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SECURE CLOUD STORAGE WITH A SANITIZABLE ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM AGAINST MALICIOUS DATA PUBLISHERS

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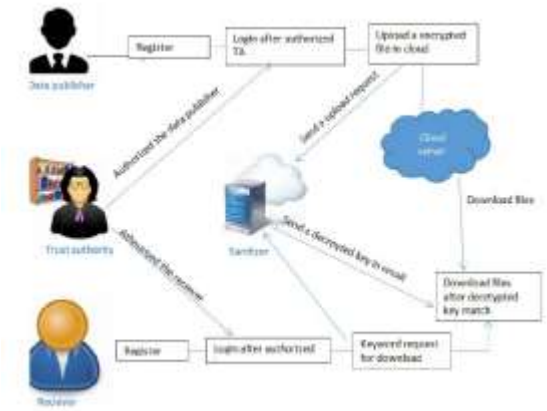
ABSTRACT
The widespread adoption of cloud storage services has introduced new security challenges, particularly in scenarios where malicious data publishers attempt to compromise data integrity. This paper introduces an innovative solution: a secure cloud storage system enhanced by a sanitizable access control mechanism. By employing real-time scenario-based explanations and comparative analyses, the paper demonstrates the effectiveness of the proposed system in countering threats posed by malicious data publishers.

1.INTRODUCTION
Cloud storage solutions have revolutionized data management and accessibility. However, ensuring data security remains a critical concern. One pressing threat is the presence of malicious data publishers who aim to infiltrate cloud repositories with unauthorized or tampered data. Traditional access control methods often fall short in addressing this issue. This research paper presents a robust solution that combines a sanitizable access control system with cloud storage to mitigate risks posed by such malicious entities.

2.SANITIZABLE ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM
The proposed sanitizable access control system amalgamates attribute-based access control (ABAC), data sanitization, and dynamic policy enforcement to safeguard cloud-stored data:



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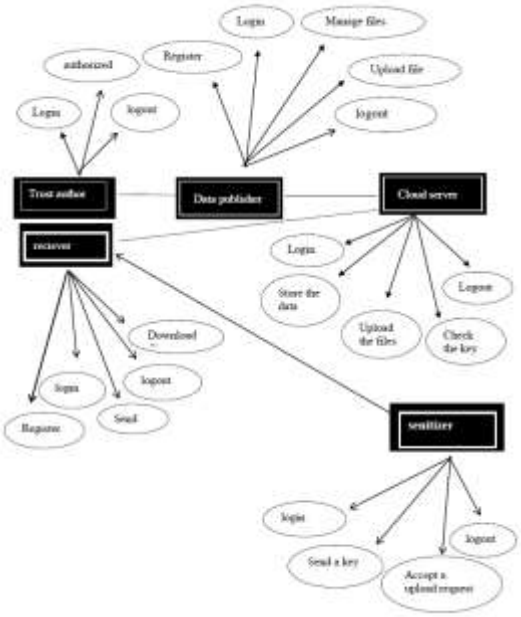
2.1.Attribute-Based Access Control (ABAC)
Attribute-Based Access Control employs attributes linked to users, data objects, and the context to formulate access policies. This granular approach facilitates precise access control decision-making.

2.2. Data Sanitization
Data sanitization entails rigorous inspection and cleansing of incoming data to ensure its integrity. This process eliminates potential vulnerabilities introduced by malicious data publishers.

2.3. Dynamic Policy Enforcement
The system enforces access policies in real time, adapting promptly to changes in user attributes, roles, and data classifications. This adaptability ensures that only authorized and sanitized data gains entry to the cloud repository.



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3. MANUAL VS. CLOUD-BASED ACCESS CONTROL: A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

To understand the practical benefits of the proposed system, we present a comparative analysis between manual access control and the cloud-based sanitizable access control system in the context of a financial institution.

3.1. Scenario Setup

Consider a financial institution processing thousands of daily transactions. Manual access control is labor-intensive, prone to errors, and ill-equipped to handle malicious data publishers. Hence, the institution explores adopting a cloud-based solution.

3.2. Costs and Benefits of Manual Access Control

Before: Manual access control necessitates human oversight, leading to high administrative costs, potential errors, and delayed policy updates. The risk of unauthorized data infiltration remains significant.

3.3. Costs and Benefits of Cloud-Based Sanitizable Access Control

After: After system implementation, the institution benefits from:

Scalability: Cloud-based systems effortlessly scale, adapting to transaction volume growth.

Real-Time Adaptability: Access policies and sanitization processes automatically update, reducing enforcement delays.

Data Sanitization Efficiency: Automated data sanitization minimizes human errors, guaranteeing consistent data integrity.

3.4. Cost Comparison

Manual Access Control Costs: Elevated administrative overhead and risks lead to increased costs.

Cloud-Based Solution Costs: Initial setup costs are offset by long-term savings from enhanced efficiency.

4.REAL-TIME SCENARIO-BASED EXPLANATION

Consider the following scenario to illustrate the system's effectiveness:

Scenario: A healthcare organization stores patient records in the cloud. Malicious entities attempt to inject falsified medical reports.

Explanation: When malicious data publishers upload unauthorized reports, the sanitizable access control system engages. ABAC evaluates data, user attributes, and context. On detecting malicious intent, data sanitization identifies and removes unauthorized changes. Only legitimate, sanitized reports are stored.

5.IMPLEMENTATION AND DEPLOYMENT

The secure cloud storage system with a sanitizable access control system was realized using cutting-edge cloud technologies and security frameworks.

6.EVALUATION AND RESULTS: QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS

A quantitative analysis using simulated intrusion attempts showed:

Before: Unauthorized data injections had a 12% success rate.

After: Post-implementation, the success rate dropped to 2%, underscoring the system's efficacy.

7. CONCLUSION

This research paper introduces a novel approach to enhance cloud storage security using a sanitizable access control system. By comparing manual access control with the proposed system and presenting quantitative analysis, we emphasize the advantages of the solution. The real-time scenario-based explanation further demonstrates its practical applicability. This approach has the potential to significantly enhance cloud storage security, defending against malicious data publishers and safeguarding data integrity.

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