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Task 1

Q1) Analyse potential security threats and issues of this system.

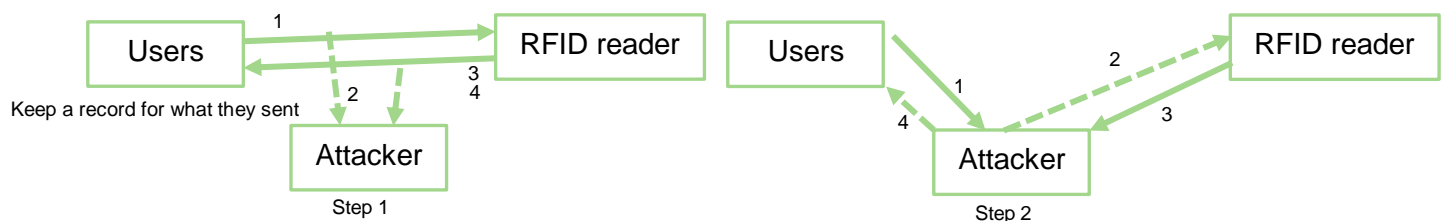
DoS (Denial of Service) attacks, replay attacks and physical attacks are the potential threats in the system. To justify the potential threats above.

DoS attack:

When the reader request information from a tag, it receives the identification id and send the data to the cloud server and compares the id with the one stored in the cloud server. Both RFID reader and the cloud server are vulnerable to DoS attacks. When attackers start the DoS attack, the tags fail to verify its identity with the reader and as a result the service gets interrupted. Or when the attacker tries to send too many request to the cloud server, it will cause a DoS attack as well.

Replay attacks:

Attacker intercepts communication message flowing between the reader and the tags and he records the tag's response that can be used as a response to reader's request.



Physical attacks:

When the attacker physically obtains tags and alter its information. Attacker can use a probe to read and alter the data on tags or use X-ray band to destroy data in tags, which an attacker can use to attack an RFID system-this type of attack is also known as radiation imprinting. Attackers can also remove tags from the tags physically, which makes the object unrecognizable by the RFID reader. Other than destroying the tag, attackers can also use electromagnetic which can disrupt communication between the tags and the reader.

Q2) What technology can be used to provide client authorisation in this system?

We can use the tag and the reader to do the authorisation. The tags will contain hashed password inside, when we use the reader to read the tag, it will retrieve the hashed password, decrypted it in the reader and send it to the cloud server to verify the identity, then the cloud server send a signal back to the reader then the reader will send a signal to the access control panel, then allow user to access.

Q3) Design a public-key based mutual authentication protocol for tag authentication.

- 1) The RFID reader chooses a random challenge, r_1 , and encrypted it (hash function) then put it into the tag, once the reader scans the tag and decrypt it, it will get the random number r , then send to the cloud server.
- 2) The cloud server chooses a random challenge, r_2 , It also computes $y_1 = \text{sig}_{\text{server}}(\text{reader} || r_1 || r_2)$ and sends $\text{Cert}(\text{server})$, r_2 and y_1 to RFID reader.
- 3) RFID verifies cloud server's public key, $\text{ver}_{\text{server}}$, on the certificate $\text{Cert}(\text{server})$. Then he checks that $\text{ver}_{\text{server}}(\text{reader} || r_1 || r_2, y_1) = \text{true}$. If so, then RFID reader "accepts", then send an accept signal to access control panel; otherwise, RFID reader "rejects". RFID reader also computes $y_2 = \text{sig}_{\text{reader}}(\text{server} || r_2)$ and sends $\text{Cert}(\text{Server})$ and y_2 to Cloud server.
- 4) Cloud server verifies RFID reader's public key, $\text{ver}_{\text{reader}}$, on the certificate $\text{Cert}(\text{RFID reader})$. Then it checks that $\text{ver}_{\text{reader}}(\text{Server} || r_2, y_2) = \text{true}$. If so, then cloud server "accepts"; otherwise, cloud server decline.

Tag	Access control panel	RFID reader		The cloud server
		Generate random number		
store the random number	$H(r_1)$			
		Scan the number		
		decrypt the number	r_1	
				$y_1 = \text{sig}_{\text{server}}(\text{reader} r_1 r_2)$
			r_2, y_1	
		$\text{ver}_{\text{server}}(\text{reader} r_1 r_2, y_1) = \text{true}?$		
	correct signal			
	allow users			
		$y_2 = \text{sig}_{\text{reader}}(\text{server} r_2)$		
			y_2	
				$\text{ver}_{\text{reader}}(\text{Server} r_2, y_2) = \text{true}?$

Q4) Design a symmetric-key based mutual authentication protocol to satisfy the following requirement.

The tag will store the identity and encrypted with the secret key, then send it to the RFID reader.

Once the RFID reader received the message, it uses its own secret key to encrypt the message and send it back to the tag.

When the tag received the message back with another secret key in the message, it will unlock its secret key, then send it to the RFID reader again.

Then the RFID reader will send received the message along with its own secret key, then it unlocks it, so it can read the message.

$$A \rightarrow B: E(SK_a, a_0)$$

$$B \rightarrow A: E(SK_a, a_0, SK_b)$$

$$A \rightarrow B: E(a_0, SK_b)$$

The authentication method will be similar when the RFID reader send the message to the cloud server.

First, RFID reader send the message and encrypted with its own secret key to the cloud server.

When the cloud server received the message, it adds its own secret key in the encrypted message and send it back.

Then the RFID reader take out its own secret key and send it back.

The cloud server will know the message once it unlocks the secret key it set earlier.

Then cloud server compare the message to the data base, and see if the data is valid or not, and send a signal back to the RFID reader, with the same method.

Then the signal will transfer to the access control panel.

$$B \rightarrow C: E(SK_b, a_0)$$

$$C \rightarrow B: E(SK_b, a_0, SK_c)$$

$$B \rightarrow C: E(a_0, SK_c)$$

$$C \rightarrow B: E(a_1, SK_c)$$

$$B \rightarrow C: E(SK_c, a_0, SK_b)$$

$$C \rightarrow B: E(a_1, SK_b)$$

In order to keep the key updated, the message in the tag should change every 3 months. There should be another machine (RFID reader), once the cloud server generates a new code, encrypted it and send it to the RFID reader then rewrite the code in the tag, in order to

avoid man-in-middle attack, we should set up pin or password for users in order to verify the user.

The reader will first encrypt the pin by using its own private key.

Then send it to the cloud server, with the authentication I mentioned. The cloud server will first look for the pin, and see which user is going to use the tag.

Then the tag will send the encrypted message to the RFID reader and send it to the cloud server with the same authentication method.

The cloud server will verify if the pin and the message in the tag are true. If yes, then the cloud server will encrypted the new password (for tag) and send it back to RFID reader and to the tag.

$$P \rightarrow B: E(SK_p, a_0)$$

$$B \rightarrow P: E(SK_p, a_0, SK_b)$$

$$P \rightarrow B: E(a_0, SK_b)$$

$$B \rightarrow C: E(a_1, SK_b)$$

$$C \rightarrow B: E(SK_b, a_0, SK_c)$$

$$B \rightarrow C: E(a_1, SK_c)$$

Besides, to keep the freshness of the key, we need to generate random number and the key will only last for one time only.

Task 2

RSA

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Enter the plain text:  
12345  
Encrypting String: 12345  
String in Bytes: 4950515253  
Decrypting Bytes(RSA): 4950515253  
Decrypted String(RSA): 12345
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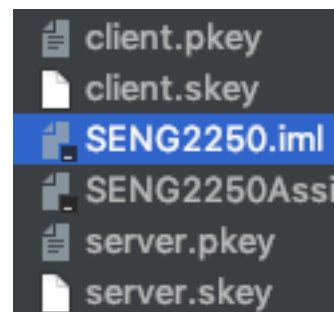
3DES

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Enter the plain text:  
12345  
Encrypted code(DES): 2pQDM/g=  
Original text(DES): 12345
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SHA

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Enter Plain Text:  
12345  
Plain Text:12345  
Hashed Value:  
5994471abb01112afcc18159f6cc74b4f511b99806da59b3caf5a9c173cacfc5
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STS



The generated public key and secret key for both client and server side are store as a file.