Design and Development of an Efficient Approach to Promote for Data Confidentiality and Query Privacy in Public Cloud Computing Infrastructures

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ABSTRACT:
With the wide deployment of public cloud computing infrastructures, using clouds to host data query services has become an appealing solution for the advantages on scalability and cost-saving. However, some data might be sensitive that the data owner does not want to move to the cloud unless the data confidentiality and query privacy are guaranteed. On the other hand, a secured query service should still provide efficient query processing and significantly reduce the in-house workload to fully realize the benefits of cloud computing. We propose the random space perturbation (RASP) data perturbation method to provide secure and efficient range query and kNN query services for protected data in the cloud. The RASP data perturbation method combines order preserving encryption, dimensionality expansion, random noise injection, and random projection, to provide strong resilience to attacks on the perturbed data and queries. It also preserves multidimensional ranges, which allows existing indexing techniques to be applied to speedup range query processing. The kNN-R algorithm is designed to work with the RASP range query algorithm to process the kNN queries. We have carefully analyzed the attacks on data and queries under a precisely defined threat model and realistic security assumptions. Extensive experiments have been conducted to show the advantages of this approach on efficiency and security.

KEYWORDS: National Institute of Standards and Terminology (NIST); Infrastructure-as-a-Service (IaaS); Platform-as-a-Service (PaaS); and Software-as-a-Service (SaaS); Geometric Data Perturbation (GDP); Random Space Perturbation (RASP); Order Preserving Encryption (OPE); Minimum Bounding Region (MBR).

INTRODUCTION
Cloud computing is the use of computing resources (hardware and software) that are delivered as a service over a network (typically the Internet). The name comes from the common use of a cloud-shaped symbol as an abstraction for the complex infrastructure it contains in system diagrams. Cloud computing entrusts remote services with a user's data, software and computation. Cloud computing consists of hardware and software resources made available on the Internet as managed third-party services. These services typically provide access to advanced software applications and high-end networks of server computers.
The goal of cloud computing is to apply traditional supercomputing, or high-performance computing power, normally used by military and research facilities, to perform tens of trillions of computations per second, in consumer-oriented applications such as financial portfolios, to deliver personalized information, to provide data storage or to power large, immersive computer games.

The cloud computing uses networks of large groups of servers typically running low-cost consumer PC technology with specialized connections to spread data-processing chores across them. This shared IT infrastructure contains large pools of systems that are linked together. Often, virtualization techniques are used to maximize the power of cloud computing.[1]

**Characteristics and Services Models:**

The salient characteristics of cloud computing based on the definitions provided by the National Institute of Standards and Terminology (NIST) are outlined below:

- **On-demand self-service:** A consumer can unilaterally provision computing capabilities, such as server time and network storage, as needed automatically without requiring human interaction with each service’s provider.

- **Broad network access:** Capabilities are available over the network and accessed through standard mechanisms that promote use by heterogeneous thin or thick client platforms (e.g., mobile phones, laptops, and PDAs).

- **Resource pooling:** The provider’s computing resources are pooled to serve multiple consumers using a multi-tenant model, with different physical and virtual resources dynamically assigned and reassigned according to consumer demand. There is a sense of location-independence in that the customer generally has no control or knowledge over the exact location of the provided resources but may be able to specify location at a higher level of abstraction (e.g., country, state, or data center). Examples of resources include storage, processing, memory, network bandwidth, and virtual machines.

- **Rapid elasticity:** Capabilities can be rapidly and elastically provisioned, in some cases automatically, to quickly scale out and rapidly released to quickly scale in. To the consumer, the capabilities available for provisioning often appear to be unlimited and can be purchased in any quantity at any time.

- **Measured service:** Cloud systems automatically control and optimize resource use by leveraging a metering capability at some level of abstraction appropriate to the type of service (e.g., storage, processing, bandwidth, and active user accounts). Resource usage can be managed, controlled, and reported providing transparency for both the provider and consumer of the utilized service. [2]
Cloud Computing comprises three different service models, namely Infrastructure-as-a-Service (IaaS), Platform-as-a-Service (PaaS), and Software-as-a-Service (SaaS). The three service models or layer are completed by an end user layer that encapsulates the end user perspective on cloud services. The model is shown in figure below. If a cloud user accesses services on the infrastructure layer, for instance, she can run her own applications on the resources of a cloud infrastructure and remain responsible for the support, maintenance, and security of these applications herself.[3] If she accesses a service on the application layer, these tasks are normally taken care of by the cloud service provider.

Benefits of cloud computing:

1. **Achieve economies of scale** – increase volume output or productivity with fewer people. Your cost per unit, project or product plummets.

2. **Reduce spending on technology infrastructure.** Maintain easy access to your information with minimal upfront spending. Pay as you go (weekly, quarterly or yearly), based on demand.

3. **Globalize your workforce on the cheap.** People worldwide can access the cloud, provided they have an Internet connection.

4. **Streamline processes.** Get more work done in less time with less people.

5. **Reduce capital costs.** There’s no need to spend big money on hardware, software or licensing fees.

6. **Improve accessibility.** You have access anytime, anywhere, making your life so much easier!

7. **Monitor projects more effectively.** Stay within budget and ahead of completion cycle times.

8. **Less personnel training is needed.** It takes fewer people to do more work on a cloud, with a minimal learning curve on hardware and software issues.

9. **Minimize licensing new software.** Stretch and grow without the need to buy expensive software licenses or programs.

10. **Improve flexibility.** You can change direction without serious “people” or “financial” issues at stake. [4]

Advantages:

1. **Price:** Pay for only the resources used.

2. **Security:** Cloud instances are isolated in the network from other instances for improved security.

3. **Performance:** Instances can be added instantly for improved performance. Clients have access to the total resources of the Cloud’s core hardware.

4. **Scalability:** Auto-deploy cloud instances when needed.

5. **Uptime:** Uses multiple servers for maximum redundancies. In case of server failure,
instances can be automatically created on another server.

6. **Control**: Able to login from any location. Server snapshot and a software library lets you deploy custom instances.

7. **Traffic**: Deals with spike in traffic with quick deployment of additional instances to handle the load.[5]

**LITERATURE SURVEY**

Security modeling centers on identifying system behavior, including any security defenses; the system adversary's power; and the properties that constitute system security. Once a security model is clearly defined, security analysis evaluates whether the adversary, interacting with the system, can defeat the desired security properties. Although the authors illustrate security analysis using model checking, analysts can use various methods and tools to evaluate system security, including manual and automated theorem-proving tools that provide assurance about the absence of attacks in a specified threat model.[6] This article describes a uniform approach for evaluating system security and illustrates the approach by summarizing three case studies. Security modeling and analysis also provides a basis for comparative evaluation and some forms of security metrics.[7]

With the advent of cloud computing, data owners are motivated to outsource their complex data management systems from local sites to the commercial public cloud for great flexibility and economic savings. But for protecting data privacy, sensitive data have to be encrypted before outsourcing, which obsoletes traditional data utilization based on plaintext keyword search. Thus, enabling an encrypted cloud data search service is of paramount importance.[8] Considering the large number of data users and documents in the cloud, it is necessary to allow multiple keywords in the search request and return documents in the order of their relevance to these keywords. Related works on searchable encryption focus on single keyword search or Boolean keyword search, and rarely sort the search results. In this paper, for the first time, we define and solve the challenging problem of privacy-preserving multi-keyword ranked search over encrypted data in cloud computing (MRSE).[9] We establish a set of strict privacy requirements for such a secure cloud data utilization system. Among various multi-keyword semantics, we choose the efficient similarity measure of "coordinate matching," i.e., as many matches as possible, to capture the relevance of data documents to the search query. We further use "inner product similarity" to quantitatively evaluate such similarity measure. We first propose a basic idea for the MRSE based on secure inner product computation, and then give two significantly improved MRSE schemes to achieve various stringent privacy requirements in two different threat models.[10] To improve search experience of the data search service, we further extend these two schemes to support more search semantics. Thorough analysis investigating privacy and efficiency guarantees of proposed schemes is given. Experiments on the real-world data set further show proposed schemes indeed introduce low overhead on computation and communication.[11]

Data perturbation is a popular technique in privacy-preserving data mining. A major challenge in data perturbation is to balance privacy protection and data utility, which are normally considered as a pair of conflicting factors. We argue that selectively preserving the task/model specific information in perturbation will help achieve better privacy guarantee and better data utility. One type of such information is the multidimensional geometric information, which is implicitly utilized by many data-mining models. To preserve this information in data perturbation, we propose the Geometric Data Perturbation (GDP) method. In this paper, we describe several aspects of the GDP method. First, we show that several types of well-known data-mining models will deliver a comparable level of model quality over the geometrically perturbed data set as over the original data set.[12] Second, we discuss the intuition behind the GDP method and compare it with other
multidimensional perturbation methods such as random projection perturbation. Third, we propose a multi-column privacy evaluation framework for evaluating the effectiveness of geometric data perturbation with respect to different level of attacks. Finally, we use this evaluation framework to study a few attacks to geometrically perturbed data sets. Our experimental study also shows that geometric data perturbation can not only provide satisfactory privacy guarantee but also preserve modeling accuracy well.[13]

Data perturbation is a popular technique for privacy preserving data mining. The major challenge of data perturbation is balancing privacy protection and data quality, which are normally considered as a pair of contradictive factors. We propose that selectively preserving only the task/model specific information in perturbation would improve the balance. Geometric data perturbation, consisting of random rotation perturbation, random translation perturbation, and noise addition, aims at preserving the important geometric properties of a multidimensional dataset, while providing better privacy guarantee for data classification modeling. The preliminary study has shown that random geometric perturbation can well preserve model accuracy for several popular classification models, including kernel methods, linear classifiers, and SVM classifiers, while it also revealed some security concerns to random geometric perturbation. In this paper, we address some potential attacks to random geometric perturbation and design several methods to reduce the threat of these attacks. Experimental study shows that the enhanced geometric perturbation can provide satisfactory privacy guarantee while still well preserving model accuracy for the discussed data classification models.[14]

This paper investigates a novel computational problem, namely the Composite Residuosity Class Problem, and its applications to public-key cryptography. We propose a new trapdoor mechanism and derive from this technique three encryption schemes: a trapdoor permutation and two homomorphic probabilistic encryption schemes computationally comparable to RSA. Our cryptosystems, based on usual modular arithmetics, are provably secure under appropriate assumptions in the standard model.[15]

**SYSTEM STUDY**

**FEASIBILITY STUDY**

The feasibility of the project is analyzed in this phase and business proposal is put forth with a very general plan for the project and some cost estimates. During system analysis the feasibility study of the proposed system is to be carried out. This is to ensure that the proposed system is not a burden to the company. For feasibility analysis, some understanding of the major requirements for the system is essential. Three key considerations involved in the feasibility analysis are

- ECONOMICAL FEASIBILITY
- TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY
- SOCIAL FEASIBILITY

**ECONOMICAL FEASIBILITY**

This study is carried out to check the economic impact that the system will have on the organization. The amount of fund that the company can pour into the research and development of the system is limited. The expenditures must be justified. Thus the developed system as well within the budget and this was achieved because most of the technologies used are freely available. Only the customized products had to be purchased.

**TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY**

This study is carried out to check the technical feasibility, that is, the technical requirements of the system. Any system developed must not have a high demand on the available technical resources. This will lead to high demands on the available technical resources. This will lead to high demands being placed on the client. The developed system must have a modest requirement, as only minimal or null changes are required for implementing this system.
SOCIAL FEASIBILITY

The aspect of study is to check the level of acceptance of the system by the user. This includes the process of training the user to use the system efficiently. The user must not feel threatened by the system, instead must accept it as a necessity. The level of acceptance by the users solely depends on the methods that are employed to educate the user about the system and to make him familiar with it. His level of confidence must be raised so that he is also able to make some constructive criticism, which is welcomed, as he is the final user of the system.

SYSTEM DESIGN

SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE:

1. DFD is also known as bubble chart. A DFD may be used to represent a system at any level of abstraction. DFD may be partitioned into levels that represent increasing information flow and functional detail.

DATA FLOW DIAGRAM:

1. The DFD is also called as bubble chart. It is a simple graphical formalism that can be used to represent a system in terms of input data to the system, various processing carried out on this data, and the output data is generated by this system.

2. The data flow diagram (DFD) is one of the most important modeling tools. It is used to model the system components. These components are the system process, the data used by the process, an external entity that interacts with the system and the information flows in the system.

3. DFD shows how the information moves through the system and how it is modified by a series of transformations. It is a graphical technique that depicts information flow and the transformations that are applied as data moves from input to output.

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Figure 4: System Architecture

Figure 5: Data Flow Diagram

UML DIAGRAMS

UML stands for Unified Modeling Language. UML is a standardized general-purpose modeling language in the field of object-oriented software engineering. The standard is managed, and was created by, the Object Management Group.

The goal is for UML to become a common language for creating models of object oriented computer software. In its current form UML is comprised of two major components: a Meta-model and a notation. In the future, some form of method or process may also be added to; or associated with, UML.

The Unified Modeling Language is a standard language for specifying, Visualization, Constructing and documenting the artifacts of software system, as well as for business modeling and other non-software systems.

The UML represents a collection of best engineering practices that have proven successful in the modeling of large and complex systems.
The UML is a very important part of developing objects oriented software and the software development process. The UML uses mostly graphical notations to express the design of software projects.

**GOALS:**

The Primary goals in the design of the UML are as follows:

1. Provide users a ready-to-use, expressive visual modeling Language so that they can develop and exchange meaningful models.
2. Provide extendibility and specialization mechanisms to extend the core concepts.
3. Be independent of particular programming languages and development process.
4. Provide a formal basis for understanding the modeling language.
5. Encourage the growth of OO tools market.
6. Support higher level development concepts such as collaborations, frameworks, patterns and components.

**USE CASE DIAGRAM:**

A use case diagram in the Unified Modeling Language (UML) is a type of behavioral diagram defined by and created from a Use-case analysis. Its purpose is to present a graphical overview of the functionality provided by a system in terms of actors, their goals (represented as use cases), and any dependencies between those use cases. The main purpose of a use case diagram is to show what system functions are performed for which actor. Roles of the actors in the system can be depicted.

**CLASS DIAGRAM:**

In software engineering, a class diagram in the Unified Modeling Language (UML) is a type of static structure diagram that describes the structure of a system by showing the system's classes, their attributes, operations (or methods), and the relationships among the classes. It explains which class contains information.

**SEQUENCE DIAGRAM:**

A sequence diagram in Unified Modeling Language (UML) is a kind of interaction diagram that shows how processes operate with one another and in what order. It is a construct of a Message Sequence Chart. Sequence diagrams are sometimes called event diagrams, event scenarios, and timing diagrams.
Activity diagrams are graphical representations of workflows of stepwise activities and actions with support for choice, iteration and concurrency. In the Unified Modeling Language, activity diagrams can be used to describe the business and operational step-by-step workflows of components in a system. An activity diagram shows the overall flow of control.

**INPUT DESIGN**

The input design is the link between the information system and the user. It comprises the developing specification and procedures for data preparation and those steps are necessary to put transaction data into a usable form for processing can be achieved by inspecting the computer to read data from a written or printed document or it can occur by having people keying the data directly into the system. The design of input focuses on controlling the amount of input required, controlling the errors, avoiding delay, avoiding extra steps and keeping the process simple. The input is designed in such a way so that it provides security and ease of use with retaining the privacy. Input Design considered the following things:

- What data should be given as input?
- How the data should be arranged or coded?
- The dialog to guide the operating personnel in providing input.
- Methods for preparing input validations and steps to follow when error occur.
OBJECTIVES
1. Input Design is the process of converting a user-oriented description of the input into a computer-based system. This design is important to avoid errors in the data input process and show the correct direction to the management for getting correct information from the computerized system.
2. It is achieved by creating user-friendly screens for the data entry to handle large volume of data. The goal of designing input is to make data entry easier and to be free from errors. The data entry screen is designed in such a way that all the data manipulates can be performed. It also provides record viewing facilities.
3. When the data is entered it will check for its validity. Data can be entered with the help of screens. Appropriate messages are provided as when needed so that the user will not be in maize of instant. Thus the objective of input design is to create an input layout that is easy to follow.

OUTPUT DESIGN
A quality output is one, which meets the requirements of the end user and presents the information clearly. In any system results of processing are communicated to the users and to other system through outputs. In output design it is determined how the information is to be displaced for immediate need and also the hard copy output. It is the most important and direct source information to the user. Efficient and intelligent output design improves the system’s relationship to help user decision-making.
1. Designing computer output should proceed in an organized, well thought out manner; the right output must be developed while ensuring that each output element is designed so that people will find the system can use easily and effectively. When analysis design computer output, they should Identify the specific output that is needed to meet the requirements.
2. Select methods for presenting information.
3. Create document, report, or other formats that contain information produced by the system.
The output form of an information system should accomplish one or more of the following objectives.

- Convey information about past activities, current status or projections of the
- Future.
- Signal important events, opportunities, problems, or warnings.
- Trigger an action.
- Confirm an action.

SYSTEM ANALYSIS

EXISTING SYSTEM:
- Requirements for constructing a practical query service in the cloud as the CPEL criteria: data confidentiality, query privacy, efficient query processing, and low in-house processing cost. Satisfying these requirements will dramatically increase the complexity of constructing query services in the cloud. Some related approaches have been developed to address some aspects of the problem.
- The crypto index and order preserving encryption (OPE) are vulnerable to the attacks. The enhanced crypto index approach puts heavy burden on the in-house infrastructure to improve the security and privacy.

DISADVANTAGES OF EXISTING SYSTEM:
- Do not satisfactorily addressing all aspects of Cloud.
- Increase the complexity of constructing query services in the cloud.
- Provide slow query services as a result of security and privacy assurance.

PROPOSED SYSTEM:
- We propose the random space perturbation (RASP) data perturbation method to provide secure and efficient range query and kNN query services for protected data in the cloud.
- The RASP data perturbation method combines order preserving encryption, dimensionality expansion, random noise injection, and random projection, to provide strong resilience to attacks on the perturbed data and queries.

ADVANTAGES OF PROPOSED SYSTEM:
The RASP perturbation is a unique combination of OPE, dimensionality expansion, random noise injection, and random projection, which provides strong confidentiality guarantee.

The RASP approach preserves the topology of multi-dimensional range in secure transformation, which allows indexing and efficiently query processing.

The proposed service constructions are able to minimize the in-house processing workload because of the low perturbation cost and high precision query results. This is an important feature enabling practical cloud-based solutions.

SYSTEM TESTING
The purpose of testing is to discover errors. Testing is the process of trying to discover every conceivable fault or weakness in a work product. It provides a way to check the functionality of components, sub assemblies, assemblies and/or a finished product. It is the process of exercising software with the intent of ensuring that the Software system meets its requirements and user expectations and does not fail in an unacceptable manner. There are various types of test. Each test type addresses a specific testing requirement.

TYPES OF TESTS

Unit testing
Unit testing involves the design of test cases that validate that the internal program logic is functioning properly, and that program inputs produce valid outputs. All decision branches and internal code flow should be validated. It is the testing of individual software units of the application. It is done after the completion of an individual unit before integration. This is a structural testing, that relies on knowledge of its construction and is invasive. Unit tests perform basic tests at component level and test a specific business process, application, and/or system configuration. Unit tests ensure that each unique path of a business process performs accurately to the documented specifications and contains clearly defined inputs and expected results.

Integration testing
Integration tests are designed to test integrated software components to determine if they actually run as one program. Testing is event driven and is more concerned with the basic outcome of screens or fields. Integration tests demonstrate that although the components were individually satisfaction, as shown by successfully unit testing, the combination of components is correct and consistent. Integration testing is specifically aimed at exposing the problems that arise from the combination of components.

Functional test
Functional tests provide systematic demonstrations that functions tested are available as specified by the business and technical requirements, system documentation, and user manuals.

Functional testing is centered on the following items:
- Valid Input: identified classes of valid input must be accepted.
- Invalid Input: identified classes of invalid input must be rejected.
- Functions: identified functions must be exercised.
- Output: identified classes of application outputs must be exercised.

Systems/Procedures: interfacing systems or procedures must be invoked.

Organization and preparation of functional tests is focused on requirements, key functions, or special test cases. In addition, systematic coverage pertaining to identify Business process flows; data fields, predefined processes, and successive processes must be considered for testing. Before functional testing is complete, additional tests are identified and the effective value of current tests is determined.

System Test
System testing ensures that the entire integrated software system meets requirements. It tests a configuration to ensure known and predictable results. An example of system testing is the configuration
oriented system integration test. System testing is based on process descriptions and flows, emphasizing pre-driven process links and integration points.

**White Box Testing**

White Box Testing is a testing in which the software tester has knowledge of the inner workings, structure and language of the software, or at least its purpose. It is purpose. It is used to test areas that cannot be reached from a black box level.

**Black Box Testing**

Black Box Testing is testing the software without any knowledge of the inner workings, structure or language of the module being tested. Black box tests, as most other kinds of tests, must be written from a definitive source document, such as specification or requirements document, such as specification or requirements document. It is a testing in which the software under test is treated, as a black box, you cannot “see” into it. The test provides inputs and responds to outputs without considering how the software works.

**Unit Testing:**

Unit testing is usually conducted as part of a combined code and unit test phase of the software lifecycle, although it is not uncommon for coding and unit testing to be conducted as two distinct phases.

**Test strategy and approach**

Field testing will be performed manually and functional tests will be written in detail.

**Test objectives**

- All field entries must work properly.
- Pages must be activated from the identified link.
- The entry screen, messages and responses must not be delayed.

**Features to be tested**

- Verify that the entries are of the correct format
- No duplicate entries should be allowed
- All links should take the user to the correct page.

**Integration Testing**

Software integration testing is the incremental integration testing of two or more integrated software components on a single platform to produce failures caused by interface defects.

The task of the integration test is to check that components or software applications, e.g. components in a software system or – one step up – software applications at the company level – interact without error.

**Test Results:** All the test cases mentioned above passed successfully. No defects encountered.

**Acceptance Testing**

User Acceptance Testing is a critical phase of any project and requires significant participation by the end user. It also ensures that the system meets the functional requirements.

**Test Results:** All the test cases mentioned above passed successfully. No defects encountered.

**IMPLEMENTATION**

**MODULES:**

- User Module
- Multidimensional Index Tree
- Performance of kNN-R Query Processing
- Preserving Query Privacy

**MODULES DESCRIPTION:**

**User Module:**

In this module, Users are having authentication and security to access the detail which is presented in the ontology system. Before accessing or searching the details user should have the account in that otherwise they should register first.

**Multidimensional Index Tree:**

Most multidimensional indexing algorithms are derived from R-tree like algorithms, where the axis-aligned minimum bounding region (MBR) is the construction block for indexing the multidimensional data. For 2D data, an MBR is a rectangle. For higher dimensions, the shape of MBR is extended to hypercube. The MBRs in the R-tree for a 2D dataset, where each node is bounded by a node MBR. The R-tree
range query algorithm compares the MBR and the queried range to find the answers.

**Performance of kNN-R Query Processing:**
In this set of experiments, we investigate several aspects of kNN query processing. (1) We will study the cost of (k, δ)-Range algorithm, which mainly contributes to the server-side cost. (2) We will show the overall cost distribution over the cloud side and the proxy server. (3) We will show the advantages of kNN-R over another popular approach: the Casper approach for privacy-preserving kNN search.

**Preserving Query Privacy:**
Private information retrieval (PIR) tries to fully preserve the privacy of access pattern, while the data may not be encrypted. PIR schemes are normally very costly. Focusing on the efficiency side of PIR, Williams et al. use a pyramid hash index to implement efficient privacy preserving data-block operations based on the idea of Oblivious RAM. It is different from our setting of high throughput range query processing. Hu et al. addresses the query privacy problem and requires the authorized query users, the data owner, and the cloud to collaboratively process kNN queries. However, most computing tasks are done in the user’s local system with heavy interactions with the cloud server. The cloud server only aids query processing, which does not meet the principle of moving computing to the cloud.

**RESULTS & CONCLUSION**
We propose the RASP perturbation approach to hosting query services in the cloud, which satisfies the CPEL criteria: data confidentiality, query privacy, efficient query processing, and low in-house workload. The requirement on low in-house workload is a critical feature to fully realize the benefits of cloud computing, and efficient query processing is a key measure of the quality of query services. RASP perturbation is a unique composition of OPE, dimensionality expansion, random noise injection, and random projection, which provides unique security features. It aims to preserve the topology of the queried range in the perturbed space, and allows to use indices for efficient range query processing. With the topology-preserving features, we are able to develop efficient range query services to achieve sublinear time complexity of processing queries. We then develop the kNN query service based on the range query service. The security of both the perturbed data and the protected queries is carefully analyzed under a precisely defined threat model. We also conduct several sets of experiments to show the efficiency of query processing and the low cost of in-house processing. We will continue our studies on two aspects: 1) further improve the performance of query processing for both range queries and kNN queries; and 2) formally analyze the leaked query and access patterns and the possible effect on both data and query confidentiality.

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