ASSIGNMENT 2 Multi-user chat system

Description of the code:

My folder consists of:

- 1. Server code
- 2. Client Code
- 3. Makefile

The communication method between the server and various clients chosen by me is Domain Sockets. The communication between the server and client takes place by giving the same path to both of them.

1. Server Code:

In this code, a socket is opened using *AF_UNIX* protocol. The code has an array of type client(a struct) which stores every new client requesting to connect to the server. There is an array of type *pthread_t* which stores every thread created to execute the *connect_clients* function. This function handles all the inputs given by the user. For reading the message, I have used *recv()* function to receive the message. Then, I compared if the string was '1' or '2' or '3' or '4'. After this, the further sub parsing according to the menu takes place.

2. Client Code:

This code also creates a socket using *AF_UNIX* protocol. Then the client is connected to server through *connect()* function. After this input is taken from the user based on the menu provided to them.

Makefile:

Makefile is created to compile server and client's code.

Compiling:

Use the *make* command on your Linux Terminal to compile the program using Makefile. Run the server code on one terminal, and all client code on different terminals.

Testing and Inputs to be given:

The user is displayed the menu as follows after successful socket creation, binding and listening:

- 1) Send a message to other client through client number
- 2) Send the message to all the clients
- 3) See available clients
- 4) Exit from the client

The user should give input as:

- "1 (Client Number) (Message to be sent)" to send the message to individual client through client number.
- "2 (Message)" to send the message to all the clients
- "3" to see the list of available clients
- "4" to Exit from the current client

Expected Outputs:

- If input was given as "1 (Client Number) (Message to be sent)", the user can see their message on the terminal of client whose client number is given.
- If input was given as "2 (Message)", the user can see message on all terminals of clients as well as a display on server that message has been sent to all the clients.
- If input was given as "3", the user can see all the available clients along with their IDs on server's terminal.
- If input was given as "4", the code for client would terminate on that terminal with "Exiting" message and on the server's terminal, display message on Connection broke as well as removal of client from the array takes place.

Error values and Interpretation:

Input errors:

- If an incorrect input is given by the user, an error message of "Incorrect Input given" is displayed.
- If the user enters the Client Number which is not available, "Incorrect Client number entered" is displayed.

Other errors:

- If there is an error in socket creation it is displayed.
- If there is an error in binding, it is displayed.
- If there is an error in listening in the sockets.
- If the file exists or not on which the socket is opened for the client side code.
- If there is an error in sending or receiving among the clients and server.

Images for the test cases and output:

