

# A Secure Authentication Protocol for Vehicular Ad-Hoc Networks

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**Abstract**—The recent developments in industry of vehicles and technology based on wireless communication, has led to tremendous progress in vehicular ad-hoc networks. Using the Wireless Sensor Networks (WSNs), the user can get a lot of traffic information like traffic congestion, average speed of vehicles on road, accidents if any occurred, etc. by the network. But these networks also become vulnerable if proper security mechanisms are not put into place. The prime motive behind taking up this project was to try and contribute in the development of such security protocol so that no one can illegally interfere with these networks. Many different security authentication protocols have been made previously but they suffer from one or the other disadvantage. After detailed and thorough reading and analysis of these protocols and their shortcomings, effort has been made to devise a better protocol from these existing ones.

Further, the proposed scheme has been simulated using the widely used “Automated Validation of Internet Security Protocols and Applications” (AVISPA) tool. It makes sure that the protocol is safe from the active and passive attacks and also prevents the replay, man-in-the-middle attacks and various other kinds of attacks. The complete security analysis of the protocol has been done in the presented paper. Also the performance evaluation done on the proposed scheme shows that the given protocol is extremely secure and also has a better complexity in terms of communication cost, estimated time and computation cost.

**Keywords**—Authentication, AVISPA, VANETs, Security, SHA.

## I. INTRODUCTION

### A. Vehicular Ad-hoc Networks (VANETs)

VANETs use vehicles as mobile nodes and could be defined as a subdivision of mobile ad hoc networks (MANETs) which provide communication channel between mobile vehicles and the roadside units (RSUs) but also differ largely from different networks because of their own unique characteristics like dynamicity. If the necessary details about

the road is known, future position of a vehicle could be predicted. In broad sense it could be said that the network is dynamic in terms of time and space.

### B. Security

Security in streets has become a serious issue for authorities and vehicle manufacturers in the recent decades. The total number of vehicles in the world has risen tremendously, thus increasing the activities in the network and creating more unwanted happenings. Thus being affected by this situation, the industries involved in car manufacturing and telecommunication businesses have begun attaching wireless devices to vehicles for interconnection. Communication between cars or the roadside units helps in improving driving safety and exchanging traffic information. Providing security and privacy has come out as the two major challenges within the infrastructure of VANETs. Authentication between all the different parties is required but in contrast, no one wants to reveal his/her real. One may send some wrong messages or pretend like others to send messages. The aim/goal of VANET includes auto crash prevention, more secure streets and clog decrease etc.

### C. Our Contribution

The main contributions are:

- It has been shown that the existing protocol suffer from many shortcomings which we have tried to overcome in our protocol.
- The protocol is verified using the AVISPA tool and thus shown that it successfully mutually authenticates the various components namely the user, sink and the vehicle sensor.

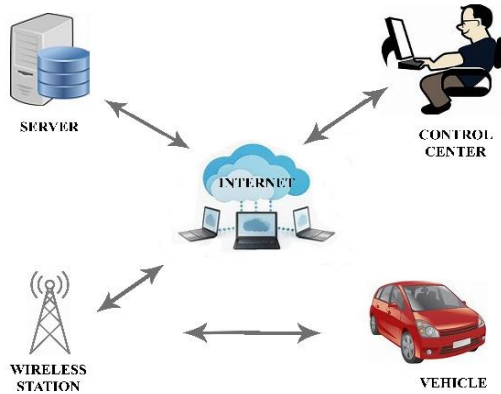


Fig 1 - Network Model of VANETs

## II. RELATED STUDY

In the field of security and secrecy in ad hoc networks a number of research works have been done by a lot of researches and numerous protocols have been proposed. In the authentication protocol proposed by Amin and Biswas[26], three phases:- registration, login and authentication phase are present for their VANET. It has been found out that their scheme is prone to different kinds of attacks such as unauthorized message access attacks, smart access card stolen attack, replay attack etc. The registration message that has been generated in the previous phases is being left without taking any security measures. If some unauthorized person tries to access that RM through the insecure channel, then most probably he gets succeeded in doing so as the registration message is not secured.

He and Xu together proposed a scheme for VANETs [3] that is based on identities and is very efficient. Elliptic Curve Cryptography(ECC) is the main base for their ID based scheme. A point O generates an additive group H of order q on a elliptical curve D:  $y^2 - x^3 + ux + v \mod p$  that is non-singular. p,q are two prime numbers of 160 bit each and u,v belongs to  $Z * p$ . This Elliptic Curve Cryptography approach is very difficult to use and so a better, simple and more secured authentication protocol is to be proposed. This has been done in the proposed scheme. A sound and effective scheme has been proposed by Islam, Obaidat and Reddy [6]. It is a privacy preserving scheme based on passwords. They found out that the protocols that are implemented using elliptic curve or the bilinear pairing are very time consuming. A hash function has less execution time and is less costly when compared to the costs of numerous operations of elliptical curves. To overcome all these existing attacks they proposed a robust CPPA protocol. But the same registration message security is not considered in this protocol.

This research paper introduces a secure mechanism for wireless networks in VANETs to solve these drawbacks. Research papers done by Chandrakar and Om on cryptanalysis [7-19] are referred for necessary information.

## III. PROPOSED SCHEME – ALGORITHM FOR VANETS

### A. Smart Access Card (SAC) Generation & Registration phase:

- 1) User has – a) UID  
b) PWD
  - 2) User generates a random nonce  $RN_u$  by user using random number generator function.
  - 3) After this, the user calculates the hash values of UID and PWD as HUID and HPWD by appending each with  $RN_u$  and hashing them using SHA (Secured Hashing algorithm) :-  
 $HUID = h(UID || RN_u)$   
 $HPWD = h(PWD || RN_u) \rightarrow \text{Phase 1}$
  - 4) Send **<HUID, HPWD>** to sink node through a secured channel.
  - 5) Now at the sink node, a random nonce  $RN_s$  is generated using the random number generator function.
  - 6) Concatenate both HUID and HPWD with  $RN_s$  and hash with SHA to produce the Registration message RM :-  
 $RM = h(HUID || HPWD || RN_s)$
  - 7) Calculate the value SN by hashing concatenation of  $K_s$  and HPWD (sink node key):-  
 $SN = h(K_s) \oplus h(HPWD) \oplus h(RN_s) \rightarrow \text{Phase 2}$
  - 8) Store the values SN, RM,  $RN_s$  from phase 2 in the highly secured Smart Access Card (SAC).
  - 9) SAC is delivered to the Registered User.
  - 10) The user then computes  $HN_u$  on his own by using his UID, PWD and  $RN_u$  that are only known to him :-  
 $HN_u = h(UID || PWD) \oplus RN_u$
  - 11) Store  $HN_u$  in SAC  $\rightarrow \text{Phase 3}$
- Registration phase completed -----  
 Output: - User registration successful.  
 SAC contains details of SN, RM,  $RN_s$ ,  $HN_u$ .  
 User possesses SAC.

### Explanation:

User has his own unique User-ID UID and password PWD. It generates a random nonce  $RN_u$  for user using rand function. In the first phase it calculates hash values of UID and PWD as HUID and HPWD by appending each with  $RN_u$  and hashing them using SHA (Secured Hashing algorithm). Then a random nonce  $RN_s$  for sink using rand function is generated.

Both HUID and HPWD are concatenated with  $RN_s$  and hashed with SHA to produce the Registration message RM. After this, the value SN is calculated by hashing concatenation of  $K_s$  and HPWD (sink node key). Then the sink node stores the values of SN, RM,  $RN_s$  from phase 2 in the highly secured

Smart Access Card (SAC) and deliver it to the registered user. The user then computes  $HN_u$  on his own by using his UID, PWD and  $RN_u$  that are only known to him. This  $HN_u$  is also stored in the SAC. With this the registration of the user gets completed successfully and he has the SAC with the details of SN, RM,  $RN_s$ ,  $HN_u$ .

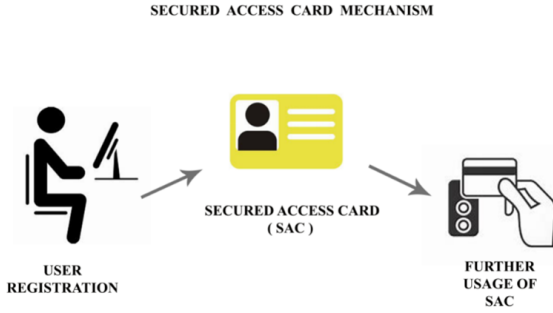


Fig 2 - Smart Card Mechanism

### B. Login phase

- 1) User enters – a)  $UID^e$   
b)  $PWD^e$
- 2) The random nonce  $RN_u$  for user is recalculated using  $UID^e$ ,  $PWD^e$  and  $HN_u$  (stored in SAC) :-  
 $RN_u = h(UID \parallel PWD) \oplus HN_u$
- 3) Now the user calculate  $HUID^e$  and  $HPWD^e$  by appending  $UID^e$  and  $PWD^e$  with  $RN_u$  and hashing them using SHA (Secured Hashing algorithm) :-  
 $HUID^e = h(UID^e \parallel RN_u)$   
 $HPWD^e = h(PWD^e \parallel RN_u)$
- 4) User concatenates both  $HUID_e$  and  $HPWD_e$  with  $RN_s$  and hash with SHA to produce the Registration message  $RM_e$ .  
 $RM_e = h(HUID \parallel HPWD \parallel RN_s)$
- 5) User checks whether  $RM = RM_e$ ?
- 6) User calculates  $M_{ts}$  by hashing concatenation of values SN, RM and  $UN_u$  :-  
 $M_{ts} = h(SN \parallel RM \parallel UN_u)$
- 7) User then calculates  $P_1$  by XORing the value of SN with  $UN_u$ :-  
 $P_1 = SN \oplus UN_u$
- 8) Calculates  $P_2$  by XORing hash value of  $ID_k$  (Identity of Kth vehicle sensor) and hash value of concatenation SN and  $P_1$  :-  
 $P_2 = ID_k \oplus h(SN \parallel P_1)$
- 9) Calculates  $P_3$  by XORing value RM and  $RN_s$  :-  
 $P_3 = RM \oplus UN_u$
- 10) Send  $M_{ts}$ ,  $P_1$ ,  $P_2$  and  $P_3$  via insecure channel to sink node.

#### Explanation:

After the completion of registration phase, the user can login to the system to access the network. In the login phase the user enters his User-Id UID and Password PWD. Random nonce  $RN_u$  for user is recalculated using  $UID^e$ ,  $PWD^e$  and  $HN_u$  that are stored in SAC. Now  $HUID^e$  and  $HPWD^e$  are calculated by appending  $UID^e$  and  $PWD^e$  with  $RN_u$  and

hashing them using Secured Hashing Algorithm. Concatenate both  $HUID^e$  and  $HPWD^e$  with  $RN_s$  and hash with SHA to produce the Registration message  $RM^e$ . Now, the registration message RM is checked whether it is equal to the previous Registration Message RM. If they both match then the further process is continued or else it is discarded and prevented from doing further process. Then generate a random nonce  $N_u$  and calculate  $M_{ts}$  by hashing concatenation of values SN, RM and  $N_u$ . Calculate  $P_2$  by XORing hash value of  $ID_j$  (Identity of  $J^{th}$  sink node) and hash value of concatenation SN and  $P_1$ . Then calculate  $P_3$  by XORing values of RM and  $UN_u$ . Finally all the values  $M_{ts}$ ,  $P_1$ ,  $P_2$ ,  $P_3$  are sent via insecure channel to sink node. With this the login phase is completed and the most important authentication phase to establish a session starts.

### C. Authentication Phase- 1(In sink node)

Authentication phase starts right after the completion of login phase. This phase takes place in three important sub-phases. The authentication phase 1 takes place at Sink node. All the authentication requirements at this phase are dealt here.

- 1) Calculate  $UN_u$  by XORing  $SN^e$  and  $P_1$  :-  
 $UN_u^e = SN^e \oplus P_1$
- 2) Calculate  $ID_k$  by XORing  $P_2$  with hash value of concatenation SN and  $P_1$  :-  
 $ID_k = P_2 \oplus h(SN^e \parallel P_1)$
- 3) Calculate  $RM^e$  by XORing  $P_3$  with  $UN_u^e$  :-  
 $RM^e = P_3 \oplus UN_u^e$
- 4) Calculate  $M_{ts}^e$  by hashing concatenation of values  $SN^e$ , RM and  $UN_u^e$  :-  
 $M_{ts}^e = h(SN^e \parallel RM^e \parallel N_u^e)$
- 5) Check whether  $M_{ts} = M_{ts}^e$  ?
- 6) Generate a random nonce  $N_j$ .
- 7) Calculate  $X_k^*$  by hashing concatenation of  $ID_k$  and  $K_s$   
 $X_k^* = h(ID_k \parallel K_s)$
- 8) Calculate  $M_{sv}$  by hashing concatenation of values  $ID_j$ ,  $N_j$ ,  $X_k^*$  and  $ID_k$  (Identity of  $K^{th}$  user) :-  
 $M_{sv} = h(ID_j \parallel N_j \parallel X_k^* \parallel ID_k)$
- 9) Calculate  $D_1$  by XORing  $N_j$  and hash value of  $ID_i$  :-  
 $D_1 = N_j \oplus h(ID_k)$
- 10) Calculate  $D_2$  by XORing  $ID_k$  and hash value of  $ID_i$  :-  
 $D_2 = ID_j \oplus ID_k$
- 11) Send  $M_{sv}$ ,  $D_1$ ,  $D_2$  via insecure channel to vehicle sensor.

In the sink node,  $N_u$  is calculated by XORing  $SN^e$  and  $P_1$ . In the same way calculate  $ID_k$  by XORing  $P_2$  with hash value of concatenation SN and  $P_1$  and then calculate  $RM^e$  by XORing  $P_3$  with  $UN_u^e$ . Also calculate  $M_{ts}^e$  by hashing concatenation of values  $SN^e$ , RM and  $UN_u^e$ . Now check whether  $M_{ts}^e$  generated here is equal to that original message.

If yes, then proceed to the next steps. Generate a random nonce  $N_j$  and calculate  $X_k^*$  by hashing concatenation of  $ID_k$

and  $K_s$ .  $M_{sv}$  is calculated by hashing concatenation of values  $ID_j$ ,  $N_j$ ,  $X_k^*$  and  $ID_k$  (Identity of  $K^{th}$  user). Calculate  $D_1$  by XORing  $N_j$  and hash value of  $ID_i$ . Then  $D_2$  is calculated by XORing  $ID_k$  and hash value of  $ID_i$ . Send  $M_{sv}$ ,  $D_1$ ,  $D_2$  via insecure channel to vehicle sensor. With this the authentication phase 1 at the sink node is completed.

#### D. Authentication Phase- 2 (In vehicle sensor)

The authentication phase 2 takes place at vehicle sensor node. All the authentication requirements at this phase are carefully considered and are met.

- 1) Calculate  $N_j^e$  by XORing hash values of  $ID_k$  (given by vehicle sensor) and  $D_1$  :-  
 $N_j^e = h(ID_k) \oplus D_1$
- 2) Calculate  $ID_j$  by XORing  $SN^e$  and  $P_1$  :-  
 $ID_j = ID_k \oplus D_2$
- 3) Now the  $X_k$  value received from the Registration Authority in response to the  $ID_k$  sent to them via the secure channel is used.
- 4) Calculate  $M_{sv}^e$  by hashing concatenation of values  $ID_j$ ,  $N_j$ ,  $X_k$  and  $ID_k$  :-  
 $M_{sv}^e = h(ID_j || N_j || X_k || ID_k)$
- 5) Check whether  $M_{sv} = M_{sv}^e$ ?
- 6) Generate a random nonce  $N_k$ .
- 7) Calculate  $V$  by hashing concatenation of  $ID_k$ ,  $N_k$  and  $N_j$  :-  
 $V = h(ID_k || N_k || N_j)$
- 8) Calculate  $M_{vs}$  by hashing concatenation of values  $V$ ,  $N_j$  and  $X_k$  :-  
 $M_{vs} = h(V || N_j || X_k)$
- 9) Calculate  $T_1$  by XORing  $N_j$  and  $N_k$  :-  
 $T_1 = N_j \oplus N_k$
- 10) Send  $M_{vs}$  and  $T_1$  via insecure channel to sink node.

First of all, in the authentication phase 2 at the vehicle sensor the need is to calculate  $N_j^e$  by XORing hash values of  $ID_k$  (given by vehicle sensor) and  $D_1$ . Then calculate  $ID_j$  by XORing  $SN^e$  and  $P_1$ . Now the  $X_k$  value received from the Registration Authority in response to the  $ID_k$  sent to them via the secure channel is used. Calculate  $M_{sv}^e$  by hashing concatenation of values  $ID_j$ ,  $N_j$ ,  $X_k$  and  $ID_k$ . Now check whether  $M_{sv}$  that is generated is equal to the  $M_{sv}^e$  or not. If yes, then the further process takes place. Generate a random nonce  $N_k$  and calculate  $V$  by hashing concatenation of  $ID_k$ ,  $N_k$  and  $N_j$ . Calculate  $M_{vs}$  by hashing concatenation of values  $V$ ,  $N_j$  and  $X_k$ .  $T_1$  is calculated by XORing  $N_j$  and  $N_k$ . Send  $M_{vs}$  and  $T_1$  via insecure channel to sink node. With this the authentication phase 2 at vehicle sensor is completed.

#### E. Authentication Phase- 3 (In Sink Node)

- 1) Calculate  $N_k^e$  by XORing hash values of  $N_j$  and  $D_1$  :-  
 $N_k^e = N_j \oplus T_1$

- 2) Calculate  $V^*$  by hashing concatenation of  $N_k$ ,  $ID_k$  and  $N_j$  :-  
 $V^* = (ID_k || N_k || N_j)$
- 3) Calculate  $M_{vs}^e$  by hashing concatenation of values  $V$ ,  $N_j$  and  $X_k$  :-  
 $M_{vs}^e = h(V^* || N_j || X_k)$
- 4) Check whether  $M_{vs} = M_{vs}^e$ ?
- 5) Calculate  $W$  by XORing  $N_j$  and  $N_u$  :-  
 $W = N_j \oplus N_u$
- 6) Calculate  $M_{st}$  by hashing concatenation of values  $SN^e$ ,  $N_u$ ,  $N_j$ ,  $HUID_i$  and  $ID_k$  :-  
 $M_{st} = h(SN^e || N_u || N_j || HUID_i || ID_k)$
- 7) Send  $M_{st}$  and  $W$  via insecure channel to user.

In the authentication phase 3 again at the sink node the need is to calculate  $N_j^e$  by XORing hash values of  $ID_k$  (given by vehicle sensor) and  $D_1$ . Then calculate  $V^*$  by hashing concatenation of  $N_k$ ,  $ID_k$  and  $N_j$ .  $M_{vs}^e$  is to be calculated by hashing concatenation of values  $V$ ,  $N_j$  and  $X_k$ . After this check whether  $M_{vs}$  is equal to  $M_{vs}^e$  or not. If yes, then continue the process. Or else do not continue. Calculate  $W$  by XORing  $N_j$  and  $N_u$ . Calculate  $M_{st}$  by hashing concatenation of values  $SN^e$ ,  $N_u$ ,  $N_j$ ,  $HUID_i$  and  $ID_k$ .  $M_{st}$  and  $W$  that are calculated in these phases are then sent via insecure channel to user.

#### (At the User)

- 1) Calculate  $N_j^e$  by XORing hash values of  $W$  and  $N_u$  :-  
 $N_j^e = N_u \oplus W$
- 2) Calculate  $M_{st}^e$  by hashing concatenation of values  $SN^e$ ,  $N_u$ ,  $N_j^e$ ,  $HUID_i$  and  $ID_k$  :-  
 $M_{st}^e = h(SN^e || N_u || N_j^e || HUID_i || ID_k)$
- 3)  $M_{st} = M_{st}^e$ ?
- 4) If yes, then the session is established.

At the user calculate  $N_j^e$  by XORing hash values of  $W$  and  $N_u$ . Calculate  $M_{st}^e$  by hashing concatenation of values  $SN^e$ ,  $N_u$ ,  $N_j^e$ ,  $HUID_i$  and  $ID_k$ . Then finally check whether  $M_{st}$  is equal to  $M_{st}^e$  or not. If yes, then the session is established.

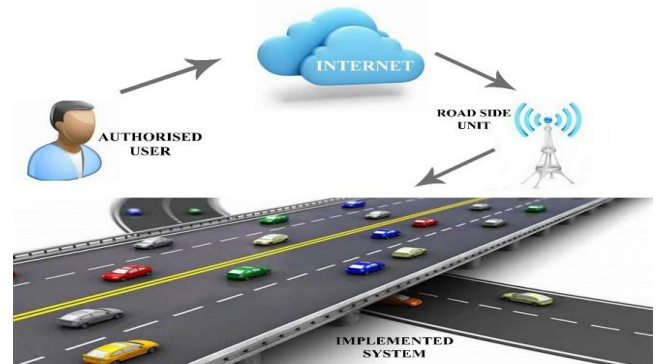


Fig 3 - Schematic Diagram for Smart VANETs

#### IV. SECURITY ANALYSIS

A detailed analysis of security in the proposed scheme is carried out in this section and thus it has been proven that



mutual authentication between units is provided by the proposed protocol. It has also been demonstrated that the security mechanism can resist different attacks such as trace, impersonation, smart card stolen attack, replayattacks, modification attack, man in the middle attack and alteration attacks.

## A. Impersonation attack

These attacks are executed by sending the target a message in which the sender attempts to impersonate as a trusted source. This is done in order to gain access to the critical and sensitive information of the target, such as financial data.

If an intruder  $U_a$  tries to impersonate as a true user  $U_i$ ,  $U_a$  must initiate a login request message  $\{M_{ts}, P_1, P_2, P_3\}$  successfully. However,  $U_a$  is unable to compute these because  $U_a$  do not know the actual identity of  $U_i$  and its hidden parameters SN, RM and  $N_u$ . In addition,  $U_a$  does not retrieve a random nonce  $RN_u$ . Therefore, our protocol gives immunity towards impersonation attacks because  $U_a$  can never produce valid messages.

## B. Traceability Attack and Anonymity

In this type of attack, by examining all the inward and outward ports starting from the first host under attack, the intruder tracks the existing attack flow. In our protocol, an attacker  $U_a$  cannot trace an authorised user  $U_i$  or vehicle. This is because for every session the messages that are transmitted are continuously changed. Also,  $U_i$  sends the dynamic identity  $HUID = h(UID \parallel RN_u)$ ,  $HPWD = h(PWD \parallel RN_u)$ , and  $RM = h(HUID \parallel HPWD \parallel RN_s)$  to the sink node. To track a true user's work or movement, an attacker must have information about the user's true identity UID, unique password PWD, and nonce  $RN_u$ . Because of these reasons, security against traceability attacks and anonymity are provided by this protocol.

## C. Smart Access Card Stolen Attack

It is assumed that an adversary  $U_a$  can obtain a Smart Access Card (SAC) and extract the parameters  $\{SN, RM, RN_s, HN_u\}$ . As the parameters that are stored in the smart card are masked as  $RM = h(HUID \parallel HPWD \parallel RN_s)$ ,  $SN = h(K_s) \oplus h(HPWD) \oplus h(RN_s)$ ,  $HN_u = h(UID \parallel PWD) \oplus RN_u$ ,  $M_{ts} = h(SN \parallel RM \parallel N_u)$  by the hash function and XOR operation, the adversary cannot obtain any important information without UID and PWD.

## D. Replay Attack

It is assumed that an attacker  $U_a$  tries to impersonate as an authentic user  $U_i$  by again sending the messages sent in the previously occurred session,  $U_a$  cannot mimic  $U_i$  successfully. In our proposed protocol, the sink node makes sure that the random nonce is fresh and used previously. The login request is rejected if the random nonce used is not fresh. As  $U_a$  cannot get random nonce  $RN$ , registration message  $M_{ts}$  cannot be successfully generated. Thus it could be said that the proposed

protocol has the immunity to resist itself from all kinds of replay attacks.

## E. Man in the Middle Attack

The security analysis that has been done by authenticating the message helps us to infer that the proposed scheme will provide authentication by using the extra variable  $P_3$  for XORing Registration message with random nonce. Therefore, the protocol proposed by us can very well provide security against this kind of attack.

## F. Alteration Attack

If an intruder tries to modify the contents present in the network, then it comes under alteration attack. From the algorithm of the protocol, it could be inferred that  $\{M_{ts}, P_1, P_2, P_3\}$  is a digital signature. Based on this, any alteration of the message  $\{M_{ts}, P_1, P_2, P_3\}$  could be found by ensuring whether the equation  $M_{ts} = M_{ts}^e$  holds. Therefore, the given scheme prevents these kinds of attacks.

## V. AVISPA TOOL VALIDATION

Validation of the protocol that is proposed is done in this section. This validation is done by a widely used and accepted software tool called AVISPA. It stands for "Automatic validation of Internet Security Protocol and Applications".

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File
role user (U1,S1,V1:agent,
    SKu1s1: symmetric_key,
    % H is one-way hash function
    H: hash_func, SND, RCV: channel(dy))

% Player: the user U1
played_by U1

def=
local State : nat, UID,PWD,RNu,HUID,HPWD,HNu,IDk,RM,SN,RNs,UNu,Mts,P1,P2,P3,
    Mst,W,Nj,IDj:text

const user_sink,sink_user,sink_vehicle,vehicle_sink,
    ps1,ps2,ps3,ps4,ps5,ps6 : protocol_id

init State := 0

transition

% User registration phase
1. State = 0 & RCV(start) =>
% Send the registration request <HUID, HPWD> to Sink Node(S1) securely
State' := 1/RNu' := new()
& HUID' := H(UID,RNu')
& HPWD' := H(PWD,RNu')
& SND({HUID',HPWD'}, SKu1s1)
& secret({HUID',HPWD'}, ps1, {U1,S1})
& secret({PWD'}, ps2, {U1})
% Receive the smart authentication card <SAC> from Sink Node(S1) securely
2. State = 1 & RCV({RM',SN',RNu'}) <SAC> := 1
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AVISPA code

File
SUMMARY SAFE
DETAILS BOUNDED_NUMBER_OF_SESSIONS TYPED_MODEL
PROTOCOL /home/span/span/testsuite/results/minor.if
GOAL As Specified
BACKEND CL-AtSe
STATISTICS  Analysed : 0 states Reachable : 0 states Translation: 0.29 seconds Computation: 0.00 seconds

ATSE verification

File
% OFMC % Version of 2006/02/13 SUMMARY SAFE DETAILS BOUNDED_NUMBER_OF_SESSIONS PROTOCOL /home/span/span/testsuite/results/minor.if GOAL as_specified BACKEND OFMC COMMENTS STATISTICS parseTime: 0.00s searchTime: 0.22s visitedNodes: 8 nodes depth: 3 plies

OFMC verification

## VI. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Comparison of our protocol's communication and computation costs with other protocols [21, 22, 23 and 24] that are similar to it and discussing their various properties related to security is done in this section.

### A. Computation Cost

The overheads of presented protocol have been compared with those of the similar protocols [21, 22, 23 and 24]. The following notation has been used to compare the computation cost.  $T_h$ ,  $T_a$  and  $T_e$  denotes the usage of hash operation, scalar point operation and curve cryptographic operation respectively.

The computation cost of our protocol is  $8T_h$  for user,  $13T_h$  for sink,  $4T_h$  for vehicle sensor. Therefore the entire

computation cost for this protocol is  $25T_h$  seconds which is quite low.

Schemes	User	Sink Node	Sensor	Total cost
Choi et al. [21]	$12T_h + 3T_e$	$5T_h + T_e$	$7T_h + 2T_e$	$24T_h + 6T_e$
Xue et al. [22]	$10T_h$	$14T_h$	$6T_h$	$30T_h$
Chang et al. [23]	$15T_h$	$18T_h$	$6T_h$	$39T_h$
Kumari and Om [24]	$10T_h$	$8T_h$	$6T_h$	$24T_h$
Ours	$8T_h$	$13T_h$	$4T_h$	$25T_h$

$T_h$ : One-way hash operation,  $T_a$ : Symmetric key Cryptographic operation,  $T_e$ : Elliptic curve scalar point multiplication operation.

### B. Security properties

The protocol proposed by us is capable of resisting various attacks that were possible in other protocols which lack security from various attacks. Considering these things in mind, we can, say that our protocol offers better security.

Security Protocol	Choi et al. [21]	Xue et al. [22]	Chang et al. [23]	Kumari and Om [24]	Ours
Impersonation Attack	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Smart Access Card stolen	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Anonymity	No	No	Yes	No	Yes
Trace Attack	No	No	No	No	Yes

### C. Communication Cost

For the analysis of communication cost, we clearly know that operations used in curve cryptographic operation are costlier than hashing operations. Consequently, the total Communication Cost of our proposed scheme is very low than other protocols as they use costly operations. So, our protocol is communication cost efficient.

Search time for our proposed protocol is nearly 0.22 secs which is very less when compared to other protocols which are nearly 0.35 secs. Total parse time is 0.00 secs. A total number of nodes that are visited is equal to 8 which is almost twice to the previous authentication protocols which visit only 4. A depth of 3 plies is obtained by implementing the system with our proposed protocol and the results are very good as the previous protocols reach a depth of only 2 plies.

Translation time of only 0.29 secs is also an added advantage where the other systems have it nearly to 0.45 secs. Computation time is also as low as 0.00 secs.

## VII. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE SCOPE

In this research paper, efforts are made to develop a new security mechanism for VANETs in Wireless Sensor Network to overcome the issue of road moving vehicles like relief from traffic congestion and other similar problems. An efficient authentication protocol that is immune from various external attacks has been proposed. The security analysis done on the proposed protocol shows that it has a better performance and enhanced security without increasing the overall cost. Simulation using AVISPA tool has also been done, which

shows that attacks like smart card stolen attack and replay attack do not have any impact on our proposed scheme. The protocol proposed by us has its direct application in vehicular system. In the future, the cloud technology and IOT could also be included in order to come out with a more enhanced and practically suitable authentication protocol.

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