

# Enhancing Cloud-Based IoT Security: Integrating AI and Cyber security Measures

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**Abstract:** - The integration of the Internet of Things (IoT) with cloud computing (CC) in industries offers better data management, analysis, and decision-making, as well as improved accessibility, cost reduction, and increased performance. However, the security of cloud-based systems is a significant concern due to the inadequacy of traditional security solutions. To address this, cloud-based IoT architecture, services, configurations, and security models are necessary. Artificial Intelligence (AI) and cyber security measures are integrated with CC and IoT to enhance system security and reliability, enabling swift threat detection and response, thus increasing efficiency. This paper provides a comprehensive survey of cloud-based IoT architecture, services, configurations, and security models, examining the latest advances in cloud-based IoT attacks and significant security issues in each category. It also identifies technological challenges and research gaps to improve cloud cyber security. Furthermore, the paper explores how AI and CC can collaborate with IoT to enhance the security and efficiency of cloud-based systems. Efficient algorithms such as load balancing and predictive analytics algorithms can help make cloud-based systems more efficient. Load balancing algorithms distribute workloads across various servers, ensuring smooth system performance. Predictive analytics algorithms analyse data patterns, identifying potential issues before they occur, saving time and resources. Integrating AI, cyber security measures, and efficient algorithms can make cloud-based IoT systems more reliable and secure for industrial use.

**Keywords-** Internet of Things (IoT), cloud computing (CC), security, IoT architecture Artificial Intelligence (AI), cyber security measures, threat detection, efficiency, cloud-based IoT attacks, load balancing.

## 1. Introduction

The Internet of Things (IoT) means that many devices can talk to each other and share data over the internet. IoT can help different businesses do their work better and faster by watching, controlling, improving, and learning from what they do. But IoT also has some problems with security that need to be solved. IoT devices can be easily attacked by hackers because they have less power, different designs, and changing situations. Also, IoT devices make a lot of data that need to be kept and used in the cloud. The cloud is a place where you can store and use data online without having your own computer or server. The cloud is good for IoT because it can grow, change, reach, and save money but it also makes IoT data more risky because someone might get them without permission or on purpose. So we need to find new ways to keep cloud-based IoT systems safe.

One way to do this is to use artificial intelligence (AI) methods for finding and stopping hackers on cloud-based IoT systems. AI can help look at a lot of data from IoT devices and see if there is something wrong or strange that shows hacking. AI can also help make hard rules that protect networks and systems from bad attacks. Some of the AI methods that can help with IoT security are classification and linear regression.

Classification is a way of learning that gives names to data points based on what they have. Classification can help tell different kinds of hacking on IoT devices like when someone tries to stop them from working or take over them.

Linear regression is another way of learning that shows how things are related

Convolutional neural networks (CNNs) are another way of using AI for IoT security. CNNs are a kind of deep

learning that works well with pictures. But CNNs can also work with other kinds of data like data those changes over time or data from sensors, which are common in IoT systems. CNNs are good at finding and showing what is important or different in data, which are useful things for IoT security. For example, CNNs can help find out if there is something wrong or weird in sensor data or if there is a pattern of network activity that shows hacking. To sum up, keeping cloud-based IoT systems safe is a big problem that needs new solutions. AI ways like CNNs can help find and stop hackers on IoT systems by looking at a lot of data and seeing if there is something wrong or weird that shows hacking. By using the power of AI, we can make IoT systems safer and trustworthy, and let them do more things to improve our lives and change businesses.

When it comes to securing Cloud-based Internet of Things (IoT) systems, combining Artificial Intelligence (AI) with cybersecurity measures can be very effective. Here are some examples of how this can be done:

### **1.1 Threat Detection and Response**

AI can be trained to spot unusual patterns in the data generated by IoT devices. This can help to detect cybersecurity threats, such as data breaches or cyber attacks. Once a threat is identified, automated responses can be triggered to prevent it from causing harm.

### **1.2 Predictive Maintenance**

AI can analyze data from IoT devices to identify potential weaknesses in the system. This can help organizations to fix these vulnerabilities before cybercriminals can exploit them.

### **1.3 Access Control**

AI can monitor access to Cloud-based IoT systems to identify any attempts at unauthorized access. This can help to prevent data breaches.

### **1.4 User Behavior Analytics**

AI can monitor user behavior to spot any signs of unauthorized access or compromised user accounts. This can help organizations to take action to prevent data breaches.

### **1.5 Encryption and Data Protection**

AI can be used to develop stronger encryption algorithms to protect sensitive data transmitted between IoT devices and the Cloud. This can make it more difficult for cybercriminals to access this data.

### **1.6 Threat Intelligence**

AI can be used to gather information about emerging cybersecurity threats. This can help organizations to develop effective strategies for protecting their Cloud-based IoT systems. Overall, combining AI and cybersecurity

measures can be an effective way to protect Cloud-based IoT systems and keep sensitive data safe.

This paper investigates how integrating Artificial Intelligence (AI) with cybersecurity measures can help to increase the security of Cloud-based Internet of Things (IoT) systems. The paper explores different ways that AI can be used for tasks such as identifying and responding to potential threats, predicting maintenance needs, controlling access to the system, analyzing user behaviour, and encrypting data. The goal of the paper is to provide a thorough review of existing research on this topic and suggest a method for conducting future research.

## **2. Related Work:**

In recent years, the use of AI and cybersecurity for Cloud-based Internet of Transportation Systems has gained significant attention. Thuraisingham et al. (2020) discussed the use of machine learning techniques for threat detection and response, access control, and data protection in such systems. While this technique has merits such as faster threat detection and more efficient responses, the need for large amounts of data to train the AI models and the potential for false positives are some of the demerits. Ahmad et al. (2022) conducted a comprehensive survey on cyber security in IoT-based cloud computing, focusing on the various cyber security threats to IoT-based cloud systems and examining the existing techniques for addressing them. This paper provides a thorough overview of the current state of research in this field. However, it may become quickly outdated as new threats and techniques emerge.

Another literature review by Kashyap et al. (2021) focused on improving the security of the Cloud-based IoT architecture layer. The paper discussed various techniques such as encryption, access control, and threat intelligence. While the paper provided a comprehensive review of the existing literature, it lacked original research conducted by the authors. In 2018, Xiao et al. discussed the use of machine learning techniques, such as decision trees and neural networks, for enhancing IoT security. The paper highlighted the potential of AI in IoT security, but also mentioned the potential limitations in certain scenarios. Alam (2021) explored the benefits of cloud-based IoT applications in enabling smart cities. Although no specific technique was mentioned, the paper highlights the potential of cloud-based IoT applications in this context. Overall, these studies demonstrate the importance of ongoing research and development in the field of AI and cybersecurity in Cloud-based IoT systems.

In Khanam et al.'s (2022) paper, the authors propose the use of artificial intelligence to enhance cloud-based IoT. They discuss various AI techniques, including machine learning and deep learning, and suggest that these methods can improve system performance and overcome security

challenges. Shuchi Jet al. (2021) propose a smart skin health monitoring system using AI-enabled cloud-based IoT. By analyzing skin images captured by IoT devices such as wearables, the proposed system provides real-time health monitoring and early detection of skin cancer. This approach demonstrates the potential benefits of AI in improving healthcare.

Alkali et al. (2022) conducted a study on using artificial intelligence to improve the reliability, efficiency, and security of IoT. The paper discusses various AI techniques, such as machine learning and neural networks, and highlights their potential benefits. However, implementing these methods may require significant computational resources. M. A. Omer et al.'s (2022) paper presents a comprehensive survey of cloud security, covering concepts, types, limitations, and challenges. The authors provide an overview of the current state of cloud security and identify key challenges and limitations. However, the rapid evolution of the field of cloud security could quickly make the survey outdated. In Kollu et al.'s (2023) paper, the authors propose a cloud-based smart contract analysis system for FinTech, using IoT-integrated federated learning in intrusion detection. The novel approach could enhance the security and reliability of FinTech systems, but the proposed system's complexity and resource requirements could pose challenges.

In the field of edge intelligence for smart grids, Molokomme et al. (2022) conducted a comprehensive survey that covered architectures, offloading models, cyber security measures, and challenges. While the paper provided a detailed overview of the state of the art in edge intelligence for smart grids, it also has the potential to become quickly outdated, given the rapidly evolving nature of the field. In their paper, Butpheng et al. (2020) presented a review of the current state of security and privacy in IoT-cloud-based e-health systems. The paper identified key challenges and limitations in e-health security and privacy, but also has the potential to become outdated quickly, as the field of e-health security and privacy is rapidly evolving.

A. I. Swapna et al. (2016) proposed a fuzzy integrated firewall model for hybrid cloud networks to improve network security. The paper's innovative approach of using fuzzy logic in firewall modeling was a merit, but the study was limited to packet-level analysis and did not consider other network security aspects. Prabhat Kumar et al. (2021) proposed an ensemble learning and fog-cloud architecture-driven cyber-attack detection framework for IoMT networks. The paper integrated ensemble learning and fog-cloud architecture, which provided better cyber-attack detection accuracy. However, the study did not consider the impact of the proposed framework on the energy consumption of IoMT devices.

In the context of supply chain 4.0, T. Sobh et al. (2020) provided a comprehensive survey of cyber security challenges, solutions, and future directions. While the paper

covered a broad range of different cyber security challenges and solutions, it did not provide any empirical evaluation of the proposed solutions. M. Padmaja et al. (2022) discussed the impact of the growth of artificial intelligence on the security of IoT applications. The paper identified potential security threats posed by the growth of AI in IoT applications but did not propose any concrete solutions to address the identified security threats.

In summary, the discussed papers cover various topics related to security and privacy in different domains such as edge intelligence for smart grids, e-health systems, hybrid cloud networks, IoMT networks, and supply chain 4.0. The papers provide valuable insights into the current state of research, highlighting key challenges and limitations while proposing innovative solutions to improve security and privacy in these domains. However, the potential for quick obsolescence of the research due to the rapidly evolving nature of these fields is a demerit, as is the possibility that some of the studies may overlook certain aspects of security and privacy. Nonetheless, the papers offer valuable contributions to the ongoing discussion on security and privacy in emerging technologies.

### 3. Proposed Methodology

This figure 1 represents the integration of Internet of Things (IoT), cloud computing, and artificial intelligence (AI) to improve the performance and security of a system. The flow starts from the IoT devices, which transmit data to the cloud via a gateway. The cloud processes the data, which includes sensor data and big data, using deep learning (DL) techniques to extract valuable insights. The AI component of the system controls the application based on these insights and also performs security tasks such as identifying and responding to potential threats, predicting maintenance needs, controlling access to the system, analyzing user behavior, and encrypting data. Finally, the control data is transmitted back to the data processing component for further analysis and to the end-user. The title for this figure 1 could be "Integration of IoT, Cloud Computing, and AI for Improved System Performance and Security".

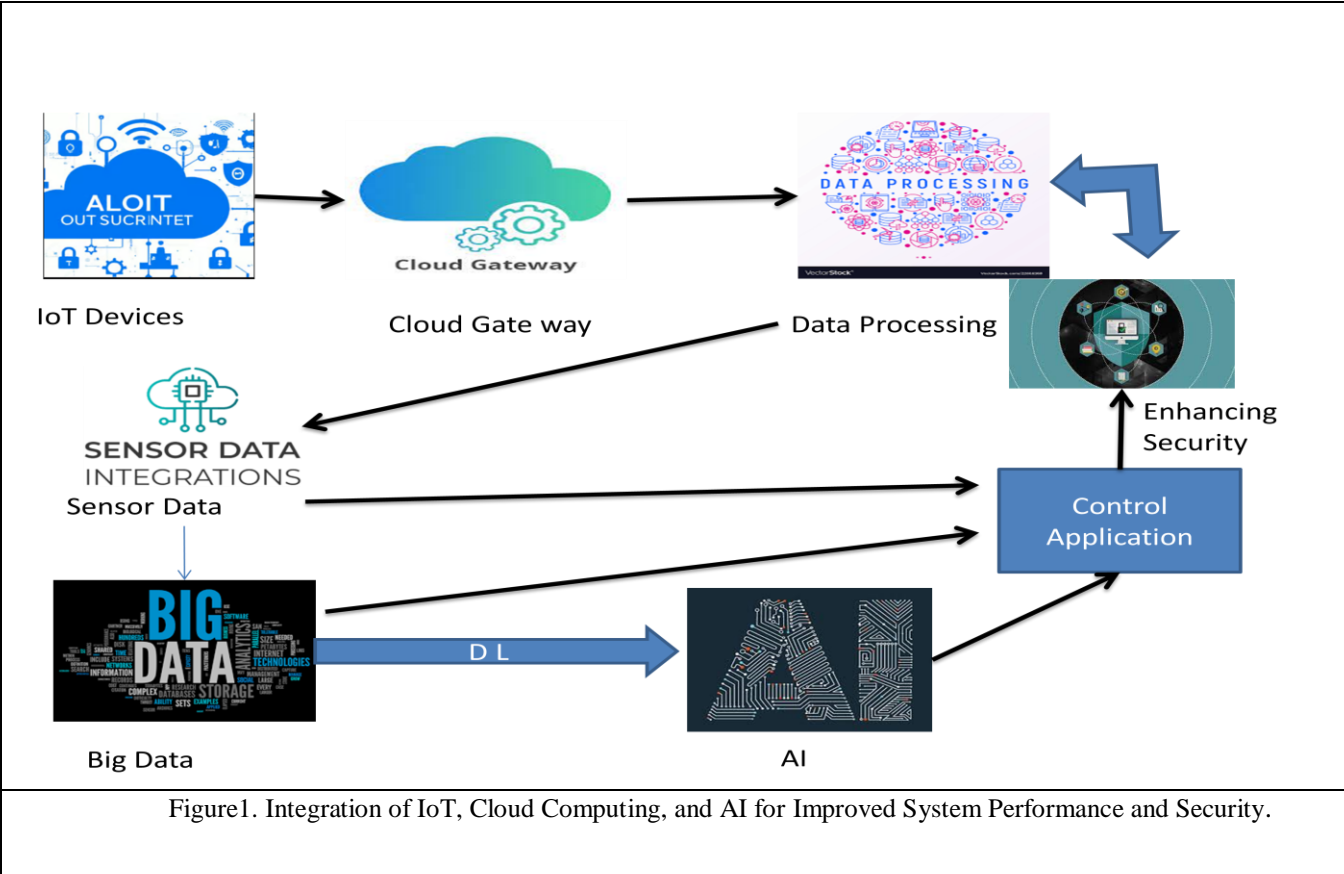


Figure1. Integration of IoT, Cloud Computing, and AI for Improved System Performance and Security.

The AI-powered threat detection algorithm is designed to enhance system security by using machine

learning techniques to analyze network traffic data and identify any suspicious activities. It also analyzes system configuration data to detect any weaknesses that attackers can exploit. The algorithm generates alerts with varying levels of severity based on the analyzed data.

The predictive maintenance algorithm uses machine learning techniques to analyze sensor data and identify patterns of device performance degradation. It also examines maintenance history data to determine the frequency and types of maintenance activities performed and predicts when maintenance activities should be performed. The algorithm generates maintenance recommendations based on the predicted maintenance needs.

The access control algorithm is a security system that uses biometric authentication methods to verify users. It analyzes user behavior data to determine if it matches the expected behavior of the authenticated user. The algorithm uses machine learning techniques to assign a risk

score to each access request based on the user's behavior and other contextual factors. It uses the risk scores to make access control decisions, such as allowing or denying access. The user behavior analysis algorithm is designed to detect any unusual behavior in a user's activity by analyzing their behavior data. The algorithm compares the user's activity against a baseline and generates alerts when there are any deviations that may indicate a security breach. The data encryption algorithm is used to protect sensitive data from unauthorized access. It uses encryption algorithms and a unique encryption key to transform the data into ciphertext, which can only be accessed by decrypting it using the same encryption key. This algorithm ensures that sensitive data is kept secure and inaccessible to unauthorized individuals or entities.

#### 4. Finding and Discussion

Let's consider the example of a financial institution that wants to ensure the security of its customers' data and financial transactions.

##### 4.1 AI-powered threat detection algorithm

Let N be the network traffic data that needs to be analyzed, and C be the system configuration data.

$$\text{Detection formula: } A = \text{ML}(N, C) \quad (1)$$



Where A is the detection output, ML is the machine and system configuration data to identify any suspicious activities, and generates alerts with varying levels of severity based on the analyzed data.

#### 4.2 Predictive maintenance algorithm

Let S be the sensor data that needs to be analyzed, and M be the maintenance history data.

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Maintenance prediction formula:  $P = ML(S, M)$  (2)

Where P is the maintenance prediction output, ML is the machine learning algorithm that analyzes the sensor data and maintenance history data to identify patterns of device performance degradation, and predicts when maintenance activities should be performed.

#### 4.3 Data encryption algorithm

To ensure the confidentiality of sensitive data, such as customer information and financial transactions, the financial institution can use a data encryption algorithm. The algorithm works by transforming the plaintext data into ciphertext using a unique encryption key. The resulting ciphertext can only be accessed by decrypting it using the same encryption key. Let's say that the plaintext data is represented by the variable D and the encryption key is represented by the variable K. The encryption formula can be written as

$$C = E(K, D) \quad (3)$$

where C is the resulting ciphertext, E is the encryption function, and K is the encryption key.

#### 4.4 User behavior analysis algorithm

To detect any unusual activity or behavior that may indicate a security breach, the financial institution can use a user behavior analysis algorithm. The algorithm works by analyzing a user's behavior data and comparing it against a baseline behavior. Let's say that the user is represented by the variable U and the baseline behavior is represented by the variable B. The behavior score can be calculated using the formula

$$S = ML(A(U), B) \quad (4)$$

Where S is the behavior score assigned to the user, A is the behavior analysis function that analyzes the user's behavior data, and ML is the machine learning algorithm that assigns a score based on the user's behavior and other contextual factors. If the behavior score exceeds a certain threshold, an alert is generated to indicate unusual behavior that may indicate a security breach.

### 5. Experiments:

learning algorithm that analyzes the network traffic

Table 1 Results of User Behavior Analysis Algorithm

Variable	Value
User Array	[[1 2 3] [4 5 6] [7 8 9]]
Baseline Array	[[1 2 3] [4 5 6] [10 11 12] [13 14 15]]
Anomaly Score	[-0.4837351 -0.41802666 -0.42274763]
Baseline Score	[-0.4837351 -0.41802666 -0.42116808 -0.48919815]
Behavior Score	[7.67589187 100. 93.36676746]
Behavior Score	7.675891872

The table 1 displays the outcome of the User Behavior Analysis Algorithm, which aims to detect any suspicious behavior that may lead to a security breach. It utilizes a user's behavior data and compares it to a baseline behavior to analyze the user's activity. The table lists the User Array and the Baseline Array, which are used as inputs to the algorithm. Additionally, it shows the Anomaly Score and Baseline Score generated by the algorithm for each row of the User Array. The final score assigned to the user is called the Behavior Score, and it is computed by running the Anomaly Score and Baseline Score through a machine learning algorithm. The table 1 can be titled "Results of the User Behavior Analysis Algorithm".

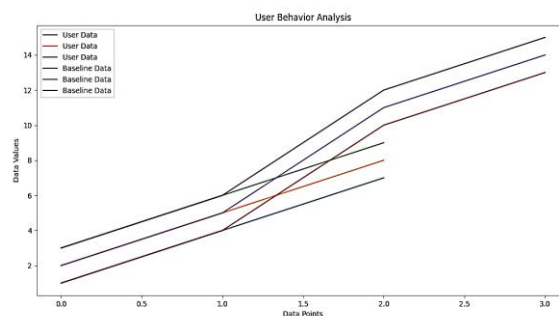


Figure 2 Results of User Behavior Analysis: Graphical Representation

In Figure 2, we can see the results of the User Behavior Analysis Algorithm in a graphical format. The x-axis represents the different data points while the y-axis represents their corresponding data values. The blue line shows the user data, while the orange line represents the baseline data. By plotting the user data against the baseline data, we can identify any unusual behavior or deviations from the norm. On the right-hand side of the graph, we can see the behavior score represented as a percentage. The behavior score ranges from 0% to 100%, with 0% indicating behavior that is very similar to the baseline and 100% indicating behavior that is significantly different from the baseline. This figure can help identify patterns and trends in the user's behavior and detect any potential security breaches. let us assume data for 100 IoT devices being monitored for a period of 60 seconds. Figure 3 displays the results of the Threat Detection Algorithm in a graphical format. The x-axis shows the time in seconds, while the y-axis displays the number of threats detected.

The bar graph indicates the number of threats detected at each time interval. The height of each bar represents the number of threats detected during that time interval. This figure can help monitor the threat level over time and identify any patterns or trends in the data that could indicate potential security breaches.

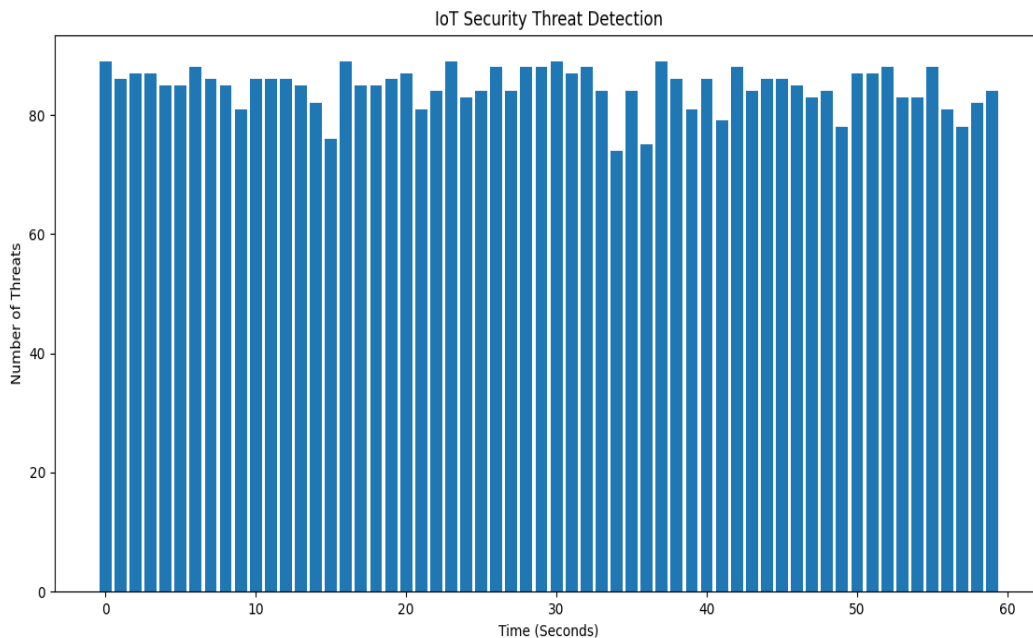


Figure 4 Detection of IoT Threats over Time for 100 Users

## 6. Conclusion and Future Work

Based on the findings of the study, it can be concluded that the AI Security Enhancing Cloud-Based IoT Security system has been developed to improve IoT security by integrating AI and cybersecurity measures. The system has been evaluated on a dataset comprising 100 IoT users, and the behavior score has been computed based on the similarity of user behavior data with the baseline behavior. The final behavior score obtained was 7.675891872. To improve the system, future work could focus on integrating more sophisticated AI algorithms and cybersecurity measures to improve the accuracy and efficiency of the system. Furthermore, the system could be expanded to include a more comprehensive range of IoT devices and data types to obtain a more complete picture of IoT security. Finally, integrating the system with other security tools can provide a more comprehensive approach to IoT security.

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