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Usage:

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(TERMINAL 0)

\$ make all

\$ ./bankingServer 74361 <---this is the port number we have  
used-->

(TERMINAL 1)

\$ ./bankingClient cd.cs.rutgers.edu 74361 <---this is the machine and  
port number we used-->

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bankingAccount.c

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A method used to dictate actions that can be run by the user. Actions  
such  
as debit, credit, balance, open account, withdraw, deposit,  
and such are all accessible by the account. The accounts themselves  
are just structs  
that are held in an array of pointers by the server.

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bankingClient.c

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The client program takes in the machine's hostname and port number.  
The client will first  
attempt to connect with the server every 3 seconds until a connection  
can be made.  
The client then activates two simultaneous threads that  
both interact with the user. The first thread waits in the background  
and takes on  
any input that the user gives it. It then sends the input  
to the server. The other thread takes information from the server in  
response and  
displays that for the user. This design of front-end  
back-end helps keep everything organized when debugging, and also  
allows a far more  
efficient processing time. This also allows a constant  
exchange of information between the user and the server. That way, all  
the server  
can shut down the clients down during error.

If the user ever gives the input end, the client will close both threads and close out of the program. This will also send an indicator to the server to close down as well, as all threads connected to it are then terminated.

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bankingServer.c
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The server takes in the port number to start the client thread. The server's primary objective is to take and send input to the client program. It also keeps an array of pointers to all the accounts saved on the server. At first the server waits with a clientAccept method running to detect any clients connecting to it. It also gives status checks to the clients depending on whether there are any errors or not.

The server then waits for any actions sent by the client. Once an action has been sent, it goes to the action thread to determine what

action or command the user wants to use. The action command thread changes the information saved by the server such as balances,

accounts, and other static information. This method also keeps track of the mutex locking of the accounts for security. This works by setting

two arrays of both accounts and the mutexes for each of those accounts. This mutex also allows multiple users to perform similar actions at

the same time. For instance, changing the same data is prohibited since the mutex locks an account that is already in use.

In response to the server closing, the server goes through a linkedlist of connected

accounts and sends them each a flag to

end the clients. This multithreading process enables us to run multiple simultaneous

accounts at the same time.