Final Project

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Abstract

This project is a bank simulator where you can create your own account, add, and withdraw money from the account. The bank simulator also allows multiple users to use this program at the same time in terms of creating accounts as well as operating their accounts.

The concepts I implemented in this project are networking, multi-thread, and database. The networking is completed by building a network communication between the client (front end) and the server (back end). The server is multi-thread so that it is capable of receiving and handling multiple connections at once. A database (DB) is implemented to store the account details and store/retrieve the changes. A GUI is also implemented for users to give instructions and receive feedback.



Figure 1. Server interface

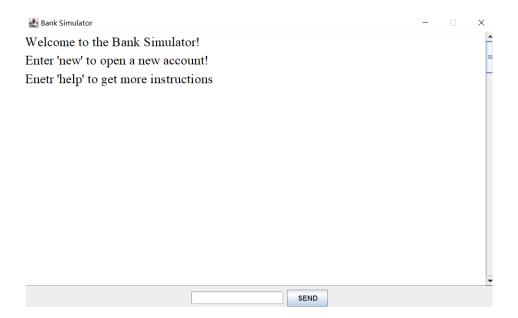


Figure 2. GUI of Bank Simulator

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Functions Description

Startup

1. Run BankServer.java to start the server. The server interface will show the time when the server is started in EDT time zone.



Figure 3. Initial Server Interface at Started

2. Run BankClient.java to start the client GUI where most interacts are executed. The detailed description of "new" and "help" will be discussed below at <u>Create Account</u> and <u>Instructions List</u>.

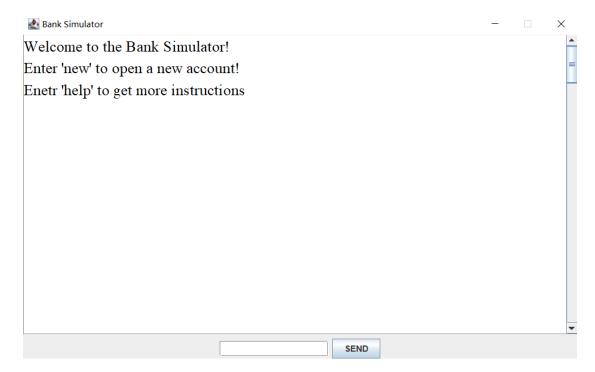


Figure 4. Initial GUI of BankClient

Instructions List

When typing in "help" to the server, detailed instructions will be provided to users for reference. Instructions that are not listed here are not acceptable and will not realize any functions.

Welcome to the Bank Simulator!

Enter 'new' to open a new account!

Enetr 'help' to get more instructions

User: help

Computer: Enter 'new' to create a new account

Enter 'account' to get detail of selected account

Enter 'add' to add money to selected account

Enter 'withdraw' to withdraw money from selected account

Figure 5. Detailed Instructions invoked by keyword "help"

Create Account

When user types in "new" in the text field and send it to the server, the server invokes createAccount() method to guide the user to provide information step by step. After finishing gathering information, the server will insert user's information to Registration table in the database.

User: new
Computer: Let's start! What is your account number?
User: 12345
Computer: What is your name?
User: Leon
Computer: What is your phone number?
User: 7784561111
Computer: What is your deposit in your account?
User: 10000
Computer: Information receivded. Account created. Thank you!
Your account number is 12345

Figure 6. Process of Create Account

Add Deposit

You have \$10000 in your account.

As listed in the instructions, when user send "add" to the server, the server invokes addMoney() method to allow user add desired value to selected bank account and change the value in "money" field in the database.

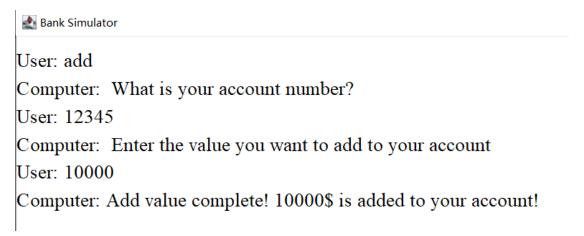


Figure 7. Process of Adding Money to Selected Bank Account

Withdraw Deposit

By tying and sending keyword "withdraw" to the server, withdrawMoney() method will be invoked. Same as adding money to the account, withdraw deposit has very similar process and outcome. But it is worth noting that the value withdrawn cannot be greater than the value in the selected account. In other words, deposit in a bank account cannot be negative to guarantee that it is conformity with the reality.

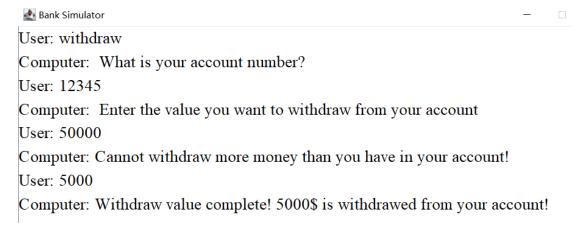


Figure 8. Withdraw Value from Selected Account

Account Details

Whenever users want to know the details of a certain bank account, they can type in "account" to invoke the checkAccount() method that returns the detailed information of selected account, such as account number, user's Name, phone number and deposit value.

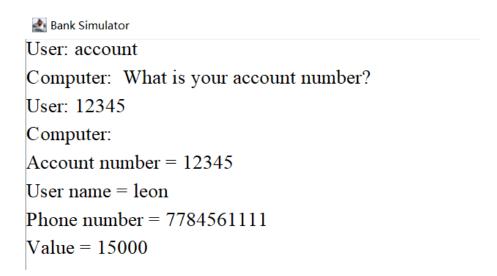


Figure 9. Selected Account Details

Additional Details

When communicating with the server, there are some restrictions to make sure that the program runs without errors.

Firstly, whenever server requires a numeric response (e.g. phone number, deposit etc.), if users provide response that is not numeric, the program will notify the users that the response is not acceptable.



Computer: Let's start! What is your account number?

User: lo

Computer: It is not number, please re-enter your account number.

User: number

Computer: It is not number, please re-enter your account number.

Figure 10. Providing Non-numeric Response when Creating Account Number

Secondly, when users send unknown instructions, the server will advise

that the instruction is not connected to any functions in this program and will require users to re-enter instructions.

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User: InfiniteMoney

Computer: No such instruction. Please try again.

User: BankRob

Computer: No such instruction. Please try again.

Figure 11. Non-acceptable Instructions

Conclusion

This project provides me a chance to study and implement the advanced Java concepts by myself. It is not only challenging when dealing with the difficulties during coding and debugging, but also fascinating because I was completely immersed myself in the journey of exploring and advancing.