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Overview:

This Python script implements a simple server-client game using socket programming. The game is a variation of the classic Connect Four game, where two players take turns to drop pieces into a grid and attempt to connect four of their pieces in a row, either horizontally, vertically, or diagonally.

Server Side

Classes:

1. Game Server:

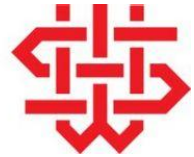
- This class represents the server that manages client connections and facilitates communication between clients.

Attributes:

- clients: A dictionary that maps client names to their socket and address.
- reverse_lookup: A dictionary that maps sockets to client names.
- direct_communications: A dictionary that maps client names to their direct communication partner.
- host: The IP address on which the server listens for connections (default is '127.0.0.1').
- por: The port on which the server listens for connections (default is 12345).
- sock: The server socket object.

Methods:

- __init__(self, host='127.0.0.1', port=12345): Initializes the server with the specified host and port.
- broadcast_clients(self, exclude=None): Sends a list of currently connected clients to all clients, excluding the specified client.
- handle_client(self, client, address): Handles communication with a client.
- run(self): Starts the server and listens for client connections.



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Functions:

1. initialize_game():

- Initializes the game board as a 7x6 grid with all slots set to 'None'.

2. print_game(game):

- Prints the current state of the game board to the console.

3. make_move(game, stack, player):

- Allows a player to make a move by dropping a piece into a specified stack.
- Returns **True** if the move is valid and **False** if the stack is full.

4. check_win(game):

- Checks the game board for a winning condition (four pieces in a row).
- Returns the winning player's number (**0** or **1**) if there is a winner, otherwise returns 'None'.

Execution:

The `__main__` block creates an instance of the **ChatServer** class and starts the server by calling the `run()` method.

Game Flow:

- Clients connect to the server and choose whether to play with the server or another client.
- If playing with the server, clients take turns making moves by selecting a stack to drop their piece into.
- If playing with another client, the server facilitates direct communication between the two clients, allowing them to play the game in real-time.

Note



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- The server handles multiple client connections concurrently using threading.
- The game logic for player moves, win conditions, and turn switching is implemented within the `handle_client()` method.
- Clients communicate with the server using simple text-based messages over TCP/IP sockets.

Client Side:

- **Game Initialization and Display:** The game board is initialized as a 7x6 grid (7 columns and 6 rows), where moves are represented by placing a player's marker in one of the columns. The board state is displayed in the console, with '-' indicating an empty space.
- **Making Moves:** Players take turns to make moves by sending the column number (0-based indexing) in which they wish to place their marker. The game checks if the move is valid (i.e., the chosen column is not full) and updates the board accordingly.
- **Winning Condition:** The game checks for a win condition after every move. A win is declared if a player manages to align four of their markers vertically in any column. Currently, the code only checks for vertical wins and does not consider horizontal or diagonal alignments.
- **Network Communication:** The game uses TCP/IP sockets for network communication. It connects to a server (expected to run at 127.0.0.1 on port 12345) and sends messages corresponding to player moves. It also listens for messages from the server in a separate thread, which could represent game state updates, moves made by the opponent, or other commands.
- **Error Handling and Game Flow:** Basic error handling is implemented, catching exceptions that might occur during network communication or input handling. The game loop allows for sending messages (moves) to the server and displays the updated board state after each move. The game ends if the player types 'exit', an error occurs, or the game reaches a draw condition (all positions filled without a winner).

Player vs Server

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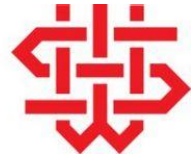


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```
Run server x
C:\Users\morad\AppData\Local\Microsoft\WindowsApps\python3.10.exe "C:\Users\morad\De:
Server listening on 192.168.1.219:5559
Server running...
Connection from ('192.168.1.219', 58681)

c1 x
C:\Users\morad\AppData\Local\Microsoft\WindowsApps\python3.10.exe "C:\Users\morad\De:
What is your name?
morad
Do you want to Play with me (server) or another client? Reply 'server' or 'client'
server
Choose difficulty level: 1. Easy 2. Hard
1
initial Game Board
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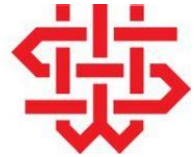


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```
Run server x c1 x
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Server Play (1)
Choose stack (0-6):
Server select: 5
Next Player is: 1
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0 -- -- -- -- --
0 -- -- -- 1 -
0 -- -- -- 1 -
Server Play (1)
Choose stack (0-6):
Server select: 4
Next Player is: 1
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0 -- -- -- 1 -
0 0 -- -- 1 1 -
Server Play (1)
Choose stack (0-6):
Server select: 2
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0 -- -- -- -- --
0 -- -- -- 1 -
0 0 1 - 1 1 -
Player 1 wins!
```

```
Choose stack (0-6):
Server select: 2
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0 -- -- -- -- --
0 -- -- -- 1 -
0 0 1 - 1 1 -
Player 1 wins!
```

Server Side notify Player 1 Wins



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Player1 vs Player2 :

The image is a composite of four screenshots showing the development and testing of a Connect Four game. The top half shows a Windows command prompt running a Python server, and the bottom half shows the same setup but with a client (c1) connected, displaying the game board and user input.

Top Left Screenshot (Windows Command Prompt):

```
C:\Users\morad\AppData\Local\Microsoft\WindowsApps\python3.10.exe "C:\Users\morad\De
Server listening on 192.168.1.219:5559
Server running...
Connection from ('192.168.1.219', 58798)
Connection from ('192.168.1.219', 58799)
```

Top Right Screenshot (VirtualBox Terminal):

```
morad@ubuntu1: ~/Desktop
morad@ubuntu1:~/Desktop$ python3 c1.py
What is your name?
morad
Do you want to Play with me (server) or another client? Reply 'server' or 'client'
client
Currently connected clients:
morad
Who do you want to communicate with?
momo
You are now in direct Play. Type 'exit' to end.
```

Bottom Left Screenshot (Windows Command Prompt):

```
C:\Users\morad\AppData\Local\Microsoft\WindowsApps\python3.10.exe "C:\Users\morad\De
Server listening on 192.168.1.219:5559
Server running...
Connection from ('192.168.1.219', 58874)
Connection from ('192.168.1.219', 58875)
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```

Bottom Right Screenshot (VirtualBox Terminal):

```
morad@ubuntu1: ~/Desktop
morad@ubuntu1:~/Desktop$ python3 c1.py
Who do you want to communicate with?
client
momo
You are now in direct Play. Type 'exit' to end.

Choose stack (0-6):
1

initial Game Board
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After Play Game Board
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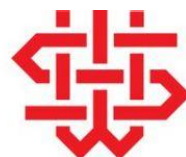
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