

The Study of Dynamic Access Control in a User Hierarchy

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ABSTRACT

In this thesis, three cryptographic key assignment schemes were proposed to solve the dynamic access control problems in a user hierarchy. The first scheme is an extension of Chen's scheme that is based on Chinese Remainder Theorem, and the extended scheme is more efficient than the original scheme. The second scheme was proposed to improve the Lin's scheme that is weak in some attack. The third scheme is a new scheme that is more efficient than the earlier schemes. The dynamic access control problems, such as adding/ deleting classes, adding/deleting relationships, and changing secret keys, are considered. Moreover, no modification of the secret keys for existing classes is needed.

Keywords : user hierarchy ; dynamic access control ; key management

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