

Architecture of Smart City Based on IoT and Bigdata

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ABSTRACT

This research paper describes and discusses the concept of Smart City architecture based using latest technologies. Application of internet based technologies of Internet of Things in designing the architecture of Smart cities infrastructure. Proposed infrastructure model of smart city is created on the perception of the Smart City with digital infrastructure having blend of the latest digital technologies like Big Data, cloud computing technologies and Internet of Things (IoT), thereby attaining instinctive control and intelligence governance for public and other related services of cities. The latest deployment of wireless hardware networks in Smart City setup has led to very voluminous data being created every day across a variety of sectors, with applications including smart traffic management, environmental surveillance, medical healthcare controlling and sector specific data. We use Data Centers for storage and monitoring big data of smart cities according to hardware networks in the city. To handle grass root glitches and challenges caused for the storage & management of Big Data of smart cities, we propose a strategy to handle Big Data using architecture of Internet of Things, Data Mining and Cloud Computing. Our proposed study in this paper also includes a basic context for incorporation of variety of services available in smart cities. We also propose the intelligence governance of city administration using Multi-Level Smart City setup.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Cyber space is considered as the E- world (Electronic World). As we have given formula of Smart city integrating digital services using latest technologies the digital city and the existing real city shall map to each other; accordingly, the digital city is a technological representation of the city where we live in cyber space [1]. The smart city concept is based on the perception of the digital cyber space. Using a latest ultramodern hardware network of digital gadgets, the smart city is associated with the real city. These all digital devices existing in the city are interconnected through Internet of Things and Cloud Computing podium that handles the gigantic data storage, computation, analysis, and decision-making process and performs the related automated task or desired actions based on the results of those analyses and decisions [2]. Smart cities are linked to the digital and physical cities through Internet of Things and Cloud Computing, thus forming an integrated digital-cyber-physical space. The state and changes in the real world of both humans and services will be monitored robotically in real time in this space. Cloud storage servers handle the enormous data, complex computation and regulation. This structure will provide intelligence

governance to public administration for effective governance.

We can derive a justification for Smart cities as follows:

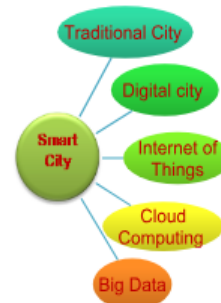


Fig1: Smart City Incorporation



Fig2: Formula of Smart City

We have seen an increasing graph of people drifting towards Cities for their better future prospects and to upgrade living standards. It is estimated that by 2030 more than 65% of the world population may live in cities or rather we could predict metro Cities. These projected population migration towards cities in search of either better lifestyle or better opportunities will provide the path towards the growth of the Smart City at global level. The

Smart City perception operates in a complex metropolitan environment, integrating several complex systems of infrastructure, human activities, digital presence & activities, social, political and the economy structures. A Smart City podium offers an intelligent and efficient way to control the major eight focused components such as transport, health, local administration, security, smart industry, renewable energy, smart homes & smart buildings and the environment changes. These components are interconnected with each other using various latest hardware and they keep exchanging data by talking to each other. The digital data generated by these latest gadgets are primarily through wireless router networks. Wireless networks of digital gadgets have been installed in various commercial, consumer and individual applications such as health management system, smart home management applications, Smart traffic management, Smart governance and administration and other related sub modules of smart cities.

Hardware gadgets associated with different Smart City applications generate a huge amount of data that are not being efficiently utilized, therefore effective utilization of this enormous data has to be taken care for effective growth of smart cities. Using existing Information Communication Technology setup, generated unrelated information has to be covered together in a meaningful knowledge base. The Smart City perception is hooked on managing ever-growing hardware's of IoT devices generating voluminous data for inspection and observation from a common place.

In order to enable the communication between information and communication technologies, internet of things devices, cloud based applications to control devices, data center to handle big data, a model of Smart City architecture is projected in this paper. We have planned to arrange the architecture on a service podium. Through this podium, various existing hardware and software applications can be associated and operated by wide range of web applications for an intelligent operating environment. The projected model of smart

city assists in taking advantage of a gigantic amount of data and information using web technologies and uncertain reasoning rules. We shall implement reasoning mechanism for desired knowledge abstraction and information amalgamation from different Smart City sectors such as people, transport, medical, administration, home and environment sector.

The contributions of this paper include Section 2 describes the Layered architecture of Smart City, Section 3 Section 4 describes proposed Big Data management center through proposed SCDC, Section 5 concludes and suggests future scope of work.

II. LAYERED ARCHITECTURE OF SMART CITY

Considering existing theories of Smart City, we shall propose to use a Layered system design, where initial – level basic data is semantically enhanced and inferred by sensible customizable applications in a Smart City domain. By using latest wireless technologies and hardware networks, our perception for the upcoming Smart City systems that could be providing influential, intellectual and adaptive support for population living in urban societies. As shown in Figure 1 we recommend a Smart City architecture that includes eight basic services to be initially taken in Smart City. By integrating Internet of Things networks, cloud based applications, Big Data and available wireless communication services, the following exploration aims are targeted: 1) customization of services in real time; 2) eco friendly living environments; 3) efficient utilization of existing resources.



Fig. 3. Eight Components of Smart City

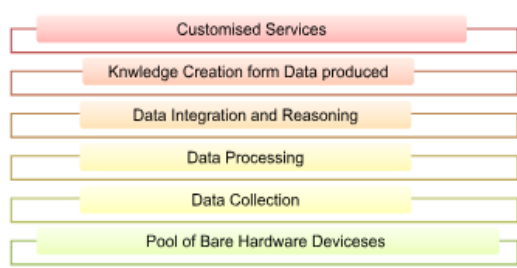


Fig.4. Layered Architecture of Smart City

As shown in Figure 3, these eight components are main pillars for the Smart City architecture to be smart health, smart environment, smart energy, smart security, smart office & residential buildings, smart administration, smart transport and smart industries. The sensor nodes deployed in each Smart City domain provide the primary data source for heterogeneous information generation. Information generated through the sensor nodes are collected using the existing communication services. The collected data are then processed and analyzed. The focus is on deploying the architecture on a cloud based platform for use as a software as a service.

The implementation of the architecture will follow the steps outlined below. Firstly the raw data are collected and processed to make them web consumable. Once the data are converted into a common format they are then semantically enriched with OWL concepts based on the knowledge of domain experts. The idea is to recognize activity and learn new rules that are governing an activity. The new rules learned at this level will be used in defining the knowledge of the semantic model. The same approach will be used in defining customized services that will provide feedback to the end users (citizens) in the form of alerts and warnings as mentioned in Level 4 of the Smart City architecture.

- Layered Architecture of Smart City
As shown in Figure 4, pool of hardware devices are the primary source of data generation. The raw data sensed by the hardware nodes are transferred to Level 1 of the Smart City architecture using communication services to perform further information processing. A detailed description of each Level is explained below.

Level 1: Data collection

In this level, raw data collected from different hardware is stored for further processing. The collected formats are then processed using semantic web technologies in order to convert them into a common format. The next level

describes the steps used in conversion of data into a common format.

Level 2: Data processing

Information gathered from the data collection level is summarized prior to transmission, analysis and fusion in the further levels using semantic web technologies. The main objective of this level is to convert the collected heterogeneous information into a common format, e.g. Resource Description Framework (RDF). RDF is the most common way to exchange information over the web and it facilitates heterogeneous data sharing and integration for different Smart City domains.

Level 3: Data integration and reasoning

Semantic web technologies enable exploitation of domain specific data based on the concepts and relationships between those concepts. The techniques used in this level are summarized below. The new rules learned during the process of extraction of high-level context information from raw sensor data can then be stored and used for building up knowledge in the Smart City architecture.

Level 4: Device control and alerts

Data obtained from level 3 can be utilized by different web applications for intelligent operating conditions. The inferred data can be utilized in many ways such as input/output, messaging, alerts and warnings¹³.

III. COMMUNICATION SERVICES

The communication medium plays an important role in achieving the Smart City concept. The existing communication services that are reutilized in a Smart City infrastructure: 3G (3rd generation), LTE (Long-term evolution), Wi-Fi (Wireless fidelity), WiMAX (worldwide interoperability for microwave access), CATV (cable television) and satellite communication. The main aim is to connect all sorts of things (sensors and IoT's) that can help in making the life of citizens more comfortable and safer. An example is provided by communication services in the home domain for connecting telephone devices and PC through the internet. In the case of the Government sector, cloud and communication services are combined to obtain a better governance system. In the case of the health sector, communication technologies can be used to connect the health statistics, medication and location of the patient from a remote location thus help to achieve a Smart Health system. Hence, with Smart City and communication technologies we can provide a more secure and convenient infrastructure for better living.

IV. BIG DATA IN SMART CITIES

The studies

consider big data to be the “oil” of the future world. The meaning of this initiative is comparable to 20th century’s information highway plan. Scientists and politicians have come to realize that big data will be a treasure for mining information and knowledge. Alongside the gradual construction and implementation of smart cities, human beings and various types of sensors will produce more and more data. There will be an increasing amount of data deposited, and the scale of data will gradually increase from the current Gigabyte (GB) and Terabyte (TB) magnitude to Petabyte (PB) or even Exabyte (EB) or even Yottabyte (YB) or may be Zettabyte (ZB). If we can effectively and thoroughly analyze these data and integrate the analysis through cloud computing, we will be able to quickly convert the data into valuable information and to extract the laws of changes in nature and society.

- The increasing amount of big data

The smart city links the city with a digital city through the ubiquitous Internet of Things. Around the world, an increasing amount of big data is being produced, the total amount of which is beyond imagination. At all times, people exchange ideas, data, and information on the Web. Within a minute, Google receives two million search queries, Facebook has 680000 new posts, and more than 200 million e-mails are sent. Every day. Currently, the total number of Internet pages is nearly 1 trillion, and the amount of data is close to 1000 PB. Every day, the Internet receives hundreds of billions of time queries and adds more than 200 TB of data. Two- and three-dimensional data in the space of digital Earth grow rapidly and will reach the TB to PB level. A single high-definition (HD) webcam produces 3.6 GB of data per hour. Because the number of webcams throughout smart city is more than 200 hundred, the amount of data produced will reach a PB to an EB level. According to a research report of Symantec Inc in 2012, the total enterprise data storage around the world reached 2.2 Zettabyte (ZB), with an annual growth rate of 67%.

4.2 Challenges of Big Data in smart cities

In the smart city, the Internet of Things will continue to collect a vast amount of data using a vast number of sensors. Big data must undergo storage, processing, post queries, and analysis to be used for all types of intelligent applications and services. Moreover, there is an increasing need to conduct real-time storage, processing, query, and analysis for big data. This will bring a series of problems and challenges.

The high cost of big data storage. The rate at which the data storage costs decrease, brought about by the development of storage technology, falls short of the growth rate of the data. Currently, cost is a challenge to all who store big data in accordance with the ideal standard for the storage and preservation of large data.

In the era of big data, the rapid expansion of large-scale data, such as spatial information and video further exposes the limitations of traditional methods. Different types of remote sensing observation satellite send PBs of data to the ground every day. Municipal video capture systems collect EB-level data every day. Currently, there remain difficulties in conducting a complex automatic semantic analysis and interpretation. In addition, municipal big data contains data related to important abnormal behaviors, events, and characteristics, such as those of falling, scuffles, climbing walls, hovering, vehicle collisions, and retrograde. Big data can be used for identification and warning. For example, major robberies are often accompanied by prior wanderings.

By efficiently using automation technologies for object and behavior identification, it is possible to retrieve semantic information from municipal big data, conduct prior warnings, and effectively deter criminal activities. This will allow for preventive actions, information retrieval during the course of an action, and post-event measurements. Ultimately, this will ensure a full range of protection of people’s life, and property, as well as daily production during incidents.

Mining for knowledge from big data is very difficult. Big data contains not only data and information but also a wealth of rules and knowledge. Such rules and knowledge are not given directly. Instead, to obtain them one must conduct in-depth data mining and analysis. However, the major characteristics of big data make it difficult for effective integration and management as well as automatically process and analyze. It is particularly difficult to conduct data mining on a dataset containing spatial information. To mine rules and knowledge from big data, in addition to solving issues related to data heterogeneity and retrieval, in-depth data mining also must address a series of issues such as data selection, semantic description, semantic interpretation, uncertainty, knowledge representation, etc. [13]. Currently effective and feasible techniques for data selection, semantic description, and semantic interpretation cannot be directly applied to big data. Accordingly, the rules and knowledge related to big data cannot be fully utilized. The nine issues for sustainable human development, including human health, energy,

weather forecasting, climate change, disaster emergency forecasting, water resources, sustainable agriculture, the environment, and biodiversity, have not been effectively addressed.

V. SMART CITY DATA CENTER

• A smart city needs an operation Data center
After establishing the Multi-level smart city architecture for Internet of Things, cloud computing platforms, the digital city geospatial framework, and other related infrastructure in a city, for that infrastructure to better play its full role in the city's operation, there is a need for a Smart City Data Center (SCDC). The SCDC is an institute that integrates all types of real-time data, information, and services. As the "heart" of a smart city, the SCDC collects and monitors a full range of data and information, generated by the city's operation. It then provides customized services to the government, businesses, and individuals. This data center helps local administration in intelligent governance; it shall also be helpful in planning and effective utilization of resources in efficient manner.

• The Composition of the SCDC

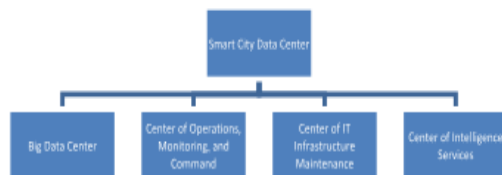


Fig: Composition of SCDC

An SCDC generally consists of four parts:

a) big data center:

The big data center will become a hub between the source pool of city operation and the Internet of Things. It will allow for comprehensive and real-time awareness of data relevant to city operations.

b) municipal center of operations, monitoring, and command:

The center of operation, monitoring, and command will be based on comprehensive and real-time awareness and carries out cross-sectoral, cross-regional, and cross-system collaboration, along with the efficient emergency responses.

c)

municipal center of IT infrastructure maintenance: The center of IT infrastructure maintenance is responsible for maintaining the updating of the SCDC's infrastructure and ensuring the secure and stable operation of the SCDC at all times.

d) center of intelligence services: The center of intelligence services provides services not only to

the government but also to all types of enterprises and to the public.

The traditional government information technology (IT) infrastructure will gradually be replaced by the "cloud" and the interactive smart city, which will reduce the cost of establishing and maintaining the city's IT, minimize administrative costs, and enhance operational efficiency. Through the SCDC, the mode of governance will be truly switched from city management to urban operations and services.

• Functions of the SCDC

Through the SCDC, a city can provide operations and services [d]. The city can also use big data as the basis for governance and major decisions. Based on data and empirical facts, the influence of subjective individual opinions and various business interest groups can be avoided. City operation will achieve visibility, controllability, intelligence, predictability, quantifiable assessment, and continuous optimization. Consequently, the government will become more open, accountable, and efficient, thus minimizing the administrative risks.

VI. CONCLUSION

The Smart City concept has been revolutionized and has evolved into a new era with recent developments in

ICT that combine wireless sensor networks, computer networks, Cloud Computing Internet of Things Big Data and all other related technologies. We aim to develop prototype architecture of Smart cities that incorporate the utilization of various policies and services included for the betterment and up gradation of the life expectancy of humans living in these smart cities. We tried to cover the main eight themes for Intelligent Governance of smart cities. Although it is very difficult to cover each and every aspect of the Smart City, through our architecture we aim to focus on the most important areas of the Smart City environment. Our proposed SCDC shall be utilized for intelligent governance and planning.

Future work is planned to perform experiment on the ideas discussed, which includes implementation of smart transport system, intelligent governance using smart application, proposing a common framework of smart cities services for the Smart cities network and further proposing an integrated platform of these smart cities at national level to monitor and implement direct benefit schemes for common public welfare.

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