

A Novel Trust Management Framework for Multi-cloud Environments Based on Trust Service Providers

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Abstract: In this paper, we address the issue of trust administration in multi-cloud situations utilizing a trust administration construction modeling taking into account a gathering of circulated Trust Service Providers (TSPs). These are free outsider suppliers, trusted by Cloud Providers (CPs), Cloud Service Providers (CSPs) and Cloud Service Users (CSUs), that give trust related administrations to cloud members. TSPs are dispersed over the mists, and they evoke crude trust proof from distinctive sources and in diverse configurations, i.e., adherence of a CSP to a Service Level Agreement (SLA) for a cloud-based administration and the criticism sent by CSUs. Utilizing this data, they assess the target trust and subjective trust of CSPs separately. Moreover, we present a trust proliferation system among TSPs crosswise over distinctive mists, which is utilized by a TSP to get trust data around an administration from different TSPs. The proposed trust administration structure for a multi-cloud environment depends on the proposed trust assessment model and the trust engendering system. Tests demonstrate that our proposed system is successful in separating reliable and dishonest CSPs in a multi-cloud environment.

Keywords: trust management, trust service provider, multi-cloud, subjective trust, objective trust, trust propagation

I. Introduction

Distributed computing is a prevalent worldview for giving programming applications, stages and framework assets (Buyya et al., 2008; Armbrust et al., 2010), and it has offered ascend to vital trust-related issues (Khan and Malluhi, 2010; Monsef and Gidado, 2011; Abbadi and Martin, 2011). In the most recent couple of years, examination has been stretched out to multi-cloud foundations (Grozev and Buyya, 2012; Ngo et al., 2012), unified distributed computing situations (Buyya, et al., 2010), due to the huge event in explaining substantial scale computational and information concentrated issues. Trust-related issue in multi-mists include more confused substance and new issues (Abwajy, 2009; Bernstein and Vij, 2010; Abwajy, 2011), since cloud administrations are running on disseminated processing assets which are incorporated through an organization of the figuring mists. What's more, because of the many-sided quality of the administration conveyance models of multi-cloud applications, trust administration turns out to be particularly vital and confused. For instance, a physicist may handle logical information facilitated by one foundation on a remote application server for information mining keep running by another, and after that store the outcomes on an open cloud information administration. A strong trust relationship is required among Cloud Service Users (CSUs), Cloud Service Providers (CSPs), and Cloud Providers (CPs) in such open, alterable and unverifiable situations.

For an effective multi-cloud usage, trust connections among members must be dependably inspired, accumulated, and proliferated. Accordingly, on one hand, from the point of view of CSUs, they can assemble trust in embracing cloud-based administrations, selecting proper and dependable CSPs, and invigorate positive participation with reliable multi-cloud CSPs; and then again, from the viewpoint of CSPs, it is critical for them to form benefits flawlessly and progressively crosswise over association limits so that to build created cloud administrations. That is, a CSP additionally needs to evaluate the dependability of different CSPs to recognize solid ones. In this way, the dependability of included elements crosswise over distinctive mists should be assessed, kept up and overhauled. On the other hand, to the best of our insight, there is an absence of thorough exploration take a shot at building up a deliberate trust administration structure for multi-cloud situations.

Toward a strong and viable trust administration for multi-cloud situations, we propose a trust administration structural planning in light of Trust Service Providers (TSPs). These are trust-dealer operators, trusted by distinctive CPs, CSPs and CSUs and dispersed over the multi-cloud. They are free outsider suppliers that give trust-related administrations to the cloud members (both CSUs and CSPs). For instance, they can give

administrations which separate pernicious CSPs from great ones, select reliable CSPs for CSUs/CSPs, and make suggestions to CSUs/CSPs with customized necessities (these administrations could go about as worth included administrations). So as to effectively offer trust-related administrations, the TSPs need concurrences with the CSPs/CPs, so that to have the capacity to screen their administrations and/or have entry to the screens sent by the CSPs/CPs, keeping in mind the end goal to watch the genuine exchange prepare and get the ongoing trust data. CSPs/CPs, then again, are propelled to coordinate with TSPs, since through them they can fabricate a high notoriety and addition a superior trust level.

With a specific end goal to use adequately the trust data from various TSPs facilitated in diverse mists, we added to a trust engendering model in view of the thought of TSPs Path of Trust (TPoT). Trust data from CSPs is spread through the TPoTs after a TSP has overwhelmed a trust solicitation to all the TSPs. The significant commitments of this paper are as per the following:

- 1) A trust administration structure taking into account TSPs is proposed. To the best of our insight, this structure is proposed interestingly for multi-cloud situations.
- 2) The trust assessment model comprises of a goal and subjective trust assessment models, taking into account distinctive trust data sources and trust setting, which can better figure the trust relationship in view of diverse sources and configuration of trust data.
- 3) Using the goal and subjective trust models, we stretched out it to a blend of the neighborhood target trust model (LOT), the nearby subjective trust model (LST), the worldwide target trust model (GOT), and the worldwide subjective trust model (GST). The LOT and LST are focused on the customized goal and subjective trust individually, and GOT and GST concentrate on the accumulated general goal and subjective trust separately, so that customized and enhanced trust choice can be made for cloud administration requesters.
- 4) A trust system of TSPs for trust sharing is proposed, where TSPs build up trust ways to different TSPs. A trust demand from a TSP is proliferated to alternate TSPs by flooding the message over the trust ways.

II. Trust issues investigation and proposed trust administration system

2.1. Trust issues examination for multi-cloud environment

In a multi-cloud environment, there are a great deal of CSPs offering an expansive assortment of administrations. Thusly, it is alluring that CSUs can choose the most reliable CSPs for a specific administration. Hence, functionalities to deal with the stream of the trust data (i.e., hazard investigation, checking data, trait date, client criticism, and so on) crosswise over mists are required. Hence, a powerful trust administration must be placed set up for cloud organization and association in a viable and secure way. Be that as it may, because of crevices in trust systems and conventions over diverse mists, there is still an absence of a dynamic government cloud administration trust administration structure. The reliability of cloud administrations is additionally identified with the QoS, security, security insurance, and different parameters connected with an administration. The reliability and the QoS of administrations can be seen as the goal trust, and it can be measured under a formally dressed structure by utilizing parameters identified with the setting of an administration. To wrap things up, at the administration connection layer, trust is additionally a subjective idea, i.e., a subjective discernment identified with the elements' inclination, necessities, profile, and so on. This sort of trust can likewise be influenced by numerous components, for example, the immediate association experience, and proposals from different elements.

Along these lines, a standout amongst the most essential issues in a trust administration structure is trust assessment. The trust level of a substance in a framework is measured as reliability. Cloud administrations ought to be assessed taking into account fine-grained QoS parameters together with client's input, suggestions, and further particular prerequisites identified with the distributed computing environment. With a specific end goal to indicate the trust elements included in a distributed computing situation, an arrangement of such properties is given in Habib et al., 2010 and in the Cloud Controls Matrix (CCM) by Cloud Security Alliance (CSA) (2011). As per the writing and industry hone, numerous parts of credits should be considered when determining the dependability of a cloud-based administration, for example, the accessibility, unwavering quality, reaction time, security, protection, straightforwardness, and client support.

In light of the above examination, we can gather that the dependability of cloud administrations relies on upon two parts of trust data sources, that is, the framework execution records and the trust data criticism from CSUs. Hence, we focus on the two classifications of trust qualities, i.e., the target trust and the subjective trust. Specifically, the target trust assessment model measures the dependability of multi-cloud administrations from a goal point of view, and the application runtime execution is a wellspring of instinctive confirmation and can further serve as the premise for computing the target trust assessment. Then again, the subjective trust assessment model measures the reliability from the point of view of CSUs' observation, in light of past administration connections.

Other than the trust assessment model, we likewise consider the spread of trust connections in our proposed trust administration system. Like in a genuine social situation, trust connections in the multi-cloud

environment can likewise be engendered through some system. Trust connections, which relate trustors and trustees, exists in the entire figuring environment and it can shape a trust system. In our proposed system, there are for the most part three sorts of hubs in the trust system: CSUs, CSPs, and TSPs either as trustors or trustees. By interfacing the hubs through a trust system, the trust data can be shared crosswise over mists and can bring down the calculation weight of gathering and accumulating the worldwide information. Notwithstanding, because of the extensive size of the system, the unwavering quality of the trust engendering way (from the source hub to the objective hub) is critical.

2.2. Calculated framework model

2.2.1 Multi-cloud structure

In view of the above trust issues examination for multi-cloud administrations, we propose a TSP-based government trust administration system which can address the difficulties in overseeing trust in multi-cloud administrations. This is appeared in Figure 1.

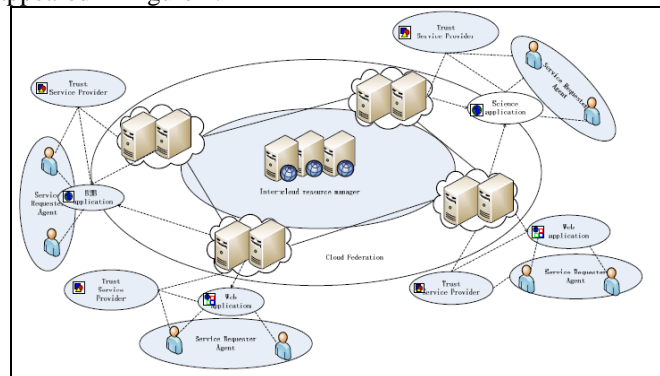


Figure 1: An overall framework for multi-cloud service environment

As appeared in Figure 1, an organization of trust administration kept up by the numerous CSPs is pivotal to permit adaptable cloud-based administration piece and administration combination. So as to accomplish adaptability, trust connections between the included performers ought to be made on-interest, rather than being statically characterized preceding administration collaboration. Be that as it may, there is a high instability segment when choosing whether or not to coordinate with obscure gatherings. Along these lines, each on-screen character that takes an interest in the multi-cloud environment needs to settle on choices with some type of danger. A cloud administration requester may survey that on the off chance that it is secure to team up with a specific obscure CSP. Essentially, a CSP will need to choose in the event that it is secure to approve the entrance from a particular administration requester.

Fundamental performing artists and their exercises The fundamental performing artists (substances) in a multi-cloud administration government trust administration situation are: (1) a CSP, which gives administrations to clients or end clients for benefit. In the specific setting of distributed computing, the CSPs give an extensive variety of administrations in diverse administration conveyance models, i.e., XaaS; (2) a CSU, which utilizes an administration offered by a CSP, and can likewise asks for a TSP for the trust estimation of CSPs so that to choose the most dependable CSP; and (3) a TSP, which vouches for the reliability of the CSPs that it has concurrences with and distributes/upgrades/shares their worldwide/neighborhood trust values. So as to empower trust administration in a multi-distributed computing environment, those fundamental performers need execute a few sorts of operators (modules) for trust setting up and assessment forms. The trust administration plan for multi-cloud administration is shown in Figure 2.

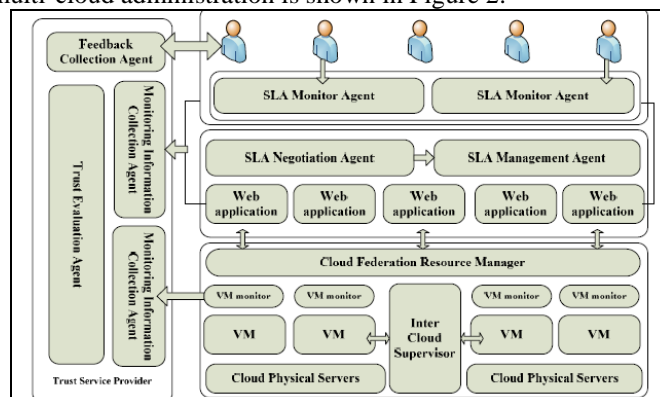


Figure 2: Trust management mechanism for multi-cloud service environment

Beneath we depict the capacities and exercises of the primary on-screen characters.

SLA transaction operators

A SLA transaction operators is fit for arranging a SLA between a CSP and a CSU. A CSP needs to enlist its administrations with the trust administration framework through a SLA arrangement specialists. A CSU can get SLA insights around a CSP through the CSP's SLA transaction specialists. After a fruitful arrangement between a CSP and a CSU, the contracted SLA and the procedure of transaction are recorded by the SLA arrangement operators for future acceptance and evaluating. On the off chance that the arrangement comes up short, then the SLA transaction specialists just keeps the procedure of arrangement in record for a sure timeframe. A SLA arrange operators meant by SNA_i keeps up the accompanying data:

- A administrations registry of CSP_i; (ordinarily, CSP_i may convey various administrations crosswise over distinctive mists, yet so as to improve the issue, we accept that one CSP offers one multi-cloud administration in the framework model).
- The administration requester index of CSP_i;
- The administration transaction record for each CSU_j, including the arrangement requester, transaction begin time, transaction conditions, arrangement result, and arrangement end time.

SLA administration specialists

A SLA administration specialists mostly performs the capacity of ensuring that SLAs are fulfilled. For instance, in the event that it happens that the SLA of an administration application as of now being executed is not fulfilled, then the SLA administration operators changes the asset distribution, reschedules the undertaking execution, or relocates the application to another VM or much another cloud, and so forth, in order to procure greatest benefit and asset use. In this manner, a SLA administration specialists may wind up disregarding some piece of the SLA of a specific CSU. Consequently, it have to keep a record every one of the adjustments in the administration sending in the runtime process, with the end goal of trust administration furthermore for future acceptance and reviewing. A SLA administration operators indicated by SMMA for a CSP keeps up the accompanying data:

- The present index of contracted SLAs for all the CSUs that a CSP is associating with;
- The first undertaking portion for each CSU. That is, the mapping from the CSU's undertaking to the cloud asset, including the design of VM, system, and other imperative framework parameters;
- The reallocation records if there are any progressions to the first undertaking portion, marked when and CSU.

3.2.2 CSUs

SLA screen specialists

In favor of CSUs, checking the conduct and execution of administrations to confirm whether they are in consistence with SLAs is a vital issue. This is done utilizing SLA screen operators. As a matter of first importance, an operators ought not be one-sided towards a CSP or a CSU. A SLA screen operators catches information in regards to the collaboration procedure between a CSU and a CSP and it additionally reacts to asks for observing information from TSPs. The operators gathers observing data from the server side ceaselessly, which includes all the execution parameters incorporated into a SLA. A solitary SLA screen specialists can screen the runtime of all applications with which a particular CSU is presently connection, and a solitary application can likewise be observed by all the SLA screen operators connected with the CSUs as of now communicating with the administration. A SLA screen specialists indicated by SMA of a CSU keeps up the accompanying:

- The applications that SMA is right now observing;
- The arrangement of TSPs with which the applications that SMA is observing have participation understandings;
- The execution qualities/variables in a SLA that SMA is mindful to screen;
- The SLA achievement investigates the arrangement of the execution characteristics/variables of a SLA. This data is gathered for every application inside of a settled win

3.2.3 TSPs

As a rule, a TSP is an intercession operators in the middle of CSPs and CSUs, and we can likewise call it a trust merchant. An arrangement of TSPs are appropriated over the Internet and assigned by distinctive CSPs in diverse mists to give trust-related data administrations. TSPs are conjured when CSUs solicitation cloud administrations with trust necessities. One TSP can speak to various CSPs, and one CSP can likewise appoint

numerous TSPs. Like web index destinations and gateways, TSPs are freely kept up and worked. CSUs are allowed to pick among numerous TSPs accessible either free or through a paid enrollment (Lin et al., 2005). A TSP infers the target trust of CSPs monitoring so as to take into account trust data sent data process specialists. It additionally gathers the trust criticism appraisals sent by CSUs on administrations they utilized, keeping in mind the end goal to develop the subjective trust about every administration. Moreover, TSPs can likewise communicate with one another so as to trade and spread trust data. A TSPi keeps up the accompanying data:

- The endowed/assignment association with different elements in the cloud:
 - a. The arrangement of Ni CSPs that TSPi speaks to;
 - b. The arrangement of trusted neighbor TSPs of TSPi;
 - c. The arrangement of SLA screen operators of the CSUs that TSPi can get access. The SLA checking data is not open to all the TSPs, and just those TSPs that have a concurrence with a CSU can ask for it.
- The trust administration instrument connected by the TSP:
 - a. The trust induction model/calculation for TSPi used to assess the dependability of CSPs and alternate TSPs;
 - b. The trust arrangement set that TSPi applies to distinctive settings of cloud administrations because of the diverse administration conveyance models and administration sending models;
 - c. Trust engendering model to choose trusted neighbor TSPs and offer trust data. The accompanying operators are actualized in a TSP:

Checking data gathering operators (MCA)

The MCS of a TSP gathers data from the SLA screen specialists with which the TSP has assentions. This data is utilized as a part of the assessment of the target trust of a particular administration. The observing data accumulation specialists of TSPi, meant by MCAi, keeps up the accompanying data:

- The rundown of CSPs that TSPi has the power to screen;
- The SLA observing data from the SLA screen specialists with which TSPi has an understanding.

Criticism gathering operators (FCA) The FCA of a TSP is in charge of gathering the subjective input from the CSUs who have associated with the concerned CSPs. A criticism data gathering operators indicated by FCAi for TSPi keeps up the accompanying:

- A rundown of CSUs whose criticism TSPi is gathering;
- The genuine input information from the CSUs in the rundown.

Trust assessment operators (TEA)

The trust assessment operators is in charge of the count of the subjective and target trust estimations of CSPs, in light of the data gathered from the MCA and FCA. The trust assessment specialists TEAi for TSPi keeps up the accompanying:

- The trust surmising calculations that TSPi uses to assess the trust of CSPs and alternate TSPs;
- The trust approaches that TSPi applies to distinctive connections of cloud administrations;
- The information handling and trust figuring module.

The trust esteem database (TVD)

The TVD contains the past computed trust estimations of CSPs. These qualities can further serve as trust proof for future trust-related choice. The following Figure 3 outlines the trust administration in

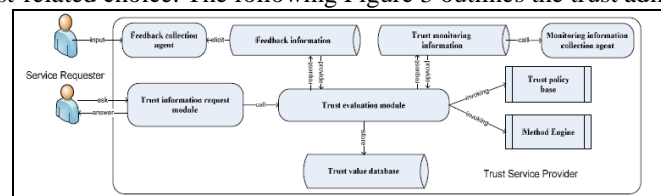


Figure 3: Trust management mechanism scheme of TSP

III. Trust demonstrating procedure

Taking after Josang's hypothesis, in our demonstrating procedure, we utilize a triple comprising of three scalars including conviction (i.e., positive trust or conviction about dependable), skepticism (i.e., doubt or negative trust or conviction of deceitful), and vulnerability, to model one element's trust in another substance.

3.1 A SLA-based target trust assessment model

We consider the target assume that is identified with multi-quality trust components. This kind of trust is free from a CSU's inclination. With a specific end goal to infer the goal trust, TSPs need to gather the

execution information and framework log records, which are discharged by CPs and/or CSPs. In perspective of this, straightforwardness of cloud administrations is critical during the time spent target trust assessment. Keeping in mind the end goal to prepare the target trust assessment, TSPs need to go to an assentment that approves them to screen the administration parameters that are indicated in the SLA contracted in the middle of CSUs and CSPs. The CSPs more often than not give SLAs to CSUs that ensure a sure level of useful execution of the administrations, for example, reaction time, rate of accessibility, unwavering quality, security, consistency, adaptability, and so forth. Given an administration, the trust screens can choose whether it has fulfilled the SLA prerequisites after every exchange and utilize this data to setting up trust for CSPs.

In this segment, we introduce a trust proliferation system of TSPs that can be utilized by a TSP to get trust values around a CSP from different TSPs. A sample of a trust proliferation system is appeared in Figure 4. Hubs A, B, C, D, and E are TSPs, and a strong line between two hubs demonstrates that the hubs believe one another. The trust spread system is framed by every hub setting up a trust connection with its neighbors. This connection is twofold, i.e., "trust" or "don't trust", and symmetric. In the case in Figure 4, A has built up a trust connection with its neighbors B, D, and E. In like manner, hub D has built up an association with neighbors An, E and C, hub E with neighbors D, An, and C, hub B with neighbors An and C, and hub C with neighbors B and E. Presently give us a chance to accept that TSP A gets a trust demand for an obscure CSP. TSP A surges this solicitation to its neighbors B, D, and E. In the event that hub B has trust data about the CSP being referred to, then it will react back to An, else it will surge the solicitation to its neighbors. Flooding proceeds and it is conceivable that it covers all the TSPs in the system. Give us a chance to expect that just C has the trust data for the CSP being referred to, then C will get the solicitation message from every one of its neighbors through the ways: ABC, AEC, ADC, and ADEC. Each of these ways is alluded to as a TSP Path of Trust (TPoT). For every way, C reacts with the trust data that goes the other way of the way.

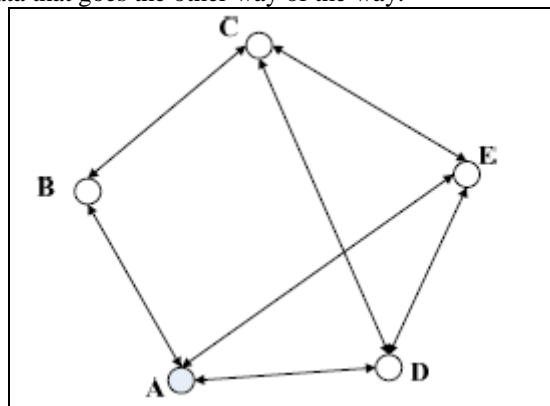


Figure 4: An Example of a trust propagation network of TSPs

We will make the accompanying suppositions in regards to TPoTs: Assumption 1: The unwavering quality of a got suggestion diminishes as the length of a TPoT increments. For example, if TSPs B and C have data about the CSP being referred to, then they will both react to A. For this situation, the reaction from B is viewed as more solid than that from C since it is an one-jump TPoT instead of no less than a two-bounce TPoT from C.

Presumption 2: If there is more than one TPoT from a beginning TSP to a TSP that has the data, then the most limited way TPoT is utilized. Case in point, let us accept that just TSP E has the data asked for by A. As can be seen there are two ways in the middle of An and E, i.e., AE and ADE, and for this situation the most limited way AE, will be chosen.

Supposition 3: If there are numerous TPoTs from the starting TSP to the objective TSP with least number of middle person hubs, then one of them is haphazardly chosen. Case in point, on the off chance that we accept that just C has the data, then we have the accompanying four ways: ABC, ADC, AEC, and ADEC. For this situation, one of the three ways ABC, ADC, AEC will be arbitrarily chosen.

An administration may keep running on a few mists, and for this situation it is checked by distinctive TSPs. There may be more than one TSP connected with a given cloud that screens the same administration. At the point when a TSP surges a solicitation for trust data of an administration, more than one TSP connected with the same cloud may react, of which we picked the one with the most brief TPoT. The answers got from the chose TSP from every cloud are collected into a solitary general result as talked about in the accompanying area. At long last, we take note of that the foundation of a trust connection between two TSPs should be possible utilizing distinctive strategies, not considered in this paper.

In view of the built up TPoT and the essential trust demonstrating system, which are individually trust measurements, i.e., the neighborhood target trust model (LOT), nearby subjective trust model (LST), worldwide

subjective trust model (GST), and worldwide target trust model (GOT), each TSP can get the GoT and GST trust values on particular CSPs concerning CSUs' solicitations. In our proposed structure of the trust administration system, all these trust estimations of a particular CSP are put away in the trust esteem database (TVD) of relating TSPs. All TSPs are appropriated crosswise over diverse mists to gather the trust observing and input data. Each TSP gathers these trust data from the certain CSPs they are associated with (here we expect that each TSP just exists in a solitary cloud, however one cloud can have various TSPs).

IV. Reenactment tests

Keeping in mind the end goal to assess our proposed trust model, we reproduce a multi-cloud environment with numerous CSPs and CSUs. The reliability of a CSP is indicated ahead of time as dependable, or deceitful, or it might arbitrarily change between being reliable and conniving amid a recreation test. CSUs give their criticism to these CSPs, and the SLA observing information is haphazardly created from a sure scope of qualities that rely on upon the prespecified trust level of the CSPs. We first assess our model accepting a solitary cloud with a solitary TSP, and after that we extend our assessment to a multi-cloud environment.

4.1 Numerical results taking into account a solitary cloud with a solitary TSP

We mimic three sorts of CSPs in the structural engineering: reliable CSPs, deceitful CSPs, and irregular CSPs. Reliable CSPs give dependable administrations in many exchanges, deceitful CSPs give conniving administrations in many exchanges, and arbitrary CSPs give reliable or dishonest administrations arbitrarily. We expect that each CSP gives a solitary administration on the same cloud. They all have starting reliable and dishonest degrees of 0.5 at time t_0 with most elevated vulnerability 1. We recreate 10000 CSUs, of which 80% are reliable, 10% are dishonest, and 10% are arbitrary. Dependable CSUs return genuine input for most exchanges, conniving CSUs return false criticism for most exchanges, and irregular CSUs return genuine or untrue input haphazardly for all exchanges. We conveyed every one of the reproductions for 100 time window. The quantity of cooperations of a CSU is consistently disseminated in $[0, 20]$ for every time window. For every kind of CSP we have the accompanying presumptions.

Trustworthy CSP:

- The rate of effective cooperations in every time window: 90%,
- The rate of fizzled associations in every time window: 5%
- The rate of questionable collaborations in every time window: 5%
- Trustworthy CSUs' evaluating: $[0.8, 1]$
- Untrustworthy CSUs' evaluating: $[0, 0.5]$
- Random CSUs' evaluating: $[0, 1]$

Dishonest CSP:

- The rate of fruitful collaborations in every time window: $[0, 50\%]$
- The rate of questionable collaborations in every time window: 10%
- The rate of fizzled communications in every time window: rest ones
- Trustworthy CSUs' evaluating: $[0, 0.5]$
- Untrustworthy CSUs' evaluating: $[0.5, 1]$
- Random CSUs' evaluating: $[0, 1]$

Arbitrary CSPs:

- The rate of fruitful collaborations in every time window: $a = [0, 100\%]$
- The rate of questionable collaborations in every time window: $\text{rand}(a, 1)$
- The rate of fizzled cooperations in every time window: rest ones
- Trustworthy CSUs' appraising: $[0.25, 0.75]$
- Random CSUs' appraising: $[0, 1]$

V. Conclusion

In this paper, we add to a novel trust administration system for a multi-cloud environment to viably assess the dependability of CSPs utilizing subjective and target trust. We propose a TSP-based trust administration structural engineering, which is intended to perform the errands of trust data evoking, preparing, and assessment of CSPs in a multi-cloud environment. TSPs can determine the LST and LOT from a solitary CSU's point of view or the GST and GOT from the entire CSUs' amassed viewpoint. Keeping in mind the end goal to share the trust data of multi-cloud administrations crosswise over diverse mists, a trust spread system of TSPs is built up. This is framed with every hub building up a trust connection with its neighbors. At the point when A TSP gets a trust demand for an obscure CSP, it surges this solicitation through the trust engendering

system. A TSP that has the required trust data reacts to the starting TSP through the ways over which it got the trust solicitation, alluded to as TPoTs. To test the viability of the proposed structure we led reproduction tests for a solitary TSP with a solitary cloud and for various TSPs in a multi-cloud environment. The trials demonstrate that the proposed trust administration system is successful and vigorous plan for separated.

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