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ABSTRACT

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In today's digital ecosystem, where data sharing and distribution are fundamental to organizational operations, securing sensitive information has become a critical concern. The project titled "Intrusion Detection Techniques in Data Distribution" aims to address the growing risks of unauthorized access, insider threats, and data leakage in distributed environments. This research focuses on developing a multi-faceted system that integrates advanced intrusion detection mechanisms with proactive prevention strategies to safeguard data across various transmission points.

The system leverages unobtrusive data leakage detection methods, key-based encryption for secure data transmission, and the injection of fake objects to mislead potential attackers. Additionally, it employs multi-level authentication and dynamic validation protocols to restrict access only to verified users while continuously monitoring user behavior for anomalies. These layered defenses create a robust architecture capable of identifying, alerting, and mitigating both internal and external threats in real-time.

By combining real-world testing with adaptive security frameworks, the proposed solution ensures that data distribution can occur securely without compromising accessibility or performance. This project not only enhances the confidentiality and integrity of sensitive information but also contributes to building a scalable, resilient, and intelligent system capable of evolving with the cybersecurity landscape. The outcomes of this study provide valuable insights into securing data-driven infrastructures and set the groundwork for future enhancements in intrusion detection and prevention technologies.

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The project titled "Intrusion Detection Techniques in Data Distribution" addresses the growing concerns regarding the secure distribution of sensitive data in an increasingly digital world. With the rise in interactions with third-party agents, cloud services, and external vendors, the risk of unauthorized access, insider threats, and data leaks has escalated. This project proposes an advanced framework designed to secure the sharing of data through a combination of innovative detection and prevention methods.

Traditional security measures like watermarking, encryption, and access control systems often have significant drawbacks. Watermarking, for instance, can be tampered with, and encryption, while protecting data in transit, offers no traceability once decrypted. In contrast, the proposed system leverages unobtrusive detection methods to track the source of data leakage without compromising data integrity or user privacy. The integration of fake object injection adds an extra layer of security by embedding decoy data entries within the dataset. These fabricated records act as traps, alerting the system to any unauthorized access or misuse.

The project incorporates key-based encryption with a custom KeyGen algorithm, ensuring that only authorized users can access sensitive information, even in the event of partial data exposure. To further strengthen the system, multi-level authentication and dynamic data validation are utilized to continuously verify user identities and track access patterns, making the system resilient to both internal and external threats. This comprehensive solution offers a balanced approach to security, performance, and accessibility, making it a robust tool for organizations looking to safeguard their sensitive data in today's interconnected world.

SYSTEM ANALYSIS

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2.1 EXISTING SYSTEM

Existing data security systems like watermarking, access control, log monitoring, and encryption each have limitations. Watermarks can be tampered with and are ineffective on altered data. RBAC restricts access but cannot detect insider threats or misuse. Log monitoring aids post-breach analysis but lacks real-time prevention. Encryption protects data in transit, but once decrypted, it can be leaked without traceability. These gaps highlight the need for more dynamic and traceable security solutions.

2.1.1 DISADVANTAGES

- **Watermarking-Based Detection Systems:** Sensitive data is embedded with a unique watermark to track its origin. If leaked data is found, the watermark helps identify the source. Watermarks can be altered, removed, or tampered and it Cannot track data leaks in non-structured or modified datasets.
- **Access Control Mechanisms:** Implements role-based access control (RBAC) to restrict user access and it ensures that only authorized users can view and modify sensitive data. It cannot detect insider threats where an authorized user misuses data. Access control alone does not track data distribution after access.
- **Log-Based Monitoring Systems:** Tracks and logs user activity to detect suspicious actions. And It helps in forensic analysis after a data breach. It Does not prevent leaks; it only helps detect them after they occur and requires manual analysis to identify the guilty agent.
- **Encryption-Based Security Systems:** Data is encrypted before being shared to prevent unauthorized access. Only users with the correct decryption keys can access the information. And It does not help in tracking who leaked the data.

2.2 PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed system for "Intrusion Detection Techniques in Data Distribution" addresses the limitations of existing security measures by integrating advanced techniques to detect, prevent, and mitigate unauthorized data access. Unlike traditional methods like watermarking or access control, which are prone to tampering and lack real-time prevention, this system uses unobtrusive leakage detection to monitor the flow of sensitive data across various access points. This proactive approach helps detect breaches early and minimize potential damage.

A key feature of the system is fake object injection, where decoy data is embedded within the dataset. These fabricated entries act as traps, signaling unauthorized access when triggered. This method not only helps in early breach detection but also aids in identifying the responsible agents or entities involved.

The system further strengthens security through key-based encryption, ensuring only authorized users can decrypt data, even in cases of partial exposure. Multi-level authentication and dynamic data validation continuously verify user identities and monitor access patterns, providing a scalable and resilient solution to protect sensitive data from internal and external threats.

2.2.1 ADVANTAGES OF PROPOSED SYSTEM

- **Unobtrusive Leakage Detection:** The system continuously monitors and traces sensitive data without altering the original dataset's structure, ensuring data integrity. And it enables early breach detection, minimizing the impact of data leaks.
- **Fake Object Injection:** The system embeds decoy data to create traps that signal unauthorized access, enhancing early threat detection. And it helps identify responsible agents or entities involved in a breach, improving accountability.

- **Key-Based Encryption:** The system uses a custom KeyGen algorithm, ensuring only authorized users can decrypt sensitive data, even in cases of partial exposure. And it provides enhanced protection against misuse and unauthorized access.
- **Multi-Level Authentication and Dynamic Data Validation:** The system continuously verifies user identities and monitors access patterns, strengthening security against both internal and external threats. It provides a dynamic, real-time security layer to ensure only legitimate users can access data.
- **Scalability and Resilience:** This system is designed to be scalable, making it suitable for complex, distributed environments. And it offers a resilient solution to protect sensitive data while maintaining performance and accessibility.

2.3 FEASIBILITY STUDY

The feasibility study for the "Intrusion Detection Techniques in Data Distribution" project evaluates its practicality across various dimensions, including technical, operational, and financial feasibility. From a technical perspective, the proposed system integrates well-established security methods, such as key-based encryption and multi-level authentication, alongside novel techniques like fake object injection and unobtrusive leakage detection. These methods are compatible with existing technologies and can be implemented using widely available tools and platforms, making the system both technically feasible and adaptable to different environments. The system’s architecture is designed to be scalable, ensuring it can handle the increasing volumes of data typically seen in distributed environments, such as cloud services or third-party vendor interactions.

In terms of operational feasibility, the proposed system is designed to be easy to deploy and maintain. It integrates seamlessly into existing data security infrastructures, requiring minimal changes to current processes. The fake object injection technique offers a proactive approach to breach detection without interrupting normal operations, while the key-based encryption and authentication systems ensure that only authorized users have access to sensitive data.

2.3.1 ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY

The economic feasibility of the "Intrusion Detection Techniques in Data Distribution" project demonstrates its cost-effectiveness in the long term, despite the initial investment required for development and implementation. While integrating advanced techniques like fake object injection, key-based encryption, and multi-level authentication may incur upfront costs for system design, testing, and deployment, these investments are outweighed by the potential financial benefits.

The system’s proactive breach detection capabilities reduce the risk of costly data breaches, which could lead to financial losses, regulatory fines, and damage to an organization’s reputation. Additionally, the scalability and adaptability of the system make it a valuable long-term solution for organizations of all sizes, allowing them to protect sensitive data across distributed environments without continuous, significant expenditures. Ultimately, the system offers a high return on investment by enhancing data security, minimizing downtime, and reducing the financial impact of data leaks and unauthorized access.

2.3.2 OPERATIONAL FEASIBILITY

The operational feasibility of the "Intrusion Detection Techniques in Data Distribution" project demonstrates its practicality and ease of integration into existing operational environments. The system is designed to be seamlessly incorporated into current data security infrastructures without requiring significant changes to existing processes or workflows. The unobtrusive leakage detection and fake object injection techniques operate in the background, continuously monitoring data flow and signaling potential breaches without interrupting normal business operations. This ensures that organizations can maintain their daily operations while benefiting from enhanced security measures.

Moreover, the system's multi-level authentication and key-based encryption methods provide robust security without adding complexity for end-users. The intuitive design allows for easy management and monitoring of the system, even for organizations with limited technical expertise. Regular updates and maintenance can be streamlined to ensure the system remains effective over time. With its scalable architecture, the system can grow alongside the organization, adapting to increased data volumes or the integration of new data sources, making it a sustainable solution for long-term use. Thus, the system is operationally feasible, offering an efficient, low-interference security solution that enhances data protection while supporting business continuity.

2.3.3 TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY

The technical feasibility of the "Intrusion Detection Techniques in Data Distribution" project highlights its compatibility with existing technologies and its ability to be successfully implemented using widely available tools and platforms. The system incorporates well-established security measures such as key-based encryption, multi-level authentication, and dynamic data validation, which can be implemented using standard cryptographic libraries, security protocols, and database technologies.

The project's architecture is designed to be scalable and flexible, ensuring it can handle large volumes of data and complex environments, such as cloud services or third-party vendor interactions. The system can be integrated with existing enterprise systems without requiring significant changes to current infrastructure, making it a viable option for organizations seeking enhanced security without disrupting their operational workflows. Furthermore, the system's design allows for easy updates and maintenance, ensuring it can evolve with new threats and technological advancements.

SYSTEM SPECIFICATION

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3.1 HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

• PROCESSOR	: Inter Core i5 or Higher
• RAM	: Minimum 8 GB
• STORAGE	: Minimum 16 GB HDD/SSD

3.2 SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

• FRONT END	: React.js
• BACK END	: Node.js, Express.js
• DATABASE	: MongoDB

SOFTWARE DESCRIPTION

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4.1 FRONT END

4.1.1 React.js

In the realm of modern web development, React.js is an open-source JavaScript library used for building user interfaces, primarily for single-page applications. Developed and maintained by Meta (formerly Facebook), React allows developers to build web applications that can update and render efficiently in response to data changes. A person working with React.js may be referred to as a React Developer or a Frontend Developer. React enables the creation of reusable UI components, making it an essential tool in today’s dynamic, data-driven web environments.

React.js is not a full-fledged framework but rather a library focused on the view layer of an application, aligning with the Model-View-Controller (MVC) architecture. It uses a declarative style of programming, allowing developers to describe what the UI should look like for a given state, and React takes care of updating the UI efficiently when the state changes.

React.js is used in a variety of sectors, including e-commerce, education, finance, healthcare, entertainment, and more. It powers interactive interfaces in social networks, dashboards, portals, and media platforms. Many popular companies such as Instagram, Airbnb, Netflix, and Uber use React in production.

Component-Based Architecture

React applications are built using components, which are self-contained, reusable pieces of code that define how a portion of the UI should appear and behave. This modular approach increases development efficiency and maintainability, allowing developers to isolate and reuse code across projects.

JSX (JavaScript XML)

React uses JSX, a syntax extension that allows HTML to be written within JavaScript. This makes the code more readable and easier to write, as developers can visually see the component structure while also incorporating logic and dynamic behavior directly.

Virtual DOM

React uses a Virtual DOM to optimize rendering performance. When a component's state changes, React calculates the difference between the previous and current Virtual DOM and updates only the parts of the real DOM that have changed, ensuring fast and efficient updates.

State and Props

React manages data through state (data owned by a component) and props (data passed between components). This system allows for dynamic, interactive user interfaces that respond to user input and real-time data.

Hooks and Functional Components

With the introduction of Hooks (like useState, useEffect), React supports writing components as pure JavaScript functions, moving away from class-based components. Hooks enable developers to use state and lifecycle features without writing a class.

React Ecosystem and Tooling

React has a rich ecosystem including tools like React Router for navigation, Redux for state management, and Next.js for server-side rendering and static site generation. These tools extend React's functionality for building scalable, performant applications.

User Interface and Experience

React promotes the creation of responsive and dynamic interfaces that adapt to user interaction and data changes in real time. Combined with CSS frameworks or component libraries like Material UI or Tailwind CSS, React enhances the user experience across devices and screen sizes.

4.2 BACK END

4.2.1 Node.js

Node.js is an open-source, cross-platform runtime environment that allows developers to execute JavaScript code outside of a web browser. It is built on Chrome's V8 JavaScript engine and is designed to build scalable and high-performance applications, especially web servers and networking tools. Node.js uses an event-driven, non-blocking I/O model, making it lightweight and efficient for real-time applications. Developers who work with Node.js are often referred to as backend developers or full-stack developers.

Asynchronous and Event-Driven Architecture

Node.js operates on a non-blocking I/O model, allowing it to handle multiple operations concurrently. This makes it particularly well-suited for applications that require real-time data processing, such as chat applications, online gaming platforms, or collaborative tools.

JavaScript Everywhere

One of the key advantages of Node.js is that it enables developers to use JavaScript on both the client-side and server-side. This unification simplifies development workflows, improves code reusability, and streamlines team collaboration.

NPM (Node Package Manager)

Node.js comes bundled with NPM, the world's largest software registry. NPM provides access to thousands of reusable packages and libraries that significantly speed up development and reduce redundant coding.

Backend Development with Express.js

While Node.js provides the runtime, Express.js is a minimal and flexible web application framework that runs on top of Node.js. It simplifies the development of APIs and server-side applications by providing robust features for routing, middleware integration, and more.

Use in Modern Applications

Node.js is used extensively in modern application development across various industries. It powers streaming services, RESTful APIs, IoT platforms, and even serverless architecture with frameworks like AWS Lambda and Google Cloud Functions. It's also a key component in full-stack JavaScript environments such as the MERN stack.

Real-Time Communication

Thanks to libraries like Socket.IO, Node.js excels at enabling real-time communication between clients and servers. This makes it ideal for use cases like multiplayer games, live chat systems, and collaborative platforms like Google Docs.

Community and Ecosystem

Node.js boasts a large and active community of developers who continuously contribute to its ecosystem. This results in frequent updates, a rich selection of plugins, and strong community support.

Scalability

The event loop allows Node.js to handle thousands of connections simultaneously with minimal resource consumption. The single-threaded model, combined with asynchronous I/O operations, enables developers to build highly scalable applications.

Fast Performance

Node.js is built on the V8 JavaScript engine, which is known for its high performance. V8 compiles JavaScript directly to machine code, making execution extremely fast.

Single-Threaded but Highly Scalable

Node.js operates on a single-threaded event loop. Unlike traditional servers that spawn multiple threads to handle concurrent connections, Node.js uses a single thread to handle all requests. This approach minimizes overhead and improves performance.

4.2.2 Express.js

Express.js is a fast, minimalist, and flexible web application framework for Node.js, designed to simplify the development of robust APIs and web applications. It provides a lightweight structure to build server-side applications while allowing full control over request and response handling. Express.js is widely adopted for its scalability, ease of use, and integration with the broader Node.js ecosystem.

Routing and Middleware

One of the core strengths of Express.js is its powerful routing system and support for middleware. Routing allows developers to define application endpoints and handle HTTP methods such as GET, POST, PUT, and DELETE. Middleware functions, which are central to Express architecture, enable preprocessing of requests and responses, including authentication, logging, and error handling.

RESTful API Development

Express.js is commonly used for building RESTful APIs due to its simplicity and flexibility. Developers can define API endpoints and control the logic for data retrieval, storage, and manipulation. Its modular structure makes it easy to separate routes and controller logic, supporting clean code organization.

Templating and Static Files

Express.js supports a variety of templating engines like EJS, Pug, and Handlebars for dynamic content rendering. It also allows the serving of static assets such as images, stylesheets, and client-side JavaScript from a designated directory, facilitating full-stack development within a single framework.

Integration with Databases

Express.js easily integrates with both SQL and NoSQL databases through packages like Sequelize (for PostgreSQL or MySQL) and Mongoose (for MongoDB). This enables developers to build complete data-driven applications, from frontend requests to backend processing and data storage.

Development and Debugging Tools

With built-in error handling and support for popular debugging tools, Express.js enhances the developer experience. Tools like nodemon automatically restart the server upon file changes, while middleware like morgan provides HTTP request logging for debugging and monitoring.

Scalability and Extensibility

Express.js applications can be scaled horizontally and vertically with ease. It supports modular application structures and can be extended using third-party packages from the npm ecosystem. From handling sessions to enabling security features like CORS and rate limiting, Express provides the flexibility needed for enterprise-grade applications.

Use Cases

Express.js is used in a wide variety of applications — from developing APIs for mobile apps to powering full-scale web applications and microservices architectures. It is widely used in tech startups, large enterprises, and educational platforms due to its simplicity and versatility.

Faster Server-Side Development

Express.JS includes a large number of commonly used features present in Node.JS in the form of functions. These functions can be readily employed for specific roles anywhere in the program. This step removes the need to code for several hours for common roles, and thus helps a business save precious time when developing an app. Time to market is an essence for any business and reducing time spent in coding can go a long way in allowing businesses to launch their product faster.

Middleware

Middleware is a part of the program that has access to the database, client request, and the other forms of middleware. It plays a huge role in management of functions of the app. It is mainly responsible for the systematic organization of different functions of Express.JS.

4.3 DATABASE

4.3.1 MongoDB

MongoDB is a powerful, open-source NoSQL database management system that stores data in a flexible, JSON-like format called BSON (Binary JSON). Instead of traditional table-based relational database structures, MongoDB uses collections and documents, making it ideal for handling unstructured or semi-structured data. This design allows for faster development, easier scalability, and more intuitive data representation in modern applications. MongoDB is often used in big data, real-time analytics, content management, mobile applications, and IoT systems. A developer who works with MongoDB is often called a MongoDB Developer or NoSQL Database Engineer.

Document-Oriented Storage

MongoDB stores data in documents rather than rows and columns. Each document is a set of key-value pairs, similar to JSON objects. This allows for rich, nested data structures and makes MongoDB ideal for applications where data can vary in structure.

Schema Flexibility

Unlike traditional relational databases, MongoDB does not require a fixed schema. This flexibility allows developers to iterate faster and accommodate changes in data models without costly migrations or downtime.

High Performance and Scalability

MongoDB supports horizontal scaling via sharding, which distributes data across multiple machines. This enables it to handle large volumes of data and high-throughput operations, making it suitable for enterprise-scale applications and real-time analytics.

Integration with Web Technologies

MongoDB integrates well with modern web development frameworks and languages such as Node.js, Python, and Java. It is often used in full-stack development with the MERN (MongoDB, Express.js, React, Node.js) or MEAN (MongoDB, Express.js, Angular, Node.js) stacks.

Aggregation and Query Capabilities

MongoDB provides a powerful aggregation framework that allows for data transformation and analytics within the database itself. Complex queries, filters, and pipelines can be executed efficiently to derive insights from the data.

Security and Access Control

MongoDB offers robust security features including authentication, authorization, encryption, and auditing. Role-based access control and network-level security ensure data is protected in multi-user environments.

Cloud and Atlas Integration

MongoDB Atlas is a fully managed cloud version of MongoDB that automates infrastructure, backups, scaling, and monitoring. It simplifies deployment and allows developers to focus on building applications without worrying about backend maintenance.

Indexing

In MongoDB database, every field in the documents is indexed with primary and secondary indices this makes easier and takes less time to get or search data from the pool of the data. If the data is not indexed, then database search each document with the specified query which takes lots of time and not so efficient.

Replication

MongoDB provides high availability and redundancy with the help of replication, it creates multiple copies of the data and sends these copies to a different server so that if one server fails, then the data is retrieved from another server.

Load balancing

Proper load balancing is fundamental to database management for expansion in large-scale organizations. As client traffic and requests come in thousands and millions, they must be well distributed across the different servers to maximize performance and reduce over congestion.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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5.1.1 Data Allocation Module

5.1.2 Fake Object Module

5.1.3 Optimization Module

5.1.4 Data Distributor Module

5.1.1 DATA ALLOCATION MODULE

The Data Allocation Module plays a foundational role in the secure handling and distribution of sensitive data. Its primary responsibility is to logically divide the complete dataset into parts based on the user's role, access level, and necessity. This ensures that users or third-party vendors receive only the minimum required subset of data, thereby limiting unnecessary exposure.

Before distribution, this module evaluates the access permissions and integrates metadata to track data flow. Each data segment is also associated with a unique encryption key generated by the system's KeyGen algorithm. These keys are used later for secure decryption by authenticated users. Moreover, every data transaction is logged, enabling traceability and auditing in case of suspicious activity. The module adheres to strict compliance with the Principle of Least Privilege (PoLP) to prevent internal misuse.

Functionality

Role-Based Data Segmentation

The first task of the Data Allocation Module is to logically divide the dataset into smaller, manageable segments. This segmentation is driven by an in-depth analysis of:

- User roles
- Data sensitivity levels
- Access control policies
- Operational necessity

Each user or external party receives only the data necessary for their function, in line with the Principle of Least Privilege (PoLP). By limiting exposure, the module reduces the surface area for potential exploitation or accidental leaks.

Metadata Integration and Tracking

To maintain transparency and traceability, the module integrates metadata into each data segment. This metadata includes:

- User ID and session token
- Timestamp of allocation
- Sensitivity tag of the data
- Allocation reason or justification

This metadata is critical for monitoring data flow across the system and helps in real-time tracking of who accessed what and when.

Encryption Key Assignment with KeyGen Algorithm

Before distribution, the segmented data is encrypted using unique encryption keys generated by the system's custom KeyGen algorithm. Each segment has its own key, ensuring that even if one segment is compromised, others remain secure.

Secure Distribution Logging and Auditing

To enable accountability, the module maintains comprehensive logs of all data allocation and distribution activities. These logs include:

- Time of data access or download
- IP address and device signature
- Actions performed (e.g., viewed, downloaded, shared)
- Status (e.g., success, denied, flagged)

These logs are routinely audited to detect any anomalous behavior, enabling timely detection and response to potential security incidents.

Compliance and Access Governance

The Data Allocation Module enforces access policies aligned with organizational security standards and regulatory compliance frameworks (e.g., GDPR, HIPAA). It ensures that sensitive data is not over-distributed and also unauthorized access attempts are logged and alerted

5.1.2 FAKE OBJECT MODULE

The Fake Object Module adds an innovative security layer by embedding decoy data—referred to as fake objects—into the actual dataset. These fake objects are crafted to closely mimic the structure, format, and semantics of real data, making them indistinguishable without insider knowledge. Their purpose is purely strategic: if any fake object is accessed or distributed, it acts as a clear indicator of unauthorized behavior.

This module intelligently determines where and how many fake objects to insert, depending on the sensitivity of the data being protected. Once inserted, any interaction with these fake objects is immediately flagged and sent to the monitoring system for analysis. This proactive approach not only helps detect intrusions but can also trace back to the specific user or node involved, enhancing accountability and incident response.

Functionality

Purpose and Role in Security

Fake objects serve as proactive defense tools within the data distribution system. Unlike traditional security mechanisms that operate reactively (after a breach is detected), this module prevents and reveals unauthorized actions by planting bait. When a fake object is accessed, shared, or manipulated:

- It signifies a potential breach attempt or misuse.
- It triggers immediate alerts to the monitoring system.
- It helps in tracking the source of unauthorized access (via digital forensics).

This innovative approach significantly increases the complexity for intruders while maintaining operational transparency for legitimate users.

Creation of Realistic Decoy Data

To ensure that fake objects are indistinguishable from real data, the module uses:

- Data mirroring techniques, copying the format, structure, and naming conventions of actual data fields.
- Statistical sampling to generate plausible values (e.g., fake names, email addresses, customer IDs).
- Context-aware generation, tailoring fake objects to match the dataset's context

These decoys are designed to blend seamlessly into the dataset, making detection by unauthorized users virtually impossible.

Dynamic Insertion Strategy

The module doesn’t insert fake objects arbitrarily. It uses intelligent logic to determine:

- Where to insert (e.g., in sensitive or high-risk segments).
- How many to insert based on sensitivity level of the data, user access patterns and risk assessment scores

This dynamic approach ensures that fake objects are both strategically placed and frequently varied, making pattern recognition and evasion by attackers extremely difficult.

Early-Warning and Attribution Mechanism

One of the most powerful aspects of the Fake Object Module is its ability to act as an early-warning system:

- If a fake object is accessed, the system assumes potential compromise and escalates security posture.
- The system can isolate the user or node, limit further access, and activate containment protocols.
- The logs and metadata can be used to identify the insider or external threat actor responsible for the interaction.

This significantly reduces response time and allows for swift corrective actions before further damage occurs.

Enhancing Security Through Uncertainty

For malicious users, the presence of fake objects introduces uncertainty and risk:

- They cannot confidently extract real data without potentially triggering alarms.
- They risk detection with every unauthorized interaction.
- This deters attackers and shifts the advantage to the defense system.

5.1.3 OPTIMIZATION MODULE

The Optimization Module is responsible for enhancing the overall efficiency and responsiveness of the system. It intelligently manages computational resources, optimizes the placement and number of fake objects, and ensures that encryption/decryption tasks don’t overload the system.

This module uses advanced optimization algorithms (like heuristic-based or predictive models) to maintain a balance between security depth and system performance. It also evaluates and adjusts system parameters like data chunk sizes, frequency of validation checks, and encryption key strength based on real-time analytics and load conditions. This ensures that even with increased user access or larger datasets, the system continues to operate smoothly.

Functionality

Security-Performance Trade-off Management

A key responsibility of the Optimization Module is to strategically balance security depth with operational performance. While strong encryption, frequent validations, and decoy data improve security, they can also strain system resources. The module:

- Continuously assesses trade-offs between security enforcement and system load.
- Uses adaptive thresholds to adjust security layers based on usage scenarios.
- Ensures that performance degradation does not occur during critical operations such as user queries, data access, or transaction logging.

Smart Fake Object Placement and Scaling

The Optimization Module works closely with the Fake Object Module to ensure that the insertion of decoy data is done:

- Efficiently and subtly, without introducing delays or performance lags
- In realistic proportions, based on dataset size and user sensitivity levels
- Without exceeding memory or bandwidth thresholds

By using heuristic and predictive algorithms, the module identifies optimal locations and quantities for fake object deployment, ensuring both security enhancement and system integrity.

Adaptive Resource Management

To support the multi-module architecture, the Optimization Module functions as a resource orchestrator. It:

- Monitors each module’s resource usage
- Prioritizes critical processes during system strain
- Ensures equitable resource allocation across modules like Data Allocation, Encryption, Monitoring, and Logging

This leads to maximum throughput and minimal bottlenecks, maintaining system stability under variable load conditions.

Dynamic Threat Response Adjustment

When the system detects a spike in suspicious activity or breach attempts, the Optimization Module:

- Automatically raises the security level by tightening access rules
- Increases the frequency of anomaly checks
- Allocates more resources to monitoring and threat isolation tasks
- Activates high-security configurations (e.g., stricter multi-level authentication)

In contrast, under normal or low-risk scenarios, it relaxes these controls slightly to preserve user experience and reduce processing overhead.

5.1.4 DATA DISTRIBUTOR MODULE

The Data Distributor Module is the final point of delivery, responsible for transmitting allocated and encrypted data to verified users or external systems. It acts as a secure gateway, working closely with the authentication system to ensure only valid users with the correct decryption keys gain access.

This module also handles multi-level authentication protocols, validating credentials at multiple checkpoints before and after distribution. It logs every access attempt, successful or not, and maintains a detailed history of data transfers. In case of abnormal behavior, such as repeated failed logins or sudden changes in access patterns, the system triggers an alert for administrative review.

Functionality

Secure Data Transmission

At the core of the Data Distributor Module is its ability to facilitate secure data transmission. It uses encrypted channels to ensure that:

- Data in transit remains secure and protected from interception or tampering.
- SSL/TLS protocols are employed to encrypt data during transmission, ensuring confidentiality.
- The data's integrity is verified using cryptographic checksums, preventing data corruption or alteration.

The module ensures that only legitimate users or systems can decrypt the data, using keys provided by the KeyGen system to decrypt segments once they arrive at the destination. This guarantees that the data is not exposed during its transfer across potentially insecure networks.

Multi-Level Authentication

The authentication protocol is the cornerstone of the Data Distributor Module's security strategy. It validates user credentials in multiple steps, ensuring only authenticated and authorized users can access the data. The multi-level authentication process includes:

- **Password-based authentication:** The first layer where users enter a password to access the system.
- **Two-factor authentication (2FA):** Adding an additional layer of security by requiring a code sent to the user's registered device (e.g., mobile phone or email).
- **Role-based access control (RBAC):** Once authenticated, users are assigned specific permissions based on their role, ensuring they only receive the data they are authorized to access.

These layers provide a robust barrier against unauthorized access, ensuring that even if a user's credentials are compromised.

Integration with KeyGen for Decryption Validation

The KeyGen system plays a central role in ensuring that the decryption keys are assigned to the correct users. The Data Distributor Module works closely with KeyGen to:

- Validate that the user attempting to access the data possesses the correct decryption key for the specific dataset.
- Retrieve the necessary keys from the KeyGen system based on user credentials and role-based permissions.
- Only allow the decryption process to proceed if the user is authorized to access the specific data segment they are requesting.

This key validation process ensures that the data is only decrypted by legitimate users, preventing unauthorized decryption attempts that could compromise data confidentiality.

5.2 BLOCK DIAGRAM

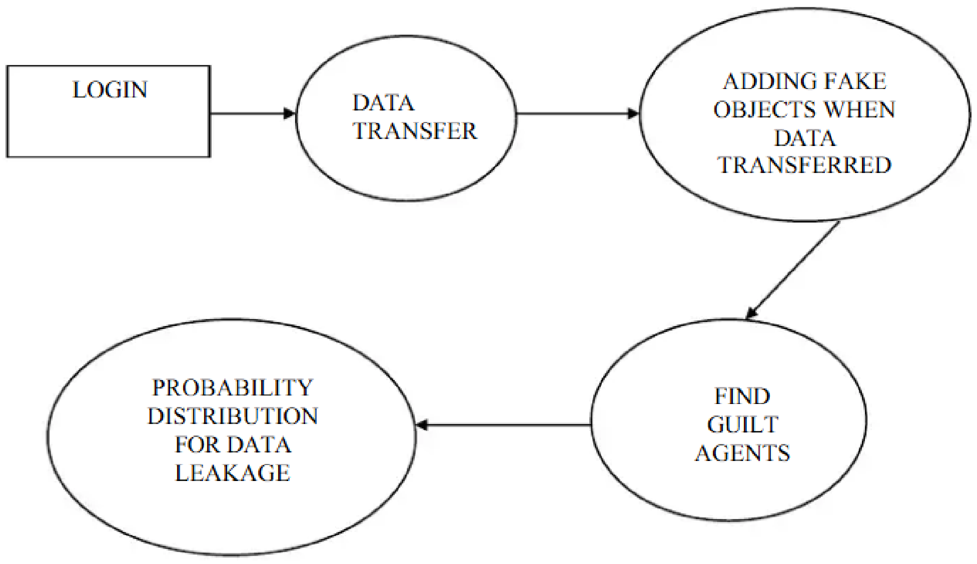

LOGIN
DATA TRANSFER
ADDING FAKE OBJECTS WHEN DATA TRANSFERRED
FIND GUILT AGENTS
PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION FOR DATA LEAKAGE

Fig 5.2.1 Block Diagram

The block diagram visually represents the operational flow of the "Intrusion Detection Techniques in Data Distribution". It begins with the Login phase, where users are authenticated to ensure only authorized agents or users can access the system. This step is essential for maintaining the security of the sensitive data within the system.

Once the user is logged in, the system proceeds to the Data Transfer phase. During this stage, data is distributed from the main office to various agents or third-party entities. This process is carefully managed by the Data Allocation Module, which ensures that each agent receives only the data they are permitted to access.

To enhance the ability to detect unauthorized access or leakage, the system implements the Adding Fake Objects When Data Transferred step. Here, the Fake Object Module injects realistic but fake data into the dataset. These decoy entries serve as traps; if these fake records appear in unauthorized locations, it strongly indicates a data leak.

Following the addition of fake objects, the system moves to the Find Guilt Agents phase. In this stage, using the data access records and any evidence of leaked fake data, the system analyzes which agent might be responsible for the breach.

This analysis is guided by the Optimization Module, which is designed to maximize the effectiveness of fake data placement and system performance.Finally, the system employs a Probability Distribution for Data Leakage model. This part uses statistical and analytical methods to determine the likelihood of each agent being the source of the leak. It supports the decision-making process in identifying the guilty party, ensuring that actions can be taken promptly to mitigate the breach and protect the data from further exposure.

Login Phase:

The system begins with a Login phase, where users or agents must authenticate themselves to gain access. This is the foundational step that ensures only authorized individuals are allowed to enter the system. It helps in maintaining the integrity of the platform and preventing any unauthorized attempts to view or extract data. The login credentials act as a security filter before any data transaction takes place.

Data Transfer Phase:

Once a user is authenticated, the system moves to the Data Transfer stage. This is where the actual distribution of data occurs. The data, typically sensitive or confidential in nature, is shared with multiple agents or external parties. This transfer is managed carefully to ensure that each agent receives only the portion of data relevant to them. It sets the stage for monitoring the usage and flow of information from this point onward.

Adding Fake Object when Data Transferred Phase:

To monitor and trace unauthorized data usage, the next step involves Adding Fake Objects during the data transfer process. These fake objects are indistinguishable from real data but are strategically designed to act as traps or markers. If any of these objects show up in unauthorized or external platforms, it becomes clear that a data leak has occurred. This mechanism is central to identifying when and where a breach might have taken place.

Find Guilt Agents Phase:

Upon detecting a possible data leak, the system moves to the Find Guilt Agents phase. In this phase, the system analyzes the distribution patterns of fake objects and correlates them with the agents who had access to the compromised data. The goal is to identify the guilty party or parties responsible for the leakage. This stage relies on access logs, data ownership tracking, and comparison of fake object appearances to trace back to the source of the leak.

Probability Distribution for Data Leakage Phase:

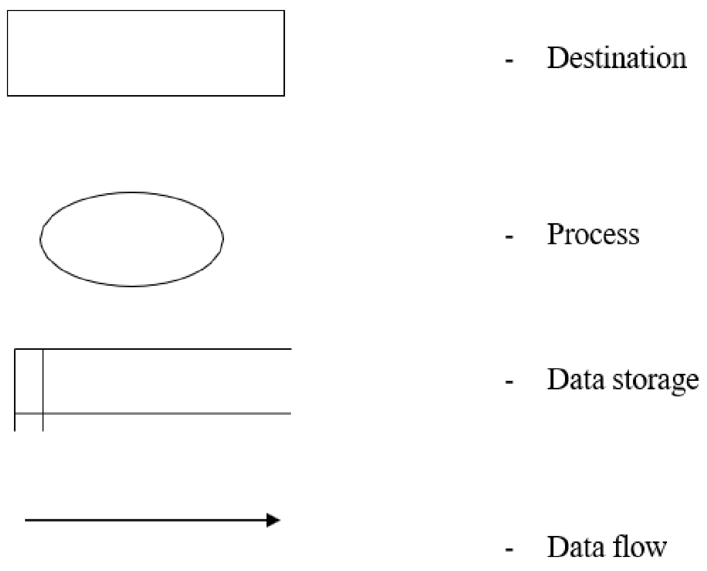
The final step involves a Probability Distribution Analysis for data leakage. This analytical process uses statistical models to estimate the likelihood of each agent being the source of the breach. By evaluating patterns, frequency of data misuse, and the presence of fake objects in unauthorized domains, the system assigns a probability score to each suspect. This evidence-backed approach helps in taking justified actions against the involved parties and also serves as feedback to enhance the future distribution process.

This block diagram outlines a step-by-step security mechanism in data distribution. From authentication to leak detection, and ultimately to guilty party identification through probability analysis, the system is designed to not just protect sensitive information but also to detect and respond to any breaches effectively. It serves as a proactive framework for maintaining data confidentiality and integrity across distributed systems.

5.3 DATA FLOW DIAGRAM

A data flow diagram (DFD) visually depicts the movement of data within an information system, focusing on its procedural aspects. It serves as an initial overview of the system, providing a high-level understanding before diving into specifics. DFDs aid in visualizing data processing and illustrate input, output, data flow paths, and storage locations. Unlike flowcharts, they do not convey process timing or sequencing, drawing inspiration from David Martin and Gerald Estrin's "data flow graph" computation models.

BASIC DFD NOTATIONS



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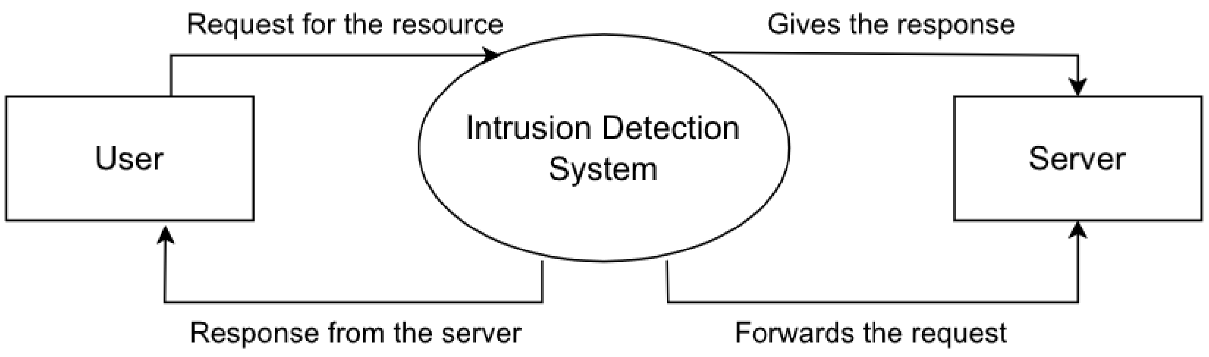

Fig 5.3.1 Level 0 DFD diagram

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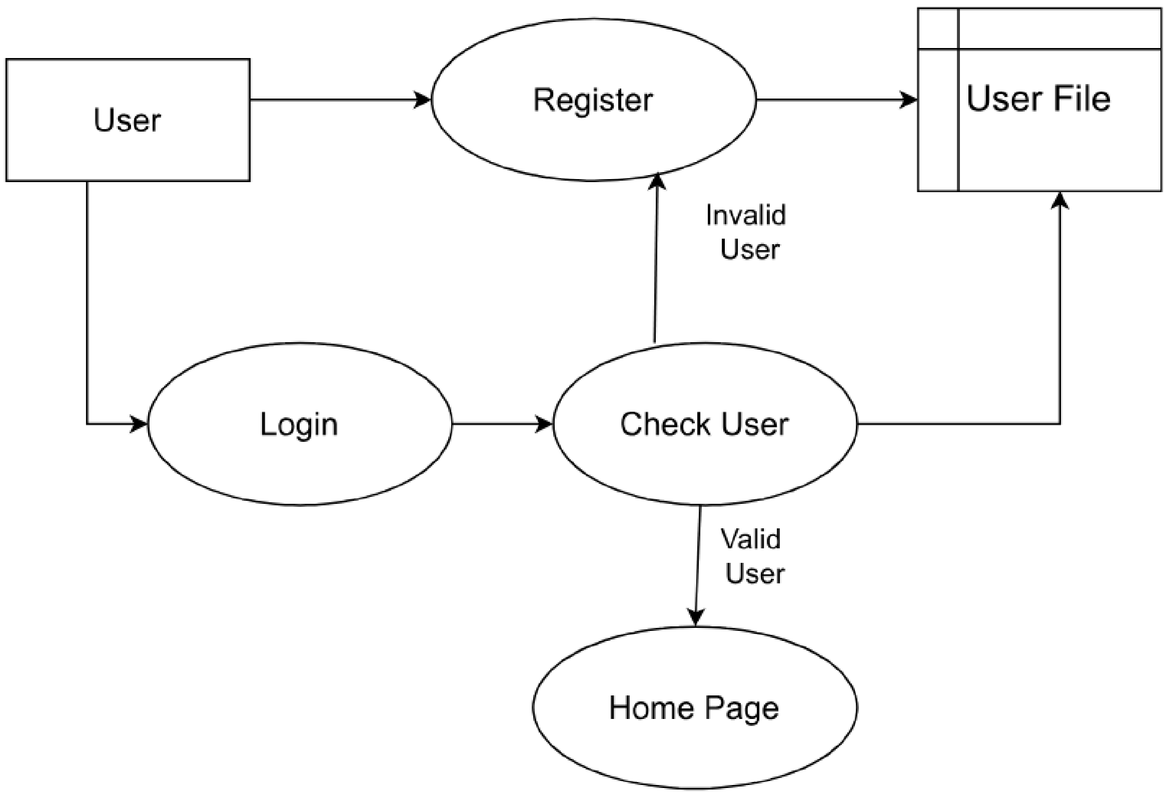


Fig 5.3.2 Level 1 DFD diagram

LEVEL 2:

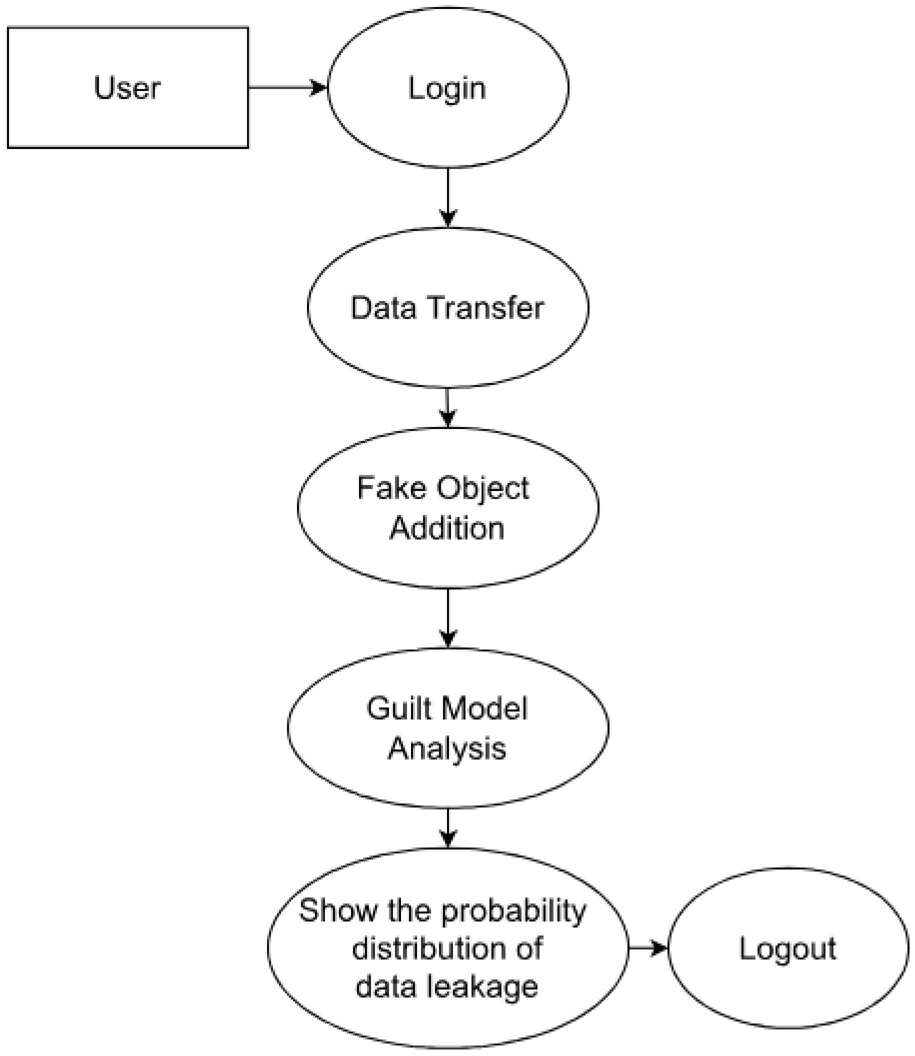
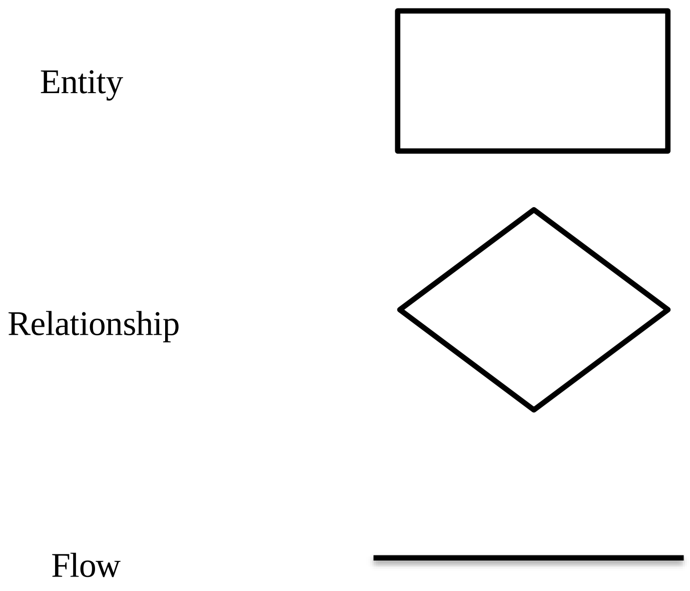


Fig 5.3.2 Level 2 DFD diagram

5.4 ENTITY RELATIONSHIP DIAGRAM

The relation upon the system is structured through a conceptual ER- Diagram, which notonly specifies the existential entities but also the standard relations through which the system exists and the cardinalities that are necessary for the system state to continue. The Entity Relationship Diagram (ERD) depicts the relationship between the data objects. The ERD is thenotation that is used to conduct the data modeling activity The attributes of each data object noted in the ERD can be described resign a data object description.

ER-DIAGRAM SYMBOL



ER-DIAGRAM

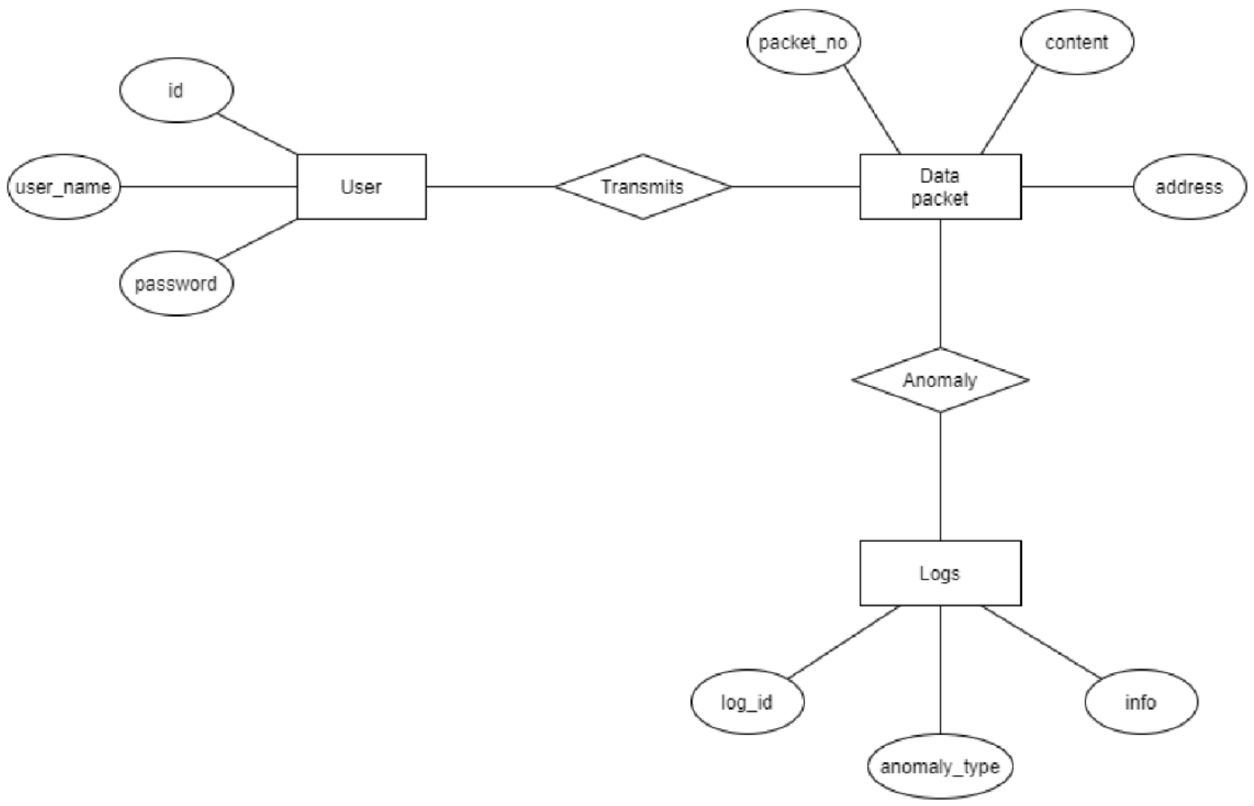


Fig 5.4.1 ER Diagram

SYSTEM TESTING

CHAPTER 6

SYSTEM TESTING

6.1 TEST STRATEGIES

Testing stands as the sentinel guarding the gates of quality, its purpose transcending mere error detection to encompass a relentless pursuit of perfection. It unfolds as a meticulous process, akin to an explorer charting uncharted territories, seeking out every conceivable fault or weakness lurking within the intricate tapestry of a work product. From the minutest components to the grandest assemblies, testing unveils its prowess in scrutinizing every facet of functionality, ensuring that each cog in the machinery of innovation performs its role with unwavering precision.

At its core, testing embodies the essence of assurance, a solemn vow to uphold the integrity of software systems in the face of ever-evolving demands and expectations. With each trial and tribulation, it strives to bridge the chasm between requirements and reality, ensuring that user expectations are not just met but exceeded. From performance testing to usability testing, each type of test assumes the mantle of responsibility, addressing specific requirements with surgical precision. Through a symphony of methodologies and techniques, testing emerges as the linchpin of quality assurance, steadfastly guarding against the specter of failure in an ever-changing landscape of technological innovation.

6.1.1 FUNCTIONALITY TESTING

Functional testing was conducted to verify each module's behavior against the functional requirements.

- **Login Module:** Tested for correct and incorrect credentials. Ensured that unauthorized users were denied access while legitimate users could log in successfully.
- **Data Transfer Module:** Verified that data was correctly allocated to intended users without modification or loss during transmission.

- **Fake Object Injection**: Checked whether the system successfully inserted fake data objects during every data transfer.
- **Guilt Agent Identification**: Validated that the system correctly identified the agents responsible for leaks when fake objects were found in external locations.
- **Probability Analysis Module**: Tested the accuracy of the probability values assigned to each suspect to reflect realistic leak likelihood.

6.1.2 USABILITY TESTING

User Interface (UI)

- Evaluate the clarity of UI elements like login input fields upload/download buttons, and error messages.
- Ensure the graphical password interface is intuitive, responsive and user-friendly.
- Confirm the layout is accessible and consistent across screens.

User Flow

- Test for smooth transitions from login to file upload, and then to file download.
- Check for helpful prompts, validation messages and feedback at each step.

6.1.3 INTEGRATION TESTING

- Integration testing focused on the interaction between different modules.
- Ensured smooth data flow between the login, data transfer, and fake object modules.
- Verified that the detection of fake object leakage triggered the guilt agent identification system.
- Confirmed the integration of statistical calculations in the final probability output.

6.1.4 SYSTEM TESTING

Use Case Scenarios

- Multiple users accessing and downloading data.
- Data leakage occurring from a specific agent.
- Detection of fake objects in external environments.
- The system responded correctly in identifying the leak source and assigning probability scores to the suspected agents.

6.1.5 SECURITY TESTING

- Security testing ensured that the system maintained data confidentiality and was resistant to attacks.
- **Login System**: Checked for vulnerability to brute-force and SQL injection attacks.
- **Data Privacy**: Verified that fake object injection did not compromise the usability of real data.
- **Leakage Detection**: Ensured that even subtle or partial leaks involving fake data could be identified.

6.1.6 PERFORMANCE TESTING

- Performance testing was carried out to measure system efficiency.
- Measured the time taken to transfer data with and without fake objects.
- Evaluated the system's ability to process large volumes of data and still accurately detect leaks
- Analyzed response time when multiple leak sources were involved.

SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION

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System implementation is the important stage of project when the theoretical design is tunes into practical system. The main stages in the implementation are as follows:

- Planning
- Training
- System testing
- Changeover planning

Implementation is the process of bringing a developed system into operational use and turning it over to the user. Implementation activities extend from planning through conversion from the old system to the new.

7.1 SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

The **Intrusion Detection Techniques in Data Distribution** system is designed with an emphasis on secure data dissemination, robust tracking of user behavior, and intelligent identification of potential data leaks. System maintenance plays a critical role in sustaining the reliability, security, and efficiency of the application even after successful deployment and usage. At the user level, security is enforced through authenticated **Login credentials** to ensure that only authorized agents or users can access the system. Each session is time-bound to reduce the risk of unattended access, and session management is handled to automatically terminate idle connections, enhancing security.

For data-level operations, every agent is allocated customized data packets that include **fake objects (decoy entries)**, enabling the administrator to detect data leakage sources. These fake objects are uniquely mapped and monitored, and their integrity is validated regularly to prevent manipulation or identification by malicious users. Data access logs are securely stored and reviewed for unauthorized or abnormal activity.

Rigorous **data validation mechanisms** have been incorporated into all form-based input fields to prevent inconsistent data flow and injection attacks. This includes:

- Controlled entry of text fields, agent IDs, and file identifiers.
- Validations during data assignment and fake object generation.
- Clear system notifications for success, failure, or data leakage alerts.

The system also includes a Probability Analysis Module that computes the likelihood of data leakage per agent based on predefined leakage patterns and recorded fake object appearances. This module is monitored and updated periodically to reflect changes in data-sharing patterns and detection sensitivity.

7.2 SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION

The implementation phase represents the most pivotal transformation in the development of the Intrusion Detection Techniques in Data Distribution project. This stage marks the evolution from theoretical concepts and system design into a fully functional application capable of real-time detection and prevention of data leakage. More than just deployment, it is a carefully orchestrated process that involves converting security models and flow architectures into tangible, interactive modules that can detect insider threats and unauthorized disclosures efficiently.

In this project, implementation involved integrating critical security components such as user authentication, intelligent data distribution modules, fake object generation, and guilt detection analysis. These mechanisms work in tandem to prevent and trace information leakage in sensitive multi-agent environments. The implementation ensures that the system not only identifies data breaches but also supports preventive measures through decoy data injection and probability-based analysis.

A successful implementation was vital to ensure the system fulfills its primary goals: protecting confidential data during distribution, identifying malicious agents, embedding decoy entries to detect breaches, and maintaining operational resilience and accuracy under real-time usage conditions. This phase laid the groundwork for a robust platform that can withstand internal threats and support confident decision-making by administrators and data owners.

The following steps were central to the CARP implementation strategy:

Careful planning

An in-depth analysis of system limitations was carried out, including agent-level restrictions, computational requirements for fake object processing, and storage of transfer logs. Factors such as scalability, concurrent user access, and the complexity of probability algorithms were accounted for during planning and execution.

Investigation of System and Constraints

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Design of Methods to Achieve Changeover

The project included a changeover approach tailored for environments already managing sensitive data distribution. Strategies were created to transition securely with minimal disruption, and rollback mechanisms were developed in case of unexpected failures during agent access or leakage detection.

Training of Users and Administrators

The system includes user-friendly interfaces that guide agents and administrators in using the application. Admins were trained to allocate data, configure fake entries, monitor access logs, and interpret the guilt analysis module. Simple messages, confirmation prompts, and help sections were provided to reduce the learning curve.

Evaluation of the Changeover Method

Post After deployment, a round of evaluation was conducted involving multiple user scenarios and simulated leak tests. The feedback gathered helped in optimizing the placement of fake objects and refining the guilt scoring algorithm. This allowed the final version of the system to be both secure and user-responsive.

7.3 IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES

Implementation of software represents the critical final stage of transitioning a system from development into real-world operation. For the Intrusion Detection Techniques in Data Distribution project, this phase involved deploying the fully functional system into its operational environment, ensuring it adhered to security protocols, detection accuracy, and user accessibility standards. This phase also included configuring user roles, setting up secure data transfer mechanisms, and activating leakage detection modules that utilize fake object injection and probability-based guilt analysis.

Given the sensitivity of the data involved, and the possibility of multiple agents accessing shared information, aligning stakeholder expectations with the system's core objectives was essential. While some users may not directly deal with the inner workings of leakage detection, their interaction with the interface and data transfer modules significantly impacts the overall efficiency and success of the system. The following procedures were carefully followed to ensure a smooth and successful implementation of the project:

Addressing Initial User Resistance

Security-centered systems like this often face hesitation from users unfamiliar with decoy data or guilt probability calculations. Early engagement sessions were conducted to showcase the system's simplicity and its goal of protecting sensitive information rather than adding complexity. Live demonstrations illustrated how fake object generation and secure data allocation work in the background without affecting the user experience.

Educating Users on System Benefits

Step-by-step walkthroughs were provided to train users and administrators on core features. This included how to log in, securely transfer data, manage fake object creation during transfers, and interpret reports generated by the guilt detection module. Simple prompts and UI cues were incorporated into the system to ensure ease of use without requiring technical expertise.

Providing Hands-On Guidance

Users and admins were made aware of the technical conditions necessary for the system to operate effectively. For example, the backend guilt detection service and data tracking modules must be running to analyze transfer patterns and execute leakage tracing. If these services are not active, components like fake object insertion or guilt score generation would be impacted. Regular monitoring and scheduled system checks were also introduced to ensure smooth functioning.

System Requirements Awareness

Users were instructed on the necessary system states for smooth operation. For example, it was clearly communicated that the server module must be actively running in the background to process encryption, authentication, and file transfer requests. If backend services are not active, system functionalities such as login verification or file access would not execute as expected.

CONCLUSION & FUTURE ENHANCEMENT

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8.1 CONCLUSION

The project "Intrusion Detection Techniques in Data Distribution" addresses one of the most pressing challenges in modern information systems: securing sensitive data in distributed environments. With the rapid growth of digital communication and data exchange, the risk of data leakage—especially through insider threats—has become increasingly significant. This project presents an innovative and proactive approach by integrating fake object injection, guilt agent detection, and probability-based analysis to trace and prevent unauthorized data disclosures. The system effectively combines robust security mechanisms with user-friendly interaction, ensuring that even complex detection methods like fake object tracking and guilt probability distribution are seamlessly integrated into the data sharing workflow. By introducing decoy data objects at the point of transfer and analyzing access behavior, the system not only deters malicious intent but also accurately identifies the source of a leak if one occurs. This enhances accountability and acts as a strong deterrent to potential data misuse.

Through thoughtful design, strategic implementation, and comprehensive testing, the project has successfully demonstrated how security can be embedded into the data lifecycle without compromising usability. The system provides a scalable and efficient solution for organizations that rely on sharing sensitive information across multiple users or departments. Its adaptability ensures that it can be integrated into various domains, from corporate data management to cloud-based storage solutions.

In conclusion, this project reflects a practical and forward-thinking solution for maintaining data confidentiality, promoting trust in digital environments, and fostering a culture of responsibility and transparency in data handling. The results validate the system's capability to detect, trace, and prevent data leakage, establishing a solid foundation for future enhancements and applications in real-world settings.

8.2 FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS

The **Intrusion Detection Techniques in Data Distribution** project lays a powerful groundwork for safeguarding sensitive data from unauthorized access and potential leakage. With rising concerns over data security in distributed systems, and the ever-evolving nature of cyber threats, this project presents numerous opportunities for further enhancement and scalability. The following are key areas identified for future development:

Integration of Advanced Biometric Authentication

Future versions of the system can be expanded to include biometric-based user authentication, such as fingerprint scanning, iris recognition, or facial detection. These advanced methods will add an extra layer of security and minimize dependency on conventional text-based or even graphical passwords, making unauthorized access even more difficult.

AI-Driven Intrusion and Leak Detection

Incorporating artificial intelligence and machine learning algorithms could greatly improve the system's efficiency in detecting suspicious behavior. AI models can continuously learn from user access patterns and flag anomalies such as unusual download requests, repeated login attempts, or off-hours data access—automatically triggering alerts or protective actions.

Context-Aware Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)

To further tighten security, adaptive MFA could be introduced. This method adjusts security layers based on contextual factors like geographic location, device recognition, or login timing. It ensures that the system is both secure and intelligent, enhancing user trust without causing unnecessary friction.

Cloud Integration and Cross-Platform Support

A future enhancement could include transitioning to a cloud-native architecture, which would allow for distributed deployment, better scalability, encrypted cloud storage, and easier access from multiple platforms. It would also open up opportunities for real-time sync, remote backups, and disaster recovery strategies.

Enhanced User Experience and Personalization

To encourage wider adoption, future versions can offer user-customizable security settings, such as selecting decoy patterns, configuring alert levels, or visual dashboards showing recent activity. Collecting user feedback through interactive in-app suggestions or performance reports will help refine system usability.

Real-Time Threat Intelligence Integration

The system can be made more proactive by integrating with global threat intelligence platforms. These services track newly discovered vulnerabilities, phishing sites, and IP blacklists, enabling the system to block risky interactions even before they occur.

Compliance and Legal Framework Support

To ensure broader enterprise adoption, future iterations can incorporate modules that support legal compliance with regulations such as GDPR, HIPAA, and CCPA. These modules can include audit trails, access logs, and user consent mechanisms to demonstrate accountability and transparency.

By pursuing these enhancements, the Intrusion Detection Techniques in Data Distribution system can evolve into a cutting-edge solution, equipped not just for today's challenges but also adaptable for tomorrow's complex threat landscape—offering a secure, intelligent, and scalable platform for modern data protection.

APPENDIX

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9.1 SOURCE CODE

Server.js

```
import express from 'express';
import multer from 'multer';
import cors from 'cors';
import mongoose from 'mongoose';
import path from 'path';
import fs from 'fs/promises';
import jwt from 'jsonwebtoken';
import bcrypt from 'bcryptjs';
import { fileURLToPath } from 'url';
import File from './models/File.js';
import User from './models/User.js';
import Group from './models/Group.js';
import Log from './models/Log.js';
const __filename = fileURLToPath(import.meta.url);
const __dirname = path.dirname(__filename);
const app = express();
const PORT = process.env.PORT || 5000;
// Environment variables
import * as dotenv from 'dotenv';
dotenv.config();
// MongoDB connection
mongoose
  .connect(process.env.MONGO_URI || 'mongodb://localhost:27017/projectsend', {
    useNewUrlParser: true,
    useUnifiedTopology: true,
  })
  .then(() => {
    console.log('Connected to MongoDB');
    app.listen(PORT, () => {
      console.log(`Server running on http://localhost:${PORT}`);
    });
  })
  .catch((err) => {
    console.error('MongoDB connection error:', err);
  });
// Middleware
app.use(cors({ origin: 'http://localhost:3000' }));
app.use(express.json());
app.use(express.urlencoded({ extended: true }));
app.use('/uploads', express.static(path.join(__dirname, 'uploads')));
// Multer for file uploads
const storage = multer.diskStorage({
  destination: (req, file, cb) => {
    cb(null, 'uploads');
  },
  filename: (req, file, cb) => {
    const uniqueName = `${Date.now()}-${file.originalname}`;
    cb(null, uniqueName);
  },
});
const upload = multer({ storage });
// Authentication middleware (optional)
const authMiddleware = async (req, res, next) => {
  const token = req.header('Authorization')?.replace('Bearer ', '');
  if (!token) {
    return res.status(401).json({ error: 'No token provided' });
  }
  try {
    const decoded = jwt.verify(token, process.env.JWT_SECRET || 'secret');
    req.user = await User.findById(decoded.userId);
    if (!req.user) {
      return res.status(401).json({ error: 'Invalid token' });
    }
    next();
  } catch (error) {
    res.status(401).json({ error: 'Unauthorized' });
  }
};
// User routes (optional authentication)
app.post('/register', async (req, res) => {
  try {
    const { username, email, password, role } = req.body;
    const hashedPassword = await bcrypt.hash(password, 10);
    const user = new User({
      username,
      email,
      password: hashedPassword,
      role: role || 'client',
    });
    await user.save();
    const token = jwt.sign({ userId: user._id }, process.env.JWT_SECRET || 'secret', {
      expiresIn: '1h',
    });
    await Log.create({ action: 'User registered', userId: user._id });
    res.status(201).json({ token, user: { id: user._id, username, role } });
  } catch (error) {
    console.error('Register error:', error);
    res.status(500).json({ error: 'Error registering user' });
  }
});
```

```
app.post('/login', async (req, res) => {
  try {
    const { email, password } = req.body;
    const user = await User.findOne({ email });
    if (!user || !(await bcrypt.compare(password, user.password))) {
      return res.status(401).json({ error: 'Invalid credentials' });
    }
    const token = jwt.sign({ userId: user._id }, process.env.JWT_SECRET || 'secret', {
      expiresIn: '1h',
    });
    await Log.create({ action: 'User logged in', userId: user._id });
    res.json({ token, user: { id: user._id, username: user.username, role: user.role } });
  } catch (error) {
    console.error('Login error:', error);
    res.status(500).json({ error: 'Error logging in' });
  }
});
// File upload
app.post('/upload', authMiddleware, upload.single('file'), async (req, res) => {
  try {
    if (!req.file) {
      return res.status(400).json({ error: 'No file uploaded' });
    }
    const { groupId } = req.body;
    const file = new File({
      filename: req.file.filename,
      originalName: req.file.originalname,
      path: path.join('Uploads', req.file.filename),
      userId: req.user._id,
      groupId: groupId || null,
    });
    await file.save();
    await Log.create({ action: 'File uploaded', userId: req.user._id, fileId: file._id });
    res.status(200).json({ message: 'File uploaded successfully', file });
  } catch (error) {
    console.error('Upload error:', error);
    res.status(500).json({ error: 'Error uploading file' });
  }
});
// File download
app.get('/download/:id', authMiddleware, async (req, res) => {
  try {
    const file = await File.findById(req.params.id);
    if (!file || (file.userId.toString() !== req.user._id && !req.user.groups.includes(file.groupId))) {
      return res.status(403).json({ error: 'Access denied' });
    }
    const filePath = path.join(__dirname, file.path);
    await Log.create({ action: 'File downloaded', userId: req.user._id, fileId: file._id });
    res.download(filePath, file.originalName);
  } catch (error) {
    console.error('Download error:', error);
    res.status(500).json({ error: 'Error downloading file' });
  }
});
// Group management
app.post('/groups', authMiddleware, async (req, res) => {
  if (req.user.role !== 'admin') {
    return res.status(403).json({ error: 'Admins only' });
  }
  try {
    const { name, description } = req.body;
    const group = new Group({ name, description });
    await group.save();
    await Log.create({ action: 'Group created', userId: req.user._id, groupId: group._id });
    res.status(201).json(group);
  } catch (error) {
    console.error('Group creation error:', error);
    res.status(500).json({ error: 'Error creating group' });
  }
});
// Get user files
app.get('/files', authMiddleware, async (req, res) => {
  try {
    const files = await File.find({
      $or: [{ userId: req.user._id }, { groupId: { $in: req.user.groups } }],
    });
    res.json(files);
  } catch (error) {
    console.error('Fetch files error:', error);
    res.status(500).json({ error: 'Error fetching files' });
  }
});
// Statistics
app.get('/stats', authMiddleware, async (req, res) => {
  try {
    const fileCount = await File.countDocuments({ userId: req.user._id });
    const downloadCount = await Log.countDocuments({
      action: 'File downloaded',
      userId: req.user._id,
    });
    res.json({ filesUploaded: fileCount, filesDownloaded: downloadCount });
  } catch (error) {
    console.error('Stats error:', error);
    res.status(500).json({ error: 'Error fetching stats' });
  }
```

```
});
// Default route
app.get('/', (req, res) => {
  res.send('Welcome to ProjectSend MERN API');
});
```

File.js

```
import mongoose from 'mongoose';
const fileSchema = new mongoose.Schema({
  filename: String,
  originalName: String,
  path: String,
  userId: { type: mongoose.Schema.Types.ObjectId, ref: 'User' },
  groupId: { type: mongoose.Schema.Types.ObjectId, ref: 'Group', default: null },
  createdAt: { type: Date, default: Date.now },
});
export default mongoose.model('File', fileSchema);
```

User.js

```
import mongoose from 'mongoose';
const userSchema = new mongoose.Schema({
  username: String,
  email: { type: String, unique: true },
  password: String,
  role: { type: String, enum: ['admin', 'uploader', 'client'], default: 'client' },
  groups: [{ type: mongoose.Schema.Types.ObjectId, ref: 'Group' }],
});
export default mongoose.model('User', userSchema);
```

logs.js

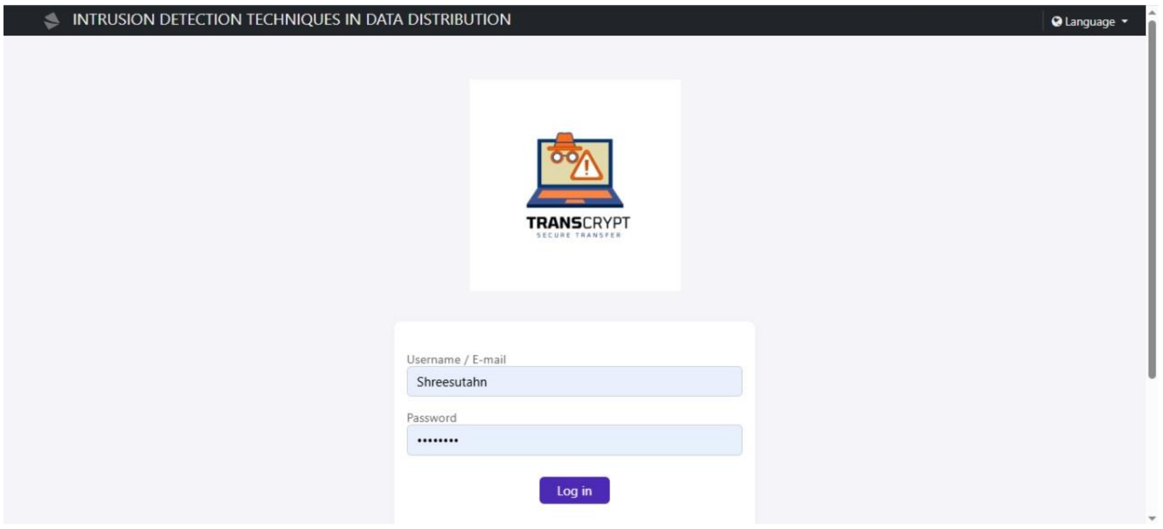
```
import mongoose from 'mongoose';
const groupSchema = new mongoose.Schema({
  name: String,
  description: String,
  createdAt: { type: Date, default: Date.now },
});
export default mongoose.model('Group', groupSchema);
```

FileUpload.js

```
import React, { useState } from 'react';
import { Box, Button, TextField, Typography } from '@mui/material';
import axios from 'axios';
import { toast } from 'react-toastify';
function FileUpload() {
  const [file, setFile] = useState(null);
  const [fileName, setFileName] = useState('');
  const [groupId, setGroupId] = useState('');
  const handleFileChange = (e) => {
    const selectedFile = e.target.files[0];
    if (selectedFile) {
      setFile(selectedFile);
      setFileName(selectedFile.name);
    } else {
      setFile(null);
      setFileName('');
    }
  };
  const handleUpload = async () => {
    if (!file) {
      toast.error('Please select a file');
      return;
    }
    const formData = new FormData();
    formData.append('file', file);
    formData.append('groupId', groupId);
    try {
      const response = await axios.post('http://localhost:5000/upload', formData, {
        headers: {
          'Content-Type': 'multipart/form-data',
          Authorization: `Bearer ${localStorage.getItem('token')}`,
        },
      });
      toast.success('File uploaded successfully');
      setFile(null);
      setFileName('');
      setGroupId('');
    } catch (error) {
      console.error('Upload error:', error);
      toast.error(error.response?.data?.error || 'Error uploading file');
    }
  };
  return (
    <Box textAlign="center">
      <Typography variant="body1" gutterBottom>
        Upload a file to share
      </Typography>
      <Box display="flex" justifyContent="center" mb={3}>
        <input
          type="file"
          onChange={handleFileChange}
          style={{ display: 'none' }}
          id="file-upload"
        />
        <label htmlFor="file-upload">
```

```
          <Button variant="outlined" component="span">
            Select File
          </Button>
        </label>
        <Typography sx={{ ml: 2 }}>{fileName || 'No file selected'}</Typography>
      </Box>
      <TextField
        label="Group ID (optional)"
        value={groupId}
        onChange={(e) => setGroupId(e.target.value)}
        sx={{ mb: 2 }}
      />
      <Button variant="contained" color="primary" onClick={handleUpload}>
        Upload
      </Button>
    </Box>
  );
}
export default FileUpload;
```

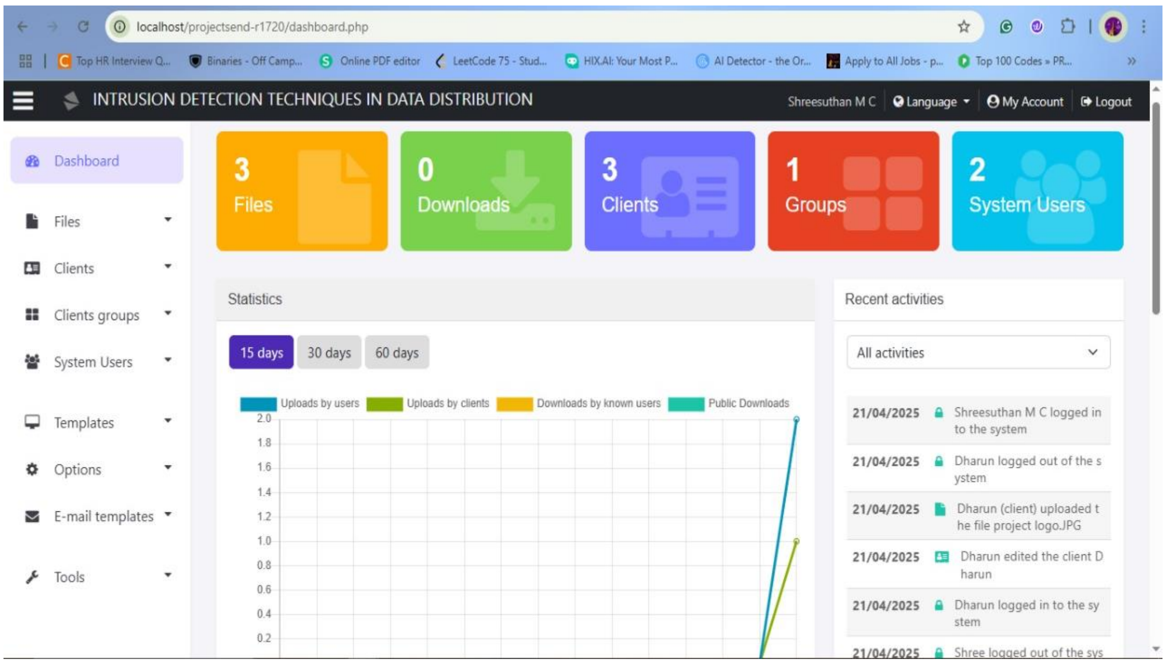
9.2 SCREENSHORTS:



Username / E-mail: Shreesutahn

Password: ••••••••

Figure 9.2.1 Login Page



21/04/2025 Shreesuthan M C logged in to the system

21/04/2025 Dharun logged out of the system

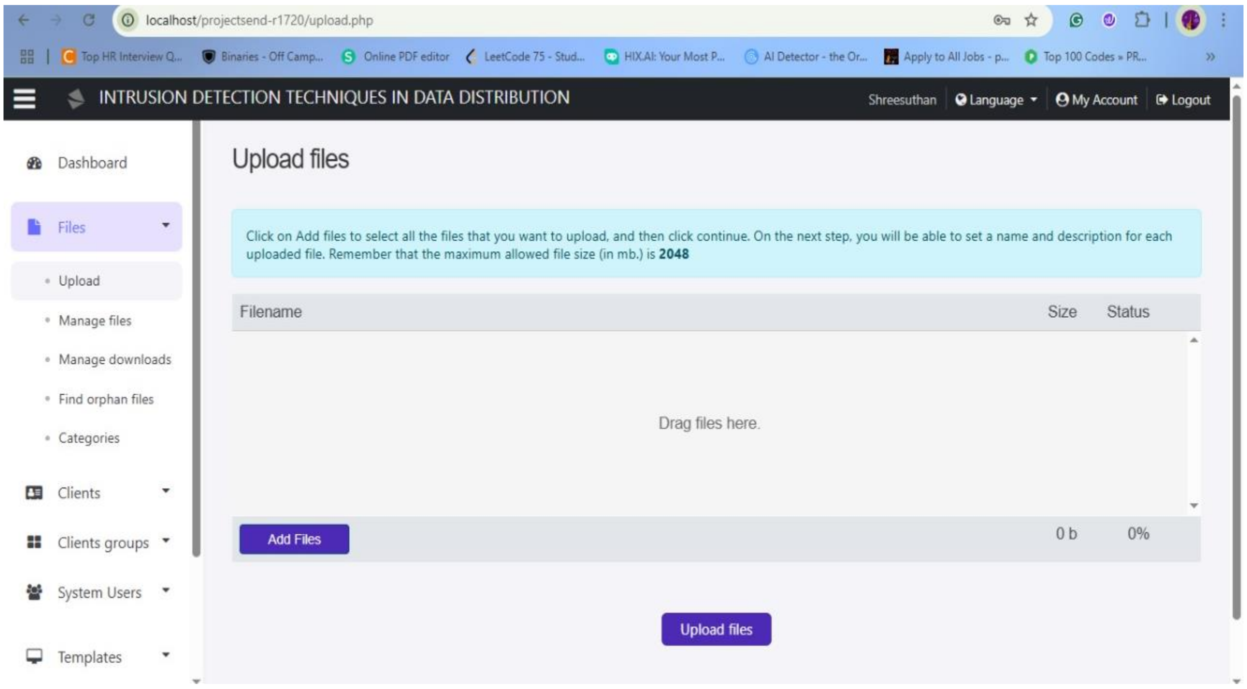
21/04/2025 Dharun (client) uploaded the file project logo.JPG

21/04/2025 Dharun edited the client Dharun

21/04/2025 Dharun logged in to the system

21/04/2025 Shree logged out of the sys

Figure 9.2.2 Home Page



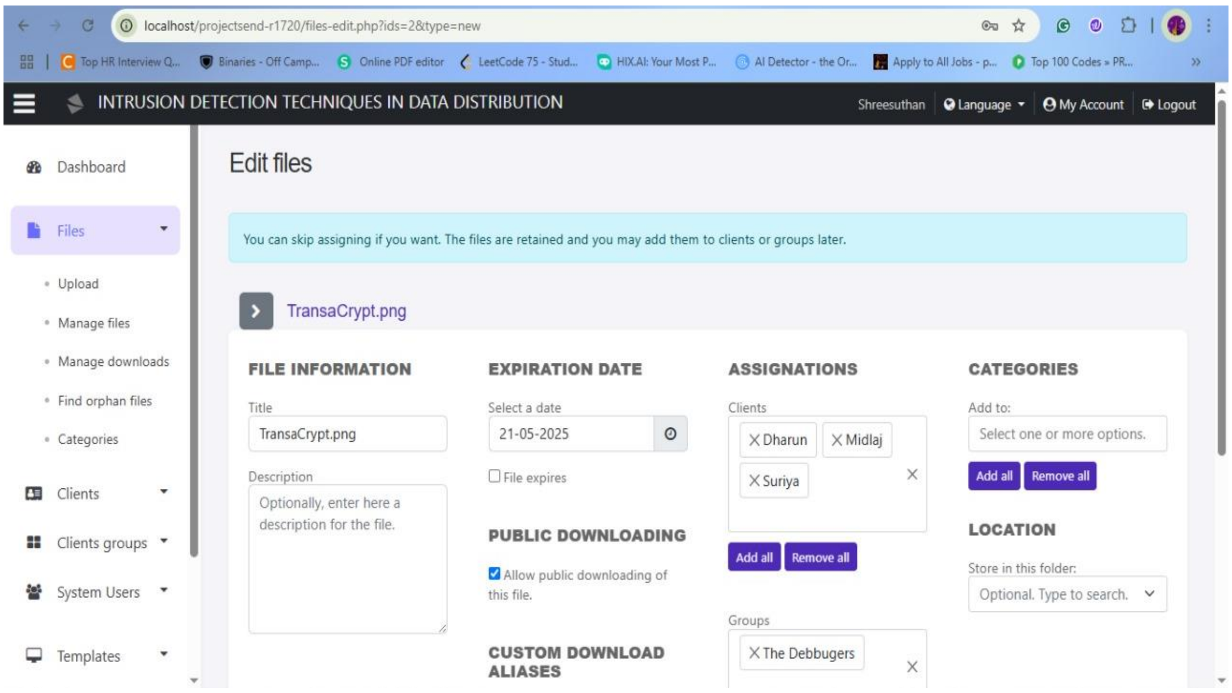
localhost/projectsend-r1720/upload.php

Upload files

Click on Add files to select all the files that you want to upload, and then click continue. On the next step, you will be able to set a name and description for each uploaded file. Remember that the maximum allowed file size (in mb.) is **2048**

Filename	Size	Status
Drag files here.		
	0 b	0%

Figure 9.2.3 Upload files Page



localhost/projectsend-r1720/files-edit.php?ids=2&type=new

Edit files

You can skip assigning if you want. The files are retained and you may add them to clients or groups later.

TransaCrypt.png

FILE INFORMATION

Title: TransaCrypt.png

Description: Optionally, enter here a description for the file.

EXPIRATION DATE

Select a date: 21-05-2025

☐ File expires

PUBLIC DOWNLOADING

☑ Allow public downloading of this file.

CUSTOM DOWNLOAD ALIASES

ASSIGNATIONS

Clients: Dharun, Midlaj, Suriya

Groups: The Debbugers

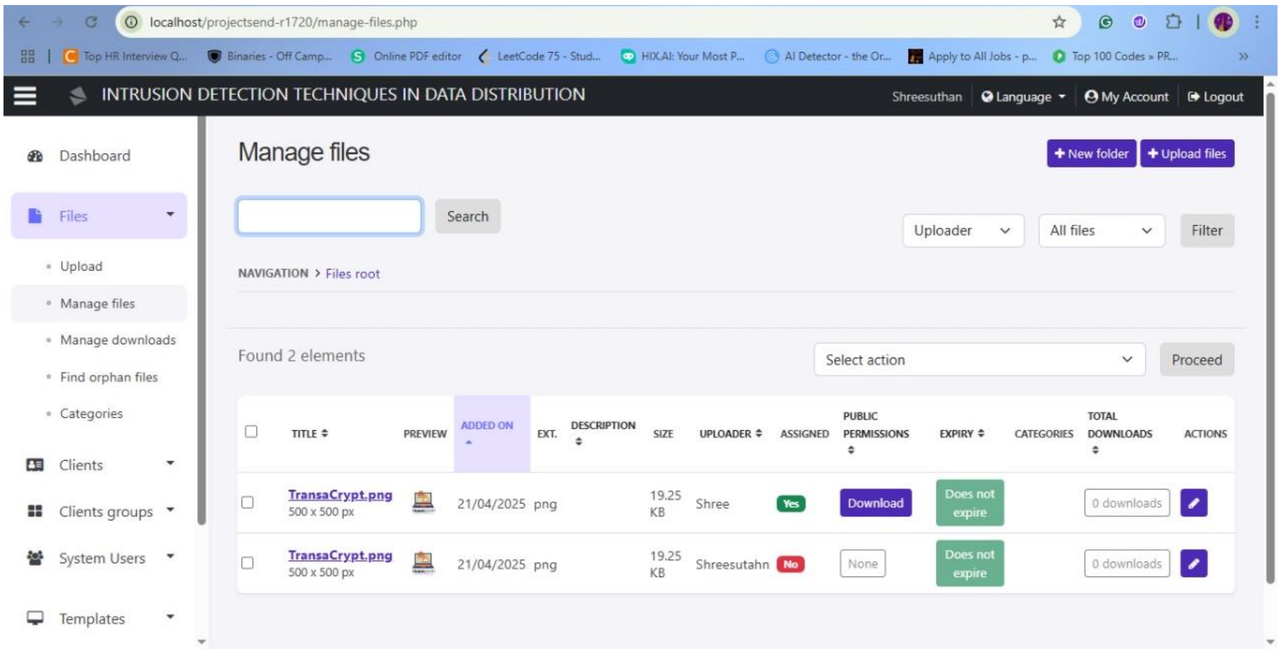
CATEGORIES

Add to: Select one or more options.

LOCATION

Store in this folder: Optional. Type to search.

Figure 9.2.4 File Privilege Setting page



localhost/projectsend-r1720/manage-files.php

INTRUSION DETECTION TECHNIQUES IN DATA DISTRIBUTION — Shreesuthan | Language | My Account | Logout

Dashboard
Files
- Upload
- Manage files
- Manage downloads
- Find orphan files
- Categories

Clients
Clients groups
System Users
Templates

Manage files

+ New folder | + Upload files

Search | Uploader | All files | Filter

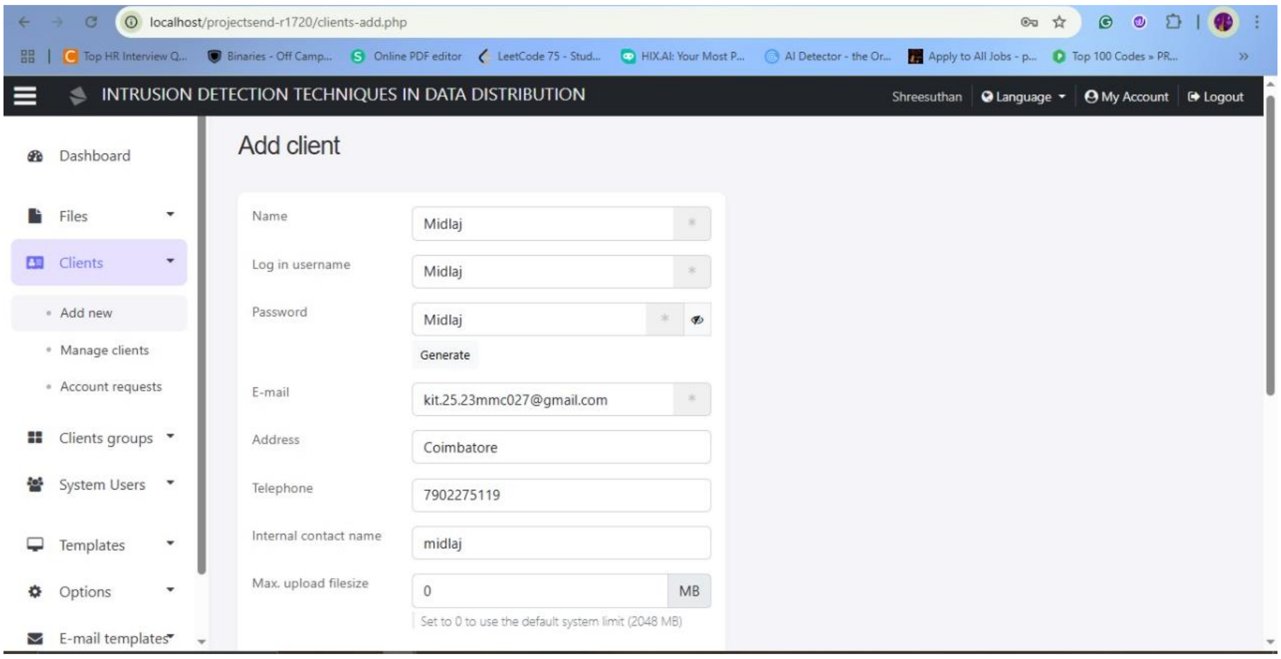
NAVIGATION > Files root

Found 2 elements

Select action | Proceed

	TITLE	PREVIEW	ADDED ON	EXT.	DESCRIPTION	SIZE	UPLOADER	ASSIGNED	PUBLIC PERMISSIONS	EXPIRY	CATEGORIES	TOTAL DOWNLOADS	ACTIONS
☐	TransaCrypt.png 500 x 500 px		21/04/2025	png		19.25 KB	Shree	Yes	Download	Does not expire		0 downloads	✎
☐	TransaCrypt.png 500 x 500 px		21/04/2025	png		19.25 KB	Shreesutahn	No	None	Does not expire		0 downloads	✎

Figure 9.2.5. File Manage page



localhost/projectsend-r1720/clients-add.php

INTRUSION DETECTION TECHNIQUES IN DATA DISTRIBUTION — Shreesuthan | Language | My Account | Logout

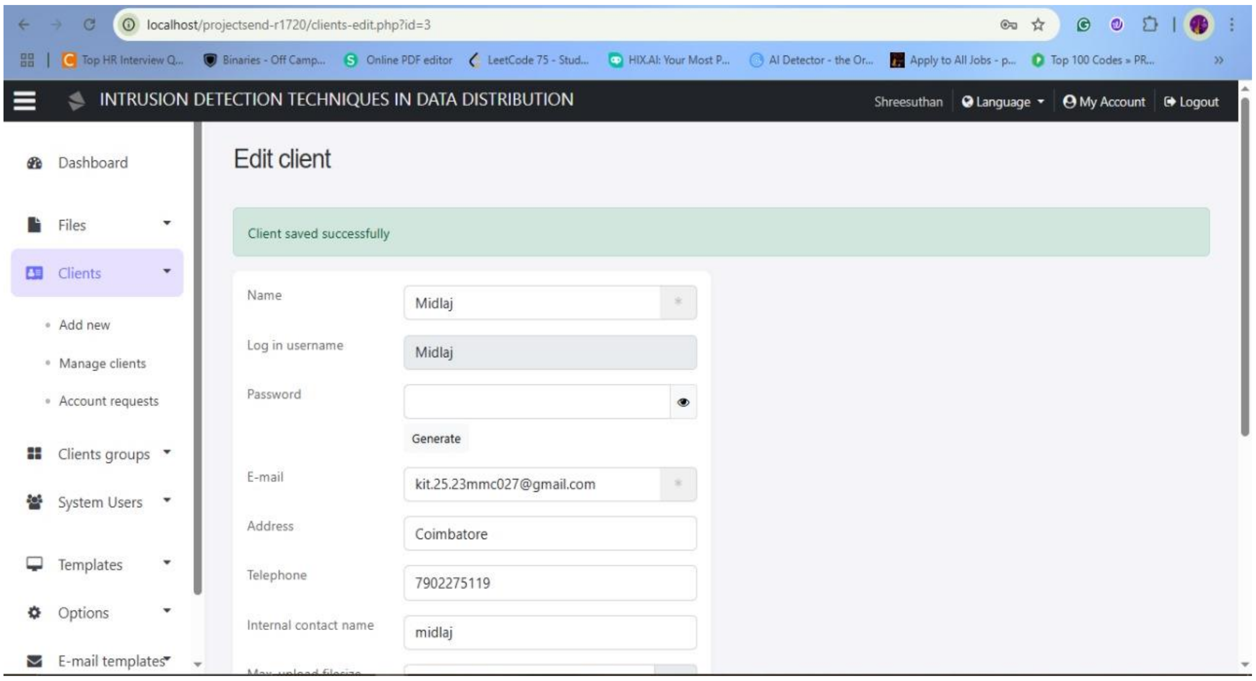
Dashboard
Files
Clients
- Add new
- Manage clients
- Account requests

Clients groups
System Users
Templates
Options
E-mail templates

Add client

Name	Midlaj
Log in username	Midlaj
Password	Midlaj
	Generate
E-mail	kit.25.23mmc027@gmail.com
Address	Coimbatore
Telephone	7902275119
Internal contact name	midlaj
Max. upload filesize	0 MB
	Set to 0 to use the default system limit (2048 MB)

Figure 9.2.6 Add Client Page



localhost/projectsend-r1720/clients-edit.php?id=3

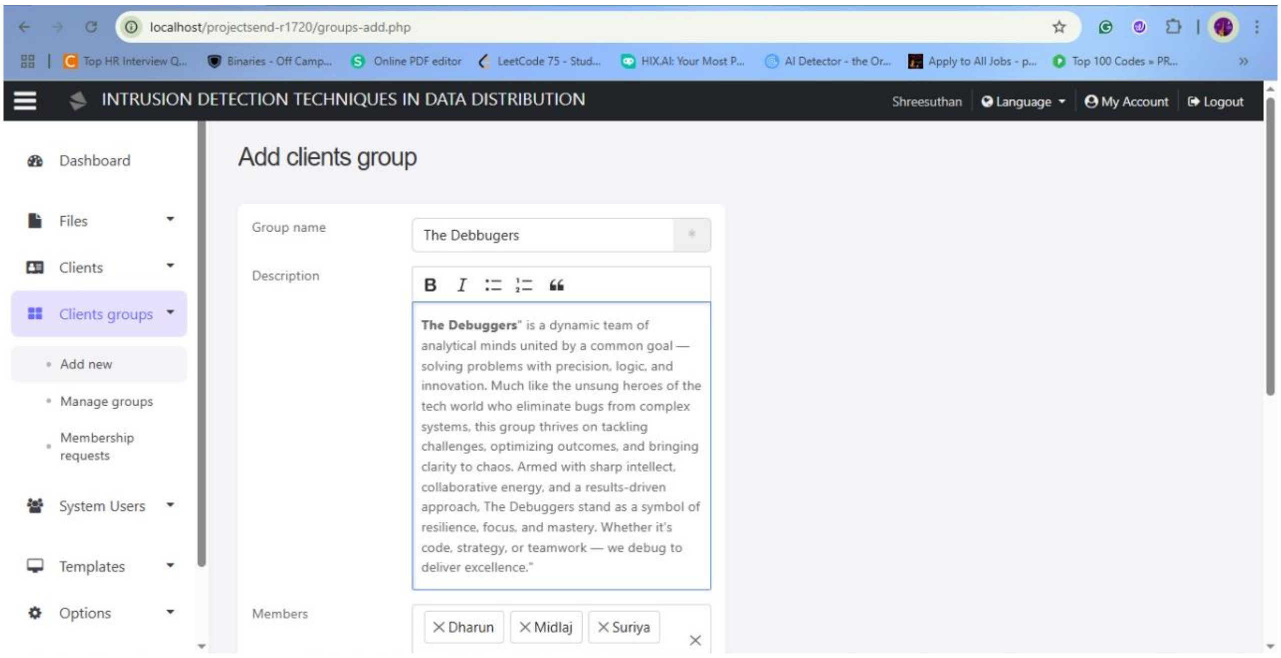
INTRUSION DETECTION TECHNIQUES IN DATA DISTRIBUTION

Edit client

Client saved successfully

Name	Midlaj
Log in username	Midlaj
Password	
E-mail	kit.25.23mmc027@gmail.com
Address	Coimbatore
Telephone	7902275119
Internal contact name	midlaj

Figure 9.2.7 Client Added Successfully



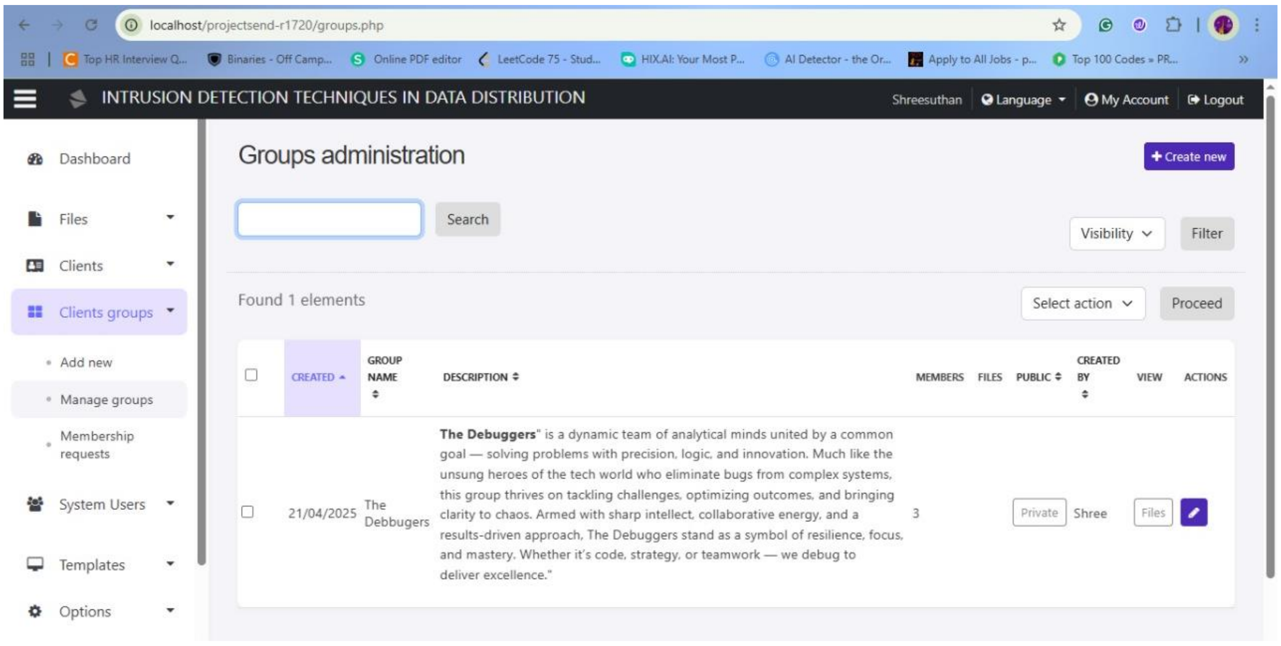
localhost/projectsend-r1720/groups-add.php

INTRUSION DETECTION TECHNIQUES IN DATA DISTRIBUTION

Add clients group

Group name	The Debbugers
Description	**The Debuggers**" is a dynamic team of analytical minds united by a common goal — solving problems with precision, logic, and innovation. Much like the unsung heroes of the tech world who eliminate bugs from complex systems, this group thrives on tackling challenges, optimizing outcomes, and bringing clarity to chaos. Armed with sharp intellect, collaborative energy, and a results-driven approach, The Debuggers stand as a symbol of resilience, focus, and mastery. Whether it's code, strategy, or teamwork — we debug to deliver excellence."
Members	Dharun, Midlaj, Suriya

Figure 9.2.8 Add Group



localhost/projectsend-r1720/groups.php

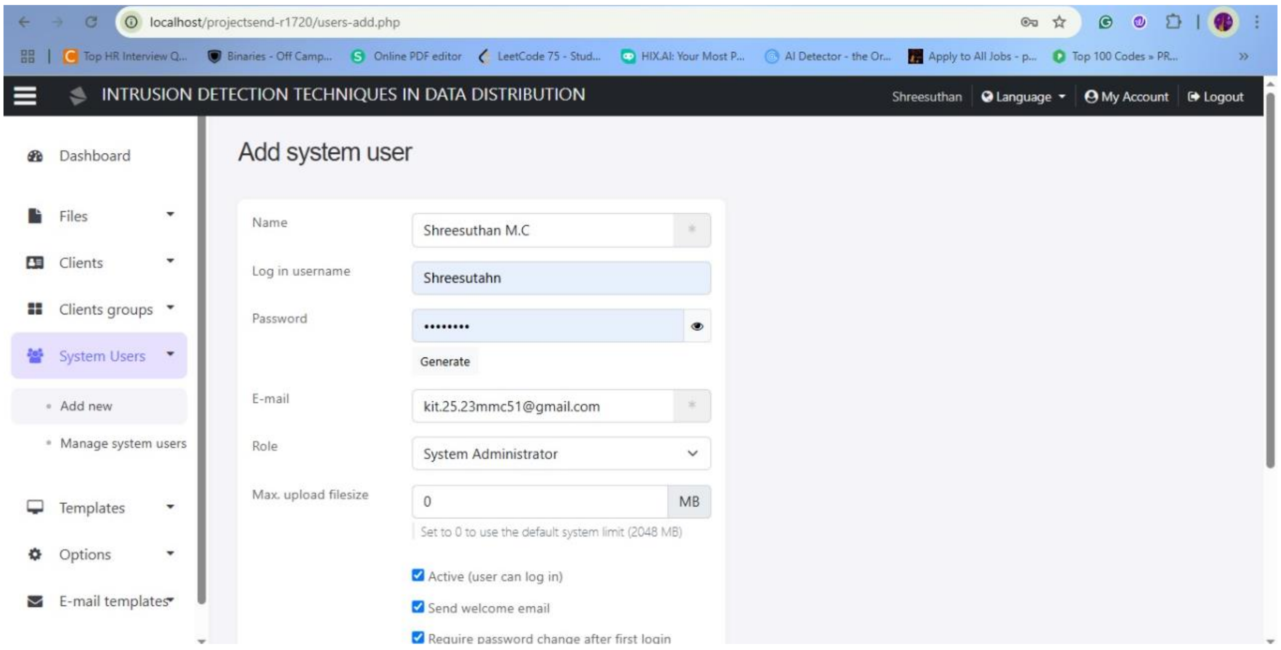
INTRUSION DETECTION TECHNIQUES IN DATA DISTRIBUTION

Groups administration

Found 1 elements

CREATED	GROUP NAME	DESCRIPTION	MEMBERS	FILES	PUBLIC	CREATED BY	VIEW	ACTIONS
21/04/2025	The Debbugers	**The Debuggers**" is a dynamic team of analytical minds united by a common goal — solving problems with precision, logic, and innovation. Much like the unsung heroes of the tech world who eliminate bugs from complex systems, this group thrives on tackling challenges, optimizing outcomes, and bringing clarity to chaos. Armed with sharp intellect, collaborative energy, and a results-driven approach, The Debuggers stand as a symbol of resilience, focus, and mastery. Whether it's code, strategy, or teamwork — we debug to deliver excellence."	3		Private	Shree	Files	

Figure 9.2.9 Group Created Successfully



localhost/projectsend-r1720/users-add.php

INTRUSION DETECTION TECHNIQUES IN DATA DISTRIBUTION

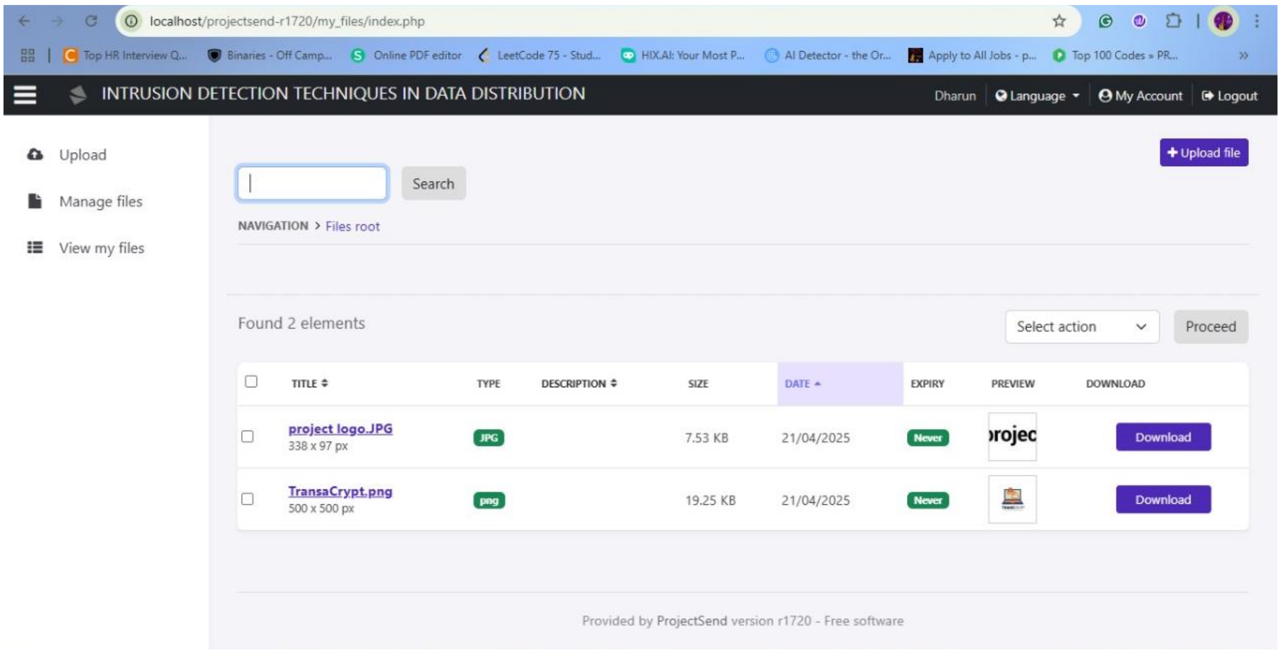
Add system user

Name	Shreesuthan M.C
Log in username	Shreesutahn
Password	••••••••
E-mail	kit.25.23mmc51@gmail.com
Role	System Administrator
Max. upload filesize	0 MB

Set to 0 to use the default system limit (2048 MB)

☑ Active (user can log in)
☑ Send welcome email
☑ Require password change after first login

Figure 9.2.10 Add System User



localhost/projectsend-r1720/my_files/index.php

INTRUSION DETECTION TECHNIQUES IN DATA DISTRIBUTION

Dharun | Language | My Account | Logout

Upload
Manage files
View my files

+ Upload file

Search

NAVIGATION > Files root

Found 2 elements

Select action | Proceed

	TITLE	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	SIZE	DATE	EXPIRY	PREVIEW	DOWNLOAD
☐	project logo.JPG 338 x 97 px	JPG		7.53 KB	21/04/2025	Never		Download
☐	TransaCrypt.png 500 x 500 px	png		19.25 KB	21/04/2025	Never		Download

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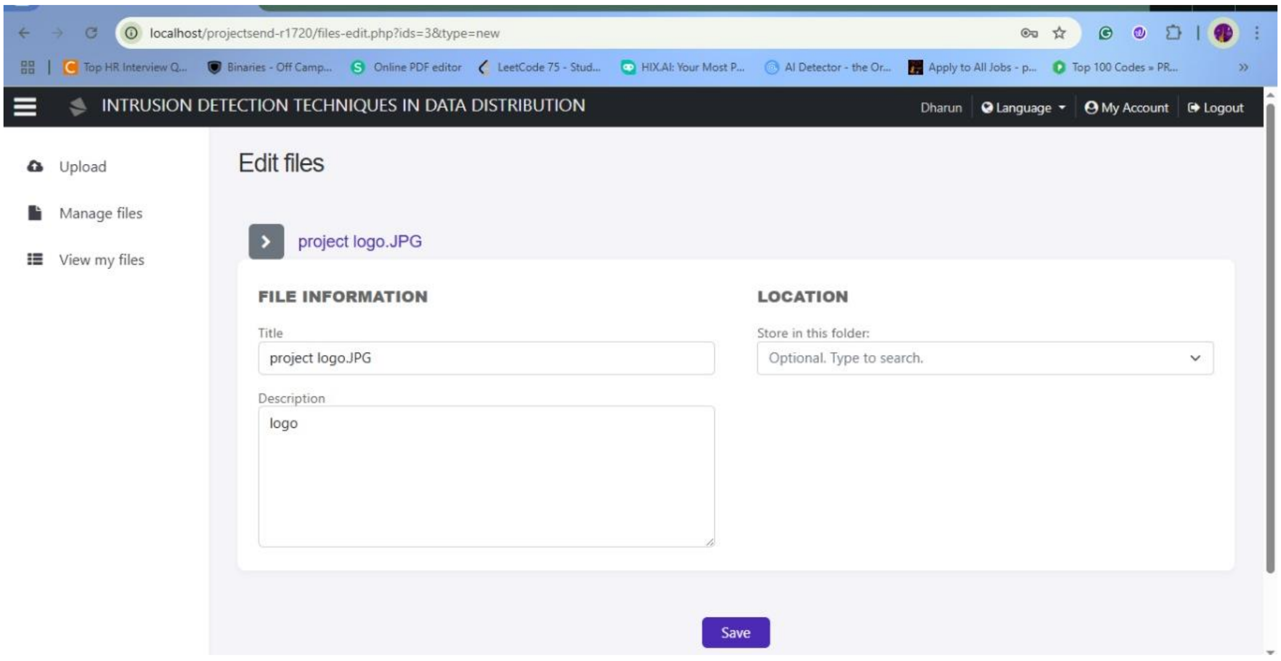
Figure 9.2.11 Client File Download Page



localhost/projectsend-r1720/files-edit.php?ids=3&type=new

INTRUSION DETECTION TECHNIQUES IN DATA DISTRIBUTION

Dharun | Language | My Account | Logout

Upload
Manage files
View my files

Edit files

project logo.JPG

FILE INFORMATION

Title: project logo.JPG

Description: logo

LOCATION

Store in this folder: Optional. Type to search.

Save

Figure 9.2.12 Client File Upload Page

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Abstract— In today's fast-paced, digitally connected world, it's essential for organizations to share and distribute data effortlessly to keep everything running smoothly. But with that comes the challenge of ensuring that sensitive information remains confidential, intact, and secure—something that's become a top priority. Distributed systems, particularly those that interact with cloud platforms, third-party vendors, and external partners, are increasingly vulnerable to threats from both inside and outside. These threats can range from unauthorized access and insider misuse to data tampering and accidental leaks, all of which can seriously damage operations and tarnish reputations. This project, titled "Intrusion Detection Techniques in Data Distribution," takes a comprehensive, multi-layered approach to address these pressing concerns. It introduces an innovative security framework that combines proactive prevention strategies with real-time intrusion detection methods. Key features of the system include fake object injection, which cleverly embeds decoy data within datasets to identify and monitor unauthorized access; key-based encryption, ensuring that data remains secure during transmission and is only accessible to verified users; and multi-level authentication protocols that verify user identities at various checkpoints. Additionally, dynamic data validation monitors user behaviour to detect any unusual activity and potential security threats. Unlike traditional security models that often react after a breach occurs, this proposed system offers a proactive defense architecture capable of identifying threats before they escalate into serious issues. By utilizing fake data objects as strategic triggers, it not only enhances security but also fosters accountability by helping to trace the source of a breach. With advanced security features that maintain data accessibility and system performance, this project presents a scalable and resilient solution designed for today's data-driven organizations. It sets the stage for future advancements in secure data distribution and integrity.

Keywords— Data Distribution, Fake Object Injection, Insider Threats, Key-Based Encryption, Intrusion Detection, Multi-Level Authentication.

I. INTRODUCTION

In our fast-paced digital age, organizations are relying more than ever on seamless data communication and exchange to drive their operations, make smart decisions, and provide top-notch services. As data becomes a vital strategic asset, it's crucial to ensure its secure distribution across different platforms, devices, and user groups. Distributed systems, particularly those that involve third-party vendors, remote teams, or cloud-based infrastructures, encounter a range of vulnerabilities. These risks include unauthorized access, data interception, accidental leaks, and, perhaps most alarmingly, insider misuse.

While traditional security measures like watermarking, encryption, and Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) have been implemented, they often fall short against advanced persistent threats or insider attacks. Watermarking can be tampered with or removed, encryption only safeguards data while it's being transferred or stored, and RBAC has its own limitations when it comes to detecting misuse by users who already have access. Plus, these methods typically offer little to no real-time insight into how data is being utilized or any potential leaks.

To address these challenges, this project rolls out a robust and proactive security model known as "Intrusion Detection Techniques in Data Distribution." This system brings together a mix of cutting-edge security strategies, including fake object injection, key-based encryption, dynamic user behavior validation, and multi-level authentication. These techniques work in harmony to not only secure access but also boost traceability, accountability, and the early detection of breaches. By weaving security into various layers of the data lifecycle, this framework ensures both smooth operations and strong data protection in distributed environments.

II. RELATED RESEARCH

The fast-changing world of cybersecurity has sparked a lot of research aimed at protecting sensitive information, especially in distributed and cloud-based systems. For a long time, traditional methods like watermarking, role-based access control (RBAC), encryption, and log analysis have been the backbone of data protection strategies. While these techniques provide a crucial level of security, they often struggle in complex, high-volume data environments. Their reactive approach, limited ability to trace issues, and failure to spot insider threats underscore the urgent need for more flexible, smart, and proactive security solutions in our increasingly connected digital world.

Limitations of Watermarking in Data Security: When it comes to data security, watermarking has been around for quite some time and is one of the most recognized methods for tracing the origins of digital content. Essentially, it involves embedding unique, almost invisible identifiers within the data, which helps in verifying ownership and tracking any leaks. However, while watermarking can work well in controlled settings with static data, its effectiveness drops significantly in dynamic or real-time environments. This technique is also quite susceptible to tampering, removal, or distortion, especially when the data goes through changes like compression, reformatting, or unauthorized edits. Additionally, watermarking struggles when it comes to unstructured or semi-structured datasets, where consistent embedding and detection can become quite unreliable.

Challenges of Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) in Insider Threat Detection: Access Control Mechanisms, particularly Role-Based Access Control (RBAC), have been a cornerstone of information security for quite some time. RBAC works by assigning access rights to users based on their roles within an organization, ensuring that people only see the information they need to do their jobs. This approach not only streamlines permission management but also helps minimize the chances of unauthorized access by clearly outlining what each user can do. However, RBAC isn't without its flaws, especially when it comes to spotting and addressing insider threats. Once someone has access, RBAC doesn't keep an eye on how they use that data, which means it can't stop misuse by those who are already authorized. For example, a legitimate user might accidentally or even purposefully leak sensitive information, and RBAC won't be able to catch that. On top of that, it lacks the ability to understand the context, so it can't adjust to unusual behavior or access patterns that might signal a security issue. Plus, RBAC doesn't offer any way to trace or audit what happens after access is granted, leaving gaps in tracking data usage. In environments that are distributed or cloud-based, these shortcomings become even more significant, highlighting the need for more flexible and behavior-aware access control solutions.

Limitations of Log Monitoring in Real-Time Threat Response: Log Monitoring systems play a crucial role in tracking and analyzing user activity, offering valuable insights for investigations after incidents and for compliance reporting. They gather logs of access attempts, system events, and user interactions, which are vital for piecing together the timeline and details of security breaches. However, one of their main drawbacks is that they tend to be reactive—they only spot and report threats after something has gone wrong. Additionally, they often depend on manual data interpretation and correlation, which can slow down response times and make them less effective for real-time threat detection in fast-paced cyber environments.

Encryption Limitations in Post-Access Data Security: Encryption is a popular method used to keep data safe during both transmission and storage. It works by transforming information into formats that are unreadable to anyone who doesn't have the right decryption keys. While it's great at stopping unauthorized access while the data is on the move or stored away, encryption doesn't offer any control or visibility once the data is decrypted. After that point, the authorized user can easily copy, change, or share the data, and any misuse goes unnoticed, which creates big challenges for detecting breaches and ensuring accountability.

Multifactor Authentication and Adaptive Security Models: To tackle the shortcomings of traditional security methods, researchers today are leaning towards more proactive defense strategies. One interesting tactic is decoy-based intrusion detection, which involves placing fake data objects, known as honeytokens, within datasets to catch unauthorized access attempts. On top of that, probabilistic guilt agent modeling can help pinpoint the likely source of a data leak by examining user behavior patterns. Plus, advancements in cognitive authentication and graphical password systems have shown to be quite effective against threats like brute force attacks, phishing, and social engineering.

III. DEVELOPMENT

Setting up the Environment: Our intrusion detection system is built on a solid foundation that leverages cutting-edge technologies to deliver top-notch performance and security. At the heart of it all, we have Node.js and Express.js, which expertly handle API requests and server-side tasks. MongoDB is essential for storing important data like access logs, encryption keys, and user activities. On the frontend, we use React.js to create a dynamic experience that allows for smooth updates and user interactions. Plus, the system is deployed in a scalable Cloud Environment, which means it can easily manage growing user traffic and complex data operations while staying resilient and efficient.

Intrusion Detection Module Implementation: At the core of the system is the Intrusion Detection Module, a crucial part that's built to spot unauthorized access attempts and any unusual data patterns. This module uses cutting-edge machine learning algorithms to keep an eye on a variety of factors, such as user behavior, network traffic, and the overall performance of the system. By constantly monitoring these elements, it can detect suspicious activities in real-time and send out immediate alerts. The system is designed to adapt, learning from new data trends to enhance detection accuracy, minimize false alarms, and effectively tackle emerging security threats, ensuring strong protection against potential intrusions.

Fake Object Injection Technique:
To boost our security even further, we've rolled out a technique called Fake Object Injection. This clever approach involves inserting decoy data into our distribution network, which confuses potential attackers and keeps their focus away from our sensitive information. These fake objects are crafted to blend in perfectly with the real data, making it tough for unauthorized users to tell the difference. Our detection system is always on the lookout, monitoring interactions with these decoys and flagging any unauthorized attempts to access them. This way, we're reinforcing the integrity and security of our distributed data.

Data Encryption and Secure Communication: All the data that flows through the system is safeguarded with AES-256 encryption. This means that even if someone tries to intercept the data, it stays completely unreadable and secure. On top of that, the system uses SSL/TLS protocols to create safe communication channels between clients and the server. This combination of end-to-end encryption ensures that sensitive information, like user credentials and transaction details, remains protected throughout the entire distribution process.

Access Control and Multi-Level Authentication: To make sure that only the right people can access certain datasets, our system uses a strong multi-level authentication process. Users need to confirm their identity through several steps, which include logging in with a password, using two-factor authentication (2FA) via email or mobile verification, and, where available, biometric authentication. This layered method greatly enhances our defense against unauthorized access and intrusion attempts. Moreover, data access is tightly controlled by role-based access control (RBAC), which means users receive permissions based on their specific roles, allowing them to view or change only the data that fits their assigned privileges.

Data Allocation & Distribution Module: The Data Allocation Module is essential for securely distributing data across different storage locations. It employs dynamic data validation to ensure that users are authentic and have the right access. Plus, with key-based encryption, it keeps data confidential while being transferred or shared with external systems or users.

Session Management & Token Validation: The system uses JSON Web Tokens (JWT) to manage sessions in a way that's both efficient and secure. Once a user successfully logs in, a unique token is created and given to them to keep their session active. This token comes with an expiration time, meaning it will no longer be valid after a certain period. During the session, the backend checks the token's validity with each user action, making sure that only those who are authorized can access the system. This ongoing verification helps to prevent session hijacking and keeps sensitive or confidential information safe.

Logging and Monitoring: To keep everything accountable and to effectively track any suspicious activities, the system records every data request and download, complete with detailed metadata like the user ID, timestamp, action taken, and source IP address. This thorough logging allows for real-time monitoring of user behavior. If anything unusual or unauthorized pops up, it gets flagged right away for further investigation, which helps in spotting and preventing potential security breaches early on.

Testing and Debugging: The development process was all about thorough testing to ensure the system was reliable, secure, and performed well. We kicked things off with unit testing on each component, using tools like Jest and Mocha to make sure everything worked as it should. Next up was security testing, which followed OWASP guidelines and included penetration testing to simulate real-world attack scenarios. On top of that, we ran performance tests to confirm that the system could handle a lot of users at once without sacrificing functionality or data protection.

Error Handling & Feedback: We've put together some solid error handling systems for both the front end and back end. When something goes awry—like a wrong login, unauthorized access, or a system hiccup—users get clear error messages. On the backend, any suspicious requests are automatically blocked before they can do any harm, keeping the system strong and secure against potential threats.

IV. WORKING PROCESS

INTRUSION DETECTION AND DATA DISTRIBUTION FRAMEWORK:

The way an Intrusion Detection System (IDS) operates is carefully designed to provide proactive, real-time protection for data distribution. It significantly reduces the chances of unauthorized access, cyber-attacks, and insider threats. This system features a modular and scalable architecture that integrates secure user authentication, strong encryption methods, and ongoing monitoring to detect anomalies. On the backend, it utilizes Node.js and Express.js, which effectively handle API routing, user requests, data encryption, session management, and threat detection. The frontend is powered by React.js, offering a dynamic, interactive, and user-friendly interface that makes it easy for users to engage with the system. MongoDB serves as the central database, selected for its flexibility and scalability in handling both structured and unstructured data. It securely stores encrypted user credentials, metadata for fake objects, session logs, and file access patterns, allowing for quick retrieval and safe operations. The entire setup supports distributed deployment, ensuring secure data flow and optimal system performance, even during high traffic and complex intrusion situations.

REAL-TIME ANOMALY DETECTION: The Intrusion Detection Module acts as the brain of the system, using cutting-edge machine learning algorithms to analyze behavior patterns, spot anomalies, and identify potential threats in real-time. It keeps a close eye on various factors like user login attempts, session lengths, network requests, data retrieval rates, and file access habits to create a baseline of what normal activity looks like. If anything strays from this baseline—like unauthorized access attempts, unusual file download spikes, or odd request patterns—it gets flagged for further review. The system is smart and adaptive, constantly learning from past data to sharpen its detection skills and reduce false alarms. This self-learning feature allows it to catch both familiar and new types of attacks. Plus, alerts are sent out immediately, activating automatic response protocols that contain the threat while keeping legitimate operations running smoothly. This proactive, real-time feedback loop ensures that intrusions are spotted and dealt with as early as possible, helping to maintain the overall integrity of the system and the trust of its users.

FAKE OBJECT INJECTION STRATEGY:

To enhance data protection and keep sensitive information safe, the system uses a clever technique called Fake Object Injection. This approach involves carefully placing realistic-looking decoy objects within the data distribution environment. These fake objects mimic the structure and content of genuine data but don't hold any real or sensitive information. They serve two main purposes: to confuse potential attackers and to act as an early warning system for any malicious activity. If someone tries to access or tamper with these decoys, those attempts are automatically flagged and logged as possible intrusions. Important details like IP addresses, timestamps, and access methods are recorded for further investigation. This proactive strategy not only helps spot unauthorized actions in real time but also serves as a psychological deterrent, making attackers feel more uncertain and at risk while keeping the real data secure.

SESSION & TOKEN MANAGEMENT

Session control is managed through JWT (JSON Web Tokens) to keep user authentication secure across different routes. When a user logs in successfully, a token is created and saved in an HTTP-only cookie, which helps shield it from client-side attacks. These sessions are time-sensitive, and the token will expire after a period of inactivity, leading to an automatic logout. When a user logs out, the token is invalidated, and any session traces are cleared, ensuring that access to the system remains secure and temporary.

FAKE OBJECT INJECTION STRATEGY:

To boost data protection and reduce the chances of data breaches, the system uses a clever technique called Fake Object Injection. This approach involves adding decoy data that's crafted to look just like real, sensitive information into the data distribution network. These decoys are designed to be indistinguishable from legitimate data but lack any actual valuable or sensitive content. The idea is to mislead potential attackers, drawing their focus away from the real data and into areas that seem vulnerable. These fake objects are strategically scattered throughout the data distribution channels, blending in seamlessly with authentic data. They're dynamic, changing in appearance, structure, or form at regular intervals, which makes it trickier for automated attack systems or malicious actors to spot them as decoys. The goal is to create a situation where attackers unknowingly interact with these fake objects, thinking they've accessed legitimate data. Whenever an unauthorized user tries to access, modify, or download these fake objects, the system's Intrusion Detection System (IDS) quickly flags the activity as suspicious. Every action is carefully logged, capturing details like the time of access, the attacker's IP address, the type of interaction, and other relevant metadata. This enables real-time monitoring and offers valuable insights into the tactics employed by cybercriminals. The Fake Object Injection technique plays a dual role in the security framework. First, it serves as an early warning system, alerting security teams to potential threats. Second, it acts as a deterrent, creating uncertainty for attackers about the true nature of the data they're trying to breach. This uncertainty increases the perceived risk of attacking the system, discouraging further attempts. Ultimately, this method strengthens the system's defenses against targeted data breaches.

AES-256 ENCRYPTION & SECURE TRANSFER:

All files and sensitive information are securely encrypted with the AES-256 algorithm before they're stored or sent out. AES-256 is a symmetric key encryption method that's known worldwide for its robust security in protecting vital data. Additionally, the system uses SSL/TLS protocols to keep data safe while it's on the move. This means that even if someone tries to intercept it, the data stays unreadable and is shielded from any tampering or misuse. Every data operation—whether it's uploading, retrieving, or sharing—is wrapped in a cycle of encryption and decryption to ensure complete end-to-end security.

MULTI-LEVEL AUTHENTICATION & RBAC: User access is managed through a multi-layered authentication system. When you log in, it involves checking your password, using Two-Factor Authentication (2FA), and, where possible, incorporating biometric data. This approach to security means that even if one part is compromised, unauthorized access is still prevented. The system also uses Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) to limit what data users can see and what actions they can take, depending on their roles. Admins, contributors, and viewers each have their own set of permissions to help minimize internal risks and lower the chances of an attack.

DATA ALLOCATION MODULE & KEY-BASED VALIDATION: This module takes on the important job of securely segmenting and distributing data across various storage nodes. With key-based encryption in place, it ensures that data fragments stay protected while they're on the move. Before anyone gets access, the system goes through a thorough process to verify user identities and enforce dynamic data validation. This involves scanning the data path, authenticating access tokens, and checking the integrity of the data before it can be rendered or modified.

V. CONCLUSION

The Intrusion Detection System (IDS) created for this project takes a thorough approach to securing data distribution networks against today's cyber threats. By incorporating cutting-edge machine learning algorithms, techniques for injecting fake objects, AES-256 encryption, multi-level authentication, and real-time monitoring, this system provides strong protection for sensitive data and offers a flexible security framework that can effectively tackle unauthorized access and data breaches. The smart anomaly detection module learns continuously from user behavior and past incidents, which helps to minimize false positives while spotting new threats. Additionally, the use of decoy data, encrypted data storage, and sophisticated session management protocols significantly boosts the system's security, making it tough against attacks like brute-force, SQL injection, and cross-site scripting (XSS). Plus, the system's modular design and cloud compatibility mean it can grow alongside the increasing data volume and the ever-changing threat landscape. With its multi-layered security measures, smooth user experience, and advanced authentication processes, this system is a vital tool for protecting critical data in distributed environments. As cyber threats keep evolving, the system's capacity to adapt, learn, and counter new types of attacks makes it an essential asset for the future of data security. Looking ahead, there's potential for further enhancements by integrating more advanced threat detection methods and expanding the system's capabilities to address emerging attack vectors, ensuring ongoing protection for users and their data.

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