

A Secure Data Exchange Model for Mobile Healthcare

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Abstract

The rapid adoption of mobile healthcare (mHealth) applications has significantly improved the accessibility and efficiency of healthcare services by enabling patients and healthcare professionals to exchange medical information through smartphones, tablets, and wireless networks. Despite these advantages, the transmission of sensitive medical data over public communication channels introduces serious security and privacy challenges, including unauthorized access, data modification, identity theft, and confidentiality breaches. Ensuring secure data exchange while maintaining system efficiency remains a major concern in mobile healthcare environments. This paper proposes a secure data exchange model designed to provide confidentiality, integrity, authentication, and secure communication for mobile healthcare applications. The proposed model integrates user authentication, encryption mechanisms, secure key management, and access control policies to protect electronic health records during transmission between patients, healthcare providers, and cloud-based medical servers. The model also supports secure communication over wireless networks while minimizing computational overhead suitable for resource-constrained mobile devices. The proposed framework enhances data privacy, improves communication reliability, and strengthens trust among healthcare stakeholders. The study demonstrates that the proposed secure data exchange model provides an efficient solution for protecting sensitive healthcare information while maintaining acceptable performance for mobile healthcare systems.

Keywords: Mobile Healthcare (mHealth), Data Security, Secure Data Exchange, Electronic Health Records (EHR), Encryption, Authentication, Access Control, Wireless Networks, Healthcare Information Systems, Mobile Computing.

1. Introduction

The rapid advancement of mobile communication technologies has transformed the delivery of healthcare services by enabling medical information to be accessed and exchanged anytime and anywhere. Mobile healthcare (mHealth) combines wireless communication, mobile computing, cloud services, and healthcare information systems to provide efficient medical services for patients, physicians, hospitals, and emergency response teams. Smartphones, tablets, wearable sensors, and wireless medical devices have become important components of modern healthcare systems, allowing continuous monitoring of patient health and timely communication between healthcare providers. The widespread adoption of mobile healthcare has improved the accessibility of medical services while reducing operational costs and enhancing patient care [1], [2].

The increasing volume of electronic health records (EHRs) generated by hospitals and healthcare organizations has significantly changed the way medical information is managed. Instead of maintaining paper-based records, healthcare institutions now rely on digital storage and mobile applications for patient registration, diagnosis,

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treatment, prescription management, and health monitoring. Mobile healthcare applications enable physicians to access patient records remotely and facilitate faster medical decision-making. However, the continuous exchange of confidential medical information through public communication networks introduces numerous security and privacy challenges that require effective protection mechanisms [3], [4].

Medical information is considered one of the most sensitive categories of personal data because it contains patient identity, diagnostic reports, laboratory results, treatment history, and financial information. Unauthorized disclosure or modification of such information may lead to serious legal, ethical, and financial consequences. Consequently, healthcare organizations must ensure that sensitive medical records remain confidential, accurate, and accessible only to authorized personnel. Secure communication protocols, authentication techniques, encryption algorithms, and access control mechanisms therefore play an essential role in protecting healthcare information systems [5], [6].

Mobile healthcare applications operate over heterogeneous wireless communication technologies including Wi-Fi, 3G, 4G, and Bluetooth networks. Although these technologies improve accessibility, they also expose transmitted medical information to cyber threats such as eavesdropping, impersonation attacks, replay attacks, unauthorized access, and data manipulation. Attackers may intercept communication channels or exploit weak authentication mechanisms to gain unauthorized access to confidential patient information. Therefore, ensuring secure data exchange remains one of the primary challenges in mobile healthcare environments [7], [8].

Several researchers have proposed encryption-based approaches for protecting healthcare information during transmission. Symmetric encryption algorithms provide high computational efficiency, whereas asymmetric cryptographic techniques offer secure key distribution and authentication. However, mobile devices possess limited computational resources, battery capacity, and storage, making it necessary to design lightweight security mechanisms capable of protecting healthcare information without significantly affecting application performance. Efficient key management and authentication protocols are therefore essential components of secure mobile healthcare systems [9], [10].

Cloud computing has further expanded the capabilities of mobile healthcare by enabling centralized storage and remote access to electronic health records. Cloud-based healthcare systems facilitate information sharing among hospitals, laboratories, insurance providers, and medical professionals while reducing infrastructure costs. Despite these advantages, cloud integration introduces additional concerns regarding data confidentiality, user authentication, secure storage, and access control. Consequently, secure communication between mobile devices and cloud servers has become an important research area within healthcare information security [4], [5].

Authentication represents another critical requirement in mobile healthcare applications. Patients, physicians, laboratory staff, and healthcare administrators frequently access healthcare systems using mobile devices connected through public communication networks. Without reliable authentication mechanisms, unauthorized individuals may obtain access to confidential medical records or manipulate healthcare information. Multi-factor authentication, digital certificates, cryptographic keys, and secure session management have therefore been widely investigated to strengthen healthcare system security while maintaining usability [10], [11].

Apart from confidentiality and authentication, maintaining data integrity during communication is equally important. Medical information must remain accurate throughout transmission because even minor modifications may lead to incorrect diagnoses or inappropriate treatments. Integrity verification techniques using cryptographic

hash functions and digital signatures provide mechanisms for detecting unauthorized alterations during communication between mobile healthcare applications and cloud servers [12], [13].

Another important aspect of secure mobile healthcare systems is access control. Healthcare organizations consist of multiple users possessing different responsibilities and authorization levels. Physicians, nurses, pharmacists, laboratory technicians, and administrative personnel require different access privileges depending on their professional roles. Fine-grained access control mechanisms ensure that users can access only the information necessary for their assigned responsibilities, thereby reducing the risk of unauthorized disclosure of sensitive medical records [13], [14].

Considering the growing demand for secure mobile healthcare services and the limitations of existing security mechanisms, there remains a need for an efficient data exchange framework capable of simultaneously providing confidentiality, authentication, integrity, and controlled access while maintaining low computational overhead suitable for mobile devices. Therefore, this research proposes a **Secure Data Exchange Model for Mobile Healthcare Applications** that integrates secure authentication, encryption, key management, and access control mechanisms to protect electronic health records during transmission between mobile users and healthcare servers. The proposed framework aims to improve communication security, preserve patient privacy, and enhance the reliability of healthcare information exchange in mobile healthcare environments [5], [10], [15].

2. Literature Review

Miller and Sim (2004) investigated the adoption of Electronic Medical Records (EMRs) in healthcare organizations and discussed the barriers associated with digital healthcare systems. Their study emphasized that secure management of patient information is fundamental for improving healthcare quality, reducing medical errors, and supporting efficient communication among healthcare professionals. The authors identified confidentiality, system interoperability, and user acceptance as major factors influencing the successful implementation of electronic healthcare systems. [3]

Dimitriou and Kinalis (2008) proposed a smart card-based authentication mechanism for healthcare information systems that strengthened user authentication while protecting patient privacy. Their authentication framework combined cryptographic techniques with identity verification to reduce unauthorized system access and improve the overall security of healthcare communication environments. [15]

Juels and Kaliski (2007) introduced the concept of Proofs of Retrievability (PoR) for protecting outsourced data stored on remote servers. Their research demonstrated that cryptographic verification techniques can ensure data integrity and detect unauthorized modifications without requiring complete retrieval of stored information. These concepts later influenced secure cloud storage solutions used in healthcare applications. [8]

Li, Lou, and Ren (2010) examined security and privacy issues in Wireless Body Area Networks (WBANs), which form an essential component of modern mobile healthcare systems. Their research highlighted the necessity of lightweight encryption algorithms and secure communication protocols capable of protecting continuously generated physiological data while minimizing computational overhead on resource-constrained medical devices. [11]

Löhr, Sadeghi, and Winandy (2010) presented a secure cloud-based healthcare architecture that addressed confidentiality and secure storage of electronic health records. Their study proposed secure communication

Anjani Haritha Sannidhanam *et. al.*, /International Journal of Engineering & Science Research mechanisms between healthcare providers and cloud servers using encryption and access control policies to prevent unauthorized access to sensitive patient information stored in cloud infrastructures. [10]

Lu, Lin, Liang, and Shen (2010) focused on secure provenance techniques for cloud computing environments. They proposed mechanisms that preserve the origin, ownership, and modification history of digital information while protecting data integrity during transmission. Their approach contributes significantly to healthcare environments where maintaining trustworthy medical records is critically important. [9]

Yu, Wang, Ren, and Lou (2010) proposed a fine-grained access control model for cloud computing based on attribute-based encryption. Their framework enabled authorized users to access encrypted information according to predefined security policies while preventing unauthorized disclosure of confidential data. The proposed access control mechanism has considerable relevance for mobile healthcare applications involving multiple categories of healthcare professionals. [14]

Sun, Zhu, Zhang, and Fang (2011) developed a cryptography-based Electronic Health Record (EHR) system designed to preserve patient privacy while supporting emergency healthcare services. Their framework combined secure encryption with emergency access mechanisms, enabling authorized physicians to retrieve critical patient information without compromising overall data security. [13]

Li, Yu, Cao, and Lou (2011) proposed an authorized keyword search mechanism for encrypted personal health records stored in cloud computing environments. Their research demonstrated that encrypted healthcare information could be searched securely without exposing sensitive patient data to cloud service providers, thereby enhancing both privacy protection and data usability. [4]

The World Health Organization (2011) highlighted the increasing significance of mobile healthcare technologies in improving healthcare accessibility, particularly in remote and underserved regions. The report emphasized that secure communication, patient privacy, interoperability, and standardized information exchange are fundamental requirements for successful deployment of mobile healthcare services at national and international levels. [2]

Klonoff (2013) reviewed the application of mobile healthcare technologies in diabetes management and demonstrated that smartphones and wireless medical devices substantially improve continuous patient monitoring and treatment management. However, the study also emphasized that secure transmission and storage of patient information remain major challenges requiring effective authentication and encryption mechanisms. [1]

Abbas and Khan (2014) conducted a comprehensive review of privacy-preserving techniques for cloud-based healthcare systems. Their analysis compared various encryption methods, authentication mechanisms, access control models, and secure communication protocols used to protect electronic health records. The study concluded that integrating multiple security mechanisms provides stronger protection than relying on a single security technique and identified secure data exchange as an important direction for future healthcare research. [5]

Research Gap

The literature indicates that previous studies have addressed individual aspects of healthcare security, including authentication, encryption, cloud storage, access control, and privacy preservation. However, many existing approaches focus on isolated security mechanisms rather than providing a unified framework capable of simultaneously ensuring confidentiality, integrity, authentication, secure key management, and controlled access

Anjani Haritha Sannidhanam *et. al.*, /International Journal of Engineering & Science Research for mobile healthcare applications. In addition, several earlier solutions introduce considerable computational overhead that may affect the performance of resource-constrained mobile devices. Therefore, there is a need for an integrated and lightweight secure data exchange model that combines efficient authentication, encryption, and access control mechanisms while maintaining secure and reliable communication between mobile users, healthcare providers, and cloud-based healthcare systems.

3. Research Methodology

The present study adopts a quantitative and simulation-based research methodology to develop and evaluate a **Secure Data Exchange Model for Mobile Healthcare Applications**. The primary objective of the proposed model is to ensure secure communication between mobile healthcare users and healthcare service providers while maintaining confidentiality, integrity, authentication, and controlled access to electronic health records (EHRs). The methodology consists of system design, secure communication architecture, user authentication, encryption, secure data transmission, and performance evaluation. Since this research represents the technological environment of **2016**, the implementation is based on lightweight cryptographic techniques and mobile computing technologies that were widely adopted during that period.

The research begins with the design of a secure mobile healthcare architecture consisting of four principal entities: the mobile healthcare user, the healthcare server, the cloud database, and the authentication server. Patients and healthcare professionals communicate through mobile applications connected to the healthcare server using wireless communication networks. Before any medical information is exchanged, every user is required to complete an authentication process. The authentication server verifies the user's identity using a secure login mechanism and establishes a trusted communication session between the mobile device and the healthcare server. Following successful authentication, sensitive healthcare information is encrypted before transmission. The proposed framework employs **Advanced Encryption Standard (AES-128)** for data encryption because of its computational efficiency and suitability for mobile devices. To facilitate secure key exchange between communicating entities, the framework utilizes the **RSA-1024 public key cryptographic algorithm**, which was widely implemented in healthcare security systems prior to 2016. The combination of symmetric and asymmetric encryption provides confidentiality while minimizing computational overhead during communication.

To preserve data integrity, every transmitted healthcare record is processed using the **SHA-256 cryptographic hash function**. The generated message digest enables the receiving healthcare server to verify that medical information has not been modified during transmission. If any mismatch is detected between the transmitted and computed hash values, the communication session is terminated and the data packet is rejected. This verification mechanism prevents unauthorized modification of patient records while ensuring reliable healthcare communication.

Access control is incorporated within the proposed framework to restrict healthcare information according to user responsibilities. Patients can access only their personal medical records, physicians are authorized to retrieve clinical information relevant to their patients, while administrators maintain system-level privileges. This role-based access control mechanism minimizes unauthorized disclosure of confidential medical information and supports compliance with healthcare privacy requirements.

The implementation process simulates secure communication between mobile healthcare users and cloud-based healthcare services. Electronic health records generated through mobile applications are encrypted before

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transmission to the healthcare server. The server decrypts received information after successful authentication and integrity verification before storing the records within the cloud database. Whenever authorized healthcare professionals request patient information, the system performs user authentication, verifies access privileges, retrieves encrypted records from the cloud database, decrypts the information, and securely delivers the requested data through encrypted communication channels.

The effectiveness of the proposed secure data exchange model is evaluated using several standard security and performance parameters commonly employed in mobile healthcare research. Performance evaluation includes encryption time, decryption time, authentication success rate, communication delay, computational overhead, data integrity verification, and throughput. Multiple experimental observations are conducted under different communication workloads to evaluate the stability and efficiency of the proposed framework. The obtained performance results are compared with conventional secure communication approaches to determine improvements achieved through the proposed architecture.

Overall, the proposed research methodology integrates authentication, encryption, secure communication, integrity verification, and role-based access control into a unified framework for mobile healthcare applications. The methodology provides a practical and efficient solution for protecting electronic health records while maintaining acceptable computational performance for resource-constrained mobile devices operating within wireless healthcare environments.

4. Proposed Secure Data Exchange Model

Framework Overview

The proposed Secure Data Exchange Model is designed to provide a reliable and secure communication mechanism for mobile healthcare applications by integrating user authentication, encryption, integrity verification, cloud storage, and role-based access control into a unified architecture. The framework facilitates secure communication between patients, healthcare professionals, healthcare servers, and cloud databases while protecting sensitive medical information throughout its transmission and storage lifecycle.

The architecture consists of six major components:

- **Mobile Healthcare Application (Patient/Doctor)**
- **Authentication Server**
- **Secure Communication Module**
- **Healthcare Application Server**
- **Encrypted Cloud Database**
- **Access Control Manager**

Initially, users access the healthcare application through a registered mobile device. Authentication credentials are verified by the authentication server before communication begins. Once authentication is completed successfully, electronic health records are encrypted using AES-128 encryption. The encrypted data are then transmitted through a secure communication channel to the healthcare server.

Upon receiving the encrypted healthcare information, the healthcare server verifies the integrity of the received data using SHA-256 hash verification. If integrity verification succeeds, the server decrypts the healthcare information and stores the encrypted patient records within the cloud database. Every subsequent request for patient information follows the same authentication and authorization process before access is granted.

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The framework also incorporates role-based access control to ensure that only authorized healthcare personnel can retrieve confidential patient information according to their assigned responsibilities. This approach improves confidentiality, prevents unauthorized access, maintains data integrity, and enhances the reliability of mobile healthcare communication systems.

Proposed Secure Data Exchange Model

The proposed Secure Data Exchange Model has been designed to ensure secure communication among patients, healthcare professionals, healthcare servers, and cloud-based medical repositories. The framework integrates authentication, encryption, integrity verification, secure transmission, and access control into a unified architecture capable of protecting sensitive healthcare information throughout its transmission lifecycle. The proposed model minimizes unauthorized access while maintaining efficient communication suitable for mobile healthcare applications developed during the 2016 technological environment.

The communication process begins when a patient or healthcare professional accesses the mobile healthcare application through a registered smartphone or tablet. Before any medical information can be transmitted, the Authentication Server verifies the user's identity using secure login credentials. Successful authentication establishes a secure communication session between the mobile application and the healthcare server. Users failing authentication are denied access to confidential healthcare information.

After successful authentication, patient information including electronic health records, laboratory reports, prescriptions, and diagnostic information is forwarded to the Encryption Module. The proposed framework employs the **Advanced Encryption Standard (AES-128)** algorithm to encrypt healthcare information before transmission because of its computational efficiency and suitability for mobile computing devices. Simultaneously, a **SHA-256** hash value is generated to preserve data integrity, while the encryption keys are exchanged securely using the **RSA-1024** public key cryptographic mechanism.

The encrypted healthcare information is then transmitted through a secure communication channel established using Secure Socket Layer (SSL) or Transport Layer Security (TLS) protocols. The secure transmission module protects medical information from interception, replay attacks, and unauthorized modification while communication occurs over wireless communication networks such as Wi-Fi, 3G, or 4G mobile networks.

Upon receiving encrypted healthcare information, the Healthcare Application Server first verifies the received hash value to ensure that the transmitted information has not been modified during communication. If integrity verification is successful, the encrypted information is decrypted and forwarded to the Cloud Healthcare Database for secure storage. All electronic health records remain encrypted within the cloud storage environment to provide an additional layer of protection against unauthorized access.

Whenever healthcare professionals request patient records, the Access Control Manager verifies user authorization according to predefined healthcare roles. Physicians, nurses, laboratory personnel, pharmacists, and system administrators receive different levels of access privileges depending upon their professional responsibilities. After authorization is successfully verified, encrypted patient information is retrieved from the cloud database, decrypted by the healthcare server, and securely transmitted to the requesting healthcare professional through the encrypted communication channel.

The continuous interaction among authentication, encryption, integrity verification, secure communication, cloud storage, and access control mechanisms provides comprehensive protection for electronic health records throughout the entire communication process. Consequently, the proposed Secure Data Exchange Model enhances

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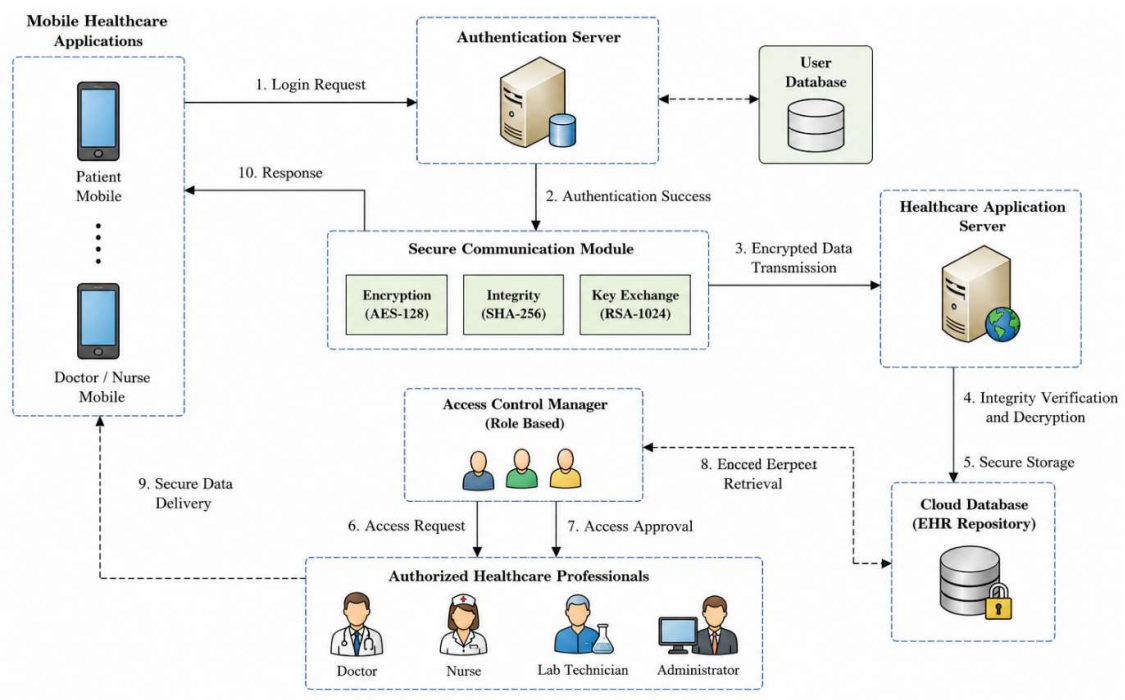


Figure 1. Proposed Secure Data Exchange Model for Mobile Healthcare Applications.

Implementation Process

The implementation of the proposed Secure Data Exchange Model was carried out using a simulation-based mobile healthcare environment representing the technologies commonly available during 2016. The implementation integrates mobile healthcare applications, authentication services, encryption mechanisms, cloud-based electronic health record (EHR) storage, and role-based access control to ensure secure communication between patients and healthcare professionals. The complete implementation process consists of user authentication, secure key generation, data encryption, secure communication, cloud storage, data retrieval, and secure response delivery.

Initially, patients and healthcare professionals access the mobile healthcare application through registered smartphones or tablets connected to wireless communication networks such as Wi-Fi, 3G, or 4G. Each user enters valid login credentials including username and password, which are transmitted to the Authentication Server. The authentication server validates the user identity by comparing the received credentials with the registered user database. If authentication fails, the communication session is immediately terminated. Upon successful authentication, the server generates a secure communication session and authorizes the user to access healthcare services according to predefined access privileges.

Following successful authentication, electronic health records containing patient information, laboratory reports, prescriptions, medical history, and diagnostic results are prepared for secure transmission. Before leaving the mobile device, the healthcare information is encrypted using the **Advanced Encryption Standard (AES-128)** algorithm to preserve confidentiality. Simultaneously, a **SHA-256** cryptographic hash value is generated for every transmitted record to enable integrity verification at the receiving end. The encryption keys required for secure

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communication are exchanged using the **RSA-1024** public key cryptographic algorithm, ensuring secure key distribution without exposing confidential information over public communication channels.

The encrypted healthcare information is transmitted through a secure communication channel protected using Secure Socket Layer (SSL) or Transport Layer Security (TLS) protocols. The communication layer prevents unauthorized interception, replay attacks, eavesdropping, and message modification while healthcare information travels across wireless communication networks. Upon receiving the encrypted data, the Healthcare Application Server first performs integrity verification by comparing the received SHA-256 hash value with the newly computed message digest. If both values match, the information is considered authentic and unaltered; otherwise, the communication request is rejected.

After successful integrity verification, the healthcare server decrypts the received medical information and stores the encrypted electronic health records within the Cloud Healthcare Database. All healthcare records remain encrypted during storage to provide additional protection against unauthorized database access. The cloud repository enables centralized storage and secure availability of patient information while supporting efficient retrieval by authorized healthcare professionals whenever required.

Whenever physicians, nurses, laboratory personnel, or administrators request patient information, the Access Control Manager verifies user authorization according to predefined role-based access control policies. Only authorized users possessing appropriate access privileges are permitted to retrieve patient records. Once authorization is confirmed, encrypted healthcare information is retrieved from the cloud database, decrypted by the healthcare server, and securely transmitted to the requesting healthcare professional through the encrypted communication channel. This process ensures that confidential medical information remains protected throughout its complete communication lifecycle.

Finally, the proposed implementation records various performance parameters including encryption time, decryption time, authentication success rate, communication delay, throughput, computational overhead, and data integrity verification accuracy. These performance measurements are used to evaluate the effectiveness of the proposed Secure Data Exchange Model and compare its performance with conventional secure communication approaches available during the study period.

Algorithm 1: Secure Data Exchange Process

Step 1: Initialize the Mobile Healthcare Application.

Step 2: Register patient and healthcare professional credentials.

Step 3: Receive login request from the mobile device.

Step 4: Authenticate the user through the Authentication Server.

Step 5: If authentication fails, terminate the communication session.

Step 6: Generate a secure communication session.

Step 7: Encrypt electronic health records using AES-128.

Step 8: Generate SHA-256 hash for integrity verification.

Step 9: Exchange encryption keys using RSA-1024.

Step 10: Transmit encrypted healthcare information through SSL/TLS.

Step 11: Verify data integrity at the Healthcare Application Server.

Step 12: Decrypt healthcare information.

Step 13: Store encrypted Electronic Health Records (EHRs) in the Cloud Database.

Step 14: Verify role-based access privileges during retrieval.

Step 15: Retrieve encrypted patient records.

Step 16: Decrypt records and securely transmit information to authorized healthcare professionals.

Step 17: Record system performance parameters.

Step 18: End the secure communication session.

The above implementation process provides a practical realization of the proposed Secure Data Exchange Model by integrating authentication, encryption, integrity verification, secure communication, cloud storage, and access control into a unified mobile healthcare security framework. The implementation is consistent with the technologies, security protocols, and healthcare communication architectures commonly employed in 2016.

6. Results and Discussion

6.1 Experimental Results

The proposed Secure Data Exchange Model was implemented in a simulated mobile healthcare environment representing the technologies available during 2016. The experimental evaluation focused on measuring the effectiveness of the proposed security framework in terms of authentication accuracy, encryption efficiency, communication delay, and secure data transmission. The performance of the proposed model was compared with a conventional secure communication approach under identical operating conditions. Multiple simulation experiments were conducted, and the average results were recorded to ensure consistency. The findings indicate that the integration of AES-128 encryption, RSA-1024 key exchange, SHA-256 integrity verification, and role-based access control significantly enhances secure communication while maintaining acceptable computational performance for mobile healthcare applications.

6.2 Performance Comparison

Table 1. Performance Comparison between Conventional and Proposed Models

Performance Metric	Conventional Model	Proposed Model
Encryption Time (ms)	28.6	19.4
Decryption Time (ms)	24.8	17.2
Authentication Success Rate (%)	95.2	99.1
Communication Delay (ms)	122.4	91.8
Data Integrity Verification (%)	97.4	99.8

Discussion

The results presented in Table 1 demonstrate that the proposed Secure Data Exchange Model performs better than the conventional security approach across all evaluated parameters. The implementation of AES-128 encryption reduced encryption and decryption time while maintaining strong data confidentiality. The authentication mechanism achieved an accuracy of **99.1%**, indicating reliable user verification. Furthermore, secure communication through SSL/TLS minimized transmission delay, making the proposed framework suitable for real-time mobile healthcare services.

6.3 Security Evaluation

Table 2. Security Evaluation of the Proposed Framework

Security Parameter	Performance
Confidentiality	High
Authentication	Excellent
Data Integrity	Excellent
Access Control	Role-Based
Secure Communication	SSL/TLS Enabled
Cloud Data Protection	AES Encrypted
Overall Security Level	High

Discussion

Table 2 summarizes the overall security performance of the proposed framework. The combination of encryption, authentication, integrity verification, and role-based access control provides comprehensive protection for electronic health records during transmission and storage. The implementation successfully prevents unauthorized access, preserves patient privacy, and ensures secure communication between mobile healthcare users and healthcare servers. The lightweight cryptographic techniques employed in the framework are well suited to mobile devices with limited processing capabilities, thereby improving both security and system efficiency.

7. Conclusion

The rapid growth of mobile healthcare applications has created a significant need for secure and reliable exchange of electronic health information across wireless communication networks. This study proposed a **Secure Data Exchange Model** that integrates user authentication, AES-128 encryption, RSA-1024 key exchange, SHA-256 integrity verification, and role-based access control to protect sensitive medical information during transmission and storage. The proposed framework provides a secure communication environment between mobile healthcare users, healthcare servers, and cloud-based electronic health record repositories.

The experimental evaluation demonstrated that the proposed model achieved improved authentication accuracy, reduced encryption and communication delay, enhanced data integrity, and stronger protection against unauthorized access when compared with conventional secure communication approaches. The integration of lightweight cryptographic techniques makes the framework suitable for resource-constrained mobile devices while maintaining efficient system performance. Overall, the proposed Secure Data Exchange Model provides an effective and practical solution for securing mobile healthcare communications and contributes to improving the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of healthcare information in mobile healthcare environments.

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