



SoT- Security of Things

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ABSTRACT

Internet of things is currently a buzzword in the industry of Computer Science and Technology. Most of you should have heard about it from some talk's articles or even magazines. The communication is between machines to machines, machines to environment and even machines to automobiles, the Internet of Things is present everywhere. In the recent times there are quite a few attacks on IOT devices that have led to very bad effects on the online community ranging from DDoS attacks to service attacks. Since the number of IOT devices are increasing, it also increases the use of these devices in hacking or any other type of attack. We can imagine IOT as large number of intelligent, inter-connected things that will have an effect on every aspect of our day-to-day life. The main reason of rise of internet of things. The computing power that hackers want are easily available in IOT attacks since these devices are present in every corner of the world and they are in a huge quantity.

INTRODUCTION

IOT security is the area that is concerned with the security of the devices that are connected to internet, i.e. IOT devices. Internet of Things involves the collection of all the devices that are connected to the vast network of internet. These devices can easily communicate with each via internet and also share the data. The main idea of this project report is to show how we can create a secure connection between these devices and thus help their owners to share the information in a secure manner. The main aim of this project is to show how we can create a secure connection on which the devices can share anything they want to, for example, we are sharing the temperature data via this connection. Even if the connection is insecure, the machines can easily communicate with each other since if a hacker tries to temper with the data, it would not happen since the data is encrypted and it is not easy to decrypt it without key.

PROBLEM

Statement

To design and build a specification for the encryption of electronic data that dynamically moves between different IOT devices. We want to code an efficient algorithm that can encrypt and de-crypt data in very less amount of time.

Description

This problem can be divided into following sub problems:

- Coding a cryptographic algorithm: Create an efficient algorithm that can be used to encrypt and decrypt data that is transferred between different type of IOT devices and networks.
- Make Temperature Sensing IOT device: Create a device that can detect temperature and send it over internet using Raspberry Pi.
- Make Android Application: Create an android application that notifies the user that about any significant change in temperature.
- Temperature Sensing by Raspberry Pi: DHT11 Temperature Sensor that transmits its data to the Raspberry Pi that then sends it to the Android Application does Temperature sensing.

ASSUMPTIONS

For this phase, following assumptions will be there.

- The error given by the Sensor is close to zero.
- The temperature in which the device is kept within the range of the temperature sensor readings.
- The Raspberry Pi should have enough computing power to use Advanced Encryption Algorithm within given time constraints.

THE PRESENT INVESTIGATION

Goal

To design a system which makes the IOT devices secure and is implementable on all the exiting IOT devices.

Devices Used

- Raspberry Pi
- DHT11 Temperature Sensor
- Electrical Components
- Android Device

Protocol Used

Consider Device A and Device B.

1. Assign Device A and Device B unique IDs.
2. Store the ID of A in B and ID of B in A (Both devices know their ID).
3. Collect the data you want to send from Device A to Device B.
4. Encrypt the Data (we used AES for encryption). Encrypt the Key used to encrypt the data using the Device ID.
5. Send the encrypted Data over the Internet from A to B.
6. At B, Use the ID of A to decrypt the Key.
7. Use the Key to decrypt the data.
8. Data securely received.

About AES

AES is an encryption algorithm that is the most used algorithm in the cryptography world. The ciphers are of 128, 192 or 256 bits. The data block is of 128 bits. Currently it is been said that this AES algorithm cannot be broken if we use the current computing power also. It would take many years before this AES is decrypted. The features of AES are as follows:

- 128-bit data, 128/192/256-bit keys
- Stronger and faster than Triple-DES
- Provide full specification and design details
- Software implementable in C and Java

Each round in AES comprise of four sub-processes.

1. Byte Substitution
2. Shift Rows
3. Mix Columns
4. Add round key

Demonstration

For demonstrative purpose of our solution, we created a **Temperature Keeper** This device reads the temperature of the room at regular intervals and sends an alert Notification to user's mobile device whenever there is a major temperature change.

Components of Temperature Keeper

1. **Hardware:** Raspberry Pi DHT11 setup to scans temperature at regular interval and send an encrypted alert to the server whenever there was major change in temperature.
2. **Server:** This acts as a medium for contact between Hardware and Mobile App. We used Firebase for our project.
3. **Mobile App (User):** Mobile App receives the data from server and displays notification alert accordingly.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Firstly, we were able to take temperature from the temperature sensor and send it to the Firebase server with the help of Raspberry Pi. Before sending this data, we encrypted it thus making the communications between the respected IOT devices (Raspberry Pi and Android Phone) safe and secure. Then we took this from Firebase server to the android phone and decrypted it there using the same key and thus we were able to show it on the android device.

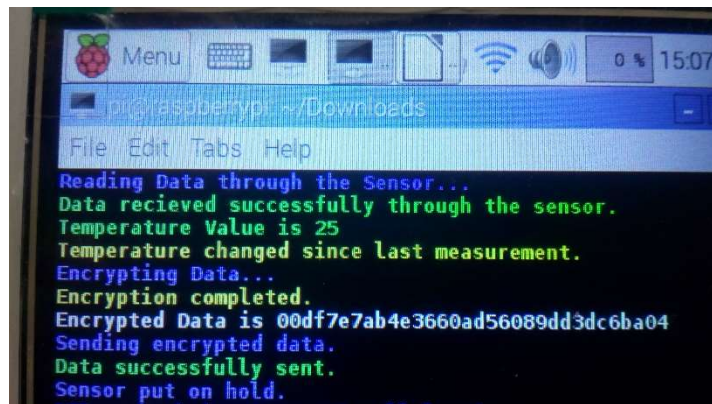


Figure 1: Showing the whole process happening on Device A.

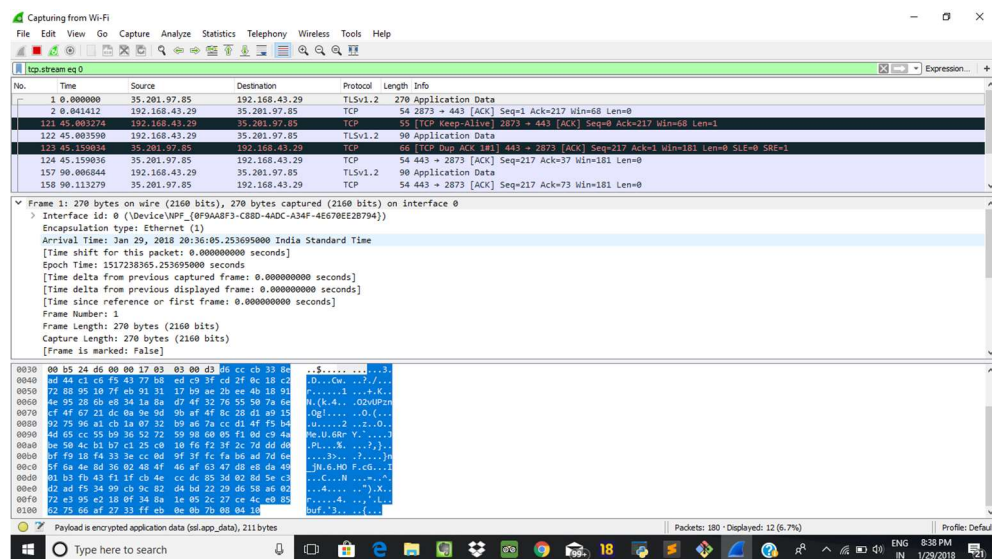


Figure 2: The packet that is sent is captured through Wireshark.

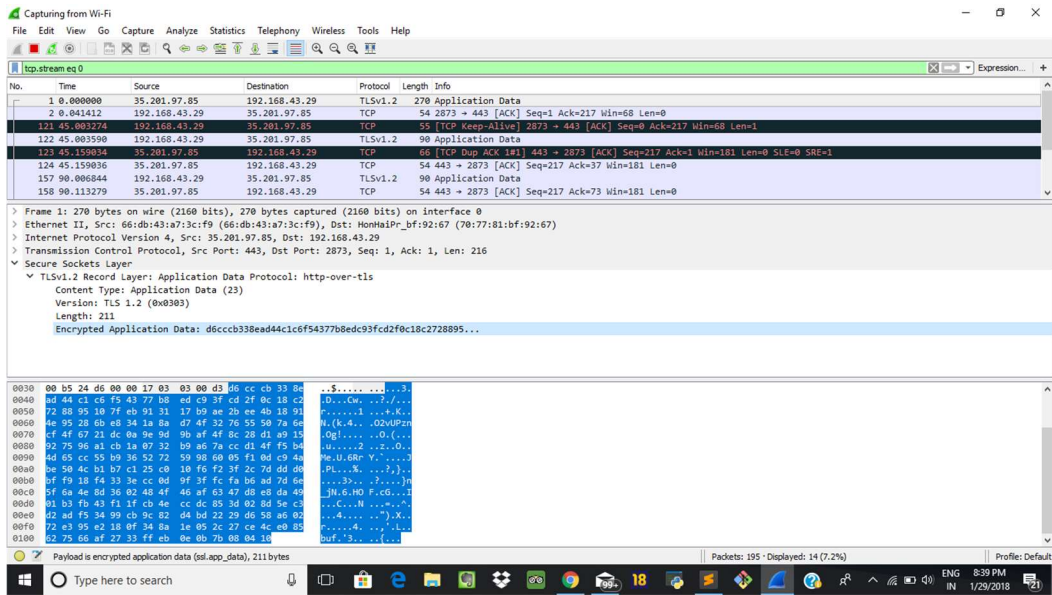


Figure 3: Packet that is intercepted has encrypted data.

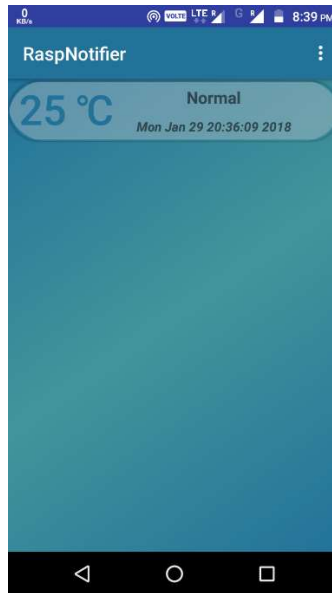


Figure 4: Data received successfully on Device B.

The recent DDoS attacks have shown that if the IOT devices do not required security then they can be very much vulnerable to future attacks too. Therefore, we took an example here and did the AES implementation for a temperature sensor. if this kind of device is used in a Server Room and if someone hacks into it and displays wrong information to the user then it can lead to very bad consequences. We can say this thing for other IOT devices too. In addition, there can be DDoS attacks too in which the computational power of these can be used to do hacking which can lead to very evident problems. In addition, if the IOT device is sending some confidential information then the hackers can read or even temper with this information and thus it can lead to disasters.

The main advantages of AES are:

- AES is more secure (it is less susceptible to cryptanalysis than TRIPLE-DES).
- AES supports larger key sizes than 3DES's 112 or 168 bits.
- AES is faster in both hardware and software.
- AES's 128-bit block size makes it less open to attacks.

Thus, we used AES since because of the fastness and security of the algorithm. We can encrypt the data in very less time and it does not require very less resources. Due to the way it has been designed, it is less open to the attacks. In addition, we can easily implement this algorithm in any of the major programming, which also makes it platform independent. It is currently widely used in various applications due to all of its features.

	Laptop	Mobile	Raspberry Pi
Test 1	0.0017	0.0035	0.0022
Test 2	0.0021	0.0032	0.0027
Test 3	0.002	0.0035	0.0025
Test 4	0.0018	0.0034	0.0022
Test 5	0.0018	0.0035	0.0023

Figure 5.1: AES Algorithm execution time in different devices

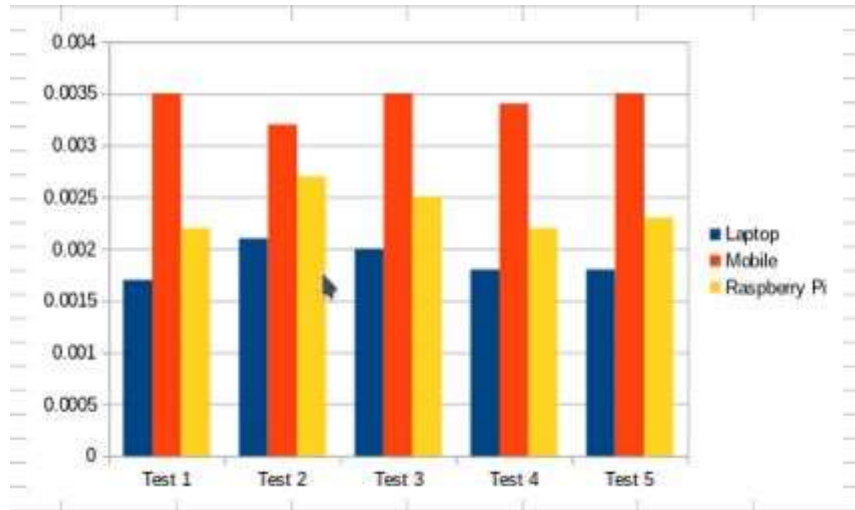


Figure 5.2: The graph depicting the table

CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE WORK

Therefore, we can say that by using AES we can make the use IOT devices safe. No hacker can decrypt AES encrypted text at the current moment and thus it is secure to transmit data on public networks too.

Future Work

We would like to:

- Incorporation of RSA (Rivest Shamir Adleman) Cryptosystem for secure transmission of Keys.
- Having Dynamic Device IDs rather than Static Device IDs in our protocol.
- Making the communication between devices two way.

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