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Chat Messaging

Aim

To exchange message between server and client using message queue.

Algorithm

Server

- 1. Decalre a structure *mesgq* with *type* and *text* fields.
- 2. Initialize *key* to 2013 (some random value).
- 3. Create a message queue using msgget with key & IPC_CREAT as parameter.
 - a. If message queue cannot be created then stop.
- 4. Initialize the message type member of mesgq to 1.
- 5. Do the following until user types Ctrl+D
 - a. Get message from the user and store it in text member.
 - b. Delete the newline character in *text* member.
 - c. Place message on the queue using msgsend for the client to read.
 - d. Retrieve the response message from the client using msgrcv function
 - e. Display the *text* contents.
- 6. Remove message queue from the system using msgctl with IPC_RMID as parameter.
- 7. Stop

Client

- 1. Decalre a structure *mesgq* with *type* and *text* fields.
- 2. Initialize *key* to 2013 (same value as in server).
- 3. Open the message queue using msgget with key as parameter.
 - a. If message queue cannot be opened then stop.
- 4. Do while the message queue exists
 - a. Retrieve the response message from the server using msgrcv function
 - b. Display the *text* contents.
 - c. Get message from the user and store it in text member.
 - d. Delete the newline character in text member.
 - e. Place message on the queue using msgsend for the server to read.
- 5. Print "Server Disconnected".
- 6. Stop

Result

Thus chat session between client and server was done using message queue.