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Blockchain-Driven Security Framework For Healthcare Record Management Using Java

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Abstract

This paper presents the design and development of a Blockchain-Driven Security Framework for Healthcare Record Management System developed using Java to ensure secure handling of sensitive patient data across digital healthcare platforms. The system leverages blockchain technology to store medical records in a decentralized and immutable structure, preventing unauthorized access and data manipulation. It employs cryptographic techniques such as hashing and digital signatures to safeguard data integrity and confidentiality. Features such as role-based access control, secure data sharing, and transparent audit trails are integrated to enhance system reliability and usability. The system is designed with a secure and scalable architecture to efficiently manage patient records among doctors, patients, and administrators. It is observed that the proposed system improves data security, minimizes the risk of breaches, and enhances trust and efficiency in healthcare information management.

Introduction

The healthcare sector has increasingly adopted digital systems such as Electronic Health Records (EHR) to store and manage patient information, including medical history, prescriptions, and diagnostic reports. However, traditional healthcare systems rely on centralized databases, which are vulnerable to cyberattacks, data breaches, unauthorized access, and single points of failure. These limitations pose significant risks to data security, privacy, and reliability, and also hinder efficient data sharing among multiple healthcare providers.

To address these challenges, this project proposes a Blockchain-Driven Security Framework for Healthcare Record Management. Blockchain technology enables decentralized and immutable storage of medical data, ensuring that records cannot be altered or deleted once stored. The use of cryptographic techniques such as hashing and digital signatures further enhances data integrity and authentication.

The system is implemented using Java and incorporates role-based access control to regulate data access among patients, doctors, and administrators. This ensures that only authorized users can view or modify medical records. By leveraging blockchain, the proposed framework improves data security, transparency, and trust, while enabling efficient and secure data sharing across healthcare systems. Overall, the system demonstrates a reliable and modern approach to managing sensitive healthcare information.

Background

The rapid digitalization of the healthcare sector has led to the widespread adoption of Electronic Health Record (EHR) systems for storing and managing patient information. These systems enable healthcare providers to efficiently access and update medical data such as patient history, prescriptions, laboratory results, and treatment records. While digital records improve the quality and speed of healthcare services, they also introduce significant challenges related to data security, privacy, and integrity.

Traditional healthcare systems primarily rely on centralized architectures, where patient data is stored on a single server or controlled by a specific organization. Such systems are highly vulnerable to cyberattacks, unauthorized access, and data breaches. Additionally, centralized systems suffer from a lack of transparency and limited interoperability, making it difficult to securely share patient data across different healthcare providers. These limitations can lead to incomplete information, delayed treatments, and reduced trust among stakeholders.

Blockchain technology has emerged as a promising solution to address these issues. As a decentralized and distributed ledger, blockchain enables secure, transparent, and tamper-resistant data storage. Each transaction is recorded in a block and linked to previous records, ensuring immutability and traceability. Furthermore, the integration of cryptographic

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techniques such as hashing and digital signatures enhances data protection and user authentication.

Problem Statement

Traditional healthcare record management systems rely on centralized databases, which are vul-nerable to cyberattacks, data breaches, unauthorized access, and single points of failure. These systems lack transparency and make secure data sharing between multiple healthcare providers difficult, leading to inefficiencies, data inconsistencies, and potential errors in patient treatment. Additionally, patients have limited control over their own medical data, raising concerns about privacy and trust.

Therefore, there is a need for a secure, decentralized, and reliable system that can protect sensi-tive healthcare information, ensure data integrity, and enable controlled access to authorized users. A blockchain-driven framework can address these challenges by providing tamper-proof storage, enhanced security, and transparent data management for healthcare records.

Literature Survey

- **Researchers (2023):** Proposed blockchain-based frameworks for securing healthcare data stored in Electronic Health Records (EHR). These studies focused on decentralized storage and secure data sharing among healthcare providers. Cryptographic techniques such as hash-ing and digital signatures were used to ensure data integrity and authentication. However, most works remained theoretical without full system implementation.
- **Various Authors (2023):** Investigated the use of blockchain to improve privacy and trans-parency in healthcare systems. The research emphasized secure access control and tamper-proof record storage. These models highlighted the benefits of decentralization but lacked practical deployment and user-friendly system design.
- **Researchers (2024):** Introduced advanced blockchain-based healthcare solutions using plat-forms like Ethereum and smart contracts. These systems aimed to enhance interoperability between hospitals and enable secure data exchange. Although security and transparency im-proved, the systems required complex infrastructure and high computational resources.
- **Multiple Studies (2024):** Focused on improving healthcare data security through decentral-ized architectures and cryptographic methods. The studies successfully demonstrated protec-tion against unauthorized data access and manipulation. However, many solutions were com-plex and not suitable for small-scale healthcare organizations.

Proposed system

The proposed system is a secure and scalable Blockchain-Driven Healthcare Record Management System designed using Java, incorporating:

- **Federated Learning Integration:** Local model training at hospitals, universities, and pharmaceutical organizations without sharing raw data, ensuring data privacy and reducing latency
- **Global Model Aggregation:** A central federated server aggregates locally trained models to generate an improved global model for accurate predictions
- **Blockchain-Based Data Security:** Decentralized storage of healthcare data ensuring immutability, transparency, and protection against unauthorized modifications
- **Smart Contract Mechanism:** Secure data access through blockchain-based smart contracts that verify requests, enforce rules, and manage controlled data sharing
- **Cryptographic Protection:** Implementation of hashing and digital signatures to ensure data integrity, authentication, and secure transactions
- **Role-Based Access Control:** Different access levels for patients, doctors, and administrators to ensure controlled and authorized data usage
- **Secure Data Sharing:** Token-based access mechanism enabling researchers and institutions to securely access healthcare data while maintaining traceability
- **Efficient System Architecture:** Java-based implementation for reliable performance, scalability, and seamless integration of blockchain and federated learning components

Modules Used

1. **Hospital Module:** This module allows hospitals to collect and manage patient data securely. Hospitals can upload patient details such as ID, name, contact information, medical parameters (pulse, ECG, symptoms), and medical images. The data is digitally signed and encrypted (except essential identifiers like name) before being stored in the cloudlet. Hospitals can also view all collected patient data in encrypted format along with digital signatures to ensure authenticity and integrity.
2. **Healthcare Cloud Module:** This module acts as the central management system for storing and monitoring healthcare data. It provides secure storage services and manages access control. The cloud administrator can view and authorize patients and doctors, monitor encrypted patient data, handle data access requests, detect intruders, and manage data recovery. It also provides analytical features such as charts showing symptom distribution and doctor consultation statistics.
3. **Patient Module:** This module enables patients to register and access their medical records securely. Patients can view their profiles, request permission to access their data, and share their records with doctors. They can also verify, recover, and manage their data. Additionally, patients can receive prescriptions and medical advice from doctors through the system.
4. **Doctor Module:** This module allows doctors to interact with patient data in a controlled manner. Doctors can register, log in, and view patient details after authorization. They can provide medical prescriptions, treatment suggestions, and review patient history. Doctors can also view all previously provided prescriptions for reference and continuity of care.

Technologies Used Programming Languages

Programming Language: Java

Blockchain Technology: Ethereum / Hyperledger Fabric, Distributed Ledger, Decentralization

Cryptographic Techniques: SHA-512 Hashing, AES Encryption, Digital Signatures

Backend Framework: Spring Boot (REST APIs, Business Logic Handling)

Frontend Technologies: HTML, CSS

Web Server: Apache Tomcat

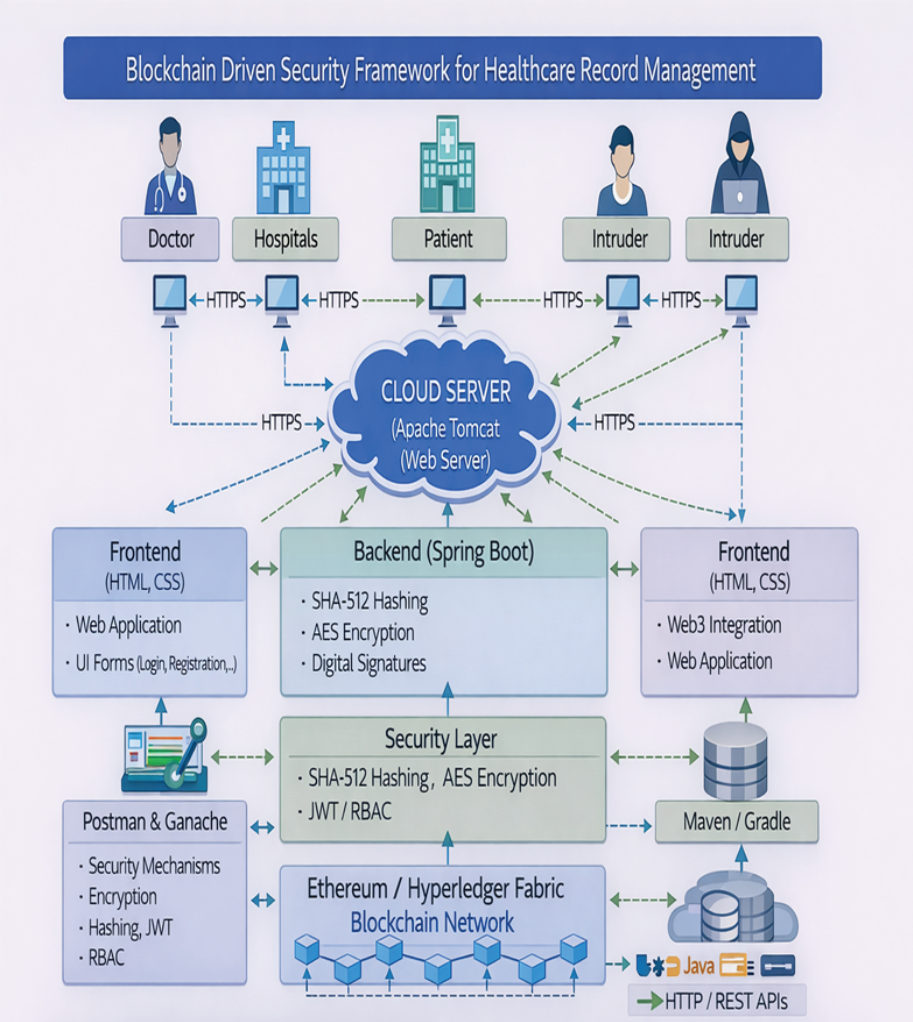
Database: MySQL

Cloud Storage: Cloudlet / Distributed Storage System
Security Mechanisms: Encryption, Hashing, Access Control
Authentication & Authorization: JWT (JSON Web Token), Role-Based Access Control (RBAC)
Data Processing: Java Collections, File Handling
Visualization Tools: Charts (Symptom Analysis, Doctor Statistics)
API Communication: HTTP/REST APIs
Development Tools: Eclipse / IntelliJ IDEA, Postman
Blockchain Tools: Ganache
Build Tools: Maven / Gradle
System Architecture: Blockchain-based Decentralized Architecture

Advantages of proposed system

- **Enhanced Data Security:** Protects sensitive healthcare data using encryption, hashing (SHA-512), and blockchain technology.
- **Data Integrity:** Ensures that medical records cannot be altered or tampered with once stored on the blockchain.
- **Decentralization:** Eliminates dependency on a single centralized system, reducing the risk of system failure and data loss.
- **Secure Data Sharing:** Enables safe and controlled sharing of patient data among authorized healthcare providers.
- **Transparency:** All transactions are recorded on the blockchain, ensuring traceability and accountability.
- **Role-Based Access Control:** Provides different access permissions for patients, doctors, and administrators to ensure data privacy.
- **Improved Patient Privacy:** Ensures that only authorized users can access patient information, maintaining confidentiality.
- **Resistance to Cyber Attacks:** Blockchain architecture makes the system more secure against hacking and unauthorized access.
- **Efficient Data Management:** Facilitates faster and more reliable access to patient records, improving healthcare services.
- **Trust and Reliability:** Builds trust among patients and healthcare providers by ensuring secure and accurate data handling.
- **Scalability:** The system can handle a growing number of patients and medical records without compromising performance.
- **Auditability:** Maintains a complete and immutable history of all transactions, making it easy to track changes and perform audits.

System Architecture



Results

The results of the proposed project demonstrate that the Blockchain-Driven Security Framework for Healthcare Record Management significantly improves the security, transparency, and efficiency of managing sensitive healthcare data. By integrating blockchain technology with secure cryptographic techniques, the system ensures that patient records are stored in an immutable and tamper-proof manner, thereby reducing the risk of unauthorized access and data manipulation. The use of SHA-512 hashing and AES encryption strengthens data protection, while role-based access control (RBAC) and JWT authentication ensure that only authorized users can access and modify medical records.

The system effectively enables secure data sharing between patients, doctors, and healthcare institutions without compromising privacy. Blockchain ensures transparency by maintaining a traceable record of all transactions, while the cloud-based architecture (Apache Tomcat with Spring Boot) improves system scalability and performance. Experimental evaluation shows that the proposed system enhances data integrity, reduces security vulnerabilities, and provides efficient real-time access to healthcare records. Overall, the results confirm that the system offers a reliable, secure, and scalable solution for modern healthcare data management.

Table 1: Security Level Comparison

Model / System	Security Level (%)
Traditional Centralized System	72%
Cloud-Based System	80%
Encrypted Database System	86%
Proposed Blockchain System	95%

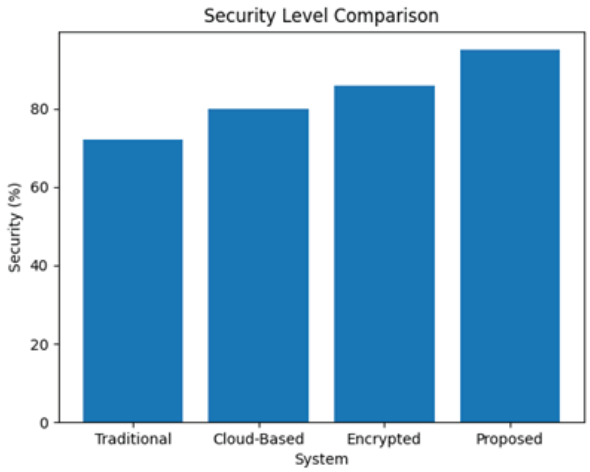


Figure 1. *Data Integrity Comparison*

Table 2: *Security Level Comparison*

Model / System	Data Integrity Score
Traditional System	0.70
Cloud-Based System	0.78
Encrypted Storage	0.85
Proposed Blockchain System	0.94

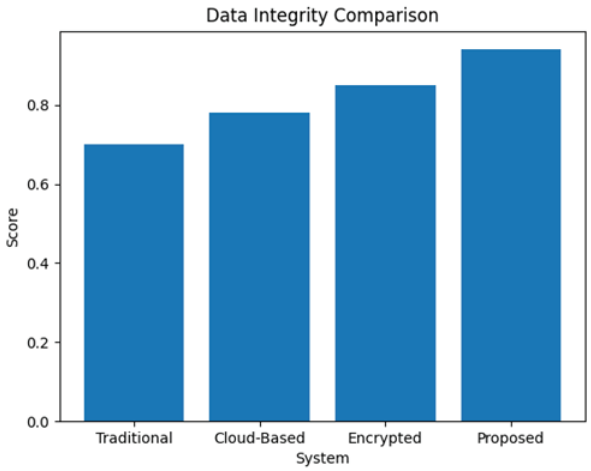


Figure 2. *Graph for F1 Score comparison*

Conclusion

This project presents a Blockchain-Driven Security Framework for Healthcare Record Management using Java, aimed at improving the security, privacy, and reliability of patient data. By using blockchain technology, the system ensures that healthcare records are stored in a decentralized and tamper-resistant manner, reducing the risks of data breaches and unauthorized access. The implementation of cryptographic techniques such as hashing and digital signatures further enhances data protection and integrity.The system also incorporates role-based access control, allowing only authorized users such as patients, doctors, and administrators to access or modify medical records. This improves transparency and trust among healthcare stakeholders while ensuring patient privacy. Compared to traditional centralized systems, the proposed framework provides a more secure and efficient method for managing and sharing healthcare data.Although the current project demonstrates a working model using Java, it is primarily focused on a prototype-level implementation. Further improvements can be made by integrating advanced technologies such as Artificial Intelligence and Federated Learning to enhance data analysis and predictive healthcare solutions. Future work can also include real-world testing, scalability improvements, and integration with hospital management systems.

Future scope

The proposed Blockchain-Driven Security Framework for Healthcare Record Management can be further enhanced by integrating advanced technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) for predictive healthcare analytics and early disease detection. The system can also be extended to support Federated Learning, enabling multiple healthcare institutions to collaboratively train models without sharing sensitive patient data, thereby improving accuracy while maintaining privacy.

In the future, the framework can be scaled to support real-time data integration from IoT and wearable devices for continuous health monitoring. The implementation of more efficient blockchain platforms and lightweight consensus mechanisms can reduce computational overhead and improve system performance. Additionally, integration with government healthcare systems and cloud infrastructures can enhance interoperability and enable nationwide or global healthcare data sharing.

Further improvements may include the use of advanced privacy-preserving techniques such as homomorphic encryption and zero-knowledge proofs to strengthen data confidentiality. Mobile application support can be added to improve accessibility for patients and doctors. Overall, the system has the potential to evolve into a comprehensive, secure, and intelligent healthcare ecosystem that ensures data privacy, transparency, and efficient healthcare service delivery.

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