

# Twin Cloud based Deduplication Scheme with user's Privileges

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**Abstract**-Data deduplication is one of important data compression techniques for eliminating duplicate copies of repeating data, and has been widely used in cloud storage to reduce the amount of storage space and save and width. To protect the confidentiality of sensitive data while supporting deduplication, the convergent encryption technique has been proposed to encrypt the data before outsourcing. To better protect data security, this paper makes the first attempt to formally address the problem of authorized data deduplication. Different from traditional deduplication systems, the differential privileges of users are further considered in duplicate check besides the data itself. We also present several new deduplication constructions supporting authorized duplicate check in hybrid cloud architecture. Security analysis demonstrates that our scheme is secure in terms of the definitions specified in the proposed security model. As a proof of concept, we implement a prototype of our proposed authorized duplicate check scheme and conduct test bed experiments using our prototype. We show that our proposed authorized duplicate check scheme incurs minimal overhead compared to normal operations.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Cloud computing provides seemingly unlimited "virtualized" resources to users as services across the whole Internet, while hiding platform and implementation details. Today's cloud service providers offer both highly available storage and massively parallel computing resources at relatively low costs. As cloud computing becomes prevalent, an increasing amount of data is being stored in the cloud and shared by users with specified *privileges*, which define the access rights of the stored data.

One critical challenge of cloud storage services is the management of the ever-increasing volume of data. To make data management scalable in cloud computing, deduplication has been a well-known technique and has attracted more and more attention recently. Data deduplication is a specialized data compression technique for eliminating duplicate copies of repeating data in storage. The technique is used to improve storage utilization and can also be applied to network data transfers to reduce the number of bytes that must be sent. Instead of keeping multiple data copies with the same content, deduplication eliminates redundant data by keeping only one physical copy and referring other redundant data to that copy.

## II RELATED WORK

Secure deduplication. With the advent of cloud computing, secure data deduplication has attracted much attention recently from research community. Yuan and Yu proposed a deduplication system in the cloud storage to reduce the storage size of the tags for integrity check. To enhance the security of deduplication and protect the data confidentiality, This shows how to protect the data confidentiality by transforming the predictable.

### A. A First Attempt

Before introducing our construction of differential deduplication, we present a straightforward attempt with the technique of token generation TagGen;  $k_p P$  above to design such a deduplication system. The main idea of this basic construction is to issue corresponding privilege keys to each user, who will compute the file tokens and perform the duplicate check based on the privilege keys and files. In more details, suppose that there are  $N$  users in the system and the privileges in the universe is defined as  $P = \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_g\}$ . For each privilege  $p$  in  $P$ , a private key  $k_p$  will be selected. For a user  $U$  with a set of privileges  $P_U$ , he will be assigned the set of keys  $\{k_{p_i} | p_i \in P_U\}$ . File uploading. Suppose that a data owner  $U$  with privilege set  $P_U$  wants to upload and share a file  $F$  with users who have the privilege set. The user computes and sends  $S$ -CSP the file token and TagGen for all.

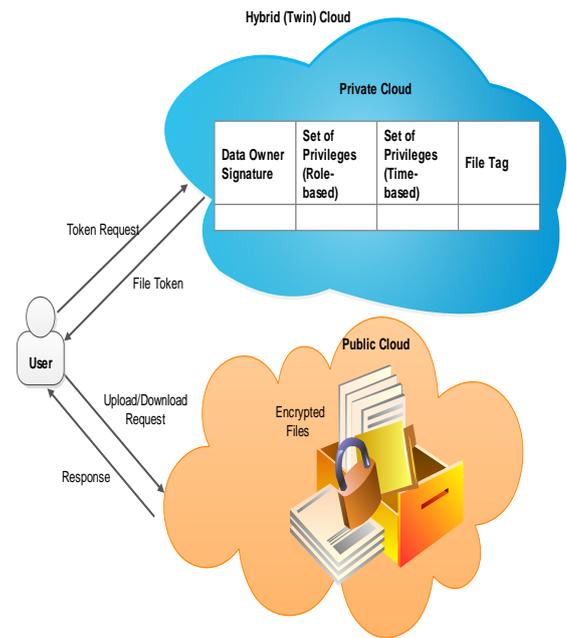
If a duplicate is found by the  $S$ -CSP, the user proceeds proof of ownership of this file with the  $S$ -CSP. If the proof is passed, the user will be assigned a pointer, which allows him to access the file. Otherwise, if no duplicate is found, the user computes the encrypted file  $C_F$ ;  $FP$  with the convergent key  $k_F$  KeyGen and uploads  $C_F, ff^{OF: p_i P}$  to the cloud server. The convergent key  $k_F$  is stored by the user locally. File retrieving. Suppose a user wants to download a file  $F$ . It first sends a request and the file name to the  $S$ -CSP. Upon receiving the request and file name, the  $S$ -CSP will check whether the user is eligible to download  $F$ . If failed, the  $S$ -CSP sends back a signal to the user to indicate the download failure. Otherwise, the  $S$ -CSP returns the corresponding ciphertext  $C_F$ . upon receiving the encrypted data from the  $S$ -CSP; the user uses the key  $k_F$  stored locally to recover the original file  $F$ .

### B. Our Proposed System Description

To solve the problems of the construction in Section 4.1, we propose another advanced deduplication system supporting authorized duplicate check. In this

new deduplication system, hybrid cloud architecture is introduced to solve the problem. The private keys for privileges will not be issued to users directly, which will be kept and managed by the private cloud server instead. In this way, the users cannot share these private keys of privileges in this proposed construction, which means that it can prevent the privilege key sharing among users in the above straight forward construction. To get a file token, the user needs to send a request to the private cloud server. The intuition of this construction can be described as follows. To perform the duplicate check for some file, the user needs to get the file token from the private cloud server. The private cloud server will also check the user's identity before issuing the corresponding file token to the user. The authorized duplicate check for this file can be performed by the user with the public cloud before uploading this file. Based on the results of duplicate check, the user either uploads this file or runs POW.

Before giving our construction of the deduplication system, we define a binary relation  $R \subseteq P \times P$ ;  $p^0 \in P$  as follows. Given two privileges  $p$  and  $p^0$ , we say that  $p$  matches  $p^0$  if and only if  $R(p, p^0) = 1$ . This kind of a generic binary relation definition could be instantiated based on the background of applications, such as the common hierarchical relation. More precisely, in a hierarchical relation,  $p$  matches  $p^0$  if  $p$  is a higher-level privilege. For example, in an enterprise management system, three hierarchical privilege levels are defined as Director, Project lead, and Engineer, where Director is at the top level and Engineer is at the bottom level. Obviously, in this simple example, the privilege of Director matches the privileges of Project lead and Engineer. We provide the proposed deduplication system as follows. System setup. Furthermore, each user  $U$  is assumed to have a secret key  $sk_U$  to perform the identification with servers. Assume that user  $U$  has the privilege set  $P_U$ . It also initializes a POW protocol POW for the file ownership proof. The private cloud server will maintain a table which stores each user's public information  $pk_U$  and its corresponding privilege set  $P_U$ . We design and implement a new system which could protect the security for predictable message. The main idea of our technique is that the novel encryption key generation algorithm. For simplicity, we will use the hash functions to define the tag generation functions and convergent keys in this section.



### C. Further Enhancement

Though the above solution supports the differential privilege duplicate, it is inherently subject to brute-force attacks launched by the public cloud server, which can recover files falling into a known set. More specifically, knowing that the target file space underlying a given ciphertext  $C$  is drawn from a message space  $S$ .  $F_n$  of size  $n$ , the public cloud server can recover  $F$  after at most  $n$  off-line encryptions.

## III CONCLUSION

In this paper, the notion of authorized data deduplication was proposed to protect the data security by including differential privileges of users in the duplicate check. We also presented several new deduplication constructions supporting authorized duplicate check in hybrid cloud architecture, in which the duplicate-check tokens of files are generated by the private cloud server with private keys. Security analysis demonstrates that our schemes are secure in terms of insider and outsider attacks specified in the proposed security model. As a proof of concept, we implemented a prototype of our proposed authorized duplicate check scheme and conduct testbed experiments on our prototype. We showed that our authorized duplicate check scheme incurs minimal overhead compared to convergent encryption and network transfer.

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