

# Attribute Based Encryption to Data for Storage in Cloud

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**Abstract**—Cloud storage services have become drastically popular. Because of the importance of privacy, many cloud storage encryption procedures have been proposed to protect data from those who do not have access. All such schemes assumed that cloud storage providers are safe and cannot be hacked; however, in practice, some authorities (i.e., coercers) may force cloud storage providers to reveal user secrets or confidential data on the cloud, thus altogether circumventing storage encryption schemes. In this paper, we present our design for a new cloud storage encryption scheme that enables cloud storage providers to create convincing fake user secrets to protect user privacy. Since coercers cannot tell if obtained secrets are true or not, the cloud storage providers ensure that user privacy is still securely protected.

**Index Terms**— Encryption, Composite Order Bilinear Group, Attribute-Based Encryption, Cloud Storage

## I. INTRODUCTION

Deniable encryption involves senders and receivers creating convincing fake evidence of forged data in ciphertexts such that outside coercers are satisfied. Note that deniability comes from the fact that coercers cannot prove the proposed evidence is wrong and therefore have no reason to reject the given evidence. This approach tries to altogether block coercion efforts since coercers know that their efforts will be useless. We make use of this idea such that cloud storage providers can provide audit-free storage services. In the cloud storage scenario, data owners who store their data on the cloud are just like senders in the deniable encryption scheme. Those who can access the encrypted data play the role of receiver in the deniable encryption scheme, including the cloud storage providers themselves, who have system-wide secrets and important information and must be able to decrypt all encrypted and secured data.

## II. PREVIOUS WORK ON ABE

ABE is a very useful tool for cloud storage services since data sharing is an important feature for such services. There are so many cloud storage users that it is impractical for data owners to encrypt their data by pairwise keys. Moreover, it is also impractical to encrypt data many times for so many people. With ABE, data owners decide only which kind of users can access their encrypted data. Users who can satisfy the conditions are able to decrypt the encrypted data.

There are two types of ABE, CP-ABE and Key-Policy ABE (KP-ABE). The difference between these two lies in policy checking. KP-ABE is an ABE in which the policy is embedded in the user secret key and the attribute set is embedded in the modified or secret ciphertext. Conversely, CP-ABE embeds the policy into

the ciphertext and the user secret as the attribute set. Goyal et al. proposed the first KP-ABE in they constructed an expressive way to relate any monotonic formula as the policy for user secret keys. Bethencourt et al. proposed the first CP-ABE in this scheme used a tree access structure to express any monotonic formula over attributes as the policy in the ciphertext. The first fully expressive CP-ABE was proposed by Waters in, which used Linear Secret Sharing Schemes (LSSS) to build a ciphertext policy. Lewko et al. enhanced the Waters scheme to a fully secure CP-ABE, though with some efficiency loss, in [13]. Recently, Attrapadung et al. constructed a CP-ABE with a constant-size ciphertext in and Tysowski et al. designed their CP-ABE scheme for resource-constrained users in.

## III. OUR CONTRIBUTIONS

We construct a deniable CP-ABE scheme that can make cloud storage services more secure. In this scenario, cloud storage service providers are just regarded as simple receivers in other deniable schemes. Unlike most commonly deniable encryption schemes, we do not use translucent sets public key systems to implement deniability. Instead, we adopt the idea proposed with some improvements. We construct our deniable encryption scheme through a different multidimensional space. All data are encrypted into the multidimensional space. Only with the correct composition of different dimensions is the original data obtainable. With false composition, encrypted texts will be decrypted to predetermined fake data. The information defining the dimensions is kept securely secret. We make use of order bilinear groups to construct the multidimensional space. We also use chameleon hash functions to make both true and fake messages convincing after decryption.

### *Blockwise Deniable ABE.*

Most deniable public key procedures are bitwise, which means these schemes can only process one bit at a time; therefore, bitwise deniable encryption schemes are inefficient for real use, especially in the cloud storage service case. To solve this problem we designed a hybrid encryption scheme that simultaneously uses symmetric and asymmetric simple encryption. They use a deniably encrypted plan-ahead symmetric data encryption key, while real data are encrypted by a symmetric key encryption mechanism. This will drastically reduce the repeating number from the block size to the key size. Though bitwise deniable encryption is more flexible than block size deniable encryption in "cooking" fake data.

### *Deterministic Decryption.*

Most deniable encryption techniques have decryption error problems. These errors come from the designed decryption mechanisms using the subset decision mechanism for decryption.

The receiver determines the decrypted message according to the subset decision result. If the sender chooses an element from the universal set but unfortunately the element is located in the specific subset, then an error occurs. The same error occurs in all selected set-based deniable encryption schemes. One more example is which uses a voting mechanism for decryption. Decryption is correct if and only if the correct part overwhelms the false part. Otherwise, the receiver will get the error result.

- **KeyGen**( $MSK, S$ )  $\rightarrow SK$ : Given set  $S$  of attributes, this algorithm chooses  $t \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  randomly and outputs the private key as:

$$K = g^{\alpha+at}, L = g^t, \forall x \in SK_x = H(x)^t.$$

- **Decrypt**( $CT, SK$ )  $\rightarrow M$ : Suppose that  $S$  satisfies the access structure and let  $I \subset \{1, \dots, l\}$  be defined as  $I = \{i : \rho(i) \in S\}$ . This algorithm finds a set of constants  $\{w_i \in \mathbb{Z}_p\}$  such that  $\sum_{i \in I} w_i \lambda_i = s$ . The decryption algorithm computes

$$e(C', K) / \left( \prod_{i \in I} (e(C_i, L) e(D_i, K_{\rho(i)}))^{w_i} \right) = e(g, g)^{\alpha s}$$

and derives  $M$  from the ciphertext.

### Consistent Environment

We build a reliable environment for our deniable encryption procedure. By reliable environment, we mean that one encryption technique used in this environment can be used for multiple encryption times

without system modifications or updates. The opened receiver proof or identity should look convincing for all cipher or modified texts under this environment, regardless of whether a cipher or modified text is normally encrypted attribute based encrypted or deniably encrypted. The deniability of our procedure comes from the secret of the partial group or subgroup assignment, which is determined or checked only once in the system setup phase. By the canceling or rechecking property and the proper subgroup assignment, we can construct the released fake key to decrypt normal cipher or modified texts correctly.

### CONCLUSIONS

We proposed a deniable CP-ABE procedure to build an audit-free cloud storage service. The deniability feature makes coercion invalid, and the ABE property ensures the secrecy of secure cloud data sharing with a fine-grained access control mechanism. Our proposed scheme provides a possible way to fight against immoral interference with the right of privacy. We hope more schemes can be created to protect cloud user privacy

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