



ATTRIBUTE-BASED KEYWORD SEARCH (ABKS) SCHEME WITH KEYWORD-BASED RETRIEVAL AND FINE-GRAINED ACCESS CONTROL

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Abstract: Cipher text-Policy Attribute-Based Encryption (CP-ABE), the Ciphertext-Policy Attribute-Based Keyword Search (CP-ABKS) scheme can achieve keyword-based retrieval and fine-grained access control simultaneously. However, the single attribute authority in existing CP-ABKS schemes is tasked with costly user certificate verification and secret key distribution. In addition, this results in a single-point performance bottleneck in distributed cloud systems. Thus, in this paper, we present a secure Multi-authority CP-ABKS (MABKS) system to address such limitations and minimize the computation and storage burden on resource-limited devices in cloud systems. In addition, the MABKS system is extended to support malicious attribute authority tracing and attribute update. Our rigorous security analysis shows that the MABKS system is selectively secure in both selective-matrix and selective-attribute models. Our experimental results using real-world datasets demonstrate the efficiency and utility of the MABKS system in practical applications.

INTRODUCTION

Searchable Encryption (SE) is an important technique to guarantee data security and usability in the cloud at the same time. Cloud computing is the use of computing resources (hardware and software) that are delivered as a service over a network (typically the Internet). The name comes from the common use of a cloud-shaped symbol as an abstraction for the complex infrastructure it contains in system diagrams. Cloud computing entrusts remote services with a user's data, software and computation. Cloud computing consists of hardware and software resources made available on the Internet as managed third-party services. These services typically provide access to advanced software applications and high-end networks of server computers.

The goal of cloud computing is to apply traditional supercomputing, or high-performance computing power, normally used by military and research facilities, to perform tens of trillions of computations per second, in



consumer-oriented applications such as financial portfolios, to deliver personalized information, to provide data storage or to power large, immersive computer games. The cloud computing uses networks of large groups of servers typically running low-cost consumer PC technology with specialized connections to spread data-processing chores across them. This shared IT infrastructure contains large pools of systems that are linked together. Often, virtualization techniques are used to maximize the power of cloud computing.

PROBLEM DEFINITION

In TMACS, multiple authorities jointly manage the whole attribute set but no one has full control of any specific attribute. Since in CP-ABE schemes, there is always a secret key (SK) used to generate attribute private keys, we introduce $(t; n)$ threshold secret sharing into our scheme to share the secret key among authorities. In TMACS, we redefine the secret key in the traditional CP-ABE schemes as master key.

PROPOSED SYSTEM

- To the best of our knowledge, we are the first to design a multi-authority access control architecture to deal with the problem.
- By introducing the combining of $(t; n)$ threshold secret sharing and multi-authority CP-ABE

scheme, we propose and realize a robust and verifiable multi-authority access control system in public cloud storage, in which multiple authorities jointly manage a uniform attribute set.

- Furthermore, by efficiently combining the traditional multi-authority scheme with ours, we construct a hybrid one, which can satisfy the scenario of attributes coming from different authorities as well as achieving security and system-level robustness.

PROPOSED METHOD

- *Multi-authority architecture.* Different from the previous single-authority CP-ABKS schemes [13], [14] (or traditional multi-authority CP-ABE schemes [16], [17], [19]) that still cannot avoid the limitation of single-point performance bottleneck, the hierarchical structure in the MABKS system enables multiple AAs to separately execute time-consuming user certificate verification and intermediate secret key generation on behalf of CA, which significantly reduces CA's computation requirements.

- *File-level fine-grained keyword search.* Most of the traditional CP-ABKS schemes [4], [5], [12] have independent file key encryption and indexes building processes, while the MABKS system will embed the secret key chosen in file key encryption process into the indexes building process. Thus, the MABKS system



not only allows data owners to specify the file-level fine-grained access control over encrypted cloud data but also enables cloud clients (e.g., data owners, data users) to perform keyword-based ciphertexts retrieval.

- *Malicious AAs tracing.* The traditional traceable CPABE schemes [20], [21], [22] mainly focus on the malicious data users who may leak their secret keys to unauthorized entities, while the extended MABKS system focuses on tracing the malicious AAs that incorrectly generate intermediate secret keys for data users in two phases (i.e., secret key ownership confirming, malicious AAs tracing).

- *Attribute update.* The extended MABKS system implements the attribute update so that malicious data users cannot access the sensitive cloud data by exploiting old or outdated secret keys. Compared with the attribute update mechanisms [23], [24] in

prior CP-ABE schemes that need to update the whole ciphertexts, the extended MABKS just allows data users and cloud server to update a fraction of secret key components and indexes associated with the updated attributes by using two transformation keys, respectively.

- *Security and efficiency.* The comprehensive security analysis shows that the MABKS system is selectively secure in both selective-matrix and selectiveattribute

models. Experimental results using realworld datasets demonstrate that the storage and computation overhead increases with the number of user attributes rather than system attributes [14]. In addition, the MABKS system has constant trapdoor size and ciphertexts retrieval overhead, which reduces the storage and computation burden on resource-limited data users and improves the user search experience. Considering that the encryption and decryption overhead still grows with the complexities of access policies in traditional CP-ABKS schemes [13], [14], the MABKS system can utilize the online/offline encryption mechanism and outsourced decryption mechanism [25] to further decrease the data owner and data users' computation overhead, respectively.

Advantages

- The security model of the MABKS system allows a certain adversary to query for the secret key which cannot be utilized to decrypt the challenging cipher texts.
- Traditional CP-ABKS schemes that can achieve fine-grained access control and keyword-based cipher texts retrieval at the same time by simply combining CP-ABE and SE techniques, the MABKS system can gain the file-level fine grained key.



LITERATURE SURVEY

Privacy preserving cloud data access with multi-authorities

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Cloud computing is a revolutionary computing paradigm which enables flexible, on-demand and low-cost usage of computing resources. Those advantages, ironically, are the causes of security and privacy problems, which emerge because the data owned by different users are stored in some cloud servers instead of under their own control. To deal with security problems, various schemes based on the Attribute-Based Encryption have been proposed recently. However, the privacy problem of cloud computing is yet to be solved. This paper presents an anonymous privilege control scheme AnonyControl to address not only the data privacy problem in a cloud storage, but also the user identity privacy issues in existing access control schemes. By using multiple authorities in cloud computing system, our proposed scheme achieves anonymous cloud data access and fine-grained privilege control. Our security proof and performance analysis shows that AnonyControl is both secure and

efficient for cloud computing environment.

IMPLEMENTATION

The System Design Document describes the system requirements, operating environment, system and subsystem architecture, files and database design, input formats, output layouts, human-machine interfaces, detailed design, processing logic, and external interfaces.

- Data Access Control Scheme
- Certificate authority
- Attribute authorities

Data Access Control Scheme:

we propose a robust and verifiable threshold multi-authority CP-ABE access control scheme, named TMACS, to deal with the single-point bottleneck on both security and performance in most existing schemes. In TMACS, multiple authorities jointly manage the whole attribute set but no one has full control of any specific attribute. Since in CP-ABE schemes, there is always a secret key (SK) used to generate attribute private keys, we introduce $(t;n)$ threshold secret sharing into our scheme to share the secret key among authorities. In TMACS, we redefine the secret key in the traditional CP-ABE schemes as master key. The introduction of $(t;n)$ threshold secret sharing guarantees that the master key



cannot be obtained by any authority alone. TMACS is not only verifiable secure when less than t authorities are compromised, but also robust when no less than t authorities are alive in the system. To the best of our knowledge, this paper is the first try to address the singlepoint bottleneck on both security and performance in CPABE access control schemes in public cloud storage.

Certificate authority :

The certificate authority is a global trusted entity in the system that is responsible for the construction of the system by setting up system parameters and attribute public key (PK) of each attribute in the whole attribute set. CA accepts users and AAs' registration requests by assigning a unique uid for each legal user and a unique aid for each AA. CA also decides the parameter t about the threshold of AAs that are involved in users' secret key generation for each time. However, CA is not involved in AAs' master key sharing and users' secret key generation. Therefore, for example, CA can be government organizations or enterprise departments which are responsible for the registration. certificate authority is responsible for the construction of the system, which avoids the extra overhead caused by AAs' negotiation of system parameters. CA is also responsible for the registration of users, which

avoids AAs synchronized maintaining a list of users.

Attribute authorities:

The attribute authorities focus on the task of attribute management and key generation. Besides, AAs take part of the responsibility to construct the system, and they can be the administrators or the managers of the application system. Different from other existing multi-authority CP-ABE systems, all AAs jointly manage the whole attribute set, however, any one of AAs cannot assign users' secret keys alone for the master key is shared by all AAs. All AAs cooperate with each other to share the master key. By this means, each AA can gain a piece of master key share as its private key, then each AA sends its corresponding public key to CA to generate one of the system public keys. When it comes to generate users' secret key, each AA only should generate its corresponding secret key independently. the master key shared among multiple attribute authorities. In traditional $(t;n)$ threshold secret sharing, once the secret is reconstructed among multiple participants, someone can actually gain its value.

CONCLUSION

In this paper, the main flaw is that the system cannot support expressive search queries such as conjunctive keyword search, fuzzy search, subset search and so on. The future work will



focus on building an efficient and flexible index construction so that the system is capable of supporting various search requests.

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