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#### I. INTRODUCTION

loud Computing means that the applications are delivered to customers as services over the Internet. The hardware and systems software are held in the datacenters that provide those services. The services offered by the cloud computing have long been referred to as Software as a Service. The datacenter with hardware and software is known as Cloud. Cloud computing can be seen as the requirement of three users which are categorized as:

#### a) End User

End User just wants to use the application software's such as Ms Office, Paint Brush, and Image Processing Software etc. This sort of service is provided by Software as a Service model of cloud computing which gives freedom to the user from getting license of software.

#### b) Commercial Organization

A commercial organization who wants to spread his business with the help of website then he/she has to

set up the servers and maintenance of servers which leads to the high cost. But the cost of infrastructure can be removed by having Infrastructure as a Service model of cloud computing because the storage and security of data, maintenance of servers etc is handled by the cloud service provider.



*Figure 1.1 :* Cloud Computing

#### c) Developer

It also takes care of the needs of developer by providing the platform on which developer wants to work such as Operating System etc. This is also provided by the Platform as a Service model. Therefore cloud computing is combination of the End user, Commercial organization and Developer's requirement.

#### d) Cloud Computing Architecture Layers

On the bases of services cloud computing architecture can be categories as platform, infrastructure and software. These services are delivered and consumed in real time over the internet via web2.0 enabled web browser.

#### e) Software as a Service

It offers you easy access to various online applications that are being hosted on the infrastructure of a service provider.

#### f) Platform as a Service

Peas allows the end users in undertaking multiple functionalities like testing, different operating system, queuing management, developing, integrating, managing and securing cloud infrastructure and cloud apps.

#### g) Infrastructure as a Service

It provides excellent configuring and administering infrastructure. Its cutting edge Infrastructure elements include cloud servers, dedicated servers, load balancers and cloud storage.

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#### h) Deployment Models of Cloud Computing

The deployment models can be categorized by some features which can answer the following queries i.e.

- 1. Who owns the infrastructure?
- 2. Who manages the infrastructure?
- 3. Where is the infrastructure located?
- 4. Who accesses the cloud services?

#### i) Public Cloud

The cloud infrastructure is made available to the general public or a large industry group and is owned by an organization selling cloud services.

#### j) Private Cloud

The cloud infrastructure is operated solely for an organization. It may be managed by the organization or a third party and may exist on premise or off premise.

#### k) Hybrid Cloud

The cloud infrastructure is a composition of two or more clouds (private, community, or public) that remain unique entities but are bound together by standardized or proprietary technology that enables data and application portability.

#### II. SECURITY ISSUES IN CLOUD COMPUTING

#### a) Loss of Goverance

By using cloud infrastructures, the client necessarily cedes control to the cloud provider (CP) on number of issues which may affect security. At the same time, SLAs may not offer a commitment to provide such services on the part of the cloud provider, thus leaving a gap in security defences.

#### b) Lock-In

There is currently little on offer in the way of tools, procedures or standard data formats or services interfaces that could guarantee data, application and service portability. This can make it difficult for the customer to migrate from one provider to another or migrate data and services back to an in house IT environment. This introduces a dependency on a particular CP for service provision, especially if data portability, as the most fundamental aspect, is not enabled.

#### c) Isolation Failure

Multi tenancy and shared resources are defining characteristics of cloud computing. This risk category covers the failure of mechanisms separating storage, memory, routing and even reputation between different tenants. However it should be considered that attacks on resource isolation mechanisms are still less numerous and much more difficult for attacker to put in practice compare.

#### d) Compliance Risks

Investment in achieving certification may be put at risk by migrating to the cloud.

- 1. If the cloud provider cannot provide evidence of their own compliance with the relevant requirements.
- 2. If the cloud provider does not permit audit by the cloud customer (CC).

#### e) Management Interface Compromise

Customer management interfaces of a public cloud provider are accessible through the internet and mediate access to larger set of resources and therefore pose an increased risk, especially when combined with remote access and web browser vulnerabilities.

#### f) Data Protection

Cloud computing poses several data protection risks for cloud customers and providers. In some cases, it may be difficult for the cloud customer to effectively check the data handling practices of the cloud provider and thus to be sure that the data is handled in a lawful way. This problem is exacerbated in cases of multiple transfers of the data, e.g., between federated clouds. On the other hand, some cloud providers do provide information on their data handling practices. Some also offer certification summaries on their data processing and data security activities and the data controls they have in place.

#### g) Insecure or Incomplete Data Deletion

When a request to delete a cloud resource is made, as with most operating systems, this may not result in true wiping off data. Adequate or timely data deletion may also be impossible, either because extra copies of data are stored but are not available, or because the disk to be destroyed also stores data from other clients. In the case of multiple tenancies and the reuse of hardware resources, this represents a higher risk to the customer than with dedicated hardware.

#### h) Malicious Insider

While usually less likely, the damage which may be caused by malicious insiders is often far greater. Cloud architectures necessitate certain roles which are extremely high-risk. Examples include cloud provider system administrators and managed security service providers.

#### III. Related Work

Train Andrei et al. (2009) illustrates the present state of the cloud computing with its development challenges; academia and industry research efforts are introduced. Despite of this, it also illustrates cloud computing security problems and represents a model of security architecture for cloud computing implementation [1]. Cloud computing is suffering from several severe issues in gaining recognition for its advantages. Its security insufficiency and benefits need to be weighed before making a decision to implement it.

Medico Jensen, Jorge Schwann, Nils Gruschka and Luigi Lo Icon et al. (2009) present a selection of issues of cloud computing security. It is investigated that ongoing issues with application of XML signature and the web services security frameworks, discussed the importance and capabilities of browser security in the cloud computing context i.e. Seas, raised concerns about cloud service integrity and binding issues (Peas) and sketched the threat of flooding attacks on Cloud Systems (lasi) [14]. Cloud security issues focus primarily on data safety, data confidentiality and data privacy and discuss mostly organizational means to overcome these issues. In this paper, an overview on technical security issues of cloud computing environments. Starting with real world examples of attacks performed on cloud computing systems; give an overview of existing and upcoming threats to cloud computing security. Cloud computing also raises severe concerns especially regarding the security level provided by such a concept. Completely depending on the own data and carrying out task to an outside company, eventually existing in another country with a different regulatory environment, which may insist companies not to consider Cloud Computing but to stick to conventional local data. Craig Gentry of IBM et al. (2010) provides solution to the data security which is stored with a CSP. He proposes homoorphic encryption technique which states that the keys should be distributed over the network nodes and the data should be kept under multi-level encryptions [4]. For knowing the data, a user will have to use K-1 keys and further the node values where these keys have been stored by the client. At every node hierarchy will be maintained and at each of the hierarchical level, different algorithm can be applied. In this way no one will never ever be able to use the data without authenticity. Gentry proposed Lattice based data encryption for cloud. Same era Abdurrahman Lamella, Chan Year Yuen et al. (2011) discuss challenges regarding three information security concerns: integrity, confidentiality and availability. Most of the organizations are very much concerned about the ownership of their data. They address not only security challenges for cloud computing including Identity and Access Management(IAM) but also present authorization ,the current state authentication and auditing of users accessing the cloud along with emerging IAM protocols and standards [18]. Their main concern is to discuss some of the security IAM protocols used to protect cloud users and to conclude which of these protocols will be best for organizations which are moving in the direction of consuming the cloud services.

Farad Sabah et al. (2011) discussed the main reasons that cause many enterprises which have a plane to migrate to cloud prefer using cloud for less sensitive data and store important data in their own local machines [17]. They summarize security issues, reliability and availability, for cloud computing (RAS issues), and give appropriate, available and feasible solutions for some of them. As a result, Moving toward cloud computing require to consider several parameters and most important of them is security.

Haying Live, Yin Hub et al. (2011) introduces cloud computing concepts and main features and analyzes the security of cloud computing and the security strategies are proposed for security issues related to cloud computing[5].

Mohammed Abdulla if Alizarin and Eric Paraded et al. (2011) discuss the issues of cloud computing database sharing and the security concern of the organizations. For this he proposes a secret sharing key based technique over the encryption. He discusses how we can secure the data by sharing the key to the database by distributing the keys over the entire network to different servers [15]. For retrievals, the query will be created by the single (nearest) receiver that will collect information from the servers and hence find a way to actual data. In his words, the encryption creates an overhead over the query response time by calling decryption routine that requires additional resources. He has proposed this scheme by using NetDB2 database engine. He compares the storage and retrieval of data by using the built in encryption routines that increased the response time due to decryption process involved. The data can be distributed over the network and can be used as spatial data for information retrieval. However he does not throw any light on large files and no- numeric data.

#### IV. Purposed Multi Round Selective Encryption using AES over Storage Cloud

Multi Round Selective encryption technique is updated version of the Selective encryption. Here, we provide freedom to the user for selection of rounds by using multiple indexes to improve performance in encryption process complexity for large size data storage in cloud. I.e. Medical Reports, Blue prints of big architectural designs etc. It is the most promising solutions to increase the speed of encryption as compared to the full encryption. Selected data after encryption becomes more secure against the attacks and it is fast. We have defined use of multi rounds in 11 steps as followed algorithm using AES.

Multi Round Selective Encryption (MRSE) Algorithm

- 1. Key Expansion Round keys are derived from the cipher key using Irondale's key schedule.
- 2. Initial Index Selection- In this we are taking the value of initial index as static value and thereafter we are getting the data in multiples of the selected initial index.

- 3. Find out the size of data in number of bits and select the bits in the multiple of index value such as an initial index=2 and multiples of 2 i.e. 4,6,8....., So we will select the bits as 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>,6<sup>th</sup>...., n<sup>th</sup> bit where n is the last multiple of selected indexed value in the data.
- 4. Number of Rounds- User must specify the no. of rounds, how much time user would like to execute the whole process.
- 5. Repeat step 5 to 11 till the number of rounds.
- 6. Select values from the message at the selected index and make a new message to encrypt.
- 7. Initial Round
  - 1. Add Round Key Each and every byte of the state is combined with the round key using bitwise XOR.
- 8. Rounds
  - a) *Sub Bytes* It is a step of non-lineal substitution where each byte is replaced with another according to a lookup table.
  - b) *Shift Rows* It is a transposition step where each row of the state is shifted cyclically a certain number of steps.
  - c) *Mix Columns* It is an integration operation which operates on the columns of the state, joining the four bytes in each column.
  - d) Add Round Key
- 9. Final Round (no Mix Columns)
  - a. Sub Bytes
  - b. Shift Rows
  - c. Add Round Key
- 10. Merge Merge the encrypted and the initial message at same index.
- 11. Increase Selective index by 1.
  - 1. User enters the username and password to access the cloud services.
  - 2. User select the File that user wants to transmit over cloud.
  - 3. Now before transmission begins, the file is encrypted with the Multi Round Selective Encryption starts:
  - 4. Finally the encrypted file is sent over the cloud.

#### V. Results and Analysis

The table 1.1 depicts the comparison between the four cipher techniques with different size of files. In this table, the file size after encryption is almost similar for AES and Blowfish Algorithm while Selective AES and Multi Round Selective AES Algorithms have similar results in terms of file size with the negligible difference. Among all the encryption schemes, the file size increases for the encryption files as the size of original file increased.

## Table 1.1 : Comparison of Encryption Schemes on the Basis of File Size

Original File Size(KB)	AES	BlowFish	Selective AES	Multi Round Selective AES
0.82	2.3	2.29	2.26	2.26
1.65	4.57	4.55	4.53	4.53
3.31	9.1	9.09	9.08	9.08
6.63	18.17	18.17	18.16	18.16
13.27	36.35	36.35	36.32	36.32
26.54	72.7	72.67	72.65	72.65
53.09	145.35	145.33	145.3	145.3
106.18	290.66	290.63	290.62	290.62
212.37	581.27	581.26	581.23	581.23
424.75	1162.51	1162.49	1162.477	1162.477



## *Figure 1.2 :* Comparison of Encryption Schemes on the Basis of File Size

The table 1.2 depicts the comparison between the four cipher techniques with different execution time to process the files. In this table, the execution time after encryption is the highest for AES, Blowfish Algorithm has come up with second highest point while.

Table 1.2 : Comparison of Encryption Schemes	on	the
Basis of Processing Time		

Original File Size(KB)	AES	BlowFish	Selective AES	Multi Round Selective AES
0.82	220	21	17	16
1.65	226	31	26	25
3.31	244	49	43	42
6.63	278	86	75	76
13.27	340	158	145	143
26.54	487	290	276	293
53.09	762	555	557	546
106.18	1283	1101	1056	1079
212.37	2386	2235	2229	2189
424.75	4825	4395	4405	5370



*Figure 1.3 :* Comparison of Encryption on the Basis of Processing Time

As we know that Multi Round Selective Encryption is better than all other encryption schemes in terms of the computational time and data complexity after encryption. Now we are comparing the Multi Round Selective Encryption on increasing the number of rounds in encryption process and analyzing its processing time as it is illustrating in fig. 1.3.

*Table 1.3 :* Comparison of Muse Encryption Schemes on the Basis of Processing Time at Different Number of Rounds





#### VI. Conclusion

As from the table 1.1 and 1.2 we concluded that the Multi Round Selective AES is faster than AES and Blowfish, with more complex result than Selective AES. As the file size of Selective AES and Multi Round AES is equal, hence the transmission time of Selective AES and Multi Round AES Algorithms will be same. Therefore Multi Round Selective AES Algorithm is better than Selective AES in terms of security and better than AES and Blowfish Algorithm in terms of the speed. As we know that over the public cloud there is more congestion as compared to private cloud and we need an algorithm which is secure as well as fast. So it is preferable to apply Multi Round Selective Encryption Algorithm in public and private cloud.

In the future, the researchers can make these improvements to make this technique better.

- 1. When the size of data is increased then its computation time is increased, one can decrease computation time by using appropriate methods.
- 2. Along with this, the control overheads increased at large scale due to excess encryption and decryption of data.
- 3. Due to large encryption and decryption process the large amount of power is consumed, therefore one can ebb the power consumption.
- 4. The Researchers can simulate this work with Cloud Analyst in the future work.

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