CSE 5473 Project P5

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Implementation Document

**API / Libraries Used:**

The project was implemented using a variety of add-ons from the android library. The security portion of this was done using portions of the math, security and crypto libraries. These were used to implement the Diffie Hellman key exchange between the two devices once they were connected with either Wi-Fi or Bluetooth. The crypto libraries had specific DH packages to expedite the process. Security gave the ability to generate keys and key pairs necessary to verify a secure connection. Big integer was used in the calculations for the exchange.

The Bluetooth connection was created using several of the Bluetooth packages, including adapter and device (to use the phone’s own capabilities), as well as socket and socketServer to create a connection between the two phones. In a similar manner, Wi-Fi direct used several packages from net.wifi libraries. These were used to find networks and then connect the two devices to one another (through several p2p packages).

Several of the base packages such as os, widget, and view were used for the base part of the app to have a staring page that connects to others.

**Components:**

This application is divided into three sections, each with their different components. We have the code that is shared by the two different file transfer methods, the code used specifically for the Bluetooth transfer, and the code used specifically for the Wifi-direct transfer.

The Main Activity is shared by both programs and this activity grants the users the necessary permissions to perform the file transfers as well as allowing a user to select which file they want to use in the file transfer. The app pulls these files from the Downloads folder of the sender and will send the file to the Downloads folder of the receiver under the same name. File selection is optional, as the user could be the receiver. The File selection component is constructed using a spinner. The main activity also contains two buttons which allow the users to select either Wifi-Direct or Bluetooth as their method of file transfer.

Also among the shared code is the Diffie Hellman class which contains two different methods. As mentioned earlier, the components used to build this class came from specific DH packages within java’s crypto library as well as using key components from the java’s security library. The class has to different functions. The first function allows users to generate their specific public key part which they will share with the other transmitting the part over Bluetooth or Wifi-Direct. The second function takes the received public key from the other user and uses that with the information that they already know to generate a shared key. This shared key can then be used to encrypt and decrypt messages via a symmetric key algorithm. For our application, our chosen algorithm is AES.

The Bluetooth file sharing was performed in the SetUpBluetooth Activity utilizing the Bluetooth File Transfer class. The user is able to start this activity by selecting Bluetooth in the main activity. From here the user is presented with two buttons, file sender and file receiver. The file receiver begins the three way Bluetooth connection. It sets up a server thread called the AcceptThread to begin listening for connections. The file sender then attempts to connect to the receiver by obtaining their MAC Address through the Bluetooth discovery process and sets up a client thread called the ConnectThread which connects to the server thread. Once connected, both threads are closed, and two new ConnectedThreads are created. This thread allows the reading and writing of messages through Input and output streams. The reason for the separate thread is to prevent other users from attempting to connect to the server. From this stage we move to message transfer.

The message transfer for Bluetooth is set up in the current manner. First key parts of Diffie Hellman are exchanged over the connection. Then the shared key is composed by both users. Next, the sender will send the file name and file size to the receiver. Next, the sender encrypts the file using AES, then segment the file, and sends those segments to the receiver before terminating its end of the connection. The receiver then recomposes the file and decrypts the file using the shared key. The file is then saved on the receiver’s end. The thread should now close as the connection was terminated by the sender.

**Bugs / Security Holes / Omissions:**

An adversary can perform a man-in-the-middle attack on the Bluetooth transfer by pairing with the receiver or sender ahead of time. A prompt allowing users to explicitly select which MAC address they want to pair with also increases the risk of a man-in-the-middle attack. It is recommended to pair ahead of time with the desired device outside of the application to avoid this issue. The file name and file size are not encrypted. If one intercepts the file size and changes it, they could interrupt the file transfer.