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Multi Tenancy Cloud Data with a Shared Privacy Preserving Trusted Keyword Search

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Abstract: *In cloud service models intrinsically cater to multiple tenants. In current multi-tenancy model, cloud service providers isolate data within a single tenant boundary with no or minimum cross tenant interaction. With the booming of cloud applications, allowing a user to search across tenants is crucial to utilize stored data more effectively. However, conducting such a search operation is inherently risky, primarily due to privacy concerns. Moreover, existing schemes typically focus on a single tenant and are not well suited to extend support to a multi-tenancy cloud, where each tenant operates independently. In this article, to address the above issue, we provide a privacy preserving, verifiable, accountable, and parallelizable solution for "privacy preserving keyword search problem" among multiple independent data owners. We consider a scenario in which each tenant is a data owner and a user's goal is to efficiently search for granted documents that contain the target keyword among all the data owners. We first propose a verifiable yet accountable keyword searchable encryption (VAKSE) scheme through symmetric bilinear mapping. For verifiability, a message authentication code (MAC) is computed for each associated piece of data. To maintain a consistent size of MAC, the computed MACs undergo an exclusive OR operation*

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