

# FINANCIAL FRAUD DETECTION BASED ON HUMAN BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

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**Abstract** –Financial fraud is commonly represented by the use of illegal practices where they can intervene from senior managers until payroll employees, becoming a crime punishable by law. There are many techniques developed to analyze, detect and prevent this behavior, being the most important the fraud triangle theory associated with the classic financial audit model. In order to perform this research, a survey of the related works in the existing literature was carried out, with the purpose of establishing our own framework. In this context, this paper presents Financial Fraud Detection Scheme, a conceptual framework that allows to identify and outline a group of people inside an banking organization who commit fraud, supported by the fraud triangle theory. Financial Fraud Detection Scheme works in the approach of continuous audit that will be in charge of collecting information of agents installed in user's equipment. It is based on semantic techniques applied through the collection of phrases typed by the users under study for later being transferred to an epository for later analysis. This proposal encourages to contribute with the field of cybersecurity, in the reduction of cases of financial fraud.

**Index Terms**- financial fraud, Cyber security,

## INTRODUCTION

Fraud is a worldwide phenomenon that affects public and private organizations, covering a wide variety of illegal practices and acts that involve intentional deception or misrepresentation. According to the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE) [1] fraud includes any intentional or deliberate act of depriving another of property or money by cunning, deception or other unfair acts.

This paper presents Financial Fraud Detection Scheme, a conceptual framework that allows

detecting and identifying potential criminals who work in the banking field, in real time, based on the theory of the fraud triangle. For the design of the Financial Fraud Detection Scheme framework, some software components related to the processing of information were analyzed, among them, RabbitMQ, Logstash and ElasticSearch. In addition, the computerization of the triangle of fraud and the use of semantic techniques will allow finding possible bank delinquents with a lower false positive rate.

## **II. LITERATURE SURVEY**

This study aims to design an architecture model adapted to the fraud triangle factors, complemented with the human factor and analyzing suspicious behavior to identify possible cases of fraud. For a future work to carry out its implementation. In this context, several studies were found in the literature, which contribute to this topic.

Most of the documents address the issue of financial fraud and the different circumstances surrounding it. Nevertheless, identifying people who might be involved in fraudulent activities is a determining factor. The incursion into the behavioral analysis is quoted to [6], whose authors introduce an automatic text mining process by e-mail for the detection of different types of patterns in messages. While in [7] a generic architectural model is proposed that supports the factors of the fraud triangle. In addition, it performs the classic quantitative analysis of commercial transactions that are already applied as part of the fraud detection audit. The identification and classification of possible fraud by suspicious individuals is a central element of the internal threat prediction model [8]. A key aspect is to classify individuals by focusing on reducing the internal risk of fraud through a descriptive mining strategy [9].

Besides, the experience of auditors plays an important role in the fight against financial fraud. Some work is proposed which points to the creation of new frameworks that provide systematic processes to help auditors to discover financial fraud within an organization by analyzing existing information and data mining techniques using their own experience and skills [10].

Accordingly, another proposal creates generic frameworks for the detection of financial fraud FFD, to evaluate the different characteristics of FFD algorithms according to a variety of evaluation criteria [11]. New approaches detect atypical values by studying and modifying clustering algorithms such as K-Means, with the purpose of improving the performance and accuracy in the detection of unusual values in a data set [12][13][14].

## **PROPOSED WORK**

The proposed framework operates in the continuous auditing approach to discover financial fraud within an organization belonging to the banking sector which will be our main study environment and also focused on

the fraud triangle theory with the human factor considered as an essential element. Financial Fraud Detection Scheme is proposed with the objective of analyzing large amounts of data from different sources of information for later processing and registration, using the ELK stack. ELK is a scalable open source platform used for real-time data analysis composed by Elasticsearch, Logstash and Kibana applications, which will be explained below. 1) Elasticsearch is an open source search engine developed in Java, which is a distributed, scalable document warehouse and works in real time. Designed mainly to organize data in order to be easily accessible. 2) Logstash is an open source tool used for event management, by centralizing and analyzing a large number of structured and unstructured data types. 3) The Kibana web interface is an adjustable board that can be altered and changed to suit our environment. It allows the creation of tables and diagrams, in addition to complex representations



Figure 1. Triangle of Fraud

In Figure 2 we can observe the different modules that compose the framework: Agent, QoS, Collect & Transform, Search & Analyze; and View & Manage.

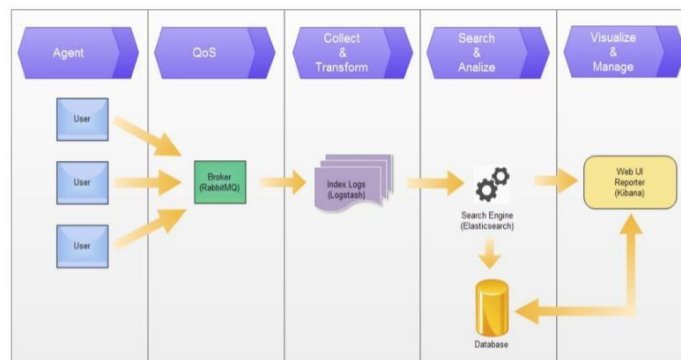


Figure 2. Financial Fraud Detection Scheme Framework

### A. Agent

The agent is an application installed in the workstations of the users (endpoints), in order to extract the data that they generate from the different sources of information that reside on their equipments.

## B. QoS

The integration between several systems or components suggests the need to receive or send information, so these communications must be reliable, safe, fast and above all be permanently available. Due to that the volume of information generated by the agents is considerable and recurrent, this module will ensure its delivery in an orderly and reliable way to Logstash. Figure 3 shows the operation of RabbitMQ.

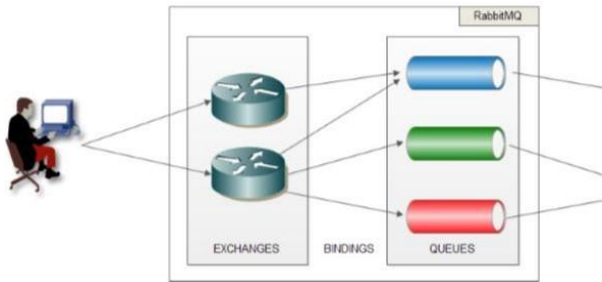


Figure 3. RabbitMQ

## C. Collect and Transform

This module is responsible for processing the data sent by the agents. As seen in Figure 2, after ordering the input data of the agents in the QoS module, they are recorded in a temporary file that has raw information that Logstash does not understand and does not know how to handle it. The operation of Logstash is presented in Figure 4.

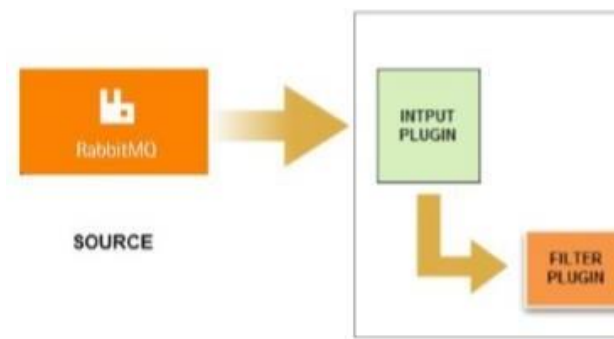


Figure 4. Logstash

## D. Search and Analyze

This module has all the information processed by Logstash, which is stored immediately after it is received, being able to perform searches efficiently. Elasticsearch is a tool designed with the clustering approach, based on the premise of no fault tolerance hardware. Figure 5 shows the architecture of Elasticsearch and its components.

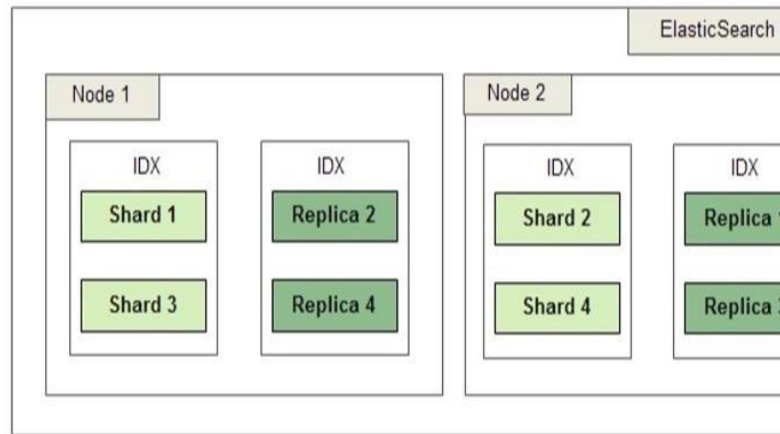


Figure 5. Elastic Search

## E. Visualize and Manage

Finally, in this module the presentation of the data contained in Elasticsearch is performed, using for this purpose Kibana.

## III. RESULTS

Performance analysis Financial Fraud Detection Scheme consists of the extraction of data from different sources of information through agents installed in workstations, which collect behavioral data and send these information in an organized way, reporting its activity to the central server. The typed words are sent to RabbitMQ, an application that manages message queues, which delivers fast, secure and reliable information to Logstash, a tool used to collect, analyze data from monitoring heterogeneous sources and finally to Elasticsearch that performs indexing. All this is aimed at ensuring the security in the transactions generated by the users trying to identify possible acts of fraud through the analysis of human behavior and the treatment of the results. Unusual behavior does not guarantee the intentionality of committing fraud, so it should take into consideration the analysis of risk factors associated with this behavior, which should be measurable and weighted in accordance with security policies in an organization. Technical analysis The ELK (ElasticSearch, Logstash and Kibana) platform provides versatile and functional records management when searching and

analyzing information from a source. Centralized data logging can be useful for identifying unusual traffic patterns, allowing you to search for all stored records that quickly execute the necessary event correlation. Security analysis the possible violation of privacy is a factor that should be considered when implanting this solution within a company. Legal data protection regulations should be considered in a given region. The possible violation of privacy is a factor that must be considered when setting up to integrate this solution into a company. The legal regulations for data protection in a given region should be considered. The level of monitoring will depend on the internal policies in an organization and the laws that are governed in each country and should be determined taking into account the advice of the legal part of the institution or company.

## CONCLUSIONS

The present work proposes Financial Fraud Detection Scheme, a conceptual framework to detect financial fraud supported by the fraud triangle factors which, compared to the classical analysis, makes a significant contribution to the early detection of fraud within an organization. Taking into account human behavior factors, it is possible to detect unusual transactions that would have not been considered using traditional audit methods. These patterns of behavior can be found in the information that users generate when using the different applications on a workstation. The collected data is examined using data mining techniques to obtain patterns of suspicious behavior evidencing possible fraudulent behavior.

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