**Team 17 Results, Anonychat**

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The main goal of our project was to create an Anonymous chat program to allow users to communicate with each other anonymously. We have defined several metrics that determine how successful we were in creating this protocol. These metrics include, but are not limited to, the travel time of messages sent, an appropriate encryption scheme, and ensuring that peers are distributed appropriately.

Our implementation uses a central name server to distributed peers. In order to maintain the proper operation of our name server, we need to ensure that the server does not get overloaded and can no longer process requests. To ensure this we tested the load that each additional client added to the server and compared it against our goal of having a linear increase.

As our chat program relies on a distributed approach to send messages between clients, we needed to verify that the algorithm in use by the name server is distributing the peers appropriately. Each client will have a route to each other client and there will be no orphaned clients. We tested the algorithm and compared it against our goal of each client having a path to another, and the clients not being isolated.

We have also tested the transfer time of messages between clients. As this is a chat program it is essential that the time it takes for messages to be sent from one client to another is not drastically increased by the enhanced security and anonymity. We have a set a goal of having the message communication not be more than five times the time it takes for direct communication between clients. Essentially we expect every client to be within five hops of other clients.

We have also verified the encryption of our messages to ensure that the content of them stays private. To do so we have encrypted the messages with AES and are using public / private keys to encrypt the AES encryption key. This ensures that the messages can only be opened by their intended recipient.