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PROJECT TITLE: MULTI-AUTHORITY ATTRIBUTE BASED KEYWORD SEARCH OVER CLOUD DATA

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Problem Statement:

In the current landscape of cloud computing, both organizations and individuals are increasingly reliant on remote storage solutions to handle extensive volumes of sensitive data. However, ensuring the privacy and confidentiality of this data presents notable hurdles, particularly when striving to achieve efficient search capabilities over encrypted data, all while adhering to multi-authority access control policies.

The principal challenge tackled by this project involves creating a resilient system capable of facilitating secure keyword searches over encrypted cloud data while accommodating the demands of multi-authority attribute-based access control. This entails the development of mechanisms that empower authorized users to search for specific information based on keywords or attributes, while concurrently preventing unauthorized access attempts to sensitive cloud-stored data.

Abstract:

To ensure both data security and usability in cloud environments simultaneously, Searchable Encryption (SE) emerges as a crucial technique. Through the utilization of Ciphertext-Policy Attribute-Based Encryption (CP-ABE), the Ciphertext-Policy Attribute-Based Keyword Search (CP-ABKS) scheme accomplishes keyword-based retrieval and fine-grained access control concurrently. However, existing CP-ABKS schemes with a single attribute authority entail costly user certificate verification and secret key distribution, leading to a performance bottleneck in distributed cloud systems. Thus, this study introduces a secure Multi-authority CP-ABKS (MABKS) system to overcome these challenges and alleviate the computation and storage burden on resource-limited devices within cloud systems. Furthermore, the MABKS system extends its functionality to support malicious attribute authority tracing and attribute updates.

Project Objective:

To develop a project that introduces a Searchable Encryption scheme which can simultaneously enable users to search over outsourced encrypted data with only relevant encrypted documents which can only be accessed by the authorized users.

Software requirements:

- Java 1.8
- JSP
- HTML, CSS
- MySQL 5.5
- Tomcat 8

Hardware requirements:

- Updated Processor
- Min 1 GB RAM
- Min 100 GB hard disk

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