

ROLE OF TRUST IN PROVIDING INTEGRATED SECURITY SOLUTION FOR MOBILE AD-HOC NETWORKS

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Abstract : In MANETs, mobile devices can communicate with each other without any predefined infrastructure. This attracted feature makes it very popular these days in various application areas. In constrained resources environment, the nodes communicate with each other based on assumption of cooperation. Cooperation related security issues cannot be addressed through traditional approach, because they can change the behavior of MANET node. Trust can play key role for all cooperative actions in MANET. An efficient trust management mechanism should be developed in order to verify the identities on the ad hoc networks for reliable communication. In this paper we discuss the concepts and properties of trust and derive various dimensions of security as well as trust with the intention to fill the gap of earlier surveys. The paper covered all previous trust management schemes for data protection, secure routing and other network activities with their unique features, merits and demerits.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Trust is very useful tools that can provide security solution in challenging environment of communication like MANET. It is commonly assumed that all devices are cooperative and trustworthy. This assumption open the door for attackers and malicious nodes can make use of this to corrupt the network. A lot of attacks such as man-in-the-middle, black hole, DOS may be deployed to destroy the network. In MANET trust can be represented according to the behavior of nodes (or entities, agents etc)[2]. The probability value of trust varying from 0 to 1, where 0 represent DISTRUST and 1represents TRUST [3]. There are so many surveys existing but no one included the major challenge that is high mobility of MANETs where nodes continuously join and leave the networks [11] having constraints resources. In this paper “trust” with the correlation of risk is defined, some popular attacks are discussed and also shown that how trust can work against these vulnerabilities to make the MANET secured. Various existing trust management schemes involved in major areas like routing and group communication and key management, are investigated with their merits and demerits & findings. In spite of the existing surveys on trust, there was a gap for a more comprehensive and up-to-date survey to recent trust models. Here some more dimensions and techniques have been exposed and existing surveys did not cover them.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows: Section 2 presents potential attacks and how they can be countered by trust model. Section 3 describes scope of the Trust for securing MANET also includes the review of trust based models for key management and secure routing and Section 4 describes Classification of Trust based system . Section 5 covers the discussion and at last section 6 concludes the paper.

1.1 Trust general

In real world while making decision, people normally trust the person they know personally and/or have known from someone else. They trust them till they are in a good relation with them. So how much trust a person can have on other is a relative term, if he is in communication with the person than it is supposed to be trustworthy otherwise not. Trust plays an important role in our social life, especially in business environments, or when financial issues are involved [6]. Apparently, trust is a key of cooperative human actions as a mechanism of economic choice and risk management. The definitions of trust can be classified based on the consideration of structural, disposition, attitude, feeling, expectancy, belief, intention, and behavior. Thereby various definitions of trust is found in the literature [9,10]. Networks are revolutionizing the way we conduct our personal and organizational business, and the human notion of trust has been extended into the digital world. In digital world or virtual societies the goal of the research on trust is to increase the reliability and performance of electronic communities [10].

1.2 Definition of Trust: Trust can be defined in so many ways by so many different researchers across disciplines that a typology of the various types of trust is sorely needed. Trust can be seen as the confidence, belief, and expectation regarding the reliability, integrity, ability, and other characteristics of an entity [4] Trust is the lubricant that supports relationships and makes a network work equation.

1.3 Relation between Trust and Risk:

Trust can be considered as a tool to cover the risks as shown below:

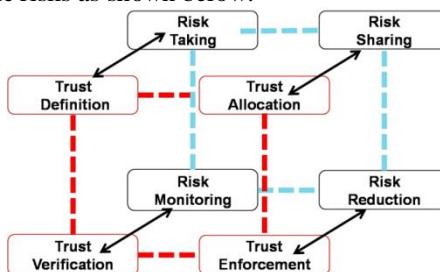


Fig: 1 A relation between Trust and risk

Having different definitions in computing literature “trust” is considered as followed in this paper: “the willingness of a party to be vulnerable to the action of another party based on the expectation that the other will perform a particular action important to the trust or, irrespective to the ability to monitor or control that other party”{4}.

1.4 Need of Trust :

In all networks a valid, secure, optimal communication is needed. As we all familiar with the behaviour of nodes in the MANET that is unpredictable, frequent and random in nature; the nodes can leave or join the network To find this kind of path cooperation of intermediate nodes plays a vital role. In MANET cooperation of nodes is required when a node wants to communicate with a node that is out of its range ,without cooperation of nodes it would be never possible to communicate.Trust can play a vital role to provide the cooperation towards a secured communication.Every security system depends on trust, in one form or another, among users of the system. In general, different forms of trust exist to address different types of problems and mitigate risk in certain conditions during communication.

1.5 Properties of Trust

Trust mechanism is introduced in the protocols to provide security in MANET. Trust is a value that is calculated on the basis of nodes action when needed. Trust is introduced to prevent from various attacks like wormhole, black-hole, Dos, selfish attack etc. Trust can be implemented in various ways such as by reputation, subjective logic, from opinion of nodes etc as there are no particular definitions of trust. According to (MarcBranchaud, Scott Flinn) trust relationships are applicable only in some specific context which may asymmetric and it depends on the uncertainty of nodes action.If node A trusts B and node B trust C that does not mean that A trusts C. Trust can be summarized as:

- Trust is earned, not bestowed or forced
- We must safeguard trust to ensure that autonomy is not abused in a network.
- Trust builds living networks that are highly resilient, flexible and efficient.
- trust is remaining open in the face of vulnerability

1.6 Trust Representation:

Trust can be represented as either continuous or discrete numbers.In continuous, trust values are represented as ”V.High”, ”High”, ”Mid” and”Low” which are in a decreasing order of trust. In discrete, the trust value is a continuous real number in [-1, +1] where -1 denotes completely no trust, 0 complete uncertainty, +1 complete trust respectively.

2. POPULAR ATTACKS: In our earlier paper[7]We presented some typical and dangerous vulnerabilities in the mobile ad-hoc networks. Trust is introduced to prevent from various attacks like wormhole, black-hole, Dos, selfish attack etc.Now we will investigate that how these vulnerabilities can be handled using trust based models.

2.1 Sybil attack :In the Sybil attack [4]a malicious node behaves as if it were a larger number of nodes (instead of one) by impersonating other nodes or simply by claiming false identities. In the worst case, a Sybil attacker may generate an arbitrary number of additional node identities, using only one physical device. V. Sujatha and E. A. Mary Anita proposed an efficient trust based method for detecting Sybil nodes in a dynamic sensor network[5]. They included location of the node, timestamp of the message and trust value for detecting the Sybil node. R. Naveen Kumar V. Bapuji Dr. A. Govardhan etc presented DAS, a novel decentralized protocol that limits the corruptive influence of Sybil attacks, including Sybil attacks exploiting IP harvesting and even some Sybil attacks launched from botnets outside the system.

2.2. SYN flooding It is a type of attack done by the attacker to a specific server to down them by flooding the requests. So, the server will be busy waiting for the requests created by the attacker.. If sufficient connections are established among multiplesenders and the victim, it is likely that its memory resources may be exhausted (table overflow), owing to the currently open connections and the victim cannot now accept a new legitimate request for a connection. Meka, Virendra, and Upadhyaya gave Trust based routing decisions in mobile ad-hoc networks in 2006.

2.3. Jamming :This type of DoS attack is initiated by a malicious node after determining the frequency of communication used by the receiver and using the same frequency to send data to the receiver thereby interfering with its operation.

2.4. packet drop attack / blackhole attack: In this attack, a malicious node uses the routing protocol to advertise itself as having the shortest path to the node whose packets it wants to intercept. This usually occurs from a router becoming compromised from a number of different causes.In a flooding-based protocol, the attacker listens to requests for routes. When the attacker receives a request for a route to the target node, the attacker creates a reply consisting of an extremely short route. If the malicious reply reaches the requesting node before the reply from the actual node, a forged route gets created .Mahamuni and others(2016)[35] addressed BLACKHOLE Attacks by giving Trusty DSR Protocol for MANET.

2.5. Gray Hole Attack :Here packets are mislead in the network by agreeing to forward the packets in the network. The malicious behavior of gray hole attack is very different It drops packets while forwarding them in the network. In some other gray hole attacks the attacker node behaves maliciously for the time until the packets are dropped and then switch to their normal behaviour

2.6 Wormhole attack: In this attack, an attacker receives packets at one location in the network and tunnels them (possibly selectively) to another location in the network, and from there the packets are resent into the network. This tunnel between two colluding attackers is referred to as a wormhole. It could be established through a single long range wireless link or even through a wired link between the two colluding attackers. Owing to the broadcast nature of the radio channel, the attacker can create a wormhole even for packets not addressed to itself. If wormholes are created purely for packet relaying purposes, then wormholes are harmless, provided the attacker has no malicious intentions.

3. PREVIOUS TRUST BASED WORK FOR SECURING MANET:

Employing cryptography in MANET are quite impractical because involved nodes have limited resource and open to several attacks. Trust mechanism is used as an alternative to maintain trustable network environment. According to Golybeck [4] trust has three basic properties: Transitivity, Asymmetry and personal opinion. Comparitively trust model in ad-hoc network is better because it gains higher security level and improves efficiency in network. The trust based security protocol attains confidentiality and authentication of packets in both routing and link layers of MANETs.

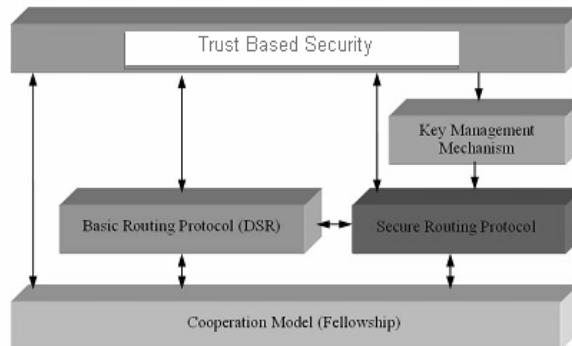


Fig2 :Layered architecture of trust based security

Availability of network services, confidentiality and integrity of the data can be achieved by addressing two main areas related to security in MANET

3.1 Trust based Group communication and Key management:

Secure group communication became the basic requirement in many group oriented applications of mobile ad hoc network (MANET). In order to enhance the privacy among group members, proper group key management schemes can be used to encrypt and decrypt the payload. This section will investigate existing key management schemes for mobile ad-hoc network to achieve the security and trustworthiness

Key management can be either Centralized or distributed. In a centralized system, a single entity is responsible to carry out group communication. Key generation, distribution and management are all carried over by this entity. Scalability overhead, Storage overhead and Single point of failure are some limitations, which makes it unsuitable for MANET. Idea behind Decentralized Group Key Management scheme is to reduce the load on KDC, the central entity. This is achieved by splitting the group members into several subgroups and each subgroup is managed by its own subgroup controller. This approach solves the problem of a single point failure. Threshold key management scheme was proposed in which certification services are distributed among 'n' serving nodes (H.Zhou ,1999). Each serving node generates partial certificate. To generate secret key, any node must have 'n' partial certificates. serving node must maintain public key of all other nodes in network, which requires more memory and also suffers from lack of certificate revocation mechanism.

In network security, direct trust is required when individuals from separate CA domains (not cross-certified) exchange keying information. The Concept of Trust in Network Security came to secure their communications which is cooperation based here the users must trust each other on a personal basis. Without personal trust in this scenario, exchanging keying information is of no value because the keying information itself should not be trusted. When direct trust is applied to secure communications, it is solely the responsibility of each of the parties to ensure that they are comfortable with their level of personal trust. Finally, we need a self-organized, key distribution system that allows users to generate their public-privatekeypairs. Digital signature and public key encryption mechanisms require a key management service to keep track of key and node binding and assist the establishment of mutual authentication between communication nodes. Traditionally, the key management service is based on a trusted entity called a certificate authority (CA) to issue public key certificate of every node. The trusted CA is required to be online in many cases to support public key revocation and renewal. But it is dangerous to set up a key management service using a single CA in an ad hoc network. It will be the vulnerable point of the network. If the CA is compromised, the security of the entire network is crashed. In [2] and [16], threshold cryptography is used to provide robust and ubiquitous security support for the ad hoc networks. The CA functions are distributed through a threshold secret sharing mechanism. This approach is very complicated to implement. It is also hard to survive from multiple hijacked nodes that have secret shares. In this scenario trust can be better solution. The security for the ad hoc networks is still in its infancy. Existing solutions cannot solve this issue well. What is missed is an effective mechanism that can provide reasonable inference based on available knowledge, such as intrusion detection result, past experience, communication data value, and preferences, to evaluate trust relationship among network nodes. With the evaluation result, it is possible to make correct decision or close-correct decision on security protection. New mechanisms are expected to adapt the special characteristics of the new network paradigm

3.2 Trust based Secure routing proposals in MANET's

Trust based routing protocols have great demand and researchers trying out many variations of them. The Ad hoc On-Demand Distance Vector (AODV) routing protocol is intended for use by mobile nodes in an ad hoc network. It offers quick adaptation to dynamic link conditions, low processing and memory overhead, low network utilization, and determines unicast routes to destinations within the ad hoc network. Some of the important features of AODV are

- ✓ Nodes keep record of only needed routes
- ✓ Broadcasting is minimized
- ✓ Reduces memory and less duplications
- ✓ Instant reports to link breakage inactive routes
- ✓ Loop free routes maintained
- ✓ large populations of nodes can be addressed

There are quite a lot of work have presented on this topic .Sharma, S., Mishra, R.etc proposed trust based security approach by maintaining a special data structure called trust table in 2010 [9].Sridhar, S., & Baskaran, R. (2015)[10]proposed (TS-AODV) in this the routing information will be transmitted depending upon highest trust value among all on level of trust factor.Dr. K. Prasad utilized Trust Evaluation Factor. Each node has k trust evaluation matrices which has many trust evaluation factors like Link quality,Distance,Mobility etc[11].A.Menaka Pushpa modified existing AODV routing protocol in order to adapt the trust based communication feature. Proposed trust based routing protocol is equally concentrates both in node trust and route trust[12].Light-weight trust-based routing protocol is proposed for mobile adhoc networks by N. Marchang1R. Datta which consumes limited computational resource and suitable for blackhole attack and the grey hole attack[13].Durgesh Wadbude et al. [14] proposed an efficient secure AODV routing protocol which allows authentication of AODV routing data. Hash chains, Digital Signature and Protocol Enforcement Mechanism to secure packets in AODV. Hash Chain is used to secure the Hop count. SAODV includes another feature which allows intermediate nodes to reply to RREQ message.Secure aware ad hoc routing (SAR) in [15] uses security properties (e.g. time stamp, sequence number, authentication password or certificate, integrity, confidentiality, and non-repudiation) as a negotiable metric to discover secure routes in an ad hoc network. The SAR can be implemented based on any on-demand ad hoc routing protocol with suitable modification. But it only considers the effect of security properties on the trust.In [18], a set of design techniques for intrusion resistant ad hoc routing algorithm (TIARA) was presented mainly to against denial-of-service attacks . Commonly, it is interpreted as reputation, trusting opinion and probability [4]. Simply, we can consider it as the probability that an entity performs an action as demanded.HarrisSimaremare et al.[17] proposed AODV routing protocol based on trust mechanism using the concept of local trust and global trust. Local trust is based on total received packet and total forwarded packet with reference to specific nodes whereas Global trust is based on total number of packets received and total number of packets forwarded in network. Trust based Ad hoc On-Demand Routing protocol was presented the algorithm works on the concept of honest value calculated on a concept of hop/trust to protect networks from malicious nodes by Gupta & Pandey [36] algorithm works on the concept of honest value calculated on a concept of hop/trust to protect networks from malicious nodes.In ad hoc networks, securing routing protocols is one of the fundamental challenges. Summary of all previous work in this area is depicted in the below table.

Table 1: Trust based Contributions for secured AODV

| Author | contribution | Features |
|---|--|---|
| R. S. Mangrulkar Mohammad Atique [2010] | Trust based secured adhoc On demand Distance Vector Routing protocol for mobile adhoc network | Adds a field in REQ which stores trust value indicating node trust and routing information will be transmitted depending upon highest trust value among all. |
| DR. K. PRASADH[2014] | TRUST BASED AD HOC ON DEMAND DISTANCE VECTOR ROUTING PROTOCOL AGAINST WORMHOLE ATTACK | HAVAL hash function is used with simple iteration of compression function. HELLO packet are modified |
| Priya Sethuraman N. Kannan | Refined trust energy-ad hoc on demand distance vector (ReTE-AODV) routing algorithm for secured routing in MANET | Bayesian probability is introduced which consumes low energy |
| A.Menaka Pushpa | Trust based secure routing in AODV routing protocol | modified AODV in order to adapt the trust based communication and equally concentrates both in node trust and route trust. |
| N. Marchang1R. Datta | Light-weight trust-based routing protocol for mobile adhoc networks | Addressed two kinds of attacks, blackhole attack and grey hole attack.Evaluation using both self-trust and neighbour trust |
| Durgesh Wadbude et al. | Secure Ad-hoc On Demand Distance Vector Routing | Hash chains, Digital Signature and Protocol Enforcement Mechanism to secure packets in AODV |
| HarrisSimaremare et al | Secure AODV Routing Protocol based on Trust Mechanism | concept of local trust and global trust.Blackhole attack and Dos attack |

A secure routing solution is proposed by so many researchers But unfortunately, no one solve the problem caused by cooperation of multiple malicious nodes.While many secure routing schemes focus on preventing attackers from entering the network through secure key distribution or authentication and secure neighbor discovery, trust management can guard routing even if malicious nodes have gained access to the network.

4. CLASSIFICATION OF TRUST EVALUATION SCHEMES:

There is a need for trust evaluation in different networks like ad hoc networks, e-commerce applications, service oriented computing, and multi-agent systems which have different focuses. Different researchers contributed and presented various model to compute the trust. There are different trust evaluation methods for different types of applications and trust measures

Table 2: Comparision of trust evaluation methods

| Model | Recent contribution | Basic working | Comm | Features | Merits | Application |
|------------------|--|---|--------------|--|--|---|
| Simple Summation | Wang and Varadharajan | sum the number of positive and negative ratings | Direct | Sum and average method can be combined with weighted summation | Simplicity and Scalability | Small and large scale of ad-hoc network |
| Fuzzy Model | Manchala Sabater & Sierra | membership functions are used | Direct | Fuzzy functions and weights decision | Self organized | Small and large scale of ad-hoc network |
| Cluster Based | Rutvij Jhaveri, Narendra Patel and H. M. | Ad-hoc network is divided into clusters | Hierarchical | Zone routing protocol is used | no need of personal and past experiences | Only for small scale of MANET |
| Maturity Based | A. Josang | Concept of Maturity is introduced for MANET | Indirect | trust increases between people as time goes by, same | robust and accurate | Small and large scale of ad-hoc network |
| PKI Based | Janani V S and Manikandan | Concept of Public Key Infrastructure | Certificates | certificate revocation | having less maintenance overhead | Small and large scale of ad-hoc network |
| Hybrid approach | Antesar M Shabut, M. Shamim Kaiser, etc | A multidimensional trust evaluation | Hybrid | All aspects affected to trust are covered | Dishonest trust computation is handled | Small and large scale of ad-hoc network |

In This area researcher like Ramana K.Seshadri, Chari A.A., Kasiviswanth N[25] and Antesar M. Shabut, M. Shamim Kaiser, Keshav P. Dahal, Wenbing Chen contributed a lot still it is not realistic to look for one all-round perfect solution that fits all fields. We can choose suitable features from multiple model to design the solution for our area.

5.FURTHER DISCUSSION:

The ad hoc networks are dynamic by nature, they require a dynamic security solution that fits this fundamental characteristic. The paper tries to explore the importance of social believe procedure on decision-making and introduces it into the ad hoc networks. The perfect security solution is hard to achieve but two challenging actions group key management and secure routing can be shielded to reduce security threats.

6. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK:

Trust is simple approach to security based on the mutual trust and behaviour grading and past experience .It is effective against a pool of common attacks and feasible with respect to the architectural demand of MANET. The paper covered various aspects of trust including its goals, properties, representation, and classification of various model along with their strength and weaknesses. A comprehensive review of some important research works focusing on trust- for both key management and secure routing is presented in this paper . Trust based schemes are Attack-tolerant ,Cooperative ,Flexible ,Lightweight and Scalable as well as Compatible to the rapidly growing network size .Finally, some open problems that are being currently investigated in this domain are also discussed.

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