

Safe Data Retrieval Mechanism for Retrieving Personal Health Records (PHRs) in Cloud

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Abstract: Developing strategies to securely store data across cloud is a much focused topic of research in recent days. Cloud computing focuses on maximizing the effectiveness of the shared resources. Cloud storage provides a convenient means of storing and retrieval of huge amount of data. Personal Health Records (PHRs) should remain the lifelong property of patients and should be displayable conveniently and securely to selected caregivers. MyPHRMachines a patient centric system that takes a radically new architectural solution to health record interoperability. Patients Can Upload their Medical data then they access and share through remote Virtual machine. In this paper a safe data retrieval mechanism is proposed and validated for retrieving personal health records stored in cloud in a hospital scenario.

Keywords: Shared Resources, Cloud Computing, Personal Health Records (PHRs), Medical data, MyPHRMachines

I. INTRODUCTION

People suffer from a spectrum of health problems in today's fast world scenario. Patients frequently go to different hospitals to get appropriate treatments. However they also suffer from certain sensitive health problems they do not wish to share with anyone. So they are in need of a new system to know about their health conditions. Cloud environment provides an excellent service for protecting sensitive medical data referred to as 'micro data'. Cloud Computing has been intended as the next generation architecture of IT Enterprise. It moves the application software and databases to the centralized large data centres, where the management of the data and services may not be fully trustworthy. When the information is maintained in cloud it has various advantages patient no need to carry medical records where

ever they go they can access from any desired place. It also minimizes the time needed to diagnose and treat a patient and ensures speedy recovery with minimal time.

The remainder of the paper is organized as follows. The detailed analysis of various problems addressed in literature and the proposed system/solution/methodology is discussed in Section 2. The technical architectural representation of MyPHRMachine housing web portal, Virtual Box Hypervisor, VM Repository, VM Data and Private Network Folders is depicted in Section 3. Section 4 gives the detail about secure data retrieval mechanisms for cloud. Section 5 concludes the paper and outlines the direction for future work.

II. ANALYSIS OF PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS IN LITERATURE

Table 1: Analysis of various problems and proposed System/Solution/Methodology in literature

S.N o.	Authors	Problem Addressed	Proposed System/Solution/Methodology
1	Pieter Van Gorp and Marco Comuzzi	Viewing and sharing of patient data in cloud.	MY PHR machine
2	Richard Lenz, Manfred Reichert	Optimal process is difficult to handle	Advance process management technology
3	GoceGavrilov, Vladimir Trajkovik	Electronic Health Record (EHR) security	Cloud Business service
4	Sean M. Randall Anna M. Ferrante, James H. Boyd, James B. Semmens	Leakage of sensitive information	Record link age which involved in reducing the privacy risks
5	J. Vidhyalakshmi, J. Prassanna	Security and accountability of patient's personal health record maintenance	Object centric which automatically trigger an object to create a log record and access over distributed data
6	M.Poulymenopoulou, F. Malamateniou, D.Papakonstantinou, G. Vassilacopoulos	Measurement of ubiquitous access to integrated patient information	Scalable service oriented architecture is defined

7	William R. Hogan, MD, Michael M. Wagner, MD, PHD	Data accuracy is an important issue factor in Computer based patient records	Methodological guidelines are proposed for analyzing the accuracy
8	Laurence G. Branch, PHD	Associations between certain personal health practices and point-incident physical confines	Onset of disability could be confirmed
9	Eleanor M. Simonsick, PhD, Mary E. Lafferty, Caroline L. Philips, MS, Carlos F. Mendes de Leon, PhD, Stanislav V Kasl, PhD, Teresa E. Seeman, PhD, Gerda Fillenbaum, PhD, Patricia Hebert, PhD, and Jon H. Lemke, PhD	Associations between the physical activity among adults and functional status	High level physical activity reduces the mortality
10	Robert Steele, Kyongho Min, Amanda Lo	Issues in Electronic Personal Health Data	Two infrastructural drivers such as ubiquitous technology and connectivity coverage
11	Hebah Mirza and Samir El-Masri	Challenges are to be considered in health care process such as cost, Maintenance and security threats	Cloud's Central Database, Unifier Interface Middleware and the web portal
12	Abhishek Kumar Gupta, Kulvinder Singh Mann	Overcome Paper printed medical data.	Online medical information transfer system through cloud computing
13	Carmelo Pino and Roberto Di Salvo	Better resource needed for Clinical community	Hybrid cloud solution.
14	Peter L. Reichertz	Process of HIS	Ubiquitous computing environments and sensor-based technologies for health monitoring
15	Arindam Banerjee, Prateek Agrawal and R. Rajkumar	Allocation of patient number	Unique identification number systems
16	Louise Olsson, Gunnel Östlund, Peter Strang, Eva Jeppsson Grassman, Maria Friedrichsen	Cancer patients in palliative home care	Two evolved process: maintaining life and preparing for death
17	K.S. Aswathy, G. Venifa Mini	Issues occur such as data loss, third party interfere	Secure alternative viable technique is proposed
18	Jithendra K, Thanapal P, Prabhu J	Security issues in cloud	Use role based access control healthcare system
19	L G Branch and A M Jette	Mortality issue	A personal health practice is maintained frequently.
20	Jean Harvey-Berino, Stephen Pintauro, Paul Buzzell, and Elizabeth Casey Gold	Long-Term Maintenance of Weight Loss	Examine the effectiveness of an Internet weight maintenance program.

III. ARCHITECTURAL REPRESENTATION

The architectural representation of cloud based PHR storage is represented in Fig 1. The portal plays an important role in uploading copy of data, remote access maintenance, start/stop operation. PCAS access is used to provide and show copies. The cloud takes the responsibility of mounting the PHRs. Architectural representation of MyPHR Machine consists of two components evolution and storage with which client directly interacts with MyPHR Machine. The first component of MyPHR Machine consists of web portal which in turn interacts with Virtual Box Hypervisor.

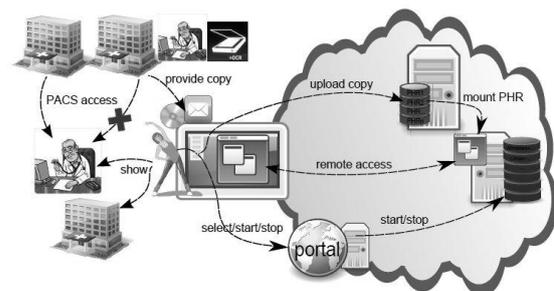


Fig. 1. Architectural example Cloud Based PHRs storage

Virtual Machines are connected together with Virtual Box Hypervisor. The second component of MyPHR Machine, storage consists of VM Repository which houses VM Data and Private Network folders as indicated in Figure 2.

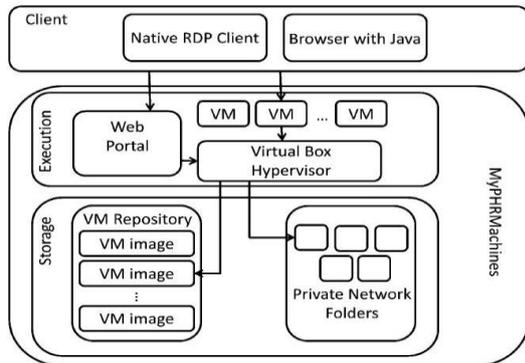


Fig. 2. Technical Architectural diagram of Cloud Based PHRs storage

IV. SECURE DATA RETRIEVAL MECHANISMS FROM CLOUD

To retrieve the details which are encrypted in the cloud can be accessed by the Authenticator. If the Cloud user uploads the patient details, the Patient who has a bonding relationship with the same cloud user can login with the cloud user. The permission will be granted if the user is an authenticated person. It describes that this level user has permission to access the data. Then the information which is stored is visible to the patient so that they can monitor the health status and take necessary precautions. Treatment details can be added by the doctor who enrolled in monitoring the desired patient, whenever additional functionality is added they may be added and outsourced in the cloud. The Treatment cost can be reduced when this functionality is used, no need to carry paper format record whenever the patient visits the hospital so secure data processing is handled. Paper format record holding and Electronic based medical storage can be replaced and a cloud based social healthcare system is developed. Thus a cloud based PHR system taking a fundamentally new architectural solution to health record portability.

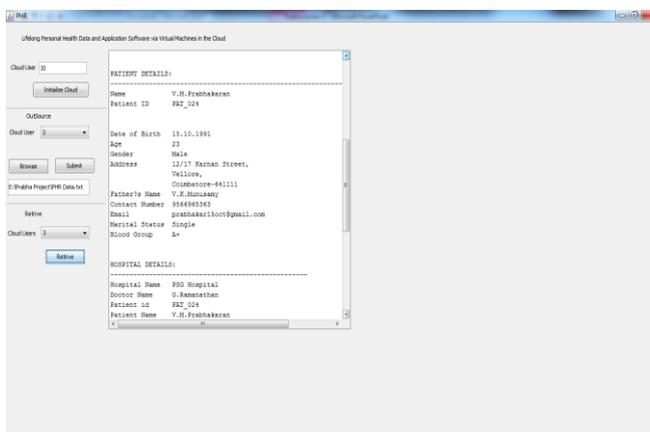


Fig 3: Information of the medical details

V. CONCLUSION

In this paper a safe data retrieval mechanism is proposed and validated for retrieving personal health records stored in cloud in a hospital scenario. Developing strategies to securely store data across cloud is a much focused topic of research in recent days. Cloud computing focuses on maximizing the effectiveness of the shared resources. Cloud storage provides a convenient means of storing and retrieval of huge amount of data. Personal Health Records (PHRs) should remain the lifelong property of patients and should be displayable conveniently and securely to selected caregivers. MyPHRMachines a patient centric system that takes a radically new architectural solution to health record interoperability. Patients Can Upload their Medical data then they access and share through remote Virtual machine.

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