

Project-2

RPL Attacks

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Attack:

RPL is a routing protocol for low-power and lossy constrained node networks. It creates a tree-like routing topology called the destination-oriented directed acyclic graph (DODAG), which is in the direction towards one or more nodes known as root node or sink node. RPL protocols are used with resource constraint nodes.

- **DODAG Information Object (DIO):** it stores information including rank of a node, RPL Instance, the IPv6 address of the root or sink and so on.
- **Destination Advertisement Object (DAO):** it consists of information that can be used for downward traffic towards child nodes.
- **DODAG Information Solicitation (DIS):** Used by nodes to request graph related information from the neighboring nodes.
- **Destination Advertisement Object Acknowledgement (DAOACK):** Sent by a DAO recipient in response to a DAO message.

Whenever a new node enters into a RPL network, it starts sending a DIS message to all nodes and waits for DIO message to be received which contains details regarding node ID and objective code point. The DIO messages are broadcasted at particular intervals based on the trickle algorithm. The node on receiving the info, calculates the rank and based on that it selects a parent. To send a message downwards, node should send a DAO message containing the routable fixes up the tree. To prevent the loops, RPL does not allow the data going in down direction and sent from a descendant. RPL uses two header options which are flow direction (O) and rank error (R). Rank error is a flag set when there is a mismatch in the rank of sender and direction of flow.

When a malicious node is introduced into the network, it can manipulate the header-options used by RPL to track DODAG. Once the header-options are manipulated, the malicious node can cause denial of service attacks, drain power from nodes and also can target certain nodes by creating black hole.

DODAG attack using fit IoT lab

Here we have implemented a flood attack on a real testbed using the m3 node (at86rf231) at site=grenoble. We flashed 1 up-UDP-server and 3 RPL-UDP-clients. Here we have considered a flooding attack. The power consumption is shown in the figure. We modify the DIS-related code to define multiple DIS constants which causes the node to send DIS messages repeatedly.

We also modify the timers to send the multiple DIS messages. We start a serial -aggregator and power consumption monitor which is used to capture the packets and also measure the power consumed at each node.

Process

1. Implementation of Flooding Attack (DDOAG attack)

Created 4 nodes with grenoble m3

Schedule

54 hours, as soon as possible

Nodes

4

Select by

node properties

host name / map

node id

Select an architecture, site and quantity.

M3 (At86rf231)




Grenoble

4

+ Add to experiment

4 nodes selected: [clear all](#)

m3 (at86rf231) @ grenoble x 4

Summary

Your experiment on 4 nodes is set to start as soon as possible for 54 hours.

Submit experiment

Compile firmware for target iotlab-m3

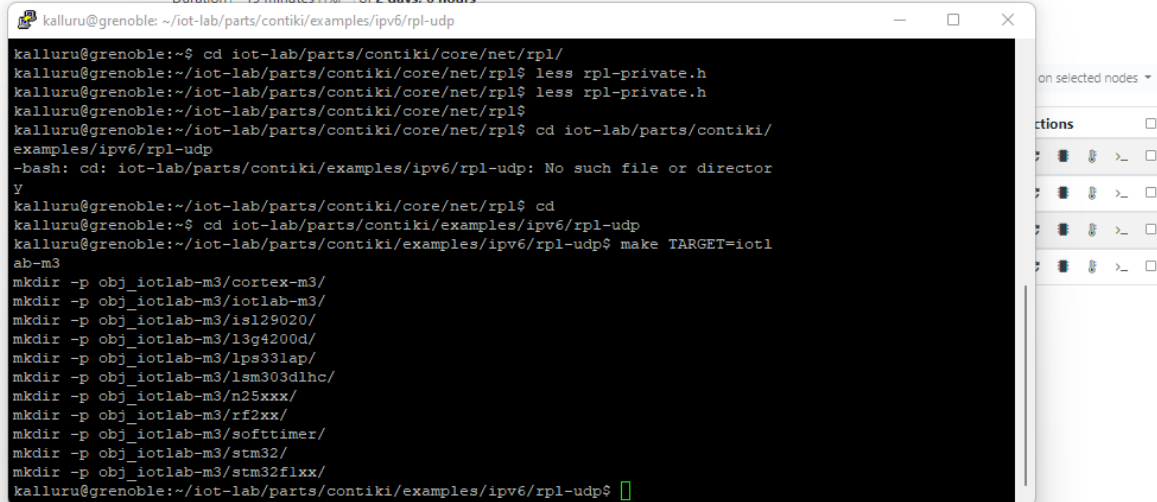
Experiment floodingAttack #316244

User kalluru

Submitted 2022-05-12 14:38:35

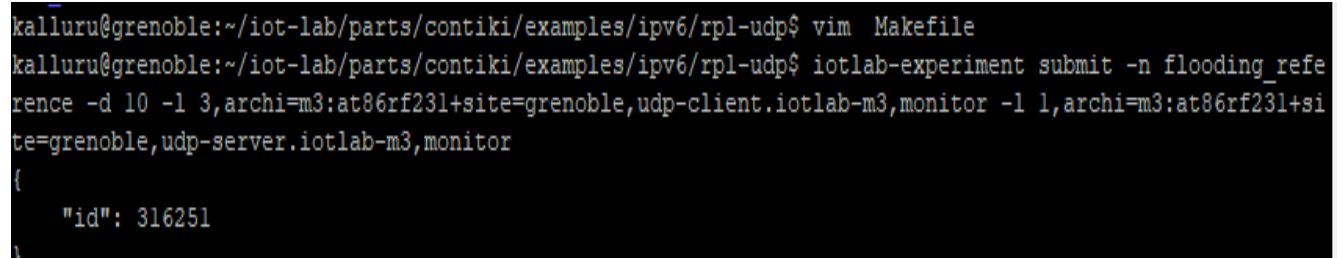
Started 2022-05-12 14:38:37

Duration 19 minutes (1%) of 2 days, 6 hours



```
kalluru@grenoble: ~/iot-lab/parts/contiki/examples/ipv6/rpl-udp
kalluru@grenoble:~$ cd iot-lab/parts/contiki/core/net/rpl/
kalluru@grenoble:~/iot-lab/parts/contiki/core/net/rpl$ less rpl-private.h
kalluru@grenoble:~/iot-lab/parts/contiki/core/net/rpl$ less rpl-private.h
kalluru@grenoble:~/iot-lab/parts/contiki/core/net/rpl$ cd iot-lab/parts/contiki/
examples/ipv6/rpl-udp
-bash: cd: iot-lab/parts/contiki/examples/ipv6/rpl-udp: No such file or director
y
kalluru@grenoble:~/iot-lab/parts/contiki/core/net/rpl$ cd
kalluru@grenoble:~$ cd iot-lab/parts/contiki/examples/ipv6/rpl-udp
kalluru@grenoble:~/iot-lab/parts/contiki/examples/ipv6/rpl-udp$ make TARGET=iotl
ab-m3
mkdir -p obj_iotlab-m3/cortex-m3/
mkdir -p obj_iotlab-m3/iotlab-m3/
mkdir -p obj_iotlab-m3/isl29020/
mkdir -p obj_iotlab-m3/l3g4200d/
mkdir -p obj_iotlab-m3/lps33lap/
mkdir -p obj_iotlab-m3/lsm303dlhc/
mkdir -p obj_iotlab-m3/n25xxx/
mkdir -p obj_iotlab-m3/rf2xxx/
mkdir -p obj_iotlab-m3/softtimer/
mkdir -p obj_iotlab-m3/stm32/
mkdir -p obj_iotlab-m3/stm32flxx/
kalluru@grenoble:~/iot-lab/parts/contiki/examples/ipv6/rpl-udp$
```

Consumption monitoring



```
kalluru@grenoble:~/iot-lab/parts/contiki/examples/ipv6/rpl-udp$ vim Makefile
kalluru@grenoble:~/iot-lab/parts/contiki/examples/ipv6/rpl-udp$ iotlab-experiment submit -n flooding_refer
ence -d 10 -l 3,archi=m3:at86rf231+site=grenoble,udp-client.iotlab-m3,monitor -l 1,archi=m3:at86rf231+si
te=grenoble,udp-server.iotlab-m3,monitor
{
  "id": 316251
}
```

iotlab-experiment get -i 316251 -ri to check the nodes

```
kalluru@grenoble:~/iot-lab/parts/contiki/examples/ipv6/rpl-udp$ iotlab-experiment get -i 316251 -ri
sys:1: DeprecationWarning: resources-id command is deprecated and will be removed in next release. Please
use nodes-ids instead.

{
  "items": [
    {
      "grenoble": {
        "m3": "102-105"
      }
    }
  ]
}
kalluru@grenoble:~/iot-lab/parts/contiki/examples/ipv6/rpl-udp$
```

Measured consumption data is shown below without running the flood attack (m3-102)

```
kalluru@grenoble:~/iot-lab/parts/contiki/examples/ipv6/rpl-udp$ less ~/.iot-lab/316251/consumption/m3_102
.oml
protocol: 5
domain: 316251
start-time: 1652385679
sender-id: m3_102
app-name: control_node_measures
schema: 0 _experiment_metadata subject:string key:string value:string
schema: 1 control_node_measures_consumption timestamp_s:uint32 timestamp_us:uint32 power:double voltage:double current:double
content: text

10.580925      1      1      1652385688      652591 0.125802      3.258750      0.038581
10.581114      1      2      1652385688      717677 0.125802      3.258750      0.038591
10.581170      1      3      1652385688      782764 0.125924      3.258750      0.038610
10.581218      1      4      1652385688      847820 0.125679      3.258750      0.038556
10.581266      1      5      1652385688      912906 0.125924      3.258750      0.038620
10.581313      1      6      1652385688      977992 0.126046      3.258750      0.038688
10.581359      1      7      1652385689      43048  0.126290      3.258750      0.038757
10.581406      1      8      1652385689      108135 0.126412      3.258750      0.038776
10.581453      1      9      1652385689      173221 0.126412      3.258750      0.038825
10.581500      1     10      1652385689      238308 0.126656      3.258750      0.038864
10.581546      1     11      1652385689      303364 0.139481      3.253750      0.042895
10.581593      1     12      1652385689      368450 0.165008      3.246250      0.050829
10.581639      1     13      1652385689      433537 0.165130      3.246250      0.050834
10.581686      1     14      1652385689      498623 0.165130      3.247500      0.050853
10.581733      1     15      1652385689      563709 0.165252      3.247500      0.050873
11.556946      1     16      1652385689      628765 0.165252      3.247500      0.050907
11.557117      1     17      1652385689      693852 0.165252      3.247500      0.050902
11.557175      1     18      1652385689      758938 0.165496      3.246250      0.050975
11.557224      1     19      1652385689      824025 0.165740      3.246250      0.051024
11.557271      1     20      1652385689      889081 0.165863      3.246250      0.051063
11.557317      1     21      1652385689      954167 0.165863      3.246250      0.051097
11.557364      1     22      1652385690      19254  0.165985      3.246250      0.051132
11.557410      1     23      1652385690      84340  0.166107      3.246250      0.051151
11.557456      1     24      1652385690      149396 0.166351      3.246250      0.051200
11.557503      1     25      1652385690      214482 0.166351      3.246250      0.051234
```

Compile the firmware for flooding attack code

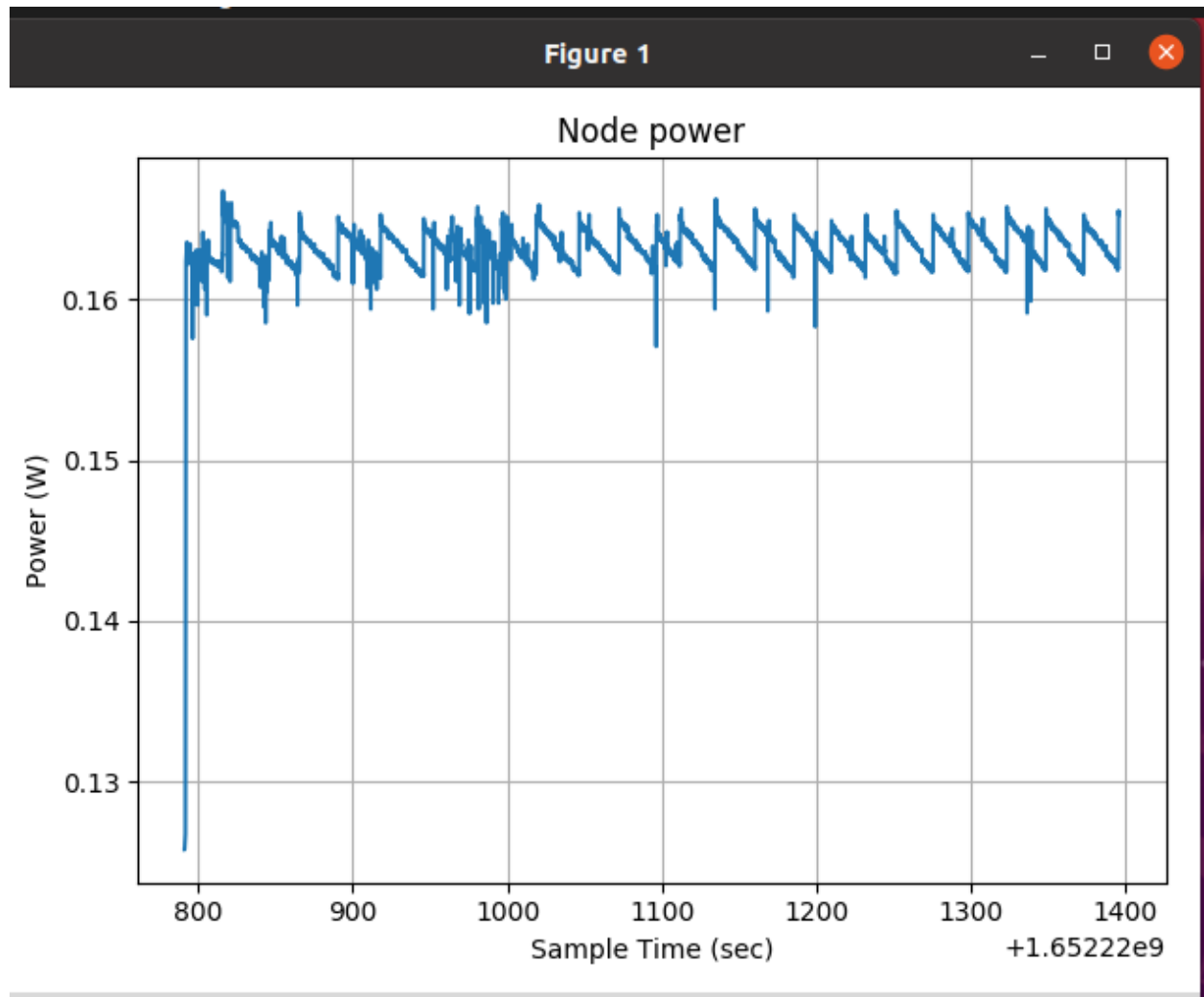
```
kalluru@grenoble:~/iot-lab/parts/contiki/examples/ipv6/rpl-udp$ make TARGET=iotlab-m3
mkdir -p obj_iotlab-m3/cortex-m3/
mkdir -p obj_iotlab-m3/iotlab-m3/
mkdir -p obj_iotlab-m3/isl29020/
mkdir -p obj_iotlab-m3/l3g4200d/
mkdir -p obj_iotlab-m3/lps331ap/
mkdir -p obj_iotlab-m3/lsm303dlhc/
mkdir -p obj_iotlab-m3/n25xxx/
mkdir -p obj_iotlab-m3/rf2xx/
mkdir -p obj_iotlab-m3/softtimer/
mkdir -p obj_iotlab-m3/stm32/
mkdir -p obj_iotlab-m3/stm32f1xx/
CC ../../core/net/ipv6/uiplib.c
In file included from ../../core/net/ipv6/uiplib.c:85:0:
../../core/net/rpl/rpl-private.h:273:0: warning: "RPL_DIS_INTERVAL" redefined
#define RPL_DIS_INTERVAL 0
^
```

Create the experiment by flashing with malicious nodes with flooding attack

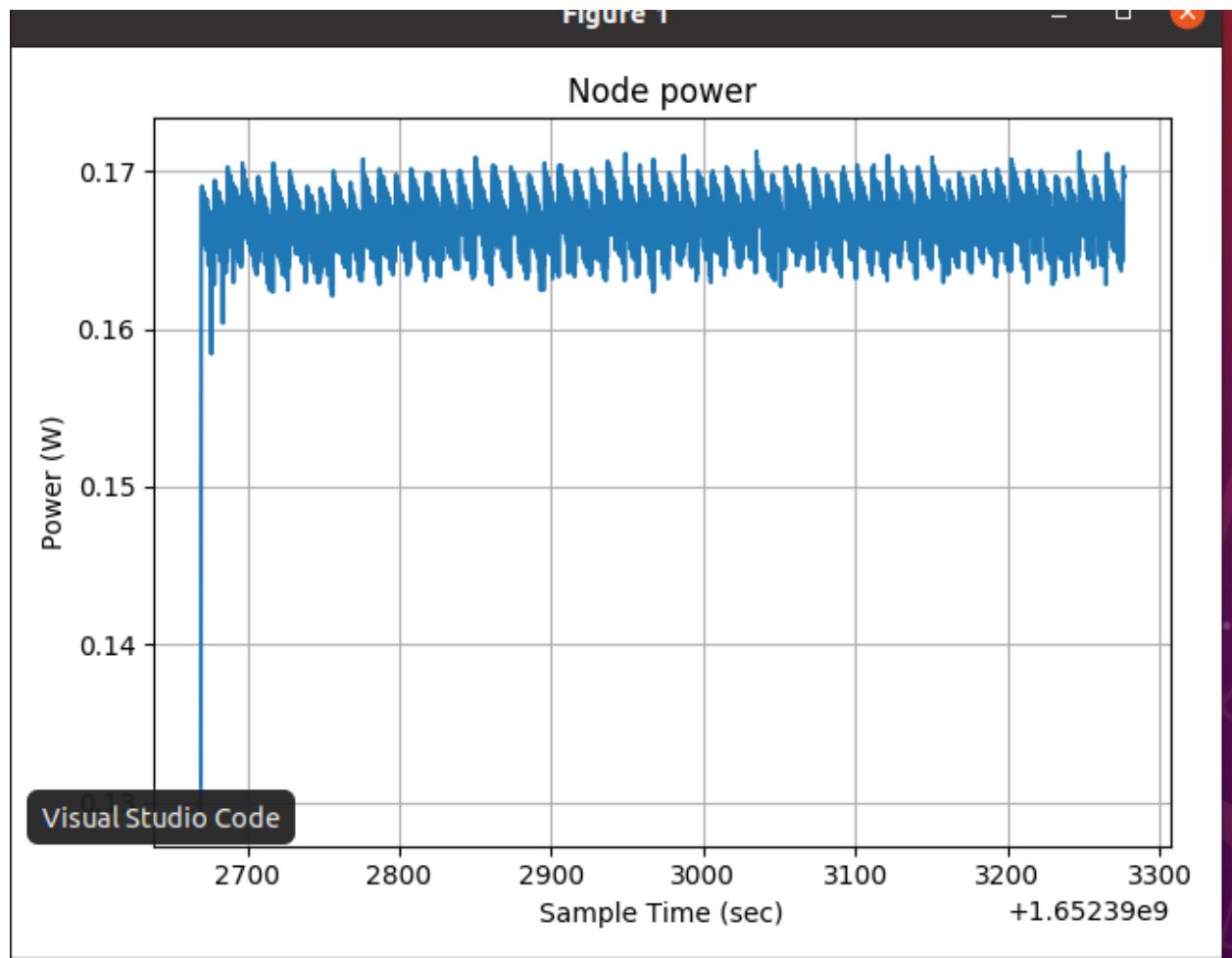
```
rm udp-client.co udp-server.co
kalluru@grenoble:~/iot-lab/parts/contiki/examples/ipv6/rpl-udp$ iotlab-experiment submit -n flooding_attack -d 10 -l 3,archi=m3:at86rf231+site=grenoble,udp-client.iotlab-m3,monitor -l 1,archi=m3:at86rf231+site=grenoble,udp-server.iotlab-m3,monitor
{
  "id": 316269
}
kalluru@grenoble:~/iot-lab/parts/contiki/examples/ipv6/rpl-udp$
```

RESULTS

Before Intrusion power consumed by node:



When the graph is plotted for one of the nodes we observe that power consumption has been increased



The below output shows the various datapackets captured by monitoring

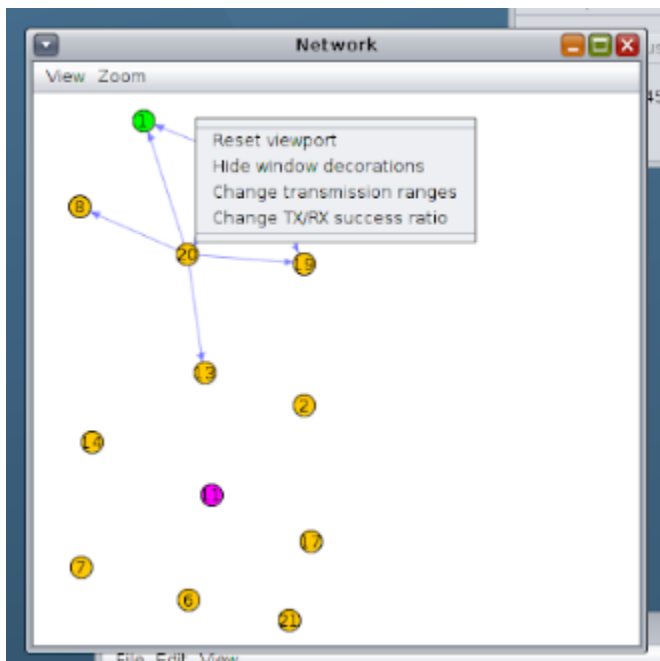
2. DoDAG/Blackhole attack using Contiki and cooja simulator(by modifying ranks and flow of direction of packets)

Process:

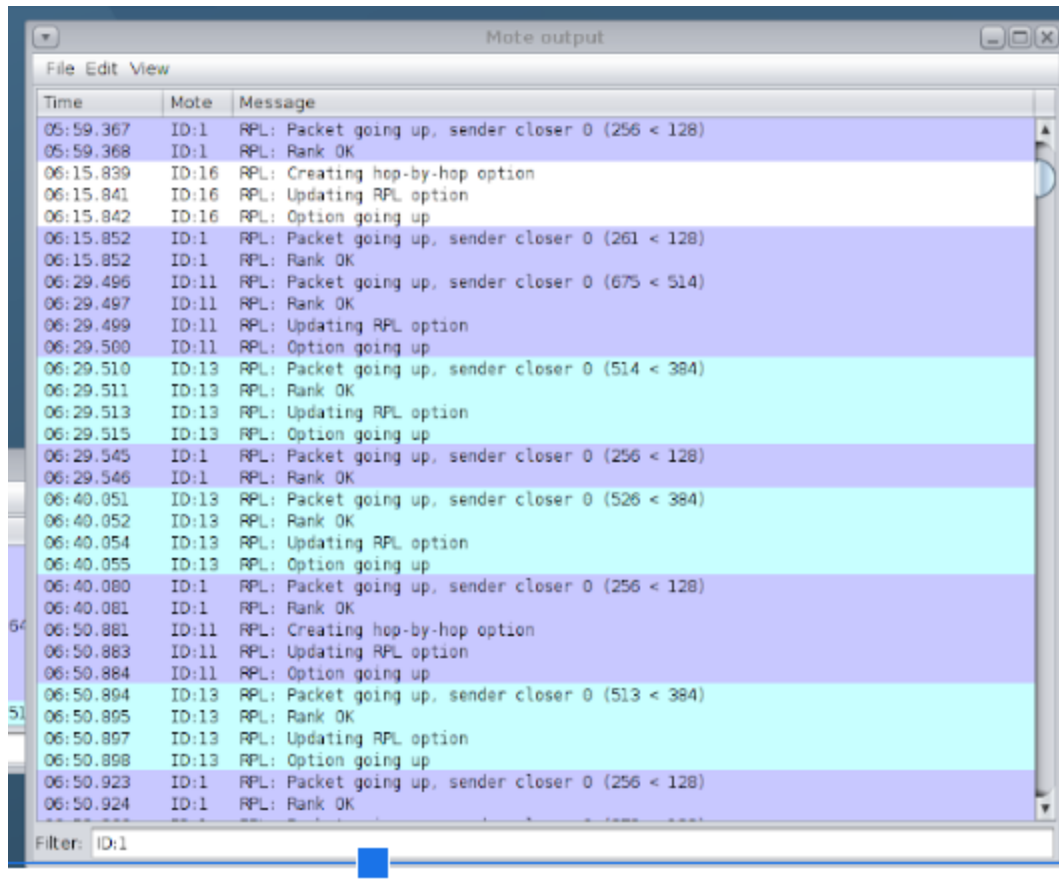
:

We created a network of 11 nodes out of which one is an intrusion udp server and others are udp clients. In this particular scenario, the intrusion node tries to attack the parent by transmitting packets that have both the O and R flag set. When this happens, the parent node drops the packet which leads to trickle timer being reset. Due to this, control messages are broadcasted more commonly which causes loss of packets. All this can be observed in the packets captured

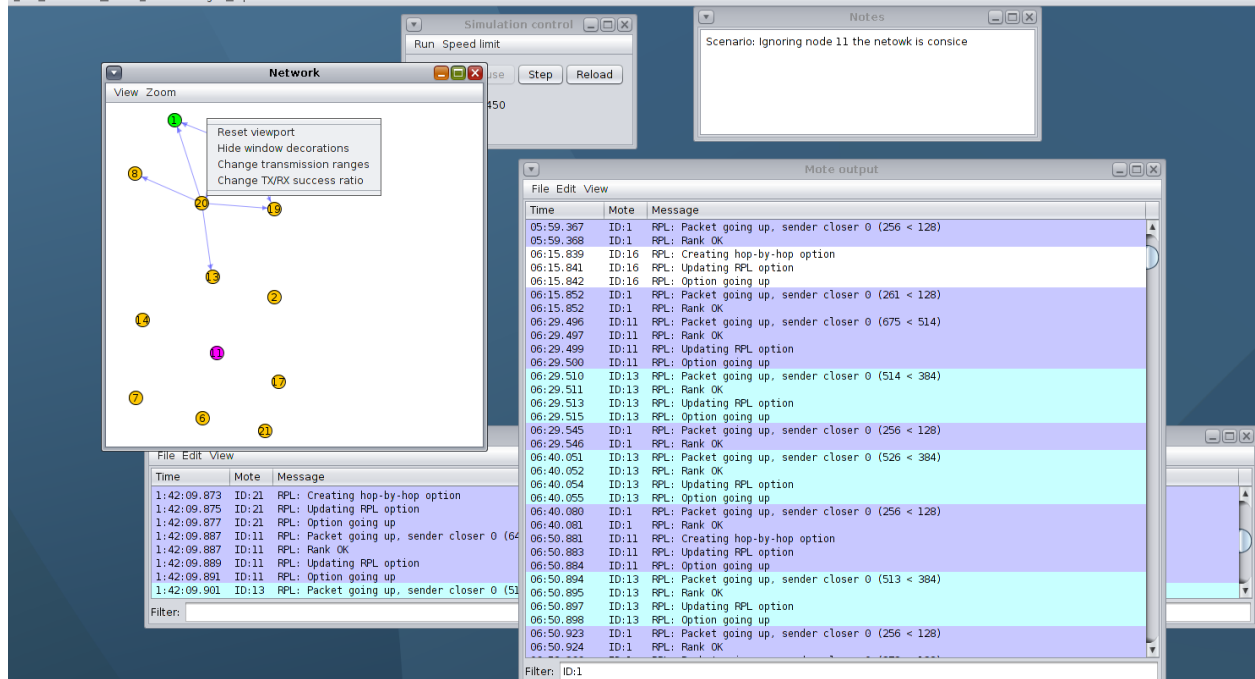
Blue node indicates the sink node and 1 is the intrusion node



Packets captured are shown below



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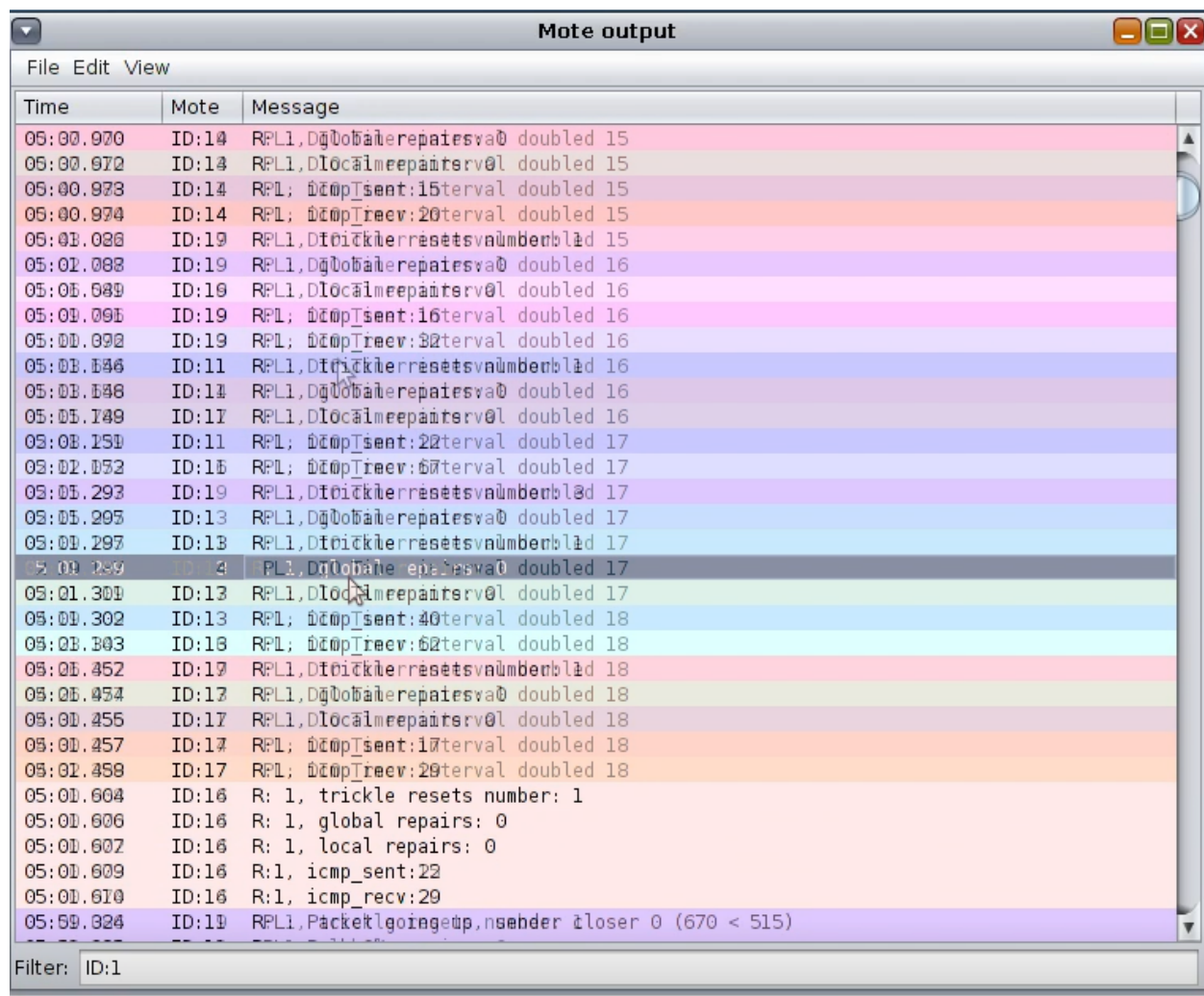
DEFENCE:

Coming to mitigation we had used a algorithm where whenever we are receiving the packet with inconsistency with o set and R set , the packet is dropped ,but the trickle timer is not reset . But we set up a threshold to prevent the trickle timer from resetting.

```
if (O = 1 and ri < rj ) or (O = 0 and ri > rj ) then if R = 1
then count + +
drop(packet)
if count < threshold then
    Reset timer
```

In future,

We can use a controller to verify the nodes for a lot of attacks. One scenario is that , the intrusion node is detected using kMeans algorithm. The node network is organised in such a way that the intrusion nodes donot have child nodes.



Time	Mote	Message
05:00.970	ID:14	RPL,DgDoBailerepairsva0 doubled 15
05:00.972	ID:14	RPL,DlOcalmeepainterv0l doubled 15
05:00.973	ID:14	RPL; DdOpTsent:15terval doubled 15
05:00.974	ID:14	RPL; DdOpTrecv:20terval doubled 15
05:01.088	ID:19	RPL,DlOcalmeepainterv0l doubled 15
05:01.088	ID:19	RPL,DgDoBailerepairsva0 doubled 16
05:01.089	ID:19	RPL,DlOcalmeepainterv0l doubled 16
05:01.091	ID:19	RPL; DdOpTsent:16terval doubled 16
05:01.092	ID:19	RPL; DdOpTrecv:32terval doubled 16
05:01.146	ID:11	RPL,DlOcalmeepainterv0l doubled 16
05:01.148	ID:14	RPL,DgDoBailerepairsva0 doubled 16
05:01.149	ID:17	RPL,DlOcalmeepainterv0l doubled 16
05:01.151	ID:11	RPL; DdOpTsent:22terval doubled 17
05:01.152	ID:16	RPL; DdOpTrecv:67terval doubled 17
05:01.293	ID:19	RPL,DlOcalmeepainterv0l doubled 17
05:01.295	ID:13	RPL,DgDoBailerepairsva0 doubled 17
05:01.297	ID:13	RPL,DlOcalmeepainterv0l doubled 17
05:01.299	ID:13	RPL,DgDoBailerepairsva0 doubled 17
05:01.301	ID:13	RPL,DlOcalmeepainterv0l doubled 17
05:01.302	ID:13	RPL; DdOpTsent:40terval doubled 18
05:01.303	ID:18	RPL; DdOpTrecv:62terval doubled 18
05:01.452	ID:17	RPL,DlOcalmeepainterv0l doubled 18
05:01.454	ID:17	RPL,DgDoBailerepairsva0 doubled 18
05:01.455	ID:17	RPL,DlOcalmeepainterv0l doubled 18
05:01.457	ID:17	RPL; DdOpTsent:17terval doubled 18
05:01.458	ID:17	RPL; DdOpTrecv:29terval doubled 18
05:01.604	ID:16	R: 1, trickle resets number: 1
05:01.606	ID:16	R: 1, global repairs: 0
05:01.607	ID:16	R: 1, local repairs: 0
05:01.609	ID:16	R:1, icmp_sent:22
05:01.610	ID:16	R:1, icmp_recv:29
05:59.024	ID:11	RPL,Packetgoingdrop,nsender closer 0 (670 < 515)

Filter: ID:1

Challenges and Interesting aspects

We had a interesting experience when searching for the attacks. The fit iot lab provides an enriched way of accessing various parameters. Using instant contiki we had a lot of dependency issues when running programs . What we find interesting is that the references in paper are easily available but the actual baseline implementations are very scarce from our perspective. The topic related to rpl routing is vey interesting.

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