

# **Report Projectwork: Chat TCP in C**

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## **Task**

Implementation of a simple chat in C.

The architecture must be client server and the communication must be implemented with sockets. Client must connect to the Server to communicate with other Clients.

Each Client is identified by username.

The Server must manage connections and allows the exchange of messages between Clients.

A Client can also broadcast a message to all active Clients connected to the Server.

# **Software Environment**

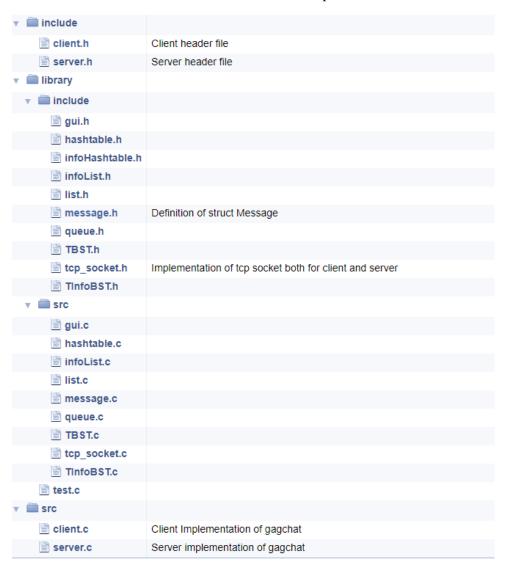
Distributor ID: Ubuntu

Description: Ubuntu 20.04.3 LTS

Release: 20.04 Codename: focal

## File List

Here is a list of all documented files with brief descriptions:



# **Communication Protocol**

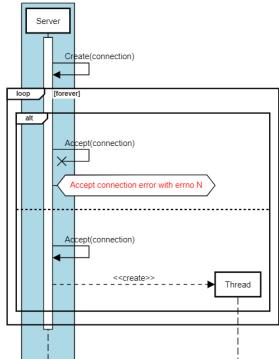
The communication protocol is characterized by the exchange of Messages between Client and Server. The basic message sent by parties is characterized by three params:

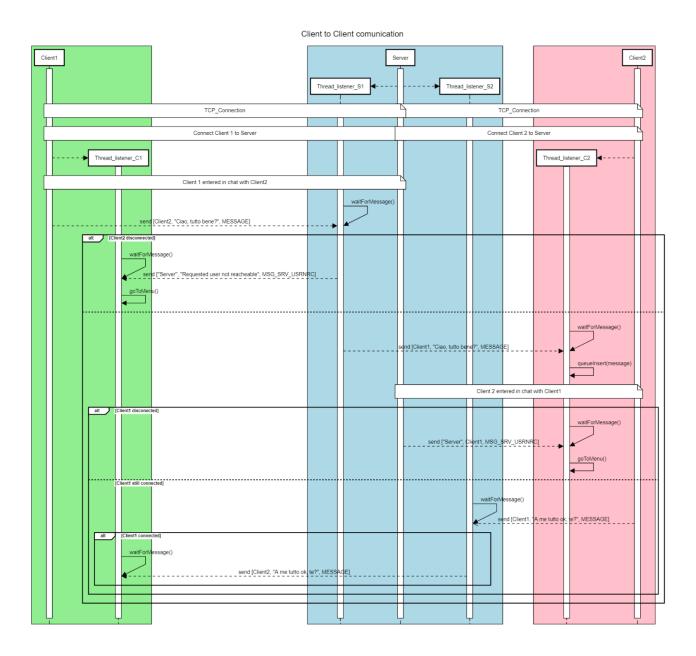
- user (string): the username string.
- text (string): the text string.
- code (int): a control code exchanged by parties, to simplify communication between client and server. There are many different codes:
  - o **MESSAGE**: Normal Message directed to specified user.
  - o MSG\_CLI\_CREATE: Request for creating a new user (specified by user).
  - o MSG\_SRV\_USRACK: User is accepted by the server.
  - o MSG\_SRV\_USRNCK: User is NOT accepted by the server.
  - o MSG\_SRV\_USRNRC: User is NOT reachable from the server.
  - o MSG CLI LSTUSR: Client request for the available list of users.
  - o MSG\_SRV\_AVLUSR: Available user for client (specified by text).
  - o MSG\_CLI\_USR: Client request user is available.
  - o MSG\_SRV\_USR\_IS\_AVL: Server response "user is available".
  - o MSG\_SRV\_USR\_IS\_NAVL: Server response "user is not available".
  - o MSG\_SRV\_NEW\_USR: New user logged.

The protocol is simple. Clients connects to the server and needs to specify first his desired Username. If the server notice that the username is already present, it sends a message MSG\_SRV\_USRNCK, otherwise it sends MSG\_SRV\_USRACK message. When Client receives the USRACK message, he can perform three types of queries to server:

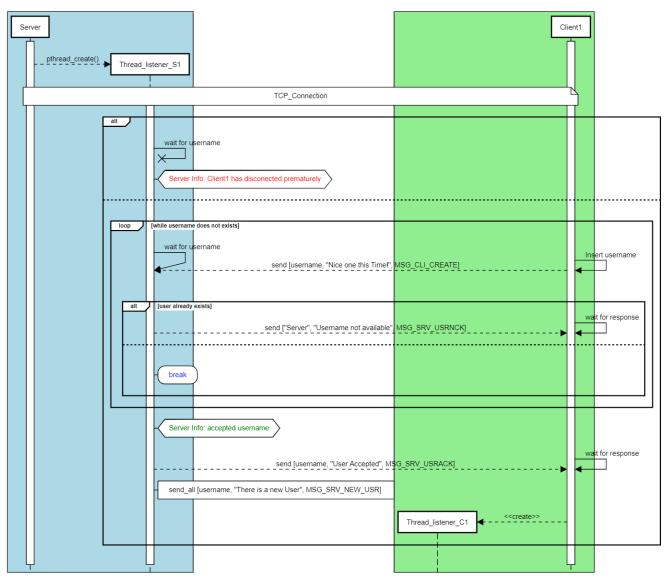
- MSG\_CLI\_LSTUSR message: client ask to server to show its list of users. Server answers with n SG\_SRV\_AVLUSR messages (with n number of users)
- MESSAGE: Normal Message directed to specified user.
  - o If the specified user is represented by keyword **all**, server sends the message to all connected Users.



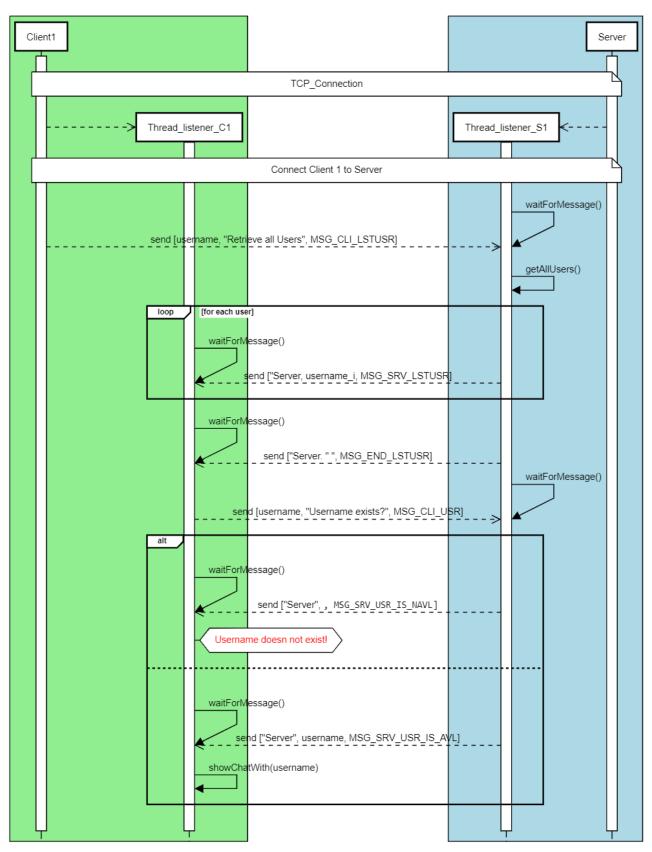




#### Connect Client1 to Server



#### Client enter in a chat with another Client



#### **Documentation**

For the code documentation, see the attached file refman.pdf.

## How To Run

- 1. Extract the project on a generic dir.
- 2. Launch the command make.
- 3. ./server command to execute Server
- 4. ./client ip command to execute Client.
  - a. Ip must be a valid ip address. If you are running client on the same machine as server, run ./client 127.0.0.1

# **Demo Interfaces**

Client username insertion.

Client interface for commands.

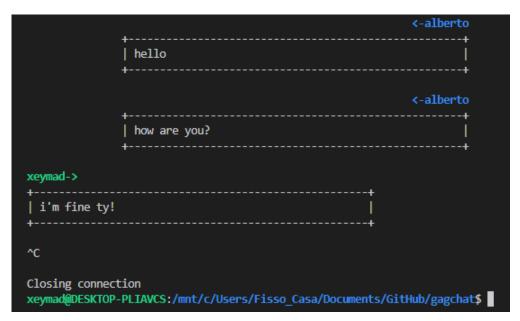
#### Server visualization.

```
xeymad@DESKTOP-PLIAVCS:/mnt/c/Users/Fisso Casa/Documents/GitHub/gagchat$ ./server
Server running...waiting for connections.
[ServerInfo]: request with connection fd 4
mario: Nice one this time!
[ServerInfo]: accepted username mario
[ServerInfo]: request with connection fd 5
alberto: Nice one this time!
[ServerInfo]: accepted username alberto
[ServerInfo]: request with connection fd 6
giuseppe: Nice one this time!
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[ServerInfo]: accepted username giuseppe
[ServerInfo]: request with connection_fd 7
xeymad: Nice one this time!
[ServerInfo]: accepted username xeymad
User -> giuseppe: Retrieve all Users code: 5
[ServerInfo]: request with connection fd 8
gianluca: Nice one this time!
[ServerInfo]: accepted username gianluca
User -> giuseppe: Retrieve all Users code: 5
User -> giuseppe: Retrieve all Users
                                       code: 5
User -> gianluca:
                   code: 8
User -> gianluca: ciao code: 0
User -> gianluca: come stai
                               code: 0
User -> xeymad:
                      code: 8
User -> xeymad: hello code: 0
User -> xeymad: how are you?
                               code: 0
User -> alberto:
                      code: 8
User -> alberto: i'm fine tv! code: 0
User -> all: code: 8
User -> all: Good morning everyone! code: 0
User -> giuseppe: Retrieve all Users
                                       code: 5
User -> all: code: 8
User -> mario: code: 8
User -> xeymad:
                        code: 8
[ServerInfo]: Disconnecting user alberto
User -> xeymad: Retrieve all Users code: 5
```

Client send to all. Everyone will receive a message from Mario.

#### Client to Client communication.

Client "alberto" disconnects while communicating with client "xeymad". Client xeymad will automatically retrieve the full list of users



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