

Provably Secure On-Demand Routing in Hierarchical-Clustering-based Mobile Ad Hoc Networks

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ABSTRACT

Mobile ad hoc networks (MANETs) are a collection of wireless mobile nodes dynamically forming a local area network or other temporary network without using any existing network infrastructure or centralized administration. Since all of nodes communicate each other based on a routing protocol, and an attacker could manipulate a lower-level protocol to interrupt a security mechanism in a higher-level one, securing routing protocol is an important issue in MANETs. Recently, there exist several proposals that attempt to develop a secure routing protocol for MANETs. However, those methods are not actually secure against a variety of attacks, including the Sybil, wormhole, black hole, replay, blackmail, denial of service, and routing table poisoning attacks. Therefore, in this thesis we first develop the dynamic hierarchical-clusters- based key management schemes, and then construct secure routing schemes using that for MANETs. Furthermore, we give security proofs to demonstrate the security of our proposed routing schemes, and also discuss the superiority as compared with other research. In summary, we affirm that the proposed schemes can be very useful for securing practical applications in MANETs.

Keywords : Mobile ad hoc networks, Routing security, Key management, Hierarchical clustering, Cryptosystem, Information security

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