



IMPLEMENTATION OF PGP

Enabling a Secure Communication System

• INTRODUCTION

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LITERATURE SURVEY

S.no	Author	Year	Techniques / Methods	Drawbacks
01	S. Khan, F. et. all	2022	Advancement in Vehicular Public key Infrastructures. (VPKI)	Implementation is relatively hard.
02	Mauro Barni. et. all	2023	Digital WatermarkingRobust HashingSteganography and SteganalysisBiometrics	Challenges in adapting to rapid technological advancements, such as deepfakes and synthetic mediaNeed for evolving legal frameworks to manage technological advancements and prevent misuseBalancing the benefits of new technologies with privacy concerns and potential misuse
03	Jingwei Jiang. et. all	2024	Quantum-Resistant Password-Authenticated Symmetric Searchable Encryption (QPASE)Lattice-Based CryptographyThreshold Oblivious Pseudorandom Function	Challenges in adapting traditional cryptographic schemes to post-quantum environments
04	Jingwei Jiang. et. All	2024	Quantum-Resistant Password-Protected Secret Sharing (PPSS)Lattice-Based CryptographyQuantum-Resistant Data Outsourcing	Challenges in ensuring robustness against various quantum computing attacksPotential performance trade-offs compared to non-quantum-resistant schemes

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05	V.G. Karantaev. et. all	2023	Implementation of Cryptographic Measures in Digital SubstationsSecure Inter-Network Communication for IEC 61850-8-1 (MMS) Protocol	Challenges in effectively securing digital communication protocols used in highly automated substations
06	Vincenzo De Angelis. et. all	2022	Digital Health (eHealth) Innovation and ChallengesIntegration of 6G Wireless Networks in Healthcare	Existing network infrastructures may not fully support the digitalization of healthcare.
07	Cristian Bermudez Serna. et. all	2023	Post-Quantum Cryptography (PQC) for Shared Mutual Authentication (SMA)Implementation of Kyber Algorithm in SMA	Kyber-based SMA requires more random bytes and has a longer execution time compared to baseline mechanisms.
08	Mi Song, Ding Wang	2024	Two-Factor AuthenticationAttribute-Based Password Authenticated Key Exchange (AB-PAKE)Flexible and Fine-Grained AuthorizationPrivacy Preservation and Dynamic Access Control	Although the protocol is round-optimal and reduces pairing operations, its implementation and management of storage devices could be complex.

Problem Finding

Our literature survey highlighted several critical issues:

1. **Inadequate Encryption Implementation:** Many systems lack robust encryption, leaving sensitive data exposed to unauthorized access and breaches. Proper encryption is crucial for protecting data confidentiality during transmission and storage.
2. **Risk of Data Manipulation:** Without effective encryption, data is vulnerable to manipulation and tampering. This can compromise the accuracy and reliability of information, impacting decision-making and operational integrity.
3. **Insufficient Integrity Checks:** Many systems do not employ adequate integrity verification, making it difficult to detect unauthorized changes. This vulnerability increases susceptibility to attacks such as phishing, where attackers can deceive users into compromising sensitive information.

Addressing these gaps is essential to enhancing data security and protecting against cyber threats.



90%
**OF SUCCESSFUL CYBER-ATTACKS
START WITH PHISHING EMAILS**

SOLUTION

We propose using TAILS OS and TOR to route traffic, which ensures user anonymity and leaves no traces by running entirely from RAM and restarting cleanly. This solution enhances security by protecting data from manipulation and unauthorized access.



Using the PGP mechanism allows us to perform integrity checks to detect any spam or unauthorized data flows.



We use a decentralized server and PGP encryption to secure data, with OTR encryption adding an extra layer of protection for enhanced privacy.



ARCHITECTURE

1. Data Flow Initiation:

- Server sends data to Client A.
- Client A requests public/private keys using PGP.

2. Key Generation:

- Key Management Service (KMS) generates keys.
- Client A receives a public key.

3. Data Encryption:

- Client A encrypts data with Client B's public key.

4. Data Transmission:

- Encrypted data is sent to Client B.
- Data is secure, even if intercepted.

5. Data Decryption and Integrity Verification:

- Client B decrypts data with its private key.
- Verifies data integrity using PGP mechanisms.

Server → Client A (Implementation)

- Detects Destination
- Requests PGP Key Pair

Key Management Service (KMS)

- Generates Public and Private Keys
- Sends Public Key to Client A

PROCESS 1

Client A

- Encrypts Data with Client B's Public Key

Network ("with notation: Encrypted Data Transfer")

- Potential Sniffing Attack

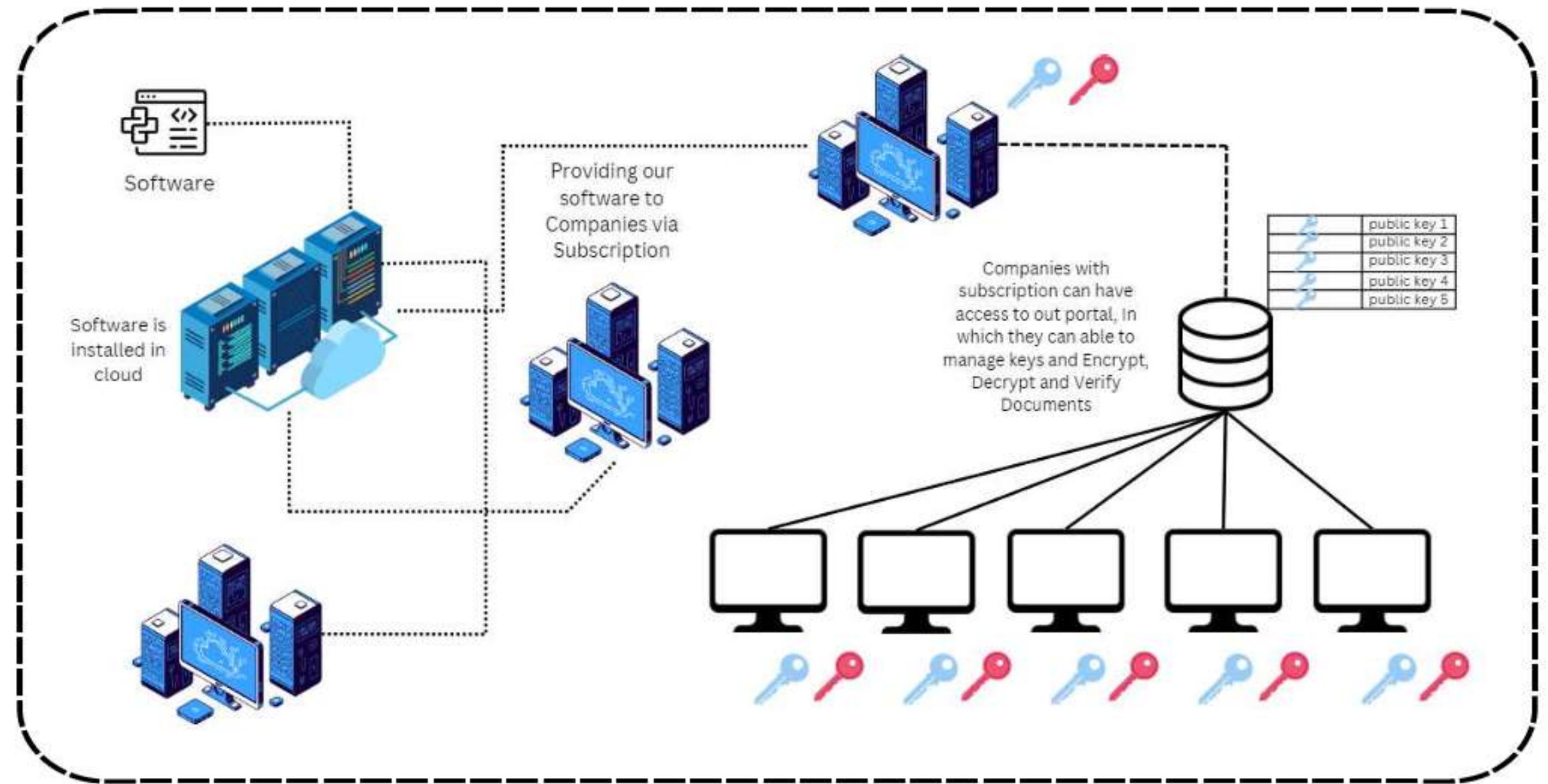
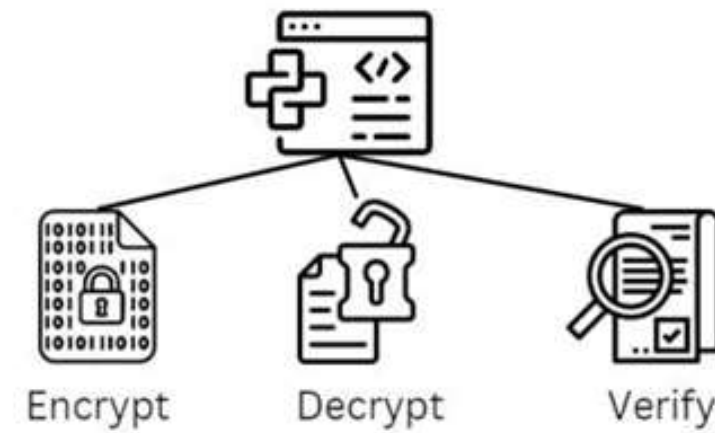
PROCESS 2

Client B

- Decrypts Data with Private Key
- Verifies Integrity with PGP

Result: "Secure and Unmodified Data Received"

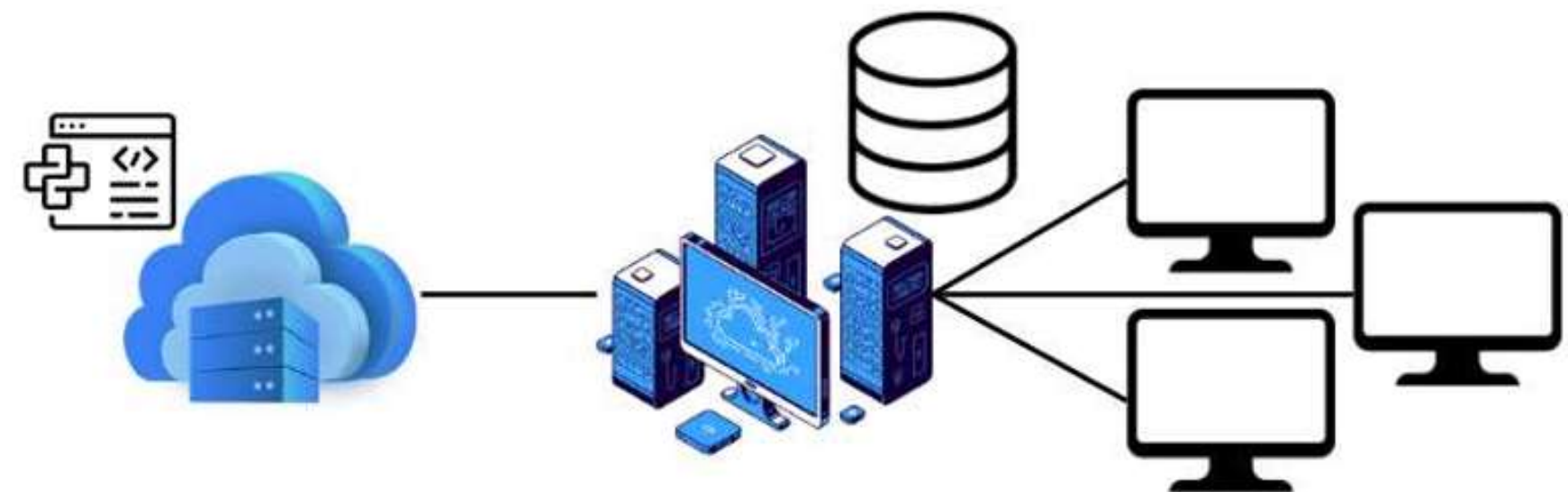
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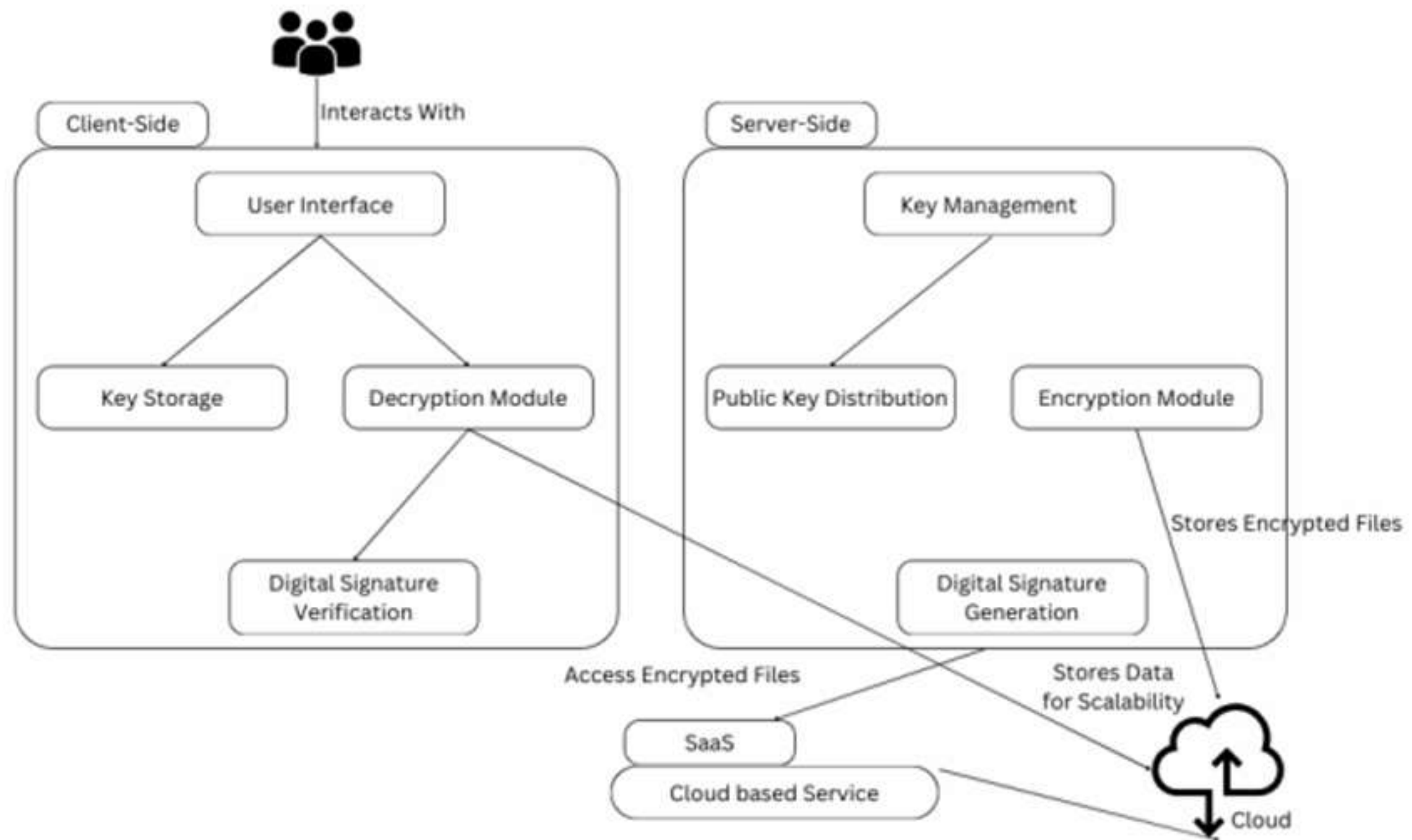


Sender's Side



Receiver's Side





Architecture Diagram

Client-Side: Users interact with modules for key storage, decryption, and digital signature verification.

Server-Side: Manages key distribution, encryption, and digital signature generation.

Cloud: Stores encrypted files for scalability and accessibility via a SaaS model.



FEASIBILITY



01

Software requirement is minimalistic

02

Can implemented to any system based on requirements

03

Low cost implementation

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Easy to maintain

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Can be applied to old systems

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Integrity Verification can be done

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Secure Platfom

IMPACT AND BENEFITS

Objective n° 1

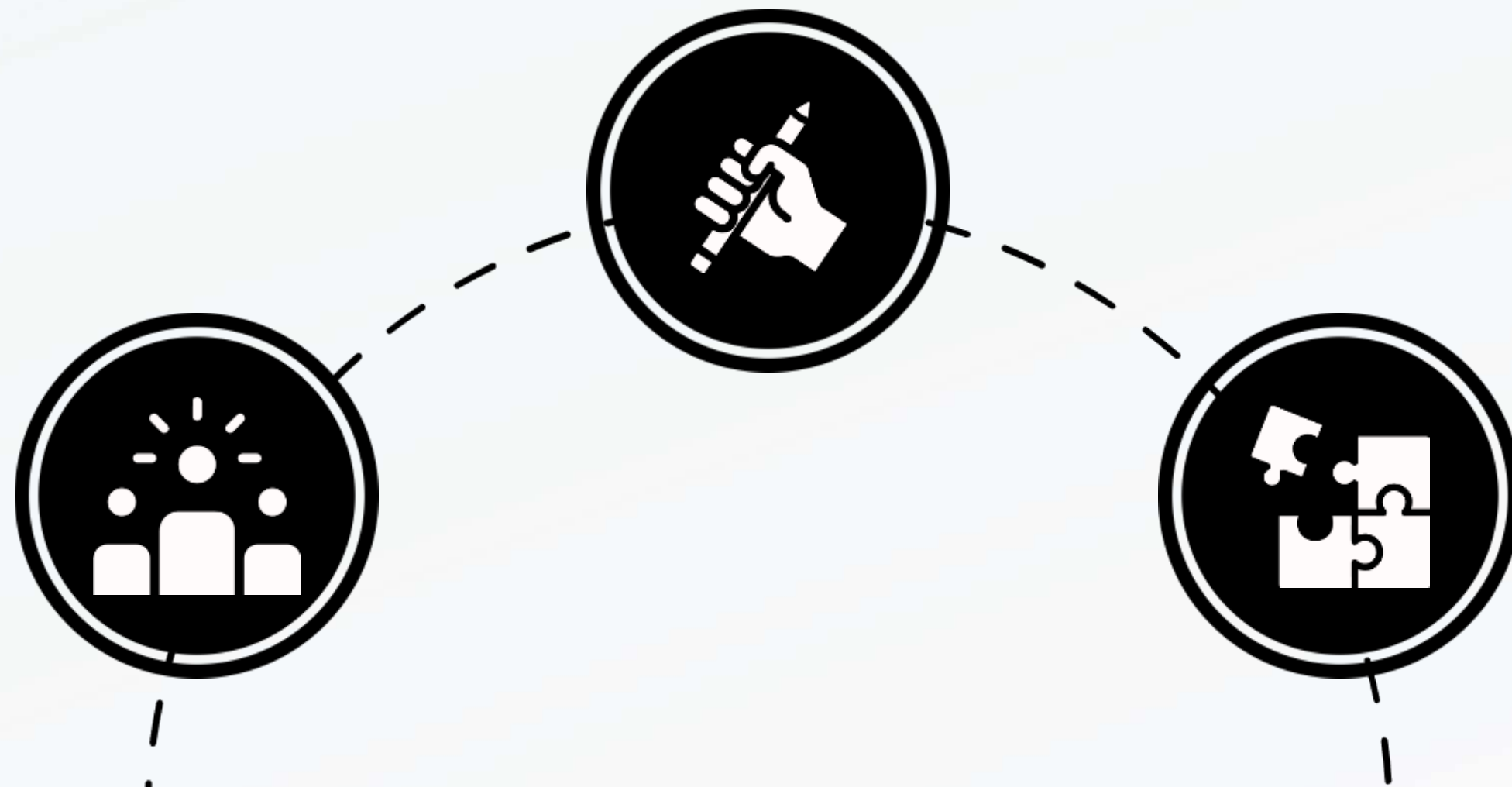
No complex mechanism involved. We provide a good user interface.

Objective n° 2

Can be able to create a most secured system of communication and make a stable encryption standard.

Objective n° 3

By implementing this system, we can able to potentially mitigate other cyber attacks such as MIMT and Phishing.



Testing

Key Management: Testing key generation, storage, and retrieval.

Encryption/Decryption

Modules: Verifying correct encryption and decryption processes.

Digital Signature

Generation/Verification:

Ensuring signatures are correctly created and validated.

Public Key Distribution:

Checking that keys are distributed securely.

Tests are written to cover various inputs, including expected and unexpected cases.

Tests run automatically, making it easier to detect bugs early during development.

Failures in unit tests indicate issues within specific units, helping developers quickly identify and fix problems.

Functionality Testing:

Ensures the software performs its core functions correctly.

Performance Testing:

Checks the software's responsiveness, stability, and scalability under load.

Usability Testing: Verifies that the software is user-friendly and intuitive.

Security Testing: Identifies vulnerabilities and ensures data protection.

Windows PowerShell

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PS C:\Users\Harshini\Documents\test> python -m unittest -v test_basic.py

test_edge_case_empty_string (test_basic.AdvancedTests.test_edge_case_empty_string)

Test encrypting and decrypting an empty string. ...

Test: Encrypting and Decrypting an Empty String

Test Passed ✓: The empty string was encrypted and decrypted correctly!

ok

test_encrypt_decrypt_string (test_basic.AdvancedTests.test_encrypt_decrypt_string)

Test encrypting and decrypting a simple string. ...

Test: Encrypting and Decrypting a Simple String

Test Passed ✓: The string was encrypted and decrypted correctly!

ok

test_invalid_encryption_request (test_basic.AdvancedTests.test_invalid_encryption_request)

Test sending invalid data for encryption. ...

Test: Sending Invalid Encryption Request

Test Passed ✓: Invalid encryption request handled correctly!

ok

Ran 3 tests in 0.010s

OK

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Class Diagram

User: Authenticates and sends data.

Server: Receives, stores, and verifies data.

DataFlow: Handles data encryption, decryption, and integrity checks.

EncryptionService: Provides encryption and decryption methods.

TrafficRouter: Routes traffic through TOR for anonymity.

The diagram shows how these components interact to ensure secure, encrypted communication.

Sequence Diagram

User initiates the process by routing traffic through the **TrafficRouter**. **TrafficRouter** sends encrypted data to the **EncryptionService**. **EncryptionService** encrypts the data and returns it to the **User**. **User** then sends the encrypted data to the **Server**. **Server** verifies the data's integrity through the **EncryptionService**. **EncryptionService** returns the integrity status to the **Server**. **Server** acknowledges receipt and integrity status to the **User**.

Use Case Diagram

User: Can authenticate, send data securely, and verify data integrity.

System Administrator: Monitors data integrity and oversees system operations.

System: Handles user authentication, encrypts data, routes traffic through TOR, transmits data, and verifies its integrity.

Activity Diagram

- **Start:** User initiates the process.
- **Authenticate:** User is authenticated.
- **Generate Keys:** Keys are generated for encryption.
- **Encrypt Data:** Data is encrypted.
- **Route Through TOR:** Encrypted data is routed through TOR.
- **Transmit Data:** Data is transmitted to the server.
- **Verify Integrity:** Data integrity is checked by the server.
- **Store Data:** Verified data is stored.

End: Process completes successfully, or data is rejected if integrity fails.

DFD Diagram Level 1

- **User** interacts with the **Authenticate User** process by providing login credentials.
- **Authenticate User** process communicates with the **User Database** to store and retrieve credentials.
- **Authenticate User** sends authenticated data to the **Encrypt Data** process.
- **Encrypt Data** process encrypts the data and passes it to the **Route Data** process.
- **Route Data** process routes the data and sends it to the **Transmit Data** process.
- **Transmit Data** process sends the data to the **Verify Data Integrity** process.
- **Verify Data Integrity** process checks the data and sends it to the **Store Data** process.
- **Store Data** process stores the data in the **Data Store**.

System Administrator monitors the **Verify Data Integrity** process.

Program Output

Key Generation

Encryption

Decryption

Key Generation

Name :

Email:

Generate Key

Key Generation

Encryption

Decryption

Encryption and Signing

File to Encrypt:

Browse...

No file selected.

Recipient's Email:

Sender's Email:

Encrypt and Sign

Key
Generation

Encryption
Module

Decryption Module

Key Generation

Encryption

Decryption

Decryption and Verification

Encrypted File (.pgp):

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Signature File (.sig):

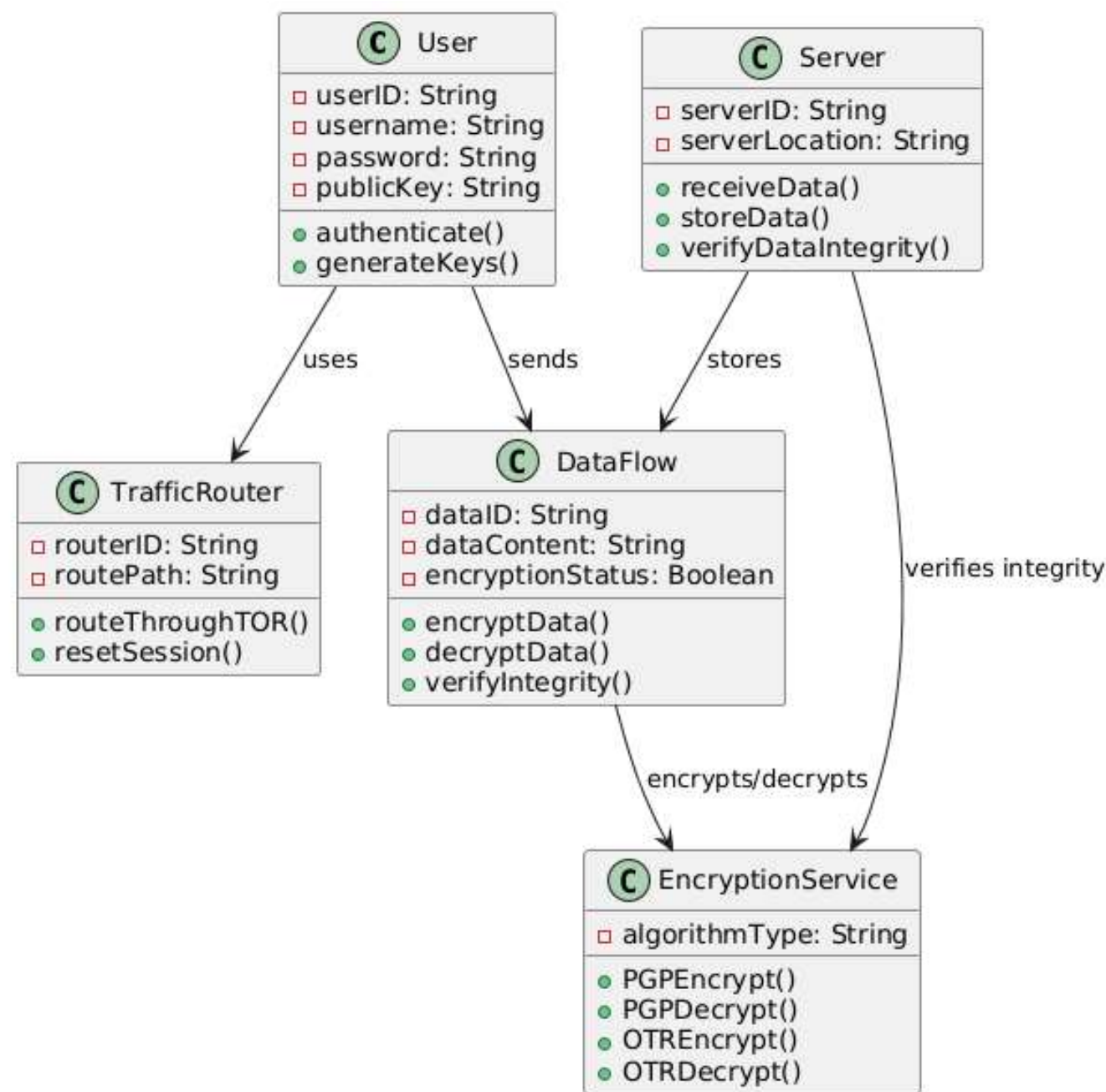
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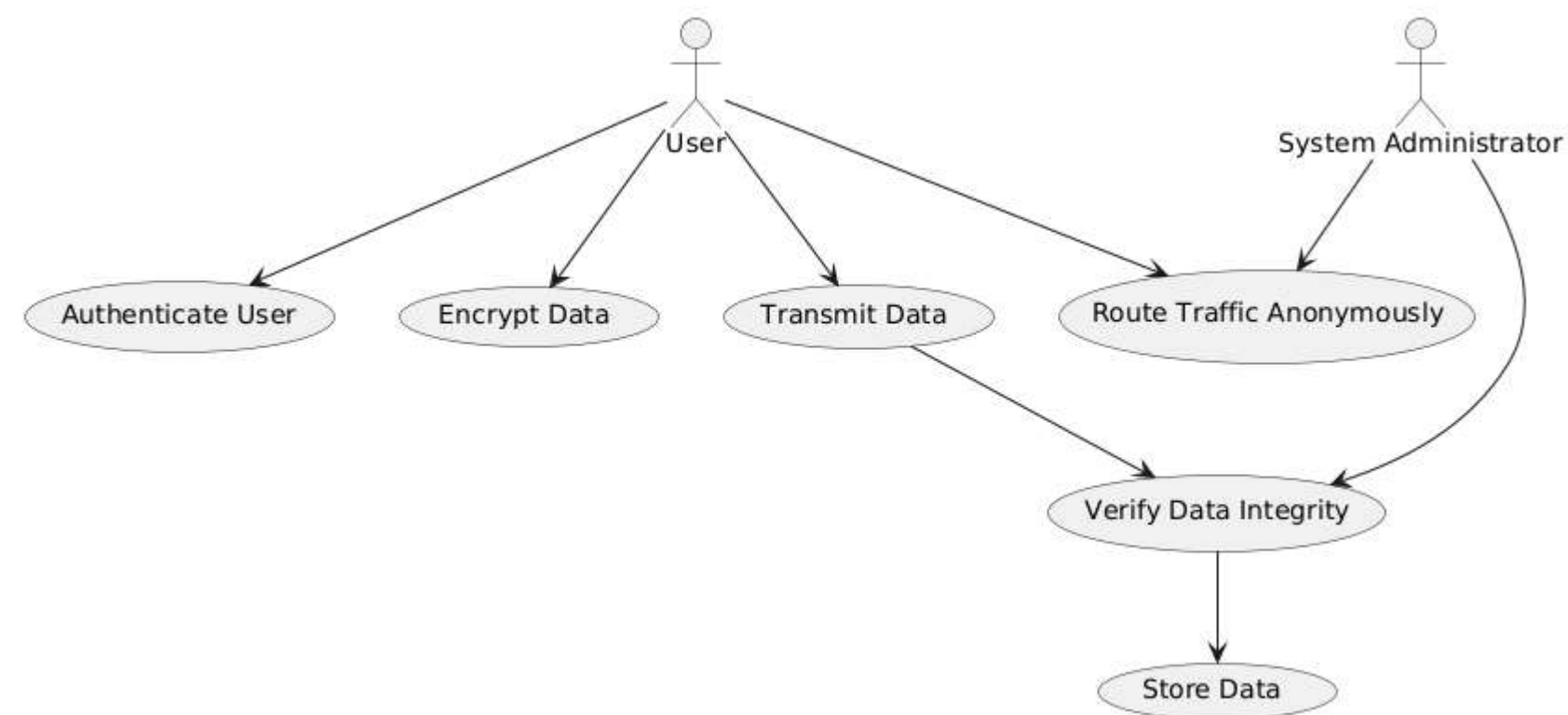
Sender's Email for Verification:

Decrypt and Verify

Class Diagram

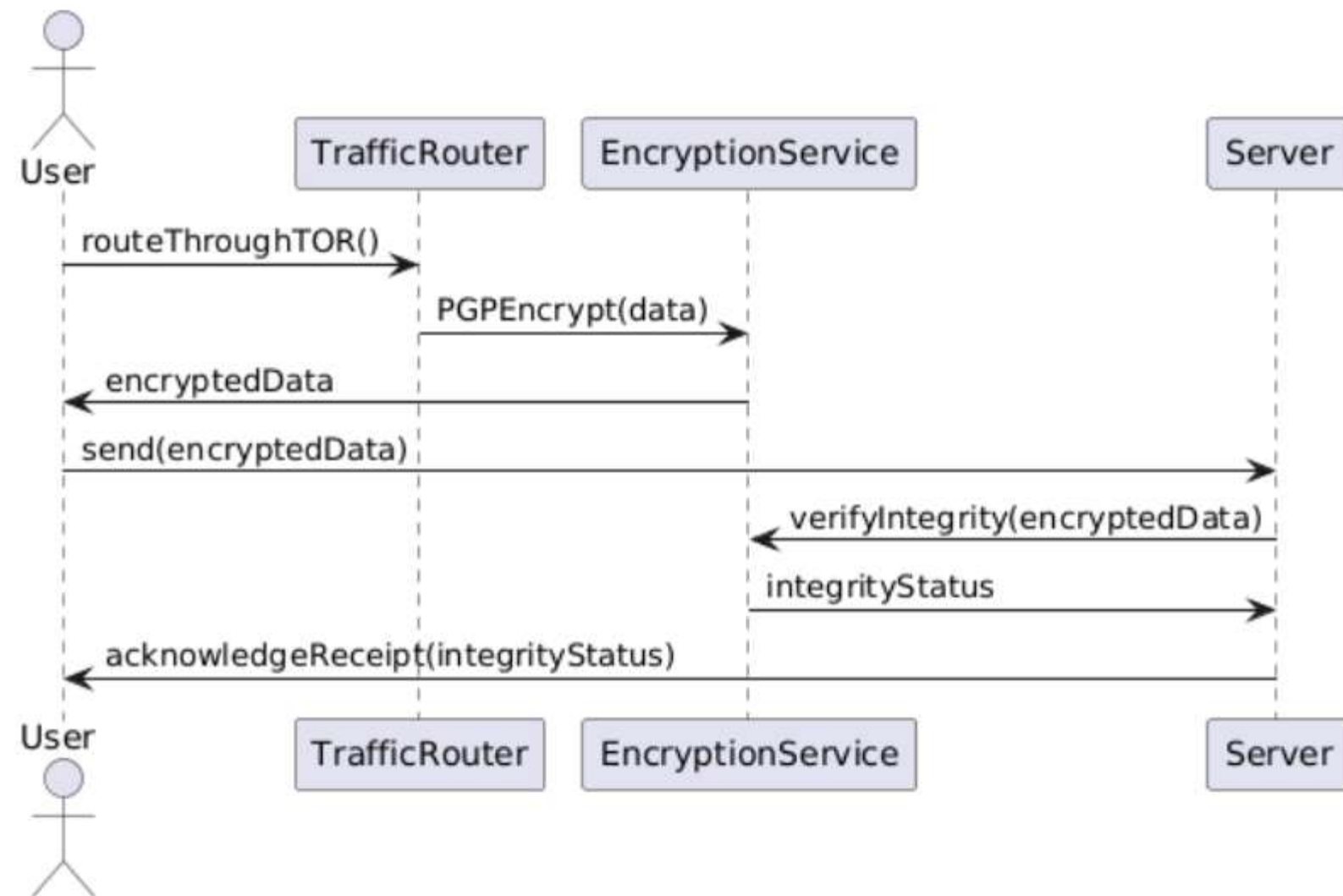


Use Case Diagram

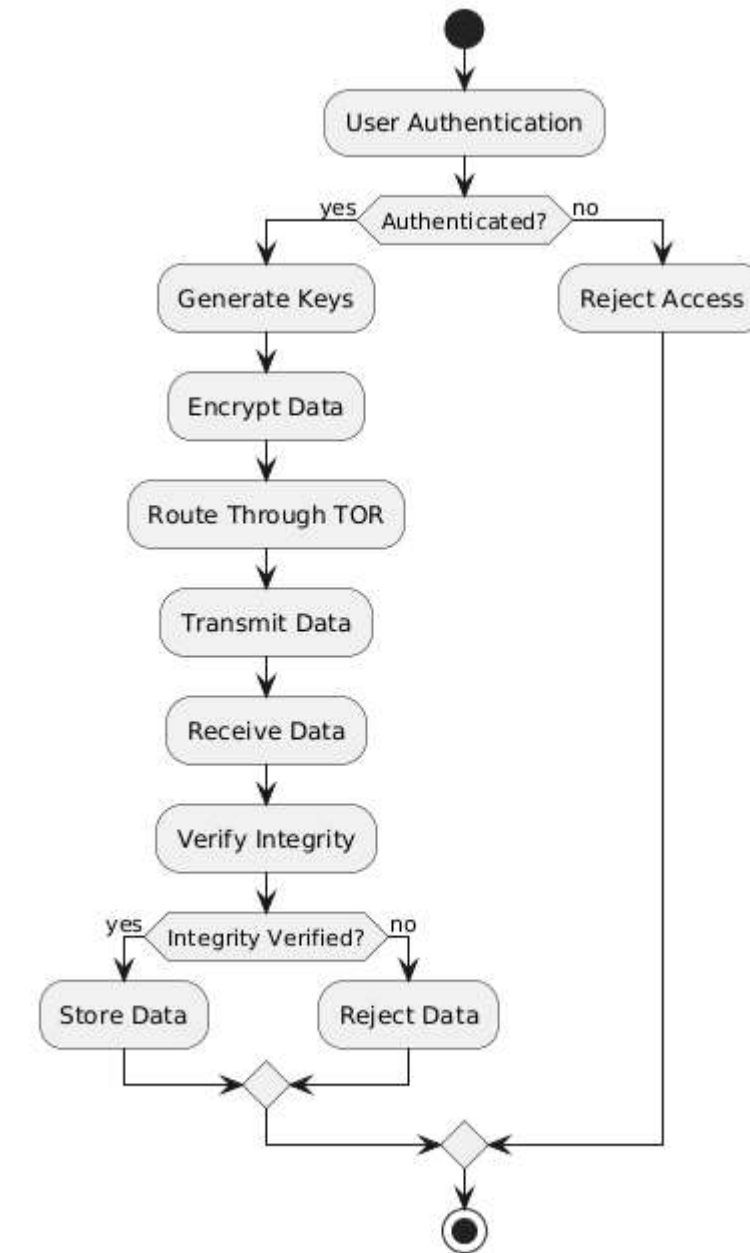


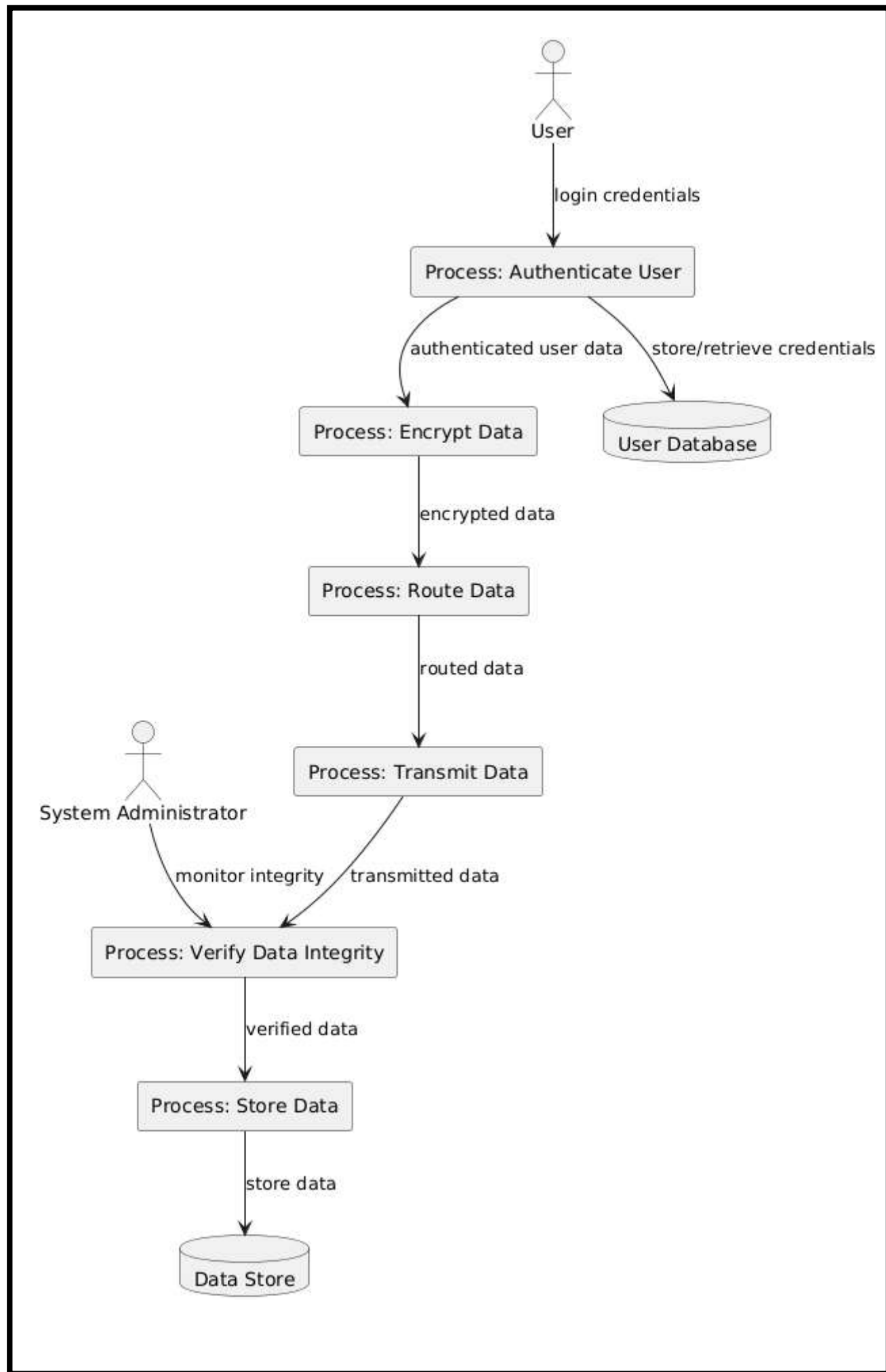
Class and Use Case Diagram

Sequence Diagram



Activity Diagram





DFD Diagram Level 1

Conclusion

Unit testing in this Flask application ensures that core features—encryption, decryption, and error handling—function as expected. Testing isolated components allows early bug detection, confirms correct functionality, and builds confidence for code refactoring. The tests cover normal strings, empty strings, and invalid requests, verifying robustness and handling of edge cases. Overall, unit testing improves the reliability, maintainability, and stability of the application.

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