

# Group OTR

## PEER-TO-PEER SYSTEMS AND SECURITY

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### 1 Introduction

Naturally people expect their face to face conversations to have several security properties. As instant messaging (IM) solutions emerge, research aims to replicate these properties for online conversations.

### 2 Motivation

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### 3 Related Work

mpOTR: Transcript verification only at the end of a session bad? mpOTR:  
PFS only per session?

## 4 Project Plan

The goal of our work is to implement a free and open source library which is independent of a specific IM client and provides the user with the group OTR functionality proposed in [8]. The existing proof of concept implementation for pidgin serves as reference to our planned improvements. We aim to provide the group OTR algorithm under a standardized interface usable by various existing IM clients as well as new IM concepts based on OTR only communications. Further the correct functionality of our library is to be tested with a simple “client”. However we unfortunately can not evaluate the cryptographic correctness of the proposed algorithm. This is left to people with more crypto knowledge.

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