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Encryption

Proof of ownership

Obfuscation

Dispersal

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Encryption

Server side concerns

Message-dependent encryption and/or
Traditional Encryption Schemes

Client, Server and Key Management

Single infrastructure

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Proof of ownership

Challenge-response protocol

Client side concerns

Merkle hash tree (MHT), Spot checking and Auditable

Security for Multiple Clients

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Client side concerns

Addressing concerns around the side channel of
observing traffic

Server-side or Gateway-based

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Multi Server Architecture

Difficult to Disperse Encrypted Data

Secret Sharing Approach

Essentially replaces some random element with deterministic element to identify duplicates

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- Encryption is an effective control in ensuring the confidentiality, but **traditional encryption approaches can undermine deduplication.**
 - Infrastructure owner will encounter difficulties to identify duplicate data from different cipher texts generated by different users with different keys.
 - Challenging to efficiently store different cipher texts from different users.



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Proof of ownership

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- Proof of ownership (PoW) in deduplication can be ownership of the fingerprint of the binary data.
- However, this fingerprint could be easily shared or obtained and so infrastructure providers may want to implement PoW protocol.
- PoW protocols can be used to confirm that a client is the owner of binary data and it can be retrieved.



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Obfuscation

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- Deduplication processes can potentially leak information when binary data is not uploaded after binary data is confirmed as already existing on the infrastructure.
- Traffic obfuscation processes can be used to mask and remove the level of information an attacker can infer from data being transferred from clients to infrastructure.

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Obfuscation

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- Deduplication solutions are often discussed in terms of a single infrastructure and single client, but it is desirable to spread binary data across multiple deployments. Data deduplication with encryption across multiple infrastructures is challenging.
- An alternative solution is to use secret sharing techniques instead of encryption solutions to disperse information across infrastructures.



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