

# Verifiable Attribute-Based Search over Shared Cloud Data

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## OBJECTIVES

1. To design novel security primitives for supporting verifiable attribute-based access control over shared cloud data.
2. To protect data content and access policy of outsourced databases in a zero-knowledge manner.
3. To propose query authentication algorithms and optimization techniques for various query types.
4. To develop a demonstration system to show the robustness and efficiency of our proposed techniques.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### Problem Statement

- Data owner outsources her database to a cloud service provider.
- Users need to ensure the integrity of query results from the following two perspectives:
  - **Soundness**: No records in results are tampered with and are truly the results with respect to their own roles.
  - **Completeness**: All records not in results are either non-results or inaccessible to users.
- Data are cryptographically enforced with fine-grained access control.
- **Data content** and **access policy** are protected in a **zero-knowledge** manner

### System Architecture

- Verifiable attribute-based search services over shared cloud data.
- Client side: **attribute-based search** and **result verification**.
- Server side: **query processing** and **VO construction**.

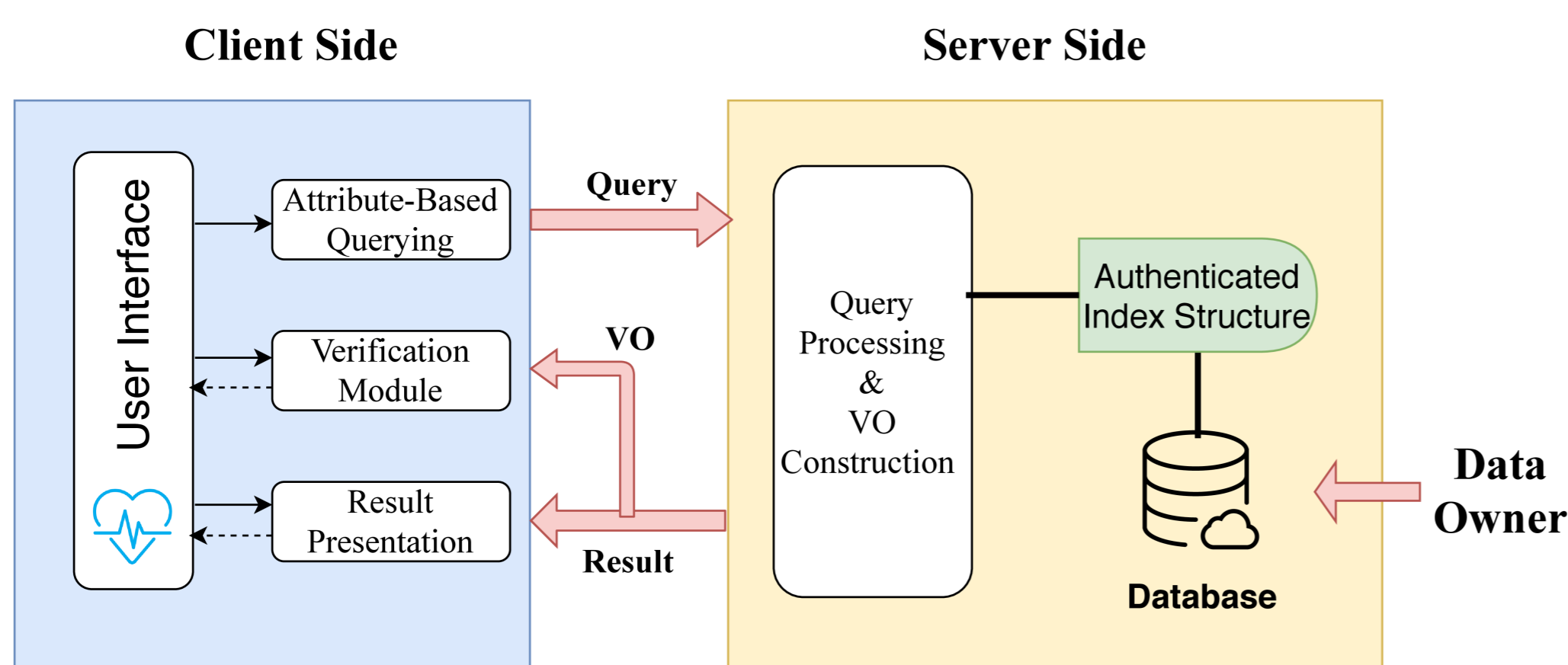


Fig. 3: System Architecture

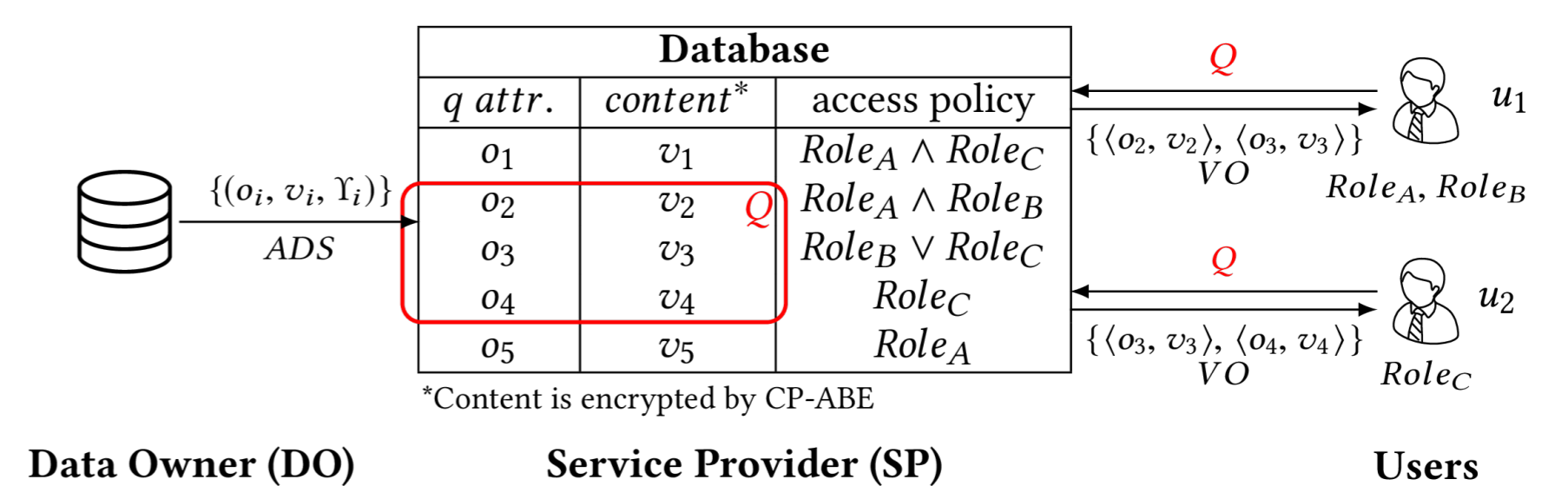


Fig. 1: Verifiable Attribute-based Search

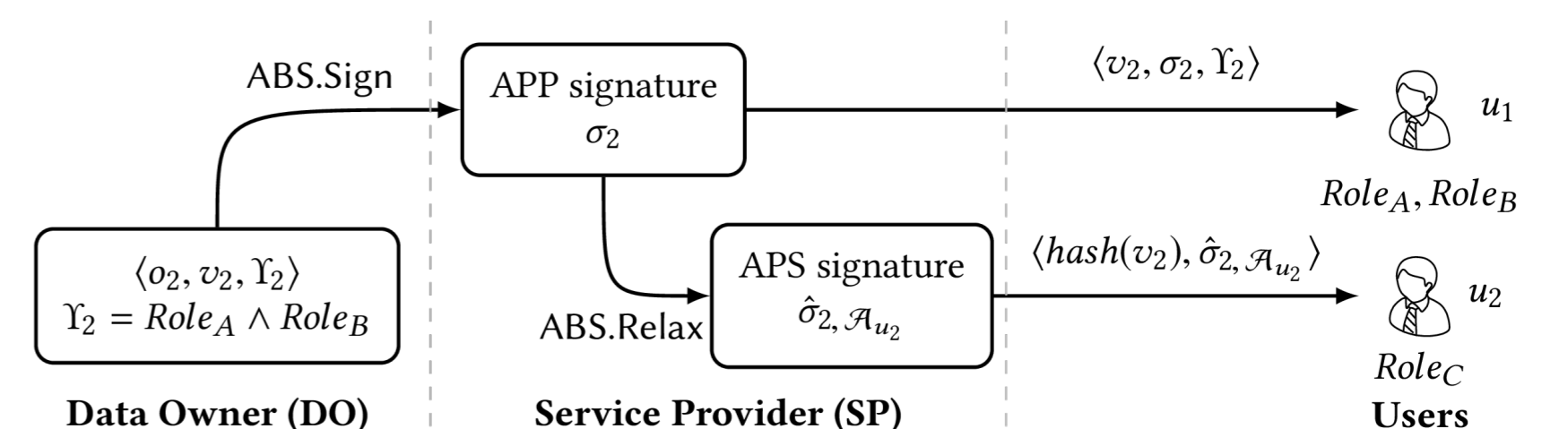


Fig. 2: ADS Generation and Query Processing

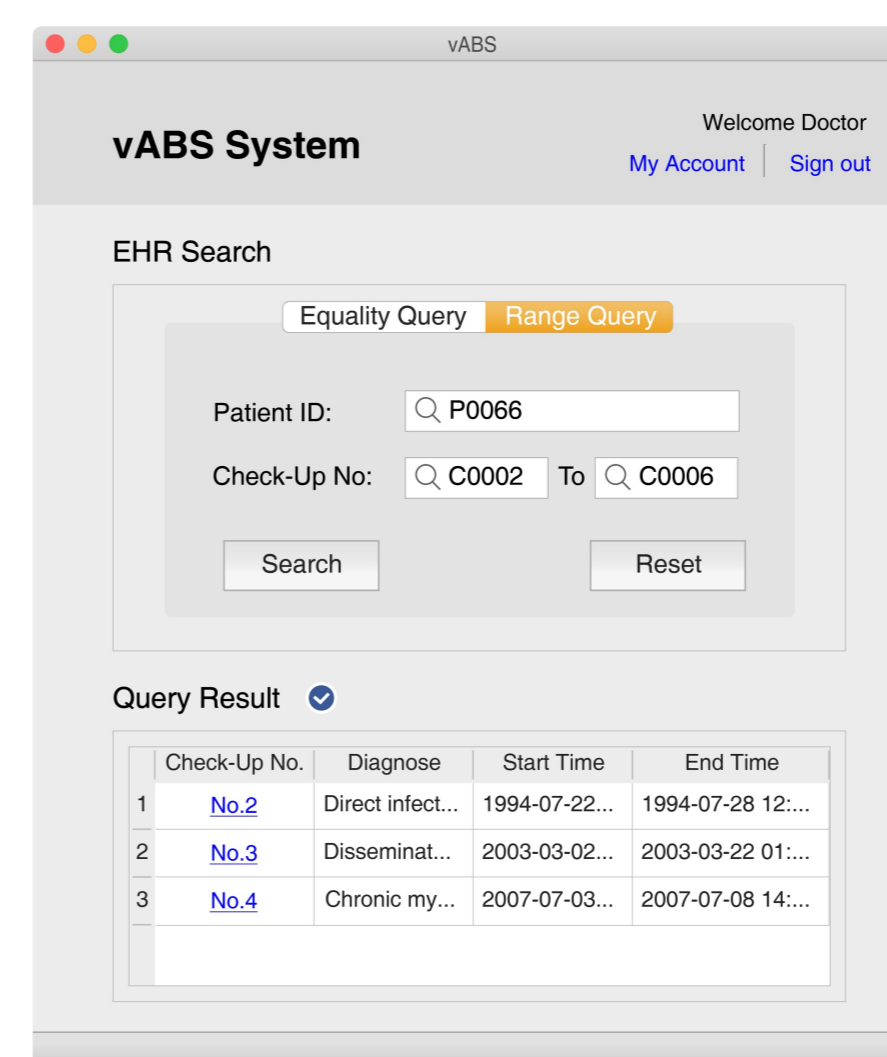


Fig. 4: Client Interface

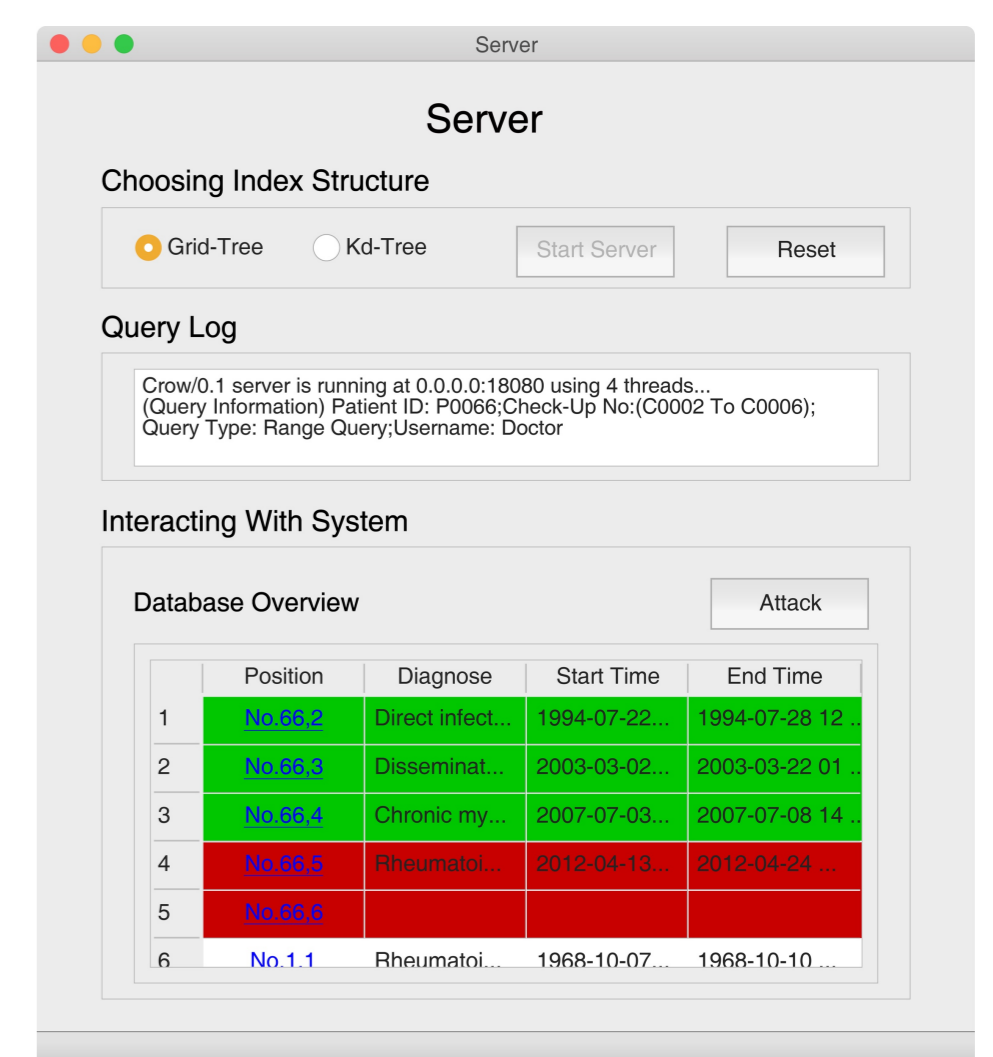


Fig. 5: Server Interface

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