



# Trustworthy Data Collection for Cyber Systems

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- **The Need for Trustworthy Data: Realization**
- **Challenges**
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  - **Protected Data Collection**
  - **Privacy-Preserving Data Mining**
  - **Guaranteeing Data Quality in Data Reduction**





# The Need for Trustworthy Data: Realization

## ○ We often talk about

- Security/reliability in communication, processing, storage
- Security and privacy for data and network outsourcing
- Security and privacy in crowdsourcing
- Security and privacy for mobile and wearable devices
- Security and privacy in cellular networks
- Security and privacy in cloud and edge computing
- Security and privacy in emerging wireless technologies
- Security and privacy in peer-to-peer and overlay networks
- Security and privacy in smart and connected health
- Security and privacy in smart cities, IoT, and RFID systems
- Security for critical infrastructures (smart grids, transportation, etc.)
- Security for software-defined and data center networks
- Security for routing and network management
- And so on..



# The Need for Trustworthy Data: Realization

- We often talk about
  - How to achieve security and/or privacy in a cyber system?
    - There are huge works around everyday
  
- In most work, we consider data security and privacy
  - **During** the data processing, storing, and transmitting
  - **After** the data processing, storing, and transmitting

# The Need for Trustworthy Data: Realization

## ○ Questions:

- **How about** if we don't trust the data that we are about to process, store, and transmit?
- **How about** if the data is already compromised or altered before being processed, stored, and transmitted?
  - Decisions made in a cyber system based on the collected data may be meaningless, untrustworthy, i.e.,
    - We may process the compromised data
    - We may store the compromised data
    - We may encrypted the compromised data
    - We may transmit the compromised data



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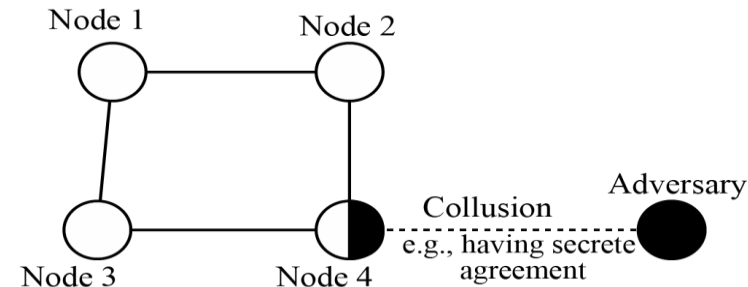
## ○ Integrity problem

### • Security attacks

- Collusion attack, malicious attack
- False data injection
- Some sensors constantly provide
  - Truthful data while
  - Others may generate biased, compromised, or even fake data

### • Fault occurrences

- Data faults
- System faults



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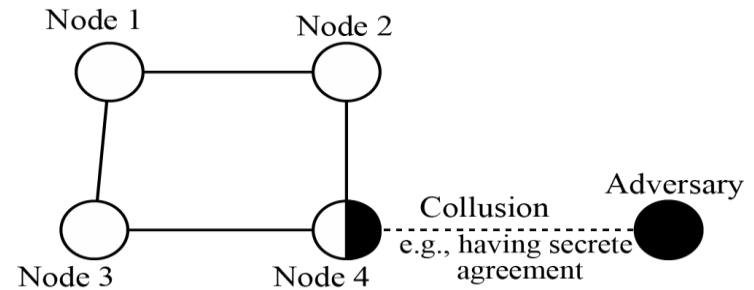
## ○ Integrity problem

- Untrustworthy data may have
  - Illegal values
  - Violated attribute dependencies
  - Uniqueness violation
  - Referential integrity violation
  - Missing values
  - Misspellings
  - Cryptic values
  - Embedded values
  - Misfielded values
  - Word transpositions
  - Duplicate records
  - Contradicting records
  - Wrong references
  - Overlapping data/matching records
  - Name conflicts
  - Structural conflicts



# Challenges (2)

- In which stage the data is altered and become untrustworthy?
  - At the acquisition
  - After the acquisition
  - At the transmission
  - During transmission
  - After transmission, and
  - Before aggregation





## Challenges (3)

- How to identify the compromised data once the data reaches high-end storage, such as Cloud?



## Challenges (4)

- How to ensure the trustworthiness of a cyber system in which data with integrity problem is already processed and ready for a decision-making

Low quality of  
data

Low quality of  
monitoring

Low quality of  
decision-making

Real-time event  
**und**etection



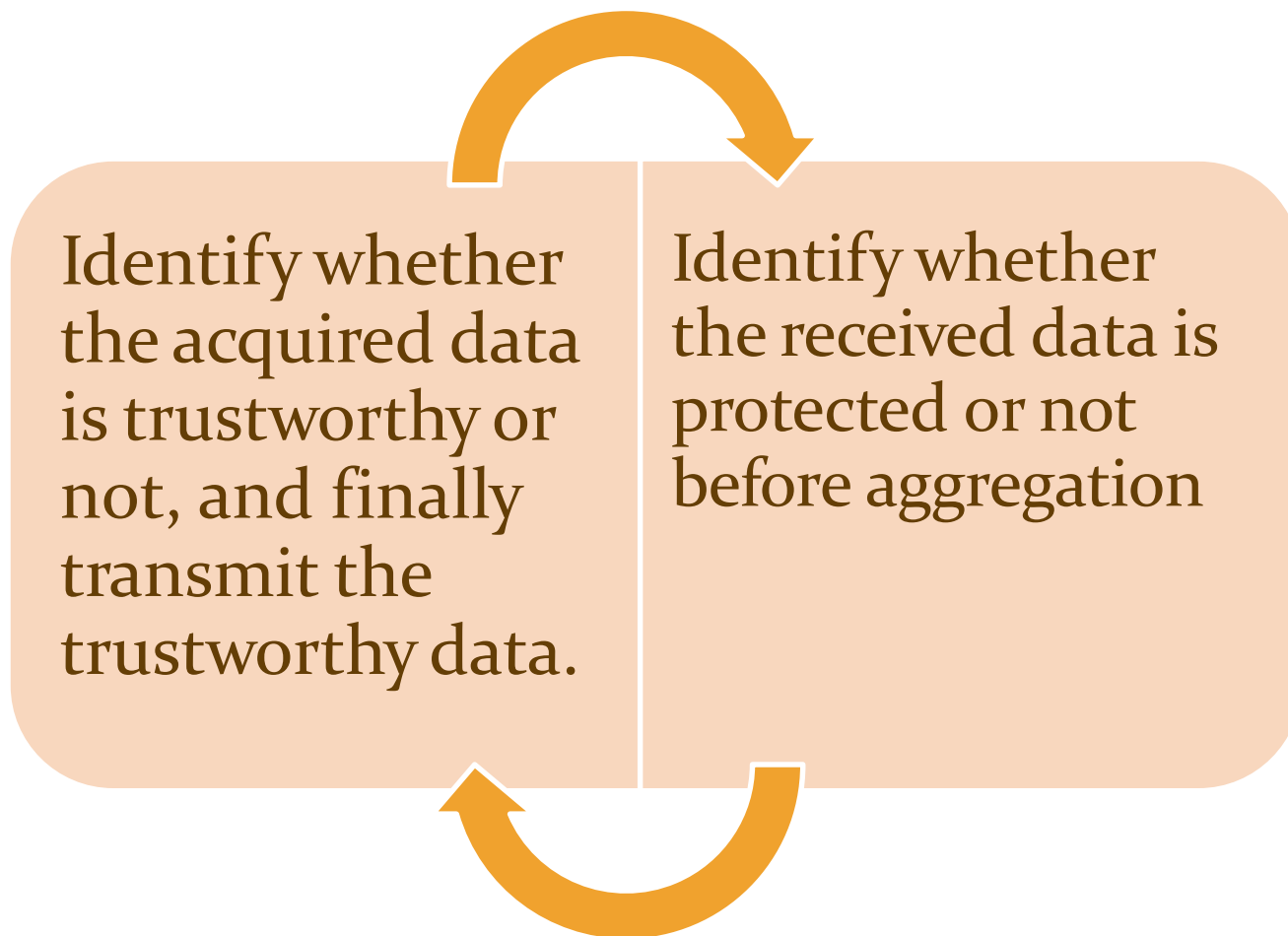
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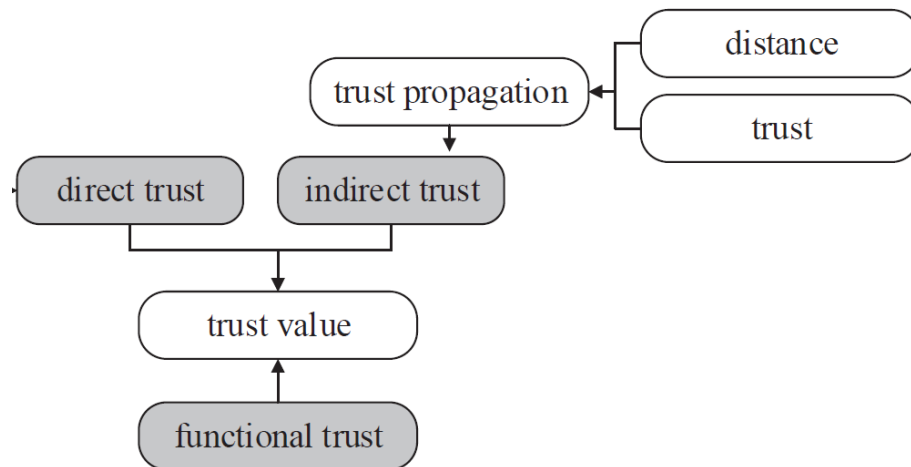
- Trustworthy data collection



# Strategies (1)

## ○ After the data acquisition or the transmission

- TrustData evaluation



- Truth discovery

# Strategies (1)

## ○ Truth discovery

- It is used in many domains in order to resolve conflicts with multiple noisy data or sources (sensors)
  - The medias provide billions of pieces of information, unfortunately, not all are reliable, relevant accurate, unbiased, or up-to-date
  - Before being used, the information are evaluated for truth.

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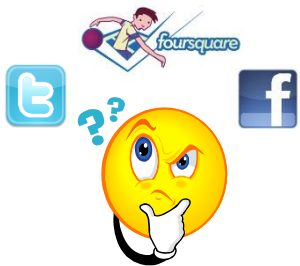
- Truth discovery
  - Example: **the birth place**

	George Washington	Abraham Lincoln	Mahatma Gandhi	John Kennedy	Barack Obama	Franklin Roosevelt
Source 1	Virginia	Illinois	Delhi	Texas	Kenya	Georgia
Source 2	Virginia	Kentucky	Porbandar	Massachusetts	Hawaii	New York
Source 3	Maryland	Kentucky	Mumbai	Massachusetts	Kenya	New York
Majority Voting	Virginia	Kentucky	Delhi	Massachusetts	Kenya	New York
Truth Discovery	Virginia	Kentucky	Porbandar	Massachusetts	Hawaii	New York



# Strategies (2)

- Protected data collection
  - Data privacy @ the data acquisition

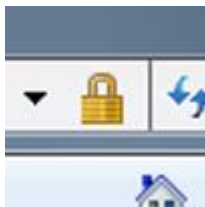


**Privacy:** what data goes where?

>> **What data collected** and goes where?

**Security:** protection against unauthorized access to data

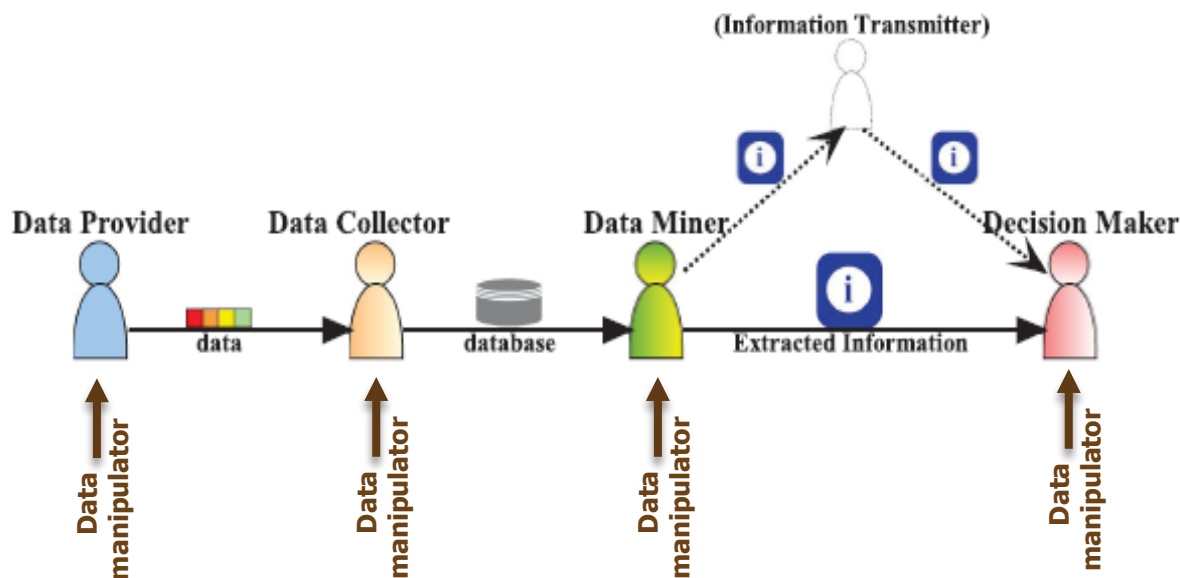
>> protection against unauthorized access to already **privacy-breaching acquired** data??



How to provide protection to the privacy of data at the data acquisition?

# Strategies (3)

- Privacy-Preserving Data Mining (PPDM)
  - The 4 types of users in data mining process



# Strategies (4)

- **Guaranteeing data quality in data reduction at the data acquisition**
  - **Energy consumption reduction**
  - **Wireless bandwidth reduction**
  - **Real-time decision making**
  - **Cost reduction**

# Strategies (4)

## ○ Guaranteeing trustworthy decision-making from data reduced at the acquisition

- **At a low rate or high rate**

- 20Hz, 560Hz, 1024Hz

- **With narrow frequency**

- Single

- **Even-sensitive**

- Threshold (drop if low threshold)

- **Frequency content**

- High or low frequency content data

- Energy consumption reduction
- Wireless bandwidth reduction
- Real-time decision making
- Cost reduction

- Does the acquired data can lead to a trustworthy decision?

# Conclusions

- **May not be a good idea**
  - **To invest cost and time for processing, storing, and transmitting of unsecured and untrustworthy data**
  - **To encrypt untrustworthy data**

**We need trustworthy data for trustworthy cyber systems**