



Data Security on the Cloud using Image Steganography and Convolution Neural Network

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ABSTRACT

Now-moment of truth, Image Steganography is the process of concealing information which maybe text, representation or image inside a cover image. The inside information is hidden in a habit that it not visible to the human eyes. Convolution Neural Network, which has arose as a powerful tool in differing applications containing image steganography, has received raised attention recently. The main aim of this paper search out explore and discuss miscellaneous deep learning designs available in image steganography field. Cloud computing confirmed its importance place it is being used by limited and big arrangements[5]. The importance of cloud computing is on account of the various duties provided apiece cloud. One of these services is storage as a help (SaaS) which admits users to store their dossier in the cloud databases[6]. The drawback of this duty is the security challenge because a third party accomplishes the data. The consumers need to feel secure to store their dossier in the cloud. Consequently, we need for models that will advance the dossier security.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Using deep convolutional neural networks, a full-sized color image is concealed inside another image (called Cover image) with minimum changes in appearance. The hidden image will then be revealed by combining a "reveal" network with the created image. Cloud estimating provides pliable services for users by joining many of resources and uses based on a pay-as-you-need concept [5]. One of the duties provided apiece cloud is store data in the cloud. This service specifies fast distribution, cheap and reliability [5]. When depositing data in cloud storage, depository devices has exposure to internal leakage, hack and other reasons that concede possibility lead to lose dossier confidentiality. Some of dossier stored in the cloud are very delicate data, such as investment and government facts, which must be protected against illegal people containing the cloud service provider. There are many researches that use cryptography methods to protect the cloud secrecy of the data , but the main loss of encryption is although the data is encrypted and enhanced unreadable, it is still survives as a

secret data. The attacker keep decrypt the dossier if he has enough time. Steganography is a way to resolve this problem because it allows the consumer to hide data into added object such as paragraph, image, audio or program, these techniques will increase the delicate data security. In this paper, we devote effort to something the image steganography to defend cloud data.

1.1 IMAGE STEGANOGRAPHY OVERVIEW

This section, provides an overview of image steganography, some techniques of image steganography and types of images. The image steganography is the process of hiding the secret data in a cover image to produce a stego image.

1.1.1 Some of Image Steganography Techniques:

- Least Significant Bit (LSB) based Steganography: Hide the bits of secret data in the LSB of the cover image. This technique is the most popular used.
- Discrete Cosine Transform (DCT): Use subdivision of quantized DCT coefficient to hide the secret data.
- Discrete Wavelet Transform (DWT): It is used to decompress the image mathematically into a set of wavelet. This technique used for medical and military applications.

1.1.2 Types of Images

- The binary images: consists of black and white pixels.
- The grayscale images: consists of pixels with shades of gray colors.
- The color images: uses some integration of red, green and blue to specify the pixels' colors.

1.1.3 Convolution Neural Network Overview

- Convolutional Neural Network is a specialized neural network designed for visual data, such as images & videos. But CNNs also work well for non-image data.
- Its concept is similar to that of a vanilla neural network– It follows the same general principle of forwarding & backward propagation.

1.3 CLOUD COMPUTING OVERVIEW

In this section, we give an overview of the cloud computing, service models, deployment models and security requirements of cloud computing. Cloud computing provides IT services to users over the Internet. The NIST defined cloud computing as a model for enabling ubiquitous, convenient, on-demand network access to shared pool of configurable computing resources (e.g., networks, servers, storage applications and services) that can be rapidly provisioned and released with minimal management effort and or service interaction.

1.3.1 Service Model of Cloud Computing

- **Software as a service (SaaS):** User can only use the applications provided by the provider without ability to manage the applications.
- **Platform as a service (PaaS):** User creates applications on the cloud infrastructure and the user will be able to deploy and manage the applications.



- **Infrastructure as a service (IaaS):** User will provide the fundamental computing resources, such as networks, storage and processing.
- **File storage as a service (FSaaS):** The cloud provides the ability to store, manage and access the data from an interface of browser. The cloud provider holds the maintenance responsibility and oversees the infrastructure storage.

1.3.2 Cloud Computing Security Requirements

- **Audit:** It includes authentications and authorization, to ensure user's identity by implementing a strong verification process.
- **Confidentiality:** Protect data stored in the database from unauthorized users.
- **Integrity:** It is used to ensure the data consistency, and to protect data from iteration.

1.3.3 Deployment Model of Cloud Computing

- **Private cloud:** Cloud internet access provider create the possessions and uses usable to cloud consumers. The consumers must authorize get the benefits of the possessions, and they will pay established the consent.
- **Public cloud:** Users use the resources dynamically over the Internet, and they will pay based on their use.
- **Hybrid cloud:** It resides of delivered private clouds connected together and have a main administration. The fee structure in this place model is complex.

2. METHODOLOGY

2.1 Metrics used

Image steganography using CNN models is heavily inspired from the encoder-decoder architecture. Two inputs cover image and the secret image are fed as the input to the encoder to generate the stego image and the stego image is given as input to the decoder to output the embedded secret image. The basic principle is the same except different methods have tried different architectures.

The way the input cover image and the secret image are concatenated are also different in different approaches while the variations in the convolutional layer, pooling layer are expected. The number of filters used, strides, filter size, activation function used and loss function vary from method to method.

One important point to note here is the size of the cover image and the secret image has to be same, so every pixel of the secret image is distributed in the cover image.

2.1.1 PNSR & MSE

Peak Signal to Noise Ratio (PSNR) is used to decide the quality, strength and invisibility of the projected steganography method. PSNR is the percentage between the maximum character representation of the cover concept and the stego figure. In the case of steganalysis, it is the ratio of the maximum kind measurement of the original secret concept and the extracted secret figure. PSNR is used to measure the peak error of the projected method. The advantage of PSNR has to be extreme which indicates that the quality of the reconstructed stego countenance is good. Mean Squared Error (MSE) is another metric to measure the characteristic of the stego

countenance reconstructed. MSE is the cumulative regulated error betwixt the stego image and the original cover concept. For better quality concepts, PSNR has to be extreme whereas the profit of MSE has to be depressed indicating that the mistake is low. The formulas for calculating MSE and PSNR are given beneath.

$$MSE = \frac{\sum_{M,N} [I_1(m, n) - I_2(m, n)]^2}{M * N} \quad (1)$$

place, M and N is the number of rows and columns in the recommendation image individually.

After calculating MSE, its value is used in the calculation of PSNR.

$$PSNR = 10 * \log_{10} \frac{(R^2)}{MSE} \quad (2)$$

2.2 TECHNOLOGIES USED

2.2.1 VB.NET Overview

The VB.NET signifies Visual Basic. Network Enabled Technologies. It is a simple, high-ranking, object-oriented set up language grown by Microsoft in 2002. It is a successor of Visual Basic 6.0, namely implemented on the Microsoft .NET foundation. Furthermore, it supports the OOPs concept, to a degree abstraction, encapsulation, legacy, and polymorphism. Therefore, entirety in the VB.NET language is an object, containing all primitive dossier types (Integer, String, char, long, short, Boolean, etc.), consumer-defined dossier types, events, and so forth objects that inherit from allure base class. It is not a case sensitive language, when in fact, C++, Java, and C# are case impressionable language.

2.2.2 PYTHON Overview

Python is a scheming compute language repeatedly used to build websites and program, mechanize tasks, and conduct file analysis. Python is a general-purpose terminology, meaning it can be used to construct a variety of different programs and isn't specific for any specific questions. This versatility, along with allure beginner-friendliness, live well it one of ultimate-used programming languages contemporary.

3. FIGURE

3.1 Working principle of steganography and steganalysis

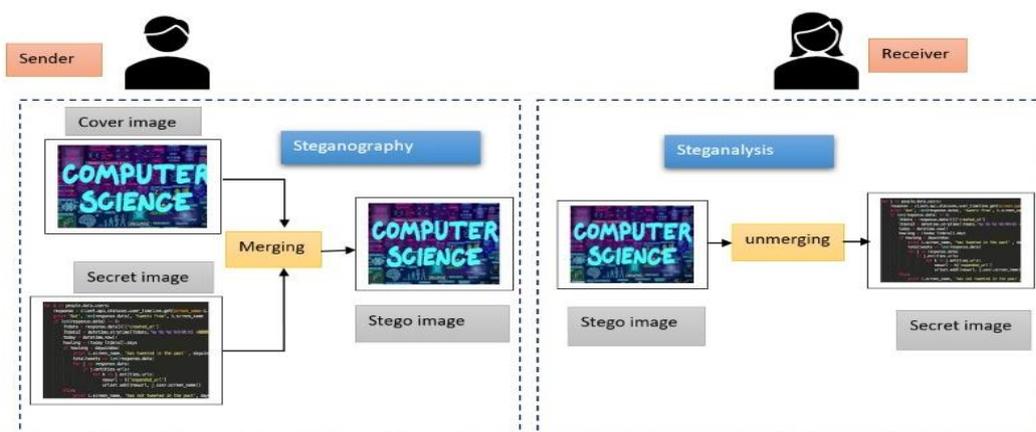


Fig 1: Working principle of steganography and steganalysis

3.2 System Design

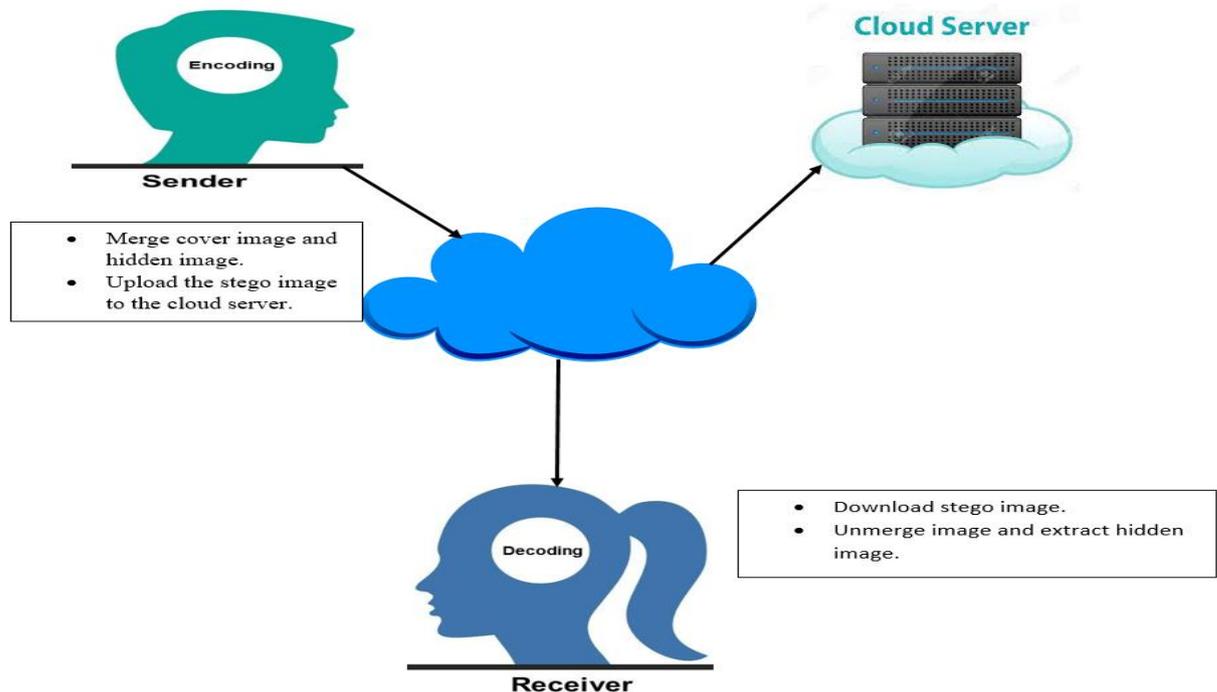


Fig 2: System Design

SENDER Module

- This module is used by the sender user
- It allows user to select cover image & hiding image
- Generates stego image.
- Then stego image is uploaded to cloud server.
- Technologies used: VB.NET & Python.

RECEIVER Module

- This module is used by the receiver user
- It allows user to download stego image from cloud server
- Applies unmerge algorithm of extracts hidden image.
- Technologies used: VB.NET & Python.

CLOUD SERVER MODULE

- The cloud server module acts as a cloud storage to store the stego image.
- It can be accessed from anywhere in the world.

3. Results

3.1 Home Page



Fig 3: Home Page

3.2 Merge File



Fig 4: Merged File

3.3 Upload File to the Cloud



Fig 5: File uploaded over cloud

3.4 Download Stego image



Fig 6: Download stego image from cloud

3.5 Unmerge stego image



Fig 7: Unmerged stego image

3.6 Final Result



Fig 8: Final Ouput



4. CONCLUSION

Cloud calculating supports many benefits to the consumers but it has security challenges. Image steganography is a habit to save secret data in the cloud by conceal the secret data in a cover image. This paper, present a review of few currently projected methods for cloud dossier safety using representation steganography. We distinguished these methods established algorithms they secondhand, advantages and disadvantages, and established the aims of steganography. We decided each method has its own benefits and defect that manage troublesome to select one method as high-quality resolution.

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