

Exercise Sheet 2

Deadline: May 31, 2022 – 04:00 am CEST

Exercise 1 (UDP chat server and client)

In this exercise you will develop a chat server and the corresponding client application using UDP as transport layer protocol.

Protocol Format

All messages follow the following protocol format:

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Version			Message Type								Message ID																				
Payload Length																															
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All protocol fields are sent in **network byte order**. The **Version** field of client and server *shall* match. If they do not match the receiver *may* discard the packet and send a NAK. The **Message Type** can contain the following values:

- 0x01 - LOGIN
- 0x02 - MESSAGE
- 0x03 - ACK
- 0x04 - NAK
- 0x05 - LOGOUT

The **Message ID** of a response *must* be identical to the **Message ID** of the corresponding request. Requests may pick a random number for the **Message ID**. The field **Payload Length** specifies the entire size of the following **Payload**. The content of **Payload** depends on the used **Message Type**:

LOGIN and LOGOUT: The payload contains a string to identify the client as **CLIENT_ID**.

MESSAGE: The payload may contain up to two strings where the first one contains the receiver **CLIENT_ID** and the second optionally contains the message to be sent.

ACK and NAK: The payload must be empty.

Each string is represented by its **Length** and **Content**:

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

Length
Content

Protocol Flow

Messages of type `LOGIN` and `LOGOUT` *must not* be accepted by a client. Messages of type `ACK` and `NAK` *must* be discarded if no corresponding request using the same `MESSAGE ID` has been sent before. All messages of type `LOGIN`, `LOGOUT`, and `MESSAGE` *must* be answered with a message of type `ACK` or `NAK`. All erroneous are answered with a message of type `NAK`, all valid messages return an `ACK` message. If a server receives a message of type `MESSAGE` which contains two strings, it *must* store the content of the messages.

Implementation hint: You can store the messages in a file with the `CLIENT_ID` as filename. The function `getline()` can be used to read from a file line by line. This function can also be used to read a line from `stdin`. Alternatively, you can write messages bitwise into the file using `write`.

If a server receives a message of type `MESSAGE` which contains only one string, it *must* check whether a message for the requesting client has been stored and send this message back to the requesting client as message type `MESSAGE`. Messages *may* be delivered in a reversed order. The server *must* discard all messages of type `MESSAGE` if the given `CLIENT_ID` is not currently logged in (i.e., send a message of type `LOGIN` before, after the last `LOGOUT` message). The server *may* remove existing messages for the given `CLIENT_ID` upon reception of a `LOGOUT` message. A client *must* discard any unsolicited message of type `MESSAGE`.

1. Implement a server application which expects the UDP port to listen on as command line parameter, e.g., `./udpchatserver <PORT>`.
2. Implement a client application which expects three command line parameters: the address of the server, the port of the server, and a command. The command can be either `login`, `logout`, `send`, or `receive`.
 - If the client application gets called with `login` or `logout` it shall request the `CLIENT ID` from the user via `stdin`.
 - If the client application gets called with `send` it shall request the `CLIENT ID` from the user via `stdin` first and the message itself next.
 - If the client application gets called with `receive` it shall send the message to server immediately.