Reliable and Secure Storage Services in Cloud Computing

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Abstract —*Cloud storage enables networked online storage where data is stored on multiple virtual servers, rather than being hosted on dedicated servers. Having remote database, there arises Security problems. In order to maintain data integrity, proposed design consists of efficient methods that enable on-demand data correctness verification. In this paper, we put more focuses on the support of file-oriented cloud applications. The proposed system ensures effective security measures, utilizing the token pre-computation process and data encryption. Our security analysis shows that both internal and external attacks require exponential computational costs; that is, our scheme is computationally secure against these attacks. So, the distributed protocols for storage correctness assurance will be of most importance in achieving robust and secure cloud storage systems. Therefore, the steps toward future cloud computing is flexible and cost-effective for organization used by reliable and secure cloud computing.*

Index Terms—*Cloud computing, Data integrity, Dependable distributed storage, Data dynamics, Error localization.*

1. INTRODUCTION

Cloud computing is an internet-based development that involves delivering hosted services over the internet and provides on demand network access to multiple resources. The cloud infrastructures are much more powerful and reliable than personal computing devices, broad range of both internal and external threats for data integrity still exist. The internet-based online services to provide huge amount of storage space and customizable computing resources. The services and applications required by those resources are configured and installed on remote locations and are accessible via cloud. The computing platform shift eliminates the responsibility of local machines for data maintenance at the same time. Cloud computing moves the application software and databases to the large data centers, where the administration of the data and services may not be fully trustworthy. The pioneer of Cloud Computing vendors, Amazon Simple Storage Service (S3) and Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2) are both well known examples. It has the advantage of reducing cost by sharing computing and storage resources, combined with an on-demand provisioning mechanism.

Cloud computing is the delivery of computing as a service rather than a product, whereby shared resources, software, and information are provided to computers and other devices as a utility (like the electricity grid) over a network. Cloud computing provides computation, software, data access, and [1]-[2] storage services that do not require end-user knowledge of the physical location and configuration of the system that delivers the services. Parallels to this concept can be drawn with the electricity grid, wherein end-users consume power without needing to understand the component devices or infrastructure required to provide the service. Cloud computing is different from hosting services and assets at ISP data center. It is all about computing systems are logically at one place or virtual resources [2] forming a Cloud and user community accessing with intranet or Internet. So, it means Cloud could reside in-premises or off-premises at service provider location.

Cloud computing describes a new supplement, consumption, and delivery model for IT services based on Internet protocols, and it typically involves provisioning of dynamically scalable and often virtualized resources. It is a byproduct and consequence of the ease-of-access to remote computing sites provided by the Internet. This may take the form of web-based tools or applications that users can access and use through a web browser as if the programs were installed locally on their own computers. Cloud computing providers deliver applications via the internet, which are accessed from web browsers, desktop and mobile apps, while the business software and data are stored on servers at a remote location. In some cases, legacy applications (line of business applications that until now have

been prevalent in thin client Windows computing) are delivered via a screen-sharing technology, [3]-[4] while the computing resources are consolidated at a remote data center location; in other cases, entire business applications have been coded using web-based technologies such as AJAX. Most cloud computing infrastructures consist of services delivered through shared data-centers and appearing as a single point of access for consumers' computing needs. Commercial offerings may be required to meet service-level agreements (SLAs), but specific terms are less often negotiated by smaller companies.

Cloud computing has been changing how most people use the web and [19] how they store their files. It's the structure that runs sites like Face book, Amazon and Twitter and the core that allows us to take advantage of services like Google Docs and Gmail. But how does it work. The concept of the cloud has been around for a long time in many different incarnations in the business world. It mostly means a grid of computers serving as a service-oriented architecture to deliver software and data. Most websites and server-based applications run on particular computers or servers. The cloud utilizes the resources from the computers as a collective virtual computer, [16] where the applications can run independently from particular computer or server configurations. They are basically floating around in a "cloud of resources", making the hardware less important to how the applications work. The cloud takes advantage of that to bring it to the next level. The cloud consists of layers mostly, back-end layers and front-end or user-end layers. The front-end layers are the ones you see and interact with. [23] When you access your email on Gmail. For example, you are using software running on the front-end of a cloud [19]. The same is true when you access your Facebook account. The back-end layer consists of the hardware and the software architecture that fuels the interface you see on the front end.

An understanding of the techniques used to make distributed computing systems and networks reliable, fault-tolerant and secure will be crucial to those who design and [19] deploy the next generation of mission-critical applications and Web Services. Reliable Distributed Systems reviews and describes the key concepts, principles and applications of modern distributed computing systems and architectures. The IP suite can be viewed as a set of layers, each layer having the property that it only uses the functions of the layer below, and only exports functionality to the layer above. A system that implements protocol behavior consisting of layers is known as a protocol stack. Protocol stacks can be implemented either in hardware or software [20], or a mixture of both. Typically, only the lower layers are implemented in hardware, with the higher layers being implemented in software.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. Section 2 which overviews the related work. Then we describe some of the methods related to our project in Section 3. Finally, Section 4 presents concluding remarks and outlines the directions for future work.

2. RELATED WORK

Ateniese *et al.* [3] defined the "provable data possession" (PDP) model for ensuring possession of file on untrusted storages. Their scheme utilized public key for auditing the data file. However, the pre-computation of the tags imposes heavy computation overhead that can be expensive for an entire file. In their subsequent work, Ateniese *et al.* [6] described a PDP scheme that uses only symmetric key based cryptography. This method has lower-overhead than their previous scheme and allows for block updates, deletions and appends to the stored file, which has also been supported in our work. However, their scheme focuses on single server scenario and does not provide data availability guarantee against server failures, leaving both the distributed scenario and data error recovery issue unexplored. The explicit support of data dynamics has further been studied in the two recent work [7] and [8].

Juels *et al.* [2] described a formal "proof of retrievability" (POR) model for ensuring the remote data integrity. Their scheme combines spot-checking and error correcting code to ensure both possession and retrievability of files on archive service systems. Shacham et al. [9] built on this model and constructed a random linear function which enables unlimited number of challenges and requires less communication overhead due to its usage of relatively small size of BLS signature. Bowers *et al.* [10] proposed an improved framework for POR protocols that generalizes both Juels and Shacham's work. Later in their subsequent work, Bowers et al. [13] extended POR model to distributed systems. However, all these schemes are focusing on static data. The effectiveness of their schemes rests primarily on the pre-processing steps that the user conducts before outsourcing the data file F. Any change to the contents of F, even few bits, must propagate through the error-correcting code and the corresponding random shuffling process, thus

introducing significant computation and communication complexity. Recently, Dodis *et al.* [12] gave theoretical studies on generalized framework for different variants of existing POR work.

The incremental cryptography work done by Bell are *et al.* [17] also provides a set of cryptographic building blocks such as hash, MAC, and signature functions that may be employed for storage integrity verification while supporting dynamic operations on data. However, this branch of work falls into the traditional data integrity protection mechanism, where local copy of data has to be maintained for the verification. It is not yet clear how the work can be adapted to cloud storage scenario where users no longer have the data at local sites but still need to ensure the storage correctness efficiently in the cloud. Lilli bridge *et al.* [15] presented a P2P backup scheme in which blocks of a data file are dispersed across m + k peers using an (m, k)- erasure code. Peers can request random blocks from their backup peers and verify the integrity using separate keyed cryptographic hashes attached on each block. Their scheme can detect data loss from free-riding peers, but does not ensure all data is unchanged.

In other related work, Curtmola *et al.* [11] aimed to ensure data possession of multiple replicas across the distributed storage system. They extended the PDP scheme to cover multiple replicas without encoding each replica separately, providing guarantees that multiple copies of data are actually maintained. Filho *et al.* [18] proposed to verify data integrity using RSA-based hash to demonstrate uncheatable data possession in peer-to-peer file sharing networks. However, their proposal requires exponentiation over the entire data file, which is clearly impractical for the server whenever the file is large. Schwarz *et al.* [14] proposed to ensure static file integrity across multiple distributed servers, using erasure-coding and block level file integrity checks. We adopted some ideas of their distributed storage verification protocol. However, our schemes further support data dynamics and explicitly study the problem of misbehaving server identification, while theirs did not. Very recently, Wang *et al.* [16] gave a study on many existing solutions on remote data integrity checking, and discussed their pros and cons under different design scenarios of secure cloud storage services.

3. SYSTEM DESIGN

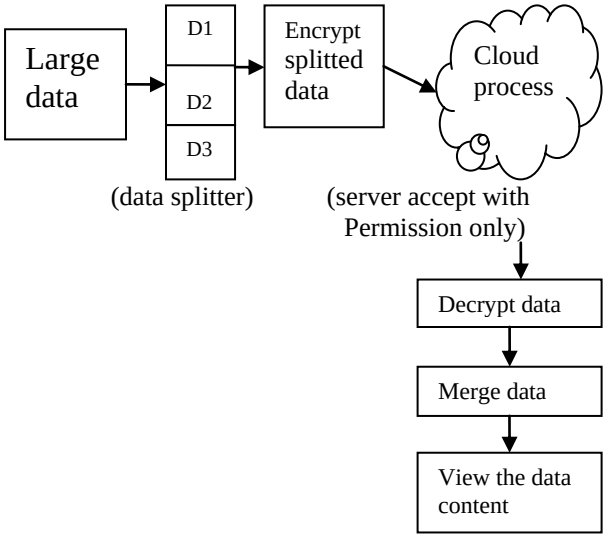


Fig a: System Architecture

3.1 Data Splitter

In order to deploy the data in the cloud, data rifting or splitting has been done. Data splitting is taken in the form of blocks of data by means of Token Pre-computation Algorithm. Every data has been tokenized to ensure the faster computation and execution in the cloud environment.

Here, the token pre-computation process is used for the data or applications are processed in the cloud are taken in the form of tokens or small blocks of data.

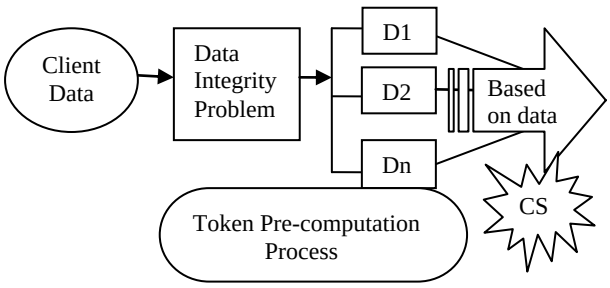


Fig1: Data Splitter

Figure 1 gives the details of Client data's are stored in the Cloud servers. For Data integrity problem, we should split the data into many. In order to store the data's into multiple servers, we should split the given data's. Based on the splitted data size, data's are stored into respective servers.

Data integrity in cloud based on selecting random bits in data blocks the client before storing its data

file f at the client should process it and create suitable Meta data which is used in the later stage of verification the data integrity at the cloud storage. When checking for data integrity the client queries the cloud storage for suitable replies based on which it concludes the integrity of its data stored in the client.

The replaced algorithm of token pre-computation or Reed-Solomon algorithm is Berlekamp-Massey algorithm. It is used to find the Error Recovery. While the data is sent to the client from the server, sometimes the data get loss. That is, the data loss means error recovery. Therefore, to rectify the data errors is otherwise called Byzantine failure. According to the Reed-Solomon algorithm, the modification process is done by user's client.

3.2 Encrypt Splitted Data

Data's are securely stored in the cloud servers as it has less security options. In cloud servers client data's are stored as secured data's so the crypto processes have applied. For crypto process, we use BLOWFISH algorithm for the encryption and decryption process. Using BLOWFISH algorithm, data's are converted as crypto data's.

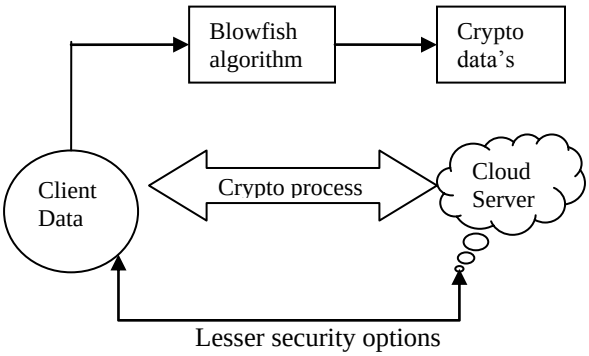


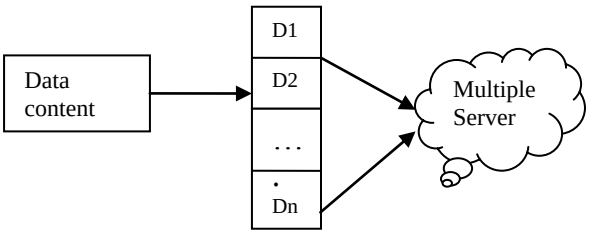
Fig2: Encrypt Splitted Data

Since client data's are stored in the cloud server, they have lesser security options. To overcome this security, we have implemented the crypto process.

Blowfish is a symmetric block cipher that can be effectively used for encryption and safeguarding of data. It takes a variable-length key, from 32 bits to 448 bits, making it ideal for securing data. Since then it has been analyzed considerably, and it is slowly gaining acceptance as a strong encryption algorithm. Blowfish is unpatented and license-free, and is available free for all uses.
While no effective cryptanalysis of Blowfish has been found to date, more attention is now given to block ciphers with a larger block size, such as AES or Two fish. Blowfish is a variable-length key block cipher. It does not meet all the requirements for a new cryptographic standard. It is only suitable for applications where the key does not change often, like a communications link or an automatic file encryptor. It is significantly faster than DES when implemented on 32-bit microprocessors with large data caches, such as the Pentium and the PowerPC.

3.3 Data Access and Cloud Storage

Client data's are stored in the cloud servers. Since cloud Infrastructures are shared with clients, client data's are stored in the cloud servers**.**



(Organize the splitting data's)

Fig3: Client Data Access

This figure shows that we are organizing the data's that is being stored as splitted data's into the multiple servers. Here, we are keeping the single file content into multiple servers.

The client data have been applied security. These data's are stored in the cloud servers. In order to does that, the cloud server have to configure. Cloud server has been configured with VMware and its IP address should be configured. Through the Cloud Server IP address client files are stored in cloud servers.

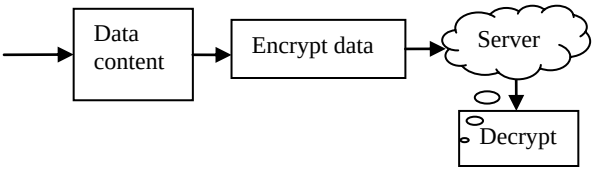
In order to decrypt and process the cloud data, given data should be stored. This process consists of data access that is being stored from multiple servers.

Cloud storage is made up of many distributed resources, but still acts as one highly fault tolerant through redundancy and distribution of data highly durable through the creation of versioned copies typically eventually consistent with regard to data replicas.

3.4 Cloud Decryption

After receiving the respective splitted data's in the cloud server, it has to be decrypted. By BLOWFISH algorithm, the private key has been used to decrypt

the respective splitted data's. Private key which is 56 bits in length which has faster in process of ciphering and deciphering the text.



(Blowfish algorithm)

Fig4: Cloud Decryption

In order to get view the original content of the data, the encrypted data should be decrypted. Each and every encryption data's should be decrypted. Decryption process is done by BLOWFISH Algorithm.

Using DES or Blowfish algorithm, Crypto process or data security process is applied. DES or Blowfish is a Symmetric Key Encryption process where a single private key is used for both encryption and decryption. Blowfish Algorithm is a Feistel Network, iterating a simple encryption function 16times. The block size is 64 bits, and the key can be any length up to 448 bits.

3.5 Raw Data Merge

Decrypted data's are finally merged. Splitted data's are merged to check whether the given source data is received properly.

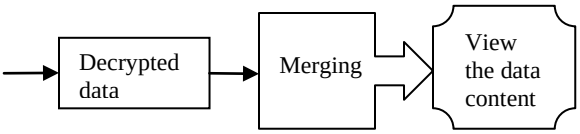


Fig5: Raw Data Merge

Merging process ensures user's data verification process.

In this design, each data is accessed by randomized key. But the dynamic data's are accessed by any key generation. For merging the data's, it uses the random key. Therefore, by considering the data vector as 3x3 and 2x2 regular matrixes, the given data content has been taken.

4. CONCLUSIONS AND FUTUREWORK

In order to avoid the problem of data integrity and to maintain the system with the data security, we propose an effective and flexible distributed storage verification scheme data support to ensure the correctness and the availability of user's data in the cloud. Through detailed security and extensive experiment results, we show that our scheme is highly efficient and resilient to Byzantine failure, malicious data modification attack, and even server colluding attacks. Therefore, the steps toward future cloud computing is flexible and cost-effective for organization used by reliable and secure cloud computing.

As a future work, we can use concurrent or parallel processing for many users working at runtime. So that, it handles the technique as Multiple Concurrent Tasks. Such a technique supports the aggregation of multiple signatures by distinct signers on distinct messages into a single signature and thus allows efficient verification for the authenticity of all messages.

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