Cloud Computing for Decision Making within the Clinical Sector

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Abstract – Cities produce a significant quantity of land-use, ecological, economical, energy, and transportation data. An interdisciplinary approach to gathering and evaluating such massive amounts of data may provide a solution of the wide range educational, political, and regulatory, administration, and corporate decisions, as well as aid judgement in order to create a smarter ecosystem. This article proposes a cloud-based analytic service to provide an experimental and theoretical viewpoint on smart cities centered on large data gathering and evaluation. In order to showcase the effectiveness of an analytical service for large data mining, a prototype was created and constructed. Hadoop was used to develop the prototype, and the data were consistent. The tool examines the Bristol Open metadata for connections between a number of different urban ecological factors. The outcomes of experiments utilizing Hadoop are given in this article. The data catalogued was analyzed to evaluate the indicators distributed over decades to determine good and detrimental developments in standard of living, namely crimes, safety, economics, and unemployment.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Information Technology (IT) is becoming ever more ubiquitous in urban settings, laying the groundwork for intelligent futuristic cities' long-term viability and resilience. With the fast rise of IoT and forthcoming cloud computing in the smart home environment, a significant quantity of information (known as big data data) is produced, which must be appropriately handled and analyzed for different applications utilizing a standardized and interconnected IT strategy. IT solutions for smart cities often deal with various application areas like the use of land, energy, transportation, and seldom provide integrated viewpoints of datasets to handle the varied aspects of sustainability within urban environments and economic development. Smart cities may take use of this data by collecting, analyzing, integrating, and exchanging large amounts of cross-thematic data in real time via ubiquitous cloud computing. However, to generate new awareness and sustain decision, such communication utilization necessitates the use of adequate software applications, services, and innovations to gather, store, analyze, and visualize large data sets from the large urban area, residents, and numerous agencies and departments at the urban scale.

New information obtained via data analytics utilizing different data mining, machine learning, or statistical techniques is what gives such data its true worth. The area of data analytics for smart cities, on the other hand, is vast, complicated, and constantly developing the difficulty of major infrastructure data analytics arises from a variety of factors, including: 1) cross-thematic design requirements, such as electricity, mobility, water, and urban; 2) various data sources delivering structured, unstructured and semi-structured data; and 3) data dependability. This article offers a data-driven overview of green infrastructure, as well as a cloud-oriented analytical service construction and formulation for an evaluation of chosen case research findings.

Intelligent urban environments are a novel application segment for advance analytics, and there is no much research research in the field. A study of the advances reveals some extremely interesting insights into the use of cloud computing services for large-scale data analytics in smart cities. In [1], for example, authors concentrate on utilizing computer resources to analyze large-scale climate data with a complicated design and layout. They showed a virtualized large-scale data aggregation and analytic method using technologies like RapidMiner and Hadoop to interpret information in a cloud system, using a multi-scale database for climatology [2].

The COSMOS project, for example, offers a Hadoop-based decentralized “on-demand” cloud system for evaluating massive data from different social media databases. The system can handle millions of data points in seconds, while a desktop computer would take considerably longer. It enables the analysts of social media sites to effectively integrates and evaluate data and metadata from a variety of non-interoperable sources.

Smart cities may benefit from an Advanced Analytical system like this because it might allow the makers of decisions to promptly collect and evaluate datasets from the various repositories. Scientists provide an up-to-date overview of the technology utilized for the storage, evaluation and transfer of big data. Many scholars have examined the difficulties of large data analytics and how MapReduce and RDBMS may help address them. Their major contribution is that they have formulated a consolidated Hadoop and RDBMS-based analytical environment that takes use of both systems' complimentary benefits. Some researchers have clearly looked at the use of data mining methods for combining data from many sources, such as research [3]. To learn patterns from data, they used the Apriori method, a rule-based data gathering methodology. They can extract certain rules from small size data, but because to the vast amount of data and the restricted capacity on a single machine, they seem unable to understand much from big scale data.

We utilize a MapReduce-based method that is comparable. Our suggested model looks at the Bristol open database to see whether there are any connections between various urban environment metrics like Quality of Life. To evaluate the appropriateness of such architectures for Bristol accessible data analysis, we created two prototypes using Mapreduce. The following is the structure of the rest of the paper: Section II reviews the relevant literature texts. Section III presents a critical analysis of the research theme. Section IV presents the results which Section V concludes the paper and presents directions for future research.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

In [4], researchers argue that approximately 50% of the globe’s populations are living in urban environments, and this percentage is stipulated to increase to approximately 65% by 2030. Urbanisation is much more apparent in Europe; include over 70 percent of the total of Europeans live in urban areas, with forecasts that, by 2030, it will reach 80 percent. Rapidly increased city’s population puts a burden on a city's finite resources, reduces its resistance to rising resource demands, and poses new difficulties to urban administration.

In [5], researchers argue that improved urban planning and consolidated process of making decision within the municipal level are required for sustainable cities, economic development, and conservation of project assets such as water and energy. In this respect, ICT innovation may offer integrated data intelligence for improved urban administration and governance, long-term macroeconomic growth, and collaborative policy formulation. To address real-world urban problems, urban areas use a range of ICT technologies.

In [6], researchers argue that the concept of sustainability, macroeconomic development, consolidated governance, enhanced public service, corporate management, collaborative process of decision-making are just a few of the issues that need to be addressed. Addressing these difficulties may empower people by giving them a custom interest in health provision and improvements of civil wellbeing, in addition to establishing a solid, futuristic advanced technology. As a result of implementing these integrated solutions, city administrators may get access to fresh information and expertise buried within large-scale dataset, permitting them to provide effective governance for urban life practices. As a result of these ICT-oriented remedies, effective transport planning, effective water strategic plans, effective waste management services, sustainable and energy - efficient strategies, residential development and institutional methods for building health, and ecological environment and risk mitigation regulations for citizens are all possible.

In [7], authors argue that these Technological solutions may improve other key dimensions of urban culture, such as state safety, quality of air and emissions, environmental health, urban expansion, and biodiversity loss. As a key enabler for smart cities, information and communication technology (ICT) converts application-oriented datasets into insights and knowledge-set, which may aid in city development and judgment. Intelligent software and hardware, such as IoTs, such as RFIDs, cell phones, sensor systems, and smart kitchen appliances, as well as the ability to manage as well as process large amounts of data utilizing cloud technology without jeopardizing data protection and citizens' privacy, are enabling the realization of smart cities from an ICT perspective.

In [8], authors argue that the amount of data produced by Internet of Things (IoTs) will inevitably grow exponentially over time, resulting in "big data" classification. Furthermore, urban environments are already equipped with land use, demographic, ecological, transportation tracking data that is collected from different localized, unconnected resources and used by application-oriented models, but is rarely utilized as an integrated data source i.e. System-of-Systems of the city's planning and management decisions. As part of their "open data" initiatives, several local countries are making this information accessible to the public. Without creating and implementing appropriate methods, analyzing and processing such massive quantities of data for different applications, such as smart urban modeling techniques, visualization, simulations, providing high-quality public information and services to residents, and choice, becomes difficult.

In this perspective, Cloud computing's recent development offers answers to such problems by allowing large data storage and enabling the processing, visualization, and analysis of city records for the creation of facts and communication. By offering an integrated data handling and analytics architecture for a range of smart smart cities to assist decision-making for metropolitan government, such a system may also make it easier for decision makers to satisfy the QoS criteria [9]. The major theme pillars of smart buildings, as shown in Fig 1, are smart people, smart economics, smart buildings, smart cities, and intelligent transportation systems, all of which promote resource sustainability and resilience in the face of growing urban requirements. The primary motivation for creating such a viewpoint is to take a proactive approach to smart structures by providing data gathering, computing, techniques and integration of evaluations to effectively synthesize the fundamental datasets, which may aid in improving a city's resilience and sustainability. Handling data for such key themes on the cloud allows users to combine data from a variety of sources, organize it, and analyze it in a reasonable amount of time.

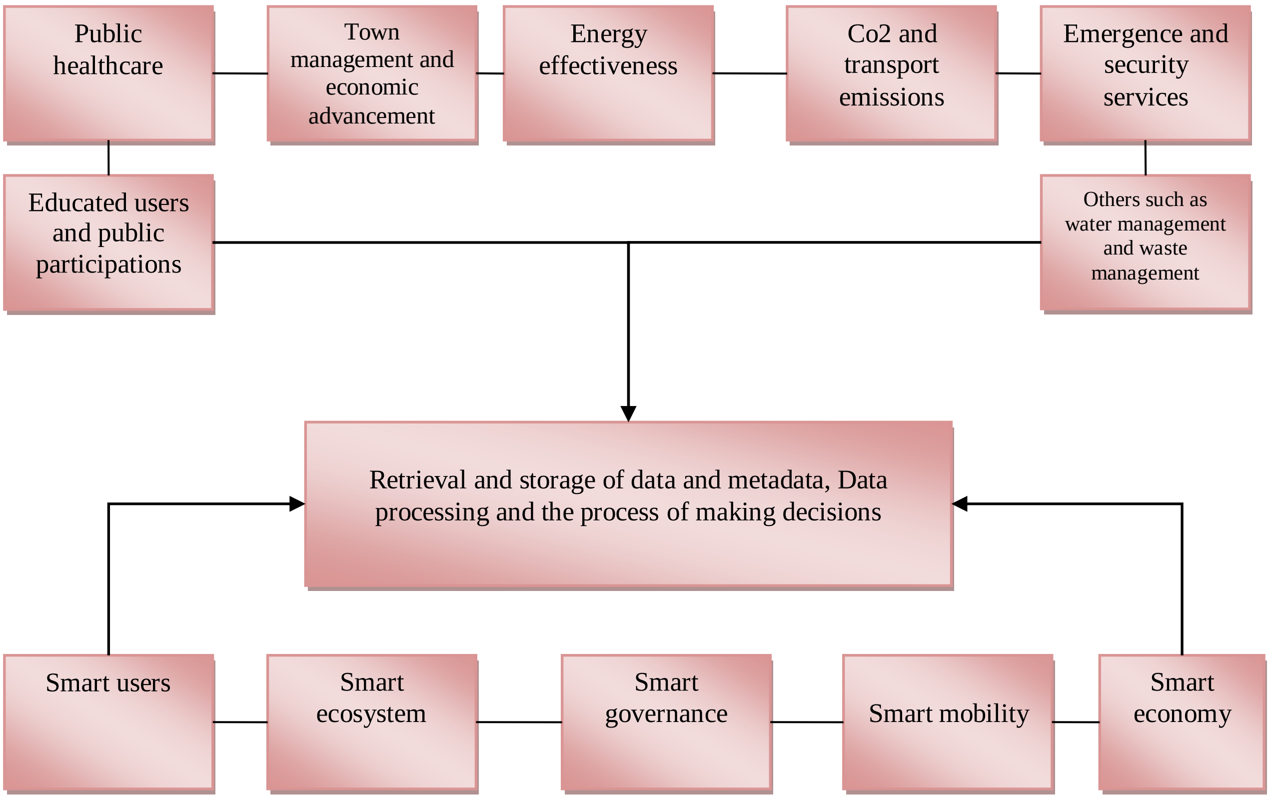

Fig 1. Thematic data analysis and management for different smart urban environments within the cloud system

Nevertheless, owing to a variety of difficulties and constraints, using cloud technology for key enabling technologies is not easy. The goal of this paper is to explore how these problems may be solved in part by integrating an appropriate cloud infrastructure and utilizing ICT technology and software applications to smartly organize and analyze the complicated large data of green infrastructure. Section III below provides a critical analysis of the abstract system design within the cloud-centered big data assessment; Bristol open data use case, and implementation of the prototype.

III. CRITICAL ANALYSIS

Abstract Designing of the Cloud-Centred Big Data

In this section, an analyis for the establishment of the provider for advanced analytics linked to smart cities. The architecture and deployment of a universal cloud-based analytical service are first described. The method for using this service for analyzing the Bristol Digital content is then discussed. The reuse of existing, well-tested approaches and methodologies is our leading design concept for the fog analytical service. To allow the creation of a single knowledge base, the control structure is split into three levels, as illustrated in Fig 2. Each layer shows the possible capabilities that we'll need to achieve the study's ultimate goals. The architecture's bottom layer is made up of dynamic and heterogeneous archives, as well as associated devices that are registered to the network.

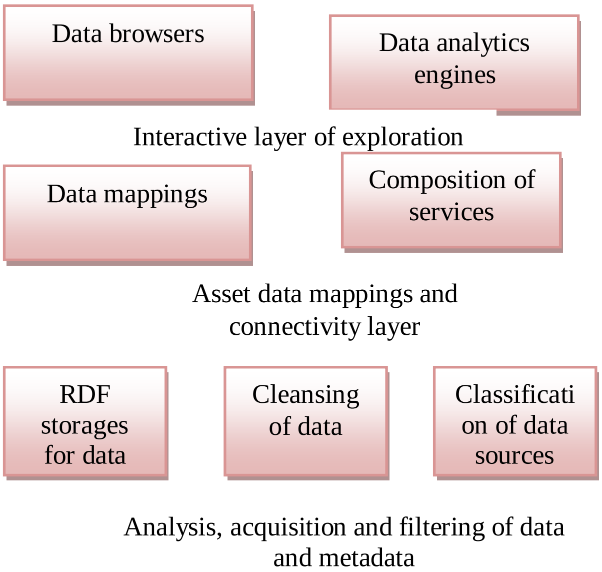

Fig 2. Projected Architecture for Cloud-Based Big Data (CBBD)

The goal of this layer is to acquire, cleanse, and classify data using conventional methods like as APIs or web services that are compatible to Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC). The state-of-the-art advancements such as CKANb and DATA-Tanka may be utilized for RESTful access to data, processing, and publication such as JSON, XML, and binary format e.g. SHP). The semi-structured and unstructured NoSQL (Cassandra), Interactional system files (Postgre SQL), and RDF stores for Virtuoso have been chosen for data storage [10]. The specific design and prototypes of the lowest two levels, on the other hand, is beyond the scope of this document and is addressed in part by researchers, with the remainder being works that are on progress.

The resourceful dataset model and connecting layers (middle layers) are capable of discovering novel conditions and facilitates processes that would not have been feasible in isolated data repositories. However, owing to multiple sources, gathered data is likely to be in a variety of formats and semantics, and therefore may potentially benefit from the linkage of data. For instance, interlinked datasets and open source enables databases to be accessed to serve questions and discover occurrences that would otherwise be impossible to find without it. Additionally, to make some sense of everything, a semantics database schema may be created as a material on top of the connected data. After the meta-data from datasets has been filled into meta-data repositories, alignments between the resources are formed, linkages are created, and data is considered semantically browseable and insightful. End users may utilize this data browsing to pick various cross-thematic signals and parameters for analytics.

Current database standards (such as European Database Schema, Talis Thrive, DBLP and Open Library as Contextual Information) are better for describing and storing meta-data collected from various data sources. The set of data is therefore changed based on the application of conventional asset assessment semantics, eg through RDF stores (Virtuoso DB), which has the necessary interconnection between different resources and artefacts. Higher-level services and interactive content may be built using connected services to explore and utilize this data for fascinating scenarios.

Then, using an RDF query language (SPARQL), you may obtain and modify data in Metadata Structure format. The data is processed by an analytic technique at the top layer for application-specific reasons. The technique makes use of the data in a more relational layer of data to aid a user to finding information from data libraries by inputting queries, application-specific techniques, and processes. Thus, the mining of big data is a novel trend that is applied in discovering massive sets of data considering their different complexities, continuity, and cardinality. Massive data mining techniques are constantly becoming effective and fundamental means of evaluating a variety of data-driven operations, such as internet traffic risk evaluation, corporate data analysis, and so on. These methods will be very helpful in creating non-obvious relationships and connections from the massive quantities of data accessible from government infrastructure in intelligent future cities.

We will concentrate on the analytical engine and describe it in depth since the primary emphasis of this article is urban planning data analytics. Statistical modeling, deep learning, and data gathering methods may all be used to create an analytic machine. Existing technologies like RapidMiner and R may also be used in conjunction with Hadoop MapReduce to extract data considering the scale of urban environments. The extraction of massive data is considered complicated in the literature than conventional data mining, which is presently in use [11]. This is especially true in the case of urban planning data analytics, since the interdisciplinary character of city data may aid in the formulation of a wide range of city various applications.

Signal collection, categorization, segmentation, processing data, visualisation, and discovering association rules are the probably elements for massive data mining and fog computing, including the research in this respect. It is not required to utilize all of these elements. Subgroups of elements may be required for data analysis, depending on the application. For the online information use case, for example, just two algorithms are required: information retrieval and discovering association rules. All of these elements are well-known in the field of data mining. Furthermore, for loose collection scalable computer vision, these elements may benefit from cutting-edge technologies like Apache Framework and R.

The Bristol Open Dataset – Use Case

This subsection explains how the Bristol Public Dataset was used to find relationships between various city metrics. Property use, standard of living, healthcare and well-being, demography, economics and occupation, schooling, transportation architecture, power consumption, homes and constructions, weather patterns or atmosphere (ecological facilities, quality of air, and sound), and other data are typically recorded by towns. Many of these types of data are now accessible for residents and other participants to use as part of the public data program. From a management standpoint, such information could contain data trends that could be used in forecasting to define new construction indications and model future events to aid judgment. For example, Bristol massive data Portald and Vienna massive data portald are good samples of public data portals that use OGC web application protocols like WFS and WMS to supply public data (in various formats such as MS Excel, CSV and JSON) [12]. Towns, on the other hand, have a massive amount of other information that is not disclosed as public information, thus the evidence collected via public data platforms may not meet all of the Data Analysis requirements, such as amplitude, frequency, diversity, and authenticity.

Using Bristol as an illustration, the information spans a variety of geographic levels, including the Lower Layer Super Output Areas (LSOAs), City Scale, Neighbourhood and Ward scales. Information and data is collected from various firms, e.g. federal governmental firms (regarding noise, the quality of air, deaths, births, accidents, energy use, crimes etc.), the ministry of statistics (regarding population census), and perception of residents (for instance surveys concerning the residents' quality of life, participation in public activities) etc. Employing Bristol transparent set of data, a simplified data analysis circumstance can demonstrate correlation between distinct factors such as safety and wellness, fatality, air circulation, livelihood, housing costs, average earnings, and criminal occurrences to accomplish a comparative study between various wards in the town to anticipate and allocate primary concern grouping about more probable tolerable areas in Bristol in the coming years.

Community members can utilize this data to gain a better understanding of their community, and local government can use it to implement relevant steps to prevent societal, economical, and media divides in the town.An examination of the Bristol public data reveals a plethora of opportunities for intelligent option creation. The accessibility of past data differs by indication and year, for example. It contains population and statistical data for every year from 2001 to 2012, as well as Standard of Living: violence and security information for the years 2005 to 2013. There are a multitude of variations or concerns for each indication, in general about 20, and not all of these factors have reliable data accessibility for all of the decades indicated. For different degrees of global scales, the majority of data is statistically consolidated. The consolidated form of the information, on the one hand, helps to prevent privacy issues, but it also lowers the general magnitude of the information. The scenario differs depending on which town's public data portal you visit.

However, as shown in Chapter "Prototype system," this information may be analyzed utilizing suitable virtualized computational architectures to show statistical relationships between different measures such as wellness, jobs, and voter perceptions of selected variables such as standard of living.

Application of the Prototype

The Quality of Life (QoL) information was selected for the prototype system because it contains a number of variables to assess QoL, such as violence and security, entertainment and relaxation, business and jobs, and so on. Each indication is assessed using an interview aimed at gathering public feedback on the applicable indication in their location. As seen in Figure 4, the database available provides averaged results for responses received over a couple of years. The dataset was around 0.7 MB in size.

Prototype Application Architecture

A rudimentary sample application (primarily statistical machine) employing Pattern Reduction was constructed using Hadoop to showcase the suggested Advanced analytics technology's real-world usefulness. The Bristol City Agency's questionnaire method provides insight into what individuals believe about various metrics. The numerous signs, nevertheless, have no implied measurable value. When analyzing the Quality of Life in Bristol, a quantified indicator like this can be useful to decision-makers. Managers, for instance, might examine good or unfavorable patterns or consequences of some strategies using objective measurements for variables distributed over decades. They can also establish statistical relationships between the various measures to see if and how one impacts the other. The magnitude of the information is enormous, nevertheless, because each statistic has a series of questions and each sign is evaluated independently for each geographical location [13]. The 2007 survey for gauging population perceptions of crime and security, for instance, had around twenty queries. Moreover, every query was considered for approximately forty divisions of Bristol. Because there are replies for two variables throughout an eight-year period, the total number of questionnaires is 12800.00 (800 by 2 by 8).

We suggest a hierarchical organization of the accessible Bristol public data to generate the above mentioned objective measurements. During preparation, we divided the information by decade for each indication to make the MapReduce application's parallelization easier. The survey results had already been classified by divisions for each season for which information was available. In a MapReduce-based system, the Hadoop architecture splits the information intelligently and assigns it to employee groups known as “mappers” within a department known as “mapping”. Mappers finish their programmed activities, and the resultant dataset is passed to Modifiers for shuffle and classifying. After that, the Converters are in charge of turning the data into useful information. Application developers in this scenario are solely interested with the software's elevated construction design.

For this program, each ward's dataset was allocated to specific Mappers, who calculated the indication values for that zone for that period gathered from the questionnaire replies. The Modifiers were given the ward-based rates once they had been computed. The ward-based numbers were pooled in this phase to provide a unique total value for the season. Annual measurements for the different measures were gathered in this approach. Furthermore, the data may now be utilized to identify patterns for the different metrics across time. This enabled us to compute linkages amongst them. In semantics of the suggested architecture, the whole mappings and reduction stage may be regarded data preparation, while the correlations computation can be deemed a data gathering element.

IV. RESULTS

Setup and Findings

Data on violence and security, the economics, and jobs was selected from the Bristol Online information library for objectives of these prototypes. From 2005 to 2012, data was collected for each metric for a period of eight years. Every data source survey included approximately twenty items and was performed in forty Bristol areas. The information was made up of the individuals who said yes to each of the inquiries. Two computation and database nodes, each with 2 GB Of ram and single-core CPUs, were utilized in the cloud system. VMWare Studio 10 was used to administer both nodes, which ran as virtual servers. A Dell R415 system with an AMD Opteron4332 HE hexacore CPU and 64GB RAM housed the virtualization. YARN 2.3.0 and Hadoop 2.3.0 were included in the Hadoop architecture.

Metadata was parallelized at the central level, as stated previously. That is, each ward's data was allocated to a different mapper, who calculated the overall index using the answers. A minimum of 640 custom maps were allocated to 2 MapReduce tasks as a consequence of this. The mappers' report included measurements indexes for each year's divisions. The assessment indices for each ward were derived by summing the proportion of affirmative answers to each inquiry [14]. The converters were then in charge of combining all of the year's indices into a single annual index. The end result was 2 types of eight values for every metric, one per year. Following that, we briefly focus on Hadoop installations' outcomes.

Implementation of Hadoop

This approach required the creation of 384 mapmakers and three retarders. Every task took around 15 seconds to make. The tests were carried out in three distinct setups. Table 1 shows the setups and their completion time. In the localized modes, tasks are accomplished in the localized computers without contacting Hadoop Resource managers. Within the mode of clusters, assignments are communicated to the Resource Manager in charge of assigning it to any multiple processors that are accessible. The results show that Hadoop suffered substantial cost when a task was run on the network through the ResourceManager (see Table 1):

Table 1. Hadoop setups and their completion time

Computing	**Executing**	**For every Assignment**	**Overall executions**
Nodes	Modes	Time of execution (seconds)	Time (minutes)
1	Localized	0.1	1
1	Clustered	15	25
3	Clustered	15	12

Application Scale

This case study uses a tiny sample set for demonstrative reasons. Typically, such data consists of a large number of variables and is available in huge quantities. As a result, a consideration of this approach's scalability is needed. There are many potential expansion possibilities given the nature of the dataset utilized. The following options are available, in sequence of the current hierarchy:

- It is possible that the number of indications will grow;
- In addition, the couple of decades for which information was gathered may grow;
- It is possible that the ward number will increase (- for instance, for larger urban environments). Moreover, the number of queries considered in every ward may rise.
- It is possible that the size of the data streams will grow.

The following paragraphs go through each of these potentials:

- If the indicators or decades grow, so does the number of years: In all, the Bristol Open data has more than ten variables. As a result, although just two are utilized in the analyses considered in this work, actual-life application will probably integrate more. Moreover, as more sets of data are collected, the number of years for which it is accessible will grow. The only thing that has to be done if the indicators or decades grow is to establish additional MapReduce tasks. After then, the program will scale on its own. Statistics on security and violence, for instance, is now accessible for 9 years, spanning 2005 through 2013, so this data will continue to expand each year.
- If the frequency of divisions or the set of questions per ward grows: Because each ward's data is allocated to a unique Mapper, expanding the amount of wards will result in a rise in the amount of Mappers produced. This will be primarily managed by the program once again. As a result, the system will immediately scale and no changes will be needed. This is practicable, e.g. for urban areas (like London), that has 624 constituencies compared to Bristol's 40, is analysed [15]. Furthermore, for urban study, whereby statistics from divisions in a populous metropolitan region must be analyzed, for example, urban sprawl and transportation (e.g. daily commuting) connections, in order to estimate ecological effect assessments, such as Carbon dioxide emission.
- The amount of data sources will grow as time goes on: For the purposes of computing the indexes for the different indicators, other data sources may be used. Metadata sources include the Department of National Statistics in the United Kingdom, OpenStreetMap, and the Big Data Portalf. In addition, the Bristol Open Access Gateway includes data from the Bristol City Council's series of questions surveys. This experiment was conducted using these data. Nevertheless, it is also possible to make a comparison between the impression of crime and the actuality. The crime figures dataset, which would be 4.51 GB and accessible on the Police United Kingdom site, would be needed for this function. Another option is to provide semantic data that indicates the weightage of each inquiry, and other variables that go into generating the index. In each of these instances, the prototype user's nature does not have to be altered. This, nevertheless, may not be valid for all sources of data.

V. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE RESEARCH

Smart urban environments enable the connection of places and people via the use of technological advances that aid in city management and planning. The gathering, processing, assessment, and visualization of massive quantities of data produced every moment in a metropolitan environment as a result of economical, ecological, or physical situational factors or other operations is at the heart of green infrastructure. Smart urban data may be gathered directly from detectors, mobile phones, and people and merged (or connected) with municipal data sources to conduct analytical logic and produce required data (-for example, the end-users) and the scholastic assumptions for the process of decision-making for improved urban administration. Innovative data systems enable the management and processing of smart urban data, as well as the provision of accurate and appropriate knowledge to relevant parties for strategic planning.

The topic of cloud-based advanced analytics towards intelligent cities in the future was addressed in this article. Several concerns, such as data gathering, preprocessing, semantic linkage, and the application of suitable data extraction, pattern recognition, or quantitative analytical methods, must be meticulously prepared. Furthermore, since smart city application areas are interdisciplinary in nature, collaboration with domain specialists is required to establish fundamental connections and interconnections between various data components. The suggested architecture includes the fundamental building blocks for a virtualized advanced analytics services for smart urban data. We built a version using MapReduce to exemplify how computing infrastructure may be applied for empirical sampling of the Bristol source as a conceptual design. The prototype was built utilizing Hadoop, and the results were analyzed. The findings indicate that when tasks are sent to the cluster, Hadoop incurs considerable latency, most likely owing to costly connectivity procedures. Owing to its consolidated nature, the dataset available via the Bristol Open Source site does not formally constituted Large Volumes of data. The proof-of-concept, on the other hand, demonstrates how these computational resources may be used to implement Big Data applications. We examined the appropriateness of the flexible nature of cloud assets to support the demands for data analytic requirements in smart cities based on the findings of the research. The proof-of-concept solution demonstrates the utility of cloud-based infrastructures for smart urban business intelligence.

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