

Dynamic Security Considerations in Multi Clouds

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Abstract: Accessing services using cloud computing is a major aspect in present in days. Store sensitive data with suitable process with service providers and other worried and unworried functionalities for users designing aspects. A movement towards “multi-clouds” or in other words, “inter clouds” or “cloud-of-clouds has emerged recently and a system that employs Byzantine protocol for secret sharing has been constructed. We aim to equip Depsky framework to supply a secure cloud database that will guarantee to prevent security risks facing the cloud computing community. In relation to data intrusion and data integrity, like Depsky we distribute the data and metadata into different cloud providers, and we apply the secret sharing algorithm on the stored data in the cloud provider. Instead of using plain secret sharing using public key ciphers we employ Shamir’s secret sharing algorithm. Hence, replicating data into multi-clouds by using a multi-share technique may reduce the risk of data intrusion and increase data integrity.

Index Terms: Cloud Computing, Data security clouds, Depsky framework, Cloud Provider.

I. INTRODUCTION

Small and medium companies use cloud computing services for various reasons, including because these services provide fast access to their applications and reduce their infrastructure costs. Cloud providers should address privacy and security issues as a matter of high and urgent priority. Dealing with “single cloud” providers is becoming less popular with customers due to potential problems such as service availability failure and the possibility that there are malicious insiders in the single cloud. In recent years, there has been a move towards “multi clouds”, “inter cloud” or

“cloud- of-clouds” which is a solution to the malicious insider problem.



Figure 1: Cloud computing architecture with services.

As data and information will be shared with a third party, cloud computing users want to avoid an untrusted cloud provider. Protecting private and important information, such as credit card details or a patient's medical records from attackers or malicious insiders is of critical importance. Address three security factors that particularly affect single clouds, namely data integrity, data intrusion, and service availability using multi clouds. Technically Depsky systems contain follows:

- Byzantine protocol - to integrate different clouds
- Secret sharing - between different clouds, cloud provider and cloud user.
- Cryptography - for securing content.

Multi-clouds have the ability to decrease security risks that affect the cloud computing user.

This framework will apply Multi-clouds and the secret sharing algorithm to reduce the risk of data intrusion and the loss of service availability in the cloud and ensure data integrity. In relation to data intrusion and data integrity, like Depsky we distribute the data and metadata into different cloud providers, and we apply the secret sharing algorithm on the stored data in the cloud provider. Instead of using plain secret sharing using public key ciphers we employ Shamir's secret sharing algorithm. An intruder needs to retrieve at least three values to be able to find out the real value that we want to hide from the intruder. This depends on Shamir's secret sharing algorithm with a polynomial function technique which claims that even with full knowledge of $(k - 1)$ clouds, the service provider

will not have any knowledge of vs (vs is the secret value). In other words, hackers need to retrieve all the information from the cloud providers to know the real value of the data in the cloud. Therefore, if the attacker hacked one cloud provider's password or even two cloud provider's passwords, they still need to hack the third cloud provider (in the case where $k = 3$) to know the secret which is the worst case scenario.

II. RELATED WORK

A scheme progressive elliptic curve encryption is presented in that used multiple encryption keys to encrypt a part of data multiple times such that final cipher can be decrypted in one run using single key. This scheme is based on public/private key cryptography and consumers of application manage cryptographic private keys. Furthermore, N re-encryption will be required for N users in case of single data piece sharing.

A scheme on distributed key management is proposed in [5], which uses RSA algorithm for encryption/decryption. The main concept is to split key in multiple parts and divide among the group of users. If all users work on same text, a cipher text can be generated that will be equal to the cipher generated by actual key.

Strong Auth has Strong Auth Key Appliance in that uses third party library to develop an enterprise Key management Infrastructure, which support the services of public key infrastructure (PKI) as well as provides symmetric key management libraries. However, this library does not include any features that can securely manage keys at cloud platform. It requires a separate server for key storage and compromise of this server can create bottleneck for key security.

It issues public, private key pairs for each user and maintains an Access Control List (ACL) to enforce authorization. A public key repository for all users is maintained on the cloud, and any one from the system user can access it but cannot decode it (as all private keys are maintained by the server). Users use their private key to encrypt any request and upload the cipher on the cloud. Other users who require the data make a request to the cloud controller.

Hacigumus et al. discusses a method for executing queries over encrypted data, at the service provider's site, and suggests splitting a query into two parts, namely the server query and client query. The server query is executed over the encrypted data at the service provider and the other part over the results of the server query, at the client side.

III. BACKGROUND WORK

Data stored in the cloud can be compromised or lost. So, we have to come up with a way to secure those files. We can encrypt them before storing them in the cloud, which sorts out the disclosure aspects. Our goal is to divide some data D (e.g., the safe combination) into pieces D_1, D_2, \dots, D_n in such a way that:

1. The knowledge of any k or more D_i pieces makes D easily computable.
2. The knowledge of any $k - 1$ or fewer D_i pieces leaves D completely undetermined (in the sense that all its possible values are equally likely).

This scheme is called (k, n) threshold scheme. If $k = n$ then all participants are required to reconstruct the secret original data.

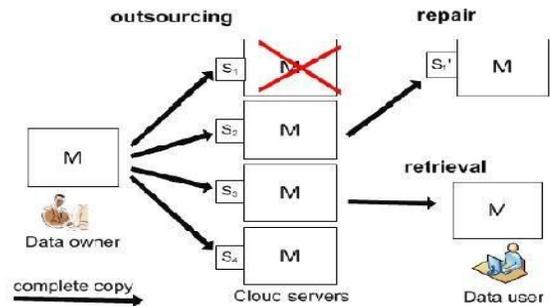


Figure 2: Cloud data storage architecture.

The essential idea of Adi Shamir's threshold scheme is that 2 points are sufficient to define a line, 3 points are sufficient to define a parabola, 4 points to define a cubic curve and so forth. That is, it takes k points to define a polynomial of degree $k-1$.

IV. PROPOSED WORK

Security in cloud services is based on the following:

- Strong network security is possible around the service delivery platform

Logs need to be carefully constructed to appraise the actions of their system administrators and other restricted users or risk-producing reports that mix events relating to different customers of the service. In the proposed system, replicating data into multi-clouds by using a multi-share technique [9] may reduce the risk of data intrusion and increase data integrity.

(a) Depsky System Model Architecture:

The Depsky system model contains three parts: readers, writers, and four cloud storage providers, where readers and writers are the client's tasks.

Bessani et al. explain the difference between readers and writers for cloud storage. Readers can fail arbitrarily (for example, they can fail by crashing, they can fail from time to time and then display any behavior) whereas, writers only fail by crashing.

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Figure 3: Depsky System Model Architecture.

In many applications for clients in cloud computing. To maintain our data in cloud computing, it may not be fully trustworthy because client doesn't have copy of all stored data. But any authors don't tell us data integrity through its user. So we have to establish proposed system for this using our data reading algorithm to check the integrity of data before and after the data insertion in cloud. Here the security of data before and after is checked by client with the help of CSP using our "effective automatic data reading algorithm from user as well as cloud level into the cloud" with truthfulness".

V. CONCLUSION

In relation to data intrusion and data integrity, we apply the secret sharing algorithm on the stored data in the cloud provider. Instead of using plain secret sharing using public key ciphers we employ Shamir's secret sharing algorithm. An intruder needs to retrieve at least three values to be able to find out the real value that we want to hide from the intruder. This depends on Shamir's secret sharing algorithm with a polynomial function technique which claims that even with full knowledge of $(k - 1)$ clouds, the service provider will not have any

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