

Digital Rights Management by Using Cloud Computing

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ABSTRACT

Cloud computing is an emerging technology which provides various services and storage for a large amount of digital data. The sharing and use of digital information is tremendously increasing in the world. Most of the information is stored in cloud as it provides storage as a service for huge data owners to store their data. This copyrighted data can be easily copied and can distributed. Thus the security of this digital content is very important. For protecting the digital data the concept of digital rights management was introduced. In drm environment, only legitimate users are allow to access and use the copyrighted content.it is also equally important to preserve the privacy of the users who is accessing this digital content. For preserving the digital right of the data and privacy of the user various schemes have been proposed some of them rely on a trusted third party (ttp) but there is possibility that the ttp become malicious. We are using an enhance scheme which can preserve both privacy of the user and digital rights of the content without relying on a ttp.

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I. INTRODUCTION

THE growth of Internet has made it easy for replicating and distributing digital contents without any loss of quality to the contents. This has resulted in widespread illegal copyright violations of digital contents. Hence, digital rights management (DRM) technologies have been developed to protect the intellectual property rights of the entities involved. Although, advances in DRM technologies have controlled the copyright violations of digital contents, it has resulted in the violations of privacy of the entities involved [7], [9]

Privacy preserving DRM schemes using trusted third party assumption have been proposed in [8], [10], [20], [24]. In [24] the authors have proposed a mechanism using anonymity ID for providing privacy in DRM. However, to get an anonymity ID the users need to trust an authentication server that can link all anonymity IDs to the user identities. This problem has been addressed in [8] and [20] by separating the responsibilities between certification authorities and content providers .However, to revoke a user from future use, the trusted parties require to collaborate and link the anonymity ID with the real identity of the user. This weakens the privacy protection to the

users as the trusted parties can collude against innocent users. In [10], cryptographic primitives such as “ verifiable secret sharing,” “zero knowledge proofs,” and “time capsule” have been used to design a privacy preserving scheme for DRM. However, their scheme requires trusting a user and two revocation authorities. The trusted third party assumption has been avoided in [7], [9],[15],[18],[25].An anonymous prepayment scheme is used in [25] to get an anonymity ID and thus the real identity of the user is not authenticated in this scheme. [15]uses restrictive partial blind signature method for anonymous consumption of digital contents. However, it does not support tracing and revocation of malicious users. The schemes[7], [9]lacks accounting of sold contents. In threshold based approach essuchase-cash[2], [4]and k-times anonymous authentication[3],[16],the privacy of a user breaks down when the user performs the authentication more than a certain threshold number of times. Tangential.. [18] have provided a privacy preserving accountability mechanism for DRM using “zero-knowledge proofs.”However, their mechanism requires many rounds of communications and

assumes that user has unlimited computational power.

In this paper, we propose a privacy enabled digital rights management mechanism without using the trusted third party assumption. The proposed mechanism supports both accountability and privacy simultaneously. We use simple cryptographic primitives such as blind decryption and hash chain to construct the proposed system. We also provide a privacy preserving revocation mechanism which preserves a user’s anonymity even after that user has been blocked for its misbehavior. The rest of the paper is organized as follows. The preliminaries and notations given .

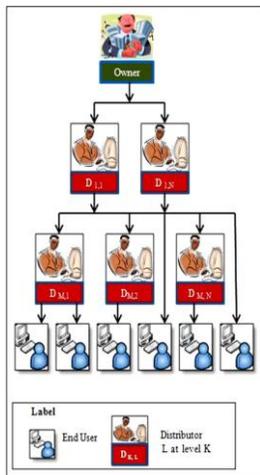


Fig. 1. Content distribution architecture.

II. NOTATIONS AND PRELIMINARIES

A. Design Goals

A scalable DRM content distribution model involves many entities such as an owner, several distributors and many end users [17], [21]. A typical scalable DRM business model is shown in Fig.1. The content providers (owner and distributors) want a content distribution mechanism that support accounting of the content transactions ,provides security of the content sand makes the users accountable for their actions[13].On the other hand, the end-users and the distributors need the content distribution mechanism to support their privacy and unlink ability concerns [18], [20].

B. Content and License Creation With Access Control

where is a hash function. The Owner encrypts the content with the key .The usage key will be inserted in the usage license and the usage license for the content is created as where is a token used in the content and license purchase, are the requested rights by the user or rights pre defined by the Owner, unique ID of the content .Therefore, only qualified and authentic end-users can get the correct. Similarly, attribute based redistribution key and redistribution license can be created for distribution of contents only by qualified distributors. A content package is composed of two parts: the content header and the encrypted content. The header part stores the content information such as content type, content resolution, required attribute for eligible end users and distributors and other content related information. The Owner stores the content packages in its content server

C. Registration and Acquisition of Anonymous Token

Before communicating with the system for content purchase, each User needs to be registered with the Owner . For a user who requires anonymity, he/she first obtains an Anonymous Token Set Package from the Owner prior to the registration process. Can get an Anonymous Token Set Package only if he/she has first made the payments for the service using an anonymous payment scheme [1], [19]. Anonymous Token Set Renewal

When all the tokens in an Anonymous Token Set are expired/used a User will anonymously send a request for renewal with one of its previous Token to the Owner. T he Owner will check it in the Revocation List and its expiry time. If it is not found in the Revocation List and is an expired token, the User will be given an acknowledgement having a timestamp signed by the Owner. User can get another Anonymous Token Set Package and then can proceed to the Owner for the blind decryption of the key as in Section III-C (here no identity authentication is required).

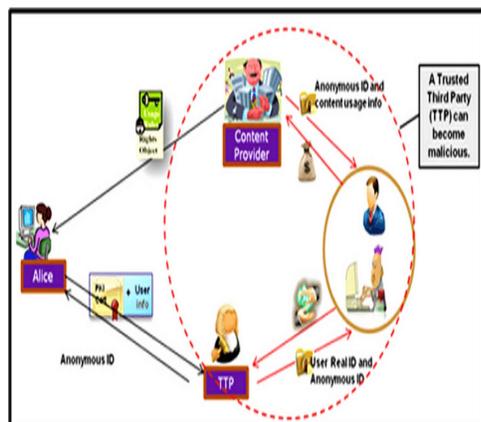


Fig. 2. Malicious third party scenario.

Management of Tokens

At the token generation stage, the Owner store securely in its database the fields .The Content Provider only stores in its secure database where is the ID of the license bought by the User . If at a later stage, the Content Provider detects the violation of the license by a token ,the Content Provider retrieves from its database and send sto the Owner. In the proposed scheme, the Owner and a Content Provider share a token only when a violation of a license is detected. Though they share a token for each violation detected, the Content Provider cannot know the real token ID due to its encryption with the Owner’s public key. Only the Owner can decrypt and compute from the real token ID.

III. ANALYSIS AND COMPARISONS

In this section, we carry out the security analysis, complexity analysis and the comparison of the proposed scheme. A. Security Analysis A User needs to perform the authentication with the Owner as a qualified user with its real identity credentials at the registration stage given in the SectionIII –C .The Owner will perform blind decryption for the registered users only. This the scheme satisfies the non-anonymous authentication/registration property. The proposed scheme provides privacy protection to the Users. A User after getting the Anonymous Token Set interacts only with the Anonymous Tokens. Though a User has been authenticated by its real identity in the non anonymous authentication process, the Content Provider or the Owner cannot

link the real identity with the anonymous identities of the User in other transactions such as license acquisition, tracking and revocation contents sold by them. To block the Users who are no longer eligible to make content transactions with the Content Providers the revocation of those Users has to be performed. In the proposed scheme, revocation of an anonymous User does not result in the de anonymization of that User as described in Section III-E. A trusted third party (TTP) is an entity that facilitates the interactions between two parties who both trust the third party. In real life a TTP can become untrusted or malicious. In the proposed system the anonymity of the Users are preserved without the need to trust on any third parties. The anonymity of a User is preserved even under collusion of the Owner and the Content Provider. The Content Provider knows the Anonymous Token use in a transaction. However, the Owner cannot identify the User associated with that token as the User had acquired that token through the blind decryption protocol. Our approach prevents a User from sharing his/her Anonymous Tokens with a malicious or illegal user. In order to acquire a license anonymously, a User is required to submit one of the Anonymous Token which was issued to him/her. The Content Provider verifies the authenticity of the token and after successful authentication, the Content Provider stores the token linked to the license in its database. When a violation is detected for the license , the Content Provider can trace back the token linked with the violated license from its database. The blind decryption mechanism suffers from the oracle problem where an adversary can use the decrypt or as an oracle to decrypt encrypted messages for its advantage. In our case, a malicious user may download two different Anonymous Token Set Packages and . In order to use both the Anonymous Token Sets and the malicious user needs to get both the keys and decrypted. We now prove that it is infeasible for a malicious user to get both the keys decrypted. Theorem IV.1: It is computationally infeasible for a malicious user to exploit the “oracle problem” of the blind decryption to get multiple decryption keys. Proof: A Users ends the request for blind decryption along with its PKI certificate and the identity informatin.The owner first verifies whether a blind decryption request has come from this PKI certificate earlier by checking its database. The

malicious user needs to input one number derived from and to the blind decryption process. This number should be such that, from the output of the blind decryption, it should be relatively easy to compute the numbers and From, the modular exponentiation step in the RSA decryption algorithm, it follows that this number (the input to the blind decryption process) should be the product . Hence, the malicious user chooses a random blinding factor

such that ,computes and sends to the Owner together with its PKI certificate, identity information and the decryption request encrypted with the owner’s public key. The Owner decrypts and verifies the PKI certificate and the identity information of the malicious user.

TABLE I EXECUTION TIME (IN MILLISECONDS) FOR TOKEN GENERATION AND BLINDING

Operations	Entity	Input Data	Process	Key Size (bit)	Execution Time (ms)	
Token Generation	Owner	Token ID (50 bytes)	SHA-1 Hashing (160 bits)		19.3	
		10 Token IDs (200bytes)	RSA Encryption of 10 Token ID	Key Size	e=65537	e=3
				1024	217	158
				2048	225.16	170
				4096	233	181
		8192	240	203		
		Encrypted ID and Timestamp (440 bytes)	RSA Signature Generation	1024	266.19	198.41
2048	280			219.43		
10 Tokens		3DES Encryption of 10 Tokens	192	159		
		AES Encryption of 10 Tokens	256	90.7		
Blinding	User	Random Integer r (32 bytes)	RSA Encryption of Blinding Factor	2048	31 ~ 43	28 ~ 33
		x and Encrypted K	Blinding Encrypted key	2048	32	29

Performance Analysis For each Anonymous Token Set Package generation, the major computations need to be performed at the Owner side are: hashing operations, public-key encryptions, digital signature generations, symmetric-key encryptions where is the number of sub tokens in an Anonymous Token Set Package.

The Owner needs to store the Anonymous Token Set Package of all generated token sets.Each one time registration involves 3 round so communication between the Owner and a UserThe Owner and the Content Provider need to store the encrypted token Ids in the Anonymous Token Set for each

TABLE II EXECUTION TIME (IN MILLISECONDS) FOR LICENSE ACQUISITION PROCES

Features	[25]	[15]	[18]	[7]	[8]	Our Scheme
Non-anonymous User authentication	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Content Accountability	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Resistant to Collusion of DRM Servers	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Anonymous Usage Tracking and Revocation	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y
No Reliance on TTP	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Prevent Sharing of Anonymity ID	Y	N	Y	N/A	Y	Y
No Extra Computation for User in Transactions	Y	N	N	N	N	Y

unexpired and revoked token. C.

Comparison With Various Schemes

Most traditional DRM systems use conventional authentication mechanisms based on Public key Certificates. In such DRM systems, Attribute-Based Credentials such as Attribute Certificates are issued after the validation of the Public Key Certificate [6]. The Attribute Certificate will be associated with the Public Key Certificate and the attribute keys. These certificates are required to be present to the party requesting the authentication (eg: Content Provider during license acquisition) which may expose the identity information of the User (e.g., name and age) due to linking of the Attribute Certificate with the Public key Certificate. In the proposed system, a User gets the attribute keys and a blindly decrypted token after validation of his/her Public key Certificate by the Owner.

Experimental results

This section describes various results of proposed methodology after implementing for cloud environment, some applications are considered here for system evaluation. Each is well defined and evaluated for proposed methodology. Results are shown and discussed for each of these applications.

This is the user registration form in which user enters his details to get registered with the dataowner. It is an important step in our project because on the basis of the details provided by user the corresponding usage attributes keys are given to the user which are required and checked during the content request. Only legitimate users are allowed to access the copyrighted content, defined on the basis of this usage attributes.

User Registration Form



Fig.3 User Registration Form

This fig 4 shows a scenario in which the dataowner has set the type of document private or public. If a file is set as public then the file is directly accessible by any registered user. No attribute is checked; accessing public files doesn't need any token for verification from user. But if the file is set as private then it requires that the user who wants to access the copyrighted file must be a legitimate user i.e. a user having the corresponding usage attributes keys of respective file the user wants to access and presents a valid token during license request to get the usage key of that content.

The dataowner also sets the usage attributes for each content. Usage attributes are the attributes which are predefined by the dataowner and which defines, which content is accessible to which user based on this attributes. The usage attributes which are considered are Age, Country and City. It means that a user having the same attributes as specified by the dataowner will only become eligible to access that file.

For example, if the specified usage attribute for the usage of the content X are the user must be a citizen of USA, resident of new york, and age must be above 18 year then the attribute key for the usage of the content can be the three tuple,

$$KU_{att} = \{KU_{USA}, KU_{NY}, KU_{over18}\}$$

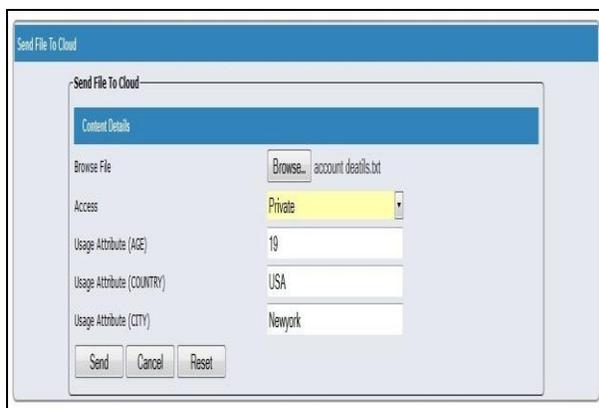


Fig. 4 Dataowner Setting Attributes and Access Type of Document before Sending File in Cloud

Sr No	File Name	File Access	Attributes	Usage Key
1	Company Details.docx	Private	Age = 20 Country = India City = Delhi	220India2
2	Department details.xlsx	Public	Age = 20 Country = Newzealand City = switzerland	120Newzealand1
3	account details.txt	Private	Age = 19 Country = USA City = Newyork	219USA2

Fig 5. List of Some Files and Their Usage Attributes

This figure shows some files, their type (public or private) and their usage attributes Age, Country, City with respective usage key. It means that the file company Details.docx will be accessible only to a user who has age above 20 belongs to country India and lives in city Nagpur. If any one of this attributes of user is not match with the usage attributes specified by the dataowner then that file will not get access by that user.

To access the file company.docx the user must have age above 20, must be a resident of India and live in city Delhi. Any other person having different attributes will not be able to access this content. Similarly, the file account details.txt will be accessible only by the user who have the corresponding attributes mentioned by the dataowner.

IV. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we presented a novel privacy enabled digital rights management mechanism without the trusted third party assumption using simple primitives. The proposed scheme satisfies the conflicting requirement of a accountability and privacy in digital content distribution. Further, the proposed scheme supports access control without degrading user’s privacy as well as allows revocation of even malicious users without violating their privacy. We proved that our scheme is not prone to the “oracle problem” of the blind decryption mechanism. The implementation, analysis and comparison study in Section IV, demonstrate that the proposed scheme is efficient, satisfies the good design properties and out performs the related works.

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