

A Framework for Accessing Control over the Personal Health Records Based on Attributes

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Abstract: Personal health records (PHR) are the brief information about the patient. These are stored in the third party servers such as cloud servers. It has some complexities to preserve these records more secure and providing privacy to the PHR. To assure privacy and secure about the patient record we introduced a framework called attribute based encryption (ABE) technique. It is based on the user accessing providing by the PHR owner and service provider. It reduces key distribution complexity and enables fine grained access. Users are divided into two types such as Public and Personal users. Our framework improves the privacy and security to personal health records and it enables dynamic control of the health records to record owner and dynamic access controlling by the health record owner.

I. INTRODUCTION

E- health record is a clear summary of health check-up of an individual. It contains medical prescription and check-up done by doctor and their details. In this user can specify their blood group, haemoglobin etc. details are also included. Users store their records in third party resources for receiving better suggestions from the personal and medical people.

A) Management of E-Health Infrastructure

On a larger scale, the whole infrastructure of an e-health cloud has several risks that threaten the privacy of health data. Both medical and administrative data of patients are processed at several places in the e-health cloud, and the usage of smartcards and access control mechanisms alone does not provide the necessary protection.

a. Cryptographic Key Management

Complex infrastructures must be managed and this comprises additional security and privacy issues. The usage of encryption requires management of cryptographic keys, smartcards must be personalized and issued to their users. One question that is often insufficiently answered in this context concerns that is in control of the cryptographic keys. A naive approach would way the patient of course. But how to handle lost or stolen cards when the encryption keys are lost as well? And do the card issuers or the EHR server have backup copies of the keys? But backup strategies must also take into account the privacy requirements of health data. For example, in many European countries, and especially in Germany, it is required by law that the patients themselves have the full data sovereignty over their health data. This means no other party is allowed to circumvent privacy decisions and access rights definitions of the patient

regarding EHR data. But if the card issuer or even the EHR server providers maintain backup copies of the cryptographic keys for reasons of issuing backup smartcards in case of theft or loss, they could in principle decrypt and access the EHR data directly.

b. Management of Certificates

As in any public key infrastructure, certificates must be managed to ensure authenticity of key holders (smartcards, connectors, server, etc.). This includes issuing and distributing certificates as well as updating revocation lists. Management of Hardware/Software Components. Besides the cryptographic infrastructure, other components must be managed and maintained as well. This includes the hardware and software components that are used at EHR servers and billing servers and computing devices of health care providers. Security-critical component those are smartcard readers or connectors to protected networks are should be certified and tested properly. The installation and update of software components requires a secure distribution mechanism. On the other side it must be possible to allow changes in software configuration due to legitimate updates. On the next side unauthorized and malicious changes (e.g., due to malware attacks) are must be detectable to stop further usage or to exclude the infected components from the e-health infrastructure.

II. RELATED WORK

An (Key-Policy) Attribute Based Encryption scheme consists of four algorithms.

Setup: This is a randomized algorithm that takes no input other than the implicit security parameter. It results the public parameters PK and a master key MK.

Encryption: This is a randomized algorithm that takes as input a message m and the set of attributes γ and public parameters PK results ciphertext E.

Key Generation: This is a randomized algorithm that takes as input to an access structure A and master key MK and the public parameters PK results decryption key D.

Decryption: This algorithm takes as input { the ciphertext E that was encrypted under the set γ of attributes and decryption key D for access control structure A and the

public parameters PK. It outputs the message M if γ belongs to A. We now discuss the security of an ABE scheme.

A) Fine-grained Access Control

Fine-grained access control systems facilitate granting differential access rights to a set of users and allow flexibility in specifying the access rights of individual users. There are so many techniques are known for implementing fine-grained access control.

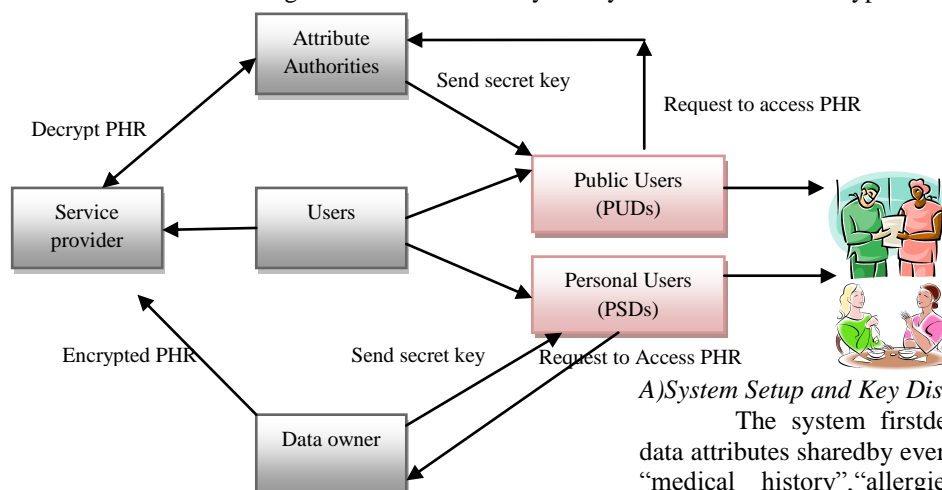
Common to the existing techniques and the references therein) is the fact that they employ a trusted server that stores the data in clear. The Access control depends on software checks to ensure that a user can access a piece of data only if he is authorized to do so. This resultant situation is not particularly appealing from a security standpoint. In the event of server compromise and for example the result of a software vulnerability exploit and potential for information theft is immense and in that always danger of insider attacks wherein a person having access to the server steals and leaks the information and for example and economic gains. There are some techniques create user hierarchies and require the users to share a common secret key if they are in a common set in the hierarchy. The data is divided according to the hierarchy and encrypted under the public key of the set it is meant for and those methods have several limitations. Consider that third party must access the data for a set of users of that set either need to act as an intermediary and decrypt all relevant entries for the party or must give the party its private decryption key thus let it have access to all entries. Most of the cases by using the user hierarchies it are not even possible to realize an access control equivalent to monotone access trees. In this paper, we introduce new techniques to implement fine-grained access control. In our work data is stored on the server in an encrypted form while different users are still allowed to decrypt different pieces of data per the security policy. This eliminates the need to rely on the storage server for preventing unauthorized data access.

III. OUR APPROACH

The main goal of our framework is to provide secure patient-centric PHR access and efficient key management at the same time. Main idea is to divide the system into multiple security domains (namely, public users (PUDs) and personal users (PSDs)) according to the different users' data access requirements. The Public users consist of users who make access based on their professional roles they are doctors, nurses and medical researchers. In practical issues a public user can be mapped to an independent sector in the society and such as the health care and government or insurance sector. For each personal user its users are personally associated with a data owner (such as family members or close friends) and they make accesses to personal health record based on access rights assigned by the owner. Which there are multiple attribute authorities (AAs), each governing a disjoint subset of attributes. Role attributes are defined for PUDs are representing the professional role or obligations of a PUD user. Users in public users obtain their attribute based secret keys from the AAs and without directly interacting with the owners. To control access from PUD users and the owners are free to specify role-based fine-grained access policies for her PHR files and while do not need to know the list of authorized users when doing encryption. Since the public users contain the majority of users and it is greatly reduces the key management overhead for both the owners and users.

In our framework, there are multiple SDs and multiple owners and the multiple AAs, and multiple users. The attribute hierarchy of files – leaf nodes are atomic file categories while internal nodes are compound categories. Dark boxes are the categories that a personal user's data readers have access to. The two attribute based systems are involved: for each PSD the YWRL's revocable KP-ABE scheme [9] is adopted; We term the users having read and write access as data readers and contributors.

Fig 1: Architecture of Key Policy Attribute Based Encryption



A) System Setup and Key Distribution

The system first defines a common universe of data attributes shared by every PSD, such as "basic profile", "medical history", "allergies", and prescriptions. The emergency attribute is also defined for break-glass access. Each personal health record owner's client application

generates its corresponding public or master keys. The public keys can be published via user's profile in an online healthcare social-network (HSN) (which could be part of the PHR service; e.g., the Indivo system [27]). There are two ways for distributing secret keys. Initially first using the PHR service a PHR owner can specify the access privilege of a data reader in her PSD and let him/her application generate and distribute corresponding key and in a way resembling invitations in GoogleDoc. Next a reader in personal users could obtain the secret key by sending a request (indicating which types of files she wants to access) to the PHR owner via HSN then the owner will grant her a subset of requested data types. Based on the request the policy engine of the application automatically derives an access structure and runs keygen of KP-

ABE to generate the user secret key that embeds her access structure. Adding to that the data attributes can be organized in a hierarchical manner for efficient policy generation. When the user is granted all the file types under a category and his/her access privilege will be represented by that category instead. For the public users the system defines role attributes then the reader in a PUD obtains secret key from AAs and binds the user to her claimed attributes/roles.

Now, if we want each authority to give out its own polynomials, one simple solution might be to do an additive secret sharing to form the SW secrets (i.e. the values y such that every random polynomial p is chosen with $p(0) = y$). Thus, we pick a random value for the master secret y_0 and for each authority $k = 1, \dots, K$, y_k is a share of y_0 so $\sum y_k = y_0$. We can output (g, g^{y_0}) as the entire system's public key. Then to encrypt message m and a user gives $E = e(g, g)^{y_0 s}$ and $E_{k,i} = T_{k,i}^s$ for all i, k where they wish to allow a decryptor to use attribute. In addition, the AAs distribute write keys that permit contributors in their PUD to write to some patients' PHR.

C) PHR Encryption and Access

The owners upload ABE-encrypted PHR files to the server. Each owner's personal health record file is encrypted both under a certain fine-grained and role-based access policy for users from the PUD to access control and under a selected set of data attributes that allows access from users in the PSD. Only authorized users can decrypt the personal health record files are excluding in the server. Instantaneously improving efficiency data attributes will include all the intermediate file types from a leaf node to the root. An "allergy" file's attributes are $\{PHR, medical\}$ history, allergy}. The data readers download PHR files from the server and they can decrypt the files only if they have suitable attribute-based keys. The data contributors will be granted the write access to someone's personal health record, if they present proper write keys.

IV. CONCLUSION

Based on privacy and security of the personal health records we designed a framework it improves the control over the personal health records of the patient. The owners of the health record have full control over the health records. The framework includes multiple owners and multiple users, and attribute based encryption that reduces the complexity of the key management. Its implementation works efficiently and sufficiently on the health records.

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