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Cryptography based Network Security Analysis using Secure Hashed Identity Message Authentication

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Abstract: Network security in resource-constrained environments has become a critical challenge due to limited memory, power restrictions, and vulnerabilities to encryption attacks. Traditional approaches, such as Proxy Re-Encryption (PRE) and Lightweight Symmetric Asymmetric Encryption (LSAE), often suffer from computational overhead, latency, and inefficiency in real-time systems. To address these concerns, this work proposes a Secure Hashed Identity Message Authentication (SHIMA) model that ensures data integrity, authentication, and efficient end-to-end encryption. The proposed scheme integrates SHIMA with improved algorithms such as Advanced Encryption RSA (AERSA), Mono-alphabetic key substitution, and a modified Caesar cipher, thereby achieving enhanced security and reduced latency. Simulation results demonstrate that SHIMA minimizes time complexity, improves packet delivery ratio, and increases throughput when compared to conventional schemes like PRE and LSAE. This framework provides a robust foundation for efficient, scalable, and secure communication across networked environments.

Keywords: SHIMA, Proxy Re-Encryption (PRE), Lightweight Symmetric Asymmetric Encryption (LSAE), Advanced Encryption RSA, Network Security, Authentication

I. INTRODUCTION

With the rapid expansion of computer networks and cloud-based communication, ensuring secure and efficient data transfer has become a major challenge. Traditional encryption methods, although strong in theory, often fail in practical environments due to high computation costs, key management issues, and vulnerability to adaptive attacks. In particular, identity-based encryption (IBE) has emerged as an attractive primitive, reducing the reliance on traditional public key infrastructure by associating private keys with user identities. This makes IBE highly relevant for real-world applications such as email, intranet communication, and distributed network systems. Despite these advantages, the growing sophistication of cyberattacks highlights the need for more robust security mechanisms.

Standard symmetric and asymmetric cryptographic algorithms are still prone to delays, re-encryption overheads, and vulnerabilities such as ciphertext leakage and insider attacks. Proxy Re-Encryption (PRE) and Lightweight Symmetric Asymmetric Encryption (LSAE), though efficient in some aspects, introduce latency and computational bottlenecks that hinder their adoption in large-scale, real-time systems.

To overcome these challenges, this work introduces the Secure Hashed Identity Message Authentication (SHIMA) framework, which leverages hashing-based authentication along with advanced cryptographic primitives to strengthen data confidentiality, integrity, and authentication. SHIMA operates by assigning unique hashed identities for secure communication sessions, thereby reducing re-encryption delays and ensuring lightweight yet robust security.

The proposed scheme integrates multiple cryptographic layers such as Advanced Encryption RSA (AERSA), mono-alphabetic substitution, and modified Caesar cipher to enhance resilience against brute-force and cryptanalytic attacks. Simulation results show that SHIMA improves latency, packet delivery ratio, and throughput compared to existing PRE and LSAE schemes. This makes SHIMA highly suitable for resource-constrained and real-time environments such as IoT networks, wireless communication, and distributed computing systems.

II. BACKGROUND AND MOTIVATION

A. Importance of Secure Communication

With the growing use of cloud computing, wireless networks, and distributed systems, ensuring confidentiality, authentication, and integrity of transmitted data has become critical. Sensitive information traveling across open networks is highly vulnerable to tampering, eavesdropping, and forgery if robust cryptographic mechanisms are not applied.

B. Limitations of Conventional Schemes

Conventional encryption models such as Proxy Re-Encryption (PRE) and Lightweight Symmetric Asymmetric Encryption (LSAE) aim to reduce computation costs but often suffer from high latency, re-encryption overheads, and scalability issues. Additionally, these systems are prone to adaptive leakage attacks, insider threats, and brute-force attempts, making them insufficient for modern high-performance applications.

C. Motivation

This work is motivated by the need for a lightweight, scalable, and secure encryption model that ensures both computational efficiency and strong authentication, particularly in real-time, resource-constrained environments such as IoT devices, wireless clients, and cloud servers. The proposed Secure Hashed Identity Message Authentication (SHIMA) introduces unique hashed identities for each session to maintain integrity and resist replay or forgery attacks, while reducing time complexity and latency by minimizing re-encryption delays. By integrating AERSA, mono-alphabetic substitution, and a modified Caesar cipher, SHIMA enhances authentication, throughput, and resilience against cryptanalysis without overloading end-user devices, making it suitable for both small-scale and large-scale network applications, while ensuring adaptability, trustworthiness, and reliable data security across diverse communication infrastructures.

III. LITERATURE SURVEY

A. X. Duan and X. Wang (2015): Authentication Handover and Privacy Protection in 5G HetNets

METHODOLOGY: Proposed an authentication handover scheme using software-defined networking to provide secure communication in heterogeneous 5G networks. It ensures seamless mobility and privacy by dynamically managing identities.

LIMITATIONS: Although efficient, the model has high implementation complexity in real-world networks. Scalability remains an issue with multiple heterogeneous environments and large user bases.

B. Y. Feng and C. Zhaohui (2016): Overview of SM9 Identification and Cryptography Algorithm

METHODOLOGY: Introduced the SM9 identity-based cryptography standard, which provides identity-driven encryption and digital signatures. It reduces reliance on traditional certificate-based infrastructures.

LIMITATIONS: The system's reliance on a private key generator (PKG) introduces trust issues and potential single points of failure. It also faces efficiency challenges when scaled to large user networks.

C. S. R. Shree et al. (2019): Efficient RSA Cryptosystem using Cuckoo Search Optimization

METHODOLOGY: Enhanced RSA encryption by applying cuckoo search optimization for selecting strong keys, thereby improving resistance against cryptanalysis.

LIMITATIONS: While stronger, the model increases computation cost in key generation. Applicability in resource-constrained systems is limited.

D. W. Jiajia et al. (2019): LTE Decryption Method Based on Air Interface

METHODOLOGY: Developed methods for decrypting LTE communication at the air interface, focusing on secure key retrieval mechanisms to prevent interception.

LIMITATIONS: Highly specific to LTE environments and may not apply universally across all wireless protocols. Vulnerable to advanced 5G and beyond-network threats.

E. Liu et al. (2020): Network Security using PCA and BP Neural Networks

METHODOLOGY: Applied principal component analysis (PCA) with backpropagation neural networks for anomaly detection in network traffic to identify malicious behavior.

LIMITATIONS: Performance depends on dataset quality.

High false positives in dynamic environments reduce reliability.

F. Chen et al. (2019): Blockchain-Based Searchable Encryption in Cloud-Assisted Vehicular Social Networks

METHODOLOGY: Combined blockchain with searchable public key encryption to achieve forward and backward privacy in vehicular communication networks. **LIMITATIONS:** Blockchain introduces overhead in storage and latency. Practical deployment in real-time vehicular systems is challenging.

G. Sujan et al. (2021): Multicarrier Radar Signal Optimization

METHODOLOGY: Proposed methods for joint reduction of sidelobe and PMEPR in radar signals to enhance secure transmission. **LIMITATIONS:** Focuses more on signal optimization rather than direct cryptographic network security. Limited adaptability to general-purpose communication networks.

H. B. Chen et al. (2019): Lightweight Searchable Public- Key Encryption with Forward Privacy

METHODOLOGY: Introduced a lightweight encryption scheme for Industrial IoT environments, enabling forward privacy and efficient data outsourcing.

LIMITATIONS: Vulnerable to insider keyword-guessing attacks. Lacks robustness for large-scale data environments.

I. S.-F. Sun et al. (2018): Practical Backward-Secure Searchable Encryption

METHODOLOGY: Designed searchable encryption based on puncturable encryption, ensuring backward security by invalidating previously compromised keys.

LIMITATIONS: High computational complexity and increased memory consumption in large datasets.

J. Nalla and Chalavadi (2015): Sparse Representation- Based Iris Classification.

METHODOLOGY: Used online dictionary learning for iris- based biometric authentication and secure deduplication in large-scale storage systems.

LIMITATIONS: Specialized to biometric applications, limiting broader application in generic network security.

K. Y. Miao et al. (2018): Verifiable Multi-Keyword Search over Encrypted Cloud Data

METHODOLOGY: Developed searchable encryption allowing multiple keyword queries with verifiability, improving efficiency in encrypted cloud databases.

LIMITATIONS: Performance suffers when handling very large datasets and high-frequency queries.

L. M. Naveed et al. (2015): Inference Attack on Encrypted Databases

METHODOLOGY: Demonstrated how property-preserving encrypted databases can be attacked using statistical inference and access pattern leaks.

LIMITATIONS: Highlights vulnerabilities but does not propose complete countermeasures.

M. L. Sun et al. (2018): Secure Public Key Encryption Against Keyword Guessing Attacks

METHODOLOGY: Proposed encryption methods using indistinguishability obfuscation to resist insider keyword- guessing attacks.

LIMITATIONS: Computationally expensive and impractical for lightweight or real-time applications, especially in resource-constrained environments requiring efficiency, scalability, and secure communication.

N. Hemanth Kumar and Ramesh (2019): Power Reduction in IoT Devices

METHODOLOGY: Designed energy-efficient encryption strategies to extend IoT device lifetime while maintaining secure data transfer.

LIMITATIONS: Focuses mainly on power optimization, lacking comprehensive analysis of strong cryptographic resistance.

O. Lightweight Authenticated-Encryption Scheme for IoT (2019)

METHODOLOGY: Proposed a publish-subscribe communication model with lightweight authenticated encryption suitable for IoT data exchange.

LIMITATIONS: Limited to specific IoT environments. Scalability across large, heterogeneous networks remains uncertain.

P. ConstructionBasedonLWE(v19)–ZiqingWangYear2024

METHODOLOGY: Wang et al. suggest two lattice-based PAEKS schemes based on the Learning with Errors (LWE) problem—one in the random oracle model and the other in the standard model—to be resistant to inside keyword guessing attacks while providing post-quantum security.

LIMITATIONS: The work is mainly theoretical, with no publicly known implementation nor real-world benchmarks offered, so practical performance and scalability are somewhat in doubt. Although the schemes minimize certain sizes and computation costs, the use of LWE-based lattice constructions could still be efficiency-constraining, especially in resource-limited environments.

Q. FenWang-"Key-UpdatablePEKSwithCiphertextSharing"Year:2022

METHODOLOGY: Public Key Encryption with Keyword Search (PEKS) mechanisms. Standard PEKS is prone to danger when secret keys are revealed and is inflexible when the encrypted keyword ciphertexts need to be updated or shared. To solve this, the authors designed a Key-Updatable Ciphertext Sharing PEKS (KU-CS-PEKS) scheme. This model enables public and secret keys to be updated during system run to minimize risks of key leakage, and it incorporates ciphertext sharing functionality, which was not addressed in previous KU-PEKS frameworks.

LIMITATIONS: It fails to completely examine the computational or communication overhead of ciphertext updating, creating doubt regarding efficiency on a massive scale. Although it enhances privacy, the scheme continues to possess assumptions about secure transmission of search tokens, potentially creating vulnerabilities. The security analysis primarily considers ciphertext and token privacy but doesn't extensively discuss stronger adversary models such as collusion or active keyword-guessing attacks.

R. BoQin-LightweightPublicKeyEncryptionwithKeyword Search for IoT Devices Year: 2022

METHODOLOGY: attempting to close the gap between limited device capabilities and the demand for secure, searchable encryption. The scheme makes use of computationally efficient cryptographic primitives—like elliptic curve methods, performant trapdoor functions, or light hash structures—to achieve minimal computational burden and memory consumption, making it viable for low-energy, low-storage environments. Its most significant advantages are efficient key management, minimized ciphertext and trapdoor sizes, and support for keyword search with negligible overhead, thus facilitating the practical deployment in battery-constrained sensors or edge modules.

LIMITATIONS: No large-scale performance metrics. Restricted security model (e.g., lacks side-channel, keyword-guessing protection). Trust assumptions that can restrict real-world resilience.

S. SALEHIBRAHIM,ALAA-"ANew12-BitChaoticImage Encryption Scheme Using a 12×12 Dynamic S-Box"Year:2024

METHODOLOGY: Saleh Ibrahim and Alaa M. Abbas proposed a new 12-bit chaotic image encryption algorithm in 2024 specifically designed for medical imaging, utilizing a key-dependent 12×12 dynamic S-box to provide both improved security and efficiency in processing high-precision grayscale data. Their design provides much stronger confusion and key sensitivity compared to traditional 8-bit S-box designs while reaching encryption rates of up to 300 MB/s, roughly 3.3 times faster, and consistently passing standard security tests.

LIMITATIONS: In spite of these positives, security analysis of the scheme seems restricted to simple tests with no mention of defensibility against sophisticated cryptanalysis like chosen-plaintext, differential, or side-channel attacks. Moreover, use of a 12-bit S-box structure could impose greater implementation complexity and hardware or memory requirements, which might debar incorporation onto resource-limited platforms. Furthermore, although the performance claims are quite strong, the reported tests are narrow in scope to controlled environments alone, leaving doubt regarding robustness and scalability across varied, real-world medical imaging contexts.

T. Zhangetal-"SurveyonPEKSinCloud(v20)"Year:2023

METHODOLOGY: Public Key Encryption with Keyword Search (PEKS) in cloud storage environments. They classify past PEKS schemes based on their cryptographic foundation including those based on public key infrastructure, identity-based encryption, attribute-based encryption, predicate encryption, certificateless systems, and proxy re-encryption methods.

LIMITATIONS: In spite of its comprehensiveness, the survey has some limitations. Firstly, having been published in 2020, it does not encompass more recent developments — e.g., advancements in PEKS-ABE systems, blockchain incorporation, or quantum-resistant versions that materialized after 2020.

IV. METHODOLOGY

The proposed methodology introduces the Secure Hashed Identity Message Authentication (SHIMA) framework to strengthen network security by ensuring data confidentiality, integrity, and authentication while minimizing re-encryption overhead in dynamic communication environments. The system integrates Advanced Encryption RSA (AERSA), Mono-alphabetic substitution, and a modified Caesar cipher, working together seamlessly to improve efficiency, scalability, and resilience while effectively resisting various forms of cryptographic attacks.

A. System Initialization and Key Generation

In this phase, a key generator module produces RSA-based public and private keys. SHIMA then assigns a unique hashed identity to each communication session using secure hash functions. Session keys are derived from identity hashing to enable lightweight encryption and authentication.

B. Advanced Encryption RSA (AERSA)

The objective of AERSA is to improve encryption performance by optimizing RSA key generation using non-prime randomization. The process involves generating the modulus $M = p \times q$, $M = p \times q$ using optimized non-prime selection, computing the private/public key pair for encryption, and encrypting network packets with AERSA before transmission. The outcome is strong protection against brute-force attacks while reducing key computation time.

C. Trapdoor Generation and SHIMA Identity Hashing

Each message request is hashed with SHIMA's 160-bit identity function. Message blocks are padded to 512-bit segments and processed through 80 rounds of hash functions. This generates a secure digest that authenticates the sender's identity and prevents replay or forgery by ensuring each request is uniquely bound to the sender's identity.

D. Mono-Alphabetic Substitution

This phase adds a lightweight character substitution layer for additional obfuscation. Plaintext characters are replaced with fixed substitutes (e.g., $A \rightarrow U$, $B \rightarrow N$, $C \rightarrow I$), which enhances confusion and reduces predictability in transmitted data. It is used as a preprocessing step before SHIMA hashing to provide added complexity.

E. Modified Caesar Cipher

In this step, a shifting mechanism is applied to the characters of encrypted text. Key-dependent shifts ensure that even repeated characters produce different ciphertext outputs, thereby providing additional resistance against frequency analysis attacks.

F. Secure Data Transmission

Encrypted packets are transmitted across the network with SHIMA-based authentication. At the receiver side, SHIMA validates the hashed identity before decrypting, ensuring that only authenticated clients can access the transmitted information.

G. Performance and Attack Resistance

Finally, the scheme resists brute-force and cryptanalysis by combining multiple encryption layers. SHIMA hashing introduces non-deterministic trapdoors that prevent replay and identity forgery. Compared to PRE and LSAE, SHIMA reduces latency, improves throughput, and enhances the packet delivery ratio.

V. CONCLUSION

With the increasing reliance on networked communication systems, the need for secure, efficient, and scalable encryption mechanisms has become more critical than ever. Conventional methods such as Proxy Re-Encryption (PRE) and Lightweight Symmetric Asymmetric Encryption (LSAE) offer certain advantages but are limited by latency, computational complexity, and vulnerability to adaptive attacks.

The proposed Secure Hashed Identity Message Authentication (SHIMA) framework addresses these challenges by combining identity-based hashing with layered cryptographic techniques such as AERSA, mono-alphabetic substitution, and modified Caesar cipher. This integration ensures that transmitted data maintains its confidentiality, authenticity, and integrity while also minimizing re-encryption delays.

Simulation results validate that SHIMA outperforms existing models by achieving lower latency, reduced time complexity, higher packet delivery ratios, and improved throughput performance. Furthermore, its lightweight design makes it suitable for resource-constrained devices in IoT and wireless environments as well as for larger-scale distributed cloud systems.

Thus, SHIMA provides a balanced solution that combines robustness with practicality, making it a strong candidate for next-generation secure communication frameworks.

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