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## ABSTRACT

Cloud computing is a technology through which data can be stored and access at remote server without the installation of software and hardware being done at client side. Security concerns are also very high due to increase in use of cloud computing by the general public. The weakness in user's authentication process and lack of effective security policy in cloud storage leads to many challenges in cloud computing. The two most famous techniques for data security are steganography and cryptography. Utilization of a solitary algorithm is not powerful for extra ordinary state security to information in cloud computing. To improve secure of data in cloud storage by hybrid three algorithms (AES, ECC and RSA). All the existing algorithms has some sort of problems and issues, this had made us decide to develop a safe, correct ad efficient algorithm for having secured data in cloud storage. Encryption before uploading the files to cloud server is highly recommended to make them secure. Double checks are applied when the user uploads the data. It is not done only by encrypting it but also providing access to the data only on successful authentication. ECC, AES, and RSA algorithms will be used to encrypt the files to enhance security data on the cloud storage. Numeric values for Secrecy and Performance are obtained. To perform the required tasks separate Java programs are written. Input data size is varied from 100 MB to 1000 MB. Input is given as text files. Particular input is read by the relevant Java program and the encryption time and secrecy are calculated and output on the screen. Average encryption time and secrecy of cipher are calculated

after 14 files for testing. The aim was to produce two graphical outcomes which show the variation of the Average Encryption Time and Secrecy Value over the input data size. The results show that the new algorithm AES-ECC-RSA (AER) was more secure than the remaining algorithms and it proved to be more secure but needed longer time to encrypt data and decrypt data.



## ABSTRAK

Pengkomputeran awan adalah teknologi di mana data boleh disimpan dan diakses di pelayan jauh tanpa pemasangan perisian dan perkakasan yang dilakukan di sisi pelanggan. Kebimbangan keselamatan juga sangat tinggi kerana peningkatan penggunaan komputerisasi awan oleh orang awam. Kelemahan dalam proses pengesahan pengguna dan kurangnya keselamatan dasar yang berkesan dalam penyimpanan awan menyebabkan banyak cabaran dalam cloud pengkomputeran. Dua teknik yang paling terkenal untuk data keselamatan ialah steganografi dan kriptografi. Penggunaan algoritma solver tidak berkuasa untuk keselamatan negara biasanya ditambah kepada maklumat dalam awan pengkomputeran. Untuk meningkatkan keselamatan data dalam penyimpanan awan dengan tiga algoritma hybrid (AES, ECC dan RSA). Semua algoritma yang ada mempunyai beberapa masalah dan masalah, ini telah membuat kami memutuskan untuk membangunkan cek algoritma yang cekap dan berkesan kerana telah mengamankan data dalam cloud storage. Penyulitan sebelum memuat naik fail ke pelayan cloud sangat disyorkan untuk menjadikannya selamat.

Pemeriksaan berganda digunakan apabila pengguna memuat naik data. Ia tidak dilakukan hanya dengan menyulitkannya tetapi juga menyediakan akses kepada data hanya pada pengesahan yang berjaya. Algoritma ECC, AES, dan RSA akan digunakan untuk menyulitkan fail untuk meningkatkan keselamatan data pada penyimpanan awan.

Nilai angka untuk Kerahsiaan dan Pencapaian diperoleh. Untuk melaksanakan tugas-tugas yang diperlukan, program Java yang berasaskan ditulis. Input data saiz berbeza dari 100 MB



hingga 1000 MB. Input diberikan sebagai fail teks. Khusus input dibaca oleh program Java yang berkaitan dengan penyulitan dan kerahasiaan dan kiradannya output pada layar. Waktu penyulitan purata dan rahsia cipher dikira selepas 14 gagal untuk ujian. Matlamatnya adalah untuk menghasilkan dua hasil grafik yang menunjukkan variasi Masa Penyulitan Purata dan Kerahsiaan Nilai berbanding saiz input data. Keputusan menunjukkan bahawa algoritma baru AES-ECC-RSA (AER) lebih selamat daripada algoritma yang tinggal dan ia terbukti lebih selamat tetapi memerlukan lebih lama untuk menyulitkan data dan menyahsulit data.

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# CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 . Background:

According to [1] ,Cloud computing is a "new" computer model that allows using remote services through a network using various resources. It is basically meant to give maximum with the minimum resources. Cloud computing is one of the latest technologies in IT sector and through cloud storage, one can access data anytime from anywhere.

Security in cloud computing includes ideas, for example, organize security, hardware and control methodologies sent to ensure information, applications and foundation related with cloud computing [2]. An imperative part of cloud is the idea of interconnection with different materials which makes it difficult and fundamental to secure these situations.

In 2001, National Institute of Standards and innovation has set up the detail for the encryption of electronic information; it is known as the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES), [3].

One of the approaches to public key cryptography is Elliptic curve cryptography. They are based on the algebraic structure of elliptic curves over finite fields based on [2]

Rivest Shamir Adleman (RSA) a public key encryption algorithm developed by Ronald Rivest, Adi Shamir, and Leonard Adleman in 1978 that became a de facto standard. Pretty Good privacy that is known as PGP is one of the encryption program that has been formed on the basis of RSA. RSA is an algorithm for public key encryption. RSA algorithm has changed the history by providing both features that is encryption and signing. It involves three steps: key generation, encryption and decryption. It is still widely used in electronic commerce protocols, and its security depends on the difficulty of decomposition of large numbers [4].

### **1.2. Problem Statement:**

Cloud computing is a technology through which data can be stored and accessed at a remote server without the installation of software and hardware being done at the client side. Security concerns are also very high due to an increase in the use of cloud computing by the general public. The weakness in the user's authentication process and lack of effective security policy in cloud storage leads to many challenges in cloud computing [2]. The two most famous techniques for data security are steganography and cryptography. Utilization of a solitary algorithm is not powerful for extraordinary state security to information in cloud computing [5].

### **1.3. Research Objective:**

To improve the security of data in cloud storage by hybrid three algorithms (AES, ECC and RSA).



#### **1.4. Scope of the study:**

Evaluation of three hybrid cryptography techniques is to be done in this study.

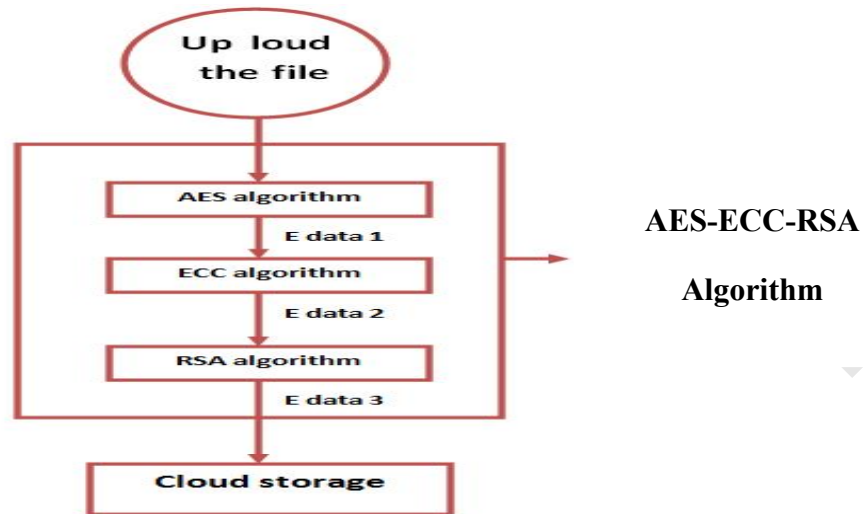
The three algorithms include ECC, RSA, and AES algorithm. This is to be done in order to improve Security of Data in Cloud Storage.

#### **1.5. Methodology:**

All the existing algorithms has some sort of problems and issues, this had made us decide to develop a safe, correct and efficient algorithm for having secured data in cloud storage. Encryption before uploading the files to cloud server is highly recommended to make them secure. Double checks are applied when the user uploads the data. It is not done only by encrypting it but also providing access to the data only on successful authentication. ECC, AES, and RSA algorithms will be used to encrypt the files to enhance security data on the cloud storage.

The three stages of this algorithm include:

- The first phase encrypts Plain text with AES Algorithm.
- In the second stage, encryption of cipher text1 with ECC Algorithm is done.
- The third phase encrypts cipher text1 with RSA Algorithm.



**Fig .1: Methodology diagram**

#### **1.6. Contributions:**

In this research some facts will be found out that contribute to the body of knowledge and these expected facts can be summarized as such:

1. The data stored in the cloud storage more security.
2. Strong encrypted data.

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