

Peer-to-Peer Distributed File Sharing System

This project implements a basic peer-to-peer distributed file sharing system with group-based access control. It consists of a tracker server and a client application.

Prerequisites

- C++ compiler (supporting C++11 or later)
- OpenSSL library

Compilation

Tracker

To compile the tracker:

```
g++ tracker.cpp -o tracker
```

Client

To compile the client:

```
g++ client.cpp -o client -lssl -lcrypto
```

Note: The `-lssl` `-lcrypto` flags are required to link against the OpenSSL library.

Running the Application

Tracker

To run the tracker:

```
./tracker tracker_info.txt tracker_no
```

Where:

- `tracker_info.txt` is a file containing IP and port information for all trackers
- `tracker_no` is the number of the tracker to run (0-based index into the tracker info file)

Client

To run the client:

```
./client <IP>:<PORT> tracker_info.txt  
for eg :  
./client 127.0.0.1:1000 tracker_info.txt
```

Where:

- **<IP>:<PORT>** is the IP address and port number of the client
- **tracker_info.txt** is the same file used for the tracker, containing tracker information

Usage

Once the client is running, you can use the following commands:

1. Create User Account: **create_user <user_id> <passwd>**
2. Login: **login <user_id> <passwd>**
3. Create Group: **create_group <group_id>**
4. Join Group: **join_group <group_id>**
5. Leave Group: **leave_group <group_id>**
6. List Pending Join Requests: **list_requests <group_id>**
7. Accept Group Joining Request: **accept_request <group_id> <user_id>**
8. List All Groups in Network: **list_groups**
9. List All Sharable Files in Group: **list_files <group_id>**
10. Upload File: **upload_file <file_path> <group_id>**
11. Logout: **logout**

Notes

- At least one tracker must be running for the system to work.
- Users must create an account and log in before performing other operations.
- File sharing is limited to metadata exchange; actual file transfer is not implemented.
- The system uses a basic authentication mechanism; passwords are not encrypted in transit.

Limitations

- Actual file transfer between peers is not implemented.
- The system does not support multiple trackers (fallback mechanism).
- There's no data encryption for communication between clients and trackers.