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Abstract—The smart health paradigms employ Internet-connected wearables for tele-monitoring, diagnosis providing inexpensive healthcare solutions. Mist computing reduces latency and increases throughput by processing data near the edge of the network. In the present paper, we proposed a secure mist computing architecture that is validated on recently released public geospatial health dataset. Results and discussion support the efficacy of proposed architecture for smart geospatial health applications. The present research paper proposed SoA-Mist i.e. a three-tier secure framework for efficient management of geospatial health data with the use of mist devices. It proposed the security aspects in client layer, mist layer, fog layer and cloud layer. It has defined the prototype development by using win-win spiral model with use case and sequence diagram. Overlay analysis has been performed with the developed framework on malaria vector borne disease positive maps of Maharashtra state in India from 2011 to 2014 in mobile clients as test case. Finally, It concludes with the comparison analysis of cloud based framework and proposed SoA-Mist framework.

I. INTRODUCTION

Sharing, storing and processing of public geospatial health data requires secure infrastructure. Geospatial Health data could be analyzed for locating the area with critical issues of diseases so that proper healthcare facilities could be provided. In many cases, propagation of diseases and ailments are somehow related to geographical location, e.g. Zika Virus in Puerto Rico etc.. Fog computing could be leverage for enhanced analysis of real-world data about diseases and other problems along with the locations [1]. Geospatial Health data are heterogeneous that lead to challenges in integrating it with existing healthcare facilities, interoperability etc.. Both fog and mist computing are the emerging solution that provides low-power node for increasing throughput and reducing latency near the edge of various systems at client layer [2]. Mist computing requires less cloud storage and transmission power for long-term analysis data. Fog computing has been applied successfully in healthcare and smart cities [3] [4] [5].

Mist computing environment provided low-power gateway that increased throughput with reduced latency near the edge of clients. Consequently, the cloud storage has reduced. In addition, reduction in the required transmission power results in overall efficiency. The geospatial health data were processed at the edge using proposed secure Mist-based architecture. The present paper has made the following contributions to the secure transmission of health data:

1) Proposed of SoA-Mist i.e. a four-tier secure mist computing based framework that allows communication between client layer, mist layers/nodes, fog layer and cloud layer for enhanced security features for geospatial health data sharing in secure and more efficient way.
2) Sketched the prototype development by using win-win spiral model. The interaction between the various services modeled by using Unified Modeling Language (UML) with use case and sequence diagrams.
3) Overlay analysis has performed on malaria vector borne disease positive maps of Maharashtra state in India from 2011 to 2014 for mobile clients;
4) Proposed the comparison analysis of cloud based framework and proposed SoA-Mist framework.

II. RELATED WORKS

A. Edge Computing

Variety of Data are processed and produced at the edge of network and some works have done before in micro data center and cloudlet. Edge computing allows for more edge devices to interface with the cloud in larger scale. Since the cloud computing environments are not setup for the velocity, volume and variety of heterogeneous data items. It changes in the systems before cloud must be adapted to improved make use of the cloud services accessible. In the edge computing concept, the things are data producers and data consumers. At the edge, the things are perform the computing tasks from the cloud as well as request service. Edge computing can perform data storage, offloading, caching, computing, processing, distribute request and delivery service from the...
Cloud computing layer to client tier layer. With the variety of jobs in the edge network, the edge node needs to be well designed to meet the requirement efficiently in reliability, security, and privacy protection service. In edge computing, it requires putting the computing at the proximity of data sources. These have been great benefits as compared to the traditional cloud computing paradigm [5] [6].

B. Cloud computing

Cloud computing paradigm has provided huge storage and computational infrastructure for geospatial data analysis. It facilitated a transition from desktop to cloud servers. Cloud computing along with other web architectures have created an open environment with shared assets [7]. Cloud framework delivered a robust platform in organizations that interrelate technologies, tools, and expertise to nurture production, handling, and use of geospatial data. It deployed a unique instance, multi-tenant architecture that permitted more than one client to contribute assets without disrupting each other. This integrated hosted service method helped in installing patches and application advancements for user’s transparency. The other characteristics were geographical web services as an established architectural methodology. Many cloud platforms uncover the application functionalities through geographical web services [8]. This permit clients to query and update different types of cloud services. It also has provisions of a typical tool to assimilate different cloud applications in the software cloud with enterprise SOA infrastructure. Figure 1 shows systems’ view of Cloud Framework for sharing and storing of health data [9].

In client-tier layer, there are three types of clients namely mobile, thick, and thin. Clients visualize and analyze the geospatial data. Mobile client operates through mobile devices whereas thin clients works on standard web browsers. In thick clients environment, users process or visualize the geospatial data on desktops that requires installation of additional software for full-phase operations [10]. The cloud layer is comprised of main geographical services executed on the servers. It is intermediate between service providers and clients. There are different types of services such as, Web Map Service (WMS), Web Coverage Service (WCS), Web Feature Service (WFS), Web Catalog Service (CSW) and Web Processing Service (WPS) that operates on top of dedicated servers [8]. The detail explanation of every process done by client request, being forward the desire processing service with input of several factors, specifies and provides definite region in leaps box and feedbacks with composite standards. In cloud layer comprises of storing and analysis of the various geospatial data. System utilizes the layer to store, recover, manipulate and update the geospatial data for long-term analysis.

C. Fog computing

With the technology enhancement of fog computing, it has given the more computing power to the cloud framework. Fog framework has three layers as client tier layer, cloud layer and Fog layer. In client tier, the categories of users have been further divided into thick client, thin client and mobile client environment. Processing of geospatial health data can be possible within these three environments. Cloud layer is mainly focused on overall storage and analysis of geospatial data. Fog layer works as middle tier between client layer and cloud layer. It has experimentally validated that the Fog layers are characterized by low power consumption, reduced storage requirement and overlay analysis capabilities. In the Fog layer, all the Fog node developed with Intel Edison processor. Fog framework used to assist and hence enhance the capabilities of cloud framework. In Fog framework, fog node processes the data. After processing, it has the ability to send the data to cloud layer for long-term storage and analysis. So, Fog framework enables the more power to the end-users for better performance without computational overhead at cloud layer. Fog framework added privacy benefit where we process the data locally at Fog devices and send only the analysis results to cloud layer. Figure 2 shows the Conceptual diagram of the fog framework for geospatial health data storage and analysis [4] [11].

From the above conceptual diagram of cloud and fog framework, it observed that the geospatial data as a key components for data analysis in cloud layer [10], [9]. It requires geospatial data from the various components. It led to the concept of geospatial big data that is discussed in the next section.

D. Big Data

Big data are data those distribution, diversity, scale and timeliness require the use of new technical architectures and analytics to enable insights that unlock new sources of business value. Big data have included data sets with sizes beyond the ability of commonly used software tools to capture, accurate, manage and process data within an acceptable elapsed time [12]. Big data can come in multiple forms. Most of the big data are semi-structured, quasi structured or unstructured, that requires numerous techniques and tools to analyze and process. Analysis of big datasets can discover the new correlations to spot business trends, combat crime and prevent diseases. Big data sets are growing rapidly because they are increasingly gathered by the information sensing mobile devices, microphones, wireless sensor networks, cameras, aerial images and software logs [13].

Geospatial data are always been big data with the combination of remote sensing, GIS and GPS data. Now-a-days, big data analytics for geospatial data are getting considerable attention that allows users to analyze huge amounts of geospatial data. Geospatial big data usually refers to geospatial data sets beyond the capacity of present computational environment [13].

As we know that the reliability, manageability and cost saving are the key important factors in that cloud computing always be one of advantageous over other emerge technology for data processing. But in terms of security and privacy are the main concerns for the processing of sensitive data. Particularly in health sector, data are so sensitivity for further processing and analysis [14]. Particularly, for health sector,
Fog computing has become a significant issue for the collaborative preparation, recovery, and response stages of numerous disease control mechanisms. Disease phenomena are strongly associated with geospatial and related temporal factors. To address these challenges, the Cloud framework offers dynamic and real-time representation of disease information through maps on common browsers [2] [4]. For secure sharing and analysis of health data, we must address various security issues discussed in the next section.

E. Security issues

With the introduction of cloud computing technology, many issues arise in security and privacy. A number of security threats are associated with cloud data services: not only traditional security threats, such as network eavesdropping, illegal invasion, and denial of service attacks, but also specific cloud computing threats, such as side channel attacks, virtualization vulnerabilities, and abuse of cloud services. The following security requirements limit these threats [15][16].

Since fog is considered a non-trivial extension of cloud computing, some security and privacy issues in the context of cloud computing, can be expected to inevitably impact fog computing. Security and privacy concerns will delay the adoption of fog computing if not well managed, according to the fact that 74 percent of IT Executives and Chief Information Officers reject cloud computing due to security and privacy risks. As fog computing is still in its early stages, there is little work on security and privacy issues [17]. Since fog computing is proposed in the context of Internet of Things (IoT), and originates from cloud computing, security and
privacy issues of cloud are inherited in fog computing [18]. Client authentication, service security and database security are the prime concern in cloud computing environment. By keeping this on mind, it has been proposed a three tier security framework for sharing of health data across the web [19][20][21]. From the above related work, it is summarized that, it requires a secure fog computing based framework for sharing and analysis of geospatial big data.

III. PROPOSED MODEL

A. Mist Computing

Mist computing has been taken from the edge and fog computing concepts further by pushing some of the computation to the edge of network, actuator devices and to the sensor which has built the whole network for cloud data center. With the help of mist computing the computation performed at the edge of network in the micro controllers of embedded nodes. Mist computing paradigm has decreased the latency and increased the autonomy of a solution [22]. Cloud, Fog and Mist computing are complementary to each other w.r.t. the application tasks, which are more computationally intensive can be executed in the gateway of the fog layer while the less computationally intensive tasks can be executed in the edge devices. The processing and the collecting of data are still stored in the cloud data center for the availability to the user. The important application of mist computing is a collection of different services which has been distributed among the computing nodes [23]. Both, fog computing and its even younger brother mist computing are coined by Cisco and located somewhere between the fog and the edge, extend the classical client-server architecture to a more peer-to-peer based approach, similar or equal to edge [24]. By considering this mist computing with security aspects, the proposed SoA-Mist framework sketched for processing of geospatial health big data analytics.

B. Prototype Development

For the prototype development of SoA-Mist i.e. Mist-based framework, the primary emphasis is on spiral model. In spiral model approach, the software development process adopts a sequence of steps including requirements prerequisite plan, analysis, development strategy, operation and testing, complete module and framework observation. The process has incremental in nature and each implementation refines the analysis and developing stages through evaluation and testing of a completed module. So there are four phases in SoA-Mist. Phase I deals with the proposed model of SoA-Mist framework. Phase II describes about the use case and sequence diagram for proposed SoA-Mist. Phase III and Phase IV explain the overlay analysis of the geospatial data on mobile client environment in SoA-Mist framework and comparison analysis for Cloud framework and SoA-Mist framework. Figure 3 shows the complete spiral model for development of SoA-Mist.

C. Proposed framework of SoA-Mist

This section describes various components of the proposed SoA-Mist framework and discusses the methods implemented in it. The main focus on SoA-Mist has been use of a practical approach to explore and extend the concept of security approaches for mist computing in geospatial health sector. It provides an efficient and effective means of sharing geospatial health data on the web. Figure 4 shows the proposed four-tier secure service oriented mist computing framework of geospatial health data resources in which the basic overview of service provider, service consumer and catalog service are shown.

In the SoA-Mist framework, it is proposed to achieve the principle of CIA. Confidentiality can be achieved by SSL based security integration. Role based security is meant to focus on integrity of services whereas database security is to focus on the availability of data to the authenticated user. In the proposed SoA-Mist framework, it is proposed 3-tier security mechanism, the mist layer is technically meant to be role base access control mechanism. The easy to implement mechanisms like discretionary access control mechanism and mandatory access control mechanism can be used. Role base access control mechanism in a preventive way accesses the data tier and ultimately the data will reach the application layer passing through the security mechanism of the data tier and cloud layer. The user role is defined at the very beginning at the client layer by providing authorized access after authenticated verification of the user identity. In addition, it is expected that each phase would reveal a unique features related to the requirements of infrastructure and enable exploration of the interfaces between fog framework components. The requirements stage of application design aims to specify the behavior of the framework from perspective of a user. From the above defined SoA-Mist framework, it is described sequence diagram. Figure 5 has shown sequence diagram of SoA-Mist framework. In the proposed SoA-Mist framework, it is more secure for sharing of geospatial health data than cloud based framework. So the next result and discussions section describes about the overlay analysis and the comparison analysis of existing cloud framework with SoA-Mist by taking suitable parameters.

IV. RESULTS & DISCUSSIONS

A. Overlay analysis in SoA-Mist

In this section, geospatial data analysis particularly overlay analysis has performed for malaria vector borne disease positive maps of Maharashtra, India. It has found that two number of shape files related to malaria information mapping are overlaying with Google satellite layer. In the present study, it has used the malaria death mapping data of Maharashtra from 2011-2014; has been processing in SoA-Mist. The overlay analysis of various vector data and raster data of particular area has performed in thick, thin and mobile clients. Initially, the developed datasets have been opened with Quantum GIS; desktop based GIS analysis tools, and performed some join
operations in mobile client environment. In Quantum GIS, plugin named as QGISCloud has installed. The said plugin has the capability of storing various raster and vector data set in cloud database for further overlay analysis. After storing in cloud database, it generates the mobile and thin client link for visualization of both vector and raster data set. Figure 6 shows the overlay analysis on thick, thin and mobile client environment. It observes that the overlay analysis is one of the useful technique for visualization of geospatial health data.

B. Comparison analysis Cloud and SoA-Mist framework

Both Cloud and SoA-Mist frameworks have specific meaning for a service range with in the cloud computing and client tiers which provide the mutual benefit to each other and interdependent services that leads to the greater storage control, capacity, and communication with in the specified range[6]. Table 1 outlines the comparison characteristics of cloud and SoA-Mist framework.

V. CONCLUSIONS

In this study, we proposed SoA-Mist framework for enhanced analysis of geospatial health data. Intel Edison was used as mist and fog computers in developed prototypes of proposed SoA-Mist. Mist and fog devices reduced the storage requirements, transmission power leading to overall efficiency. It enhances the data analysis by increasing the throughput and reducing the latency. Geospatial health data of malaria vector borne disease positive maps of Maharashtra
state in India has used as a case study. We performed the overlay analysis in thick, thin and mobile client environment for proposed SoA-Mist framework. Further, the comparison of computation between cloud and SoA-Mist has outlined. It has shown that the efficacy of proposed SoA-Mist framework over cloud and fog computing for enhanced analysis of geospatial health data. Thus, the mist and fog devices has added the more edge intelligence in geospatial health big
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