

Chat System Approach

How to run:

- First run the docker to start the database: docker compose up -d
- Run the server using: npm run dev
- Run the client using: npm run dev

User flow:

- User starts with the login/signup page when entering the application
- User enters credentials (username and password)
 - Correct credentials -> enters the chats-main page
 - Else -> wrong credentials
- User can sign up
 - If username is taken -> refuse request
 - Else -> accept the new user and store then in the data base
- User can choose to login or sign up from same page
- In chats-main:
 - User can see all users and chat with any one of them
 - User send message and start life chat with any user

Features:

- **Implement user authentication: registration and login (JWT or OAuth).**
- **Allow users to start one-to-one real-time conversations.**
- **Enable sending and receiving text messages and images (image upload & storage).**
- **Inbox page: show active conversations and timestamps.**
- **Store users, conversations, and messages in the database.**

Future enhancements:

- Separate login and sign up and add more user information to sign up
- Make user able to start multiple communication with multiusers
- Allow user notification

Database structure:

User:

- Id
- Username
- Pass

Chat:

- Id
- User1
- User2
- Messages:
 - Sender_name
 - Time
 - Message
 - Message_type: text or image

Docker config:

- These configurations are set to adjust the database where we will save our *mysql* data

version: "3.9"

services:

mysql:

image: mysql:8.0

container_name: mysql_db

restart: always

environment:

MYSQL_ROOT_PASSWORD: mysql_root_password

MYSQL_DATABASE: mysql_db

MYSQL_USER: chat_system

MYSQL_PASSWORD: chat_system_password

ports:

- "3306:3306"

volumes:

- mysql_data:/var/lib/mysql

volumes:

Mysql_data:

Screenshots:

