





Searchable Encryption

- * Outsource data ...
- * ... securely
- * ... keep search functionalities

Generic Solutions

Fully Homomorphic Encryption, MPC, ORAM

- Perfect security
- X Large overhead (computation, communication)

Ad-hoc Constructions

Can we get more efficient solutions?

- * Yes, but ...
- * ... we have to leak some information

Security/performance tradeoff

Property Preserving Encryption

Deterministic Encryption, OPE, ORE

- ✓ Legacy compatible
- ✓ Very Efficient

X Not secure in practice (e.g. attacks on CryptDB)

Index-Based SE [CGKO'06]

Structured encryption of the reversed index: search queries allow partial decryption

- * Search leakage :
 - * repetition of queries (search pattern)
- * Update leakage:
 - * updated documents
 - * repetition of updated keywords

Security-Performance Tradeoff

Security



'Passive' Attacks

- [IKK'12]: Using a co-occurrence probability matrix, the attacker can recover from 100% to 65% of the queries
- * [CGPR'15]: Improvement of the IKK attack, 100% recovery

Use padding as a countermeasure

File Injection Attacks [ZKP'16]

Non-adaptive file injection attacks

Insert purposely crafted documents in the DB.
 Use binary search to recover the query

D ₁	k ₁	k ₂	k ₃	k 4	k 5	k ₆	k 7	k 8
D ₂	k ₁	k ₂	k ₃	k 4	k 5	k ₆	k 7	k 8
D ₃	k 1	k ₂	k ₃	k 4	k 5	k ₆	k 7	k ₈

log K injected documents

'Active' Attacks

- * [ZKP'16]: Non-adaptive file injection attacks
 - Insert purposely crafted documents in the DB.
 Use binary search to recover the query
 - Counter measure: no more than T kw./doc.
 (K/T) log T injected documents
 - * Adaptive version of the attack
 (K/T) + log T injected documents

'Active' Adaptive Attacks

[ZKP'16]: File injection attacks

* Adaptive version of the attack

(K/T) + log T injected documents

* If the attacker has prior knowledge about the database (e.g. frequency distribution)

log T injected documents

'Active' Adaptive Attacks

- * All these adaptive attacks use the update leakage:
 - * For an update, most SE schemes leak if the inserted document matches a previous query
 - * We need SE schemes with oblivious updates

Forward Privacy

Forward Privacy

- * Forward private: an update does not leak any information on the updated keywords
- Secure online build of the EDB
- * Only one existing scheme so far [SPS'14]
 - ORAM-like construction
 - X Inefficient updates
 - X Large client storage

Σοφος

- * Forward private index-based scheme
- * Low search and update overhead
- * A lot simpler than [SPS'14]

Add (ind₁,...,ind_c) to w



Search w

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- Naïve solution: ST_i(w) = F(K_w,i)
 X Client needs to send c tokens
 X Sending only K_w is <u>not</u> forward private
- * Use a trapdoor permutation



- * Client stores W[w] := ST_c(w)
- * Search w: send ST_c(w)
- * Update: $W[w] := \pi^{-1}_{SK}(ST_c(w))$



Search:

Update:

* Client: constant
* Client: constant

* Server: O(|DB(w)|)
* Server: constant

Optimal



Storage:

- * Client: O(K)
- * Server: O(|DB|)

Σοφος

* TDP π ? RSA or Rabin

- X Elements (STs) are large (2048 bits).
- X Client storage is impractical
- Client only stores c, pseudo-randomly generates
 ST₁(w), computes ST_c(w) on the fly

✓ Efficient (non-iterative) using RSA

* Search is embarrassingly parallelizable $x^{d} = x^{(d^c \mod \phi(N))} \mod N$

Σοφος - Security

* Update leakage: nothing

Forward private

- * Search leakage:
 - search pattern
 - 'history' of w: the timestamped list of updates of keyword w

Adaptive security (ROM)

Σοφος - Evaluation

- * C/C++ full fledged implementation
- Server KVS: RocksDB
- Evaluated on a desktop computer
 4 GHz Core i7 CPU (16 cores), 16GB RAM, SSD

https://gitlab.com/sse/sophos

Σοφος - Evaluation

2M keywords, 140M entries 5.25GB server storage, 64.2 MB Client storage



Σοφος

- * Provable forward privacy
- * Very simple
- * Efficient search (IO bounded)
- * Asymptotically efficient update (optimal)
 - In practice, very low update throughput (4300 entries/s - 20x slower than other work)

Security-Performance Tradeoff

Security

X FHE x Σοφος ORAM X X [SPS'14] X X [KPR12][CJJ+'13] Legacy compatible Plain X X

Performance

BEYOND FORWARD FORWARD PRIVACY PRACTICAL ISSUES WITH SEARCHABLE ENCRYPTION

AND OPEN PROBLEMS



Thwarting File Injections

- Σοφος only thwarts the <u>adaptive</u> file injection attacks
- Idea: randomly delay the insertion of entries in the the database
- * How to define the security of such countermeasures?

Locality

- * Σοφος makes 1 random access/match
 - Even with SSDs, random disk accesses are very expensive
- One cannot construct a (static) SE scheme with optimal locality, linear storage, or optimal search complexity [CT'14]
- * [ANSS'16] built a scheme with optimal loc., linear storage, and high read efficiency (log log N)

Σοφος - Locality



Locality and Forward Priv.

- * The [ANSS'16] solution is inherently static. What about dynamic schemes?
- Locality goes <u>against</u> forward privacy
 Locality: put entries with the same kw. close
 F.P.: entries matching the same kw. are unrelated
- I think there is a (complicated) lower bound involving locality, comm. complexity, DB size and read efficiency

Open Problem

Locality in practice

- Regroup entries matching the same keyword by (large) blocks
- [MM'17] combine this idea with ORAM to save 80% of the IOs during search
- * Other proposal: cache search results

Other adversaries

- * The literature only focuses on persistent adversaries. Could we have better guarantees against weaker ones?
- * Snapshot adversaries, 'late' persistent adversaries
- Might be important in practice: e.g. when caching previous queries' results

Backward Privacy

- Queries should not be executed over deleted documents (cf. secure deletion)
- Only interesting against 'late' persistent adversaries
- Achieved by ORAM. Looks hard to achieve efficiently (single interaction, low comm. complexity)





Paper: http://ia.cr/2016/728 Code: https://gitlab.com/sse/sophos