



Emerging Threats and Innovative Solutions in Cybersecurity: A Comprehensive Review

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ABSTRACT

Cybersecurity norms give a structured approach to manage and assess cybersecurity pitfalls. In moment's fleetly evolving technological geography and advanced software development, the rise in cyber security attacks has come a pressing concern. This comprehensive review paper delves into the dynamic realm of arising pitfalls and presents a collection of innovative results. Navigating through the rearmost challenges faced by digital ecosystems, the paper not only identifies implicit vulnerabilities but also explores slice-edge strategies to fortify our defences. In this work, we conduct a relative study to identify AI- driven trouble discovery to blockchain- grounded security fabrics, this review encapsulates the van of cybersecurity, offering a witching trip through the evolving battleground of digital protection. Our ideal is to help associations elect the most suitable security controls for their specific requirements and to simplify and clarify the compliance process.

.Key words: Cybersecurity, Threats, Block- chain, Cyberattacks.

1. INTRODUCTION

Embracing emerging technologies have resulted in remarkable added capabilities, values and experiences [1]. The impact of cyber-attacks is significant; these include fraud, hacking, and data breaches [2]. Cybercrime, therefore, poses a serious threat to the government, state security, organizations and individual cyber users [3]. As the digital landscape evolves rapidly, so do the threats and challenges posed by malicious actors who seek to exploit vulnerabilities, compromise systems, and disrupt operations. Therefore, it is imperative for

organizations to implement robust cybersecurity measures that can effectively safeguard their sensitive data, assets, and processes [4].

The paper begins by discussing the three primary categories of cybersecurity threats: malware attacks, social engineering attacks, network vulnerabilities. It then goes on to analyses the consequences of these threats on individuals, organizations, and society at large [19].

The article also discusses a number of innovative results that are being developed to combat these emerging pitfalls. The paper is well- written and instructional, and it provides a good overview of the crucial challenges and openings in the field of cybersecurity. Cybersecurity is a vital aspect of the digital world, as it protects data, systems, and networks from vicious attacks. still, cybercriminals are constantly evolving their ways and strategies to exploit vulnerabilities and beget detriment [22]. When it comes to ultramodern cybersecurity, AI- driven trouble discovery and response stands at the van. AI algorithms have the capability to assay vast quantities of data in real time, sifting through it to identify patterns and anomalies that could gesture a implicit security breach [9]. By examining literal data and current trends, AI can read implicit attack vectors and vulnerabilities that cybercriminals might exploit in the future. Malware remains a patient trouble that continually evolves to shirk traditional antivirus software. AI- powered malware analysis systems employ sophisticated ways like behavioral analysis, heuristics, and sandboxing to spot and insulate vicious law. As associations decreasingly embrace pall computing and DevOps practices.

1.1 Definition

There are so many definitions for cybersecurity [1], [19], [23], the most common definitions focus on defining cybersecurity as information technology security, which largely focuses on the guarding bias networks, software, and data from illegal access, revision, damage, or destruction [3]. The part of cyber security is growing more and more

important as further people, pots, and governmental associations store, process, and keep their information and data in digital format and communicate it using various types of information and communication technologies (ICT)[5],[6]. Several computers have recently been infected by serious attacks that seek to steal bank account information from people of colour. As a result, cyber security is crucial and should be given high priority in every country. According to [7], cybersecurity programs should play a key role in building trust in the digital age and should be a public priority. It must be strictly followed to celebrate and prepare for cyber security pitfalls in form [8].

1.2 Attacks and Attackers

According to statistical reports, cybercrime is on the rise [9] and people far and wide are trying to exploit vulnerable business systems. A cyber-attack is any type of hostile effort that uses many methods to steal, alter, or destroy data or information systems and is directed at computer information systems, architectures, computer networks, or a specific computer bias [12]. A bushwhacker is a person, group, or entity that makes an unauthorized attempt to breach, win, adapt, discover, influence, cancel, or expose another party's data. bushwhackers target both specific drug addicts and groups of people[11] as well as businesses, governments, and Internet services. The World Economic Forum says the cost of cyber attacks varies depending on the type of attack. For case [10] DevSecOps tools seamlessly integrate security into development and deployment channels [9][22]. Overall, the review paper " Arising pitfalls and innovative results in cybersecurity" is a precious resource for anyone who wants to learn further about the rearmost cybersecurity trends.

- Malware-based attacks (ransomware, trojans, etc.)
- Phishing attacks (shaft phishing, whaling, etc.)
- Man-in-the-middle attacks
- Denial of Service attacks (DOS and DDoS)
- SQL Injection attacks • DNS Tunnelling
- Zero-day exploits and attacks
- verbal attacks
- Drive-by download attacks
- Cross-site scripting (XSS) attacks
- Rootkits
- DNS spoofing or "poisoning"
- Internet of effects (IoT) attacks
- Session Hijacking
- URL Manipulation
- Crypto jacking Methods

Used Several styles have been used to break cyber security and protection systems, various machine literacy [14] and deep cyber literacy styles and methods. Reference[15] proposed a system that helps in detecting a DDoS denial of service attack in an SDN environment. Their proposed system is based on a deep literacy (DL) mode and combines a recurrent neural network (RNN) with an autoencoder. Another proposed system, which is based on time series analysis and a neural network with a nonlinear bus accumulation exogenous model (NARX), has also been developed [16]. work done[17] developed an allied literacy framework that enables several artificial CPS inclusively to create a comprehensive intrusion detection model in a sequestration-saving manner that he specified in Discovery in Industrial Control System, they used Ensemble Deep Learning-GroundedCyber-Attack. There is also another proposed system that deals with a network attack detection system that performs [18] a combination of inflow computation and deep literacy. A review by him [19] covered most of the proposed styles that use artificial intelligence styles and are applied to the Internet of Effects [13].

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

Rapid development of technology has made cybersecurity challenges one of organizations top concerns. Many organizations today use online-accessible digital technology to perform and manage their business processes [22]. Therefore, developing a cybersecurity strategy is an essential part of organizational strategic planning and should address the cybersecurity behaviors of all employees in the organization [8],[14].

Meanwhile, in a computing context, measures to improve both cybersecurity and physical security are employed by businesses to prevent illegal access to databases and computerized systems (de Gusmão et al., 2018). Since an organization's information assets are valuable and confidential, they need to be secured; exposing them to unauthorized users could endanger the business [20],[7]. Employees play an important role in protecting data from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction provided they use information technology effectively and adopt safe operating practices, that is, adhere to good cybersecurity behaviors, when working offline or online (Gillam & Foster, 2020) [16].

We know that the internal information security market will grow by 25% by 2020. In other words, there are three reasons for this growth. Firstly, there is a scientific need to study information security, and secondly, the evolution of

cybercrime from year to year due to new threats and their increase based on the increasing relevance of information security [6]. As the COVID-19 pandemic takes hold in international relations today, states, companies and international TMCs in the cybersecurity market have increased their concerns about how they will work together and trade on a risk-by-risk basis. This means that due to the transition of business representatives and civil servants to the remote work system and the freezing of money in banks, the development of cybercrime has intensified as a result of the pandemic. There has been an increase in the number of attacks against the private parts of enterprise services available around the world. As a result, attacks against vulnerabilities and bugs in public and private sector software have led to an increase of up to 30% by 2020 (from 9% in the first quarter). This includes a range of cybercriminals from state actors to cyber [16] espionage on corporate networks. This has led to a trending level of creating a secure environment in the cybersecurity market [13] as well as the need to create new problems and concepts ahead of science.

3. STANDARD CLASSIFICATION

To better manage and understand the large number of cybersecurity standards that currently exist, formal classification schemes were proposed [1], [15]. Standards can generally be categorized into regulatory, best practice (industrial), or regional as elaborated next. A full view of standards classification is depicted in Figure 1.

3.1 Regulatory Standards

There are two main recognized types of regulatory standards [18]:

3.2 De Jure Standard

De jure standards refer to standards that are established by law. They are often established by industry groups, government bodies or internationally or nationally recognized standards bodies. The development process often involves negotiations between parties with different interests in a standard, and these standards are often critically evaluated before approval. Each such standard is ratified through the official procedures of the relevant organization and prior to approval. De jure norms reflect a state of affairs that is in accordance with the law, and non-compliance with the norm can therefore be officially sanctioned [18]. Within the European Union, standardization organizations such as ETSI [11], the

European Committee for Standardization (CEN) and the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization (CENELEC) [19] have been a key factor in creating a single European market governed by harmonized standards [3], which we define further.

3.3 Harmonized Eu Standards

Harmonized standards provide technical details to meet the basic requirements of a specific legal act within the European Union. They apply in all EU countries and replace any conflicting national standards [23]. If harmonized standards are used and applied in the correct way, they give a presumption of conformity that legal requirements are met. By introducing a harmonized standard, manufacturers and service providers can demonstrate that their services or products comply with the relevant EU legislation. Only harmonized standards listed and published in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJ EU) [11] are valid.

3.4 De Facto Standards

De facto standards are those that have been widely accepted as the best standard for their purpose (e.g. ETSI EN 303 645) [4]. Such standards are also referred to as market-driven standards. This is often because they have proven performance and reliability. De facto standards that become accepted by industry are also known as industry standards or professional standards. They can also be formalized and turned into de jure standards with the approval of an official standards organization.

3.5 Industry Standards

Many of these standards must be purchased [12], some can be downloaded for free [11]. Paid standards often offer more comprehensive details and specifications. However, when deciding on such standards, organizations must consider legal and financial obligations. In addition, norms can be viewed as vertical or horizontal norms, as explained below (Figure 1). Vertical standards: apply to a specific industry, for example: PCI DSS, which is specific to "data security in the payment card industry". Horizontal standards: are generic, broad in scope (e.g., ISO/IEC 27001) and adopted by many industries, including automotive, banking, manufacturing and service providers.

3.6 Regional Standards

In addition to the regulatory and industry classification of standards, there is also a classification based on the region or country where the standard is developed or adopted.

Regional standards can be developed by national, international or regional standardization organizations, as shown in Figure 1. The classification of standards by region ensures that they meet the specific needs and requirements of a given country or region [5].

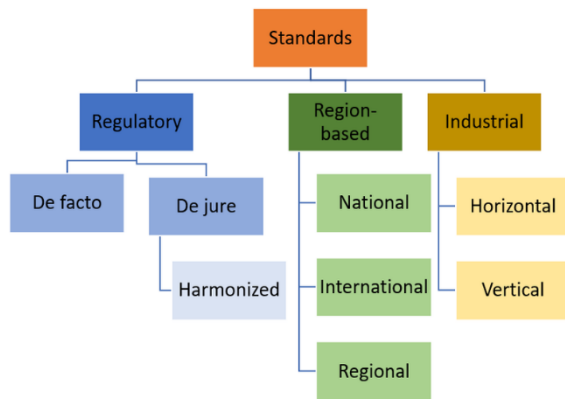


Figure 1: Organising cybersecurity standards [1].

International standards are developed by international organizations such as ISO and IEC which can be adopted by countries worldwide.

Regional standards are created by regional organizations such as the European Union (EU) and it also can be adopted by countries within that specific region [2].

National standards are developed by a specific country such as ANSI/CTA-2088-A in the United States and the Minimum Cybersecurity Standard (MCSS) for UK.

Standards can vary in their content positioned on their purpose and the regulations and requirements of the region or country in which they are developed. Despite this, a standard can still belong to multiple categories. For example, NIST 800-82 is originally an American national standard, but has gained international recognition due to its widespread adoption. In addition, it is also classified as a horizontal industry standard. Similarly, ETSI EN 303 645, which was originally a European (regional) standard, has gained international recognition and has been transformed into an international standard due to its widespread adoption. Figure 2 provides an illustrative example of these classifications. The above categorization of standards often results in security practitioners not paying enough attention to the differences between organizations and their unique situational security requirements [23], [17].

This classification of scalability considerations affects the implementation of security controls, which may vary in common or unique form based on factors such as the size of

the organization, complexity, mission importance of the information system, and scope of the organization's control.

4. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE A DEVELOPMENT PLATFORM BLOCKCHAIN IN SMART GRID PRO CYBER SECURITY

Blockchain is a cryptographic and decentralized ledger technology designed to fortify cybersecurity by establishing a secure and transparent framework for recording and verifying digital transactions. In the cybersecurity context, blockchain serves as a tamper-resistant and immutable database, mitigating risks associated with centralized systems. Its key attributes include decentralization [5],[6], which minimizes vulnerabilities associated with single points of control; immutability, ensuring data integrity by preventing unauthorized alterations; and cryptographic mechanisms, employing advanced encryption to secure transactions and control access. Through features like smart contracts, automation, and a transparent audit trail, blockchain enhances cybersecurity by providing resilience to attacks, facilitating secure and transparent identity management, and establishing a trustworthy foundation for digital interactions [11]. These technologies are essential to reduce the risk of data breaches, fraud and unauthorized access, improving the security posture of the entire digital ecosystem.

Blockchains are implemented in a smart cyber layer to improve cyber security by maintaining data integrity, confidentiality, availability and accountability / non-repudiation. The implementation of blockchain in smart grid for cyber security can be mainly divided into four areas, such as field measurement and monitoring, data aggregation, data management, and system operation [10], [12]. This chapter will discuss the architecture of a blockchain-based smart grid system for cyber security. A development platform for blockchain-based smart sets will also be presented. A. System Architecture for Smart Grid Cybersecurity.

By incorporating blockchain into the cyber layer of the smart grid, blockchain technology can be used to support the operation and development of the smart grid. Considering the layered communication networks in the smart grid with two-way communication lines, the system architecture of the blockchain in the cyber security smart grid is shown in Fig. 3, which is based on the communication system model in [20]. This structure is divided into four networks, i.e. core network, WAN, NAN and SN/HAN. This architecture is embedded with blockchains in various communication networks for various smart grid applications. The core network is connected to control authorities such as energy companies, system

operators, meter operators and service companies that are above the SCADA systems [21]. Users in the core network have full access to monitor, modify and pass instructions (e.g. smart contracts) to SN and HAN. Different blockchains can be used in the core network for different applications such as

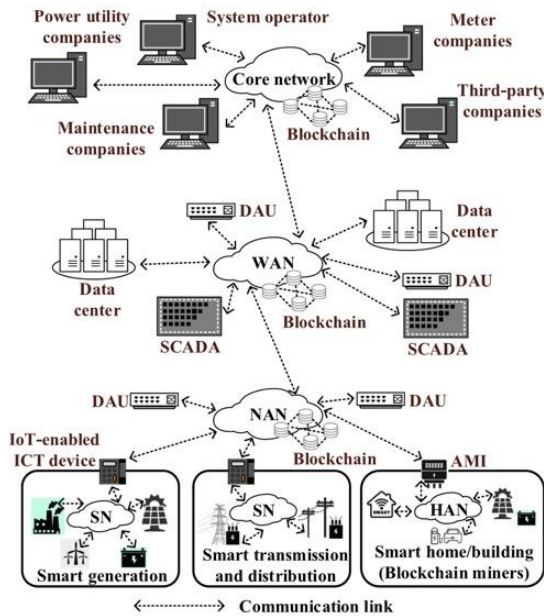


Figure 2: System architecture of blockchain-based smart grid [10].

energy bidding in the wholesale electricity market and real-time monitoring in the energy management system. The WAN layer is an intermediate layer connecting the NAN with the core network. WAN in this system may be deployed on the cloud as a virtual machine, where different blockchains can be implemented for WAN applications, s energy offers on the Wholesale electricity market and real-time monitoring in energy management systems. The WAN layer is the intermediate layer connecting the NAN to the core network. In this system the WAN can be deployed as a virtual machine in the cloud where various blockchains can be implemented for WAN applications such as field measurement such as field measurement aggregation and storage. In NAN and HAN, local producers and consumers are directly connected, and blockchain can be used to provide a variety of applications such as electric vehicle charging and local energy trading. Also, as discussed in recent research works [20], [22], based on two-way communication links in the smart grid, low-trust local producers and consumers connecting to the HAN can be selected as nodes to provide mining power. Public Blockchain in Smart Grid. Initially, mining power could be provided by a standard home computer; However, with the introduction of application-specific integrated circuit (ASIC) miners, home

computers are no longer capable of mining [23]. To address this issue, various mining algorithms have been proposed and tested. Data flows through these networks are published on corresponding blockchains, and that published data (verified by nodes) is used and communicated between networks with additional security, transparency, automation, and privacy protection functionality [16].

For system performance, blockchain is able to enhance cyber security and efficiency of the wholesale electricity market [25]. Some start-up companies, such as Power Ledger, Grid+ and Greenium, have started using blockchain for local power transactions [25] 19]. In this method, authentication and authorization can be incorporated into power transactions with less risk of privacy breach, and transaction data integrity, availability, and accountability/impropriety can be better protected. In some works, blockchain applications for data management in EV charging stations are also investigated, the main objective of which providing privacy protection and data availability [11].

Special programs and applications for smart grids can be developed in IBM and Microsoft Azure development environments to ensure blockchain cyber security. In addition, the Ethereum platform can also be used to deploy publicly available and verifiable smart contracts [14].

Ethereum development can be done on the Microsoft Visual Basic platform or online using Solidity Remix. The Ethereum platform is open source, easy to implement, and has more security features. However, the use of Ethereum in large-scale smart grid applications is inefficient due to gas limitations and gas costs [15]. Similar to Ethereum, other platforms also support smart contract features such as Quorum, One Chain, Eternity, Zen, Counter Party, Root Stock, Rechain, and Quorum. All these blockchains are variations of Ethereum with some variations. For example, Quorum has the great advantage of not using gas for transactions [16], which is more suitable for large-scale smart grid applications. The Quorum platform is integrated with Solidity [22]. Quorum can use constellations to conduct private transactions between selected parties.

Some North American startups have developed blockchain platforms specifically for smart grids. BTL is a Canadian company working on a large-scale, cross-border and cyber-secure electricity trading platform based on Interbit private blockchain. Similarly, Drift is an American company working on efficient and secure network transactions with multiple authentication and privacy protection on blockchain. The German company uses the IBM-Hyperledger Fabric blockchain for P2P electricity trading with integrity and privacy protection. Companies such as Engro, Xi Watt and

Consensus use public blockchains for P2P electricity trading. A Spanish company called Pylon Networks plans to use the public version of the Litecoin blockchain for AMI, providing high auditability to track power. Omega Grid has developed a smart grid management platform for the operation of cyber secure systems. It is based on BL running in a civilian world.

5. RESEARCH SOLUTIONS

Cyber security challenges require a multifaceted approach, especially in the areas of international cooperation, countering infodemic campaigns, securing and updating critical infrastructure, detecting and blocking scam calls, validating trusted information.

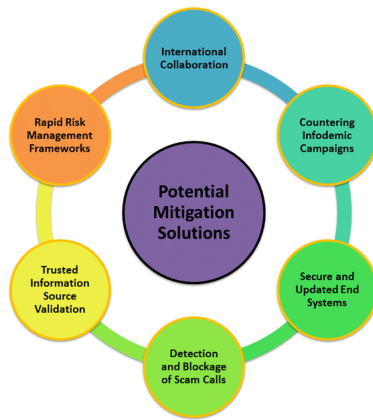


Figure 5: Sources, and establishing a rapid management structure.

Here are the suggested solutions (Figure 5):

5.1 International Cooperation:

- (a) Global Cyber Security Partnership: Promotes international cooperation through partnerships between governments, the private sector and international organizations to share threat intelligence and coordinate responses to cyber threats [15].
- (b) Joint Cyber Security Exercises: Conduct joint cyber security exercises and simulations involving multiple countries to enhance collective incident response capabilities and build trust among nations.
- (c) Harmonized Cyber Security Standards: Develop and promote harmonized international cyber security standards to ensure consistency and interoperability across borders.

5.2 Tackling Infodemic Campaigns:

- (a) Media Literacy Programs: Implement educational programs to increase media literacy, help individuals critically evaluate information sources and identify misinformation.
- (b) Cross-sector collaboration: facilitate collaboration between technology companies, social media platforms and

governments to counter disinformation campaigns and promote accurate information [12].

(c) Fact-Finding Initiative:

Support and encourage fact-checking organizations to verify information and prevent the spread of false or misleading material.

5.3 Secure and Updated Critical Infrastructure:

(a) Critical Infrastructure Protection Plans: Develop and implement comprehensive protection plans for critical infrastructure, ensuring regular security assessments, updates, and adherence to best practices [23].

(b) Secure Software Development Practices: Promote secure coding practices and the use of secure Development methods for reducing vulnerabilities in complex systems.

(c) Continuous monitoring: Apply continuous monitoring systems to detect and respond to potential threats against critical infrastructure in real-time [4],[7].

5.4 Detection and blocking of scam calls:

(a) Call Authentication Standards: Adopt and implement call authentication standards like STIR/SHAKEN to verify the authenticity of caller information and reduce scam calls.

(b) Machine Learning for Call Analysis: Use machine learning algorithms to analyse call patterns and detect anomalies indicative of scam or fraudulent activity.

(c) Robocall mitigation techniques: Implement robocall mitigation technologies and protocols to reduce the prevalence of automated scam calls [11],[21].

5.5 Acknowledgment of reliable information sources:

(a) Blockchain for Information Integrity: Leverage blockchain technology to create tamper-proof records of information from trusted sources, enhancing the validity of information authenticity [8].

(b) Digital Signatures: Encourage the use of digital signatures and certificates to verify the authenticity of information and ensure that it comes from a trusted source.

(c) Secure Communication Channels: Establish secure communication channels for dissemination of critical information, ensuring confidentiality and integrity of transmitted data.

5.6 Rapid Management Framework:

(a) Incident Response Plans: Develop and regularly update incident response plans to facilitate rapid and coordinated response to cyber security incidents.

(b) Automation for rapid response: Implement automation in cyber security processes to enable rapid detection, response and mitigation of security incidents [21].

(c) Collaborative Threat Intelligence Sharing: Establish a framework for rapid sharing of threat intelligence among organizations, enabling rapid response to emerging cyber threats.

By implementing these proposed solutions, organizations and nations can strengthen their cybersecurity posture, mitigate risks, and effectively respond to the evolving challenges of the digital landscape. International cooperation is particularly crucial because cyberthreats often transcend borders [3], requiring a unified and coordinated effort to comprehensively address them.

6. PROPOSAL AND CONCLUSION

These analyses once again confirm the relevance of the cyber security issue, as software vulnerabilities can cause an attacker to remotely access an information system or website, as well as files and data, and leak personal data of citizens. Cyber security measures prevent such situations. To protect citizens from cyber-attacks, it is necessary to use protective codes (passwords) in mass media, information distribution devices and electronic money transfer processes. This code must be kept secret, and antivirus programs on devices must be constantly active.

In this environment, security and stability is an important factor in data storage, transmission and processing. In this regard, responsibility and attention is required, especially from the employees of state institutions. It is necessary to organize seminars on cyber security among the population, youth and communities. Such measures help to overcome routine small attacks by software hackers (hackers) [17].

In general, a systematic and basic approach to ensuring cyber security and the widespread use of innovative methods in the introduction of advanced foreign experience contribute to the effective implementation of the state information policy and the solution of problems in the field of information security. This is determined by protecting information communication and technical systems from modern cyber threats, introducing modern cyber security methods for systems of different levels, state institutions [12], defining the rights and responsibilities of enterprises and organizations in this field and coordinating their activities. . It is possible to improve the provision of cyber security through the integration of regulatory legal documents in this area.

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