Secure Anonymous Database Search

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Problem Statement

Secure Anonymous Database Search – controlled data sharing between untrusting parties. Applications:

- Intelligence agencies sharing information
- Police investigation on sensitive information
- Medical records search
- Detecting attack behavior from log files
- Automatic email filtering

Security Architecture

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Re-routable Encryption

(GEN, ENC, TRANS, ENC-TP, DEC-R) :

- GEN generates keys for sender, receiver, and third party
- ENC encrypts message from sender to third party
- TRANS identifies receiver
- ENC-TP transforms message received from user to ciphertext for the receiver, optionally performs a privacy preserving operation on receiver's ciphertext
- DEC-R extracts information on the receiver side

Private Key Deterministic Encryption

PH-DSAEP+ - private key deterministic encryption

- *Efficient search* sublinear complexity in the number of ciphertexts, requires deterministic encryption. *Bellare et. al* 2007 construction replace randomness with hash of inputs.
- *Group property* reencrypt under new key, allows user authorization and revocation.
- *PH-SAEP+ Construction* Pohlig-Hellman function (group property) + SAEP padding (security guarantee); deterministic transformation *PH-DSAEP+* (Bellare et. al 2007)

Bloom Filter Search and Storage



a) Bloom filter per document containing the word stems of the document

Record 1 BF Record 2 BF Record 3 BF Record n 2 BF Record n 2 BF Record n 2 BF Record n 1 BF

b) Multiple Bloom filters storage that allows efficient parallel search

document BFs under Server's key (c' = PH-DBAEP+(c, rs)) (c' = PH-DBAEP+(query, client's key) (c) = PH-DBAEP+(query, client's key)

Privacy

Server's database:

- IS cannot link BFs to documents; QR enforces client authorization; IS and QR cannot search;
- C receives only relevant results (adjustable FP rate).

Client's query:

- IS cannot link results to documents and queries of the same client;
- QR learns only equality of queries, QR does not learn anything about results.

Boolean Queries

- **AND** queries *unioned* in query indices.
- **OR** queries processed in parallel; query indices are handled *in order of frequency in queries,* improves cache behavior.
- Efficient search for boolean queries representable in *monotone disjunctive normal form.*

Performance

