# Achieving Privacy-preserving Data Sharing for Dual Clouds

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Abstract-With the advent of the era of Internet of Things (IoT), the increasing data volume leads to storage outsourcing as a new trend for enterprises and individuals. However, data breaches frequently occur, bringing significant challenges to the privacy protection of the outsourced data management system. There is an urgent need for efficient and secure data sharing schemes for the outsourced data management infrastructure, such as the cloud. Therefore, this paper designs a dual-server-based data sharing scheme with data privacy and high efficiency for the cloud, enabling the internal members to exchange their data efficiently and securely. Dual servers guarantee that none of the servers can get complete data independently by adopting secure two-party computation. In our proposed scheme, if the data is destroyed when sending it to the user, the data will not be restored. To prevent the malicious deletion, the data owner adds a random number to verify the identity during the uploading procedure. To ensure data security, the data is transmitted in ciphertext throughout the process by using searchable encryption. Finally, the blackbox leakage analysis and theoretical performance evaluation demonstrate that our proposed data sharing scheme provides solid security and high efficiency in practice.

Index Terms-data sharing, dual server, secure two-party computation, searchable encryption

# **1. Introduction**

As the development of Internet technologies such as IoT, there is a large amount of data generated by the related applications every day. With the advent of the era of IoT, more and more companies choose to upload massive internal data to the cloud storage, which brings convenience to enterprises along with the risk of data leakage.

In recent years, the data leakage occurs frequently in practice. For example, in 2016, Yahoo announced two major data breaches, which affected more than 1.5 billion account data and reduced its acquisition price by 350 million dollars [1]. In 2018, Cambridge Analytica, in partnership with Trump's election team and the Brexit campaign, collected the profiles of millions of American voters on Facebook, which is one of the most significant data breaches of Facebook [2]. In 2020, the federal and state governments in the United States experienced severe data breaches, affecting more than 1,000 organizations worldwide and launching supply chain attacks against VMware, Microsoft, and other commonly used software [3]. Therefore, it is desirable to design a data storage and sharing scheme for the internal members to protect data security in such outsourced system.

#### 1.1. Related Work and Challenges

In recent years, with the improvement of people's awareness of security and privacy, a large amount of works have focused on data sharing schemes with privacy protection. Wu et al. [4] proposed a data sharing scheme in the electronic medical scenario, using blockchain to ensure data integrity in the process of sharing, and introducing data masking technology to solve the problem of privacy disclosure. But their work will reduce the accuracy of some data. Yang et al. [5] designed a data sharing scheme to ensure data privacy by combining blockchain with attribute-based encryption (ABE) [6]. Tang et al. [7] implemented efficient and privacy-protecting data sharing schemes using ABE and fog nodes. However, ABE is a time-cost cryptographic primitive, which will cause a heavy burden on user side. Shen et al. [8] use a smart contract mechanism to control data access rights and ensure data security sharing. The data sharing scheme proposed by Lu et al. [9] uses the integrity mechanism based on an algebraic signature to ensure data integrity and access control to ensure data privacy. The above two blockchain-based data sharing schemes require third-party trusted institutions to issue keys, resulting in key escrow

problems. To acheive the anonymity of data sharing, Lai et al. [10] introduced a data sharing scheme use traceable ring signature and blockchain to secure data sharing. The data sharing mechanism proposed by Wang et al. [11] provides secure data sharing by using blockchain to monitor participants' behaviors, non-interactive zero-knowledge proof, and dynamic pseudo-identity policies to hide the identity of data providers. Zhang et al. [12] proposed a secure multihop re-encryption scheme, which continuously hides the reencryption process to ensure that sensitive information is not leaked, but the data sharing model is one-to-one. Liang et al. [13] proposed a searchable symmetric encryptionbased decision tree classification scheme that can effectively protect user privacy. The works of He et al. [14] and Wang et al. [15] were plagued by a large amount of calculation, causeing low search efficiency.

In summary, the existing schemes have some issues, such as reduced data accuracy, low query efficiency, limited in one-to-one sharing model, and the third-party key escrow. Therefore, it is a certain gap on researching data sharing schemes for building an efficient data sharing scheme without lossing the data accuracy and thrid-party issue in oneto-many model. In this paper, we introduce a novel one-tomany data sharing scheme to realize efficient queries, and use double servers to eliminate third-party issue in typical data sharing schemes.

#### **1.2.** Contributions

In this paper, we design a locally oriented data storage sharing scheme for internal members to protect data security based on the above situation. The contribution points are as follows:

- Our proposed scheme adopts dual servers to prevent a single server from obtaining complete data. We suggest the secure two-party computation to conduct the communication and data exchange bwtween two server, which prevents the data leakage from the server sides.
- In our proposed scheme, data is transmitted in the form of ciphertext among different parties. We introduce the searchable encryption to ensure the data security during the sharing procedure.
- To prevent malicious deletion of data, our proposed scheme adopts verification mechanism. We introduce random numbers into the index vector to ensure that other users will not maliciously tamper with the data.
- To further strengthen system security, our proposed scheme is to update the key regularly. The user updates retrial vector as well, corresponding to updated key.

**Organization.** The rest of this paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we reviews the related cryptographic primitives. Then, we introduce the system model, threat model, and design goals in Section 3. The concrete construction is described in Section 4. In Section 5, we analyze the security of our proposed scheme. Finally, the theoretical analysis of our scheme is given in Section 6.

# 2. Preliminary

This section reviews some cryptographic primitives, such as secure two-party computation, secret sharing, and searchable encryption.

# 2.1. Secure Two-party Computation

Secure two-party computation was proposed by Yao in 1982 [16], originally developed to solve the millionaire problem [16].

In this part, we briefly review the typical secure twoparty computation in [16]. The parties will communicate with each other as follows. Firstly, the function to be calculated is converted into a computing circuit. Then the one party involved in the calculation constructs the garbled circuit and sends the garbled table to the other party, which communicates through the daze transmission protocol [17]. Then the two parties convert the private value into the garbled value and input it into the garbled circuit. The result is obtained through the garbled circuit and output.

The current example of DDH hypothesis-based construction in [17] is widely used as an instansiation of Yao's scheme.

#### 2.2. Secret Sharing

In this part, we briefly review Shamir's (t, n) threshold secret-sharing scheme. The details are as follows:

- SS.Share(S,t,n) → (s<sub>1</sub>, s<sub>2</sub>,..., s<sub>n</sub>): Split secret S into n pieces, and at least t pieces are needed to restore secret S.
- SS.Recover(s<sub>1</sub>, s<sub>2</sub>, ..., s<sub>t</sub>) → S: Restore secret S with t secret shares.

## 2.3. Searchable Encryption

Searchable encryption was proposed in 2000 [18]. Hidden vector encryption (HVE) [19] is a searchable encryption mechanism that supports coalescence, equality, comparison, and subset query of encrypted data. In our proposed scheme, we will adopt a hidden vector encryption scheme based on symmetric encryption (SHVE) [20] to implement the searchable encryption. The details of SHVE are as follows:

- SHVE.Setup(1<sup>λ</sup>) → (msk, M): On input the security parameter λ, it randomly generates a master secret key msk <sup>\$</sup> (0, 1)<sup>λ</sup>. It then defines the payload message space M, then it outputs (msk, M).
- $SHVE.KeyGen(msk, v) \rightarrow s$ : Input the master secret key msk and predicate vector  $v = \{v_1, v_2, ..., v_d\}$ , and the algorithm returns the decryption key s.

- SHVE.Enc(msk, μ ∈ M, x) → c : On input the master secret key msk, a message μ, and index vector x = {x<sub>1</sub>, x<sub>2</sub>, ..., x<sub>d</sub>}, and it returns ciphertext c associated with (μ, x).
- SHVE.Query(c, s) → μ/⊥: On input the ciphertext c corresponding to the index vector x and the decryption key s corresponding to the predicate vector v. If P<sub>v</sub><sup>SHVE</sup> = 1, it returns μ; otherwise, it returns ⊥. For each v ∈ Σ<sup>d</sup><sub>\*</sub>, x ∈ Σ<sup>d</sup>,

$$P_v^{\text{SHVE}}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \forall 1 \le i \le d, (v_i = x_i \text{ or} v_i = *) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# 3. Definition and Threat Model

This section introduces the system model, threat model and desgin goals of our proposed scheme, respectively.

#### 3.1. System Model

This system involves four steps, inlcuding data upload, data download, date deletion, and key update. The system model for our scheme consists of two entities, as the server and the user, as shown in figure 1.

- Server: The system consists of two servers,  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ . The server is responsible for processing the data uploaded by users, encrypting, retrieving, and decrypting the data through secure two-party computing. In addition, the server is also responsible for regularly updating the master key of the system, which is conducive to improving system security and reducing the risk of data breaches.
- User: In our scheme, user  $U_i$  can upload and delete his/her own data or download the data. As a data owner,  $U_i$  can upload and delete his/her data. When the system needs to update the key, the user is to update the retrieval vector of the files. Otherwise, the corresponding file will be deleted. As a data requester,  $U_i$  generates a query vector to retrieve data he/she needed.

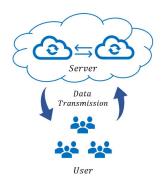


Figure 1. The system model.

# 3.2. Threat Model

In our scheme, we assume that user  $U_i$  is honest but curious (HBC). Users will strictly implement data upload, delete, query, key update and the retrieval vector update, but always keep curious about other's data and make inferences based on their known data.

We assume that the two servers are also honest but curious. The servers will perform each operation according to the steps specified in the scheme. They will be curious about the data they get and deduce it. In addition, server  $S_1$  and server  $S_2$  are not collusive.

Suppose there is a probabilistic polynomial-time (PPT) HBC adversary. There are two types of attack to be considered in our proposed scheme:

- 1) The first type of attack is corrupting the server. In our scheme, the adversary can corrupt no more than one server. It can retrieve all the data received by the server and try to retrieve the data uploaded by the user.
- 2) The second type of attack is corrupting the user. The adversary can retrieve all the data owned and received by the user and try to crack the key.

### 3.3. Design Goal

This section analyzes the privacy requirements that the system needs to meet. As it is a data-sharing scheme for regional internal systems, the following privacy requirements should be ensured:

- Prevent leakage of uploaded data files. Data files are internal information and may involve internal organization secrets. If data files are disclosed to external organizations in plaintext or directly obtained by a third-party server, data leakage may cause severe losses.
- Prevent the encryption key from being cracked. Any participant in the system cannot fully grasp the data encryption key of the system; that is, a single server cannot obtain the complete encryption key, and users cannot obtain the key by any means to prevent corrupt participants from destroying the system.

# 4. Privacy-preserving Data Sharing for Dual Clouds

In this section, we first introduce the main ideas of the scheme and then explain the functions and technical details of each sub-protocol.

#### 4.1. Workflow

The scheme consists of five steps, namely **Init**, **Upload**, **Download**, **Delete**, and **Update**. Their functions are to initialize the system, upload data, download data, delete data, and update keys, respectively.

1) Both servers run **InitGlobal** to generate the system's master key and an encrypted database. Both servers jointly maintain the database and have copies of it.

2) The user  $U_i$  and both servers run **Upload** together. The user divides the data and the corresponding index vector into two parts and sends them to  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ . Servers restore and encrypt data to the database through secure two-party computation.

3)  $U_i$  runs **Download** with both servers.  $U_i$  generates the query vector and sends it in two to  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ , respectively.  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  calculate the recovery query vector on the security side, generate the corresponding decryption key, query the ciphertext, send the ciphertext and the corresponding decryption key to the user, and the user recovers the data. The decryption key is valid only for specific ciphertext. Users cannot use the decryption key to decrypt the encrypted data that does not belong to the query scope.

4)  $U_i$  runs **Delete** with both servers.  $U_i$  uploads the corresponding retrieval vector and random string to the servers. The servers use the retrieval vector to find the corresponding data and confirm whether  $U_i$  is the data holder through the random string. If so, the data will be deleted.

5) The system periodically runs Update to update keys.

#### 4.2. Details of the Scheme

In this section, we describe the implementation steps of each sub-protocol in technical detail.

**Initialization.** The protocol is used to initialize the system and generate the master key of the system and an empty encrypted database. The detailed steps are shown in the figure 2.

**Upload.** The protocol is used to upload data to the encrypted database EDB, which is run by the user  $U_i$  and  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ . The detailed steps are shown in the figure 3.

**Download.** This protocol is used to download the required data and is run by both the user and the two servers. The detailed steps are shown in the figure 4.

**Delete Data.**  $U_i$  can delete data from the system by executing the Delete protocol with both servers. The detailed steps are shown in the figure 5.

**Update Key.** To improve system security and reduce the possibility of password cracking, the system periodically runs the Update protocol to replace the encryption key. The technical details are shown in the figure 6.

#### 5. Security Analysis

In this section, we prove the security of our proposed scheme by black-box leakage analysis with an ideal/realworld paradigm [21]. Assume that the scenario is run in PPT environment  $\mathcal{Z}$ , with two servers,  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ ,  $n = poly(\lambda)$  users as participants, and adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ . Suppose  $\mathcal{A}'$  is a simulation of  $\mathcal{A}$  in the ideal environment.

**Real-world execution.** At the outset, environment  $\mathcal{Z}$  selects a string  $str \in \{0,1\}^*$  as input and selects a participant set *I*, who are externally/internally corrupted by  $\mathcal{A}$ . At the

end of the above process,  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  execute *InitGlobal* to initialize the system.

After initialization,  $\mathcal{Z}$  adaptively selects a polynomial number of commands  $(comm_1, \cdots, comm_k)$ , where  $comm_j = (U_j, OP_j)$ ,  $U_j$  is the execution object of the command,  $OP_j$  is the operation that  $U_j$  needs to perform, that is, upload data  $(Upload, (X_j, File_j))$ , download data  $(Download, q_j)$ , delete data  $(Delete, X_j)$ , and update key  $(Update, \mathcal{X})$ . When the command is received, user  $U_j$  runs the corresponding protocol with both servers to get the result.

After each command is executed, if a result is returned, the results are sent to the environment  $\mathcal{Z}$ . After all commands have been executed,  $\mathcal{A}$  sends any message to  $\mathcal{Z}$ , which outputs 1 bit,  $Real_{\mathcal{Z},\mathcal{A}}(2\lambda)$ .

**Ideal execution.** Firstly, we define the leakage profile to simulate a real-world data leakage, namely  $\Lambda = (\mathcal{L}_{init}, \mathcal{L}_{up}, \mathcal{L}_{down}, \mathcal{L}_{de}, \mathcal{L}_{update})$ . The dataset  $EDB_s$  is a simulation of a real-world encrypted database EDB. Then we define the function  $F_{Ideal}$  as follows.

- InitGlobal<sub>s</sub>: When receiving the initialization command, F<sub>Ideal</sub> sends the message "initGlobal Completed" to S<sub>1</sub> and S<sub>2</sub>, and L<sub>init</sub>(1<sup>2λ</sup>)to A'.
- Upload<sub>s</sub>: When receiving the upload command (Upload, (X<sub>j</sub>, File<sub>j</sub>)) from U<sub>j</sub>, store (X<sub>j</sub>, File<sub>j</sub>) in EDB<sub>s</sub>, send the message "j Upload completed" to S<sub>1</sub> and S<sub>2</sub>, and send L<sub>up</sub>(EDB<sub>s</sub>, File<sub>j</sub>) to A'.
- Download<sub>s</sub>: When receiving the upload command (Download, q<sub>j</sub>) from U<sub>j</sub>, search for all data matching q<sub>j</sub> and return the matching data set F to U<sub>j</sub>. Send the message "j Download completed" to S<sub>1</sub> and S<sub>2</sub>. If the server is corrupted, send (j, L<sub>down</sub>(EDB<sub>s</sub>, q<sub>j</sub>)) to A', if the user is corrupted, send (j, q<sub>j</sub>, F, L<sub>down</sub>(EDB<sub>s</sub>, q<sub>j</sub>)) to A'.
- Delete<sub>s</sub>: When receiving the delete command  $(Delete, X_j)$  from  $U_j$ , check whether  $X_j$  contains wildcard \*. If so, send the message "j delete fail" to  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ . If not, the data matching  $X_j$  is searched and deleted, and the message "j delete completed" is sent to  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ . If the server is corrupted, send  $(j, \mathcal{L}_{de}(EDB_s, X_j))$  to A', if the user is corrupted, send  $(j, X_j, \mathcal{L}_{de}(EDB_s, X_j))$  to A'.
- $Update_s$ : When receiving the update command  $(Update, \mathcal{X})$ , send the message "update completed" to  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ . If the server is corrupted, send  $\mathcal{L}_{update}(1^{2\lambda}, EDB_s, \mathcal{X})$  to A'; if the user is corrupted and is a data owner, send  $(j, \mathbf{X}_j, \mathcal{L}_{update}(1^{2\lambda}, EDB_s, \mathcal{X}))$  to A', where, j is the corrupted user id, and  $\mathbf{X}_j$  is the index vector uploaded by the user.

The procedure in the ideal environment is the same as that in the real-world environment. After all commands have been executed, A' sends any message to Z, which outputs 1 bit. We define an abstract leakage profile for subsequent

#### InitGlobal:

 $S_1$  and  $S_2$  perform secure two-party computation, compute  $(MSK_1, MSK_2, EDB) \leftarrow f(r_1, r_2), r_1 \xleftarrow{\$} (0, 1)^{2\lambda}, r_2 \xleftarrow{\$}$  $(0,1)^{2\lambda}$ .  $\lambda$  is the security parameter.  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  store  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  respectively.  $f(r_1,r_2)$ :

- - Compute  $MSK \leftarrow SHVE.Setup(r_1 \oplus r_2)$ . 1)
  - 2) Compute  $(MSK_1, MSK_2) \leftarrow SS.Share(MSK, 2, 2).$
  - 3) Create an empty encrypted database EDB.
  - Output  $(EDB, MSK_1)$  to  $S_1$ ,  $(EDB, MSK_2)$  to  $S_2$ . 4)

Figure 2. The details of InitGlobal.

#### Upload:

Servers  $S_1$ ,  $S_2$ , and user  $U_i$  do the following steps to upload data:

1)  $U_i$  computes

 $((\mathbf{X}_{i1}, File_{i1}), (\mathbf{X}_{i2}, File_{i2})) \leftarrow SS.Share((\mathbf{X}_i, File_i), 2, 2).$ 

 $\mathbf{X}_i = \mathbf{x}_i || r_i$ , where  $\mathbf{x}_i$  is the index vector corresponding to  $File_i$  and  $r_i \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} (0,1)^{\lambda}$  is a random string used to verify identity, both generated by  $U_i$ .

- $U_i$  sends  $(\mathbf{x}_{i1}, File_{i1})$  to  $S_1, (\mathbf{x}_{i1}, File_{i1})$  to  $S_2$ . 2)
- $S_1$  and  $S_2$  perform secure two-party computation, compute: 3)

 $EFile_i \leftarrow f((\mathbf{x}_{i1}, File_{i1}, MSK_1), (\mathbf{x}_{i2}, File_{i2}, MSK_2)).$ 

 $f((\mathbf{x}_{i1}, File_{i1}, MSK_1), (\mathbf{x}_{i2}, File_{i2}, MSK_2)):$ 

- a) Compute  $(\mathbf{x}_i, File_i, MSK) \leftarrow SS.Recover((\mathbf{x}_{i1}, File_{i1}, MSK_1), (\mathbf{x}_{i2}, File_{i2}, MSK_2))$
- Compute  $EFile_i \leftarrow SHVE.Enc(MSK, File_i, \mathbf{x}_i)$ b)

#### Figure 3. The details of Upload.

#### Download:

User  $U_i$  and the two servers perform the following steps to retrieve the required data securely:

- User  $U_i$  generates query vector  $\mathbf{q}_i$  and computes  $(q_{i1}, q_{i2}) \leftarrow SS.Share(q_i, 2, 2)$ , sends  $q_{i1}$  to  $S_1$  and  $q_{i2}$  to  $S_2$ . 2)
- $S_1$  and  $S_2$  perform secure two-party computation, compute

 $((tk_1, EF_1), (tk_2, EF_2)) \leftarrow f((MSK_1, q_{i1}), (MSK_2, q_{i2})).$ 

 $f((MSK_1, q_{i1}), (MSK_2, q_{i2})):$ 

- a)
- b)
- Compute  $(MSK, q_i) \leftarrow SS.Recover((MSK_1, q_{i1}), (MSK_2, q_{i2}))$ . Compute  $tk \leftarrow SHVE.KeyGen(MSK, q_i || *^{\lambda})$ , where \* is a wildcard. For  $\forall EFile_i \in EDB$ , compute  $flag \leftarrow SHVE.Query(EFile_i, tk)$ , if  $flag \neq \perp$ , add  $EFile_i$  into c)  $EF_{i}$
- d) Compute  $(tk_1, tk_2) \leftarrow SS.Share(tk, 2, 2; r_1 \oplus r_2), (EF_1, EF_2) \leftarrow SS.Share(EF, 2, 2; r_1 \oplus r_2)$
- Output  $(tk_1, EF_1)$  to  $S_1$  and  $(tk_2, EF_2)$  to  $S_2$ . e)
- $S_1$  sends  $(tk_1, EF_1)$  to  $U_i$  and  $S_2$  sends  $(tk_2, EF_2)$  to  $U_i$ . 3)
- 4)  $U_i$  computes  $tk \leftarrow SS.Recover(tk_1, tk_2), EF \leftarrow SS.Recover(EF_1, EF_2)$  and  $F \leftarrow SHVE.Query(EF, tk)$ .

Figure 4. The details of Download.

#### proof, as

$$\begin{split} \Lambda &= (\mathcal{L}_{init}, \mathcal{L}_{up}, \mathcal{L}_{down}, \mathcal{L}_{de}, \mathcal{L}_{update}) \\ &= (\mathcal{L}_{initial}^{I}, \mathcal{L}_{add}^{I}, \mathcal{L}_{query}^{I}, \mathcal{L}_{delete}^{I}, (\mathcal{L}_{query}^{I}, \mathcal{L}_{add}^{I}, \mathcal{L}_{delete}^{I})) \\ &= (patt_{initial}^{I}, patt_{add}^{I}, patt_{query}^{I}, (patt_{query}^{I}, patt_{add}^{I}, patt_{delete}^{I})). \end{split}$$

I means Ideal World,  $\mathcal{L}$  means leakage profile, and patt means leakage pattern.

**Theorem 1.** Our proposed scheme is  $\lambda$ -secure if for all PPT

adversary A, there exists a PPT adversary A' such that in all PPT independent environment  $\mathcal{Z}$ , for all  $str \in \{0,1\}^*$ ,

$$\left|\Pr[Real_{\mathcal{Z},A}(\lambda)=1] - \Pr[Ideal_{\mathcal{Z},A'}^{\Lambda}(\lambda)=1]\right| \le negl(\lambda)$$

*Proof.* First, we simulate the view of adversary A ideally and then prove that there is no difference between the view of the adversary in the real world and the view of the adversary in the ideal world, thus proving that if SS is  $\lambda$ security, our scheme is also  $\lambda$ -security.  $\mathcal{A}'$  is a simulator of  $\mathcal{A}$  in the ideal world.  $\mathcal{S}_I$  is a simulator of ideal environment satisfying  $\lambda$ -security. Let us talk about it by case.

#### Delete:

User  $U_i$  and the two servers perform the following steps to delete related data securely:

- 1) User  $U_i$  computes  $(\mathbf{X}_{i1}, \mathbf{X}_{i2}) \leftarrow SS.Share(\mathbf{X}_i, 2, 2)$ , where  $\mathbf{X}_i = \mathbf{x}_i || r_i, \mathbf{x}_i$  is the index vector of the data to be deleted, and  $r_i$  is the random string uploaded for verification when the user uploads data.
- 2)  $U_i$  sends  $\mathbf{X}_{i1}$  to  $S_1$  and  $\mathbf{X}_{i2}$  to  $S_2$ .
- 3)  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  perform secure two-party computation, compute
  - a) Compute  $(\mathbf{X}_i, MSK) \leftarrow SS.Recover((\mathbf{X}_{i1}, MSK_1), (\mathbf{X}_{i2}, MSK_2)).$
  - b) Compute  $tk_{Delete} \leftarrow SHVE.KeyGen(MSK, \mathbf{X}_i)$ , and make sure there is no wildcard \* in  $\mathbf{X}_i$ ; otherwise, end the delete operation as  $U_i$  is not the owner of the data to be deleted.
  - c) For  $\forall EFile_i \in EDB$ , compute  $flag \leftarrow SHVE.Query(EFile_i, tk_{Delete})$ , if  $flag \neq \bot$ , delete  $EFile_i$ .
- 4)  $S_1$  sends message "Delete Completed" to  $U_i$ .

Figure 5. The details of Delete.

### Update:

Both servers and all data owner users execute the protocol to update the key as follows:

Two servers issue an update request to the data owners, and the data owners sends the data index vector to S<sub>1</sub> and S<sub>2</sub>, assuming the index set is X = {X<sub>1</sub>,..., X<sub>m</sub>} (if the user does not want to save a file, the corresponding index vector of the file can not be uploaded, which is equivalent to deleting the file). Users compute (X<sub>1</sub>, X<sub>2</sub>) ← SS.Share(X, 2, 2), and send X<sub>1</sub> to S<sub>1</sub> and X<sub>2</sub> to S<sub>2</sub>.
 S<sub>1</sub> and S<sub>2</sub> perform secure two-party computation, compute

$$(MSK_1, MSK_2, EDB') \leftarrow f((\mathcal{X}_1, r'_1, MSK_1), (\mathcal{X}_2, r'_2, MSK_2)), r'_1 \xleftarrow{\circ} (0, 1)^{2\lambda}, r'_2 \xleftarrow{\circ} (0, 1)^{2\lambda}$$

 $S_1$  and  $S_2$  store  $r'_1$  and  $r'_2$  respectively.  $f((\mathcal{X}_1, r'_1, MSK_1), (\mathcal{X}_2, r'_2, MSK_2))$ :

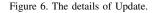
- a) Compute  $MSK' \leftarrow SHVE.Setup(r'_1 \oplus r'_2)$ .
- b) Compute  $\mathcal{X} \leftarrow SS.Recover(\mathcal{X}_1, \tilde{\mathcal{X}}_2), MSK \leftarrow SS.Recover(MSK_1, MSK_2).$
- c) For  $\forall \mathbf{x}_i \in \mathcal{X}$ , compute

 $tk \leftarrow SHVE.KeyGen(\mathbf{x}_i, MSK),$ 

 $File_i \leftarrow SHVE.Query(EFile_i, tk),$ 

 $EFile'_i \leftarrow SHVE.Enc(MSK', File_i, \mathbf{x}_i), File_i \neq \perp$ .

- d) Compute  $(MSK'_1, MSK'_2) \leftarrow SS.Share(MSK', 2, 2)$ .
- e) Output  $(EDB', MSK'_1)$  to  $S_1$ ,  $(EDB', MSK'_2)$  to  $S'_2$ .
- 3)  $S_1$  deletes  $r_1$  and EDB.  $S_2$  deletes  $r_2$  and EDB.



**Server Corruption.** The server participates in the execution of all sub-protocols, so  $\mathcal{A}'$  can access all the information in the process. The simulation is as follows:

 Simulation of InitGlobal: Simulate a secure twoparty computation, compute

$$EDB \leftarrow \mathcal{S}_I(\mathcal{L}_{initial}^I(1^{2\lambda})),$$

$$(MSK_1, MSK_2) \leftarrow SS.Share(0^{2\lambda}, 2, 2)$$

Send  $MSK_1$  to  $S_1$  and  $MSK_2$  to  $S_2$ .

Simulation of Upload: Simulate a secure two-party computation, compute

$$EFile_i \leftarrow \mathcal{S}_I(\mathcal{L}^I_{add}(MSK, File_i, \mathbf{x}_i))$$

Send  $EFile_i$  to  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ .

• Simulation of Download: Simulate a secure twoparty computation, compute

$$(tk, EF) \leftarrow \mathcal{S}_I(\mathcal{L}^I_{query}(MSK, q_i))$$

 $(tk_1, tk_2) \leftarrow SS.Share(tk, 2, 2),$  $(EF_1, EF_2) \leftarrow SS.Share(EF, 2, 2).$ 

Send  $(tk_1, EF_1)$  to  $S_1$  and  $(tk_2, EF_2)$  to  $S_2$ . Simulation of Delete: Simulate a secure two-party computation, compute

$$tk_{Delete} \leftarrow \mathcal{S}_I(\mathcal{L}_{delete}^I(MSK, \mathbf{X}_i))$$

• Simulation of Update: Compute

 $(MSK'_1, MSK'_2) \leftarrow SS.Share(1^{2\lambda}, 2, 2).$ 

Simulate a secure two-party computation, compute

$$EDB' \leftarrow \mathcal{S}_I(\mathcal{L}_{update}(\mathcal{X}), MSK, MSK', EDB)$$

Send EDB' to  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ .

Next, we use the following game sequence to prove that A's view of the ideal world is no different from that of the real world.

- G(0): Run the  $Real_{\mathcal{Z},\mathcal{A}}(2\lambda)$  experiment.
- G(1): Simulate secure two-party computation, with the rest aligned with G(0). Obviously, the adversary's view will not be affected by this change.
- G(2): Replace r<sub>1</sub> ⊕ r<sub>2</sub> with the 2λ-bit random string r in *InitGlobal*. The rest is the same as G(1). Since A' corrupts at most one server, and the distribution probability of r and r<sub>1</sub> ⊕ r<sub>2</sub> is the same, A' cannot tell the difference between them, ensuring that the change does not affect the view of A'.
- G(3): Replace r<sub>1</sub> ⊕ r<sub>2</sub> with the 2λ-bit random string r in Download. The rest is the same as G(2). Similarly, the change does not affect the view of A'.
- G(4): Replace r'<sub>1</sub>⊕r'<sub>2</sub> with the 2λ-bit random string r' in Update. The rest is the same as G(3). Similarly, the change does not affect the view of A'.
- G(5): Replace the encrypted database EDB with the following simulated database:
- In *InitGlobal*, replace MSK and EDB with  $1^{2\lambda}$ ,

$$EDB \leftarrow \mathcal{S}_I(\mathcal{L}_{initial}^I(1^{2\lambda})).$$

- In Upload, replace  $EFile_i$  with

$$EFile_i \leftarrow \mathcal{S}_I(\mathcal{L}^I_{add}(MSK, File_i, \mathbf{x}_i)).$$

- In Download, replace (tk, EF) with

$$tk_{Delete} \leftarrow \mathcal{S}_I(\mathcal{L}^I_{delete}(MSK, \mathbf{X}_i)).$$

$$(tk, EF) \leftarrow \mathcal{S}_I(\mathcal{L}^I_{query}(MSK, q_i)),$$

- In *Delete*, replace  $tk_{Delete}$  with

$$tk_{Delete} \leftarrow \mathcal{S}_I(\mathcal{L}^I_{delete}(MSK, \mathbf{X}_i)).$$

- In Update, relapce EDB' and MSK' with

$$EDB' \leftarrow S_I(\mathcal{L}_{update}(\mathcal{X}), MSK, MSK', EDB),$$

and  $1^{2\lambda}$ .

The rest is the same as G(4). The replacement of MSK does not affect  $\mathcal{A}'$ 's view. In addition, the  $\lambda$ -security of ideal environment ensures that all simulated upload, download, delete and update operations are indistinguishable from real-world environment. Thus, G(5) is equivalent to  $F_{Ideal}$ .

**User Corruption.** If the user is not a data owner, the user only participates in the Download protocol.  $\mathcal{A}'$  can only obtain the data obtained by the user. Emulation can be done during each *Download* by simulating secure two-party computation, computing  $(tk, EF) \leftarrow S_I(\mathcal{L}_{query}^I(MSK, q_i)),$  $(tk_1, tk_2) \leftarrow SS.Share(tk, 2, 2)$  and  $(EF_1, EF_2) \leftarrow$ SS.Share(EF, 2, 2), and sending  $((tk_1, tk_2), (EF_1, EF_2)))$ to  $U_i$ .  $\mathcal{A}'$  can get  $(q_i, tk, EF)$  from  $U_i$ .

If the user is a data owner, the simulation is as follows:

• Simulation of Upload: Sample and store  $X_i \xleftarrow{} \{0,1\}^{2\lambda}$  as the data index vector of  $U_i$ .  $\mathcal{A}'$  can get  $(File_i, \mathbf{X}_i)$  from  $U_i$ .

- Simulation of Delete: A' can get X<sub>i</sub> from U<sub>i</sub>. U<sub>i</sub> sends X<sub>i</sub> to S<sub>1</sub> and S<sub>2</sub>.
- Simulation of Update: U<sub>i</sub> sends X<sub>i</sub> to S<sub>1</sub> and S<sub>2</sub>.
  A' can get X<sub>i</sub> from U<sub>i</sub>.

Next, we use the following game sequence to prove that A's view of the ideal world is no different from that of the real world.

- G(0) and G(1) are the same as in the server corruption case.
- G(2): Compute

 $(tk', EF') \leftarrow S_I(\mathcal{L}^I_{query}(MSK, q_i)),$  $(tk'_1, tk'_2) \leftarrow SS.Share(tk, 2, 2),$ 

$$(EF'_1, EF_{,2}) \leftarrow SS.Share(EF, 2, 2).$$

In *Download*, use  $(tk'_1, tk'_2)$  and  $(EF'_1, EF'_2)$  instead of  $(tk_1, tk_2)$  and  $(EF_1, EF_2)$ . The rest is the same as G(1). Since I is  $\lambda$ -security, this guarantees that the above changes will not affect the view of  $\mathcal{A}'$ .

• G(3): Compute

$$\mathcal{S}_I(\mathcal{L}^I_{delete}(MSK, \mathbf{X}_i))$$

instead of *Delete*. The rest is the same as G(2). Since *I* is  $\lambda$ -security, this guarantees that the above changes will not affect the view of  $\mathcal{A}'$ .

• G(4): Compute

$$(MSK'_1, MSK'_2) \leftarrow SS.Share(1^{2\lambda}, 2, 2).$$

$$EDB' \leftarrow \mathcal{S}_I(\mathcal{L}_{update}(\mathcal{X}), MSK, MSK', EDB),$$

to replace that in Update. The rest is the same as G(3). Since I is  $\lambda$ -security, this guarantees that the above changes will not affect the view of  $\mathcal{A}'$ . Thus, G(4) is equivalent to  $F_{Ideal}$ .

Notation	Meaning	
$\lambda$	security parameter	
n	number of users	
m	number of multiplications over group $\mathbb{G}$	
m'	number of non-wildcard elements in a bloom filter [22]	
$T_M$	time of a multiplication	
$T_E$	time of an exponential calculation	
$T_p$	time of a power ooperation	
$T_P$	time of a bilinear pair operation	
$T_{PRF}$	time taken to compute a pseudo-random function	
$T_{XOR}$	time taken to perform an exclusive-or operation over $\lambda$	
$T_{Enc}$	time taken to compute a ciphertext	
$T_{Dec}$	time taken to decrypt a ciphertext	
TABLE 1. NOTATIONS FOR THEORETICAL ANALYSIS		

# 6. Performance Analysis

We first give a list of notations needed in this section for our theoretical analysis in Table 1.

We use theoretical analysis to evaluate our scheme, evaluate the efficiency of data encryption and decryption, comparing with [10] and [12]. The analysis results are shown in the table 2. According to the time consumption of SHVE's algorithms [20], we can deduce the time cost of our scheme.

Scheme	Data Upload	Data Download	
Proposed	$(m)T_{PRF}$	$O(m') + 2\lambda +$	
		$2((m')T_{XOR} + T_{Dec})$	
[10]	$(4n-1)T_M +$	$(2n)T_E + 4T_P +$	
	$(4n+6)T_E + T_{Enc}$	$2T_{Enc} + T_{Dec}$	
[12]	$T_P + nT_p + T_M$	$2(T_P + T_M + 2T_p)$	
TABLE 2. TIME COST OF DATA UPLOAD AND DOWNLOAD.			

Data upload and data download are the two most frequently used sub-protocols in this solution. It can be seen from Table 2, that the time cost of this scheme in data uploading and downloading is better than [10] and [12]. In our scheme, the time spent uploading and downloading data is independent of the number of users. When there are numerous users, the overhead of [10] and [12] is considerable. Exponential operation and bilinear pair operation are two time-consuming operations. The schemes proposed by [10] and [12] require multiple exponential operations and bilinear pair operations, but our scheme does not use exponential operation, which leads to relatively small time cost.

#### 7. Conclusion

In this paper, we combine secret sharing, secure twoparty computation, with searchable encryption to design a localized internal-oriented data sharing scheme, which is secure under certain leakage circumstances. In our proposed scheme, the data privacy holds during the entire sharing procedure. Additionally, our proposed scheme prevents the malicious deletion by adopting verification mechanism. To further strengthen system security, our proposed scheme supports the key update and retrial vector update. In the future, we will consider to improve its architecture and functions and design for other scenarios, such as smart medical care and resident information management.

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