Verifiable Ranked Search Over Dynamic Encrypted Data in Cloud Computing

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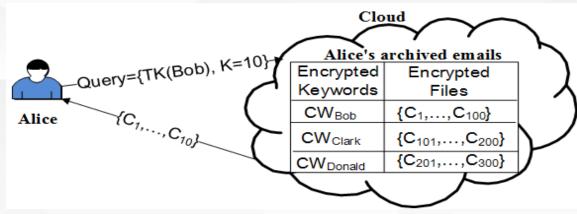


Introduction

- Existing research suggests encrypting data before outsourcing and adopting Searchable Symmetric Encryption (SSE) to facilitate keyword-based searches on the ciphertexts.
- However, no prior SSE constructions can achieve sublinear search time, efficient update and verification, and on-demand file retrieval.

To address this, we propose our scheme.

Design Goal (Our scheme)



- (1) *Ranked search*. The user is allowed to perform a top-K search to retrieve the best matched files.
- (2) *Dynamic.* The user is able to update (add and delete) files stored in the cloud.
- (3) Verifiability. The malicious CSP may delete encrypted files not commonly used to save memory space, or it may forge the search results to deceive the user.

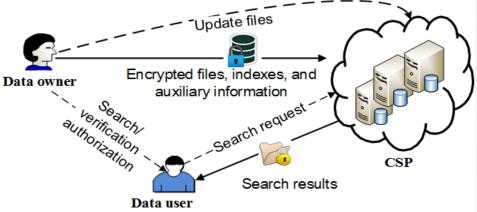
Contributions

 A verifiable, ranked, and dynamic SSE scheme to preserve big data security in a cloud environment.

• Allowing the user to efficiently update the file collection and verify the correctness of a top-K search while preserving user privacy from the CSP.



System Model



- The data owner creates ciphertexts C = {C₁, ..., C_n} for each of file D_i and then builds an encrypted index I and a verifiable matrix V from D, and the universal keywords W = {w₁, ..., w_m}.
- 2. The data owner performs updates (add/delete) on ciphertexts and retrieve the data of interest on *demand* in a *verifiable* way.
- 3. The CSP provides data storage and query services. The cloud users pay the services residing on the cloud or deploy their applications/systems in the cloud.

RSA Accumulator

RSA accumulator works as follows:

- ---For a set $E = \{y_1, y_2, ..., y_n\}$ with $y_i \in \{0, 1\}^{\lambda}$,
- ---For each $\boldsymbol{y}_i,$ Alice chooses a prime $\boldsymbol{x}_i\!\in\!\{0,1\}^{3\lambda}$

randomly.

Let $prime(y_i)$ denote such a prime x_i .

 $x_i = prime(y_i)$

--- Alice computes accumulated value of set E as Acc(E) = g ^x1 ^x2 ... ^xn mod N and sends Acc(E) to Bob. Later, Alice proves that $y_j \in E$ to Bob as follows: --- She computes $\pi_j = g^{x_1 x_2 \dots x_{j-1} x_{j+1} \dots x_n \mod N}$ $x_j = prime(y_i)$ and sends π_j and x_j to Bob

--- Bob verifies that Acc(E) = π_j ^xjmod



Main Idea

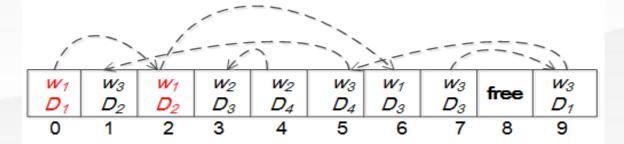
The search information in I: build **a ranked inverted index I** from a collection of files to facilitate top-K searches.

The rank information in V : build **a** *verifiable matrix* V for verifiable updates and searches.

Specifically, I contains multiple inverted lists, each linking a set of nodes that corresponds to one keyword. A list of nodes is chained according to their ranks for a specific keyword. The node's prior/following neighbor will be recorded in V with the RSA accumulator.

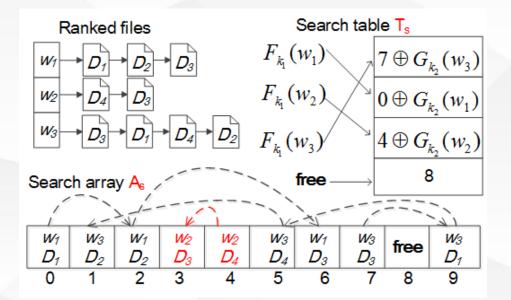
Main Idea (Ranked linked list)

L_w is composed of #w nodes $(N_1, ..., N_{#w})$ and defined $N_j = \langle id_j, addr_s(N_{j+1}) \rangle$, where $id_j \in ID(w)$ is the identifier of the rank-j file for keyword w and $addr_s(N_{j+1})$ is the address of node N_{j+1} in the search array A_s . In the special case, $N_{#w} = \langle id_{#w}, \mathbf{0} \rangle$.



Main Idea(Ranked Inverted Index)

- $I = \{T_s, A_s\}$:
- The ranked inverted index, where for each word $w \in$ W, a list L_w of #w nodes are randomly stored in the search array A_s and the pointer to the head of L_w is included in the search table T_s.

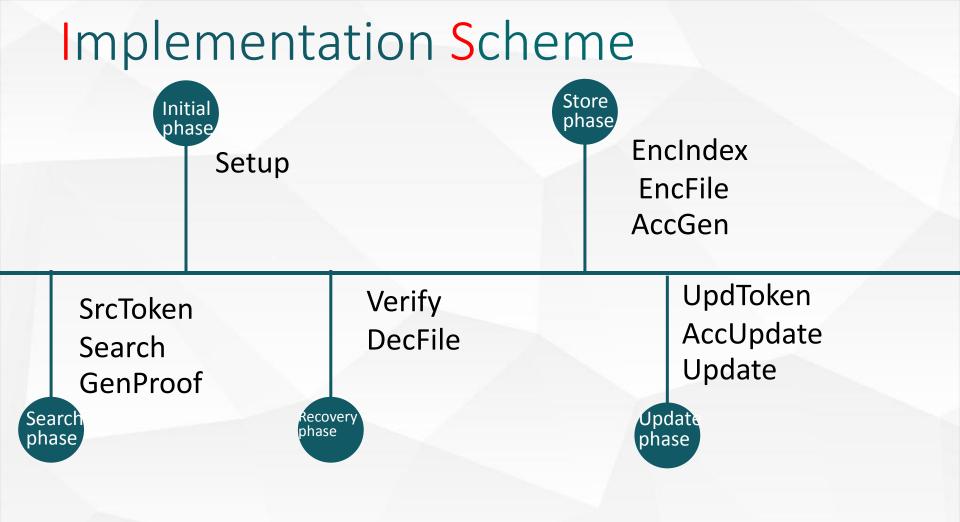


Main Idea (Verifiable Matrix)

Since a keyword appears in n files at most , the verifiable matrix V is an $m \times n$ matrix, where row $i \in [1, m]$ corresponds to a keyword $w \in W$, and column $j \in [1, n]$ corresponds to a rank $j \in [1, n]$. The relationship between the row i and the keyword w is determined by the key-value pairs of the search table T_s.

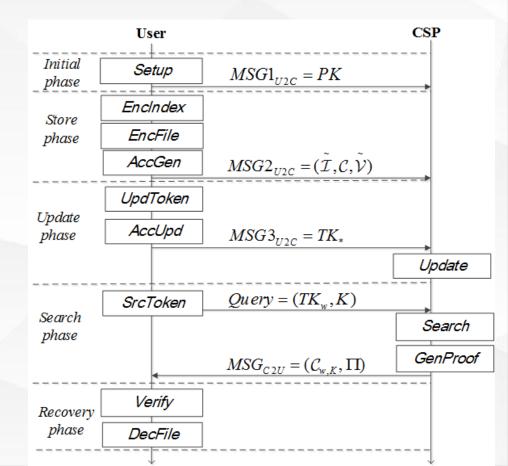


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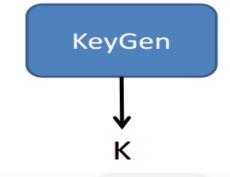
- (1) Initial phase
- (2) Store phase
- (3) Search phase
- (4) Recovery phase
- (5) Update phase



Initial phase

The user randomly chooses four κ-bit strings k₁, k₂, k₃, k₄ as keys of PRFs, runs SKE.Gen(1^κ) to generate k_e, and generates (**N** = pq, g). Let P(y) be a random prime x such that f(x) = y. We have

PK = (N, g, f)SK = (p, q, k_e, k₁, k₂, k₃, k₄)

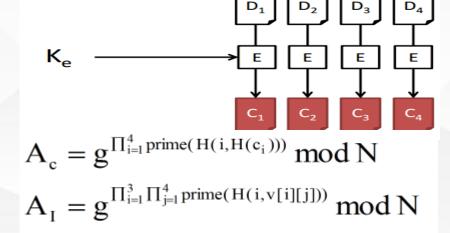


Store phase

1:

For each file $D_i \in D$, the user runs $SKE.Enc(k_e, D_i)$ to generate the ciphertext C_i

2: The user computes:



where A_{c} and A_{l} will be kept locally.

Search phase

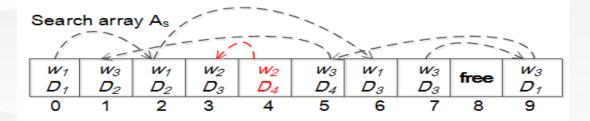
1:

Suppose that the user wants to retrieve top-1 files containing keyword

 W_2 : She will send Query = {TK_{w2}, 1} to the CSP, where TK_{w2} = {F_{k1}(W₂), G_{k2}(W₂), P_{k3}(W₂)} for F_{k1}(W₂)= 3.

2:

The CSP locates $Ts[F_{k_1}(w_2)]$ and recovers the address of the first node containing keyword w_2 in As by computing $4 \leftarrow Ts[F_{k_1}(w_2)] \oplus G_{k_2}(w_2)$.

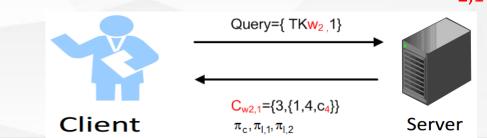


Search phase (GenProof) 3:

The CSP calculates proofs $\Pi = {\pi_C, \pi_{I,1}, \pi_{I,2}}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_{c} &= g^{\prod_{i=1,2,3} p(H(i,H(C_{1})))} \\ \pi_{l,1} &= g^{\prod_{j=2,3,4} p(H(3,V[i][j]))} \\ \pi_{l,2} &= g^{\prod_{i\neq3} \prod_{j=1}^{4} p(H(3,V[i][j]))} \end{aligned}$$

The message returned to the user is $\{Cw_{2,1}, \Pi\}$



Recovery phase

Verify :

The user computes $x = P(H(4, H(C_4)))$ and checks if:

$$A_c = \pi_c^x \mod N$$

She reconstructs V[3][1] =H(0, 4, 3) \oplus S_{k4}(w₂) from Cw_{2,1}, computes z = P(H(3, V[3][1])), and checks if:

$$A_{I} = (\pi_{I,2})^{z \bullet \pi_{I,1} \mod (p-1)(q-1)} \mod N$$

DecFile:

The Verify algorithm is 1, the user runs SKE. $Dec(k_e, C_4)$

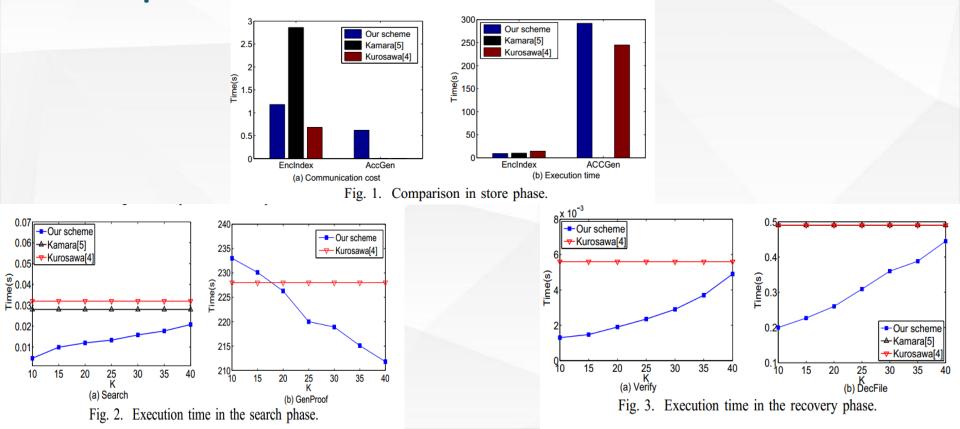
Update phase

Update(I, C, V, T K_{*}) \rightarrow (I', C', V') : If the update token T K_{*}(D) = TK_{del}(D) = (i, **delete**), the CSP replaces the ciphertext C_i with **delete**. Otherwise, given TK_{*}(D) = TK_{add}(D) = {(n + 1, C_{n+1}), C, τ_{v}, τ_{a} }, the CSP first adds C as the last column of the verifiable matrix, and then updates C to C' by adding (n + 1, C_{n+1}) to C.

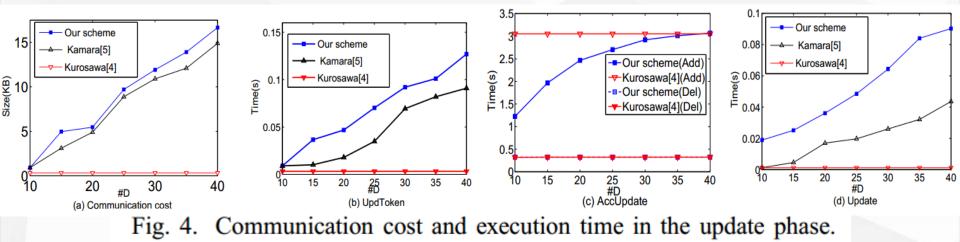


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- A verifiable, ranked, and dynamic SSE scheme in a cloud environment.
- Verify the correctness of the top-K search and the integrity of a set of dynamic files .

 However, our VRSSE scheme supports only single-keyword searches. As part of our future work, we will try to design a multi-keyword VRSSE scheme to achieve conjunctive keyword searches.

