



# Data Hiding in Video Sequences Using Forbidden Zone Data Hiding and Selective Embedding

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**Abstract:** Video data hiding is still an important research topic due to the design complexities involved. We propose a new video data hiding method that makes use of erasure correction capability of Repeat Accumulate codes and superiority of Forbidden Zone Data Hiding. Selective embedding is utilized in the proposed method to determine host signal samples suitable for data hiding. This method also contains a temporal synchronization scheme in order to withstand frame drop and insert attacks. The proposed framework is tested by typical broadcast material against MPEG-2, H.264 compression, frame-rate conversion attacks, as well as other well-known video data hiding methods. The decoding error values are reported for typical system parameters. The simulation results indicate that the framework can be successfully utilized in video data hiding applications. Forbidden Zone Data Hiding (FZDH) is introduced in the method depends on the Forbidden Zone (FZ) concept, which is defined as the host signal range where no alteration is allowed during data hiding process. FZDH makes use of FZ to adjust the robustness-invisibility trade-off

**Key words:** Data hiding, forbidden zone data hiding, repeat accumulates codes, selective embedding.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Data hiding is the process of embedding information into a host medium. In general, visual and audio media are preferred due to their wide presence and the tolerance of human perceptual systems involved. Although the general structure of data hiding process does not depend on the host media type, the methods vary depending on the nature of such media. For instance, image and video data hiding share many common points; however video data hiding necessitates more complex designs as a result of the additional temporal dimension. Therefore, video data hiding continues to constitute an active research area. Data hiding in video sequences is performed in two major ways: bitstream-level and data-level. In bitstream-level, the redundancies within the current compression standards are exploited. Typically, encoders have various options during encoding and this freedom of selection is suitable for manipulation with the aim of data hiding. However, these methods highly rely on the structure of the bitstream; hence, they are quite fragile, in the sense that in many cases they cannot survive any format conversion or transcoding, even without any significant loss of perceptual quality. As a result, this type of data hiding methods is generally proposed for fragile applications, such as authentication. On the other hand, data-level methods are

more robust to attacks. Therefore, they are suitable for a broader range of applications. Despite their fragility, the bitstream-based methods are still attractive for data hiding applications. For instance, the redundancy in block size selection of H.264 encoding is exploited for hiding data.

The widespread of the net and World Wide net has changed the approach digital information is handled. Information concealing deals with the flexibility of embedding information into a digital cover with a minimum quantity of perceivable degradation, i.e., the embedded information is invisible or inaudible to an individual's observer. Data concealing consists of 2 sets of information, particularly the cover medium and also the embedding information that is termed the message. Only few information concealing algorithms considering the properties of H.264 commonplace have recently appeared within the open literature. Transform domain is mostly most popular for concealing information since, for constant strength as for the spatial domain; the result is a lot of pleasant to the Human sensory system (HVS). For this purpose the DFT (Discrete Fourier Transform), the DCT (Discrete circular function Transform), and also the DWT (Discrete Wavelet Transform) domains area unit sometimes utilized. We obtain to implant a lot of larger volumes of information than required for watermarking, targeting applications like steganography and seamless upgrade of communication and storage systems, instead of digital rights management. Second, attributable to our target applications, we aim for robustness not against malicious attacks like Stirmark's geometric attacks, however against "natural" attacks, such as compression (e.g., a digital image with hidden content is also compressed because it changes hands or because it goes over an occasional bandwidth link in a very wireless network).

## 2. LITERATURE SURVEY

Literature survey is the most important step in software development process. Before developing the tool it is necessary to determine the time factor, economy n company strength. Once these things r satisfied, ten next steps is to determine which operating system and language can be used for developing the tool. Once the programmers start building the tool the programmers need lot of external support. This support can be obtained from senior programmers, from book or from websites. Before building the system the above



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consideration r taken into account for developing the proposed system.

In special domain, the hiding process such as least significant bit (LSB) replacement is done in special domain, while transform domain methods; hide data in another domain such as wavelet domain. Least significant bit (LSB) is the simplest form of Steganography. LSB is based on inserting data in the least significant bit of pixels, which lead to a slight change on the cover image that is not noticeable to human eye. Since this method can be easily cracked, it is more vulnerable to attacks. LSB method has intense affects on the statistical information of image like histogram. Attackers could be aware of a hidden communication by just checking the Histogram of an image. A good solution to eliminate this defect was LSB matching. LSB-Matching was a great step forward in Steganography methods and many others get ideas from it

### 3. PROPOSED SYSTEM

Data hiding in video sequences is performed in two major ways: bit stream-level and data-level. In this paper, we propose a new block-based selective embedding type data hiding framework that encapsulates Forbidden Zone Data Hiding (FZDH) By means of simple rules applied to the frame markers, we introduce certain level of robustness against frame drop, repeat and insert attacks. Advantages of proposed system are: User cannot find the original data, It is not easily cracked, To increase the Security, To increase the size of stored data, We can hide more than one bit.

Scope of this paper is robustness allows handling de synchronization between embedded and decoder that occurs as a result of the differences in the selected coefficients. In order to incorporate frame synchronization markers, we partition the blocks into two groups. One group is used for frame marker embedding and the other is used for message bits. Objective of this paper is However, most of the video data hiding methods utilize uncompressed video data. Sarkar proposes a high volume transform domain data hiding in MPEG-2 videos. They apply QIM to low-frequency DCT(Discrete Cosine Transform) coefficients and adapt the quantization parameter based on MPEG-2 parameters. Furthermore, they vary the embedding rate depending on the type of the frame. Approach of this paper is Forbidden Zone Data Hiding (FZDH) is introduced in. The method depends on the Forbidden Zone (FZ) concept, which is defined as the host signal range where no alteration is allowed during data hiding process. FZDH makes use of FZ to adjust the robustness-invisibility trade-off. The mapping function in states that the host signal is modified by adding an additional term, which is a scaled version of the quantization difference. In 1-D, this additional term is scalar, whereas in N-D host signal is moved along the quantization difference vector and towards the reconstruction point of the quantizer. Hence, embedding distortion is reduced and became smaller than the quantization error.

### 4. DATA HIDING SCHEME

The main blocks of the H.264 video encoder area unit pictured. The Temporal Prediction block is chargeable for the inter prediction of every inhome frame. Our theme intervenes in the inhome prediction method so as to cover the information. The most necessary a part of inhome prediction is that the motion estimation method, that aims at finding the "closest" macro block (best match) within the antecedently coded frame for each macro block of this input frame. Then every macro block, at intervals this frame, is motion remunerated, i.e. its best match is subtracted from it, and also the residual macro block is coded. So as to extend the cryptography potency, the H.264 commonplace has adopted seven completely different block varieties (16×16, 16×8, 8×16, 8×8, 8×4, 4×8, 4×4) and also the motion estimation is applied on every of those varieties. First, assign a computer code to each block kind consistent. For simplicity we tend to use solely four block varieties. That gives us a pair of bits per block. Then we tend to convert the embedding message into a binary variety and that we separate the bits in pairs. These pairs area unit mapped into macro blocks, that area unit getting to be motion remunerated victimisation the chosen block varieties. It's additionally necessary to outline the information concealing parameters such as:

- Beginning frame: It indicates the frame from that the algorithm starts message embedding.
- Beginning macro block: It indicates the macro block at intervals the chosen frame from that the algorithmic program starts message embedding.
- Variety of macro blocks: It indicates what percentage macro blocks at intervals a frame area unit getting to be used for information concealing. This macro block is also consecutive or maybe better; they may be unfolding at intervals the frame consistent with a predefined pattern.
- Frame period: It indicates the quantity of the inhome frames, which should pass, before the algorithmic program repeats the embedding.

This parameter is extremely necessary since it increases the probabilities of extracting the message notwithstanding some components of the video sequence area unit missing. We can read these components through a stratified structure, analogous to it in communications. The lower layers upset however one or multiple bits area unit embedded imperceptibly within the host media. Higher layers for achieving additional functionalities are often designed on high of those lower layers.

### 5. FORBIDDEN ZONE DATA HIDING

Forbidden zone information concealing (FZDH) has been introduced. Proscribed zone (FZ) ways area unit outlined as



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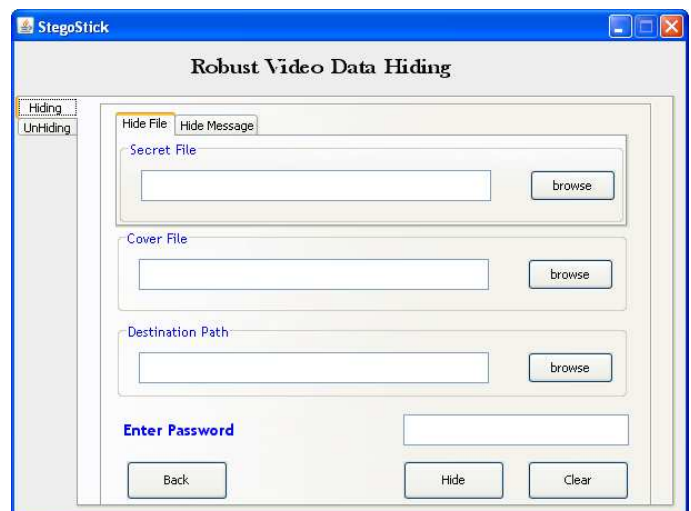
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that no change is permissible at the time of information concealing method for a host signal vary. FZ has been employed by FZDH to control the strongness-invisibility trade-off. The main conception of FZDH is that the identification of zones and the partitions. such a large amount of ways in which area unit there to realize this; however, by the employment of quantizers, sensible style are often performed. however this style are often performed is shown in below equation, wherever the mapping perform is outlined as: to control the need of mutual exclusion, the reconstruction points of the quantizers that area unit indexed by different m ought to be non-overlapping, which may be achieved by employing a base quantizer and shifting its reconstruction points depending on m, just like Dither Modulation.

## 6. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we proposed a new video data hiding framework that makes use of erasure correction capability of RA codes and superiority of FZDH. The method is also robust to frame manipulation attacks via frame synchronization markers. First, we compared FZDH and QIM as the data hiding method of the proposed framework. We observed that FZDH is superior to QIM, especially for low embedding distortion levels. The framework was tested with MPEG-2, H.264 compression, scaling and frame-rate conversion attacks. Typical system parameters are reported for error-free decoding. The results indicate that the framework can be successfully utilized in video data hiding applications. For instance, Tardos fingerprinting, which is a randomized construction of binary fingerprint codes that are optimal against collusion attack, can be employed within the proposed framework with the following settings. The length of the Tardos fingerprint is  $AC2 \ 0 \ln \ 1 \ \varepsilon 1$ , where  $A$  is a function of false positive probability ( $\varepsilon 1$ ), false negative probability, and maximum size of colluder coalition, ( $C_0$ ). The minimum segment durations required for Tardos fingerprinting in different operating conditions are given in Table VI. We also compared the proposed framework against the canonical watermarking method, JAWS, and a more recent quantization based method. The results indicate a significant superiority over JAWS and a comparable performance with. The experiments also shed light on possible improvements on the proposed method. First, the framework involves a number of thresholds ( $T_0$ ,  $T_1$ , and  $T_2$ ), which are determined manually. The range of these thresholds can be analyzed by using a training set. Then some heuristics can be deduced for proper selection of these threshold values. Additionally, incorporation of human visual system based spatio-temporally adaptation of data hiding method parameters as in remains as a future direction.

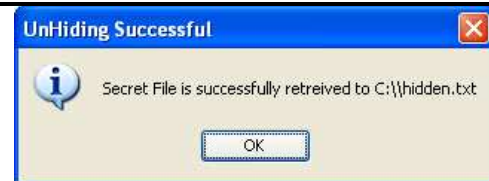
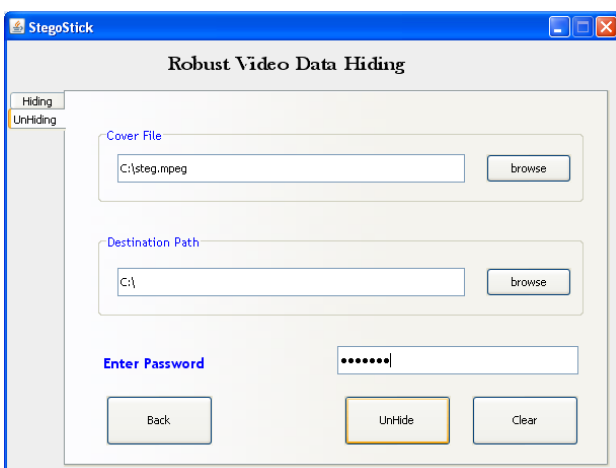
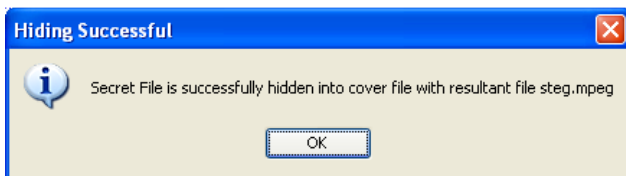
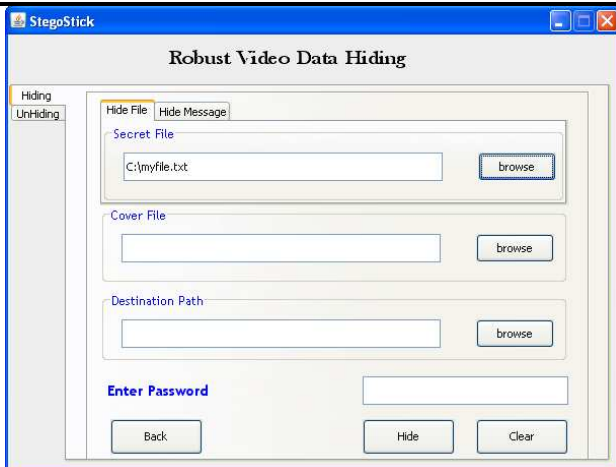
## 7. SCREENSHOTS





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