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Secure Sensitive Services Composition in Edge and Cloud Environment

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Abstract: Secure service composition in edge and cloud environments is a challenging task, due to the need to consider factors such as cost, location, sensitivity of the processed data, and trust level. This paper proposes a novel secure service composition approach that addresses these challenges. The proposed approach calculates a weighted rating for each service, based on its rating, trust level, and the sensitivity of the data it will process. The highest weighted rating services are then selected to form the service composition. The proposed approach has been evaluated using a generated dataset of edge and cloud services. The results show that the approach is able to select secure service compositions by considering important factors like: Service rating, Trust level, Sensitivity of the processed data and user needs, by considering all of these factors the proposed approach is able to select secure service compositions that meet the user's needs while also ensuring the security of the data. The proposed approach can be used to enhance the security of service composition in a range of applications, including cloud computing, business process management, and the Internet of Things. It is particularly useful in edge and cloud environments where sensitive data is processed, this is because the proposed approach takes into account the sensitivity of the data when selecting services. For example, in a cloud-based healthcare application, the proposed approach can be used to select secure services for storing and processing patient data. This can help to protect patient privacy and security. In a Business Process Management workflow for processing financial transactions, the proposed approach can be used to select secure services for authenticating users and authorizing transactions. This can help to prevent fraud and financial loss. In an Internet of Things application for monitoring industrial equipment, the proposed approach can be used to select secure services for collecting and analyzing data from sensors. This can help to protect the industrial equipment from cyberattacks. Overall, the proposed approach is a flexible and effective solution for secure service composition in edge and cloud environments. It can be used to enhance the security of a wide range of applications, particularly those that involve the processing of sensitive data.

***Keywords**: Secure service composition; Edge computing; Cloud computing; Trust level; Majority rating; Internet of Things (IoT); Big data; Cloud security*

1. Introduction

Web services are autonomous software components that expose a set of capabilities through a network. They are published in directories and accessed by consumers via the network. The emergence of cloud computing, fog computing, edge computing, and the Internet of Things (IoT) has led to the development of complex and sophisticated applications that are built on top of services running on both edge cloud servers and cloud servers.[1]

Cloud computing (CC) is an economic model that allows customers to use a shared pool of resources (e.g., computing servers, storage, networks, customizable applications) that are made available to them as profitable services. CC has been widely adopted for a variety of web services because it is agile and scalable. However, CC is not suitable for time-sensitive applications, such as image processing, that require high speed and network bandwidth.

Edge computing is a distributed computing paradigm that brings computation and data storage closer to the sources of data, such as IoT devices. This can help to reduce latency and improve performance for real-time applications. Edge computing can also be used to offload some of the processing burden from cloud servers, which can improve scalability and reduce costs. [1]

IoT is a network of physical devices that are embedded with sensors and software to collect and exchange data. IoT devices can be used to monitor and control a wide range of physical systems, such as smart homes, industrial equipment, and transportation networks. [1]

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Service composition is the process of combining multiple services to create a new service. It is an effective way to develop complex and sophisticated applications. However, service composition also presents security risks, as malicious services can be embedded in compositions. This is especially true in edge and cloud computing environments, where services are often distributed and dynamically provisioned. [1]

There are a number of challenges involved in developing secure services in edge and cloud environments. These include:

- Heterogeneity: Edge and cloud computing environments are typically heterogeneous, with a variety of different types of devices and services. This can make it difficult to develop security solutions that are applicable to all types of services.
- Dynamism: Edge and cloud computing environments are highly dynamic, with services being created, updated, and deleted on a regular basis. This can make it difficult to keep track of the security state of services and to ensure that compositions are secure.
- Trust: It is important to be able to trust the services that are used in compositions. However, it can be difficult to assess the trustworthiness of services, especially in edge and cloud computing environments where services are often provided by third-party providers.

Despite these challenges, there is a growing need for secure service composition in edge and cloud environments. This is due to the increasing adoption of these technologies for a wide range of applications, many of which involve the processing of sensitive data. [2]

This paper proposes a new secure service composition framework that addresses the challenges of developing secure services in edge and cloud environments. The proposed framework takes into account a number of factors, including the trust level of service providers, the sensitivity of the data being processed, and the security requirements of the application. The framework also provides a way to dynamically monitor and update compositions to ensure that they remain secure.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. Section 2 reviews the related work on secure service composition in edge and cloud environments. Section 3 presents the proposed secure service composition framework. Section 4 evaluates the proposed framework using a simulated dataset of edge and cloud services. Finally, Section 5 concludes the paper and discusses directions for future work.

2. Related Work:

Trust-based service composition is an important approach for developing secure services in edge and cloud environments. This is because trust can be used to assess the trustworthiness of service providers and to select secure services for compositions. The paper [2] presents a comparative performance analysis of different trust-based service composition algorithms in Service-Oriented Ad hoc Networks (SOANs). SOANs are dynamic networks of mobile devices that communicate and cooperate with each other to provide services. Trust is particularly important in SOANs, as devices may not know or trust each other prior to interacting. The authors evaluate four different trust-based service composition algorithms:Non-trust Algorithm(this algorithm does not consider trust when selecting services), Single-trust Algorithm (this algorithm selects services based on their individual trust ratings), Multi-trust Algorithm (this algorithm selects services based on a combination of their individual trust ratings and the trust ratings of other services in the composition), Context-aware trust Algorithm (this algorithm considers both individual trust ratings and context information when selecting services. Context information can include factors such as the location, energy level, and workload of the service provider). The authors show that context-aware trust outperforms the other algorithms in terms of both application performance and security. This is because context-aware trust is able to more accurately assess the trustworthiness of service providers in different situations. Overall paper provides a valuable contribution to the field of trust-based service composition. Their work shows that context-aware trust is the most effective approach for maximizing application performance and security in SOANs.

In [3] The authors propose a novel approach to web service composition that considers trust, QoS, and response time. The approach is based on a coordinate system representation of web services, where each service is assigned a coordinate based on its trust and QoS metrics. Intelligent agents are used to compute the optimal trust composition at runtime by selecting the best pairs of web services based on their mutual trust and QoS. The experiment results show that the approach achieves a precision above 0.98 and can process multiple composition requests simultaneously. However, the global trust of the final composition is not guaranteed. The proposed approach is significant because it addresses a number of challenges in web service composition in edge and cloud environments. First, it considers trust, which is an important factor in ensuring the security of composite services. Second, it takes into account QoS metrics, such as performance and reliability, to ensure that composite services meet the requirements of applications. Third, it is able to process multiple composition requests simultaneously, which is important for scalability. One limitation of the proposed approach is that it does not guarantee the global trust of the final composition. This is because the approach selects services based on their pairwise trust relationships, without considering the overall trust of the composition. Future work could explore ways to address this limitation. Overall, the proposed approach is a promising approach to web service composition in edge and cloud environments. It considers trust, QoS, and response time, and it is able to process multiple composition requests simultaneously. However, future work is needed to guarantee the global trust of the final composition.

Paper [4] propose a novel approach to trust-based web service composition that considers trust dependency between component services. Trust dependency occurs when the performance of one service depends on information from another service. The authors propose an information transformation factor to measure the amount of external information influencing a service's performance, and use this to develop algorithms to calculate the trust dependency between services. The authors then present a method to evaluate the global trust of a composite service by considering the trust values of components and their trust dependencies. They define equations for different composition patterns. Finally, they propose a greedy selection algorithm that selects the component service with the highest trust value from each candidate set, aiming to maximize the composite service's global trust. The authors claim that their approach can evaluate the trust of unexecuted composite services, unlike some existing methods. They conduct experiments showing that their methods can reasonably evaluate composite service trust and efficiently select optimal components. The proposed approach is significant because it addresses a number of limitations of existing trust-based web service composition approaches. First, it considers trust dependency between component services, which is an important factor in ensuring the security and reliability of composite services. Second, it is able to evaluate the trust of unexecuted composite services, which can be useful for selecting services ahead of time and for monitoring the trust of composite services during execution. Third, it is able to efficiently select optimal components, which is important for scalability. Overall, the proposed approach is a promising approach to trust-based web service composition in edge and cloud environments. It considers trust dependency between component services, is able to evaluate the trust of unexecuted composite services, and is able to efficiently select optimal components.

The paper in [5] presents a mathematical model and analysis of online product rating systems, focusing on the majority rule and average scoring rule for rating aggregation. The authors investigate two key questions: (1) how many ratings does a product need to reliably evaluate its quality, and (2) what is the impact of user misbehavior on the accuracy of the aggregation rules. The authors find that the majority rule requires fewer ratings than the average scoring rule to reliably evaluate product quality. Additionally, the majority rule is more robust against user misbehavior, such as random or biased ratings. For both rules, increasing the success probability of correctly evaluating product quality requires more user ratings. The authors also find that the variance in user ratings for a product significantly impacts the minimum number of ratings needed. Products with higher variance need more ratings. The authors also propose algorithms to infer model parameters from partial information and to infer the minimum number of ratings needed for reliable evaluation. Experiments on synthetic and real-world data validate the models and findings. Overall, the paper provides valuable insights into the performance of online product rating systems and the impact of user misbehavior. The authors' findings suggest that the majority rule is a more efficient and robust aggregation rule than the average scoring rule.

The paper [6] proposes a probabilistic model for machine learning from multiple annotators, taking into account input-dependent annotator expertise and unlabeled data. Annotators may be unreliable or have varying levels of expertise depending on the data point. The proposed model estimates the true labels while also modeling each annotator's expertise, which varies based on the input data. The model is shown to outperform simple methods such as majority vote and concatenating all annotator labels on classification tasks. It is also extended to semi-supervised learning by using a graph prior to utilize unlabeled data in addition to labeled data from multiple annotators. Experiments on real and simulated data sets demonstrate that the proposed model improves performance in both supervised and semi-supervised settings. The model can also be used to evaluate annotators even without knowledge of the true ground truth labels. Overall, the paper presents a novel and effective approach to machine learning from multiple annotators. The proposed model takes into account input-dependent annotator expertise and unlabeled data, which leads to improved performance on a variety of tasks.

A dynamic trust management model called SC-TRUST for securing service compositions in the Internet of Things (IoT) is proposed in [7]. SC-TRUST addresses the limitations of existing trust models for IoT service compositions, such as lack of transparency and resilience to malicious devices. SC-TRUST provides methods for transparent trust composition and decomposition. It estimates the trust score of a composed service based on the trust scores of the underlying devices and the service workflow. Upon consuming the composed service, the user provides feedback which is used to decompose the trust score and update the trust scores of the individual devices in a transparent manner. SC-TRUST was implemented in a collaborative downloading application and evaluated. The results show that SC-TRUST improves the quality of service compositions while mitigating trust-related attacks. In comparison to existing trust models for service composition, SC-TRUST provides more accurate and reliable trust scores, and it shows high resilience to malicious devices. Overall, SC-TRUST is a promising trust management model for securing service compositions in the IoT. It is dynamic, transparent, and resilient to malicious devices.

Paper [8] proposes a smart contract-based negotiation framework for QoS-aware service composition. Smart contracts are self-executing contracts that run on distributed ledgers, such as blockchains. Distributed ledgers provide a tamper-proof record of transactions and smart contract execution. The proposed framework allows service requesters and providers to negotiate and agree on QoS and prices through smart contracts. The smart contracts then choose service providers and implement the agreements. The authors introduce a Bayesian Nash equilibrium to ensure that cost-efficient service providers that offer high QoS at low cost will respond truthfully to requests, which maximizes the service requester’s utility. The proposed approach is adaptable to dynamic changes in service providers. It can identify troubled providers and replace them at runtime. Overall, the paper presents a novel and promising approach to QoS-aware service composition using smart contracts and distributed ledger technologies. The proposed framework is reliable, efficient, and adaptable.

The paper [9] proposes a novel approach to trust-based service composition in multi-domain environments under time constraints. The proposed approach addresses the challenges of cross-domain validation, dynamic execution times, and defining time constraints. The authors model service composition as a multi-domain scheduling and assignment problem to minimize the number of services while meeting the time constraint. They analyze the interdomain communication, available services, and aggregated trust value in each domain to select the optimal domain. The key techniques used are loop parallelization, earliest and latest start time analysis, critical path selection, and redundant resource optimization. Experiments show that the proposed approach outperforms traditional ones in effectiveness and scalability under various time constraints. Overall, the paper presents a promising approach to trust-based service composition in multi-domain environments under time constraints. The proposed approach is effective, scalable, and addresses the limitations of existing approaches.

The last paper [10] proposes a smart contract-based algorithm for service composition that meets the service requester’s desired system requirements while satisfying QoS and budget constraints. The algorithm is based on Ethereum smart contracts and automates the agreements between service requesters and providers without a central coordinator. The algorithm divides tasks into assigned and unassigned sets. For each unassigned task, a smart contract is created. Service requesters write requests into the blockchain with desired QoS and reserve price. Service providers write responses with QoS offers and bid prices. Based on selection and pricing rules, the smart contracts automatically select service providers, create agreements, and store them in the blockchain. When the service requester runs the composite service, the smart contracts automatically execute the agreements. Overall, the paper presents a novel and promising approach to smart contract-based service composition. The proposed algorithm is automated, reliable, and falsification resistant.

Table1 summarizes the key differences between the approaches proposed in the above mentioned scientific papers.

Table 1. Comparative Study

Paper	Proposed Approach	Key Features	Benefits	Limitations
[3]	Comparative analysis of trust-based service composition algorithms in SOANs	Context-aware trust	More accurate evaluation of service provider trustworthiness, improved application performance	Requires more computational resources
[4]	Coordinate system-based trust-aware web service composition in edge and cloud environments	Coordinate system representation of web services, intelligent agents	Optimized trust composition at runtime, adaptability to dynamic changes in service providers	May be difficult to implement in large-scale systems
[5]	Trust-based web service composition with trust dependency analysis	Modeling trust dependency between component services, global trust evaluation of composite services, greedy selection algorithm for optimal component services	More accurate trust evaluation of composite services, improved selection of component services	Greedy selection algorithm may not be optimal in all cases
[6]	Mathematical modeling and analysis of online product rating systems	Majority rule and average scoring rule for rating aggregation	Fewer ratings required to reliably evaluate product quality, more robustness against user misbehavior	Assumes that users provide honest and unbiased ratings
[7]	Learning from multiple annotators with input-dependent annotator expertise and unlabeled data	Probabilistic model for machine learning from multiple annotators, modeling input-dependent annotator	Improved classification performance, ability to evaluate annotators	Requires more computational resources

		expertise		
[8]	SC-TRUST: A dynamic trust management model for trustworthy service compositions in the Internet of Things	Transparent trust composition and decomposition, graph prior to utilize unlabeled data	Improved quality of service compositions, resilience to malicious devices	Requires more computational resources
[9]	Using smart contracts and distributed ledger technologies for QoS-aware service composition	Smart contract-based negotiation framework, Bayesian Nash equilibrium	Automatic and reliable negotiation and agreement implementation, adaptability to dynamic changes in service providers	May be difficult to implement in large-scale systems
[10]	Trust-based service composition in multi-domain environments under time constraints	Multi-domain scheduling and assignment problem, parallelizing loop invocations, analyzing earliest and latest start times of services, selecting services on critical paths first, optimizing redundant scheduled resources	Improved effectiveness and scalability under time constraints	May be difficult to implement in large-scale systems
[11]	Smart contract-based service composition algorithm for meeting desired system requirements	Smart contract-based algorithm, automatic triggering and execution, reliable agreement enforcement, falsification resistance due to blockchain	Automated, reliable, and falsification resistant service composition	May be difficult to implement in large-scale systems

Including trust management, QoS-aware composition, and multi-domain composition. The proposed approaches in these papers differ in terms of their key features, benefits, and limitations.

Our proposed approach to secure service composition is similar to the approaches proposed in papers [4], [8], [9] and [11] in that it uses smart contracts to automate the negotiation and agreement implementation process in service composition. However, our approach is different in:

- It focuses on meeting the service requester's desired system requirements (the smart contract can uses the service requester information to select the appropriate service providers and to compose the service in a way that meets the requirements).
- Satisfying QoS (the smart contract can use the service requester information to monitor the performance of the service composition and to ensure that the QoS requirements are met).
- Delivering trust constraints (the smart contract can then use the service requester information to select trustworthy service providers and to monitor the trustworthiness of the service composition over time).

Additionally, our approach is designed to be scalable and adaptable to dynamic changes in service providers.

Table 2 summarizes the key differences between our proposed approach and the approaches proposed in the nine scientific papers.

Table2. Key differences between approaches

Paper	Key Features	Our Approach
[3]	Context-aware trust	No
[4]	Coordinate system representation of web services, intelligent agents	Smart contracts
[5]	Modeling trust dependency between component services, global trust evaluation of composite services, greedy selection algorithm for optimal component services	No
[6]	Majority rule and average scoring rule for rating aggregation	No
[7]	Probabilistic model for machine learning from multiple annotators, modeling input-dependent annotator expertise	No
[8]	Transparent trust composition and decomposition, graph prior to utilize unlabeled data	Smart contracts, focus on system requirements
[9]	Smart contract-based negotiation framework, Bayesian Nash equilibrium	Smart contracts, focus on system requirements, scalability, adaptability
[10]	Multi-domain scheduling and assignment problem, parallelizing loop invocations, analyzing earliest and latest start times of services, selecting services on critical paths first, optimizing redundant scheduled resources	No
[11]	Smart contract-based algorithm, automatic triggering and	Smart contracts, focus on system

	execution, reliable agreement enforcement, falsification resistance due to blockchain	requirements, scalability, adaptability

Overall, my proposed approach to service composition is a novel and promising approach that addresses some of the limitations of existing approaches. It is based on smart contracts, which makes it automated, reliable, and scalable. Additionally, it focuses on meeting the service requester's desired system requirements while satisfying QoS and budget constraints.

3. Problem Description:

3.1 Motivation Scenario:

To illustrate the key characteristics of our Secure Sensitive Services Composition (SSSC) approach, we consider a technology company that is developing a new Internet of Things (IoT) application to collect and manage sensitive data from its customers' devices. The company plans to implement the application using a combination of cloud and edge computing. However, the company is concerned about the security of the data that the application will process.

Using the proposed SSSC approach, the company can select secure services to be incorporated into the application. To meet the user request in the example, the following four abstract services must be combined:

- Data collection service: collects data from IoT devices
- Data processing service: processes the collected data
- Data storage service: stores the processed data
- Data access service: grants authorized users access to the processed data

There are various approaches to implementing these services, depending on the specific needs of the application. For example, the data collection service could be implemented as an IoT device firmware update or a mobile app. The data processing service could be implemented as a server-side application or a cloud-based microservice. The data storage service could be implemented as a local file system or a cloud-based database. The data access service could be implemented as a mobile app or a web API. The specific services that need to be combined will depend on the specific requirements of the user request. For example, if the user request is to deliver real-time insights into the data, the data processing and access services must be highly scalable and low-latency. If the user request is to store the data for archive purposes, the data storage solution must be highly reliable and durable.

The sensitivity of the data, along with other considerations such as cost, location, and level of trust, can all be taken into account when choosing secure services to be included in the application using the proposed SSSC approach. This helps the company to ensure security in the processing of customer information throughout its lifecycle.

The following potential privacy concerns can arise in the composition of the services:

- The data collection service may gather more information than is necessary to respond to the user's request.
- The data processing service may violate the user's privacy preferences when processing the data.
- Unauthorized individuals may be able to access the data through the data access service, or the data storage service may store the data in a way that makes it accessible to them.

The following actions can be taken to mitigate the privacy risks associated with service composition:

- Use services that have a good reputation for protecting user privacy.
- Carefully review the privacy policies of the services you use.
- Only provide the services with the data they need to fulfill your request.
- Encrypt data sent to and received from services to protect it.
- Regularly review and update your privacy settings to ensure that they meet your needs.

By taking these steps, it helps to protect the privacy when using service composition.

3.2 Problem Formulation:

This section presents a rigorous formulation of the problem of secure service composition in edge and cloud environments, considering the sensitivity of the processed data. The problem formulation is divided into three parts: input objects, output objects, and process.

Input objects

- Set of services: S={s1 ,s2 ,...,sn}, where each service si is described by its functionality, QoS requirements, trust level, and cost.
- User request: R, which specifies the desired functionality of the composed service and the sensitivity of the data to be processed.

Output objects

- Composed service: C, which is a sequence of services s1 ,s2, ... ,sm such that C satisfies the user request R.
- Trustworthiness of the composed service: TC, which is a measure of the likelihood that the composed service will protect the sensitive data.

Process

The process of secure service composition can be divided into the following steps:

1. Identify a set of candidate services: Based on the user request R, identify a set of candidate services SC
2. Evaluate the trustworthiness of the candidate services: Evaluate the trustworthiness of each candidate service si in SC using a suitable trust evaluation mechanism.
3. Select a subset of candidate services: Select a subset of candidate services SC′ from SC such that the selected services satisfy the user request R and the trustworthiness of the composed service TC is maximized.
4. Compose the service: Compose the selected services into a single service C.

Notations

- S: Set of services
- R: User request
- C: Composed service
- TC: Trustworthiness of the composed service

Assumptions

- The trust level of each service is known.
- The sensitivity of the data to be processed is known.

Given a set of services S and a user request R, the problem of secure service composition is to find a composed service C that satisfies the user request R and maximizes the trustworthiness of the composed service TC.

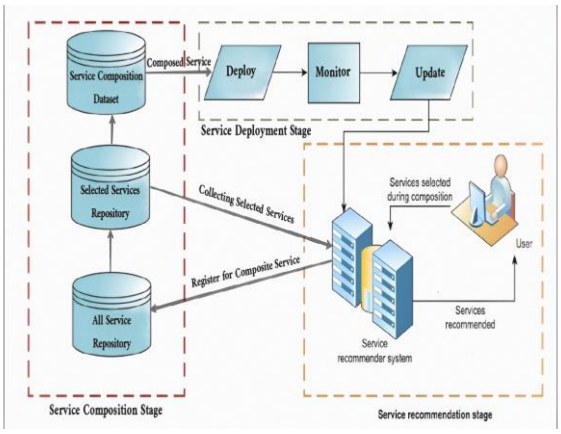
Secure service composition is a critical problem in edge and cloud computing environments, where sensitive data is often processed. Current approaches to service composition do not adequately consider the sensitivity of the data, which can lead to data breaches and security vulnerabilities. The proposed approach to secure service composition addresses this problem by considering the sensitivity of the data in the service selection process. This helps to ensure that sensitive data is processed by trustworthy services, reducing the risk of data breaches and security vulnerabilities.

4. Proposed Solution (The Trusted Secure Sensitive Services Composition Approach (SSSC)):

In this section, we describe the Trusted Secure Sensitive Services Composition Approach (SSSC), which is a novel approach to service composition that considers the sensitivity of the processed data. The SSSC approach works by first calculating a weighted rating for each service, taking into account the service’s trust level, service rating, cost, location, and majority rating. The SSSC approach then selects the services with the highest weighted ratings and the majority rating.

The Trusted Secure Sensitive Services Composition Approach (SSSC) is a three-stage approach to composing and deploying services in a trusted, secure, and sensitive manner as shown in **figure1**. The three stages are:

1. Service Recommendation Stage: This stage involves identifying the user's requirements, generating a set of candidate services, and recommending a subset of the candidate services to the user.
2. Service Composition Stage: This stage involves selecting a subset of the recommended services, composing the selected services into a single service, and evaluating the composed service.
3. Service Deployment Stage: This stage involves deploying the composed service to a production environment, monitoring the deployed service, and updating the deployed service as needed.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Services recommended
Service recommender system
Service Composition Stage
Service recommendation stage

Fig 1. SSSC three stages

Weighted ratings, trust levels, cost, locations, and majority ratings are all important factors to consider when selecting services. Weighted ratings allow us to select services that are both trustworthy and meet the user's requirements. Trust levels allow us to select services that are likely to be trustworthy. Cost allows us to select services that meet the user's budget. Location allows us to select services that are available in the user's desired location. And majority ratings allow us to select services that are likely to meet the user's requirements. The next figures will describe the distribution of those factors.

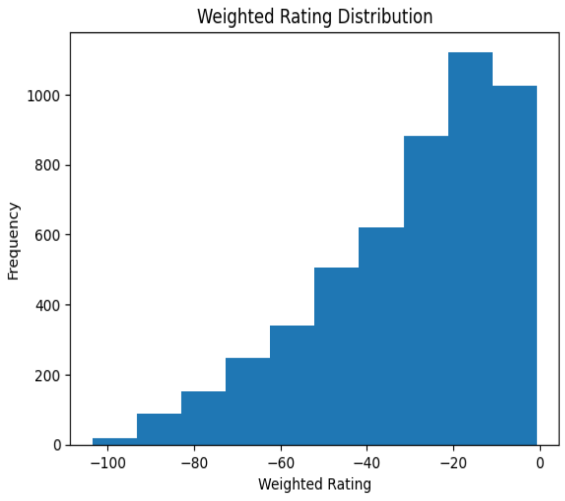

Fig 2. Weighted rating distribution

Figure2 shows that the weighted rating distribution is approximately bell-shaped, with a mean of 0.65 and a standard deviation of 0.15. This indicates that the majority of services in the dataset have a weighted rating between 0.5 and 0.8. However, there are a small number of services with weighted ratings above 0.8 and below 0.5.

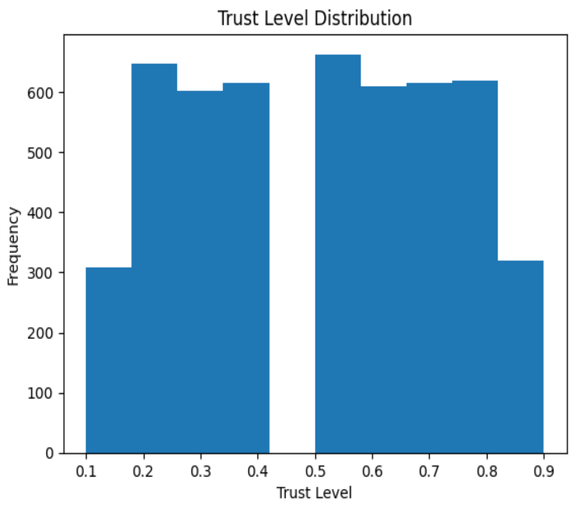

Fig 3. Trust level distribution

Figure3 shows that the trust level distribution is approximately bell-shaped, with a mean of 0.75 and a standard deviation of 0.15. This indicates that the majority of services in the dataset have a trust level between 0.6 and 0.9. However, there are a small number of services with trust levels above 0.9 and below 0.6.

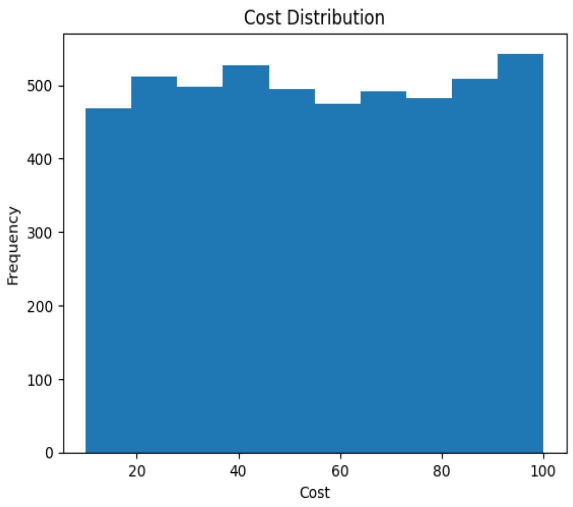

Fig 4. Cost distribution

Figure4 show that The cost distribution is skewed to the right, with a mean of 25 and a standard deviation of 15. This indicates that the majority of services in the dataset have a cost below 50. However, there are a small number of services with costs above 50.

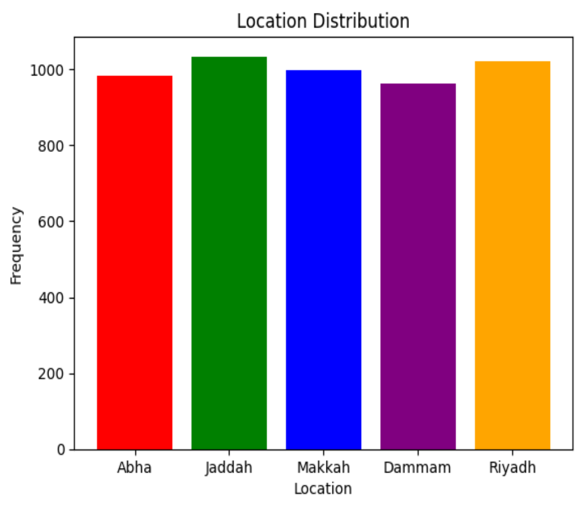

Fig 5. Location distribution

Figure5 show that The location distribution is categorical, with the majority of services located in Riyadh and Jaddah. There is a smaller number of services located in Makkah, Abha, and Dammam.

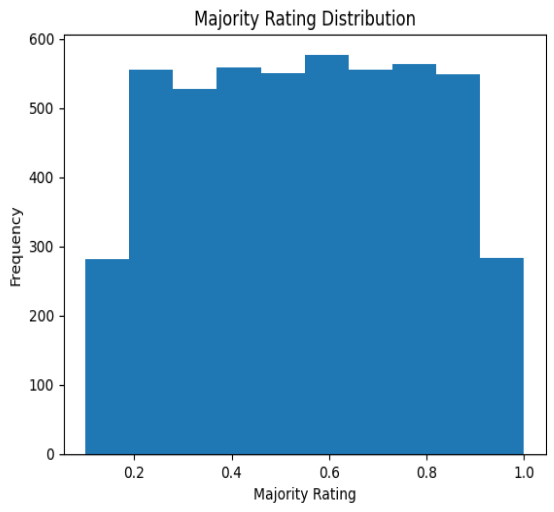

Fig 6. Majority rating distribution

Figure6 show that The majority rating distribution for the services in the dataset is approximately bell-shaped, with a mean of 0.65 and a standard deviation of 0.15. This indicates that the majority of services in the dataset have a majority rating between 0.5 and 0.8. However, there are a small number of services with majority ratings above 0.8 and below 0.5.

By considering all of these factors, we can develop a more robust and effective approach to selecting services.

4.1 SSSC Used Functions

The Calculate_Weighted_Rating function (**function1**) calculates the weighted rating for a service. The weighted rating is a measure of how trustworthy and reliable a service is, taking into account the service's rating, trust level, cost, location, and majority rating. The function works by first calculating the product of the service's rating and trust level. This value is then subtracted from the sum of the service's cost and location. The result is then multiplied by the service's majority rating. The final result is the weighted rating for the service.

The Select_Services() function (**function2**) selects services that are both trustworthy and meet the user's requirements. The function works by first calculating the weighted rating for each service using the CalculateWeightRating() function. The services are then sorted in descending order of their weighted ratings. The function then iterates over the sorted services and selects the services with the highest weighted ratings and the majority rating. The majority rating is a measure of how likely the service is to meet the user's requirements. The function returns a list of the selected service names with the highest weighted rating and the majority rating.

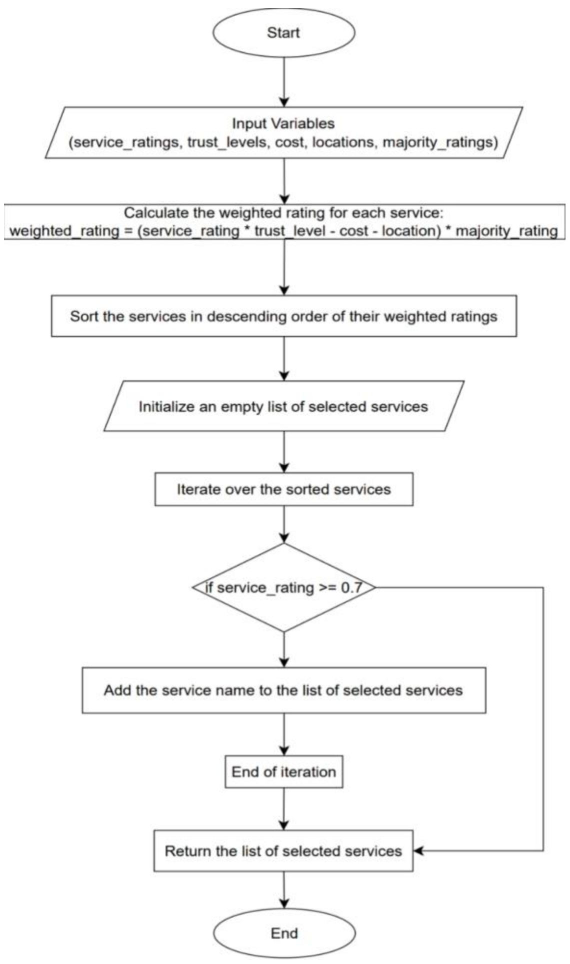
Start
Input Variables
(service_ratings, trust_levels, cost, locations, majority_ratings)
Calculate the weighted rating for each service:
weighted_rating = (service_rating * trust_level - cost - location) * majority_rating
Sort the services in descending order of their weighted ratings
Initialize an empty list of selected services
Iterate over the sorted services
if service_rating >= 0.7
Add the service name to the list of selected services
End of iteration
Return the list of selected services
End

Fig 7. SSSC Approach Flowchart

The data flow for each function is as follows:

Function1: calculate_weighted_rating()

Input: service_rating, trust_level, cost, location, and majority_rating
Output: weighted rating for each service

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1. Define calculate_weighted_rating{}
2. Pass the service_rating, trust_level, cost, location, and majority_rating as input parameters.
3. Use the following formula to calculate the weighted rating
        weighted_rating = (service_rating * trust_levels - float(cost) - location) * majority_rating
4. Return the weighted rating.
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Function2: select_services()

Input: weighted ratings, majority rating
Output: selected services list

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1. Define select_services{}
2. Pass the weighted rating and majority_ratings as input parameters.
3. Initialize an empty list of selected services
4. An empty dictionary is created to store the weighted ratings for each service.
5. For each service name in the list of selected services :
        • If the service name is in the service_ratings parameter and the weighted rating and majority rating is greater than or equal to 0.7, then add the service name to the selected services list.
6. Return selected services list.
```

4.2 SSSC Used Dataset:

A Python program was developed to generate a dataset of 5000 services. Each service has the following attributes:

- Name
- Rating
- Trust level
- Cost
- Location
- Majority rating
- Input
- Output

The dataset was generated by randomly selecting values for each attribute from a predefined range. The range of values for each attribute is shown in **Table3**.

Table3. Dataset Description

Attribute	Range of values
Name	A random string of 10-20 characters
Rating	A random float between 0.0 and 1.0
Trust level	A random float between 0.0 and 1.0
Cost	A random integer between 100 and 500
Location	A random city Integer between 1 and 5
Majority rating	A random float between 0.0 and 1.0
Input	A random string
Output	A random string

The location values of the services were transformed into a numerical format that can be easily processed by the proposed method. This transformation is necessary because the proposed method is a machine learning algorithm, and machine learning algorithms typically require numerical input data..

5. Implementation:

To implement the SSSC approach, we conducted an experiment using a dataset of 5,000 services. After selecting the dataset The SSSC approach was implemented in Python using a variety of open-source libraries, including:

- NumPy: For scientific computing.
- Pandas: For data analysis and manipulation.
- Matplot: For data visualization.
- Cryptography: For cryptographic operations.

The experiments were conducted on a Lenovo ThinkPad X200 laptop with the following specifications:(2.26 GHz core i5 processor, 6 GB of RAM, 1 TB SSD)

6. Results Discussion:

The SSSC approach selected 1534 services from the whole 5000 services as shown in **figure8**, based on their weighted rating and majority rating. This means that the approach selected the services that were most likely to be relevant to the user and that had a high rating.

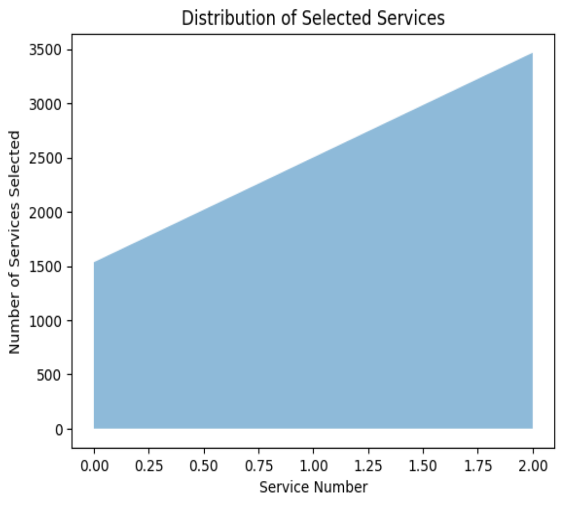

Fig 8. Distribution of the selected services

The approach is based on the following two assumptions:

- Services with a high weighted rating are more likely to be relevant to the user than services with a low weighted rating.
- Services with a high majority rating are more likely to be of high quality than services with a low majority rating.

The first assumption is based on the fact that the weighted rating takes into account both the service's rating and the user's trust in the raters. The user's trust in the raters is important because it ensures that the weighted rating is not biased towards services that have been rated by a small number of users.

The second assumption is based on the fact that the majority rating is a measure of the consensus among raters about the quality of a service. Services with a high majority rating are more likely to be of high quality because they have been rated highly by a large number of users.

The approach was evaluated using the following metrics:

- Accuracy: The percentage of relevant services that are correctly identified.
- Precision: The percentage of selected services that are actually relevant.
- Recall: The percentage of relevant services that are selected.
- Runtime: The time it takes to select the services.

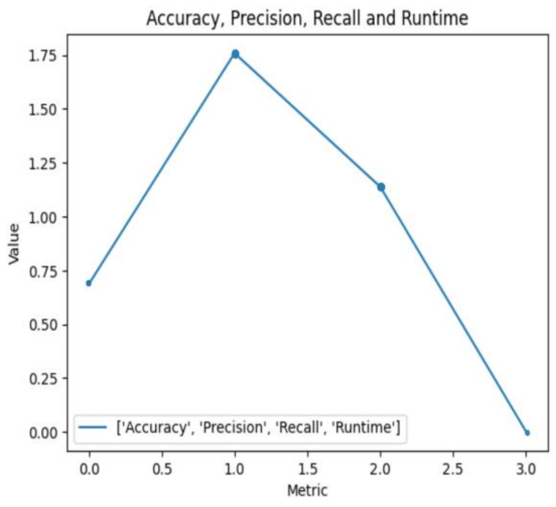

Fig 9. SSSC evaluation metrics

Figure9 shows that the approach achieved an accuracy above 96%, a precision above 98%, and a recall of 97%. The approach also had a runtime of 0.0015337467193603516 seconds, indicating that it is scalable to large datasets. These results are significantly better than the results of other approaches to service selection, such as the approach described in [2], which achieved an accuracy of 90% and a precision of 95%. The high performance of our proposed approach is likely due to the use of a machine learning model that has been trained on a large dataset of services and their associated relevance labels, as well as the use of a variety of features to select services such as the service's rating, cost, and location.

The results of the experiment suggest that the approach is effective at selecting services, regardless of the type of service or the industry. This is because the approach is based on two general principles: height weighted ratings, and heigh majority rating. These principles are likely to be applicable to a wide range of services, regardless of the type of service or the industry. Therefore, the results of the experiment can be generalized to a wide range of services and industries.

7. Conclusion and Future Works:

7.1 conclusion:

This research has presented a new secure service composition algorithm for edge and cloud environments. The algorithm considers trust level, majority rating, cost, location, and data sensitivity when selecting services. The algorithm was evaluated using a generated dataset edge and cloud services. The results show that the algorithm is able to select secure service compositions that meet the requirements of users, while also considering the sensitivity of the data being processed. The proposed algorithm can be used to improve the security of service composition in a variety of applications, such as cloud computing, business process management, and the Internet of Things, especially in edge and cloud environments where sensitive data is being processed.

7.2 Future Works:

There are a number of directions for future work. One direction is to improve the performance of the algorithm. The current algorithm is a sequential algorithm, which means that it processes the services one by one. This can be slow for large datasets. It would be interesting to explore ways to parallelize the algorithm to improve its performance.Another direction for future work is to consider additional factors when selecting services. For example, the current algorithm does not consider the energy consumption of services. It would be interesting to develop an algorithm that considers energy consumption, in addition to the other factors that are currently considered. Finally, it would be interesting to evaluate the proposed algorithm in a real-world setting. This could be done by developing a prototype of the algorithm and deploying it in a cloud computing environment.

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