Abstract

Cloud Computing holds the potential to eliminate the requirements for setting up of high-cost computing infrastructure for IT-based solutions and services that the industry uses. It promises to provide a flexible IT architecture, accessible through internet from lightweight portable devices. This would allow multi-fold increase in the capacity and capabilities of the existing and new software. In a cloud computing environment, the entire data resides over a set of networked resources, enabling the data to be accessed through virtual machines. Since these data-centres may be located in any part of the world beyond the reach and control of users, there are multifarious security and privacy challenges that need to be understood and addressed. Also, one can never deny the possibility of a server breakdown that has been witnessed, rather quite often in the recent times. There are various issues that need to be addressed with respect to security and privacy in a cloud computing environment. This extensive survey paper aims to elaborate and analyze the numerous unresolved issues threatening the cloud computing adoption and diffusion affecting the various stake-holders associated with it.
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