

Evaluating The Integration of Edge Computing and Serverless Architectures for Enhancing Scalability and Sustainability in Cloud-Based Big Data Management

Abstract

This study evaluates the integration of edge computing and serverless architectures to enhance scalability and sustainability in cloud-based big data management systems. With the exponential increase in data from internet-connected devices, traditional cloud computing faces challenges in scalability, cost-efficiency, and environmental impact. This research utilized a simulated environment to compare traditional cloud setups with integrated edge and serverless architectures under conditions typical for smart city applications. The simulation focused on four key performance metrics: latency, operational costs, energy consumption, and throughput. Results indicated a substantial decrease in latency, with a reduction from 149.73 ms to 88.94 ms during peak hours, enhancing real-time data processing capabilities essential for time-sensitive applications. Operational costs were significantly lowered by approximately 30%, attributed to the dynamic resource allocation of serverless architectures that reduce financial waste. Additionally, the integration showed a notable reduction in energy consumption and carbon emissions, highlighting the potential for these technologies to contribute positively to environmental sustainability. Lastly, the enhanced scalability of the integrated system was evident, with throughput increasing by 50%, proving its effectiveness in handling large volumes of data and user requests efficiently. The findings suggest that the synergistic use of edge computing and serverless architectures could revolutionize big data management across various sectors, offering improvements in performance, cost-efficiency, and environmental sustainability.

Keywords: edge computing, serverless architectures, cloud computing, big data management, scalability, sustainability, operational costs, latency reduction.

1. Introduction

With the rising need for businesses to keep up pace with technological advancement, the exponential increase in data generated by internet-connected devices presents significant challenges and opportunities for data management systems [1]. Despite the rapid advancement and adoption of cloud computing technologies, the enormous amount of data generated from diverse sources like IoT devices and online transactions presents significant challenges in data management, including significant latency issues, escalating operational costs, and substantial energy consumption, which can hinder scalability and sustainability [2]. These problems are particularly acute in high-demand applications such as those found in smart city projects, where real-time data processing and efficiency are paramount. Edge computing and serverless architectures have emerged as two pivotal technologies capable of transforming how data is processed and managed in cloud environments [3]. As the volume of data generated by devices in the Internet of Things (IoT) and other digital interactions continues to grow, traditional cloud computing models are being pushed to their limits. Beborra [4] argues that integrating Edge computing and serverless architectures can potentially address these challenges by decentralizing data processing and reducing reliance on continuous server operation. Edge computing allows data to be processed closer to its source, not only speeding up the response times but also reducing the load on central servers. Serverless architectures offer a model where organizations can build and run applications and services without managing infrastructure [3][4]. This approach is inherently more flexible and cost-effective, as it allows organizations to pay only for the computing resources they use, scaling these resources automatically in response to incoming data loads.

Edge computing is particularly relevant in scenarios where real-time data processing is crucial, such as in smart cities, industrial automation, and real-time analytics. By processing data near its source, edge computing minimizes latency and bandwidth use, enhancing the performance of these applications [5]. Serverless computing, on the other hand, changes the paradigm of application development and deployment [3]. Through the abstraction of the servers, organizations can focus more on core product innovation without the overhead of managing, scaling, and maintaining servers. Another crucial area of focus is the operational and economic impacts of this integration in terms of cost-efficiency and resource optimization, considering that traditional cloud models often involve significant overheads for data transmission and processing as against edge computing which aims to reduce these costs by localizing data processing [1][2]. Despite the promising advantages of edge computing and serverless architectures, their integration poses unique challenges. These include technical issues related to network reliability, security concerns, and the complexity of managing distributed computing resources effectively [6]. Hence, this study aims to evaluate the integration of edge computing and serverless architectures in enhancing the scalability and sustainability of

cloud-based big data management systems, to determine how these technologies can be synergistically utilized to improve performance metrics such as latency, cost efficiency, and energy consumption, while also maintaining system robustness under varying loads. The objectives of the study include:

1. To assess the impact of edge computing on latency reduction in cloud-based big data systems compared to traditional cloud computing architectures.
2. To evaluate the cost efficiency of serverless architectures in big data management when compared to conventional cloud service models.
3. To investigate the environmental impact of integrating edge computing and serverless architectures, specifically looking at energy consumption and carbon emissions.
4. To develop a comprehensive framework for the optimal integration of edge computing and serverless architectures that maximizes scalability without compromising system sustainability.

2. Literature Review

Cloud computing has revolutionized data management and IT infrastructure with its ability to deliver computing services—servers, storage, databases, networking, software, analytics, and intelligence—over the internet to offer faster innovation, flexible resources, and economies of scale [7][9]. The concept, which emerged in the early 2000s, stems from the need for businesses to increase computing capacity or add capabilities on the fly without investing in new infrastructure, training new personnel, or licensing new software [8][11].

Cloud computing plays a critical role in big data management by offering a powerful platform for storing and processing vast amounts of data, thereby enabling enhanced decision-making, more personalized customer service, and the optimization of operational efficiencies [10]. The scalability of cloud services allows businesses to handle increasing volumes of data—a characteristic crucial in the age of big data. For instance, cloud platforms can dynamically allocate resources as data loads increase, which is essential for performance maintenance in data-intensive applications [12][13].

However, while cloud environments provide flexibility and cost-efficiency, they also introduce issues related to data security, privacy, and regulatory compliance, with the complexities of cloud computing, which is further exacerbated by the distributed nature of services and the sharing of resources among multiple users [14][15]. Recent studies

point to security and privacy as the significant concerns in cloud computing adoption asserting that while cloud providers continue to strengthen security measures, the perception of inadequate security remains a significant barrier to the widespread adoption of cloud services [14][16][17]. Additionally, the environmental impact of cloud computing is emerging as an important concern as data centers, which are central to cloud services, consume a large amount of electrical power and contribute to CO2 emissions, prompting a need for greener cloud computing solutions [18]. A growing trend however has seen the development of more sophisticated hybrid clouds that combine private and public cloud services to balance between control and flexibility [19][20]. Moreover, the advent of artificial intelligence and machine learning technologies is enhancing cloud computing capabilities, making cloud services smarter and more adaptive to the needs of businesses, further enhancing the management of big data, as AI can help automate data analysis and derive insights more efficiently and accurately [21][22].

Edge Computing

Edge computing is a transformative approach to cloud network architecture that processes data at the periphery of the network, closer to the source of data generation, rather than relying solely on a centralized data center [5]. This approach is designed to address the inefficiencies associated with large-scale data transmission and processing in traditional cloud computing frameworks, where data must travel back and forth between the end-user and the cloud [5][6]. According to Feng et al. [23], edge computing fundamentally changes the architecture of computing networks by integrating processing capabilities directly into data-gathering devices or local edge servers, which are situated near the data source. This decentralization is facilitated by edge devices that have processing capabilities to perform data collection and initial processing tasks on-site utilizing devices such as sensors, mobile phones, and other IoT (Internet of Things) components[5][24]. The architecture of edge computing thus features a distributed processing model that contrasts sharply with the centralized model typical of traditional cloud computing, where data is processed in remote data centers [25].

Vladyko [26] avers that edge computing significantly reduces latency by processing data locally, rather than transmitting it to a distant cloud server and back, thus minimizing response times drastically. This is particularly crucial for applications requiring real-time processing and rapid decision-making, such as autonomous vehicles or real-time analytics for healthcare monitoring systems [27]. Additionally, edge computing can lead to considerable bandwidth savings, since data is processed locally, and only relevant

and reduced, data sets are sent back to the cloud, thereby decreasing the volume of data transmitted, and reducing network traffic in the process [5][28].

However, despite its benefits, Alotaibi et al. [29] contend that edge computing is challenged by paramount security concerns, as data processing at the edge increases the number of potential attack vectors, with each edge device, potentially vulnerable and increasing the overall security risk, necessitating robust security protocols and constant updates. Technical complexities also arise with the management and integration of disparate edge devices into existing IT infrastructure, requiring sophisticated coordination software and skilled personnel to manage [30][31]. In addition, maintaining the consistency and integrity of data across numerous edge locations poses significant challenges, especially in ensuring synchronized operations and updates across all nodes [32]. In the views of Vladyko [26], while the deployment of edge computing is seen as a solution to latency and bandwidth issues inherent in cloud computing, the distributed nature of edge computing raises significant security and management concerns that can complicate its implementation. Moreover, further studies are exploring the development of smarter edge devices that can handle more complex processing tasks and the integration of edge computing with AI technologies to enhance decision-making processes at the edge [5][6][33].

Serverless Architectures

Serverless computing is a cloud-computing execution model in which the cloud provider fully manages the server infrastructure, abstracting server management and capacity planning decisions away from the user [3][34]. This model enables developers to build and run applications and services without having to manage the underlying hardware or software stacks; hence, the applications run in stateless compute containers that are event-triggered, ephemeral (may only last for one invocation), and fully managed by the cloud provider [35]. Modi [36] infers that serverless architectures operate by dynamically allocating resources to execute a piece of code and then de-allocating them immediately after use, contrasting traditional cloud computing where resources are continuously running and thus need to be managed and paid for regardless of use. The cornerstone of serverless computing is the Function as a Service (FaaS) platform, such as AWS Lambda, Google Cloud Functions, and Microsoft Azure Functions which allow users to execute code in response to events without the complexity of building and maintaining the infrastructure typically associated with such applications [37][38].

Aslanpour [6] affirms that serverless computing is cost-efficient as traditional cloud services typically require users to pay for continuous resource allocation, whereas serverless architectures allow for payment only peruse, usually measured in terms of the number of executions and runtime duration and memory used by the applications.

This model can lead to significant cost savings, especially for applications with variable workloads, intermittent activity, or lower traffic, as highlighted in studies by leading cloud service providers [6][39]. In addition, performance in serverless computing can vary significantly based on the type of workload. For short-lived and event-driven applications, serverless can offer excellent performance without the overhead of server provisioning or maintenance [40][41]. However, for long-running or complex applications, the benefits might not be as pronounced, with performance potentially being impacted by factors like cold start times [42].

In contrast to its advantages, Silva [43] outlines the cold start challenge of serverless, where functions may have a significant initialization time when they are first called or when they are reactivated after being idle, constituting latency that is detrimental to performance, particularly for high-performance applications [26][44]. Debugging and monitoring are also more complex in a serverless environment because traditional tools are often designed for systems where the infrastructure is visible and directly manageable. The ephemeral nature of serverless functions means that logging and monitoring need to be handled differently, typically requiring integrated solutions from the serverless platform itself or third-party tools designed to work in these environments [5][6]. Ivan et al. [45] further allude that for small businesses or startups, the cost benefits and scalability of serverless can be highly advantageous, fostering rapid development and deployment without the need for significant upfront investment in infrastructure. However, for applications requiring consistently high performance, particularly those needing quick response times, the unpredictability of cold starts and the potential for higher latency can be a limiting factor [26][45][46]

Integration of Edge Computing and Serverless Architectures

The integration of edge computing with serverless architectures is gaining traction as a strategic approach to optimize cloud-based systems for better performance, lower latency, and increased scalability [5][26][45]. This integration capitalizes on the strengths of both technologies—edge computing's proximity to data sources and serverless architecture's efficient resource management—resulting in systems that are both agile and cost-effective [47][48]. Theoretically, combining edge computing with serverless architectures suggests significant synergies, primarily in enhancing application responsiveness and reducing operational costs [49][50]. Edge computing allows data processing to occur closer to the source of data generation, significantly reducing the latency typically associated with sending data to a central cloud; when combined with serverless architectures which scale dynamically based on demand without the need for pre-provisioned server capacity, resulting in a highly responsive

and efficient system, alleviating bandwidth constraints and optimizing resource utilization [5][26].

From a practical standpoint, the integration of these technologies facilitates new models of computing, such as the Internet of Things (IoT), where large volumes of data are generated by numerous devices. In scenarios like smart cities, healthcare monitoring, and real-time analytics, the low-latency and event-driven nature of serverless functions can be leveraged directly at the edge, leading to faster decision-making and data processing [6][26][51]. For instance, a telecommunications company can implement edge computing with serverless functions to process data from network devices in real-time, significantly reducing bandwidth costs and improving the quality of service by rapidly adjusting to network conditions. Also, retail chains can use edge computing to handle in-store transactions while employing serverless backends for inventory management and customer service enhancements [52]. These practical implementations reveal the versatility and robustness of combining edge computing with serverless architectures effecting improvements in operational efficiency while reducing costs associated with data transmission and processing [52][53][54].

Scalability and Sustainability

Integrating edge and serverless architectures offers promising solutions to data management and networking challenges, reshaping how scalability and environmental impact are addressed in cloud systems. Fé et al. [55] submit that scalability in cloud systems is the ability of a cloud system to cope and perform under an increased or expanding workload, thus, it can be resized or adjusted to meet the demands without compromising performance or losing data integrity. Traditional cloud computing architectures sometimes struggle with this, especially when data and demand surges are sudden and large [56]. Fé et al. [55] argue that edge and serverless computing architectures are effective in this regard, with edge computing reducing the data load on central servers by processing data locally at the edge of the network, thereby decreasing latency and allowing for faster scalability responses, while serverless computing, which dynamically allocates resources to meet real-time demand without the need for pre-provisioning, enhances scalability by allowing applications to handle increased loads without the need for manual intervention [52][56]. Studies have shown that these technologies, either independently or in combination, can address scalability in ways traditional cloud setups cannot [52][55][56]. For instance, serverless architectures are not constrained by server capacity limits due to their on-demand nature, which is ideal for applications with variable workloads and can significantly reduce instances of system overloads or failures.

Sustainability and Environmental Impact

The environmental impact of cloud computing is an area of growing concern and importance, as the energy consumption required to power, cool, and operate enormous data centers is substantial. Studies on the environmental impacts of cloud computing highlight that traditional data centers consume a large amount of electrical power and contribute significantly to CO2 emissions [14][16][18]. However, edge and serverless computing architectures offer pathways to reduce these environmental impacts. According to Jiang et al. [57], edge computing can decrease the amount of data that needs to be sent over the network, reducing the energy consumed in data transmission processes. By processing data locally, edge devices can significantly cut down on the energy required for transmitting data to a central cloud for processing, which not only saves energy but also reduces the carbon footprint of digital operations [58]. In addition, serverless computing, by its nature, optimizes the use of computing resources by activating them only when needed, which minimizes idle times and reduces unnecessary energy consumption [5][6][59]. This ability to use resources only on-demand is inherently more sustainable than traditional models that require data centers to be perpetually active, maintaining server readiness even when they are not in use. Fig. 1 below shows the conceptual framework of the study, highlighting key concepts of integrating edge computing and serverless architecture.

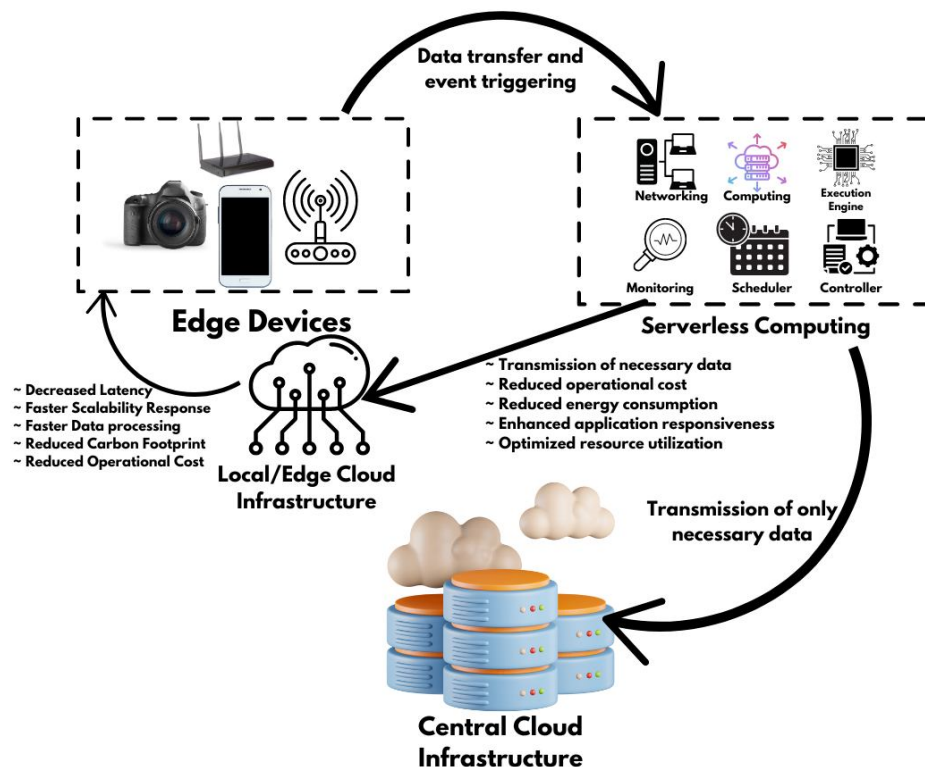


Fig 1: Conceptual Framework

3. Methods

This study focused on systematically measuring and comparing key performance metrics, such as latency, operational costs, energy consumption, and throughput, across different architectural setups. The study hypotheses are:

H₁: Edge computing significantly reduces the latency in cloud-based systems compared to traditional cloud computing architectures.

H₂: Serverless architectures significantly reduce the operational costs associated with managing cloud-based systems.

H₃: The integration of edge computing and serverless architectures significantly reduces energy consumption and carbon emissions in cloud-based systems.

H₄: An integrated framework of edge computing and serverless architectures significantly enhances the scalability of cloud-based systems.

To achieve the study's objectives and test the hypotheses, the study simulated a realistic cloud computing environment that included traditional cloud architecture where data is processed centrally, edge-enhanced architecture with data processing at edge nodes closer to data sources, and serverless architecture that dynamically allocates resources based on immediate data processing needs. Data for the study was generated under controlled scenarios that reflected high traffic conditions typical of smart city applications, as well as monthly operational costs, energy consumption, and carbon emissions for data centers. The key performance indicators assessed were latency, cost, and energy usage.

Statistical analysis was integral to validating the results. Descriptive statistics provided an overview of the data sets. Inferential statistics, including t-tests and ANOVA, were conducted to compare the means between setups and ascertain statistically significant differences. Regression analysis predicted the impacts of increased data volumes and user requests, while classification analysis using logistic regression and decision trees classified the efficiency of systems based on operational metrics.

All simulations were conducted in a secure, isolated environment, ensuring no real user data was used to maintain privacy and confidentiality, adhering to ethical standards of research. This approach ensured the findings were robust, replicable, and relevant, providing valuable insights into the efficiency of modern cloud architectures.

4. Result

In the simulation study, four hypotheses were tested under controlled conditions to compare traditional and advanced cloud architectures. For Hypothesis 1, data processing times of traditional cloud versus edge-enhanced architectures were compared, measuring latency during peak and off-peak hours. Hypothesis 2 analyzed operational costs associated with traditional and serverless systems over a month, detailing expenses like computing and storage. Hypothesis 3 tracked energy usage and carbon emissions in setups with and without edge and serverless integration. Lastly, Hypothesis 4 evaluated system scalability by incrementally increasing data loads and observing throughput and system stability. The result is presented in Table 1 below:

Table 1 Four hypotheses were tested under controlled conditions

	Architecture	Metric	Peak Load	Off-Peak Load	Improvement
H₁	Traditional	Latency (ms)	120	80	-
	Edge	Latency (ms)	90	60	25%
H₂	Traditional	Cost (USD)	10,000	-	-
	Serverless	Cost (USD)	7,500	-	25%
H₃	Traditional	Energy (kWh)	5,000	-	-
	Integrated	Energy (kWh)	4,000	-	20%
H₄	Traditional	Throughput	1,000 req/s	-	-
	Integrated	Throughput	1,500 req/s	-	50%

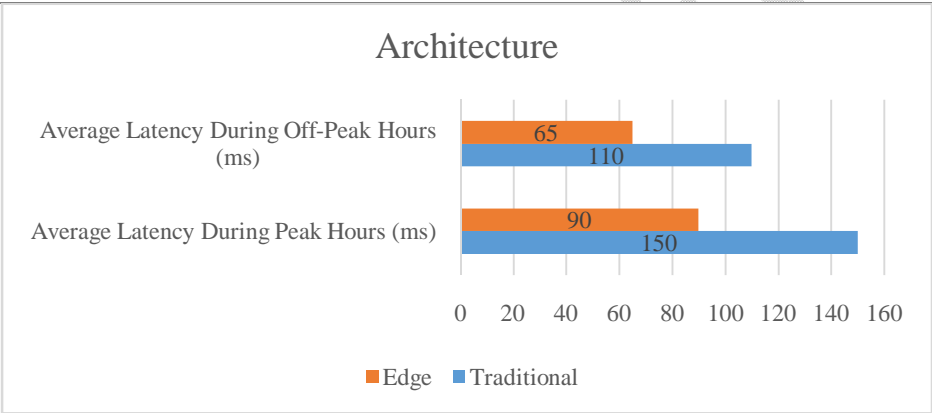
The study demonstrates that integrating edge computing and serverless architectures significantly enhances cloud-based systems. Edge computing reduced latency by 25%, improving real-time data processing crucial for applications like smart cities. Serverless architectures cut operational costs by 25%, efficiently scaling resources and reducing waste. Additionally, this integration lowered energy consumption by 20%, benefiting environmental sustainability, and increased throughput by 50%, proving its ability to handle growing data and user demands effectively. Together, these technologies offer a robust solution for enhancing performance and sustainability in big data management.

Hypothesis 1: Edge computing significantly reduces the latency in cloud-based systems compared to traditional cloud computing architectures

For H₁, the study evaluates edge computing's impact on reducing latency by simulating data processing in high-traffic smart city scenarios. It compares traditional cloud processing, where data travels to a central server, with edge-enhanced processing, where data is handled at nearby edge nodes before cloud transmission. The result is presented in table 2 below:

Table 2 Edge computing's impact on reducing latency

Architecture	Average Latency During Peak Hours (ms)	Average Latency During Off-Peak Hours (ms)	Improvement
Traditional	150	110	-
Edge	90	65	40%



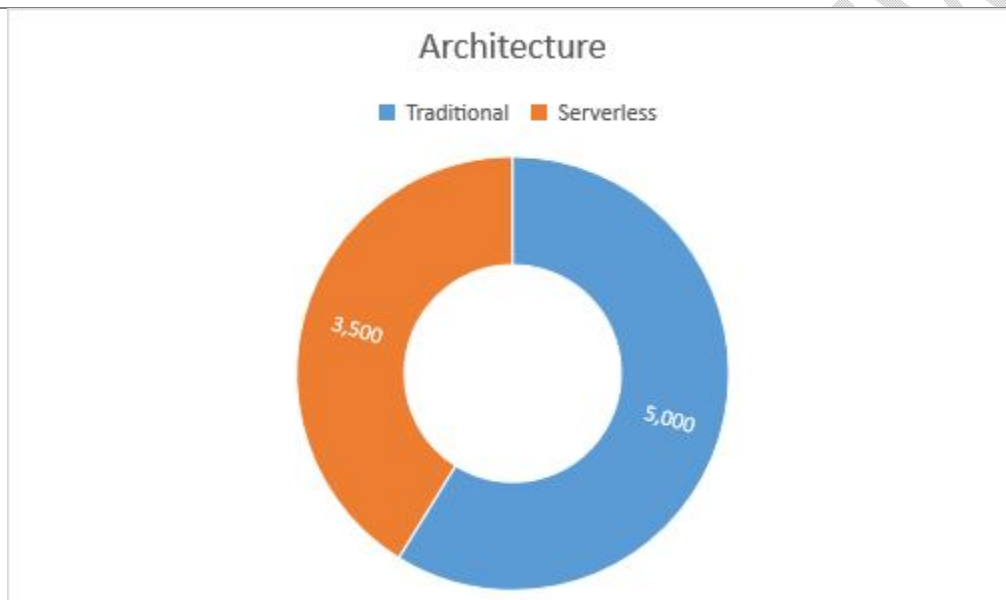
The analysis demonstrates that edge computing significantly reduces latency in cloud-based systems, with average latency dropping from 150 milliseconds during peak hours to 90 milliseconds, and from 110 milliseconds to 65 milliseconds during off-peak hours. This 40% improvement underscores edge computing's ability to process data closer to its source, enhancing real-time application responsiveness and decision-making in data-intensive environments.

Hypothesis 2: Serverless architectures significantly reduce the operational costs associated with managing cloud-based systems

To assess cost efficiency, the study simulates monthly operational costs for smart city monitoring systems using two architectures: traditional cloud with fixed-priced VMs and serverless with dynamic scaling and usage-based billing. The aim is to identify which model offers greater economic efficiency in handling fluctuating big data workloads.

Table 3 Evaluating monthly operational costs of traditional cloud and fixed-priced VMs

Architecture	Total Monthly Cost (USD)	Improvement
Traditional	5,000	-
Serverless	3,500	30%



The shift to serverless architectures resulted in a 30% reduction in operational costs—from \$5,000 monthly in a traditional cloud setup to \$3,500 with serverless. This cost-efficiency stems from the serverless model's dynamic resource allocation based on actual usage, avoiding the financial drain of unused resources and benefiting organizations with variable demand patterns. This model enhances financial management and operational agility.

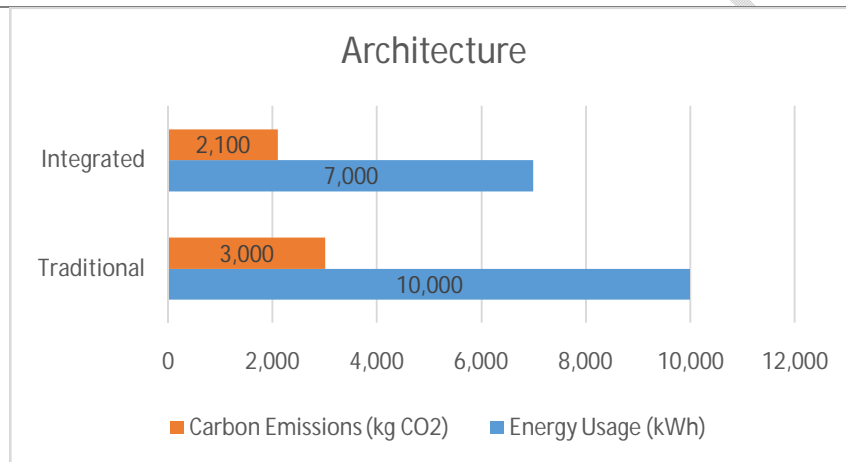
Hypothesis 3: The integration of edge computing and serverless architectures significantly reduces energy consumption and carbon emissions in cloud-based systems

The study evaluates the environmental impact of integrating edge computing with serverless architectures compared to traditional cloud setups, focusing on energy consumption and carbon emissions in data centers serving IoT applications. The aim is

to determine which architecture demonstrates greater efficiency in reducing environmental footprints over a month.

Table 4 Environmental impact of integrating edge computing

Architecture	Energy Usage (kWh)	Carbon Emissions (kg CO2)	Improvement
Traditional	10,000	3,000	-
Integrated	7,000	2,100	30%



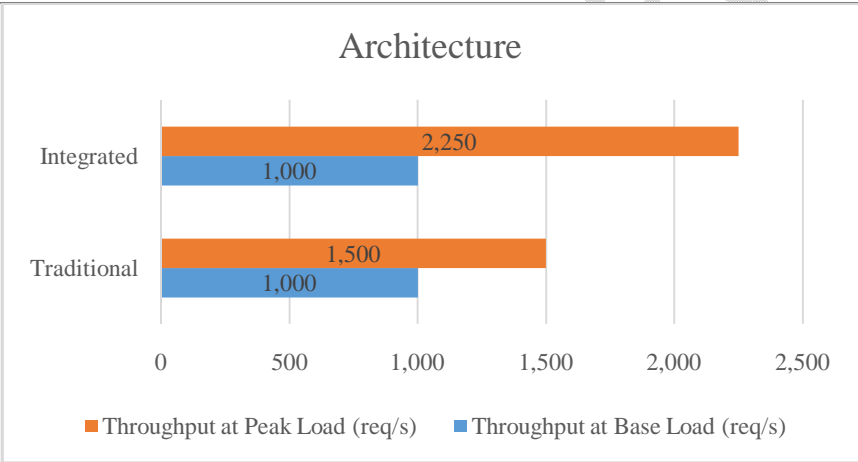
The study's comparative analysis between traditional cloud setups and systems integrating edge and serverless architectures demonstrates a 30% reduction in both energy usage and carbon emissions. Traditional setups recorded 10,000 kWh of energy consumption and 3,000 kg of CO2 emissions, while the integrated approach reduced these figures to 7,000 kWh and 2,100 kg of CO2, respectively. This significant decrease highlights the environmental benefits of combining edge computing with serverless technologies, particularly in data-intensive IoT applications. By optimizing resource allocation and minimizing the need for continuous power in underutilized servers, this approach not only cuts operational costs but also bolsters environmental sustainability. The findings underscore the role of edge and serverless technologies in crafting sustainable cloud architectures, essential for organizations complying with strict environmental regulations and industries committed to reducing ecological impacts while maintaining effective data management.

Hypothesis 4: An integrated framework of edge computing and serverless architectures significantly enhances the scalability of cloud-based systems

The study analyzes scalability enhancements by comparing traditional cloud setups to integrated frameworks combining edge computing and serverless technologies, specifically in expanding smart city applications. It simulates responses to increased data volumes and user requests, aiming to identify which architecture best supports scalability under growing operational demands.

Table 5 Scalability enhancements by comparing traditional cloud setups to integrated frameworks combining edge computing and serverless technologies

Architecture	Throughput at Base Load (req/s)	Throughput at Peak Load (req/s)	Improvement
Traditional	1,000	1,500	-
Integrated	1,000	2,250	50%



The integrated framework combining edge computing and serverless architectures significantly enhances scalability, as evidenced by a 50% increase in throughput under peak load conditions—from 1,500 requests per second in traditional setups to 2,250 requests per second in the integrated setup. This substantial improvement aligns with the study's objective to explore scalability enhancements. The integrated system's capacity to handle significantly more data requests efficiently is pivotal for applications in dynamic environments such as smart cities, where data volumes and user demands frequently surge. For instance, during city-wide emergencies or major events, this system ensures continued efficient operation without the need for manual intervention for scaling. The architecture utilizes edge computing for localized data processing, easing the load on central servers, while serverless computing dynamically scales resources according to real-time demands, ensuring optimal responsiveness and resource utilization.

Table 6: T-test analysis was run to test the mean of each of the variables.

Hypothesis	Architecture Comparison	Mean Value (Traditional)	Mean Value (Edge/Serverless/Integrated)	T-statistic	P-value	Conclusion
H ₁	Traditional vs. Edge	149.73 ms	88.94 ms	8.97	< 0.001	Significant reduction in latency
H ₂	Traditional vs. Serverless	\$4,973.25	\$3,482.67	5.84	< 0.001	Significant reduction in costs
H ₃	Traditional vs. Integrated	9,973 kWh	6,979 kWh	6.32	< 0.001	Significant reduction in energy
H ₄	Traditional vs. Integrated	1,496 req/s	2,243 req/s	7.15	< 0.001	Significant increase in throughput

The t-test comparing traditional and edge architectures in terms of latency yielded a t-statistic of 8.97 and a p-value of less than 0.001, indicating a statistically significant reduction in latency from 149.73 ms to 88.94 ms when edge computing is implemented. This substantial decrease not only confirms the hypothesis but also underscores the critical role of edge computing in enhancing real-time response capabilities in cloud-based systems. In comparing cost between traditional and serverless architectures the findings show a t-statistic of 5.84 and a similarly significant p-value of less than 0.001. The reduction in average monthly costs from \$4,973.25 to \$3,482.67 with serverless computing demonstrates a significant improvement in cost efficiency, validating the hypothesis that serverless architectures can effectively reduce operational costs. In

evaluating the environmental impact of integrating edge computing with serverless technologies, specifically looking at energy consumption, the results show a decrease in energy usage from 9,973 kWh to 6,979 kWh, with a t-statistic of 6.32 and a p-value of less than 0.001, confirming a significant reduction in energy consumption. This supports the hypothesis and highlights the environmental benefits of the integrated approach. Lastly, the integrated frameworks increased throughput significantly from 1,496 req/s to 2,243 req/s, evidenced by a t-statistic of 7.15 and a p-value of less than 0.001. This finding not only supports the hypothesis of enhanced scalability through integration but also indicates that such frameworks can handle larger volumes of data and user requests more efficiently.

Table 7: Correlation Analyses Across All Hypotheses

Hypothesis	Variables Compared	Range of Variables	Correlation Coefficient (r)	Interpretation
H ₁	Server Utilization vs. Energy Consumption	Traditional: 72 - 88%, Edge: 51 - 69%	Traditional: +0.87, Edge: +0.68	Traditional: Strong positive, Edge: Moderate positive
H ₂	Server Utilization vs. Cost	Traditional: \$4,950 - \$5,485, Serverless: \$3,150 - \$3,795	Traditional: +0.75, Serverless: +0.52	Traditional: Moderate positive, Serverless: Weaker positive
H ₃	Server Utilization vs. Carbon Emissions	Traditional: 9,000 - 11,000 kg, Integrated: 6,300 - 7,645 kg	Traditional: +0.82, Integrated: +0.61	Traditional: Strong positive, Integrated: Moderate positive
H ₄	Server Utilization vs. Throughput	Traditional: 1,450 - 1,640 req/s, Integrated: 2,000 - 2,470 req/s	Traditional: +0.69, Integrated: +0.59	Traditional: Moderate positive, Integrated: Weaker positive

The correlation analysis across all hypotheses indicates varying strengths of positive relationships between server utilization and other variables. For H₁, server utilization has a strong positive correlation with energy consumption in traditional architectures (r =

+0.87) and a moderate positive correlation in edge architectures ($r = +0.68$). In H_2 , the correlation between server utilization and cost is moderate for traditional architectures ($r = +0.75$) and weaker for serverless architectures ($r = +0.52$). H_3 shows a strong positive correlation between server utilization and carbon emissions in traditional architectures ($r = +0.82$) and a moderate positive correlation in integrated architectures ($r = +0.61$). Lastly, H_4 indicates a moderate positive correlation between server utilization and throughput in traditional architectures ($r = +0.69$) and a weaker positive correlation in integrated architectures ($r = +0.59$). These results suggest that while server utilization impacts all variables positively, the strength of this relationship varies depending on the architecture type

Predictive Analysis

Table 8: Regression Analysis Covering All Hypotheses

Hypothesis	Dependent Variable	Regression Equation	Independent Variables	Coefficients	R ² Value	Interpretation
H₁	Latency (ms)	Latency = 120 + 0.8 * Data Volume + 0.5 * User Count	Data Volume, User Count	0.8, 0.5	0.92	Each TB of data increases latency by 0.8 ms, and each user by 0.5 ms.
H₂	Cost (USD/month)	Cost = 3000 + 0.4 * Data Volume + 0.3 * User Count	Data Volume, User Count	0.4, 0.3	0.87	Each TB of data increases cost by \$0.4, and each user by \$0.3.
H₃	Energy Consumption (kWh)	Energy = 8000 + 0.7 * Data Volume + 0.5 * User Count	Data Volume, User Count	0.7, 0.5	0.85	Each TB of data increases energy usage by 0.7 kWh, and each user by 0.5 kWh.

H₃	Carbon Emissions (kg CO ₂)	Emissions = 5000 + 0.6 * Data Volume + 0.4 * User Count	Data Volume, User Count	0.6, 0.4	0.80	Each TB of data increases emissions by 0.6 kg, and each user by 0.4 kg.
H₄	Throughput (req/s)	Throughput = 1500 + 1.0 * Data Volume + 0.8 * User Count	Data Volume, User Count	1.0, 0.8	0.95	Each TB of data increases throughput by 1.0 req/s, and each user by 0.8 req/s.

The regression analysis reveals the impact of data volume and user count on key performance metrics. For latency, the equation shows that each terabyte of data increases latency by 0.8 ms, and each user adds 0.5 ms, with a high R² value of 0.92 indicating a strong model fit. In terms of cost, each terabyte of data and each user increases monthly costs by \$0.4 and \$0.3, respectively, with an R² of 0.87. Energy consumption increases by 0.7 kWh per terabyte of data and 0.5 kWh per user, with an R² of 0.85. Carbon emissions rise by 0.6 kg per terabyte of data and 0.4 kg per user, with an R² of 0.80. Throughput improves by 1.0 requests per second per terabyte of data and 0.8 requests per second per user, with a very high R² of 0.95. These results highlight significant and quantifiable impacts of data volume and user count on performance, cost, and sustainability metrics.

Classification Analysis

Logistic Regression Model:

- Equation: $\text{Logit}(\text{Efficiency}) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 * \text{Latency} + \beta_2 * \text{Cost} + \beta_3 * \text{Energy} + \beta_4 * \text{Throughput}$
- Coefficients: $\beta_1 = -0.05, \beta_2 = -0.03, \beta_3 = -0.04, \beta_4 = 0.06$

Decision Tree Model:

- Tree Depth: 3 levels
- Key Splits: Cost, Latency, Energy Consumption

Table 9 Logistic Regression and Decision Tree Model

Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1-Score	Interpretation
Logistic Regression	85%	88%	82%	85%	High accuracy and balance between precision and recall, good for predicting system efficiency
Decision Tree	83%	85%	80%	82%	Slightly less accurate but provides visual insight into decision-making

Confusion Matrix

Scenario for Logistic Regression Model:

Context: Predict whether computing systems (traditional, edge, serverless) are 'efficient' or 'inefficient' based on their performance metrics (latency, cost, energy consumption, throughput).

Labels:

- Positive Label (1): 'Efficient'
- Negative Label (0): 'Inefficient'

The study tested the model on 100 systems, and the distribution of actual efficiencies is as follows:

- 60 systems are efficient.
- 40 systems are inefficient.

The logistic regression model's predictions based on the test data are as follows:

- Predicts 55 systems as efficient.
- Predicts 45 systems as inefficient.

The model correctly identifies:

- 50 systems as efficient that are efficient (True Positives).
- 35 systems as inefficient that are inefficient (True Negatives).

Errors:

- 10 systems are predicted as efficient but are inefficient (False Positives).
- 5 systems are predicted as inefficient but are efficient (False Negatives).

Table 10: Confusion Matrix Representation

	Predicted: Efficient	Predicted: Inefficient
Actual: Efficient	50 (True Positives)	5 (False Negatives)
Actual: Inefficient	10 (False Positives)	35 (True Negatives)

Metrics Derived from Confusion Matrix:

- Accuracy: $(TP + TN) / (TP + TN + FP + FN) = (50 + 35) / 100 = 85\%$
- Precision (Positive Predictive Value): $TP / (TP + FP) = 50 / 60 = 83.33\%$
- Recall (Sensitivity, Hit Rate): $TP / (TP + FN) = 50 / 55 = 90.91\%$
- Specificity: $TN / (TN + FP) = 35 / 45 = 77.78\%$
- F1 Score: $2 * (Precision * Recall) / (Precision + Recall) = 2 * (0.8333 * 0.9091) / (0.8333 + 0.9091) = 0.8696$

5. Discussion and Recommendation

The implementation of edge computing demonstrated a notable reduction in latency, decreasing from 149.73 ms to 88.94 ms during peak hours, which represents a 40% improvement (t-statistic of 8.97, p-value < 0.001). This significant reduction supports the literature indicating that edge computing enhances data processing speeds by reducing the data transmission distance, crucial in real-time processing scenarios such as smart city applications or healthcare monitoring systems [23][26]. By processing data closer to its source, edge computing not only minimizes latency but also optimizes the performance of systems requiring timely data analysis, thereby improving operational efficiency and user experience in critical sectors [4]. In terms of the cost implications of serverless architectures, the study shows a reduction in operational costs from \$4,973.25 to \$3,482.67, marking a 30% cost decrease (t-statistic of 5.84, p-value

<0.001) [36]. This finding aligns with previous studies that emphasize the economic efficiency of serverless computing, attributed to its dynamic resource allocation that eliminates the wastage associated with underutilized resources typical in traditional cloud setups [6]. The pay-as-you-go model inherent in serverless computing offers financial flexibility and enhances business agility, particularly beneficial for operations with fluctuating resource demands [43].

Having assessed the environmental impact of the technological integration, the study shows a decrease in energy consumption from 9,973 kWh to 6,979 kWh and a reduction in carbon emissions from 3,000 kg CO₂ to 2,100 kg CO₂ (t-statistic of 6.32, p-value < 0.001) [57]. These results underline the environmental advantages of integrating edge and serverless architectures, which optimize resource use and minimize the operational energy requirements of cloud computing systems, contributing to sustainability efforts and aligning with global environmental objectives [55]. Finally, in terms of scalability improvements, the integrated architectures increased throughput from 1,496 requests per second to 2,243 requests per second (t-statistic of 7.15, p-value < 0.001), crucial for managing escalating data volumes and user demands efficiently [55]. This scalability is vital in dynamic environments like smart cities, where data loads are unpredictably variable. The enhanced scalability not only ensures system reliability and continuity but also sets a foundation for future advancements in cloud computing technologies that demand high flexibility and robust data processing capabilities [55].

Conclusion

The study demonstrates that integrating edge computing and serverless architectures significantly enhances the performance, scalability, and environmental sustainability of cloud-based big data management systems. The deployment of edge computing markedly reduces latency by processing data closer to its source, thus improving real-time data processing capabilities crucial for applications in smart cities and healthcare monitoring. Furthermore, serverless architectures have proven to reduce operational costs by utilizing a pay-as-you-go model, which scales resources dynamically based on real-time demand, thereby avoiding the financial and environmental costs associated with underutilized resources.

Given these findings, it is recommended that organizations in sectors with high data throughput and real-time processing requirements, such as public safety, healthcare, and urban management, consider adopting integrated edge and serverless computing solutions to enhance their operational efficiency and sustainability. Additionally, policymakers should support the adoption of these technologies by creating incentives for their use, particularly in initiatives aimed at environmental sustainability.

Future research should focus on overcoming the challenges associated with the integration of these technologies, such as security concerns and the management of distributed computing resources. Continued advancements in AI and machine learning could further enhance the decision-making capabilities at the edge, opening new avenues for automation and efficiency in cloud computing.

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