

Efficient CIBPRE SCHEME with Provable Security

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Abstract—Cloud computing is an emerging technology in which resources of the computing infrastructures are provided as services of the internet. Cloud allows user to access application without installation and their personal data at any computer with internet access. It provides with a way to share distributed resources and services that belong to different organizations or sites. In cloud computing environment a number of extended Proxy Re-Encryptions (PRE), e.g. Conditional (CPRE), Identity-Based PRE (IPRE) and Broadcast PRE (BPRE), have been proposed for flexible applications. By incorporating CPRE, IPRE and BPRE, this paper proposes a versatile primitive referred to as Proxy Re-encryption Schemes for Data Security in Cloud is a Conditional Identity-based Broadcast PRE (CIBPRE) and formalizes its semantic security. CIBPRE allows a sender to encrypt a message to multiple receivers by specifying these receivers' identities, and the sender can delegate a re-encryption key to a proxy so that he can convert the initial cipher text into a new one to a new set of intended receivers. We propose an efficient CIBPRE scheme with provable security. In the instantiated scheme, the initial cipher text, the re-encrypted cipher text and the re-encryption key are all in constant size and the parameters to generate a re-encryption key is independent of the original receivers of any initial cipher text. Finally, we show an application of our CIBPRE to secure cloud email system advantageous over existing secure email systems based on Pretty Good Privacy protocol or Identity-Based Encryption.

Index Terms—Proxy Re-Encryption, Cloud Storage, Identity-based Encryption, Broadcast Encryption

Introduction

Proxy Re-Encryption (PRE) [1] provides a secure and flexible method for a sender to store and share data. A user may encrypt his file with his own public key and then store the ciphertext in an honest-but-curious server. When the receiver is decided, the sender can delegate a re-encryption key associated with the receiver to the server as a proxy. Then the proxy re-encrypts the initial ciphertext to the

intended receiver. Finally, the receiver can decrypt the resulting ciphertext with her private key. The security of PRE usually assures that

1. Neither the server/proxy nor non-intended receivers can learn any useful information about the (re-)encrypted file, and
2. Before receiving the re-encryption key, the proxy cannot re-encrypt the initial ciphertext in a meaningful way. Efforts have been made to equip PRE with versatile capabilities.

The early PRE was proposed in the traditional public-key infrastructure setting which incurs complicated certificate management [2]. To relieve from this problem, several Identity-based PRE (IPRE) schemes [3], [4], [5] were proposed so that the receivers' recognizable identities can serve as public keys. Instead of fetching and verifying the receivers' certificates, the sender and the proxy just need to know the receivers' identities, which is more convenient in practice.

PRE and IPRE allow a single receiver. If there are more receivers, the system needs to invoke PRE or IPRE multiple times. To address this issue, the concept of Broadcast PRE (BPRE) has been proposed [9]. BPRE works in a similar way as PRE and IPRE but more versatile. In contrast, BPRE allows a sender to generate an initial ciphertext to a receiver set, instead of a single receiver. Further, the sender can delegate a re-encryption key associated with another receiver set so that the proxy can re-encrypt to.

The above PRE schemes only allow the re-encryption procedure is executed in an all-or-nothing manner. The proxy can either re-encrypt all the

initial ciphertexts or none of them. This coarse-gained control over ciphertexts to be re-encrypted may limit the application of PRE systems. To fill this gap, a refined concept referred to as Conditional PRE (CPRE) has been proposed. In CPRE schemes [6], [7], [8], [9], [10], [11], [12], [13], a sender can enforce fine-grained re-encryption control over his initial ciphertexts. The sender achieves this goal by associating a condition with a re-encryption key. Only the ciphertexts meeting the specified condition can be re-encrypted by the proxy holding the corresponding re encryption key.

A recent conditional proxy broadcast re-encryption scheme [14] allows the senders to control the time to re-encrypt their initial ciphertexts. When a sender generates a re-encryption key to re-encrypt an initial ciphertext, the sender needs to take the original receivers' identities of the initial ciphertext as input. In practice, it means that the sender must locally remember the receivers' identities of all initial ciphertexts. This requirement makes this scheme constrained for the memory-limited or mobile senders and efficient only for special applications.

Our Contribution

In this paper, we refine PRE by incorporating the advantages

Of IPRE, CPRE and BPRE for more flexible applications and propose a new concept of Proxy Re-encryption Schemes for Data Security in Cloud is a Conditional Identity-based Broadcast PRE (CIBPRE). In a CIBPRE system, a trusted Key Generation Center (KGC) initializes the system parameters of CIBPRE, and generates private keys for users. To securely share files to multiple receivers, a sender can encrypt the files with the receivers' identities and file-sharing conditions. If later the sender would also like to share some files associated with the same condition with other receivers, the sender can delegate a re-encryption key labeled with the condition to the proxy, and the parameters to generate the re-encryption key is independent of the original receivers of these files. Then the proxy can reencrypt

the initial ciphertexts matching the condition to the resulting receiver set. With CIBPRE, in addition to the initial authorized receivers who can access the file by decrypting the initial ciphertext with their private keys, the newly authorized receivers can also access the file by decrypting the re-encrypted ciphertext with their private keys.

Technology detail

Proxy re-encryption schemes are cryptosystems which allow third parties (proxies) to alter a ciphertext which has been encrypted for one party, so that it may be decrypted by another. Proxy re-encryption schemes are similar to traditional symmetric or asymmetric encryption schemes, with the addition of two functions:

Delegation – allows a message recipient (keyholder) to generate a re-encryption key based on his secret key and the key of the delegated user. This re-encryption key is used by the proxy as input to the re-encryption function, which is executed by the proxy to translate ciphertexts to the delegated user's key. Asymmetric proxy re-encryption schemes come in bi-directional and uni-directional varieties.

In a bi-directional scheme, the re-encryption scheme is reversible—that is, the re-encryption key can be used to translate messages from Bob to Charlie, as well as from Charlie to Bob. This can have various security consequences, depending on the application. One notable characteristic of bi-directional schemes is that both the delegator and delegated party (e.g., Charlie and Bob) must combine their secret keys to produce the re-encryption key.

A uni-directional scheme is effectively one-way; messages can be re-encrypted from Bob to Charlie, but not the reverse. Uni-directional schemes can be constructed such that the delegated party need not reveal its secret key. For example, Bob could delegate to Charlie by combining his secret key with Charlie's public key.

Transitivity – Transitive proxy re-encryption schemes allow for a ciphertext to be re-encrypted an unlimited number of times. For example, a ciphertext might be re-encrypted from Bob to Charlie, and then again from Charlie to David and so on. Non-transitive schemes allow for only one (or a limited number) of re-encryptions on a given ciphertext. Currently, there is no known uni-directional, transitive proxy re-encryption scheme. It is an open problem as to whether such constructions are possible.

A proxy re-encryption is generally used when one party, say Bob, wants to reveal the contents of messages sent to him and encrypted with his public key to a third party, Chris, without revealing his private key to Chris. Bob does not want the proxy to be able to read the contents of his messages. [1] Bob could designate a proxy to re-encrypt one of his messages that is to be sent to Chris. This generates a new key that Chris can use to decrypt the message. Now if Alice sends Chris a message that was encrypted under Bob's key, the proxy will alter the message, allowing Chris to decrypt it. This method allows for a number of applications such as e-mail forwarding, law-enforcement monitoring, and content distribution. Skycryptor [2] uses proxy re-encryption methods for enabling end-to-end encrypted file sharing over modern cloud collaboration applications.

A weaker re-encryption scheme is one in which the proxy possesses both parties' keys simultaneously. One key decrypts a plaintext, while the other encrypts it. Since the goal of many proxy re-encryption schemes is to avoid revealing either of the keys or the underlying plaintext to the proxy, this method is not ideal.

Identity-based conditional proxy re-encryption (IBCPRE) is a type of proxy re-encryption (PRE) scheme in the identity-based public key cryptographic setting. An IBCPRE scheme is a natural extension of proxy re-encryption on two aspects. The first aspect is to extend the proxy re-encryption notion to the identity-based public key cryptographic setting. The second aspect is to extend

the feature set of proxy re-encryption to support conditional proxy re-encryption. By conditional proxy re-encryption, a proxy can use an IBCPRE scheme to re-encrypt a ciphertext but the ciphertext would only be well-formed for decryption if a condition applied onto the ciphertext together with the re-encryption key is satisfied. This allows fine-grained proxy re-encryption and can be useful for applications such as secure sharing over encrypted cloud data storage.

EXISTING SYSTEM

A public-key encryption scheme allows anyone who has the public key of a receiver to encrypt messages to the receiver using the public key in such a way that only the corresponding private key known only to the receiver can decrypt and recover the messages. The public key of a user, therefore, can be published for allowing everyone to use it for encrypting messages to the user while the private key of the user has to be kept secret for the decryption purpose. Both the public key and the corresponding private key of the user are generated by the user in general.

Under the identity-based cryptographic setting, the public key of the user can be an arbitrary string of bits provided that the string can uniquely identify the user in the system. The unique string, for example, can be an email address, a phone number, and a staff ID (if used only internally within an organization). However, the corresponding private key is no longer generated by the user. From the public key, which is a unique binary string, there is a key generation center (KGC), which generates and issues the private key to the user. The KGC has a public key, which is assumed to be publicly known, and the encryption and decryption then work under the unique binary string defined public key and the corresponding private key, respectively, with respect to the KGC's public key.

Proxy Re-encryption allows a ciphertext, which originally can only be decrypted by a user, to

be transformed by a public entity, called proxy, to another ciphertext so that another user can also decrypt. Suppose the two users are Alice and Bob. Alice has some messages: M_1, M_2, \dots, M_n . She intends to encrypt them under her public key, and then upload the encrypted messages to some server.

Now when Alice wants to share these n encrypted messages with Bob, Alice can use a proxy re-encryption scheme to allow the server to re-encrypt these n encrypted messages so that Bob can decrypt these re-encrypted messages directly using his own private key. To do so in the proxy re-encryption scheme, Alice uses her private key and the public key of Bob to generate a re-encryption key. Alice then sends the re-encryption key to the server. Upon receiving this re-encryption key, the server uses the key to transform all the n encrypted messages C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n to a new form denoted as D_1, D_2, \dots, D_n . Bob can then download D_1, D_2, \dots, D_n , decrypt them, and recover the messages M_1, M_2, \dots, M_n using his private key.

In an identity-based conditional proxy re-encryption (IBCPRE) system, users set their public keys as unique identities of the users. One of the main advantages of using identity-based cryptographic algorithms is the elimination of public key certificates which can help enhance the usability of the target security applications. The term 'Conditional' in IBCPRE refers to an additional feature, which allows each encrypted message to have a 'tag' associated with. In addition to the tag, each re-encryption key also has a 'tag' attached. The IBCPRE is designed so that only if the tag of an encrypted message matches with the tag of a re-encryption key can the encrypted message be re-encrypted.

PROPOSED SYSTEM

In this work, we refine PRE by incorporating the advantages of IPRE, CPRE and BPRE for more flexible applications and propose a new concept of Proxy Re-encryption Schemes for Data Security in Cloud is a Conditional Identity-based Broadcast PRE (CIBPRE).

In a CIBPRE system, a trusted Key Generation Centre (KGC) initializes the system parameters of CIBPRE, and generates private keys for users. To securely share files to multiple receivers, a sender can encrypt the files with the receivers' identities and file-sharing conditions. If later the sender would also like to share some files associated with the same condition with other receivers, the sender can delegate a re-encryption key labelled with the condition to the proxy, and the parameters to generate the re-encryption key is independent of the original receivers of these files. Then the proxy can re-encrypt the initial ciphertexts matching the condition to the resulting receiver set. With CIBPRE, in addition to the initial authorized receivers who can access the file by decrypting the initial ciphertext with their private keys, the newly authorized receivers can also access the file by decrypting the re-encrypted ciphertext with their private keys. Note that the initial ciphertexts may be stored remotely while keeping secret. The sender does not need to download and re-encrypt repetitively, but delegates a single key matching condition to the proxy.

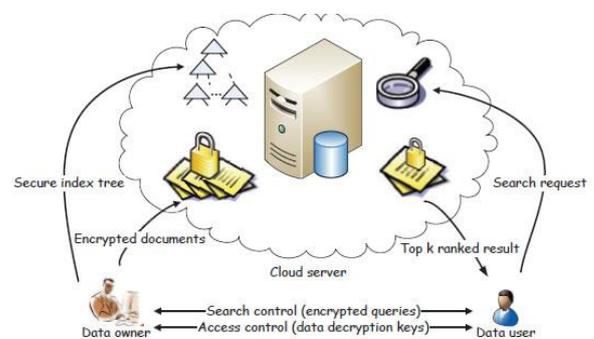


Fig 1:- The Basic Model of Conditional identity based broadcast PRE

We propose an efficient CIBPRE that is provably secure in the above adversary model. We prove that the IND-sID-CPA security of the proposed CIBPRE scheme if the underlying identity-based broadcast encryption (IBBE) scheme is secure and the Decisional Bilinear Diffie-Hellman (DBDH) assumption holds. Our proposed CIBPRE scheme enjoys constant-size initial and re-encrypted ciphertexts, and eliminates the constraints of the recent work in [14].

In a proxy re-encryption (PRE) scheme, suppose Alice gives special information to a proxy that allows it to transform messages encrypted under Alice’s public key into an encryption under Bob’s public key such that the message is not revealed to the proxy which shown in fig 2 In C-PRE, the proxy also needs to have the right condition key to transform the ciphertext (associated with a condition set by Alice) under Alice’s public key into ciphertext under Bob’s public key, so that Bob can decrypt it. Here in CIBPRE trusted key generation center handles all the private keys of users. Sender encrypts the plain text with this private key. When sender re-encrypts the cipher text the parameters generate the re-encryption key one independent of original receiver.

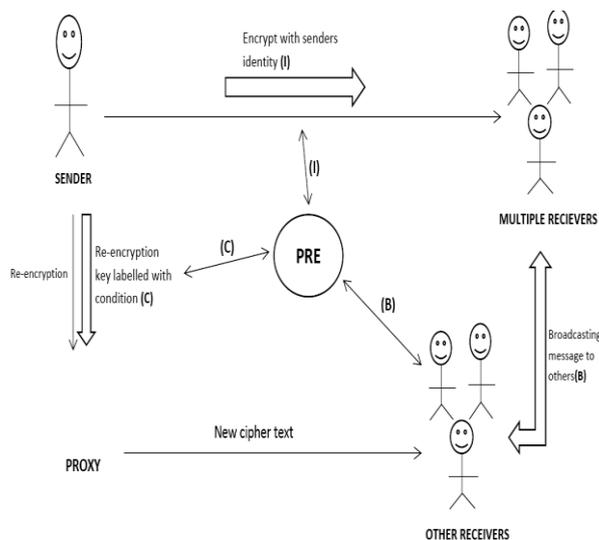


Fig 2: Proposed System architecture For PRE

While converting plain text to cipher text the data is encrypted with the senders identity and file sharing conditions. This cipher text is then sends to the multiple receivers as shown in fig 2. These multiple receivers then broadcast the cipher text to other multiple receivers. These condition, identity and broadcasting of cipher text forms CBI Proxy Re-Encryption.

Initial ciphertext can be stored remotely and secretly on the proxy server so that senders don’t have to download the plain text all the time and encrypt it repetitively. Only delegating condition

repetitively to multiple users is important and condition is based on the single key matching condition. Ciphertext cannot be re-encrypted correctly to new ciphertext if key and ciphertext are having different conditions.

METHODOLOGY

The CIBPRE-based cloud email system consists of a trusted KGC (built by an enterprise administrator), a cloud server and users. The CIBPRE-based cloud email system works as follows:

Initialization: In this phase, the KGC generates the system parameters to initialize the CIBPRE-based cloud email system. It chooses a security parameter $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$ and a value $N \in \mathbb{N}$ (the maximal number of receivers of an email), and runs algorithm $Setup_{PRE}(\lambda, N)$ to generate a pair of master public and secret keys PK_{PRE} and MK_{PRE} . It chooses a secure symmetric key encryption scheme, i.e. AES (the popular choice in practice). Without loss of generality, let the chosen symmetric key encryption scheme be $(X; SE_x; SD_x)$, where $X \subseteq \mathbb{G}_T \in PK_{PRE}$ is the symmetric key space, SE_x and SD_x respectively denotes the encryption and decryption gorithms both with a symmetric key $x \in X$. Finally, it publishes $\epsilon(PK_{PRE}, X; SE_x; SD_x)$.

Key Management: In this phase, when a new user joins this system, the KGC generates a private key for him. Without loss of generality, let ID denote the email address of the new user. The KGC runs algorithm $Extract_{PRE}(MK_{PRE}; ID)$ to generate the private key SK^{ID}_{PRE} , and sends it to the user in a secure channel which is established by the SSL/TLS protocol.

Send An Encrypted Cloud Email: In this phase, a user can send an encrypted email to other users. And this email will be stored in the cloud server. If the user wants to review this email, he can fetch the encrypted email from the cloud server and decrypt it. Suppose user ID1 wants to send the email content F

(including the associated attachment) to the users $\{ID'_2 \dots ID'_n\}$ (where $n \leq N$).

Forward A History Encrypted Cloud Email: In this phase, a user can forward a history encrypted email to new users by generating a re-encryption key for these users and the subject of this email.

Performance: In the above steps, the capability "Identity-based" of CIBPRE avoid user ID1 to fetch and verify the certificates of users $\{ID'_2 \dots ID'_{0n}\}$ before generating a re-encryption key. The capability "Broadcast" of CIBPRE makes the generated re-encryption key having the constant size.

Algorithm

When sender wants to forward historically encrypted

Step 1:- **KGC generate private key for**

Step 2:-

Step 3:-

Step 4:-

Step 5:-

Step 6:-

When sender wants to forward historically encrypted emails to multiple receivers CIBPRE only

wants sender to generate re-encryption key with constant size.

The following modules are used in this system:

Initialization: In this phase, the KGC generates the system parameters to initialize the CIBPRE-based cloud email system. It chooses a security parameter and runs algorithm generate a pair of master public and secret keys. It chooses a secure symmetric key encryption scheme, i.e. AES.

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Send An Encrypted Cloud Email: In this phase, a user can send an encrypted email to other users. And this email will be stored in the cloud server. If the user wants to review this email, he can fetch the encrypted email from the cloud server and decrypt it.

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APPLICATIONS

Cloud Email System: A Promising Application

Cloud email system allows an enterprise to rent the cloud SaaS service to build an email system. It is much cheaper and scalable than traditional on-premises solution. In 2014, the Radiated Group [17] showed the worldwide revenue forecast for Cloud Business Email, from 2014 to 2018. The Cloud Business Email market is expected to generate nearly 17 billion by 2018.

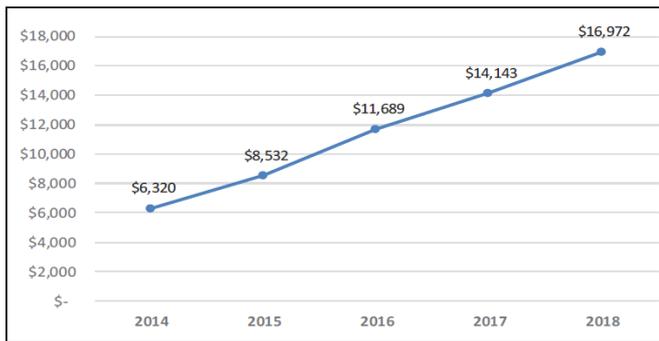


Fig 3: The worldwide revenue forecast for Cloud Business Email (unit: Million) [17].

In 2012, the Proof point Group [18] used an economic model that estimates opportunities for quantifiable cost savings of cloud email system compared with traditional on-premises email system. The Proof point model calculates expenses for both systems at the time of acquisition as well as over a four-year period, such as software licensing costs, hardware and storage costs, service expenses, operational expenses. Table 1 summarizes savings using the economic model. Note that NAS (Network Attached Storage) and CAS (Content-addressable storage) in this table are two different technologies which are usually applied in many storage systems.

Cloud email system is a promising and important application due to its advantageous features. We build an encrypted cloud email system with CIBPRE. It allows a user to send an encrypted email to multiple receivers, store his encrypted emails in an email server, review his history encrypted emails, forward his history encrypted emails of the expected subject to multiple new receivers. Moreover, the cost of an extra email header to achieve this goal is the constant. Compared with existing approaches such as Privacy Good Privacy (PGP) protocol [15] and Identity-Based Encryption (IBE) [16], our CIBPRE-based system is implementation-friendly and more efficient in communication.

In PGP, a sender first verifies a receiver’s certificate and encrypts an email by the receiver’s public key; then the receiver decrypts the received

email with his private key. IBE avoids the certificate verification of PGP. Using IBE, a sender directly encrypts an email using a receiver’s email address. Though both PGP and IBE keep the security of cloud email, their performances are less than CIBPRE. When a sender wants to send an encrypted email to multiple receivers, the size of the ciphertext generated by CIBPRE is constant. In contrast, both PGP and IBE cause the size linear with the number of receivers. When a sender wants to forward a historically encrypted email to multiple receivers, CIBPRE only requires the sender to generate a re-encryption key (with constant size) and send the key to cloud, and then the cloud re encrypts the email and generates a constant size ciphertext for these receivers. In contrast, with PGP or IBE, the sender must fetch the historically encrypted email from the cloud and decrypt it, and then re-encrypt it again to these receivers one by one. Therefore, CIBPRE is very suitable for building encrypted cloud email systems and our proposed CIBPRE scheme is more convenient than PGP and IBE to keep the security of cloud email system.

SECURITY ANALYSIS

In a proxy re-encryption scheme a semi-trusted proxy converts a ciphertext for Alice into a ciphertext for Bob without seeing the underlying plaintext. A number of solutions have been proposed in the public-key setting. In this paper, we address the problem of Identity-Based proxy re-encryption, where ciphertexts are transformed from one identity to another. Our schemes are compatible with current IBE deployments and do not require any extra work from the IBE trusted-party key generator. In addition, they are non-interactive and one of them permits multiple re-encryptions. Their security is based on a standard assumption (DBDH) in the random oracle model.

Recently, a number of extended Proxy Re-Encryptions (PRE), e.g. Conditional (CPRE), identity-based PRE (IPRE) and broadcast PRE (BPRE), have

been proposed for flexible applications. By incorporating CPRE, IPRE and BPRE, this report proposes a versatile primitive referred to as Proxy Re-encryption Schemes for Data Security in Cloud is a Conditional Identity-based Broadcast PRE (CIBPRE) and formalizes its semantic security. CIBPRE allows a sender to encrypt a message to multiple receivers by specifying these receivers' identities, and the sender can delegate a re-encryption key to a proxy so that he can convert the initial ciphertext into a new one to a new set of intended receivers. Moreover, the re-encryption key can be associated with a condition such that only the matching ciphertexts can be re-encrypted, which allows the original sender to enforce access control over his remote ciphertexts in a fine-grained manner. We propose an efficient CIBPRE scheme with provable security. In the instantiated scheme, the initial ciphertext, the re-encrypted ciphertext and the re-encryption key are all in constant size, and the parameters to generate a re-encryption key are independent of the original receivers of any initial ciphertext. Finally, an application of CIBPRE to secure cloud email system advantageous over existing secure email systems based on Pretty Good Privacy protocol or identity-based encryption.

CONCLUSION

In this paper we have studied and compared the proposed CIBPRE scheme with similar works and the comparison confirms the advantages of our CIBPRE scheme. We built the encrypted cloud email system based our CIBPRE scheme. Compared with the previous techniques such as PGP and IBE, our CIBPRE-based system is much more efficient in the aspect of communication and more practical in user experience. This paper studied a new kind of PRE concept called Conditional Identity-based Broadcast Proxy Re-Encryption (CIBPRE). The CIBPRE is a general concept equipped with the capabilities of Conditional PRE (CPRE), Identity-based PRE (IPRE) and Broadcast PRE (BPRE).

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