Banking System Project Documentation

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1. Introduction

The Banking System is a client-server application developed using C++ and the Qt framework. It provides a secure platform for users to perform various banking operations and for administrators to manage user accounts.

1.1 Project Objectives

- Develop a robust client-server banking system
- Implement secure user authentication
- Provide basic banking operations for users
- Offer administrative capabilities for account management
- Ensure data integrity and system reliability

1.2 Key Features

- User and Admin login
- View account balance
- View transaction history
- Make transactions
- Transfer money between accounts
- Administrative functions (view database, create/delete/update users)

2. System Architecture

The Banking System follows a client-server architecture:

2.1 Server-side Components

• TCP Server: Handles client connections and requests

- Database Manager: Manages user and admin databases
- Request Processor: Processes client requests and generates responses
- Logger: Records system activities and transactions

2.2 Client-side Components

- GUI: User interface for login and banking operations
- Network Client: Manages communication with the server
- Request Manager: Formats and sends requests to the server
- Response Handler: Processes and displays server responses

3. Class Diagrams

[Insert the class diagram generated from the PlantUML code provided earlier]

3.1 Server-side Classes

- Server: Main server class handling connections and requests
- DatabaseManager: Manages database operations
- RequestProcessor: Processes various types of client requests
- Logger: Handles logging of system activities

3.2 Client-side Classes

- Client: Manages network communication with the server
- LoginWindow: Handles user authentication
- MainWindow: Main interface for user and admin operations

4. State Diagrams

[Insert the state diagram generated from the PlantUML code provided earlier]

4.1 Client Application States

- Not Connected
- Connecting
- Connected
- Logged Out
- Logging In
- Logged In (with sub-states: Idle, Processing Request)

5. Sequence Diagrams

5.1 Login Process

[Insert a sequence diagram for the login process]

5.2 Transaction Process

[Insert a sequence diagram for a typical transaction]

6. Database Structure

6.1 User Database (user_database.json)

```
"transactions": [
        {
            "account number": "123456",
            "amount": 100,
            "date": "2024-07-17"
        },
        {
            "account number": "123456",
            "amount": -50,
            "date": "2024-07-16"
        }
    ],
    "users": [
        {
            "account_number": "123456",
            "age": 25,
            "balance": 1000,
            "fullname": "User One",
            "password": "pass1",
            "username": "user1"
        },
        {
            "account_number": "234567",
            "age": 30,
            "balance": 2000,
            "fullname": "User Two",
            "password": "pass2",
            "username": "user2"
        },
        {
            "account number": "10201",
            "balance": 621525,
            "password": "2010",
            "username": "ali"
        }
    ]
{
    "admins": [
        {
            "username": "admin",
            "password": "adminpass",
            "account number": "admin001",
            "fullname": "Admin User",
            "age": 35
        }
    ]
```

7. API Documentation

7.1 Client-Server Communication Protocol

All requests and responses are formatted as strings with colon-separated values.

7.2 Request Types

LOGIN: username:password

GET ACCOUNT NUMBER: username

VIEW BALANCE: username

VIEW_TRANSACTION_HISTORY: username:count MAKE TRANSACTION: account number:amount

TRANSFER AMOUNT: from account:to account:amount

VIEW DATABASE: user type

CREATE_USER: user_type:username:password:account_number:initial balance

DELETE USER: user type:account number

UPDATE_USER: user_type:username:new password:new balance

7.3 Response Format

Responses are prefixed with the request type or status, followed by a colon and the response data.

8. User Guide

8.1 Logging In

Launch the client application
Enter your username and password
Select "User" as the user type
Click "Login"

8.2 Viewing Account Balance

Select "View Balance" from the dropdown menu Click "Send Request"

8.3 Making a Transaction

Select "Make Transaction" from the dropdown menu Enter the transaction amount Click "Send Request"

8.4 Transferring Money

Select "Transfer Amount" from the dropdown menu Enter the recipient's account number and the amount Click "Send Request"

8.5 Viewing Transaction History

Select "View Transaction History" from the dropdown menu Enter the number of transactions to view Click "Send Request"

9. Admin Guide

9.1 Logging In as Admin

Launch the client application
Enter your admin username and password
Select "Admin" as the user type
Click "Login"

9.2 Viewing User Database

Select "View Database" from the dropdown menu Click "Send Admin Request"

9.3 Creating a New User

Select "Create User" from the dropdown menu Fill in the user details (username, password, account number, initial balance) Click "Send Admin Request"

9.4 Deleting a User

Select "Delete User" from the dropdown menu Enter the username to delete Click "Send Admin Request"

9.5 Updating a User

Select "Update User" from the dropdown menu Enter the username, new password, and new balance Click "Send Admin Request"

10. Security Considerations 10.1 Password Handling

Passwords are currently stored in plain text. In a production environment, they should be hashed and salted.

10.2 Data Transmission

All data is currently transmitted in plain text. Implement SSL/TLS for secure communication in a production environment.

10.3 Input Validation

Implement thorough input validation on both client and server sides to prevent injection attacks and ensure data integrity.

11. Testing Strategy 11.1 Unit Testing

Implement unit tests for individual classes and methods using Qt Test framework.

11.2 Integration Testing

Test the interaction between client and server components.

11.3 System Testing

Perform end-to-end testing of all banking operations.

11.4 Security Testing

Conduct penetration testing to identify potential vulnerabilities.

12. Deployment Instructions 12.1 Server Deployment

Compile the server application using Qt Creator or gmake.

Ensure the database files (user_database.json and admin_database.json) are in the same directory as the server executable.

Run the server executable.

12.2 Client Deployment

Compile the client application using Qt Creator or qmake.

Distribute the client executable along with necessary Qt libraries.

Ensure users have the correct server IP address and port configured.

13. Future Enhancements

Implement multi-factor authentication

Add support for different types of accounts (e.g., savings, checking)

Implement a more sophisticated transaction history system

Develop a mobile application for the banking system

Implement real-time notifications for account activities

14. Conclusion

This Banking System project demonstrates a basic implementation of a client-server banking application using C++ and Qt. While it provides core functionality, there are many areas for improvement and expansion to make it production-ready.```