

Oral Exam

Private and Secure Query Processing in Outsourced Databases

Property-Revealing Encryption, Oblivious Execution, Differential Privacy, \mathcal{E} psolute [73]

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Access pattern is a sequence of memory accesses \mathbf{y} , where each access consists of the memory *location* o , read \mathbf{r} or write \mathbf{w} *operation* and the *data* d to be written.

Oblivious RAM (ORAM) is a mechanism that hides the accesses pattern. More formally, ORAM is a protocol between the client \mathcal{C} (who accesses) and the server \mathcal{S} (who stores), with a guarantee that the view of the server is indistinguishable for any two sequences of the same lengths.

$$|\mathbf{y}_1| = |\mathbf{y}_2|$$
$$\text{VIEW}_{\mathcal{S}}(\mathbf{y}_1) \stackrel{c}{\approx} \text{VIEW}_{\mathcal{S}}(\mathbf{y}_2)$$

ORAM protocol

	Client \mathcal{C}	Server \mathcal{S}
1:		
2:	$\mathbf{y} = (\mathbf{r}, i, \perp)_{i=1}^5$	
3:	(client state)	(server state)
		$\xleftrightarrow{\text{ORAM}(\mathbf{y})}$
4:	$\{d_1, d_2, d_3, d_4, d_5\}$	

For example: Square Root ORAM [1], Hierarchical ORAM [2], Binary-Tree ORAM [18], Interleave Buffer Shuffle Square Root ORAM [46], TP-ORAM [21], **Path-ORAM** [26] and TaORAM [45]. **ORAM incurs at least logarithmic overhead in the number of stored records.** [2]



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Software Guard Extensions (SGX) [22, 24, 25, 31, 37]

Features:

- Set of new x86 instructions
- Virtual isolation within “enclaves”
- The entire non-enclave stack is untrusted
- Can swap/re-encrypt pages from RAM
- Application declares enclave and non-enclave parts
- Enclave should manipulate sensitive data, e.g., keys

Issues:

- Small ≈ 96 MB of “trusted” memory
- Enclave code is significantly slower
- No direct I/O or syscalls
- **Leaks access pattern**

ZeroTrace [59]

PathORAM [26] or CircuitORAM [34] in SGX, given that the enclave code leaks access pattern. Uses oblivious operations.



MODEL

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OPE/ORE schemes + leakage

- BCLO [14]
≈ top half of the bits
- CLWW [36]
most-significant differing bit
- Lewi-Wu [42]
most-significant differing block
- CLOZ [53]
equality pattern of most-significant differing bit
- FH-OPE [32]
insertion order

Range query protocols + leakage (on top of AP and CV)

- B+ tree with ORE
same as underlying ORE
- Kerschbaum [64]
total order
- POPE [44]
partial order
- Logarithmic-BRC [38]
same as underlying SSE
- ORAM with B+ tree
fully hiding



CryptDB design and contributions

- Regular SQL API for applications
- Proxy between app and server rewrites queries
- Encryption depending on operations
 - OPE for comparison
 - DET for equality
 - HE for aggregates
 - RND if value is never used
- Records encrypted in onion layers
- Column key derives from user password

Issues

- Once onion level is removed, security degradation is permanent
- Leakage
 - Order and histogram
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ACCESS PATTERN AND/OR COMMUNICATION
VOLUME

Crypt ϵ [72] design and contributions

- Executes entire “DP programs” transformations followed by the measurement
- Non-colluding *analyst* and *crypto server*
- Crypto server
 - decrypts
 - keeps privacy budget ϵ
 - adds Laplacian noise
- Analyst processes transformations
 - project
 - cross product
 - filter
- Experiments cover 7 “heavy” programs

Issues

- Adversary can observe both servers
- Malicious server defense requires TEE
- Not clear about the privacy of an individual
- Cannot output the result of transformation, program must end with a measurement
COUNT or CDF is OK, range query is not
- Very slow
typical program runs 3.6 hours even without network



Shrinkwrap [50] design and contributions

- Federated SQL queries (m owners)
- Pad and obliviously sort in circuit model hides both AP and CV
- “Shrink” to DP-sized chunk
- Optimal privacy budget allocation
- Much faster than fully oblivious

Issues

- $\mathcal{O}(n \log n)$ for n fully padded
- Pad and obliviously sort in circuit model naïve and performance is subpar
- Cannot run for $m > 2$ union-join across m owners is infeasible
- Takes hours per query on a local network



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TRUSTED EXECUTION ENVIRONMENT /
ENCLAVES / SGX

Opaque [49]

- Distributed analytics on top of Spark supports filter, join, aggregation
- **Requires truly oblivious memory** does not exist
- *Encryption* mode: security and integrity most of it “for free” with SGX
- *Oblivious* mode: hiding AP sort with bitonic, linear scan
- *Padding* mode: not filter out dummies impractical

OblIDB [62]

- **Requires truly oblivious memory**
- Choice of *flat* and *indexed* storage
- **SELECT**
 - *naïve*: ORAM over two tables
 - *small*: load to oblivious buffer
 - *large*: duplicates table, scans obliviously
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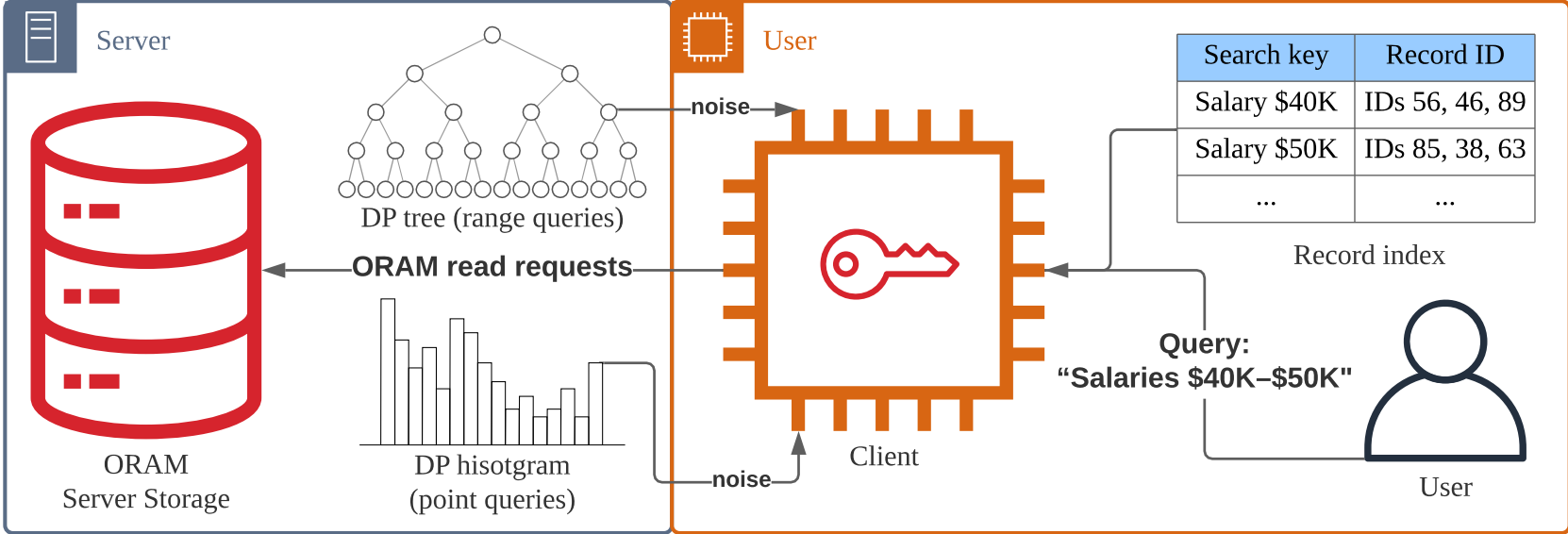
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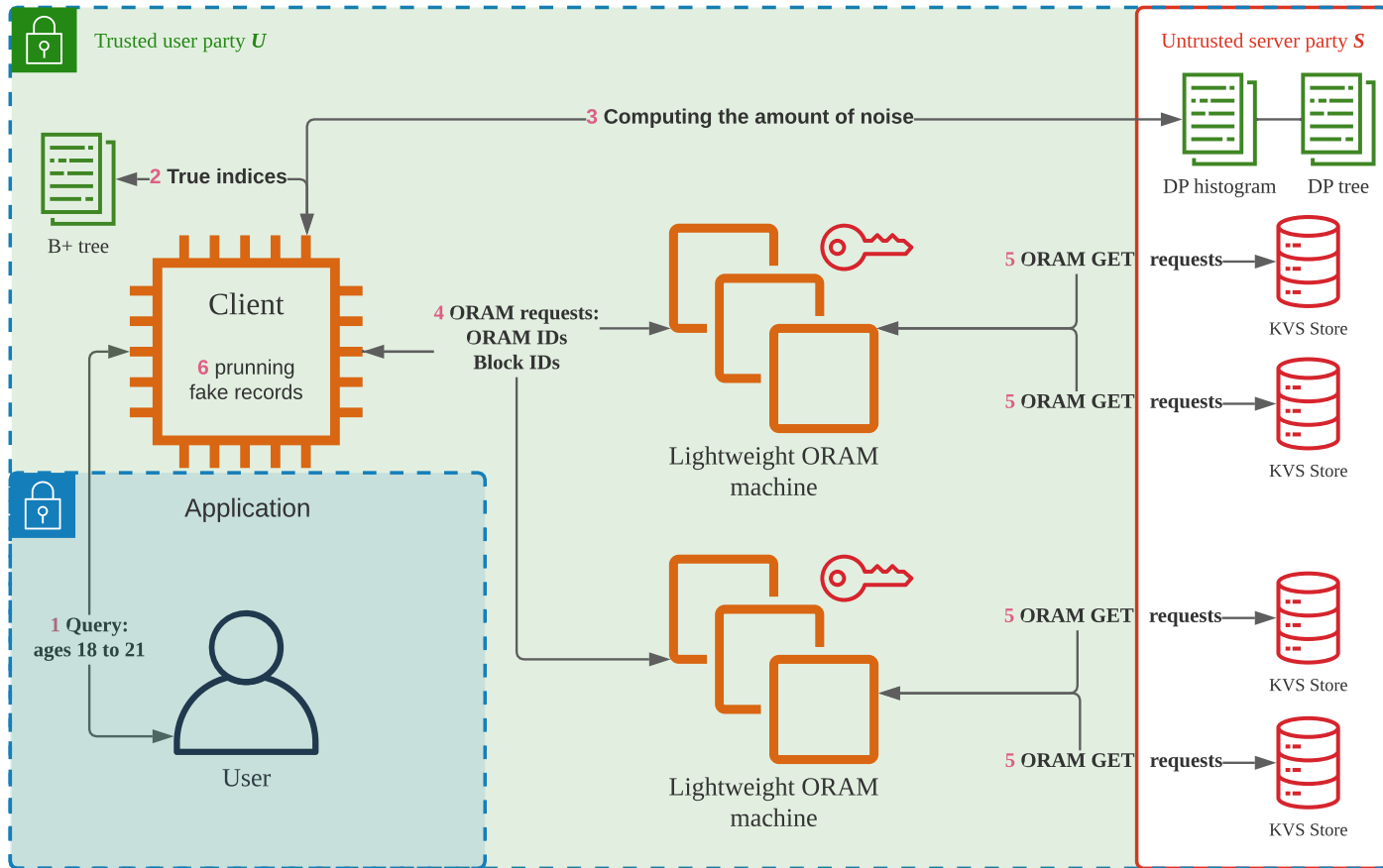
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