

Security and Privacy Preserving by using Two Layer Encryption Process in Public Cloud

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Abstract—The traditional and Single Layer Encryption (SLE) approaches incur high communication and computational cost to manage key and encryption whenever user credentials change. So to overcome this problem, the Two Layer Encryption (TLE) process is proposed. In this, the TLE process solve that problem by using the access control enforcement responsibilities as possible to the cloud while minimizing the information revelation risks due to machinating users and cloud. Under this approach, the data owner performs the coarse-grained encryption and the cloud performs the fine grained encryption. A challenging issue of the TLE process is to decompose the access control policy into two sub ACPs so that the owner has to handle a minimum number of attribute condition while hiding the content from the cloud. The policy decomposition problem is the NP-Complete problem and provided approximation algorithm. The system assures about the confidentiality of the data and preserves the privacy of user from the cloud while delegating most of the access control enforcement to the cloud.

Index Terms—Security, Privacy, Confidentiality Identity, Cloud Computing, Access Control, Policy Decomposition, Encryption.

I. INTRODUCTION

Today, security, privacy and confidentiality are the major concerns in the cloud technology for data storage. To reduce these concerns, encryption is the way. But, encryption only assures the confidentiality of the data against the cloud, so the use of conventional encryption approach is not sufficient to support the application of fine-grained [10] organization access control policies (ACP). Today many organizations have ACPs regulating, it decides which users can access which type of data. These ACPs are stated in terms of the properties of the users, raised as identity attributes, using access control languages such as a XACML [3], [5]. The identity attributes encode private information and thus should strongly protect from the cloud, very much as data themselves.

In the traditional approach, group of data items are based on the ACPs and encrypted with the different symmetric keys. Users which are present in group, only those have given a key to access that data item. Such approaches consist of several limitations:

1. The data owner does not keep copy of the data, whenever user dynamics changes. If the data owner wants to download the data, decrypt the data, and changed it after that re-encrypt it with new key and then upload it on the cloud. So the user dynamic changes refer to the operation of adding and revoking user. But this process must be

applied to all data items encrypted with same key. If the data set is large then it is not efficient for re-encryption process.

2. Data owner needs to establish private communication channels with the users, when data owner wants to generate the new key for user.
3. The user's identity attributes is not taken into account for the privacy. Therefore, the cloud can be learning sensitive information about the user and the organization.
4. They are not either able or efficient in supporting fine-grained access control policies.

Recently proposed approach is based on the broadcast key management schemes, which is called as Single Layer Encryption (SLE) [6] process. This process addresses the above some limitations. So to overcome these limitations, the Two Layer Encryption (TLE) [1],[2],[4] process is proposed. The approach is based on the two layer encryption applied to each data item then upload to the cloud. In the two layer encryption process, firstly the data owner can encrypt the data that process called as Coarse-grained encryption. On the cloud side encrypted data can be re-encrypted and uploaded on to the cloud that process called as a Fine-grained encryption. The TLE process is not new, however the way of TLE (Coarse-grained and fine-grained) is novel and provide better solution than existing process.

In the TLE, the main challenge is decomposing the ACPs, so that fine-grained attribute based access control (ABAC) enforcement can delegate to the cloud. While at the same time the privacy of the identity attributes of the users and confidentiality of the data are assured.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows:- Section II describes the related work, section III describes proposed work, then section IV conclude the process.

II. RELATED WORK

Privacy Preserving Access Control – It is very difficult to manage database system in house especially for small or medium organizations. For those organizations, Data-as-a-Service (DaaS) [7] has provided the alternative solution in the cloud, which is very flexible, reliable, easy and economical to operate. However, security and privacy are the major issues for the data storage in the cloud and access via internet have been major issues for many organizations. The data and the human resources are the most important part of any

organization. Hence, they should strongly protect. In this method, identifying the challenging issues in securing DaaS model so that they proposed a system called as a Cloud Mask that puts the foundation for organization to take all types of the benefits of hosting their data in the cloud. At the same time, DaaS has also supported for fine-grained access control for sharing the data hosted in the cloud.

Broadcast Group Key Management-The main problem in the public cloud is how to selectively share the documents, which is based on fine-grained ABAC policies. In this approach, the documents must satisfy different policies for the encryption with different keys using public key cryptosystem called as an Attribute based Encryption (ABE) and Proxy Encryption (PRE). However, this approach consists of some limitations: it incurs high communication and computation cost to keep multiple numbers of encrypted copies of the some documents. So to overcome this problem, a new key management schemes is proposed called as Broadcast Group Key Management (BGKM) [7], [8], [11], [12], [13], [14] and after that they can be provided a secure construction of a BGKM scheme called as an Access Control Vector-BGKM (ACV-BGKM). This idea is to provide some secrets to user which is based on their identity attribute and latterly they will allow them to derive actual symmetric key based on their secrets and some their public information. The advantage of BGKM scheme is that adding/revoking users or updating ACPs can be performed easily by updating only some public information. Using BGKM construct, an efficient approach is proposed for fine-grained encryption based on the access control for storing the documents in untrusted cloud.

Over Encryption: Management of access Control evolution of out-sourced data- In this, two layer encryption (TLE) [9] method is proposed. This method is enforced on data. The inner layer is enforced by the owner for providing initial protection and the outer layer is also enforced by the server to reflect the policy modification. The TLE method provides both the efficient and robust solution. A model is proposed an algorithm for the management of the two layers encryption and an analysis to identify there counteracts. There is an emerging trend towards scenarios where resource management is outsourced to an external service providing storage capabilities and high-bandwidth distribution channels.

III. PROPOSED WORK

The approach is based on the two layer encryption process is applied to each data items uploaded to the cloud. In the TLE approach, data owner can perform first encryption which is called as the coarse-grained encryption in order to assure the confidentiality of the data from the cloud. Then cloud can perform the second re-encryption on the encrypted data item that process called as the fine grained encryption. The two layer encryption is not new, but the way of representation of this TLE process is new. The coarse grained and fine grained

process is new and provides a better solution than existing solution. The TLE process consists of the four entities Owner, User, Identity Provider (Idp), and Cloud as shown in fig. 1. This TLE process reduces the load of the data owner and delegate as much access control enforcement duties as possible to the cloud. Mainly, it overcomes the traditional approaches so it provides a best way to handle the data updates and user dynamics changes.

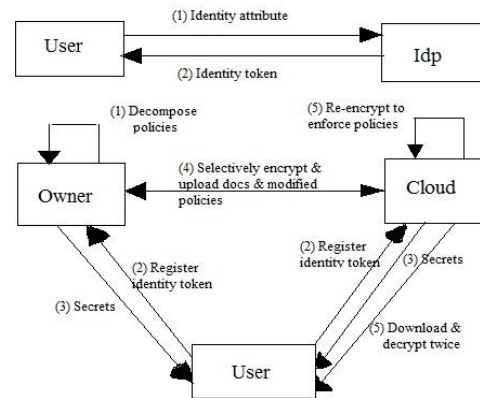


Fig. 1: Two Layer Encryption Architecture

Algorithm-

1. Gen-Graph Algorithm-

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C = φ
forEach ACPi ∈ ACPB, i = 1 to Np do
    ACPi ← Convert ACPi to DNF
    forEach conjunctive term c of ACPi do
        Add c to C
    end for
end for
//Represent the conditions as a graph
G = (E, V), E = φ, V = φ
forEach conjunctive term ci ∈ C, i = 1 to Nc do
    Create vertex v, if v not belongs to V, for each AC
    in ci
    Add an edge ei between vi and each vertex
    already added for ci
end for
Return G.
    
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Graph generation algorithm takes the Access Control Policy) as the input and converts each ACP into Disjunctive Normal Form (DNF). Then each conjunctive term which is present in ACP that will be added into the set C. For each attribute condition (AC) in each conjunctive term in C set, it generates a new vertex in G and adds edges between the vertices corresponding to the same conjunctive term. Depending on the ACPs, the algorithm can create a graph G with multiple disconnected subgraphs or connected subgraphs.

Access Control Policy Based (ACPB)-
 (“role = rec” \vee (“role = nur” \wedge “type \geq junior”), CI)
 (“role = cas” \vee “role = pha”, BI)
 (“role = doc” \wedge “ip = 2-out-4”, CR)
 ((“role = doc” \wedge “ip = 2-out-4”) \vee “role = pha”, TR)
 ((“role = doc” \wedge “ip = 2-out-4”) \vee (“role = nur” \wedge “yos \geq 5”)
 \vee “role = pha”, MR)
 ((“role = nur” \wedge “type \geq junior”) \vee (“role = dat” \wedge “type \geq
 junior”) \vee (“role = doc” \wedge “yos \geq 2”), LR)
 ((“role = nur” \wedge “type = senior”) \vee (“role = dat” \wedge “yos \geq 4”),
 PE)

Output of the Gen-Graph algorithm-

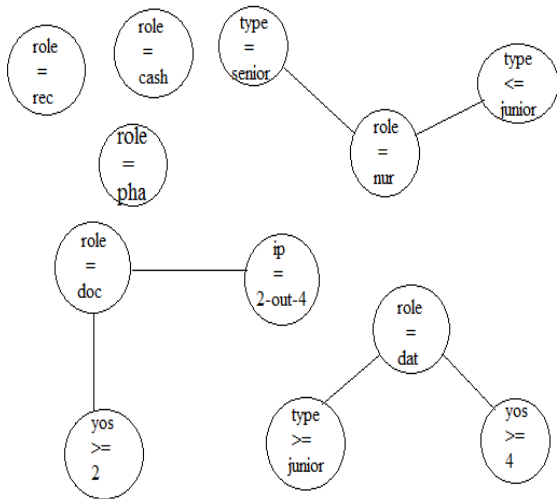


Fig. 2: The example of graph

2. Random Edge Algorithm-

G = GEN-GRAPH(ACPB)
 ACC = ϕ
 forEach disconnected subgraph $G_i = (V_i, E_i)$ of G do
 if $|V_i| == 1$ then
 Add AC_i corresponding to the vertex to ACC
 else
 while E_i not equal to ϕ do
 Select a random edge (u, v) of E_i
 Add the attribute conditions AC_u
 and AC_v corresponding to {u, v}
 to ACC.
 Remove from E_i every edge
 incident on either u or v
 end while
 end if
 end for
 Return ACC.

The Random cover algorithm takes the ACPs as the input and generates output a near optimal ACC(attribute condition cover). Gen-graph algorithm calls this algorithm to generate disconnected or connected graph as shown in above algorithm. Through each disconnected graph G_i of G, it finds the near optimal ACC and adds to the ACC'. If the graph is connected then algorithm is selected any random edge is considered, then all edges are removed from G_i . The algorithm continues until all edges are removed from each G_i .

The output of the Random policy algorithm-
 It gives the AC cover ACC = {"role = cas", "role = eac", "role = doc", "role = pha", "yos \geq 2", "role = nur", "role = dat"}.
 The optimal AC cover ACC = {"role = cas", "role = rec", "role = doc", "role = pha", "role = dat", "role = nur"}.

3. Policy Decomposition-

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ACPBOwner =  $\phi$ 
ACPBCloud =  $\phi$ 
forEach ACPi in ACPB do
  Convert ACPi to DNF
  ACPi(owner) =  $\phi$ 
  ACPi(cloud) =  $\phi$ 
  ifOnly one conjunctive term then
    Decompose the conjunctive term c into
    c1 and c2 such that ACs in c1  $\in$  ACC,
    ACs in c2 not belongs to ACC and
    c = c1  $\wedge$  c2
    ACPi(owner) = c1
    ACPi(cloud) = c2
  else if At most one term has more than one AC
  then
    forEach single AC term c of ACPi do
      ACPi(owner)  $\vee$  = c
      ACPi(cloud)  $\vee$  = c
    end for
  Decompose the multi AC term c into c1 and c2 such that ACs
  in c1  $\in$  ACC, ACs in c2 not belongs to ACC and c = c1  $\wedge$  c2
  ACPi(owner)  $\vee$  = c1
  ACPi(cloud)  $\vee$  = c2
else
  forEach conjunctive term c of ACPi do
    Decompose c into c1 and c2 such that
    ACs in c1  $\in$  ACC, ACs in c2 not belongs
    to ACC and c = c1  $\wedge$  c2
    ACPi(owner)  $\vee$  = c1
  end for
  ACPi(cloud) = ACPi
end if
Add ACPi(owner) to ACPBOwner
Add ACPi(cloud) to ACPBCloud
end for
Return ACPBOwner and ACPBCloud
  
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The policy decomposition is used to decompose the ACPs into two sub ACPs. The owner manages only those

attribute conditions which are in the ACC. The cloud can be handling the remaining set of attribute condition, which is in ACB or in AC. The algorithm is showed how the ACPs are decomposed into two sub Access Control Policies based on the AC in ACC. The algorithm is taken the input from ACPB and produced the two sets of ACPs which are ACPB_{owner} and ACPB_{cloud} that are to be enforced at the owner side and the cloud side respectively. The algorithm converts each conjunctive term in two parts such that one conjunctive term has only those ACs which belongs to ACC and the other term may or may not belong to ACC. It is easily shown that the policy decomposition is consistent. That is, the conjunctive of corresponding sub ACPs in ACPB_{owner} and ACPB_{cloud} generates an original ACP in ACPB.

The output of the policy decomposition algorithm, the sub ACPs that owners enforce look like follows-

(“role = rec” \vee “role = nur”, CI)
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The sub ACPs that cloud enforces look like as follows-

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Modules-

1. Identity Token Issuance

Identity Provider is called as trusted third parties that issue identity tokens to Users based on their identity attributes. After the issuing identity token, it goes on offline mode.

2. Policy Decomposition-

The Owner can be decomposed each ACP into two sub ACPs using the policy decomposition algorithm such that the owner can be enforced the minimum number of attribute to assure the confidentiality of data from the cloud. The algorithm generates two sets of sub ACPs ACPB_{owner} and ACPB_{cloud}. The owner can enforce the confidentiality related with sub ACPs in ACPB_{owner} and the cloud can be enforced the remaining sub ACPs into the ACPB_{cloud}.

3. Identity Token Registration-

Using the user credential, identity token is generated. Through this Identity Token (IT), secrets can be obtained to decrypt the data for the accessing that data.

4. Data encryption and upload-

In the TLE process, data is encrypted two times, firstly at the owner side and secondly at the cloud side. The owner can be encrypted the data based on the sub ACPs which present in ACPB_{owner} and uploads them to the cloud. Then cloud re-encrypts the encrypted data based on remaining sub ACPs which is present in the ACPB_{cloud}. For the generation of symmetric key, both parties can be executed Advance Encryption Standard algorithm individually.

5. Download and Decryption algorithm-

Users download the encrypted data from the cloud and then decrypt the encrypted data two times to access that data. First, the cloud can be generated public information tuple, then it can be used to derive the out layer encryption key and after that the owner generates public information tuple is used to drive the inner layer encryption key using the AES algorithm. These two keys are allowed a user to decrypt a data item only if the user satisfies the original ACPs applied to the data item.

6. Authentication Server-

Kerberos protocol is used for authenticating users by their login credentials. Kerberos is one of the types of Single Sign-On (SSO) protocol to provide Ticket passing and validation of user login. Kerberos will validate the user login, if user is authenticated it will generate the login ticket available for some instance of time and send tickets to application and user browser, then user login will be done by forwarding user authentication ticket to application and signature checking of that ticket. To develop Kerberos Protocol, SHA-1 algorithm is used to generate and verify user login ticket.

IV. RESULT ANALYSIS

In the previous method, ABGKM Algorithm is used to encrypt and decrypt the data items. But in this Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) Algorithm is used for encryption and decryption purpose. The AES algorithm takes the less time to encrypt or decrypt the data items and provide more security also as compared to ABGKM algorithm. Fig. 3 and 4 show exact difference between both algorithms.

The average time spent to execute the AB-GKM::KeyGen with SLE and TLE approaches for different group sizes. The number of attribute conditions to 100 set and the maximum number of attribute conditions per policy is dynamic. SLE approach utilizes the greedy algorithm to find the attribute condition cover. As seen in the Fig 5, the running time at the Owner in the SLE approach is higher since the Owner has to enforce all the attribute conditions. Since the TLE approach utilizes the random cover algorithm and divides the

enforcement cost between the Owner and the Cloud, the running time at the Owner is lower compared to the SLE approach. The running time at the Cloud in the TLE approach is higher than that at the Owner since the Cloud performs fine grained encryption whereas the Owner only performs coarse grained encryption. Through this, computation and communication cost is also reduced.

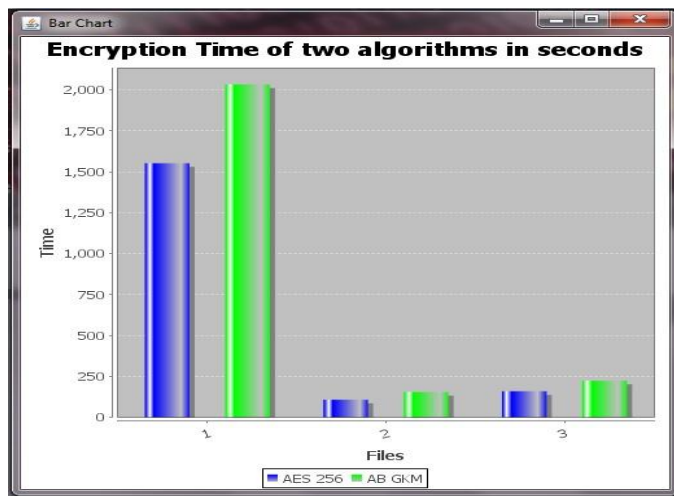


Fig. 3: Difference between AES and ABGKM Algorithm for encrypting the data items.

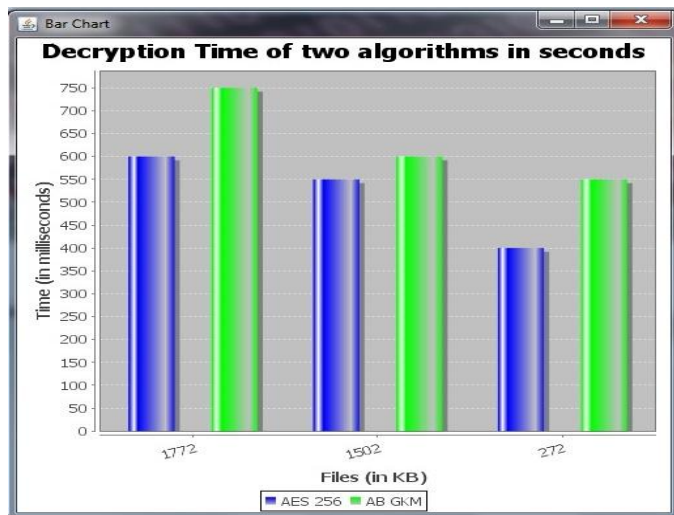


Fig. 4: Difference between AES and ABGKM Algorithm for decrypting the data items.

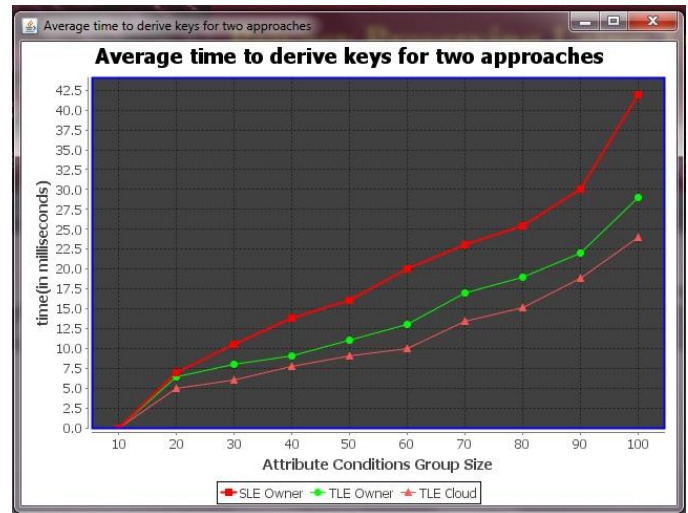


Fig. 5 Average time to derive keys for the two approaches

V. CONCLUSION

The traditional and SLE approaches incur high communication and computational cost to manage key and encryption whenever user credentials changes. In this, the two layer encryption process is used to overcome this problem by using the access control enforcement responsibilities as possible to the cloud. A challenging issue of the TLE process is to decompose the access control policy into two sub ACPs so that the owner has to handle a minimum number of attribute condition while hiding the content from the cloud. The policy decomposition problem is the NP-Complete problem and provided approximation algorithm.

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