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ABSTRACT

The rapid proliferation of IoT-based healthcare devices has enabled real-time data collection, monitoring, and personalized care. However, the generation of diverse and heterogeneous data formats, such as JSON, XML, and HL7, poses significant challenges to interoperability, data integration, and efficient decision-making. The lack of standardization among these data formats creates barriers to seamless communication between devices, reducing the effectiveness of IoT-driven healthcare systems and hindering scalable solutions.

To address these challenges, this paper presents a middleware solution designed to harmonize data across diverse IoT ecosystems. The middleware employs a hybrid approach, combining rule-based techniques with automated data format classification. It detects incoming data structures, classifies them into their respective formats, and harmonizes them into a universal schema, enabling seamless data exchange and compatibility across heterogeneous devices and systems.

The proposed solution is evaluated on a curated dataset containing JSON, XML, and HL7 samples, achieving high accuracy in format detection and efficient transformation into a unified format. This demonstrates the middleware's ability to handle complex and varied data structures, reducing integration complexity and enabling efficient decision-making. Furthermore, the framework is scalable, adaptable to evolving data formats, and capable of integrating new standards in dynamic IoT environments.

This research significantly advances IoT interoperability in healthcare by providing a robust, scalable solution for addressing data heterogeneity. Moreover, the middleware's applicability extends beyond healthcare to smart city applications, such as traffic management, public safety, energy optimization, and environmental monitoring. By facilitating seamless communication and integration across diverse domains, the proposed middleware lays the foundation for interconnected, efficient, and intelligent urban ecosystems, aligning with the vision of sustainable and data-driven smart cities.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

The rapid advancement of Internet of Things (IoT) technologies has revolutionized various domains, with healthcare being one of the most transformative. IoT-based healthcare devices enable real-time monitoring, remote diagnostics, and personalized care, contributing to improved patient outcomes and healthcare efficiencies. However, the proliferation of heterogeneous devices and diverse data formats, including JSON, XML, and HL7, has introduced significant challenges related to interoperability. The lack of standardization in data exchange and integration inhibits seamless communication between devices and systems, limiting the scalability and effectiveness of IoT in healthcare. Addressing these challenges is critical to unlocking the full potential of IoT-enabled healthcare solutions.

1.2 Motivations

The motivation behind this project stems from the pressing need to resolve the interoperability challenges that hinder IoT-based healthcare systems. Effective decision-making in healthcare relies on the ability to integrate and process data from diverse sources. Current solutions are often domain-specific and lack the flexibility to handle heterogeneous data formats across varied devices. This project seeks to develop a middleware solution that can harmonize diverse data formats into a universal schema, enabling seamless communication and efficient data exchange. Furthermore, the scalability of such a framework opens avenues for its application in broader domains, including smart cities, where interconnected IoT systems are integral to urban innovation.

1.3 Scope of the Project

This project focuses on designing and developing a middleware framework that addresses interoperability challenges in IoT-based healthcare systems. The middleware employs a hybrid approach, utilizing rule-based techniques to detect and classify data formats and transforming them into a unified schema. The scope includes:

1. Evaluating the middleware on a curated dataset containing JSON, XML, and HL7 samples to assess its accuracy and efficiency.
2. Ensuring the middleware's scalability and adaptability to evolving data standards and new formats.
3. Exploring the potential of the middleware for applications beyond healthcare, such as smart city ecosystems, including public health monitoring, transportation, and energy management.
4. Laying the groundwork for future enhancements, including the integration of advanced analytics and compliance with global interoperability standards.

By addressing critical challenges in IoT interoperability, this project aims to contribute to the realization of more integrated, efficient, and intelligent systems in healthcare and beyond.

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND GOALS

2.1 Literature Review

2.1.1 Evolution of IoMT: Challenges in Interoperability

The Internet of Medical Things (IoMT) has enabled seamless real-time monitoring and data collection, leading to significant advancements in healthcare. Despite its benefits, achieving interoperability among IoMT devices remains a challenge due to the diversity of data formats and communication protocols. Systems often face issues such as inconsistent data formats, device heterogeneity, and cross-domain integration. Moreover, privacy and security concerns further complicate system design.

Key Findings:

- Integration with machine learning techniques has shown potential in addressing heterogeneity by enabling adaptive data processing.
- Cost and scalability remain major barriers, particularly in large healthcare networks.

Gap Identified:

- Existing IoMT systems lack middleware solutions capable of harmonizing heterogeneous data formats and protocols while maintaining compliance with privacy and regulatory standards.

2.1.2 Blockchain-Based Enhanced Healthcare Framework

Blockchain technology offers decentralized solutions for secure healthcare data exchange. A blockchain-based framework provides data integrity and auditability by leveraging distributed ledgers. The framework demonstrated improved system throughput for data operations, ensuring robust communication across hospitals and IoMT devices. However, challenges such as resource constraints, scalability, and integration with resource-constrained IoT devices limit its applicability.

Key Findings:

- Blockchain enables secure, traceable data exchange, enhancing trust and transparency among stakeholders.
- High computational requirements and energy consumption hinder its widespread adoption in IoMT environments.

Gap Identified:

- Inefficient optimization of blockchain frameworks for resource-constrained IoT ecosystems.

2.1.3 Interoperability Standards for IoT Systems

IoT systems in healthcare often adopt standards like HL7 and FHIR to achieve device and data interoperability. A proof-of-concept IoT system demonstrated effective sensor integration and remote healthcare delivery for elderly patients. However, interoperability issues arise when integrating legacy systems and synchronizing proprietary communication protocols with modern IoT frameworks.

Key Findings:

- Standards like HL7 and FHIR enhance system flexibility and reduce vendor lock-in.
- Legacy system integration requires significant customization, limiting scalability and increasing costs.

Gap Identified:

- Middleware solutions capable of synchronizing legacy healthcare systems with modern IoT devices and standards are lacking.

2.1.4 Patient-Centric Healthcare Framework

A blockchain, cloud, and IoT-based patient-centric framework shifts the focus from application-centric to patient-centric healthcare data management. By ensuring patients retain control over their data, the framework improves semantic interoperability and trust in heterogeneous healthcare systems. Despite its potential, the framework has not been validated for scalability, adoption, and compliance with regulatory standards.

Key Findings:

- Patient-centric frameworks ensure privacy and user control, improving data accessibility and interoperability.
- Scalability and usability challenges hinder implementation in large-scale healthcare systems.

Gap Identified:

- Lack of real-world validation and usability studies for large-scale, patient-centric systems.

2.1.5 Blockchain for Interoperable EHR Systems

Blockchain-enabled EHR systems address issues of data fragmentation and limited interoperability among healthcare providers. These systems facilitate decentralized and secure data sharing while improving patient ownership and trust. However, integrating IoT devices with EHR systems and achieving international interoperability remains a challenge. Differences in privacy laws and data-sharing policies across regions exacerbate the problem.

Key Findings:

- Blockchain ensures secure and decentralized EHR systems.
- IoT-EHR integration and cross-border data sharing require robust mechanisms for interoperability.

Gap Identified:

- Lack of automated IoT-EHR integration frameworks and cross-border interoperability solutions.

2.1.6 HeDI: Interoperability for IoT-Based e-Health

The Healthcare Device Interoperability (HeDI) platform enables real-time health monitoring by integrating multiple sensors in IoT-based e-health platforms. While the system is reliable for homogeneous sensors, it struggles with heterogeneous device integration and compliance with healthcare standards like HL7 and FHIR.

Key Findings:

- Demonstrates success in real-time monitoring for homogeneous sensors.
- Heterogeneous sensor integration and standard compliance remain unaddressed.

Gap Identified:

- Limited capability to support heterogeneous devices and unvalidated compliance with global standards.

2.1.7 Wearable Sensor Communication Framework

Wearable sensors generate large volumes of real-time data for health monitoring. A blockchain-based communication framework was proposed to enhance secure and interoperable data sharing between wearable devices and EHR systems. However, scalability challenges arise due to the high data throughput and diversity in communication protocols.

Key Findings:

- Secure frameworks for wearable sensor communication improve data reliability and accessibility.
- High data volume and protocol diversity create challenges for scalability and interoperability.

Gap Identified:

- Middleware solutions capable of managing diverse protocols and handling high data throughput are absent.

2.1.8 Blockchain-Based Architecture for EHR Interoperability

A blockchain architecture integrates IoT-generated data into unified EHR systems, improving traceability, privacy, and ownership. The framework addresses fragmentation by providing patients and providers with consistent records. However, its real-world application has not been validated for multi-stakeholder environments, and concerns around privacy regulations remain.

Key Findings:

- Blockchain-based architectures improve EHR interoperability and enhance privacy.
- Validation in real-world, multi-stakeholder environments is lacking.

Gap Identified:

- Lack of real-world testing and insufficient focus on privacy regulation compliance across regions.

2.2 Research Gap

2.2.1 Lack of Standardized Protocols for Heterogeneous Data Formats

Current IoT-based healthcare systems generate diverse data formats such as JSON, XML, and HL7. While various domain-specific solutions exist, there is a lack of universally accepted standards and protocols to harmonize these heterogeneous data formats. Existing approaches often fail to provide a scalable, universal solution that can adapt to multiple domains beyond healthcare.

2.2.2 Limited Scalability and Adaptability

Most existing middleware solutions are not designed to scale efficiently across highly dynamic and large IoT environments. These solutions often lack the flexibility to accommodate the continuous influx of new devices, data formats, and evolving standards, which is essential for applications in complex systems such as smart cities.

2.2.3 Insufficient Automation in Format Detection and Integration

Many current systems rely on manual or semi-automated methods for detecting and transforming data formats, leading to inefficiencies and increased processing time. The lack of fully automated solutions for format detection, classification, and harmonization creates bottlenecks in real-time data processing, particularly in time-critical healthcare scenarios.

2.2.4 Fragmentation Across IoT Ecosystems

Existing solutions are typically tailored to specific IoT ecosystems or domains, which limits their ability to work across multiple industries or applications. This lack of interoperability between domains restricts the potential of IoT technologies in creating integrated solutions for broader ecosystems, such as smart cities.

2.2.5 Limited Focus on Real-Time Data Processing

Most middleware frameworks lack robust mechanisms for real-time data transformation and integration, which is crucial in healthcare systems where timely decision-making can be lifesaving. Achieving low-latency processing while maintaining high accuracy in data format detection remains an underexplored area.

2.2.6 Inadequate Exploration of Smart City Applications

While significant progress has been made in addressing interoperability challenges in healthcare, there is a limited exploration of how these solutions can be adapted to other domains. The potential for scaling healthcare interoperability frameworks to smart city applications, such as transportation, public health, and energy management, remains largely untapped.

2.2.7 Integration of Emerging Technologies

Limited research has been conducted on integrating advanced technologies, such as blockchain, AI, and machine learning, with middleware solutions for enhanced security, predictive analytics, and self-adaptive capabilities. These technologies could provide transformative benefits in improving interoperability and system robustness.

2.2.8 Evaluation on Real-World Data and Scenarios

Many proposed solutions are tested on synthetic or limited datasets, making it difficult to assess their effectiveness in real-world scenarios. There is a gap in validating middleware solutions on diverse, real-time data streams from heterogeneous IoT devices in healthcare and urban ecosystems.

2.3 Objectives

The primary objective of this research is to design and implement a middleware solution that addresses the critical challenge of interoperability in IoT-based healthcare systems. With the proliferation of IoT devices in the healthcare sector, the middleware seeks to harmonize diverse data formats such as JSON, XML, and HL7 into a unified schema. The middleware aims to enhance seamless data exchange and integration, enabling real-time decision-making and improving patient care outcomes. Furthermore, it aspires to be scalable, adaptable to future IoT developments, and compliant with global healthcare standards like HIPAA and GDPR. By leveraging a hybrid approach combining rule-based techniques and machine learning classifiers, this middleware intends to minimize manual intervention, reduce costs associated with integration, and provide a robust foundation for interconnected healthcare ecosystems.

2.4 Problem Statement

The rapid adoption of IoT in healthcare has introduced significant challenges related to interoperability. IoT devices generate vast amounts of heterogeneous data encoded in different formats, such as JSON, XML, and HL7. The lack of standardization among these formats creates silos, hindering seamless communication between devices and centralized healthcare systems. This issue exacerbates the complexity of data integration, limits real-time decision-making, and increases the cost and time required for system customization. Legacy systems, proprietary protocols, and the evolving nature of IoT further complicate interoperability efforts. Additionally, compliance with regulatory standards, such as HIPAA and GDPR, remains a persistent concern in ensuring data privacy and security. Addressing these challenges requires a middleware solution capable of harmonizing diverse data formats, facilitating compatibility, and enabling scalable, cost-effective integration across IoT healthcare ecosystems.

3. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

3.1 System Specification

The proposed middleware system for tackling interoperability in IoT-based healthcare systems relies on a combination of hardware and software components. These specifications ensure the efficient functioning of the middleware and its ability to process diverse data formats in real-time, while maintaining compatibility with existing IoT healthcare infrastructure.

3.1.1 Hardware Specification

The hardware components required for the middleware solution include:

- Processing Unit: A high-performance server or workstation capable of handling large volumes of heterogeneous IoT data. Recommended configurations include:
    - Multi-core CPU (e.g., Intel Xeon or AMD Ryzen 7 series)
    - Minimum of 16 GB RAM for efficient data processing and machine learning model execution
    - Solid-State Drive (SSD) with at least 512 GB of storage for fast data access and storage of intermediate results.
- Networking Infrastructure: Reliable network connectivity is essential for seamless data ingestion and communication. A gigabit Ethernet connection or equivalent is recommended for real-time data transfer between IoT devices and the middleware system.
- IoT Device Compatibility: Support for integrating IoT-enabled healthcare devices, such as wearable sensors, patient monitors, and medical equipment, ensuring data from various sources can be transmitted to the middleware.
- Cloud or Edge Support: Optional integration with edge computing devices for local data preprocessing and cloud platforms for scalability and redundancy.

3.1.2 Software Specification

The software stack for the middleware includes tools and frameworks to enable efficient data processing, machine learning integration, and seamless compatibility with healthcare standards.

- Programming Languages:
    - Python for data parsing, machine learning model implementation, and rule-based processing.
    - JavaScript or Node.js for building APIs and ensuring seamless communication with healthcare applications.
- Machine Learning Libraries
    - Scikit-learn is a primary library for implementing the machine learning

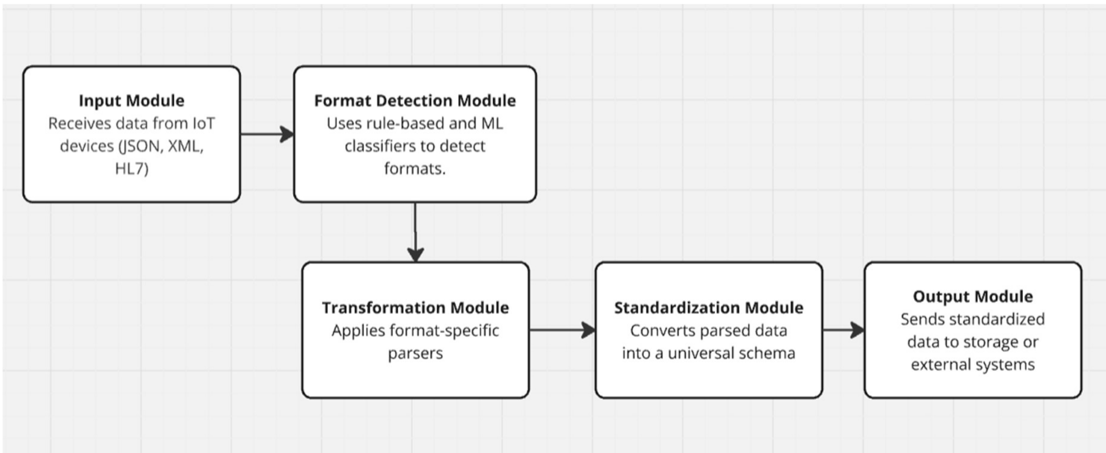
classifier used in the middleware system.

  - Random Forest Classifier is selected for its robustness in handling diverse feature sets and offering high accuracy in detecting data formats (JSON, XML, HL7).
  - CountVectorizer is used for extracting character-level n-grams from data inputs to capture format-specific structural patterns (e.g., curly braces in JSON, angle brackets in XML, pipe-delimited values in HL7)

- Data Parsing Tools
  - ElementTree (XML Parsing) : To parse XML data and extract relevant fields such as patient ID, name, gender, timestamp, and birthdate.
  - JSON Module (Native to Python) : To process JSON data generated by IoT devices, ensuring efficient field extraction. The features utilized are Dictionary-like access for direct mapping of key-value pairs and support for deeply nested JSON structures.
  - HL7 Parsing Library: Specialized library or custom-built parser for handling HL7 data, which is a common format in healthcare communication. Basically, used to parse pipe-delimited HL7 segments (e.g., PID, MSH) and map extracted values to a standardized schema.
  - Pandas: Used for preprocessing and structuring data after parsing.

4. METHODOLOGY

The proposed middleware solution is designed to address the interoperability challenges of IoT-based healthcare systems by employing a hybrid approach that integrates rule-based logic and machine learning techniques. The methodology outlines a systematic process to detect, parse, harmonize, and process data in diverse formats such as JSON, XML, and HL7.



4.1 Data Collection and Labeling

The process begins with collecting diverse datasets comprising JSON, XML, and HL7 data formats. These datasets are labeled to facilitate training and evaluation of the machine learning model. A rule-based auto-labeling function is employed to classify data based on unique structural patterns:

- JSON data starts and ends with curly braces {}.
- XML data starts and ends with angle brackets <>.
- HL7 data contains pipe-delimited (|) values and identifiers like PID.

The labeled data serves as input for the machine learning model and the parsing functions.

4.2 Data Parsing and Preprocessing

Once the data is labeled, format-specific parsers extract relevant fields, such as patient ID, name, gender, timestamp, and birthdate.

- JSON Parser: Extracts fields using dictionary-like access to key-value pairs.
- XML Parser: Employs the ElementTree library to navigate the hierarchical structure of XML files and extract required information.
- HL7 Parser: Uses a custom function to split pipe-delimited data and extract fields from segments like PID.

After parsing, the data is preprocessed and standardized into a universal schema to ensure compatibility across systems. Missing or malformed data is handled using error-checking mechanisms to maintain data quality.

4.3 Machine Learning Model Training

A machine learning classifier is trained to automate the detection of data formats.

- Feature Extraction: The CountVectorizer is used to extract character-level n-grams that capture format-specific patterns.
- Model Selection: A Random Forest Classifier is chosen for its ability to handle diverse features and perform robust classification.
- Training and Validation: The dataset is split into training (80%) and testing (20%) subsets. The model is trained using the labeled dataset and evaluated based on metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score.

The trained model is then integrated into the middleware to automate format detection during real-time operation.

4.4 Middleware Integration

The middleware system consists of three core components:

1. Format Detection: The trained machine learning model predicts the data format of incoming messages.
2. Parsing and Harmonization: Based on the detected format, the appropriate parser extracts fields, and the data is harmonized into a standardized schema.
3. Data Transmission: The harmonized data is transmitted to Electronic Health Records (EHRs) or other healthcare applications for further processing.

4.5 Testing and Validation

The middleware is tested using a separate dataset to evaluate its accuracy and efficiency in detecting and parsing different data formats. Key performance metrics such as accuracy, processing speed, and error rates are recorded. Simulations are conducted to validate the middleware's real-time capabilities, particularly in scenarios involving large volumes of IoT data.

4.6 Error Handling and Optimization

Robust error-handling mechanisms are integrated to address challenges like corrupted data formats, missing fields, and unrecognized structures. Performance optimization techniques, including lightweight vectorization, efficient parsing algorithms, and hyperparameter tuning of the Random Forest model, are employed to enhance the middleware's scalability and speed.

This methodology ensures the middleware's ability to harmonize diverse healthcare data formats seamlessly, promoting interoperability and scalability in IoT-based healthcare ecosystems.

5. FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS

The middleware solution presented in this project addresses key challenges in IoT-based healthcare systems. However, its potential can be expanded through several enhancements to further improve scalability, functionality, and adaptability.

5.1 Support for Additional Data Formats and Protocols

The middleware can be extended to support emerging and specialized data standards, such as:

- DICOM: Widely used for medical imaging.
- FHIR: An advanced healthcare interoperability standard for seamless data sharing.
- Proprietary protocols from new IoT devices or legacy systems.

Incorporating advanced machine learning techniques, such as unsupervised clustering or transfer learning, will enable the middleware to dynamically detect and adapt to new or evolving formats without manual intervention.

5.2 Scalability and Real-Time Processing

To handle increasing volumes of data generated by IoT devices, the middleware architecture can be optimized for greater scalability.

- Implementing **data streaming frameworks** (e.g., Apache Kafka) will enable real-time data ingestion and processing.
- Leveraging **edge computing** capabilities will allow data to be processed closer to the source, reducing latency and improving response times.

5.3 Advanced Artificial Intelligence Integration

The middleware’s functionality can be enhanced by integrating advanced AI models for predictive analytics and decision-making.

- Natural Language Processing (NLP) can be used to process unstructured data, such as clinical notes or patient feedback.
- Predictive Analytics Models can identify health anomalies, predict patient outcomes, or provide early warnings for critical health conditions.

5.4 Enhanced Security and Privacy

As the middleware scales, ensuring data security and compliance with regulations like HIPAA and GDPR will be crucial.

- Blockchain Integration: Employing blockchain for data integrity and traceability will ensure secure and tamper-proof data sharing.

- Federated Learning: This technique can allow AI models to train on distributed data without compromising privacy, ensuring sensitive patient information remains secure.

5.5 Usability and User Interface Improvements

The middleware's adoption can be accelerated by designing intuitive and user-friendly interfaces.

- Real-time **analytics dashboards** can provide healthcare providers with actionable insights and system performance metrics.
- Multilingual support and role-based access control will improve accessibility for diverse users across global healthcare environments.

5.6 Real-World Validation

Pilot implementations in large healthcare networks, including hospitals, clinics, and public health systems, will help identify practical challenges. These trials will provide valuable feedback to refine the middleware's architecture and performance in real-world scenarios.

5.7 Cross-Domain and Global Interoperability

Expanding the middleware to integrate healthcare data with other smart city domains, such as transportation, public safety, and environmental monitoring, will promote holistic urban management. Additionally, harmonizing the middleware with international healthcare standards and regulatory frameworks will facilitate seamless global data sharing, enabling collaborative healthcare research and services.

By implementing these enhancements, the middleware can evolve into a versatile, scalable, and secure solution for IoT-based healthcare systems, positioning it as a cornerstone for smart city ecosystems and global healthcare innovation.

6. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

6.1 Potential Results

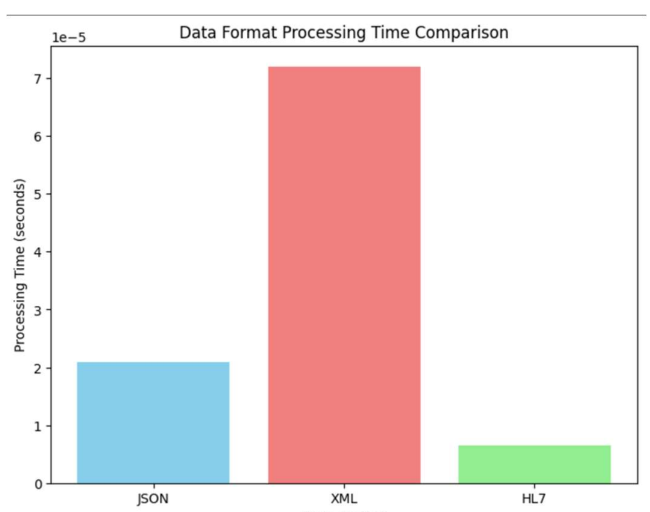
The middleware can demonstrate seamless integration with existing healthcare systems, including Electronic Health Records (EHR) platforms and IoT devices, without necessitating significant infrastructure changes. Its compatibility with widely adopted healthcare standards such as HL7 and FHIR minimized the need for extensive customization, making it highly adaptable to diverse healthcare environments. This ease of integration ensures that healthcare providers can deploy the middleware efficiently, leveraging its capabilities without disrupting existing workflows or requiring costly overhauls.

By automating data processing and harmonization, the middleware can reduce manual effort and streamline workflows, allowing clinicians to focus on patient care rather than data management. This usability enhancement is critical for fostering adoption and maximizing the middleware’s impact in real-world healthcare settings.

In terms of practical applications, the middleware can prove highly effective in emergency response scenarios. Simulations demonstrated that real-time data from wearable devices can be processed and transmitted to healthcare providers promptly, enabling faster and more informed responses to critical situations. Additionally, the middleware shows potential for integration within broader smart city infrastructures. For example, healthcare data could be combined with environmental monitoring systems or transportation networks to optimize emergency services, such as prioritizing ambulances in traffic or assessing the impact of air quality on public health. These applications highlight the middleware’s scalability and versatility, positioning it as a foundational technology for interconnected healthcare and smart city ecosystems.

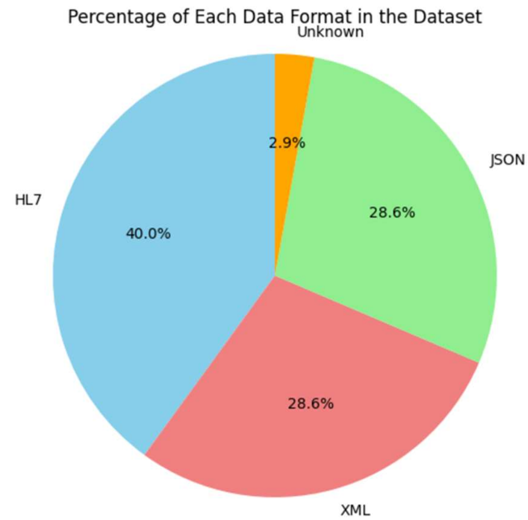
6.2 Data Format Processing Time

The middleware software prototype takes different time to process different formats as shown in the graph below



6.3 Data Format Distribution

The prototype was trained on a dataset that had the following distribution of the data formats being detected and harmonized.



7. CONCLUSION

The middleware solution presented in this research addresses a critical challenge in IoT-based healthcare systems: achieving seamless interoperability among diverse devices and data formats. By employing a hybrid approach that integrates rule-based logic and machine learning classifiers, the middleware successfully harmonizes heterogeneous data formats like JSON, XML, and HL7 into a unified schema. This innovation not only enhances communication between IoT devices and healthcare systems but also streamlines data processing and reduces the complexity of system integration.

In healthcare, the middleware facilitates real-time decision-making, improves patient outcomes, and ensures compliance with regulatory standards such as HIPAA and GDPR. It enables scalable and cost-effective integration of IoT devices, which is vital for modernizing healthcare workflows. Moreover, by reducing manual intervention and standardizing data transformation, the middleware supports the growing adoption of IoT in healthcare systems.

Beyond healthcare, the applicability of this middleware extends to the design and development of smart cities. In smart city ecosystems, diverse IoT devices across domains like healthcare, transportation, environmental monitoring, and public safety generate vast amounts of data in varied formats. The middleware's ability to harmonize this data into a consistent schema enables seamless data integration and analysis.

For instance, the middleware can unify data streams from healthcare devices, air quality sensors, and traffic management systems to provide comprehensive, real-time insights into public health trends. This integration can inform policymaking, optimize emergency response systems, and improve urban living conditions. Similarly, in transportation, the middleware can harmonize data from GPS devices, traffic sensors, and public transit systems, enabling efficient route planning and congestion management.

The middleware's adaptability, modular architecture, and compliance with global standards make it a foundational technology for interconnected urban infrastructures. Its capacity for real-time processing and scalability ensures that it can handle the dynamic and high-volume data requirements of smart cities. Additionally, by supporting emerging technologies like blockchain and AI, the middleware can evolve to meet the future demands of urban ecosystems.

In conclusion, this middleware solution not only addresses the interoperability challenges in IoT-based healthcare systems but also provides a robust framework for enabling smart city applications. Its potential to unify diverse IoT ecosystems into a cohesive network positions it as a critical enabler for sustainable, data-driven, and intelligent urban development. Future research and real-world validation will further enhance its capabilities, paving the way for transformative advancements in healthcare and smart city infrastructures.

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