Here is the security case for Instant Messaging (IM) software represented in a hierarchical tree format:

- Goal (G1, IM software is acceptably secure in the messaging system)

- Context (C1, Definition and description of IM software)

- Context (C2, Definition and description of messaging system)

- Context (C3, Definition of acceptably secure)

- Strategy (S1, Argument that software assets are under protection)

- Justification (J1, Protection of software assets supports that software is acceptably secure)

- Goal (G2, All identified software critical assets are protected)

- Strategy (S2, Respective arguments of software critical assets)

- Context (C4, List of IM software critical assets)

- Justification (J2, Relationship between assets is clear and can be argued separately)

- Goal (G3, IM software critical asset is protected)

- Strategy (S3, Argument of the type which the IM software critical asset belongs to)

- Context (C5, List of IM software critical asset types in PEDD)

- Justification (J3, Types of software assets are according to PEDD)

- Goal (G4, IM software critical asset which belongs to type A is protected)

- Goal (G4, IM software critical asset which belongs to type B is protected)

- Goal (G4, IM software critical asset which belongs to type C is protected)

- Goal (G4, IM software critical asset which belongs to type D is protected)