

Multi Encryption Approach to Provide Security for Cloud Integrated Internet of Things

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Abstract

It is said that cloud computing is continually evolving, and cloud transition is becoming easier and easier. Cloud computing adoption is hampered by a number of security and privacy issues. An organizational entity, its resources, and its assets must be protected by a highly secure system. In this article, we propose and put into practice a framework that uses dual encryption, combining Chacha20 encryption on the client side with AES256 cryptographic technique on the server side for authorization. On an Oracle virtual machine running under Virtual Box 6.1.36 and using Python 3.7.4 on the Ubuntu 18.04 platform, simulations and analysis were carried out.

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1. Introduction

The flexibility, control and ease of use of cloud computing comes with a variety of problems. Particularly, it has been widely noted that security issues are the key barriers to cloud adoption. A company will be exposed to security breaches in the area of Vista even if it claims to offer world-class security but does not regularly update its security procedures. Because it offers a security mechanism for web-based applications, network security has gained significant relevance over the last few years. Protection is essential to reducing the impact of contemporary attacks. Attack mitigation and confidentiality concerns are the only significant characteristics of recent attacks [14, 15]. By using an Integrated Encryption technique, we want to introduce a novel method to address the security issues in this manuscript. The plan can be realized by developing a secure and fully automated information storage and transfer protocol between CSPs and users who have access to a variety of cloud storage volumes to store their information. Two phases can be used to implement the protocol:

- 1) Upload phase
- 2) Retrieve phase

SHA512 is the hashing method that is used to ensure data integrity on the client side. Before uploading the file to the cloud, a hash map is created on the server. The checksums are updated when the file has been downloaded. The assessment of checksums carried out at the metadata put at the conclusion of the files at the client end ensures the integrity of data [12, 13]. Double encryption and SHA512 were used to encode the metadata. The checksums that were recently computed and those that had previously been stored are compared. The checksums will not match if there is any breach. An authenticator for the ChaCha20 stream cipher uses cryptographic techniques. The key benefit of ChaCha20 is that it is built using the ARX (Addition, Rotation, and XOR) cryptography technique, which offers faster performance, less complexity, and prevents timing attacks. We make a lightweight algorithm (ChaCha20), which is characterized by high speed and low implementation resources, more secure by converting it into a hash function.

2. Related Work

To validate the data or file saved at a cloud data center, Deswarte et al. [1] designed an RSA-based hash algorithm. That plan allows clients to undertake numerous challenges on the same Meta data. Due to the high computational complexity of this approach, all of the blocks should be exponentiated into files at the server location. A technique to ensuring that data saved remotely across many sites is secure was described by Schwarz et al. in [2] Based on algebraic signature. This system stores data fingerprints and verifies them during the authentication procedure. Despite this advantage, the computational complexity of this approach is significant at the client and server sites have security-related problems as well. For static authentication of huge data files, Juels et al. [3] presented a technique called sentinels that are randomly enclosed into files for detection, this system includes spot checking and error correcting codes to secure data ownership and Retrievability. A hash tree is developed to keep the order of these sentinels' blocks. POR is primarily used for private information, not for public information. Because sentinels' nodes are present, dynamic updating is not allowed, thus there is no public data authentication in this approach. Takabi et al. [4] present a comprehensive cloud safety threat valuation. For the purpose of protecting virtual machines at cloud centres, Zhang et al. [5] present the cloud visor concept. By utilizing the Merkle hash tree methodology, the author of the cloud visor method has proposed a symmetric key based encryption strategy with AES -128 bit to secure data storage at cloud data centres. The AES -128 bit encryption strategy by side channel scheme and differential cryptanalysis of the MD5 Hash function are the limitations of this scheme. To guarantee the integrity of data kept at data centres and to maintain the security of sensitive data, Pardeshi et al. [6] suggested a solution uses a Merkle hash tree with the sha-1 hash algorithm. This method, which is based on the SHA-1 hash function, is used by Merkle Hash Tree (MHT) to retain the hash values of all data blocks at cloud data centres. Nevertheless, despite these advantages, this technique suffers from side channel attacks and differential cryptanalysis of the SHA-1 hash function. A solution based on dynamic auditing protocol that can carry out operations on data in cloud

data centres was introduced by Erway, C. Chris, et al. [7] In this plan, a third party auditor checks the cloud data center's dynamic sensitive data for data change and integrity. For the purpose of verification, the suggested technique calls for the linear combining of data blocks by an outside auditor at the server location. However, because linear combinations of data blocks are needed for verification, it will reveal sensitive information to the auditor. A lightweight hash functions strategy is proposed by Hussain H et al. [11] that combine the ChaCha20 data encryption method with chaotic maps to keys generation. Using a chaos-based random number generation approach has strengthened the already-existing ChaCha20 encryption technology.

3. Proposed Work

We have successfully implemented a chained symmetric encryption using two distinct ciphers and two passwords. The objective was to offer a collection of brief scripts that may be used to execute symmetric encryption twice with reliable, long-lasting results. In order to implement Chach20 and AES256 encryptions, we used Oracle VM Virtual Box 6.1.36 and Ubuntu 18.04. For encryption techniques, Python 3.7.4 is utilized as a scripting language. We start with Chacha20 and move on to AES256.

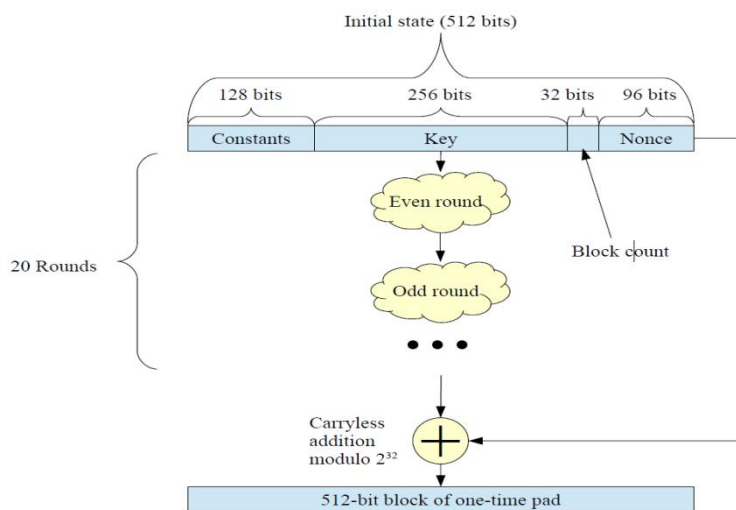


Figure 3.1: Chacha20 Algorithm

Step 1:

First the initial 512-bit state of ChaCha20 is formed. This state consists of a few fields as:

Constant (128 bits): It is initialized with the ASCII values of the characters of the following string.

Key (256 bits): The secret key.

Block count (32 bits): A counter that starts from 0 and is incremented to generate the next chunks of OTP.

Nonce (96 bits): A unique number that can be changed to generate a new OTP with the same key.

Step 2:

Second, the initial state is transformed by 20 round functions of two types: even and odd. Each round function converts its 512-bit input into a 512-bit output.

Step 3:

Finally, the initial state is added to the result of the last round function. To do the summation stage, both operands are viewed as arrays of 32-bit integer numbers with 16 elements. The summation modulo 2^{32} is done element-wise between the arrays. The result of the summation is used to do encryption as follows:

$$C_i = P_i \text{X-OR } PAD_i$$

Where C_i is the i^{th} bit of the cipher text; P_i is the i^{th} bit of the plaintext; and PAD_i is the i^{th} bit of ChaCha20 result.

Step 4:

To generate the next 512-bits of OTP, the block count field of the initial state is incremented and the process repeats (Step 1-Step 3).

4. Results and Discussion**4.1 Encryption**

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openssl-encrypt.sh: Starting command: openssl enc -e -chacha20 -salt -pbkdf2 -iter 100000017 -md sha512 -in "TextFile" -out "TextFile.tmp.enc"
enter chacha20 encryption password:
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Figure 4.1: Client side Encryption

As shown in figure 4.1 TextFile is given as input and TextFile.tmp.enc is the encrypted file generated by Chach20 encryption.

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openssl-encrypt.sh: Starting command: openssl enc -e -aes-256-cbc -salt -pbkdf2 -iter 100000017 -md sha512 -base64 -in "TextFile.tmp.enc" -out "TextFile.enc"
enter aes-256-cbc encryption password:
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Figure 4.2: Server side Encryption

As shown in figure 4.2 TextFile.tmp.enc is given as input and TextFile.enc is the encrypted file generated by AES256 encryption.

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Jul 21 17:20 TextFile
Jul 22 09:34 TextFile.enc
Jul 22 09:34 TextFile.inf
Jul 22 09:34 TextFile.sha
$
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Figure 4.3: Files stored at Server

As shown in figure 4.3 encrypted file TextFile.enc and hash map of encrypted file TextFile.sha generated by Secure Hash algorithm 512 is stored at server.

4.2 Decryption

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openssl-encrypt.sh: Success: sha512 hashes do match. File is henceforth authenti
cated. See "TextFile.sha".
SHA512(TextFile.enc)= 3b9a4ce9252b2d702b802c4844bd5ceba6f4e2810a7d7cccc200265f41
22ff7303d19ade52cb97e3a743561520773451f302a9316c73f5585b6022d3eff58111
SHA512(TextFile.enc)= 3b9a4ce9252b2d702b802c4844bd5ceba6f4e2810a7d7cccc200265f41
22ff7303d19ade52cb97e3a743561520773451f302a9316c73f5585b6022d3eff58111
openssl-encrypt.sh: Be patient. Password hashing takes more than 60 seconds each
. So wait.
enter aes-256-cbc decryption password:
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Figure 4.4: Server side Decryption

As shown in figure Sha 512 hash is checked and if it matches then it asks for AES 256 password for decryption.

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openssl-encrypt.sh: Success: openssl decrypted file "TextFile.enc" successfully.
enter chacha20 decryption password:
```

Figure 4.5: Client side Decryption

As shown in figure Sha 512 hash is checked and if it matches then it asks for Chacha 20 password for decryption.

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openssl-encrypt.sh: Plaintext output in file "TextFile"
openssl-encrypt.sh: Success: shred shredded temporary file "TextFile.tmp.enc" s
uccessfully.
openssl-encrypt.sh: SUCCESS! Look at plaintext output in file "TextFile".
openssl-encrypt.sh: Cleaning up.
openssl-encrypt.sh: Exiting with success.
ridhima@ridhima-VirtualBox:~/rubika$
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Figure 4.6: Plaintext File at Client side

As shown in figure 4.6 Plaintext output file TextFile recovered at client side.

Conclusion

In order to develop and expand security tools for cloud computing, we describe a fresh architectural concept for giving protection in this article. In this paper, we introduced two-tier security architecture, one on the client and one on the server. The article supported security requirements including Integrity and Authorization and provided an explanation of security domination. In order to lessen the difficulties of enforcing the protection of data for information security in the cloud, we have projected a secure-computation protocol through this document. To the best of our knowledge, it is the most significant endeavor that jointly makes use of two encryption approaches for data storage security.

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