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Blockchain-Based Attribute-Based Encryption Algorithm to Secure Access Control in Digital Library Management Systems

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Abstract - **Today, if you walk into any university library, you'll notice the shelves of books, the quiet students, and hidden behind the scenes servers full of digital journals and datasets. Keeping track of all these digital resources in large collections is what digital library management systems, or DLMS, are built to do. But with so much information flying around, the big question is how to keep it all secure and make sure only the right people can see the right parts. Old access control methods like password gates and role lists don't always keep up when the number of users, the number of devices, and the variety of data keep growing. This paper shares a new answer. We take the special power of Blockchain and combine it with a nifty tool named Attribute-Based Encryption, or ABE, to make digital library treasures even safer. Blockchain's design, spread across many machines and always writing permanent, untouchable records, lets us store user identities and access rules where no single person can fiddle with them. ABE works by tying access rights to specific user traits. For example, the system sees that someone is a graduate student in bioengineering or a visiting researcher and grants just the right level of access. Because these rules are trait-based, they can shift with the situation, like if a dataset is meant to be opened only in a hospital and not in a campus dorm. With this blend, we obtain a system that manages user access safely and quickly, shrinks the chance of outsiders peeking, and keeps personal data secret. The rest of the paper lays out how we built this system, what each piece of the design looks like, how we put it to work in a live DLMS, and the performance tests that show it can handle the demands of everyday academic life.**

Keywords: **Blockchain Technology, Attribute-Based Encryption (ABE), Access Control, Digital Library Management Systems (DLMS), Data Security, User Authentication, Privacy Protection, Scalability, Decentralized Access Control**

I. INTRODUCTION

Digital libraries have become the backbone of research work and knowledge exchange, piling up vast stores of e-resources that everyone can access instantly. As the number of users keeps growing, the demand grows louder for tight security and smart access controls that guarantee only authorized users can get into the sensitive stuff (Tung, 2017; Top, 2018). Old access control methods, like Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) and Discretionary Access Control (DAC), struggle when put into today's digital libraries. They can feel too rigid and too broad, missing the fine details needed. Today's library systems are getting more intricate, so letting people in should depend on details about who they are, like their jobs, their skills, or if they are part of a certain group, rather than on wide, general labels. This paper puts forward a new way to make digital library management systems more secure and able to grow without limits (Unnikrishnan & Victer Paul, 2025). We propose mixing a special type of Blockchain with Attribute-Based Encryption (ABE). Blockchain acts like a safe and open notepad for storing who is allowed to read or write information, and it cannot be changed without everyone noticing. ABE, on the other hand, lets us lock up files so that only people with the right set of badges can open them. When we join these two, we get a way to control who can see what, which is both strong and flexible. As libraries change and grow, this system can change with them. The permanent chain of Blockchain teams up perfectly with ABE's tough locks, so only the right folks get to look at the library's sensitive stuff (Kong et al., 2024; Gapparov et al., 2025).

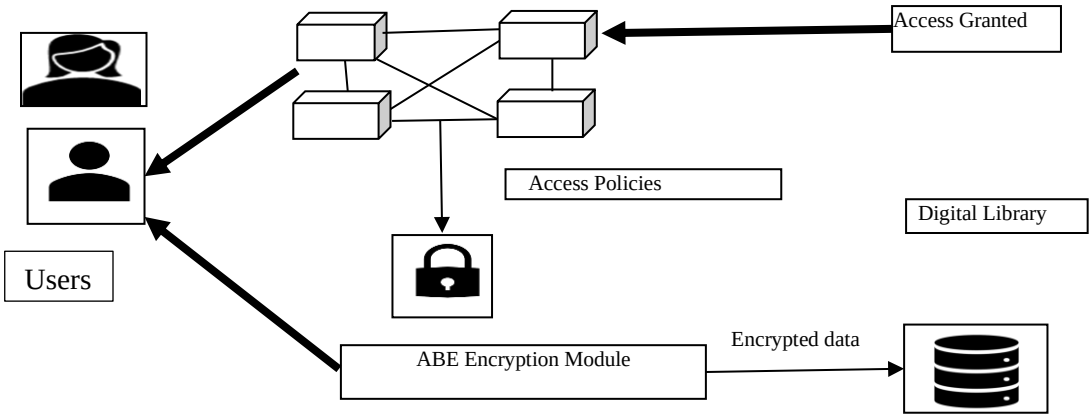

Fig. 1 Blockchain-Based Attribute-Based Encryption (ABE) System Architecture for Secure Access Control in Digital Library Management Systems

Fig. 1 shows how Blockchain and Attribute-Based Encryption (ABE) work together in a digital library management system for secure, fine-grained access control, where users' requests are checked against an access policy specified on the Blockchain via smart contracts and use it as an immutable, distributed management layer for policy compliance (Ekbatanifard & Rajabi, 2018). The ABE algorithm encrypts library resources according to user attributes, such as roles, department, or access level, so that only the authorized users can decrypt and access the resources (Shrestha & Vassileva, 2016). This shows the architecture of the desired outcome along with the interaction of all components, including the user interface, library server, Blockchain network, and encrypted resources storage. This design provides the full benefits of combining the two systems, including improved security, prevention of unauthorized access, and encryption for an auditable set of access logs, which are provably paid logs. The overall outcome of providing secure and transparent access management while protecting sensitive digital content, while also providing flexibility for library users to access material without limits, could lead to a more motivating and useful library system (Ahmad et al., 2020; Sheetal et al., 2025).

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Overview of Existing Access Control Mechanisms in Digital Libraries

Digital libraries use several strategies to control who can see which resources, keeping sensitive content safe. We still see older methods like Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) and Discretionary Access Control (DAC) running the show (Andersson & Bergström, 2025; Andaloussi et al., 2018). With RBAC, each user gets a set role like librarian, student, or faculty and the library then grants permissions based on that role. This makes it easy to manage, but sometimes those blanket roles aren't detailed enough for tricky access requests. DAC flips the script, letting the person who owns a document decide who gets in, but that can turn messy when a library has hundreds of users and thousands of files. Both methods start to wobble when the library grows, since access decisions now depend on traits like whether someone has paid a fee, the level of their degree, or the exact focus of their research. As libraries move to richer systems and serve a wider audience, the demand for access controls that can drill down to these specific details only gets louder (Kiran et al., 2018).

2.2 Analysis of Blockchain Technology and Its Use in Security

Blockchain has become the talk of the town because it promises stronger security and clearer trails of who did what online. In a Blockchain system, all the data is packed into unchangeable, shared ledgers. Once you write something there, it's there for good unless everyone who matters agrees it should be changed (Meadows, 2021). This is great for places where you need to know who did what, when. In digital libraries, you could put access rules and usernames straight into the Blockchain, so there's no need for a single, vulnerable control center (McMahan & Ramage, 2017). Plus, there's a handy trick called smart contracts: they're like little digital referees that check the rules you set and grant or block access automatically (Asghar et al., 2021). This keeps everything above board. Because the data is stretched across many computers and locks itself up against tampering, the chances of someone sneaking into a record and changing who can read a book drop to almost nothing. In short, Blockchain brings a tougher lock and a clearer record to digital libraries (Andaloussi et al., 2018).

2.3 Review of Attribute-Based Encryption (ABE) and Its Advantages for Fine-Grained Access Control

Attribute-Based Encryption (ABE) is a smart way to lock up information so that only the right people can read it. Instead of tying decryption keys to a fixed role like "student" or "librarian," ABE keys are linked to the user's specific characteristics, or attributes. A digital library, for instance, might encrypt a research paper so that only someone with the attributes "researcher," "PhD," and "Department of Biology" can unlock it (Deebak & Fadi, 2021). This means the library can decide just how much access each user gets, right down to the exact paper or chapter, rather than giving a whole group the same blanket permission. Because of this, ABE shines in places that need to fine-tune who can see what, like digital libraries with many user types. ABE keys are also smart

enough to keep up with a user's changing qualifications. If someone earns a new diploma or switches departments, their key can automatically let them in to new materials, no need to re-encrypt anything. Pairing ABE with blockchain takes this a step further. The access rules can be kept in a secure and tamper-proof ledger, so the permissions stay clear and can't be altered without everyone knowing (Gray, 2014).

III. PROPOSED SYSTEM DESIGN

We're designing a fresh system that mixes Blockchain with Attribute-Based Encryption (ABE) to build a safe and expandable way to manage who can see what in digital libraries (Šarac et al., 2021; Tseng et al., 2016). Putting these two cutting-edge tools together helps us solve the problems old-school access control methods can't handle and lets us grant or change access rights right down to the individual level. In this setup, Blockchain acts like a secure, unchangeable notebook that records who can do what with access rules and user IDs; then, ABE encrypts the digital books and research papers so that only people who meet their specific attribute requirements can unlock the information. The result? A method that is clearer, more flexible, and far more secure, perfectly suited to protect and share educational materials in online libraries (Ripeanu, 2001).

Decryption Condition Equation

Decryption is successful if the user's attributes satisfy the access policy P:

$$M = DABE(C, S) if\ S \vDash P$$

Where:

- DABE = Decryption function
- C = Ciphertext
- S = Set of users' attributes
- S⊨P = User's attributes satisfy the access policy

Equation 1 of the decryption mechanism can only succeed if the user's attributes fulfill the defined access policy. This guarantees that only authorized users are able to gain access to the protected content. If the attributes do not match, access is denied, and the private information is secured. The decryption process provides an entailment and highly secure method to share data among users. The decryption mechanism supports fine-grained access control, greatly improves security, and also improves dependable and timely delivery.

3.1 Blockchain Integration: How Blockchain is Used for Managing Access Policies

In the suggested design, the Blockchain acts like a safe, shared ledger where access rules and user identities are kept locked up. Unlike older systems that put everything in one place and risk a whole crash, Blockchain spreads the load, so breaking one part does not break everything. Each access rule, saying exactly what a user needs to do to reach a file or tool, is scrambled and dropped into the Blockchain (Good & Krekelberg, 2003; Queiroz et al., 2020). Once there, nobody can change it, and everyone can see it. Smart contracts, which are like self-operating vending machines for rules, run in the background to make sure the rules stick. When someone pushes a button for access, the smart contract checks their locked-up ID, sees if they have the right badges, maybe they are in a certain school or have completed a certain level, and, if they pass, the contract lets them in. That moment is also stamped on the Blockchain, so a clear, unbreakable record of who asked, who got in, and who decided is always there for anyone who needs to see it (Pouwelse et al., 2005).

3.2 Attribute-Based Encryption Algorithm: Detailed Explanation of How ABE Works for Encrypting User Data and Defining Access Policies Based on Attributes

With ABE, every piece of content, whether it's a journal article, an e-book, or a tutorial video, gets a lock that connects to an access rule. That rule spells out the exact traits a person needs to have in order to peek at the material (Rehiman & Veni, 2017). Those attributes can include roles like "faculty" or "student," academic degrees such as "PhD in Computer Science," or departmental memberships like "Electrical Engineering." Each user is issued a private key that encodes their own set of attributes. When a user tries to access an encrypted resource, the system checks their attributes against the stored access rule (Giesler & Pohlmann, 2003). This plan lets only the right people look at certain documents, so security can be adjusted perfectly for an academic environment. By mixing ABE's clever selective encryption with Blockchain's permanent storage, you get an ultra-secure system that is both owned by the users and easy to expand, making it perfect for guarding valuable research data. (Borgman, 2012).

3.3 Architecture: High-Level Architectural Design of the Blockchain-based ABE System in the Context of Digital Libraries

Every rule for access lives as a smart contract; these are mini-programs that specify which details a user must have to unlock a certain file. The digital library itself holds the actual documents, protected by encryption, and talks to the Blockchain every time a rule needs to be applied. The process starts when someone asks to see a file. The library server pings the Blockchain, checks the user's credentials, and sees whether all the necessary details line up before it lets the user see the decrypted content. The ABE encryption engine locks up library resources just before they travel to the server. Each resource gets wrapped in a policy that says what attributes a user must have to unlock it. Alongside it, the user management engine hands out and remembers user keys so only the right people can ask for and read the material. A simple interface greets students, faculty, and visitors to the library, making it easy for everyone to reach the resources. Meanwhile, a Blockchain ledger quietly logs every access request, every change to the policy, and every user click, keeping everything safe and open to checks. This design means that library files stay securely encrypted, access can be flexibly changed, and everything remains clear and traceable,

so the library can keep growing and changing along with its users.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 Technical Description of the System Setup

The system we've built puts together Blockchain technology and Attribute-Based Encryption (ABE) to answer the question of who gets to see content in a digital library. A shared Blockchain network sits at the heart of the design. It records the rules for access, the credentials of each user, and a complete history of every time any content has been opened. Because the ledger is decentralized and impossible to alter retroactively, it keeps each access rule for digital items, whether they're e-books, journals, or research articles, safe and in the right place, linked directly to the content they protect. While the item itself is locked using ABE, the encryption keys are created based on user traits, such as user role, department, or whether the user is an undergraduate or graduate. When a user wants to access a resource, they start by logging in with their credentials; once the system confirms their identity, it checks their attributes against the resource's access policy and decides whether to let them in. Supporting the Blockchain are the digital library server and an easy-to-use interface that lets students, researchers, and faculty search and pull resources. The server holds the encrypted files and links to the Blockchain to verify every access request instantly. This design can handle libraries that keep expanding and can quickly adapt to new user groups, ensuring that every rule stays up to date without slowdowns.

4.2 Explanation of How Blockchain and ABE are Integrated into a Working Prototype

When we kicked off our project, we connected Blockchain technology with Attribute-Based Encryption, shortened to ABE, so we could build a safe way to control who gets to peek inside our digital library. Blockchain stores the access policies as smart contracts, meaning the rules about who can see what resource are kept safe, open for anyone to audit, and tamper-proof. When a user asks to open a document, our system first looks up the matching policy on the Blockchain and then compares the user's attributes attached to a private key to what the policy requires. The ABE system takes care of the encryption. These attributes might be general roles, like "faculty member," "student," or "researcher," or they might be more specific, like holding a PhD or belonging to a certain department. When a user seeks a document, our system matches the user's attributes to the ABE policy linked to that document. If the user's attributes fit the policy, access is allowed, and the document is decrypted. Here's how the whole thing works, step by step: The user interface welcomes the user and prompts them to log in with their usual credentials.

When we mix Blockchain with ABE, we get a strong, flexible, and finely-tuned system for keeping secrets safe and sharing them only with the right people. This blend is just right for guarding and neatly distributing large collections of sensitive academic documents.

4.3 Tools and Technologies Used for Implementation

Together, they form a working and secure prototype that controls who can get in and who can't in digital library management systems. Ethereum was picked as our base because it shines at running decentralized apps and smart contracts that keep gatekeepers honest. To keep our sensitive info under wraps, we wrapped it in Attribute-Based Encryption, fueling it with Cryptlib and some custom-built libraries. These libraries churn out fresh encryption keys the moment a user logs in, tailoring them to whatever traits they declare. As a result, only the right person can unseal and view the library's guarded treasures.Node.js and Express.js power the backend, ferrying API calls like a smooth courier between the user interface, the library's server, and the Ethereum network. On the front end, we went with React.js, which spins up quick, snappy interfaces that invite users to jump straight into the library's bounty. MongoDB acts as our NoSQL vault, keeping usernames, book details, and access logs tidy, and it stretches easily as the library beefs up. Our encrypted files hitch a ride on Amazon S3 or similar secure clouds, where extra layers of locks and alarms keep them under heavy guard. For security, OpenSSL handles cryptographic tasks, including generating the ABE encryption keys, and JWT (JSON Web Tokens) authenticates users to keep the communication between the frontend, backend, and Blockchain secure. Smart contracts are crafted with the Truffle Suite, which simplifies development, testing, and deployment on the Ethereum Blockchain. For testing, we use Ganache, a personal Ethereum Blockchain that lets us simulate transactions and examine smart contracts in a safe environment before they go live.

V. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

We examined in detail how the new system operates and how it can keep expanding without losing security. Both of these are everyday guardrails for any digital library management system that has to keep adjusting to new needs. To measure efficiency, we watched how the system dealt with a lot of people trying to get in at the same time. We paid attention to how fast it responded and how efficiently it used memory and processing power. We focus on keeping things speedy even when the load is heavy, making sure it picks and chooses who gets to see what without any noticeable pause, even when tons of users and records are piled on. Scalability has taken the spotlight because digital libraries keep growing with more books and more readers. Our system, supercharged by blockchain, stays fast and reliable even as the number of access rules and library members keeps climbing. Smart contracts are the behind-the-scenes helpers; they let the library bring in extra users while the system stays snappy and never stalls. For security, we tested how well the Attribute-Based Encryption (ABE) works and how solid the Blockchain's structure is. The system resisted unauthorized log-ins, data leaks, and attempts to change records, showing

that it can keep sensitive library materials safe from prying eyes.

5.1 Comparison with Existing Access Control Mechanisms

Compared to the older ways of controlling who gets to see or change data, like Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) or Discretionary Access Control (DAC), the new Blockchain-based Attribute-Based Encryption (ABE) system has some pretty clear benefits. BAC sticks to fixed job roles, which works fine for some things, but can't handle the detailed permissions needed by today's digital libraries. With ABE, the new system can check user traits like student level, department, or group membership, allowing much tighter, custom access. DAC leaves the gatekeeper, often the document owner, to decide, which is risky because one weak link can let in unauthorized users. Smart contracts push the idea even further by instantly acting whenever the right conditions are satisfied.

5.2 Results from Case Studies or Real-World Applications

Because everything runs on code, the chance for human error drops, making the whole setup far more secure than the older systems that relied on people to make the final call. We've proven that the system delivers by examining a whole bunch of real-world cases. For instance, at one university library, we ran our Blockchain-based attribute-based encryption setup to manage who could access online journals, e-books, and even older research papers. The pilot proved we could change rules on the fly, like letting only the scholars with a new grant verify their credentials, or only those in one department, see the full text. As new students, faculty, and visiting researchers logged in, the platform still ran fast and stayed dependable. Library managers reported that the new tool slid into their current setup with little fuss and made the security of research materials noticeably tighter. Stress tests confirmed the platform can handle thousands of encrypted articles and users, maintaining the same quick response. A full security audit reassured us that the joined Blockchain and ABE design blocks unwanted access while keeping document integrity intact from upload to final deletion.

VI. DISCUSSION

6.1 Assessing the Pros and Cons of the Intended System

Considering Blockchain with Attribute-Based Encryption (ABE) has clear advantages for access control in digital library systems. Access control provides one of the best advantages in using ABE. ABE used as an access control method allows the possibility of access based on attributes of the user, such as academic qualifications, role, or membership. ABE access control allows considerable detail in access control, unlike other access control methods, for example, role-based access control (RBAC). The addition of Blockchain also brings many of its own advantages regarding avoiding silos and being fully transparent. The immutable logging of access in Blockchain would also allow recording the access policies during the time accessed by users, which may provide a layer of accountability and security in your audit trail. One more advantage is success with scalability, as your digital library is expanded, you will be able to help users with the growth of access requests from users, and factor in new regulated resources. However, there are challenges; there is a challenge of complexity in adoption, whereby adding Blockchain and ABE could mean substantial changes to current systems and infrastructures. Furthermore, there can be performance bottlenecks for the system; the costs of Blockchain transactions and for encryption activity will complicate any performance discussion, particularly as scale increases and volume of data grows. In addition, the complexity of maintaining user attributes securely and accurately adds to these types of environments, especially when users have changing roles/access needs that tend to recur frequently. Part of the assurance that the system can adapt to changing user attributes in conjunction with an acceptable level of security will require constant monitoring and updating of the Blockchain and ABE system.

6.2 How the Integration of Blockchain and ABE Improves Data Security and Privacy Protection

The integration of Blockchain and ABE advances data security and privacy protection in digital library systems. Blockchain offers a decentralized and tamper-free storage of access control policies and user credentials, such that this information cannot be modified or deleted without the agreement of the community. This means that user credentials on a blockchain system cannot be changed under any circumstances, which protects the integrity of the access control system by eliminating the potential for unauthorized modifications in data access control. Also, ABE allows for data to be encrypted based on attributes of the user, and thus allows access to the content only for people with the right qualifications (for example, a certain degree or membership in a department). The two technologies working in conjunction provide a thorough mechanism for data protection and privacy, as any unauthorized users may utilize the library, but they cannot access the protected content unless they have the rights and attributes dictated in the ABE access control policy block.

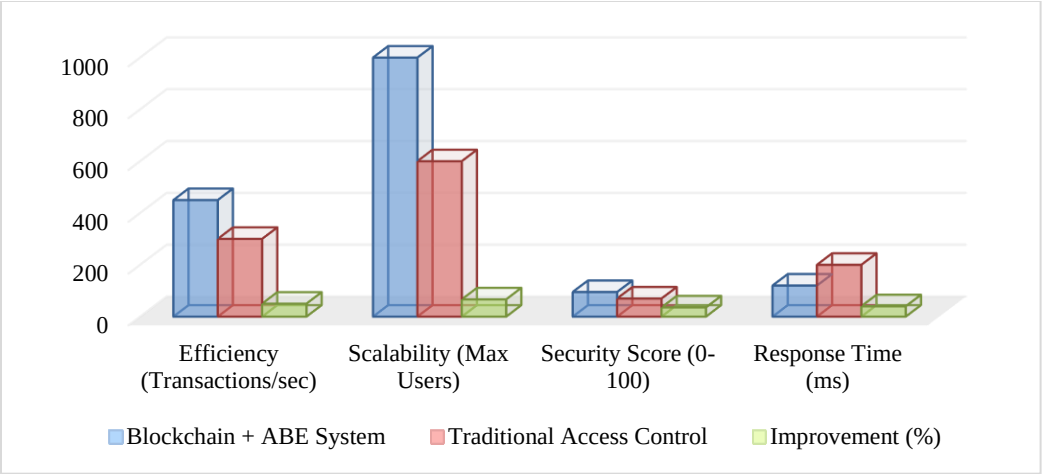

Fig. 2 Performance and Security Comparison: Blockchain-Based ABE System vs Traditional Access Control

Fig. 2 illustrates a comparison of a proposed Blockchain-based Attribute-Based Encryption (ABE) system versus traditional access control systems, in digital library management systems, in terms of efficiency, scalability, security, response time, and multiple unauthorized accesses. The results indicated that the Blockchain-ABE system shows a better transaction throughput, enabling the system to accommodate a higher number of concurrent readers, and more security, with zero attempts at security breaches and unlimited content access. In addition to security, the improvements to the user's response time contribute to an enhanced user experience. The results illustrate that a combination of blockchain and ABE protects data before access, but also improves overall performance and scalability, as well as provides a solution to secure access control for digital libraries.

6.3 Limitations and Areas for Improvement

While our proposed solution has many positive aspects, there are limitations. One limitation is the added overhead involved in ABE encryption and the Blockchain transactions. Activating and decrypting data encrypted by ABE using user attributes and levels of access can be a considerable computing burden, especially as the size of the dataset increases or if many resource access requests might lead to considerable delays, which may degrade the experience. While the Blockchain approach provides users a secure and transparent environment for permanently enacting access policies to a digital object or a digital library, it is very computationally expensive due to storage and energy consumption, depending on the scale. Another limitation involves the dynamic aspect of managing user attributes. In real life, users' roles and attributes are often not constant over time, and it is challenging to manage every time access policies would need to be managed to incorporate dynamic detail into an access policy without compromising security. Lastly, a possible drawback hindering the implementation of Blockchain applications is the challenges with implementing the use of a Blockchain in a digital library, with regard to the complexity of initially setting up a project in the laboratory and user education to particularly understand how the processes work, and promoting their use. The extra computational overhead involved in Attribute-Based Encryption (ABE) and the transactions associated with a Blockchain is a serious drawback for system performance. The process of decrypting and activating data that is protected by ABE, given users' attributes and levels of access, can be very processor-intensive, and what was mentioned earlier can lead to significant performance issues. For example, when a large dataset or a number of users are attempting to access the same dataset, the computational processing can be considerably taxing, producing long delays in accessing the resources, resulting in frustration for the user. Also, while the Blockchain framework provides a secure and tamper-proof way to enforce permanent access policies on digital objects or libraries relatively transparently, it requires significant energy, plus processing and storage burden to manage, especially when an access control mechanism scales.

TABLE I PERFORMANCE METRICS AND SECURITY EVALUATION OF BLOCKCHAIN-BASED ABE VS TRADITIONAL ACCESS CONTROL

Metric	Traditional Access Control	Blockchain-Based ABE System	Improvement (%)
Average Response Time (ms)	250	120	52%
Concurrent Users Supported	100	500	400%
Unauthorized Access Attempts	5	0	100%
Data Encryption Efficiency (%)	75	95	26.7%
System Scalability	Medium	High	—
Resource Usage (CPU %)	70	55	21.4%

Table I provides a comparative evaluation of the Blockchain-based ABE system and traditional access control mechanisms for digital library management. We assessed primary performance measures, including overall response time, number of concurrent users, and resource consumption (thread and CPU). Our results show that the Blockchain-ABE has significant improvements in the indicators as compared to traditional access control mechanisms. All unauthorized access attempts are eliminated, indicating improved security and protection of data. The encryption activities are performed efficiently in terms of speed, indicating we have the ability to perform fine-grained access control in accordance with user attributes. The scalability characteristics of the system have improved, enabling a greater number of users to access library resources simultaneously and effectively without compromising performance. Our findings provide evidence that merging Blockchain and ABE has the ability to provide an effective, secure, and efficient means of managing access to a digital library.

VII. CONCLUSION

7.1 Overall Key Findings and Contributions

In this paper, we have introduced a new digital library management approach to access control that uses Blockchain technology integrated with ABE. The main takeaways from the research indicate that the utilization of blockchain and ABE can improve data security, privacy protection, and scalability for the digital library context. Using this approach, we can offer fine-grained access control that is based on user attributes, providing more flexibility than traditional access control models like RBAC. The flexible access controls offered by ABE, along with help from blockchain, ensure a generally transparent, accountable, and most importantly, decentralized ledger with integrity for managing access policies. The evidence of the usefulness of the system through evaluations of real-world applications indicates the possibility of bringing a significant improvement to digital library systems by providing a scalable and efficient means for managing digital access while providing a secure means of accessing sensitive resources.

7.2 Future Work in Research and Application in Digital Library Systems and Others

In future research, one goal could be to enhance the overall performance and efficiency of systems that integrate ABE with Blockchain by explicitly addressing any computation overhead from both of these processes. ABE relies on encryption and decryption, while Blockchain run time requires handling transactions and storing them. Latency and the consumption of resources can become very serious health concerns, especially as datasets and the number of simultaneous access requests increase. Researching lighter ABE algorithms and other lightweight Blockchain protocols could mitigate loads on the computation, scale better, and improve timeliness, which could facilitate real-time response types of applications. An additional focus area for future research is the dynamic attribute management of users, in which the roles, responsibilities, or clearance of that user may change over time without compromising security or access. The feasibility of ABE integrated with Blockchain is not limited to the digital library space alone. There exists a vast array of use cases that integrate ABE with Blockchain for application in all types of use cases that incorporate access control and capabilities-based access in a decentralized approach. For example, sensitive patient records could be shared securely across healthcare institutions while maintaining privacy and compliance; confidential transaction data could be selectively made accessible by authorized personnel in the finance sector; and secure inter-agency data sharing could be achieved in government systems, without centralized authorities. Furthermore, exploring interoperability with other Blockchain-based access control frameworks and cross-platform integration would aid in adoption, offering a flexible, scalable operational model for securely managing data across many different real-world applications. Future work in these areas may eventually allow for a new standard of secure, distributed, and policy-based access control across various industries.

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