

Secure Indexes*

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Data Structures that —

- Index words (w_1, \dots, w_n) in a doc
- Allow users with trapdoor for word w to search only for w in $O(1)$ time
- Contents hidden without trapdoor
- Index preserves semantic security of encrypted documents
 - Do not hide public info about doc (e.g. encrypted file size)

Applications

1. Searching on Encrypted Data
[SWP00, G03, BDOP03, CM04]
2. Encrypted Searchable Audit Logs
[WBDS04]
3. Private Database Queries [BC04]
4. Accumulated Hashing
5. Private Set Membership Test

Talk Overview

1. Security model
 - **IND-CKA** — almost always sufficient
 - **IND2-CKA** — stronger (by [CM04])
2. Efficient Construction (**Z-IDX**)
 - Variants secure in both models

Secure Index Scheme

Consists of 4 algorithms —

1. Keygen
2. Trapdoor
3. BuildIndex
4. SearchIndex

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IND2-CKA model appears too strong

- IND-CKA probably strong enough + gives more efficient constructions

Construction Z-IDX

Z-IDX built using

1. Bloom filters (BF) —
 - Efficiently test set membership
 - $O(1)$ insert/test algorithms
2. Pseudo-random functions (PRF)
 - emulate “random functions”

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u = upper bound on # words for doc of size $|D|$

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Z-IDX Properties

1. Handle arbitrary updates
2. Compressible Indexes
 - Space efficient for small and medium size docs
3. Short Trapdoors
4. Computationally very efficient
5. Occurrence Search
6. Efficient Boolean + Limited Regex Queries
7. Simple Key Management

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Disadvantages

- Cannot handle arbitrary updates
- Much less comp. efficient than both Z-IDX's
- Large fixed size indexes — not compressible
⇒ less space efficient than IND-CKA Z-IDX for small and medium size docs