

Assignment 1

Objective: Implement a key-value store using socket programming.

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Purpose

Implement a key-value store using socket programming. The server implements the key-value store and clients make use of it. The server must accept clients' connections and serve their requests for 'get' and 'put' key value pairs. All key-value pairs should be stored by the server only in memory. Keys and values are strings. The server should be running on a designated port no. The server should support multiple clients and maintain their key-value stores separately. Comment on the port nos used by the server and the clients. Implement authorization so that only a few clients having the role "manager" can access other's key-value stores. A user is assigned the "guest" role by default. The server can upgrade a "guest" user to a "manager" user.

Code Organization and Implementation

Server

The `server.py` file contains the functions needed for accepting the client request and thereby generating a response. Each client is uniquely identified by its port number. When a client disconnects or connection times out, port number may be reused by another client. There can be 4 types of request by the client:

- **get <key>:** Returns the value associated with the `key` or returns `<blank>`
- **put <key> <value>:** Assigns the value `value` to the designated `key`
- **auth <username> <password>:** Authenticates the client using the `username` and `password` pair. If the client is successfully authenticated, the client gets `manager` privileges and can use `manage` command
- **manage <portnumber> <command> <options>:** This command is for authenticated users only, those who have successfully used `auth` at least once before. The `command` may be `get` or `put` and the options vary as per the command specified.

The server can accept multiple clients at the same time due to support via multi-threading approach. Each new client is served via a new Thread and the Thread stops either due to client disconnection or program termination.

Client

The client is contained in `client.py`. It contains only the basic functionality of reading the user input and sending it to the server.

Configuration

The configuration is contained in `config.py`. It contains the basic configuration details with the server's hostname, port numbers as well as the login details of the managers as a `key-value` pair.

Code Snippets

Authentication

```
return (username in config["managers"] and
        base64.b64decode(config["managers"][username]) == password.encode())
```

Multi threading

```
client, address = self.sock.accept()
client.settimeout(self.timeOut)
t = threading.Thread(target=self.listenToClient, args=(client, address))
self.threads.append(t)
t.start()
```

Sample Configuration

```
config = {
    "serverHostName": "localhost",
    "serverPort": 5000,
    "timeOut": 60,
    "managers": {
        "adam": b'YmlsbA=='
    }
}
```

Client Screenshots

Client 1

```
<socket.socket fd=3, family=AddressFamily.AF_INET, type=SocketKind.
SOCK_STREAM, proto=0, laddr=('127.0.0.1', 48106), raddr=('127.0.0.1
', 5000)>
input: get city
response: <blank>
input: put city Kolkata
response: Successfully set city as Kolkata
input: get city
response: Kolkata
input: bad command
response: Illegal command
input: get city
response: Mumbai
```

Client 2

```
<socket.socket fd=3, family=AddressFamily.AF_INET, type=SocketKind.
SOCK_STREAM, proto=0, laddr=('127.0.0.1', 48108), raddr=('127.0.0.1
', 5000)>
input: auth adam eve
response: Authentication success
input: manage 48106 get city
response: Kolkata
input: manage 48106 put city Mumbai
response: Successfully set city as Mumbai
input: get city
response: <blank>
```

Server Screenshot

```
Listening on...localhost:5000
('127.0.0.1', 48106) connected
('127.0.0.1', 48108) connected
('127.0.0.1', 48106) disconnected
('127.0.0.1', 48108) disconnected
^C
Stopping..waiting for clients to disconnect...may wait for at max 60 seconds
Bye 🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌
```

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