# **Assignment Report**

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## Part 01: Language requirement and environment setup

Language	Python
Version	3.7.3 for VLAB , 3.8.10 for Local PC
Libraries Requirement	Socket, threading, pickle, datetime, time, sys, os

# Part 02: Program design

There are 2 main sections in this assignment design --- Server and Client.

The server starts a new ClientThread when there is a user login. In the ClientThread, there defines many selffunctions in format "process\_\*\*\*\*\*\*\*()", which can process different client command and cases. In the run() of ClientThread, there is a while loop which can continuously receive and send message with the client.

#### 2)

The Client has 4 different classes - (PrivateSendThread, PrivateReceiveThread, SendThread, ReceiveThread). The SendThread and ReceiveThread are the main part which process all the user input and server reply. For the p2p section, Client will start up with its own "PrivateSendthread" and "PrivateReceiveThread", and extra socket connected to the target client. This can allow the client to send-receive to all the private tunnels and also to the server.

# Part03: Data Structure design

#### Client:

#### Global variables

Variable Name	Туре	Description
message_send	Message (defined in Message.py)	save message that need to send via
		Client socket
message_received	Message (defined in Message.py)	save message that received by Client
		socket
confirm_wait	Boolean	True: when there is requester asking for
		private messaging.
		False: when there is no private
		requester
requester_list	List of string	list of private messaging requester
username	String	Client username
password	String	Client password
private_send_thread_list	List of PrivateSendThread	Send_Threads for all private messaging
	(defined in TCPClient3.py)	tunnel
private_receive_thread_list	List of PrivateReceiveThread	Receive_Threads for all private
	(defined in TCPClient3.py)	messaging tunnel

#### Server

# Global variables

Variable Name	Туре	Description
UserData	Dictionary	Load data from credential.txt, update
	format: {user: passwd,}	when new user login.
OnLine_list	List of tuples	Data of online_users, update when login
	format: [(user, login_time),]	or logout
Log_history	List of tuples	Data of user log history, only update
	format: [(user, login_time),]	when login.
login_blocked_list	List of tuples	Information of blocked accounts and
	format: [(user, TimeThread),]	relevant Timers.
clientThread_list	List of ClientThread	Store all the ClientThreads
blocker_list	Dictionary	The unidirectional relationship of
_	format: {user: [blocked_users],}	blocking
stored_message_list	Dictionary	All stored messages and their target
	format: {user: [messages],}	users

(Note: for the local variables, please check the relevant code, the variable names can explain its role)

Part 04: Application layer message format

```
ServerMessageType(Enum):
                                                                                                           Message(object):
if __init__(self, content, message_type):
                                                     FRROR = -100
ARGUMENT ERROR = -2
                                                                                                             self.type = message type
LOGIN USERNAME = 0.1
                                                     REQUEST_NEWUSER = 101
                                                     REQUEST_NEEDPASSWORD = 102
                                                                                                         def getContent(self):
    return self.content
LOGIN NEWPASSWD = 0.3
                                                     ANNONCEMENT = 103
MESSAGE = 1
                                                     TIMEOUT = 104
                                                     ACCOUNT BLOCK = 105
                                                                                                             return self.type
                                                     ASK_FOR_PRIVATE_CONNECTION = 106
UNBLOCK = 6
                                                     SEND REQUESTER SOCKET ADDRESS = 107
                                                                                                               _init__(self, content, reply_type):
                                                                                                              self.content = content
                                                     SETUP_PRIVATE_SENDERTHREAD = 108
                                                                                                              self.type = reply type
STARTPRIVATE = 8
TELL_TARGET_USER_SETUP_PRIVATE_SENDERTHREAD = 8.1
                                                     STOP AND DELETE PRIVATE = 109
                                                                                                          def getContent(self):
                                                     STOPPED PRIVATE CONFIRM = 110
                                                                                                              return self.content
STOPPRIVATE PRIVATE STOPPED = 10.1
                                                                                                          def getType(self):
                                                     LOGOUT_ANNOUNCEMENT = 111
                                                                                                              return self.type
```

For the Message Types of Clients and Server, They are all defined in the Message.py

As the diagrams shown, there are 19 MessageTypes and 12 ServerMessageTypes. The Message class are the packet that send from Client to Server, and ServerMessage class is the packet that send from Server to Client. Both of them have two self-functions to get the message content and message type.

# Part 05: How the system work

### Client:

#### Non-P2P Command:

In the client, the user input will be processed by the main SendThread, and the server reply will be processed by the main ReceiveThread. All the command and replies will be classified based on its MessageType or ServerMessageType, and then process in different if-statement cases.

#### P2P Command:

For the p2p commands, once the SendThread get user input as a p2p command, it will look through the private\_thread\_lists and process this command with the relevant PrivateThreads or send it to the server to ask target client making private messaging tunnel. The PrivateSendThread take the role of private message sending, and the PrivateReceiveThread take the role of private message receiving.

#### Server:

For the server, as the diagrams shown, similar to what happened in client, the server will receive the client message and then process via different MessageTypes. And there is no process function for the "private" command cause the private message go through the private socket in client, while for "startprivate" and "stopprivate" commands, the server will help the message forwarding and communication between two clients.

For the third image, it shows how server will be working like. As it processing the messages, it will also print information with different flag in the terminal.

