

Implementation of Different Cryptographic Strategies in Cloud Environment



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Abstract—Cloud computing is hosted technology used to deliver services over internet. These services are broadly classified based on type of hosting i.e. infrastructure, platform and software. Public environment and internet connectivity make it vulnerable and unsafe for communication and storage. Confidentiality is one of the major principles to keep data privacy and protection at high level. Cryptographic techniques are used to achieve confidentiality and integrity of information during unsafe communication. This research paper observes that various cryptographic algorithms known as symmetric key cryptography and asymmetric key cryptography can be used to protect information and make it unreadable for unauthorised users. This research paper implements different security algorithms and observe their performance based on computation time over different input sizes. The complete research work concludes a comparative study and recommends different security approaches for different situations.

Keywords—Cloud computing, cloud security, confidentiality, cryptographic technique

I. INTRODUCTION

As specified by the MIT Technology, the expression "Cloud Computing" was apparently first used in 1990s. Most innovation specialists listed cloud computing as one of the most powerful IT patterns of the 21st century. In the era of recent decades, cloud computing has altered undertaking IT to the fact where most associations presently take a "cloud-first" way to deal with their innovation needs. Cloud servers with many advantages in terms of offering storage and resources as well as disadvantages in terms of security. In this paper, we are discussing some of the important concept by investigating relevant studies. Some of the security parameters are discussed below:

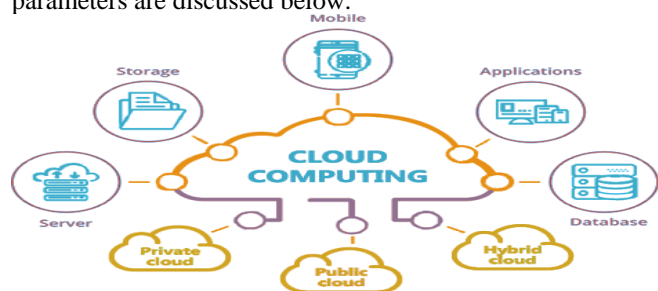


Fig. 1. Cloud computing

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A. Confidentiality:

Cloud computing is perhaps the most new topic and security is a significant part of cloud computing (CC). In CC, client's information stored on remote servers which might be functioned by others and can be accessed through intruders over Internet. There are high possibilities that the information might be challenged. Subsequently, secrecy of information became a major issue. Organization alludes to the anticipation of the unapproved access of the information and consequently ensuring that only the client who has the authorization can get to the information. This is one of the significant highlights of security. In this paper, we do an investigation of the issues identified with confidentiality in cloud computing and concisely talk about thoughts behind certain ways to deal with secure and improve the secrecy in cloud security.

Confidentiality is one of the five milestones of Information Assurance. The other four are verification, accessibility, respectability and nonrepudiation. With regards to personal system frameworks, enables approved clients to get to sensitive and ensured information. Explicit instruments guarantee privacy and defend information from unsafe intruders.

B. Cryptographic Technique:

Cryptographic techniques are utilized to guarantee confidentiality and integrity of information within the existence of an enemy. Under the security needs and the vulnerabilities involved, different cryptographic strategies, for example, symmetric key cryptography and asymmetric key cryptography can be utilized during transportation of the information. The essential elements of cryptography are encryption, decryption and hashing. So as to encode and decode messages, both the side need to share a common secret (Private) key. Usually, this key shows authentication which is in the form of password, that is utilized by the different algorithms of cryptography.

1) **Symmetric Key:** This encryption technique is known as single key based light weight encryption technique. This technique uses to convert plaintext to ciphertext using single key. The key might be indistinguishable or there might be a little change to go between the two key. The key refer mutual secrecy between the parties that are utilized to keep up private data.

- **BLOWFISH:** Blowfish is a single key base symmetric key cryptographic algorithm used as alternative for DES and IDEA for encryption purpose. It can have variable key length from 32 bits to 512 bits key. It was developed by Bruce Schneier in 1993 and adopted by multiple security system.



- AES: It is known as advanced encryption standard algorithm uses to develop cipher block of 128 bit with secure and cost effective execution.
 - RC6: It is the successor of RC4 and RC5 developers and uses parameterized calculation. It can use 2040 bit key for encryption.
- 2) *Asymmetric Key*: This cryptography technique is more secure than single key cryptographic technique which uses public and private key for encodes & decodes information. Shared key is known as public key and secret key is known as private key. Encryption by one key needs another key for decryption. The keys are basically outsized in numbers that have been combined together yet are not indistinguishable. One key from the pair can be communicated to everybody, it is known as the share key. Any of the keys from both the key can be utilized to encrypt a message; the contrary key is utilized for decryption.
- RSA: RSA is a public-key cryptosystem and is broadly utilized for secure information transmission. In such a cryptosystem, the encoding key is share and decoding key is private key which is different. In RSA, this asymmetry achieve by the factorization of the result of two huge prime numbers, the "considering issue".
 - ECC: Elliptic-curve cryptography (ECC) deals with open key cryptography dependent on the mathematical structure of elliptic curves over limited fields, it works on smaller keys. Elliptic bends are appropriate for key understanding, computerized marks, pseudo-irregular generators and different undertakings.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

M. Thangapandian et al. In [1] proposed modifies elliptic curve cryptography algorithm to offers privacy to sensitive data. Separate keys are generated here for admin and user and the modified ECC uses for both encoding and decoding. When we access the information, both the admin and the user have to verify their identity. The recipients perform the Modified ECC algorithm and create private key for decoding information including characteristics. It guarantees high level of information essence in CC.

Rohini et al. In [2] worked on security parameters to classify levels of authentication and storage level. As an ever-increasing number of organizations are putting away their information in cloud, concerns are developing about how safe this condition is. Cloud Security fuses numerous security confinements from the perspective of the client and cloud suppliers. Hybrid RSA approach is used by author for encrypting data and MD5 is used to calculate integrity.

Salma et al. In [3] abstracted significance of distributed computing turns out with the security of information openness, unwavering quality and dependability of data. The check and consent is progressively important to get to data as "cloud" through the world. Study made on security of document encryption using AES algorithm. Till now nothing effective assault than AES however since of a higher expanding of cyber crime in future it may be conceivable assault on it like savage power assault & arithmetical assault. Henceforth, the exploration introduced on Dynamic AES (DAES) & Blowfish algorithm. This strategy determines the

security of transferred document on the cloud with a solid encryption technique & furthermore the protection and solid quality of submitted data of the client with thinking about execution of speed.

Wu Feng Sheng et al. In [4] Data security degree under the cloud computing stage straightforwardly influence the client's information security issue, and the utilization of encryption calculation that gives predominant qualities can compensate for impediments brought about by depending on programming security procedure, which is increasingly powerful and stable to conquer the trouble and challenge looked by the data security. In this paper, through considering the fundamental contemplations of the elliptic curve encryption calculation, an improved technique from the part of dynamic is planned dependent on elliptic curve cryptographic algorithm of cloud information insurance innovation to guarantee the framework running securely and proficiently, and the wellbeing test is made in Matlab programming. Test results show that the planned cloud information encryption innovation dependent on ECC calculation has high security and running velocity, and it can successfully ensure the security and soundness of cloud stage information.

III. PROBLEM DOMAIN

"Privacy is a state in which one is not observed or disturbed by other people" Privacy protection policy is an approach to isolate the sensitive information from unauthorized access. Cryptographic techniques are used to convert human readable text into non readable format. Security keys are used to make every transaction unique and generate different cipher text. Security algorithms always introduce extra computation and second level of effort to make things unreadable.

The study of existing solutions address that security algorithms always increase overhead of encryption and decryption. Asymmetric Key cryptographic algorithms not only need heavy computation and extra memory overhead but also look out for extra communication and bandwidth for key exchange. The study of cloud applications address that security can not be tolerate or take it granted due to open communication environment. This research paper attempts to compare all security algorithms and address their performance in terms of computation time. Relevant study represents security in cloud using algorithms and techniques, where known algorithms are picked and experimentation is performed by evaluating them better. The study speaks about multiple algorithms and refers that this algorithm is better than that algorithm but not specified about the algorithm which best fits for which application.

We made a study by investigating that which algorithm is better for cloud environment. Also, investigating for multiple verticals in cloud multiple perception.

IV. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

Proposed methodology evaluates on five major objective: confidentiality, authentication, integrity, access control and non-repudiation. We are concentrating on confidentiality. Confidentiality and integrity are relevant to each other and are applied together. So we are investigating for the best algorithm while applying security in cloud. The important thought while applying security in cloud is to achieve major principles in cloud. Firstly, service level agreement is signed in cloud (for what to do and what not to do). Secondly, to achieve cryptography at client end. Third communication and fourth at storage level.

The three important level on which the work proposed is client side, communication side and server side. If we want to achieve confidentiality in cloud security then we have to add cryptographic technique. While using cryptographic technique, key based cryptography is proposed. Key based cryptography is of two type: symmetric key and asymmetric key.

Advantage of using symmetric key cryptography is there is no need to exchange key between server and client which saves the effort and bandwidth consumption while exchanging key and removes third party dependency for key exchange. Relatively, it is more veteran in time and memory vice. Key compromised is the basic drawback of symmetric algorithm where anyone can access data but now with the upgradation in technique it is not easy to compromise key simply, it is not simple and easy to get key compromised. Another drawback is if there is confidentiality then authentication cannot be achieved and if there is authentication then confidentiality cannot be achieved. Symmetric key have many popular algorithms like AES, RC6 and BLOWFISH. So these three algorithms are implemented in proposed work.

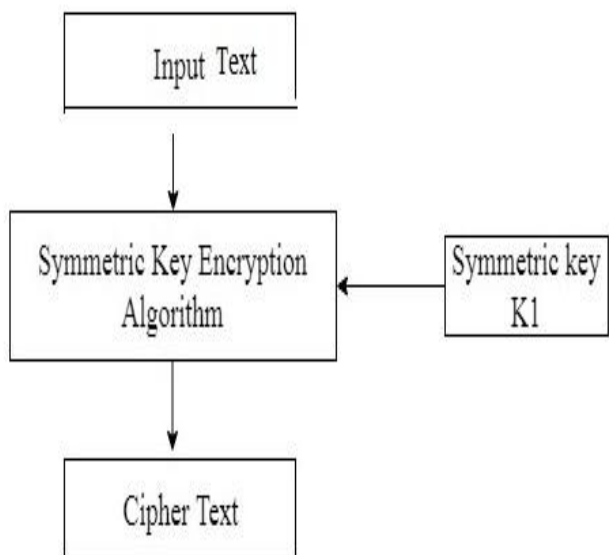


Fig. 2. Encryption using Symmetric Key

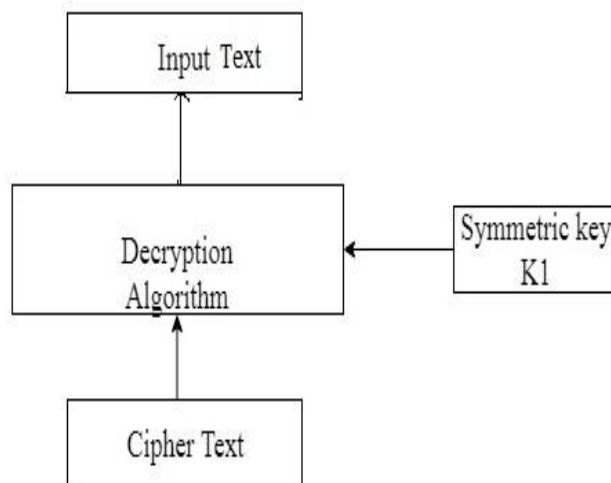


Fig. 3. Decryption using Symmetric Key

Now talking about asymmetric key we can achieve confidentiality & integrity both using the single algorithm. It works on private key and public key where, private key is used to encrypt then authentication is achieved and its public key is used to decrypt. Drawback of asymmetric algorithm is it increases overheads. But using asymmetric both confidentiality and integrity can be achieved using single algorithm. In case if key compromised then also there is no worry because for encryption private key is used and for decryption public key is used. Private key is with the person who encrypted the data, till the infrastructure is not compromised, the complete concept will not fail. For this we implemented RSA and ECC algorithm.

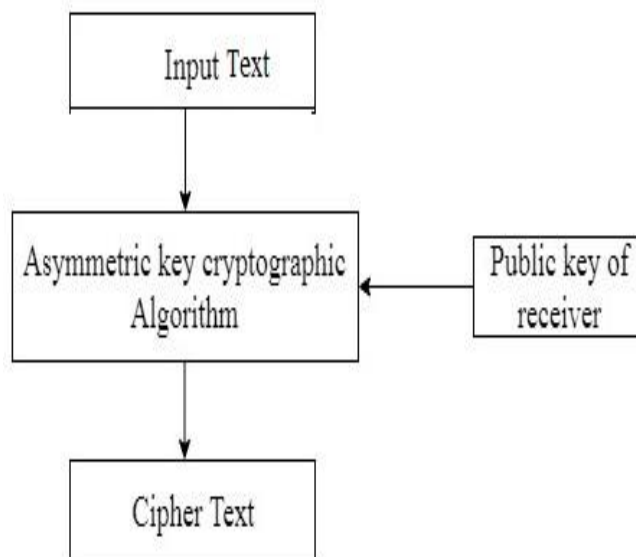


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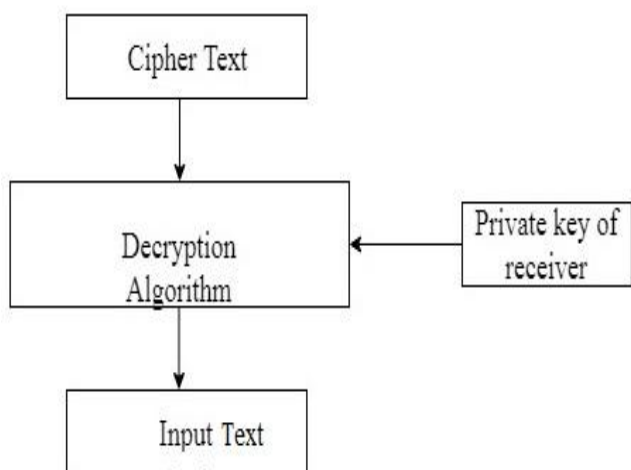


Fig. 5. Decryption using Asymmetric Key

V. EXPERIMENTAL ANALYSIS

Experimental analysis enhance working on different size of data like 1KB, 10KB, 100KB, 1000 Kb and 10,000 KB, and on it different cryptography technique like RC6, AES, BLOWFISH, ECC and RSA is applied for the comparison of performance and evaluate the performance of encryption time and decryption time in terms of milliseconds.

Table 1: Encryption Time

Data [KB]	AES	RC6	Blowfish	RSA	ECC
1 KB	3	2.5	26	112	85
10 KB	19	16	40	212	115
100 KB	95	62	56	513	390
1000 KB	215	165	66	2356	856
10000KB	1856	1325	104	4569	1669

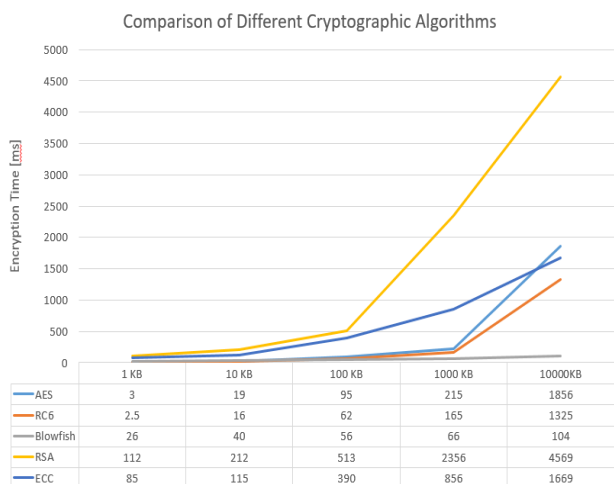


Fig5: Comparison of Encryption Time

Table 2: Decryption Time

Data [KB]	AES	RC6	Blowfish	RSA	ECC
1 KB	4	3	29	186	109
10 KB	23	19	48	289	156
100 KB	101	78	65	796	456
1000 KB	245	195	79	2656	956
10000KB	1986	1675	125	4969	1869

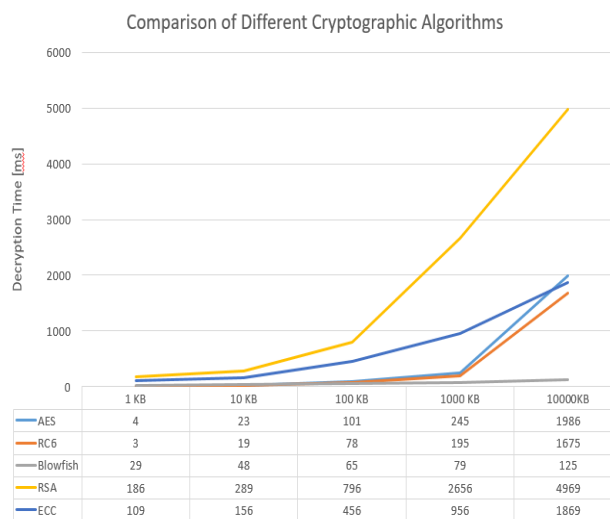


Fig 6: Comparison of Decryption Time

VI. CONCLUSION

In the complete work we exhibited an outline about confidentiality in cloud computing and highlighted upon the significance of preserving the secrecy in the cloud. The point of this review was to feature the confidentiality issues related with cloud computing by utilizing cryptographic technique.

We have developed a cloud based application where we implemented these 5 algorithms (RC6, AES, BLOWFISH, RSA and ECC) using restful API. Here, evaluation is performed by checking the behaviour of algorithm using the same type of data with same size on the same machine configuration. The complete implementation address that symmetric key cryptographic algorithms create less overhead in comparisons with asymmetric key cryptographic algorithms but they are less secure due to single key concept. ECC perform better than RSA and Blowfish perform better that RC6 and AES in symmetric key category. The complete work proposed that in future hybrid cryptographic solution could be develop to achieve high strength security with authentication and integrity.

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