

Preserving Privacy and Deduplication on Cloud with Attribute-Based Encryption and AES

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Abstract:

“Cloud Computing” is a general term for the delivery of hosted services over the internet. Cloud computing is moving increasingly to a destination with no return: the consolidation as an essential tool for the future existence of the internet world. Attribute-based encryption (ABE) has been widely used in cloud computing where a data provider outsources his/her encrypted data to a cloud service provider, and can share the data with users possessing specific credentials (or attributes). However, the standard ABE system does not support secure deduplication, which is crucial for eliminating duplicate copies of identical data in order to save storage space and network bandwidth. In this paper, we present an attribute-based storage system with secure deduplication in a hybrid cloud setting, where a private cloud is responsible for duplicate detection and a public cloud manages the storage. Compared with the prior data deduplication systems, our system has two advantages. Firstly, it can be used to confidentially share data with users by specifying access policies rather than sharing decryption keys. Secondly, it achieves the standard notion of semantic security for data confidentiality while existing systems only achieve it by defining a weaker security notion. In addition, we put forth a methodology to modify a ciphertext over one access policy into ciphertexts of the same plaintext but under other access policies without revealing the underlying plaintext. But generation of ciphertext is a heavy computation in Attribute-Based Encryption (ABE) for large files. To improve the system’s performance we are using the Symmetric Encryption algorithm, such as AES. The procedure of Encryption is performed by the data owner himself/herself first chooses a random number K as the symmetric key and encrypts the plaintext message M using K with the symmetric encryption algorithm. The encrypted data can be denoted as $E_K(M)$. Then the owner encrypts the symmetric key K using CP-ABE under the access policy defined by him/her.

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I.INTRODUCTION

The term Cloud refers to a network or internet. In other words, we can say that Cloud is something, which is present at remote location. Cloud can provide services over network, i.e., on public networks or on private networks like WAN, LAN or VPN. Applications such as e-mail, web conferencing, customer relationship management (CRM), all run in cloud. Cloud computing greatly facilitates data providers who want to outsource their data to the cloud without disclosing their sensitive data to external parties and would like users with certain credentials to be able to access the data. This requires data to be stored in encrypted forms with access control policies such that no one except users with attributes (or credentials) of specific forms can decrypt the encrypted data. We consider the following scenario in the design of an attribute-based storage system supporting secure deduplication of encrypted data in the cloud, in which the cloud will not

store a file more than once even though it may receive multiple copies of the same file encrypted under different access policies. A data provider, Bob, intends to upload a file M to the cloud, and share M with users having certain credentials. In order to do so, Bob encrypts M under an access policy A over a set of attributes, and uploads the corresponding ciphertext to the cloud, such that only users whose sets of attributes satisfying the access policy can decrypt the ciphertext. Later, another data provider, Alice, uploads a ciphertext for the same underlying file M but ascribed to a different access policy A_0 . Since the file is uploaded in an encrypted form, the cloud is not able to discern that the plaintext corresponding to Alice’s ciphertext is the same as that corresponding to Bob’s, and will store M twice. Obviously, such duplicated storage wastes storage space and communication bandwidth.

1.1 Our Contributions

In this paper, we present an attribute-based storage system which employs ciphertext-policy attribute-based encryption (CP-ABE) and supports secure deduplication. Our main contributions can be summarized as follows:

- Firstly, the system is the first that achieves the standard notion of semantic security for data confidentiality in attribute-based deduplication systems by resorting to the hybrid cloud architecture [1].
- Secondly, we put forth a methodology to modify a ciphertext over one access policy into ciphertexts of the same plaintext but under any other access policies without revealing the underlying plaintext. This technique might be of independent interest in addition to the application in the proposed storage system.
- Thirdly, we propose an approach based on two cryptographic primitives, including a zero-knowledge proof of knowledge [2] and a commitment scheme [3], to achieve data consistency in the system.

In a typical storage system with secure deduplication (e.g., [4]), to store a file in the cloud, a data provider generates a tag and a ciphertext. The data provider uploads the tag and the ciphertext to the cloud. Upon receiving an outsourcing request from a data provider for uploading a ciphertext and an associated tag, the cloud runs a so-called equality checking algorithm, which checks if the tag in the incoming request is identical to any tags in the storage system. If there is a match, then the underlying plaintext of this incoming ciphertext has already been stored and the new ciphertext is discarded. It is apparent that such a system with a tag appended to the ciphertext does not provide the standard notion of semantic security for data confidentiality [5], because if the plaintexts can be predicated from their tags, an adversary can always make a correct guess by computing the tag of a plaintext and then testing it against the tag in the challenge phase in the semantic security game. To circumvent this obstacle, we bring in our system a hybrid cloud architecture [1], which consists of a private cloud responsible for tag checking and ciphertext regeneration and a public cloud storing the ciphertexts. However, endowing such a tag checking ability to the private cloud is not sufficient to achieve deduplication in the attribute-based storage system which employs CP-ABE for data encryption. In the proposed attributed-based system, the same file could be encrypted to different ciphertexts associated with different access policies, storing only one ciphertext of the file means that users whose attributes satisfy the access policy of a discarded ciphertext (but not that of the stored ciphertext) will be denied to access the data that they are entitled to. To overcome this problem, we equip the private cloud with

another capability named ciphertext regeneration. For a ciphertext c of a plaintext M with access policy A , the private cloud will be provided with a trapdoor key which is generated along with the ciphertext C by a data provider. The private cloud can use the trapdoor key to convert the ciphertext c with access policy A to a new ciphertext C with another access policy A_1 without knowing the underlying message M . Thus, if two data providers happen to upload two ciphertexts corresponding to the same file but under different access policies A and A_1 , the private cloud can regenerate a ciphertext for the same underlying file with an access policy $A \cup A_1$ using the corresponding trapdoor key and then store the new ciphertext instead of the old one in the public cloud.

Another key challenge in secure deduplication is to make it secure against duplicate faking attacks [6] in which a legally generated message is unnoticeably replaced by a fake one. In such an attack, a malicious user may intercept an outsourcing request and tamper with the ciphertext, and then sending the modified ciphertext but the original tag to the cloud. Later, an honest data provider wants to upload a ciphertext for an identical file. The cloud spots that the tags of the two ciphertexts match each other, and thus might discard the ciphertext from the honest data provider and keeps the maliciously modified ciphertext. When a user downloads the ciphertext, a tampered message M_1 rather than the correct M will be returned, which violates data integrity. In order to address this problem, we require the data provider to produce a proof of consistency reflecting that the tag and the ciphertext are legitimately generated. Our approach of producing such a proof makes use of the randomness reuse technique in the generation of the tag and the ciphertext with an additional zero-knowledge proof of knowledge (PoK) [2] on the shared random coin in the tag and the ciphertext. Therefore, it is impossible for an adversary to perform duplicate faking attacks unless the adversary casually obtains the content of the plaintext hidden in the ciphertext. A straightforward way to achieve this is to save the tags and the ciphertexts in pairs in the public cloud, but if the tag and the corresponding ciphertext are both known to the public cloud, then as we mentioned before, it is impossible to obtain semantic security. To achieve the standard security notation for data confidentiality [5], we ask a data provider to generate a label, in addition to the prior tag and ciphertext, using a commitment scheme [3]. This label is bound to the ciphertext and tag using the aforementioned PoK system but reveals no information about the underlying plaintext to the public cloud and users who are not entitled with the decryption privilege, and will be outsourced to the public cloud with the ciphertext instead of the tag, so that even if an adversary who is aware of the data that an

honest data provider may upload, the duplicate faking attacks can be detected by users who download and decrypt the data. Note that because the label is stored by the private and public clouds, the tampering behavior to the label in the public cloud will be immediately detected by the private cloud. Therefore, a user having decryption privilege to the ciphertext can always check the correctness of the plaintext via the label since the tag and the label must be tied to the same plaintext in terms of the proof.

1.2 Related Work

Attribute-Based Encryption: Sahai and Waters [7] introduced the notion of attribute-based encryption (ABE), and then Goyal et al. [8] formulated key-policy ABE (KP-ABE) and ciphertext-policy ABE (CP-ABE) as two complementary forms of ABE. The first KP-ABE construction given in [8] realized the monotonic access structures, the first KP-ABE system supporting the expression of non-monotone formulas was presented in [9] to enable more viable access policies, and the first large class KP-ABE system was presented by in the standard model in [10]. Nevertheless, we believe that KP-ABE is less flexible than CP-ABE because the access policy is determined once the user's attribute private key is issued. Bethencourt, Sahai and Waters [11] proposed the first CP-ABE construction, but it is secure under the generic group model. Cheung and Newport [12] presented a CPABE scheme that is proved to be secure under the standard model, but it only supports the AND access structures. A CP-ABE system under more advanced access structures is proposed by Goyal et al based on the number theoretic assumption. In order to overcome the limitation that the size of the attribute space is polynomially bounded in the security parameter and the attributes are fixed ahead, Rouselakis and Waters [13] built a large universe CP-ABE system under the prime-order group. In this paper, the Rouselakis-Waters system is taken as the underlying scheme for the concrete construction.

Secure Deduplication. With the goal of saving storage space for cloud storage services, Douceur et al proposed the first solution for balancing confidentiality and efficiency in performing deduplication called convergent encryption, where a message is encrypted under a message-derived key so that identical plaintexts are encrypted to the same ciphertexts. In this case, if two users upload the same file, the cloud server can discern the equal ciphertexts and store only one copy of them. Implementations and variants of convergent encryption were deployed in [14]. In order to formalize the precise security definition for convergent encryption, Bellare, Keelveedhi and Ristenpart [6] introduced a cryptographic primitive named message-locked encryption, and detailed

several definitions to capture various security requirements. Abadi et al. [15] then strengthened the security definition in [6] by considering the plaintext distributions depending on the public parameters of the schemes. This model was later extended by Bellare and Keelveedhi by providing privacy for messages that are both correlated and dependent on the public system parameters. Since message-locked encryption cannot resist to brute-force attacks where files falling into a known set will be recovered, an architecture that provides secure deduplicated storage resisting brute-force attacks was put forward by Keelveedhi, Bellare and Ristenpart and realized in a system called server-aided encryption for deduplicated storage. In this paper, a similar technique to that in [15] is used to achieve secure deduplication with regard to the private cloud in the concrete construction.

Message-locked encryption and secure deduplication: Motivated by the problem of avoiding duplication in storage systems, Bellare, Keelveedhi, and Ristenpart have recently put forward the notion of Message-Locked Encryption (MLE) schemes which subsumes convergent encryption and its variants. Such schemes do not rely on permanent secret keys, but rather encrypt messages using keys derived from the messages themselves. We strengthen the notions of security proposed by Bellare et al. by considering plaintext distributions that may depend on the public parameters of the schemes. We refer to such inputs as lock-dependent messages. We construct two schemes that satisfy our new notions of security for message-locked encryption with lock-dependent messages. Our main construction deviates from the approach of Bellare et al. by avoiding the use of ciphertext components derived deterministically from the messages. We design a fully randomized scheme that supports an equality-testing algorithm defined on the ciphertexts. Our second construction has a deterministic ciphertext component that enables more efficient equality testing. Security for lock-dependent messages still holds under computational assumptions on the message distributions produced by the attacker. In both of our schemes the overhead in the length of the ciphertext is only additive and independent of the message length.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Cloud Computing refers manipulating, configuring, and accessing the applications through online. It offers online data storage, infrastructure and application. Cloud Computing is both a combination of software and hardware based computing resources delivered as a network service. In this should be registered with this application. If he wants to access his activities the authority has to provide permission to

him. The data provider will upload the files with encrypted data. The user will access all files to download [4].

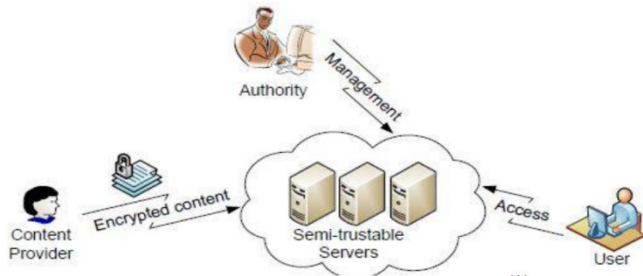


Fig.1. User access to download the files if valid

In this encryption the user has public key information about unique identification. In this scenario the program allows to anyone to generate public key. With this public key the user can access his activities, but every group of less than k participants cannot obtain any information about the secret [5].

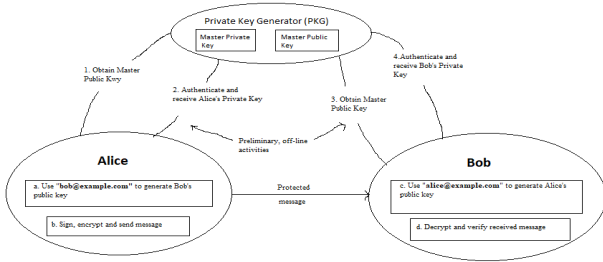


Fig.2. Key Working process between Alice and Bob

First solution to provide secure de-duplication + compromise resilience

- Can be deployed transparently over existing systems
- Implementations over Drop box, Google Drive
- Nominal performance overhead over plaintext de-duplication
- Storage savings match plaintext de-duplication [8].

The client communicates with the Trusted Cloud over a low bandwidth, secure channel. The two clouds are connected with an insecure, high bandwidth channel. The Commodity Cloud further provides un-trusted storage [12].

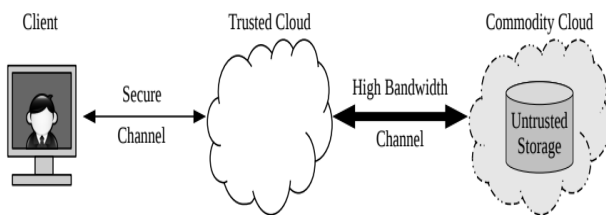


Fig.3. Information passed through cloud

From the above fig initially the user will login to cloud and creates a profile, he can upload files into database. The file will send to the data owner for giving the ownership for the user. It is checked utilizing the MD5 (Message-Digest)

calculation. MD5 calculation creates the hash work. This MD5 algorithm generates digital signature guaranteeing consistency (integrity) of data [24].

III. EXISTING SYSTEM

In existing system, a data provider Bob intends to upload a file M to the cloud, and share M (file data) with users having certain credentials. In order to do so, Bob encrypts M under an access policy A over a set of attributes, and uploads the corresponding ciphertext to the cloud, such that only users whose sets of attributes satisfying the access policy can decrypt the ciphertext. Later, another data provider Alice uploads a ciphertext for the same underlying file M but ascribed to a different access policy A0. Since the file is uploaded in an encrypted form, the cloud is not able to discern that the plaintext corresponding to Alice's ciphertext is the same as that corresponding to Bob's, and will store M twice. Obviously, such duplicated storage wastes storage space and communication bandwidth. We present an attribute-based storage system which employs ciphertext-policy attribute-based encryption (CP-ABE) and supports secure de-duplication. In the proposed attributed-based system, the same file could be encrypted to different cipher texts associated with different access policies, storing only one ciphertext of the file means that users whose attributes satisfy the access policy of a discarded ciphertext (but not that of the stored ciphertext) will be denied to access the data that they are entitled to. To overcome this problem, we equip the private cloud with another capability named ciphertext regeneration. For a ciphertext c of a plaintext M with access policy A, the private cloud will be provided with a trapdoor key which is generated along with the ciphertext c by a data provider. The private cloud can use the trapdoor key to convert the ciphertext c with access policy A to a new ciphertext C with another access policy A0 without knowing the underlying message M. Thus, if two data providers happen to upload two cipher texts corresponding to the same file but under different access policies A and A0, the private cloud can regenerate a ciphertext for the same underlying file with an access policy A UA0 using the corresponding trapdoor key and then store the new ciphertext instead of the old one in the public cloud.

Limitations:
 Loss of Space: When duplicate file is stored then wastes the memory. These will loss of memory space.
 Increase the Network Bandwidth: While increasing the memory space it should increase the network bandwidth.

IV. PROPOSED WORK

In this system for improving the system's performance we are using the Symmetric Encryption algorithm, such as AES. The procedure of Encryption is performed by the data owner user first chooses a random number K as the symmetric key and encrypts the plaintext message M using K with the symmetric

encryption algorithm. The encrypted data can be denoted as $E_K(M)$. Then the owner encrypts the symmetric key K using CP-ABE under the access policy defined by the user. The below system architecture and formal definition of ciphertext-policy attribute-based storage system supporting secure deduplication (CP-ABE) and advanced encryption algorithm (AES), in which four entities are involved: data providers, attribute authority (AA), cloud and users. In this section, we describe the system architecture and the formal definition of ciphertext-policy attribute-based storage system supporting secure deduplication.

4.1 System Architecture

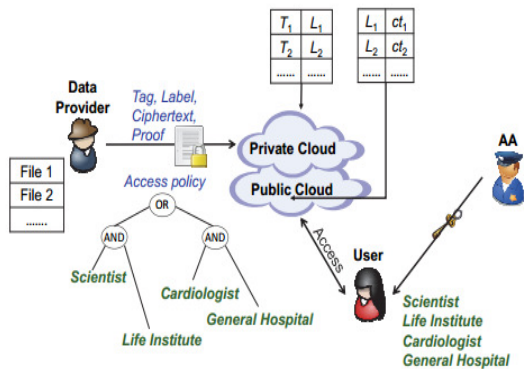


Fig.4. System architecture of attribute-based storage with secure deduplication

The architecture of our attribute-based storage system with secure deduplication is shown in Fig.4 in which four entities are involved: data providers attribute authority (AA), cloud and users. A data provider wants to outsource his/her data to the cloud and share it with users possessing certain credentials. The AA issues every user a decryption key associated with his/her set of attributes. The cloud consists of a public cloud which is in charge of data storage and a private cloud which performs certain computation such as tag checking. When sending a file storage request, each data provider firstly creates a tag T and a label L associated with the data, and then encrypt the data under an access structure over a set of attributes. Also, each data provider generates a proof pf on the relationship of the tag T , the label L and the encrypted message ct_3 , but this proof will not be stored anywhere in the cloud and is only used during the checking phase for any newly generated storage request. After receiving a storage request, the private cloud first checks the validity of the proof pf , and then tests the equality of the new tag T with existing tags in the system. If there is no match for this new tag T , the private cloud adds the tag T and the label L to a tag-label list, and forwards the label and the encrypted data, (L, ct) to the public cloud for storage. Otherwise, let ct_1 be the ciphertext whose tag matches the new tag and L_0 be the label

associated with ct_1 , and then the private cloud executes as follows.

- If the access policies in ct and ct_0 are not mutually contained, the private cloud runs the ciphertext regeneration algorithm to yield a new ciphertext for the same underlying plaintext file and associated with an access structure which is the union of the two access structures, and forwards the original label and the resulting ciphertext to the public cloud.
- At the user side, each user can download an item, and decrypt the ciphertext with the attribute-based private key generated by the AA if this user's attribute set satisfies the access structure. Each user checks the correctness of the decrypted message using the label, and accepts the message if it is consistent with the label.

4.2 Advanced Encryption Standard (AES)

The Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) is an encryption algorithm for securing sensitive data. It has been adopted by the United States government as an Advanced Encryption Standard, a standard algorithm used to encrypt and decrypt sensitive information. AES is a symmetric block cipher with a block size of 128 bits. It allows for three different key lengths which can be 128 bits, 192 bits, or 256 bits; referred to as AES-128, AES-192, and AES-256, respectively. The number of rounds in the encryption process for AES-128 is 10, for AES-192 it is 12, and for AES-256 it is 14.

The major loop of AES executes the functions given below:
Functions of Advanced Encryption Standard

- SubBytes()
- Shift Rows()
- MixColumns()
- AddRoundKey()

AES makes use of 10, 12 and 14 rounds. The plain text is transformed into cipher text after repeated transformation rounds in AES. This makes the data secure on the cloud.

AES-128, AES-192, AES-256 (128, 192 and 256 are bits) process the data block in, respectively, 10, 12, or 14 rounds. The transformations are predefined. All the rounds are similar except the last one where the transformation is missed. The rounds operate on two 128 bits i.e., state and round key. Each round from 1 to 10 or 12 or 14 uses a different round key.

- The data block is processed as follows:
- The AES encryption routine begins by copying the 16-byte input array into a 4x4 byte matrix named State.
- Input data block also known as state is XORed with the first 128-bits of the cipher key.

- Then the resulting State is serially passed through 10/12/14 rounds.
- The result of the last round is encrypted data.

The process of AES encryption algorithm using 128-bit key, is diagrammatically represented in figure 5.

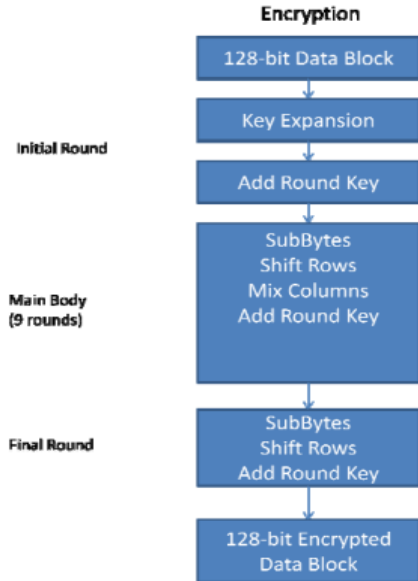


Fig. 5 Process of AES

Algorithm Process:

- Key Expansion: Using the key schedule of Rijndael, round keys are derived from the cipher key
- Initial Round – AddRoundKey: Then using bitwise XOR each byte of the state is combined with the round key.
- Rounds
 - SubBytes: This is a non-linear substitution step where each byte is swapped with another according to a lookup table.
 - ShiftRows: In this transposition step each row of the state is shifted cyclically a certain number of steps.
 - MixColumns: A mixing operation which operates on the columns of the state, combining the four bytes in each column.
 - AddRoundKey
- Final Round (no Mix Columns)
 - SubBytes
 - Shift Rows
 - AddRoundKey

In encryption AES is more suitable. ABE is considered to be more expensive. So the data is not directly encrypted using ABE. Generally symmetric key is used for encrypting bulk of

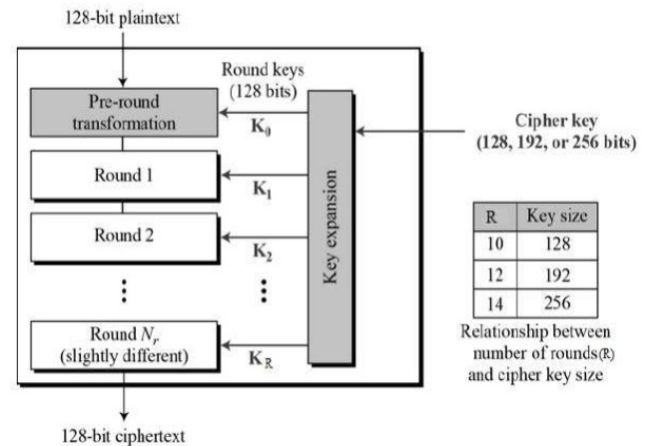
the data and asymmetric key like ABE is suitable for encrypting short key value. First data is encrypted using AES with 128 bits keys and the AES keys are again encrypted/decrypted using ABE and are sent together with ciphertext. The more popular and widely adopted symmetric encryption algorithm likely to be encountered nowadays is the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES). It is found at least six times faster than triple DES. A replacement for DES was needed as its key size was too small. With increasing computing power, it was considered vulnerable against exhaustive key search attack. Triple DES was designed to overcome this drawback but it was found slow.

The features of AES are as follows:

- Symmetric key symmetric block cipher
- 128-bit data, 128/192/256-bit keys
- Stronger and faster than Triple-DES
- Provide full specification and design details
- Software implementable in C and Java

Operation of AES

AES is an iterative rather than Feistel cipher. It is based on 'substitution-permutation network'. It comprises of a series of linked operations, some of which involve replacing inputs by specific outputs (substitutions) and others involve shuffling bits around (permutations). Interestingly, AES performs all its computations on bytes rather than bits. Hence, AES treats the 128 bits of a plaintext block as 16 bytes. These 16 bytes are arranged in four columns and four rows for processing as a matrix. Unlike DES, the number of rounds in AES is variable and depends on the length of the key. AES uses 10 rounds for 128-bit keys, 12 rounds for 192-bit keys and 14 rounds for 256-bit keys. Each of these rounds uses a different 128-bit round key, which is calculated from the original AES key. The schematic of AES structure is given in the following illustration –

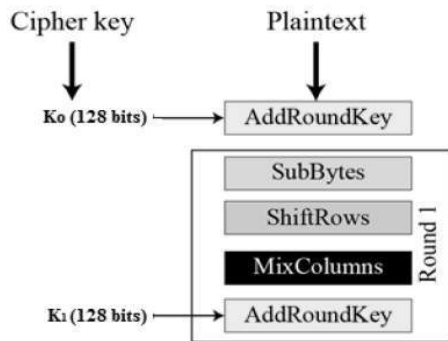


Encryption Process

R	Key size
10	128
12	192
14	256

Relationship between number of rounds(R) and cipher key size

Here, we restrict to description of a typical round of AES encryption. Each round comprise of four sub-processes. The first round process is depicted below –



Byte Substitution (SubBytes)

The 16 input bytes are substituted by looking up a fixed table (S-box) given in design. The result is in a matrix of four rows and four columns.

Shiftrows

Each of the four rows of the matrix is shifted to the left. Any entries that ‘fall off’ are re-inserted on the right side of row. Shift is carried out as follows –

- First row is not shifted.
- Second row is shifted one (byte) position to the left.
- Third row is shifted two positions to the left.
- Fourth row is shifted three positions to the left.
- The result is a new matrix consisting of the same 16 bytes but shifted with respect to each other.

MixColumns

Each column of four bytes is now transformed using a special mathematical function. This function takes as input the four bytes of one column and outputs four completely new bytes, which replace the original column. The result is another new matrix consisting of 16 new bytes. It should be noted that this step is not performed in the last round.

Addroundkey

The 16 bytes of the matrix are now considered as 128 bits and are XORed to the 128 bits of the round key. If this is the last round then the output is the ciphertext. Otherwise, the resulting 128 bits are interpreted as 16 bytes and we begin another similar round.

Decryption Process

The process of decryption of an AES ciphertext is similar to the encryption process in the reverse order. Each round consists of the four processes conducted in the reverse order –

- Add round key
- Mix columns
- Shift rows
- Byte substitution

Since sub-processes in each round are in reverse manner, unlike for a Feistel Cipher, the encryption and decryption algorithm needs to be separately implemented, although they are very closely related.

4.3 System Implementation

Our ciphertext-policy attribute-based storage system with secure deduplication consists of the following algorithms:

Setup → (pars, msk):

Taking the security parameter λ as the input, this setup algorithm outputs the public parameter pars and the master private key msk for the system. This algorithm is run by the AA.

KeyGen(pars, msk, A) → skA

Taking the public parameter pars, the master private key msk and an attribute set A as the input; this attribute-based private key generation algorithm generates an attributebased private key skA for the attribute set A. This algorithm is run by the AA.

Encrypt (pars, M, A) → (skT, CT)

The procedure of Encryption is performed by the data provider himself/herself. To improve the system’s performance, the owner first chooses a random number k as the symmetric key and encrypts the plaintext message M using κ with the symmetric encryption algorithm. The encrypted data can be denoted as $E_{\kappa}(M)$. Then the owner encrypts the symmetric key k using CP-ABE under the access policy (A) defined by himself/herself. Taking the public parameter pars, a message M and an access structure A over the universe of attributes as the input, this encryption algorithm outputs a trapdoor key skT and a tuple $CT = (T, L, ct, pf)$, where T and L are the tag and the label associated with M respectively, ct is the ciphertext which includes the encryption of M as well as the access structure A, and pf is a proof on the relationship of tag T, label L and ciphertext ct.

Validity-Test (pars, CT) → 1/0

Taking the public parameter pars and a tuple CT as the input, this validity testing algorithm parses CT as (T, L, ct, pf), and outputs 1 if pf is a valid proof for (T, L, ct) or 0 otherwise. This algorithm is run by the private cloud.

Equality-Test (pars, (T1, L1, ct1), (T2, L2, ct2)) → 1/0

Taking the public parameter pars and two tuples (T1, L1, ct1) and (T2, L2, ct2) as the input, this equality testing algorithm outputs 1 if both (T1, L1, ct1), (T2, L2, ct2) are generated from the same underlying message or 0 otherwise. This algorithm is run by the private cloud.

Re-encrypt (pars, skT, (L, ct), A0) → (L, ct0)

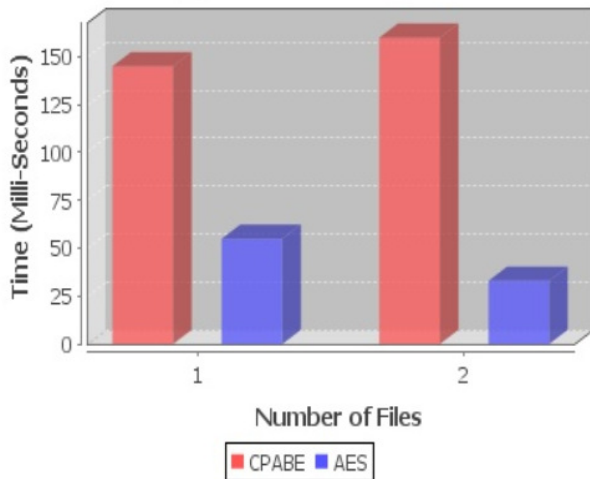
Taking the public parameter pars, the trapdoor key skT, a tag and ciphertext pair (L, ct) and an access structure A0 as the input, this re-encryption algorithm outputs a new ciphertext ct0 associated with A0 sharing the same label L of the ciphertext ct. This algorithm is run by the private cloud.

Decrypt (pars, (L; ct), A, skA) → M

Taking the public parameter pars, a label and ciphertext pair (L; ct) and an attribute-based private key skA associated to an attribute set A as the input, this decryption algorithm outputs either the message M when the private key skA satisfies the access structure of the ciphertext (ct) and the label L is consistent with M (to be defined later), or false indicating the failure of the decryption. This algorithm is run by the user.

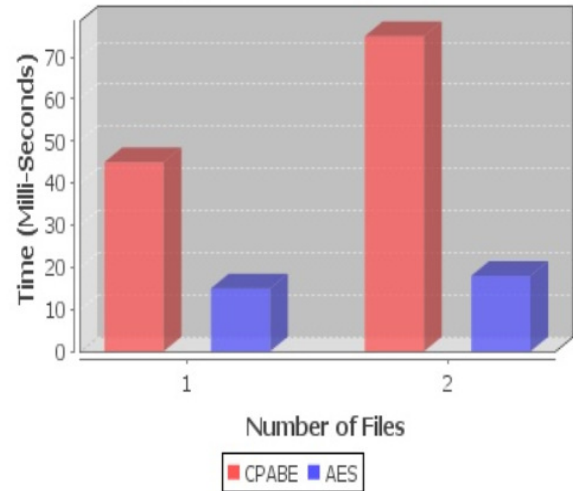
4.4 System Results

Encryption Performance



(a) Encryption between CP-ABE & AES

Decryption Performance



(b) Decryption between CP-ABE & AES

V. ATTRIBUTE-BASED STORAGE WITH SECURE DEDUPLICATION

In this section, we describe a concrete construction of an attribute-based storage system supporting secure deduplication, analyze its security.

5.1 Construction

On the basis of the large universe CP-ABE scheme proposed in [22], below we present an attribute-based storage system with secure deduplication.

• **Setup.** This algorithm takes the security parameter λ as the input. It randomly chooses a group G of a prime order p with a generator g , and a bilinear pairing $e^*: G \times G \rightarrow G_1$. Then, it randomly chooses collision resistant hash functions $f_0: G_1 \rightarrow Z_p$, $f_1: M \rightarrow Z_p$, $F: G_1 \rightarrow K$, $H: G_1 \rightarrow Z_p$. Also, it randomly chooses $\alpha \in Z_p^*$, $u, h, v, w \in G$. The public parameter is $\text{pars} = (f_0, f_1, F, H, g, u, h, w, v, e^*(g; g)^\alpha)$, and the master private key is $\text{msk} = g^\alpha$.

• **KeyGen.** This algorithm takes the public parameter pars, the master private key msk and a set $A = \{A_1 \dots A_l\}$ of attributes as the input, it randomly chooses $r, r_1 \dots r_l \in Z_p^*$, and computes

$$\text{sk}_1 = g^\alpha r; \text{sk}_2 = gr;$$

$$\forall i \in A \text{ sk}_2(i) = gr_i; \text{sk}_1(i) = (u A_i h)^{r_i} v^{-r}.$$

It outputs the attribute-based private key $\text{sk}_A = (\text{sk}_1, \{\text{sk}_1(i)\}_i \in A, \text{sk}_2, \{\text{sk}_2(i)\}_i \in A)$ associated with a set of attributes A .

• **Encrypt.** This algorithm takes the public parameter pars, a message $M \in M$ and an LSSS access structure (M, ρ) where ρ

is a function which associates the rows of M to attributes as the input. Let M be an $l \times n$ matrix. It randomly chooses a vector $v = (\mu_5, y_2 \dots y_n) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^n$, of which the values will be used to share the encryption exponent μ . For $i = 1 \dots l$, it calculates $v_i = v \cdot M_i$, where M_i is the vector corresponding to the i^{th} row of the matrix M . In addition, it randomly chooses $\beta \in G_1, z_1 \dots z_l \in \mathbb{Z}_p$, and computes

$$U = gf(M)\mu, L = gf1(M)hf0(\beta),$$

$$E = SE:Enc(F(\beta), M)$$

$$B = g\mu; C = \beta \cdot e^{(g; g)\alpha\mu},$$

$$\forall i \in [1, l] \text{ Ci} = wvivi, \text{ Di} = gzi, \text{ Ei} = (up(i)h) - zi,$$

$$\text{PoK}\{(M; \beta): U = Bf(M) \wedge L = gf1(M)hf0(\beta)\}$$

It outputs a trapdoor key $skT = w\mu$, and a tuple of tag, label, ciphertext and proof $CT = (T, L, ct, pf)$ where $T = (U, B)$, $ct = (M, \rho), E, B, C, \{(Ci, Di, Ei)\}_{i \in [1, l]}$, and pf is a zero-knowledge proof of knowledge (PoK) for the equality of μ in U, B and $f(M)$ in U, L without leaking the values of μ, M and β . Here PoK is a zero-knowledge proof composed of $(U, B, L, \theta_1, \theta_2)$ and can be computed as follows. It randomly chooses $d_1, d_2 \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$, and computes

$$R_1 = Bd_1, R_2 = gd_1hd_2, c = H(U, B, L, R_1, R_2), \theta_1 = d_1 - c \cdot f_1(M), \theta_2 = d_2 - c \cdot f_0(\beta).$$

• **Validity-Test.** This algorithm takes the public parameter $pars$ and a ciphertext CT as the input. To test the validity of the ciphertext, it computes $R_1 = U \cdot cB\theta_1, R_2 = Lcg\theta_1h\theta_2$.

If $c = H(U, B, L, R_1, R_2)$, it accepts CT , and stores $L, ((M, \rho), E, B, C, \{(Ci, Di, Ei)\}_{i \in [1, l]})$ to the public cloud. Otherwise, it rejects CT .

• **Equality-Test.** This algorithm takes the public parameter $pars$ and two tags $(U_1; B_1)$ and $(U_2; B_2)$ of the outsourced data as input. It outputs 1 if $e^{(U_1; B_2)} = e^{(U_2; B_1)}$. Otherwise, it outputs 0.

• **Re-encrypt.** This algorithm takes the public parameter $pars$, a trapdoor key skT , a ciphertext $(M, \rho), E, B, C, f(Ci, Di, Ei)g$ with a label L and an LSSS access structure (M_0, ρ_0) where the function ρ_0 associates the rows of M_0 to attributes as the input. Let M_0 be an $l_0 \times n_0$ matrix. It randomly chooses $v^- = (\mu^-, y^-_2 \dots y^-_{n'}) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{n'}$. It outputs the new ciphertext as

$$B' = B \cdot g\mu^-, L' = L, E' = E, C' = C \cdot e^{(g, g)\alpha\mu^-},$$

$$Ci' = wM' i' - v' vzi'; Di' = gzi', Ei' = (up'(i')h) - zi'.$$

It is straightforward to see that the distribution of $L', ((M', \rho'), E', B', C', f(Ci'), Di', Ei')_{i \in [1, l']}$ is consistent with that outputted by the encryption algorithm $Encrypt(pars, M, (M', \rho'))$.

• **Decrypt.** This algorithm takes the public parameter $pars$, a ciphertext $(M, \rho), E, B, C, \{(Ci, Di, Ei)\}_{i \in [1, l]}$ with the corresponding label L and a private key skA for an attribute set A as the input. Suppose that an attribute set A satisfies the access structure (M, ρ) . If $gf1(M)hf0(\beta) = L$, it outputs M . Otherwise, it outputs a failure symbol 0.

VI. CONCLUSION

Cloud Computing refers to manipulating, configuring, and accessing the applications through online. It offers online data storage, infrastructure and application. Cloud Computing is both a combination of software and hardware based computing resources delivered as a network service. Attribute-based encryption (ABE) has been widely used in cloud computing where data providers outsource their encrypted data to the cloud and can share the data with users possessing specified credentials. On the other hand, deduplication is an important technique to save the storage space and network bandwidth, which eliminates duplicate copies of identical data. However, the standard ABE systems do not support secure deduplication, which makes them costly to be applied in some commercial storage services. In this paper, we presented a novel approach to realize an attribute-based storage system supporting secure deduplication. Our storage system is built under a hybrid cloud architecture, where a private cloud manipulates the computation and a public cloud manages the storage. The private cloud is provided with a trapdoor key associated with the corresponding ciphertext, with which it can transfer the ciphertext over one access policy into ciphertexts of the same plaintext under any other access policies without being aware of the underlying plaintext. After receiving a storage request, the private cloud first checks the validity of the uploaded item through the attached proof. If the proof is invalid, the private cloud runs a tag matching algorithm to see whether the same data underlying the ciphertext has been stored. If so, whenever it is necessary, it regenerates the ciphertext into a ciphertext of the same plaintext over an access policy which is the union set of both access policies. The proposed storage system enjoys two major advantages. Firstly, it can be used to confidentially share data with other users by specifying an access policy rather than sharing the decryption key. Secondly, it achieves the standard notion of semantic security while existing

deduplicationschemesonly achieve it under a weaker security notion. The comparison between existing and proposed system is only in time complexity. By using CP-ABE algorithm, the secret key is generated and wastes a lots of time. While reducing this time complexity, we use Advanced Encryption Standard (AES), which is encrypt the data by using symmetric key K as key is fastly generates and encrypt the data in file. This will reduce the lots of time.

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