CN Messenger Documents

1. User & Operator Guide

GUI:



Initial landing page, can select different mode to decide LOGIN or REGISTER

LOGIN



Once we have typed in username, and password, we can then press the login button to login.

If successfully logged in, it will show:



If it fails, it will show:



REGISTER



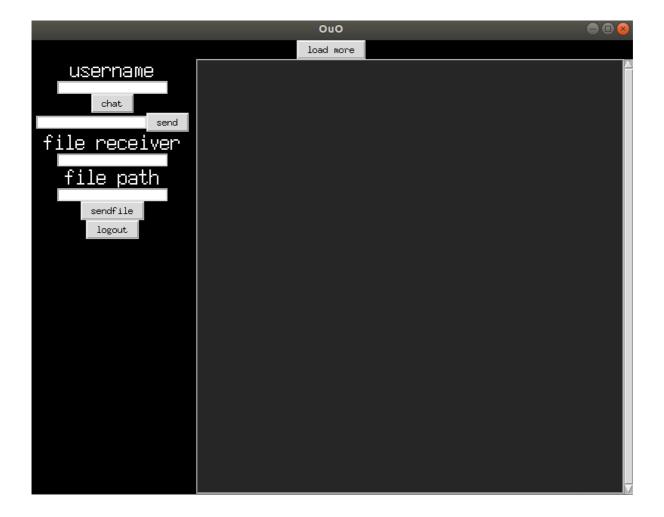
If successfully creates, it shows:



If it fails, it will show:



USER page



Protocal:

"->" means message from Client to Server. In contrast, "<-".

- Register: -> REGISTER \$name
 - If User Not registered: <- YES
 - Input password: -> \$password
 - If Register Success: <- GOODJOB
 - else: <- FAIL
 - else: <- FAIL
- Login: -> LOGIN \$username
 - If User Not Exist: <- No
 - elif User has Logged in: <- NO, user: \$Steve is already online
 - ∘ elif User Exist: <- нI
 - Input password: -> \$password
 - If password match: <- welcome
 - else: <- GO AWAY
- Get Message:-> GETMSG \$name
 - If Receiver not Exist: <- NOTEXIST
 - o elif: <- \$ChatFile.csv</pre>
- Send Message:-> SENDMSG \$receiver \$message

o <- Done

• Get File: ->``

Send File: ->

2. Instructions on how to run server & clients

Run server: python main.pyRun client: python client.py

3. System & Program Design

• Encryption:

- We use openssl to generate cert and key and use SSL in python standard library to make the connection secure.
- We hash password with hashlib.md5.
- Message & Information Storage
 - We use csv file and package panadas to retrieve, store chat & account's information.
 - There are 2 csv files storing

Accounts.csv

Username	hashed_pwd	IP	active
Bob	1f3870be274f6c49b3e31a0c6728957f	140.112.106.88	1
Apple	1f3870be274f6c49b3e31a0c6728957f	140.112.107.210	0

The chat room file for Bob and apple will be stored like,

Bob_apple.csv

No	Sender	Msg	A_read	B_read
1	apple	"Hello" world	1	1
2	Bob	"Hello, too"	1	0
3	Bob	"This is hard"	1	0
4	Bob	"I am tired"	1	0

Server side implementation:

Client Register

- param: (name,passwd)
- 1. Server checks for the following:
 - Existance → reject if already exist.
 - isOnline → Reject if already online.
 - Special characters → Reject if contains illegal chars.
- 2. If the above checking passes, create an entry within the Accounts.csv.

Client Log in

- param: (name,passwd)
- 1. Server checks for the following:
 - isOnline → Reject if true.
 - NotExist → Reject if true.
- 2. If the checking passes, Modify the active column in Accounts.csv for entry name.

The following actions assumes the client has logged in already.

Client Gets chat

- param: (receiver)
- 1. Server checks (receiver) for the following property:
 - Existance → reject if not exist.
- 2. If the above checking passes, a file called "sender_receiver.csv" will be created and stored in "storing" directory (replace sender, receiver with the actual name).
 - This will not happen, if the file exists already.
- 3. Returns the file in json format as follows:

Client Update chat

- param: (receiver,msg)
- 1. Server checks (receiver) for the following property:
 - Existance → reject if not exist.

2. If the above checking passes, "sender_receiver.csv" will be opened. Append the record into the file.

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[msg, sender, A_read, B_read]
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3. Set the sending side read state, either *A_read* or *B_read* to 1.

Client Gets file

- param: (name)
- 1. Server checks (receiver) for the following property:
 - Existance → reject if not exist.
- 2. If the above checking passes, server will look for file names with name being enclosed by underscores. Send the file(s) in byte stream if there exists one.
 - If name is BOB, then files like "S_BOB_something.blah" will all be returned.

Client Sends file

- param: (receiver,filename)
- 1. Server checks (receiver) for the following property:
 - Existance → reject if not exist.
 - isOnline → Reject if receiver is not online.
- 2. If the above checking passes, server will store the file(s) with "S_name" appended to the front of the filename.
 - For instance, if "Dan" wants to send file to "Bob" a file called "Rain.mp3", then there will be a file "S_Bob_Rain.mp3" stored in the server.

4. Other things you want to say, if any