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PROJECT SYNOPSIS Privacy-First P2P File Sharing Network

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Privacy-First P2P File Sharing Network

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Project Stream: Networking and Data Privacy

Problem Statement: Traditional P2P file-sharing systems are vulnerable to surveillance, censorship, and advanced attacks. This project aims to build a privacy-first, decentralized file-sharing network that resists such threats.

Novelty: The project integrates secure protocols, metadata obfuscation, and decentralized architecture into a unified system — featuring chunk-level encryption to ensure even partial data remains unintelligible without full reconstruction.

Objective:

- 1. Set up a basic P2P network with Distributed Hash Table (DHT) for decentralized peer discovery.
- 2. Implement secure file transfer with chunk-level data encryption to prevent unauthorized access to partial files.
- 3. Introduce metadata obfuscation and basic traffic masking to conceal file details and improve privacy.

Scope of the Project:

- Societal Impact: Promotes private, secure, and censorship-resistant file sharing.
- Sustainability: Decentralized content sharing reduces reliance on centralized servers.
- Market Analysis: Rising demand for privacy-first, secure file-sharing platforms.
- **Future Scope:** Quantum safe encryption for future protection.

What contribution would the project make to society?

Empowers users with a secure, resilient, and privacy-driven file-sharing network that safeguards against surveillance and emerging threats.

Hardware & Software to be used:

- **Hardware:** Standard computing devices with multi-core processors and network adapters.
- **Software:** Python/C++ for development, liboqs for advanced encryption, Kademlia DHT library, Wireshark for traffic analysis.



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