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Performance of Asymmetric Homomorphic Encryption Algorithms for Privacy Preservation in Location Based Services

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ABSTRACT: -Human's need for storing data efficiently is perpetual, when relying on third party services for data storage, whether storing personal or critical data, even though claimed to be completely secure, cannot be trustworthy. During security breaches or situation of personal infringement of the service provider, the need for a mechanism which can be used to protect data from any kind of unauthorized disclosures. There comes the methodology of Homomorphic Encryption. It is an encryption methodology that allows computations to be done on the data without actually seeing the values. In this project, I am using Craig Gentry's scheme which implements Fully Homomorphic Encryption. It is the combination of both AES and paillier encryption algorithms. This project contains GUI designed to fire SQL queries over encrypted data, encrypted using paillier encryption scheme, and perform operations directly over the encrypted text as it would perform directly on plain text. Craig Gentry's scheme is an efficient algorithm than the other algorithms existed for the Homomorphic Encryption because, it gives Fully Homomorphic Encryption in a simpler way and gives fast results than the available Zaryab Khan's Scheme. Craig Gentry's Scheme is Bootstrappable whereas Zaryab Khan's scheme works only where there is less noise.

KEYWORDS: Location-Based Services, Privacy Preservation, Collaborative TTP Free, Privacy Homomorphism.

I. INTRODUCTION

Encryption is a process by which we are able to change our confidential information into a format which is not understood to computer or human beings, especially to prevent from exposing the information to unauthorized persons which leads to the destruction of one's business or privacy. In encryption methodology, plain text is modified using an algorithm which will change its form, gives cipher text that can only be read after decryption. The main purpose for encrypting electronic data stored in workstation, devices or servers is to ensure security, protection of data, and to secure other digital assets this can be termed as end-to-end encryption, which is useful for safety of data. The Shannon model of cryptography, is one of the contemporary models used in cryptology. It ensures security of data. As all data is encrypted into the system and is never exposed to the outside world. Data can be decrypted and then can be used, only by authorized users. It is necessary to encrypt data, so that any cyber-attack doesn't harm the integrity of data. There are some applications where encryption and decryption of data are considered an overhead, because availability of data is very crucial. The time lost in encryption and decryption is not affordable in such cases.

Mostly, the encryption methods are based on symmetric or asymmetric encryption. But Homomorphic Encryption is a different encryption algorithm. It is a method through which anyone will be able to perform mathematical operations over the encrypted data without worrying about any loss of the important information because of the computations done on the data. It is a property that an encryption method shows when any computation on the data is done, the algorithm set it into other values, meaning it encrypts it while preserving the end result. For example, if 25 is stored as 249 in the server and another value 67 is stored as 192 is added or multiplied then answer be 92 stored as 512 and all these computations are done over encrypted data and changes are stored, when the computed value is decrypted, would result the value that the user would expect.



Problem Definition

Fully Homomorphic Encryption using Craig Gentry's Scheme which is used for more security and high confidentiality for Databases. The main aim of this project is it involves encryption of the whole database including column names. Encrypted data can be manipulated and analysed without actually being decrypted. We can do computations on encrypted data itself and the result will affect on encrypted and original data as well. The primary goal of Homomorphic Encryption is to allow computations on encrypted data. The task is to develop a program for GUI cryptosystem using to perform computations on encrypted database itself. The GUI asks the users to enter the user's information like IP address, password, etc., and verifies whether the user is authorized for the database and have the encrypted key. If he has the key it will show the encrypted and decrypted data as well. If he doesn't have the key for the data then only encrypted data will be shown. You can also check in the server that the data created will be stored in encrypted format only.

Project Scope

The users of the database can have the privileges like:

- Create a database and tables under that database.
- Create a table of at most 3 columns.
- Insert values into the table.
- Update the information of the database.
- Update the information by performing addition, multiplication the database.
- The encrypted key will be available to the user.
- The data stored in the server will be in encrypted form.
- If others try to access the database, they can only see the encrypted database.
- Other than the owner of the database, others can view the database in encrypted form
- and can perform calculations on the encrypted values without seeing the original values.

Existing System

The current existing cryptosystems are mostly based on Symmetric Key Encryption and Asymmetric Key Encryption. The traditional public key encryption (Symmetric & Asymmetric) requires the keys to be sent to decrypt the data before it can be analysed or manipulated. So, third parties are evolved who acts as a middle-parties who gives security for the data to the customers. Customers should give their whole data to the third parties to secure the database. So, we don't give any confirmation that data will be secured and the confidentiality and integrity of the data is preserved. Because, we are giving the whole data to others. And also, when we send the data to the others it will be sent as encrypted and the receiver have to decrypt the data to perform arithmetic operations on the data and will send back the data to the original user. So, the original values are stored in the server in decrypted form and also the other persons to whom we can send also can see and know the original values. So, we cannot guarantee the confidentiality, integrity and authentication.

Proposed System:

The proposed system (Cryptosystem for secure computations on databases using Homomorphic Encryption) is implemented using Homomorphic Encryption which doesn't require any trusted third party. Homomorphic Encryption is of three types: Partially Homomorphic Encryption where we can perform either multiplication or addition, Fully Homomorphic Encryption is the scheme where we can perform both addition and multiplications on the databases. We also have Somewhat Homomorphic Encryption which is the combination of Partially and Fully Homomorphic Encryption.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

Cryptographic systems can be put to use in any domain, including networks, databases, infrastructure. In this survey, I have discussed the most notable works done in the domain. Gentry introduced "Fully homomorphic encryption scheme", which allows anyone to work on encrypted data without decrypting at any point. A three-step process is done by the authors, beginning with an introduction of encryption scheme which evaluates its own decryption circuit and calls it bootstrappable.



Makkaoui et. Al., worked on “hybridizing the homomorphic encryption scheme” to support all homomorphic properties. They inspected the possibilities through which algebraic structures could be used to hybridize the existing schemes which supports limited homomorphic properties.

Cheon and Kim, introduced a hybrid homomorphic encryption scheme that combines Public Key encryption (PKE) and Somewhat homomorphic encryption (SHE), which reduced the storage requirements for Homomorphic applications. They concluded that their scheme is useful in cloud environments where small bandwidth, low bandwidth and efficient computations are required.

Sha and Zhu, proposed two methodologies by which they are making RSA algorithm adaptable to fully homomorphic schemes. Method one makes use of Pascal triangle formula to convert the algorithm to make it fully homomorphic and method two utilizes the modulo arithmetic to convert the legacy RSA algorithm derivation in a form where the resultant algorithm becomes fully homomorphic.

J. He and Wang studied the application of cryptography over RDBMS which was evaluated for its security and processing capability of huge data. They introduced the concept of security dictionary, which is used to store all of the information that is used to manage the objects in a database, and proposed several secure management methods such as password-based encryption, public key- based encryption.

Munir proposed a new security model for Database as a Service model which is available as a SaaS service from cloud providers. He described a security Architecture comprising of 4 phases with approaches to implement the required security levels in a cloud environment.

III. METHODOLOGY OF CRYPTOSYSTEM FOR SECURE COMPUTATIONS OVER DATABASES USING HOMOMORPHIC ENCRYPTION

Key based encryption techniques:

In ancient era because calculation was very hard so they prefer to use not lengthy keys in respect of bits but on the other hand it's safe to use longer key. Communications also one can encrypt in n-bit blocks. It is true that the longer a key is, more difficult for one to break the encrypted message. Encryptions consist of two categories:

- Private Key or Symmetric Key Encryption
- Public Key or Asymmetric Key Encryption

Private Key or Symmetric Key Encryption:

By using symmetric encryption algorithms, data is converted to a form that cannot be understood by anyone who does not possess the secret key to decrypt it. Once the intended recipient who possesses the key has the message, the algorithm reverses its action so that the message is returned to its original and understandable form. The secret key that the sender and recipient that both of them use could be a specific password/code or it can be random string of letters or numbers that have been generated by a secure random number generator (RNG). There are two types of symmetric encryption algorithms: Block algorithms which encrypts data in the form of blocks. Stream algorithms encrypts data in the form of streams. AES, DES, IDEA, Blowfish, RC5 and RC6 are block ciphers. RC4 is stream cipher.



Fig: Process of Private Key or Symmetric Key Encryption

In Fig, first the plain text is encrypted using Symmetric key and changed to cipher text when sender sends to the receiver. After receiver gets the cipher, he decrypts the cipher text using the same symmetric key and get back the original plain text to perform computations.

Public Key or Asymmetric Key Encryption:

Public-key cryptography, or asymmetric cryptography, is an encryption scheme that uses two mathematically related, but not identical, keys - a public key and a private key. Unlike symmetric key algorithms that rely on one key to both encrypt and decrypt, each key performs a unique function. The public key is used to encrypt and the private key is used to decrypt. Elliptic curve cryptography, RSA, Diffie-Hellman key exchange are some of the Asymmetric Key Encryption algorithms.

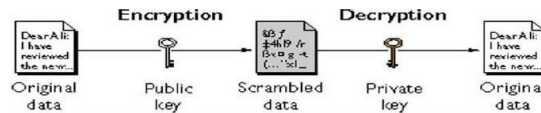


Fig: Process of Public key or Asymmetric key encryption

In Fig, the original data is encrypted using Public key while sender sends the data to the other persons. The cipher text is then decrypted using private key by the receiver and gets the original data to perform computations over the data.

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

A cryptosystem for the Homomorphic Encryption is created using Awt and Swings. To visualize the working of the encryption scheme, GUI was created which lets user select different arithmetic operations, which can be performed on the database as shown in figure 2. The GUI lets user execute SQL commands on a database which can be set up on the host machine or any remote machine which is in the same network as the host machine. The application when executed creates and stores a private key which is used for encryption and decryption process, the plaintext entered by the user is replaced by the ciphertext and a SQL query consisting ciphertext is executed.

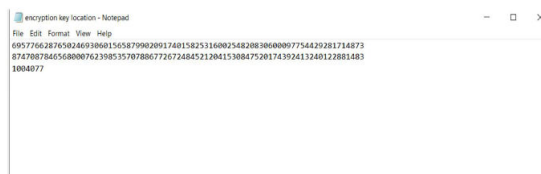


Fig: Encryption key location file with generated key

In Fig, the key will be generated using Homomorphic Encryption and the 512-bit key is stored by creating a file as shown in the figure. The owner can only see the original values if he has the key. If he lost the key then he cannot see the original values.

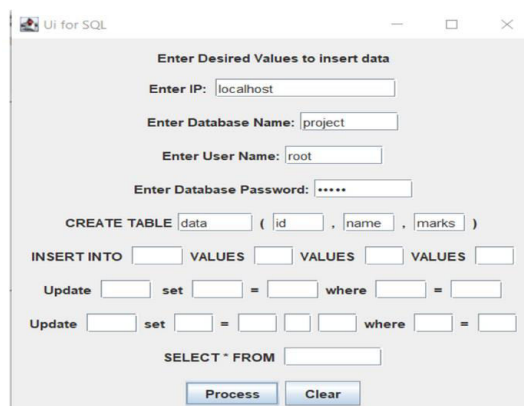


Fig: Output of GUI for asking user to enter details and data.



Fig shows the GUI output window which allows to authenticate himself by entering the IP address and database name, user name, password and then queries like create table, insert values, update values and other update query for computation. The process button gives the encrypted and decrypted view of the data. The clear button clears the data entered in the GUI window and allows the user to re-enter again. This includes by adding buttons and other options using Awt and Swings.

The key will be created and used for the visibility of the original values. If the key is lost then the encrypted table will be shown. If the details are not authorized then error will occur and if we press the process button, nothing will happen we just get the error. To give the authority on databases the owner should write the query for giving authority to the other person using his IP address.

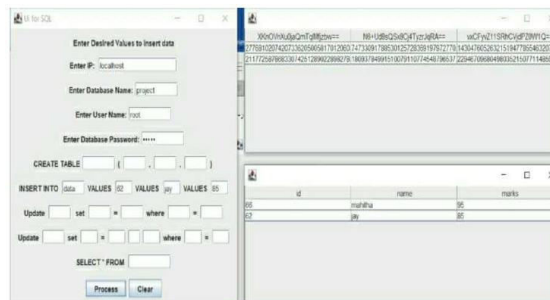


Fig: Insert query operation showing encrypted and decrypted tables.

This Fig shows the insert query operation to insert three column values id, name, marks and shows the corresponding encrypted and decrypted tables.

V. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE SCOPE

Conclusion:

Through this project, it has been shown how the encrypted data can be passed over to databases which is present locally or remotely. Also, the result showcased Homomorphic Property of the Encryption Algorithm by doing different operations over the encrypted data like performing arithmetic operations +, -, * etc. It provides a method that would help in making a system where the data can be stored encrypted and operations can be done on the encrypted data and the value decrypted would retain the same value as expected if the operations were performed on plain text. In this System the Database used is entirely encrypted that the Column names and database name is even encrypted at the time of creation using RSA algorithm. Which means that any modification done on the Database is unknown to anyone how tries to attack it as any data regarding tuple values or database is unknown.

Future Scope:

Throughout this project, the length of the cipher text is considered too large to be used with ordinary Java data types, so the code should be modified to produce smaller cipher text length. So, the Algorithm can be further synthesized to generate lesser length of the cipher value for better memory management. This System currently, is not smart enough to relate appropriate Encryption and Decryption function as per the input data type. Once done, it can be tested and deployed over to a Cloud Environment. Generic Encryption and Decryption function can be created to accept any data value and can encrypt and decrypt it. The Encryption methodology discussed in this paper can be programmed to handle further mathematical operations like exponents, modulo etc. The Encryption method discussed in this paper only provides security from other authorized / unauthorized people not able to see the original data. But doesn't prevent any unauthorized operations thus corrupting the data. In order to prevent the encrypted data being hampered or corrupted we must have to employ mechanism like Hamming Code, Parity Bits, Checksums, Cyclic redundancy checks (CRCs), Cryptographic hash functions etc. that ensure data integrity to prevent unauthorized people from hampering the data. We can also develop an application so that the data is stored and people can send to others using that application, so that the others can receive the data and perform computations on the encrypted data.



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