CMSC 626 PRINCIPLES OF COMPUTER SECURITY

PROJECT REPORT

Encrypted and Distributed File System

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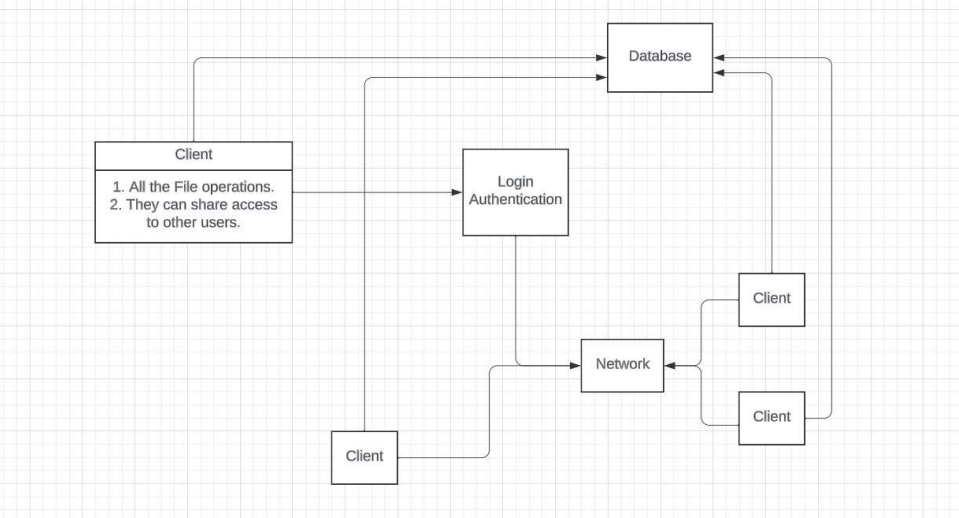
ABSTRACT:

The popularity of distributed file systems continues to grow. Reasons they are preferred over traditional centralized file systems include fault tolerance, availability, scalability and performance. In addition, peer-to-peer (P2P) system concepts and scalable functions are being incorporated into the domain of file systems.

INTRODUCTION:

The File System supports the all the file operations that other systems do, like creating, reading, deleting, Updating retrieving files, Etc. The File system encrypts all the data from unauthorized users and attackers, so that only the authorized users are having access to the files. The file access can be shared to other users. Updated data will be visible whenever the user wants to access the files.



FILE SYSTEM DESIGN:

We have used python Programming language for this project for the Peer-to-Peer distributed system which is both secure and encrypted. We have 2 servers so if the main server got failed the backup server will be used for the connection. We have used tkinter GUI toolkit for the good user experience. After running the client.py the user can choose the login or register process. If the user clicks on the Login the login GUI will be coming, on the login the user can give the

username and password to login into the system. If the user is new, they can create a new account by clicking on the Create Account, where they need to fill the username, email, password and confirm password. They can even click on the forgot password and enter the new username and password to update the password.

The Connection between the peers and the files are encrypted with AES and base64 Algorithms are used for the encryption and encoding of the data.

Once the User logins they can perform few actions

- Creating Directory.
- Create File.
- Read File
- Delete File.
- Upload File.
- Write File.
- Restore File.
- Available Files.
- Share Access.
- Logs.

1. **Creating Directory:**
    a. This function will allow the user to create a new Directory in the system.
    b. Only the Authorized users can create a directory and will be owner of that directory.
2. **Create File:**
    a. This function will allow the user to create a new file.
    b. The owner will be having the write and delete access to that file.
3. **Read File:**
    a. This Function will allow the user to read the data from the existing file.
    b. The user can only read the file does not update it.

4. **Delete File:**
    a. This Function is used to Delete the File.
    b. The owner of the file can only delete it.
5. **Upload File:**
    a. The user can Upload the file to the file directory.
6. **Write File:**
    a. This Functionality will help the user to write data into a new or existing file.
7. **Restore File:**

   a. This Functionality will help the user to restore the deleted file.
8. **Available File:**
   a. This functionality will allow users to check all the files that user can access.
9. **Share Access:**
   a. The user will be able to share the file to the other users.
10. **Logs:**
   a. This Functionality will help the users to check what all activity are happening on the system on the files.

KEY ARCHITECTURE:

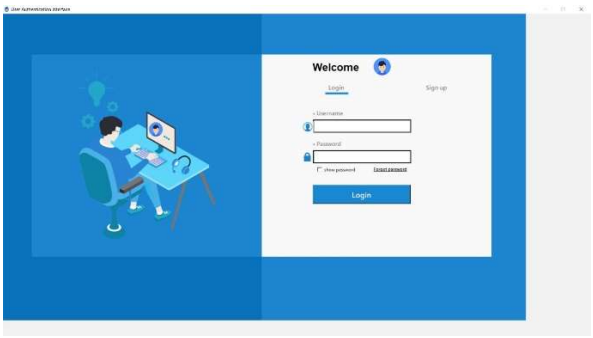
Our main goal is on giving users with access and security. Everything has been encrypted with AES encryption algorithm so that unauthorized users cannot access the system. The users can give access of the files to the other users. The user permissions will determine how the peer grant access to the keys.

IMPLEMENTATION:

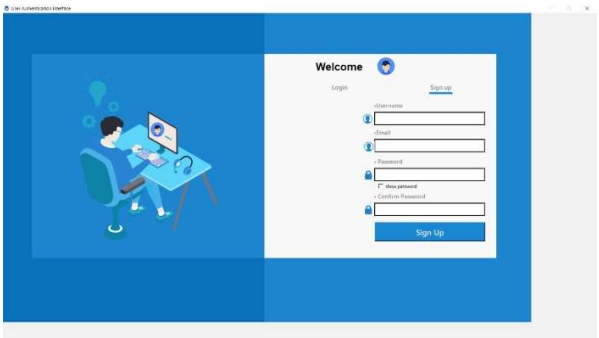
To store the user permissions, we are storing the permissions in MYSQL, where the access_mode is stored. Every time the server starts it will retrieve the data from the files. The peer will continuously monitor the file system to find any malicious activity like creating or deleting the files. When the user selects one of the options from the menu, it performs the operation and simultaneously it sends the operation request to all the peers and the peers will continuously monitor the socket to receive the request from their peers and perform that operation.

EXPIREMENT and RESULTS:

Login Page



Sign Up Page:



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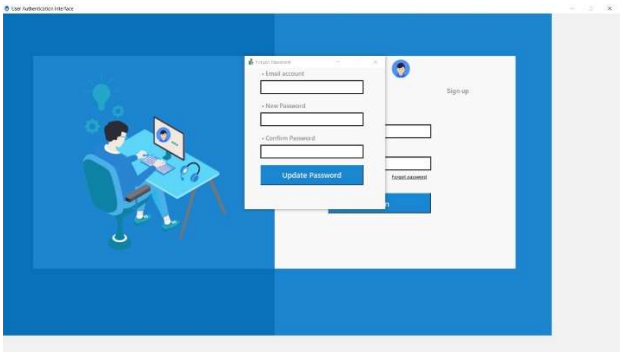
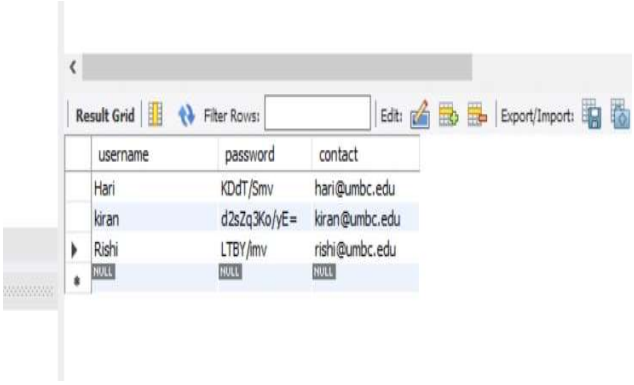


File Operations Page:

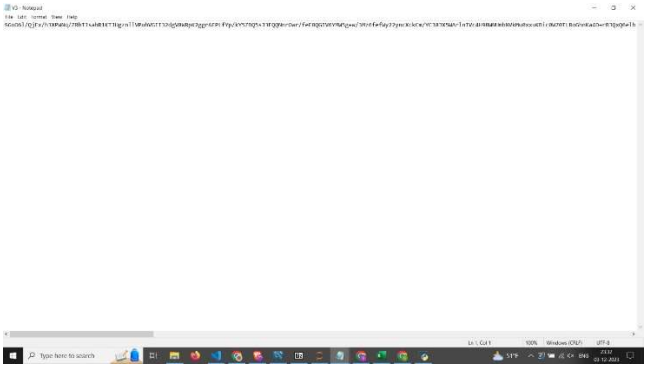
Logs of the Files:

Password stored in cipher text.

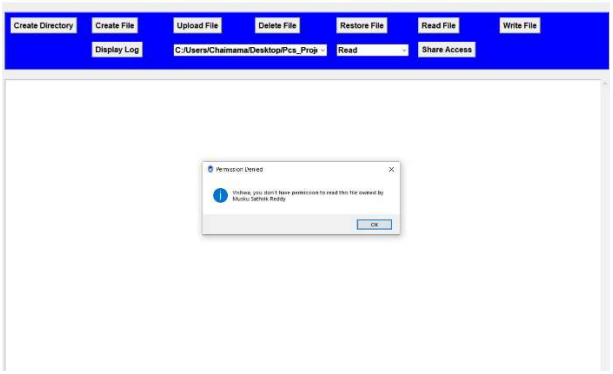


File Data

Encrypted File Data



Access is denied if the user is accessing others data without permission



CONCLUSION:

The main idea of our project is to provide users a safe and secure way to access files. We have Developed a Peer-to-Peer Encrypted file system by using the python language. The File system has a security as there will be user authentication and encryption. The Encryption Algorithms will help in preventing the attackers from unauthorized users.

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GitHub Link:

https://github.com/Msathvik007/PCS_PROJECT_TEAM7