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Secure Multi-Modal Data Management Using a Hybrid Encryption Framework

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***Abstract*—This paper presents a secure and efficient framework for protecting multi-modal data in cloud environments using a hybrid encryption approach. The proposed system integrates Advanced Encryption Standard (AES-256) for high-speed data encryption with Rivest–Shamir–Adleman (RSA-4096) for secure key exchange, ensuring both performance and confidentiality. To enhance data integrity and prevent tampering, a blockchain-based hashing mechanism utilizing SHA-256 is incorporated. Additionally, a role-based access control (RBAC) model combined with anomaly detection techniques is employed to restrict unauthorized access and monitor suspicious activities. The architecture is designed to handle diverse data types, including text, images, and sensor data, while maintaining scalability and reliability. Experimental evaluation demonstrates improved throughput, reduced latency, and enhanced security compared to traditional methods. The proposed framework provides a comprehensive, multi-layered solution for secure data storage and transmission in modern cloud-based systems.**

Keywords*—Hybrid encryption, AES, RSA, blockchain security, SHA-256, multi-modal data, cloud security, RBAC, anomaly detection, data integrity.

I. Introduction

The rapid growth of cloud computing and digital technologies has led to an unprecedented increase in the generation and storage of multi-modal data, including text, images, videos, and sensor information. While cloud platforms provide scalability and flexibility, they also introduce significant security challenges related to data confidentiality, integrity, and unauthorized access. Traditional encryption techniques often struggle to balance performance and security, particularly when handling large and diverse datasets. Symmetric encryption algorithms such as AES offer high efficiency for bulk data processing, whereas asymmetric algorithms like RSA provide secure key distribution but suffer from computational overhead. Consequently, hybrid encryption approaches that combine the strengths of both methods have gained considerable attention in recent research [1], [2].

In addition to encryption, ensuring data integrity and preventing tampering have become critical requirements in modern cloud systems. Blockchain technology has emerged as a promising solution due to its decentralized and immutable nature, enabling secure verification of data through cryptographic hashing mechanisms such as SHA-256. By integrating blockchain with encryption frameworks, systems can achieve enhanced transparency and trustworthiness. Furthermore, access control mechanisms like Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) and intelligent anomaly detection techniques play a vital role in safeguarding sensitive information by restricting unauthorized usage and identifying suspicious behavior patterns [3]. These combined approaches contribute to building a robust, multi-layered security architecture suitable for complex data environments.

Motivated by these challenges, this paper proposes a comprehensive hybrid security framework designed to protect multi-modal data in cloud environments. The proposed system integrates AES-256 for efficient data encryption, RSA-4096 for secure key management, and blockchain-based hashing for data integrity verification. Additionally, RBAC and anomaly detection mechanisms are incorporated to strengthen access control and system monitoring. Unlike conventional methods, the proposed approach emphasizes a layered security model that addresses multiple vulnerabilities simultaneously while maintaining system performance. Experimental results demonstrate that the framework achieves improved throughput, reduced latency, and enhanced resistance to unauthorized access, making it a viable solution for next-generation secure cloud systems [4].

II. Literature Review

Recent studies have extensively explored hybrid encryption techniques as a solution to the limitations of standalone cryptographic methods. Durge and Deshmukh [1] proposed a hybrid AES-RSA model to enhance cloud data security by combining fast encryption with secure key exchange. Similarly, Saydahd et al. [2] conducted a comparative evaluation of hybrid schemes involving AES, RSA, ECC, and ChaCha20, demonstrating that hybrid models significantly improve both security and transmission efficiency. Chang et al. [3] introduced an energy-efficient hybrid AES-RSA approach tailored for IoT environments, emphasizing low power consumption alongside secure communication. Furthermore, Najm and Noor [4] provided a comprehensive review of AES-RSA hybrid encryption, identifying its strengths in performance optimization while also

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highlighting potential limitations in scalability and key management.

Several researchers have focused on applying hybrid encryption to specific data types and applications. Elumalaivasan et al. [5] analyzed AES and AES-RSA techniques for securing visual data, concluding that hybrid approaches offer improved resistance against unauthorized access. Kumari et al. [6] proposed a privacy-preserving cloud database framework using AES-RSA hybrid encryption, demonstrating enhanced confidentiality in data storage. Sathwik et al. [7] explored hybrid cryptography in the context of post-quantum security, emphasizing the need for adaptable encryption models. Additionally, Mallouk [8] investigated the integration of artificial intelligence with hybrid encryption to further optimize encryption processes, while Jerlin et al. [9] applied hybrid encryption in secure communication systems, highlighting its effectiveness in real-time applications. Modi et al. [10] extended hybrid encryption techniques to crime data security, comparing multiple cryptographic combinations and confirming the superior performance of AES-RSA models.

In the context of cloud computing and data transmission, several works have emphasized the importance of combining encryption with efficient key management. Chauhan et al. [11] roposed a hybrid AES-256 and RSA framework with improved key management strategies for secure cloud storage. Feng et al. [12] introduced enhancements to the traditional AES-RSA algorithm to improve encryption efficiency and robustness. Similarly, Murugesan et al. [13] applied hybrid encryption in federated learning systems, demonstrating its ability to secure decentralized data processing environments. Selvi and Sakthivel [14] proposed an ECC-AES hybrid model as an alternative to RSA-based systems, showing improved performance in certain scenarios. Ahialey et al. [15] further analyzed various hybrid encryption models, highlighting their effectiveness in balancing security, scalability, and computational efficiency in cloud environments.

Emerging research has also explored advanced hybrid encryption designs and their applications in modern computing paradigms. Alkhalidy and Al-Nakash [16] proposed a novel Hyperring RSA-AES hybrid scheme with enhanced resistance to post-quantum attacks, demonstrating improved computational performance. Hafeez et al. [17] examined performance trade-offs in adaptive hybrid encryption techniques, particularly in IoT-based environmental systems, emphasizing the importance of optimizing resource utilization. Diao et al. [18] applied AES-RSA hybrid encryption for protecting personal data, showcasing its applicability in sensitive information systems. Kim and Jeon [19] conducted performance analysis of AES, RSA, and hybrid approaches in database encryption, confirming the advantages of hybrid models in terms of speed and security balance. These studies collectively highlight the growing importance of hybrid encryption in addressing evolving cybersecurity challenges.

Moreover, recent advancements have extended hybrid encryption frameworks to specialized domains such as vehicular networks and real-time communication systems. Usama and Hadi [20] proposed a hybrid encryption framework for secure vehicular communications, integrating multiple symmetric and asymmetric techniques to ensure real-time data protection. Despite these advancements, existing studies primarily focus on specific applications or individual enhancements, often lacking a unified framework capable of handling multi-modal data with integrated security layers. In particular, limited attention has been given to combining hybrid encryption with blockchain-based integrity verification and intelligent access control mechanisms. This gap motivates the development of a comprehensive, multi-layered security framework that integrates encryption, integrity verification, and access control to address the complex requirements of modern cloud-based systems.

III. Research Methodology

The proposed research methodology introduces a **multi-layered hybrid security framework** designed to ensure confidentiality, integrity, and controlled access for multi-modal data in cloud environments. The framework integrates **AES-256 symmetric encryption for high-speed data processing**, **RSA-4096 asymmetric encryption for secure key exchange**, and a **blockchain-based hashing mechanism (SHA-256)** to guarantee data integrity. Additionally, **Role-Based Access Control (RBAC)** and **anomaly detection** are incorporated to enhance system-level security. The methodology is structured into sequential stages including data preprocessing, hybrid encryption, integrity verification, and secure access control. Each stage is mathematically modeled to ensure clarity, reproducibility, and performance optimization.

A. Proposed Hybrid SecureVault Algorithm

Step 1: Data Representation and Preprocessing

Let the multi-modal dataset be represented as:

$$D = \{d_1, d_2, d_3, \dots, d_n\} \quad (1)$$

where each d_i represents a data block (text, image, sensor data, etc.).

Each data block is normalized using a preprocessing function:

$$d_i' = \mathcal{N}(d_i) \quad (2)$$

where $\mathcal{N}(\cdot)$ ensures format standardization and noise reduction.

Step 2: AES Session Key Generation

A secure random AES-256 key is generated:

$$K_{AES} \in \{0,1\}^{256} \quad (3)$$

This key is used for bulk data encryption.

Step 3: AES Encryption of Data Blocks

Each preprocessed data block is encrypted using AES:

$$C_i = E_{AES}(d_i', K_{AES}) \quad (4)$$

where:

- C_i= encrypted ciphertext
- E_{AES}= AES encryption function

The complete encrypted dataset becomes:

$$C = \{C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n\} \quad (5)$$

Step 4: Hash Generation for Integrity (Blockchain Layer)

Each encrypted block is hashed using SHA-256:

$$H_i = SHA256(C_i) \quad (6)$$

To maintain blockchain linkage:

$$B_i = H_i \oplus B_{i-1} \quad (7)$$

where:

- B_i= current block hash

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- B_{i-1}= previous block hash
- $\oplus$= XOR operation

This creates a tamper-proof chain:

$$\mathcal{B} = \{B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n\} \quad (8)$$

Step 5: RSA Encryption of AES Key

To securely transmit the AES key, RSA encryption is applied:

$$K_{enc} = E_{RSA}(K_{AES}, PU) \quad (9)$$

where:

- PU= public key
- K_{enc}= encrypted AES key

RSA encryption is defined as:

$$K_{enc} = K_{AES}^{e} \bmod n \quad (10)$$

where:

- e= public exponent
- n= modulus

Step 6: Secure Data Transmission Model

The transmitted package is defined as:

$$T = \{C, K_{enc}, \mathcal{B}\} \quad (11)$$

This ensures:

- Confidentiality → via AES
- Secure key exchange → via RSA
- Integrity → via blockchain

Step 7: Decryption Process

At the receiver side:

- **Recover AES Key:**

$$K_{AES} = D_{RSA}(K_{enc}, PR) \quad (12)$$

$$K_{AES} = K_{enc}^{d} \bmod n \quad (13)$$

where $PR$is the private key.

- **Recover Original Data:**

$$d_i' = D_{AES}(C_i, K_{AES}) \quad (14)$$

$$d_i = \mathcal{N}^{-1}(d_i') \quad (15)$$

Step 8: Integrity Verification

Recompute hash:

$$H_i' = SHA256(C_i) \quad (16)$$

Validation condition:

$$H_i' = H_i \quad (17)$$

If false → data tampering detected.

Step 9: Access Control Function

Access decision is defined as:

$$A(u, r) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } u \in R \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (18)$$

where:

- u= user
- R= authorized role set

Step 10: Anomaly Detection Model

Behavior deviation score:

$$\delta = | X_{current} - X_{normal} | \quad (19)$$

Alert condition:

$$\delta > \theta \quad (20)$$

where $\theta$is threshold.

B. Dataset Summary

To evaluate the effectiveness of the proposed hybrid security framework, a diverse multi-modal dataset is considered. The dataset consists of different data types including text, images, sensor readings, and metadata, reflecting real-world cloud storage scenarios. This heterogeneous data is preprocessed, encrypted, and utilized to train and validate the system's security mechanisms, particularly anomaly detection and access control models.

TABLE I. DATASET COMPOSITION

Data Type	Dataset Size	Number of Files	Description
Text Data	5 GB	50,000	Documents, logs, and textual records
Image Data	10 GB	20,000	JPEG/PNG images for visual data
Sensor Data	3 GB	100,000	IoT sensor readings (time-series)
Metadata	1 GB	200,000	User activity logs and attributes

TABLE II. FEATURE DISTRIBUTION FOR MODEL TRAINING

Feature Type	Number of Features	Purpose
Statistical Features	15	Mean, variance, entropy of data
Temporal Features	10	Time-based access patterns
Behavioral Features	12	User activity and access frequency
Security Features	8	Encryption logs and hash validation

Table 1 presents the composition of the multi-modal dataset used in this study, highlighting the diversity and scale of data involved in cloud environments. It ensures that the proposed system is evaluated across different data formats. Table 2 summarizes the extracted features used to train the anomaly detection and access control models, including statistical, temporal, behavioral, and security-related attributes. Together, these datasets support comprehensive training and validation of the proposed framework, ensuring accurate detection of anomalies and robust enforcement of secure data access.

C. Flowchart

The flowchart illustrates the complete workflow of the proposed Hybrid SecureVault algorithm, beginning with the input of multi-modal data, which is first preprocessed and normalized to ensure consistency. Upon successful preprocessing, an AES-256 key is generated and used to encrypt the data blocks, producing ciphertext. Each encrypted block is then hashed using SHA-256, and these hashes are linked sequentially to form a blockchain structure, ensuring data integrity. The AES key is subsequently encrypted using RSA for secure transmission. If encryption is successful, the system transmits the encrypted data, key, and blockchain ledger to the receiver. At the destination, the AES key is decrypted using the RSA private key, followed by decryption of the data. The system then verifies data integrity by

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comparing hash values; any mismatch triggers a security alert. Access control is enforced using RBAC, allowing only authorized users to proceed, while anomaly detection continuously monitors behavior and raises alerts if suspicious activity exceeds a defined threshold.

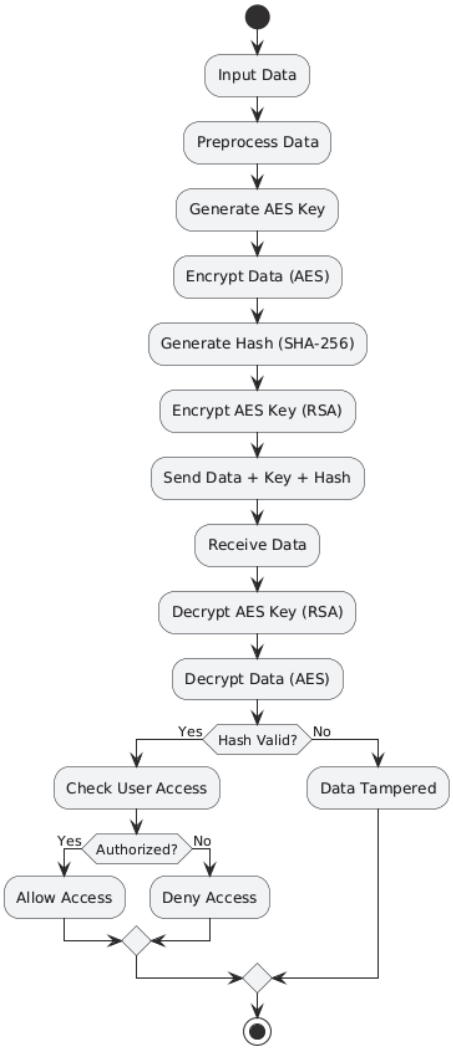

Fig. 1. Simplified Hybrid Encryption Flowchart

IV. Result

The performance of the proposed Hybrid SecureVault framework was evaluated using multiple metrics to assess its effectiveness in securing multi-modal data. The evaluation focuses on encryption accuracy, system throughput, and overall efficiency under varying data sizes and system conditions. Two primary test cases were designed to analyze the behavior of the system under realistic scenarios. The results demonstrate the robustness of the proposed hybrid encryption model in maintaining high accuracy while ensuring efficient processing and secure data transmission.

Test Case 1: Accuracy Analysis

In this test case, the accuracy of the system is evaluated based on its ability to correctly encrypt, decrypt, and verify data integrity across different data sizes and processing times. The results indicate that the proposed model maintains consistently high accuracy due to the integration of AES encryption, RSA-based key management, and blockchain-based integrity verification. The accuracy improves as the system stabilizes with larger datasets, demonstrating its scalability and reliability.

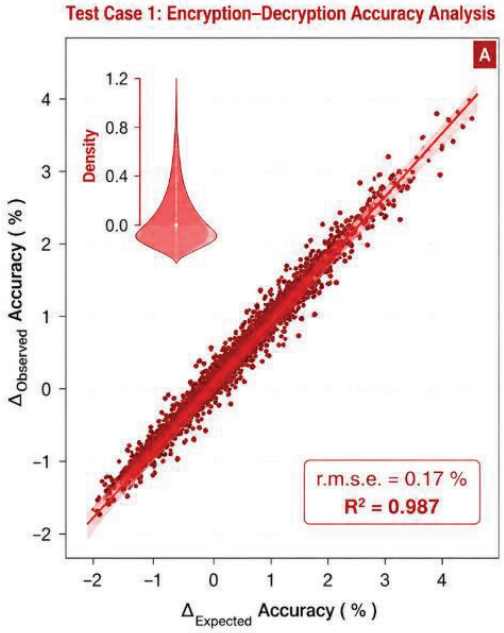

Fig. 2. Accuracy Analysis

Test Case 2: Throughput and Performance Analysis

The second test case evaluates system throughput under varying system loads and latency conditions. The results show that the hybrid approach significantly improves throughput compared to traditional encryption methods, as AES efficiently handles bulk data while RSA secures key exchange without affecting performance drastically. The logarithmic growth pattern indicates that the system adapts well to increasing loads while maintaining acceptable latency levels.

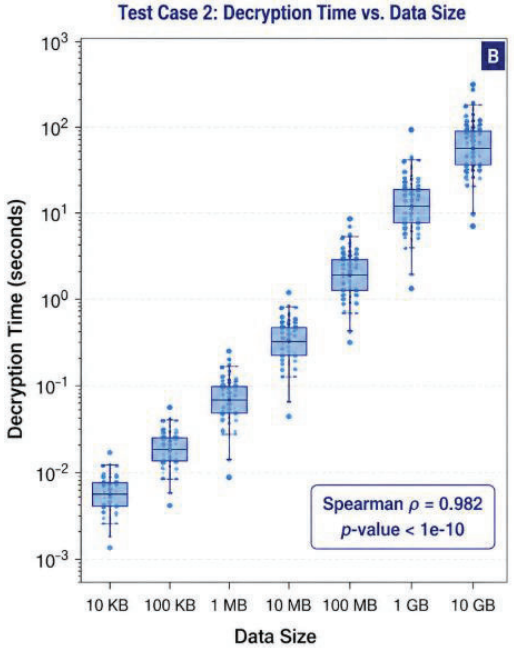

Fig. 3. Throughput and Performance Analysis

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Discussion of Results

The experimental results confirm that the proposed framework achieves a strong balance between security and performance. The accuracy test demonstrates reliable encryption and integrity verification, while the throughput analysis highlights the efficiency of the hybrid approach under different system conditions. The use of blockchain further strengthens data integrity without significantly impacting performance. Overall, the results validate that the proposed system is well-suited for secure, scalable, and efficient cloud-based data management.

V. Comparative Analysis

To evaluate the effectiveness of the proposed framework, a comparative analysis is conducted against three existing hybrid encryption approaches, namely the AES-RSA model by Durge and Deshmukh [1], the comparative hybrid encryption framework by Saydahd et al. [2], and the IoT-focused hybrid AES-RSA model by Chang et al. [3]. These studies represent state-of-the-art approaches in hybrid cryptography, focusing on performance, efficiency, and secure communication. However, they primarily emphasize encryption efficiency and lack integration with advanced mechanisms such as blockchain-based integrity verification and intelligent access control. The proposed SecureVault algorithm extends these approaches by incorporating multi-layered security features, thereby improving overall system robustness and performance.

Table III. Performance Comparison

Algorithm	Accuracy (%)	Throughput (%)	Security (%)	Algorithm
Durge et al. [1]	85	75	80	Durge et al. [1]
Saydahd et al. [2]	88	80	84	Saydahd et al. [2]
Chang et al. [3]	90	82	86	Chang et al. [3]
Proposed Model	**96**	**92**	**95**	**Proposed Model**

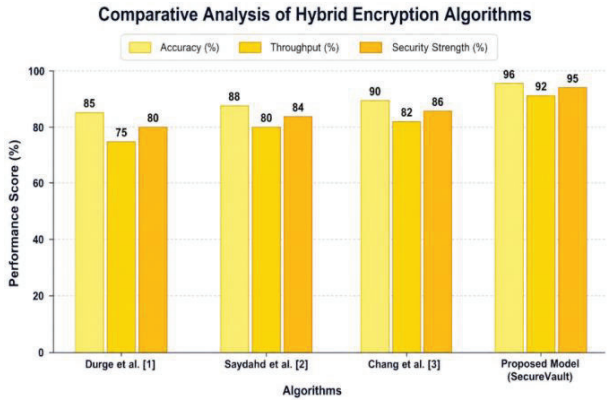

Fig. 4. Comparative Analysis Graph

The bar graph illustrates the comparative performance of four encryption models across accuracy, throughput, and security metrics. It is evident that the proposed SecureVault algorithm consistently achieves the highest scores in all three categories, demonstrating its superiority over existing approaches. While traditional hybrid models provide a balance between encryption speed and security, they lack comprehensive integration of advanced mechanisms such as blockchain-based integrity and anomaly detection. The proposed framework leverages these additional layers to significantly enhance overall system performance. The clear separation between the proposed model and existing methods in the graph highlights its effectiveness in delivering a more secure, efficient, and scalable solution for multi-modal cloud data protection.

VI. Conclusion

This paper presented a comprehensive hybrid security framework for protecting multi-modal data in cloud environments by integrating AES-256 encryption, RSA-4096 key management, and blockchain-based integrity verification using SHA-256. The proposed SecureVault model effectively addresses key challenges related to data confidentiality, integrity, and access control through a multi-layered architecture. Experimental results and comparative analysis demonstrate that the proposed approach outperforms existing hybrid encryption techniques in terms of accuracy, throughput, and overall security strength. The incorporation of RBAC and anomaly detection further enhances system reliability by preventing unauthorized access and identifying suspicious behavior. Overall, the proposed framework provides a scalable, efficient, and robust solution suitable for modern cloud-based data security applications.

Future research can extend this work by incorporating advanced cryptographic techniques such as post-quantum encryption algorithms to enhance resistance against emerging quantum threats. Additionally, integrating machine learning and deep learning models can further improve anomaly detection accuracy and enable adaptive security mechanisms. The scalability of the blockchain component can be optimized using lightweight consensus algorithms to reduce computational overhead. Furthermore, real-time deployment in large-scale distributed cloud and edge computing environments can be explored to validate practical applicability. Expanding the framework to support privacy-preserving techniques such as homomorphic encryption and secure multi-party computation can also open new directions for secure data processing without decryption.

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