

Enhancing and Securing Data Privacy in Cloud Through Lossless Compression and Encryption Framework

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Abstract- As data processing and storage transition to cloud environments, maintaining a balance between efficient data compression and robust security remains a critical challenge. Traditional compression methods prioritize optimizing storage space but often neglect data protection, exposing sensitive information to security breaches. Conversely, standard encryption techniques do not reduce file sizes and can introduce high computational and bandwidth overhead during large-scale transmission. **Objective:** This research proposes a secure framework that integrates Hybrid Brotli lossless data compression with AES and RSA cryptographic encryption to enhance data privacy, optimize cloud storage, and accelerate transmission speeds without sacrificing data integrity. **Methodology:** Utilizing secondary data sources including academic literature, technical documentation, and performance benchmarks this study analyzes current cloud security models alongside the proposed hybrid architecture. The proposed system workflow applies deduplication and Hybrid Brotli lossless compression to user input prior to applying AES symmetric encryption for content confidentiality and RSA public-key encryption for key management. Access control is protected using OTP-based authentication before permitting decryption and lossless decompression. **Results & Significance:** The comparative evaluation demonstrates that combining lossless Brotli compression with hybrid AES/RSA encryption reduces overall file sizes, conserves cloud storage space, and minimizes network bandwidth consumption compared to standalone encryption models. Furthermore, compressing data before encryption reduces the volume of information handled by cryptographic algorithms, lowering processing overhead and shortening transmission times. This framework offers an efficient, scalable, and privacy-preserving solution for managing sensitive data in cloud computing environments.

Keywords: AES Encryption, Cloud Computing, Data Privacy, Data Security, Hybrid Brotli, Lossless Compression, RSA Encryption.

I. INTRODUCTION

Background to the Study

Maintaining a balance between effective data compression and strong security remains a significant challenge as data processing and storage increasingly shift to cloud services.

Traditional compression methods often prioritize maximizing storage space but may neglect security, exposing sensitive information to potential threats. This paper explores how text compression and fully hybrid Brotli Encryption can be integrated into secure cloud-based computing environments. Today, individuals and businesses generate and store vast amounts of data daily, enabling data to be stored and processed online instead of on local computers. Cloud computing offers easier access to information from anywhere, reduces the need for costly hardware, and allows businesses to scale services quickly. However, as more data moves to the cloud, issues related to data privacy and security have become increasingly critical.

When users save data on cloud servers, they rely on a third party to protect it. If the cloud service is compromised or misused, private information can be accessed or leaked. Additionally, large files consume significant storage space and require more time and bandwidth to transfer over the internet, leading to slower and more expensive data transmission. To address these challenges, two main techniques are commonly used: data compression and data encryption. Compression reduces the size of data, making it easier to store and transfer. Encryption converts data into a secret format that only authorized users can read. However, combining both compression and encryption can be complex. Encrypting first may prevent effective compression, while compressing first can potentially compromise

security. Brotli, a modern lossless compression algorithm developed by Google, reduces data size without losing any information. When paired with strong encryption algorithms like AES and RSA, it is possible to develop a hybrid system that offers both data security and efficient storage. This study introduces a Hybrid Brotli Algorithm that integrates lossless compression with secure encryption. The aim is to enhance cloud-based data storage and processing by improving privacy, speed, and efficiency. Cloud computing holds great promise for IT applications, but there are still challenges that need to be addressed for personal users and enterprises to confidently store data and deploy applications in cloud environments.

According to Anderson et al., (2023), protecting sensitive data in hybrid cloud environments requires advanced privacy-preserving mechanisms that combine encryption with efficient data management strategies. Similarly, Ahmed, Zubair & Tawfik et al., (2026) proposed a privacy-preserving cloud storage framework that integrates hybrid encryption, homomorphic keyword search, and blockchain-based integrity verification. Their findings show that combining multiple security techniques greatly enhances confidentiality, integrity, and trust in cloud environments.

Data security in cloud computing is more complex than in traditional information systems.

For cloud computing to gain widespread adoption by users and enterprises, user security concerns must be addressed first to establish a trustworthy environment. A trustworthy environment is essential to build user confidence in adopting such technology. The assessment of cloud computing risks, as discussed by Kishore, Guru and Prakash et al., (2023), proposed a secure data storage and retrieval system that increases bandwidth usage and does not support operations on encrypted data, emphasizing the need for efficient solutions that combine security and performance in the compression process. Furthermore, one of the fundamental concerns in cloud systems remains safe data recovery. Data integrity and user confidence are at risk because current recovery methods often fail to strike a balance between security and effectiveness. (Kumar et al., 2024). Introduced a combined cryptographic

approach for secure cloud storage, yet it overlooks the need for compression and requires data to be decrypted for processing. Due to increasing regulatory pressures, like compliance with GDPR, cloud service providers need to adopt rigorous security protocols to protect consumer information. These limitations highlight the importance of a system that integrates secure data compression and recovery via homomorphic encryption to bolster data security, meet regulatory standards, and enhance user confidence in cloud computing services. Sahu and Panda et al., (2025) assessed multiple hybrid lossless compression techniques and found that utilizing Brotli in conjunction with additional compression methods significantly enhances compression efficiency while preserving data integrity. Their results imply that a hybrid Brotli approach can diminish cloud storage needs and reduce bandwidth usage without harming data quality.

One of the primary challenges in cloud computing lies in finding a middle ground between strong security measures and effective data compression. Traditional compression methods may optimize resources but often fail to address security concerns, thereby exposing sensitive data to breaches and unauthorized access. As indicated by Teegala and Shyam Prasad (2023), data privacy and security challenges have become significant hurdles due to the trend of companies outsourcing sensitive information to external cloud service providers. While encryption methods adequately shield both stored and in-transit data, they struggle during operations on encrypted data because processes require decryption. This situation leaves data vulnerable. The identified gap calls for remarkable advancements in cryptography that can facilitate secure data processing while ensuring privacy. Rizal (2023) noted that although compression can boost performance and energy efficiency, the lack of encryption leaves data unprotected. Even though homomorphic encryption provides a practical means for processing encrypted data, its adoption is hindered by significant computational demands that limit scalability. Kishore and (Guruprakashet al.,2023) proposed a system for secure data storage and retrieval, which increases bandwidth requirements but does not accommodate operations on encrypted data, underscoring the need

for effective solutions that can merge efficiency and security in the compression approach. Moreover, a key issue in cloud infrastructures remains safe data recovery. Current recovery techniques often struggle to balance security and effectiveness, putting data integrity and user trust at risk. This research aimed to create a hybrid Brotli-based structure that improves and secures data privacy in the cloud through lossless compression and an encryption framework.

The defined goals are to: Create a model that achieves the highest efficiency in lossless compression while ensuring strong data security within a cloud environment, Develop a Hybrid Brotli algorithm that combines lossless compression with cryptographic encryption to secure data storage in the cloud, Establish a framework that improves data recovery methods for compressed and encrypted materials in the cloud, and Conduct performance assessments compared to the current systems.

II. REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

This section examines literature pertinent to the enhancement and safeguarding of data privacy in the cloud through the use of a lossless compression and encryption framework employing a hybrid Brotli algorithm. It includes fundamental concepts regarding lossless compression and secure data processing within a cloud-based infrastructure. Additionally, it investigates relevant literature concerning the phenomena being studied.

Aim and objectives

The aim of this research initiative is to create a framework for enhancing and securing data privacy in cloud environments utilizing lossless compression and a hybrid Brotli encryption method. For most organizations, safeguarding data is of utmost importance. Prior to engaging with cloud services, users must distinctly identify which data requires protection, classify the information based on its impact on security, and then establish a security policy and the necessary enforcement measures for data protection. (Saraf & Pal et al., 2026) noted that the significance of privacy-preserving data processing is rising in the realm of cloud computing, driven by the increasing implementation of artificial

intelligence, machine learning, and big data analytics. Their research emphasizes the necessity for organizations that manage sensitive healthcare records, financial transactions, and governmental data to employ sophisticated cryptographic techniques that can ensure safe computations while adhering to data protection laws. Such methodologies mitigate the hazards linked to disclosing sensitive information during processing in the cloud. User-generated identity data from the user management framework, service audit information from the auditing framework, service profile data that describes service instances, temporary runtime data from those instances, and various other application-related data exemplify the data objects discussed (Reddy et al., 2024). Progressing data security and privacy in cloud environments: A thorough literature review of challenges and advancements. Guaranteeing confidentiality, integrity, and availability (CIA) of data represents one of the essential security services for information protection. Due to its inherent qualities, lossless data compression serves as a method for reducing the size of digital content while retaining every bit of the original data. Unlike lossy compression, which discards some data to achieve higher compression ratios, lossless compression ensures that the original information can be perfectly restored once decompressed. This feature is crucial for applications where the integrity of data is vital, such as in cloud computing, healthcare service management, financial transactions, government databases, legal document administration, scientific computing, and software distribution. As the cloud computing sector continues to produce enormous amounts of data, effective lossless compression becomes a significant solution for minimizing storage needs, reducing transmission delays, decreasing bandwidth usage, and enhancing overall system performance.

Similar studies

The significance of cloud-based data warehousing in contemporary IT systems is undeniable, as it addresses essential challenges while providing unmatched opportunities for businesses in various sectors. Cloud service providers also gain financial advantages from effective compression methods. Lowered storage demands reduce infrastructure

expenditures, and minimized bandwidth use decreases operational costs linked to data transmission. As a result, organizations enjoy better returns on their investments while maintaining service quality and security. Today's cloud architectures are progressively adopting compression as an integral part of their storage efficiency strategies (Ahmed et al., 2026). Expanding a business intelligence initiative can greatly increase costs because, for on-site systems, storage and computing resources cannot be acquired independently. Conversely, teams managing data warehouses can acquire exactly as much or as little processing power and storage as required with cloud data warehouses. Additionally, implementing cloud data warehousing eliminates the need for networking, server facilities, or extra hardware. Cloud data warehouses play a vital role in managing the growing number of data sources. Companies need to consolidate ERP, CRM, social media, support, and marketing data while ensuring speed and performance for making data-driven decisions. While Brotli offers notable performance, no single compression method is the best for all scenarios. File attributes can vary widely depending on the application, necessitating flexible or hybrid approaches that can dynamically identify the most suitable compression method. Consequently, researchers are actively exploring hybrid Brotli frameworks that incorporate encryption, deduplication, artificial intelligence, and secure cloud processing technologies to enhance both efficiency and privacy (Abdo et al., 2024; Sahu & Panda et al., 2025). Cloud computing is viewed as the pinnacle of resource provision and represents a major advancement in information technology. It includes the hardware and software in data centers that provide these services as well as those accessible over the internet. Various researchers have proven the effectiveness of Brotli in cloud settings.

According to Abdo et al. (2024), integrating compression within cloud security frameworks leads to reduced storage requirements and shorter transmission durations without compromising confidentiality. Their research shows that compressing data prior to encryption lowers computational demands during cryptographic processes since smaller data sets utilize fewer

processing resources. This combined strategy enhances overall cloud performance while ensuring robust security. Examining the features that clients desire from offered cloud computing services provides another perspective on the benefits of cloud computing. Fundamental technological aspects that users seek in cloud computing include equivalence, diversity, abstraction, and scalability, while essential service dimensions include efficiency, innovation, and simplicity. Data compression also plays a crucial role in enhancing cloud security. By compressing files before encryption, the volume of information handled by cryptographic algorithms is reduced, leading to shorter encryption times and lower computational complexity.

Data Security in Cloud Computing

For many organizations, safeguarding data is a major security priority. Prior to utilizing cloud resources, users must explicitly identify which data objects require protection, classify the data based on its security implications, and then devise the security policy for data protection alongside the procedures to enforce that policy (Asiri et al., 2024).

Security and privacy concerns regarding cloud storage. In most applications, data elements typically involve not only substantial quantities of information preserved on cloud servers (like user databases and/or file systems), but also data that is being transmitted between the cloud and individual users, which could be delivered through mobile media or the Internet. Often, it is more economical and straightforward to move large volumes of data to the cloud using mobile media such as archive tapes instead of sending it via the Internet. (Flinn, et al., 2022). Examples of data objects include user identity data derived from the user management model, service audit information produced by the auditing model, service profile data that describes service instances, temporary runtime data from those instances, among other application-related data (Chawki et al., 2024). An efficient cloud computing model that boosts privacy in cloud services. Different types of data carry distinct security consequences for cloud users due to their diverse importance. For example, user databases that are stored on cloud servers while at rest may be critical to cloud users, prompting the need for strong

security measures to protect data availability, confidentiality, and integrity. User privacy can be influenced by user identity information, which may include Personally Identifiable Information (PII). Traditional lossless compression techniques consist of Huffman Coding, Run-Length Encoding (RLE), Arithmetic Coding, Lempel-Ziv-Welch (LZW), DEFLATE, LZ77, LZ78, and Burrows-Wheeler Transform (BWT). Each of these techniques utilizes distinct methods to detect redundancies in data and substitute repetitive sequences with shorter forms. Despite their continued significance over many years, the rise in cloud workloads has necessitated a demand for more efficient compression methods that can accommodate various data formats while offering enhanced compression ratios and expedited processing times.

As per Khalid and Hassan et al., (2023). Ensuring data confidentiality, integrity, and availability (CIA) is among the core security provisions for information security. Due to the unique attributes of cloud computing, safeguarding data becomes increasingly intricate (Dhinakaran et al., 2024) indicate that machine learning models are also susceptible to data inference attacks, wherein attackers may derive

private information from trained models. Techniques that preserve privacy, such as differential privacy and federated learning, are advised to reduce these threats. Prior to potential cloud users transferring their applications or data to the cloud securely, various security provisions must be implemented. These provisions include data confidentiality, data integrity, data availability, authentication, data auditing, and others, with not every service being necessary for a specific application.

According to (Vishvanath & Ganesh et al., 2024). Entities that adopt layered security exhibit greater resistance to threats like ransomware, phishing, insider threats, and advanced persistent attacks compared to those depending on a single security measure. This defense-in-depth strategy guarantees that if one layer of security fails, other controls remain in place to protect sensitive data. Due to advancements in cloud computing architecture, organizations are now better equipped to create remote working environments than they were before. It also equips teams with the necessary information and resources to collaborate effectively.

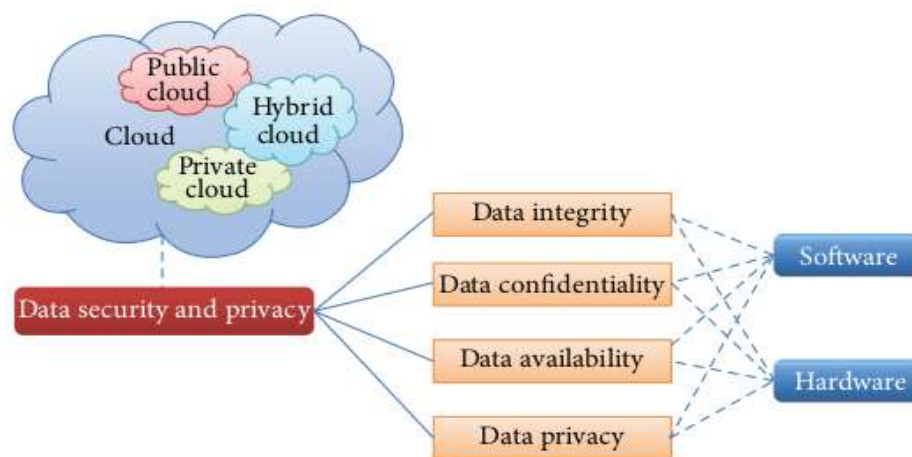


Cloud Security Challenges (Vishwanath & Ganesh et al., 2024).

Data Confidentiality

Cloud computing enhances network efficiency by allowing for the transfer of compressed files. When files are smaller, they utilize less bandwidth, leading to quicker upload and download times, decreased network traffic, and reduced communication expenses. This advantage is particularly significant for cloud applications that need immediate access to extensive data sets. Lossless compression guarantees that the data sent remains the same as the original when decompressed, which is essential for sensitive data like medical records, financial dealings, and

legal papers (Patel & Singh et al., 2022). Given that users often lack trust in cloud service providers and that completely removing potential insider threats is nearly impossible, it poses a considerable risk for users to directly store their sensitive information in cloud storage. Simple encryption methods confront challenges related to key management and do not accommodate complex needs such as querying, simultaneous modifications, and detailed authorization.



Organization of data security and privacy in cloud computing (Abrera et al., 2024).

Research Gap

Based on the foundational framework of our investigation along with related studies, research by (Kumar et al., 2024) on hybrid cryptography indicates the possibility of creating layered encryption systems by merging established cryptographic techniques like the Vigenère and Polybius ciphers to enhance security. This hybrid method significantly bolsters the complexity of encrypted data without notably diminishing performance, thereby improving its defense against potential attacks. Such innovations are crucial in scenarios like cloud computing, where data must remain both accessible and protected. The rise of quantum computing presents a significant threat to current cryptographic techniques, particularly those reliant on public-key systems such as RSA and ECC. Studies suggest that quantum computers may efficiently break these encryption methods using

approaches like Shor's algorithm. (Sun et al., 2025) assessed contemporary neural-network-based lossless compression strategies and their evaluation revealed notable enhancements in compression effectiveness across various datasets. The research highlighted adaptive compression techniques as a promising path for the optimization of cloud storage in the future. Both individuals and organizations are increasingly interested in the pay-per-use principle of the cloud model, which enables them to enhance profitability (Aina et al., 2024; Haris et al., 2024). Even amidst the intense competition among major corporations like Google, Microsoft, and IBM, there remains a significant gap in research concerning cloud security. Security apprehensions have escalated, as currently, 92% of companies host at least part of their infrastructure in the cloud. In fact, 63% of businesses anticipate that within the next 18 months they will transition to hosting the majority, if not all, of their

IT infrastructure on the cloud, up from 41% in 2022 (Exploding Topics, 2024). The urgent necessity for enhanced security measures is underscored by the alarming statistic that 98% of organizations reported having encountered at least one security incident recently. Cloud computing offers numerous advantages, yet the complexity and reliance on shared technologies create significant security challenges.

III. METHODOLOGY

This research's methodology describes the strategies and processes employed in conducting the study. The thesis, titled "Enhancing and Securing Data Privacy in Cloud through Lossless Compression and Encryption Framework," will specify how it intends to fulfill the research goals and objectives. The conclusion aims to clarify the system's operations.

Methods of Data Collection

Data for this study was collected from secondary sources, including datasets, previously published literature, and conference papers. These materials offered theoretical insights and comparative benchmarks for evaluating the suggested Hybrid Brotli method against existing compression and security practices. The materials reviewed included: academic journals focused on cloud security and data compression, conference proceedings, online archives with sample datasets, and technical documentation related to Brotli compression and AES encryption. Another crucial category of secondary data was technical documentation. Information regarding Brotli compression, AES encryption, and related cryptographic libraries was examined to gain insights into algorithm implementation, performance metrics, and compatibility with systems. According to Mahajan et al. (2024), reviewing technical documentation is vital when assessing an algorithm's efficiency because it provides precise specifications directly from both developers and standardization organizations. The assembled secondary data underwent thorough analysis and synthesis to draw comparisons between the performance of current compression methods and cryptographic techniques versus the proposed hybrid Brotli-centered strategy. This comparative evaluation

enabled the identification of the advantages, shortcomings, and performance discrepancies in the existing systems. Abrera et al. (2024) remark that analyzing secondary data is especially beneficial in cloud computing research as it allows for the incorporation of varied findings into a cohesive analytical framework.

Analysis of the Existing System

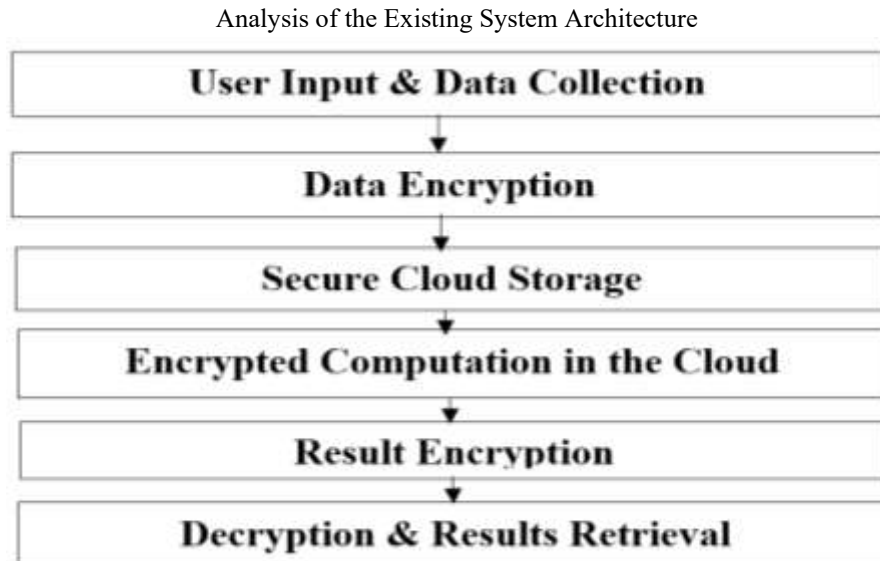
The current cloud storage system gives users an easy way to store, access, and share their data online. It is scalable, flexible, and cost-effective, but many systems still depend on basic authentication and standard security methods that may not be enough to keep sensitive information safe from unauthorized access, data breaches, or cyberattacks. A significant flaw in the existing system is that data is frequently stored without strong encryption, making it easy for attackers to exploit if they get into the cloud server. In some situations, encryption keys are only managed by the cloud service provider, which limits users' control over their data privacy. Furthermore, insider threats, weak passwords, and unsafe data transmission channels raise the chances of data leakage. The current cloud storage system gives users an easy way to save their files. To tackle security issues, the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) offers a strong encryption method that protects data before it gets uploaded to the cloud. AES uses a single secret key for encrypting data, and it allows for key lengths of 128, 192, and 256 bits, with AES-256 providing the best security that is often used in today's cloud setups.

When AES is added to the cloud storage system, it encrypts data before it's sent and keeps it encrypted while it's on the cloud server. If someone without permission tries to access these files, they won't be able to read the information without the right encryption key. This greatly improves data privacy, integrity, and trust among users. Chauhan et al. (2025) present a paper on securing data transmission and storage in cloud computing utilizing a hybrid AES-256 and RSA encryption and key management method, as published in the International Journal of Security, Privacy and Trust Management. This study explores the integration of AES-256 and RSA to

safeguard data storage and transmission within the cloud.

The suggested framework for improving data privacy in cloud computing involves AES encryption, aimed

at protecting personal information stored in the cloud. Each component of the proposed framework is explained as follows:



Existing System Model for Enhancing Data Privacy in Cloud Computing: Protecting Personal Data in the Cloud (Chauhan et al., 2025).

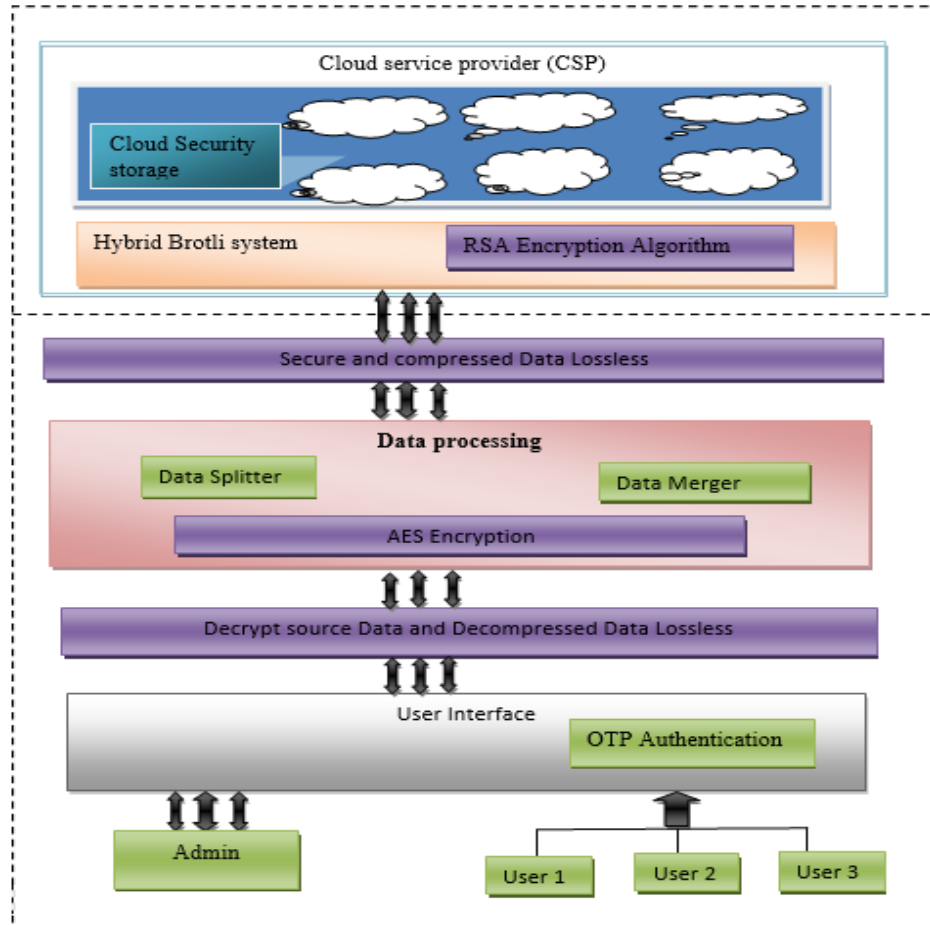
Analysis of the proposed System

The system that has been suggested focuses on improving data confidentiality and the efficiency of storage in cloud environments by integrating Hybrid Brotli lossless data compression with RSA and AES encryption methods for safeguarding cloud processing. The design compresses the data to minimize its size, eliminates duplicate files to conserve storage, and secures the compressed data before saving it in the cloud. This method guarantees that sensitive data stays protected from unauthorized access while simultaneously optimizing storage and bandwidth consumption. The procedure begins with the system obtaining data from the users and identifying any duplicate content. The distinct data is then compressed utilizing the Hybrid Brotli algorithm, which decreases file size without compromising information integrity. Once compressed, AES and RSA encryption is applied to

the data to ensure confidentiality during both storage and transfer. Authorized users can then access the data, which is decrypted and decompressed to

retrieve the original information. The system offers several advantages. It enhances data security through robust encryption, decreases storage expenses by means of compression and deduplication, and accelerates transmission speed by reducing file sizes. Additionally, the lossless characteristic of Hybrid Brotli guarantees that the data can be restored precisely as it was prior to compression. However, this system might demand extra processing time and computing power due to the compression and encryption tasks involved. Proper management of encryption keys is also essential to uphold security.

Architectural Diagram for the proposed system



Model of the Proposed System using Hybrid Brotli+ RSA+AES.

Advantages over existing system

This research holds significance as it tackles critical issues related to cloud computing, especially concerning data privacy, storage efficiency, and secure data processing. This study is essential for several reasons: Enhances Data Privacy, Reduces Storage Requirements, Minimizes Bandwidth Usage, Ensures Data Integrity, Improves Cloud System Performance, Supports Secure Data Processing, and Comparison of the proposed Hybrid Brotli system with current AES Encryption systems.

The Hybrid Brotli combined with RSA and AES strategies concentrate on decreasing data size while preserving data integrity and confidentiality, resulting in lowered storage expenses and swifter data uploads

and downloads in cloud settings. Investigations into Brotli-based cloud storage infrastructures indicate enhancements in transmission rates, storage

efficiency, and the management of secure multi-cloud data. In contrast, AES offers robust security through the use of public-key cryptography and is commonly utilized for authentication, digital signatures, and the secure exchange of keys. Nevertheless, RSA tends to be resource-intensive in computation and is not generally ideal for encrypting large datasets in cloud environments directly. Contemporary cloud systems predominantly utilize RSA to safeguard encryption keys with symmetric algorithms managing the actual encryption of data.

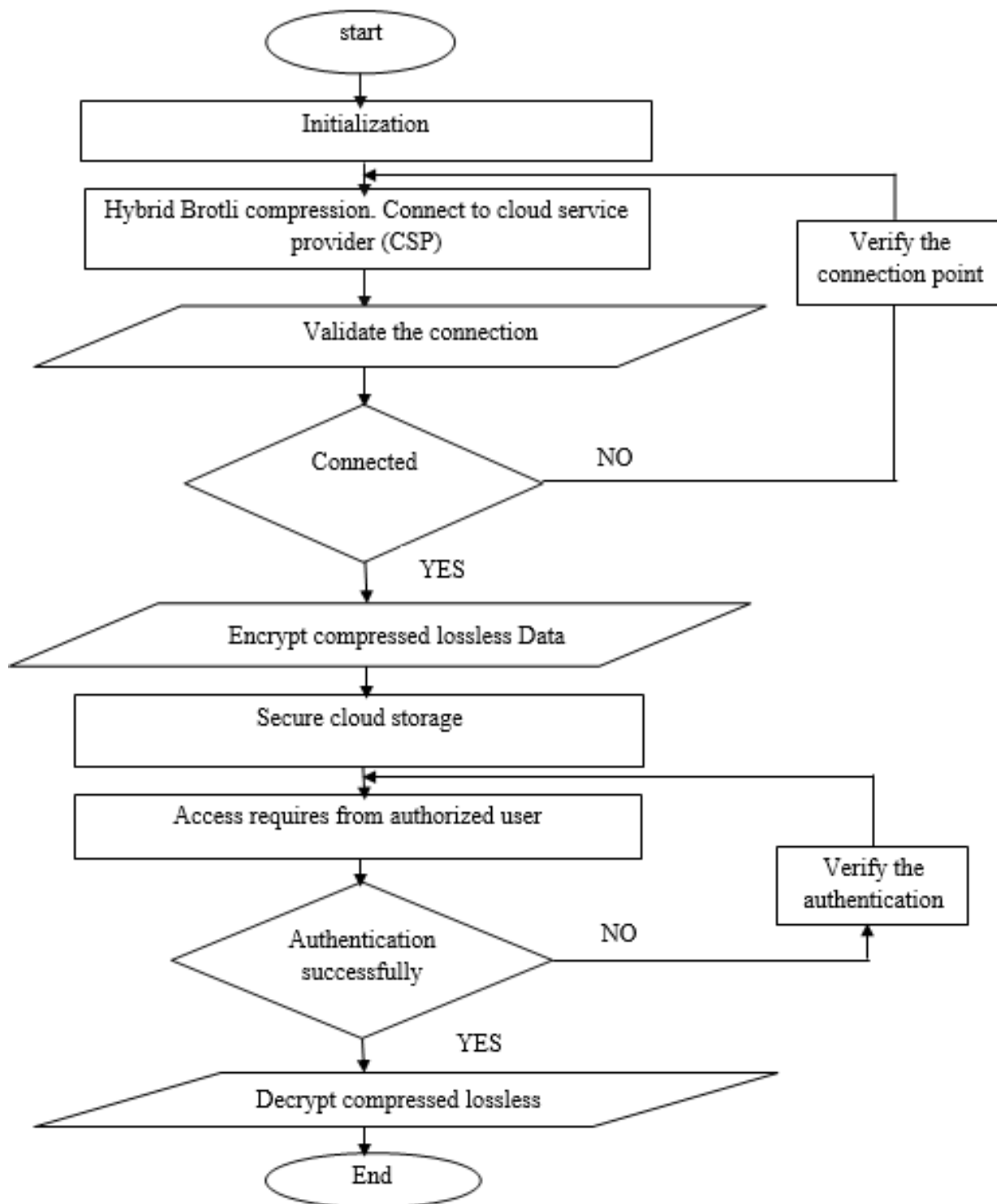
Table of below show the comparison of proposed system and the existing system.

Aspect Method	Hybrid Brotli+AES+RSA Encryption Framework	AES Encryption
Primary Purpose	Data compression + privacy enhancement	Data encryption and Exchange
Technique	Lossless compression combined with Security mechanisms	Asymmetric cryptography using public/private keys
Storage Efficiency	Reduces file size, saving cloud storage	Does not reduce file size; may space increase ciphertext size
Transmission Speed	Faster data transfer due to compressed data	Slower for large datasets Because Computational overhead
Processing overhead	Lower when focused on compression and optimized security	Higher due to complex mathematical overhead
Security Level	Depends on the accompanying Encryption/ privacy layer	Strong confidentiality and authentication
Cloud Suitability	Excellent for larger-scale cloud storage And big data	Not practical for direct encryption of large files

Act

Existing System table of comparison of proposed system and the existing system.

Flowchart



Expected Result

The anticipated outcome of the suggested system involves a boost in data protection and efficiency in processing data via the cloud, achieved through the

implementation of hybrid Brotli lossless compression paired with secure processing methods. It is projected that the system will attain enhanced compression rates while preserving data integrity, which will lead

to decreased storage needs and accelerated data transmission within the cloud setting. Furthermore, there is an expectation for improved data security by limiting the exposure of unprocessed data, thus lessening the potential for unauthorized access or data breaches. Moreover, the system is designed to elevate overall performance by decreasing bandwidth consumption and optimizing the use of resources, all while ensuring accurate and trustworthy data reconstruction following decompression. The anticipated improvement in data privacy through the utilization of lossless compression and secure data handling in the cloud-based framework using hybrid Brotli is aimed at creating a more effective, secure, and dependable environment for data management. It is expected that the system will markedly enhance data privacy by making certain that sensitive data remains protected during both storage and transfer. By employing hybrid Brotli compression, the amount of data will be diminished without compromising the original information, thus maintaining total data integrity throughout the compression and decompression stages. Additionally, the system is expected to boost performance by cutting down bandwidth usage and minimizing storage demands in the cloud. These enhancements will lead to quicker data transfer rates and better system responsiveness, particularly when managing extensive datasets. The secure data processing methods incorporated into the system are also anticipated to mitigate the chances of unauthorized access, data leaks, and various cyber threats.

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