OpenDrop

OpenDrop is a synchronizer application of a local cabinet with a remote cabinet data base where the user information is stored.

The application consists of two elements

- The client
- The server

The client

- Inputs
 - o working directory: Directory to be monitored
 - Username and Password
 - remote server information
 - scan interval (k)
- Functions
 - Scan working directory for changes with a given interval k
 - Valid types of changes:
 - New files added
 - Removed files
 - Files changed
 - Store current changes
 - Output
 How to store information?
 - Directly save objects of file disks
 - Connection to a data base

The client scenarios

- Basic case
 - User starts session
 - Loads information from remote cabinet
 - Download the remote content
 - Start monitoring working directory
 - if a change is detected synchronize remotely with the server

Notes:

Consider in which cases we could get a deadlock or how many processes do we need to handle the current monitoring synchronize actions with the client.

The Server

- Has directory where there are the cabinets for each user
- Has a database with the following information about the users
 - o username
 - o password
 - o user folders path
- Receives a request from user to update its cabinet

Questions

What will the mechanism to receive request from client , and what types of requests?