

PROJECT 4 PART 2: TWITTER CLONE

HOW TO RUN THE PROGRAM

Video Description -

<https://youtu.be/noxN0aTtiGs>

- Save the file on your system as twitter.erl
- The latest version of Erlang/OTP 25.1 is recommended.
- Run the erl command on your system to ensure it is installed correctly.
- Ubuntu or any other Linux based operating system is recommended.
- Move to the directory where the program is saved.
- Sudo make run
- *You might need to install `make -f erlang.mk bootstrap bootstrap-rel`

If the dependencies are not installed

- You can simulate multiple users on <http://localhost:8080>
- All the working functions have been displayed in the video description.

README REQUIREMENTS AND ANALYSIS

- What is working
We created a Twitter-cloning engine with a client simulator and all the functionality of the back end of a Twitter application for part 1 of this assignment. For this part, we implemented a WebSocket interface which includes an API calls for all the functions with necessary error handling. Parts of the engine and client code were rewritten to support this interface. The performance is detailed below.
- We included a demo video that demonstrates
 - (1) Postman is used to show JSON based API for all the functions
 - (2) Cowboy and Erlang frameworks were used for WebSockets
 - (3) Users utilizing WebSockets. This is also explained in detail below along with distributed implementation and the Pid's of the Users.

BONUS

The project since part 1 uses the sha256 authentication for the passwords.

The JSON replies for authentication are included in the video for the system sha256 challenge authentication.

The encryption and its use is described in detail below.

Description

Actor Model

The actors are users generated in the terminal and stored in a list in the engine. When they log in, this list is pulled and the password they registered, which is secured using SHA-256 encryption, is compared with the hashed password they entered to log in. If it matches, the user is able to send tweets, retweet, subscribe to users and hashtags, query the engine for tweets with particular hashtags or mentions, and receive the tweets they have subscribed to live.

Web Interface

This version of the twitter clone implements a real time web interface. We use Cowboy for this project, which is a web/server framework for the Erlang programming language for HTTP stack using TCP.

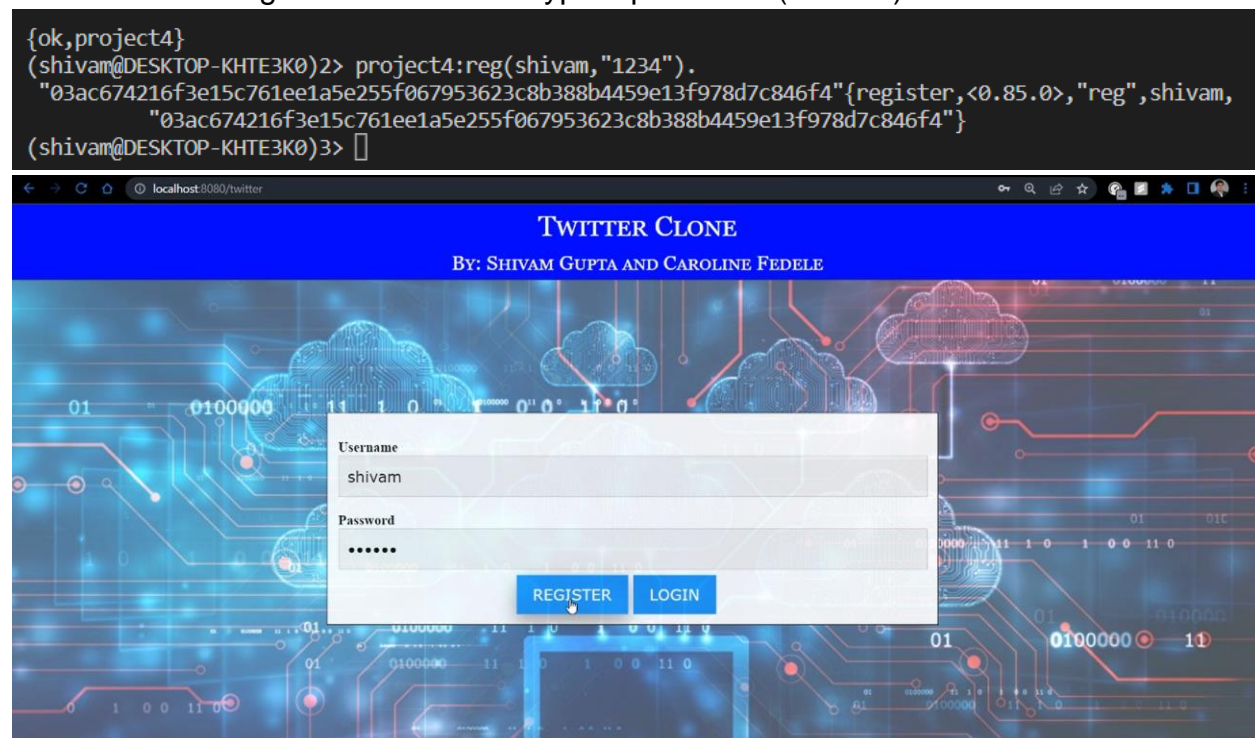
Run

- This program includes a Makefile so the process for running is shown below.

Functions

- Register Account
 - This is done with the **reg(Username, "Password")** where a new user is appended to the saved in the Users List generated in **server(User_List)**.

User1: Shivam registers with the encrypted password (sha256) stored for authentication.



localhost:8080/twitter

TWITTER CLONE

BY: SHIVAM GUPTA AND CAROLINE FEDELE

shivam

Sign Out

Followers Following

Tweet Follow Search

Live Feed

Tweet Here

Send Tweet

POST http://127.0.0.1:8080/ + ...

No Environment

http://127.0.0.1:8080/api/register?username=Shivam&password=123

Save

Send

Params Authorization Headers (7) Body Pre-request Script Tests Settings Cookies

Query Params

| | KEY | VALUE | DESCRIPTION | ... | Bulk Edit |
|-------------------------------------|----------|--------|-------------|-----|-----------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | username | Shivam | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | password | 123 | | | |
| | Key | Value | Description | | |

Body Cookies Headers (5) Test Results

Status: 200 OK Time: 15 ms Size: 189 B Save Response

Pretty Raw Preview Visualize JSON

```
1
2  "registered": true
3
```

Cookies Capture requests Runner Trash

- The user can then login using **login(Username, "Password")**, which first checks that the user exists and then checks that the hash of the password they gave matches the registered password (both encrypted using SHA-256).

User1: Shivam login after authentication logged_on message is displayed.

```
(shivam@DESKTOP-KHTE3K0)3> project4:login(shivam,"1234").
#{
  shivam =>
    "03ac674216f3e15c761ee1a5e255f067953623c8b388b4459e13f978d7c846f4"}true
(shivam@DESKTOP-KHTE3K0)4> logged_on
(shivam@DESKTOP-KHTE3K0)4> shivam
(shivam@DESKTOP-KHTE3K0)4> []
```

The screenshot shows a REST client interface with a POST request to `http://127.0.0.1:8080/api/login?username=Shivam&password=123`. The request body is empty. The response status is 200 OK, and the response body is `{"logged_in": true}`.

Request Details:

- Method: POST
- URL: `http://127.0.0.1:8080/api/login?username=Shivam&password=123`
- Query Params:

| KEY | VALUE | DESCRIPTION |
|--|--------|-------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> username | Shivam | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> password | 123 | |
| Key | Value | Description |

Response Details:

- Status: 200 OK
- Time: 21 ms
- Size: 188 B
- Body: `{"logged_in": true}`

- Subscribe

- This is done using the **follow(ToName)** function which first checks that the given username exists and then adds the current user to the username's list of followers.

Server Output: Updated Map that User2 now Follows User1

The image shows a web browser displaying a 'Twitter Clone' application and a REST client interface below it.

Twitter Clone Interface:

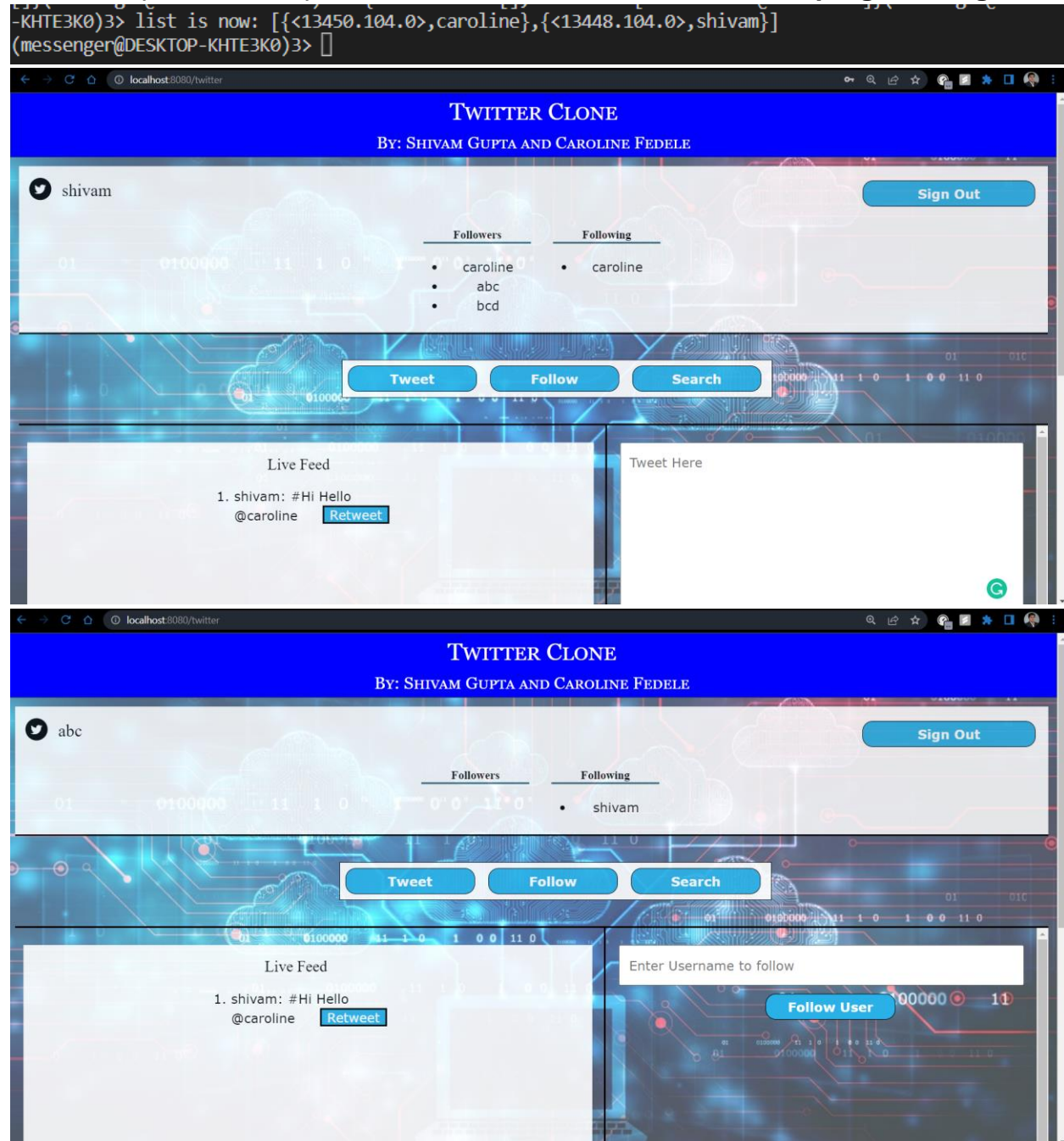
- Header: TWITTER CLONE, BY: SHIVAM GUPTA AND CAROLINE FEDELE
- User Profile: shivam (with a 'Sign Out' button)
- Followers: caroline, abc, bcd
- Following: caroline
- Buttons: Tweet, Follow, Search
- Live Feed: A placeholder for a tweet.
- Search: A search bar with 'caroline' entered and a 'Follow User' button.

REST Client Interface:

- Method: POST
- URL: http://127.0.0.1:8080/api/follow?=**shivam**&=**caroline**
- Params: shivam, caroline
- Status: 200 OK, Time: 13 ms, Size: 199 B
- Response: {"Response": "User followed!"}

- Send Tweet
 - This is done using the **tweet(Message)** function and updates the live feed for all those who are following this user. This additionally updates the list of tweets from this user which can be queried in the future.

Server Output: Different process id's for both users for **distributed programming**



POST http://127.0.0.1:8080/ + ... No Environment

http://127.0.0.1:8080/api/tweet?=Hi %23Hello @caroline Save Send

POST http://127.0.0.1:8080/api/tweet?=Hi %23Hello @caroline Send

Params Authorization Headers (7) Body Pre-request Script Tests Settings Cookies

Query Params

| | KEY | VALUE | DESCRIPTION | ... | Bulk Edit |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-----------------------|-------------|-----|-----------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | Hi %23Hello @caroline | | | |
| | Key | Value | Description | | |

Body Cookies Headers (5) Test Results Status: 200 OK Time: 17 ms Size: 198 B Save Response

Pretty Raw Preview Visualize JSON

```
1  
2 "Reponse": "Tweet is Live!"  
3
```

POST http://127.0.0.1:8080/ + ... No Environment

http://127.0.0.1:8080/api/getTweets?=shivam Save Send

POST http://127.0.0.1:8080/api/getTweets?=shivam Send

Params Authorization Headers (7) Body Pre-request Script Tests Settings Cookies

Query Params

| | KEY | VALUE | DESCRIPTION | ... | Bulk Edit |
|-------------------------------------|-----|--------|-------------|-----|-----------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | shivam | | | |
| | Key | Value | Description | | |

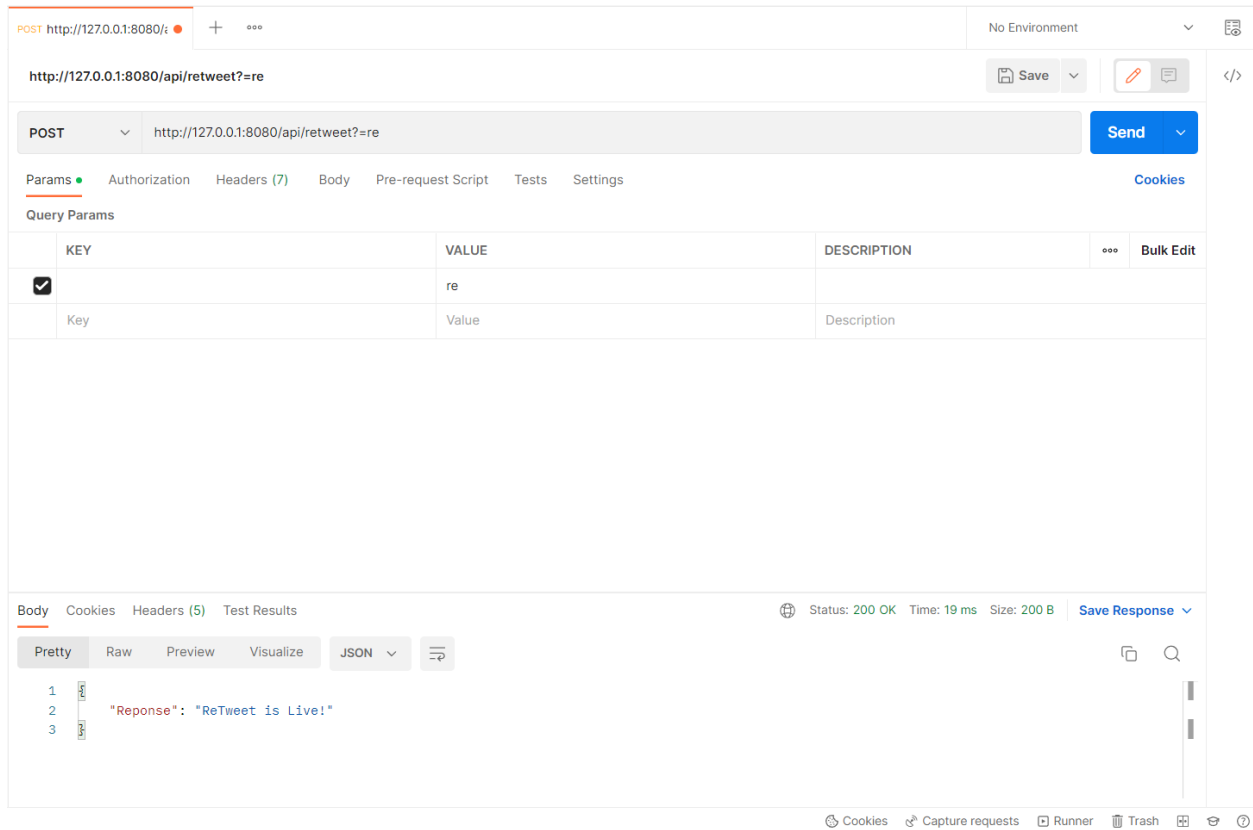
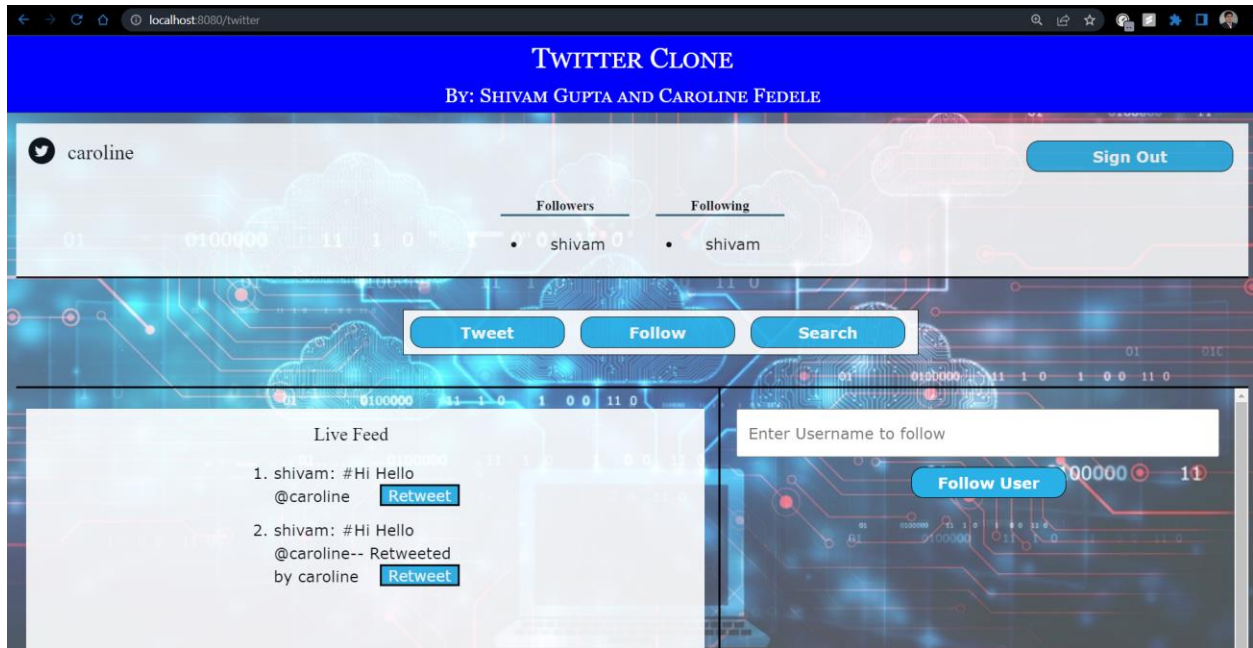
Body Cookies Headers (5) Test Results Status: 200 OK Time: 36 ms Size: 275 B Save Response

Pretty Raw Preview Visualize JSON

```
1  
2 "Tweets": [  
3   "Hi #Hello @caroline",  
4   "Hey @shivam it's a lovely day",  
5   "Feels Great #DOSP"  
6 ]
```

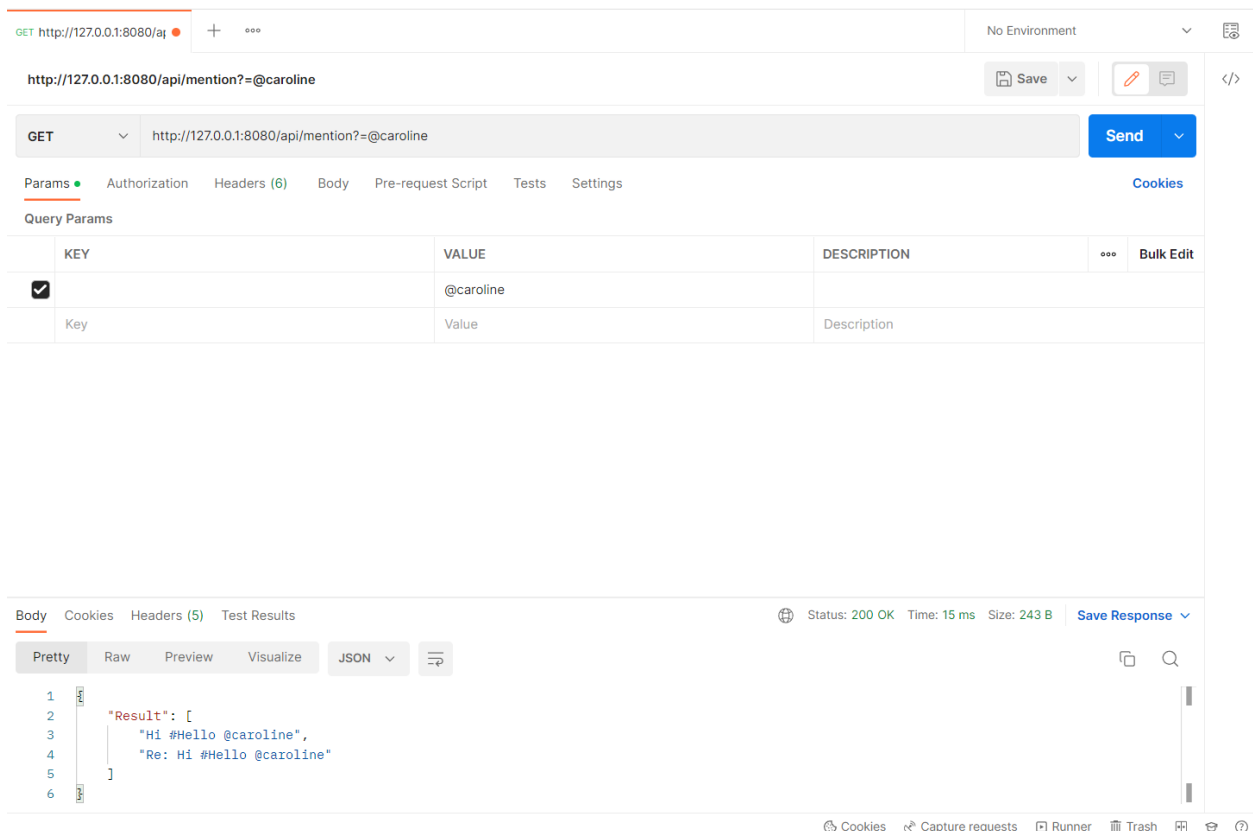
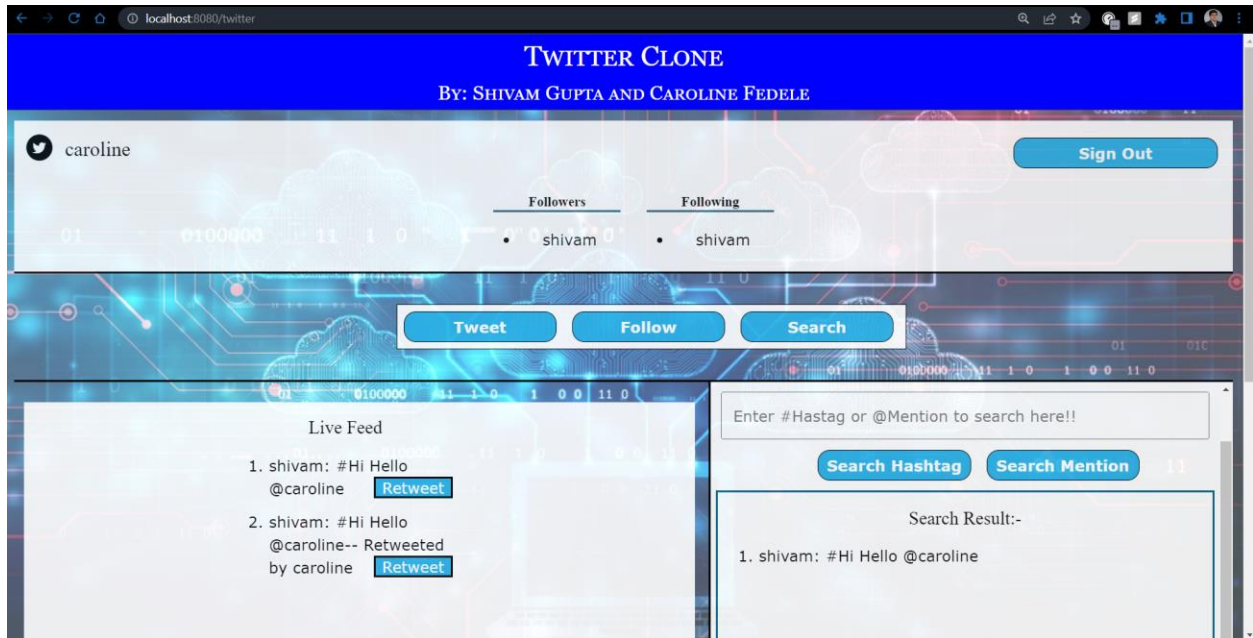

- Re-tweet

- This is done using the **retweet()** function and updates the user's list of tweets as well as the followers of this user with the new tweet.



- Mention

- This is done using the **mention()** function which first checks that the given username exists among the tweets and then displays all the tweets in which the user is mentioned who queried.



- Search Tweets for Hashtags

- This is done in **search(Query)** and allows users to search by hashtag or substring of a hashtag and returns tweets that match the criteria.

The image shows a web browser displaying a 'TWITTER CLONE' application and a REST Client tool showing the API response for a search query.

Twitter Clone Interface:

- Header: TWITTER CLONE, BY: SHIVAM GUPTA AND CAROLINE FEDELE
- User Profile: caroline (Avatar: Twitter bird icon)
- Buttons: Sign Out, Followers, Following
- Following List: shivam
- Actions: Tweet, Follow, Search
- Live Feed:
 - 1. shivam: #Hi Hello @caroline [Retweet]
 - 2. shivam: #Hi Hello @caroline-- Retweeted by caroline [Retweet]
- Search Bar: Enter #Hashtag or @Mention to search here!!
- Search Buttons: Search Hashtag, Search Mention
- Search Result:
 - 1. shivam: #Hi Hello @caroline

REST Client Interface:

- URL: http://127.0.0.1:8080/api/search?=%23Hello
- Method: GET
- Query Params:

| KEY | VALUE | DESCRIPTION |
|-------------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | %23Hello | |
| Key | Value | Description |
- Status: 200 OK, Time: 15 ms, Size: 243 B
- Response Body (JSON):


```

{
  "Result": [
    "Hi #Hello @caroline",
    "Re: Hi #Hello @caroline"
  ]
}
      
```

- Server keeps on updating the API's used

```
User Registration API called
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User Registration API called
Logout User API called
Login User API called
Subscribe API called
Subscribe API called
Subscribe API called
Subscribe API called
Tweet API called
Retweet API called
Hashtag Querying API called
Mention Querying API called
[19:29:55 INF] WebSocket disconnected SocketError ConnectionAborted
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