Documentation CSC 645 Computer Networks Final Project

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Summary of Project:

The point of this project was to create a client server protocol where we can communicate what we want from the server to the client or the user. The menu is sent from the server to the client and the client is the one that chooses what option they want to select. I designed my own protocol where I created a dictionary that would store headers such as the message, if an input is needed, and if we are using another protocol that is already on the client side like udp. This way I know how to process a response from the server properly if I need input from the user or if I just need to print something out on the client side.

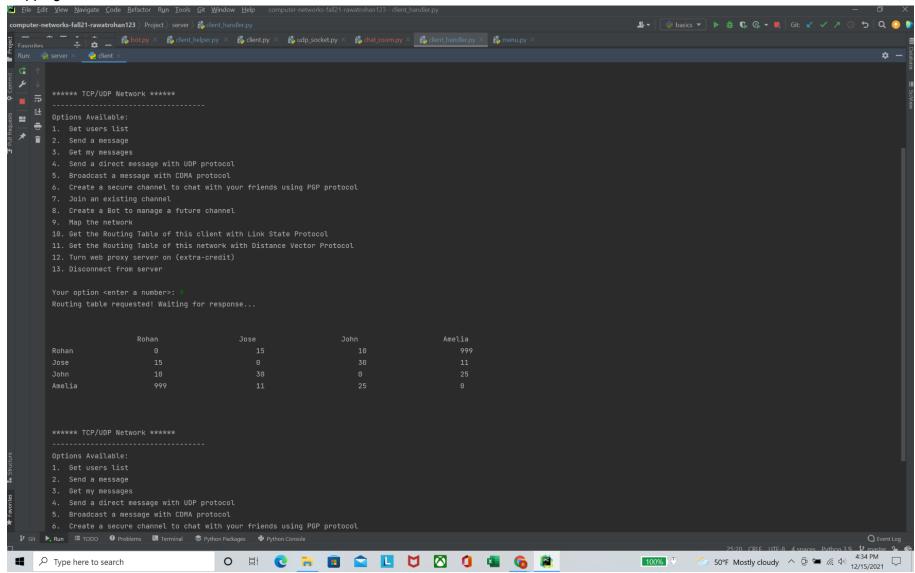
For the second part of this project, I had to implement a real-time chat using the PGP protocol. I was able to get it working but not get the bot working, however. Then, I had to implement mapping the network, the link-state protocol, and the distance vector protocol which I got working. Disconnecting the client from the server was very simple.

Challenges Faced:

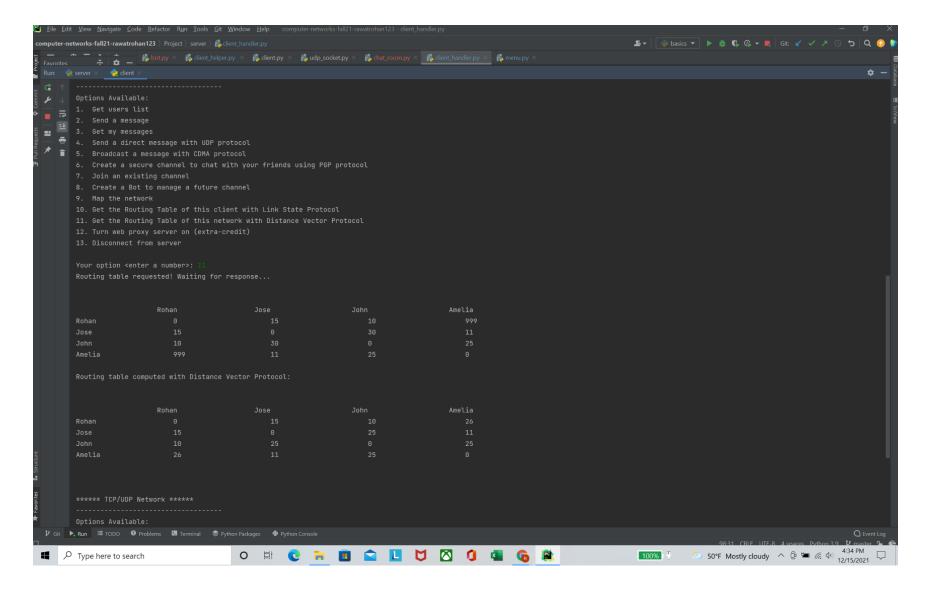
The second part of this project was a lot harder than the first. I struggled a lot with this project because I could not figure out how to shorten the message integer first of all. With the professor's help, I found out about the double modulo rule and implemented that into my logic. Then I was able to get PGP working for a certain length of messages. After, this I had a lot of trouble with the bot. I could not figure out how to implement some of the options but I had an idea for the first three. Then, I had to implement all the distance protocols. Mapping the network was extremely difficult and I spend a lot of time looking into this. I tried my best to find a way to calculate the distance between two nodes but could not figure it out. I looked into several things such as HZ to calculate distance but I always ended up back to square one. I asked the professor and he told me just hard code the values and focus on the link-state protocol and the distance vector protocol. I was able to implement these successfully. I definitely felt as if I could have done a lot better on this part of the project but it just required so much research on my part and I could not find the time for it this semester. But it definitely could have been doable by me.

Screenshots:

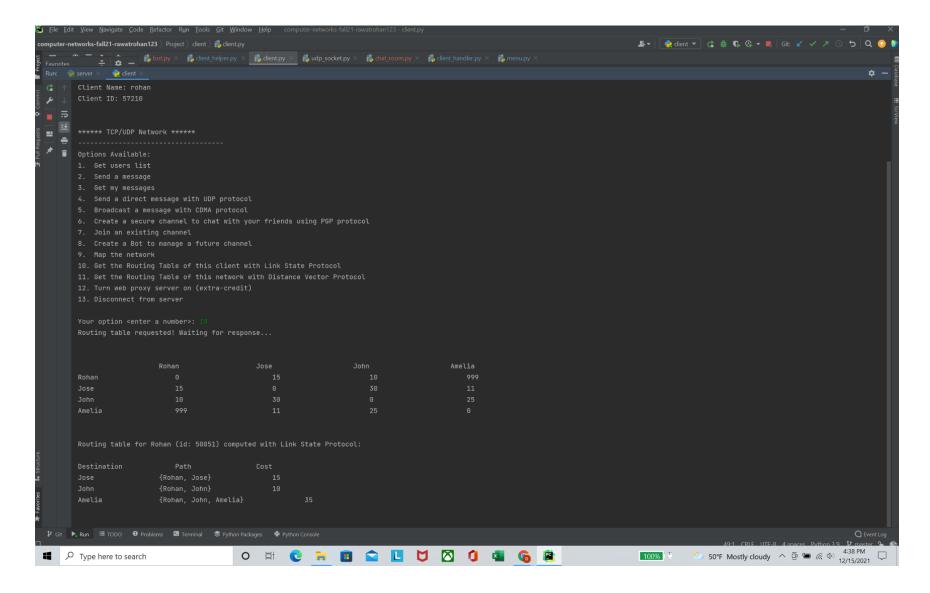
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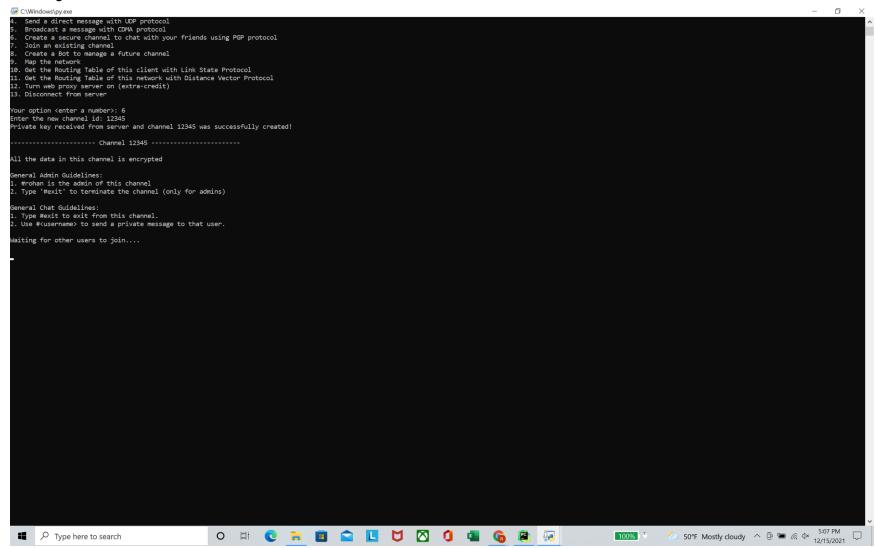
Distance Vector:



Link State:

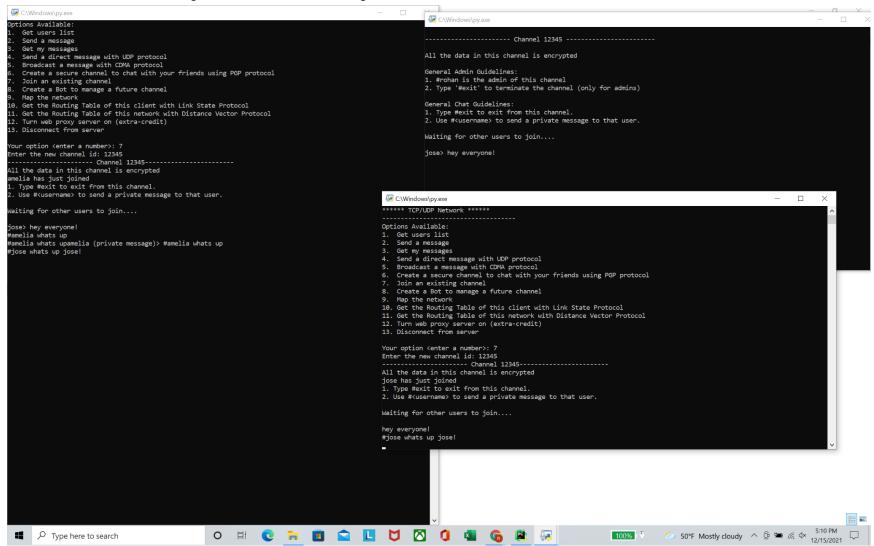


Creating the Chat:



Joining the Chat + Sending Messages:

Also Demo of Private messages and Broadcast messages:



Exiting Channels:

