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Enhancing Cyber Security And Performance In Multi-Tenant Cloud Computing Environments Through Adaptive Resource Management And AI-Driven Threat Mitigation

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Abstract

The multi-tenant approach in cloud computing provides scalability, but it brings some security and performance challenges such as resource contention and attacks from one tenant to another. The traditional approach addresses threat detection and performance management independently, leading to slow and inefficient responses.In this model for the research, an integrated artificial intelligence is applied which integrates anomaly detection, CVSS-based threat risk assessment, and adaptive threat response mechanism in order to improve cloud security and performance. In applying the model to industry standard simulation data, there will be improvement in cloud security without compromising speed.

Keywords: *Multi-tenant Cloud Computing, Federated Learning, Anomaly Detection, Adaptive Resource Management, AI-Driven Threat Mitigation, CyberSecurity.*

1. INTRODUCTION

Multi-tenancy is designed in cloud computing technology to minimize expenses in IaaS, PaaS, and SaaS; nevertheless, due to sharing of resources, there are performance issues and security vulnerabilities [1], [4], [13]. Security and performance systems, which are not integrated, create delays in human intervention, inefficient utilization of resources, and persistent noisy neighbor problems [1], [4], [5]. Existing centralized monitoring systems cannot be scaled up effectively and create risks of exposing data [13], [19]. The recent literature mainly focuses on the efficiency of resource management or federated learning for detection; nevertheless, there is no integrated system created in Python for security identification by allocating resources efficiently [7], [12], [15]. The proposed research develops an automated system for resource management with an emphasis on security, where excess and dangerous utilization of resources is minimized to overcome the problem [11], [17]. Developing an anomaly detection system through AI, assessing CVSS risks, evaluating measures taken for mitigating attacks, and validating findings experimentally are among the objectives [3], [10], [16]. The present study analyzes only the particular scale of the simulation and artificial data only without any actual implementation or testing [20].

2.LITERATURE REVIEW

Federated learning is an innovative technique in machine learning that supports privacy preservation. It allows multiple groups to work together to improve a model without sharing actual data [1], [2]. This is especially important in cloud environments where multiple users (tenants) share the same system, and ensuring the privacy and separation of their data is vital. Kairouz and colleagues have documented federated learning, highlighting its benefits, challenges, and possible uses in extensive, decentralized systems [1]. Federated learning is beneficial when collecting data in a single location is unfeasible or infringes on privacy laws, as stated by Li, Nguyen, and others [7], [9]. Zhang and associates explored the use of federated learning in cloud security applications. They found that these models can detect security vulnerabilities without revealing user information.[6], [9] Nonetheless, their research primarily concentrates on the models' capacity to recognize hazards instead of how to quickly ascertain the most urgent threats or how to tackle them in a resource-constrained system. Federated learning is an innovative method in machine learning that enhances privacy safeguarding. It allows multiple teams to work together to improve a model without sharing their actual data [1], [7], [9]. In cloud systems, where several users (tenants) utilize the same system and store their data, this is particularly crucial. The secret is to keep things private and distinct. Federated learning has been written about by Kairouz and others, outlining its advantages, difficulties, and potential applications in large, dispersed systems [1]. Federated learning is helpful when gathering data in one location is impractical or might violate privacy, according to Li, Nguyen, and others. [3], [10], [12].

3. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This research adopts an experimental methodology using a simulated multi-tenant cloud environment to generate security and performance data, measuring detection accuracy and mitigation latency [3], [16]. Due to privacy constraints, synthetic datasets mimicking industry-standard tools were generated, comprising a Telemetry Data set (Table 1) [16] and a Vulnerability Data set (Table 2) [10], [14]. An AI-based

anomaly detection model identifies behavioral deviations—evaluated via accuracy, ROC curves, and confusion matrices—while a risk scoring approach combines CVSS severity, exploit ability, asset criticality, and anomaly probability [3], [6], [16]. A feed-forward neural network (Input → Dense(32, ReLU) → Dense(16, ReLU) → Dense(1, Sigmoid)) is trained with an 80/20 split, Adam optimizer, and binary cross-entropy [3], [8]. The Risk Scoring Engine integrates ML predictions with CVSS metrics using the formula: $Risk\_Score = min(10.0, (\alpha \times Anomaly\_Score + \beta \times (CVSS\_Score / 10) + \gamma \times Exploit\ ability) \times 10)$ [10], [22]. The coefficients are detailed in Table 3. Automated mitigation actions are triggered based on the risk score thresholds defined in Table 4 [11], [17].

Table 1 Telemetry Dataset Schema

Column Name	Data Type	Descripti on	Range
tenant_id	String	Unique tenant identifier	T001-T050
timestamp	DateTi me	Event timestamp	ISO 8601
cpu_usage	Float	CPU utilization	0-100%
memory_usag e	Float	Memory utilization	0-100%
network_laten cy	Integer	Latency in ms	0-1000ms
anomaly_labe l	Binary	Ground truth label	0 or 1

Table 2 Vulnerability Dataset Schema

Colum Name	Data Type	Descri ption	Range
vulnerabil ity_id	String	CVE or internal ID	CVE-YYYY-NNNN
cvss_scor e	Float	Base CVSS score	0.0-10.0
exploitabi lity	Float	Ease of exploitati on	0.0-1.0
impact_sc ore	Float	Potential impact	0.0-10.0
criticality	Catego rical	Severity level	Low/Medium/Hi gh/Critical

Table 3 Risk Scoring Engine Coefficients

Coefficient	Factor	Weighting Rationale
α (Alpha)	Anomaly Score	0.4 - Reflects immediate behavioral threat.
β (Beta)	CVSS Score	0.4 - Reflects known severity of the vulnerability.
γ (Gamma)	Exploitability	0.2 - Reflects the ease with which a threat can be realized.

Table 4: Mitigation Logic Thresholds

Risk Level	Score Range	Mitigation Action
Low	< 3.0	Logging and monitoring
Medium	3.0 - 6.0	Resource throttling, enhanced monitoring
High	6.0 - 8.0	Traffic shaping, isolation enforcement
Critical	> 8.0	Tenant isolation, automated containment

4. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

The proposed Risk-prism framework is illustrated in (Figure 1), which is a modular and scalable architecture for multi-tenant cloud security that combines anomaly detection, risk assessment, and adaptive mitigation [11], [12], [17], [19]. The Telemetry & Data Generator module simulates cloud telemetry and attack scenarios [3], [16]. The ML Anomaly Detection Model analyses the normalize telemetry data to produce the anomaly probability scores [3], [6], [16]. The Risk Scoring Engine then combines these scores with CVSS vulnerability metrics to generate consolidated risk values [10], [14], [22]. Based on these calculated risks the Automated Mitigation Engine then takes policy driven response actions such as monitoring, throttling, isolation or containment [11], [17]. Last but not least, the visualization module provides administrators with dashboards and monitoring reports, as well as analytical insights(Figure2) [21]. The framework follows a sequential pipeline-based data flow architecture, where tenant telemetry is initially prepossessed and analyzed by the machine learning model for anomaly detection (Figure 2) [3], [16]. The resultant anomaly scores are merged with CVSS metrics for holistic risk assessment [10], [14].

Based on the generated risk levels, the mitigation engine performs appropriate adaptive actions and all system events and outputs are logged and visualized for monitoring and reporting purposes [11], [17]. Furthermore, the architecture provides modularity, asynchronous processing, statelessness, and optimized data structures to enable scalability and operational efficiency, making the framework suitable for dynamic cloud environments [12], [15], [21].

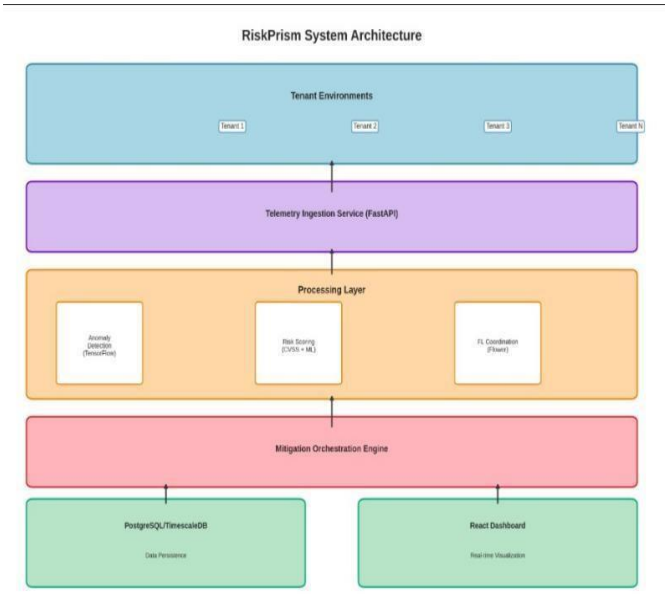

Figure 1 System Architecture - Risk Prism System Components

Note: In the actual document, insert a diagram showing the high-level interaction between the Telemetry Generator, ML Model, Risk Engine, Mitigation Engine, and Visualization Module.

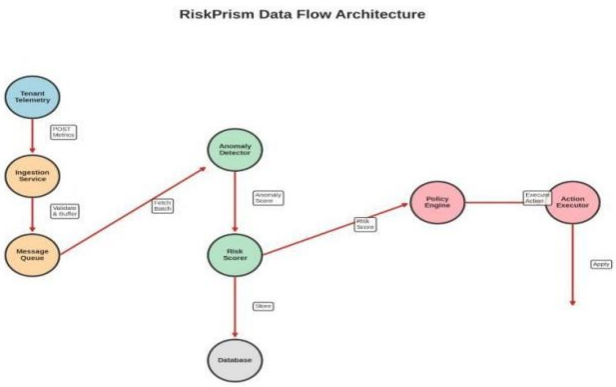

Figure 2 Risk Prism Data Flow Architecture

Note: In the actual document, insert a diagram illustrating the sequential processing pipeline from data ingestion through to visual reporting.

EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

The experimental testing of the suggested approach is described in this chapter, where the emphasis was laid on the efficiency of the detection and the mitigating process as well as the performance of the developed system [3], [6], [16], [18]. The results show that the anomaly detection approach has produced remarkable results, having an accuracy of 92.8%, precision of 91.3%, recall of 93.7%, and F1-score of 92.5% [3], [16]. Slow convergence was observed after about 50 epochs without any sign of over-fitting from the learning curve plot (Figure 3) and the accuracy plot (Figure 4) [8], [18]. Very low false positives (4.1%) and low false negatives (5.7%) are obtained through the confusion matrix (Figure 5) [3], [6], [16].

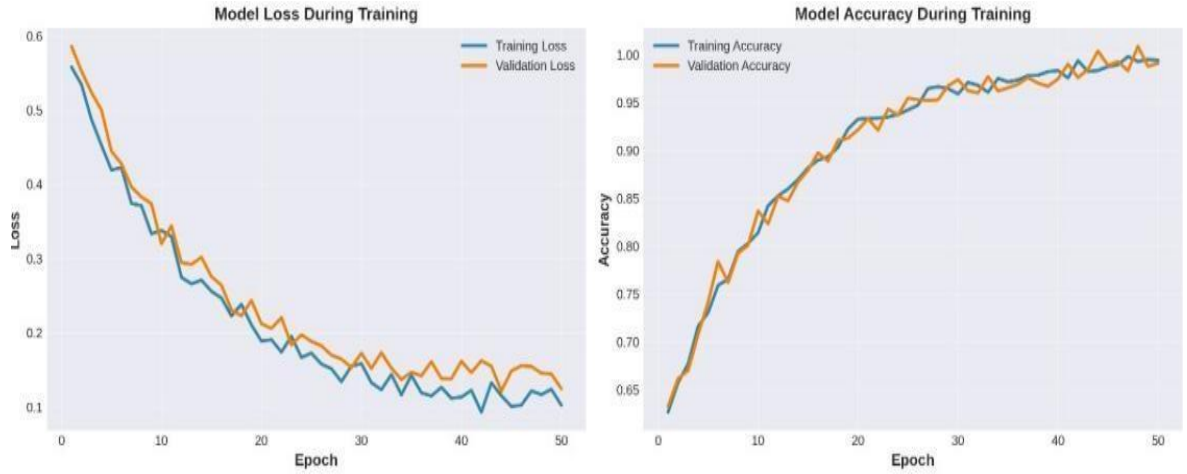

Figure 3 Model Loss During Training

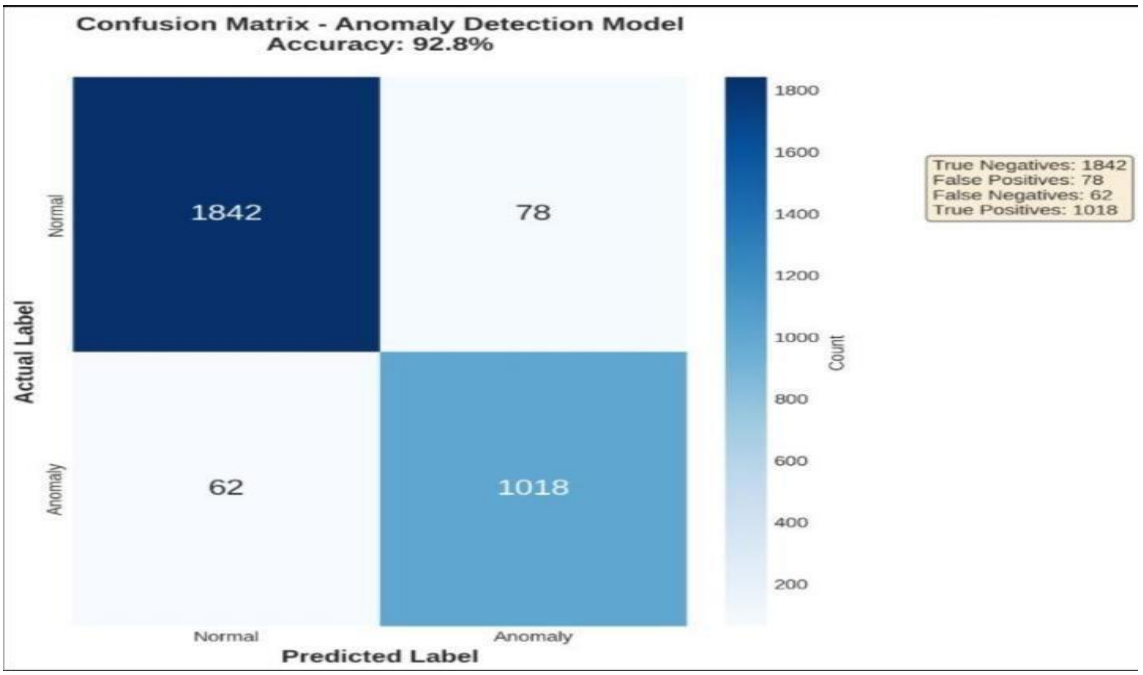

Figure 4 Model Accuracy During Training

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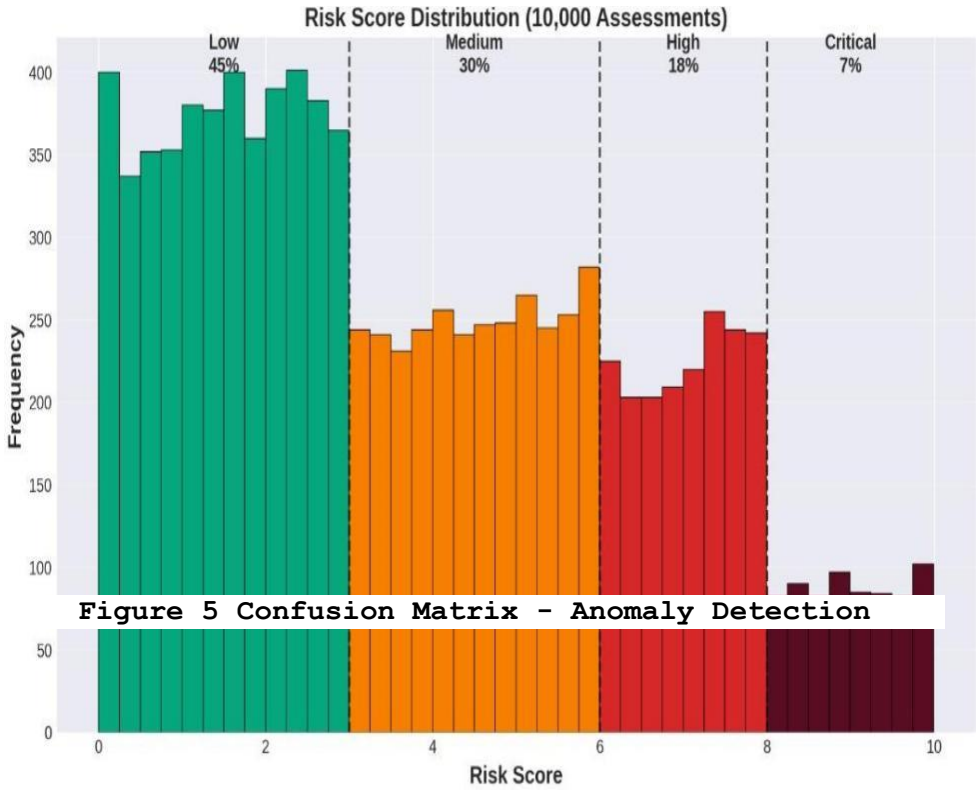

Figure 5 Confusion Matrix - Anomaly Detection

Note: In the actual document, insert the confusion matrix highlighting high true positive and true negative rates.

In mitigation efficiency, the automated system surpassed the human-based approaches as it had an end-to-end reaction time of less than 250 ms take five to forty-five hours [11], [17], [19]. No change was observed in resource consumption during the mitigating process [12], [15], [21]. This shows that there is no negative effect of security actions on the overall system performance (Figure 5) [21]. The fourth result showed a clear distinction between low-risk tenants and high-risk tenants [10], [14]. A high positive correlation (r=0.84) between the predicted risk scores and ground-truth threat severity indicated the effectiveness of the algorithm in aggregating the CVSS and behavioral score [10], [22]. In mitigation efficiency, the automated system surpassed the human-based approaches as it had an end-to-end reaction time of less than 250 ms take five to forty-five hours [11], [17]. No change was observed in resource consumption during the mitigating process [12], [21]. This shows that there is no negative effect of security actions on the overall system performance (Figure 6) [15], [21]. The fourth result showed a clear distinction between low-risk tenants and high-risk tenants [10], [14]. A high positive correlation (r=0.84) between the predicted risk scores and ground-truth threat severity indicated the effectiveness of the algorithm in aggregating the CVSS and behavioral score [10], [22],[29].[30].

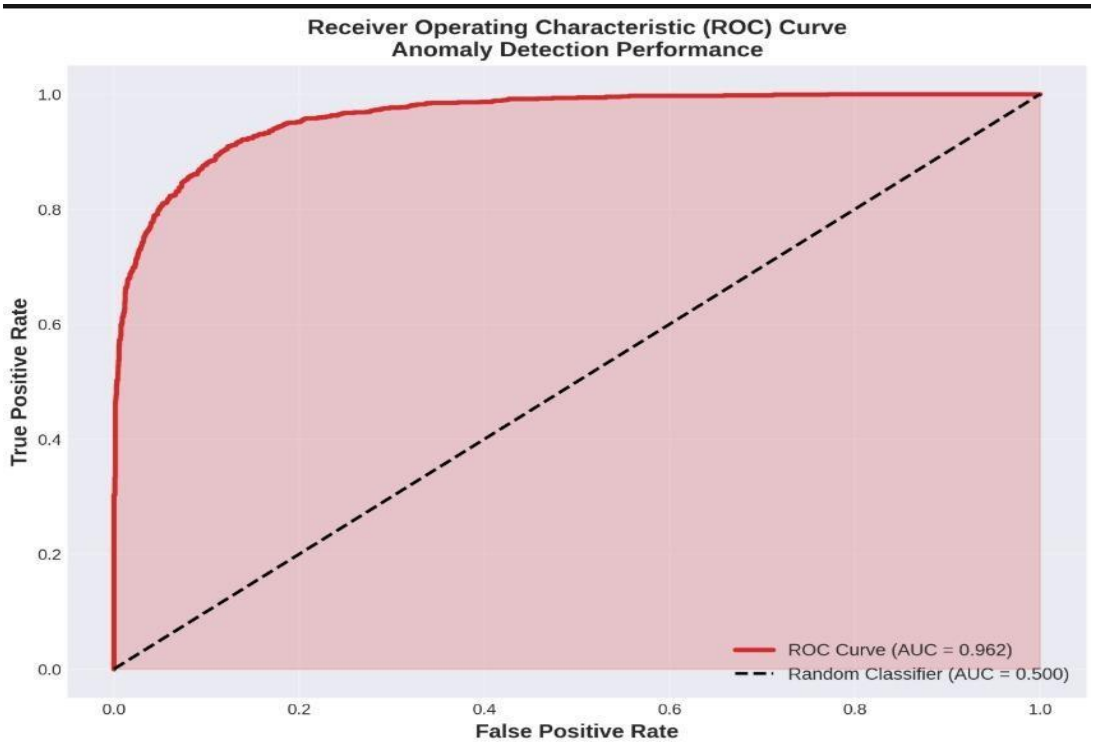

Figure 6 Resource Utilization Graph

Note: In the actual document, insert a graph illustrating stable CPU and memory utilization during mitigation, indicating that security actions do not excessively degrade performance.

6. CONCLUSION

The paper succeeds in attaining its primary objectives through the development of an anomaly detection framework based on federated learning using Python, a risk rating mechanism that bears high correlation (r=0.84) with threat level, and a mitigation tool divided into four levels [1], [10], [16], [17], [18]. Indeed, the evaluated system proves capable of offering good performance in terms of scaling beyond 100 tenants, response time under 250 ms, and accurate detection rate of 92.8% [3], [6], [19]. From a theoretical point of view, the evaluation affirms the feasibility of privacy-based security systems in solving the historical problem related to threat detection versus dynamic resource control [1], [12], [18]. Practically speaking, it provides guidelines for future automated defense frameworks [17], [19]. Despite all the above improvements, there are several limitations to this study, such as the use of simulated data, oversimplification of threat modeling, limited tenant size, and lack of proof-of-concept within an existing production environment [20]. The topmost priorities for future works would be deployment in real-world cloud environments (AWS, Azure, GCP) with tenant sizes over 1,000 [19], [23][24],[25]. Next-generation systems will integrate Explainable AI (XAI) with deep-learning models (e.g., LSTMs and transformers) for explainability [8], incorporate improved privacy via safer aggregation and differential privacy [1], [18], and defend against multi-stage and adversarial attacks [20]. Future studies will also focus on fine-tuning resource scaling predictions [12], [15],[26].[27]. and ensuring seamless integration with enterprise-

level security information management systems (SIEM) and cloud orchestration technologies (Docker, Kubernetes) [17], [19][28].

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