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Dual Digest Symmetric Key Security Scheme for AODV in MANET

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Abstract
Mobile Ad hoc Network's because of maliciousness that intentionally disrupts the network by using variety of attacks and due to routing protocols (e.g. AODV), which were already developed without considering security features to prevent the various kinds of attacks. And also there is infrastructure less environment, and having open peer-to-peer architecture, shared wireless medium and dynamic topology, MANETs are frequently established in insecure environments like disaster sites and military applications. The AODV routing protocol was initially developed without considering security in mind. So it is not able to defend against any kind of security attack. But there are many security schemes available that make AODV secure. However, by doing more research in this area, one major flaw in any of the existing secure routing protocols was discovered. That is security schemes that are available consume more processing power and required complex key-management system. In this work I am going to present a novel security scheme which integrates dual digest mechanism with symmetric key distribution security scheme to protect the AODV routing protocol that is capable of defending itself against both malicious and unauthenticated nodes. The proposed security scheme will also be simulated in the Network Simulator 2.

Keywords: MANET, AODV, Symmetric Key Distributor, Dual Digest.

1. Introduction

Wireless networking is a rising technology that allows users to access information and services, without considering their geographic position. The usage of wireless communication between mobile users becomes very popular due to recent advancements in computer and wireless technologies. It provides the service at really low cost and high data rates, which are the two main reasons why mobile computing is making impact on the current environment.

There are two interesting approaches for establishing wireless communications between mobile hosts. According to first approach, use a fixed network infrastructure that has wireless access points. In this kind of network, a mobile host communicates with the network through an access point within its coverage radius. When it comes out of range of one access point, it connects with a new access point within its range and starts communication through it. The second approach is to build a wireless ad hoc network among users demanding to communicate with each other with no reestablished infrastructure, which is the focus of this thesis research. [6]A Mobile Ad Hoc Network (MANET) is a set of mobile nodes that perform basic networking functions like packet forwarding, routing, and service discovery without the need of an established infrastructure. All the nodes in the ad hoc network depend on each another for forwarding a packet which is send by the source node to the destination node, due to the limited transmission range of each mobile node's wireless transmission. There is no centralized administration in ad hoc network.It guarantees that the network will not stop functioning just because one of the mobile nodes moves out of the range of the others. Every node should be able to enter and leave the network.

2. Related Work

[1] There are many attacks in the AODV protocol which caused the damaged to the AODV. The researchers also provide the secure version of the AODV protocol which is SAODV (Secure AODV) which will ensure the integrity and authenticity of the data. Therefore, sender node generate a routing message signs it with its private key, and the destination node that receive this message verify the signature using the sender's public key. Still SAODV has some issues, which is solved by the A-SAODV protocol (Adaptive SAODV) protocol. [2] AODV and SAODV protocols are used to illustrate the scope of security vulnerabilities in MANET protocols. AODV uses unauthenticated routing control message and has no mechanism for dealing with malicious manipulation of these messages. We then use the vulnerability profile of SAODV to examine proposed extensions that seek to combat these vulnerabilities. Possible attacks by both insider nodes and un-authenticated nodes are identified. The researchers have proposed two methods to monitor the

nodes which drop the routing packets. [3] The double digital signature encryption mechanism that improve the security and performance in AODV. This mechanism calculates signature using appropriate encryption algorithm for all the fields of an AODV message. It also calculates signature with secret key and then both signatures will be transmitted along with the AODV messages. But the overhead is too high because of the digital signature is used. [4] There are various attacks of the MANET and different mechanism that have been used to prevent the attacks. There are different mechanisms using various cryptographic techniques to provide security against the routing attacks against MANET. But there are some issues are still there, which can be harmful to the MANET.

So, my proposed mechanism used double digest which will provide the security against the attacks of the AODV and SAODV, it will provide better performance from these protocols.

3. Proposed Work

The Proposed mechanism will improve the security against the attacks of AODV. This mechanism uses the symmetric key distribution, which broadcast the key over the network. All the nodes in the network will receive the key. After that the following steps tell us that the how different node will work with this mechanism.

A. Sender Node Algorithm

After receiving the symmetric key from the distributor the sender will append the RREQ packet with the SHA (Secure Hash Algorithm) which will produce the digest 1. After generation of digest 1, the key will append with it and again passes through the SHA. Now this time it will generate digest 2. Then this digest 2 will append with the RREQ packet and flood in the network, and wait for the RREP.

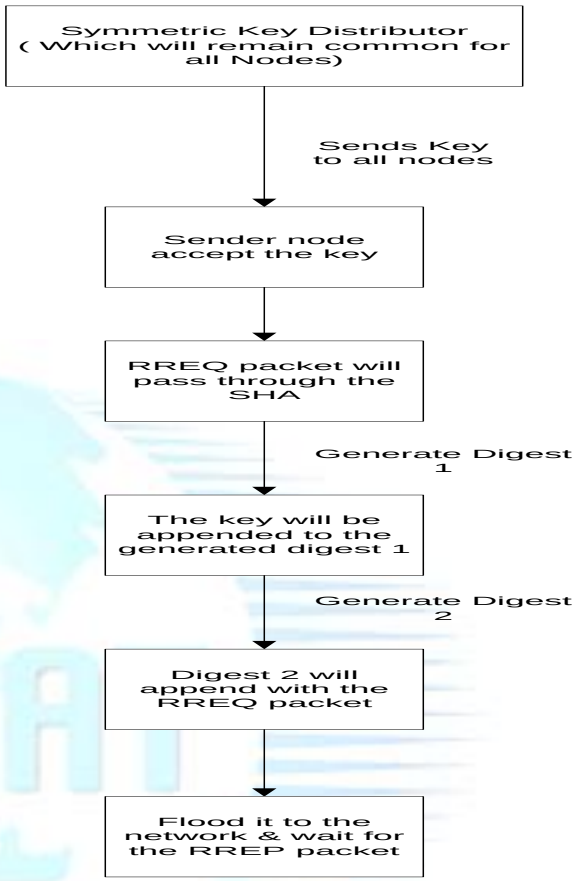

Fig.1 Sender node algorithm.

B. Intermediate Node Algorithm

After receiving the RREQ packet with the digest 2 from the sender node, the intermediate node will follow the same procedure of the generation of digest as sender node. And at the end of the generation of digest 2, it will compare it with the digest 2 of the received one and the digest 2 of the generated one. If it matches then, it will forward the packet to the next node, else discard the packet. While forwarding, it will check that the next node is the destination node then it will forward it or the whole procedure will be continued until the destination node is found.

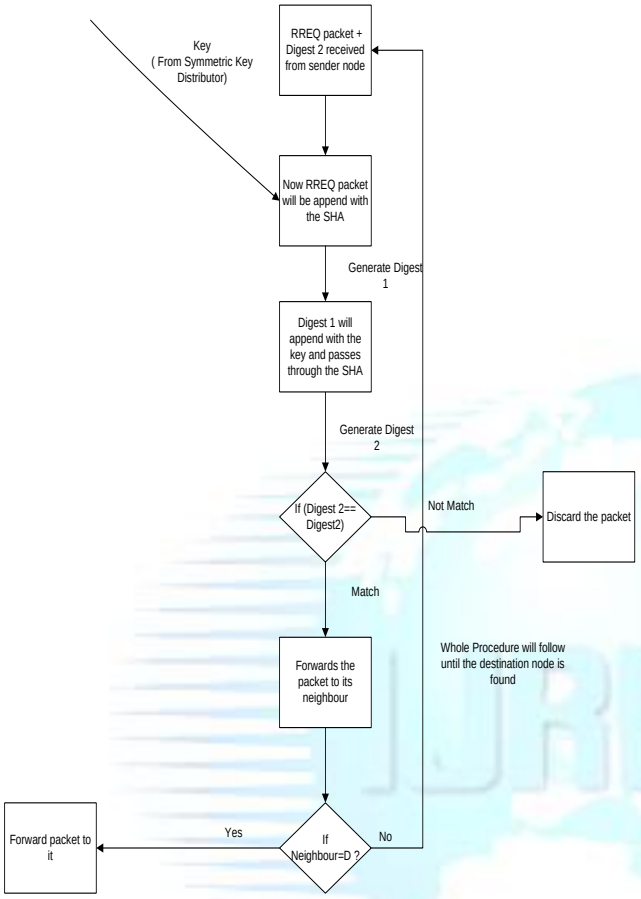

Fig.2 Intermediate node algorithm.

C. Destination Node Algorithm

After receiving the RREQ packet with the digest 2 from the intermediate node, the destination node will follow the same procedure of the generation of digest as intermediate node. And at the end of the generation of digest 2, it will compare it with the digest 2 of the received one and the digest 2 of the generated one. If it matches then, it will send the RREP packet towards the sender node, else it will discard the packet.

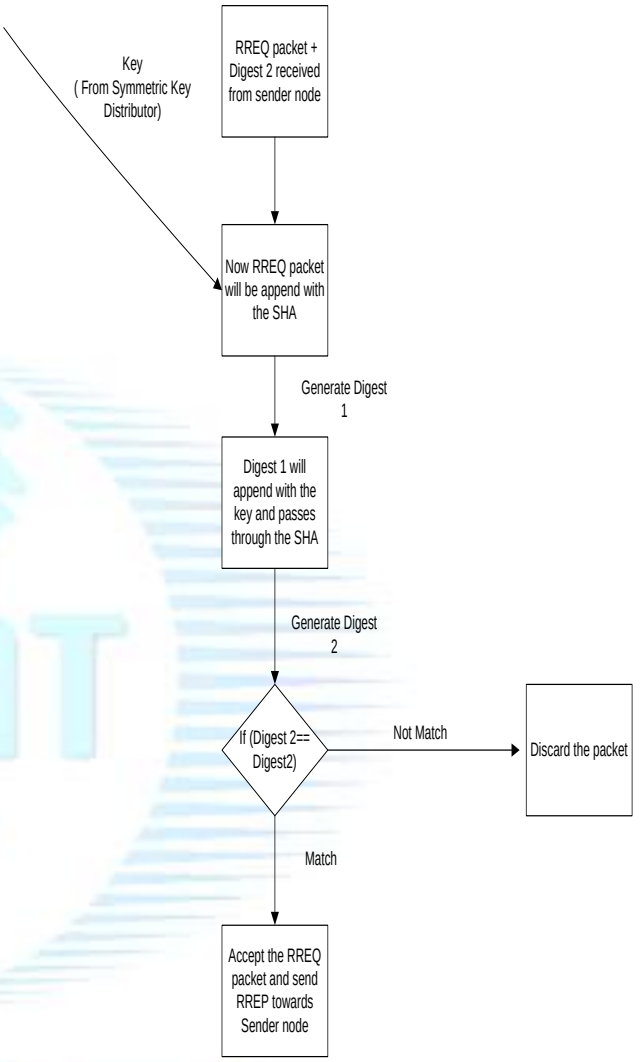

Fig.3 Destination node algorithm.

4. Conclusions

There is rapid grow and change in the field of MANETs. While there are still many challenges that need to be met, it is likely that such networks will observe widespread and extensive use within the next few years. One of these challenges is security. Security of mobile ad hoc networks has recently gained momentum in the research community. Security solutions for MANET have to cope with a challenging environment including limited energy and computational resources. To my knowledge, there is no previously published work on detecting and defending against malicious and unauthenticated nodes together in the field of MANETs' routing protocols using double digest symmetric key distribution based algorithm.

With the above proposed work, the attacks which cause the damaged to the AODV protocol being easily avoided and provide more security to it. Also, the proposed mechanism will improve the efficiency of the AODV protocol in compare of normal AODV.

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