

Cloud Abetted WS-BAN for Far-off Healthcare using proposed Cushy Data Network (Cu-DN)

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Abstract

The trending progresses in far-off healthcare systems enables researchers to concentrate on pervading and easily deployable healthcare systems which stands for medical information, applications, and infrastructure in a pervasive and fully automated manner. Security and privacy of data plays a major role in healthcare management system. This system should ensure the confidentiality of patients' data privacy. A major challenge for healthcare is how to provide enhanced services to a growing number of people using limited financial and human resources. Far-off healthcare is reflected a solution to many existing problems and a possible future of the current healthcare services. In simple terms, it can be defined as healthcare to anyone, anytime, and anywhere by removing locational, time and other restraints while increasing both its coverage and quality. These requirements could be effectively supported by universal, efficient and reliable access to healthcare services, providers, and biomedical information that is available at any time. Cloud Abetted wireless body area networks (WBANs) considerably assist resourceful patient treatment of high quality, inappropriately it's a great challenge about the patient's information secrecy and privacy. The traditional scenario focuses on where patients securely stay indoors. This research focuses on providing solution to more practical situation of cloud abetted WBANs in far-off healthcare where patients traverse among blocks outdoors where their data are more vulnerable to attack. This work proposes the secured network in order to provide secrecy and privacy to the patients' data while they are participating in far-off healthcare monitoring system. In this, the whole system is implemented in a cloud abetted wireless sensor body area network. This is of twofold: first, it attempts to secure the inter-sensor communication by multi-biometric based key generation scheme in WBANs; and secondly, the electronic medical records (EMRs) are securely stored in the hospital community cloud and privacy of the patients' data is preserved.

Keywords: Cushy Data Network (Cu-DN), Cloud Abetted, Wireless Sensor BAN and EMR.

1. Introduction

The use of Wireless Body Area Networks (WBANs) is momentarily improving healthcare quality these days. WBANs have attracted by significant attention because they have a wide range of applications from far-off health monitoring and computer abetted recuperation to emergency medical response systems. Other potential applications include interactive gaming, social computing, entertainment, and the military. The challenges coming from rigorous resource constraints of WBAN devices, and the high demand for both secrecy / privacy and practicality/usability may prevent those applications from being widely deployed. In reality, secrecy and privacy protection of the data collected by a WBAN, either while stored inside the WBAN or during its transmission out of the WBAN, is a major mysterious problem. A possible way to solve this problem is to exploit the benefits of cloud computing. However, the cloud also has its own set of security problems, in that the owner of the data may not have control of where the data is placed. Again, WBANs can in turn help to mitigate security problems with the cloud. Indeed, the integration of WBANs with cloud computing will create a new system named Cloud-abetted WBANs. This new system provides a cloud computing

environment that links different devices from shrunken sensor nodes to high-performance supercomputers that process the huge amount of data collected from multiple WBANs. Since the challenges of resource constraints of WBAN devices are not a major concern when coupled with cloud computing resources, WBAN applications can be deployed on Cloud-assisted WBANs at competitive costs. The system also has a feature that enables its users and applications to access its data from anywhere in the world. Therefore, the security and privacy of the data must be protected in the framework of this new system. In this paper, we propose a Cushy Data Network (Cu – DN) to overcome existing shortcomings in Cloud-assisted WBANs. Our scheme mainly deals with data confidentiality and provides a general paradigm for deploying applications in Cloud-assisted WBANs.

2. Related works

The related work can be categorized in four fragments based on the modules that establish the cloud-assisted secure far-off healthcare system i.e., far-off healthcare monitoring systems, cloud computing based architectures, and physiological value-based key agreement and security for Cushy Data Network. A PDA-Based Patient-Monitoring System is a mobile patient monitoring system that uses a personal digital assistant (PDA) and a wireless local area network (WLAN). CodeBlue is an Ad-hoc sensor network infrastructure for emergency medical care comprising low-power physiological sensors and PDAs. CodeBlue was proposed to improve the ability of first responders to evaluate patients while performing their normal duties. The MobiHealth System is an end-to-end healthcare platform for ambulant patient monitoring deployed on UMTS and GPRS networks. The mobile healthcare systems discussed above are not cloud-based and hence face the problems of accessibility, storage, and computational capabilities. The idea of connecting a mobile device to a cloud in order to get valuable information through queries, such as "what is the average temperature of nodes within a mile of my location?". The VMware hospital secure, private cloud provides services via an infrastructure-as-a service (IaaS) or software-as-a-service (SaaS) model. Microsoft aims to manage the health of the user or subject by monitoring and tracking the health condition or body activity via body sensor network leveraging cloud computing. Dossia is a Personal health record service offered by some of the largest employers in the United States. In case of physiological value based security, used electrocardiogram (ECG) data to generate cryptographic keys using discrete wavelet transform (DWT) for feature extraction. The scheme functions by physically shaking the communicating devices. In a cluster-based secure key-agreement protocol for WBANs is presented, considering the network as a heterogeneous sensor network consisting of a powerful high-end sensor (H-sensor) node and several low-end sensor (L-sensor) nodes. PVs are used as a means for security in WBANs. The above-mentioned health monitoring systems are either fixed infrastructure systems or lack the ubiquitous nature of communication with no plug-n-play capabilities. The physiological value-based key agreement schemes discussed above are based on a single biometric value and hence lack sufficient randomness and key length. The work presented in this paper provides a secure cloud-oriented platform – Cushy Data Network (Cu-DN), where the health of patients is monitored securely by using sensors strapped on the human body, as well as concentrating on the secrecy and privacy of Electronic Medical Record (EMR) of patients. In this research the cloud is offloaded in the Cushy Network with a heavily coupled encryption and decryption system to ensure the confidentiality of patients' Electronic Medical Record (EMR).

3. Proposed System

The proposed system consists of sensors attached to a patient i.e. Body Sensors (BS), a client interface/data reader, Far-off base station (FBS), and a hospital open cloud as shown in Figure 1. The computational servers would be deployed using the hospital open cloud. The proposed tiered model has two modes: the indoor-patient mode and the outdoor-patient mode. In indoor-patient mode, the hospital provides connectivity to the hospital open cloud through their local servers, while in outdoor-patient mode the patient is connected to the hospital open cloud via FBS. In the indoor-patient mode, the patients are kept under observation. The sensors capable of measuring human biological values are attached to their bodies to sense the BVs i.e. electrocardiogram (ECG) and electroencephalogram (EEG) values. Each patient has a personal server i.e. Body Server and is responsible for gathering data from sensors on the patient's body, and a client interface/data reader to transfer data from Body servers to the Open Cloud. In outdoor-patient mode, the patient is considered to be outside the observation and not located in the server's range. Thus, the patient must connect to a Far-off base station (FBS), which transfers the patient's data to the hospital community cloud. If the patient is not within the range of the FBS, Cumulative Transmission will happen with the help of neighboring Body Server which is called as inter-body communication that routes the Electronic Medical Record (EMR) from far patient to near patient of Far-off Base Station (FBS). Once the data is absorbed to the cloud, it will be stored in the EMR system of the hospital. This system consists of the hospital servers like main server, application server, and database server etc. An EnterpriseCloud (EC) with Eucalyptus database would be used to store data in buckets and objects. The received data (BVs) are securely stored in the Eucalyptus database using database schema redesign and cryptographic technique.

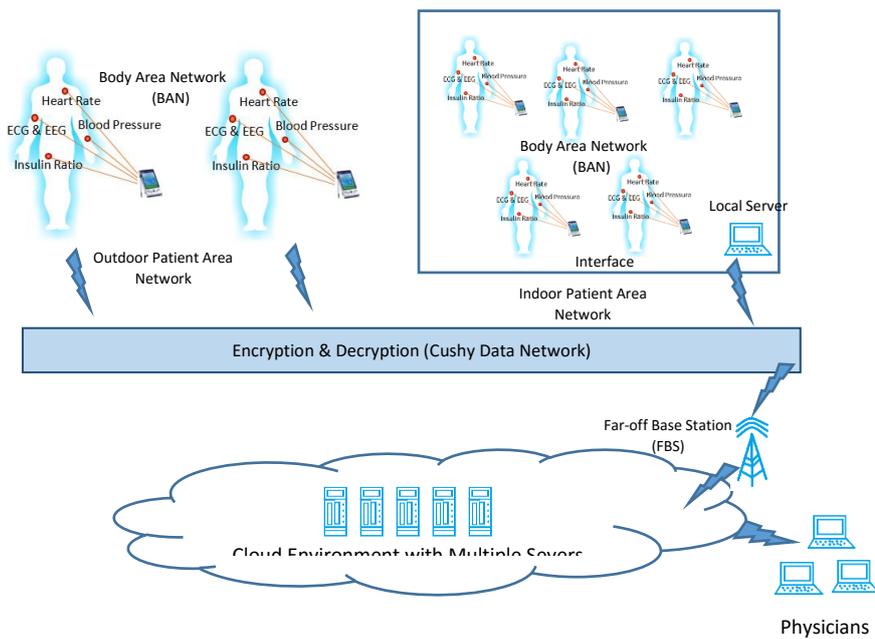


Figure: 1 – System Architecture

4. Cushy Data Network (Cu-DN)

The Network which is formed with a string Encryption and Decryption Scenario for the effective secure communication between the system and devices as shown in Figure 2.

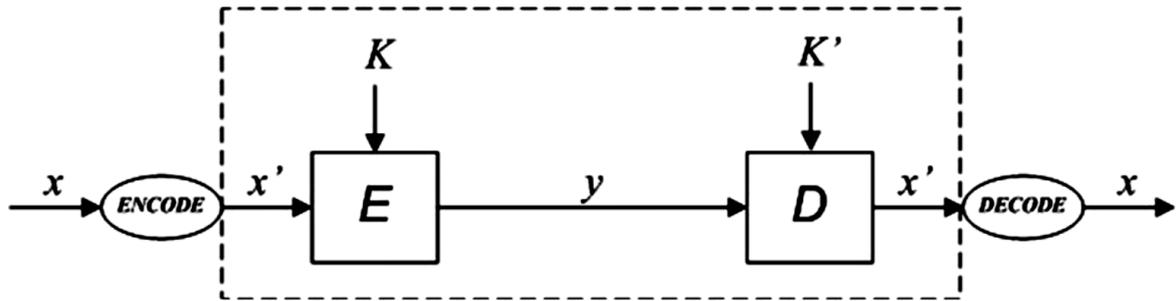


Figure: 2 – Encryption and Decryption System

Here the system has Multi-valued and Ambiguous Scheme (MAS) to overcome existing shortcomings in Cloud-based WBANs. In this scheme, it mainly deals with data confidentiality and provides a general paradigm for deploying applications in Cloud-based WBANs. The concepts behind cryptosystems and unambiguous languages are categorized in two ways. First, we give a new method to design cryptosystems as the standard approach to protect data. In this, users are able to encode data with a secret key that can only be decoded by the intended receivers. The obtained cryptosystems possess interesting properties such as allow the use of unambiguous languages that are generally not codes. Also, the cryptosystems contain a trapdoor which can be reduced to an undecidable problem. Second, the scheme for data confidentiality that is suitable for use in Cloud-based WBANs.

The procedure ENCODE encodes a word $u \rightarrow A^*$, $u = u_1 u_2, \dots, u_n$, $u_i \in A$, obtaining m -bit blocks of encoded words. Concretely, we use a while loop to scan the word u from left to right. Then, each m -bit block of the encoded words can be produced using the nested while loop. Indeed, the condition $(count \leq k)$ and $(|w_j| < m)$ guarantees that the length of the word used to produce the block w_j is less than or equal to k , and w_j does not exceed m bits. Depending on the encoding situation, the PAD (w_j) is called to pad w_j in order to gain the m -bit block. Next, the exclusive-or of two bitstrings is used to create masks on m -bit blocks constituting the output.

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procedure ENCODE ( $u$ )
   $i = 1, j = 10;$ 
  while  $i \leq n$  do
     $count = 1;$ 
    while  $(count \leq k)$  and  $(|w_j| < m)$  do
      if  $|w_j e_g(u_i)| \leq m$  then
         $w_j = w_j e_g(u_i), count = count + 1, i = i + 1$ 
      else PAD ( $w_j$ );
      if  $|w_j| < m$  then PAD ( $w_j$ );
      if  $j = 1$  then  $w'_j = w_j XOR S$  else  $w'_j = w_{j-1} XOR w_j;$ 
       $j = j + 1;$ 
  return  $w = w'_1 w'_2 \dots w'_{j-1}$ 
  
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The DECODE procedure takes an encoded word w of q m -bit blocks as input $w = w'_1 w'_2 \dots w'_q$, $|w'_j| = m$, and produces the original word $u \rightarrow A^*$ as output. At first, the m -bit secret key S is used to remove the masks of input blocks. Then, each block is decoded separately. The EXTRACT (w_j, tmp) extracts words in X from w_j , then stores them in the array tmp . Then, the corresponding original words can be obtained from tmp using d_g .

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procedure DECODE( $w$ )
  
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i = 1, j = 1;
  while j <= q do
    if j = 1 then wj = w'j XOR S else wj = wj-1 XOR w'j;
      EXTRACT (wj, tmp);
    count = 1;
    while (count <= length(tmp)) do
      ui = dg(tmp[count]), count = count + 1, i = i + 1;
    j = j + 1;
  return u = u1 u2 ..... ui-1

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5. Conclusion

The paper offered a cloud abetted secure structure for far-off healthcare system that focuses on inter-sensor communication security as well as patients' data security and privacy with the presence of Cushy Data Network (Cu-DN). The proposed system uses multiple biometricsto generate a common key for inter-sensor communication with more accuracy and defensibility. The proposed framework will be evaluate in terms of security of inter-sensor communication and the results indicate that the proposed system is a viable solution for the next generation far-off healthcare systems. The proposed framework is beneficial as it provides a complete cloud-abetted framework and security solution for a ubiquitous far-off healthcare monitoring System.

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