Adapting and accelerating the Stream Cipher Algorithm "RC4" using "Ultra Gridsec" and "HIMAN" and use it to secure "HIMAN" Data

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Abstract
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Keywords: "Ultra Gridsec", HIMAN, Security Scheme, Accelerated RC4, Stream Cipher, GridCrypt, Alchemi

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Abstract

Security and availability are critical for cloud environments because their massive amount of resources simplifies several attacks to cloud services. This paper introduces a distributed deployment and a centralized one for our Cloud intrusion detection framework, CIDS-VERT. After describing the architectures and the components of the two deployments it describes the experimental results that confirm that the deployments overcome some limitation of current IDSs to detect host, network and DDoS attacks. Lastly, we discuss the integration and the correlation of the host and network IDSs alerts to build a summarized attack report.

Keywords: Cloud Computing, Security, Intrusion Detection, Attacks, DDoS.


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Abstract

"ULTRA GRIDSEC" is a high-performance symmetric key cryptography scheme used to secure data passes inside Peer-to-Peer Computational Grid Middleware that we are developing now[1]. This schema is used to accelerate the performance of Triple data encryption standards (TDES) by about 439.7% and this percentage value is changed according to machine capabilities, also it enhances the security of encrypted TDES files. An analysis and comparison of this scheme and its performance is presented in this paper.

Keywords: Cryptography, Security, Grid computing, parallel computation.


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Enhanced "ULTRA GRIDSEC": Enhancing High Performance Symmetric Key Cryptography Schema Using Pure Peer To Peer Computational Grid Middleware (HIMAN)

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Abstract
"ULTRA GRIDSEC" is a high Performance Symmetric Key Cryptography Schema used to increase the performance of symmetric key encryption algorithms like DES and TDES by decreasing their execution time and increasing their security by using compression and multithreading techniques and other enhancement points. In this paper we enhancing the performance of a "ULTRA GRIDSEC" by using a pure Peer-to-Peer Computational Grid Middleware called "HIMAN" that we developed before. "ULTRA GRIDSEC" Performance accelerated by about 254.8% when it was applied as an application for "HIMAN" middleware for file with size 55MB and 1MB Block Size, and accelerated by 431.2% for file with size 110MB and 10MB Block Size so every time the size of file is large and choosing the suitable block size and suitable number of threads this can cause a great acceleration for the schema performance regarding to machines capabilities of the running middleware. After that we compared the performance of the Enhanced "ULTRA GRIDSEC" with a developed schema called "GRIDCRYPT" developed by Melbourne University in Australia and run over their middleware called Alchemi, so for file with size 55MB and 1MB Block Size and using 4 workers, "ULTRA GRIDSEC" Performance is faster by about 445.37% than the "GRIDCRYPT" Schema, and for file with size 110MB and 10MB Block Size and using 4 workers, "ULTRA GRIDSEC" Performance is faster by about 708.69% than the "GRIDCRYPT" Schema. An analysis and results of this schema and comparison of this scheme performance with another existing schema are presented in this paper.

Keywords: Cryptography, Security, Grid computing, parallel computation. ULTRA GRIDSEC, High Performance, Symmetric Key Cryptography, Security Schema, Pure P2P, Computational Grid Middleware


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An Adaptive Decentralized Scheduling Mechanism for Peer-to-Peer Desktop Grids

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HIMAN-GP: A Grid Engine Portal for controlling access to HIMAN Grid Middleware with performance evaluation using processes algebra

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Abstract

Grid portal is a secure web environment where user can monitor and execute grid applications, access grid resources, services, and collaborate with other users. A grid portal allows an organization to have a single URL that enables users to gain browser-based access to applications and any customized information in a virtualized, unified and secure way. The main requirement for this grid portal is to be user friendly where it shields the technical and complexity a ways from the users, as the user may does not have any background about technical points inside the grid computing environment like the heterogeneity of operating systems, hardwares, policies and so on. In this paper we propose a new web based grid portal called "HIMAN-GP" that controls access to our previous developed "HIMAN" grid middleware and adapts completely to the functionality of HIMAN, which does not have any user friendly portal to submit its tasks. We focus in this paper on two points: first is the architecture and services of HIMAN-GP, second is evaluating the performance and workload of HIMAN-GP using a performance evaluation process algebra language called "PEPA".

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A Study for Access Control Flow Analysis with a Proposed Job Analyzer Component based on Stack Inspection Methodology

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Abstract

Security problems arise in software systems are very challenging. Using program analysis techniques and some language based security rules can help in enforcing application-level security through control access to program resources and verification of control flow of the information inside the program based on some security properties. This paper presents a new job analyzer component for an intrusion detection system which works inside our developed computational grid system called “HIMAN” to analyze access required by a certain submitted task to the grid resources. This paper consists of three parts. First part is a survey for the previous work for access control, information flow security analyses, and the stack inspection methodology. Second part is a representation for a static analysis study for enhancing the stack inspection methodology in order to optimize the program complexity. Finally, the third part explains how to use the access control flow analysis based on the enhanced stack inspection methodology described in this paper to develop the new job analyzer component.


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Towards Developing an Arabic Word Alignment Annotation Tool with some Arabic Alignment Guidelines

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Abstract

Word Alignment is an important supporting task for different NLP applications like training of machine translation systems, translation lexicon induction, word sense discovery, word sense disambiguation, information extraction and the cross-lingual projection of linguistic information. In this paper we study the main rules and guidelines required to build an aligner tool for Arabic language which should help in correcting most of alignment errors. These errors are identified by considering the outputs of some already existing aligner annotation tools.

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CIDS: A framework for Intrusion Detection in Cloud Systems

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Abstract

By impersonating legitimate users, intruders can use the abundant resources of cloud computing environments. This paper develops a framework for "CIDS" a cloud based intrusion detection system, to solve the deficiencies of current IDSs. CIDS also provides a component to summarize the alerts and inform the cloud administrator. CIDS architecture is scalable and elastic with no central coordinator. This paper describes the components, architecture, detection models, and advantages of CIDS.

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