



Secure and Efficient Data Contribution Using Extended Identity Based Encryption in Cloud Computing

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Abstract — Cloud computing is used to share computing resources and data over internet. When sensitive data is shared over Internet, it should be transferred in secured manner. Data security is ensured using Identity Based Encryption mechanism. In the existing Cloud Computing system which is implemented using Identity Based Encryption mechanism, authorized user can share their credential to unauthorized user and data can be accessed by unauthorized user who hasn't subscribed to Cloud Computing System. To overcome this issue, we propose a notion called Extended Identity Based Encryption(E-IBE) system, which ensures authentication and confidentiality. In this approach, we use Kerberos authentication protocol along with Identity Based Encryption methodology to ensure authentication and confidentiality.

Keywords— Cloud Computing; Extended Identity Based Encryption;

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Context,literature review,rationale,structure

Cloud computing is a paradigm that provides massive computation capacity and huge memory space at a low cost [1]. It enables users to get intended services irrespective of time and location across multiple platforms (e.g., mobile devices, personal computers), and thus brings great convenience to cloud users. Among numerous services provided by cloud computing, cloud storage service, such as Apple's iCloud [1], Microsoft's Azure [3] and Amazon's S3 [4], can offer a more flexible and easy way to share data over the Internet, which provides various benefits for our society [5]. However, it also suffers from several security threats, which are the primary concerns of cloud users.

Using Cloud Storage, users can remotely store their data and enjoy the on-demand high quality applications and services from a shared pool of configurable computing resources, without the burden of local data storage and maintenance[7]. Identity-based public key encryption facilitates easy introduction of public key cryptography by allowing an entity's public key to be derived from an arbitrary identification value, such as name or email address[8].

Original motivation for identity-based encryption was to simplify certificate management in e-mail systems. When Alice sends mail to Bob at bob@hotmail.com she simply encrypts her message using the public key string "bob@hotmail.com". There is no need for Alice to obtain Bob's public key certificate. When Bob receives the encrypted mail he contacts a third party, which we call the Private Key Generator (PKG). Bob authenticates himself to the PKG in the same way he would authenticate himself to a CA and obtains his private key from the PKG. Bob can then read his e-mail[9].

Identity-Based Encryption (IBE) which simplifies the public key and certificate management at Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) is an important alternative to public key encryption[10].

Identity-based encryption is a promising cryptographical primitive to build a practical data sharing system. However, access control is not static. That is, when some user's authorization is expired, there should be a mechanism that can remove him/her from the system. Consequently, the revoked user cannot access both the previously and subsequently



shared data[11]. Revocation is achieved by instructing the mediator to stop helping the user to sign or decrypt messages[12].

In Identity-based threshold signature (IBTHS) scheme, the round-complexity of the threshold signing protocol is optimal since each party pays no other communication cost except broadcasting one single message. The computational complexity of the threshold signing procedure is considerably low since there appears no other time-consuming pairing except two pairings for verifying each signature shares. It is the private key associated with an identity rather than a private key of the private key generator (PKG) that is shared among signature generation servers[13].

II. BASIS FOR EXTENDED IDENTITY BASED ENCRYPTION

Identity-Based Encryption (IBE) is an asymmetric cryptography technique. In this technique we use a public key to encrypt data and a private key to decrypt data. Identity of the user (e.g. Email address, PAN Number, Voter ID) is used as a public key. Data is encrypted using public key and ciphertext is generated. To decrypt ciphertext user needs to get a private key from a central authority called as Private Key Generator (PKG). In Cloud Computing, Identity-based Encryption technique is used to share data in secured manner. [6] proposed a system in which FASTRA downloads and data transfers can be carried over a high speed internet network. On enhancement of the algorithm, the new algorithm holds the key for many new frontiers to be explored in case of congestion control.

In the existing Cloud Computing system which is implemented using Identity Based Encryption mechanism, one user can share their credential to another user and data can be accessed by another user (unauthorized user). To overcome this issue, we propose a notion called Extended Identity Based Encryption, which can provide the authentication and confidentiality. In this approach, we use Kerberos authentication protocol along with Identity Based Encryption to ensure authentication and confidentiality.

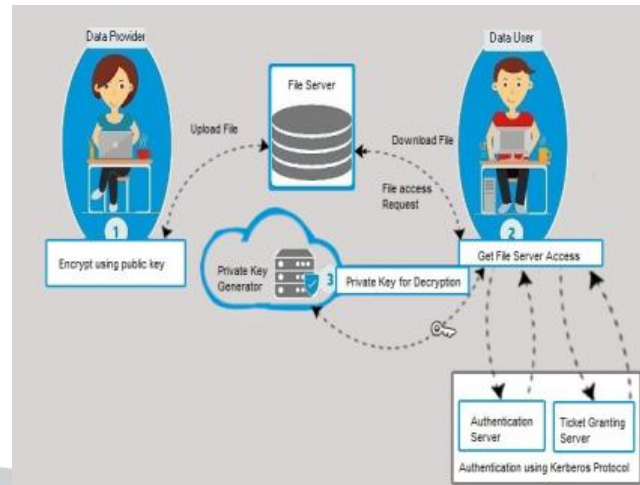


Fig 1: Extended Identity Based Encryption Architecture

A. Extended Identity Based Encryption Process

Step 1: The Data provider identifies the users (eg: Bob) who can access data from Cloud Server. Then, Data Provider encrypts the data using Identity (eg: Email ID) of user, and uploads the ciphertext of the shared data to the cloud server.

Step 2: User logs on to their system and send request to Authentication Server (AS) for authentication.

Step 3: Authentication Server (AS) verifies users privilege in its database, creates ticket-granting ticket and session key. Results are encrypted using a key derived from user's password.

Step 3: Once user receives response from Authentication Server (AS), they use password to decrypt received message, then sends ticket and authenticator that contain user name, network address and time to Ticket Granting Server (TGS) for getting service ticket.

Step 4: Ticket Granting Server (TGS) decrypts ticket and authenticator, verifies request, then creates service ticket for requested Cloud Server.

Step 5: User sends service ticket and authenticator to Cloud Server.

Step 6: Server verifies that ticket and authenticator match, then grants access to service.

Step 7: User download data in ciphertext format and decrypt it using Private Key received from Private Key Generator.



B. Kerberos Authentication Process

Kerberos has following components,

Authentication Server(AS)

Authentication Server checks if the user/client has authentication by searching the user name and password in the database. It offers a ticket to access TGS.

Ticket Granting Server(TGS)

The client who requires the service from the cloud service provider sends a service granting ticket request to the TGS using the ticket obtained from the authentication server.

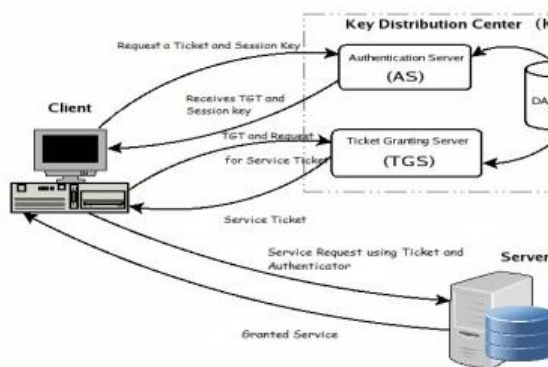


Fig 2: Kerberos Authentication Process

Figure 2 shows Kerberos authentication process

The processes to be performed by Kerberos are as follows.

Step 1: User logs on to their system and send requests to Authentication Server.

Step 2: Authentication Server verifies users access right in its database, creates a Ticket Granting Ticket and a session key. Results are encrypted using key generated from user's password and sent results to user.

Step 3: User decrypts incoming message using their password, then sends ticketing and authenticator that contain client's name, network address and time to Ticket Granting Server.

Step 4: Ticket Granting Server decrypts ticket and authenticator, verifies request, then creates ticket for requested server.

Step 5: User sends ticket and authenticator to server.

Step 6: Server verifies that ticket and authenticator match, then grants access to service.

C. Implementation Details

There are five modules in our proposed system.

1. Registration Module,
2. Key Generation Module,
3. File Uploading Module,
4. Document Retrieval Module,
5. Authentication Module.

Registration Module

This module allows user to register to Cloud Service by entering information like name, email id, password, date of birth.

Key Generation Module

In this module, private key is generated for each user. User can decrypt the cipher texts using their private key and obtain the original files.

File Uploading Module

Files are encrypted using public key by data provider prior to outsourcing them to Cloud Servers.

Document Retrieval Module

The Cloud Server transfers the intended cipher text to data user after verifying their access permission. Data user can decrypt the cipher text by his secret key and obtains the original file.

Authentication Module

An authentication module gets user information such as user ID and password, and compares this information against entries in a database. If a user provides information that meets the authentication criteria, the user is validated and granted access to the requested resource. If the user provides information that does not meet the authentication criteria, the user is not validated and denied access to the requested resource.

III. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

Extended Identity Based Encryption system on Cloud Computing offers a high degree of security. In this paper an authentication framework, considering the security issues over the network during authentication process is proposed. The proposed protocol framework not only satisfies the need of authentication that is generally required in the protocol, it also provides the better security. This method would avoid any intrusion like phishing. This system can be evolved using Biometric-Kerberos based Authentication Protocol to provide further more security in Cloud Computing.

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