Working Prototype Known Problems Report

Product: BackupBuddies
Team: Free Cloud Backups

Known Problems:

Unclear storage slider functionality:

- Description: Allocating a storage amount less than the amount you are currently hosting does not remove the files, rather it resets the max amount you can store.
- Inputs: Sliding the slider below the amount that the user is currently storing
- Location: Network.java could be made to choose existing files for deletion
- Solution: Implement a function that dynamically chooses files to delete based on to be determined
 Criteria.

Connecting to a new network opens an exponential amount of Connections:

- Description: When introducing a new peer to the network, the new peer checks for connection availability for each other peer in the network.
- Inputs: Connecting to a network that already has multiple peers on it
- Location: Network, Peer, NotifyNewPeer
- Solution: Only connect to a set of users when sending or retrieving files.

Firewall stuff

- Description: Many networks are configured with firewalls that block connections
- Inputs: Connect to a peer that is protected by a firewall
- Location: The user's network configuration
- Solution: if both peers get a NotifyNewPeermessage at the same time, they'll both try to connect. This is basically TCP hole punching. It can sometimes fail.

File Upload is implemented synchronous and blocks, sometimes causes freezes with very large files:

- Description: When uploading a file, the GUI freezes until the file upload is complete. If the file fails to upload completely, the GUI will stay frozen.
- Input: Selecting a peer and uploading a file.
- Location: Interface.java, Network.java
- Solution: Move upload functionality of the GUI thread, and add locking as needed to avoid data races

Event log scrolls to the bottom when new events are added:

- Description: Events added to the log will snap the scrollbar to the bottom, not allowing the user to see the new event.
- Inputs: When performing any action that displays to the log, (uploading, downloading, setting the encryption password, etc)
- Location: GuiMain.java, line 145-151
- Solution: Set the scroll bar to only move when the user clicks on it, even if new events are added.

Pop-up warning for the slider pops up only once on click when not connected to a network:

- Description: The actionlistener stateChanged() fires in different circumstances for different operating systems.
- Inputs: Before connecting to a network, allocate different storage sizes multiple times after being warned no change has been made.
- Location: GuiMain.java, line 595-608
- Solution: Write a custom action listener that is more consistent across operating systems