A Review on Audio and Video based Steganography for Data Hiding

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ABSTRACT

Security is most important issue in digital communication. Data security means protective digital privacy measures that are applied to prevent unauthorized access to computers, huge databases and online data it is also protects data from corruption. Security is most important issue in digital communication. Cryptography and steganography are two popular methods available to provide security. Steganography focuses on hiding information in such a way that the message is undetectable for outsiders and only appears to the sender and intended recipient. It is useful tool that allows covert transmission of information over and over communications channel. Steganography is a technique which is used to hide the message and prevent the detection of hidden message. Various modern techniques of steganography are:
a) Video Steganography
b)Audio Steganography
Audio Video steganography is a modern steganography of hiding information in a way that the unwanted people may not access the information.
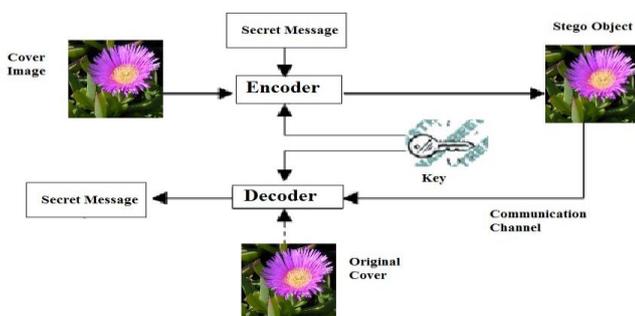**Keywords:** Steganography, Audio Steganography, Video Steganography

I. INTRODUCTION

Steganography focuses on hiding information in such a way that the message is undetectable for outsiders and only appears to the sender and intended recipient. It is useful tool that allows covert transmission of information over and over communications channel. Steganography is a technique which is used to hide the message and prevent the detection of hidden message. Audio Video steganography is a modern way of hiding information in a way that the unwanted people may not access the information. The propose method is to hide secret information and image behind the audio and video file respectively.

Audio Steganography

The basic model of Audio steganography consists of Carrier (Audio file), Message and Password. Carrier is also known as a cover-file, which conceals the secret information. Encoding secret messages in audio is the most challenging technique because the human auditory system (HAS) has such a dynamic range that it can listen over. Audio files are usually compressed for storage or faster transmission. Audio files can be sent in short stand-alone segments. There are various types and technique of data hiding in audio like Least Significant Bit Encoding and Phase coding. Embedding secret messages in audio file is more difficult than embedding messages in digital image. In order to hide secret messages, various methods for embedding information in digital audio like Least significant bit, parity bit coding, phase coding, spread spectrum etc.
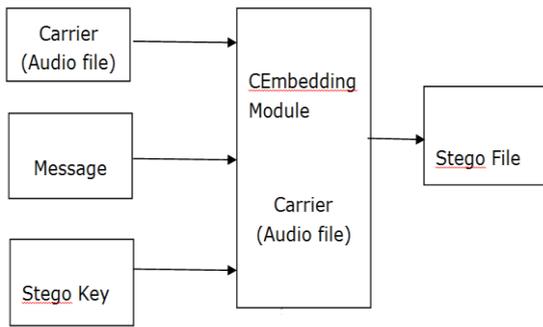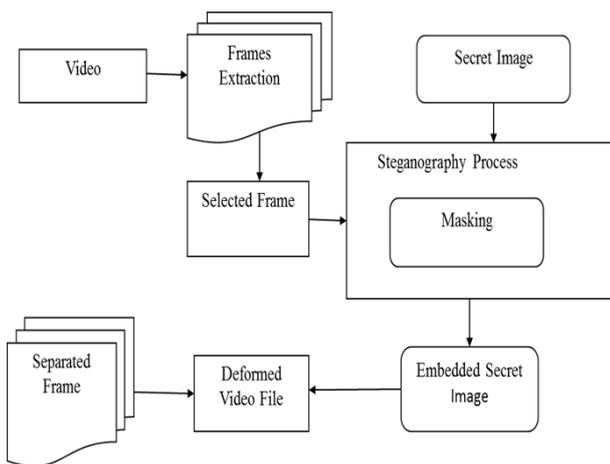
Figure 3. Basic Audio Stenographic Model

Video Steganography

Video is an electronic medium for the recording, copying and broadcasting of moving visual images. Video Steganography is a technique to hide any kind of files into a carrying Video file. The use of the video based Steganography can be more eligible than other multimedia files, because of its size and memory requirements. Videos are the set of images. The number of still pictures per unit of time of video ranges from six to eight frames per second.In video steganography data hides behind the video using different techniques. Basically there are three embedding techniques for images in practice, namely Least Significant Bit (LSB), Transform based and Masking and filtering. The best technique is that to hide secret message without affecting the quality of video, structure and content of video. After hiding a secret data in video create "stego " video file which is send to the receiver.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

Arup Kumar Bhaumik, Minkyu Choi et.al, [1] there are three main requirements of any data hiding system i.e. security, capacity and robustness. All these factors are inversely proportional to each other and therefore, it is very difficult to achieve them together. Here, the authors have focused on increasing the two factors, security and capacity of data hiding method. This data hiding scheme uses a high resolution digital video as a cover signal that means a video is embedded behind a video and they have also used an image for authentication. Thus, they have used large payloads like video in video and an image in video as a cover media. The objective of hiding such data depends on the application and the requirements of the user of that digital media.

Sunil K. Moon, Rajshree D. Raut, [3] in this work author has aimed to hide secret information behind image and audio of video file. By embedding text behind audio file and an authentication image is embedded behind frames of video file. As video is the application of many still frames of audio and picture (i.e. image), any frame can be selected from video and signals from the audio for hiding secret data. Authors have used 4LSB method for image steganography whereas Phase Coding algorithm for audio steganography. They have tried to increase the security of data by using suitable parameter of security and authentications such as PSNR and histogram that can be obtain at transmitter and receiver side

Burate D. J., M. R. Dixit, [4] used a new technique for hiding text in speech in noise free environment. They have worked in the digital domain to hide the text information within speech signal using audio steganography technique. Data hiding rate can be increased due to this method. They have maintained the originality of the speech carrier signals by embedding the secret text rather than performing replacement operation on it. They have combined steganography with cryptography to increase security of the system, but instead of using any of the cryptography technique, they have used coding techniques in this method. Due to this approach the robustness of the cover signal is maintained and a higher hiding capacity for different audio and speech signal sampled at different frequencies is achieved as well as read at different bit rates. So this method provides higher hiding capacity as compared to other techniques.

Padmashree G, Venugopala P S, [5] the important properties for audio steganography are transparency, capacity and robustness. These properties make steganography more secure because it has less quantization errors. An encoding mechanism is used for

embedding the message into the audio file. The secret message is embedded in the 4th bit of LSB this reduces the embedding distortion of the host audio. Similarly, embedding at the 4th and 5th bit LSB of the original audio file with same data and different data also reduces distortion of the host audio. The quality of the audio file after encoding remains unaffected. A public key cryptographic algorithm, RSA was also used to ensure greater security.

K. A. Navas, Vidya V, Soniya V Dass, [6] have developed an algorithm for data embedding in AVI videos. In this method the secret data is embedded within the cover video in two phases. The first phase uses a new embedding method for self-generation of a key which depends on the data to be embedded and the cover media. In the second phase, the encrypted image is embedded in a video. This method uses high resolution digital video as a cover signal for embedding data. Thus, this method gives the ability to hide a significant quality of information which makes it different from the other data embedding methods because the authors have considered an application that requires significantly larger payloads like video-in-video and image-in-video.

Praveen. P, Arun. R, [7] have proposed a method which is an audio-video crypto- steganographic system, it is the combination of audio steganography and video steganography using advanced chaotic algorithm as the secure encryption method. Their aim is to hide secret information behind image and audio of video file. Since video is an application of many audio and video frames. A particular frame can be selected for image hiding and audio for hiding a secret data. They have used 4LSB substitution for image steganography and LSB substitution algorithm with location selection for audio steganography. Advanced chaotic algorithm can be used for encryption and decryption of data and images. Suitable parameter of security and authentication such as PSNR value, histograms are obtained at both the receiver side and transmitter sides that may be identical at both ends. Hence they have tried to enhance the security of the data and image. This method can be used in fields such as medical and defence which requires real time processing.

Lovey Rana, Saikat Banerjee, [8] implemented an audio steganographic system that provides improved security. To achieve this, dual layer randomization approach is used. First layer of randomization is achieved by randomly selecting the byte number or samples. An additional layer of security is provided by randomly selecting the bit position at which embedding is done in the selected samples. Using this proposed algorithm the transparency and robustness of the steganography technique is increased.

III. CONCLUSION

The recent growth of internet users has increased the need for protection of data. Steganography is the technique used for protection of data. Video steganography is used for hiding the secret information (text, image and video) in video file. So this paper presents the various techniques of video steganography.

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