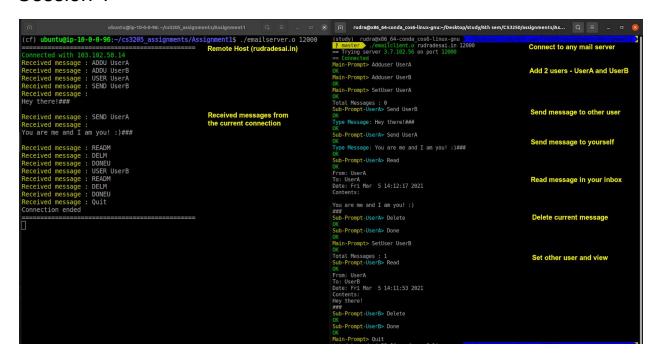
CS3205 Computer Networks A1 - Report

Note: All the sessions are performed on a remote server.

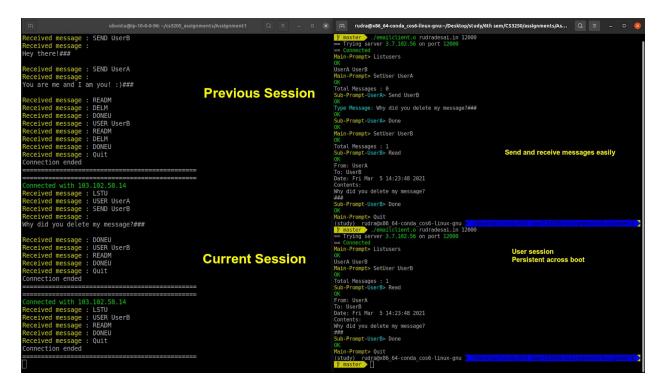
Session 1



Features:

- Connection to remote host (rudradesai.in in this case)
- Add 2 new users
- Send messages to other users
- · Send messages to yourself
- Read messages in your inbox
- Delete current messages
- Change users to see different inboxes
- Colors provide user experience.

Session 2



Features

- Data is persistent across user session reboots.
- Emails are not lost after the user session completes.
- Emails can be sent and received easily.

Session 3

Features

- Duplicate users cannot be created
 - User id is checked before each operation
- Mails cannot be sent to invalid users
- But, you can send a mail to yourself
- Commands received on the server are printed for debugging purposes.

Session 4

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| Connected with 103.102.56.14 | Received message: SEND UserA | Received message: DONCU | Receiv
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Features

- Data stays persistent across server sessions provided it exits cleanly
- Data stas persistent across user sessions provided it exits cleanly
- Note: if any of them crashes, then there is no guarantee of data safety

Session 5

Features

- Syntactically incorrect commands are rejected directly from the client and are not sent for processing.
- Semantically invalid commands are rejected by the server with an error message.

Extra Features

- Connection to any remote server using valid hostnames and not just ip addresses
 - o This was done using dns resolution in the client itself.
- Multi-line emails are supported for ease of use
- Linked list structure was implemented for better performance.
 - File read/write is done only at the end and beginning of the session to prevent unnecessary overheads
- Data remains persistent across client as well as server boots provided they do not crash and exit cleanly
 - Spool Files and other structs are used to load and store data.
- Added colors for better user experience.

Summary

- Implemented socket programming to send and receive messages from and to a remote server.
- All the errors are correctly figured out and displayed correctly.
- Added extra structures like linked lists to increase performance.
- File read/writes are minimized for better performance.
- Metadata is stored in a separate file which helps in faster retrieval of data.
- This assignment consisted of a lot of string manipulation which helped me learn C language in a better way.
- While looking at source code and documentation, I got to learn many new bugs and their corrections.
- This assignment also helped me to get an insight on how real email servers and client work