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introduction
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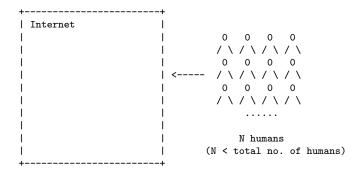
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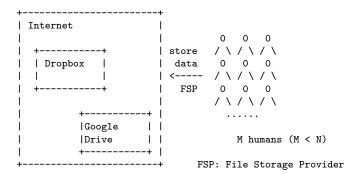
proposed solution

unit testing
manual testing
stress testing

conclusion

pre-recorded demo





invariantly

Law & Order. We may disclose your information to third parties if we determine that such disclosure is reasonably necessary to (a) comply with the law; (b) protect any person from death or serious bodily injury; (c) prevent fraud or abuse of Dropbox or our users; or (d) protect Dropbox's property rights¹.

¹https://www.dropbox.com/privacy

- ► ECHELON
- ► Carnivore
- XKeyscore
- ► Boundless Informant
- ► PRISM

problem

"L" folks are in trouble.

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data stored in FSP's² computers \neq private

the last resort

encrypt everything!

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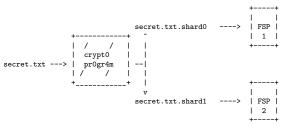


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not enough

our adversaries are too powerful.

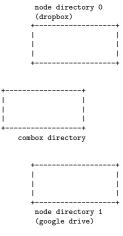
what if



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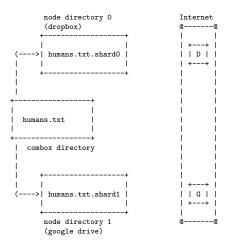
enter combox



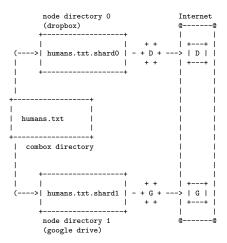


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node directory 0
     (dropbox)
     +----+
 humans.txt
+----+
  combox directory
     +----+
     node directory 1
     (google drive)
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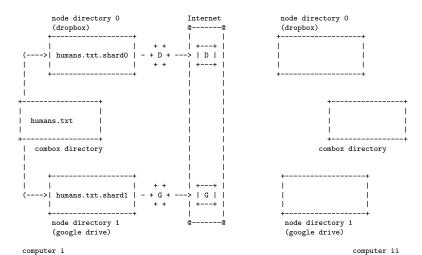
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node directory 0
     (dropbox)
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     (google drive)
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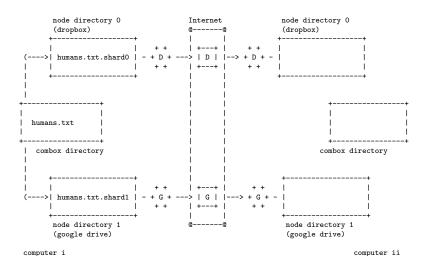


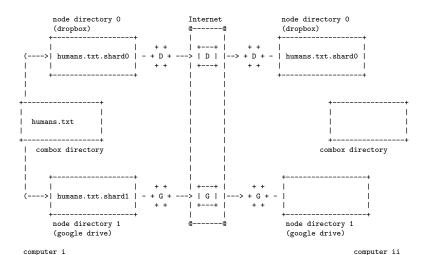
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(--->| humans.txt.shard1 | - + G + --->
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      (google drive)
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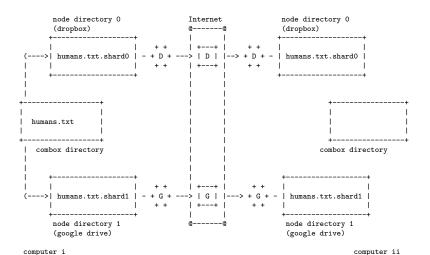


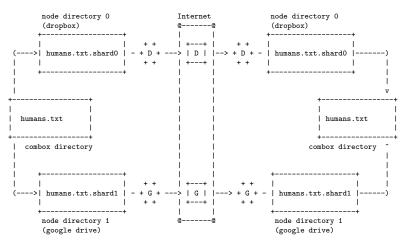
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- ► Microsoft Windows program

► python

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- python package, runs on GNU/Linux and OS X

testing

- unit testing
- manual testing
- ▶ stress testing

unit testing

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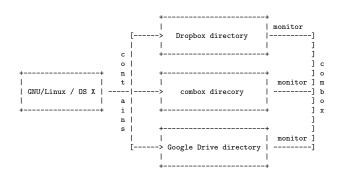
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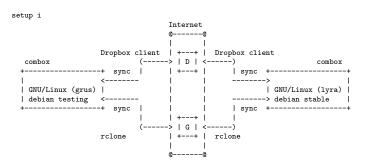
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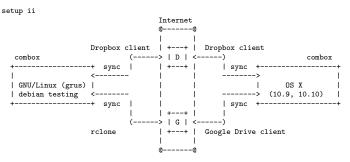
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- combox on two GNU/Linux machines.
- combox on GNU/Linux and OS X
- combox on GNU/Linux and OS X with USB stick as the third node.







found bugs #5, #6, #7, #10, #11
(git.ricketyspace.net/combox/plain/TODO.org)

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setup iii
                               Internet
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                 Dropbox client | +---+ | Dropbox client
                         (----> | D | <----)
  combox
                                                             combox
  +----+
 | GNU/Linux (grus)
                                                         ns x
                                           ----> (10.9, 10.10)
  | debian testing
                 rclone
                                | +---+ | Google Drive client
 USB stick ZAPHOD
                                                    |USB stick ZAPHOD |
 +----+
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 third node
                                                           third node
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- modified shard on usb stick must be "touch".
- file rename/move does not work.

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