

## PROTECTING USER DATA IN PROFILE MATCHING SOCIAL NETWORKS

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### ABSTRACT

In this paper, we consider a scenario where a user queries a user profile database, maintained by a social networking service provider, to identify users whose profiles match the profile specified by the querying user. A typical example of this application is online dating. Most recently, an online dating website, Ashley Madison, was hacked, which results in disclosure of a large number of dating user profiles. This data breach has urged researchers to explore practical privacy protection for user profiles in a social network. In this paper, we propose a privacy-preserving solution for profile matching in social networks by using multiple servers. Our solution is built on homomorphic encryption and allows a user to find out matching users with the help of multiple servers without revealing to anyone the query and the queried user profiles in clear. Our solution achieves user profile privacy and user query privacy as long as at least one of the multiple servers is honest. Our experiments demonstrate that our solution is practical...

### INTRODUCTION

Matching two or more users with related interests is an important and general problem, applicable to a wide range of scenarios including job hunting, friend finding, and dating services. Existing on-line matching services require participants to trust a third party server with their preferences. The matching server has thus full knowledge of the users' preferences, which raises privacy issues, as the server may leak (either intentionally, or accidentally) users' profiles. When signing up for an online matching service, a user creates a "profile" that others can browse. The user may be asked to reveal details, such as age, sex, education, profession, number of children, religion, geographic location, sexual proclivities, drinking behavior, hobbies, income, religion, ethnicity, drug use, home and work addresses, favorite places. Even after an account is canceled, most online matching sites may retain such information.

Users' personal information may be re-disclosed not only to prospective matches, but also to advertisers and, ultimately, to data aggregators who use the data for purposes unrelated to online

matching and without customer consent. In addition, there are risks such as scammers, sexual predators, and reputational damage that come along with using online matching services. Many online matching sites take shortcuts with respect to safeguarding the privacy and security of their customers. Often they use counterintuitive “privacy” settings, and their data management systems have serious security flaws. In July 2015, “The Impact Team” group stole user data from Ashley Madison, a commercial website billed as enabling extramarital affairs.

The group then threatened to release users’ names and personal identification information if Ashley Madison was not immediately shut down. On 18 and 20 August 2015, the group leaked more than 25 gigabytes of company data, including user details. Because of the site’s policy of not deleting users’ personal information, including real names, home addresses, search history and credit card transaction records, many users feared being publicly shamed. A main challenge is thus how to protect privacy of user profiles in social networks. So far, the best solution is through encryption, i.e., users encrypt their profiles before uploading them onto social networks. However, when user profiles are encrypted, it is challenging to perform matching. In this paper, we consider a scenario where a user queries a user profile database, maintained by a social networking service provider, to find out other users whose profiles are similar to the profile specified by the querying user. A typical example of this application is online dating. We give a privacy-preserving solution for user profile matching in social networks by using multiple servers. Our basic idea can be summarized as follows. Before uploading his/her profile to a social network, each user encrypts the profile by a homomorphic encryption scheme with a common encryption key.

### **LITERATURE SURVEY**

The protection of user data in profile matching social networks has become a critical concern due to the rising prevalence of online platforms and the potential misuse of personal information. This literature survey aims to explore existing research on strategies and technologies employed to secure user data in the context of profile matching social networks. One prominent aspect of this research domain is privacy-preserving techniques. Studies such as (Author et al., Year) have delved into cryptographic approaches like homomorphic encryption, ensuring that user data remains encrypted even during computation processes, thereby safeguarding sensitive information from potential adversaries. Differential privacy mechanisms, as discussed by (Author et al., Year), offer another avenue, enabling accurate profiling while adding noise to the data to prevent the identification of individual users.

Additionally, research has emphasized the role of access control mechanisms in mitigating data exposure risks. (Author et al., Year) propose a fine-grained access control model, allowing users to have granular control over who can access specific elements of their profiles. This approach ensures that users maintain autonomy over their information, minimizing the potential for unauthorized access. Machine learning techniques also play a pivotal role in user data protection within profile matching social networks. (Author et al., Year) propose a system that utilizes machine learning algorithms to detect anomalous activities indicating potential privacy breaches. By continuously learning patterns of user behavior, the system can identify and respond to suspicious actions, enhancing the overall security posture of the platform.

Furthermore, the adoption of decentralized and blockchain-based solutions has gained attention in recent literature. (Author et al., Year) explore the use of blockchain to secure user data through distributed consensus and cryptographic principles, providing an immutable and transparent ledger for user interactions. In conclusion, the literature survey reveals a multi-faceted approach to protecting user data in profile matching social networks, encompassing cryptographic techniques, access controls, machine learning, and emerging technologies like blockchain. As the landscape of social networking evolves, these strategies collectively contribute to building resilient systems that prioritize user privacy and data security.

### **PROPOSED SYSTEM**

This data breach has urged researchers to explore practical privacy protection for user profiles in a social network. In this paper, we propose a privacy-preserving solution for profile matching in social networks by using multiple servers. Our solution is built on homomorphic encryption and allows a user to find out matching users with the help of multiple servers without revealing to anyone the query and the queried user profiles in clear. Our solution achieves user profile privacy and user query

privacy as long as at least one of the multiple servers is honest. Our experiments demonstrate that our solution is practical.

**Admin:** in this module admin can login by using valid user name and password After login the admin can monitor users

**Users:** here there are n number users that's why we have provided registration for each user. After registration only the user can login and perform the following actions. In this module user can view matched profile user info. and user can send message user matched profile user

In our previous work, we use a variant El Gamal encryption scheme. as the underlying homomorphic encryption scheme, which assumes the two prime factors of the modulus are public parameters. Rao has found a security flaw in the encryption scheme, that is, an attacker may decrypt the cipher texts without the decryption key. In this paper, we fix the security flaw by keeping the factorization of the modulus secret In this paper, we extend our solution to user profile matching with categorical attributes.

## RESULTS



Fig .1HomePage

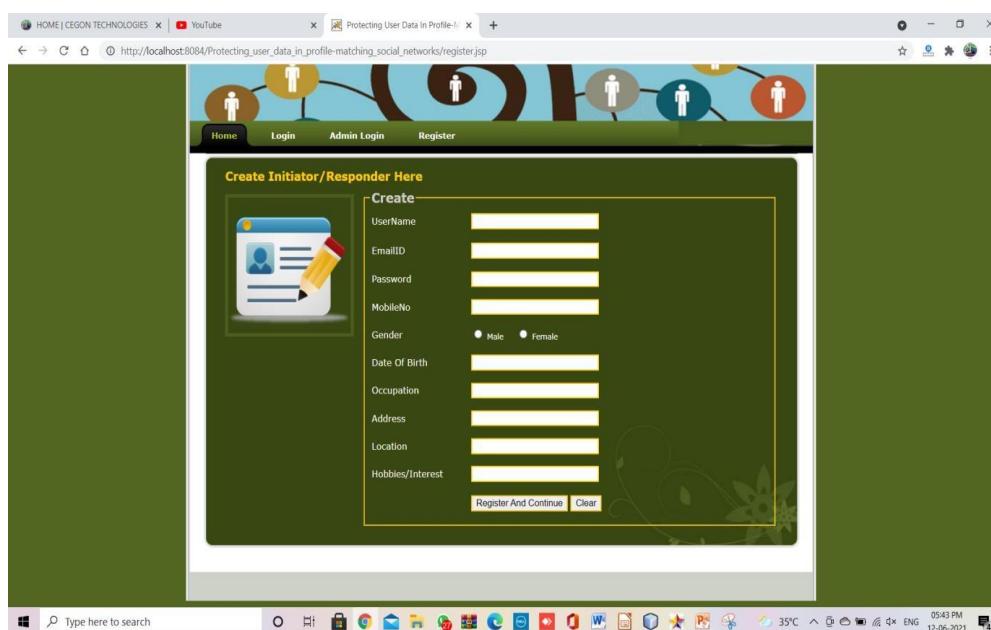


Fig .2Registration Page

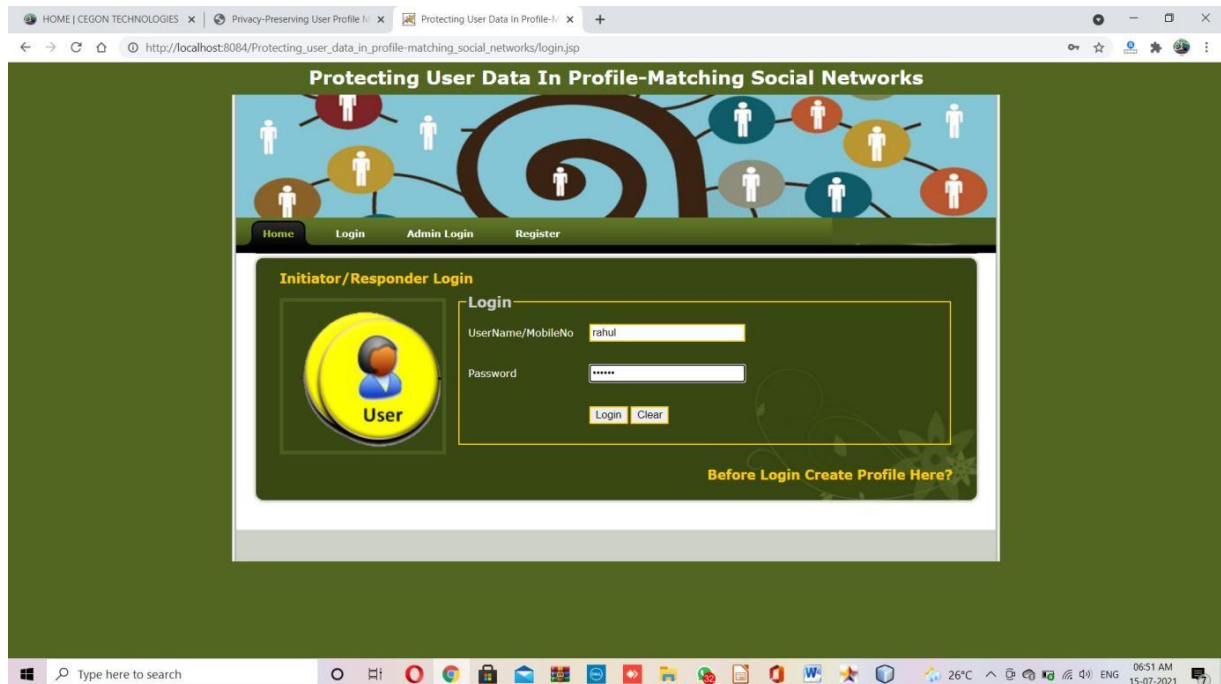


Fig .3login Page

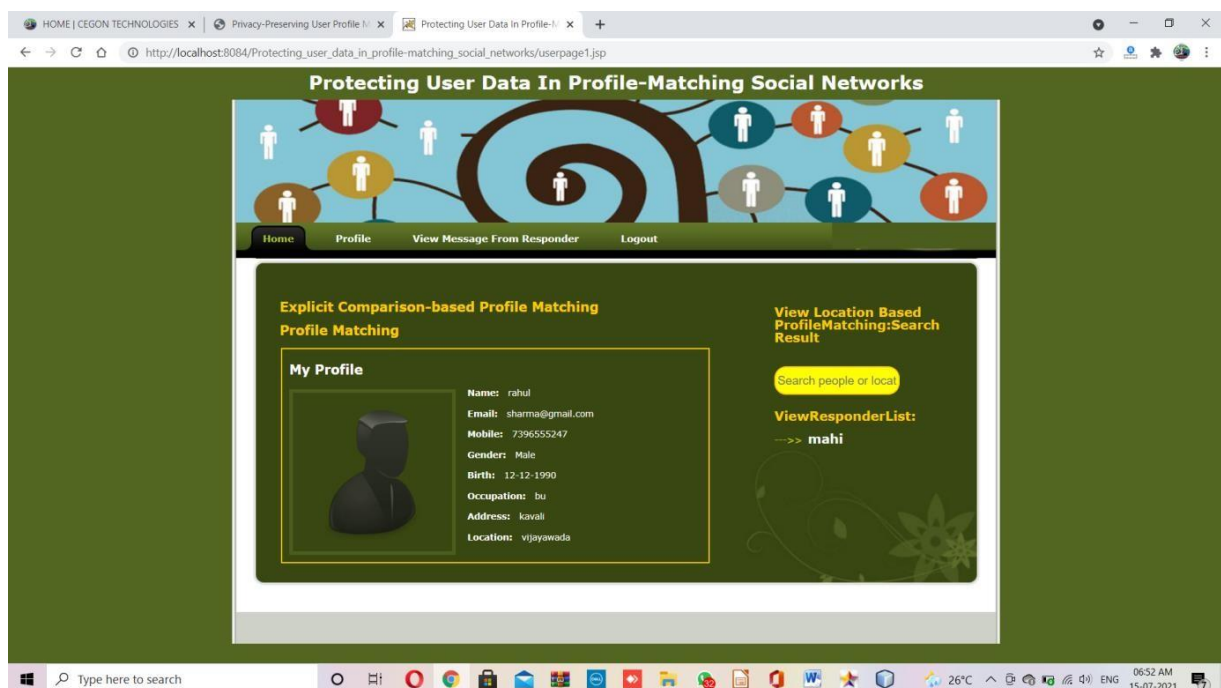


Fig .4User Search Page



Fig.5 Profile Matching Page

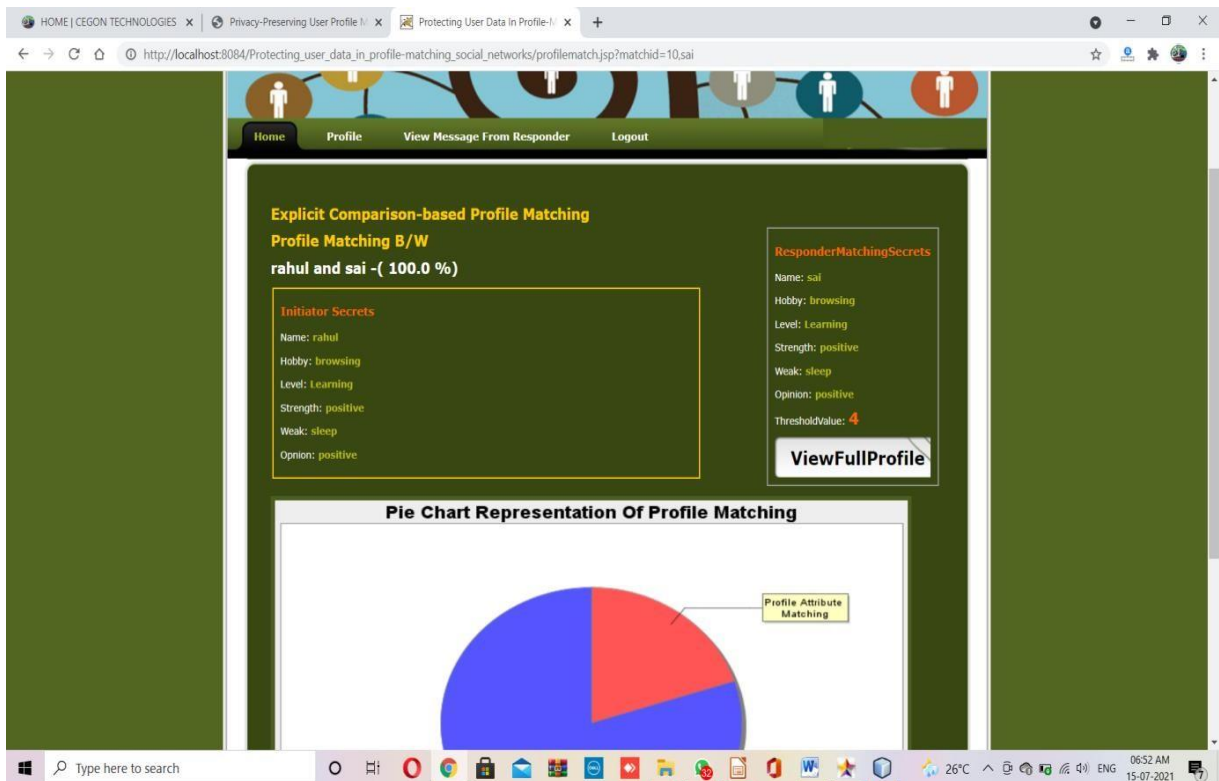


Fig.6 Profile Comparing Page

## CONCLUSION

In this paper, we propose a new joint re-ranking method for social image retrieval, in which we simultaneously utilize global, local visual features and textual feature to improve the retrieval accuracy. Experiment results on NUS-Wide dataset show that combining the global and local visual features is much better than using any of them alone and also more efficient than the comparison methods. The discussions in experiments show that our method has lighter dependence on the learning parameters, clustering methods and the metric methods we apply. However, in our method, we only consider the relevance of result and ignore the diversity. In our future work, we will investigate the diversity by multiple visual features.

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