

Data Security and Privacy in Cloud using RC6 Algorithm for Remote Data Back-up Server

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Abstract

Cloud computing is said to be the succeeding vast thing in the world of computer after the internet. Cloud computing means a type of Internet-based computing which provides the online storage. In cloud computing, data is generated in electronic form which is very large in amount. The cloud storage providers are responsible for keeping the data available and accessible, and the physical environment protected and running. When data is distributed it is stored at more locations increasing the risk of unauthorised physical access to the data. As the data is stored online and in distributed form there is necessity of data recovery services in the cloud and to maintain the data integrity, we need to provide security. In this paper we provide a secured data back-up technique for cloud computing. The objective of proposed techniques is, first it helps the users to recover their data files if the file gets deleted from main cloud or if the cloud is destroyed due to any reason and second is to provide the security to user data during storage on main cloud by using RC6 encryption algorithm. The time and memory space related issues are also being solved by proposed techniques.

Keywords: RC6 encryption, data integrity, data back-up, data recovery

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1. INTRODUCTION

In today's world, there is a huge increase in the electronic data which requires large data storage devices to store this huge amount of data. These requirement leads to introduction of high storage HDD. Therefore, user prefers to store large amount of private data in cloud. Cloud storage provides the online storage where data stored in form of virtualized pool that is usually hosted by third parties. If cloud will be corrupted or damaged it leads to the loss of all important and private data then there should be some mechanisms to take back-up of the data, and provide the data at the time of cloud failure or loss of data. The data files regarding clients are stored in any hardware devices which can be lost due to hardware problem like if the system gets physically crashed or data gets corrupted then there is no other source to recover it. There are lots of chances that the errors can occur in maintaining the various users and also there is large data storage problem in centralized system.

Today, Cloud Computing is itself a massive technology which is surpassing all the previous technology of computing of this competitive and challenging IT world [1]. The cloud computing provides greater flexibility and availability of computing resources at lower cost. Cloud computing lets you access all your application and document from anywhere in the world. The hosting company operates large data on data centre and according to the requirements of the user these data centre virtualized the resources and expose them as the storage pools that help user to store files or data objects. Data sharing becomes a standard feature in most cloud storage offerings, including Dropbox, iCloud and Google Drive [2]. As number of user shares the storage, it is possible that other customers can access your data. Either the human error, faulty equipment's, network connectivity, a bug or any criminal intent may put our cloud storage on the risk and danger [11].

In literature many techniques have been proposed SBA[1], PCS[3], E-health care[4], ERGOT[6] etc. that, discussed the data recovery process. The data integrity in cloud storage, however, is subject to uncertainty as data stored in the cloud can easily be lost or corrupted due to the unavoidable hardware/software failures and human errors. To make this matter even worse, hosting company needs to inform users about these data errors in order to maintain the reputation of their services and avoid losing profits. If the data is lost from main server and there is no other backup facility to restore this data. Then this application provides a feasible solution that collects data and sends it to a user.

To overcome these issues, we propose a new technique in which we create the back-up of data in the remote cloud. If the data on main cloud gets destroyed or data is lost then the remote cloud will give the back-up of that data to the client. The admin panel will provide a secure ID to each client which will preserve the privacy of the clients. Also the data is stored on cloud by encrypting original data which provides security to the user's data.

2. RELATED LITERATURE

In literature, we study most of the recent back-up and recovery techniques that have been developed in cloud computing domain. The SBA technique helps the users to collect information from any remote location in the absence of network connectivity and to recover the files in case of the file deletion or if the cloud gets destroyed due to any reason [1].

Oruta: Privacy-Preserving Public Auditing for Shared Data in the Cloud is a novel privacy-preserving mechanism to audit the correctness of shared data [2]. The Parity Cloud Service (PCS) technique provides a privacy-protected personal data recovery service [3].

The objective of Remote Data Collection Server: E-Health Care collects data and sends to a centralized repository in a platform independent format without any network consideration [4].

Efficient Routing Grounded on Taxonomy (ERGOT) is totally based on the semantic analysis and unable to focus on time and implementation complexity [6].

All these techniques tried to cover different issues maintaining the cost of implementation but it creates

the large amount of data and requires more storage as the size of data is not reduced. Also there is lack of privacy and security in these techniques.

3. PROBLEM DEFINITION

In the cloud, large amount of the user's personal data are stored but due to the failure of server or deletion of file then the private data of the user will be lost. This paper will explain the process of cloud creation and data storage on cloud. The user is allowed for data storage only when authentication is made by admin panel.

As data is shared in the cloud so to provide the privacy to the user we provide ID to user through the admin panel to authenticate the user.

We are also providing security to the user's data by using RC6 encryption algorithm.

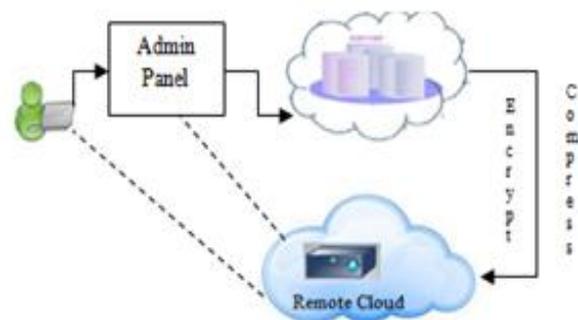


Fig.2. Architecture of Privacy Preserving data distribution and data back-up in remote cloud

4. PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The objective of proposed techniques is :

- To help the users to collect and recover the files in case of the file deletion
- To recover files if the cloud gets destroyed due to any reason
- To provide user friendly and secure data storage on cloud by Rc6 encryption.
- Privacy of user is maintained by providing a key to the user through admin panel.

5. INVESTIGATIONAL OUTCOME OF PROPOSED WORK

As discussed in literature, many techniques have been proposed for recovery and backup. As discussed

above low implementation complexity, low cost, security and time related issues are still challenging in the field of cloud computing. So in this technique we are providing the secure authentication to each user

5.1 Overview:

To achieve the objective of proposed technique, we have created a web application. In this we are providing the registration form to the user. After user is registered successfully, the data is send to the admin.

The admin then monitors the data and provide the authentication to the user. The admin send the key to the registered email ID of the user. After entering this key during login, the user’s account will be activated. Then only user is allowed to upload data on the cloud.

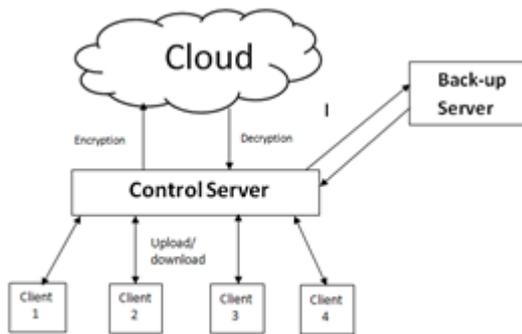


Fig 2. Secure data storage on cloud

5.2 Algorithm:

Initialization: Main cloud: M_c

- Client on Main cloud: C_i
- Client ID: C_id_i , Password: psw_i
- Admin: A , Client’s Key: K_i
- File to upload: F_i
- Encrypted File: E_i
- Decrypted file : D_i

Step 1: Create Client Registration Form containing all the fields of client details.

Step 2: After the successful registration of Client C_i , the Admin panel A provides the key K_i for activation of Client’s C_i account.

Step 3: If the client is Authenticated then only client can login by entering Client ID C_id_i , Password psw_i and Key K_i .

Step 4: The client C_i can upload any file F_i so as to access anywhere.

Step 5: The Main Cloud M_c , stores the file F_i on the central server in the encrypted manner.

5.3 RC6 Cipher Algorithm:

For encrypting and decrypting the file we are using the RC-6 algorithm. RC6 is a symmetric key block cipher derived from RC5. RC6 has a block size of 128 bits and supports key sizes of 128, 192 and 256 bits. It is very similar to RC5 in structure, using data-dependent rotations, modular addition and XOR operations; which could be viewed as interweaving two parallel RC5 encryption processes. However, RC6 does use an extra multiplication operation not present in RC5 in order to make the rotation dependent on every bit in a word, and not just the least significant few bits. In this algorithm, 128 bit plaintext is divided into four 32-bit blocks and then manipulated with the keys to generated cipher text.



Fig 3. RC6 block cipher algorithm

The user supplies a key of ‘b’ bytes and the number of rounds ‘r’. From this, $(2r+4)$ words (w bits each) are derived and stored in the array $S [0 \dots 2r+3]$. This array is used in both encryption and decryption.

5.3.1 Encryption

Input:

- Plain text stored in four w -bit input registers A, B, C, D
- Number of rounds ‘r’
- w -bit round keys $S[0, \dots, 2r + 3]$

Output:

- Cipher text stored in A, B, C, D

Procedure:

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B = B + S [0]
D = D + S [1]
for i = 1 to r do
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$t = (B * (2B + 1)) \lll \log w$
 $u = (D * (2D + 1)) \lll \log w$
 $A = ((A \oplus t) \lll u) + S [2i]$
 $C = ((C \oplus u) \lll t) + S [2i + 1]$
 $(A, B, C, D) = (B, C, D, A)$
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 $A = A + S [2r + 2]$
 $C = C + S [2r + 3]$

5.3.2 Decryption

Input:

- Cipher text stored in four w-bit input registers A, B, C, D
- Number of rounds 'r'
- w-bit round keys S[0, ... 2r + 3]

Output:

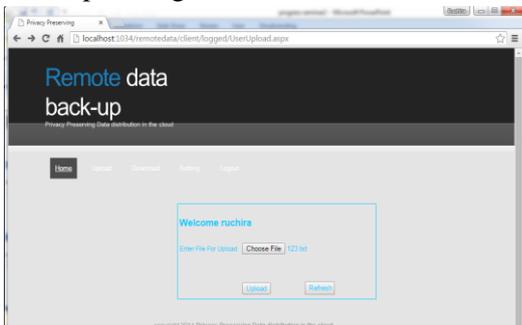
- Plaintext stored in A, B, C, D

Procedure:

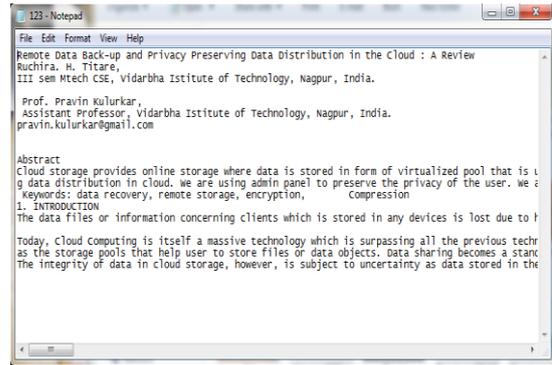
$C = C - S [2r + 3]$
 $A = A - S [2r + 2]$
 for $i = r$ downto 1 do
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 $(A, B, C, D) = (D, A, B, C)$
 $u = (D * (2D + 1)) \lll \log w$
 $t = (B * (2B + 1)) \lll \log w$
 $C = ((C - S [2i + 1]) \ggg t) \oplus u$
 $A = ((A - S [2i]) \ggg u) \oplus t$
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 $D = D - S [1]$
 $B = B - S [0]$

5.4 Generated Outcomes:

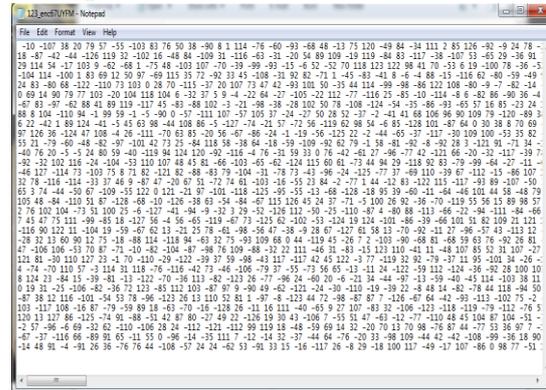
i) File uploading:



ii) Original file:



iii) Encrypted file :



6. CONCLUSION

This paper proposes a smart remote data backup technique. In this paper we have provided the algorithm for registration and authentication of user. It also explains cloud creation on central server which provides the facility to store user's data. This paper provides the security to the user and user's data is stored on central server by using RC6 block cipher algorithm. In future, we will create the back-up of same file on remote server to prevent data losses.

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