

User Study B - Key

Part I. Build the threat model of the above system using framework B. Fill in the result of applying each step of framework B in the appropriate spaces below.

Step 1:

Start time:

Finish time:

List the activities in the system:

- Store a file.
- Pay servers for storage periodically.
- Retrieve a file and pay for the service.

List participants:

- Clients.
- Servers.
- external.

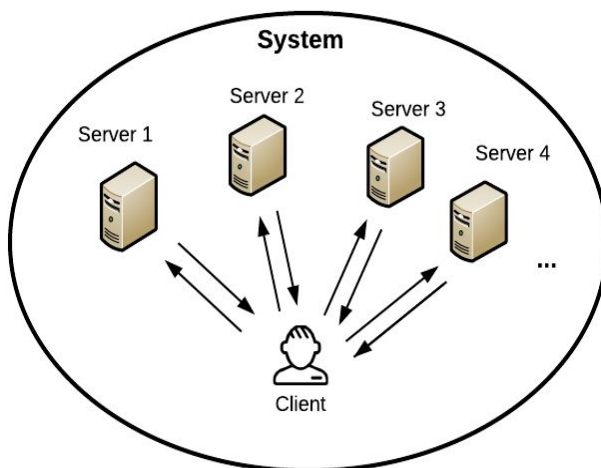
List assets of value:

- Service (both file storage and retrieval).
- Payments or currency.

Assumptions and external dependencies:

(no need to rewrite them, just read them again)

Network model of the system:



The three activities in the system have the same network model, the difference is in the exchanged messages as follows:

- **Store a file:** client and servers exchange file storage requests and file fragments.
- **Rewarding storage:** client and servers exchange proofs of storage and payments periodically.
- **File retrieval:** client sends a retrieval requests, receive file fragments from servers and then sends them payments.

Step 2:**Start time:****Finish time:****Possible threats:**

- Service corruption: invalid files are stored at the server, or server discards clients files, receive corrupted files.
- Denial of service.
- Information disclosure: someone track the requests issued by a client and read the content of its files, etc.
- Service slacking/File storage and file retrieval.
- Service theft/File storage and retrieval.

Step 3:**Start time:****Finish time:****Fill the following collusion matrix:****Threat: service theft / file retrieval (client retrieves file without paying)**

Target → Attacker ↓	Client	Server	Client and Server
Client	X1	(1)	M1
Server		X2	
Client and Server		(2)	
External		X3	
Client and External		M2	
Server and External		X4	
Client, Server, and External		M3	

Rationale behind threat omission/merging:

X1: client cannot be a target, it does not provide a service.

X2/3/4: cannot be attacker, they do not pay for the service. (splitted just to make grading easier)

M1: client cannot be a target, this reduces to the case of attacking a server only.

M2: a client colluding with an external will not become stronger, it is just like a client is attacking on its own, merge with (1)

M3: a client/server colluding with an external will not become stronger, it is just like a client/server are attacking on their own, merge with (2)

Distilled Threats Description:

- (1) A client receives correct file fragments but does not pay or send invalid payments.
- (2) A client colludes with a server to send a corrupted fragment to avoid paying the servers (or even set his own server and store a corrupted file fragment there).