

Fine-Grained Two-Factor Access Control for Web-Based Cloud Computing Services

Aim:

The aim of this project is to provide effective and secure web based cloud service access.

Objective:

- To prove efficient and secure web based cloud service access.
- To restrict user from sharing secret key through unique security device usage requirement.

Abstract:

In this paper, we introduce a new fine-grained two-factor authentication (2FA) access control system for web-based cloud computing services. Specifically, in our proposed 2FA access control system, an attribute-based access control mechanism is implemented with the necessity of both a user secret key and a lightweight security device. As a user cannot access the system if they do not hold both, the mechanism can enhance the security of the system, especially in those scenarios where many users share the same computer for web-based cloud services. In addition, attribute-based control in the system also enables the cloud server to restrict the access to those users with the same set of attributes while preserving user privacy, i.e., the cloud server only knows that the user fulfills the required predicate, but has no idea on the exact identity of the user. Finally, we also carry out a simulation to demonstrate the practicability of our proposed 2FA system.

Introduction:

Cloud computing is a virtual host computer system that enables enterprises to buy, lease, sell, or distribute software and other digital resources over the internet as an on-demand service. It no longer depends on a server or a number of machines that physically exist, as it is a virtual system.

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There are many applications of cloud computing, such as data sharing, data storage, big data management, medical information system etc. End users access cloud-based applications through a web browser, thin client or mobile app while the business software and user's data are stored on servers at a remote location. The benefits of web-based cloud computing services are huge, which include the ease of accessibility, reduced costs and capital expenditures, increased operational efficiencies, scalability, flexibility and immediate time to market.

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