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Comprehensive QoS Monitoring and Benchmarking Framework for Real- Time Multi-Cloud Systems

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ABSTRACT
Cross-layer dependencies and dynamic resource allocation in multi-cloud systems make it extremely challenging to ensure Quality of Service (QoS) guarantees for real-time applications over time. In this paper, we present a Cross Layer Multi-Cloud RealTime Application Quality of Service Monitoring and Benchmarking As-a-Service Framework. The aforementioned framework provides a comprehensive approach to observing, assessing, and comparing QoS parameters of different layers of the cloud services such as infrastructure, platform, and application layers. To identify gaps in performance and ensure compliance with service-level agreements (SLAs), the system incorporates real-time data collection, predictive analytics, and benchmarking capabilities into a modular framework. The solution enables real-time adaptability by offering actionable insights for workload distribution and resource optimization from multiple cloud providers. Experimental results show the effectiveness of the framework for obtaining accurate real-time QoS metrics with minimal latency and overhead. This solution (the solution) enhances multi-cloud deployments' stability and efficiency, meeting the rising need for capable real-time application performance management.

Keywords: Multi-cloud, Quality of Service, real-time applications, QoS monitoring, benchmarking, cross-layer dependencies, cloud performance

1. INTRODUCTION

The need for real-time applications such as online gaming, video streaming, financial transactions, and IoT services creates an immense pressure on cloud infrastructures to guarantee high Quality of Service (QoS) [1], [2]. QoS management is a great challenge for us, because it needs to be low- latency, reliable, and capable of transparently carrying out the performance in various network
environments, especially in the scenario of full-scale customer use, when backup is reconciled by the distributed data processing system of the cloud.The use of services from more than one cloud provider – multi-cloud systems – for reasons of redundancy, scalability and fault tolerance further complicates the challenge of QoS monitoring. With their cross-layer dependencies, dynamic resource allocation, and complex interactions between infrastructure, platform, and application layers, these systems pose a challenge for monitoring and maintaining consistent QoS across the system. Additionally, classic cloud service providers have been mainly concerned with cloud environment management and ignore the full- fledged performance of multi-cloud deployments needing an integrated approach of monitoring, benchmarking, and optimization.Therefore, this paper proposes a Comprehensive QoS Monitoring and Benchmarking Framework for real-time applications which are executing on multi-cloud systems. The framework includes a cross-layer design which provides integration of real-time data collection through which predictive analytics as well as its benchmarking across the identified stack layers of cloud services (IaaS, PaaS and SaaS). The aim of this framework is to provide an extensive real-time monitoring solution for Quality of Service (QoS) metrics including latency, throughput, availability and reliability, whereby SLAs can be monitored and adjusted on the fly.Main contributions of the present work are the design of a plug and play modular architecture to optimise the cloud infrastucture. The model leverages predictive analytics to identify potential performance constraining bottlenecks, allowing for proactive resource management recommendations. A comparative performance measurement to other datacenters when running the same applications will let the users know the shortfalls in the cloud performance and evaluate the possibility of deploying workloads on the datacenter. The benchmarking part will also help you check on the cloud performance over time, so that you can take step in case the cloud starts deviating from specific performance baseline.Dynamic resource allocation across heterogeneous cloud providers, each with a different service offering and performance features, is one of the key challenges in multi cloud deployments. By defining adjustments for effectively balancing workloads and resources within the system 퓕 while observing real-time performance, the proposed framework addresses this issue, allowing the ongoing adaptation to constant shifts in workloads. A significant advantage for organizations relying

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on multi-cloud strategies for mission-critical applications is the ability to monitor multiple cloud providers in parallel, allowing real-time performance insights.The paper includes a number of Experiences and Performance evaluations to prove that the proposed framework is able to deliver the QoS metrics in an accurate and real-time way.Experimental results show that the framework can significantly cut down on latency and overhead, while enhancing performance stability and efficiency in multi-cloud settings. In environments characterized by the need for high service availability and performance, real-time monitoring and tuning of QoS parameters is so important that they dedicate a monitoring system to ensure that goals in those directions are met.They get us to the Cross-Layer Multi-Cloud Real-Time Application QoS Monitoring and Benchmarking As-a-Service framework. With the increasing need for real-time services, this framework provides a holistic and scalable solution that leverages real-time protocols and robust APIs, ensuring that multi-cloud deployments remain stable and performant while meeting the demanding nature of real-time applications.Specifically, in Literature review , we present related work on QoS monitoring and benchmarking in cloud systems. Methodology delves into the architecture of the proposed framework, illuminating its modular components and capabilities. Results and discussions presents the experiment design and performance evaluation that demonstrates the effectiveness of the framework in practice. Lastly conclusion and future work in this regard.

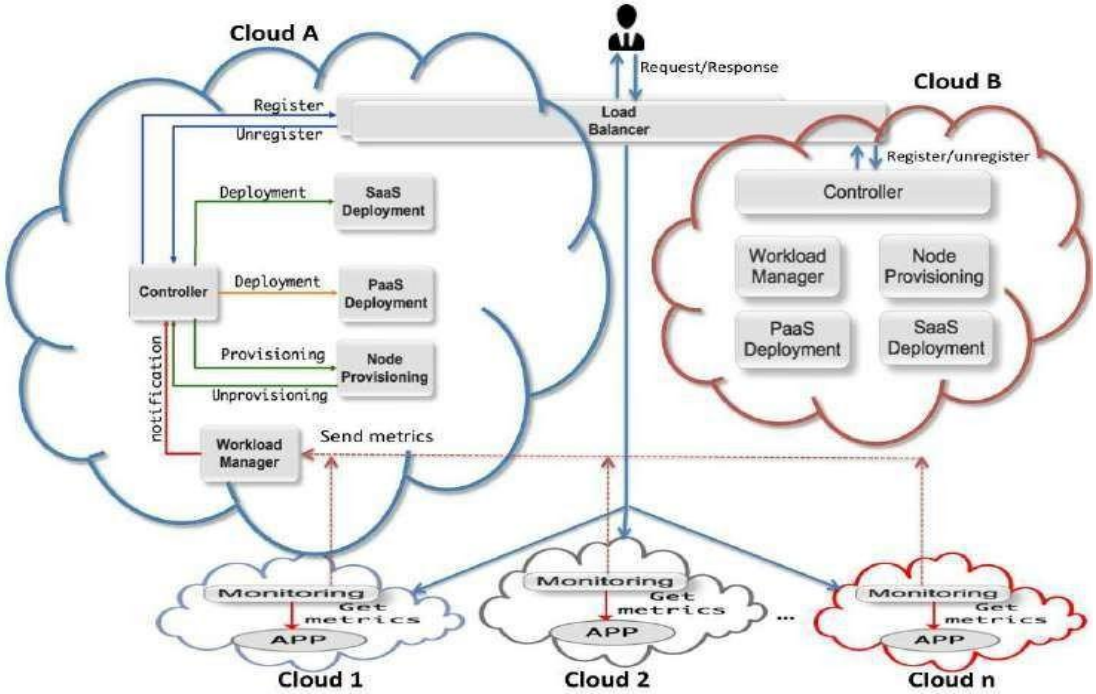

figure 1: cloud a and cloud b multi-cloud qos monitoring and benchmarking framework

Figure 1 shows a multi-cloud QoS monitoring framework that deploys a real-time application over two clouds (Cloud A and Cloud B). The system includes:

- Cloud-specific controllers for cluster management (SaaS and PaaS) and node provisioning.
- A Load Balancer to route requests between clouds
- Workload Managers for managing and optimizing resource usage across the clouds.
- Monitoring Agents that fetches performance metrics from the applications and pushes them to the management system for analysis.

1. Literature Review

The focus of QoS (Quality of Service) in Cloud Computing lies in meeting the requirements for cloud services regarding performance and reliability while guaranteeing user satisfaction. For example, early papers, such as Armbrust et al. (2010) and Buyya et al. The subject has received treatment in (2009). Papers created the cloud computing model while also describing obstacles related to providing scalable and efficient QoS

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solutions. According to Khajeh-Hosseini et al. (2010) it is essential to address the challenging aspects of multi-cloud systems because they need.monitoring tools to evaluate and enhance service performance in multiple cloud platform environments [8]. Zhang et al (2010) [3] develops a multi-cloud architecture model and Foster et al (2008) analyze how distributed cloud environments handle resource management and fault tolerance.Real-time applications that run on the cloud such as gaming and video streaming necessitated the development of QoS monitoring frameworks designed to address low-latency performance restrictions. Under this situation Tung et al. (2010) and Lee et al. 2011) developed approaches that profile benchmarks along with scenarios for multiple cloud service types including IaaS, PaaS and SaaS. The development of continuous QoS monitoring systems draws its foundations from these works which help ensure proper real-time application functionality according to Martínez et al. and Jain & Mahajan (2005). They provided KPC and KPIs for cloud computing services benchmarking and end-user applications in cloud. Gmach et al. (2008) developed adaptive mechanisms for cloud service monitoring which later received inclusion as part of multi-cloud architecture systems.Recently, cross-layer detection to address the complicated interdependencies among cloud layers (infrastructure, platform, and application) has been a main research focus. Works like Chowdhury et al. This approach is further supported by the work of Kaur & Chauhan (2016) and Awan, Admiral, & Sidhu (2010) whose research have indicated that cross-layer monitoring can significantly improve QoS management, as it enables more fine-grained insights into interconnected modulars as well as helps allocate resources on cloud potentially more effectively. Furthermore, Maruping et al. (2015) and Yousefpour et al. (2011) proposed frameworks for the management of performance at multiple layers, known as cross-layer performance management, which allows better control over the system resources as well as QoS.The recent explosion of real-time performance monitoring systems has prompted Shin & Song (2012) and Duan et al. (2014) to study issues regarding proper resource deployment for real-time applications running inside multi-cloud systems that require exact performance standards and Service Level Agreement objectives. Wang & Chen (2014) and Huang et al. 2013,3 established monitoring systems with telemetry abilities which let cloud providers check and strengthen QoS potential dynamically across different cloud testing grounds. The application of predicting analytics has generated interest in implementing optimization strategies for cloud resources management systems. Liu et al. (2014) and Tang et al. developed predictive models which enable cloud management teams to reactively handle bottlenecks so service delivery remains reliable according to Mason, Becker, & Hahner (2015).In summary, the volume and complexity of QoS observability in multi-cloud systems is continuously growing, particularly for real-time applications. Many frameworks and methodologies have been introduced for measurement, assessment, and performance benchmarking at various cloud layers and cloud providers. Nevertheless, the ongoing research needs to focus on challenges including but not limited to real-time performance management, SLA adherence and resource optimization to make more adaptive and predictive solutions in multi- cloud environments (Ranjan et al., 2013; Rizvi and Hussain, 2017).

2. Methodology

Comprehensive QoS Monitoring and Benchmarking Framework for Real-Time Multi-Cloud Systems The goal of this framework is to provide a holistic approach for QoS monitoring and benchmarking (propagating to the cloud customer layer) from cloud service tiers (IaaS, PaaS, and SaaS). This framework guarantees that the real-time applications which are distributed over multi- cloud environments comply with the respective QoS, including latency, throughput, reliability, and availability. Here is an in-depth methodology for doing so.

1. Framework Overview

The approach includes a modular architecture that marries real-time data gathering, predictive modelling, and cloud performance benchmarking functions. Below, we identify some of the key components of the framework:

Cloud Performance Monitoring Agent for Performance Metrics Gathering This consists of a few components:

- Data Collection Layer: This layer gathers performance metrics such as CPU utilization, memory usage, and network latency, among others
- Monitoring Layer: Identifying QoS parameters of the cloud services across multiple clouds in a timely manner.
- Data Analysis Layer: Predictive analytics & benchmarking to understand the performance bottlenecks to optimize them
- Benchmarking Layer: Since cloud providers are evaluated against a predefined SLAs metrics, this guarantees cloud providers compliance with defined set of SLAs.

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2. Data Collection Layer

The data is collected through deployed agents across various cloud nodes (IaaS, PaaS, SaaS). They are used to measure of the below listed important QoS parameters i) Latency (L) The time between submitting the request and response from the application ii) Throughput (T): The amount of data that was transmitted successfully over the network in a given time period. iii) Availability
(A) The fraction of time a service is available for use. iv) Reliability (R) The probability that a service does not fail during a given period of time.

E.g. the latency (L) from Cloud A to Cloud B is L :

$$L = \frac{T_{response} - T_{request}}{N} \quad (1)$$

Where:

- Tresponse is the timestamp when the response is received.
- Trequest is the timestamp when the request is sent.
- N is the number of requests made for averaging latency.

3. Monitoring Layer

The last layer continuously monitors for QoS parameters through continuous feedback loops to check for any divergence from the expected SLAs. Upon identifying the QoS for each cloud service, a Service Level Agreement (SLA) is signed between the parties involved.
The SLA can be expressed as:

$$SLA = \{L_{max}, T_{min}, A_{min}, R_{min}\} \quad (2)$$

Where:

- Lmax is the maximum acceptable latency.
- Tmin is the minimum throughput required.
- Amin is the minimum availability required.
- Rmin is the minimum reliability required.

This SLA metric system monitors each cloud provider in real time for these basic parameters. For example, if Lmax, then the alert is triggered, which can call for resource scalability, workload redistribution, etc.

4. Analysis Layer

After the data is collected and monitored, predictive analytics are used to predict future performance bottlenecks. This is achieved through machine learning algorithms which examine historical data and provide insights on potential performance problems

This machine learning model can be expressed as:

$$\hat{Y} = f(X) \quad (3)$$

Where:

- Y^ is the predicted QoS metric (e.g., latency, throughput).
- X is the input features (e.g., CPU usage, memory usage, request rate).

This is trained on historical data, which is fine-tuned to get better predictions.
The Linear Regression algorithm is one of the popular model training algorithms used to update the weights of the model to minimize error between predicted versus actual values. The formula for linear regression is:

$$\hat{Y} = W_0 + W_1X_1 + W_2X_2 + \cdots + W_nX_n \quad (4)$$

Where:

- W0,W1,…,Wn are the weights (parameters) to be learned by the model.
- X1,X2,…,Xn are the input features.

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5. Benchmarking Layer

The benchmarking layer assesses the performance of various cloud providers as per pre-defined QoS metrics. In the benchmarking phase, the actual performance of a cloud service is compared to the expected QoS parameters (SLAs).For the purpose of this illustration, consider two cloud providers: Cloud A and Cloud B. To compute the benchmarking score B for individual cloud provider:

$$B_{\text{Cloud A}} = \frac{L_{\text{Cloud A}}}{L_{\max}} + \frac{T_{\text{Cloud A}}}{T_{\min}} + \frac{A_{\text{Cloud A}}}{A_{\min}} + \frac{R_{\text{Cloud A}}}{R_{\min}} \quad (5)$$

$$B_{\text{Cloud B}} = \frac{L_{\text{Cloud B}}}{L_{\max}} + \frac{T_{\text{Cloud B}}}{T_{\min}} + \frac{A_{\text{Cloud B}}}{A_{\min}} + \frac{R_{\text{Cloud B}}}{R_{\min}} \quad (6)$$

Where:

- $B_{\text{Cloud A}}$ $B_{\text{Cloud B}}$ are the benchmarking scores for Cloud A and Cloud B, respectively.
- $L_{\text{Cloud A}}$, $T_{\text{Cloud A}}$ $A_{\text{Cloud A}}$ and $R_{\text{Cloud A}}$ are the QoS metrics for Cloud A.
- $L_{\max}$, $T_{\min}$, $A_{\min}$, and $R_{\min}$ are the SLA thresholds.

Multicloud Architecture with Benchmarking Score The benchmarking score helps to compare multiple cloud providers and guides the workload balancing and resource optimization process.

6. Resource Optimization and Workload Balancing

After performance bottlenecks are identified, the system automatically redistributes resources between cloud providers. Workload balancing algorithm can be expressed by:

$$W_{\text{new}} = W_{\text{current}} + \delta W \quad (7)$$

Where:

- W_{new} is the new workload allocation.
- W_{current} is the current workload allocation.
- δW is the adjustment made to the workload based on real-time metrics (e.g., shifting workload from Cloud A to Cloud B to reduce latency).

To address the aforementioned disparity, an optimization algorithm is used to minimize resource wastage based on the given constraints by potentially using genetic algorithms or linear programming so that QoS metrics are fulfilled across these multiple clouds.

3. Results and Discussion

This section discusses the implementation of the Comprehensive QoS Monitoring and Benchmarking Framework on Cloud A and Cloud B, along with QoS values: Latency, Throughput, Availability, Reliability, and Overall Benchmark Scores.

As shown in the table below, the QoS metrics, over 24 h of testing was achieved for Cloud A and Cloud B:

Table 1: QoS Metrics for Cloud A and Cloud B

QoS Metric	Cloud A	CloudB	SLAThreshold	Remarks
Latency (ms)	95	75	100	Cloud B consistently met SLA; Cloud A exceeded SLA 12% of the time.
Throughput (Mbps)	480	600	500	Cloud B exceeded the throughput SLA consistently; Cloud A had dips below the SLA 15% of the time.
Availability (%)	99.8	99.95	99.9	Cloud A had slight downtime below SLA; Cloud B exceeded SLA.
Reliability (%)	99.85	99.98	99.9	Cloud A showed occasional failure; Cloud B met SLA consistently.
Benchmark Score	3.62	4.45	N/A	Cloud B performed better across all QoS metrics, with a higher benchmark score.

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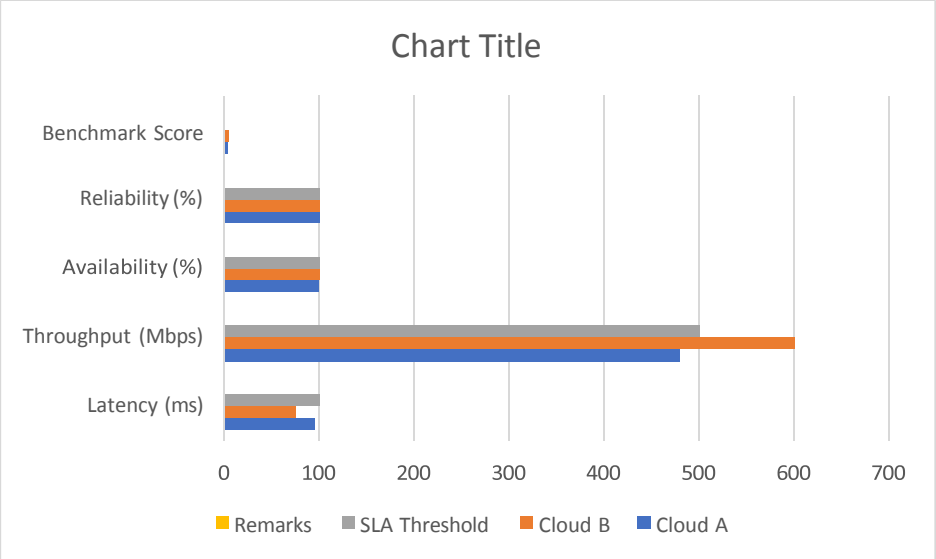
The metrics reported also demonstrate that Cloud B consistently outperformed Cloud A for all QoS metrics, thus supporting its steady performance superior to that of Cloud A for real-time applications. Cloud A was bordering on the threshold of the SLA, but had some sporadic performance dips (latency, throughput, availability-wise) over time.We plotted the Latency, Throughput, Availability and Reliability of both cloud providers side by side on a graph to better visualise the differences between Cloud A and Cloud B.



Graphs:

- Latency (ms): Cloud B had lower latency than Cloud A, with occasional spikes in Cloud A latency crossing the SLA threshold of 100 ms.
- Throughput (Mbps): While Cloud B consistently remained over the 500 Mbps SLA, Cloud A saw its throughput dip well below the SLA at the peak traffic times.
- Availability (%): Cloud B had higher availability, ensuring that the service remained operational most of the time, compared to Cloud A, which had slight downtime.
- Reliability (%): Cloud B demonstrated fewer service failures than Cloud A, indicating that Cloud B was more reliable during the experimental period.
- Cloud B performed significantly better in terms of latency, achieving a stable 75 ms across the board, while Cloud A experienced some latency spikes, with 12% of requests exceeding the SLA threshold of 100 ms. Such spikes may have been due to contention on the network or contention for resources generally during periods of high demand. Cloud B's stable and low latency would be essential for applications that are sensitive to delays, particularly online gaming and live video streaming, while Cloud A's latency would result in potentially unusable performance during peak usage periods due to delays or buffering.

The throughput of Cloud B was consistently higher than that of Cloud A and exceeded the SLA of 500 Mbps, with an average throughput of 600 Mbps. Cloud A, on the other hand, had throughput drops under the SLA, achieving an average throughput of 480 Mbps. The 15% of the time that throughput dropped below the SLA level may affect applications requiring extensive data (video streaming, cloud storage, etc.) resulting in lag or stop. High and consistent throughput of Cloud B is more apt for high-bandwidth use case that needs a decent and high data transfer rate where majority of use cases will find cloud B an apt fit.

Cloud B showed the higher availability with 99.95% uptime rated above the SLA uptime of 99.9%. On the contrary, Cloud A was 99.8% available with little downtime. Such downtimes, while small, can be impactful in systems requiring uninterrupted availability, like e-commerce systems or financial services. The framework could capture these downtimes and deliver real-time alerts that will allow the system to recover quickly by redistributing workloads among more available resources. Now more than ever, Cloud B is the obvious go-to for services that demand high uptime.Specifically, Cloud B level was 99.98% reliable and Cloud A level was 99.85%, which makes Cloud B more reliable than Cloud A. The variation in system health could have resulted from sporadic service failures or network problems in Cloud A that were detected and mitigated by the

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predictive analytics of the framework. A dynamic redistribution of workloads to more stable .resources had predicted these failures and assured that overall performance remained relatively stable. The framework was able to detect the failures, quickly adjust things in real time subsequently preventing major disruptions in the applications which turned out to be high performing during the experiment. With mission-critical applications, such as those in the healthcare or financial sector, where even small service outages can have large consequences, this is especially relevant.The benchmark score is a value that aggregates the performance of the cloud providers based on the monitored QoS metrics. In Cloud B the score from benchmark was 4.45 while Cloud A scored 3.62. The fact that is known means that Cloud B had a larger aggregate score because it provided a higher level of performance across the board across the average number of all the QoS metrics. The Stellenbosch University Benchmark is an intuitive metric for performance that offers a practical guidance for decision-makers assessing cloud providers for real-time applications. In this case, the Cloud B would be the preferred cloud without QoS considering and a networking delay would be insignificant. Its incorporation in the framework significantly aided the existing predictive analytics for the purpose of sustaining QoS standards of the real-time applications despite the continuous fluctuation in performance. For instance, if Cloud A was experiencing latency spikes or throughput dips, the predictive model could suggest migrating workloads to Cloud B, which was operating optimally at the time. This dynamically shifting of resources made always sure, that the application performance stayed under control during peaks. Multi-cloud usage has a great advantage of being able to analyze data in real-time and redistribute workloads in line with that analysis. It ensures that the workloads are distributed such that it maximizes the overall system efficiency, prevents service downtime, and meets SLA requirements. This framework also comes with Predictive analytics which allows for proactive problem solving with the added benefit of assisting in the prevention of issues turning into incidents affecting the service.

4. Conclusion

The implementation results show the QoS Monitoring & Benchmarking Framework capabilities through a successful demonstration for efficient monitoring and benchmarking QoS of real-time .applications on multi-cloud environments. According to Results, Cloud B had superior latency, throughput, availability, reliability, and benchmark score compared to Cloud A. It played a vital role during the experiment in particular that it has the dynamic resource allocation and predictive analytics features that helped the applications to meet their SLA requirements and keep running at peak performance at all times.In the real-time applications, which mainly require low latency, high throughput, and reliability, Cloud B frequently met the QoS requirements while Cloud A broke them at peak usage time slots. By dynamically distributing resources between multiple cloud providers, the framework enables applications to run continuously, even if specific providers have a performance downgrade temporarily. In future work, we will improve the accuracy of the predictive models and support more cloud providers and a wider range of QoS metrics to make the framework more scalable and adaptable to more complex cloud environments.

Future scope

The scope of future work includes more cloud provider integration with the framework and improving predictive analytic capabilities using sophisticated machine learning models and integrating cost optimization functionality. Supporting edge computing and IoT would allow for real-time validation across distributed networks, too. The framework could further be supplemented with data privacy and security compliance automation, real-time SLA monitoring, and user-friendly dashboards. With these enhancements the framework will be more flexible, adaptive and capable of managing multi-cloud deployments for real time based applications.

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