, shown on the top-right corner.
- (2) Automatic Scrolling
  When new messages appear or input message exceeds the bottom, the program
  will automatically scroll to the latest message.



- (3) Online User Number
  On the top-right corner, users could see how many users are online.
- (4) Message Time Message time is recorded and shown on the messager list.
- (5) User Icons User icons are displayed with their messages. However, users could not set their own icons; it is a feature to be developed. For now only Manager, Miss Google and New User icons are shown.
- (6) Deployment
  This program is deployed on Heroku (https://b03901014eslabhw1.herokuapp.com/messenger)
  Everyone could play with it!

## Program Structure

There are two main parts for this chat room: server and clients. It's a many (clients, chat room users) to one (server, chat room itself) system. Clients would send messages to the server, and the server would deal with these messages by sending them to other clinets or the client themselves after proper processing (translation for example).

#### (a) Communications

The communication between the server and clients is based on different events of SocketIO, which is a Javascript Library specifically for communication protocal between server / clients.

The server itself has only one component that deals with different socket events. The

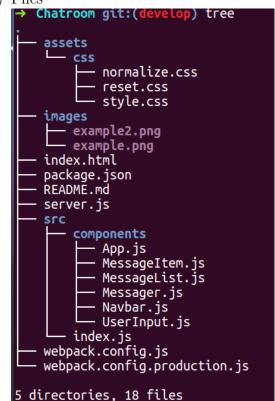
server listens to these events from clients and do corresponding reponese.

In the client part, App.js would contorl other components. For example, if there is a Enter event with new message, App.js would react immediately and send the new message to the server. If there are any changed, React would re-render the page (update all components). By doing so, new messages or events could be shown instantly.

#### (b) Process

After "npm start", server.js would be launched. Users could access the chat room by going to corresponding page (localhost:5000/messenger for local and https://b03901014eslabhw1.herokuapp.com/messenger for deployment.) All logic and rendering process are in the same page, because it's written in ReactJS!

(c) Files



- (1) assets/ CSS files for html style.
- (2) images/ Images for README.md.
- (3) index.html

Entry point for the chat room.

- (4) package.json Dependencies for npm.
- (5) README.md Readme file for GitHub.
- (6) server.js
  Server to deal with all message sending from clients (chat room users). SocketIO is used to handle those message. Google-translate-api is used for Miss Google. Other packages are used for API and web settings.
- (7) src/ Provides components for client user interface. App.js deal with main logic and rendering structure. Other .js files are for rendering as their names.
- (8) webpack.config Configuration for webpack.
- (9) node\_modules/ After running "npm install", npm modules would be put here.