Abstract

Confidentiality in third party services like cloud computing has become a major concern. IT industry and government organizations are very serious about security factor in cloud computing, because its usage has reached all the way from a common man having a mobile phone to large scale business enterprises. In this paper, we present security threats in social and business applications accessing the data stored in cloud computing scenario. Also, we critically discuss homomorphic encryption and CryptDB schemes which are applicable to protect data from malicious third party service environments (cloud computing) and also from insiders for these applications. We also present empirical results of partial homomorphic encryption algorithms over one lakh 10-digit numbers, using Linux virtual machine on VirtualBox, VMPlayer and KVM. The result for four algorithms (namely Paillier, ElGamal, RSA and Benaloh) as performed on the above four different platforms are computed to show their respective overhead values as compared to plain data operations. In case of Paillier Algorithm the overhead is 17, 15, 22 and 12 times for addition operation and 278, 399,518 and 346 times for multiplication operation respectively. Similarly, in case of Elgamal algorithm 1.72, 1.6, 11.7 and 8.9 times for multiplication operation; in case of RSA algorithm 1.79, 1.5, 3.48 and 1.5 times for multiplication operation and in case of Benaloh algorithm is 5.6, 5.36, 5.48 and 3.5 times for addition operation respectively. These performances clearly indicate that these
algorithms are quite feasible enough to be used in context of social and business applications by third party service providers

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