Peer to Peer communication with Java

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Introduction : In this project, we have implemented the asked questions from project description. The project was implemented with Java version 11, it was written with IntelliJ IDEA version 2021.2.2 ultimate edition. We choose to implement the graphical user interface on JavaFx library, as repository manager, we use maven. The solution is implemented on the local network 127.0.0.1

File and Folder Structure : The two main sections of the project are the java folder and the resource folder, the java folder contains all the java class of the project while the resources folder contains all the fxml (interface) file. Moreover, we have two default folders fileDir and fileDir2, considered as the local directory containing the files of a peer. We use the Response.java class to bind all types of messages we want to return through the project. Config.java have the general constant for the project.

Project implementation

Interface : the project interface has a simple interface, divided into three sections, a configuration section where we configure the basic parameter for the peer, a request section where we perform all the main actions, the response section where we display the majority of responses from other peers.
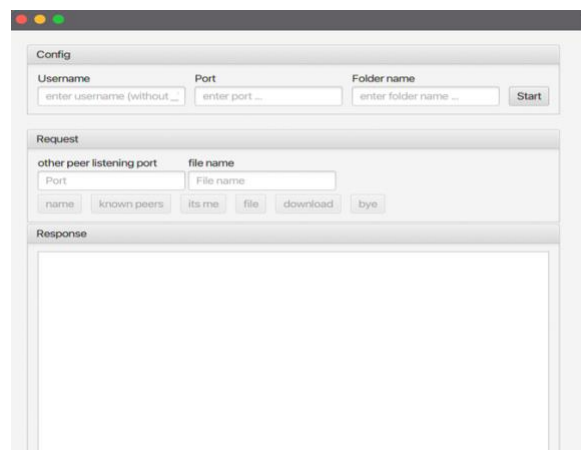

Lauching : To test the program, you can launch multiple instance with intellij idea by checking their internal option "allow multiple instance". When you start the program, provide the port that we have considered as the identity of the peer, the username and your desire folder directory for your current peer, then click start. This action will start the local server in order to listen to eventual other peer request in the class Server.java.
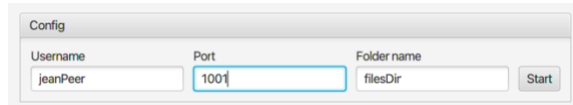
Name ? : For this action, you must give the port(peerId) you want to request and then click on the name action. We internally create a client object that is ready to send the message to the peer. We ask the peer for its name and display the response.
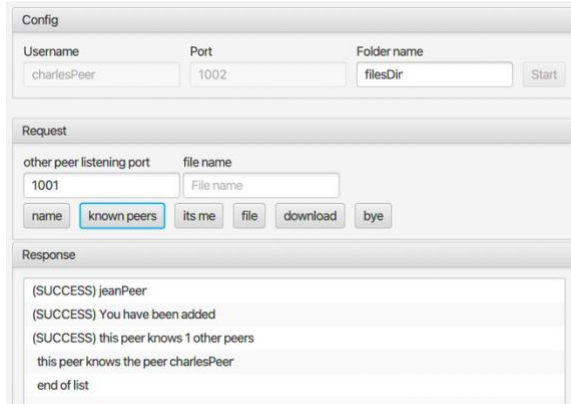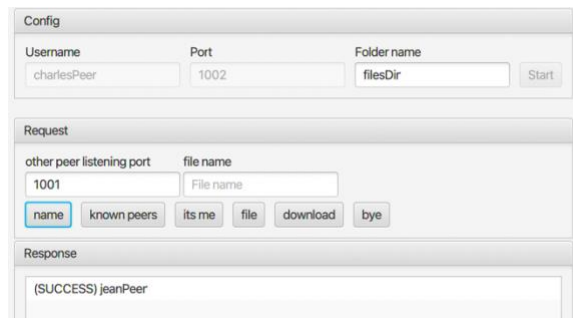

It's me ! : For this action, you must give the port(peerId), we ask the provided peer to register us in its internal database of known peers if it can, and then we display the response.
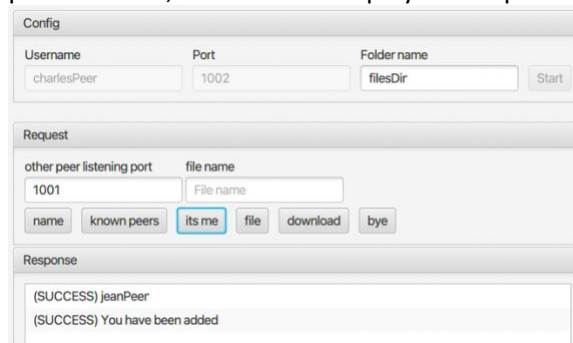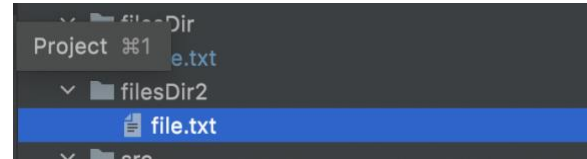
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Known peers ? : For this action, you must give the port(peerId), we ask the provided peer for the list of peers that it actually has in its database then we display the list.

Flaws : We had put little to no effort into field validation as they are not considered the main focus of the project. Please follow the instructions carefully to test all features without any problems. The voila message is displayed in the console. The by action is logged in the console.

File ? : For this action, additionnaly to the port field, you must provide the filename text field (with extension), we ask the provided peer if it has this filename in tis folder without expecting an immediate answer, in the peer server that we asked, if it doesn't actually have the file we requested, it send the requests to the other peers in its database, when a peer finds the file in its directory, it send a voila request to the original port (peerId) that requested the file, we use a counter to stop sending the request indefinitely.

Bye ? : For this action, additionnaly to the port field, we ask the provided peer to delete this current peer id from its database and ask each of the peers in its database to do the same.

Download : give filename and port to download a file, no log has been implemented for this action, verify your destination folder to make sure that file has been downloded successfully.